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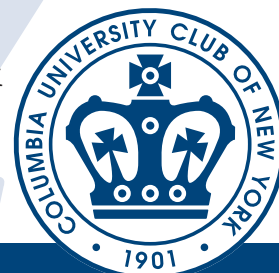
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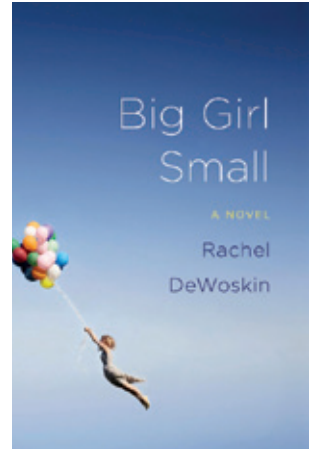
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Valentini Named Interim Dean

Professor of Chemistry James J. Valentini has been named interim Dean of the College and Vice President for Undergraduate Education, replacing Michele Moody-Adams, who unexpectedly resigned in late August.

A member of Columbia's faculty since 1991, Valentini led Columbia's chemistry department as chair from 2005–08 and was director of the department's Undergraduate Studies Program, Summer Session Chemistry Program and National Science Foundation's Research Experience for Undergraduates Program from 2007 until his recent appointment.

In announcing the appointment to the College community on September 2, President Lee C. Bollinger lauded Valentini's scholarship while noting that the interim dean's "two decades at Columbia have been marked by a love of teaching undergraduates and dedication to supporting their intellectual journey at the College."

"The College has been a central part of my life for the entire 20 years I have been at Columbia," Valentini says, "and my interaction with students in the College has been the most rewarding part of my Columbia experience."

Valentini has worked extensively on curriculum matters, undergraduate affairs, faculty governance and tenure. He has been chair of the Arts and Sciences Academic Review Committee, chair of the College Committee on Science Instruction, a member of the Committee on the Core Curriculum and the College Committee on Instruction, and a faculty representative to the Columbia College Alumni Association Board of Directors. He also served on the search committee for the now former dean and on a Presidential Advisory Committee on Diversity Initiatives. He was for many years an active member of the University Senate.

The interim dean's research focuses on chemical reaction dynamics. He has published more than 100 academic papers and has been named a fellow in both the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the American Physical Society. He was the first in his family to attend college, earning a B.S. from Pittsburgh in 1972 and then an M.S. from Chicago in 1973 and a Ph.D. from UC Berkeley in 1976, all in chemistry. He did post-doctoral research at Harvard. Valentini was a member of the research staff at Los Alamos National Laboratory and a professor of chemistry at UC Irvine before coming to Columbia. He has taught

many undergraduate and graduate chemistry lecture courses, has developed and taught research seminars for first-year students and seniors, and recently designed the course "Energy and Energy Conservation" to satisfy the Core science requirement.

Bollinger accepted Moody-Adams' late August resignation effective immediately and, in a statement issued shortly thereafter, thanked her for her service and for her devotion to the College and its students. The former dean retains her post in the philosophy department as the Joseph Straus Professor of Political Philosophy and Legal Theory.

In a September 2 announcement sent to College alumni about the Valentini appointment, Bollinger affirmed the University's commitment to the College as the center of the University. "Whatever has been true at certain moments in the past, I can say to you, without any qualification, that our commitment to the College has never been stronger, and that the College has never had a stronger role in the University."

He also noted, "Columbia is a complex organization, with an expansive mission, and a tradition of vigorous debate about its future. We are fortunate to be able to work on these issues with not only a gifted faculty but also a board of University Trustees informed by the strong representation of College alumni leaders, including the chair and three of four vice chairs, and a cohort of able and committed College alumni helping to move Columbia forward."

Valentini says he is committed to meeting with students, faculty, staff and alumni and providing transparency and communication of information regarding the decision-making process. He set up a special email address for feedback

(columbiacollege@columbia.edu) and, at the suggestion of a student, sent a video message to students during his first month as interim dean.

"The Dean of Columbia College has many jobs, but just one responsibility," he says, "and that is to make the undergraduate experience at Columbia the very best it can be, for the students enrolled in the College and the faculty who teach them, protecting what we have that is already great, enhancing what it is that is now merely good and developing what it is that is less than good."

"I thank Michele Moody-Adams for leading the College these past two years and wish her the best in her faculty position."

Lisa Palladino



James J. Valentini has been named interim Dean of the College and Vice President for Undergraduate Education for the 2011–12 academic year.

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Letters to the Editor



Two ROTC students in dress uniform pass by the statue of Alexander Hamilton in this historical photo, date unknown.

Return of ROTC

Since the University Senate has decided to invite the Pentagon to reassert its presence on the campus via its ROTC program, it must believe that the relevant context for this decision is different today than in 1969, when it banished the program. In what does this difference lie, other than the perception that the student body has been "pacified," obviating the threat of disruptive activities in response to ROTC's return?

Is the foreign policy of the United States less militarized now than in 1969? Is the presence of a regimented and hierarchical uniformed presence on campus, based on unquestioning obedience, more compatible with the skeptical and inquiring scholarly attitude that should characterize a liberal, humane university now than in 1969? Are military history and strategy not already studied and taught in several of the University's departments by scholars who are credentialed and peer-reviewed?

What will be the relationship between the University and the military authorities as to the content of ROTC courses for which academic credit will presumably be awarded? In other words, who decides

whether this content satisfies the high standards of honesty and openness to diverse viewpoints that has traditionally informed Columbia's course content? Who prevails in case of disagreement?

What assurance is there that instructors in those courses who wear the uniforms of their service, or civilians in its employ, will enjoy the protections of academic freedom to the same extent as does Columbia's faculty? Will ROTC students feel, and be, as free to argue with and contradict their military superiors in the classroom as we all were to question our instructors in our undergraduate days at the College?

As for the argument that it is desirable that the officer corps of the military be exposed to the influence, presumably benign, of a Columbia education, is the Indochina War so remote from contemporary sensibilities or memories that we forget that it was conceived, implemented and managed by civilian and military authorities with impeccable Ivy league credentials, the "best and the brightest," with consequences disastrous both for our country and for the region that was "bombed back to the Stone Age"? Is not the situation paralleled by the catastrophe of the post-invasion

occupations of Iraq and Afghanistan, also set in motion by well-educated officials obedient to their superiors, rather than to their university-inculcated values?

Your photo caption on page 8 of the May/June issue recalls midshipmen drilling on College Walk and neighboring streets. Is this the image of Columbia's role that our newfound "Good Neighbor" policy seeks to project to our surrounding communities — soldiers or sailors carrying weapons parading up and down their streets — in Columbia's name?

In sum, I am not "stuck in a '60s mind-set" or inflexibly hostile to all militaries everywhere. I am simply raising questions that seem to me to have so far been given insufficient consideration by the Senate in deciding to reverse its 42-year-old policy.

David N. Stern '66
BROOKLYN, N.Y.

I deplore the vote of the University Senate to invite ROTC back to the Columbia campus.

Columbia should be encouraging its students in the ways of peace and international amity, not in the ways of war and destruction. Also, military training of young people will embolden our government to continue its aggressive forays in Iraq, Iran, Latin America and elsewhere.

I urge the University Senate to rescind the vote to have ROTC back on campus.

Albon Man '40, '50 GSAS, '50L
PALISADES, N.Y.

A while back I had made Ted Graske '59, chair of the Columbia Alliance for ROTC, aware of the lapsed campaign to establish a war memorial at Columbia to honor those alumni who had been killed while serving the United States during the wars that it has engaged in. Ted and his organization went to work on it immediately, and the war memorial was created (college.columbia.edu/cct/mar_apr09/around_the_quads2). Now, because of the efforts of Ted, his organization and other people, Columbia has signed an agreement that officially recognizes a Naval ROTC program at Columbia.

Ted Graske and the Columbia Alliance for ROTC should be congratulated for their work on the war memorial and their campaign to bring ROTC back to Columbia. The latter has not been fully accomplished, but they are vigorously working on it.

Frederick C. Stark Jr. '57
ABINGDON, MD.

Professor Selig

We visited beloved teacher and Cervantes scholar Professor Karl-Ludwig Selig at the



McKim, Mead & White architecture is reflected in this St. Paul's Chapel window.

PHOTO: EILEEN BARROSO

Kateri Residence, a nursing home on Riverside Drive at West 87th Street. Professor Selig, though confronting physical infirmity, retains all of his renowned wit and literary acuity; engaging conversation proved the tenor of the evening.

Professor Selig invites all his former students to visit him at 150 Riverside Dr., Room 905B, New York, NY 10024 or to call him at 212-799-2232.

Howard Levi '78, '79 GSAS, '82L
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Our Buildings' Eyes

I agree with Thomas Vinciguerra '85, '86J, '90 GSAS' characterization of Columbia buildings erected since the 1950s as "soulless" ("Letters," May/June). What makes them soulless? And why do our McKim, Mead & White masterpieces seem to have souls? Rather than ranting about the dehumanization of architecture since Le Corbusier, I'll propose that the windows of the original campus buildings suggest answers.

Have you noticed how many of our windows are rotting? I complained to the administration last year and was assured that the Exteriors and Historic Preservation team, created in 2006, has been working on replacing some of the "beyond repair" windows with custom-made replicas. I applaud their efforts.



The Northwest Corner Building provides a modern contrast to older campus architecture.

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And yet, why couldn't we simply have kept paint on the old windows? It would have been considerably cheaper. In fact, why not hire a good old-fashioned carpenter to start patching them all up immediately, and then discuss which ones really need replacement? Having restored more than 40 windows in my 1906 house, I know that many of the windows slated for the dumpster could be brought back to health with a little care and epoxy wood filler.

But back to the issue of a building's soul: Whether we prefer time-consuming and costly replacement or immediate and comprehensive salvage, we all care very much about our buildings' beautiful eyes. Every time I visit our campus, I'm entranced by the shapes, sizes and decorations of the windows in their casings, each subtly matched to the character of its building. I imagine running my hands along the wood and stone — the ridges, curves, outlines, layers, panels and accents. Far from random, these elements are full of allusions to past styles, cultures and complex aesthetic languages.

Does the new Northwest Corner Building do that to you? Moneo's machined patterns do not sing, do not reach out, do not suggest human contact. Who wants to touch a "giant cheese-grater"? You'd scrape your fingers. How could there be a soul behind all that metal?

We might think about our own souls,

too. How many of us walk by our sorry windows every day without noticing? Considering that buildings reflect moral outlook, we might follow the links between neglect of our windows, disrespect for their buildings' aesthetic integrity and enthusiasm for University expansion. In this world where habits of aggressive growth threaten the existence of the human race, why can't we just stop, look around and take care of what we have?

Evan Johnson '75
EDGEWATER, N.J.

Capitalistic Medicine

Dr. Ralph Freidin '65 wrote about serving in a free medical clinic and described the plight of the uninsured and their inability to afford healthcare ("Alumni Corner," May/June). I have been practicing a subspecialty of medicine since 1981 and have volunteered my time in free clinics as well, though certainly not to the extent outlined in this article; nor have I traveled to such clinics.

I would, however, like to add some context to the phenomenon of the uninsured and underinsured in America. At least here in Ohio, many "working poor" do have access to Medicaid. Medicaid reimburses physicians poorly, but has a nominal \$2 co-pay for most medications and is accepted by many of us in practice and by all hospitals. So this safety net may not be without its rips in the fabric, but it is not entirely absent, as might be imagined from the experiences described by Freidin.

One also should take into account the role of non-compliance (now called "non-adherence") on the part of patients, wealthy or indigent. Non-compliance is a significant contributor to poor health outcomes but it is very difficult to measure by the nature of those who do not or cannot comply.

Private practice is under attack; it is thought that the large "clinic" models are the best hope for medicine in the United States. However, I have yet to see an American patient traveling to Canada for his or her health care; I have seen them coming even to Cleveland from Canada for access to U.S. medicine. There is no black and white, simplistic answer, such as "single payer" and so on. But we do know that new drugs are designed in the U.S., I think because we remain somewhat capitalistic. The socialized medicine of Europe and Canada has not produced new medications in decades.

Dr. Samuel M. Salamon '74
EUCLID, OHIO



Kyra Tirana Barry '87, president of the Columbia College Alumni Association, handed out copies of the *Iliad* to members of the Class of 2015 at a June Summer Advising session in Alfred Lerner Hall.

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Enviro-Statists

The feature "Guru of Climate Change Law," written by Shira Boss '93, '97J, '98 SIPA for the May/June issue, is emblematic of enviro-statist hypocrisy. Enviro-statists, whether under the auspices of the Environmental Protection Agency, environmental law firms (which make money representing both plaintiffs and defendants) or groups such as the Sierra Club, master the manipulation of scare tactics and language. Whether for their own personal power, money or fame, they use dubious science to benefit their own needs. "Green" has become "big green," in other words, dollars, for them, all at the expense of our personal liberty. These environmental lawyers and bureaucrats want to dictate to us what types of toilets and light bulbs we use, what type of car we drive and what type of fuel we use.

As I learned from studying Plato at Columbia, appearances are often deceiving. Former Vice President Albert Gore, probably the biggest "green guru" in our country, lived in a mansion that used 20 times more energy than the national average. President Barack Obama '83 lectures working-class Americans on how they need to "cut back" on energy use for the good of the country by buying a hybrid vehicle (most of which are too expensive for them to purchase). Meanwhile, Obama has a huge carbon footprint—he flies on *Air Force One* to California, at about one gallon of gas/second, for campaign fundraisers, where he lobbies for his "green energy" plan (all at the expense of the taxpayer).

And finally, in the previously-named CCT article, we are told that attorney Michael Gerrard '72, the "guru of climate

change law," commutes to the Columbia campus from his home in Chappaqua, N.Y., by public transportation "to reduce his carbon footprint." However, if we ignore the superficial rhetoric and examine beneath the surface, as Plato would have encouraged, a simple white pages.com and zillow.com search reveals another green-hypocrite. Gerrard lives in a 3,603 sq. ft. single-family home with central air conditioning, obviously creating a carbon footprint many fold more than if he lived in an even above-average-sized Manhattan apartment.

Dr. Aaron Gleckman '88
PROVIDENCE, R.I.

The Iliad

September 1947. A 16-year-old freshman went to McMillan bookstore and picked up a pile of books. His first Humanities assignment was Homer's *Iliad*.

How strange-sounding were those first lines, "Sing, goddess, the anger of Peleus' son Achilles—?" I wondered who Achilles was and what he was angry about. The book was about an ancient, brutal and destructive war, and I was reading it while one of the most brutal and destructive wars was occurring as the Nazis approached Stalingrad.

I recently read Caroline Alexander's *The War That Killed Achilles: The True Story of Homer's Iliad and the Trojan War*. The book is a marvelous exegesis of the *Iliad*. Wars kill, and the Trojan war, fought over trivialities, killed the best of men.

Here I am, an old man, coming full circle from the Core Curriculum and the first great anti-war saga to a contemporary analysis

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Looking Back, Looking Forward

On a sunny autumn morning 10 years ago, I was having breakfast in Low Rotunda at a meeting of alumni relations professionals from Columbia and its Ivy peers. Afterward I stopped by my office and found a group of colleagues gathered by the reception counter, huddled around a black-and-white portable TV. It was then I discovered that this was to be no ordinary autumn morning.

September 11, 2001, is one of those dates that is imprinted in the mind, one of those dates that will live in infamy, as FDR said 70 years ago following the bombing of Pearl Harbor. For alumni my age, that list surely includes November 22, 1963, the date John F. Kennedy was assassinated; alumni from different generations may have others on their personal lists.

My 9-11 experience, thankfully, was unremarkable. For several hours, I watched what was happening from the Alumni Office, some eight miles north of Ground Zero. I was able to call my wife in Westchester to let her know I was fine and would be making my way home. I got into my car and headed north, finding the streets clogged with traffic and most of the bridges leading from the island of Manhattan closed for security reasons. I stopped a mounted policeman who let me know of one small bridge over the Harlem River that was still open, and four hours after leaving my office I pulled into my driveway.

Many were not so fortunate. Some 2,753 people, including eight College alumni (college.columbia.edu/cct_archive/nov01/nov01_cover_rememberinglost.html), lost their lives in the tragedy, and many more suffered physical and emotional scars that may never fully heal. Some of them were students here at the College, seeing for the first time just how horrible a place the world sometimes can be.

Campus reaction was remarkable. Many students headed to Ground Zero and volunteered in the relief effort. A moving candlelight vigil grew spontaneously on Low Plaza that night, the first of many services that would take place. While many extracurricular events were canceled through the weekend, classes were resumed on Wednesday in an effort to restore a sense of normalcy. Many of the class discussions centered on the tragedy as faculty offered their perspectives. "It was very helpful to have some structure instead of sitting around watching TV," one student noted at the time; another said that returning to class "while difficult, was very therapeutic."

Ten years later, it is worth pausing for a moment to remember — not just the heinous act, but the heroic response by everyday people that marked the days that followed.

This issue launches a new era for *Columbia College Today*. After 10 years as a bimonthly, we are moving to a quarterly publication schedule. With the start of each season, look for an enhanced magazine that we hope will bring you even more of the good things you have come to expect from us, in a more attractive format.

Some brief history is in order. *Columbia College Today* began as a newspaper serving College alumni in November 1954 and

switched to a magazine format in December 1960. After several interruptions, it was relaunched in Winter 1972 and has been published continually ever since.

In the 1990s, a concerted effort was begun to build alumni participation and to more actively involve alumni with one another and the College. CCT went quarterly in 1998 as the cornerstone of the communications component of this participation plan and grew to a bimonthly in September 2001. The theory was simple: As I wrote in that issue, "The best way to connect, or re-connect, alumni with the College and each other is through regular communication."

Much has changed in the decade since then. *Columbia* magazine (which serves alumni of all 16 University schools) has been revived and regularly appears quarterly, so that lately, College alumni have been receiving 10 magazines a year (more if you have more than one degree). Electronic communication has exploded and become a way of life for many. Facebook, Twitter and all other social media were merely figments of fertile imaginations way back then.

By going quarterly, we will be able to better plan each issue of CCT and more fully develop and present themes as warranted. This issue, for example, includes three articles focusing on the Class of 2015, its makeup and ways in which it was welcomed to the College community, plus a feature in which alumni offer words of advice to those following in their footsteps. A future issue will be themed around the 25th anniversary of the graduation of the College's first coed class.

Along with enhanced content, we also are working to improve the look of our magazine, making it cleaner and fresher. The goal is to better present all the things you have come to expect from us: a robust Class Notes section, features on the fascinating people who make up the College family, provocative essays in "Columbia Forum," the latest news from Morningside Heights in "Around the Quads," expanded coverage of athletics in "Roar Lion Roar" and regular departments such as Bookshelf, Obituaries and more.

As always, we welcome your feedback and participation: college.columbia.edu/cct/contactus.

After the resignation of Dean Michele Moody-Adams in late August, an interim dean, James J. Valentini, was named (see page 3). In her two years as dean, Moody-Adams contributed a great deal, including the formation of the Dean's Alumnae Leadership Task Force (see page 58), record fundraising for the Columbia College Fund, strong support for financial aid, and a firm commitment to the sciences and to the Core Curriculum.

Valentini, a professor of chemistry as well as the former director of undergraduate studies for the department, is a distinguished scientist and educator who has been a faculty member since 1991 and has been in the forefront of Columbia's resurgence in undergraduate science education. CCT spent "5 Minutes with ..." Valentini in 2007 (college.columbia.edu/cct_archive/jul_aug07/quads8.php) and wishes him the best in his new responsibilities.

Aditya Sankar

AROUND THE QUADS

Lenfest Will Receive Alexander Hamilton Medal

BY LISA PALLADINO

University Trustee Gerry Lenfest '58L is the benefactor who has done more than any other to build the faculty teaching in Columbia College. He will be presented with the 2011 Alexander Hamilton Medal on Thursday, November 17.

Lenfest's 2006 pledge to match gifts for endowed faculty chairs in the Arts and Sciences inspired other donors to create 25 new endowed professorships. The Distinguished Columbia Faculty Awards, established by Lenfest in 2005, also build this faculty by recognizing those who excel not only in research but also in the instruction and mentoring of undergraduate and graduate students. So far 53 faculty members have received the honor.

The Hamilton Medal is awarded annually by the Columbia College Alumni Association for distinguished service to the College and accomplishment in any field



of endeavor. It will be presented at the Alexander Hamilton Award Dinner, an annual black-tie event in Low Rotunda.

Lenfest's giving is remarkable for both its scale and enormous range. In 2006, in addition to his \$37.5 million Arts and Sciences match, he pledged \$10.5 million to match endowed professorships at his alma mater, the Law School. He has given extensively in support of the Lenfest Hall residence and other Law School projects and programs. His broad interests encompass promoting sustainable development and advanced solutions to global climate change and acute global poverty, including support for the Lenfest Center for Sustainable Energy, the Gary C. Comer Geochemistry Building at Lamont Doherty and other Earth Institute initiatives.

Lenfest's most recent commitments to the College include establishing, together with Board of Visitors Chair and University Trustee Jonathan S. Lavine '88, a matching fund to endow five assistant professorships in the Core Curriculum. His commit-

ments to the Campbell Sports Center and the Columbia University Libraries promise to have direct impact for students.

Lenfest's long record of giving also includes support for financial aid at P&S, various initiatives at Nursing, Miller Theatre and more, and he chairs the University's 1754 Society, an association of all who have named Columbia in their estates. A University Trustee since 2001, Lenfest was presented with the Honorary Doctor of Laws from the University in 2009.

A graduate of Washington and Lee, Lenfest practiced law at the New York firm of Davis Polk & Wardwell before becoming corporate counsel of Walter Annenberg's Triangle Publications in 1965. In 1970 he was made managing director of the company's communications division, then consisting of *Seventeen* magazine and Triangle's cable television properties. In 1974 he started Lenfest Communications with the purchase of two cable television companies from Annenberg. In 2000, the company, with more than 1.2 million subscribing homes, was sold to COMCAST Corp.

In addition, Lenfest serves or has served on the boards and councils of many nonprofit organizations, including the Philadelphia Museum of Art, where he serves as chairman of the board of trustees, chairman of the James Madison Council of the Library of Congress and chairman of the board of trustees of the Curtis Institute of Music. He is a past trustee of Washington and Lee and past president of the board of Mercersburg Academy.

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

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Lions To Face Penn at Homecoming 2011



Two-time defending Ivy League champion Penn will provide the opposition for the Columbia Lions at Homecoming 2011, which will be held on Saturday, October 15, at Baker Athletics Complex. Prior to the game, there will be a gourmet barbecue buffet lunch under the Big Tent and family fun at the Columbia Homecoming Carnival, featuring face painting, balloon making, magic, games, prizes and interactive activities for fans of all ages.

The tent opens for lunch and mingling with alumni, parents, students and friends at 12:00 p.m. Kickoff at Robert K. Kraft Field is at 3:30 p.m. This year's kickoff is scheduled for a later time than usual because the game is being nationally televised on Versus.

Lunch tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children under 12 if purchased online by Thursday, October 13: college.columbia.edu/alumni/homecoming. Lunch tickets also are available on site: \$22 for adults and \$12 for children. Each lunch ticket includes an all-you-can-eat barbecue buffet, soft drinks and admittance to the Columbia Homecoming Carnival. Beer, wine and cocktails will be available at an additional cost. There also will be limited cash-and-carry items. The Columbia Alumni Association will provide halftime refreshments under the Big Tent.

To purchase football tickets, which are separate from lunch tickets, call 888-LIONS-11 or purchase online: gocolumbialions.com/tickets. Premium chairback



Although the Lions came up short on the football field against Dartmouth at Homecoming last year, alumni had fun under the Big Tent and at the Carnival.

PHOTOS: EILEEN BARROSO



seats are \$25; reserved bench seats are \$15.

There are several options for getting to Baker Athletics Complex. Shuttle buses from the Morningside campus will be available beginning at 1:00 p.m. and will return immediately following the game. The Morningside campus pickup will be from the gates at West 116th Street and Broadway. Log on to gocolumbialions.com prior to the game for up-to-date information.

Fans also may use mass transit. MTA

1 and A trains, as well as the M100, Bx20 and Bx7 buses, stop near the complex. For those traveling by Metro-North Railroad, the Marble Hill station is located on the north shore of Spuyten Duyvil, just across the Broadway Bridge from the Baker Athletics Complex. Please visit mta.info prior to the game for up-to-date information.

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For more information about Baker Athletics Complex 2011 football game day policies and procedures, including the pre-game picnic area, public parking options, fans code of conduct and more, visit gocolumbialions.com/footballgameday.

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Columbia Will Reinstate Naval ROTC

The Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps, a campus fixture for more than 50 years but absent since 1969, is coming back.

Columbia President Lee C. Bollinger and Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus signed an agreement on May 26 to reinstate NROTC programs at the University after more than 40 years. The agreement was signed at a ceremony on board the *U.S.S. Iwo Jima*, which was docked in New York for the Navy's annual Fleet Week.

"Repeal of the 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' law provided a historic opportunity for our nation to live up to its ideals of equality and also for universities to reconsider their relationships with the military," Bollinger said when the agreement was announced in April. "After many months of campus discussion, open forums and a strongly favorable vote in the University Senate, together with consultation with the University's Council of Deans, it is clear that the time has come for Columbia to reengage with the military program of ROTC ... and thereby add to the diversity of choices for education and public service we make available to our students."



Columbia President Lee C. Bollinger and Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus sign the agreement on May 26 reinstating NROTC at Columbia.
PHOTO: MICHAEL DAMES

Under the agreement, Columbia will resume full and formal recognition of Naval ROTC after the effective date of the repeal of the law that disqualified openly gay men and lesbians from military service, anticipated to come later this year.

"NROTC's return to Columbia is good for the University, good for the military and good for our country," said Mabus at the signing. "Columbia's tremendous support to our men and women in uniform returning from the recent wars is overwhelming, as are the growing numbers of veterans who are woven into the fabric of this great institution. The return of Naval

ROTC to campus will only serve to enhance and strengthen our institutions."

Under the agreement, there will be an NROTC office on campus where active-duty Navy and Marine Corps officers will meet with Columbia NROTC midshipmen, who will participate in NROTC through a unit hosted at SUNY Maritime College in the Throgs Neck section of the Bronx.

Columbia had one of the first Naval ROTC detachments in the nation in 1916, and for more than 50 years, ROTC students took Naval Science classes, drilled on College Walk and

worked on ships and submarines in New York Harbor. More than 20,000 officer candidates trained at Columbia during WWII, but following the Spring 1968 demonstrations, the University terminated its relationship with the NROTC program.

"When I was president of my senior class in 1968, Columbia students were at the forefront of expressing dissent with the war in Vietnam," noted Arthur B. Spector '68. "But the LBJ era is a long time ago. The decision to allow ROTC on campus is long overdue. We need Columbia-educated professionals in the military."

Mazower, Deodatis To Be Feted as Great Teachers

Mark Mazower, the Ira D. Wallach Professor of World Order Studies, chair of the history department and director of the Center for International History at the College, and Dr. George Deodatis, the Santiago and Robertina Calatrava Family Professor of Civil Engineering, have been selected as the 2011 recipients of the annual Great Teachers Award.

The award, presented by the Society of Columbia Graduates, will be presented at the group's annual dinner in Low Rotunda on Thursday, November 3.

Mazower came to Columbia from England in 2004 as a tenured professor of history after establishing himself as a first-rate teacher and scholar at Christ Church, Oxford, Princeton, the University of Sussex and Birkbeck College London. He specializes in modern Europe within the international context and specifically the history of the Balkans and of modern Greece. He teaches both semesters of Contemporary Civiliza-

tion, a rarity for a senior tenured faculty member, and a senior seminar in intellectual thought in 19th- and 20th-century Europe.

A prolific and gifted writer, Mazower's most recent book, *Hitler's Empire: How the Nazis Ruled Europe*, received the 2009 Lionel Trilling Award, which is bestowed annually by Columbia College students.

Deodatis began his academic career at Princeton in 1988 and received the school's highest teaching honor, the President's Award for Distinguished Teaching. He came to Columbia in 2002 and five years later was honored with the newly established Santiago and Robertina Calatrava Family Professorship in the Department of Civil Engineering and Engineering Mechanics. In 2009, Deodatis was one of the recipients of Columbia's Presidential Awards for Outstanding Teaching.

His research interests are in the area of probabilistic methods in civil engineering and engineering mechanics, where he has

contributed in developing theories and methodologies for simulation of stochastic processes and fields to model uncertain earthquake/wind/wave loads and material/soil properties. He also is active in the reliability and safety analysis of structures, stochastic mechanics and earthquake engineering.

The Society of Columbia Graduates established the Great Teachers Award in 1949 to honor the faculty of the College and Engineering. Recipients have included Jacques Barzun '27, '32 GSAS; Mark Van Doren '21 GSAS; Moses Hadas '30 GSAS; Lionel Trilling '25, '38 GSAS; Kathy Eden; Kenneth Jackson; Alan Brinkley; Andrew Delbanco; and Robert Belknap '57 SIPA, '59 GSAS.

For further information, contact Andrew Gaspar '69E at 212-705-0153 or agaspar@gasparglobal.com, or Anna Longobardo '49E, '52E at 914-779-2448 or longbard@optonline.net, or visit the society's website (socg.com).

Klein, Shapiro Receive Van Doren, Trilling Awards

The Columbia College Student Council's Academic Awards Committee awarded the 2011 Mark Van Doren and Lionel Trilling Awards on May 3 in the Faculty Room of Low Library.

The 50th annual Mark Van Doren Award, which honors a Columbia professor for his/her commitment to undergraduate instruction as well as for "humanity, devotion to truth and inspiring leadership," was presented to Holger A. Klein, associate professor of art history and archaeology. Klein earned a Ph.D. from the Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität in 2000 and specializes in Late Antique, Early Medieval and Byzantine art and architecture. He edited the *Kariye Camii Reconsidered* (2011) and has published articles in a variety of academic journals. (For more on Klein, see page 14.)

The award is named for Mark Van Doren '21 GSAS, a Pulitzer Prize-winning poet, novelist, literary critic and longtime Columbia faculty member with a reputation for pedagogical greatness.

The 36th annual Lionel Trilling Award

was presented to James Shapiro '77, the Larry Miller Professor of English and Comparative Literature, for *Contested Will: Who Wrote Shakespeare?* Shapiro earned a Ph.D. from Chicago in 1982 and has been teaching at Columbia since 1985. The Trilling Award honors a book from the past year by a Columbia profes-

sor that best exhibits the standards of intellect and scholarship found in the work of longtime Columbia faculty member Lionel Trilling '25, '38 GSAS, an author and renowned literary critic.

The awards are unique for Columbia because they are the only academic honors judged and presented by students.



Celebrating at the May 3 ceremony were (left to right) Academic Awards Committee Co-chair Erik Kogut '12, AAC Co-chair Cathi Choi '13, the Larry Miller Professor of English and Comparative Literature James Shapiro '77, former Dean Michele Moody-Adams, Associate Professor of Art History and Archaeology Holger A. Klein and AAC Co-chair Anna Malkan '11.

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Tehreem Rehman '13 Pursues Interest in Women's Health Issues

BY NATHALIE ALONSO '08

As a budding scientist in high school with numerous accolades under her belt, **Tehreem Rehman '13** was so set on pursuing a degree in environmental engineering that she applied to Engineering as an early decision candidate. A year later, her conviction that Columbia was the best fit for her remained unchanged; her interest in science, however, had given way to new passions that prompted her to transfer to the College.

Now "much happier" as a women and gender studies major on a pre-medical track, Rehman is pursuing intertwining interests in women's issues and health care.

In 2010, Rehman conducted a study on access to mental health services among Pakistani Muslim women in the United States. After surveying 113 subjects, her findings suggested that domestic violence exacerbates mental illness among members of this demographic, who are nonetheless hesitant to seek mental health care due to stigmas and other barriers.

Rehman, a Queens-born Pakistani-American, believes her familiarity with the subjects of her study was key to interpreting her results. "There is always a stigma on mental health services, but my perspective allowed me to see more cultural components that contribute to that," she says.

A John Jay Scholar, Rehman funded her study with a summer fellowship from the University Scholars Program. Her report, "Social Stigma, Cultural Constraints, or Poor Policies: Examining the Pakistani Muslim Female Population in the United States and Unequal Access to Professional Mental Health Services," was approved by the International Review Board and published in the fall 2010 issue of the *Columbia Undergraduate Journal of South Asian Studies*. Earlier this year, Rehman presented her findings at the American Medical Students Association's Annual National Convention and the Harvard Medical School New England Science Symposium.



Tehreem Rehman '13 is pursuing interests in women's issues and health care but keeping her career options open.

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Impressed by Rehman's resolve and demeanor, Lavinia Lorch, senior assistant dean of student affairs and director of the Scholars Program, offers her support. "Tehreem is an amazing manager, an amazing researcher and an amazing thinker, very focused," says Lorch. "She's passionate about what she's working on, but she's also capable of maintaining her cool, performing well and learning in areas that are peripheral."

Rehman first pondered her study's driving question as a first-year, when she began volunteering in the emergency department at St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center as a New York State certified crisis counselor for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. In this role, Rehman connects survivors to resources and explains their options for pressing charges. Before she could begin volunteering, Rehman had to undergo 50 hours of training. Now she is on call once or twice a month for 12 consecutive hours.

"What is most rewarding is being a companion to them, because often they are by themselves," says Rehman, who also is a state certified medical interpreter

in Hindi and Urdu.

Rehman attributes her newfound causes and interests in part to "Women and Gender Politics in the Muslim World," a course taught by Lila Abu-Lughod, the Joseph L. Battenwieser Professor of Social Science. The course she took on a whim as a first-year because it fit her schedule wound up cementing her decision to transfer to the College.

"It's one of those things that I did not foresee," recalls Rehman. "Looking back, it was the best thing ever. It was such a great break from engineering classes, so much that it made me question whether I had chosen the right major."

In high school, however, it seemed that Rehman's future was in laboratory research. During summer 2007, she completed a four-week internship at the Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia, where she conducted research on the relationship between the toxin dioxin and breast cancer in women. That same year, she founded a group called Long Island Teen Environmental Activists. In March 2009, *Glamour* magazine named Rehman one of 70 female "eco heroes" in the country.

It was in high school that Rehman began thinking about attending Columbia, having become enamored of the University and Morningside Heights while driving through the neighborhood with her father. A visit during Days on Campus during her junior year erased any doubts.

"I loved this area, walking through the campus and overhearing people's conversations, whether they were about Kant or something as simple as a show," Rehman says.

In her sophomore year, Rehman moved into the Community Health House, a special interest housing group in the East Campus Residence Hall that organizes campus-wide events on topics ranging from alternative medicine to health-related careers. Having enjoyed her first semesters of this living

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Columbia College Fund Exceeds Goal, Raises \$15.6 Million

The Columbia College Fund exceeded its Fiscal Year 2010–11 goal of \$14.5 million and raised a record \$15.6 million, thanks to the 11,000 alumni, parents, friends and Class of 2011 donors.

The Senior Fund also set a record, with 951 donors contributing to the effort. This represents 95 percent participation, exceeding the 93 percent goal, and in doing so securing a gift of \$50,000 to the College Fund from Board of Visitors Emeritus Member Charles Santoro '82. In the last decade, the number of donors to the Senior Fund has more than quadrupled; it was just 187 in 2001. Led by Director Amanda Kessler and Senior Fund Chair Scott Maxfield '11, the Senior Fund raised more than \$21,800.

The Class of 1971 raised more than \$1.2 million in honor of its 40th reunion, becoming the first College class to raise more than \$1 million in unrestricted funds in one year.

Parents again raised the bar. The Parents Fund, under the leadership of former Director Susan Rautenberg, Assistant Director Courtney Joseph and Co-chairs Dr.

Mehmet and Lisa Oz P'12, exceeded its \$2.1 million goal, raising \$2.2 million.

"I am grateful to the hundreds of alumni and parent volunteers who led our efforts, and to each of the 11,000 donors who chose to support the College Fund this year," said Laura Rose, senior executive director for development, Columbia College. "The alumni, parents and friends who support the College year after year have a direct and meaningful impact on our students' experiences. Their combined gift of \$15.6 million is a powerful vote of support for the College and its students."

The hard work of fund Co-chairs Ira B. Malin '75 and Michael P. Behringer '89, Fund Development Council Co-chairs James P. Gerkis '80 and Kyra Tirana Barry '87, Class Agent Program Co-chairs Francis Phillip '90 and Daniel Tamkin '81 and all of the volunteer members of the College's committees played a vital role in exceeding the goal. College alumni trustees, the Columbia College Board of Visitors and the Columbia College Alumni Association

Board of Directors, as well as the dedicated staff of the Alumni Office, under the leadership of Rose and Sherri Jones, senior executive director, alumni affairs and communications, also were instrumental in the fund's success.

Unrestricted annual giving is a necessary ingredient in Columbia's success, providing current and immediately usable funds for the College's operations. The largest such application of unrestricted annual giving is financial aid, helping to preserve need-blind admission and full-need financial aid. Annual giving also bolsters the student services and activities that enhance the quality of undergraduate life and sustains the Core Curriculum. Gifts to the Columbia College Fund count toward the \$5 billion goal of the Columbia Campaign, which launched in 2005. In FY11, the Columbia Campaign raised \$670 million in new gifts and pledges.

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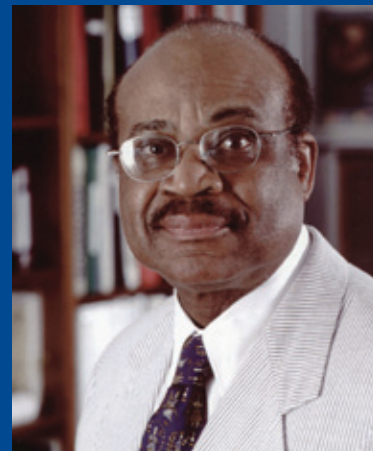
Kenneth Forde, M.D., a pioneer in the field of colon cancer, has educated and inspired generations of Columbia doctors.

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

Holger A. Klein is an associate professor and director of graduate studies in the Department of Art History and Archaeology. His research focuses on Late Antique, Early Medieval and Byzantine art and architecture. He earned a Ph.D. from Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität in Bonn, Germany, in 2000. From 2004–07, he was the Robert P. Bergman Curator of Medieval Art at the Cleveland Museum of Art, where he oversaw the reinstallation of the museum's renowned collection of medieval and Byzantine art.

Where did you grow up?

In Limburg an der Lahn, a small medieval town in Germany between Frankfurt and Cologne.

What did you want to be growing up?

I cannot remember for sure, but I didn't want to become a fireman... [Wanting to become] an art historian came later in high school because art history was something that combined my interests in history, literature, arts, architecture and archeology. If I had to make a guess about why I became interested in art history, I would say it was because I sang in a cathedral choir for much of my teenage years. Spending time in Limburg's 13th-century cathedral and being involved in the liturgy sparked my interest in medieval art and architecture. In Limburg there also is a famous Byzantine reliquary of the True Cross, which eventually found its way into my Ph.D. dissertation.

How did you end up at Columbia?

I came to the United States in 1998 for pre-doctoral fellowships at Dumbarton Oaks in

Washington, D.C., and the Metropolitan Museum of Art here in New York. A year later, I went on for another fellowship at the Walters Art Museum in Baltimore. When I saw a job posted at Columbia for an assistant professor in western medieval and Byzantine art, I thought I should apply. Luckily, I was offered the job.

How did you become a curator at the Cleveland Museum of Art?

I was working at Columbia for four years when I received an email from the director of the Cleveland Museum, who asked me whether I would be interested in coming out to see the collection, which is very strong in Byzantine art. The museum offered me a job that I couldn't refuse — a chance to get a named curatorship and become the head of its medieval department. I had always wanted to work in a museum. When I told my chair at Columbia, she asked if I wanted to be put on leave. Two years later, when that leave was over, Columbia asked if I was ready to come back in a tenured position, and I accepted.

What are you working on now?

I am finishing up as the guest curator of a major international loan exhibition, "Treasures of Heaven: Saints, Relics, and Devotion in Medieval Europe," organized by the Cleveland Museum of Art, the Walters Art Museum and the British Museum. It runs until early October.

Can you talk about winning the Mark Van Doren Award for teaching?

It's a wonderful award.

What is particularly meaningful to me is that it is an award granted by Columbia College students, and I have to say that one of the things that I love about Columbia and brought me back is the great undergraduate students that we have in the College. Being able to teach Art Humanities is one of the things that I really enjoy. It is a very broad selection of artists and monuments I teach in Art Humanities, but

it is always very insightful to look at great paintings, sculptures and architecture with students who have completely fresh eyes.

How do you recharge?

By traveling, singing in a choir, and — too infrequently — by playing the cello. I also run and try to brush up on my Turkish in my spare time.

Are you married? Do you have kids?

Yes. My wife, whom I met during my time in Cleveland, is a fine arts conservator who specializes in stone objects. Our first child, Eleonora Sophia, was born in January.

What is your favorite food?

A good wiener schnitzel.

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

I sing bass in a choir. Last year, while on sabbatical, I sang in the Münchner Motettenchor, and we had some wonderful performances of Bach's *St. Matthew's Passion*, Berlioz's *Te Deum* and Beethoven's *9th Symphony*.

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

One of my favorite cities is Istanbul. That's one of the great things about being an art historian: The world becomes your home.

What is your favorite spot in New York City?

Aside from the Metropolitan Museum? Central Park.

What's the last good book you read for pleasure?

I am partial to Ian McEwan and W.G. Sebald. I recently reread Sebald's *The Rings of Saturn* and still find it a very inspiring and wonderful read.

What on your resume are you most proud of?

The Mark Van Doren Award certainly is what I'm most proud of. It's wonderful to have been recognized by the students in this way.

Interview and photo:

Ethan Rouen '04J, '11 Business

To see a website built by Klein and Columbia students for the "Treasures of Heaven" exhibit, go to college.columbia.edu/cct.



CAMPUS NEWS

■ **TRUSTEE:** Jonathan S. Lavine '88 was elected to the Board of Trustees, the University's 24-member governing body, at the trustees' June meeting. His six-year term begins on September 6, the start of the 2011–12 academic year.

Lavine, who has chaired the College's Board of Visitors, recently teamed with Trustee H. F. "Gerry" Lenfest '58L to create the \$5 million Lavine-Lenfest Matching Fund. Its goal is to inspire and match, one-on-one, an additional \$5 million in gifts to endow five positions for assistant professors teaching the Core Curriculum. For more, go to magazine.columbia.edu/news/summer-2011/lavine-and-lenfest-create-match.

■ **PROVOST:** Claude Steele, who was University Provost for two years, resigned in June to become the dean of the School of Education at Stanford. Steele had worked at Stanford for 18 years before coming to Columbia. John Coatsworth, dean of SIPA, has been



Jonathan S. Lavine '88

serving as interim provost since July 1 while a search for a new provost is conducted.

■ **GLOBAL:** Michael Pippenger has been named assistant v.p. for international education/dean of undergraduate global programs in the University's Office of Global Programs. For more than five years, Pippenger has led the

College's Office of Fellowship Programs and Study Abroad; under his leadership, Columbia students have won four Rhodes scholarships, six Marshall scholarships and more than 60 Fulbright grants. With this appointment, the Office of Fellowship Programs and Study Abroad will merge with the Office of Global Programs to become one unit focusing on international education opportunities for Columbia students.

■ **SEA CHANGES:** Michael Gerrard '72, who heads the Law School's Center for Climate Change Law, convened a global networking conference May 23–25 where

representatives from some of the world's most remote island nations gathered to discuss the threat posed by rising sea levels to their nations' continued existence.

Rising sea levels would pose a host of unprecedented humanitarian and legal issues, as Gerrard learned firsthand on a trip to the Marshall Islands last winter (see the May/June issue). "We are the canaries in the climate change mine," said Dessima Williams of Granada, chair of the Association of Small Island States.

■ **1968:** The University Archives has posted a permanent online-only exhibit, "1968: Columbia in Crisis," at <https://ldpd.lamp.columbia.edu/omeka/exhibits/show/1968>. This exhibition is based upon a physical exhibition of the same name that was on display in the Rare Book and Manuscript Library March 17–August 1, 2008. Featuring original documents, photographs and audio from the University Archives, the categories are "Causes," "Timeline of Events," "The Protests," "The Bust," "Campus 'Liberated'," "Commencement," "Consequences" and "Bibliography and Resources."

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ALUMNI IN THE NEWS

■ **Michael E. Leiter '91** has resigned after nearly four years as director of the National Counterterrorism Center. Leiter, who left the post on July 8, was one of the few senior national security officials from the Bush administration that President Barack Obama '83 kept on. Leiter, who said he resigned for personal reasons, oversaw 1,000 specialists from more than a dozen federal agencies who form the central clearing-house and analytical hub for intelligence on terrorist threats.

■ **Robert Reffkin '00, '03** Business landed a place in *Crain's New York Business'* annual "40 Under 40," a list of successful young business people. Reffkin is v.p. in the Principal Investment Area of Goldman Sachs. He also is active in philanthropic work, having founded a nonprofit that supports first-generation college students in New York City (newyorkneedsyou.org) and having raised \$1 million for educational charities by running a marathon in every state in the country. He was a precocious student at Columbia, finishing his bachelor's and M.B.A. in four years. "I guess I've always been in a hurry," he told *Crain's*. Prior to working at Goldman, Reffkin was an investment banker for Lazard and worked at the White House as a special assistant to U.S. Treasury Secretary John W. Snow. His next step may be public office, according to the profile.

■ **Dean Baquet '78** has been named managing editor for news, the No. 2 editorial position, at *The New York Times*. The announcement was made in June when it

also was announced that Bill Keller would be stepping down as executive editor, to be succeeded by Jill Abramson. Baquet, a former editor of the *Los Angeles Times*, had been the Washington bureau chief for *The New York Times*. As managing editor for news, he will supervise the daily report, a job he said he planned to do through constant direct collaboration with editors and reporters. "My main goal," he told the staff, "is to stay as close as possible to newsgathering — to work the room, to talk to editors and reporters every day, to make sure that we break big stories and to have fun doing it."



Robert Reffkin '00, '03 Business
PHOTO: ERIK JORGENSEN

■ **David Lehman '70** is approaching the traditional book tour in a new way. His 2009 book, *A Fine Romance: Jewish Songwriters, American Songs*, won the Deems Taylor Award from the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers in 2010. Since May, Lehman

has taken it on the road with a traveling library exhibit that he designed and wrote based on the book. The exhibit will be featured in 55 libraries in 27 states before the tour ends in April 2012.

■ **Dr. Archie Roberts '65** has been named the recipient of the National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame's 2011 Distinguished American Award, to be presented at the NFF's annual awards dinner on Tuesday, December 6, in New York City. A prominent heart surgeon, Roberts joins a list of winners that includes Vince Lombardi, Bob Hope, Jimmy Stewart, Pete Rozelle, Joe Paterno, Pat Tillman, T. Boone Pickens and last year's honoree, Tom Brokaw. (See college.columbia.edu/cct_archive/nov_dec07/features1.php.)



Dr. Archie Roberts '65

■ **John Glusman '78, '80** GSAS is the new v.p. and editor-in-chief at W.W. Norton, succeeding Starling Lawrence, who will become vice chairman and editor-at-large at the publishing company. Glusman, formerly executive editor and v.p. at Crown, has edited many well-known authors including Erik Larson and Ann Rule. Drake McFeely,

chairman and president of Norton, called Glusman someone "whose excellent judgment, keen publishing instincts and experience at the highest editorial levels make him the ideal person to lead Norton's trade department into a new era."

■ **Ray Annino '50**, a watercolor artist who takes inspiration from his seafaring, has published a story in *Cruising World* about being caught in a storm at night in the Atlantic Ocean. His sailboat, the *Conquest*, was not designed for heavy seas and nearly foundered in the 60-knot winds. In his early years on Long Island, Annino worked as a clam-digger to help pay his way through Columbia. Since retiring from his work as a chemistry professor, he has been spending more time on creating and exhibiting his artwork. His evocative seascape and landscapes can be viewed at rayannino.com.

■ **Juan Gonzalez '68**, longtime columnist at the *New York Daily News*, won the 2010 George Polk Award for Commentary, one of the most prestigious awards in journalism. Gonzalez's reporting exposed a massive fraud of more than \$720 million by consultants hired by the City of New York to eliminate waste in the city's payroll system. So far, prosecutors have seized \$27 million of illegal gains, Gonzalez told the

News. "All our judges agreed that his scoops and his doggedness were instrumental in bringing this scandal of waste of taxpayers' money to light," John Darnton, curator of the George Polk Awards, told the *News*.

■ **Fernando Perez '01** may have been a Major League Baseball playoff hero (see college.columbia.edu/cct/may_jun09) but he also is

using his talent and education for a different career — as a poet whose work has appeared in *Poetry Magazine*, the country's most elite poetry journal. Perez studied creative writing at Columbia and continues to write poetry, personal essays and fiction in his spare time, the *Chicago Tribune* reports. The former Tampa Bay Rays outfielder, now in the Chicago Cubs' minor league system, names as his influences John Ashbery '50 GSAS and Robert Creeley in a 2009 article he wrote for *Poetry Magazine* (poetryfoundation.org/poetrymagazine/article/237498).



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IN MEMORIAM

Manning Marable, the M. Moran Weston/Black Alumni Council Professor of African American Studies, founding director of Columbia's Institute for Research in African-American Studies (iraas.com) and director of the Center for Contemporary Black History (columbia.edu/cu/ccbh), died on April 1. He had battled the inflammatory lung disease sarcoidosis for a quarter-century and had undergone a double lung transplant in July 2010 but contracted pneumonia in late March.

Marable, who was 60 and lived in New York City, died just days before the publication of the culmination of his life's work, the long-awaited, nearly 600-page biography, *Malcolm X: A Life of Reinvention*. The book was called by *The New York Times* "a hefty counterweight to the well-known account *The Autobiography of Malcolm X*, long considered a classic of the 1960s civil rights struggle." That book, an "as told to" book written with Alex Haley and published in 1965, differs from *Malcolm X: A Life of Reinvention* in that Marable drew upon new sources, archival material and government documents unavailable to Haley and developed a fuller account of Malcolm X's politics, religious beliefs and personal life as well as his role in the civil rights movement and the circumstances surrounding his assassination. Marable, as the *Times* noted, "also offers a revisionist portrait of Malcolm X at odds with Mr. Haley's presentation of him as an evolving integrationist."

"We need to look at the organic evolution of his mind and how he struggled to find different ways to empower people of African descent by any means necessary," Marable said in a 2007 interview with Amy Goodman on the radio program "Democracy Now."

William Manning Marable was born on May 13, 1950, in Dayton, Ohio. He earned a bachelor's from Earlham College in Richmond, Ind., in 1971, a master's from Wisconsin in 1972 and a doctorate from Maryland in 1976. Marable directed ethnic studies programs at a number of colleges, notably the Race Relations Institute at Fisk and the Africana and Latin American Studies program at Colgate. He was the chairman of the black studies department at Ohio State in the late 1980s and also taught ethnic studies at Colorado.

Marable had been at Columbia, as a professor of public affairs, political science, history and African-American

studies, since 1993. During his 35-year academic career, he wrote and edited numerous books about African-American politics and history and remained one of the nation's leading Marxist historians. He was a prolific writer, authoring or editing nearly 20 books and scholarly anthologies and 275 academic articles, and an impassioned polemicist, addressing issues of race and economic injustice in works such as *How Capitalism Underdeveloped Black America* (1983), *Black Liberation in Conservative America* (1997), *The Great Wells of Democracy: The Meaning of Race in American Life* (2003) and a political column, "Along the Color Line," syndicated in more than 100 newspapers. Marable was the general editor of *Freedom on My Mind: The Columbia Documentary History of the African American Experience* (2003) and in 1992 published *On Malcolm X: His Message & Meaning*, a work that prefigured *Beyond Boundaries: The Manning Marable Reader*, a selection of Marable's writings that was published in 2010.

Marable's political philosophy often was described as transformationist, as opposed

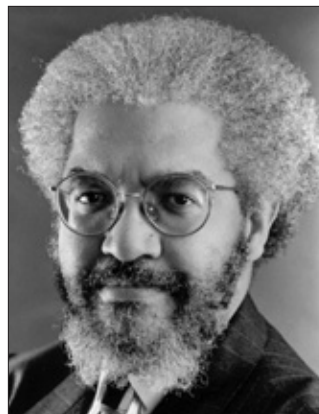


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to integrationist or separatist, because he urged black Americans to transform social structures and bring about a more egalitarian society by making common cause with other minorities and change-minded groups. He lectured widely throughout the country and was co-founder of the Black Radical Congress, an organization of African-American activists.

Survivors include his second wife, Leith Mullings; children, Joshua Manning Marable, Malaika Marable Serrano and Sojourner Marable Grimmett; stepchildren, Alia Tyner and Michael Tyner; sister, Madonna Marable; and three grandchildren. Mullings said of her husband in *The Root*, an online magazine, "He would want to be remembered for being both a scholar and an activist and as someone who saw the two as not being separated."

For a fuller look at Marable and his career, see *Columbia* magazine's Summer 2011 cover story, "A Message for the World": magazine.columbia.edu/features/summer-2011/manning-marables-living-legacy.

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All-Ivy QB Brackett Leads Lions Football

BY ALEX SACHARE '71

Columbia's football team outscored its opponents last season but lost more than it won. With All-Ivy First Team quarterback Sean Brackett '13 back at the helm and a veteran offensive line led by All-Ivy First Team tackle Jeff Adams '12, the Lions will begin quest of their first winning season since 1996 on Saturday, September 17, at Fordham in the 10th annual Liberty Cup game.

This will be Columbia's fifth season under Coach Norries Wilson, whose team was 4–6 overall and 3–4 in Ivy play last season despite outscoring its opponents 225–220 overall and 151–146 in Ivy competition. After posting a 5–5 record in Wilson's first season, Columbia has had three losing campaigns to drop Wilson's coaching record to 12–28 overall and 7–21 in the Ivy League.

Columbia's hopes for success this season revolve around Brackett, its leading passer and rusher last season. Brackett completed 166 of 287 passes (.578) for

2,072 yards, throwing for 19 touchdowns with eight interceptions for a quarterback efficiency rating of 136.1. Brackett also was Columbia's top ground-gainer with 516 rushing yards.

With the graduation of All-Ivy First Team wide receiver Andrew Kennedy '11, one of Brackett's primary targets figures to be fifth-year senior Mike Stephens '12, who suffered a season-ending injury in the first game last year and is returning for his second season as one of the team's captains. The 6-foot-7, 305-lb. Adams anchors an offensive line that includes six players who had significant playing time last season.

Columbia's defense lost a pair of All-Ivy First Team players, linebacker Alex Gross '11 and defensive back Calvin Otis '11. The Lions will rebuild around All-Ivy Second Team linebacker Josh Martin '13E and several other experienced players, including linebacker Ryan Murphy '13, defensive backs Ross Morand '12 and Kalasi Huggins '12, and defensive lineman Seyi Adebayo '13.

After opening on the road against Fordham, Columbia will play its home opener against Albany on September 24 and then begin Ivy competition at Princeton on October 1. The Lions wrap up their non-league schedule at home against Sacred Heart on October 8 before hosting defending Ivy League champion Penn in the annual Homecoming game on October 15.

Last season, Columbia got off to a 3–1 start before losing at Penn and then dropping a 24–21 Homecoming heartbreaker to Dartmouth, part of a four-game losing streak. The Lions bounced back with a 24–21 win over Cornell in their final home game, but were beaten at Brown 38–16 to finish below .500.

■ ON TARGET: Sarah Chai '12, Anna Harrington '12 Barnard and Marilyn He '14 teamed up to defeat Texas A&M 10–9 and win the recurve event at the 2011 U.S. Intercollegiate Archery Championships on May 21. The next day, Chai finished second to two-time Olympian Jennifer Nichols of Texas A&M in the individual competition, with Harrington finishing fourth. In the compound division, Sydney

Shaefer '12 finished fourth. Harrington and Chai both were named All-Americans, the third consecutive season Chai has been so honored and the first for Harrington.

■ NEW COACHES: Columbia entered 2011–12 with new head coaches for its fencing, wrestling and women's rowing programs.

Michael N. Aufrichtig, chairman of the New York Athletic Club fencing program for the past five years, is the new head men's and women's fencing coach. The NYAC program had unprecedented success under Aufrichtig, qualifying seven members to the 2010 World Championships and winning five national championships in 2011.

Aufrichtig, who fenced at NYU, succeeds co-head coaches Aladar Kogler and George Kolombatovich, who retired following last season. With Kogler and Kolombatovich at the helm since 1983, Columbia has had a long run as one of the nation's premier college fencing programs. Their Columbia teams won 17 Ivy League men's fencing titles and eight Ivy League women's fencing titles during the past 28 years. The men's fencing program won the national title in three consecutive years from 1987–89, and after the NCAA changed to a combined men's and women's format, they coached the Lions to championships in 1992 and 1993.

Seventeen Columbia fencers won individual NCAA fencing titles under Kogler and Kolombatovich, including Columbia University Athletics Hall of Fame inductees Katy Bilodeau '87; Bob Cottingham '88; Jon Normile '89E; Tzu Moy '91, '02 P&S and Ben Atkins '93, '98L as well as Jeffrey Spear '10, who was named the recipient of the NCAA Top VIII award in January 2011, and current assistant coach Daria Schneider '10. Many of their fencers also competed in the Olympics, most recently 2008 Beijing Games silver medalists Errin Smartt '01 Barnard and James Williams '07, '09 GSAS (college.columbia.edu/cct/nov_dec08).

Carl Fronhofer, an assistant coach with the wrestling program the last three years, has been named the Andrew F. Barth ['83, '85 Business] Head Coach of Wrestling.



Sean Brackett '13 hopes to lead Columbia to its first winning season since 1996.

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Fronhofer is a former All-American at Pittsburgh who compiled a 123–39 record while wrestling for Pitt and qualified for the NCAA Championships each of his four years. He came to Columbia after two seasons as the top assistant at Bloomsburg University and three seasons as an assistant at Pitt.

Scott Ramsey has been named Columbia's head women's rowing coach. He was an assistant in the Lions' rowing program from 2007–09 before spending two years as an assistant women's rowing coach and head novice coach at Iowa. He is a graduate of Penn, where he rowed for three years on the heavyweight team.

■ **ON THE RUN:** Caroline LeFrak (née Bierbaum) '06 (columbia.edu/cct_archive/sep05/track.php), one of the most decorated cross country runners in Columbia history, is continuing her racing career as a member of the elite New York Athletic Club, where she finished first in the five-mile run at the New York Road Runners team championship on August 6. A lawyer and founder of a sports management agency, she qualified for January's U.S. Olympic Trials for the marathon.

Meanwhile, Delilah DiCrescenzo '05 (college.columbia.edu/cct_archive/sep/oct07/quads7.php), Erison Hurtault '07 (college.columbia.edu/cct/nov_dec08)

and Lisa Stublic '05 all were scheduled to compete in the 2011 IAAF World Championships August 27–September 4.

DiCrescenzo qualified for the U.S. team by finishing third in the women's 3,000-meter steeplechase at the USA Outdoor Track & Field Championships in July. Hurtault qualified to represent his native country, Dominica, by finishing third in the 400 meters at the Central American and Caribbean Games. Stublic, meanwhile, assured herself of a spot in the 2012 London Olympics representing Croatia, her country of residence, when she won the OMV Linz Marathon in April, setting a national record of 2:30.46.

IN LUMINE TUO

■ **PULITZERS:** Eric Foner '63, '69 GSAS, the Dewitt Clinton Professor of History, and Jesse Eisinger '92, a senior reporter at the investigative website ProPublica, won 2011 Pulitzer Prizes for their writing and research.

Foner's newest book, *The Fiery Trial: Abraham Lincoln and American Slavery*, already had been lauded by critics and showered with awards when it won the prestigious \$10,000 Pulitzer Prize for History, given by the Journalism School. The citation described the book as "a well orchestrated examination of Lincoln's changing views of slavery, bringing unforeseeable twists and a fresh sense of improbability to a familiar story."

Eisinger, who also writes a column for *The New York Times'* Dealbook blog, shared the National Reporting prize with his colleague Jake Bernstein "for their exposure of questionable practices on Wall Street that contributed to the nation's economic meltdown, using digital tools

to help explain the complex subject to lay readers," the citation read.

■ **ARTS AND SCIENCES:** Seven Columbia professors with expertise in fields ranging from computer science to genetics to literature were elected in May to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, one of the nation's oldest and most prestigious honorary societies.

The fellows from Columbia in the 2011 class are James S. Shapiro '77, the Larry Miller Professor of English and Comparative Literature; Maxwell E. Gottesman, the Charles H. Revson Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biophysics and Microbiology and the director of the Institute of Cancer Research; Mark A. Mazower, the Ira D. Wallach Professor of World Order Studies, chair of the history department and director of the Center for International History; Shree K. Nayar, chair of the computer science department; Rodney J. Rothstein, professor of genetics and development; Michael Scammell '85

GSAS, professor in the School of the Arts Writing Program; and Shou-Wu Zhang '91 GSAS, mathematics professor.

■ **SHAW PRIZES:** The Davies Professor of Mathematics Richard S. Hamilton was one of seven scientists at universities and research centers who will share the 2011 Shaw Prizes, three \$1-million awards that were announced on June 7 by the Hong Kong-based Shaw Prize Foundation. The awards, to be presented in September, also went to Enrico Costa of Italy's National Institute of Astrophysics and Gerald J. Fishman of NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center, in astronomy; Jules A. Hoffmann of France's University of Strasbourg; Ruslan M. Medzhitov of Yale University; and Bruce A. Beutler of the Scripps Research Institute in La Jolla, Calif., in life science and medicine; and Demetrios Christodoulou of the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (along with Hamilton) in mathematical sciences.



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Reunion, Dean's Day Set Records

More than 2,400 alumni and guests enjoyed Alumni Reunion Weekend and Dean's Day 2011 on June 2–5, renewing friendships at class-specific events, revisiting their classroom days by attending mini-Core courses and thought-provoking panels, checking out campus changes via guided tours, and enjoying good food and company on campus and at venues around New York City. Celebrating reunion this year were classes ending in 1 or 6, from 1946–2006.

Young alumni from the Classes of 2001–11 had a rousing celebration on the evening of June 3, setting a record at the Young Alumni Party with more than 1,200 attendees joining the fun aboard the *U.S.S. Intrepid*.

On Saturday, at the Dean's Continental Breakfast, Bob Berne '60 was presented with the President's Cup in recognition of his service to and support of his 50th reunion.

Dean's Day, open to alumni of all classes as well as parents, was held on June 4, and for the first time, the deans from the College, Engineering, General Studies and the Arts and Sciences spoke on their fields of expertise. Other leading professors also shared their expertise through CC, Lit Hum, Frontiers of Science, Art Hum and Engineering lectures. An Alumni Representative Committee reception, a Center for Career Education presentation and affinity group receptions — for varsity athletics, *Spectator*, Columbia Alumni Singers and the Asian Columbia Alumni Association — as well as the chance to converse with others in Italian at Casa Italiana or enjoy string music composed by Columbians, sponsored by Columbia Engineering Young Alumni, rounded out the day's offerings.

There were plenty of family activities during the weekend as well, including the Decades BBQs and Camp Columbia for Kids, which featured playtime, plenty of fun food and snacks, and even milk and cookies to nosh on during a movie.

On Saturday, attendees enjoyed elegant class-specific dinners and the all-class Wine Tasting. Alumni of all ages capped the weekend at that night's gala Starlight Reception on Low Plaza, enjoying music, champagne, sweets and a dance floor that was filled to capacity.

Alumni Reunion Weekend 2012 is scheduled for Thursday, May 31–Sunday, June 3, for classes ending in 2 or 7, from 1942–2007. Dean's Day, open to all alumni and parents, is scheduled for Saturday, June 2.

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From top: Bob Berne '60 speaks after being presented with the President's Cup, the Columbia Alumni Singers raise their voices in song, alumni and guests dance at the Starlight Reception and little Columbians enjoy a full day of activities at Camp Columbia for Kids. Facing page: Low Library shines as attendees mingle on Low Plaza, and young alumni live it up at the U.S.S. Intrepid party.

PHOTOS: EILEEN BARROSO





View More Photos Online

Visit the CCT website to view reunion class photos and to see lists of classmates who registered to attend as well as a list of those honored with Dean's Pins, given to the members of each class' Reunion Committee who have demonstrated particular dedication to and involvement in their reunion: college.columbia.edu/cct/fall11/reunion.

To view a complete gallery of photos from the weekend, go to the College's Facebook page, facebook.com/columbiacollege1754, or go directly to events of interest:

Decades BBQs and Camp Columbia: college.columbia.edu/reunionphotos/bbqs

Lectures and Receptions: college.columbia.edu/reunionphotos/lectures

Young Alumni Party: college.columbia.edu/reunionphotos/youngalumni

Starlight Reception: college.columbia.edu/reunionphotos/starlight

Welcome Class of 2015

A behind-the-scenes look at the College's newest students, and how they got here

BY DAVID MCKAY WILSON

Gone are the days of waiting for the mail carrier to deliver the thick or the thin envelope. Today's newest Columbians logged into an online portal to get their admissions decisions. Admitted students were instantly taken to a video featuring the Columbia fight song and an aerial view of the Morningside campus before seeing their admit letter.

Adrian Alea '15 (Fort Myers, Fla.) received his admissions decision on his iPhone while he was sitting in traffic. Allie DeCandia '15 (Princeton, N.J.) played the "Welcome" video 12 times and immediately memorized the fight song. While the decisions were released at 5 p.m. Eastern time, many international applicants woke up in the middle of the night to check their decisions. The father of Cynthia Hajal '15 (Beirut, Lebanon) had already fallen

asleep by the time she learned of her decision. Students on the west coast were still in school when their decisions went live, including Ami Kumar '15E (Palo Alto, Calif.), who checked her decision in her school's computer lab. Diarra White '15 (West Orange, N.J.) was at the mall shopping for her prom dress when her mother suggested she check for her decision at the Apple store.

Some had greater challenges obtaining their decisions. Lucy Gill '15 (Oak Park, Ill.) was on a spring break trip to a rainforest in Costa Rica without Internet access, so she had to drive 20 minutes to a café to log in. Andrea Viejo '15 (Monterey, Mexico) had to go to the nearest Starbucks for Internet access due to a power outage in her neighborhood.

And how did the College hear these stories? One posting in the "Columbia Class of 2015" Facebook group elicited more than



The colorful parade of flags, representing every home state and country of the College and Engineering student body, is part of the pageantry of Convocation.

PHOTO: CHAR SMULLYAN

50 comments in less than 24 hours, a true indication of the online nature of the Class of 2015.

"This is a very exciting time for Columbia and its newest students," says Kevin Shollenberger, dean of student affairs and associate v.p. for undergraduate student life. "We received a record number of applications for this year's incoming class, which marks Columbia's most accomplished and selective group ever. We also are extremely proud of the diversity of this class, including a strong international voice. The varied interests, abilities and life experiences these students represent are quite remarkable — each one has a story to tell."

The Class of 2015 arrived with noteworthy credentials and shared several common themes. Many students were engaged in community service before coming to Columbia; others were involved in research, served as the editor of their school newspaper, were president of their class or held other leadership roles. The students speak multiple languages and are aspiring musicians, artists, athletes, entrepreneurs and scholars. There is a modern dancer who has performed with the Paul Taylor Dance Company; a prize-winning Norwegian philosophy essayist; a classical cellist who made his Carnegie Hall debut at 12; the U.S. national high school chess champion; Junior Olympians in freestyle skiing, karate, figure skating and kayaking; several Intel Science Talent Search finalists; and several artists who have already made a name for themselves in the performing arts world.

GLOBAL RECRUITMENT

Columbia's 23 admissions officers spend three to four weeks each year traveling across the country and around the world on recruitment trips, where they meet with prospective students, parents and guidance counselors. A typical day on the road could include visiting high schools to meet with groups of stu-

Class of 2015 by the Numbers

Number of applications	29,393
Size of class	1,074
Acceptance rate	6.4%
States represented	49
Countries represented	55

dents and guidance counselors, running a college essay writing workshop at a community-based organization that works with college access for underserved populations and holding an evening off-campus information session for students and parents. In addition, officers often meet with members of regional Alumni Representative Committees (ARC), the volunteer organization whose members

interview prospective students (studentaffairs.columbia.edu/admissions/alumni/volunteers.php).

While officers annually visit major cities such as Los Angeles, San Francisco, Chicago, Miami and Houston, they also reach out to regions where students might not be as familiar with Columbia. Through joint recruitment trips with peer schools, Columbia visits 50 cities annually, including places such as Lexington, Ky.; Jackson, Miss.; Boise, Idaho; and Sioux Falls, S.D. These trips include evening information sessions where students and families learn about all of the colleges on tour, about the benefits of a liberal arts university, and general information about highly selective admissions and need-based financial aid. Columbia also is part of a second joint travel group that visits 15 cities each summer and focuses on science and engineering recruitment.

Columbia's recruitment efforts also stretch across the ocean to reach students around the world. At the same time Columbia has expanded its reach in the United States, international outreach has grown as well. In the past year, staff has made presentations for the first time at high schools in Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Israel, Dubai and Lebanon, part of a global effort that sent admissions officers to 32 nations on six continents (sorry, Antarctica!).

Students also are encouraged to visit Columbia's campus to see for themselves if Columbia might be a good fit for them. In addition to daily information sessions and campus tours, Columbia offers a number of other on-campus visit opportunities. High school seniors can come for an overnight visit in the fall, where they are matched with a Columbia student and attend classes, eat in John



Families help their sons and daughters (top left) into the residence halls and orientation leaders in brightly colored T-shirts help make move-in day run remarkably smoothly. Here, they greeted some of last year's early arrivals on College Walk (bottom left). After the move, they enjoyed a midday respite (bottom right) on Van Am Quad and the adjacent lawns. Dean of Student Affairs Kevin Shollenberger met with incoming students and their families (top right) at a Summer Advising session in Beijing on June 25 that was hosted by Conrad Lung '72 and his wife, Yin Lung '74 Barnard.

PHOTOS: CHAR SMULLYAN, KATHRYN WITTNER (TOP RIGHT)



Members of the Class of 2014 and Orientation leaders fill Low Steps for last year's Community Forum, an event that introduces first-years to their new Columbia family and to the school's rich history.

PHOTO: CHAR SMULLYAN



Jay Dining Hall and stay overnight in a residence hall. Columbia also offers a lunch visit program for juniors and seniors, allowing prospective students to have lunch on campus with a current student in a more intimate setting. Students interested in studying the natural and life sciences might attend a Summer Science Invitational or a Fall Research Symposium, designed to share information about Columbia's renowned science programs and extensive undergraduate research opportunities. All of Columbia's recruitment efforts have the same goal in mind: to arm students with as much information as possible to help them make the decision whether to apply to Columbia and, if admitted, whether to attend.

The outreach has paid huge dividends, with applications more than doubling across the last 10 years. Columbia's decision to allow candidates to apply with the Common Application — now used by more than 400 colleges and universities — was partially responsible for the remarkable growth. Columbia was the last Ivy League college to participate in the system, which allows prospective students to file the same application and student essay with any college that is part of the Common App system; however, Columbia also requires an extensive supplemental application. "From a recruitment perspective, Columbia remains focused on attracting the best students, but our decision to move to the Common Application has allowed us to reach pockets of talented students who may not have had access to our admissions process before," says Jessica Marinaccio, dean of undergraduate admissions/associate dean of student affairs.

Shollenberger notes that prospective students are increasingly aware of the multitude of opportunities associated with attending an academic institution in New York City. "Moving to the Common Application is not the only reason we have attracted record numbers of top caliber applicants in recent years," he says. "We can't overstate the continued positive influence of our location in a city that presents limitless opportunities for cultural exploration and professional, intellectual and personal growth."

College and Engineering students also get involved. More than 200 undergraduates support the Admissions Office as members of the Undergraduate Recruitment Committee, Multicultural Recruitment Committee or Global Recruitment Committee, groups of volunteers who give campus tours, host overnight visits, participate in online chats and phone campaigns and share their Columbia experiences with prospective students. Members of these committees speak at a variety of events during the admissions process, including Summer Advising sessions, which a majority of incoming students attend before arriving on campus.

In one of those sessions, before an audience that included parents who may have been a bit nervous about their children's impending four years away, Marcella Lusardi '12 recounted that she enjoyed getting surprised by a care package filled with goodies from home. She also warned parents not to expect a call or text message as often, or as promptly, as they've grown accustomed to receiving.

"Don't worry if your child doesn't contact you every day," she said. "Eventually they'll get in touch."

ALUMNI MAKE AN IMPACT

Alumni also play a major role in the outreach efforts, with more than 5,000 members of ARC attending recruitment events, interviewing prospective students and hosting gatherings for admitted students during the summer.

For the past 30 years, Alan Preis '64 has headed ARC in northern New Jersey, where about 100 alumni from the College and Engineering conduct interviews with as many as 800 high school stu-

Summer Advising Prepares Students for Arrival on Campus

When members of the Class of 2015 arrived on campus in late August, they were no strangers to the Columbia family and the support that their new community provides. Many had visited campus, chatted online with their classmates, spoken with alumni, read through the *Academic Planning Guide* and attended Summer Advising sessions.

"We prepare students as much as we can, so they hit the ground running," says Dean of Advising Monique Rinere, who also is associate dean of student affairs. "We want students to make the most of their college experience, so even before they have taken their first class we introduce them to all the advising resources and support services that are available to them here at Columbia."

Summer programs, which Columbia began hosting about 10 years ago, provide a unique opportunity for staff to meet with incoming students and their families, share information that will help ease the transition ahead and introduce them to other members of the Columbia family, including alumni, who will be an important part of their Columbia experience. This past summer, between May 22 and June 29, the Division of Student Affairs, together with colleagues in the Center for Career Education and the Alumni Offices, hosted 22 advising programs in 17 cities. The 2011 itinerary included Los Angeles, Seattle, Chicago, Houston, Boston, Washington, D.C., San Juan Capistrano and San Francisco as well as London, Shanghai, Beijing, Seoul, Hong Kong, Singapore, Delhi and Mumbai. And, of course, New York City.

Beulah Agbabiaka '15, one of 51 students who attended the June 21 session in San Francisco, wondered about how to design her schedule in such a way that would allow her to study abroad and still finish her major on time. "I realized I was overloading my schedule before I even got my feet wet in New York," she said. "Thankfully, I got some awesome advice from my advising dean on a realistic plan for a first-year student. The summer program was a great opportunity for me to figure out how to make life work in a totally new environment and meet some future friends."

In early June, 344 College students and 104 Engineering students and their parents came to Alfred Lerner Hall for advising sessions that were held in New York. As they snacked on sandwiches and iced tea outside Boone Arledge Auditorium, some students huddled with their parents while others got to know future classmates or mingled with students they had met at Columbia during the April "Days on Campus" program. In one of those five sessions, Kareem Carryl '15 of Brooklyn was chatting with Scott Aronin '15 and Matthew Kim '15, classmates at Commack (N.Y.) H.S., and Sahir Raoof '15, of Jericho, N.Y., who had competed against Kim in the 2011 Intel International Science and Engineering Fair.

During the welcome and introduction, Rinere spoke about

Columbia as a university with a rich and rigorous academic life but with a commitment to the broader community. She also let apprehensive parents know that there are dedicated professionals at Columbia, a number of whom were in the room, who are eager to help their children make the most of their undergraduate years. "These are gracious, smart, kind people who care about the students," she said. "We're here to welcome you to our family."

Rinere then split up the audience, with students heading off in small groups to other rooms in Alfred Lerner Hall and parents staying in Boone Arledge Auditorium to learn about what to expect and how they could best support their children.

Advising Dean Michael Dunn spoke to a group of students about the transition from high school to college. No one would wake them up for class, he emphasized, and there would be huge swathes of time to manage — and laundry to attend to. He spoke about the Core Curriculum, the advising partnership between student and adviser, and encouraged students to explore Columbia's vast academic offerings. "Entering first-year students will discover a new level of personal responsibility and independence as they transition into the Columbia community," explains Dunn. "As advisers, we're here to help prepare them for this and serve as their first point of contact

for all the resources the University provides."

In the auditorium with the parents, Rinere moderated a panel of students, alumni and current parents who took questions from the audience. One parent asked about the incidence of depression in college students, while others raised questions about access to student grades and how best to keep in contact with their child while at Columbia. Through these discussions, parents received an introduction to the many resources and support services available to help students manage their lives and adjust to life as college students.

New to the Summer Advising program this year was the addition of a Resource Fair in New York, which provided an opportunity for students and parents to speak directly with many of the University's service providers, including Financial Aid and Educational Financing, Columbia Health, Housing and Dining, Residential Life and the Center for Career Education, among others.

The event culminated in what has become a Columbia rite of passage, as students came forward to receive a copy of Homer's *The Iliad*, the first text they will study in Literature Humanities, from an alumni volunteer. Among the alumni helping out this summer was Elliot Sloane '83, CEO of the Manhattan public relations firm Sloane & Co.

"As I grow older and see more distance from my graduation day, I feel like I should be doing more," says Sloane. "I want to stay connected to Columbia College, and this is one good way to do it."



Patricia Woods, assistant director at the Center for Career Education, addresses a Summer Advising session in Boston on June 13.

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dents who have applied to Columbia. Interviews for early decision candidates are held in October and November, and interviews for the remaining applicants continue through mid-February.

"We try to get a picture of the student that doesn't appear elsewhere in their overall package," says Preis, a CPA in Florham Park, N.J. "We try to elicit something they are passionate about, something intangible, that gives them heightened appeal."

ARC member and federal appellate judge Joseph Greenaway Jr. '78, who was chairman of the Black Alumni Council from 1996–2006 and currently is on the College's Board of Visitors, conducts his ARC interviews at his chambers in the federal courthouse in downtown Newark, N.J. "We need more kids to see people who look like them who went to Columbia," says Greenaway. "It's important for students to hear from an alumnus who may share a common experience with them and can let them know that Columbia is a place where they could go, enjoy and achieve."

Oriana Isaacson '09 conducted 25 interviews last spring in Seattle. She also has assisted with Columbia's Summer Advising program. Isaacson, who was a volunteer tour guide on campus, enjoys talking about her Columbia experience, which includes participation on the College's fencing team, and her exploration of foreign languages as a double major in French and Hispanic studies.

"Students have questions about the Core and how it fits with other things they want to study," says Isaacson, who occasionally wears her Ivy League championship fencing ring on interview days. "I tell them I was able to double-major while also taking a year of Italian and semesters of Arabic and Portuguese. It's possible to find the balance among your studies, a sport and things you want to study outside your major."

HEARD AT THE COMMITTEE TABLE

"Dinner's here!" The call goes out across 212 Hamilton Hall each night in March to alert admissions officers there for evening admissions committees that food has arrived. After months of reading nearly 35,000 applications for the College and Engineering, admissions officers spend four weeks meeting in small committees to discuss each applicant being considered for admission to Columbia. More than 150 meetings are held, with the committees gathering each weekday from 9:30 a.m.–9:30 p.m. and on Saturdays as well. Each committee is chaired by a senior member of the admissions staff. The regional admissions officer presents the students who have applied from his or her territory (often students met during fall recruitment trips), and a vibrant discussion ensues. "What is the curriculum like at this school?" "How many advanced courses has she taken?" "What was his essay about?" "What do the teachers write about her?" "What are his reasons for wanting to attend Columbia?" "What does the ARC report say?" All are common questions heard around the committee table.

The crucial question, though, is always, "What will the student add to the Columbia community?" With thousands of academically qualified applicants, admissions officers must make fine distinctions between students based not only on their curriculum, grades and standardized testing but also on their extracurricular activities, leadership experiences, academic passions, and voice and perspective. "Building a class is not an easy process. It requires a lot of thoughtful planning," says Marinaccio. "You just can't do it in a formulaic way. It's like putting a puzzle together, and it can take time to get a sense if an applicant is a good fit for our type of education."

Each student is examined within the context from which they came and how they might take advantage of, and contribute to,

the Columbia community. Columbia seeks a diversity of personalities, achievements and talents, and of economic, social, ethnic, cultural, religious, racial and geographic backgrounds, striving to admit the most interesting and vibrant class possible.

"We like to create a class that will have students who, when sitting around a table, will look at the world through a different lens," says Marinaccio. "It's not just the professor that students learn from. There's also the person sitting next to them."

Admissions officers look at students in a holistic manner, going beyond basic yardsticks such as grade point averages in high school and scores on college entrance exams. They look at students' levels of independent intellectual curiosity, personal initiative in their communities and any special talents — be it in athletics, the performing arts, science or literature.

Katie Barclay '15, of Chappaqua, N.Y., is a competitive skier who participated in the U.S. Freestyle Junior Olympics from 2008–10. Barclay considered colleges in mountainous settings but it came down to a choice between two urban schools, Columbia and Penn. She twice stayed overnight at Columbia — once with a friend and a second time through the Days on Campus program for accepted students — and liked the feel of the campus and the caliber of the conversation. "I'm interested in being part of the intellectual community here," she says.

Barclay's decision to matriculate came during April, after she received acceptances from Columbia and several other schools. This final recruitment period includes Days on Campus, frequent contact from the Admissions Office by email, mail and telephone, and letters from alumni, including high-profile graduates such as Dan Futterman '89, an actor and screenwriter; Claire Shipman '86, '94 SIPA, ABC senior national correspondent; and Julius Genachowski '85, chair of the Federal Communications Commission.

Futterman, who came to Columbia intent on studying the sciences and becoming a physician, tells the admitted students that he discovered the humanities through the Core Curriculum and turned to writing through his work at *Spectator* and an internship at *Newsweek*. He recalls the Columbia campus as a "peaceful oasis" and says he can't help but smile when he reads the newspaper and discovers another Columbia College success story.

"If I had to do it all over again, would I pick Columbia College?" asks Futterman. "That's as easy a question as I can get: Definitely yes."



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Legacy Couples

For three Columbia families, Orientation and Move-in 2011 had special meaning. In each case, both parents graduated from the College.

All three mothers were members of the Class of 1987, the first fully coeducational class at the College, which will be celebrating the 25th anniversary of its graduation next spring. Diane Hilal-Campo '87 and Richard Campo '84 are the parents of Cynthia Campo '15; Nicole Belson Goluboff '87 and Erik Goluboff '86 are the parents of Justin Goluboff '15; and Nancy Basri '87 and William Basri '84 are the parents of Ross Basri '15E.

They are not the first CC legacy couples, however. That distinction belongs to Maria Hernandez Montalvo '88 and Daniel Montalvo '86, the parents of Veronica Montalvo '09.

NSOP

Not your average orientation program

BY SHIRA BOSS '93, '97J, '98 SIPA

Arriving at Columbia as a first-year student used to involve a sometimes frustrating move-in experience followed by several days of relatively standard welcome-to-campus social events. Not anymore. The New Student Orientation Program (NSOP) has flourished in recent years, largely due to the efforts of increasingly enthusiastic student planners and the dedicated support and guidance from the Division of Student Affairs. It has become a week-long, city-wide, jam-packed program that embraces and energizes incoming students from the very first day, and leaves many eager to work on the event for the next round of new students.

"Orientation at Columbia is really great. Columbia goes above and beyond," says Courtney Wilkins '07, who worked on orientation after her sophomore year.

Orientation is more organized, more comprehensive and has more "school spirit" than the Columbia community has ever seen. It took a 14-member student committee all summer, working full-time, to plan the events of the 2011 NSOP, which is for incoming students at all four undergraduate schools: the College, Engineering, General Studies and Barnard. "Students have an incredible introduction to campus and city life," says Cynthia Jennings, director of NSOP and Class Year Programs in the Division of Student Affairs. "We truly consider our city an educational resource and encourage the students to use it to their benefit."

Juan Esteban Estrada '13 had never been to New York before arriving for his orientation program two years ago. After his flight from Miami, he loaded his two suitcases into a taxi and

embarked for a new home he had only seen in photographs. "You have this idea that it's this bustling place that might swallow you up," he says, recalling move-in day. "But you walk onto campus the first day and see hundreds of helpful student leaders and get the sense that the school really cares. This first week is very memorable and assures you that you have made the right choice."

For many, orientation actually begins before move-in day. For nearly 30 years, some first-year students have chosen to participate in themed, pre-orientation programs organized by students. The first and still the largest, Columbia Outdoor Orientation Program, started in 1984 as a hiking and camping trip in the Catskill Mountains. It has since expanded to three programs: hiking, biking or river canoeing, all of which are combined with camping. The 215 spots available this year filled more quickly than ever, according to the coordinator.

Another program, Columbia Urban Experience, for 84 incoming first-years, involves volunteering in small groups at organizations around the city, such as God's Love We Deliver (free meals delivered to homebound patients) and Youth Action Programs and Homes (activities and training for youth in East Harlem). The students also have dinner discussions, hear from speakers who work at nonprofits and enjoy evening events around town, such as baseball at Yankee Stadium and visits to Magnolia Bakery or Bryant Park.

A new pre-orientation program, developed after a limited pilot last year, is the International Students Orientation Program. What used to be simply a Q&A session about the logistics of living in New York is now a specialized, four-day program intended to address the particular concerns of international students. Before NSOP begins, international students participate in information sessions, discussions and excursions around the city. They meet one another, are introduced to the campus and the richly textured but potentially intimidating city that is New York and are mentored by student leaders, with each component designed to ease that initial adjustment.

Describing its growth in recent years, current NSOP coordinator Simon Jerome '13 says, "NSOP is constantly changing and evolving, something that's crucial to the success of the program. To achieve this, our advisers do a stupendous job of accommodating student voices through participation on the planning committee and using surveys to collect feedback."

Orientation week for all new students officially starts with move-in and is followed by Convocation, an event that was canceled this year due to Hurricane Irene. "Families are surprised. They think, 'It's New York City and it's going to be such a hassle,' but it's really very efficient," says Kimberly Lynch '13E, a member of this year's planning committee. "Orientation leaders and crew chiefs with smiling faces meet families and unload vehicles starting at 7 a.m." The campus is heav-



Cyclists enter College Walk through the Broadway gates during the Columbia Outdoor Orientation Program.

ily dotted with the brightly-colored shirts worn by the student orientation crew, and help is readily available at every step during the move-in process.

Along with moving carts and picnic lunches, the first day of orientation now has pomp and ceremony. Parents and students gather on South Field for Convocation and are addressed by President Lee C. Bollinger and the deans of the College, Engineering and Student Affairs as well as an NSOP student leader. Alumni participate, too, offering a welcome to the class and marching in the Alumni Procession, both of which send the message that students are beginning a lifelong relationship with Columbia. Convocation begins with the parade of flags representing the states and countries of every member of the College and Engineering undergraduate student body, including the new class, and it ends with a rousing rendition of "Roar, Lion, Roar."

Immediately following Convocation, parents depart and students attend their first group session with their Orientation Leader. Later that evening, Class Act, an event designed by students in 2000 (see college.columbia.edu/cct_archive/may01/may01_forum2.html) and held in Roone Arledge Auditorium, features *Varsity Show* skits and a boisterous recession of the first-years, who are led through a tunnel of cheering students along Broadway and onto campus through the gates at West 116th Street. That kind of school spirit was distinctly lacking in the decades preceding the millennium.

Today's students agree that bonding occurs over a kind of shared uniqueness. "It's a community based on acceptance and being who you are," Estrada says. "The students are free to show their own colors and the community is very welcoming. Columbia allows you to be who you want to be, and to pick and choose what you want to take away from your college experience."

"The purpose of NSOP," says Dean of Student Affairs Kevin Shollenberger, "is to assist students with the transition from high school to college and to introduce new students to one another, to Columbia's campus, community and expectations, and to the City of New York."

Orientation week still includes information sessions about campus services — libraries, safety, health, jobs — as well as advising sessions, placement tests, academic meetings, the first Literature Humanities class and diversity training. An academic resource fair, where entering students meet with faculty and gather more information about subjects they are interested in studying, is a newer addition. "Prior to course registration, the auditorium is buzzing with faculty members engaging with students and answering questions about their departments, course requirements and placement. This is a very popular event and it's wonderful to see the interest from both faculty and students grow every year," says Terry Martinez, dean of community development and multicultural affairs.

Community Forum is another relatively new addition to NSOP. Filling the steps in front of Low Library, new students and staff from all four undergraduate schools gather to learn more about the makeup of the Class of 2015. Then, to get a little more specific, excerpts from a number of application essays (with prior permission from the authors) are read anonymously, providing a more personal and poignant glimpse of who these students are. The evening concludes with

an impressive video presentation, prepared by the NSOP committee, outlining the history of the University and celebrating the commonalities and uniqueness of each of the undergraduate schools. It is a way for students to understand the community they are entering and the responsibility of being a member of this community.

A highlight of the week is the New York City Event, a party at a venue that is kept secret until orientation. Past locations have included The U.S.S. *Intrepid*, Ellis Island, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, Madison Square Garden, the American Museum of Natural History and Madame Tussaud's. On another evening, students provide their own entertainment at Open Mic night in Roone Arledge Auditorium. "It might seem nerve-wracking to perform in front of a completely new set of friends, but the experience is very relaxed and enjoyable," Estrada says. "The lights are dimmed, giving the auditorium a coffee-house atmosphere, and the event serves as a perfect way to meet others with similar interests right off the bat."

The weekend before classes begin, students can participate in an ever-expanding array of walking tours — from Harlem, the Bronx Zoo and the Cloisters uptown, to the High Line Park, the Brooklyn Bridge and the Financial District downtown. Closer to home are a vertical tour of St. John the Divine, a tour of Central Park and a tour of eco-friendly spaces on campus and the local farmer's market.

One thing missing from orientation that many alumni will remember is the *Facebook*, a type of yearbook for incoming students that featured a photo and some personal information, from a survey, about each student that was used as a reference guide to who's who in the class. With its last publication in 2008, it has been unofficially replaced by the more interactive, worldwide Facebook online, where many students met each other on the Columbia Class of 2015 page before they even arrived on campus.

"NSOP is the University at its best — its friendliest, its most outgoing, its most energetic, its most inclusive," says Jerome, the NSOP coordinator. "It's the week that never fails to remind me why I chose Columbia."



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An enthusiastic audience of first-years participate in last year's Class Act in Alfred Lerner Hall.

PHOTOS: CHAR SMULLYAN

Words of Wisdom

Have you ever wanted to share the benefit of your experience with members of a younger generation, those following in your footsteps? CCT gave attendees of Alumni Reunion Weekend and Dean's Day 2011 a chance to offer words of advice to members of the Class of 2015. Here are some of their responses; more can be found at college.columbia.edu/cct.

INTERVIEWS AND PHOTOS:
DANIELLA ZALCMAN '09



Natalie Kimmelman '06

"Learn how to use the stacks in Butler Library early on."



Karen McCally '91

"Careful how you talk to your professors over email. Be polite. Don't call them 'yo' or 'dude.' We didn't have the opportunities to make those kinds of faux pas when we were in college — we had to show up in person."

Allen Breslow '61, '64L

"College is the best time of your life **whether you know it or not.**"

"The most important thing to remember is that this should be a time of intellectual exploration."



Ed Chin '71

"This is a tremendous opportunity for you to make your own choices. College will be an epiphany."

Chris Tahbaz '86, '90L

"Don't miss the midnight bike ride with Professor Ken Jackson."

"Enjoy it; college is a great four years that you'll never have again and different from anything you'll ever do."



Evans Kissi '91, '08 PH

“Pace yourself.
Do your
homework
and then take
time to explore
the world
around you.”

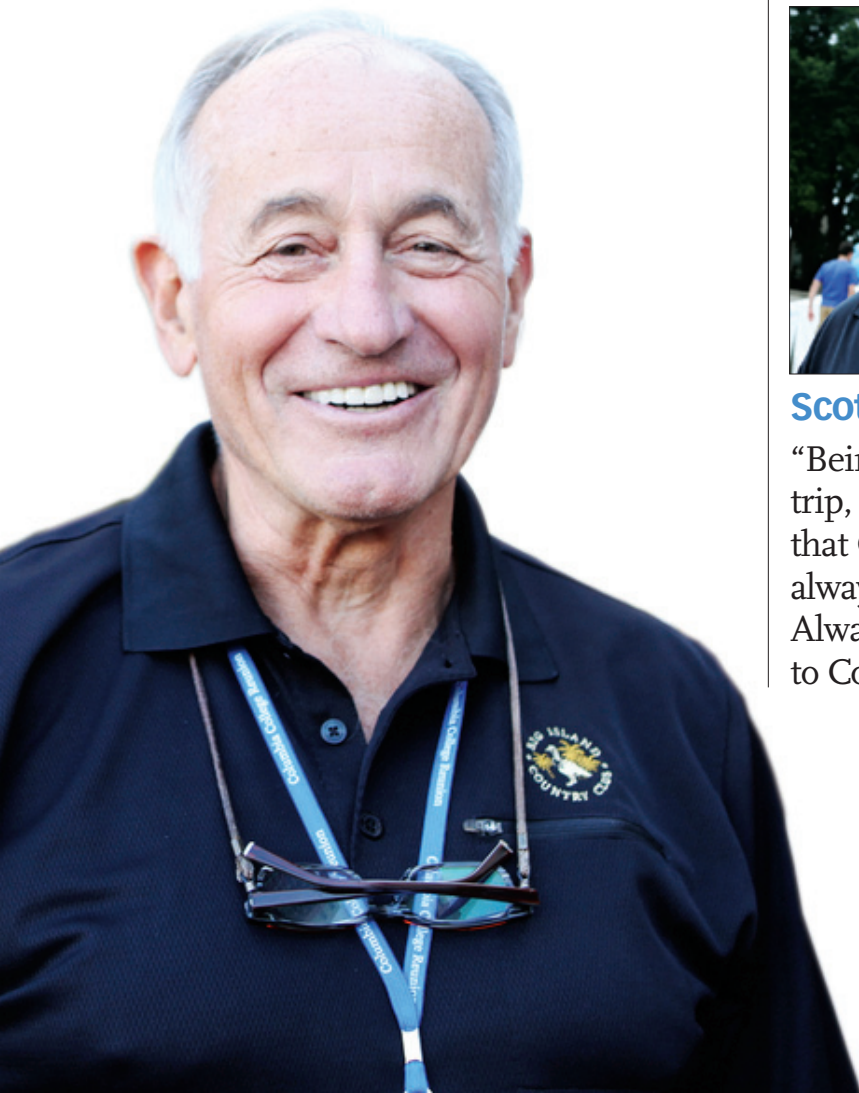
Kimberly Fisher '00

“Get involved
in club sports,
because you
can't just study.
Doing a sport
helps you
balance life.”



John Leonardo '61

“Embrace the Core. When I got to Columbia I knew what it was, but I didn’t grasp how much of an influence it would have on my life.”



Henry Sackler '06

“Try to live in Carman your freshman year — you’ll meet more people and become more popular.”



Scott Smith '86

“Being in NYC is a trip, but make sure that Columbia is always your nucleus: Always come back to Columbia.”



Julie Waxgiser '91

“Go to office hours and get to know your professors.

They get a better understanding of you, and then you have an important relationship that you’ll need later on.”

James Ammeen '61, '62 Business

“Get involved with the College and with your classmates.”





Emily Tang '06

"Make as much money as you can in high school; New York is expensive!

"Make sure to try the pear cider at the farmer's market.

"Study abroad — if you're going to the most diverse campus in the country, you should have a diverse education."



Justin Ifill '06

"Take everything in stride and keep a level head."

Arnold Chase '61, '64L

"Enjoy your education because you'll come away with the greatest thing you could possibly learn, and that's how to think."



Rain Can't Dampen Spirits at Class Day 2011

BY ALEX SACHARE '71

Celebrating an extraordinary rite of passage, members of the Class of 2011 began the transition from students to alumni on Class Day, May 17, a day that was marked by torrential morning rain and blustery wind but calmer weather by the time *Sans Souci* and *Roar, Lion, Roar* were sung by the Clefhangers to close the ceremony.

The seniors' transition continued the next day under overcast skies when they took their place among the more than 12,000 graduates of the University's 18 schools and affiliates at Commencement, the official graduation ceremony, which this year drew a crowd of more than 30,000 to Low Plaza.

Alexandra Wallace Creed '88, s.v.p. of NBC News, delivered a Class Day keynote speech marked by levity and brevity, to the delight of the graduates, families and guests who gathered under tents on South Field. She joked that when the seniors heard their speaker was from NBC News, they might have expected Brian Williams, Matt Lauer, Ann Curry or Tom Brokaw, not "Alex Wallace — who is he?" She urged the graduates to "follow your passion. Work can be an avocation as well as a vocation ... It is more satisfying to find a place where you fit than to contort yourself to fit somewhere you don't. Is there something you love doing, besides sleeping, that could become a career? You will work a lot in your life. You should love what you do."

Then-Dean Michele Moody-Adams spoke of the remarkable space on which Class Day and Commencement were held, "one of the most glorious public spaces in the world," and told the graduating seniors that whatever they went on to do in life, she hoped they always would "protect social and political spaces in which robust but reasoned debate is possible." She added, "You have had the opportunity to test out your ideas and your arguments in one of the most diverse settings in human history," noting that members of the Class of 2011 represented all 50 states and 70 countries.

Conceding that such diversity can be challenging, Moody-Adams reminded the graduates, "You are Columbians. You are not afraid of challenge, and you are not afraid to respond



(This page, from top) Class Day speaker Alexandra Wallace Creed '88, s.v.p. of NBC News, urges graduates to "follow your passion"; Class of 1961 alumni (left to right) Frank Lorenzo, Burt Ehrlich and James Ammeen, as members of the 50th anniversary graduating class, hand out pins to the graduating seniors; and Class of 1986 alumni Renan Pierre (left) and Rick Wolf proudly carry their class banner in the Alumni Parade of Classes. (Facing page, from top) Salutatorian Elizabeth Lucia Lyon '11 addresses her classmates, and President Lee C. Bollinger offers his congratulations to the graduating seniors.



to challenge in a context where not everybody thinks exactly the way you do. Winston Churchill once wrote that courage is what it takes to stand up and speak, but courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen. When you leave Columbia to start your life as a college graduate, be sure to have the courage of your convictions but be courageous enough to also sit down and listen to people who don't think like you. When you do, you will demonstrate the power of your Columbia College education and you will affirm the value of an experience that consistently connected you to something larger than yourself."

For the eighth consecutive year, the Class Day procession included the Alumni Parade of Classes, with more than 100 alumni from as far back as 1936 proudly marching through the rain with their class banners to welcome the seniors into the alumni community. As usual, the graduates rose and gave a standing ovation as the alumni passed down the aisle.

Scott Maxfield '11, chair of the Senior Fund, announced that a record 95 percent of the class had donated \$21,349, and that surpassing the participation goal of 93 percent had triggered a gift of \$50,000 to the Columbia College Fund from Board of Visitors Emeritus Member Charles Santoro '82. Maxfield, accompanied by the 11 vice chairs of the Senior Fund, presented Moody-Adams with a scroll bearing the names of the 951 contributors.

Also speaking at Class Day was President Lee C. Bollinger, who kept his remarks brief, telling the graduates, "This is really your century ... an incredible time for you to be graduating from this institution, with this education, and to be going out into the world. We will watch you with pride and interest." Other speakers included salutatorian Elizabeth Lucia Lyon '11 and class president Sean Manning Udell '11, who drew a roar when he said, "Allow me to quote *Legally Blonde* for just one minute: 'We made it!'"

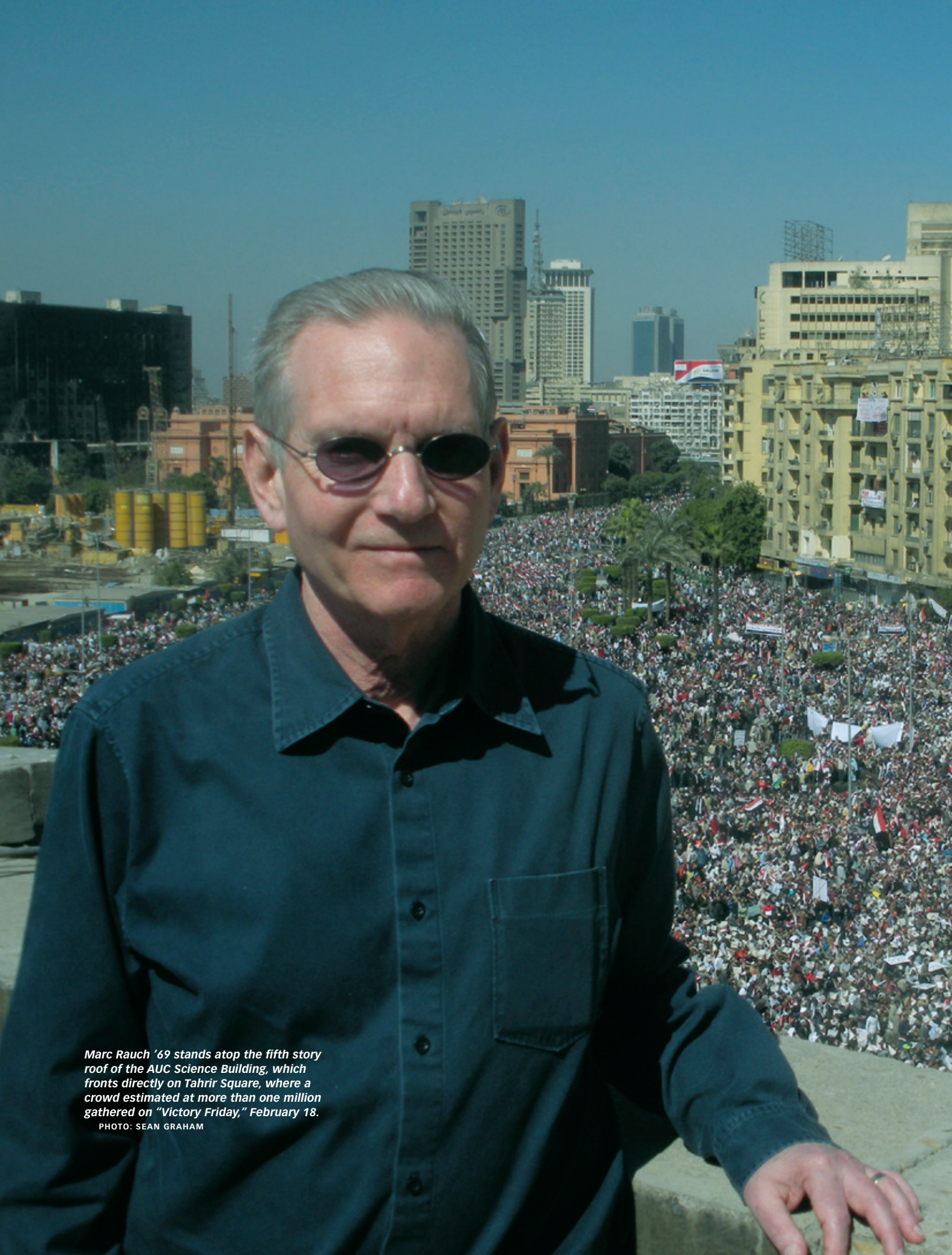
Mark Momjian '83, '86L, a leader of the Columbia University Club of Philadelphia and chair of the Alumni Representative Committee of Philadelphia for the past two decades, and Neil L. Selinger '75, a writer and retired attorney who was a leader of the CC Alumni Association for nearly two decades, were among 11 recipients of the Alumni Medal for their distinguished service of 10 years or more to the University, presented at Commencement.

The newest College alumni show their school pride with lions and apples.

PHOTOS: EILEEN BARROSO







Marc Rauch '69 stands atop the fifth story roof of the AUC Science Building, which fronts directly on Tahrir Square, where a crowd estimated at more than one million gathered on "Victory Friday," February 18.

PHOTO: SEAN GRAHAM



Cairo Journal

A veteran of Spring '68 at Columbia reflects on the Egyptian revolution

BY MARC RAUCH '69

I moved to Egypt a week before January 25, 2011, the start of a youth-led, pro-democracy uprising that toppled the regime of Hosni Mubarak after 30 years of authoritarian rule. Some call these events, which are far from concluded, a mere popular revolt. Others insist they are the beginning of a full-blown Egyptian revolution.

Whatever future historians may conclude about the events that began on January 25, for me this truly has been a second revolution. The first, which seemed equally earthshaking at the time, took place at Columbia in April 1968. Then a junior, I joined numerous classmates in the occupation of Fayerweather Hall, was arrested in the campus-wide bust on April 30 and spent a night in the Tombs. This time an observer, as I watched events unfold in Egypt I often recalled the mix of euphoria and anxiety that I felt at Columbia more than 40 years ago.

This article is based on a series of emailed dispatches to family, friends and former colleagues that began at the height of the crisis — as soon as the Mubarak regime ended its unprecedented five-day shutdown of email, cell phone and text messaging services — and continued through the Arab Spring.

OUR WEEK OF LIVING DANGEROUSLY

I came to Egypt to be with my wife, Lisa Anderson ['76 SIPA, '81 GSAS], who had been appointed president of the American University in Cairo (AUC) effective January 1, 2011. From 1997–2007 Lisa had been dean of the School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia. She had served as provost at AUC since 2008 and also studied there briefly in the 1970s.

The Tuesday following my arrival, January 25, was Police Day, a national holiday. Word spread that a demonstration had been planned in Tahrir (Liberation) Square, in the heart of downtown Cairo, to protest the torture and killing of a young dissident by the police in Alexandria.

Although political protests, labor strikes and football riots had occurred in Egypt in recent years despite brutal government crackdowns, the massive turnout in Tahrir Square on Police Day was completely unexpected. Many of the demonstrators refused

to leave Tahrir Square, and in the ensuing days, reports filtered back of skirmishes between police and protesters. Though tension clearly was building in Cairo, our leafy, upper-middle-class neighborhood of Ma'adi, where the AUC president's villa is located a 25-minute drive from downtown, remained serene.

Friday, January 28, was declared a "Day of Rage" by the anti-government protestors. Any illusion that Ma'adi was a safe haven from the troubles downtown was quickly shattered after an afternoon of pitched battles between protestors and Mubarak's riot police in Cairo, broadcast live by Al-Jazeera. As darkness fell, automatic weapons fire began reverberating through Ma'adi as well.

AUC provides good security at the president's villa and it was reinforced almost as soon as the shooting started, but the guards are not armed. My wife is famous in our family for being able to sleep through anything and she proved that night that she can even sleep through nearby gun battles. As for me, I lay awake all night trying to determine exactly where the gunfire was coming from and whether it was getting any closer. Thankfully it was not.

Shortly before dawn on Saturday, five teeth-rattling concussion grenades exploded — Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Then the gunfire stopped. Dawn broke with a brief rain shower (infrequent in Cairo), birds singing and the acrid smell of spent gunpowder in the air. It turned out that during the night, demonstrators had attacked the Ma'adi police station mere blocks from our villa. Numerous police stations throughout Egypt were attacked and burned that night, leaving nothing but burned-out shells, but in Ma'adi the police fought off the demonstrators — this being the source of much of the gunfire.

That morning I decided to introduce myself to the neighbors on our block of Road 19 in Ma'adi. I had been meaning to do so in any event, and a night of gunfire seemed as good an excuse as any. We exchanged landline numbers (the Mubarak regime had disabled all email, cell phones and text messaging services the day before) and agreed to coordinate if things got worse and we had to leave our homes in a hurry.

By mid-morning it became apparent that the police (much-hated in Egypt) had disappeared from Ma'adi, and for that matter, from most of Egypt. Rumors circulated that the despised Minister of the Interior, Habib al-Adly (now serving a 12-year jail term for corruption and being tried on capital charges for shootings of peaceful protestors), had pulled the police and opened the jail doors in a desperate move to frighten ordinary people into supporting the Mubarak regime. As the day wore on, fears mounted that the "thugs" (in Arabic, *baltagia*) loosed from prisons by al-Adly were now roaming the streets of Cairo, breaking and entering, looting and burning.

By late afternoon, makeshift barricades began appearing at intersections throughout Ma'adi (and throughout Cairo) in an effort to prevent thugs in stolen vehicles from entering the neighborhood. By nightfall, groups of civilians, many of whom had never met, took up positions at the barricades, armed with baseball bats, golf clubs, improvised spears and antique swords.

Shortly before midnight, the armed forces — unlike the police, a respected institution in Egypt — emerged from their barracks to restore order in Cairo. Sand-colored tanks took up positions on major thoroughfares in and around Ma'adi and soldiers in camouflage set up checkpoints at strategic intersections, much to the relief of Egyptians and foreigners alike.

Thus began a delicate, 10-day dance of confrontation and negotiation among the Mubarak regime, opposition groups, the armed forces, protestors occupying Tahrir Square and the U.S. government (whose pronouncements seemed to change almost daily), culminating in Mubarak's resignation on February 11. Meanwhile, during the

several hours each day when the armed forces lifted its curfew, my wife convened AUC's emergency management team in the dining room of our villa (often to the sound of distant gunfire, and on one occasion with boisterous pro-Mubarak demonstrators marching through the streets of Ma'adi), making plans to reopen the university as quickly as possible and attending to the safety and security of faculty, students, staff and the university's campuses.

Each long February night, as the fate of the Mubarak regime and the Egyptian people seemed to hang in the balance, neighbors helping neighbors lit bonfires, bundled up against the chill and manned barricades from dusk to dawn to secure our neighborhood of Ma'adi, just as they did to secure neighborhoods throughout Cairo. Egypt does not have a deep tradition of volunteerism and civic association as in the United States, yet from the chaos and panic of the early days of the revolution had emerged a remarkable display of citizenship and solidarity.

"VICTORY FRIDAY," FEBRUARY 18, 2011, IN TAHRIR SQUARE

The young activists who toppled the Mubarak regime called for a mass victory celebration a week later in Tahrir Square. An AUC presidential intern who had spent time in Tahrir proposed that we "check out the Square," and, escorted by a trusted AUC driver, we arrived in the center of Cairo shortly before noon.

The streets were crowded with men, women and children streaming toward the Square and carrying banners, sacks of food and even folding chairs. Our driver managed to find a place to stop only a block from the square, near an entrance to AUC's Tahrir Square campus. Putting aside my qualms, I passed through a military checkpoint with the intern, and almost immediately we were surrounded by excited, jostling Egyptians anxious to make their way into the Square proper, a nearly impossible objective given the crush of people. The sensation was not unlike being caught in a riptide; we soon gave up and left the throng, much to my secret relief, though the mood of the crowd seemed celebratory, even jubilant, rather than threatening.

Once back through the checkpoint, we proceeded to the fifth-story roof of the AUC Science Building, which fronts directly on Tahrir Square and often had served as a backdrop for television coverage of the revolution. Tahrir Square is a vast and somewhat irregularly shaped public space, once the military encampment and parade ground of Ottoman and British rulers of Egypt. Spread out before us as we reached the edge of the roof of the Science Building, and filling every nook and cranny of the Square as far as the eye could see, was an almost unimaginable sea of people, many thrusting aloft banners and waving red, white and black Egyptian flags. According to the next day's report in *The New York Times*, at that moment more than one million people were gathered in Tahrir Square.

For me, the awe-inspiring effect of this multitude was similar to my first view of the Grand Canyon: It was hard to believe that such a thing could exist on this earth. Periodically, chanted slogans ("Our house must be cleaned totally!" i.e. "All cabinet ministers must be replaced now!") rose from the Square in thunderous waves of sound. Though billed as a joyous celebration, this demonstration was also plainly intended as a display of raw political power, a potent reminder to the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces (which had taken control of the Egyptian government a week earlier) that the popular movement that toppled Mubarak was not to be trifled with.

We left the Science Building roof in stunned silence and made our way home from Tahrir Square. But the image of the vast flag-waving, banner-wielding, slogan-chanting multitude stayed with me, an image alternately inspirational and terrifying. Wildly optimistic and wildly pessimistic precedents — Gandhi's India, Mao's China — coursed through my mind, but surely it was the first time that I had begun to comprehend the magnitude of the forces unleashed by the recent events in Egypt.

WHAT'S IN A NAME, IF IT'S H.E. SUZANNE MUBARAK?

Through a combination of foresight, courage and luck, my wife and her senior managers managed to reopen the university a mere 36 hours after the collapse of the Mubarak regime. The next weeks were full of uncertainty — AUC was the only university open in Egypt for nearly a month. Almost immediately, however, a controversy erupted at AUC that is still not definitively resolved.

Tucked away in a corner of AUC's stunning New Cairo campus is a ground-floor lecture hall that seats about 70 people and is typically used for guest lectures. It was named the "H.E. Suzanne Mubarak Conference Center" after the wife of the deposed Egyptian president. The "H.E." stands for "Her Excellency."

Mrs. Mubarak is a proud alumna of AUC. The naming of this modest facility in her honor by her friends and admirers was in recognition not of a specific benefaction but of her loyalty to the university through the years.

Soon after the university reopened, an open forum was held in the largest auditorium on the New Cairo campus. Hundreds of students, faculty and staff attended in a scene uncannily reminiscent of the plenary strike meetings at Columbia in May 1968. Emotions in the AUC auditorium ran high, and speaker after speaker demanded the immediate removal of Mrs. Mubarak's name from the conference center, to general applause, loud cheering and stamping of feet. Toward the end of the forum, however, one young woman suggested that the university not act in haste and that at the very least the removal of Mrs. Mubarak's name be given further reflection.

In the weeks that followed, the Mubarak name was removed from hundreds of public buildings in Egypt. I visited one of those buildings, an enormous state-of-the-art public library in a mixed-income area bordering our neighborhood of Ma'adi. Mrs. Mubarak was known for causing libraries to be built all over Egypt, a country where 30 percent of the population is still illiterate. I confess to having felt a twinge of doubt upon seeing that her name, once in huge block letters, had been wiped unceremoniously from the façade of this magnificent facility, open to rich and poor alike.

Certainly the motives of those who want to remove the Mubarak name must be respected. The most frequently heard objection to name-changing is that it smacks of Stalinist rewriting of history, but these are not people attempting to erase the collective memories of their own ghastly deeds; they are pro-democracy activists affronted by reminders of 30 years of brutal dictatorship.

Nor should those who favor retaining some version of the Mubarak name for historical transparency be overly rigid in their stance: Even those who feel most hesitant about removing Mrs. Mubarak's name — I count myself among them — would likely agree that the H.E. (Her Excellency) should go because it is a blatant provocation.

Admittedly, it is not easy to make an "innocent spouse" defense on Mrs. Mubarak's behalf. While it is doubtful that blatant election-rigging, pervasive corruption and condoning of torture

were routinely discussed at the Mubarak dinner table, even Mrs. Mubarak has since conceded that millions of dollars not properly belonging to her were found in her personal bank accounts.


AUC is a private institution that makes its own decisions about such matters. Almost as soon as the university reopened, a list-serve was formed by students, faculty, alumni and interested outsiders for the sole purpose of bringing about the removal of Mrs. Mubarak's name from the conference center.

One possible solution to the naming dilemma may be found at the University of Cape Town, South Africa. There, a prominent statue of Cecil Rhodes, the great explorer and statesman and notorious white supremacist, frames (some would say ruins) the view of the beautiful city of Cape Town and its picturesque harbor from the university's mountainside campus. Attached to the base of the statue is a plaque that reads something like this: We know that this statue will offend many people. Cecil Rhodes was a champion of the now-discredited system of apartheid. Yet Rhodes donated the land for this university — without him it would not exist — and he is part of our history. We have decided to leave the statue here in the hope that it will provoke continuing discussion.

Rashid Khalidi, the Edward Said Professor of Modern Arab Studies and Literature at Columbia, visited AUC a few weeks after the Mubarak regime fell to give a talk on the new Egypt. He suggested still another approach. The first question following his prepared remarks came from a young woman, visibly shaking with anger, who demanded to know if it was proper for the university to continue to name a conference center after the wife of a deposed dictator. After acknowledging that he was indeed grateful for not having been assigned to speak at the "Suzanne Mubarak" center, Khalidi opined that it could make sense to rename the facility, but install a plaque reading "Formerly the Suzanne Mubarak Conference Center."

Not long after Khalidi spoke at AUC, a recent graduate of the university, now a well-known political activist, pulled the gray stone plaque bearing Suzanne Mubarak's name off the wall next to the entrance of the conference center. As a veteran of Columbia '68, where students and their sympathizers thought nothing of occupying entire buildings and (in some instances) barricading entrances against the police, I had continued to be amazed at the civility on the AUC campus, where until that moment, and despite the continuing strong feelings about the Mubarak naming issue, students and activists had resisted crossing the line between peaceful, if lively, protest and damaging property.

Plaque or no plaque, the conference center still remained officially named for Suzanne Mubarak. In late April, however, the university administration announced that use of the Mubarak name for the conference center would be suspended until the fall, when an international conference will be held at AUC on "Public Names, History and Memory in Political Transitions." Invited to the conference will be scholars and activists from post-apartheid South Africa, post-Communist Eastern Europe and post-dictatorship Latin America.

The international conference, the university's announcement noted, will honor both the sentiment of the AUC community and the university's mission as an institution of reflection, debate and learning. Only following the conference, the announcement added, will a final decision be made as to the name of the conference center. 

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Harlem

Alexander Hamilton (Class of 1778)
found tranquility in Harlem's wooded landscape

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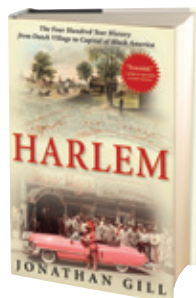


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Gill's new history, *Harlem: The Four Hundred Year History from Dutch Village to Capital of Black America*, is the first book to show the whole panorama of Harlem's story from the early days of the Leni Lenapes, through the arrival of the Dutch, to the turbulent struggle for American independence and up to the present. During the Revolutionary War, the action spilled over the land we know

as Columbia's campus: In the Battle of Harlem Heights, George Washington's men were forced to retreat through a buckwheat field where Barnard now sits. Another Columbia footnote: Washington's highly competent aide-de-camp during much of the war was Alexander Hamilton (Class of 1778). So influential was the future Treasury secretary that Dr. Benjamin Rush, an educator and Founding Father, commented that Washington was in fact "governed by one of his aides."

Hamilton's and Harlem's fates seem to have been linked. Long after the Revolutionary War, he moved back to its wooded landscape in order to find a tranquility that had eluded him further downtown. In the following excerpt, Gill follows the twists and turns of Hamilton's — and Harlem's — intertwined fortunes.



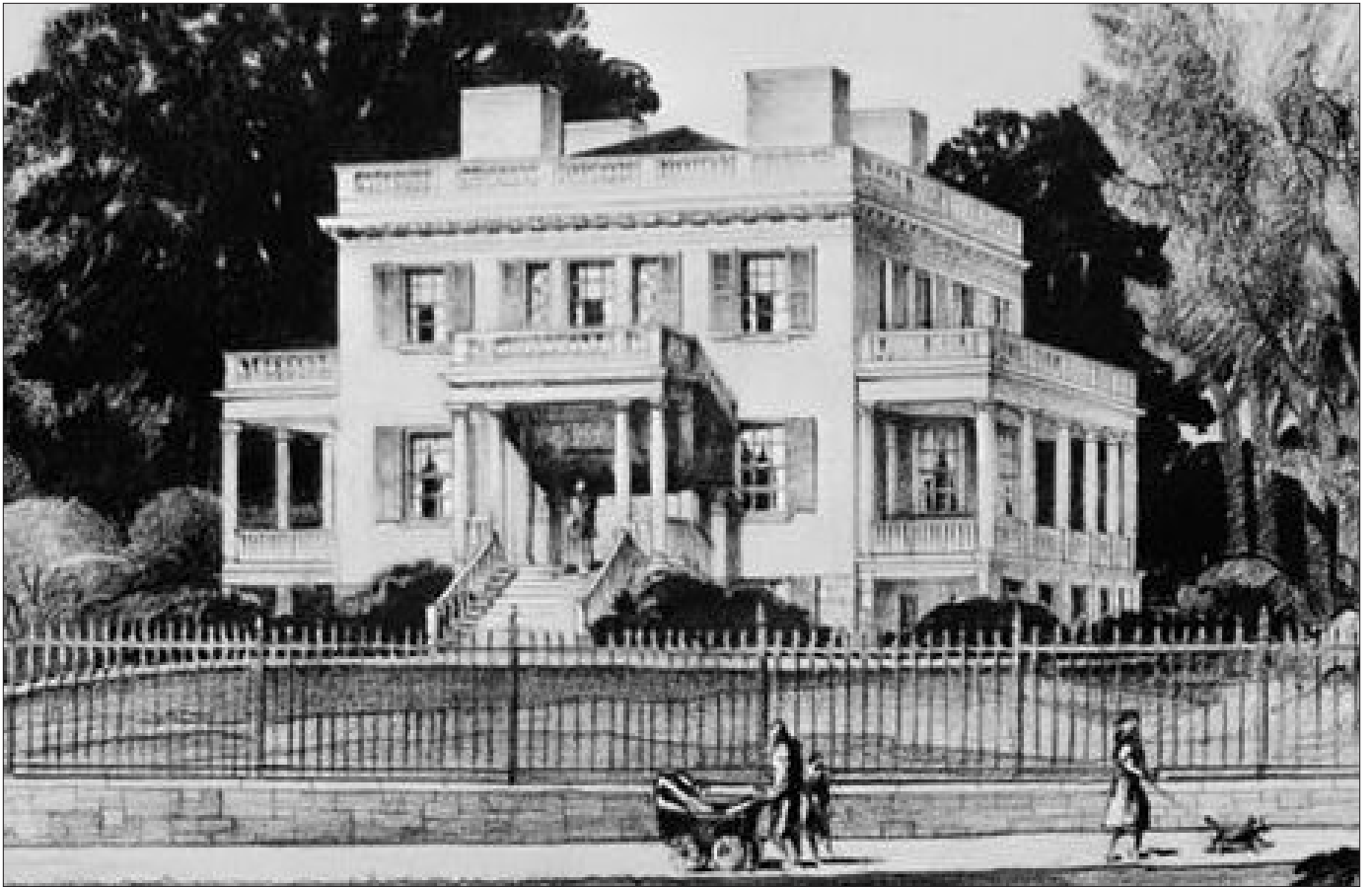
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The beginning of the end of the American War of Independence came in October 1781, with the British surrender at Yorktown, Virginia, but it took years for Harlemites to come home. It wasn't until November 21, 1783, four days before the British left downtown, that George Washington crossed over from the Bronx to Manhattan to meet with officers and politicians at Day's tavern, at what is now Eighth Avenue and West 126th Street. Reoccupying the island was first on the agenda, and Washington ordered the army to capture any "offenders" who remained. Peace could be as complicated as war, Washington knew, so he spent a few nights at Harlem, first at the newly opened Blue Bell tavern and then at Leggett's Halfway House, located in the old McGown's tavern, before heading south to New York City. Even then, it took time for the new political realities to sink in uptown. After Washington and his company left, a group of twenty-five loyalists tried to tear down the American flag flying at Leggett's.

The War of Independence had been good for New York. The city, which served as the base of operations for the British, doubled in population, to some thirty thousand people, between 1775 and 1780. Retreating soldiers and fleeing loyalists reduced its size to about twelve thousand inhabitants in 1781, but it soon began growing again, especially when the business of government began in what was then the capital of the new state and the new nation. Trade with the West Indies — importing sugar, rum, and slaves and exporting tobacco and grain — also started up again. By 1790 there were more than thirty-three thousand people below the city's new northern border of Houston Street, and that number more than doubled by the time of the War of 1812. Overcrowding was hardly the only problem. Many of the buildings that didn't burn down in 1776 were still vulnerable because there wasn't enough water available to put out fires. Moreover, poor water quality and deplorable sanitary conditions meant that epidemics continued to ravage New York City. One outbreak of yellow fever claimed the lives of more than 5 percent of the city, with casket makers roaming the streets shouting "Coffins of all sizes!" No wonder not just aristocrats but prosperous downtown businessmen who were supplanting the old hereditary order with a new mercantile upper class wanted to get away, and northern

Alexander Hamilton's beloved Grange, shown before 1889 and in modern times. The building was moved to Saint Nicholas Park in 2008 and is due to reopen in September.

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Aaron Burr (left) and Hamilton fought their fateful duel in Weehawken, N.J., on the morning of July 11, 1804. Hamilton died the following day.

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Manhattan was just the place. According to the very first federal census, taken less than a decade after the end of the war, there were only 803 people living in the entire Harlem Division, 189 of whom were slaves. While these may seem like substantial numbers, many of these people lived outside the village proper, and the total number was not even 3 percent of the island's population. The census also characterized 41 people in northern Manhattan as "other," which may have referred to people about whom not enough was known, or to free blacks, persons of mixed race, Indians, or even Jews — among the prominent New Yorkers who owned property uptown was the well-known businessman and proto-Zionist Benjamin Judah.

Matters of both war and government had brought Washington back to Harlem in the fall of 1783, but in the years that followed it was pleasure that the new president was after. Local lore has it that Washington fancied one of the female slaves who worked at the old Stone House Inn, at what is now St. Nicholas Avenue and West 152nd Street. Easier to document is the trip he took in October 1789 with his vice president, John Adams, and their wives through Long Island and the Bronx before ending up with a dinner at Marriner's tavern, at what is now First Avenue and East 126th Street. Washington returned to Harlem the following summer with Vice President Adams and his wife, Abigail, as well as their son, the future president John Quincy Adams, in addition to Secretary of State Thomas Jefferson, the Secretary of War Henry Knox, and Secretary of the Treasury Alexander Hamilton [Class

of 1778]. Ensconced in a six-horse yellow carriage decorated with mermaids and cupids, they toured the Revolutionary War fortifications at Harlem and imbibed at Marriner's before visiting the old headquarters at the Morris Mansion.

Washington wasn't the only downtowner riding uptown for pleasure. Improved roads meant that Harlem was finally within reach of commuters as well as day trippers. In the years after the Revolutionary War, charges for pleasure excursions were high: one pound, twelve shillings for a full day's excursion in a coach and one pound, eight shillings for a half day, which didn't include a fiddler, food and drink, care of the horses, or the prostitutes who often came along. Trips uptown were not only expensive but hazardous. A 1795 article in the *New York Journal* recounted how passengers were killed when they tried to get out on the steep stretch of road that would later be known as "Breakneck Hill," along what is now St. Nicholas Avenue.

In the years after the war, visitors had a broad choice when it came to lodgings. In addition to Marriner's, Day's tavern, Leggett's Halfway House, and the Blue Bell there were the Crossed Keys and the Black Horse. Many new inns opened in the years after the war, including the Kimmel tavern, the Post Inn, Halsey's tavern, and the Harlem Coffee House. Washington no doubt chose Marriner's because of the patriotic associations of its owner, William Marriner, who had served as a captain during the war, twice venturing into British territory to kidnap high-ranking officers. After the fighting was over he went back into the hospitality business, running

a number of taverns, including one at the Morris Mansion, which was renamed the Calumet Inn and described as a “genteel house of entertainment,” in the words of the *New York Packet*.

The grandeur of the Morris Mansion, even in its less distinguished phase, still inspired architects and their uptown patrons, more than one of them ex-loyalists who obviously felt at home in Harlem, despite their politics. Cadwallader D. Colden, who was born into a prominent loyalist family and spent the Revolution in England, returned to New York in 1785 and built a country retreat at what would become Seventh Avenue near West 139th Street. Valentine Nutter, a loyalist sympathizer who ran a book and stationery shop downtown, sat out most of the war in Nova Scotia with his two slaves, but after the war he returned to New York and built Nutter Farm, at what is now Lenox Avenue and West 110th Street — he had inherited part of the old de la Montagne property. Perhaps the best-known example of this new generation of uptown mansions was the home of the businessman and chemist John Bradhurst, after whom Harlem’s Bradhurst Avenue is named. The property, near what is now West 152nd Street and St. Nicholas Avenue, had belonged to the ex-loyalist officer John Maunsell, whose niece Mary married Bradhurst, bought the land and the house in 1796, and turned it into a grand country estate called Pinehurst.

The most prominent of these new Harlemites was George Washington’s former *aide-de-camp* Alexander Hamilton, who had gone from strength to strength since he fought by the general’s side. After becoming a lawyer in 1782, he set up his home and practice on Wall Street. The tireless Hamilton founded the Bank of New York and the *New York Evening Post*, and he invented the modern

in 1799. Hamilton’s complicated and contradictory position on slavery derived from his curious belief that slavery was morally excusable but economically unnecessary, since America’s future depended not on forced labor and agriculture but on immigration, banking, and manufacturing. Such ideas were deeply repugnant to many Americans, but Hamilton never set much store by popular opinion, and he often found himself a party of one.

After the war, Hamilton remained close to Washington, ghostwriting the general’s farewell to the troops at Fraunces Tavern and President Washington’s seventh and eighth annual addresses to Congress. But as time went on Hamilton became estranged from the other founding fathers, who considered him a vain social climber. They detested the sight of him strutting about New York like a dandy, dressed in the white and tan color scheme of his native tropics. Many also questioned his commitment to representative democracy. No less an authority than Thomas Jefferson warned Washington that Hamilton was “a man whose history, from the moment at which history can stop to notice him, is a tissue of machinations against the liberty of the country which has not only received and given him bread, but heaped honors on his head.” Even his Federalist ally John Adams tried to convince Washington that Hamilton was “the most restless, impatient, artful, indefatigable and unprincipled intriguer in the United States, if not the world.” Hamilton lost even more friends in the deadlocked presidential election of 1800, which pitted a Federalist ticket of John Adams and Charles Cotesworth Pinckney against the Republicans Thomas Jefferson

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American corporation in the form of the Society for Establishing Useful Manufacturing, at Paterson Falls, New Jersey. Of course, it is as a public servant that he is best remembered. He published dozens of anonymous Federalist Papers in 1787 and 1788 on the importance of a strong central government, articles that helped ensure the ratification of the U.S. Constitution. As the nation’s first secretary of the treasury — at the age of thirty-three — Hamilton dreamed up America’s first federal budget, central bank, and tax system and he founded United States Coast Guard and Customs services. As active as he was in politics and business, Hamilton still found time to do pro bono work for St. Mark’s Church in the Bowery and for Sailors’ Snug Harbor for aged seamen, both of which still exist. Hamilton also helped found New York’s oldest high school, Erasmus Hall, and even though his own wife was a slave owner, he was active in publicly confronting America’s already disastrous racial situation. During the Revolutionary War, Hamilton had unsuccessfully urged the use of black soldiers, though this was less a moral position than a pragmatic one, since Washington’s army had been decimated by desertions and resignations, and Hamilton did balk at the idea of Negro officers. After the war he founded the Society for Promoting the Manumission of Slaves, started a chain of African Free Schools, and gave free legal representation to runaway or kidnapped slaves. When in 1786 he was elected to the New York State Assembly, among his first acts was a petition to end the slave trade in New York State, and it was partly due to his influence that abolition, albeit gradual, began in the state

and Aaron Burr. Hamilton had no great love for Jefferson but he was terrified at the idea of his old rival Burr in power.

In terms of blood and background, there could be no greater contrast between these two founding fathers. Hamilton was a poor bastard of dubious racial origin, and Burr, born in Newark, New Jersey, in 1756, was the moneyed scion of the finest of colonial stock. This sickly, spoiled boy was also an expert fencer and marksman who excelled in his studies. The times drew many young men into revolutionary activities but Burr, who was short but good-looking and apparently very charming, preferred women to politics. It wasn’t until the summer of 1775 that he joined Colonel Benedict Arnold’s hopeless expedition to take Canada. Burr distinguished himself by impersonating a priest and delivering a message through 120 miles of savage winter wilderness, and later saving the life of his wounded general by carrying him through the snowdrifts out of the range of British gunfire. In June of 1776 Burr became Washington’s secretary but, like Hamilton, he chafed at his subordinate position, quitting after two weeks and returning to the battlefield. By 1779 he felt he had done his duty and resigned his commission, marrying and starting a law practice on Wall Street, just a few doors down from Hamilton. With the end of the war, business was booming, and they set aside differences to do business. Indeed, Burr was equivocal when it came to party allegiance. Though he founded the Tammany Society, an anti-Federalist club that came to dominate local politics, he was known as the “Eel” because he wouldn’t commit

to party or position. Burr's election to the United States Senate in 1791 — his opponent was Hamilton's father-in-law — put an end to the pretension of courtesy between the two men.

Thomas Jefferson called the contest to become the third president the "Revolution of 1800," because it marked the rise of the Republican Party as a permanent force in American politics. Even Hamilton defied his Federalist principles, crossing party lines to support Jefferson, a decision that helped relegate him to the margins of American political life. Something much more personal was also in play. Hamilton was devoted to his wife and family, but he was notorious among the founding fathers for his philandering. In 1797 Hamilton was humiliated by a blackmail attempt — he was convinced it was Burr out to revenge one too many political squabbles — that involved one of his extramarital affairs. Rather than back down, Hamilton came clean and began looking for an exit strategy from public life. He had always loved urban life and New York City in particular, which he had helped turn into a maelstrom of trade, industry, and commerce. Now he began to look elsewhere for refuge.

Hamilton had long regretted his inability to live and entertain in a grand fashion, like Jefferson at Monticello or Burr at Richmond Hill. "If I cannot live in splendour in Town," he wrote, "I can at least live in comfort in the country." Also at work in Ham-

Gracie Mansion and New York City Hall and the inventor of Federalist architecture in the years after the Revolution. The Grange was the home of a man with something to prove. The two-and-a-half-story, fifty-by-fifty clapboard house, with front and back porches and piazzas on each side, was at once practical and fanciful. Before it was altered in the late nineteenth century, a broad staircase at street level led to two octagonal drawing rooms for entertaining, trumping the Morris Mansion's single octagonal drawing room. Massive bay windows and mirrored walls made the rooms look bigger than they were. Illusion was also at work in the eight fireplaces, which fed four chimneys, two of which were ornamental. On the second floor were six bedrooms for the family's seven children, while servants and slaves had their quarters in the attic and did much of their work in the basement.

The Grange became Hamilton's obsession, and he became involved in every detail of its construction. He supervised the caulking on the porches, corrected the property's overly loamy soil, and obsessed over an eighteen-foot bed of flowers, instructing workers to arrange three sections of tulips, hyacinths, and lilies into three larger sections, all surrounded by a laurel hedge and climbing wild roses. If nothing else, it was a diversion from the sordid affairs of business and politics. Hamilton wrote to a friend, "A disappointed politician you know, is very apt to take refuge in a Garden."

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ilton's desire to move to the country was his sense that conditions downtown were worsening. In 1793 Hamilton and his wife had both come down with yellow fever. His sudden embrace of nature and family surely pleased his enemies, especially Jefferson, who had never been able to convince Hamilton, the quintessential New Yorker, of the superiority of rural life. Now, Hamilton began to enjoy fishing and hunting with his sons on visits up-town. It was on one of these jaunts that they came to know the businessman Jacob Schieffelin, whose house in Harlem had a pier where the Hamiltons sometimes docked. Hamilton was impressed by what he saw, and in the summer of 1798 he took a half interest in a farmhouse in Harlem. The weekends that he began spending there with his family inspired him to put down roots. Later that year he hinted in a letter to his wife that he was thinking of buying land in Harlem and building a home for them all. In 1800 he bought from Schieffelin and Samuel Bradhurst thirty-two acres of wooded land, from what is now West 139th to West 146th streets, and from St. Nicholas Terrace to Hamilton Place. Close to the Bloomingdale Road, the property made for easy commutes downtown. It also had the second-best views on the island, next to the nearby Morris Mansion. Just as important, it was close to the scene of Hamilton's first great victory back in 1776.

The passion — he called it "executive energy" — that Hamilton had once put into building a nation now went into building his house, on the south side of what is now West 143rd Street, just east of Amsterdam Avenue. Named after the Hamilton ancestral home in Scotland, the Grange was designed by John McComb Jr., whom Treasury Secretary Hamilton had paid to build lighthouses a decade earlier. Since then, McComb had become the most celebrated architect in the nation, the designer of both

Much of what we know about Hamilton's obsession with the Grange comes from letters he wrote on a portable mahogany desk, traveling on business in coaches bumping along remote upstate New York lanes or in small inns or modest boardinghouses. For all of his dreams about a peaceful retirement Hamilton, who not only suffered from gout but had frequent pain in his side from an old war wound, had to take to the road and work harder than ever to satisfy what his grandson called his "sylvan longings." He had to be resourceful when it came to raising money to build the Grange, getting a good deal from the general contractor because he had successfully represented his brother in a murder trial. No such economies were available with McComb, who charged Hamilton \$2,495.20, an impossible sum even for one of the guiding spirits of the American Revolution. Hamilton more than once failed to qualify for a construction loan, and he had to mortgage the property for \$5,000 in order to keep construction moving forward. The completion of the Grange in 1802 demanded a housewarming party, complete with speeches, prayers, and the exhibition of Hamilton's special pride and joy: a grove of thirteen sweet gum trees, raised from seedlings by George Washington at Mount Vernon and representing the thirteen colonies. Eventually, the Grange also became a gathering spot for the best company in New York, though not the political kind. Like his rival Aaron Burr, Hamilton had switched sides too many times and made too many enemies. That still left prominent families like the Bayards, the Birds, the Fishes, the Hosacks, the Kents, the Morrises, and the Pickerings, who arrived in the evening and were instructed to come down for breakfast at 9 a.m. Hamilton's sister-in-law joked: "The company must wear their nightcaps to arrive in time." They

would then eat and socialize until the next evening's formal ball for up to seventy people. But Hamilton didn't move to Harlem to relax. If Mount Vernon and Monticello could be working farms, so could the Grange, though Hamilton admitted that he was as ill prepared to play the role of gentleman farmer "as Jefferson to guide the helm of the United States." Still, Hamilton tried to make the house pay for itself by selling cabbage, strawberries, and asparagus. In the end, the grounds weren't large enough to make money and Hamilton cleared only \$18 in two years.

When Hamilton wasn't on the road, he made the two-hour trip to his downtown office five days per week in order to be with his family in the mornings and evenings. The least religious of the founding fathers now recited the Lord's Prayer on family walks, and on Sundays he led a private worship service in the Episcopal manner. Hamilton also now began to spend more time with his children, playing on the Grange's lawn or singing songs with them. In the evening he took to lying on the grass with them until the stars came out. He then put them to sleep and got in bed beside them, often remaining there all night. Few founding fathers did as much founding — or as much fathering.

"Mine is an odd destiny," Hamilton once mused to an old friend. "Tragic" is perhaps a better word. In Harlem, he tried to escape the physical and ideological dangers of downtown, but old troubles haunted him. In late 1801, before the Grange was complete, his son Philip drunkenly insulted one of Aaron Burr's henchmen, Captain George Eacker, in the lobby of a downtown hotel. Eacker returned the insult and upped the ante, claiming that Philip was a "damned rascal," a charge that led to a duel early the next year in New Jersey. Hamilton, who had almost single-handedly shepherded into law a bill outlawing dueling in New York, advised Philip to exercise a gentlemanly maneuver called the *delope*, which involved purposely firing into the air and missing the opponent. Philip shot to kill but was mortally wounded in the encounter. Hamilton went wild with grief on seeing his dying son back in Manhattan and lay next to him in bed for the several days of intense suffering it took before Philip died. The family never recovered, though they were determined to make the Grange a place where, as Hamilton wrote to his wife, "I am always sure to find a sweet asylum from care and pain."

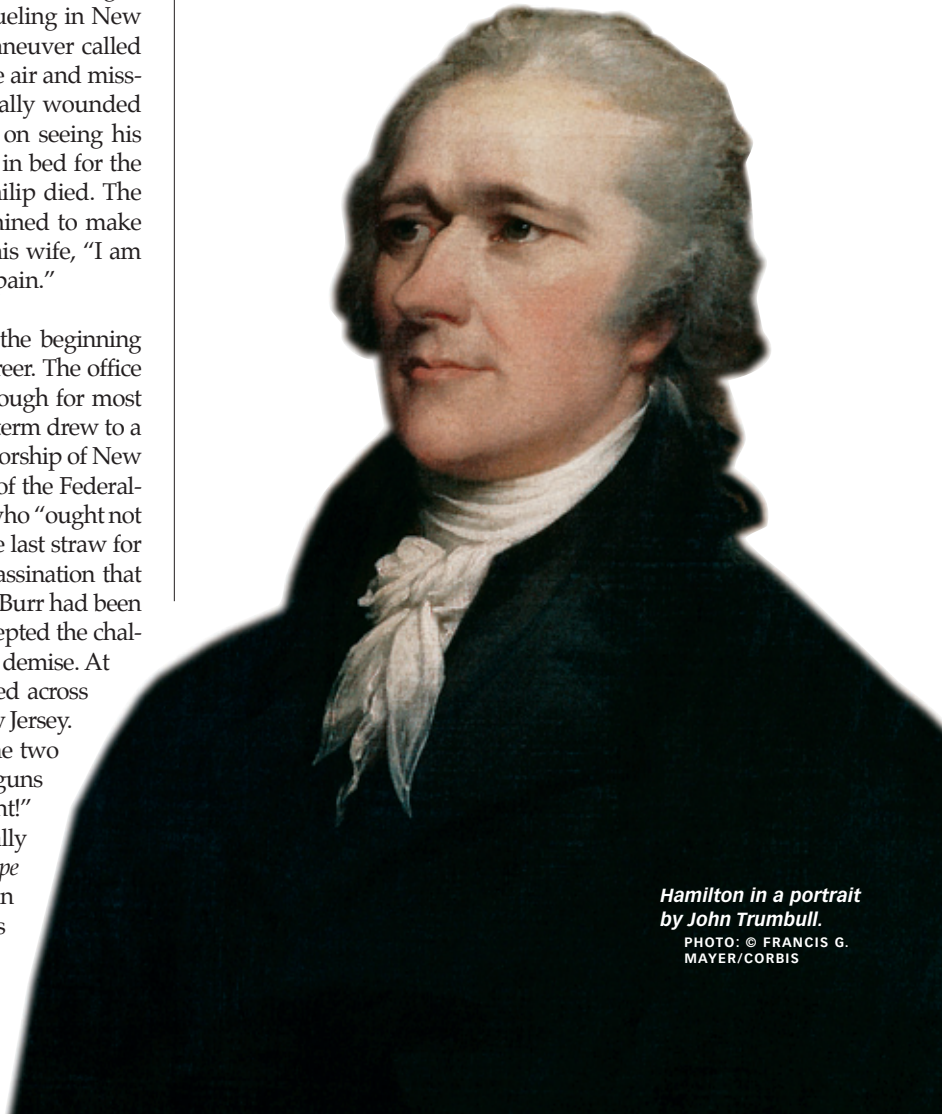
The election of 1800 had also marked the beginning of the end of Aaron Burr's political career. The office of vice president would have been enough for most men, but it wasn't for Burr, and as his term drew to a close he turned his sights to the governorship of New York. Again Hamilton refused to lend the support of the Federalists to a man "of irregular and insatiable ambition" who "ought not be trusted with the reins of government." It was the last straw for Burr, who embarked on a scheme of character assassination that could only end in a duel. Hamilton was aware that Burr had been an expert marksman since he was a boy, but he accepted the challenge and began to prepare for the possibility of his demise. At dawn on Wednesday, July 11, 1804, Hamilton rowed across the Hudson River and met Burr in Weehawken, New Jersey. It was the same spot where Philip had dueled some two years earlier. Burr had even chosen the very set of guns used in the Eacker duel. When the order to "Present!" came, Hamilton raised his weapon and intentionally shot over Burr's head. Burr, who considered the *delope* cowardly, returned fire directly and shot Hamilton in the gut. The bullet severed his liver and lodged in his spine, but Hamilton remained conscious and was

rowed back across the river. When word of the events reached uptown, Hamilton's seventeen-year-old daughter Angelica lost her mind, never to recover. Meanwhile, Elizabeth rushed downtown and watched helplessly as her husband suffered. He died the next day. Hamilton was forty-seven years old when he was buried in the graveyard of Trinity Church.

Letters Hamilton had written to his wife, to be opened in case of his death, explained his decision and bid her farewell, regretting that he "too far sacrificed the interests of my family to public avocations," and explaining that moving to Harlem had been an effort to rectify his error. At the time of Hamilton's death, the Grange was worth \$25,000, but its builders were owed money, and he had paid only \$2,000 of the \$5,000 principal on the 1801 mortgage. Hamilton's political flip-flop during the election of 1800 hadn't left the family totally friendless. In 1805 Archibald Gracie and twenty-eight others bought the house and property for \$30,500 and sold it back to Elizabeth for only \$15,000. The family remained there until 1813, when they sold it and moved downtown, no longer able to afford the upkeep on such an extensive property. The Hamiltons didn't leave Harlem altogether, though. The Hamilton Free School, the first public school uptown, was chartered just a few years later, on land given by Elizabeth, at what is now Broadway near West 187th Street, and the family owned property uptown as late as the 1890s. Of course, the very names of Hamilton Heights and Hamilton Place keep Alexander Hamilton's memory alive.



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Hamilton in a portrait by John Trumbull.

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Behind the Shell

From *Saturday Night Live* to Hollywood and *Marcel the Shell of* YouTube fame, Jenny Slate '04 is forging a resilient path to stardom

BY MIKE AGRESTA '04

Like many aspiring comedians, Jenny Slate '04 grew up dreaming of one day landing a role on *Saturday Night Live*. In 2009–10, after five years of paying her dues and winning accolades in the New York alternative comedy scene, her dream suddenly came true. A successful one-woman show, *Jenny Slate: Dead Millionaire*, at the Upright Citizens Brigade Theatre helped attract a top-notch agent. Soon after, Slate was auditioning for executive producer Lorne Michaels and landing the job.

It was the start of a year of highs and lows that would culminate in the most successful comedic creation of Slate's young career — a triumph that came, surprisingly, despite *SNL*, rather than through it. "I could describe it as a series of dates with someone whom you've always wanted to go out with," she says of her year at 30 Rockefeller Plaza. "Every single second you're thinking, 'Oh my God, I can't believe this is happening.'"

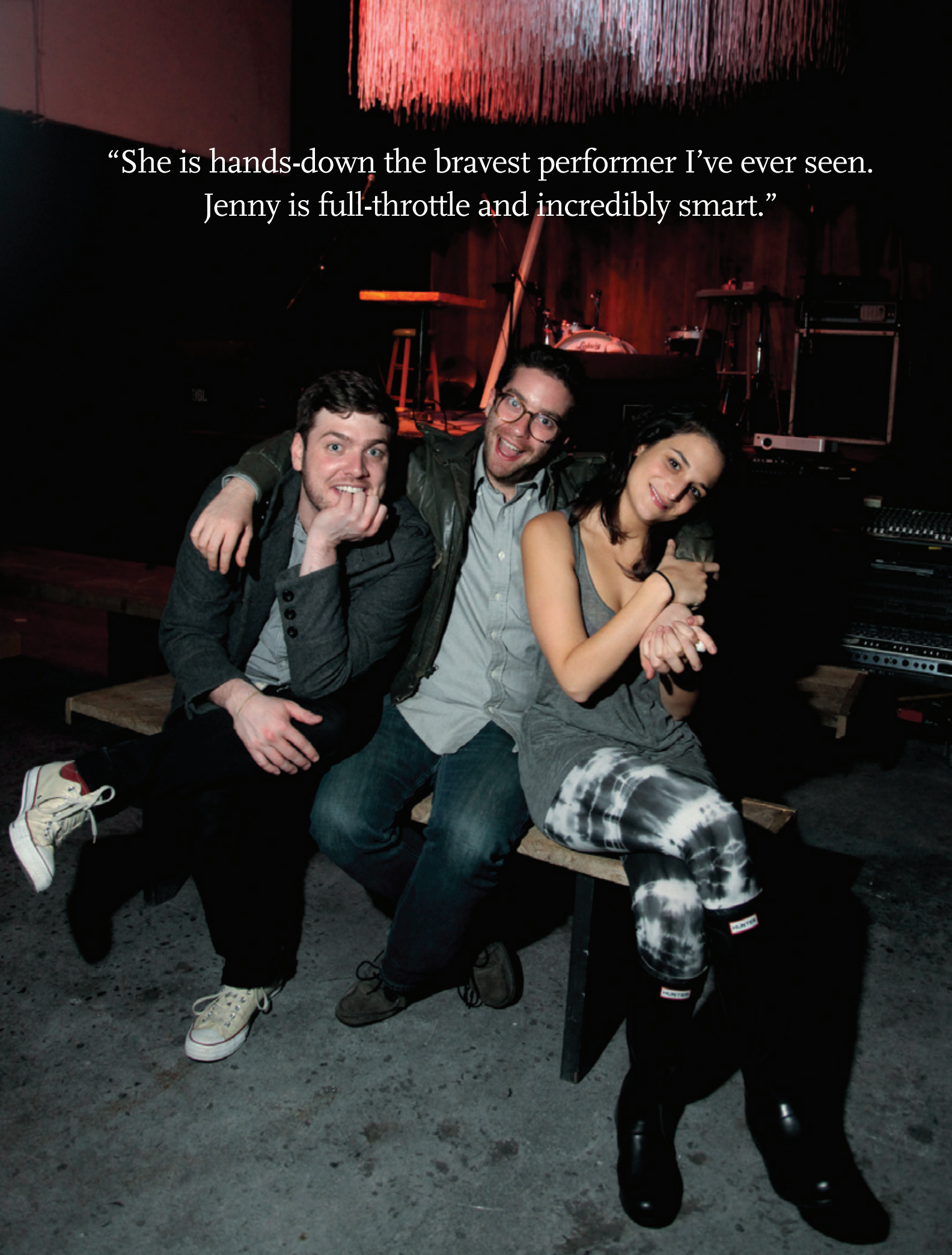
Slate's one season on *SNL* was exciting and tumultuous. She created a popular recurring character, Tina-Tina Chaneuse, an outer-borough fashion plate and purveyor of bizarre personalized alarm clocks, car horns and doorbells. (For animal lovers: "Ding dong. Woof. Bears.") Her spot-on impersonations of celebrities included Lady Gaga, Kristen Stewart and Senator Olympia Snowe (R-Maine). But *SNL* is famously tough on new cast members, who compete with one another for airtime and attention. When in the middle of a sketch peppered with halfway-cuss words like "friggin'" she accidentally let fly a bona fide "f-bomb" on live television, critics instantly speculated that the slip-up might cost Slate her job.

Indeed, the next spring, as calls went out about contract renewals, Slate waited by the phone in her Brooklyn apartment. As a way of lightening the mood, she started practicing a new comedic voice — childish and naïve, with a stuffed-up nose and



Above: Jenny Slate '04 cracks up her friend and stand-up comedy partner, Gabe Liedman '04. Opposite: Slate onstage with Max Silvestri (left) and Liedman at Big Terrific in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn.

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Slate takes advantage of a chance to relax while on vacation in Thailand.

a disarming eagerness to be heard. At first, she tried it out around the house with her boyfriend, Dean Fleischer-Camp, and on the phone with her best friend and stand-up partner, Gabe Liedman '04. They laughed; the trick worked. "I kept doing the voice because I just felt that small," Slate says. "I don't do well sitting around. I need to be creative and to work. I was doing this little voice and feeling kind of stuck and wanting to do something."

The call she wanted from *SNL* never came; her contract was not renewed. The voice, however, blossomed into something exciting and new. A character slowly developed — an ingeniously self-sufficient, 1-inch-tall gastropod shell named Marcel. Slate and Fleischer-Camp sat on the couch in their underwear, and he recorded as she improvised one-liners. ("Guess what I use to tie my skis to my car? A hair." "Guess what I use for skis? Toenails from a man.") Fleischer-Camp, a filmmaker, then animated a stop-motion video with a pitch-perfect fidgeting protagonist.

The result, *Marcel the Shell with Shoes On*, debuted at an alternative comedy show in Williamsburg, Brooklyn. Fleischer-Camp was urged to put it on YouTube, but at first Slate demurred. "I'm always hesitant to put things online," she says. "I'd rather have things be seen by people who will be respectful instead of people who go online to make mean comments. Basically, I was afraid. But you can't live like that. That was one of the main reasons I made *Marcel* in the first place, because I was tired of just sitting around and waiting for something to happen. Then, it just kind of exploded." As of August 9, the video had registered more than 11.1 million YouTube

views. That's more than the average viewership of an entire *SNL* episode last season.

The viral success of the video has taken Slate's career in several new and exciting directions. She and Fleischer-Camp recently signed a two-book deal with Penguin, with the first title, picture book *Marcel the Shell with Shoes On: Things About Me*, due out November 1. They won the Grand Jury Prize at the 2011 New York International Children's Film Festival, and they're in talks about a Marcel TV show. The video made the rounds in Hollywood as well. Recently, Slate has landed three roles in major-studio motion pictures: a voice role for an animated Dr. Seuss adaptation, a live-action part in an *Alvin and the Chipmunks* sequel and a supporting role in a Reese Witherspoon romantic comedy.

Despite her outstanding high school academic record (class valedictorian of the prestigious Milton Academy outside Boston), Slate's Columbia years were defined more by acting and comedy than by classroom pursuits. "Part of the reason I chose Columbia was because it was in New York," she says. "That was where all the comedy was happening." She also acknowledges being drawn in by the campus — "a snow globe in the middle of the city," she calls it. She quickly joined the cast of the *Varsity Show* and participated in three improv and sketch comedy groups: Two Left Feet, Fruit Paunch and the Weiner Philharmonic.

In 2001, at her first *Varsity Show* rehearsal, Slate met her future

stand-up and writing partner, Liedman. "It was the first time in my life that I had a real best friend," Slate says. "We always understood each other's brains, got each other's ambitions. Gabe is the one person who really understands the kinds of things that upset me and the kinds of things that make me happy."

"She is hands-down the bravest performer I've ever seen," Liedman says of Slate. "Part of it is being a little nuts, maybe, but the rest of it, the vast majority of it, is genuine bravery. Comedians are not usually very confident people; Jenny is full-throttle and incredibly smart."

Liedman and Slate have performed together continually since that first *Varsity Show*. These days, they co-host a live comedy show, *Big Terrific*, in Brooklyn, produce various web shorts with Fleischer-Camp and are working on a screenplay. Liedman also has a booming solo career; in the past year, he's opened for Patton Oswalt at Caroline's; shot pilots for E!, VH1 and Comedy Central; and performed stand-up at Miller Theatre, his first return to the stage at Columbia since 2004.

"When we graduated," Liedman says, "there were a bunch of people from our group who lived in NYC and still wanted to do comedy together, so we created a little sketch group. Over time, everyone kind of went his or her own way" — to graduate school, conservatory and high-profile comedy writing gigs — "but Jenny and I just kept on truckin'." Liedman points to a number of recent alums who have been invaluable as friends and contacts in the comedy world, including Chelsea Peretti '00 Barnard, who recently taped a Comedy Central special; Lang Fisher '02 of the Onion News Network; and Michelle Collins '03 Barnard of VH1's *Best Week Ever*. For Liedman and Slate, however, their most important resource has always been each other.

In 2009, just before landing her *SNL* role, Slate got a break from another Columbia alumnus, albeit one she'd never met. Jonathan Ames '95 Arts was looking for an actress to cast as a girlfriend for his fictional alter ego, portrayed by Jason Schwartzman, on the HBO comedy *Bored to Death*. Ames initially intended the role to be limited to a single episode, but soon changed course. "There was such a nice chemistry between Jenny and Jason in their first scene that it came up that she should return for the next episode, the last of the season," Ames says. "So I rewrote that script to accommodate the change in direction. And once that happened, it made perfect sense for them to be dating in season two. Jenny brought to the character a sweetness and a dreaminess and a certain zaniness. She was perfect!" Suddenly, in early 2010, Slate was appearing on two highly rated shows at the same time.

Recent months have involved less public exposure for Slate as she commutes from Brooklyn to the west coast to shoot feature films. The *SNL* gig is in her rear view mirror; she has joined a pantheon of single-season female cast members that includes Joan Cusack,

Sarah Silverman and Janeane Garofolo. In season two of *Bored to Death*, her character dumped Schwartzman's character, and she hasn't appeared since. For the next few months at least, the best way for comedy fans outside of New York to follow her is on Twitter (@jennyslate25), where she maintains an active presence.

Within the next year, however, Slate will be popping up all over again, this time on the silver screen. She'll play Witherspoon's friend in the upcoming rom-com *This Means War*. "That's the part comedians always start with," she says, "the sassy friend or assistant, where they let you improvise." She'll also appear in Danny DeVito's animated adaptation of Dr. Seuss' *The Lorax* and as a surfer girl in the partially animated *Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked*.

The latter two roles demonstrate Slate's appeal to younger audiences. It's rare for a comedian, particularly one as provocative as Slate can be in her stand-up act, to have that kind of range. She attributes it partially to a discovery she made while shooting *Marcel the Shell*. "The situation around it, waiting to hear back from *SNL*, was pretty dark," she says. "My feelings about that were just, I reject that, I don't want to live in the dark. I like life, and I think I was bound to make something that had real heart. You can still be sweet and be really funny. It doesn't have to make you really uncomfortable in order to make you laugh."

Liedman thinks Slate may succeed in Hollywood because she is an actress whose full complement of skills is only now beginning to be discovered. "It's been amazing to watch her acting career really take off after doing straight-up comedy together for so long," he says. "She has a real range. She's so talented. But then she gets back on stage to do comedy and it's just as sharp and funny and weird as ever."

Lately, Slate has a new challenge to face: the lifestyle changes brought on by celebrity. So far, she continues to lead a relatively normal life in her beloved Brooklyn surrounded by her tight-knit circle of friends, many from Columbia. Every once in a while,

however, she's reminded of her increasingly public profile. She recalls being surprised to read a comment about herself on Twitter recently where she was referred to as "Jenny Slate of *Marcel the Shell*."

"It's weird to see someone say your name of your art," Slate says. "Like, she created this, so now she's worth mentioning or worth noticing, as opposed to because of who she is. That's how I'd always thought it would be, but instead it's always your work that defines you."

Working with close friends like Liedman and Fleischer-Camp, forging connections with auteurs like DeVito and Ames, and developing popular characters like Marcel the Shell and Tina-Tina Chaneuse, Slate is in good company these days.

Check out Marcel the Shell at youtube.com/watch?v=VF9-sEbqDvU and a video short starring Slate and Liedman at vimeo.com/15034189.



Slate at home in Brooklyn with her dog Reggie.

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Max & Marcellus

Alumni co-host midday show for ESPN Radio Los Angeles

BY PHIL WALLACE '04

It's 1 p.m. on a Thursday and NBA basketball is the topic of the day at the CARMAX Studios for ESPN Radio 710 AM. Across the street is STAPLES Center, which is getting set to host the NBA All-Star Game. Just outside, workers are setting up corporate tents that will offer a slew of experiences for those who come to L.A. Live — a major sports, entertainment and retail complex in Downtown Los Angeles — for the weekend. But on the second floor of the main L.A. Live building, debate and banter are in full force.

"Jay in Whittier, you're on the air," says Max Kellerman '98.

"Hey, what's up guys?" asks Jay.

Kellerman looks upset.

"Come on, man!" Marcellus Wiley '97 retorts. "You know better than that."

"Guys, we've been through this before," Kellerman says. "We're doing a radio show. We're doing great. Now, do you have something to say?"

Jay in Whittier has just broken one of the cardinal rules of *Max & Marcellus*, the midday show on ESPN Radio Los Angeles: wasting time by engaging the hosts in meaningless small talk.

When Marcellus Wiley '97 (standing) was starring in football at Columbia, Max Kellerman '98 already had begun his broadcasting career by hosting a talk show about boxing on public access television. Now they co-host the midday show on ESPN Radio 710 AM Los Angeles.

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Weekend Warrior

Dr. Robert Klapper '79, '83 P&S hosts an early-morning radio show in L.A.

Much of Los Angeles is still asleep at 7 a.m. on Saturday, but Dr. Robert Klapper '79, '83 P&S has been up for hours. The orthopedic surgeon at prestigious Cedars-Sinai Medical Center is co-hosting the radio program *Weekend Warrior* with former NBA and college basketball assistant coach Dave Miller on 710 ESPN Radio Los Angeles, the same station that airs *Max & Marcellus*.

"It's very clear that sports should be renamed orthopedics," Klapper says on air one morning. He then turns to the various injury concerns that faced Los Angeles Lakers players such as Andrew Bynum, Ron Artest and Matt Barnes during the 2010–11 season. "Orthopedics is going to determine who wins the NBA title this year. I love it."

Weekend Warrior began airing Saturdays from 7–9 a.m. in March. The show is geared toward men and covers subjects such as health and wellness, particularly as they relate to sports. Klapper has numerous celebrity patients and he has brought several of them onto the program, including Dustin Hoffman, William Shatner and Tony Danza, to talk about their own health and to offer wellness advice. He also brings on colleagues who are experts in everything from sports psychology to physical therapy to nutrition.

"This is a great listening audience," Klapper says. "Think about who is awake early on a Saturday morning. It's people who are doers, like me. There's a selection bias and I love that."

Klapper is a man with diverse skills and interests. Growing up in working-class Far Rockaway, N.Y., he says he was told by those around him that an Ivy League education wasn't for people from his neighborhood. He decided to prove them wrong and applied to Columbia, in part so he could row crew.

Klapper's mother was a nurse, and he aspired to become a doctor. He took the requisite pre-med courses, but an Art Humanities class with David Rosand '59, '65 GSAS, now the Meyer Schapiro Professor Emeritus of Art History and special lecturer in art history and archaeology, changed his life. Klapper says Rosand started the first class by saying that no one would get an A. But Klapper fell in love with the material, worked hard and indeed got an A. He became an art history major, which made him a unique candidate for medical school.

Klapper did his residency at the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York and his fellowship at the Kerlan-Jobe Orthopaedic Clinic in L.A. He currently is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon specializing in hips, knees and shoulders at Cedars-Sinai. He has written several books on his specialty, most notably *Heal Your Hips* and *Heal Your Knees*, both of which advise patients on how to avoid surgery and what to do if surgery is needed. Klapper also is co-director of the Joint Replacement Program at the Cedars-Sinai Orthopaedic Center and has a private practice with an office across the street from Cedars.

Using his love of art, as well as some skills taught by his father, who was a carpenter, Klapper developed several tools and instruments to help orthopedists with hip, knee and shoulder surgeries. He holds numerous patents in medical technology, including nine on an angled telescope and other specially designed instruments used in hip arthroscopy procedures.

As for his love of art, Klapper regularly lectures at museums around the world on Michelangelo and other artists, often exploring the unique relationship between art and medicine. He also has his own art studio in Manhattan Beach, Calif., where he sculpts, and he visits Italy once a year to sculpt with Carrara marble. He used to own an art gallery, which he sold in 2007.

Klapper moved to Los Angeles in part because of his passion for surfing. There he developed a relationship with Hollywood celebrities. After *ER* executive producer John Wells fractured his leg in a skiing accident, Klapper saw him as a patient and wound up becoming a consultant on the hit NBC show from 2001–09. His celebrity connections occasionally earn him a courtside seat next to his patient Jack Nicholson at Lakers games.

"The most valuable piece of real estate in Los Angeles is that seat next to Jack Nicholson at STAPLES Center," Klapper says. "It's a thrill to sit there."

In 2009, Klapper was waiting outside STAPLES Center to meet a mentee before taking him to a Lakers-Rockets playoff game. Also outside the arena were former 710 ESPN Radio broadcasters Dave Denholm and Brian Long, and they were discussing Bynum's knee injury on a pre-game show. During a commercial break, Klapper approached the duo and explained the implications of the injury from an orthopedist's point of view. Denholm and Long put Klapper on the air and he soon became a regular contributor, discussing player injuries. That eventually led to his show with Miller, who is a former assistant coach with the New Orleans Hornets, University of Texas, USC, Arizona State and Army basketball teams.

Klapper lives with his wife, Ellen, in Encino, Calif., but he also has homes in Ventura, Calif., and Diamond Head, Hawaii. His daughter, Michele '08, graduated magna cum laude, won the top French department award in her senior year and is pursuing a master's at Sciences Po in Paris. Klapper has been *CCT*'s class correspondent for the Class of 1979 since 2004.

Despite his success, Klapper isn't resting on his laurels and has ambitions for an even larger role in medicine and media.

"I want to do for orthopedics what Dr. Mehmet Oz has done for nutrition, health and medicine," Klapper says. "I want to make it easier for people to understand."

—P.W.



Jack Nicholson makes a point to Dr. Robert Klapper '79, '83 P&S during a break in a Lakers game.

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To listen to podcasts of *Weekend Warrior*, go to espn.go.com/los-angeles/radio/archive?id=6182844.



Wiley (No. 5) came to Columbia as a running back but earned his ticket to the NFL as a pass-rushing defensive end. After a 10-year pro career, he joined ESPN as an analyst on NFL and other TV shows before being paired with Kellerman.

Later on in the show, which began in January and airs weekdays 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Pacific time, the pair will make references to Bill Cosby and Humphrey Bogart. They will debate who's on the list of the 10 best players in the NBA and how they should be ranked. Kellerman will offer an explanation of basketball sabermetrics, advanced statistical analysis that goes beyond the basic boxscore in an effort to better measure performance. And a caller will be awarded \$107.10 to Langer's Deli for making a strong point about Carmelo Anthony — whom Kellerman and Wiley were hoping the Lakers would obtain from Denver by trade, but who instead was dealt to New York.

Los Angeles, meet Max and Marcellus.

It's pretty unlikely for two Columbia alumni to host a local sports talk show on any station that's not campus radio WKCR 89.9 FM. And it's even more unlikely for that show to be in a city outside New York. But Kellerman and Wiley have taken on L.A. with a winning combination of wit, humor and knowledge about seemingly everything.

"In talk radio, there's no substitute for intelligence and personality," says 710 AM ESPN Radio Program Director Mike Thompson, the man who brought the pair together. "It's ultimately about having smart people who can stir things up. The trick is to be witty and entertaining and informative when nothing is going on. Max and Marcellus can talk about music, or current events, or other things that can appeal to the hardcore or the casual sports fan."

"I've never had so much fun in my radio career," says producer Amanda Brown, who has more than a decade of radio experience and relocated from ESPN headquarters in Bristol, Conn., to work on this show. "I look forward to coming to work every single day and working with these guys."

It's been an interesting road to Los Angeles sports talk radio for both hosts.

Kellerman's broadcasting career started before he entered Columbia — a huge boxing fan, he hosted a public access television show in New York called *Max on Boxing* when he was a teenager. He started at ESPN television at 24, serving as a commentator on *Friday Night Fights*. He became the first host of ESPN's *Around the Horn* in 2002 before hosting his own show, *I, Max*,

on Fox Sports Net from 2004–05.

In 2006, Kellerman started hosting *The Max Kellerman Show* on 1050 ESPN Radio in New York. He also joined HBO as a lead analyst for its boxing coverage and contributed to news programs on MSNBC and later CNN.

In 2009, Kellerman left the radio station, as he was negotiating to become Mike Francesa's co-host on WFAN 660 AM. But the deal fell through and Kellerman was without a radio show until early this year when Thompson, who had worked with Kellerman in New York, took over as the program director at the L.A. ESPN affiliate and chose to hire the Columbia grad. Kellerman, 36, has since moved to a home in Beverly Hills with his wife, Erin, and their young daughter.

Kellerman says his style has not changed since he's come to Los Angeles.

"It's actually a better radio market than New York because everyone here is in a car," Kellerman notes. "It's the same type of audience, but instead of the Yankees, it's the Lakers that are the main focus."

Kellerman was a history major at Columbia; he transferred after one semester at Connecticut College. He says that his Columbia education has helped him with his sports commentaries and political riffs.

"In one of my first political science classes, we read *Tragedy of the Commons* by Garrett Hardin. That theory (first published in *Science* in 1968) explains the problem with boxing today. Everyone acts with their own self-interests," Kellerman says. "It's also the problem with our energy policy. You have a limited resource shared by a common group of individuals, and the lack of a centralized authority."

"In talk radio, there's no substitute for intelligence and personality. It's ultimately about having smart people who can stir things up."

When Thompson was looking for a co-host for Kellerman, he found the perfect person in Wiley, a former NFL Pro Bowl defensive lineman who had joined ESPN following his retirement in 2006. The pair had the same agent, Nick Kahn of ICM, and had worked together on a pilot that was filmed for ESPN's *Sports Nation*. And they were at Columbia at the same time, although they did not know each other while there.

"I certainly knew of Marcellus when I was on campus, since he was a football star, but I never crossed paths with him. I was out partying with the football play-



Kellerman (center) was 24 when he became co-host with Brian Kenny (right) of ESPN's boxing series, *Friday Night Fights*, in October 1998, just five months after graduation. They are joined on set by Roy Jones Jr. (left), a champion in three weight classes.

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ers, and he was too focused on his career to do that," says Kellerman.

Kellerman was intrigued by the opportunity to host a show with Wiley.

"I knew of him as an interesting guy who had turned down scholarship money to go to Columbia and who always had a drive to do well," Kellerman says. "I noticed how seriously he was taking his broadcast career and thought it would be great to work with him."

A native of Compton, Calif., Wiley originally came to Columbia as a running back, turning down athletics scholarship offers from numerous Pac-10 schools. Wiley says he chose Columbia because he felt it would afford him more opportunities later in life. A member of the National Honor Society, he even won the National Typewriting Championship as a teenager (with 82 words per minute).

"When I asked people from back in the neighborhood where I should go, they all said I should play football at UCLA or somewhere in the Pac-10," Wiley says. "But my counselors [at St. Monica High] all said if I could go to Columbia, then I should take it. They said it would help me after football and there was a networking component. They were right."

Wiley was a sociology major and says that his Columbia education has prepared him well for life away from the gridiron.

"The first thing I learned [at Columbia] was how to decipher information. I remember in my first 'Logic & Rhetoric' class being told I had to read three books in a week. I had no idea how I would do it," Wiley said. "But it's an environment where you want to learn and find ways to be successful."

Still, Wiley was not a great fit for the Lions initially. By the end of his sophomore season, he had outgrown the running back position, bulking up to 245 pounds and standing 6-foot-4. Columbia had just recruited a talented running back in Jeff Byrd (who later transferred to Stanford) and then-head coach Ray Tellier felt that Wiley was best suited to play defensive end.

Having never played on the line before, Wiley seriously considered transferring to UC Berkeley, whose coach wanted him to play safety, a position he had played in high school. But Associate Athletics Direc-

tor Jackie Blackett convinced him to stay.

"Jackie helped me get my priorities straight," Wiley says. "She told me to work smarter and work harder."

Wiley took Blackett's advice, and the two remain close friends. Wiley's football career quickly blossomed on the defensive line, as the position best suited his skill set and his large physique. In his senior year, he was the star co-captain on a Lions team that finished 8-2, still the school's best record in its 56-year Ivy League history. He was taken in the second round of the 1997 NFL Draft by the Buffalo Bills and enjoyed a 10-year career that included stops with the San Diego Chargers, Dallas Cowboys and Jacksonville Jaguars. Wiley made the Pro Bowl in 2001, but his career was ultimately slowed by back and knee injuries.

After his playing career ended, Wiley became involved with several business ventures and joined ESPN, where he is an analyst on various NFL programs and other shows and the co-host of *Winners Bracket* with Michelle Beadle. The unmarried 36-year-old also mentors numerous top-rated high school football recruits in Southern California, and his radio gig allows him to stay in his hometown. So far, the chemistry between Wiley and his co-host has been strong.

"Working with Marcellus is different from working with many others in this business," Kellerman says. "He's a Columbia guy and he can see the world in a different way. He can make enough sense of our culture so that we can do a show on anything — sports, music, world events, you name it."

"Max is a little over the top and he needs someone to burst his balloon every now and then. Marcellus has the personality to throw a dart at it," Thompson says. "We've got a guy from New York and a guy from Compton, but they like bantering and making jokes, and lo and behold they were both once on 116th Street at the same time."

For more on Max & Marcellus and to listen in, go to espn.go.com/los-angeles/radio/show?showId=max.



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Dean's Alumnae Leadership Task Force

College seeks to engage more women in leadership roles and fundraising

BY KIMBERLY ROGERS '11 CE AND ALEX SACHARE '71

Drawing on the talents and accomplishments of College alumnae, the Dean's Alumnae Leadership Task Force, a global group of 23 alumnae from the Classes of 1986–2011, convened in April 2010. The task force, a collaborative endeavor between former Dean Michele Moody-Adams, the Columbia College Office of Alumni Affairs and Development and the University's Office of Alumni and Development, established a mission of shaping the future of alumnae leadership and broadening philanthropy at the College.

The task force is chaired by University Trustee Lisa Landau Carnoy '89 and has four subcommittees: mentoring (Carnoy and Virginia Wood Cornish '91, co-chairs), fundraising (Kyra Tirana Barry '87, chair), regional outreach (Anne-Marie Wright '89, chair) and survey and communications (Julie Jacobs Menin '89, chair).

Carnoy notes, "During the past few years, several women felt a group of successful Columbia College alumnae from many fields and areas of interest should be formed in order to engage more women in the life of the College. The arrival of Moody-Adams and the 25th anniversary of coeducation were further catalysts to start the task force.

"This is a remarkable group of women, and it has been wonderful to get to know them — both reconnecting with old friends and making new ones. I was amazed at the level of engagement, and we raised a significant amount of money for the College."

To better understand how alumni view the College and their relationship with it, the survey and communications committee

worked with Brian Chapman, executive director for analytics and business strategy, to design an online survey for alumni in the Classes of 1987–2010. The survey was sent to both male and female alumni in order to identify any statistically significant gender differences related to their responses.

While male and female respondents answered most questions in remarkably similar percentages, one key gender difference emerged from the findings: female respondents showed a broader range and longer list of philanthropic interests, whereas Columbia was a clear focus for many men.

Since the percentage of women in the overall

alumni body continues to grow each year, this finding is significant as the College shapes its alumni engagement and fundraising efforts. The College will aim to involve more alumnae as fundraising volunteers and leaders to increase alumnae awareness of the opportunities to support students and the satisfying feeling of becoming involved in the life of the College.

Both female and male respondents spoke highly of their Columbia education, with 94.5 percent of women and 77.1 percent of men listing the quality of their education as excellent and only 2.5 percent or fewer, regardless of gender, describing it as fair or poor. When asked about their overall undergraduate experience and current feeling toward the College, approximately 90 percent, regardless of gender, called it excellent or good.

Upward of 80 percent of respondents said they receive an appropriate amount of communication from Columbia and categorize this communication as worthwhile. Interestingly, considering that the respondents graduated within the last 25 years, nearly 80 percent said they read *Columbia College Today* frequently or sometimes but only 51.3 percent offered the same response when asked how often they visit a Columbia website.

More than 600 female respondents listed the mentoring program run by Columbia College Women (CCW, college.columbia.edu/alumni/committees/ccw) as a potential volunteer interest. Each year, more than 100 students are matched with alumnae mentors, and there is strong interest for more alumnae to participate in the program. During the application process this summer, more than 360 students — a record — expressed an interest in the mentoring program. In addition to mentoring, CCW also has scholarship and membership committees. Last year, CCW fundraising enabled the awarding of a current-use scholarship. CCW was founded by College alumnae in 1989 to create networks within the alumni and student communities while building the legacy of women at Columbia College. For more information on CCW and the mentoring program, contact Sarah Seredych Trimmer, assistant director of alumni relations: 212-851-7977 or sst2132@columbia.edu.

The task force's Regional Outreach subcommittee also sought to engage Columbia alumnae by hosting a series of focus group lunches, receptions and dinners nationally and internationally. Events were hosted in San Francisco by Wanda Holland Greene '89, '92 TC; in Los Angeles by Donna Herlinsky MacPhee '89; in Boston by Sherri Pancer Wolf '90; in New York City by Michelle Oh Sing '06 (for young alumni), Kyra Tirana Barry '87 and Sandra H. Kim Hoffman '87; in Westchester (N.Y.) County by Teresa Saputo-Crerend '87, '92 Business; and in London by Heather O'Brien Kerzner '91.

The task force has helped the College make extraordinary strides in its fundraising efforts. Alumnae giving to the Columbia College Fund rose approximately 53 percent from Fiscal Year 2010 to FY'11, and gift commitments were made to the Scholarships 101 Challenge, funded by the late John W. Kluge '37, by several task force members, including Barry; Carnoy; Hoffman; Ker-



University Trustee Lisa Landau Carnoy '89 chairs the task force.

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zner; Wolf; Michelle Kaiser '87, '92 PH, '97 P&S; and the late Beth Dwyer '92, whose family is honoring her legacy of College leadership. The fundraising subcommittee hosted a solicitation workshop in Manhattan led by Susan Feagin '74 GS, special adviser to President Lee C. Bollinger and former e.v.p. of university development and alumni relations. A priority of the College Fund is to grow the number of alumnae who serve as Class Agents, volunteer leaders who solicit their peers. For more information on fundraising or becoming a Class Agent, contact Kimberly Rogers '11 CE, major gifts officer: kr2276@columbia.edu.

The good work of the task force will help to increase opportunities for alumnae to get engaged in the life of the College and

focus on how the success of these women, particularly the Class of 1987, paved the way for women at Columbia College today.

Following are the members of the Dean's Alumnae Task Force: Kyra Tirana Barry '87, Francesca Allen Bodini '06, Lisa Landau Carnoy '89, Joyce Chang '86, Virginia Wood Cornish '91, Allie Feldberg '08, Leslie Gittess '88, Ellen Gustafson '02, Sandra H. Kim Hoffen '87, Michelle Kaiser '87, Heather O'Brien Kerzner '91, Mojdeh Khaghan '88, Elizabeth Melcher Luckett '90, Donna Herlinsky MacPhee '89, Julie Jacobs Menin '89, Neda Navab '08, Teresa Saputo-Crerend '87, Michelle Oh Sing '06, Siheun Song '07, Sherri Pancer Wolf '90, Karen Woodin-Rodriguez '11, Anne-Marie Wright '89 and Sue Yang '10.



Getting Involved

Kyra Tirana Barry '87 becomes first woman to lead Columbia College Alumni Association

A member of the College's first fully co-educational class, Kyra Tirana Barry '87 continues to break ground as the first woman president of the Columbia College Alumni Association. Barry succeeded Geoffrey J. Colvin '74, '77L, '78 Business at the start of the 2011–12 academic year.

"This is a very exciting time to become president, as we mark 25 years of coed graduating classes," Barry says. "When I joined the Alumni Association board in 2004, and saw the board members from the classes before me, I suddenly got a real sense that the College before my time had been all-male. As an 18-year-old student, I had not focused much on this change to the College and the significance of being admitted to the first coed class. Now that I have the perspective of an alumna, I am grateful for the opportunity to break more ground in this regard as the first woman president of the CCAA."

Barry and her classmates in the pioneering Class of 1987 impacted the women who followed at the College and contributed to their success, something she hopes to continue as president of the CCAA. "The time is right to look at the alumni body in a new way, because there has been so much change in the past 25 years," she says.

Barry, who majored in urban studies and worked for 10 years in public transportation policy at the federal, state and local levels, considers herself to be a "reengaged alum."

"I stayed close with my classmates and threw a brunch before Homecoming every year, but for a while that was the extent of my connection to Columbia," she says. But Barry's husband, David Barry '87, stayed involved with the Columbia wrestling program, in which he had participated as a student, and when College fundraisers spoke with him and described shifting their fundraising strategy to focus more on peer-to-peer solicitation, he suggested that they speak with his wife.

"My involvement started as a Class Agent," says Barry, referring to the College's peer-to-peer solicitation program involving volunteer leaders in each class. "I worked on my 15th reunion,



and after that I became reengaged."

Barry credits her predecessors as presidents of the CCAA board, Colvin and Brian Krisberg '81, '84L, with paving the way for her to assume a leadership position. "They accomplished a lot in terms of really growing the CCAA board to be more reflective of the entire alumni body," she says. "Women can have a different approach to their educational institution than men, which is why we have Columbia College Women[college.columbia.edu/alumni/committees/ccw] and the Dean's Alumnae Task Force."

While serving on the CCAA board, Barry headed a committee that focused on increasing involvement among alumni who have been out of college 10–25 years. She considers that an important time to reengage them, much the way she became reengaged.

"The College is an amazing place, and the education you receive here lays such a singular foundation, I'm motivated to ensure that current students have the same opportunity that I had," says Barry, a 2010 recipient of the Alumni Medal for service and commitment to the University. "College alumni are terrific to work with. There's really strong leadership on the CCAA board. It's incredibly rewarding to help ensure that the College stays as strong as it is and gets even stronger."

How will she measure the success of her two-year term as president?

"My biggest priority as president is to increase the level of engagement with alumni and to provide more meaningful ways for alumni to be connected, whether it's for two hours a year or 100 hours a year," Barry says. "There's a lot more capacity for us to capitalize upon."

"If I can make it easier for more alumni to be involved, to give back to Columbia and to help strengthen the Columbia experience for students and alumni, if I can act as that bridge between alumni, students and the administration, I feel I'd be successful."

Looking for ways to get involved? Log on to college.columbia.edu/alumni/getinvolved.



Bookshelf

The Home Run Heard Round the World by *Ray Robinson* '41. Robinson's book about the dramatic 1951 Giants-Dodgers pennant race that was decided by Bobby Thompson's home run has been reissued in paperback for the event's 60th anniversary, with a new preface by sportscaster Bob Costas (Dover Publications, \$12.95).

Causal Explanation for Social Scientists: A Reader edited by *Andrew P. Vayda* '52 and *Bradley B. Walters*. Written for and by social scientists, this book of essays includes text from various areas that show how scientists approach beliefs and events to answer questions about the world (AltaMira Press, \$39.95).

Using Your Mouth With Your Head by *Jack H. Bloom* '54. This book is designed to help people with their communication skills in order to achieve exceptional outcomes (jackhbloom.com, \$13.95).

Mhòr and More: Hill Walks in Uisist by *Martin Margulies* '61. After more than 20 years of climbing many of the hills in South Uisist, Scotland, Margulies is able to offer pointers on their paths and notes about their beauty (The Islands Book Trust, \$16.95).

A March of Liberty: A Constitutional History of the United States, Volume I: From the Founding to 1900 by *Melvin Urofsky* '61 and *Paul Finkelman*. This comprehensive overview of the U.S. Constitution addresses not only how the Supreme

Court handles major cases but also the impact these cases have on society and in American culture (Oxford University Press, \$49.95).

The Instant Physicist: An Illustrated Guide by *Richard A. Muller* '64, illustrated by *Joey Manfre*. Taking information from his 2008 book *Physics for Future Presidents: The Science Behind the Headlines* as well as from the physics course he teaches, Muller answers questions with the help of color cartoons (W.W. Norton & Co., \$16.95).

Dealing with an Angry Public: The Mutual Gains Approach To Resolving Disputes by *Lawrence Susskind* '68 and *Patrick Field*. By showing business and government leaders how to work with critics and the public, the authors identify who the public is and how the media shapes public perception and understanding (Free Press, \$18.99).

The Bauhaus Group: Six Masters of Modernism by *Nicholas Fox Weber* '69. Weber offers insight into the Bauhaus art school in Germany during the early 1930s as he tells the story of Anni and Josef Albers and other Bauhaus artists such as Paul Klee and Wassily Kandinsky (Yale University Press, \$27.50).

The Serpent's Skin: Creation, Knowledge, and Intimacy in the Book of Genesis by *Marc Klein* '70. By using the literary conventions of the original Hebrew text of Genesis, this book offers a new literary study of the Bible's first book (Urim Publications, \$24.95).

Redeemable Air Mileage: A Collection of Poems about Travel and Other Journeys by *Fernando D. Castro* '75. Castro offers political and social commentary through the world's everyday scene (TA'YER Books, \$17.95).

Deformed and Destructive Beings: The Purpose of Horror Films by *George Ochoa* '81. In this critical work, Ochoa argues that the purpose of horror films is to satisfy audience members' desire for things that are inaccessible as well as their taste for unreal and dangerous beings (McFarland, \$40).

New Traditional Architecture: Ferguson and Shamamian Architects City and Country Residences by *Mark Ferguson* and *Oscar Shamamian* '81. This book features detailed photographs of 19 homes that have been designed for those who enjoy historic and traditional styles (Rizzoli, \$75).

Twice a Spy: A Novel by *Keith Thomson* '87. In this sequel, an Alzheimer's-suffering ex-spy and his son are hiding out in Switzerland when they are forced to sell a disguised nuclear bomb to terrorists to save an NSA operative (Doubleday, \$29.95).

The Politics of Equality by *Jason Meyers* '89. Based on ideas and values rather than on the rise and fall of movements, Meyers explores contemporary egalitarian political philosophy to answer questions about current debates such as those on healthcare and education (Zed Books, \$26.95).

Everyone Loves You When You're Dead: Journeys into Fame and Madness by *Neil Strauss* '91. With more than 3,000 celebrity interviews under his belt, Strauss brings to light mostly unpublished and personal moments of famous people (It Books, \$16.99).

Witches of East End: A Novel by *Melissa de la Cruz* '93. A family of witches is forced to live as "regulars" in the town of North Hampton, N.Y., until dark powers make it impossible for the family to hide its magic (Hyperion, \$23).

One Nation Under Sex: How the Private Lives of Presidents, First Ladies and their Lovers Changed the Course of American History by *Larry Flynt* and Professor of American History *David Eisenbach* '94. The authors explore the role the sex lives of politicians has played in shaping our nation's political history, culture and international standing (Palgrave Macmillan, \$25).

Incommunicado by *Keith O'Shaughnessy* '94. In his first collection of poems, O'Shaughnessy explores communication problems (Grolier Poetry Books, \$17.95).

Christian Materiality: An Essay on Religion in Late Medieval Europe by *Caroline Walker Bynum*, University Professor emerita. Bynum describes some Christian miracles and explores the problems that they present for church authorities and followers due to basic scientific and religious assumptions (The MIT Press, \$32.95).



Rachel DeWoskin '94 Defies Genre in Newest Novel

BY YELENA SHUSTER '09

Rachel DeWoskin '94's teenage years were fairly comfortable. She excelled in an alternative arts high school in Ann Arbor, Mich., where students created independent study projects and called their teachers by first names. Her boyfriends were loving, her girlfriends artistic. "I had a very sheltered life," DeWoskin admits.

Judy Lohden, the protagonist of her latest novel, *Big Girl Small* (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, \$25), is not as lucky. Brilliant, snarky and talented to boot, Judy also is 3-foot-9. But thanks to DeWoskin's biting language, she's not asking for your pity. Judy's sharp world view and even sharper wit emerge in the first few pages: "My mother's idea has always been to try to make me feel close to perfect, but how close can that be, considering I look like she snatched me from some dollhouse."

As the precocious narrator, Judy recounts life as a little person at a competitive performing arts high school. Just when everything seems like a teenage dream, Judy's happiness is upended by a dark plot twist that tests her ideas of love and justice. DeWoskin's powerful coming of age story reexamines what it means to be small in all its manifestations. Judy's unconventional voice marries young adult fiction with thriller narrative, resulting in a thought-provoking novel that refuses to conform to either genre.

The sordid tale had a most innocent inspiration: DeWoskin's daughter, Dalin (6), who was 4 at the time and obsessed with *The Wizard of Oz*. DeWoskin had watched the classic film about "4,000 times" and the more she watched, the more outraged she felt about the Munchkins' portrayal. "They're all professionally trained, yet they're made to lick lollipops," DeWoskin says.

Dressed in a gingham dress and red heels, her toddler had no problem imagining herself to be Judy Garland's Dorothy. "What if it wasn't that effortless?" DeWoskin wondered. "What if she was a dwarf?" Once DeWoskin started researching little people, she became even more upset. "We have not managed in America to be sensitive about this issue," she says. "The more I read, the edgier Judy got."

The novel is a topical departure for DeWoskin, who burst onto the literary scene in 2005 with her acclaimed memoir, *Foreign Babes in Beijing: Behind the Scenes of a New China*. The book chronicled her unlikely fame as the television star of *Foreign*

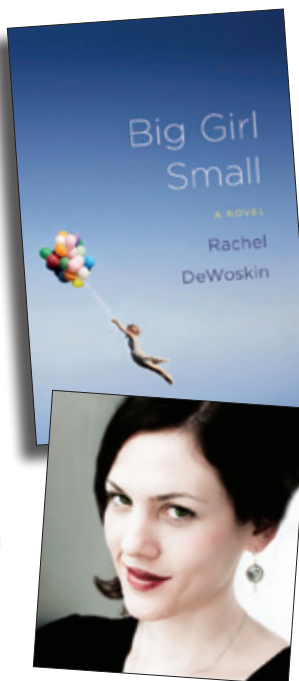


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Babes in Beijing, a low-budget Chinese version of *Sex and the City* that was viewed by 600 million people. DeWoskin fell into the part after graduating from Columbia and moving to Beijing. A friend recommended her because she looked like an American (acting experience was not required).

After five years in China, DeWoskin returned to the States to get a master's in poetry from Boston University and later write *Foreign Babes*. Since then, the book has been optioned for a series on HBO and published in six countries. But even after restarting her life in America, DeWoskin wasn't done telling stories about China. After *Foreign Babes*, she published a novel, *Repeat After Me*, that chronicled a tragic love story between an ESL teacher and her Chinese student. The novel won a Foreward Magazine Book of the Year award in 2009.

It was DeWoskin's father, Kenneth DeWoskin '65, '74 GSAS, a noted sinologist, who set his daughter on a bicontinental path from a young age. Family vacations involved excavating ancient Chinese instruments and sleeping in military guesthouses that once housed revolutionary heroes.

DeWoskin credits Columbia for laying the groundwork for her success. As an English major, she studied British lit with the late University Profes-

sor Edward Said; poetry with the late Kenneth Koch; Eliot, Joyce and Pound with the late Wallace Gray; and Shakespeare with Ted Taylor. "All my professors made me feel that books mattered enormously — it was an ongoing celebration of analytical thinking," she says.

She even wrote *Big Girl Small*'s first draft where she spent many undergraduate nights: in Butler Library. DeWoskin's husband, playwright Zayd Dohrn '06 GSAS, had a Ph.D. cubicle on the eighth floor, where DeWoskin wrote for a year while their younger daughter, Light (3), had a babysitter.

In fact, she had her daughters in mind when writing Judy's strong, persevering character. "Most of the heroes in teenage books are boys," she says. "I wanted to write a book for my two daughters about how brave and resilient teenage girls can be."

Yelena Shuster '09 is a freelance writer whose work has been featured on *Cosmopolitan.com*, *NYMag.com* and *The Huffington Post*. She blogs at *IvyLeaguedandUnemployed.com*.

Shi'ism: A Religion of Protest by *Hamid Dabashi*, the Hagop Kevorkian Professor of Iranian Studies and Comparative Literature. Dabashi examines Shi'ism in terms of its current political influence in countries such as Iraq, Iran and Lebanon (Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, \$29.95).

Striking First: Preemption and Prevention in International Conflict by *Michael W. Doyle*, the Harold Brown Professor of U.S.

Foreign and Security Policy and professor of law and political science. Doyle attempts to address whether the United States has the right to defend itself by striking first by examining the Iraq war, the Cuban Missile Crisis and other conflicts (Princeton University Press, \$17.25).

The Havana Habit by *Gustavo Perez Firmat*, the David Feinson Professor of Humanities. Through advertisements, films, books and other sources,

this book shows how Havana and greater Cuba have influenced U.S. cultural history (Yale University Press, \$25).

Religion and International Relations Theory edited by *Jack Snyder*, the Robert and Renee Belfer Professor of International Relations. This collection of essays written by prominent scholars attempts to fill the gap between religion and international relations (Columbia University Press, \$27.50).

Order and Chivalry: Knighthood and Citizenship in Late Medieval Castile by *Jesus D. Rodriguez-Velasco*, professor of Latin American and Iberian cultures, translated by *Eunice Rodriguez Ferguson*. Rodriguez-Velasco considers how urban knighthood came to be as well as the cultural and legal process that knighthood created (University of Pennsylvania Press, \$65).

Samantha Jean-Baptiste '13



Obituaries

1928

Abe R. Druss, retired military officer, builder, Roslyn Heights, N.Y., on June 18, 2010. Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., on August 14, 1906, Druss graduated from Erasmus Hall H.S. when he was 15. At Columbia, he made the Dean's List, was on the wrestling team and competed in the cane-sprees. He was one of the first residents of John Jay Hall, moving into his 13th floor room prior to elevator service. Druss was a member of Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity. He worked on Wall Street and was on the floor when the market crashed in 1929. In 1933, he took a solo trip around the world, including climbing Half Dome in Yosemite. Druss was a combat intelligence officer in Europe during WWII. He invented an analytical tool for compiling data from multiple sources, dubbed the "Druss Matrix" by his colleagues. Druss continued his Intelligence Corps career after the war and was a retired lieutenant colonel in the Army Reserves. He built residential developments in Bethlehem, Pa., and on Long Island, N.Y., in Smithtown, Hauppauge and Riverhead. Druss is survived by his wife of 60 years, Mildred; children, Mark '66, '78 GSAS, Sarah and David; and many grandchildren.

1934

Chester A. Cole Jr., retired shipping executive, Dayville, Conn., on June 4, 2010. Cole was born on Staten

Island, N.Y., on July 11, 1911, and served in the Navy during WWII. He had a varied career as an executive in several international shipping businesses in New York City, Tokyo and Seattle. He and his wife, the former Ruth Joline, retired to Frankestown, N.H., and later lived in Woodstock, Conn., and Brooklyn, Conn. As a young man, Cole was an avid and accomplished sailor in the waters around New York City. In retirement, he studied watercolor painting, and his work was shown in several galleries. Cole was predeceased by his wife and by his son, Christopher. He is survived by a granddaughter and a daughter-in-law.

1935

William C. Oberkirk, retired engineer, Old Lyme, Conn., on June 6, 2010. Oberkirk was born on November 8, 1913, and raised in the Bronx. He graduated from Brooklyn Technical H.S., then earned a B.A. from the College followed by a B.S. in 1936 from the Engineering School. As chief engineer, he managed the electrical power distribution systems in multiple manufacturing facilities of United Merchants. He was a senior lifetime member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers. Oberkirk was predeceased by his wife, the former Olga Remien, in 2005, and is survived by her brother, Arthur Remien, and cousins, Joyce Manke, Irma Naumann, David Remien, Janet Remien and Otti Messner.

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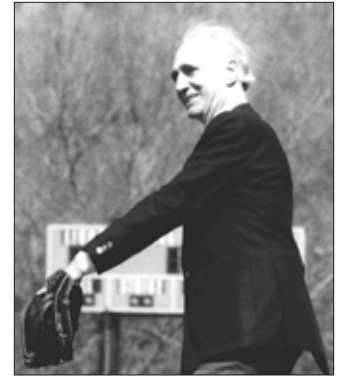
Irving N. Wolfson, physician, Worcester, Mass., on July 8, 2010. Born on July 20, 1919, in New York City, Wolfson earned his M.D. from Yale in 1943 and was an Army medical officer in India and China during WWII. Following an internship at Mt. Sinai Hospital and several residencies, he relocated to Worcester, where he practiced internal medicine and later cardiology. Wolfson held many leadership positions in the Worcester medical community and was a member of multiple medical associations. Throughout his life, Wolfson was a champion of progressive political causes and was a longtime supporter of Amnesty International, UNICEF and the ACLU. He was active in the Unitarian Universalist Church of Worcester and had served as a member of its board. In his later years, Wolfson became an

amateur musician and accomplished painter. He was preceded in death in 1983 by his wife of 37 years, Annabel Kreider Wolfson. He is survived by his sister, Florence Howitt; children, Richard and his wife, Artley, Helen and her husband, Eric Thomas, and Charles; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Memorial contributions may be made to Amnesty International USA, 5 Penn Plaza, New York, NY 10001 or to the Unitarian Church of Worcester, 90 Holden St., Worcester, MA 01606-3411.

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Robert J. Alexander, professor emeritus of economics and political science, Piscataway, N.J., on April 27, 2010. Born in Canton, Ohio, and raised in Leonia, N.J., Alexander was an Army Air Force veteran, serving in WWII. He joined the Rutgers economics department in 1947 and retired in 1989. Alexander earned a Ph.D. in economics in 1950 from GSAS. Although a member of the economics faculty at Rutgers, he also taught history, political science and labor studies. Following his retirement, Alexander continued his research and writing and taught two courses in the history department each year until 2002. He received the 1984 Outstanding Teacher Award from the Parents Association of Rutgers College. A renowned and prolific scholar, Alexander was the author or editor of 49 books. In 1961, he was named by President-elect Kennedy to the Task Force on Latin America, which recommended the establishment of the Alliance for Progress. Alexander was predeceased by his wife of 54 years, the former Joan O. Powell, and a sister, Margaret LeSourd. Surviving are a son, Anthony R.; a daughter, Margaret (Meg) Bradley; three grandchildren; and a niece. Memorial contributions may be made to the Special Collections and University Archives, Rutgers University Libraries.

Hector G. Dowd, attorney, Scarsdale, N.Y., on June 23, 2010. Dowd was born on July 19, 1919, and attended St. Augustine in the Bronx and Fordham Prep, where he pitched for the team that won the city baseball title in 1936. At Columbia, Dowd was a star pitcher during the 1938, 1939 and 1940 seasons; he was the Lions' pitcher on May 17, 1939, when the Princeton-Columbia game at Baker Field became the first



Hector G. Dowd '40 pitched for Columbia against Princeton at Baker Field on May 17, 1939, in the first televised sports event. Here, in 1989, he threw out a ceremonial first pitch to mark the 50th anniversary of that landmark game.

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televised sporting event. Dowd's studies at Harvard Law were interrupted by WWII, in which he served as an Army lieutenant in the Pacific. After completing law school in 1946, he and Richard Netter became lifetime law partners, ultimately at Singer Netter Dowd & Berman in White Plains, N.Y. Dowd served on the boards of foundations that contributed hundreds of thousands of dollars to Columbia, including the Louis Armstrong Educational Foundation and the Arnold D. Frese Foundation. He was an active alumnus and supporter of Columbia and its sports teams, serving in the Varsity 'C' Club, including as president from 1960-63. In 1963, he was awarded the Alumni Athletic Award. Dowd is survived by his wife of 61 years, Isabel ("Chabela"); daughter and son-in-law, Isabel and Neil Christie; son, Hector; and five grandchildren.

Julius J. Fillips, retired school head of guidance and counseling, Whitesboro, N.Y., on June 20, 2010. Fillips was born on November 9, 1916, in Highland, N.Y., and became the first in his family to complete high school. After completing his undergraduate degree, he continued his studies at Teachers College. He began his long career in education in 1941 at Whitesboro H.S. and in 1943 married fellow teacher Ruth Goldsmith. As the head of guidance and counseling, Fillips helped individual students and also refined policies through-

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out the district. Upon retirement in 1977, he and his wife traveled, visiting their children overseas and participating in Elder Hostel programs. Fillips also enjoyed tending to his garden and yard and was a Master Gardener. He was predeceased by his wife and is survived by his daughters, Barbara Goldsmith Fillips and Carol Fillips McCreary; two granddaughters; three nieces; a nephew; and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

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John M. "Jack" McDonald, retired attorney, Allentown, Pa., on June 27, 2010. McDonald was born on June 23, 1919, in New York City. He graduated from Fordham Law in 1944 and was employed by Associated Industries of New York State as legislative counsel prior to joining Bethlehem Steel in 1958. He retired from Bethlehem Steel in 1982 as the manager of the State Government Affairs Division in the Public Affairs Department. McDonald was later employed as an attorney at Killian & Gephardt Law Firm in Harrisburg, Pa. He was predeceased by his wife, Lois, in 2004, and is survived by his sister, Muriel Cook; sisters-in-law, Hilda McDonald and Barbara Miller; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and cousins. Memorial contributions may be made to Franciscan Oaks Benevolence Fund, 19 Pocono Rd., Denville, NJ 07834.

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Frank P. Gherardi, accountant, Wethersfield, Conn., on June 28, 2010. Born in 1920 in Mount Vernon, N.Y., Gherardi was the first in his family to attend college. He enrolled in the Class of 1942 as a French major. WWII intervened and he was drafted into the Army, where he served as an interpreter in an Intelligence Unit in France. Post-war, Gherardi returned to Columbia and graduated in 1947 from the Business School with a B.S. in accounting. He was an auditor for Arthur Young & Co and moved to Hartford in 1955. He also was an accountant for Catawba Corp. and a partner in the accounting firm Gherardi & O'Donnell. In 1956, Gherardi married Mary ("Bella") Markstein, who survives him, as do his sister, Tina; brother, Jack; daughter, Mary Elizabeth and her husband, Tom Wood; a granddaughter; and many nieces and nephews. Memorial contributions may be made to F.N. Good News Fund, 48 Cottage St., East Berlin, CT 06023.

Justin B. "Jud" Thompson, retired business executive, Houston, on May 30, 2010. Thompson was born in East Hampton, N.Y., in 1920 and

served as a lieutenant in the Navy, attending officer's training at Notre Dame and serving in the Pacific Theater in WWII. He had a 36-year career with Exxon Oil Co. and moved to Houston with his family in 1961. Thompson is survived by his wife of 67 years, Doris; daughter Claire; sons, Justin Jr. and his wife, Sue, and John and his wife, Christina; brother, Andrew; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

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Charles C. Cole Jr., retired professor and college president, Columbus, Ohio, on June 18, 2010. Cole was born on September 12, 1922, in Altoona, Pa., and grew up in Gettysburg, New York City and Yonkers. He served in the Army Air Corps as a 1st Lieutenant and fighter pilot in the 8th Air Force from 1943-45. He married Mary E. Ewald in 1944. Cole dedicated his career to advancing higher education and promoting the humanities. He earned a Ph.D. in history in 1951 from GSAS and from 1946-58 was Columbia's associate dean of students and taught American history. Cole was then professor of history, dean and provost at Lafayette College from 1958-70 and president of Wilson College from 1970-75. He was executive director of the Ohio Humanities Council from 1976-90. Upon retiring, Cole focused his research and writing on Ohio history. He received many awards for his work and research and was an active volunteer. Cole is survived by his sister, Patricia Ewald; brother, Dan; daughters, Phyllis Stanley, Dot Briscoe, Barb Sweigard and Beth; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandsons. Memorial contributions may be made to the Ohioana Library Association, 274 E. 1st Ave., Columbus, OH 43201-3692 or to the Sierra Club, 85 Second St., 2nd Fl., San Francisco, CA 94105.

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Ira W. Gabrielson, retired physician and professor, Williamsburg, Mass., on January 18, 2010. Gabrielson was born in the Bronx and was a graduate of the Horace Mann School. He met his wife, Mary Oliver '50 P&S, when they were both medical students at Columbia; Gabrielson earned a degree in 1949 from P&S. After completing his residency in pediatrics at Yale, Gabrielson earned a master's in public health at Johns Hopkins and spent the better part of his career teaching at Yale, UC Berkeley and the Medical College of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. Gabrielson retired in 1989 as chairman of the Department of Preventive Medicine at MCP. He was a Renaissance man, accomplished

in the arts and sciences, drawing, woodworking, gardening and rowing. Gabrielson was an elected member of the Williamsburg Board of Health and volunteered with many community organizations. He is survived by his wife of 61 years; children, Debby, David, Hugh and Carl; sister, Carol Fine; six grandchildren; and two nieces. Memorial contributions may be made to Doctors Without Borders.



John T. Lorick Jr. '44

John T. Lorick Jr., marketing and advertising executive, Los Angeles, on June 19, 2010. Lorick was born on March 4, 1923, in Astoria, N.Y. He received a Pulitzer scholarship, which provided for his education at Columbia, where in addition to excelling academically he played both varsity basketball and baseball. As an undergraduate, Lorick enlisted in the Marine Corps. He completed his undergraduate work in 1944 at Yale, where he attended Officers Training School. He served in the 1945 invasion and occupation of Japan, returning home in 1946 to attend Harvard Business School. Lorick married Genevieve Grill in 1950; she predeceased him in 2006. He is survived by seven children, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to the John Douglas French Alzheimer's Association, The American Heart Association or Our Lady of Malibu Catholic Church.

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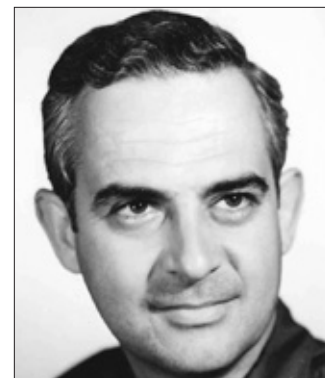
Justin C. Walker, retired physician, Yonkers, N.Y., on May 31, 2010. Born and raised in the Bronx, Walker attended Regis H.S. and served in the Infantry during WWII, active in campaigns with the 42nd Rainbow Division in both France and Germany. He participated in the liberation of the concentration camp at Dachau on April 29, 1945. Walker was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for Heroism, the Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster and the New York Conspicuous Service Medal. Following military service, he graduated from SUNY Downstate Medi-

cal Center, College of Medicine, and received his training in general surgery at St. Vincent's Hospital in New York City, where he met the nurse who would become his wife, Gloria Locker. Walker joined the staff at St. John's Riverside Hospital in 1956 and during his 42-year career held a number of executive positions in the hospital arena as well as in professional associations. Walker is survived by his wife of 56 years; daughters, Susan and her husband, Michael Shepherd, and Patricia; sons, William and John; daughter-in-law, Ellen; and three grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to Pathfinder Village, 3 Chenango Rd., Edmeston, NY 13335-2314.

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Nolan D. Lewis, retired airline employee, banker, South Salem, N.Y., on June 20, 2010. Born on June 11, 1923, in Washington, D.C., Lewis was a graduate of New Rochelle H.S. He spent most of his career in airline transportation. He was a ticket office manager for Colonial Airlines and also a terminal manager for Eastern Airlines. Lewis worked in Eastern's home office as a customer service representative and then worked for a number of years for the Eastern's terminal corporation as one of its managers. When the New York terminals closed, he began a second career in banking with The Bank of New York. Lewis is survived by his sister, Mary Ann, and a large extended family.

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Robert H. Young '47

Robert H. Young, retired television broadcaster, Ridgewood, N.J., on January 19, 2011. Born on November 7, 1923, in Covington, Ky., Young served in the Armed Air Forces in WWII as a co-pilot; he survived being shot down and captured in the European theatre. Young's career in television broadcasting began in 1960, when he took his initial job as news director for NBC affiliate WNDU-TV in South Bend, Ind. Returning to

Neil L. Selinger '75, Longtime CCAA Board Member

Neil L. Selinger '75, a writer and retired attorney and former v.p. of student affairs for the Columbia College Alumni Association (CCAA), died on July 9, 2011. He was 57 and lived in Larchmont, N.Y. Selinger earned a J.D. from NYU and practiced law as a partner with Lowey, Dannenberg, Bemporad, and Selinger from 1976 until his retirement in 2007. After retiring, Selinger published a memoir about his experiences growing up in an immigrant family in central New Jersey, *A Sloan Product: A Memoir of a Lost Boy* (2011). He recently had completed a collection of essays about living with ALS ("Lou Gehrig's Disease"), yet unpublished.

Selinger was tirelessly passionate about Bruce Springsteen and the New York Yankees and counted travel among his favorite indulgences. He was a two-decade member of the CCAA and was the v.p. of student affairs for a decade. In May, at Commencement, the University recognized Selinger with an Alumni Medal, given



to acknowledge distinguished service to the University of 10 or more years.

His daughter, Hannah '02, wrote an essay on him, "Living the Life Unexpected," in the March/April issue (college.columbia.edu/cct/mar_apr11/alumni_corner).

Selinger is survived by his mother, Helen; wife, Rima Grad; and daughters, Hannah '02, Emily '12 and Julia '15. Memorial contributions may be made to the ALS division of the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

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New York, he reported for and anchored the WCBS nightly news broadcast, including coverage of the assassination of President Kennedy. At ABC News, he was one of the first correspondents dispatched to cover the Vietnam War, in 1965. Young became the network's chief European news correspondent; based in London, he traveled the continent reporting on the major stories for two years. Back in the States, he filled the anchor seat for the ABC World News Broadcast, completing his news career in 1975. Young is survived by his children, Robert, Michael, and Amy Brown; and six grandchildren. He was predeceased by his second wife, Shelly, in 2006, and his first wife and the mother of his children, Shirley "Penny" Young, in 2009.

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Albert F. Serocke, retired salesman, Kennett Square, Pa., on June 26, 2010. Born in Chicago, Serocke was a salesman for Fieldcrest Mills in New York City for 25 years, retiring in 1981. He was a graduate of Poly Prep High in Brooklyn, N.Y., and

served in the Army during WWII. Serocke enjoyed collecting coins and stamps and was an avid reader. He is survived by his sons, Christopher and his wife, Joyce, and Jeffrey and his wife, Adele; daughters, Kathleen Lisi and her husband, Stephen, and Patricia Cabuling and her husband, Manny; and 10 grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to Ware Presbyterian Village, Employee Fund, 7 E. Locust St., Oxford, PA 19363.

Mortimer J. Shaff, retired publishing executive, New York City, on May 18, 2010. Shaff was valedictorian of the Class in 1948 and was Phi Beta Kappa. He studied foreign languages at Cornell by direction of the Army. Shaff served five years in the Army as a captain in the Intelligence Corps in Korea (1949–53) and then worked for Random House Publishing until his retirement. He is survived by a nephew and two great-nephews.

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David N. Ilchert, retired INS executive, Novato, Calif., on August

9, 2010. A native of Astoria, N.Y., Ilchert was a resident of Novato since 1963. A veteran of WWII, having served in the Navy, he earned a law degree from NYU and had a successful career in the INS, rising to San Francisco District Director. He held that position until he retired in 1994. Ilchert was a member of such organizations as the Lions Club and the Knights of Columbus. He was president of the Novato Lions Club numerous times. Ilchert is survived by his wife of 58 years, Wanda; sister, Dorothea; daughter, Joan Christensen and her husband, Tim; son, David and his wife, Juli; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

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William J. Hill, quality control expert, Weston, Conn., on September 20, 2010. Born in Manhattan on October 16, 1928, Hill, and his family, moved to Rockville Centre, N.Y., where he attended Southside H.S. He earned a degree in 1951 from GSAS. After graduating with distinction, Hill held positions of increasing responsibility and gained expertise in quality control. Before forming his own consulting firm, Hill was a consultant for Con Ed, where he developed and implemented the Indian Point nuclear audit program. In recognition of his work in quality control, he was named a fellow of the American Society of Quality Control, the highest honor that can be bestowed on a member. Aside from serving on the ASQC for 15 years, Hill was a senior member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers. He was a crossword puzzle enthusiast and lifelong dog lover. Hill is survived by his wife of 56 years, Frances; sons, Denis, Paul and Ronald; daughter, Andrea; and six grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to Vitas Hospice Services (vitas.com).

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Ronald H. Boorse, retired business owner, Houston, on July 6, 2010. Boorse was born on May 17, 1935, in New York City. In 1960 he started a career in the business forms industry, working for Standard Register in New York. Eventually he moved to Houston, where he started his own business, United Business Forms, in 1979; he continued it until his 2005 retirement. Boorse was active in industry associations as well as the South End Optimist Club. He was predeceased by his son, John, and is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Mark Powers; son, Henry II; daughter, Alexis R. Marly; four grandchildren; sister and brother-in-law, Suzanne and Claude Remond; and ex-wife, Peggy J. Boorse. Memo-

rial contributions may be made to Houston Hospice, 1905 Holcombe, Houston, TX 77030.

George Dickstein, teacher, Riverdale, N.Y., on February 3, 2010. While he spent most of his career in public relations and advertising, Dickstein found his true passion at 69 when he began teaching at Westchester Community College. He worked at the college for about four years, first as a tutor in the Academic Support Center and in the Writing Tutorial, and later as a teacher of basic writing and composition, and literature.

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Edward A. "Bud" Spraker, retired athletics director and physical education teacher, Teaneck, N.J., on July 3, 2010. Spraker graduated from Farragut H.S., where he lettered in football, basketball and baseball all four years. Before retiring in 1995 after a 32-year career, he was an athletics director and physical education teacher for 26 years at Benjamin Franklin Jr. H.S. in Teaneck, where he founded the Leaders Club. He also had taught at Thomas Jefferson Jr. H.S. in Teaneck for six years. Spraker played football in the Navy and was a Korean War veteran. After the Navy, he continued playing football, for Columbia. Spraker was a longtime member of Christ Episcopal Church in Teaneck, sang in the choir and was Sunday School superintendent for many years. He is survived by his sons, John and Gary; sisters, Edna Shewbrooks, Shirley Moehring and Bobbie; brother, The Rev. James; and one granddaughter. He was predeceased by his wife, Nancy. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Asher Rubin, retired deputy attorney general, San Francisco, on September 29, 2010. Rubin was born in Atlantic City, N.J., on November 9, 1936. When he was 11, the family moved to Liberty, N.Y. Rubin graduated from Harvard Law in 1961 and moved to California to clerk for Justice Thomas P. White of the California Supreme Court. He joined the office of Attorney General Stanley Mosk in 1963, where he remained until his retirement in 2001, except for a brief interlude in the Office of the General Counsel of the Peace Corps and on the public relations staff of The Weizmann Institute in Israel. As a deputy attorney general, Rubin represented various officials and agencies in appellate and trial litigation involving important political and social issues. He appeared before the United States Supreme Court in two cases, *Honig v. Doe* and *Cal-*

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.

- 1932** Alexander J. Harsanyi, retired writer, editor and translator, Wallingford, Conn., on May 27, 2011.
Julius Wolfram, physician, Dallas, on March 16, 2011.
- 1933** Leo Rangell, psychoanalyst and emeritus professor, Los Angeles, on May 28, 2011.
- 1935** Edwin K. Large Jr., retired attorney, Evans, Ga., on April 3, 2011.
- 1938** Paul F. Angiolillo, retired professor, Weston, Mass., on June 5, 2011.
- 1939** Richard C. Fremon, retired, Hackettstown, N.J., on April 25, 2011.
David B. Hertz, professor emeritus, Miami, on June 13, 2011.
John H. Woodruff, retired radiologist, medical consultant, Bloomfield, Conn., on June 12, 2011.
- 1940** Hermon W. "Hy" Farwell Jr., retired speech professor, Pueblo, Colo., on April 6, 2011.
Philip M. Greenberg, retired psychiatrist, Jupiter, Fla., on June 16, 2011.
Alfred P. Minervini, retired construction industry executive, Scarsdale, N.Y., on March 24, 2011.
- 1943** Alvin Lukashok, New York City, on June 20, 2011.
Theodore E. Plucinski, physician, Brooklyn, N.Y., on April 1, 2011.
Sidney Warschausky, teacher, Ann Arbor, Mich., on April 9, 2011.
- 1944** William W. Baines Jr., retired sales representative, Owings Mills, Md., on May 26, 2011.
Richard D. Hunter, retired minister, Arlington, Mass., on February 25, 2011.
- 1946** Charles H. Arnoldi Jr., retired surgeon, University Park, Fla., on April 26, 2011.
Atherton "Toni" Bristol, retired coach, Lakeville, Minn., on May 21, 2011.
R. Glen Keyes, small-business owner, Asheboro, N.C., on June 26, 2011.
- 1948** Richard van Frank, retired editor, Montclair, N.J., on July 4, 2011.
- 1949** Thomas A. Kimmons, Rockville Centre, N.Y., on February 16, 2011.
Jesse S. Siegel, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., on May 10, 2011.
- 1950** Edwin H. Arnaud Jr., Richmond, Va., on April 3, 2011.
Everett L. Dodrill Jr., Cleveland Heights, Ohio, on March 1, 2011.
Walter P. Luikart, physician, Thetford, Vt., on January 28, 2011.
John D. Suomi, retired dentist, New Wilmington, Pa., on May 8, 2011.
William Thordarson, Mount Pleasant, S.C., on December 8, 2010.
- 1952** Nicholas Csonka Jr., retired anesthesiologist, Essexville, Mich., on May 27, 2011.
- 1954** John L. Garrison, retired Air Force officer, Longwood, Fla., on March 26, 2011.
Ellsworth M. Shafto III, Wall Street trader, Basking Ridge, N.J., on May 24, 2011.
- 1956** James S. Williams, retired executive, Fallbrook, Calif., on May 22, 2011.
- 1957** Robert I. Brockman, architect, Haverford, Pa., on June 12, 2011.
Frederick W. Korz, retired educator, horologist, Middletown, Conn., on April 4, 2011.
- 1958** Anthony T. Layng, emeritus professor of anthropology, Winston-Salem, N.C., on June 12, 2011.
Joachim Neugroschel, literary translator, Brooklyn, N.Y., on May 23, 2011.
George A. Omura, professor emeritus of gynecologic oncology, Mountain Brook, Ala., on April 4, 2011.
Albert Z. Soletsky, retired associate professor of languages, Hackensack, N.J., on April 24, 2011.
- 1959** Richard A. Donelli, dentist, Pound Ridge, N.Y., on July 24, 2011.
- 1960** Robert J. Capone, retired cardiologist and professor, Clifton Park, N.Y., on June 29, 2011.
Ronald S. Kane, appraiser, New York City, on May 30, 2011.
- 1962** Robert W. Maddox, retired Marine Corps officer, Princess Anne, Md., on April 2, 2011.
C. Brian O'Gorman, retired attorney, San Diego, on May 24, 2011.
- 1966** Richard W. Thompson, retired psychoanalyst and program manager, New York City, on April 19, 2011.
- 1967** Donald B. Krim, film distributor, New York City, on May 20, 2011.
- 1969** Joseph J. Okon, physician and medical educator, Norwalk, Conn., on May 6, 2011.
Joel J. Ouellet, retired Wall Street and real estate executive, San Diego, on February 22, 2011.
- 1971** Joseph Grisanzio, physician, Lakeville, Mass., on May 25, 2011.
Brian C. Hesse, anthropological archaeologist, State College, Pa., on April 2, 2011.
- 1976** Josiah T. Greenberg, attorney, Montclair, N.J., on January 5, 2011.

*for*nia Human Resources Dept. v. Java, and represented President S.I. Hayakawa during the 1968-69 student strike at San Francisco State University. Rubin also was involved in a number of community groups. He is survived by his wife, Diane; children, Jacob '06 and Shaina '09; and brothers, Emanuel, Mordecai, Joseph '60 and Abba '63.

1976

Dana A. Brand, Mets blogger and English department chair, Sandy Hook, Conn., on May 25, 2011. Brand was born in New York City on September 23, 1954, to Brooklyn Dodgers fans. He grew up in Englewood Cliffs, N.J., and earned two master's degrees and a doctorate from Yale, specializing in American literature from the Civil War to the mid-20th century. He had been on the Hofstra faculty since 1989. Brand was a former chair of the English Department and taught all genres and periods of American literature, with a main focus on fiction written between 1850-1950. When Brand was a child, his parents dissuaded him from rooting for the hated Yankees. "I've been full of simple hope on the first day of every baseball season I can remember," he wrote on his popular, almost-daily blog (danabrand.com/blog) on April 1. He also wrote two books on being a Mets fan, *Mets Fan* and *The Last Days of Shea: Delight and Despair in the Life of a Mets Fan*. Brand is survived by his wife, Sheila Fisher; daughter, Sonia Brand-Fisher; and sisters, Jennifer and Stefanie.

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Michael W. Stevenson, commercial banking v.p., New York City, on July 19, 2010. Stevenson worked at J.P. Morgan Chase in New York. Survivors include his partner, Richard Berhalter; mother, Lois; sister, Leigh Stevenson Cobb; and nieces and nephews. Memorial contributions may be made to The Town of Chester Public Library, PO Box 451, Chestertown, NY 12817 or Room to Read, 111 Sutter St., 16th Fl., San Francisco, CA 94104.

1986

Joshua A. Moreinis, senior planner and landscape painter, Croton-on-Hudson, N.Y., on July 16, 2010. Moreinis earned an M.S. in urban planning in 1988 from the Architecture School. He was a Fulbright Scholar in South Korea, a senior planner at STV and a landscape painter. Moreinis is survived by his wife, Pamela Ivinski; mother and stepfather, Pat Moreinis Dodge and Peter Dodge; and brother, Bram.

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Class President **Arnold Saltzman '36** represented his class during the Alumni Parade of Classes at Class Day on May 17.

Carl M. Relyea '35 has led a full and fulfilling life following his interests in music, meteorology and hydrology.

Carl's interest in music started in childhood with piano and organ lessons, which led to positions as glee club pianist and organist both in high school and in college, and church organist at various churches through high school and college. Music was his life until WWII, when the military sent him to MIT to study meteorology. At some of Carl's subsequent assignments, he managed to find a church organ on which to practice. As a weather officer in the Army Air Corps, he was theatre meteorological officer in the secret Central Canadian Theatre. Then he went to Nome, Alaska, as sector weather officer, with the rank of captain.

Upon demobilization, Carl started a career with the Weather Bureau, first forecasting in Bermuda, then setting up forecasting facilities for international flights at what is now known as JFK Airport on Long Island. His interest in hydrology took him from Long Island to Cincinnati as hydrologist at the Weather Bureau.

Once established in Cincinnati, Carl added the role of organist at Highland Methodist Church, Ft. Thomas, Ky., where he stayed for 37 years.

Carl was made hydrologist-in-charge of the River Forecast Center, and he retired in 1977. In 1979, he was appointed deputy director of the Hamilton County Emergency Management Agency, writing operations plans for the cities, villages and townships. He retired again in 2000.

Since his last retirement, Carl has written his autobiography for his children and now is pursuing family genealogy with great fervor. He has three children, Richard, Deborah and Comelia, and two granddaughters. His wife, Harriet, died in 1982.

Tom Armstrong '39 writes: "While at Columbia I was a member of Alpha Delta Phi, NACOMS and co-manager of the football team. One of my best friends at

Columbia was **Tom Merton '38**.

"My military career began by being drafted in May 1945. At the time, I was on the final inspection team of P-47s before they rolled out the door. After basic training at Fort McClellan, I was transferred to the ASTP at Penn. This was an intensive study of Japanese history, language and culture. Some of the graduates of this program went into the diplomatic service, while some went to work in companies

that wanted to do business in Japan after the war. Some of our classmates were Japanese-Americans in U.S. uniforms, while their parents resided in a stockade in Colorado.

"My business career was varied: Twice I operated my own business and twice I was affiliated with large corporations. Finally I enjoyed a 16-year experience in the public sector.

"When I retired in 1983, my wife, Jean Walther, and I moved from western New York to western Mas-

sachusetts to be near relatives. We settled in a town where two paper mills had formerly been located. Both closed but left operating hydro-plants. We now live in a comfortable home in the foothills of the Berkshire Mountains, enjoying New England life.

"I enjoy reading letters from classmates and encourage them to write."

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Ray Robinson wrote an article for the May 28 issue of *The New York Times* commemorating the death of Lou Gehrig '23 on June 2, 1941, one day before our graduation (titled "For Columbia Class of '41, It Is Always the Day After," you can find it on nytimes.com). Gehrig's demise was the result of ALS, now commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease. Ray is the acknowledged expert on Gehrig and has written many articles and books about him. In preparation for this article, Ray interviewed several of our classmates who recall the June 2-3 happenings. Among those sharing their memories were **Ted de Bary, Mario Bellardi, Sherwin Kaufman, Berndt Lindgren** and **Gene Sosin**.

Six classmates gathered on June 2 this year on South Field for a ceremony marking Gehrig's death. The ceremony was held where home plate would have been, as best as anyone could figure, when Gehrig played for Columbia. Ray called it "a day of remembrance," noting that the event had special meaning for our class. [See photo.] Columbia's athletics director, M. Dianne Murphy, and baseball coach, Brett Boretti, participated in the ceremony, along with former Yankees PR director Marty Appel.

David Richman '53 sent a copy of an obituary in *The Washington Post* of **Bill Goldwater** in February. He also attached a news article detailing the work that Bill had done as a research director at the National Institutes of Health. Bill was an active participant and leader of many activities in Bethesda, Md./Montgomery County.

On April 28, a memorial service was held in St. Paul's Chapel for **Coffee. Ted de Bary** gave a moving remembrance. Other classmates attending were **Art Friedman, Ray**



Lou Gehrig '23 swings for the fences, or maybe Journalism, as fans fill the bleachers on what now is Van Am Quad.

Class of 1941 Remembers Gehrig

Six members of the Class of 1941 got a head start on their 70th reunion when they gathered on Thursday morning, June 2, on South Field for a ceremony marking the 70th anniversary of the death of Baseball Hall of Famer Lou Gehrig '23. The ceremony was held where home plate would have been, as best as anyone could figure, when Gehrig was slugging home runs in his one season playing for Columbia before he left school to join the New York Yankees. Athletics Director M. Dianne Murphy, who described herself as "a Yankees fan from Tennessee," welcomed the alumni and their guests and thanked them for their longstanding devotion to Columbia. Author and Gehrig biographer Ray Robinson '41 called it "a day of remembrance," noting that the event had special meaning for his class since the day after Gehrig's death was the day they graduated from Columbia.



Members of the Class of 1941 who attended the ceremony honoring Gehrig were (from left) Gene Sosin, Sherwin Kaufman, Wm. Theodore (Ted) de Bary, Ray Robinson, Arthur Friedman and Bob Zucker.

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Robinson and I.

I recently returned from Israel, where I witnessed the awarding of an honorary Ph.D. from Hebrew University to my companion, Fran Katz. The other American receiving this honor was Sir James Wolfensohn, the former head of the World Bank. I also was feted at a 90th birthday party. The surprise location, with 50 guests, was the N.Y.S. Merchant Marine Academy. I had worked on the training ship *Empire State 1* in the summers of 1939 and 1940. We left Cherbourg on September 1, 1939, the day the war started.

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Arthur “Wizzer” Wellington and **Don Mankiewicz** were both on the road in March and April. Art (90) had a holiday from his home in chilly Elmira, N.Y., with a week in Jekyll Island, Ga. Don (89) took an automobile trip from his home in Monrovia, Calif., near the Santa Anita Race Track, to northern California, near Eureka. Don’s devoted wife, Carol, served as designated driver, navigating their new Chevy van with her usual skill. Art and Don and this writer, all charter members of the Columbia chapter of the Certified Degenerate Horseplayers Club, had several pre-Kentucky Derby handicapping discussions via phone and email in which we discussed the main contenders for that historic race, including Uncle Mo and Dialed In. Art risked a few dollars in a future book wager on Uncle Mo. By the time this issue of *CCT* is published, the Derby, Preakness and Belmont Stakes Triple Crown races will have been run, and the results entered in the annals of racing history. As Don said to me in 1941, providing philosophic solace as we walked along Amsterdam Avenue to the campus after a losing day of bad bets, “Mel, there is always the next race.” This comment by Don, 70 years ago, was helpful to me as the years passed after we left Columbia.

Our Alumni Office notified me about the December 27 death of **John B. Kelly** in Scottsdale, Ariz. John came to Columbia in 1938 from Kew Gardens, N.Y. He was a member of the Chess Club and team and Pi Mu Epsilon. John earned a Ph.D. in mathematics at

MIT in 1948. He then joined the faculty at Michigan State University in East Lansing as an instructor in mathematics with subsequent promotions to assistant professor and associate professor during his career there from 1951–62. In 1962, John joined the faculty at Arizona State University in Tempe as associate professor of mathematics and was promoted to full professor in 1966. He continued to be a full professor and then was professor emeritus until his retirement to Scottsdale in the 1990s. At the time of this writing, there is no further information available about John’s activities during WWII, or any details about his family. We send condolences to surviving members of John’s family and to classmates who knew John during his years at Columbia.

I also was notified by our Alumni Office of the death of **Harold D. Chase** at 91 in Concord, N.H. on May 5. Harold served in the Army from 1943–46, after which he graduated from the Episcopal Divinity School in 1949, with an additional degree from Boston University in 1969. Harold served as an assistant at Christ Church in Cincinnati from 1949–51 and was rector of the Church of the Transfiguration in Buffalo, N.Y., from 1951–56. From 1956–87, Harold was rector of Christ Church in Needham, Mass., where he also served as chaplain of the Fire Department. He was a 32nd Degree Mason and served as chaplain of various Masonic bodies. Harold was predeceased by his son, Peter, in 2004 and by his wife, Betty, in 2005. He is survived by his son, Andrew, of Narragansett, R.I.; daughter, Celinda Chambers, of Millis, Mass.; a granddaughter, Melanie Steeves; and two great-grandchildren. We honor Harold’s service to his constituents for so many years, and we send condolences and good wishes to his family.

Aside from having to report so many classmate deaths in recent issues of *CCT*, I have been thinking about the impressive presence of so many Columbia alumni at the core of our federal government in Washington, D.C. Among those present are President Barack Obama ‘83; Eric H. Holder Jr. ‘73, ‘76L (attorney general); Julius Genachowski ‘85 (chairman of the FCC); Michael Leiter ‘91 (former director of the U.S. National Counterterrorism Center); and Donald B. Verrilli Jr. ‘83L (solicitor general of the United States). Also, as far as I can discern, Columbia is the only school to have one of its presidents serve as a POTUS (General Dwight D. Eisenhower).

Arthur Graham celebrated his 90th birthday on March 29 with a family gathering at his daughter’s

house, along with a simultaneous celebration of his wife Ruth’s 85th birthday. Art thus joined the growing number of classmates who are members of the Nonagenarian Club. Art and Ruth then embarked on a three-week cruise around South America aboard the Celebrity *Infinity*, spending a week in Buenos Aires with a side trip to Igazu Falls, and around Cape Horn to Valparaiso, Chile. Art replicated the voyages of Sir Francis Drake and Charles Darwin on the list of sailors who made the trip around the Horn. Art, a retired engineering executive, remains active in Columbia alumni affairs. He sends warm wishes to all classmates and, says “We are doing great!” As Shakespeare said, “Ripeness is all” (*King Lear*).

On April 26, *New York Times* reporter Corey Kilgannon wrote a long essay about the retirement of our distinguished classmate, Professor **Donald Keene**, who taught his last class on that date, and said farewell to his students and to his long career at Columbia. Donald, an emeritus professor of East Asian Languages and Culture, was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., where he graduated from James Madison H.S. before coming to Columbia in 1938. He began studying Japanese as an undergraduate, and after Pearl Harbor continued at the Navy’s language school, eventually becoming a Naval Intelligence officer. He translated information from Japanese prisoners and their diaries, and after his discharge, returned to Columbia, where he earned a master’s in the late 1940s and a Ph.D. from Graduate Faculties (now GSAS) in East Asian languages and cultures in 1950.

Donald began teaching at Columbia in 1955, rising to become the Shincho Professor of Japanese Literature in 1986. He wrote, edited and translated many books on Japanese culture and literature, in both English and Japanese, and was widely recognized as one of the world’s leading authorities on Japanese literature and culture (“the eminent Japanologist Donald Keene,” by John Updike, *Hugging The Shore*, page 732, Alfred Knopf, 1983). Donald announced that he plans to move to Japan to establish permanent residence there and seek Japanese citizenship, because he has received many honors and has many friends there and wishes to be among these friends in their time of their recent national tsunami and nuclear disasters.

Donald certainly is one of the most distinguished scholars in our great Class of 1942, which produced many gifted lawyers, physicians, novelists and multiple academic luminaries across the nation’s universities during the past 70 years.

We congratulate Donald on his extraordinary career and wish him well in the years ahead.

In my mail of May 25, I received a communication from Chief Judge Theodore A. McKee of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, inviting me to attend a special session of the court, dedicating the Atrium in the Federal Building & United States Courthouse in Newark, N.J., to our distinguished classmate, the Honorable **Leonard I. Garth**. This ceremony was held on June 24.

Len, a longtime revered judge on this court, last contacted me in November 2009 with a warm letter, reporting that he and his wife, Sarah, had left their home in New Jersey for residence in an assisted-living community in North Branford, Conn. Len had been dealing with mobility problems related to spinal surgeries, and while no longer able to navigate as before, he was functioning well with a motorized scooter and cane. The federal government, recognizing that Len’s intellectual and legal abilities remained intact, refused to allow him to retire as a senior judge on the Third Circuit and created an office and chambers from which he continued to work. At that time, Len had served on the federal court for 40 years. As I wrote in a previous note about Len, his legendary accomplishments within the judiciary were accompanied by his extraordinary modesty and skill as a mentor to many young lawyers who served clerkships in his office, including current sitting Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito. We send congratulations to Len and his wife and good wishes for the years ahead.

Immanuel Lichtenstein sent a warm note to me on June 4, commenting on the Class Note entry about our mutual friend, the late **Franklin Gerald Bishop**, in the May/June issue of *CCT*. Manny, a leading expert in engineering metallurgy, reviewed his role in helping write Gerry’s obituary, with the co-operation of Engineering officials and the publisher of *The New York Times*. A loyal and devoted alumnus, Manny has attended many of our reunions and has also represented

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our Class of 1942 by marching with older graduates at Columbia's Commencement ceremonies.

Your comments, corrections and news reports are always welcome. Kind regards and good wishes to all.

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Those who struggle to follow the healthcare debate are directed to the comments of Dr. Richard Friedenberg '46. They are available in the '46 Class Notes of the March/April issue of CCT (page 33, or college.columbia.edu/cct/mar_apr11/class_notes). Pellucidly clear, his succinct review is better than any number of textbooks or op-ed pages.

My wife and I visited her sister (92) and other members of her family in England in April. We started in the northwest, then southeast, and finally southwest before ending our trip in London. We were lucky to have sunny, clear weather and could thus enjoy the vibrant greens of spring.

I attended two graduations in mid-May. The first was that of my granddaughter Sara's husband, from the Virginia Theological Seminary, where Sara also is enrolled and is in her second year. The other was in Clinton, N.Y., where my second granddaughter, Rachel, finished her four years at Hamilton College. These events went smoothly and were great opportunities for family reunions.

We later went to Boston for my 66th medical school class reunion. I reunited with myself: There were no other Class of '45ers there.

No further travel is scheduled until the fall, when we go to Amsterdam. I canceled a planned September journey to New Zealand, where The International Society of Pediatric Oncology will hold its 43rd meeting. It will be the first of these I have missed through all the years bar one. Much as we enjoy that attractive country and its citizens, it's just too costly in time, effort and money to make a quick turnaround trip of a few days. Lengthening the visit by a week of touring only adds to those costs, of course.

My letter to the editor of *Columbia* magazine was published in the Spring 2011 issue (magazine.columbia.edu/letters/spring-2011). In it, I deplored the appearance in those pages of sentences containing number disagreement; e.g., "Everyone has their ..." Professor Carl Voss '04 GSAS promptly wrote to defend

strongly what is to me and others abominable usage. He pointed out that Shakespeare did so as did and do many reputable authors. In short, it has been and is in widespread use. He cited one authority who termed those who object to such constructions as, "particularly puristic pusillanimous pontificators." I acknowledge to being among them; in turn, I would designate those who defend that solecism — for such it is — to be among the numerous nuncios of nonsensical non-sequiturs. Invoking the shades of The Bard and adding pedantry and fast talk thereto do not offset one simple arithmetic fact: Adding none to one does not yield two or more, inherent in the word "their." *Q.E.D.* Moreover, widespread usage does not legitimize loose or even indecent language. The reality that presidents and other VIPs, male and female, and innumerable *hoi polloi* have invited adversaries to self-procreate does not *ipso facto* make coarse language of that kind acceptable.

Herbert Hendin '46 is CEO and director of special projects for Suicide Prevention International, which he founded.

Ralph Gladstone '47, '51 GSAS wrote to me after reading one of these Class Notes. As we are both in Philadelphia, we arranged to have a pleasant lunch in early May. We traded stories of Columbia as it was more than 60 years ago, and I learned he was a classics major. Ralph provided the definitive translation of *The Heracleidae* of Euripides for the Greek Tragedies Series edited by David Grene and Richard Lattimore. Ralph also taught English in schools and universities both here and abroad.

Sad news: **Warren C. Meeker**, retired business executive, Naples, Fla., passed away on January 18. **John G. Pappas**, retired physician and chemist, New York City, passed away on March 4.

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Prolific writer **Joseph Cowley Sr.**, who turned 87 last October, notes, "No one in my family has lived past that age, so this is the year of the showdown with my genes." He is coping with an assortment of ailments that come with age, as well as some financial problems. As of his mid-March communiqué to CCT, Joe expected to file for bankruptcy, largely because his

efforts to self-publish his comprehensive biography of President John Adams have yielded "zilch" financially.

But Joe is pushing ahead undeterred with new projects. He is finishing abridging and simplifying *Crime and Punishment* for a Japanese publisher, hopefully the first in a series of classics designed for Japanese readers in English-as-a-second-language programs. While initial financial returns may be "pitifully low," Joe notes, "I'm enjoying the work tremendously."

We must bid farewell to the Rev. **Richard Hunter**, who left us in February. On graduating from the College, Dick moved across Broadway to Union Seminary and then started his ministry as a Naval chaplain on the *USS Mann*. Back in civilian life, he served some churches in Manchester, England. Returning to the States, he then served for 27 years as minister of the Congregational Christian Church of Ravenna, N.Y. After re-

he continues to ski.

Tough life, but I guess somebody's got to do it.

Bert Wise has been taking courses from The Fromm Institute for Lifelong Learning (which he highly recommends) and now is working on a script for a "film noir." A Pilates teacher comes to his home to keep him in shape, as he doesn't take part in outdoor sports. Bert has three daughters and four grandchildren. His best news is that he and his wife of 51 years are still in reasonably good shape.

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We have email addresses for only one-half of the men on the CC '46 Class List, and some that we have may no longer be correct. In the interest of being able to communicate class news and information to everyone, please send your current email address to my email as shown above.

The 65th anniversary reunion was a rousing success. Twenty-four classmates and guests gathered atop Butler Library (aka South Hall) with a magnificent view of the campus and Low Memorial Library. To the sounds of a live music ensemble we greeted and caught up with each other over cocktails. Dean of Academic Affairs Kathryn Yatrakis, a longtime friend of CC '46, joined us for the reception and lunch, after which she spoke about the College and awarded the Dean's Pin to **Richard Heffner** and **Bernard Sunshine** for their leadership of the reunion.

A special feature was a preview of **Dick Heffner's** interview of Dean of the College and Vice President for Undergraduate Education Michele Moody-Adams, for his award-winning TV program *Open Mind*. Dick created and has hosted the program for 55 years, bringing to his table notables in politics, literature, philosophy, academia and current thought. Dean Moody-Adams came for the viewing and then engaged in a spirited Q&A, moderated by Dick. The 30-minute conversation was seen on New York's public television station, Channel 13, on June 18, and other stations around the country. You can also see it at your convenience by logging on to the website thirteen.org/openmind. You will be mightily impressed with the leadership of the College. This interview is a must-see.

This was truly an informative and fun-filled afternoon, thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Visit the CCT website to view

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Dan Robbins has been retired for 10 years from Hi-Tech Engineering but is reasonably active and was raking leaves when I called. His wife of 48 years reports that he doesn't like to talk on the phone and abhors new things like email, so she was my source of information.

Frank Russo retired from the practice of surgery on December 31, 1993. Since then, he has devoted himself to staying healthy, which has involved working out, tennis, golf and skiing. An injury some years ago ended tennis, even though it has healed since then. However, Frank continues to play golf, his wife being a championship player. Also, he has a condominium in Vail, Colo., where

our class photo and to see a list of classmates who registered to attend: college.columbia.edu/cct/fall11/reunion.

Alan Berman in Crown Point, Ind., sent a letter citing his granddaughter's college graduation in conflict with our reunion luncheon. He wrote, "Clearly I would have liked to attend the class anniversary, but family commitments precluded my making it to New York on that day." We certainly understand.

Irwin Nydick and **Bernie Sunshine** proudly carried our 1946 class banner in the Alumni Parade of Classes on Class Day, May 17. Class Day is the more intimate College event the day before Commencement exercises for all University schools. As we marched in, seated graduates rose and burst into cheers and applause. One graduating senior reached out to exchange a high five with Irwin. The only earlier alumnus marching was Arnold Saltzman '36. Now there is a goal for all of us.

My Columbia files turned up this notice when we were seniors, from our dean, Harry J. Carman. "Your attention is drawn to a number of details concerning the graduation ceremonies to be held in Harkness Theater, South Hall at 4:00 p.m. Cap and gown may be rented for \$1.60 from the Columbia University Bookstore and may be secured at any time during the regular hours. Seniors will assemble before the exercises in the east corridor on the main floor of South Hall. Please be there by 3:40 p.m. If you have not filed your application for the degree and paid the fee, you should do so."

A warm welcome to **Barnett Zumoff**, who changed his class affiliation to '46. He wrote, "I am a prodigal son who wants to come home, and I hope I will be received as well as the Biblical prodigal son was." Barney, we are delighted to add you to the ranks of our distinguished class. Barney is professor of medicine at Albert Einstein College of Medicine and emeritus chief of the Division of Endocrinology and Metabolism at Beth Israel Medical Center in New York.

The bulk of **Herbert Hendin's** medical career in psychiatry has been devoted to suicide prevention and survivor counseling. In addition to his private practice, Herb is CEO and director of special projects for Suicide Prevention International (SPI), which he founded. The incidence of suicides on college campuses is surprisingly high and is one of his organization's targets. SPI conducts research around the world, and one of its programs is employed by the Veterans Administration for returning military. A large turnout of supporters participated in a successful "Walk for

Life" on May 7 along New York's Hudson River in Riverside Park.

Richard Friedenberg's view on healthcare (see March/April, page 33, or college.columbia.edu/cct/mar_april/class_notes) receives kudos from CCT class correspondent G.J. (Giulio) D'Angio '43 in this issue. Dick tells me he received other fan mail as well.

With regret, I report the death of **Marvin L. Aronson** on February 27. Marvin was a psychologist who distinguished himself in group and family therapy. His comments about the special value of a well-functioning older psychotherapist appeared in the September/October 2010 Class Notes (page 37, or college.columbia.edu/cct/sep_oct10/class_notes).

I also regret reporting that Dr. **Charles H. Arnoldi Jr.** died on April 26. Charles was a retired surgeon who had practiced in Orange and South Orange, N.J., for more than 50 years. He passed away in Palmetto, Fla., after a short illness.

Charles was born in West Hoboken, N.J. He was very proud of his College degree, and he was in the V12 program. In 1949, he graduated from Georgetown's College of Medicine. He was a member of the American College of Surgeons and the American Medical Association, and a past president of the Essex County Medical Society. Charles also was a Navy veteran of the Korean War and served in the Naval Reserves for many years.

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Dr. **Hugo J. Gruendel** returned to Columbia May 17-18, 2010, to attend the graduation of his granddaughter, Catherine Anne Kaelin '10. Catherine graduated magna cum laude and is the third generation of her family to graduate from the College. Also in attendance was Hugo's son, Dr. John Gruendel '83, uncle of the graduate. On May 17, 2010, Hugo attended Catherine's initiation ceremony into Columbia's New York Delta chapter of Phi Beta Kappa.

The three Columbians returned to campus this past June 4 to attend Dean's Day.

The Class of '47 is looking for a class correspondent to write a

quarterly Class Notes column for *Columbia College Today*. If you want a chance to reconnect with classmates and to help share their news with the class, please contact Managing Editor Lisa Palladino at lp2033@columbia.edu or 212-851-7976.

Until then, please send notes about your life, travel, family and experiences at Columbia to the email or postal address at the top of the column, or use CCT's online submission form: college.columbia.edu/cct/submit_class_note.

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Durham Caldwell received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Ludlow (Mass.) Democratic Committee for his column in the weekly *Ludlow Register* interviewing local people, especially WWII veterans.

Durham Caldwell '48 received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Ludlow (Mass.) Democratic Town Committee.

Charles Currie recalls his fondness for Columbia College, and his good memories of professors as well as many classmates. His years spent at the College prepared him well for his life's adventures. Charles served as an Army chaplain until his retirement in 1974. He is active in Christian missionary work and finds it fulfilling.

James Griffith is a retired physician from Norwalk, Conn. Recently he had the pleasure of interviewing seven applicants for the Class of 2015. James said it was a great experience and would encourage others to do the same (studentaffairs.columbia.edu/admissions/alumni/volunteers.php).

Paul Flinn is spending his retirement years in Hawaii. His research work in materials science has affiliated him with many prestigious universities.

Merrill Brockway recalls that his military service during WWII helped enable him to attend the College. He is an accomplished piano player and had a successful career in the television industry until his retirement in 1993. Merrill has lived in Santa Fe, N.M., since his retirement and is content with life.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 703-533-3179 or eschellin07@gmail.com. I tried to make the Class Notes brief, but if you have suggestions, please let me know.

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Well now! Seems as though others have recollections of that 1948 winter storm of which I wrote in March/April (college.columbia.edu/cct/mar_apr11/class_notes). A letter from **Gene Rossides** landed in my mail slot in Sheepshead Bay. Gene was meant to fly to San Francisco for the East-West Shriners game and was anticipating his first plane ride. The storm delayed his departure, and in fact he had to take a bus to Philadelphia for a flight to the West Coast.

Gene also wrote about his continued involvement with matters regarding his ancestral land of Greece. He has recently edited a book on the subject of the island of Cyprus, where his father was born. *Cyprus 35 Years Later: What is Needed for a Solution?* deals with the ongoing problems regarding

Turkish domination in the region. Published by the American Hellenic Institute Foundation, it is available at AHWorld.org.

Another entry in the mail came from as far afield as I imagine our class has stretched, from **Colin Hughes** in Queensland, Australia. I have written back to Colin, as his wonderfully energetic narrative is so filled with abbreviations and references to academic experiences for which I have no reference. I want a dumbed-down version for this writer, who never got past the B.A., which was about all I could handle given my eagerness to pursue my theatrical ambitions.

Nevertheless, Colin's letter communicates his intense interest in political science. Picking up on my previous reporting of interest in the now-controversial recollections regarding Professor Franz Neumann (January/February, college.columbia.edu/cct/jan_feb11/class_notes), Colin takes a differing stand on the question of Professor Neumann's position during the Cold War period. His letter recounts his visit to Buchenwald while at a conference in Germany in 1994, when his perspective of the events that had taken place therein was particularly enlightened by his recollection of insights learned from Professor Neumann.

I continue to be happily reporting on the vitality and intellectual curiosity of our classmates. It is a tribute to



An impromptu Villanova Class of 1981 reunion took place at the College's Class of 1951 dinner during Alumni Reunion Weekend on June 4, when the sons of John Handley '51 (second from left) and Tom Powers Sr. '51 (third from left), Rear Adm. Mark A. Handley (far left) and Tom Powers Jr. (far right), guests at the dinner, recognized each other from across the room. Not only did the sons graduate together but they realized they also had lived in the same residence hall during their senior year.

PHOTO: EILEEN BARROSO

the College that should be noted. We are all well past the time when striving and ambition were the engines driving us to be involved and dedicated to the pursuit of knowledge. But we keep on feeding at the trough with the constantly renewed energy with which we were implanted during those wonderful years on Morningside Heights.

Given the new quarterly schedule for CCT publication, the deadline has moved, allowing me to update this column. Dean's Day, held on June 4, was again an engaging and stimulating event. Attendees: Barbara and Fred Berman, Ruth and Bill Lubic, Joe Levie, Art Feder and your correspondent.

Lunch in the Low Library Faculty Room was particularly interesting, as we were joined by Al Man '40, who held our attention with tales of his WWII time in the Danbury federal detention center as a conscientious objector. This was engendered by discussion of the return of ROTC to campus. Opinions remain divided on this subject.

As always there is more news from the Lubics, as they were preparing to fly to London, where the British Society of Midwives will honor Ruth for her extraordinary accomplishments in this former British colony.

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Ray Annino has posted on his website a showing of 12 of his latest watercolor paintings of seascapes and townscapes. You can view these by visiting rayannino.com. At the site, you also can look at 23

of Ray's earlier creations, which include landscapes, rural scenes, harbors, bays and lighthouses.

Ray not only paints the sea but also has had adventures on it, one of which he describes as a "hair-raising trip" that included a "brutal" Gulf Stream storm and dense fog, while crewing on an 11-meter sailboat. Ray's account of his close encounter with disaster can be read at *Cruising World* magazine's website: cruising-world.com/people/the-almost-last-voyage-of-the-conquest.

Dave Berger and his wife, Barbara, welcomed their sixth and seventh grandchildren. Those numbers in themselves are not unusual, but Hannah and Sophie arrived simultaneously as twin daughters of Debbie and Dan Cole.

Norman Dorsen has completed his 50th consecutive year on the faculty of NYU School of Law, the first in the history of that school to have reached the half-century mark as a faculty member. Norman's 14th book, *Comparative Constitutionalism: Cases and Materials*, a casebook written with others, was published last summer.

Charles Young's latest novel, *The Hydra Chronicle*, is a mystery rooted in the Nazi occupation of Greece during WWII but takes place in the present day on the Greek island Hydra. The descendants of the island's residents during the occupation have been continually fascinated by rumors of a Nazi treasure trove of incalculable value that may lie hidden on their island. Is it there? Can it be found? An artist and a psychiatrist, both from New York City, team up to try to answer those questions and to identify and thwart a mysterious die-hard Nazi who would use the treasure to finance postwar Nazi ideals and activities if he could get his hands on it.

The Hydra Chronicle is Charles' fifth published novel. The publisher is Cosmos in Rivervale, N.J. (greeceinprint.com); the book can be purchased at Amazon.com. Charles is well acquainted with Hydra, having had a residence there for many years, and has been a teacher at the National Merchant Marine Academy on the island. Two of his earlier novels, *Clouds Over Hydra* and *The Last Man on Earth*, were best-sellers in Greek.

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The 60th anniversary reunion of the Class of 1951 is now history. Alumni Reunion Weekend, June 2-5, offered an outstanding array of activities and programs and lived up to the promises of the advertising brochure, and more!

Who attended from our class? Here is the list: **Joseph Ambrose, Marvin Berkman, David Berman, Herman Bieber, Ted Bihuniak, Willard Block, Robert Cowen, Robert Flynn, J. Mason Gentzler, John Gibbons, Alfred Gomez, Stanley Grossman, William Grote, John Handley, Richard Houghton, Mark Kaplan, Nathan Kase, W. Fred Kinsey, George Koplinka, Harvey Krueger, Jay Lefer, Arnold Leibowitz, Frank Lewis, Ralph Lowenstein, Archie MacGregor, James McNallen, Warren Nadel, Robert Osnos, Philip Pakula, Gonzalo Pardo, Thomas Powers, George Prozan, Frank Raimondo, Merritt Rhoad, Allan Robbins, Stanley Schachter, Peter Schiff, Arnold Schwartz, Andrew Siff, Roy Simmons, Joseph Sirola, Robert Snyder, Frederick Stark, Leonard Stoeck, Elliot Wales, Paul Wallace, Myron Winick and David Zinman.**

A good number of family members accompanied classmates to the reunion, and we are grateful to wives, children and friends who accompanied their celebrating Lions. Visit the CCT website to view our class photo: college.columbia.edu/cct/fall11/reunion. [Editor's note: Also see the nearby photo of an impromptu reunion that took place at the CC '51 dinner on Saturday.]

In reminiscing about the reunion, **Stanley Schachter** said, "I found myself thinking about two wonderful things. The first was that overcast day, June 7, 1951, Commencement, with the band playing *Stand, Columbia* in the background and Dean Lawrence Chamberlain calling out the 517 names of our class members, from Ackiron to Zinman, all of which impressed my parents for years. And the second thing, how lucky we were to have

survived these 60 years, in varying degrees of health as the years have gone by, yet hopefully able to review the achievements of life again in varying shadows of satisfaction, each of us uniquely different from one another. Just possibly, part of our success in being alive and able to join with our classmates might be from the knowledge that we discovered in Contemporary Civilization, Humanities, art, music and any of those electives we selected. And maybe not. Maybe it worked itself out in its own way. It doesn't matter. What matters is for those of us who attended the reunion to express our gratitude to the Reunion Committee for expeditiously planning the weekend and putting together the many events we all enjoyed. Also, an expression of thanks is due the Alumni Office, and in particular, to Jennifer Freely, assistant director of alumni affairs, who tirelessly assisted our class during the past year."

Here are some excerpts from recent communications from classmates. **Mark Kaplan** practices law in New York City. He and his wife, Helene '52 Barnard, have resided in Manhattan for their entire married life. A treasure is their getaway home upstate in Olive Branch, N.Y. They have two daughters, and four grandchildren ranging in age from 18-25. Aside from his law practice, Mark has been a director of many public and private companies and has served on the audit committees of both the City of New York and the Board of Education. **Peter H. Schiff**, also one of the many lawyers in our class, attended Harvard Law, served in the Army and practiced with government agencies in Washington, D.C., for many years. Since 1981, he has been an appellate attorney with the New York State Office of the Attorney General in Albany.

Tom Powers resides in a retirement community in Sidney, Ohio. Participation with various management and operations committees takes up much of his time. His wife, Marlene, died in 2008. Tom keeps in close contact with his married daughter, Tracey Helsink, and her three children, whom he "sees in fast forward!" Tom's son, Tom Jr., who inaugurated a successful club football program at Xavier University, teaches high school biology. Tom admits that his running days have morphed from jogging to brisk walking to shuffling, with only memories of the Hall of Fame basketball days at Columbia. **Tom Heyman** sent best wishes from Tel Aviv, Israel, to all classmates and regretfully noted that he could not attend the 60th reunion because of back surgery. He recently had an exhibition of his photography

of the Yom Kippur War of 1973 at the Yitzhak Rabin Center. The photographs will become part of the center's perpetual collection. **Myron Winick** is the Williams Professor (Emeritus) of Nutrition at P&S. In addition to affiliations with numerous hospitals in the United States, Myron has been a visiting professor at universities in Chile, London, Leeds, Leiden, Naples, Bari, Edinburgh and Canada. He is the author of more than 200 scientific papers, 10 books and numerous chapters in multi-authored scientific volumes. Myron is a member of many scientific societies and organizations and has been much honored nationally for his work in nutrition. He has been married to Elaine for 47 years; they have two sons and two grandchildren.

J. Mason Gentzler, after graduation from the College, had an Army experience during the Korean War that led him to an interest in the Soviet Union. Subsequently, he entered the Russian Institute at Columbia, then studied Chinese and earned a Ph.D. in Chinese literature from what is now known as the Department of East Asian Languages and Culture. He has taught at Columbia, Duke and Sarah Lawrence, publishing a few books along the way. **Joseph G. Zetkulic** lives in Brant Beach, N.J. In a request for information about classmates who served in the military before entering the College, Joseph wrote that both he and the late Dr. **Emil M. Pollak** joined the Navy in 1943 when they were 18. After completing their training in the United States at P.T. bases, they served in the southwest Pacific until the end of WWII. Class President **Robert T. Snyder** retired as a federal administrative judge in 1999. He is happy to report that he remains healthy and fully engaged in professional and cultural activities, proof of which was displayed during our 60th reunion. Along with his wife, Elaine '69 SW, associate dean of Fordham's Graduate School of Social Services, he has found time for being both a clarinetist with chamber music aficionados and world traveler.

As of June 30, the end of the College's fiscal year, CC '51 had raised \$102,000. You can donate to the Columbia College Fund anytime, however: online at college.columbia.edu/giveonline, or call the Alumni Office at 212-851-7488.

There are a few copies of the *Class of 1951 60th Reunion Yearbook and Directory* available on a first come, first served basis. If you would like a copy please send a check to me in the amount of \$2.50 to cover postage. Checks should be made out to the Columbia College Class of 1951.

An opportunity exists for a

classmate to become an associate Class Notes correspondent. No experience necessary, and not an overly burdening opportunity. Your current author is completing his 20th year on the job. Even a loaf of bread gets stale in three days! Drop a note if you would like to share even minimum expertise in reporting any kind of news.

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Coming in 2012 will be our 60th College Alumni Reunion Weekend. It seems that time is like a swift jet plane speeding across the sky leaving behind imagination and memory. We turned around for 10 minutes to address things like a career, and when we faced front again, 60 years had passed. Somehow, strangely, one does not necessarily feel older, and our mind's eye sees us as the 25-year-olds we were. When shaving, the mirror provides a different view that is difficult to accept and does not nearly coincide with that 25-year-old we know so well. Some say "Age is but a number," and I could answer, "My number is unlisted," and thus deny growing old. However, to grow old is a blessing that Mother Nature will grant to many and is to be accepted with thanks and modest appreciation. Let's be grateful for our 60th and look forward to the 65th.

Bob Adelman writes: "I was interested in reading the March/April CCT in which **Jack Edwards** expressed a desire to come to the 60th reunion. I very much think we should have one. I encourage anyone interested in working with me on a 60th reunion to contact me at rpadelman@msn.com or call me at 207-422-3497 until October 18. After that date, call 904-277-8484."

Bob Reiss lets us know, "Recently heard that all is not lost at Columbia. President Lee C. Bollinger announced that ROTC is coming back."

Joe Di Palma writes: "Since leaving Columbia, a few things have happened. I was drafted and served with the Army during the Korean conflict. I graduated from Fordham Law and got my L.L.M. from NYU Law. I became a tax attorney for CBS and v.p.-taxes for TWA. I received a commenda-

tion for 'Distinguished Service and Valuable Counsel' from the Air Transport Association. I have worked for The Di Palma Family Holdings since 1974, and I've been a member of the New York Bar for more than 50 years.

"I'm executive director of The Di Palma Position Papers, a nonprofit editorial think tank. We sponsored the *Nightly Business Report* on PBS for almost 10 years. We received the Thirteen-WNET Public Spirit Award.

"I founded The Di Palma Forum TV program at UNLV, a celebrity panel TV discussion show of national issues. The first TV show starred Shirley Jones, Elliott Gould, Marty Ingels and John Dye. I received a special commendation from UNLV.

"I established The Di Palma Center for the Study of Jewelry and Precious Metals at the Cooper-Hewitt National Design Museum, Smithsonian Institution in New York. I received a letter of commendation from NYC Mayor Rudolph Giuliani. I received the Tiffany Smithsonian Benefactors Circle Award and was admitted to the Smithsonian Benefactors Circle. I was invited by First Lady Laura Bush to attend a reception at the White House in connection with the National Design Awards. I dedicated the Chapel of the Blessed Mother at the Guardian Angel Cathedral, Las Vegas, in memory of my parents.

four more years in the Navy as a photographer with half that time in Japan, a beautiful country that I thoroughly enjoyed. After the Navy, I continued my interests in photography with two years of graduate work at Ohio University, earning an M.F.A. I then became an art director with Procter & Gamble in my hometown of Cincinnati, where I was involved in creating new package designs. Since then, photography has been a serious avocation for me.

"Cincinnati has been a very livable place where my wife, Lucille, and I raised two children and found friends and a spiritual home at the First Unitarian Church. Through the years I've been involved in community work and taught photography for several years at a local college. The Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, numerous chamber music groups and two resident professional theaters enrich our life, all within easy driving distance from our home.

"Not within easy driving distance has been a retreat in Plymouth, Vt., which we built and enjoyed during many vacations, a respite from Cincinnati's often hot and humid summers. As a native New Englander, Lucille needed such a tie. However, after 37 years there, we sold the place last summer with mixed feelings. We look forward to visiting the rest of the country and world, with perhaps a repeat of our one-month stays in

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"I married the beautiful Joyce-Lyn Engle. We have two wonderful daughters. They live in Manhattan and Las Vegas.

"I am executive producer of the feature film, *Shannon's Rainbow*, starring, among others, Claire Forlani, Daryl Hannah, Eric Roberts, Charles Durning, Louis Gossett Jr. and Julianne Michelle. The film is not yet released. It is still in litigation. It will come out soon.

"I underwent successful surgery for prostate cancer. I had a cute little pacemaker installed at Lenox Hill Hospital in Manhattan. You've heard the song, 'What a Difference a Stent Makes,' or something like that. Well, it's true. Thanks to Lenox Hill, I turned 80. Can't believe it. I have to check my birth certificate.

"For more information go to josephdipalma.com and thedipalmaforum.blogspot.com.

Dutro Blocksom writes: "I guess when you're in your 80s, it's time to review your life, so here goes. After four years at Columbia and enjoying New York City, I spent

Paris in 2000 and 2005.

"Now we have adorable twin grandchildren (2) with whom we enjoy spending time. Life goes on as busy and exciting as usual. Columbia was certainly a great beginning!"

Claudewell Thomas writes: "At the Yale School of Medicine bicentennial celebration in early June, I was an honoree for being the first African-American full-time faculty appointee in the history of the medical school (1963-73) as instructor to associate professor of psychiatry, public health and sociology. (I left Yale in 1970 to become director, division of Mental Health Service Programs at the National Institute of Mental Health, resigning my Yale appointment in 1973 to become professor and chairman of psychiatry at University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey-New Jersey Medical School, thus becoming the first minority chairman of a non-minority medical school department of psychiatry.) I also recently was acknowledged by

UCLA's Department of Psychiatry as the first African-American Professor Emeritus of Psychiatry in the history of that medical school."

Your reporter thanks you for your contributions and wishes you good health.

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Talking by phone to **Ralph Schmoll**, the president and program director of WKCR when we were undergraduates, I learned that he and his wife, Louise, recently celebrated their 47th anniversary. In 1957, Ralph graduated from Penn's School of Medicine. After completing a four-year internship and medical residency program in internal medicine at Hartford Hospital, Ralph spent the next 33 years practicing internal medicine, the old-fashioned way, in Bloomfield, Conn. Yes, he made house calls!

Ralph and Louise enjoy traveling and have been to Nepal, Indonesia, Costa Rica, Europe, East Africa, Egypt and Jordan. While in Indonesia, Ralph taught English to children. He enjoys being a videographer, and many of his films have been shown on a local access TV station. Since his retirement, Ralph has spent a great deal of time helping to rewrite a history of the town of Brookfield, Conn. He and Louise's daughter and grandchildren live in Michigan and their son Tim is a theater director of an Off-Broadway theater in New York.

Just listening to the enormous variety of **Donald Smith's** activities, my hunch is that Donald is our class' renaissance man. During the course of our conversation, he reported that his philosophy of life has always been, "If you can't be rich and famous, you have to live an interesting life."

To say the least, Donald's active life and the lives of his children have been most interesting. Donald and his wife, Barbara, have two daughters and one son. A number of years ago, their son Tim was working at a summer camp in West Virginia when he was approached by a husband and wife who had lost a child to cancer and wanted to create a program that would make kids who have cancer feel better. Tim helped start a one-week camp program for kids with cancer and went on to become the director of a foundation in Winchester, W.Va., that provides programs and services for children with cancer and their families. At the present time, doctors and nurses of the oncology unit at the NIH in Washington volunteer to spend a week each

year at the camp. It would take an entire CCT article to describe the wonderful results of Tim's vision. In addition to the program to help children ages 5-17, they have created a program for children under 5 and for young adults (18 and older) with cancer.

Donald attended the Union Theological Seminary and graduated in 1956. His plan was to become a clergyman. However, after spending a year teaching English at a Baptist university in Japan (and climbing Mount Fuji), he returned to Columbia to take courses at Teachers College. While at TC, he was asked to become the head of university placement for the Business School. Several years later, Donald was asked to take a job at the Alderson-Broaddus College in Philippi, W.Va. Actually, his assignment involved four jobs. He was to create and become the director of a student union, to become an assistant professor of psychology, to become the director of student placement and to become the dean of men. In addition, he wrote his doctoral thesis, which involved a complex study of the impact of organizations on student life.

When Donald arrived at Alderson-Broaddus College, there were 425 students. By 1970, at least partially as a result of Donald's work, the student body had grown to 1,100.

In 1969, Donald participated with a group of students on a Coast Guard study in the Arctic to determine whether the ice was advancing or receding. They found it was indeed receding.

From 1975 until he retired in 1997, Donald was in charge of public relations and development for the college. After retiring, he became executive secretary of the University of Hard Knocks. This unique university is designed to honor people who do not have a college degree. Donald told me that Senator Robert Byrd is the university's official mascot.

To keep himself busy, Donald plays the snare drums and is the chairman of the West Virginia Hillanders Bagpipe Band. His job is to make sure the members are appropriately outfitted with kilts. He also is the executive director of the Barbour County Chamber of Commerce.

During the course of our telephone conversation, Donald related that when his father died in 1988, he left a five-page family history that indicated that Donald's ancestors were from Scotland. As a result, in 1989, Donald visited Scotland for the first time. Ever since, he returns to Scotland once a year and has visited every corner of the country. In addition, he has written a

column, "Scotland Calls," that was published in *West Virginia Hillbilly*.

One of Donald's unique hobbies involves spending 10 years as a ventriloquist. He created a 40-in. dummy named Dexter Doolittle, "The College Student President of the Freshman Class." Our classmate became a member of the Society of American Ventriloquists. Hopefully, Donald and Dexter will perform at our 60th reunion in 2013.

To add to his outstanding resume, a number of years ago, Donald started doing magic tricks using a trunk full of historical puppets. He spends a considerable amount of time performing in nursing homes and hospitals.

There is so much more to tell about this unusual, versatile classmate. Since 1960, he has been an avid hunter and fisherman in most of West Virginia. He has killed and eaten bear, deer and rabbit, and reports that the only animal he has killed and not eaten is fox.

Good luck, Donald, and please plan to come to our 60th reunion. Your classmates can't wait to hear more about your fantastic life in West Virginia.

Sad to report, **Alan Macnow** passed away on December 25, after a long battle with COPD. He was the president of Tele-Press Associates, a New York-based PR firm that represented Japanese government agencies and corporations. For more than 30 years, Alan defended the Japanese whaling and fishing industries. In 1984, he was given a certificate of commendation by the U.S. House of Representatives, and in 2001, he was given the prestigious Order of Sacred Treasure by the Emperor of Japan for his long meritorious service to Japan. A good man who will be sorely missed!

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These Class Notes cover our country from coast to coast and range from pleasantries to sad departures. From the East Coast, **George Goldstein** reports that he has retired from careers in both pediatrics and later as a corporate v.p. of worldwide medical and regulatory affairs for a major pharmaceutical company. He now does volunteer work on various boards. Among his activities are docenting at The Hudson River Museum. He writes, "My exposure to CC and Humanities is still very much with me."

I particularly like his philosophy regarding staying "alive": "A moving target is hard to hit."

Fred Ripin and his wife, Mau-

reen, recently moved to Rhinebeck, N.Y., where they still are "recovering" from Chelsea Clinton's wedding. Fred writes that they are passionate "foodies" and enjoy the abundance of local produce, dairies, farms and bakeries. They are following the advice of that French philosopher who recommended that we "cultivate our own garden." Fred and Maureen enjoy their flower garden and pick apples, berries and tomatoes in season.

John Timoney's grandson John Lucas Timoney will be attending Columbia College this fall as a member of the Class of 2015. His father and uncle are Mark Timoney '88 and Michael Timoney '88. I am reminded of the inscription above the entrance to Low Library that reads in part, "From Generation To Generation."

Hank Buchwald and his wife, Emilie, visited their daughter Amy in Los Angeles, where Amy and her husband are actors. While there, they got together with Shirley and **Saul Turteltaub** for lunch. Hank reports that a good time was had by all.

While I understand that we are not exactly "kids" anymore, I also understand that despite our age, we hope for years of life, love and friendship. When I hear of classmates passing on, it brings back good memories as well as great sadness. An example of this for me was when I received word from his wife and children that **Jay O'Brien** had passed away on March 24 at Falmouth Hospital in Falmouth, Mass. I remember seeing Jay and his son at our last reunion, and through the years, I would see him and his wife, Carmen, in New York. Jay had an international career in banking and distribution. For our 50th anniversary he wrote, "What I owe to Columbia is immeasurable."

I will miss both Jay's sense of humor and his sensitivity.

Another fraternity brother, along with Jay, **John Garrison** passed away within days of Jay's passing, on March 26. John was a career officer in the Air Force and flew in Vietnam.

For those classmates whom we have not heard from recently, please drop me a note, an email or a telephone call. Hope to hear from many of you soon.

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The results are in! After much discussion and debate, the University Senate voted 51-17 to invite ROTC back to campus. Shortly thereafter,

President Lee C. Bollinger and Navy Secretary Ray Mabus announced that Columbia and the Navy have agreed to officially reinstate the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps [see "Around the Quads"]. The next bit of high-profile news came at the Columbia Leaders Forum in the late spring, a day with Bollinger in Washington, D.C. This event included a keynote address by Attorney General Eric H. Holder Jr. '73, '76L, and all-star panels on key issues of the day with FCC Chairman Julius Genachowski '85, Dean of the College Michele Moody-Adams, then-Provost Claude Steele, deans of other Columbia schools and national correspondent for ABC News' *Good Morning America* Claire Shipman '86, '94 SIPA, among many others. Caught in the swirl of this activity was **Lew Mendelson**, who gave a standing ovation to this event. Lew stays in touch with one of our reunion speakers, **Sid Sheinberg**, who lives and works in Los Angeles.

Members of our "second to no one" faculty have had a chance to strut their stuff by winning various and sundry awards. Jacques Barzun '27, '32 GSAS was among a group of winners of the 2010 National Humanities medals for outstanding achievement in history, literature, education and cultural policy. The medals were presented by President Barack Obama '83 at the White House earlier this year. The Van Doren and Trilling Awards were given to Holger Klein, associate professor of art history and archaeology, and James Shapiro '77, the Larry Miller Professor of English and Comparative Literature, respectively [see "Around the Quads"]. As a side note, Professor Shapiro was an outstanding fencer during his undergraduate years. The DeWitt Clinton Professor of History Professor Eric Foner '63, '69 GSAS was awarded the prestigious Lincoln, Bancroft and Pulitzer Prizes for his book *The Fiery Trial: Abraham Lincoln and American Slavery*. The plaudits go on and on. [See January/February "Columbia Forum": college.columbia.edu/cct/jan_feb11.]

If anyone is out west just after New Year's 2012 (or even celebrating the holidays on the slopes), a terrific adventure would be to meet the Columbia folks at the Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah. You might run into our own **Tom Chrystie**, who is spending a great deal of his time nowadays in Wilson, Wyo. Later this year, everyone will have the opportunity of "discovering China," including Tibet and the Yangtze River, on an air, land- and cruise-inclusive travel program. This promises to be an exciting tour.

We've heard from **Stu Kaback**, who has not been able to make

any of the monthly class dinners so far this year. He promises he'll do better in the months to come. Stu also revealed that **Bob Teichman**, living in Sausalito, Calif., was the student conductor for the College songs group in our senior year. We wonder who followed in Bob's footsteps. **Elliot Gross** let us know that while he was a reporter for *Spectator*, he broke the story that Herman Wouk '34 won the Pulitzer Prize for *The Caine Mutiny*. Elliot received an inscribed copy of the book as his reward. The rest is history. Elliot decided to become a doctor instead of continuing on the journalism path to glory. **Bob Bernot** retired from his internal medicine practice but is still on the faculty of P&S and does volunteer work teaching Columbia medical students. He lives on Long Island, away from the hustle and bustle of the big city.

Mike Standard has been found (not that he was ever lost) in Burlington, Vt. **Don McDonough**, who sent out the SOS, should be happy and can reach Mike at mikestd@aol.com (bringing people together). Our West Coast classmate and painter extraordinaire **Jack Stuppin** has another fan. While displaying his "line" at the ACA Galleries in Manhattan a few months ago, a small number of people ventured into the same place we had our pre-reunion event and fell in love with Jack's collection. They felt so emotionally charged by the visual presentation that they started a little savings fund in the hopes of being able to buy one of Jack's paintings some day.

After a long hiatus, we heard from **Dick Kuhn's** pal, **Ken Parker**, formerly associated with Alexander Department Stores and Oppenheimer and Co. Ken lives north of Great Barrington, Vt., and is looking to get more involved with class activities. We espied our good friend **Harold Kushner** passing through campus recently accompanied by his grandson. There were a lot of good things to talk about (not the Red Sox or the Celtics, mind you).

George Raitt is unofficially putting in his non-refundable reservations for our 60th in 2015. He recently entertained our all-star second baseman, **Jack Freeman**, sharing tales of yesteryear and tomorrow. Too bad **Ron McPhee** wasn't there to share the joviality. Next time, Ron. It is that time of the year when we receive a phone call from **Beryl Nusbaum** (Rochester, N.Y.) asking for a rundown of the recruiting status of our sports teams. Getting better and better. Watch out for the Light Blue in 2011-12. Former oarsman and also a native Rochesteran **Dan Hovey** still practices medicine in his favorite hometown. Staying on the east coast, **Chuck Garrison**

plies his trade in upstate New York (working in Congers).

Other news from near and far: **Paul Frank** and **Don Marcus**, both retired attorneys, Paul living in Connecticut, and Don in Brooklyn; **Bob Pearlman** waiting for the basketball schedule to resume in the fall after watching a successful season (it will be even better this coming year); **George Christie** teaching at Duke as a professor of law; far out west, **Jim Hudson** working in San Francisco at the Center for Excellence in Association Leadership; and **Tom Morton** in the legal business also in "the City by the Bay." **Peter Pressman**, who has lived on Manhattan's Upper East Side for lo these many years, still practices at the Cornell Medical Center. We keep running into **Berish Strauch** from time to time at either one of the class dinners or at a Columbia event (and there are many).

As everyone knows by now, Dean's Day now is held on the Saturday of Alumni Reunion Weekend for all alumni, with terrific lectures by our terrific faculty. On June 4, several members of our class made the festivities, notably **Larry Balfus**, **Abbe Leban** (still in touch with **Ferdie Setaro**), **Robert Kushner**, **Roger Asch**, **Bob Brown** and **Julius Brown**, and I believe **Don Laufer** made an appearance.

We also ran into classmates at a high-profile reception hosted by Bollinger and the trustees — honoring alumni volunteer leaders — **Chuck Solomon** (who does yeoman work at the dental school), **Lew Mendelson** (still involved with the Washington, D.C., club)

and **Roland Plottel** (taking part in events at the Law School). The Class of 1955 remains a leader among all Columbia classes.

Some sad news to report: **Herman Okean** (Long Island) and **Arnie Schwartz** (Connecticut) passed away earlier this year. Our sympathies go to their families. They will be missed.

Loyal members of the Class of '55, it is never too late to stay in touch with your "CC," "Lit Hum" and "Music Hum" buddies. Remember, your exercise regimen will take you a long way. Let's not forget, the 60th is less than four years away. Love to all, everywhere!

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Our 55th College reunion was a smashing success. As a number of the attendees remarked, "This was even better than the 50th." I guess Columbia's alums are like good wine; we get better as we get older.

The weekend started with theatre or show tickets on Thursday night, and then lectures on Friday for the reunion classes. The College has gone all-out in showcasing the best teaching talent it has. Every lecture was as usual informative and thought-provoking. On Friday evening we had a wine tasting, hosted by **Ron Kapon**, and a buffet dinner. Before dinner, Dean Emeritus Austin Quigley made a few meaningful remarks as only he can do. The wine tasting included seven wines starting with Prosecco (every

Columbia School Designations

In Class Notes, these designations indicate Columbia degrees from schools other than the College.

Arch.	School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation
Arts	School of the Arts
Barnard	Barnard College
Business	Graduate School of Business
CE	School of Continuing Education
Dental	College of Dental Medicine
E	The Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science
GS	School of General Studies
GSAS	Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
J	Graduate School of Journalism
L	School of Law
Nursing	School of Nursing
P&S	College of Physicians and Surgeons
PH	Mailman School of Public Health
SIPA	School of International and Public Affairs
SW	School of Social Work
TC	Teachers College

bit as good as French champagne) and leading to a choice of dessert wines. Our class frugality must be showing, as the majority chose the less expensive wines as preferable.

Three of our class scholarship student beneficiaries, Peter Sterne '14, Yinuo Wang '12 and Abdallah Diagne '12, attended our Friday event and shared their College experiences with our class members. Columbia still is getting some of the brightest and most dedicated students. Anyone who would like a bio of any of our scholarship students, please email me.

Saturday was full of Dean's Day lectures, including one given by our current dean, Michele Moody-Adams. Again, everyone who attended the lectures agreed that the quality and choice of subjects continue to improve. At lunch, held at Casa Italiana (some may remember our 50th reunion lunch was held there), Dean Moody-Adams joined us for cocktails and the meal and spoke about the changes taking place at Columbia. She then answered questions. In answer to a question from **Grover Wald**, she emphasized the diversity and acceptance of exploring all ideas as inherent in a Columbia education.

Saturday night was the highlight, with a wonderful dinner at Faculty House and an interactive discussion with our guest speaker, retired professor and senior scholar at the Heyman Center for the Humanities Peter Pazzagliani. As **Bob Lauterborn** noted, Peter is intellectually intimidating and challenging, but a gentle and inspiring teacher that we, like his students, benefit from.

I wish to thank the Reunion Committee for assisting me in doing such a good job in making the reunion a success. I wish to particularly thank our out-of-town attendees, **Phil Liebson** and **Stan Manne** from Chicago, **Bob Lauterborn** from North Carolina, **Ed Villaneuva** from Maryland, and **Joel Pimsleur** and **Grover Wald** from San Francisco, in addition to our New York-area alums. It was great seeing all of you.

For those who did make it, you can get part of the reunion — our memento, the 1951 recording of the Glee Club singing Columbia classics — so you can share in some of your memories of Columbia College. Contact the Alumni Office (212-851-7488), which will send it to you for a tax-deductible donation of \$10.

Visit the CCT website to view our class photo and to see a list of classmates who registered: college.columbia.edu/cct/fall11/reunion.

All alumni, not just reunion class members, can participate in a College event that is both enjoyable and exciting: the Alumni Parade of

Classes, part of Class Day, which this year was held on May 17. Our class participants marched with our '56 class banner — after a sumptuous breakfast in John Jay Dining Hall — to the cheers of the graduating Class of 2011 for these "old men." Marching were **Ron Kapon**; **Al Franco '56E**; **Stan Soren**, joined by his wife, Ruth; and **Len Wolfe**.

The next day, Len, our class historian, braved the rain, and in full cap and gown represented our class by leading the processional for the University graduation. Great work and true Columbia spirit for Len.

More info on our active Florida alums: On March 25, classmates got together with other Columbia Florida winter warriors to attend a Mets exhibition game, arranged by the Columbia University Club of South Florida. The event included a buffet lunch and great seats for the game. In attendance with wives and visiting family members were **Danny Link**, **Lou Hemmerdinger**, **Don Kazimir** and **Mike Spett**. We welcome back snowbirds Danny and Lou, who attended the reunion.

A class luncheon was held at Faculty House on April 26. It was well attended by many of our Reunion Committee members, including **Alan Broadwin**, **Al Franco '56E**, **Danny Link**, **Jerry Fine**, **Ron Kapon**, **Ralph Kaslik**, **Bob Sirotky** and myself. At a table next to ours was Dean Emeritus Austin Quigley. I have always felt that Austin had a special affection for and relationship with our class. After taking a group picture, I invited him to join us at our 55th reunion wine tasting and dinner, which he did.

Another class lunch was held at Bonnie Briar Country Club, sponsored by **Danny Link**, in mid-July. More to come in the next column.

Class news: A number of our class members continue to be active in business and professional matters.

Taylor Thompson, who holds degrees from the College, Engineering and Business School, founded an international scientific equipment manufacturing company. He sold and then retired from that company almost 15 years ago. Not satisfied to sit at home, Taylor became involved in putting together high-tech businesses and now is the CEO of Millrock Technology, another high-tech company. He holds patents on the process of freeze-drying and is considered an expert in the field. He has served on a number of charitable organizations' boards and was elected "Man of the Year" by the business school at SUNY New Paltz.

In attending my Business School reunion, it was pointed out to me by the dean, Glen Hubbard, that the

greatest number of current graduates getting into entrepreneurship come from a combination of an engineering and business school background. Glad to hear that Taylor found the right formula.

Buzz Paaswell, past acting president of City College of New York, also holds an Engineering degree from Columbia and has been elected Distinguished Member of the American Society of Civil Engineers. Along with this honor, Buzz continues his work as an expert in the field of transportation engineering, principally designing transportation systems for various municipalities. His wife, Roz, is an officer of The National Development Council, which aids municipalities in financing and development work. Theirs is a wonderfully productive working family.

Don Kazimir, also a graduate of Engineering, was written up two years ago in the Engineering magazine (engineering.columbia.edu/donald-kazimir-research-submarine-captain) as the captain of the submarine *Ben Franklin*, developed by Grumman Aerospace Corp. CCT covered Kazimir and the exploits of the *Ben Franklin* in 2004: college.columbia.edu/cct_archive/mar04. Don lives in Florida with his wife, is an expert in solar heating and has become active in the Columbia University Club of the Palm Beaches. We look forward to a visit from them in New York.

Ed Botwinik, another graduate of the College and Engineering, recently had back surgery and is recovering in Florida. He writes that this has cut down on his flying and other travel plans, including our 55th reunion. We pray for his complete recovery so we can see him in New York and back on the golf course soon.

If you have news to share, please email me at tball8000@earthlink.net, and I will make sure its gets in a future Class Notes column.

College fundraising activity: I thank all class members who have continued their financial support of Columbia through their contributions to the Columbia College Fund and who made our fund drive such a success. I am pleased to report that we exceeded our \$150,000 commitment, so in addition to helping the College, this year we have funded (with a matching grant from the estate of John W. Kluge '37) a permanent Class of '56 Scholarship as the Alan N. Miller Memorial Scholarship to add to our other class scholarships. I thank our Gift Committee members **Al Franco '56E**, **Danny Link** and **Stan Soren**. So next year when our Class Agents call you, please be generous in your response. I know with all the demands from various organizations

that where we direct our charitable gifts is important. Each gift received is greatly appreciated. Keep up the good work (college.columbia.edu/giveonline)!

I am again asking all class members who want to keep in touch to update their email addresses by contacting **Lou Hemmerdinger**: 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. Hopefully, as we grow older, the years we spent at Columbia become ever-more meaningful.

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Erich Gruen writes of his new book: "In *Rethinking the Other in Antiquity*, the author challenges longstanding notions that Greeks, Romans and Jews contrasted themselves with foreigners and aliens through hostile stereotypes, distortions and caricature. Gruen shows instead how they found connections rather than contrasts and discerned (even invented) kinship relations or shared roots with diverse peoples. Princeton University Press, \$39.50."

Gene Wagner: "March 26 was the sixth luncheon for our southern California contingent. The location was Parker's Light House in Long Beach Marina. Ten attended, which was the most ever, thanks to the recruiting and perseverance of **John Taussig**. Attending were **John Ahouse**, **Ken Bodenstein**, **Mike Gold**, **Jonathan Lubin**, **Bernard Lynch**, **Lew Schainuck**, **Ken Silvers**, **John Taussig**, **Gene Wagner** and **Jerry Werksman**.

"**Mike Gold** once again led our discussion on contemporary issues. He diligently prepared the topics of U.S. involvement in Libya and domestic issues in Wisconsin. Our group has melded so well over the past 1½ years that controversial issues do not stand in the way of our bonding.

"We look forward to luncheon No. 7 in September."

George Broderick of Ocala, Fla., died on December 7, 2010.

Herbert L. Winans, a retired corporate benefits executive, of

Lexington, Va., died on March 20, 2011.

Yours truly attended the Columbia Leaders Forum in Washington, D.C., on April 2. The forum opened with remarks by A'Leia Bundles '76J, trustee, and introductions by Al Butts '64, '68 Business, '68L, and President Lee C. Bollinger. In addition, the forum consisted of four panels and other addresses:

"Insider's View of Columbia University: Today and Tomorrow," Bundles, moderator, with Dean Michele Moody-Adams, Claude M. Steele, then-provost and professor of psychology and Fred Van Sickle, e.v.p. for university development and alumni relations.

"Protecting the Public's Health through Effective U.S. and Global Health Policy," Linda P. Fried, dean, Mailman School of Public Health, moderator, with Wafaa M. El-Sadr '91 PH, professor of epidemiology and medicine, Cheryl G. Heaton '91 PH, professor of clinical public health, and Julie Piotrowski '08 PH, speechwriter, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

"Special Video Address," by Eric H. Holder Jr. '73, '76L, attorney general of the United States, and the keynote address by Lanny A. Breuer '80, '84 SIPA, '85L, assistant attorney general of the United States.

"Student Voices: Around Campus," Moody-Adams, moderator, with Laura Kelley '11 PH, Sarah Khan '11 and Tao Tan '07, '11 Business.

"Strengthening America's Journalistic Capacity at Home and Abroad," President Lee C. Bollinger, moderator, with Julius Genachowski '85, chairman, Federal Communications Commission, Nicholas Lemann, dean, Journalism School, and Claire Shipman '86, '94 SIPA, senior national correspondent, ABC News.

"Closing Remarks and Medalist Presentation," Bundles and Donna H. MacPhee '89, v.p. for alumni relations.

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We are sorry to report the deaths of three classmates. **William Bartlett** died on March 25. Sadly, his wife, Francoise, had died just a few weeks earlier, on March 7. They lived in Chappaqua, N.Y., and spent summers at their family camp on Mount Riga in Salisbury, Conn.

After the College, Bill moved first to the Business School and then to a long career on Wall Street, starting at Citibank and going on to Commercial Credit Corp., First Boston Corp., Dillon, Read & Co.

and Lehman Brothers, where he was s.v.p. He retired in 1998 as s.v.p. at Salomon Smith Barney. An authority on mortgage-backed securities, Bill was an adviser to Freddie Mac and wrote a highly regarded monthly research publication, the *Executive Mortgage Report*. He published articles on mortgage-backed securities in several financial journals and published two editions of his book, *Mortgage Backed Securities: Products, Structuring and Analytical Techniques*. Bill was senior instructor in mortgage-backed securities for the New York Institute of Finance. He was a graduate of the Salisbury School in Salisbury, Conn., and had served on its Board of Trustees and been active on many of its committees, for which he received the Salisbury Medal. Bill is survived by two sons, Courtney and Peter, and three grandchildren.

George Omura died on April 19 of complications from esophageal cancer. A graduate of Stuyvesant, George was coxswain of the College's varsity crew and received the Eisenhower Watch for highest academic achievement by a senior athlete. He also was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He went on to Cornell Medical College, spent his residency at Bellevue and New York Hospital/Cornell and was awarded a fellowship in hematology/oncology at Sloan-Kettering, followed by two years of service as a Navy lieutenant. He then joined the faculty of the newly established cancer center of the University of Alabama at Birmingham Medical School, where he spent the next 25 years, becoming professor of medicine in the Hematology/Oncology Division and being named professor emeritus of gynecologic oncology when he retired. George then became v.p. for clinical development of action for BioCryst Pharmaceuticals. Much of his career was devoted to clinical trials involving combination cancer chemotherapy. Until his final illness, he was researching the history of the microscope for a planned book.

George is survived by his wife, Dr. Emily Fowler Omura '60 Barnard; children, June Ellen, Susan, Ann and George '98; and five grandchildren.

Albert Soletsky died on April 24, of complications from a stroke. Albert had taught Latin literature and Spanish at Fairleigh Dickinson in Teaneck, N.J., for more than 40 years, retiring in 2009 as an associate professor of languages. He earned master's and doctoral degrees from Columbia. He traveled widely in Latin America and lived for a while in Colombia, the native country of his wife, Fabiola, a colleague whom he married in 1995; in fact, Albert became an expert on

Colombian culture. He was known on the Fairleigh Dickinson campus for his bow ties and his allegiance to the women's basketball team. In addition to his wife, Albert is survived by his stepdaughter, Terra Martin, and two brothers.

Fred Hess has retired after a long career in the Department of Justice. His first 34 years were spent with the department's Criminal Division, much of that time as director of the Office of Enforcement Operations, dealing with, among other things, domestic electronic surveillance authorizations to combat organized crime and illegal drug trafficking, the Witness Protection and International Prisoner Transfer programs, witness immunity authorizations and the Freedom of Information Act. For the last nine years, he was a member of the department's Board of Immigration Appeals, reviewing the decisions of immigration judges. Fred said, "I thought this was a particularly appropriate way to end my career at Justice. Like so many others in this country and in our class, I am a first-generation descendant of immigrants. My father was born in the Ukraine and came here with his parents at 5. I think I owe a lot to the history of immigration in this country and the opportunities it has afforded to descendants of immigrants, not the least of which is the chance to go to Columbia College. I have had an enjoyable and interesting career at the Justice Department and have found it to be most rewarding."

Fred plans to catch up on his reading at his home in Vienna, Va., where he lives with Kay, his wife of 52 years. They have three sons and two grandsons.

After warming up at '58's 50th reunion a few years ago, our class's Harvard Law School contingent played an encore at the HLS Class of 1961's 50th. Attending were Martha and **Morris Amitay**, Carol and **Barry Dickman**, **Charles Goldstein**, Dotty and **Don Gonson**, Nancy Kuhn and **Bernie Nussbaum**, Judy and **Shelly Raab**, and Linda and **Sid Rosdeitcher**.

Morry Amitay claims he is retired from his multiple jobs. Charles Goldstein is of counsel to the NYC law firm of Herrick, Feinstein, where **Harvey Feuerstein** and **Paul Herman** are partners.

Since **Sid Rosdeitcher** retired from his NYC law firm, Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison, he has been affiliated with the Brennan Center for Justice at NYU School of Law. There he gives advice and is involved in writing appellate and amicus briefs in connection with lower court and Supreme Court cases relating to prisoners at Guantanamo, the

scope of executive power to detain persons lawfully in the United States without charge or trial, extraordinary rendition and torture, civil right to counsel, voting rights, military commissions and voter ID requirements. He also chaired the NYC Bar Association's Committee on Civil Rights and its Task Force on National Security and the Rule of Law, and serves as a member of the amicus committees of the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights and the Individual Rights and Responsibilities Section of the ABA. For the last three years, Sid also has taught an undergraduate seminar in constitutional law at Columbia.

Ernie Brod has changed jobs again and now is with Alvarez & Marsal, a privately-held company that specializes in bankruptcy and restructuring (it is handling the Lehman Brothers bankruptcy) but wants to expand into global business investigations and intelligence service, Ernie's field of expertise. As to his previous job, Ernie says, "I just didn't see the career path [there]."

Maurice Katz still practices law in Los Angeles but his greatest interest is in the fine arts; he is on the Board of Overseers of the Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens in San Marino, Calif., and is chairman of its Art Collectors Council (the Huntington owns Gainsborough's "Blue Boy") and has been a board member of the Smithsonian Institution's Archives of Mexican Art and the University Art Museum at Cal State-Long Beach as well as a member of the Board of Councilors of the USC Roski School of Fine Arts. Maury and his wife, Margery, have also donated paintings to several art museums.

Please note: Effective with this issue, CCT now is on a quarterly

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schedule, which means a slightly longer wait before you see your notes in print. Issues now will appear seasonally, in Winter (December), Spring (March), Summer (June) and Fall (September).

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). Email **Art Radin** if you plan to attend, up to the day before: aradin@radinglass.com.

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I must begin with some sad news.

Douglas P. Dunbar Jr., a retired Navy captain, died in Tampa, Fla., on March 3.

Let me now continue with some of the older contributions that I have been holding.

Clive Chajet writes, "The only new notes that I know anything about is something **J. Peter Rosenfeld** does. He frequently emails to some of us '59ers a bunch of jokes and funny observations which, in addition to being entertaining to read, also stimulate some of our classmates to respond to the emails with more jokes and humor. The more distant 1959 becomes, the more imperative it is to laugh as often as possible, and in fact the Class of '59 becomes a broader source for humor, the younger we will remain and the more we will enjoy being members of the Class of '59."

J. Peter Rosenfeld sent the following, "We had my wife Carmen's daughter from MIT (Ph.D. in economics), her husband from Columbia (M.B.A.), Carmen's son (professor of economics at the U of Paris), grandson and daughter-in-law here for Christmas. We went to Miami in March for a conference and reunion with my cousin (94). We saw Lohengrin at the Lyric Opera of Chicago in March. I gave a lecture at Stanford on April 1. My son, his wife and my grandtwins came in April."

Shelby Brewer had a run-in with the law. "Earlier this year, in a profound seizure of stupidity, I asked a kid in the neighborhood if I could try his skateboard. He was reluctant until I offered to pay for it if I broke it. I got on the board and tried it out in front of the Federal Courthouse across from our condo in Alexandria, Va. I lost my balance, went down hard, and the skateboard shot out, hitting a federal judge, Leonie Brinkema, in the ankle. She is a venerable gray-haired lady with a bun.

She sent Zacarias Moussaoui away for life as a 9-11 terrorist. Brinkema was not amused as she rubbed her ankle and ordered me to return the skateboard. She did not, however, give me a ticket for disturbing the peace, though she threatened to, but I did have to give the kid \$30 to replace a wheel on the skateboard, on her orders. She (the judge) was pissed. During the incident she was not in her robes but was sitting on a park bench in front of her courthouse. I think they call it in legalese 'race judicada,' meaning a summary judgment ruling from the bench."

Bill Berberich has suggested that I ask classmates to respond to a survey. What do you think, and any idea how we should proceed? He also reports, "My wife and I attended the 2010 Homecoming game versus Dartmouth. It was a very close and exciting game; however, the Lions (disappointingly) came up in second place by three points."

Benjamin Jerry Cohen writes, "Greetings from Israel, where I arrived for the first of two visits under the auspices of the Council

Benjamin Jerry Cohen '59 recently wrote *The Future of Global Currency: The Euro versus the Dollar*, his 13th authored book.

for Higher Education (a unit of the Ministry of Education). I am part of a small committee to review and assess the political science and international relations programs at all the top universities and colleges in Israel. The committee's second visit was to be in May.

"My news is that I recently published *The Future of Global Currency: The Euro versus the Dollar*, my 13th authored book. (I also have edited or co-edited seven other volumes.)"

From **Allan Gochman** we learn, "As one who lives in the mountains of Colorado during the winter (and summer), this climate enables me to get to the nearby ski slopes whenever I feel the need for the added exercise and pleasure of the sport. Those who travel long distances to ski generally feel compelled to spend every available hour on the slopes regardless of the conditions or their conditioning. At our age, being a fair-weather skier holds the promise of being able to pursue the sport for at least another decade."

The paperback edition of **Jerome Charyn's** novel *The Secret Life of Emily Dickinson* recently was published by Norton. His short story "Lorelei" was published in last summer's fiction issue of *The Atlantic*. Jerome's meditation on Joe DiMaggio was

published in March in Yale University Press' Icons of America series (*Joe DiMaggio: The Long Vigil*). Have a look at his website: jeromecharyn.com.

Jay Neugeboren wants us to know that "*You Are My Heart and Other Stories*, my 18th book and fourth short story collection, was published in May."

For a retired university president, **Stephen Joel Trachtenberg** has been inordinately busy. He asks, "What are people reading? I recently finished *Crossing to Safety* by Wallace Stegner. Recommended for the Class of '59. Coming up, *Reflections on the Columbia Disorders of 1968* by former College dean David B. Truman and *The Great American University: Its Rise to Preeminence, Its Indispensable Role, Why It Must Be Protected* by the John Mitchell Mason Professor of the University, Provost Emeritus of the University and Dean Emeritus of Faculties Jonathan R. Cole '64, '69 GSAS."

Steve is working on a book to be published by The Association of (University) Governing Boards. Title (for now at least) is *Why They Failed*. It's about university presi-

a bear for detail and fact-checking. Book coming slower but better because of her stern processing."

Murray Epstein writes, "The American Society of Hypertension has notified me that I will be the recipient of the society's 2011 Marvin Moser Clinical Hypertension Award. The award was to be presented at the society's annual meeting in New York City on May 23."

Murray had been invited to be a plenary guest speaker at the eastern chapter meeting of the American Society of Hypertension in New York on April 12 as well as to lecture at the annual meeting of the European Renal Association-European Dialysis and Transplant Association, which convened in Prague on June 23-26.

John Clubbe writes, "I continue on my Beethoven work, a book on him as a revolutionary. Two long articles recently completed, the first, 'The Mask of Beethoven: Brutus, Revolution, and the Egyptian Mysteries,' in *The Beethoven Journal*; the second on Beethoven's 1808 *Akademie*, that extraordinary concert that included the premiers of the 5th and 6th symphonies, the 4th *Piano Concerto*, parts of the Mass in C, the *Choral Fantasy*, and other works. It's been accepted in the *Bonner Beethoven-Studien*, the house publication of the Beethoven-Haus in Bonn. Small beer compared to what some of our classmates have done, but lots of fun for me. I'd love to meet fellow Columbians in the Santa Fe area."

Luigi (Lou) Lucaccini writes, "My wife, Margaret, and I had dinner with **Alan Kahn** and his wife, Linda Parnes Kahn, in San Francisco in September. Linda's new pied-à-terre is just down the street from the infamous green room used by the NSA to tap all telecommunications passing through San Francisco after 9-11. Other members of the Kahn family in attendance were daughter Amanda Kahn Kirby '95, husband Mason Kirby '94 and their youngsters, Max and Julia, and daughter Kimberly Kahn, recently minted veterinary medicine graduate (Cornell) now practicing in NYC. A three-star Chinese take-out meal was enjoyed along with a bottle of *moutai*, China's national beverage of honor, to celebrate the occasion. The Kahns were back in San Francisco again after the new year, and this time homemade fettuccine, coop garden veggies and local vintages marked the event.

"**Willard Zangwill**, professor of management science at the Chicago's Booth School of Business, visited the Bay Area recently for a family celebration and took time out to lunch with us at the cradle of California cuisine, Chez Panisse, in Berkeley. Bill continues to labor productively in the groves

of academe, generating a steady stream of research publications, articles and concept papers. More is available about Bill on the Booth faculty page (chicagobooth.edu/faculty/directory.aspx).

"Every so often, an email arrives with a link to the photographic work of **Bruce Schlein**, retired pathologist living in Greenville, S.C. His thoughtful and handsome images can be viewed at shutterfinger.smugmug.com. An interview with Bruce and more of his arresting images are found at [studio24-7.blogspot.com/search/label/Bruce Schlein](http://studio24-7.blogspot.com/search/label/Bruce%20Schlein) (note the space between the last two words). Bruce is passing on his photo expertise by teaching continuing education classes at Furman University.

"Contact was made some months back with **Jim Kniskern** in Chardon, Ohio, retired after 30-plus years as an employee of the Navy, and with **Jack Kauderer**, retired physician and P&S graduate, who lives in East Stroudsburg, Pa. (qdoctor2@yahoo.com). And finally, **Steve Kallis Jr.**, retired and living with his wife, Carmen, in Tampa, Fla., after many years in public relations with Digital Equipment Corp., is the author of the recently reissued *Radio's Captain Midnight: The Wartime Biography*. Steve is a specialist in OTR (old time radio) and has written on that topic as well as science fiction and cryptography.

"I teach courses in creativity and family business on a part-time basis at the USF School of Business and Professional Studies, learn about granddaughters and, in my spare time, work on eliminating my more obvious poker tells."

From **Bob Ratner**, to whom an apology is due to the long delay in printing this, "I should say something about myself, but at this stage I'm reduced to reporting on my son's accomplishments. Ben is an actor/director/writer/artist and recently appeared in four films at the Vancouver International Film Festival. He was interviewed by newspapers across Canada and he appeared on the cover of a local magazine, *The Georgia Straight*. Look it up for a younger version of me (straight.com/article-350477/vancouver/it-all-right-reasons). I'm officially retired as a sociology professor — University of British Columbia — but I still do some research and publishing. Unfortunately, my stuff is too academic, or convoluted, or radical to draw more than a small readership. However, the best is yet to come and I may yet make C. Wright Mills proud, wherever he is.

"I've done a fair amount of work on Aboriginal issues in Canada, so I recently was invited to a public education initiative of the Indian

Residential School Survivor Society. It was a memorable event ... the chiefs are great orators and the young people who spoke were wonderfully articulate.

"It's a crying shame what we did to those people, but they've proven resilient and many of the First Nations/tribes in Canada and the United States are becoming prosperous and reclaiming their heritage. Justice is hard to come by, but information produces caring, which prompts us to help. Pitch in, whatever the cause. Cheers."

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In the annals of Columbia's history, indelibly inscribed among its most illustrious figures is Jacques Barzun '27, '32 GSAS, revered for the breadth and depth of his gifts — exquisite intellect, impeccable scholarship, distinction as professor and administrator — and for his decades of service to the University, where he taught from 1932–75. He now is in his 103rd year. On March 10, *The Wall Street Journal* published an op-ed piece he wrote, "Columbia University's ROTC Shame." Barzun may not have penned that title, but the piece was unsparing in its rebuke of the University for barring ROTC from campus for 42 years. Invoking the funeral oration of Pericles in which Pericles reminded Athenians that public service is not a matter of privilege but a reward of merit, and recalling how in WWII Columbia had trained more than 23,000 naval officers (more than the Naval Academy had trained in its entire history), Barzun urged Columbia's president and trustees "to restore the university's long-estranged relationship with the armed forces."

The article was circulated by **David Kirk** and **Stew Reuter** to those of our classmates who were their NROTC colleagues.

David used Barzun's reference to Pericles as a springboard for all to renew an acquaintanceship with the classics we had studied in the Core Curriculum. He noted in his communiqué to colleagues that the development of democracy during Athens' Golden Age was inextricably intertwined with the development of her Navy and recommended a reading of *Lords of the Sea: The Epic Story of the Athenian Navy and the Birth of Democracy*, by John R. Hale. Quoting Hale, David wrote, "The Golden Age was built upon 'four mighty pillars: democracy, naval power, the wealth of empire and the rule of reason.'"

"The backbone of the Athenian



Eugene Appel '59 (left) and Donald Miller '61 traveled with their wives to Shanghai, China, in August 2009 to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversaries.

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navy," David continued, "was the trireme manned by Athenian citizens ... who often vied to be one of the thranite rowers, an oarsman in the uppermost of a trireme's three tiers, of the 170 oarsmen attached, if not aspire to be a second-in-command steersman, or kubernetes. Each trireme was sponsored by a trierarch, a wealthy Athenian citizen who served as the sponsor in charge of building, outfitting, financing, supervising and often commanding a trireme as part of his civic duty."

It is noteworthy that Aristotle, in his *Politics*, referred to the constitution of Athens as "a democracy based on triremes."

Barzun's op-ed piece inspired a number of our classmates to reflect on the impact that the NROTC program on campus, and their ensuing service in the Navy, had on their lives. Several such reflections follow.

In the WSJ's comments to the op-ed piece, **Steve Hess** published his remarks reflecting his profound sense of pride in service:

"I had never expected so distinguished a Columbia faculty member, a giant in fact, to crash through

the left wing and speak in defense of ROTC on campus. Jacques Barzun's op-ed on that exact point is heartwarming.

"The proudest moment of my life was when my twin sister, graduating from Barnard the same day as I graduated from Columbia, snapped my Navy Ensign shoulder boards on my dress whites. We are Holocaust survivors and for our family, serving this nation had a very special meaning that day.

"For the past 30 years, when I received periodic solicitation calls from Columbia fundraisers, my answer was always, 'Call me when you bring NROTC back on campus.' I hope I get that call soon."

Art Delmhorst reflected on the leadership values and the practical skills in mathematics and physics that marked his NROTC experience:

"When I arrived on the Columbia campus in fall 1956, I was there to reach certain goals in life. In those days, there was universal military training, which meant that every healthy male had to serve in the military. One of my most immediate goals, at the time, was to stay out of the Army! Getting into the Navy ROTC program would accomplish

that goal. My fallback would be to try to get into Officer Candidate School following graduation.

"People then, as they do today, questioned whether taking military courses was an appropriate use of time at a liberal arts college. I even questioned it myself. Here are my two answers.

"In our sophomore year, we took a course called 'Gunnery.' We learned how to calculate trajectories of shells fired from rolling and yawing ships, taking into consideration, among other things, the density of the air and the curvature of the earth. The course was a combination of physics and calculus. Since I never took either course in high school or college, I have to credit solely the Navy ROTC as teaching me whatever I know about those two subjects.

"In our senior year, we were taught leadership and administration. Upon getting out of the Navy, I went to the Business School, where I took a similar course in leadership and administration. Let me tell you, the course at the B-School paled in comparison with the course I took under the NROTC program. If this course can be taught at a graduate level, why can't it be taught on an undergraduate level?

"I hope this answers the questions of some of those questioning the appropriateness of ROTC courses at a liberal arts college."

Paul Nagano wrote: "Here are some thoughts on my own experience as a student who 'hit the jackpot' with an NROTC scholarship to Columbia in 1956.

"I was a Japanese-American boy born in Honolulu and raised on a chicken farm. Had I been in California instead of Hawaii, I would certainly have spent several childhood years in an internment camp. By the time I graduated from high school (Punahou School, whose most famous graduate now is in the White House), it was more than a decade after the end of WWII, but memories lingered. I was ever-aware that I was among the fortunate in my widening world.

"What an island boy like me wanted most of all was to know the world, and the Navy played a major role in fulfilling that desire, first, by funding a first-class education at Columbia, and then putting me through three years of service. My feeling of being among the fortunate was enhanced by the realization, looking back, that I had been in active service for three rare years of relative peacefulness in the world. (Yes, there was the Cuban Missile Crisis in my last year of service, but serving as a junior officer on a ship in the South China Sea at that moment, one was isolated and oblivious to events occurring half-

way across the world, even though the entire civilian population of the country I was serving felt its immediate impact through the media.) I did my job as a disbursing officer on the *USS Paul Revere* (APA 248), visited Japan, Hong Kong, Taiwan and the Philippines several times, though we were stationed in San Diego, and left the service — without seeing combat — after I'd fulfilled my commitment.

"Without that military experience when I was a youth, my understanding of the world would have been a poorer one. It was not always pleasant, indeed was often difficult, even in peacetime. But I am glad for having had it and wonder if Americans who have not had military experience have a much skewed view of the world in its full complexity. A few recent Presidents might have done better had they served in the military.

Ed McCreedy '61 received the James J. McLaughlin Award, presented annually by the Civil Trial Section of the New Jersey State Bar Association.

"I served in the Navy at a time when 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' was not imaginable. One's sexual orientation, if not heterosexual, was not a matter for discussion in or out of the military. It was mostly 'Don't Tell.' Now that this issue, which seems in recent years to have been the primary reason or excuse for banning the military from Columbia's campus, has been resolved, I see no reason for not returning the military to the campus. It makes little sense, as long as the country at large supports a military, to deny it a place in the minds and lives of students who need to 'know the world,' and who, it is hoped, can learn something about that at Columbia."

Ivan Vamos recalled an interplay of significant values: the sensibilities that young officers with liberal arts educations brought to the military and the challenges the military presented its young officers by investing them with levels of responsibility unknown to their civilian counterparts:

"After Columbia, I can recollect important tasks assigned to me as a young officer and to those I supervised. I was fortunate in that some of my responsibilities were not equaled until I was decades older and well advanced in another field. Those experiences helped me in private life, as it may help others who choose to serve after college. Additionally, I believe that my 'civilian' education and outlook brought a needed perspective to get some

tasks that were found to be troublesome for Naval and Merchant Marine Academy graduates before me. So a mix of skills, perspectives and experiences probably can also help the services, just as the experience in the services can be helpful for private life afterward. Columbia students should have the opportunity to enroll in NROTC and gain from these experiences and in turn contribute to the military or other services, if they choose to do so."

On April 1, the University Senate passed a resolution in favor of reengaging with the military. And on April 21, President Lee C. Bollinger dispatched an email to students and faculty in which he said: "It is clear that the time has come for Columbia to reengage with the military program of ROTC, subject to certain conditions and with ongoing review." He added that the University will not recognize

ROTC until the military's ban on gays serving openly ends.

And, yet, Columbia's decision may not replicate the experience of our generation and the generations that preceded ours. The scope of the proposed reengagement is not likely to bring back the full-fledged naval training program that flourished on campus before the Vietnam War. Would-be naval officers will travel to the ROTC program at the State University of New York's Maritime College in the Throggs Neck section of the Bronx. Nine Columbia students already participate in a similar arrangement with a ROTC program based on the Fordham campus. The final chapter in this saga, and whether it dispels or continues the controversy, is not closed.

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The 50th class reunion was a great success. Approximately 120 classmates attended along with spouses, children and significant others. The class Columbia College Fund drive exceeded \$250,000 at last count.

Visit the CCT website to view our class photo and to see a list of classmates who registered to attend: college.columbia.edu/cct/fall11/reunion.

Special recognition and best wishes for a speedy recovery is extended to **Bill Binderman**. Once

again, Bill headed up the Reunion Committee but was unable to attend this time because of an Achilles heel injury that required surgery shortly before the June event.

Philippe de la Chapelle joined classmates to carry the Class of 1961 banner in the May 17 Alumni Parade of Classes at Class Day. He was pleased to note that the University has approved the return of NROTC training on campus, something he participated in as a student and that he describes as a "very important Columbia-nurtured educational component into our nation's military establishment."

Ed McCreedy was selected to receive the James J. McLaughlin Award, presented annually by the Civil Trial Bar Section of the New Jersey State Bar Association to a lawyer or judge who has demonstrated civility, legal competence and professionalism in the practice of civil trial law.

Gene Milone wrote that two of his book projects now have been published: *Exploring Ancient Skies: A Survey of Ancient and Cultural Astronomy*, co-written with David H. Kelley and A.F. Aveni, the second edition of their 2005 work with a slightly different subtitle; and an edited work, *Astronomical Photometry: Past, Present, and Future*, edited by Gene and C. Sterken. Gene contributed to three articles in the latter volume, lead-authoring two of them.

He is privileged to continue as president of the International Astronomical Union's Commission of Stellar Photometry and Polarimetry and to chair its Working Group on Infrared Astronomy.

Gene's second term as a faculty professor at the University of Calgary terminated on July 1, so at that point he was, academically, at least, fully retired. He expects to complete a few outstanding research projects and enjoy travel, reading, writing and singing as bass in the Calgary Lutheran Chorale.

Gene and his wife, Helen, went to Hawaii in February to attend an astronomy meeting on the Big Island and to take another cruise around the islands (they enjoyed one in 2007 and decided to celebrate their 52nd anniversary by doing it again). During this trip, he enjoyed his first helicopter ride, around Kauai, and concluded that if one could do only one such ride in one's lifetime, this should be it! Gene came away with spectacular stills and videos. It was so enjoyable, they rented a car that afternoon to drive up to the Napali coast to see how it looked from the ground (not so memorable from the road).

That night however, the tsunami struck. Fortunately, their cruise ship followed the Coast Guard's advice

and put to sea. The amplitude around Kauai was relatively low, in any case, and the port, Nawiliwili, was the first to reopen in the islands, where they returned to pick up the 100 stranded passengers and crew. A most memorable, if somewhat tense and sleep-depriving experience!

John Learned was featured in an article in *The Economist* April 7 print edition on the subject of astrophysics and alien intelligence, "Talking to the neighbors," a modest proposal for an interstellar communications network.

John and Anthony Zee of UC Santa Barbara argue that powerful beams of neutrinos could be used to turn entire stars into flashing beacons, broadcasting information across the galaxy. Outlandish as this sounds, it is an idea that can easily be checked, for astronomers are already sitting on the data that might contain these extraterrestrial messages. They just need to analyze those data from a new perspective. John and Zee are therefore trying to persuade someone who studies the data in question to take their idea seriously and spend a little time having a look.

The entire article can be read at economist.com/node/18526871.

On a sad note, we learned that **Michael Selkin** passed away in February after a long illness.

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From Fairfax, Va., **Rich Curtis** writes: "During the many years since graduating from Columbia, I have occasionally read our Class Notes to see if I recognize any names. However, I have never been disposed to write anything myself until now. Your notification of **Vic Wolfenstein's** death brought me up short and back almost 50 years to the time we shared at Columbia. It is indeed sad to hear that he has died. My heartfelt condolences go out to his wife and family.

"Most of the classmates I remember were either on lightweight crew or members of Sigma Nu fraternity. Vic was among the latter, a fraternity brother and one of Sigma Nu's stalwarts. Throughout his days at Columbia, he was recognized for his towering intellect, enthusiasm, warmth, good humor and willingness to lend a hand.

His superior intelligence was truly evident; but he was unassuming and never aloof. As I recall, he was quite a raconteur, a mentor, a tutor, the resident fraternity guru and a regular guy who was a lot of fun to be around. Although fully engaged in his studies and many campus activities, Vic always was willing to lead a skull session to help his fraternity brothers (myself included) prepare for exams. I suppose we could be considered the first of his many students. He will be sorely missed."

After 26 years on active duty in the Navy (Columbia ROTC) and 15 years in trade association management in the Washington, D.C., area, Rich fully retired in 2005. He spends his summers boating on Chesapeake Bay and annually making a warm-weather trip to Vermont for a couple of weeks. Liz, his wife "for 48 great years," and he enjoy spending time with their three grandchildren, who live nearby. During winters they "just seem to hibernate and try to catch up on our reading — some history and the occasional novel to keep the brain cells active. When it gets too cold, we head to Florida for a couple of weeks. So life is good. I'm looking forward to our 50th reunion."

You may reach Rich at hiflight66@cox.net.

Michael Stone (michaelstone1@bellsouth.net) retired a little more than two years ago and has enjoyed every day of it. He and his wife, Shelley, live in a south Florida condominium where the Intracoastal Waterway runs into the ocean. "No more snow for me!" says Michael.

He continues, "What I learned most from Columbia was the love of books, and I spend a great deal of time reading. I probably have two years' worth of books to read piled in my den. No Kindle for me; I need to touch and smell a book, and I love browsing in used bookstores. When I was in London in 1984, I purchased a 21-volume set of Charles Dickens and shipped it home for retirement. I'm halfway through, lingering over incredible descriptions and rereading many pages. It is delicious!"

Michael was a *Spectator* cartoonist. Forty-eight years ago, he put his drawing aside, but he has picked it up again since retiring. He draws a mixture of serious artwork and political cartoons for his own pleasure. "What surprised me," he writes, "was how much better I got over the years. I assume this was by absorbing observations of other works plus maturing."

Please join me in encouraging Michael to create a couple of cartoons for our 50th reunion next spring.

Michael mixes all this with golf, daily calisthenics in his swimming

pool, and visits with his children and four grandchildren, which in his words, "makes life pretty good." He and Shelley often see Jane and **Leo Swergold** and Bobbi and **Steve Berkman**.

Andy Jampoler's fourth book, *Horrible Shipwreck!*, was published in late 2010. It's the true story of the wreck of the British female convict transport *Amphitrite* on the French channel coast in 1833. All but three aboard drowned in sight of the port of Boulogne-sur-Mer. Andy plans to spend parts of August and September on the Congo River to research his next book, which is about Lt. Emory Taunt, U.S. Navy, whose third time in King Leopold II's colony ended in Taunt's disgrace and miserable death in 1891. Andy's email address is jampoler@earthlink.net.

In fall 2005, *Columbia* magazine published an article about **Jack Eisenberg's** photography (columbia.edu/cu/alumni/Magazine/Fall2005/eisenberg/index.html). Then in January 2007, Columbia underwrote an exhibition at Leica Gallery called "The Columbia Collection," which featured photos by Jack and *New York Times* photographer Edward Keating. Jack writes, "The magazine article and show were emotional highpoints of my many years as a photojournalist and arts photographer. I'm especially grateful to Michael Shavelson, editor of *Columbia* magazine, and Jay Deutsch '66, who with his wife, Rose, manages the Leica Gallery and learned of my work through the *Columbia* article. Jay asked if I'd taken any good photos while at Columbia, and I was lucky enough to find an unprinted negative of Susan Sontag at an anti-nuke demonstration in front of Low Library in 1961.

"I'm also deeply indebted to the excellent liberal arts curriculum at the College, which has informed my photography throughout. I've been putting together a group of photos reflecting many of the classics I studied during my years on Morningside Heights. But mainly publication of my work, especially of Israel and Baltimore, is much on my mind these days."

Jack may be reached at jac1841@aol.com.

At the end of last year, **Stuart Case** (stuartcase@charter.net) officially retired as probate judge for the District of Hampton, Conn. "My retirement," Stuart writes, "coincided with the abolition of that court as part of the (ill-advised) consolidation of the Connecticut Probate Court System at the beginning of January."

Larry William enjoys his retirement from medicine and the opportunities this presents. In 2010 he did quite a bit of traveling — some-

times just for fun and other times to document the plight of women with obstetric fistula for The Fistula Foundation. For a family vacation, Larry visited Bali with his wife, Judy, their son, daughter-in-law and twin grandchildren. On a separate trip, he and Judy visited friends in Vancouver, B.C.

On his own, Larry loitered with gorillas in the Virunga Mountains of Rwanda and took some terrific photographs of them. They are posted at <https://picasaweb.google.com/LarryWm/GorillasAndGoldenMonkeys#>. From Rwanda, Larry went into the Democratic Republic of the Congo to visit The General Referral Panzi Hospital. There, in his words, "I recorded horrible tales of human-inflicted tragedy and photographed both those who treat the victims and the women who had been abused." His accounts may be found at fistulafoundation.org. Larry says older descriptions of horrors in this part of the world can be found in Adam Hochschild's *King Leopold's Ghost: A Story of Greed, Terror, and Heroism in Colonial Africa*, and in Conrad's *Heart of Darkness*. "In many ways," he writes, "things have only worsened in Congo in the last century."

Larry also volunteers at his grandchildren's schools, cooks, gardens, reads and does photography. In April he visited a book group to discuss his recently published memoir of his time in Vietnam during the war, *The Broken Man*.

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From Australia, **Harry Green** wrote that he was attending a small scientific meeting of invited members concerning scientific issues of the deep earth.

In 1993, Harry moved from UC Davis to UC Riverside to become director of its Cecil H. and Ida M. Green Institute of Geophysics and Planetary Physics. Two years later he was appointed vice chancellor for research, a position he held until 2000, when, he writes, "I saw the light and returned to teaching and research. I have been very active in Academic Senate activities since then, serving on many committees including the Committee on Academic Personnel."

As a scientist, Harry focuses on three major subareas of solid-earth geophysics. He discovered the mechanism of deep earthquakes 20 years ago, thereby resolving a long-lived paradox in geophysics. He is deeply involved in the new field of ultrahigh-pressure metamorphism, about which he will give a keynote speech at an international meeting in the Czech Republic later this year. Most recently, Larry made a radical new proposal on how earthquakes in the crust of the

earth propagate. This summer he spent a month in Paris with French colleagues to pursue this idea.

"I now am technically retired," Harry says. "The only real change in my activities is that I teach only one course per year. I continue to be involved in national geophysics organizations and was chair of the executive committee of the Consortium for Materials Properties Research in Earth Sciences from 2004–07. I am president of the Tectonophysics Section of the American Geophysical Union and a member of the executive committee of the Union Council."

Harry's wife, Manuela, also is a professor at UC Riverside, in cellular and molecular biology. Together they have seven children (four from Harry's earlier marriage) and eight grandchildren, six of whom are under 5. "It makes for a busy but enormously pleasant family life," Harry writes. "I hope this helps you fill a few lines. Despite my silence, I remain interested to read about classmates. I hope your message also stirs others to write. My contact information is harry.green@ucr.edu."

Bob Meyers (rbmeyersa@sbcglobal.net) lives in San Francisco, where he is partially retired as an architect/urban planning consultant. "I really enjoy the outdoors and our Mediterranean climate," he says, "and I'm curious about our 50th reunion. Any idea when it will happen?"

Yes. Our 50th reunion begins with a cocktail party on Wednesday, May 30, 2012, and concludes with a brunch on Sunday, June 3. If you have ideas or suggestions about activities you'd like to have occur, please let me know; I'll pass them along to the proper person.

Finally, **Dan Fife** (d_fife@verizon.net) sends the following succinct

report: "I'm the father of three, grandfather of one, happily married, an epidemiologist for Johnson & Johnson, a practitioner of aikido and a student of Spanish. Sometimes, I even get a little time to read."

Thanks to all of you who wrote, especially those who have not done so in years. Here's hoping that many more will write the day they read this.

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I recently learned of the passing of Myra Kraft, wife of **Robert Kraft**.

Bob, I join with all of Myra's and your friends in the Class of 1963 in extending condolences and deepest sympathies to you and your family.

I enjoyed Class Day and the Alumni Parade of Classes again this year. **Don Margolis** joined me and we carried the '63 flag. I hope next year more of you will take part — it's a great event and starts with a catered breakfast in John Jay, and ends with the Class Day ceremony, which is always terrific.

Dean's Day had several classmates in attendance. I unfortunately missed it, but **Stanley Yancovitz** took his children and reported that the sessions he attended were wonderful. He chatted with **Phil Satow**. I hear that **John Ake**, **Robert Bilenker**, **Peter Gollon**, **Alan Jacobs**, **Paul Kimmel** and **Robert Podell** also were there.

The mailbox has been strangely empty, and I hope that you will correct this situation immediately and let this correspondent share your adventures with the class.

One bit of very good news did cross my desk. **Eric Foner**, the DeWitt Clinton Professor of History at Columbia, has been awarded the Pulitzer Prize for a distinguished book on the history of the United States, *The Fiery Trial: Abraham Lincoln and American Slavery*. The Pulitzer committee called it "a well-orchestrated examination of Lincoln's changing views of slavery, bringing unforeseeable twists and a fresh sense of improbability to a familiar story." Eric called the award a capstone for his career. Although he has won multiple honors for his work focused on the Lincoln era and Reconstruction, he said, "The Pulitzer has a kind of broader importance and stature suggesting that your book is appreciated by a wider audience, a non-scholarly audience." For an excerpt, go to college.columbia.edu/cct/jan_feb11/columbia_forum.

Eric, congratulations on this

great honor. And best wishes on the publication of your latest book, *American History Now*, co-edited with Lisa McGirr and published by the Temple University Press. This series of essays from a new generation of scholars addresses the current themes and questions in interpreting American history.

Frank Sypher curated an exhibition at the Grolier Club, 47 E. 60th St., of books, manuscripts, prints and other materials relating to the literary career of Letitia Elizabeth Landon (1802–38), a British poet and novelist whose career has interested him for many years. The title of the show and accompanying catalogue was "The World of Letitia Elizabeth Landon: A Literary Celebrity of the 1830s." It ran March 23–May 27.

Steve Stollman writes, "I've wondered down through the ages whatever happened to some of my classmates: Mike [Steve did not supply a last name], who played guitar and resembled Elvis, at least in his manner, and seems to have disappeared midway through; the fellows I went to high school with who became roommates; **Spencer Heine**, whose dream it was to play JV football; and **Bob Kornreich**, who played varsity tennis. Another roommate, **Pravin Banker '62E**, turned his engineering degree into a ticket to IBM, where he helped them decide where to put manufacturing plants around the world, and is now, yes, a banker, with his son, in Eastern Europe.

"I've heard tell of **Bert Kleinman**, a pal all the way from grammar school days, who was the audio engineer for my closed circuit radio broadcasts from underneath Hamilton Hall. (He went on to become producer for Casey Kasem, the country's most popular top-40 disk jockey, and lately was in charge of our radio broadcasts, and maybe even TV, in Iraq.) It was a dingy dungeon, soon to be made irrelevant by the state-of-the-art studios in the not-even-opened-yet student center, but where else on campus could you smuggle in a co-ed without causing a riot?"

"My current ambition is to trigger a new World's Fair that I'm thinking of calling The World's Unfair. It would be a bottom-up affair, based on advancing the creative design of human-powered and human-scale transportation, bikes and trikes primarily, beyond their 19th-century limited concepts, and without the usual temporary, virtually mandatory, corporate and government monuments to their own notable, if highly exaggerated, achievements."

Joe Applebaum replied to my last invitation to the CC '63 lunch, "I won't be able to make it. Right

now, I am in Australia for a meeting of the International Actuarial Association. It would be interesting to know if any of our classmates were further from Columbia at this moment."

Joe, you might have been the furthest, but not for long. At the lunch you missed, **Steve Barcan** told us he was on his way to Antarctica with his wife, Bettye. **Don Margolis** then filled Steve in on the high points of his trip to this same continent. Don then rattled off an impressive list of recent destinations. He may be our most traveled classmate, and I am still waiting for him to submit a report for this column. In the meantime, I'd ask all of you to at least list your recent travels, and I'll publish them here to amaze your classmates.

Our regular second Thursday lunches are a great place to reconnect. If you're in NYC, try to make the next Class of '63 lunch, scheduled for September 8, and then again on October 13, and November 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 reported in the May/June issue that **Steve Case** retired as a trustee of the University after 14 years of service. I asked Steve for his thoughts on his years as trustee and he wrote: "Everyone with a connection to Columbia should be very proud of what the institution has accomplished and be excited about its vision for the future.

"[President] Lee Bollinger made it 100 percent clear the day he started that strength and excellence in undergraduate education was his first priority. Accordingly, the University has poured resources into the College and the Engineering programs, all to splendid effect, as shown in popularity with applicants, difficulty in being admitted and various publicized rankings.

"The rest of 'big' Columbia is better than ever and growing stronger all the time. Overall, the University is now a \$3.3 billion a year in annual revenue organization, about the same size as JetBlue on that measure. Excluding government, it is the seventh largest employer in New York City. Fifty-two percent of its 14,000 employees are women and 46 percent are minorities as defined by the government. Columbia is a major provider of physician patient care in the New York area. Physicians with CU faculty

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appointments in 2010 handled hundreds of thousands of outpatient visits and admitted 65,000 patients to NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia University Medical Center. The Mailman School of Public Health operates hundreds of AIDS treatment centers in more than 15 African countries. Construction of the first buildings has begun on the new campus at West 125th Street and Broadway. This 17-acre site, now completely owned by CU, creates opportunities to strengthen and expand Columbia that are nothing short of mind-boggling."

Steve also recently completed two years as chairman of the board of directors of Motors Liquidation Co., which was formed to wind up the affairs in bankruptcy court of the "old" General Motors Corp. while the "new" General Motors continued to operate. This column is not a legal treatise, but it should be noted that Motors Liquidation Co. addressed claims of \$240 billion that were resolved for \$40 billion. "While it is a pity," writes Steve, "that a once-great industrial giant failed, I think the American system of Chapter 11 reorganization did about as good a job as can be done of cleaning up the pieces, i.e., continuing the business, minimizing job loss and maximizing recoveries for creditors, all in less than two years under court supervision."

Have you retired or are you about to retire? Drop me a note so I can share the information with the class.

I previously reported that **Jack Leitner** retired from his medical practice, but he writes from Framingham, Mass., that he still is actively delivering medical services: "I recently returned from my first stint as a volunteer physician in Quito, Ecuador. I was one of two American doctors on a Timmy Foundation medical brigade to south Quito's impoverished neighborhoods. It is one of many volunteer organizations that distribute simple medical care and medicines to the underserved of Quito. The Timmy Foundation, out of Indianapolis, sends 20 undergrads from Purdue along with two nurses, two pharmacists and a nurse practitioner to Quito for an intense week of medical work. I recommend this as an avenue for any classmates who are thinking of volunteer work and haven't put their toes in the stream (timmyfoundation.org)."

Barry Blei, too, is retired but busy. He sends greetings from Colorado, where he is as a member of the Alumni Representative Committee (studentaffairs.columbia.edu/admissions/alumni/volunteers.php). He interviewed 72 applicants for the incoming freshman class. "As a retired public

school teacher, it is a privilege and a pleasure to meet with so many outstanding young men and women," Barry said.

Carl Siracusa is back living in the United States part-time. He majored in history at Columbia, earned a Ph.D. in the history of American civilization from Brandeis in 1973 and taught American history for more than 10 years at Rutgers University-Newark and at Connecticut College. He then worked for nearly two decades in the New York financial world for Lehman Brothers and J.P. Morgan, mostly writing reports and materials for private banking clients.

While on a tour in India in 1996, Carl met his wife, Gillian. She is British, and for the next 12 years they lived near London. Last year they started renting an apartment in Philadelphia, and they now divide their time between the United States and England. "I'm retired, and still spend a good deal of time reading history, as well as doing photography, which has become a real passion of mine," Carl said.

Steve Solomon lives in Jupiter, Fla., about 20 miles north of Palm Beach, and wants to know if any classmates live nearby. He spends a lot of time with Jim Spingarn '62. "My daughter," Steve writes, "has given me three grandchildren. She is a pediatrician in New Jersey. My son is a principal in a hedge fund living in New York City. He has two children. Both of my children are married to doctors so I am well taken care of: One is a radiologist and the other practices sports medicine."

Steve Singer has retired as college adviser at the Horace Mann School, but he will return to teach courses in Tolstoy and Dostoevsky.

Jerry Oster took Duke's "offer" of a retirement buyout made in response to "the fiscal unpleasantness of 2009." He recently finished a play and is volunteering as a guardian ad litem for children in abuse and neglect cases in the Orange and Chatham County, N.C., court systems. He has been reading some books "whose density had been a deterrent in the past" — *Pride and Prejudice*, *Vanity Fair* and *Middlemarch*.

Jerry's wife, Trisha Lester, is v.p. of the N.C. Center for Nonprofits. His daughter, Lily, is studying for an M.Div. at Harvard Divinity School. Jerry's novel *September* is for sale as an Amazon Kindle edition.

Although he says he's "totally ignorant" of college basketball, **Steve Rodner** won his office pool on the NCAA tournament.

Tony David was in New York City from San Francisco to meet his former roommates, **Nick Rudd** and **Peter Thall**. The three traveled

to Chesapeake Bay to spend the weekend with a fourth roommate, **Mark Rogers**.

Mark became a physician, trained in four medical specialties (pediatrics, cardiology, anesthesiology and critical care), and was named full professor at Johns Hopkins at 37. He is the author of more than 150 papers and author/editor of 12 books in multiple languages. He was a Fulbright scholar in Yugoslavia, was elected to the National Academy of Science's Institute of Medicine and while serving as associate dean at Hopkins earned an M.B.A. from the Wharton School at Penn.

Mark then became C.E.O. of the Duke University Health System. From there he was recruited as the s.v.p. of PerkinElmer, which became Celera and sequenced the human genome. Mark next was president of a New York-based biotech investment bank and started numerous biotechnology companies that have gone public with a cumulative market capitalization exceeding \$1 billion.

Mark and his wife have five grandchildren and two family foundations that direct most of their resources to the education of minority youth. They have homes in Miami and on the Chesapeake Bay, are avid travelers, have driven the whole Pan Am Highway and have sailed their boat throughout the Mediterranean.

Mark writes that since Columbia, "It has been pretty hectic, but fun!"

Marty Isserlis and his wife, Judy, were off to London, Paris and Nice in June, while **Larry Kessler** went to Moscow where his wife, Barbara, was teaching a course in international trial practice skills.

My son Alexander's film *The Windmill Movie*, which was shown at the New York Film Festival at Lincoln Center, is available on Netflix. **Ira Jaffe** sent me a rave review.

I am saddened to report the deaths of two classmates: **Brian Safer** and **Christopher Trumbo**.

From 1973 until retiring in 2003, Brian conducted research at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md. His research was focused on protein synthesis, the process by which genetic information in DNA is converted into protein. He also was the chief of the molecular hematology branch of the National Heart Lung and Blood Institute. Brian received a medical degree from Baylor University in Texas and a doctorate in biophysics from Penn.

Chris was the son of Dalton Trumbo, the most famous of the blacklisted Hollywood writers of the 1950s. Chris wrote episodes of a number of television series such as *Ironside* with Raymond Burr, as

well as a number of screenplays. He wrote a play based on his father's letters, *Trumbo: Red, White & Blacklisted*, which ran for about a year in New York and then toured the country. He also wrote the screenplay for *Trumbo*, an excellent documentary that features readings by Nathan Lane, Brian Dennehy '60, Paul Giamatti, Liam Neeson and Donald Sutherland.

According to press reports, while the rest of us were in class, Chris took a year off from the College to work as assistant director on Otto Preminger's film *Exodus*. An interview with Chris, which appeared in the film magazine *Cineaste*, can be found at cineaste.com/articles/trumbo-on-trumbo-an-interview-with-christopher-trumbo-web-exclusive.

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This is the year of the 50th high school reunion year for many in our class. These reunions prompted reports from two classmates.

Andy Fisher writes, "To my absolute astonishment, my high school alma mater, The Albany Academies (singular when I went there), has or have named me this year's Distinguished Alumnus. The alumni officer who called to tell me about it stressed that it is a 'really big thing.' My name will be entered on a plaque outside the Trustees' Room that also bears the names of headmasters and presidents of the boards of trustees, and of Andrew Aitken Rooney, another journalist of some note. I mention it because although I was involved in publications and plays while I was in high school, it was while I was at Columbia that WKCR and part-time jobs at WMCA and WNEW started me on the career for which I was presumably honored on May 20. Because they let me write my bio, I am reasonably certain of its accuracy."

Andy's biographical sketch includes the following: "While attending Columbia University, he worked as a summer reporter for the Albany *Knickerbocker News*, but also got involved in radio, working for the college station, WKCR, and for commercial stations WMCA and WNEW."

"After Columbia, he served as a special agent in U.S. Army Intelligence, then returned to radio as an investigative reporter, writer, editor, sportscaster and news anchor at WIP and WMMR in Philadelphia, and his old haunt, WNEW in New York."

"He moved to NBC in 1981,

first as a radio news anchor and reporter, then as principal news writer for *The Today Show* and as a financial journalist at CNBC, ending his career at CNBC.com as writer of the site's popular stock blog. His awards at NBC included the gold medal of the International Radio Festival for his work anchoring the 1988 Olympics in Calgary and Seoul; the National Headliner Award for network radio reporting; media awards from American Women in Radio and Television and from the New York State Bar Association; and the WEBBY award of the International Academy of Digital Arts and Sciences. At *The Today Show*, he was Katie Couric's first writer, and also wrote the first words spoken on NBC by Brian Williams, Matt Lauer, Ann Curry and many other correspondents.

"One of his favorite jobs was as 'roadie' for his wife, Sharon, an internationally acclaimed performer of Irish and Scottish traditional songs. They were married for 37 years. Since her death in 2006 and his retirement in 2009, he has done volunteer work as an archivist for the National Park Service, in the bereavement ministry of his church and as a guest lecturer on several campuses. His brothers also are Albany Academy alumni: Alan '69 and Stephen '73. His father, who died last fall, was president of the Fathers' Association and a trustee of the school.

"Andy lives in a lakefront house in New Jersey but is a frequent visitor to Albany."

Herb Weisberg wrote, "Steve Steinig suggested I should write you at least once every 40 years or so."

I heartily endorse Steve's suggestion and expect to hear from each of you no less frequently than once every 40 years!

Herb sent a blurb he wrote for his recent 50th high school reunion: "I attended Columbia University and graduated with a B.A. in mathematics, then received a Ph.D. in statistics from Harvard. Thus began a long and winding career as a statistical consultant, most recently as founder and president of a small consulting firm, Correlation Research. In 1975, I met Nina Horvitz, from Providence, R.I., and we have been continuously and happily married for the past 35 years. We have two sons, Alex (25) and Daniel (22). Alex works in technical writing for Parametric Technology Corp., right in our home town of Needham, Mass. He graduated three years ago from the University of Michigan, loves sports, especially Ultimate Frisbee and dodge ball, and is a big fan of the Wolverines. Dan recently graduated from the University of Maryland with a degree in busi-

ness and statistics. He is 'finding himself' and aims to take his search soon to the West Coast. We also have a golden retriever named Whimsy who is turning 11 and thinks she is still a puppy (a good role model for me).

"Since 1985, Nina and I have resided in Needham, a suburb of Boston. We love the town and have quite a few friends, but the long winters are starting to wear on us. I talk a lot about moving to a warmer climate, but have yet to get serious about this, in part because much of my professional network is located in the Boston area. We also remain close to several members of Nina's extended family living around here. Recently, I have spent a lot of time writing. Last September, my book on research methodology was published by John Wiley & Sons. It's called *Bias and Causation: Models and Judgment for Valid Comparisons*, and received an award from the Association of American Publishers as the best mathematical book of 2010. I am working on a follow-up book aimed at a much broader readership."

Arnie Lesser responded to my plea for news: "My older boys are grown and have careers. Mike is a veterinary cardiologist with a large specialty practice in Los Angeles, and Robert is the art and creative director of *CFO Magazine* in Boston. Having nothing better to do, I started a second family, remarrying in 1994, and now have twins Larry and Nina (13). I became boarded in veterinary surgery in 1982 and traded general practice for referral surgery, and eight years ago opened a veterinary referral multi-specialty practice on Long Island with another veterinary surgeon. With a young family, retirement seems far away, and I keep active. I am into sailing now but still make at least one Columbia wrestling match each year."

Two classmates have recently added their voices to the controversy over the ban from campus of ROTC. **Jim Mummery** wrote the following note to President Lee C. Bollinger on March 9 and sent me a copy: "As a Columbia Marine circa 1960s, I have long disapproved of your policy of banning ROTC from campus. While the 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' policy was an anachronistic disgrace, Columbia's rejection of a military presence has always struck me as more supercilious than principled, an assertion of our moral and intellectual superiority over a lesser institution. In fact, it was a 'head-in-the-sand' posture that served only to lessen the presence of liberally educated officers in the Corps, thus depriving the service of an important, moderating point of view.

"Whatever your opinion of my

position in this matter, I hope you would agree that the elimination of DADT has removed any reason to keep ROTC off campus. Let's rejoin the rest of the country and send some of our best and brightest into this essential service to our nation."

John McDougall wrote the following note to Bollinger on March 9: "Dear President Bollinger: Last weekend, I read a short article in the local paper here in Berkeley that the president of Harvard had signed an agreement restoring students' opportunity to take part in ROTC training on campus. The reason given was the Congressional change in policy regarding homosexuality of military personnel. The article went on to state that other schools like Columbia continue to study the issue.

"How disappointing that Columbia did not step up and take the lead this time! Although I didn't earn my commission in the Marine Corps through ROTC participation, I'm sure the presence of the cadets as well as veterans on campus contributed to my decision to serve. Hopefully you'll now give this overdue step your approval."

I am sure Jim's and John's voices were only two out of a host of alumni and other Columbia constituents voicing their views on the ROTC ban, which dated to the late 1960s. On April 1, the Columbia University Senate voted overwhelmingly to support efforts to bring ROTC back to campus. According to a report published in *The New York Times* on April 1, the University Senate vote, 51-17, with one abstention, came in support of a Senate resolution to "explore mutually beneficial relationships with the Armed Forces of the United States, including participation in the programs of the Reserve Officers Training Corps." The *Times* piece quoted James H. Applegate, an astronomy professor and a member of the University's Task Force on Military Engagement, which held three town hall-type meetings in February on the ROTC issue, as saying, "This is a culmination of something going back several years. Back in the '60s, students kicked ROTC off campus. But in 2011, students brought them back."

Bob Szarnicki submitted his Class Note directly through the *Columbia College Today* website. You too can do this easily by going to college.columbia.edu/cct/submit_class_note. Here's Bob's contribution: "I am pleased to announce that I recently celebrated my first anniversary of retirement from my practice of adult and pediatric cardiac surgery. My career was a blast for 40-odd years, but I now recognize that that kind of work is a young man's sport. Aches in

every joint are now a daily thing, but thanks to a supportive family and a few pills I'm still enjoying life. My wife, Mary, is gradually adjusting to having me around the house and to having to tolerate my opinions about home decorating colors and styles and so on. My son Tim and my daughter Anna have returned to live at home to save some cash. Anna will apply to nursing school next year and Tim, who is the volunteer coordinator for the St. Vincent de Paul Society here in San Francisco, is planning to apply to business schools to get an M.B.A.

"I am trying to lose weight and get in shape in hopes of avoiding another back surgery (five so far is enough!). I keep busy with reading, gardening, swimming four days a week, and getting acupuncture and massage once a week. For the moment, I have had to forego my golf game and other vigorous activities until the back is better. I attend teaching conferences at the hospital where the residents are frequently asking, 'Dr. Szarnicki, what was it like in the old days!?!' Can you imagine? I also have been asked to give a few anatomy lectures at St. Ignatius College Preparatory, which has given me a lot of satisfaction. I hope that I can stimulate a few kids to entertain a career in surgery, because it has provided me with great joy.

"I have kept up email communication with **Larry Guido, Jay Woodworth, Mike Bush, Ron Chevako, Bob Johnson** and **Mike Newell**. I'm so sorry that I was unable to travel to NYC for our reunion. Hopefully, next one. Jay and his wife, Susie, were visiting the California wine country to refill their wine cellar a few months ago, and we had a wonderful dinner with them at The North Beach Restaurant, one of our favorite old San Francisco establishments.

"I hope we are all still alive and able to make it to our 50th reunion. I wish you all good health and happiness."

CCT reported the sad news that **George Goth** died on November 28, 2009. George was a retired professor emeritus in the chemistry department at Skyline College. He held a Ph.D. in nuclear chemistry from UC Berkeley and resided in Berkeley for more than 40 years. He served eight years on the City of Berkeley Labor Commission. I worked with George on the Cultural Affairs Committee of the Board of Managers at Columbia. That was the committee that presented the film series in Wollman Auditorium, and George was one of our volunteer projectionists without whose technical expertise there would have been no movies to enjoy.

I got a note from **Stan Sesser**, describing himself as “a long-lost class of ‘65 member.

“This year I’ve completed a big circle, from the Upper West Side to Berkeley to Hong Kong to Bangkok and back to the Upper West Side. Along the way, I taught journalism at UC Berkeley, wrote investigative pieces for *Consumer Reports* magazine and was a staff writer for *The New Yorker* covering Southeast Asia until Tina Brown became editor and fired half the foreign staff. For the last six years at *The Wall Street Journal*, I held what has got to be one of the best jobs on Earth: I roamed the world, doing articles on travel and food. Alas, that ended with a change of editors in the Saturday Weekend section, and now I’ve been transferred to New York. I’d love to renew contact with classmates at stan.sesser@gmail.com.”

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Mike Garrett sent us a glowing report on the 45th reunion: “It was a roaring success, even if the pride of assembled lions comprised fewer of our classmates than we had hoped and our impressive \$300,000 class gift did not achieve our ambitious \$450,000 goal. The 41 or so classmates who assembled — I apologize for no doubt leaving someone off the list — included **Mark Amsterdam, Ron Brookshire, Neill Brownstein, Tom Chorba, Chuck Christensen, Ed Doernberger, John Doody, Paul Ehrlich, Gene Fierman, Ken Fox, Dan Friedlander, Dan Gardner, Michael Garrett, Mike Gengler, Robert Gurland, Josh Gutman, Herb Hochman, Ed Kabak, David Kelston, Bob Klingensmith, Peter Kristal, Harvey Kurzweil, Bob Lautin, Marty Lee, Gene Leff, Bob Meyerson, Frank Mirer, Leland Moglen, Larry Nelson, Ken Pearson, Rick Reder, Jim Rosenberg, Paul Smollar, Eric Sparre, David Stern, Jonathan Sunshine, David Tilman, Bruce Trinkley, Michael Winer, Rick Wolfson and Rich Zucker.**

“The presence of this distinguished group was a testament to both the value and validity of our Columbia education and the sagacity and ability of our respective internists. The unique 1966-only events — each of which was both fascinating and well-attended — included a sophisticated and practical environmental research briefing at the Goddard Institute, a showing of an eclectic and interesting array of items from the Columbia Univer-

sity Archives, the Julian Clarence Levi Professor in the Humanities Andy Delbanco’s enlightening and challenging view of the University’s priorities at our Havana Central at The West End dinner, the Jacques Barzun Professor in History and the Social Sciences Ken Jackson’s intriguing and revealing comparison of the University and the city in 1966 and today at our Kent Hall luncheon and our Casa Italiana dinner with Associate Professor of Music Chris Washburne with **Bob Gurland** playing some world-class mouth trumpet while sitting in with Chris’ superb trombone trio.

“The planning for our 50th already has begun, and we are absolutely dedicated to having in attendance at that monumental

of Tampa). Stan lives in Dunwoody, just north of Atlanta, and is in commercial real estate.”

Paul’s email is servicemark@aol.com.

In a moment of nostalgia, **Joe Steinberger** recently wrote, “I have lately been wondering if any classmates remember the restaurant we all called ‘the Japs,’ a lunch counter that was on the west side of Amsterdam, a block or two below West 114th Street.

“My wife is Japanese and the proprietor of a sushi bar here in Rockland, Maine. What I have been learning about Japanese restaurant culture — it is very lively, with shouting from staff to welcome guests, to send in orders and so on — reminds me of ‘the Japs,’

Jonathan Sunshine ‘66 is a senior fellow in the Urban Institute’s Health Policy Center.

event every classmate who has not yet then reached room temperature, so mark your calendars, gentlemen!”

Mike’s email address is michael.garrett@earthlink.net.

Visit the CCT website to view our class photo and to see a list of classmates who registered to attend: college.columbia.edu/cct/fall11/reunion.

Jonathan Sunshine, who also is my high school classmate from Cleveland, sent information about his new employment and new contact information.

“As of April 25, I am a senior fellow in the Urban Institute’s Health Policy Center. My contact information is jsunshine@urban.org, 202-261-5575. The Urban Institute is in Washington, D.C.”

Another high school classmate of mine, **Paul Kastin**, tells about a trio of Columbians in Atlanta, where he has been residing for many years. “We are members of the Standard Club, which was founded in 1867 as the Concordia Club ... probably a real leap of faith on the part of the early members, as Sherman had torched the city three years before. Our member-guest golf tournament is a pretty big deal at the club and this year, there were eight finalists, three of whom are Columbia alumni — myself, Jim Boosales ‘65 and Stan Sonenshine ‘69.

“I am in the food business. ‘Boo,’ a fraternity brother, former roommate and, coincidentally, like me, an alumnus of the graduate school of business of the University of Chicago (though, by that time, Boo was married and not nearly so much fun!) is a retired CEO of many well-known American companies and lives in Palm Harbor, Fla., just north

where the person taking the orders at the counter would shout them to the kitchen in a sort of code. ‘Tuna down’ is the one I remember.

“Can anyone add any information about ‘the Japs?’ ”

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Byron Michael (Mike) Noone was recognized posthumously for his participation in the Vietnam “Operation Babylift” in April 1975 by his widow, Lana Mae Noone, and daughter Jennifer Nguyen Noone ‘99 SW, during interviews that aired in mid-April on Oprah Winfrey network’s prime time *Searching For...* TV show; these are archived at oprah.com.

Lana also paid tribute to her husband when she spoke at the National Vietnam War Museum, Mineral Wells, Texas, in June and during post-broadcast interviews published in *Vietnam* magazine, among others.

For further details, visit vietnambabylift.org and email lana@vietnambabylift.org.

John W. Morrow (aka Dreadful John at Midnight on WKCR) wrote: “I could not attend the reunion but wanted to send in an update. After graduation, I married Catherine Campbell ‘67 GS at Holy Trinity Church in Washington, D.C. We then moved to Seattle, where I worked at KING Radio, both AM and FM. At FM, I helped develop the classical format. I also narrated Seattle Opera Wagner broadcasts on NPR.

“We have three children: Alexander, Sebastian and Veronica. Sebastian was murdered in Alaska in 1991. We are raising three grandchildren: Patrick (son of Alex), and Anastasia and Jonathan (children of Veronica)

here in Spokane. We moved here in 2004 after spending 11 years on the Long Beach Peninsula (at the mouth of the Columbia River), known as the graveyard of the Pacific. While there, we worked on the commemoration of the Lewis and Clark expedition, including the establishment of a new national park.

“Spokane has changed a lot since Catherine left here in 1962. There is a lot of musical activity as well as a delicious restaurant scene. Within one day we can get to many national parks (Yellowstone, Glacier, Rainier, North Cascades and Olympic). Within one hour, we can ski, hike or canoe. A wild park exists within the city. Also, the city park system was designed by Olmstead. So we are enjoying it a lot.

“Hello to all. I hope everyone had a great time at the reunion.”

Regretting not having been able to attend the June reunion, **Tod Hawks** writes, “I hope my writings and poems will serve as a hearty ‘hello’ to all my classmates.”

You are invited to access Tod’s burgeoning blog of writings and poetry by visiting thhawks.blogspot.com. New entries will be included in the near term, according to Tod, who is retired and lives in Boulder, Colo. He hopes that you will enjoy reading his works and that you will tell your friends about them, as well. Tod’s email address is thhawks@hotmail.com.

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Ken Haydock writes, “I recently and suddenly found myself quite in the thick of things a few miles from where I retired — at Capitol Square in Madison, Wis. I was there most days during the protests, and it made it easy to gauge the wide discrepancies between what was actually happening, what the media chose to report and what a few partisans simply invented. The capitol building wasn’t harmed, nor even under credible threat of harm; it never smelled bad (it’s cavernous and apparently well-ventilated); the only protestors evidently bused in for rallies were 2,000 or so who arrived the second Saturday in support of the governor, never to return. Only half the protestors appeared to be union members; hardly any were from out of state

Jenik Radon '67: Nation Builder

By ATTI VIRAGH '13 GS

When Jenik Radon '67 was studying philosophy in Professor Golding's Contemporary Civilization class, he felt torn between his passion for the subject and his desire to find a more tangible meaning in his life. "I enjoyed the Core tremendously, especially the study of ethics," Radon says. "But I felt that I had only one question, which philosophy could not answer: 'Why am I here?'"

Radon majored in economics, eventually becoming involved in international corporate law. His practice, Radon & Ishizumi, is based in New York.

But the age-old question has driven him to help young nations around the world open their markets, build constitutions and gain independence. Radon, an adjunct professor at SIPA, is organizing a major conference on Chinese integration into the world, to be held within the next year in Estonia. He also is helping emerging nations such as Uganda and Malawi develop their extractive industry laws and is active in a nation-branding project in Mexico, where in October he sponsored the Mexican Bicentennial Independence Conference. "Image-building is a part of nation-building," Radon says.

"To me, fairness is an issue all the time," he says. His first activist role was cofounding a relief committee for Afghanistan, when the Soviets invaded in 1979. The Afghanistan Relief Committee, which operated well into the 1990s, considered its primary work raising consciousness, with the goal of helping Afghanistan regain independence. But the group often was met with misunderstanding. At the time, Afghanis were called "rebels," Radon recalls. "When they were called 'freedom fighters,' our work became easier."

Radon then became involved in Eastern Europe

by helping write privatization, foreign investment and commercial laws for countries such as Poland and Estonia, and leading negotiations for an international pipeline in Georgia. He also drafted the constitution that helped bring an end to a decade-long civil war in Nepal in 2006.

Radon seems to have been destined for a global outlook. Born in Berlin, he moved to the United States with his family when he was 5. At Columbia, in addition to studying economics, he did anthropological research in Brazil through a National Science Foundation grant, an experience that he says "opened me up to the whole world."

Radon speaks German as well as English and is keenly aware of his immigrant status. "There is the culture your parents have, and the culture that you live and speak," he says. "I realized very quickly that one was not right or wrong; they were just different."

Radon graduated from Stanford Law School in 1971, where he met his late wife, Heidi. They married that year, moved to New York and had a daughter, Kaara '95. Radon did corporate legal work in the 1970s and founded Radon & Ishizumi in 1981. After presenting a paper on Polish joint ventures in Washington, D.C., in 1980, he was invited to lecture in Poland, where in many places he was the first Westerner officially invited to speak. On the basis of his work, Radon was asked to write the foreign investment laws for Poland in 1986.

As the Estonian independence movement accelerated, Radon advised the government and co-authored the privatization and foreign investment laws that would lead to a free-market economy. He officially raised the American flag at Estonia's American Embassy, a daring move when Estonia was still part of the Soviet Union.

In the 1990s, Radon worked for Georgia, acting as lead ne-



Jenik Radon '67 speaking at the World Leaders Forum in 2009.

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gotiator for a multibillion dollar international pipeline, the BTC, that would run through the country.

The work he is proudest of involves Nepal. In 2006, the country was embroiled in civil war and Radon arranged a major conference at Columbia on the situation. As a condition of peace, the Maoists were demanding a new constitution, and Radon was invited to the country to draft it. He takes special pride in a provision that effectively gave citizenship to everyone born in Nepal. "The net result was that millions of stateless people of Indian heritage became citizens," he says. The constitution played a key role in ending the civil war. "You're impacting a nation, a people. It was to be a foundation law."

In 1990, Radon founded the Eesti and Eurasian Public Service Fellowship at Columbia, which enables students to intern in Estonia, Georgia, Nepal and Kenya. Radon works closely with these students. Ahmer Ahmad '96, who worked with the then-president of Estonia as part of the program, says it changed his life. "To be

entrusted with such important work, to be a part of Estonia's transition into a modern, functional democracy, was amazing," Ahmad says. "I will forever be grateful."

In recent years, Radon has worked on helping underdeveloped nations use their natural resources without suffering human rights violations from multinational corporations. He has been writing articles outlining core abuses committed by the extractive industry in developing nations.

Radon, who has taught at SIPA part-time since 2002, sees his role as a motivator, empowering students to implement their ideas in developing nations. "Sometimes they have their ideas already, but they're in the library. You help them get off the ground and move them. I tell my students: 'You are an ambassador of yourself, your school and your country. Your obligation is not just to do the project, but to leave a legacy so that your project is carried on without you.'"

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(or else they quickly laid hands on tens of thousands of bits of used Packers and University of Wisconsin gear somewhere); and the restrictions on access to the Capitol itself were far more onerous than publicly stated. I can personally attest that basic, now-famous, Ian's pizza mimics New York City pizza remarkably well but I can't recommend the mac-and-cheese version. The dispute in Wisconsin has now, as I write this in mid-March, quietly moved to the courts, competing recall-petition campaigns and the ballot box.

"Apart from the protests, it was a quiet winter here, and apart from my sending to friends in New York, Minneapolis, Oakland, Britain, France and Australia what eventually became about 34 pages of email messages (updating them almost daily, in my new calling as a class war correspondent), I haven't been all that busy. I'm now back to reading a few biographies of Alexander Hamilton that I acquired some years ago and a bit of Orwell.

"Last I heard of **Kent Hall**, he was finishing an equestrian statue of Buff Donelli he'd sculpted on spec, for no apparent reason. If I learn more, I'll let you know."

Romolo Maurizi was trying to reconnect with his soccer teammate **Justin Malewezi** and wrote, "Our Columbia soccer experience started freshman year with Coach Pat Moran when we beat everyone soundly. Our best season was our senior year, with Coach Joe Molder, when the freshman team was back together. Some of our teammates are in touch. **John Edoga** was a surgeon at Morristown Hospital in Morristown, N.J.; **Mossik Hacobian** is a partner in an architectural firm in Boston; and **Richie Glaser** was an emergency room doctor, then became an anesthesiologist in San Francisco. I was drafted into the Army after college and went to medical school in Rome, on the G.I. Bill. I am a radiologist in Jersey City, N.J., and live in Summit. I'm married to Mary O'Connor, also a radiologist specializing in mammography. We have three children, Sean, who has two boys, Daniela and Cristina."

Joe Solodow wrote, "Afraid that the same pestilent wind that recently carried off my fellow classics majors, **Jeremy Epstein** and **John Shayner**, as well as my roommate **Mike Bresler**, might blow in this direction, I figured it was time to submit something for our Class Notes. After receiving my doctorate from Harvard, I was an assistant professor of Latin at Columbia, 1971-77; I returned to Columbia in 1984-85 to replace my old teacher, later colleague, Steele Commager. Around and after

those stints I taught at a number of schools, including, briefly, UC Berkeley, Stanford and UCLA. Then in 1992 I secured a position in my own backyard, at Southern Connecticut State University, in New Haven, where we had been living for a while. Astonishingly, I was hired at first to teach Spanish, which I'd never studied! I've been there ever since. I served two terms as head of the Department of Foreign Languages and have been appointed to a chair; nevertheless, I'm planning to retire in 2013. For several years now I've also been a lecturer in classics at Yale, teaching one advanced Latin course each semester, which I'll continue to do. My most recent book is *Latin Alive: The Survival of Latin in English and the Romance Languages*; aimed at those who know no language other than English, it teaches as much about our language as any of the others. My Argentine-born wife, Graziella, whom I married a few days before our graduation, the sole source of my knowledge of Spanish, is an artist and art teacher. We lead a quiet, beyond-suburban life near New Haven. I'm in touch, irregularly, with **Marshall Clough**, **Matt Rosen**, **David Schiff** and **Ed Goldstein**, and would be glad to hear from other classmates (joseph.solodow@yale.edu).

Jenik Radon writes, "My winter/spring was hectic. As my New York commute is non-existent, I have now taken to seeking out a compensatory commute with the result that in a 10-week period, while teaching at SIPA, from mid-March to early June, I was in Kabul, Afghanistan, five times, as well as in Pakistan, India, Turkmenistan, Dubai and the Philippines. I now represent the Afghan Ministry of Mines in a new, multi-nation, multi-billion-dollar, 1,500-kilometer gas pipeline project called TAPI, which when completed should be a stabilizer in that region. Gas means power, which brings energy, which provides light, which results (hopefully) in peace and development. In addition, I have joined the board, together with representatives from India and China, of the new international GP Koirala Center for Peace, Democracy and Development, headquartered in Kathmandu, Nepal. There I also lectured on the Nepali constitutional process and federalization and in India on minority rights and language. More locally, I gave a presentation at the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth on energy infrastructure development in Central Asia and chaired a panel at a major conference at Columbia on Africa called 'Energy and Infrastructure: Dynamic Trends in Africa's Development.' Lastly, I was looking forward to attending

a host of summer weddings of my students in Vermont and the United Kingdom." [Editor's note: See the profile of Radon in this issue.]

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I hope all is well whether in Paris, Tel Aviv, Hong Kong, Tokyo and some of the other places our classmates reside, including sunny Florida and Sitka, Alaska.

Ed Weathers writes (and I am glad to hear from you!): "The utter lack of 1968 class news in the March/April issue of *Columbia College Today* persuades me that you'd welcome news even from not-too-newsworthy quarters. I've retired from full-time teaching in the English department at Virginia Tech (though I still do some writing for the department) and I'm now devoting my time to tennis, golf, two blogs and my bucket list. On a lark, I played a few tennis tournaments last summer and finished the year ranked eighth in the Mid-Atlantic in the Men's 60 Division. With two separate partners, I also won the 55 and 60 Division Virginia doubles championships. I help coach the Blacksburg (Va.) High School tennis teams. Of even more substantial interest (to me, at least) are my two blogs. One is a miscellaneous thing: edweathers.blogspot.com. The other is more focused: writeyourbest.blogspot.com. The latter came about when former colleagues and students flatteringly asked me to share my writing advice from many years of teaching and magazine writing/editing. I encourage my Columbia classmates to visit both blogs so my page views increase. Page views are worse than crack as an addiction, I'm afraid.

"My bucket list includes learning Spanish, learning the Australian crawl (I passed the Columbia swim test a million years ago on my back, frog-kicking and hating it) and selling a crossword puzzle to *The New York Times*. I wrote about my crossword puzzle aspirations on my blog, thereby becoming a pet of the huge crossword subculture, which is still trying to shepherd me to a puzzle sale. Will Shortz of the *Times* was very nice in turning down my last puzzle.

"My son Alex has a beautiful family in Santa Barbara, Calif., including my two granddaughters. Life is so good here in southwest Virginia with my life partner, Gail, that I still can't believe my luck. Here's wishing everyone else an equally good retirement."

Joe Wihnyk '70 wrote, adding to the sea change of enthusiasm for

the column, "I always enjoy reading news about my '68 classmates in this column (I truly never recognize a single name in the Class of '70 news). However, I was sad to find in the March/April issue of *Columbia College Today* that none of said classmates had given you any news. So in hopes that you might be interested, I am sending my news.

"Under separate email, I am sending the text and pictures from my latest article, published in the October 2010 *Celator*. It is a small article, although I spent several months researching the symbols on these obscure coins from ancient Sicily, only to come up dry on all but the one symbol of the myrrh tree.

"I have an additional article ready to be sent to a different publication, *Silver Magazine*. It concerns a pair of tablespoons awarded by the Irish Horticultural Society in Dublin in 1826 to the winners of the Best Double-Blue and Best Double-Yellow Hyacinth contests, respectively. The story is just sitting on my computer, waiting for me to take pictures of the spoons.

"I've recently been studying 13th-century English ring-brooches, a wholly new subject area for me. I hope it will develop into a new article.

"I haven't been traveling much recently. My wife, Laurel, and I went to Chicago last June for a lovely week of museums, symphonies, antiquarian book stores and more. It's hard to get up enough energy to fly anywhere though, when I can be in San Francisco in less than two hours by car, where family and friends and a world-class urban environment await. Retirement is fun if you make it so."

Joe, I remember your last article. I still would like to have an ancient Greek collection of coins. Gold would be good.

I heard from **Tom Seligson**, star author, writer and parent. **Pete Janovsky** also has young twins, Tom. Here is Tom's note:

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"I've thought many times of writing you with news, gossip, insights, anything to help you fill your column. I was the class secretary for 15 years for my boarding school (Andover), and I know how difficult it is to flesh out these columns. You can't make it up, although I was tempted to on many occasions, figuring if classmates couldn't bother to contribute, they probably weren't reading the column and wouldn't notice news about their going to prison, being dumped by their fourth wife or any other story I could invent.

"Since Columbia, I have spent almost all of my career as a writer and television producer. I wrote two books, *The High School Revolutionaries*

and four Emmy nominations. But eventually a kind of 'been there, done that' phase kicked in, and I decided to return to my early life as a writer. My latest novel, *King of Hearts*, recently was published. It's a thriller dealing with some of the unsolved mysteries of the Iraq War. I'm pleased to report that it's selling well on Amazon, especially the Kindle version.

"After living in the city ever since graduation (the furthest away I moved was to 105th Street), I moved back to my hometown, Westport, Conn., after getting married (for the second time). I became a father rather late. Here I am receiving Medicare, while my daughter is in the eighth grade. I

cyberspace a few emails from you. Please let me know if you have not seen your news in these columns, and if so, please resend and accept my apologies. And for those of you who haven't been to a football game in a while, Columbia probably does have the finest returning quarterback in the Ivies, and the season should be fun.

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For me, there is hardly a sight more spectacular than Columbia's campus on a wonderfully sunny Class Day. Fortunately, I carry that image in my memories, because (as reported elsewhere in this issue) Class Day 2011 was a rainy affair. Even so, the alumni who registered to process in the Alumni Parade of Classes mostly all showed up. Our class was well represented, with four of us carrying our class' banner for all the graduates and guests to see. I enjoy the event so much that I made my sixth consecutive appearance; **Richard Rapaport**, another regular for the event, was there once more as well. We were joined by **Irv Ruderman** and **Joel Scharfstein**; Joel's son, Jeffrey '11, was among the graduates. As always, the graduates/new alumni gave the alumni participants a rousing welcome, and our year dependably attracts loud cheers. Our time in the College, as you may know, is literally in the contemporary American history curriculum. The line of march is by class year, starting with the more senior classes. Alas, each year we draw closer to the front of the parade. But this year, as last, the parade was led by **Arnold Saltzman '36**, joined by his son **Eric Saltzman**, who helped carry the Class of 1936 banner. On such a happy occasion, no one complained that Eric jumped to the front of the line.

Richard and I also represented our class — albeit sans banner — at Dean's Day. For the third year, Dean's Day — previously an April event — was held on the first Saturday of June in conjunction with Alumni Reunion Weekend. This bit of scheduling does result in high attendance at the lectures by members of the reunion classes but appears to me to reduce the turnout from at least some non-reunion years (case in point, our class). However interesting the lectures (and those I attended were interesting), alumni events are really about

reconnecting. And I was therefore pleased to run into **Jack Schachner**, who was on campus visiting one of his cousins. Jack recognized me and with only one clue from him I was able to identify him.

And now, some news received from classmates.

Ed Hyman writes: "Last June, my oldest son, Cameron, became an NIH Medical Scientist Training Program fellow at the University of Minnesota Medical School, where he is pursuing his M.D. and Ph.D. in immunology. Cam, who had headed the Nadeau Laboratory at Stanford School of Medicine, recently published an article with his Stanford and UC colleagues in the *Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology* describing the mechanism by which ambient air pollution impairs regulatory T-cell function. My youngest, Devon, is a distinguished student at the USC School of Cinematic Arts and its Roski School of Fine Arts, and a few months ago opened his show at the USC Art Museum. D is seriously considering an M.F.A. in film at Columbia. I only lament that my beloved comrade and good friend **Lew Cole '68**, who initiated the film program at the School of the Arts, is no longer with us to guide him! A few months ago while visiting the College, I met Lew's son, which was quite a treat."

David Borenstein is president of the American College of Rheumatology, having been treasurer and president-elect in the past three years. He shared with me the press release issued when he became president of the organization in November 2010, which retraces his career. In 1978, shortly after completing his medical education at John Hopkins, David became an assistant professor of medicine at The George Washington University Medical Center. In 1989, he was promoted to professor of medicine. During this period, he was associate director for education and research in the Division of Rheumatology. From 1991–95, he was professor of neurological surgery, an honorary appointment in recognition of his position as medical director of The George Washington University Spine Center. In 1997, he became a clinical professor of medicine on the voluntary faculty and joined Arthritis and Rheumatism Associates, a five-member rheumatology practice. He also established the Washington, D.C., branch of The Center for Rheumatology and Bone Research. Today, Arthritis and Rheumatism Associates spans four locations and includes 13 rheumatologists.

Active in the medical community in Washington, D.C., David served on the Board of Directors of the

David Borenstein '69 is president of the American College of Rheumatology.

and *To Be Young in Babylon: A Dramatic, Personal Account of Teen-Age Radicals*, within three years of graduation. Both were nonfiction. Boy, is this writing-game easy, I told myself at the time. It wasn't until I turned to fiction that the real challenge began. Publishers weren't exactly knocking on my door to buy the inevitable coming-of-age novel I, of course, felt obligated to turn out. It wasn't until I began writing about people I actually had to create that my agent's phone calls began getting returned. I wrote a thriller, *Stalking*; a book about four men coping with various life crises, *Doubles*; and a treasure hunt novel, *Kidd*, that was optioned by Hollywood for 15 years, before being bought by Disney as a source for the *National Treasure* franchise. What's nice about that is they have to send me a check every time they make a sequel: *National Treasure 3* is in the works.

"Despite my relative success as an author, I eventually found writing fiction full-time to be kind of lonely. When you look forward to going down to get the mail, hoping you might speak to someone in the elevator, you realize it's time to get out into the world. I began writing more magazine stories, eventually becoming a contributing editor to *Parade Magazine*, the Sunday supplement that's in many newspapers. I wrote countless stories ranging from Hollywood profiles to an expose about kids on death row. From the magazine work, I ended up moving into television, where I've been producing documentaries for the last 20-odd years. I spent more than a decade as an executive producer for CBS, overseeing more than 300 hours of programming for all the cable networks. The shows earned three Emmys

and now divide my time writing and doing the odd freelance television work. I recently completed three hours for Discovery and soon will oversee a travel adventure series for NBC. My wife, Susan Farewell, is a travel writer, and I help her run our online travel business (Farewell Travels.com). It's a family affair, with my wife doing all the editorial, my daughter writing a teen column on travel and me proofing all the copy and handling the business. One of the advantages is that we all get to travel for little if any cost.

"I stay in touch with a number of classmates. **Paul Gallagher**, an Andover classmate, is a close friend. We go skiing every year. I also see **Frank Michel '70**. **Dotson Rader**, who attended GS, has been a close friend since junior year. I run into **Robert Brandt** at my health club. He looks still as he did at Columbia. I'm a Facebook friend with **Billy Schwartz**, now **Billy Cross**, who lives in Denmark and makes memorable music in concerts all over the world.

"Thanks again for your hard work on behalf of the class. You deserve a trophy, or at least a building named after you."

Thanks, Tom, for your kind words. The Greek gods may have assigned me this task, or it is a form of *Camus' The Myth of Sisyphus*. Either way, I am happy to do it. And of course for me, it is fascinating to see how my classmates are doing and what they are up to. I hope to see you in the city one of these days. I have a Kindle and need to download your book, as everyone else should across the universe.

Well, classmates, 65 is actually 45, so enjoy the many wonders of today and tomorrow. I do have a concern that I may have lost in

Metropolitan Washington Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation from 1999–2007 and as its v.p. from 2006–07. He received the D.C. Arthritis Foundation chapter's Henry Taylor Award in 2005 and its President's Award for Lifetime Service in 2008. He was selected for the Marriott Lifetime Achievement Award of the Arthritis Foundation Mid-Atlantic region in 2011. David also has been involved in the civic affairs of Maryland. From 1986–1994, he was appointed by then-Governor William Donald Schaeffer to the Appellate Judicial Nominating Commission. The commission selected panels of individuals who were presented to the governor for appointment to the Appeals Court system of Maryland.

David is an author of *Low Back and Neck Pain: Comprehensive Diagnosis and Management*, third edition, a textbook on spinal disorders for physicians. The second edition of this book has been recognized by the Medical Library Association of America-Brandon/Hill list as one of the 200 essential books for a medical library. He also is author of *Heal Your Back: Your Complete Prescription for Preventing, Treating, and Eliminating Back Pain*, a book written for the lay population released in January.

David has been married to Dorothy R. Fait, a family law attorney who has been honored as one of the 100 Outstanding Women of Maryland, for 38 years. They have three daughters. Sylvia is an attorney who works in her mother's law practice. Elizabeth is a fashion stylist. Rebecca '04 is applying to M.B.A. programs. David has enjoyed playing squash as a means of relaxation for more than 36 years. He and his family enjoy vacations in Aspen, Colo., where they ski in the winter, hike in the summer and enjoy the music festival.

There were a flurry of news reports, reflecting diverse points of view, about **Judd Gregg's** appointment as one of 18 "international advisers" for The Goldman Sachs Group. According to a May 27 press release, Judd — who recently retired from the Senate — will "provide strategic advice to the firm and its clients, and assist in business development initiatives across our global franchise." Judd separately has been posting an opinion column on Mondays for *The Hill*. Question to classmates: Apart from Judd, **Jerry Nadler** and **Paul Auster**, does any other member of our class have his own Wikipedia page?

David Hummon sent "a small item for the Class Notes on a transition in my life: After 31 years at Holy Cross College (most recently as a professor of sociology), I am retiring from teaching and college life. I look forward to more time for family, writing, painting, kayaking,

doing nothing and discovering new interests. So far, I'm finding this process of transition to be rather exciting, marked by little epiphanies and a sense of openness."

From **Michael L. Brown**: "I am finishing my 25th year as a mathematics professor at Simmons College in Boston. I am interested in Jungian psychology and positive psychology and also am trying my hand at playwriting and other fiction writing for adults and for children. I have a daughter, Abigail Sarah (22), a senior at Harvard College with a deep commitment to social justice, and a son, Eli Benjamin (20), a composer who has had two commissions and is taking college courses in music and pre-medicine before formally entering a college degree program. My son has ADHD, which has been a significant factor in shaping our lives, and about which I have learned a great deal through the years. I would be very happy to hear from old friends and acquaintances, and new. I can be contacted at brown.michael@post.harvard.edu."

I had been soliciting **Andy Bronin** for news, but felt entitled to press harder when I saw his picture one Saturday on the back page of *The New York Times* A-section, in a group of Best Doctors-Dermatology. He reports: "Life is good, thank God. I'm grateful for my and my family's good health and good luck, always mindful of how transitory both can be (see Herodotus, 'Histories' [Book I], Solon's response to Croesus). My wife, Elaine, is finishing a training program as a docent at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York and will be specializing in introducing teenagers to the works of the Met. I continue to love the private practice of dermatology. I edit a national bimonthly CME journal for the American Academy of Dermatology and am an associate clinical professor in the Yale School of Medicine Department of Dermatology. Our son Luke, who had been senior adviser to the deputy secretary of the Treasury before his deployment, recently returned from active duty in the Reserves in Afghanistan as a Navy Intelligence officer, and, pending Senate confirmation of his superiors, will assume the role of deputy assistant secretary of the Treasury for terrorist financing and financial crimes.

"Elaine and I recently marked our 33rd wedding anniversary and our 25th year of living in Greenwich, Conn. Luke and his wife and two kids live in Washington, D.C., in Georgetown. With two grandchildren in the nation's capital, Grandma and Pop-pop are regular commuters to D.C."

Marc Rauch relocated to Egypt shortly before the recent shifts in power in the Middle East. He has



The seventh annual Furnal 7 reunion had alumni scaling the mountains of Port Townsend, Wash., last fall. Wearing hiking boots and smiles were (left to right) **Richard Canzonetti '73**, **David Canzonetti '71**, **Robert Baum '71**, **Richard Moss '71** and **Alan Kuntze '71**.

provided CCT with a journal of his experiences (see "Cairo Journal," this issue) — it is must reading. And it is comforting to see he is able to offer perspective on very challenging events, even connecting them to his recollections of Columbia, Spring 1968.

I reached out by email to quite a few classmates and was disappointed at how many of my emails went unanswered — not only no news but also even no replies to say there was no news. This column has always been, and can only be, a group effort. Yes, I spend the most time, but I need others to be willing to share some news or views (including news of other classmates). As CCT goes quarterly effective with this issue, there will be fewer opportunities to share news, and it will be all the more important to use the space allotted to our class. It is your turn now.

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Our former class correspondent, **Peter Stevens**, touched base with me just before Easter. He is doing well and looking forward to next year's football season. In light of the possible NFL strike — which I predict will not occur, and we should know that by the time of publication — we may all be paying more attention to Lions football next season.

Speaking of former football players, I heard from our team captain, **Frank Furillo**, who sent the following report: "**Dick Alexander, Jim**

Wascura and **Frank Furillo** held their seventh annual March golf outing in Myrtle Beach, S.C. Jim served up his 'world-famous' eggs with hot peppers for breakfast most mornings. His daughter Lauren is enrolled at SIPA, working on her master's. Dick's daughters Ashley and Arsha live and work on the West Coast. Ashley is working on her singing career, while Arsha is a rehab counselor. Frank's son is an investment analyst at UBS in Stamford, while his daughter graduated with a master's in library science from Rutgers in May.

"Based on performance on the South Carolina links, the senior PGA tour has nothing to worry about. Despite this, a good time was had by all."

Bernie Josefsberg has been appointed superintendent of Easton Redding Region 9 School District. He had previously retired as superintendent of the Leonia, N.J., School District. Bernie was too modest to "brag on himself" but I got the news from esteemed sports star **Dennis Graham**.

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Dr. Joseph Grisanzio, born in Mola di Bari, Italy, passed away on May 25, after a sudden and brief illness while on vacation, in Bari, Italy, with his family by his side. He is survived by his wife, Karen (Singe-lais) Grisanzio; mother, Pasqua, of Mola di Bari, Italy; daughter, Daria; son, Francesco; sister, Ivana del Papa, of Costa Rica, and her husband, Tony. Joseph graduated in

1978 from the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart in Rome. He was on multiple boards including those of the Plymouth District Medical Society and of the Massachusetts Medical Society's Executive Committee and the Advisory Board of the *Vital Signs* publication. He had been in practice with George Chilazi of Southeast Cardiology for 30 years, and affiliated with Morton Hospital and Medical Center in Taunton. He enjoyed traveling, fishing, hunting, reading, woodworking, cooking and being a wine connoisseur. Above all, Joseph cherished his time with his family and many close friends. Donations may be made in his memory to either Morton Hospital and Medical Center Remembrance Fund, 88 Washington St., Taunton, MA 02780, or the American Cancer Society, MA Division, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701. (The preceding was edited from the website of the O'Keefe-Wade Funeral Home.)

Alan Kuntze sent a great photo, which you can see in this issue: "Here's a picture from our most recent (seventh annual) Furnal 7 Reunion, which took place last fall in Port Townsend, Wash. Past reunions have been in Big Sur, Calif.; Moab, Utah; Aspen, Colo.; Stinson Beach, Calif.; Valley of the Gods, Utah; and Methow Valley, Wash. We pick nice places! The picture is taken at Hurricane Ridge on the Olympic Peninsula. The handsome lads are Richard Canzonetti '73, **David Canzonetti, Robert Baum, Richard Moss** and yours truly, **Alan Kuntze.**"

Mat Thall: "I am the senior development consultant to the Fairmount Indigo Line CDC Collaborative in Boston, a coalition of four community development corporations that have led a grassroots effort during the past decade to transform a moribund commuter rail line into a full service rail transit line ... and to implement a good deal of transit-oriented development that will accompany the transportation upgrades. This is the latest 'gig' in my community development and nonprofit management consulting practice, which I began about five years ago."

Christopher Moriarty: "Have been at Barclays Capital nearly three years. Previously was at Lehman Brothers in public finance; our group was picked up in its entirety by Barclays after the Lehman bankruptcy, as Barclays did not have a public finance group. I work in the housing group financing public purpose multifamily housing projects: military housing projects, Public Housing Authority projects and low-income housing tax credit multifamily housing projects. Lately I also have been working on financ-

ing energy saving retrofits of commercial properties using debt issued by special municipal property tax assessment districts."

John Borek: "I explored the whereabouts of my frosh roommate, **Lawrence Auster.** I think you will be gobsmacked by his Wikipedia entry. ... And then my new album *Celebrity* just 'dropped,' as we say in music. It's at TheProfessorOfRap.com. Free downloads of the album to members of the Class of '71. Just contact me by email and I will give anyone who asks a download code for the album."

Ron Bass: "I've had a short story accepted for publication by *The Columbia Review*. I submitted it at the end of November and then forgot about it until I received an email from one of the co-editors on April 22 that began as follows: 'Dear Mr. Bass, We're sorry it's taken so long to respond to you; our submission cycles are long, and we've only just begun laying out

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the first issue of 2011. After reading 'Marcel Duchamp Inaugurates the Arts and Crap Movement,' we broke into laughter and would love to publish it ... ' This is my first submission to the *Review*."

For those who ingest caffeine in one form or another — who doesn't? — there's Bennett and Louis.

Bennett Weinberg: "My new website is WorldOfCaffeine.com. Several years ago, my wife and I published *The World of Caffeine: The Science and Culture of the World's Most Popular Drug*, the definitive book on caffeine, which has been translated into Italian, Spanish and Japanese. Our new website tells the full story of caffeine and posts new health and lifestyle information about caffeine."

Louis Rossetto's bio — he is CEO and CCO (chief creative officer) — from the website of chocolate company TCHO, the chocolate maker that is also the private label chocolate maker for Starbucks, and yes, they give factory tours and use innovative technology (tcho.com and tcho.com/tcho-is/tcho-is) is:

"Louis is the co-founder with Jane Metcalfe of *Wired* magazine, *Wired TV*, *Wired Books* and the *Wired Digital* suite of websites, including the first website with original content and Fortune 500 advertising HotWired, as well as the award-winning search engine HotBot. In short, he not only foresaw the major social and economic trend of our time, the digital revolution, he was an active participant

and leader in its development.

"Louis is obsessed with building a great business from the ground up, creating products and experiences that delight, and changing the world without politics — and with being the best dad he can be to Zoe and Orson, and partner to Jane. Not necessarily in that order."

The New York Times interviewed **John Bidwell** '76 LS, curator of rare books at the Morgan Library and Museum, on June 22: "A Life in Libraries, Thanks to Gutenberg" (nytimes.com/2011/06/23/nyregion/morgan-library-curator-discusses-his-work.html).

Columbia's newest alumni affinity group, Columbia Alumni Singers, performed at Alumni Reunion Weekend in June. Group organizer Nick Rudd '64 notes that **Greg Doane, Milt Erman, Tom Kovach** and **John Mueser** performed.

Reunion was a smashing success. Ninety-eight members of the class attended. Plus we got a

than \$1.2 million, breaking the record set by ... the Class of 1971.

The Reunion Committee did a bang-up job. Among those earning special thanks are committee co-chairs **Dick Fuhrman** and **Richard Hsia**, events co-chairs **Phil Milstein** and **Greg Wyatt**, the Communications Committee and all the other committee members.

Visit the CCT website to view our class photo and to see a list of classmates who registered: college.columbia.edu/cct/fall11/reunion.

I (and my wife, Julia) had an absolutely fabulous time at reunion. Part of it is the events, part is seeing old friends and part is making new friends and meeting the classmates I write about in the eNews and these Class Notes even if I never knew them at the College. To me the most wonderful part of the Core Curriculum is that we got thrown in together, and made friends outside of our various academic disciplines.

Reunion functions in much the same way. We shared a ton of experiences, and we don't even have to talk about them to understand that in many ways we understand each other. Here is but one story of two classmates who did not previously know each other, as described by **Juris Kaza:**

"When I saw that **Eddie Eitches** was on the list of classmates registered for reunion, I was dead sure that he was a guy who worked as a typist punching tapes for *Spectator's* 1960s typesetting machines. Basically anyone who I really knew and remembered back in the day was from *Spec*, where I spent most of my time. Alas, the only two *Spec* guys I saw at reunion were **Jim Shaw** and **Alex Sachare**. Both of them, especially Alex, have dual roles. Alex was partly a kind of reunion official, being editor of *CCT*, and Jim was keeping an eye on events for our Class Notes. [Among other *Spectator* alumni there was **Mark Kingdon**, who also serves a dual role, being a University trustee.]

"I knew that Eddie (as it turned out, *never* a *Spec* typist, I must have confused him with Ed Stickgold '73) was on campus when I saw an African-American lady wearing a name badge that said Rachel Eitches. My wife, Latvian film director Una Celma, was shooting one of her zero-budget films in Latvia at The Time and Matiss Kaza (my born-in-Sweden-growing-up-in-Latvia son) was studying for his ninth-grade finals at school in Riga, so I was alone for this one.

"At the Friday class dinner, I was seated at what I mentally called the 'bonus miles' table with a classmate who hailed from Hong Kong, **Bob Meyer**, not to be confused with **Bob Mayer**, who also

was at reunion. Bob Meyer and I had come the farthest for reunion. Next to me was Eddie, baffled as to why he had been seated there (unless he, it seems an ardent runner, had jogged all the way from Washington, D.C., where he lives and works). ... When I told Eddie I was at the table only because I had flown in from Latvia for our 40th, he said he had been there twice, once during the Soviet era and again in the late '90s. On the latter visit, he had met some relatives who spoke of a writer called 'Immerman,' who wrote in Russian and was Eddie's great-uncle. We also cleared up the record that Eddie had never been a *Spec* typist.

"And then it clicked — I had been in the same class with a crypto (hidden) Latvian, thinking I was the only one with that background. As the dinner broke up, I shared a cab back uptown with **Howie Selinger**, a classmate I knew vaguely by name only, and his wife, Marilyn.

"Living in the *Spec*-John-Jay-only-to-sleep bubble for most of my sojourn at the College, I didn't know many classmates, but many knew me as a *Spec* writer and editor. In front of Carman Hall on a lovely, warm night, I ran across Rachel, Eddie's wife and a Jew by choice, who had attended a Hillel event at the same time as the '71 dinner to check out whether she and Eddie's daughter, a Columbia undergrad who had never been to Hillel, would find this aspect of Jewish life at the University to be interesting. ... By then I had figured out that Eddie's relative was the well-known Latvian writer Anatols Immermanis, who passed away in 1998 to considerable commemoration in the Latvian press. I hung around with Rachel until Eddie finally showed up and we spent until 2 in the morning looking at websites [which Eddie says Juris translated] on his famous relative, who was born in 1914, before the first independent Latvian state was proclaimed in 1918, who was a Communist, fought in WWII for the Red Army ... Eddie's great-uncle's Communist past was largely forgiven once Latvia regained its independence in 1991, and he was known for, among other things, his detective novels and an erotic autobiography he could write once Soviet censorship was a thing of the past.

"It was absolutely fantastic to find that there was someone with common roots in the class. I went away from reunion feeling that I had opened up the past to a classmate who only had a vague idea of what it was all about. Now Eddie says he will tell all of his New Jersey Immerman relatives about

our encounter.

"Oh yes, Eddie's wife came away with a little boost to her ego as well. She borrowed a phone charger wire and said I could get it back the following day since we would probably meet at one of the events. When that didn't happen, and I ran across Rachel by chance, I said 'I was at a morning lecture, but I didn't see anyone who looked like Halle Berry with longer hair.' But she does, indeed, Eddie, and she's a journalist, too!"

So, see you at the next reunion, June 2016 — mark your calendars now!

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Wayne Cypen recently finished his 30th year as the chairman of the Miami area Alumni Representative Committee (studentaffairs.columbia.edu/admissions/alumni/volunteers.php), coordinating all the interviewing for Columbia applicants from Miami-Dade County. "This year we had 384 applicants, the highest number ever. My wife, Nicole, and I recently hosted at our home in Miami Beach our annual reception for the admitted students from Miami-Dade County and local alumni; we also invite the admitted students and alumni from the Broward-Palm Beach ARC."

Wayne continues to focus on

Jeffrey Laurence '72 was interviewed on Access Hollywood about his AIDS work with Elizabeth Taylor and amfAR.

charitable work. He's on the board of directors and chairs the investment committee of the Miami Jewish Health Systems, is a trustee and chairman of the benefactor committee of the Ransom Everglades School and is former chairman of the board of Easter Seals of South Florida. "For leisure, I enjoy traveling (mostly cruising) and golf. My older son, Jeremy, a Harvard graduate, began medical school in August at the University of Miami, and my younger son, Scott, a history major, finished his junior year at the University of Maryland in College Park."

Peter Cuneo writes from Albu-

querque, N.M., where he moved to work in the late 1970s. He's been working for Lockheed Martin's Advanced Technology Center as a research scientist for "30 years and counting." His current project is the sensor package for the James Webb Space Telescope, "due to launch in 2014 ... or 2015 or ... depending on NASA's funding profile." For his spare time pursuits, "as is required by the Albuquerque city ordinances for all residents, I took up the anachronistic sport of hot air ballooning in the 1980s, which eventually evolved into gas ballooning. Last October, my partner and I won the national championship of distance gas ballooning for the second time (first time was in 2001). More details at balloonfiesta.com/gas-balloons/america-s-challenge.

"Not an earth-shattering accomplishment, considering the minuscule size of the sport, but it keeps us off the street corners. On the reminiscences side, reading the review of the book *Endgame: Bobby Fischer's Remarkable Rise and Fall - from America's Brightest Prodigy to the Edge of Madness* on page 56 of the Spring 2011 issue of *Columbia magazine* (magazine.columbia.edu/reviews/spring-2011) reminded me that in 1972, Fischer won the chess world championship and the Columbia Chess team, led by **Sal Matera**, won the Pan American Intercollegiate Team Chess Championship, which was and is the national championship of collegiate chess. *Tempus fugit*."

Charlie Gardner, who graduated from the Columbia University Center for Psychoanalytic Training and Research and practices psychiatry and psychoanalysis in Greenwich, Conn., is an empty-nester with his youngest off to college. "I no longer am voluntary faculty

email me and I'll send you the link. And **David Stern** was featured in a *New York Times* review of a new exhibit at the Metropolitan Museum of Art of pages from an illuminated medieval Passover Haggadah owned by the Library of Congress. David wrote a scholarly introduction to a facsimile edition of the manuscript, called the *Washington Haggadah*, which was published by Harvard University Press. Tain-Hamilton Records has released the CD *Opposites Reconciled, Extremes Met* by Dr. Louie, aka **Keith Luis**. Keith handles the vocals as well as all the guitar and mandolin parts. On some of the numbers he adds percussion (washboard, cola bottle, tambourines). Selections are available at most major online stores.

Jerry Lynch reports on his recent acting debut, "playing (to great acclaim) the role of Judge John Woolsey (the judge who found *Ulysses* not obscene) in a recreation of the 1933 obscenity trial as part of a 'Bloomsday' celebration by the Irish-American Bar Association of New York. As all our classmates surely know, Bloomsday is June 16, the day in 1904 on which Leopold Bloom wanders Dublin in Joyce's great novel. Sometimes called 'the thinking man's St. Patrick's Day,' it is the occasion for Irish- and Joyce-themed gatherings of all sorts that usually involve a modicum of serious literary discussion and a great deal of conviviality. Let's just say that the subject of obscenity law perfectly fits the occasion."

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Not much activity out there in Noteland. These spaces be sparse, summarily ...

Diran Sohigian has been a professor at Shih Chien University in southern Taiwan for 10 years. He is about an hour inland from the "beautiful and dynamic" port of Kaohsiung, "beyond mile after mile of banana plantations, living in a bamboo forest in the subtropics."

He posits that those who knew him back when, when he began studying Chinese, may not be surprised!

James Thomashower is in his 13th year as executive director of the American Guild of Organists, a nonprofit serving 17,000 organists. He also is finishing his four-year stint as the volunteer president of the Philipstown Reform Synagogue. James found his college grades recently in a file while cleaning out his parents' apartment and wonders, "Did CC routinely send grades to students' parents? Glad

my parents took them in stride."

Meir Stampfer is "living well" in Brookline, Mass. He is a professor of medicine, epidemiology and nutrition at Harvard. He and his wife, Clare, celebrated the graduation of their youngest, Orly '11, from the College; her brother Sam '07 and sister Eliane '09 also did thusly!

Angelo Falcon was in Puerto Rico in May on an ACLU panel investigating charges of human and civil rights violations. Having the ACLU come to Puerto Rico was no small deal; Angelo joined Oscar-nominated actress Rosie Perez, baseball star Carlos Delgado and the new head of LatinoJustice, Juan Cartagena, in a panel led by Anthony Romero, ACLU director.

Send those nuggets in, fellas. I'm out here panning.

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Like the 1950 classic film *Rashomon*, classmates will view the same event in different ways. To some (do you even remember the "Spartacist Club"?), the University Senate resolution passed in April to "explore the mutually beneficial relationship" of having the ROTC return to the Columbia campus is a betrayal of the anti-war history of the University that has dominated at least since the 1968 protests. To others, this resolution is rejecting the anomaly of the past 40 years. As *The New York Times* wrote in its piece on the resolution, "Before the Vietnam War, Columbia had a long and mostly cordial rapport with the armed forces ... Columbia provided more young officers during WWII than the Naval Academy." Where do you stand? Send in your opinion.

The great irony here is that the Senate decision found its impetus in the decision to repeal the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy that banned openly gay men and lesbians from serving in the military. With this discriminatory policy ending, and the anti-military mood on campus waning, the University no longer felt a justification for banning the relationship with the armed forces. The irony comes from the simplistic view that many conservatives didn't favor having gay men and lesbians overtly in the military, and many liberals tended to (reluctantly) accept the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" compromise. Talk about unintended consequences!

The New York Times gave us a follow-up story on a recent piece about who they called "Manhattan-based filmmaker Alison Klayman." As you may recall, Alison (26) is the daughter of **Barry Klayman** and

thought she had nearly completed her documentary on prominent Chinese artist-activist Ai Weiwei. It seems Ai's "outspoken remarks regarding China and its stance on human rights issues" led the Chinese government to take him into custody. Alison now is scrambling to revise her film in hopes that it will increase the worldwide concern of the plight of Ai and aid in his release. [Editor's note: Weiwei was released on June 22: nytimes.com/2011/06/23/world/asia/23artist.html?ref=aiweiwei.]

A press release came in from the Philadelphia law firm Fox Rothschild announcing that **Stanley Goodman** has been named a "Leader in Law" in the 2011 *Chambers USA Guide* (the leading guide to the legal profession) in the Labor and Employment Law category. Stan, who works in the Roseland, N.J., office, is chair of its Labor and Employment Department.

Eric Krasnoff, the only classmate known to be CEO of a Standard & Poor's 500 corporation, recently retired from Pall Corp. He had held the positions of both CEO and chairman of the board since July 1994. Port Washington, N.Y.-based Pall Corp. is a leading filtration equipment maker, doing \$2.4 billion in annual sales.

We look forward to learning what is next for Eric.

Some years back, **Bill Meehan** retired from his long career as a managing director at the consulting firm McKinsey & Co. in San Francisco. What started as teaching a few courses at the Stanford business school seems to have morphed into a busy teaching schedule: "Critical Analytical Thinking," "Strategic Management of Nonprofits," "Evaluating Social Entrepreneurial Ventures" and "General Management Synthesis" (where students work with a real company to identify the issues facing the CEO and how to resolve them).

As if this is not enough to keep Bill busy "in retirement," he also is a mentor to many students as well as to a range of social entrepreneurs and other nonprofit leaders, and serves on the board of tech giant Juniper Networks. He recently added an important new job: grandpa. Daughter Katie Conway '02 and her husband, Shane Conway '02E, have given Bill a grandson, Griffin Kieran Conway (1), Class of 2031. Bill says, "Griffin will be a fourth-generation alumnus." (No pressure there.) Bill concluded, "If I had known retired life would be this good, I might have started earlier. My principle is simple: I don't do anything I don't enjoy — except by mistake."

Far from having retired, **Michael Fixel** has "tripled down." While

continuing his job as president of Jerry Fixel, Inc., and v.p. of Osterer Construction (both commercial builders in Jacksonville, Fla.), he is preparing to launch a company, Parallel Universe Theater Resources, to market a line of "innovative scenic design components." This undoubtedly was inspired by the rebirth of Michael's third career in theater. He tells us, "My hallucinatory verse play, *Salamander Stew*, got a staged reading at Barnard in 1973 and then sat around germinating for a few decades. Inspired by my involvement in local theater with my wife, Ava, a high school theater director, and my daughter Juliet, an actress in her first year in NYC, I got back to work on it. It was chosen to participate in the Strawberry One-Act Festival in Chelsea." The piece was a finalist for best play, and Julie won the award for best director. Michael received an invitation "to the big party," the prominent NYC International Fringe Festival that ran August 12–28.

Michael says *Salamander Stew's* "poetic and dramatic leanings were shaped by studies with Professor Kenneth Koch, as well as by my time with Allen Ginsberg '48 and William S. Burroughs, with whom I studied in Boulder, Colo." He says he also was inspired by his daughter Leia, a teacher and co-founder (with her sister and mother) of a successful performing arts camp, BeaTPac. However, he adds that the play "matured drastically due to the insights and criticisms of its director, Juliet," and is "now at least as much Julie's as it is mine."

Among the more unusual professions of a classmate is that of **Roman Paska**: puppeteer. Now, I bet you think of puppeteers only as the performers you hired for your kids' birthday parties. However, there is a higher level of the art that has led Roman's original productions to be presented around the world, with productions based on the works of Yeats, Strindberg, Lorca and Shakespeare. Among the places where he has appeared in the past year is the National Theatre of Portugal and the Stockholms Stadsteater. This spring, Roman was in London at the Centre for Creative Collaboration, where he presented his new documentary about Italian string puppetry and delivered a sold-out workshop to puppet experts. Roman also recently was at the Rubin Museum of Art in the Chelsea district of NYC, where he participated in a conversation with famed neuroscientist Rodolfo Llinás to "explore the boundaries of illusion and perceptions of reality" as part of the museum's fourth annual Brainwave Series that examines the phenomenon of dreaming.

And you thought puppetry only

involved Crusty the Clown and his friends!

There you have it. Classmates excelling at their current careers, adding new careers to current ones and replacing their old careers with new ones. As we arrive in our late 50s, we are striving to find our own sense of fulfillment that is as different as perfecting a great legal defense, expressing ourselves through the arts or sharing our life skills with the next generation. Send in your story so that your friends of four decades can find what direction you have chosen.

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World traveler, poet, playwright, journalist, teacher and cultural activist (and architect and urban planner) **Fernando Castro's** newest collection of poems, *Redeemable Air Mileage*, recently was published by TAYER Books. As a sometimes frequent traveler myself, I chuckled at the title, but the contents are not always whimsical. Fernando is concentrating on travel in the Americas (Guatemala, Honduras, Belize, Peru and Brazil) this year. In addition, he is doing West Coast signings and readings of his works. I asked Fernando if he has retired to find so much time to travel, but he says he is not yet ready to retire.

Jasmin and **Jim Dolan** had a busy spring. On their travels to Scotland in April, Jim hoped to connect with **Todd McEwen** who lives, teaches and writes in Edinburgh. Unfortunately, Todd is variously hanging out in the Orkney Islands (searching for some combination of inspiration and oysters, Jim bets) and then Chicago so they missed him. Jim visited Gotham in February and had a great lunch with **Irv Schenkler** and Tony Herrling '74, old WKCR chums. Irv has spent time in Scotland visiting Todd and had some great tips on food and drink. Daughter Zoe Emër Dolan graduated with a degree in art history and will likely find herself living and working in NYC one day. Jim spent another spring weekend moving her into her new apartment near my old stomping grounds in Lancaster, Pa.

It seems that it's impossible to skim a sports page or listen to ESPN News and not see, hear or read about **Jeffrey Kessler**. Jeff represents the NFL and NBA players' unions, and he thought he "could be fighting litigation wars on two fronts this summer." While it does

Alumni Sons and Daughters

Fifty-six members of the College Class of 2015 and six members of the Engineering Class of 2015 are sons or daughters of College alumni. This list is alphabetical by the parent's last name.

STUDENT	PARENT	STUDENT	PARENT	STUDENT	PARENT
Nastassia Adkins <i>Peterborough, U.K. • Deerfield Academy</i>	Philip Adkins '80	Eric Jacobs <i>New York City • Dalton School</i>	Gary Jacobs '85	Julia Selinger <i>Larchmont, N.Y. • Mamaroneck H.S.</i>	Neil Selinger '75 **
Kimiya Alsop <i>Ridgewood, N.J. • Ridgewood H.S.</i>	Richard Alsop '84	Julia Jarrett <i>Lafayette, Calif. • Acalanes H.S.</i>	Mark Jarrett '73	Rafael Seltzer <i>Irovington, N.Y. • Horace Mann School</i>	Roben Seltzer '79
Zachary Avigan <i>Sharon, Mass. • Maimonides School</i>	David Avigan '85	Michael Josephs <i>Chevy Chase, Md. • Bethesda-Chevy Chase H.S.</i>	Robert Josephs '78	William Settel <i>Brookline, Mass. • Roxbury Latin School</i>	Kenneth Settel '67
Sean Barron <i>Woodcliff Lake, N.J. • Pascack Hills H.S.</i>	Joaquin Barron '94	Kylie Kaufman <i>Russell, Ohio • St. Stephen's Episcopal School</i>	James Kaufman '81	Adam Sherman * <i>Parkville, Md. • Loyola Blakefield H.S.</i>	David Sherman '80
Ross Basri * <i>Rumson, N.J. • Marine Academy of Science & Technology</i>	Nancy Basri '87 and William Basri '84	James Kim <i>Midland, Texas • Robert E. Lee H.S.</i>	Hyetae Kim '81	Matteo Singer <i>Bronx, N.Y. • Stuyvesant H.S.</i>	Robert Singer '76
Madeleine Bavley <i>Prairie Village, Kan. • Shawnee Mission East H.S.</i>	Alan Bavley '74	Rohan Kirpekar <i>Edgewater, N.J. • Trinity School</i>	Nanda Kirpekar '73	Adam Spinosa <i>New York City • Dalton School</i>	Charles Spinosa '76
Rachel Bercovitz <i>Baltimore • Beth Tfiloh Community H.S.</i>	Barry Bercovitz '74	Courtney Lee <i>Alpine, N.J. • Tenaflly H.S.</i>	Jay Lee '81	David Spinosa <i>Charlottesville, Va. • St. Anne's-Belfield School</i>	David Spinosa '78
Elizabeth Berg <i>West Orange, N.J. • Kushner Yeshiva H.S.</i>	Howard Berg '76	Olivia Lopez-Balboa <i>New York City • Chapin School</i>	Francisco Lopez-Balboa '82	Samuel Stevens <i>Haworth, N.J. • Academy for the Advancement of Science and Technology</i>	Peter Stevens '83
Joseph Betts <i>Delmar, N.Y. • Bethlehem Central H.S.</i>	Christopher Betts '84	Samuel Lutzker <i>Walnut Creek, Calif. • Las Lomas H.S.</i>	Stuart Lutzker '83	Matthew Strauss <i>Belle Terre, N.Y. • Earl L. Vandermeulen H.S.</i>	Michael Strauss '81
Corinna Boylan <i>New York City • Brearley School</i>	Matthew Boylan '82	James Mackoud <i>Montclair, N.J. • Montclair H.S.</i>	Richard Mackoud '84	Matthew Suozzo * <i>New York City • Hunter College H.S.</i>	Mark Suozzo '75
Lloyd Brown <i>Sleepy Hollow, N.Y. • Pleasantville H.S.</i>	Lloyd Brown II '85	Amanda Malcolm <i>Pacific Palisades, Calif. • Marlborough School</i>	John Malcolm '82	John Timony-Gomez * <i>Bronxville, N.Y. • Bronxville H.S.</i>	Mark Timoney '88
Cynthia Campo <i>Ridgewood, N.J. • Ridgewood H.S.</i>	Diane Hilal-Campo '87 and Richard Campo '84	Elizabeth Meininger <i>Cincinnati • Summit Country Day School</i>	Christian Meininger '82	Brian McGrattan * <i>Gaithersburg, Md. • Thomas Sprigg Wootton H.S.</i>	Laura Ting '87
Monica Carty <i>Short Hills, N.J. • Millburn H.S.</i>	Stephen Carty '85	Philip Merkin <i>Englewood, N.J. • Ramaz Upper School</i>	Solomon Merkin '78	Victoria Van Amson <i>New York City • Nightingale-Bamford School</i>	George Van Amson '74
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Isabel Genecin <i>Larchmont, N.Y. • Mamaroneck H.S.</i>	Victor Genecin '74	Dawn Queen <i>Cupertino, Calif. • Harker School</i>	Cary Queen '71		
Aryeh Goldstein <i>New York City • Ramaz Upper School</i>	Eric Goldstein '80	Morgan Romey <i>San Marino, Calif. • Polytechnic School</i>	Michael Romey '85	Four incoming College transfer students are sons or daughters of College alumni.	
Justin Goluboff <i>Scarsdale, N.Y. • Scarsdale H.S.</i>	Nicole Belson Goluboff '87 and Erik Goluboff '86	Eliot Sackler <i>Tenaflly, N.J. • Tenaflly H.S.</i>	Michael Sackler '76		
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				Henrik Hector <i>Max Lecar</i>	Christopher Hawthorne '79
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not get as much press, the rest of his practice as partner and global litigation chair for Dewey & LeBoeuf also is busy. Jeff continues to handle major cases for Panasonic, Sanyo, Hitachi Cable, Uralkali (a Russian potash company) and the Lower Manhattan Development Corp. (the government agency responsible for World Trade Center site redevelopment). A *New York Times* article recently said Jeff's "argument will draw on his antitrust expertise, which has been honed in cases outside sports, most notably in major cases he won involving Japanese electronics companies." Jeff also teaches a course on complex litigation at the Law School and is happily still married to Regina '76 Barnard. [Editor's note: CCT profiled Kessler in November 2002: college.columbia.edu/cct_archive/nov02/nov02_feature_sports.php.]

Fr. **C. John McCloskey** STD has a new book, *The Essential Belloc: A Prophet of Our Times*, and is working on another that will speak to the value of a liberal arts education, in this case with a Catholic twist. CJ continues to write on John Henry Cardinal Newman and had pieces in *The Washington Post* and *The Wall Street Journal* for Newman's beatification last year. You can find examples of CJ's work on frmccloskey.com. He asks that "classmates in Chicago give a holler" and "pray that I get transferred back to the East Coast, where the great majority of my friends and relatives live." When talking about Maryland, CJ reminded me that "It is a fascinating state. Read about the divisions regarding the war between the states. In the east and south, it was completely for the secession. As you might know, it was founded as a refuge for English Catholics."

On a road trip to visit daughter Meg (student at Penn) and son James in Washington, D.C., **Bob Schneider** and his wife, Regina Mulahy '75 Barnard, stopped in Baltimore to visit with me and my sister, Robin Nichols. We visited Fort McHenry, where the visitor's center had just reopened in preparation for the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812. Because it was National Park Week, we even got in for free! (CJ says, "That's a war that maybe we all can agree on.") Since I can see Fort McHenry from my roof deck, the noise of the fireworks on opening night pulled me out of my chair, outside and to the roof. From there, the fireworks were spectacular! (**Jim Dolan**, who also lives in Baltimore, couldn't join us, but he had attended the opening of the new visitor's center, and said he "welled up a bit when the window went up to reveal that 'our flag was still there.'" Our eyes welled up too, especially after the man in front

of Regina started sobbing!

After graduating as an English major, **Larry Tarini** returned to GS and earned a B.A. in mathematics. With a fellowship for graduate study at UC Berkeley, he earned an M.A. and then was an actuarial associate in San Francisco. (Larry was crossing the Bay Bridge on a bus when the quake hit during the 1989 World Series.) In 1990, he returned to the stable glacial till of Michigan to be closer to his family. Working as a pension specialist, he met his wife, Patricia Fabrizio, a benefits attorney for Sachs Waldman in Detroit. After they married, "sweetie" Patty convinced him to return to academia. Since 2005, Larry has been a grad student in high energy physics at Wayne State University studying the quark-gluon plasma formed in heavy ion collisions at the Brookhaven National Laboratory's Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider. ("To orient Manhattanites, that's Exit 68 on the L.I.E.") Until the Large Hadron Collider was commissioned at CERN [European Organization for Nuclear Research], those at BNL were the only ones to be sued by parties claiming they would destroy the world by creating black holes. Larry asks, "If we really could create black holes at will, wouldn't we have used that power to get steady funding?" He defends his thesis this year.

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Did you attend our 35th Alumni Reunion Weekend in June? If so, let me know! Please share news about who you saw and what you did — and also what's going on in your life otherwise. Visit the CCT website to view our class photo and to see a list of classmates who registered to attend: college.columbia.edu/cct/fall11/reunion.

In other news, **Jonathan Margolis** joined the law firm of Morrison Cohen as a partner in the real estate department.

Dan Baker has become the director of donor relations for principal gifts in Columbia's Office of Alumni and Development. In his new role, Dan creates and carries out individualized donor relations strategies for Columbia's top donors. He will remain the contact person on the Giving to Columbia website (giving.columbia.edu/giveonline), so if you find you're still able to give something in these hard times, Dan is the man to tell (dqb21@columbia.edu).

Children of two classmates were admitted early decision to the Class of 2015: Gabriel Merkin, son of **J. Ezra Merkin**, and Eliot Sackler, son of **Michael Sackler**.

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We tend to think of ourselves as changing and of alma mater as staying forever the same. But that is not always the right way to look at it, as I rediscover each time I return to visit campus — to find, for instance, that at some point they took down the signs on the bathroom doors in Butler Library. And at times, I don't even need to visit for that thought to occur, as when I learned that ROTC was coming back to Columbia. I welcome thoughts on the subject for the next column.

For the moment, though, just a few notes and queries.

Peter Rose has been honored for co-founding Performance Space 122. Even I knew that P.S. 122 (a once-abandoned school at First Avenue and East 9th Street) has long been famous as a venue for performance art. What I did not know is that along with three others, Peter began to refunction it in 1979. Since then, Peter has had a distinguished career as a performance artist and trainer, first in New York and eventually, more and more, in Europe. He has lived in Berlin since 1995.

From Philadelphia, **Jim O'Toole** writes that, for him, "It's just another day as a civil servant. Almost time to hang it up," he adds, asking, "How are the rest of our classmates confronting retirement?" Another question worth pondering, mayhap.

Michael Beck also has a question. He is "curious if any of our classmates are philatelists" — stamp collectors — "something I did avidly pre-college, at college, in law school and right through today (an interest that neither my wife, Marcia '80 Business, nor my children (25 and 22) share)."

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A spring explosion of news from the suddenly extroverted 55-year-olds in the still "we are young in our

own mind" Class of 1978 is starting. Apologies to many who didn't make this column due to word limits. We will get you in next time.

Adam Isler notes, "I had a show of my photographs, *The Nature of Cities*, last December at Druids Bar and Restaurant on Tenth Avenue (islerphoto.zenfolio.com/p556621714); I'm participating in another show ongoing now at the Terrain Gallery, *This Great, Diverse City: How Should We See It?* (until September: terraingallery.org); and yet another was held in June at the Jadite Galleries on West 50th Street (jadite.com). Continuing with a New York theme (for a change), **Jeffrey Moerdler** writes, "I am a member of the Board of Commissioners of the Port Authority of New York and Jersey and vice chair of its Audit and Security Committees, as well as recently becoming one of the chapter coordinators of my local volunteer ambulance service, where I take 150–200 emergency calls per year. This is all in addition to my 'day job' as a lawyer at Mintz Levin."

We conclude this section with the Hon. **Joe Greenaway**, who reports, "I have nothing earth-shattering to report. I enjoy serving on the appellate court and absolutely love teaching a seminar at the College on the Supreme Court. My kids are great. Ronnie '78 Barnard and I recently celebrated 30 years of marital bliss. Looking forward to seeing everyone in 2013."

Chuck Callan writes, "First news, **Ben Caplan** is well. He and his family visited during Passover. His daughter Allie '11 graduated in May. Now, here is a great update from **John Prudden**, a philosophy major, contender for the record of most incompletes accumulated and dispatched, a champion fencer, a heavyweight crew member and a brother at ZBT during the chapter's reestablishment year. John said he sent it to you last time, but it hit the cutting room floor.

"About a year ago, I moved to Seattle, following my wife and dogs. I had had a wonderful stretch in the metropolitan area of about 53 years. There are so few native New Yorkers because they have the good sense to leave. The key to this sort of move is to emphasize the things that are excellent out here. We can actually afford to go to the opera, symphony, theater and concerts. There are decent mountains and lots of big water for salmon and steelhead. I've taken up 'spey' fly fishing, which is the old Scottish way with big poles and monster casts. I'm making friends and making my way.

"I don't have anything particularly exciting to report, but that is in keeping with my personality.

I mean, my heroes are Professor Henry Higgins and Bertie Wooster. My favorite ad was that old perfume commercial, 'I don't want to set the world on fire ...' They say it takes about two years to settle into Seattle. There is a psychoanalytic group of old New Yorkers to help with the adjustments. (I don't attend.)

"There is a Columbia University Club of the Pacific Northwest, whose events I keep trying to attend, get very excited about and then totally forget on the day. Best to you and Columbia."

Jeff Klein also reports on someone else, **Joel Charap**, who lived in Thailand. "I visited Joel, my Carman roommate, last summer at his new home in Pattaya, Thailand, and am happy to report that he is thriving, was newly married at the time and continuing to use the knowledge afforded all of us in the Core Curriculum, primarily through making puns about the Greek classics. Joel and his bride, Manee, are ensconced in a lovely seaside condo while he plots his next move (you may recall that he worked in Los Angeles as a director of *Jeopardy!* for close to two decades before chucking it to move to Thailand). In the meantime, he's enjoying the local cooking, though somehow, bafflingly, he's avoiding the spicy dishes."

Following Jeff is another WKCR sportster, **Tom Mariam**, who recalls, "It was a great thrill to be at the WKCR 70th Anniversary Dinner a few months back. It brought back so many great memories being together again with so many of our colleagues (including a number from the Class of '78) from that era, a time when radio really was an important medium. It was a lot of fun hearing all the old KCR war stories, some of which I remembered well and some of which were new to me. Even though it's been more than 30 years since we were all together, it's remarkable how seamlessly we all meshed again. Can't wait for the 75th!"

Amittai Aviram reports, "I'm working away at my second Ph.D., in computer science, at Yale, though living in Harlem now, doing my dissertation research at home and commuting to New Haven once or twice a week for meetings. Our team won best paper at a conference last fall, and I presented at a workshop at Berkeley this spring. I worked at Google-NYC this summer (yay!). I live with my partner, contemporary art curator and writer Octavio Zaya, and within walking distance of my son, Blake, who recently finished his second year at Fordham Law School, where he is on the *Law Review*. OK, now back to debugging."

Ted Faraone: "For the past three years, in addition to my PR business, Faraone Communications, which specializes in entertainment and media, I have been moonlighting as a film critic. I can be read in several outlets, but all my reviews appear on my site, tedflicks.com."

Always well opinioned and very literate is **Peter McAlevey**, president of Thunderbird Pictures. He writes, "My son Sean (19) returned home last spring from his freshman year at the University of Toronto, where he is an A- student with a double major in philosophy and political science and played quarterback on the freshman football team — he's taking this year off to concentrate on studies before, presumably, rejoining the team next year (he's still working out). A few years back he did not get in to Columbia. This is relevant only in that my senior-to-be, Harry (16), is looking at colleges ... do I advise him to think about Columbia?"

"I went to Columbia because my father and mother both had. Dad was '50L (returning from WWII as an 'officer and gentleman'), and Mom was Teachers College (but dropped out to get married at St. Paul's and later have me and a bunch of other kids at then-Columbia-Presbyterian.) When she died, her funeral was at the Catholic church there."

"So it seemed natural when I started looking at colleges that this is where I would go, as even my high school girlfriend's father was an English professor there and my next-door neighbor John Walsh '79's father was head of the philosophy department. Not only did I attend, but also my brother followed me ('83) and my sister-in-law (now head of AP Scandinavia) did as well, in the '90s."

"Today, not only is a place such as U of Toronto higher ranked internationally by journals such as *The Economist* (17, ahead of Columbia's 23) and all other North American universities with the exception of Harvard and Princeton and trailing only powerhouses such as Oxford, Cambridge and Heidelberg) but it also still shares real remnants of 'empire' such that Sean's roommates this year included, among others, the son of a wealthy Egyptian family caught in the middle of the turmoil."

"But, of course, that is what one expects of a great international university. Clearly, Sean knows that Columbia's current quarterback is better than he would have been. Nor does he begrudge the College its choice to admit hundreds of students with no connection to the College other than better grades than his 3.97 out of 4.0."

"Still, what I would like to see as

an active alum who gives money, does interviews and comes from a 'Columbia family' is an Admissions Office that contacts him (and me) after his interview and receiving his transcript and advising him that it probably wouldn't be good enough. That's at least something all of us legacies were the benefit of — personal contact and honest answers."

"Harry has visited Penn several times and achieved a good working relationship with its Admissions Office about what it wants and expects — more communication than I or Sean ever received from the College either before or after admissions came and went."

"So, for the first time in 60 years, there won't be a McAlevey at Columbia. It saddens me, but that's how the world is turning. The same institution that gave us people like Lionel Trilling [25] and Jack Kerouac [44] and, when my father, a young law school grad, followed Jack Greenberg [45] south as a lawyer for the NAACP, it was because of the

checks rolling in before you're 1!"

On a more cheerful note, **Thomas H. Reuter** writes, "My youngest son, Tim '11, won the history department's Chanler Historical Prize [your humble scribe won this back in the day for his feisty Stephen Douglas paper for Professor James Shenton '49] for the best essay or thesis on a topic concerning American civil government. This is one of Columbia's oldest cash prizes, dating back to 1877."

"He is struggling through the rough job market, but I have been intrigued by the variety of job interviews. For example, a crime fighting paralegal with a crusading prosecutor or attending to legal matters at Sotheby's auction house. If you were 21 and could start all over, which would you pick? Good question for the older guys. In his case, let's hope he gets one, any one."

Good news, everyone! My wife, Marian '77 Barnard, and I celebrated our 25th last November, and Marian also received tenure at the Yale School of Environment and

Dr. Richard J. Caselli '79, a behavioral neurologist, has been appointed to the board of directors of the Phoenix-based Flinn Foundation.

fervor inspired by Columbia, not the average GPA or SAT of its admitting class. So let's consider all sides of the competitive position Columbia finds itself in and make sure legacy families are at least being talked to so we will still be there to support and speak for the institution."

"I have some fun news to share. Just so I didn't suffer from 'empty nest' syndrome with one son now safely ensconced in college and another on the way there, I decided to reload (as our beloved Yankees would say) and last year added two more to the mix, twin girls Rowan and Bailey, born August 2, 2010, at Cedars-Sinai in Beverly Hills."

"As happens in Hollywood, they were almost immediately 'discovered' (probably having a producer for a dad didn't hurt) and within a month had been cast in a recurring role as star Nadia Bjorlin's child on *Days of Our Lives*. Before they could even shoot their first scene, however, they were scooped up for guest starring roles on *House M.D.*, *CSI: Miami*, *Private Practice* and other shows. After they were 'christened' on *Days* (a shock to my Jewish wife!), they moved on to another continuing part on Steven Spielberg's *United States of Tara* as Toni Collette's niece. Along the way they picked up commercial work, including a Super Bowl spot. Trust me, it's nice having royalty

forestry, so at least I don't have to worry about healthcare anymore. One more thing to cross off the big list. Our daughter Joy (17) has her driver's license — boy, that is shocker; now I do feel old — and daughter Elana (21) recently spent a semester in London."

Bye for now!

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Dr. Richard J. Caselli, a behavioral neurologist with the Mayo Clinic, has been appointed to the board of directors of the Flinn Foundation, a Phoenix-based, private philanthropic endowment. Richard, a professor of neurology with the Mayo Medical School College of Medicine, has worked at Mayo's Scottsdale campus since 1990. He also is a consultant to and recent past chairman of Mayo's Department of Neurology and a past member of the Mayo Clinic Arizona Executive Operations Team. He holds an adjunct clinical faculty appointment at the Biodesign Institute at Arizona State University, is an adjunct professor at ASU's Department of Biomedical Informatics and is a member of the advisory board of the Center for Services Leadership of the W.P.

Carey School of Business at ASU.

Richard's research focuses on aging, including Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia, particularly how genetic risk factors may affect the brain as it ages before the onset of memory loss and dementia. His research findings have appeared in all major neurology journals, as well as other leading biomedical-research journals.

Robert S. Richman updates us with much writing news. He "wrote a film called *Woodstock Vibrations or Ben Fiction*. It hasn't been produced yet. It takes place in the 1970s. My agent is Gary da Silve. I also wrote two stories — in addition to my poetry volumes and anthology — called *Records Secrets and Silence* and *Paralysis*. I also wrote a third poetry volume, *Liturgy n' Kids*."

Dr. Horace Tsu has served in the U.S. Air Force Medical Service since 1985 and currently is stationed in the Washington, D.C., area where he lives with his wife and four children. Horace remembers his freshman days at John Jay when I was the resident floor counselor and Doc Deming was the Carman dorm counselor!

Robert C. Klapper: "Here's an amazing Columbia College alumni connection. As a senior at the College, I felt the need to give back, probably the same reason I'm crazy enough to find time to put this column together, but that's another story ... Somehow, I was now leading tours to incoming applicants and discussing why the College was so special. Fast forward 30 years, and I am the co-director of the Joint Replacement Program at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles. The word co- is not short for Columbia, but because I share this title with a talented orthopedic surgeon named Andrew Spitzer '83. We run a busy program here in Los Angeles and chances are, if you or anyone in your family needs a hip, knee or shoulder replacement, he and I will somehow be involved. One day he said to me, "You may not remember me, Robby, but I was one of the students you led around on that campus tour 30 years ago." Wow!

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It has been an amazing few months since I last wrote, with the royal wedding, NFL draft and the end of Osama Bin Laden.

The baseball team had a tough season in which it lost nine one-run games. The squad displayed

tremendous heart, and Coach Brett Boretti should be commended on the team's effort. Football season is right around the corner, and I look forward to seeing you at Robert K. Kraft Field.

John "BAP" McGuire was in town earlier this year for the baseball homecoming with his son, a budding soccer player. John is a successful attorney in Maryland specializing in real estate, municipal government and zoning. His baseball stories bring us back to those great games and are a pleasure to hear.

We caught up with **Mario Biaggi** at the football dinner. Mario is an accomplished civil trial attorney in New York City.

I had a great night of laughs with **David Maloof, Jack Hersch '80E** and Harlan Simon '81 at Carmine's. Dave is a successful attorney practicing maritime law in Westchester and has been a lifelong Jets fan. Dave's neighbor, **Greg Finn**, is an e.v.p. in bond underwriting at Roosevelt & Cross. Hopefully we'll see Greg at a football game.

Another jet fan (planes), Jack runs a hedge fund that specializes in distress opportunities and is based in Los Angeles.

The big H, Harlan Simon '81, is running a quantitative equity fund in New York.

Jim Gerkis and I had lunch to discuss the Columbia College Fund. Thank you all for your contributions. Your gifts enable the College to offer students need-blind admissions, full-need financial aid and a wide array of services, including summer internship stipends.

I look forward to hearing from you and hope to see you at Robert K. Kraft Field. Send me an update at mcbcu80@yahoo.com.

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It is my pleasure to assume responsibility for providing Class Notes to you through CCT. To begin, I would like to acknowledge the tremendous contribution of **Jeff Pundyk** to these Class Notes. Jeff has done a great job reaching out to the class, and the results speak for themselves (longer column devoted to the Class of 1981, updates from class members who had never contributed and so on). To be successful in this position requires the willingness of our class to contact either CCT (college.columbia.edu/cct/contactus) or me with information. I previously was the class correspondent, and it can be a lonely task (think Maytag

repairman).

As this is written, I've just returned from our 30th Alumni Reunion Weekend, held June 2-5. The weather was perfect for the event, which allowed the outdoor activities (Decades BBQ, Starlight Reception on Low Plaza, campus tours) to go off as planned. The highlight of the weekend was the class dinner, held in 301 Butler on Saturday. The dinner was professionally prepared and served, and we were treated to a speech from Nicholas Dirks, e.v.p. for Arts and Sciences and dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, on recent developments at Columbia. The University is paying much greater attention to the College, and it is evident. Hearty congratulations to the Reunion Committee that organized our class-specific events and to the Alumni Office for the excellent lectures.

Approximately 60 of our classmates signed up for the reunion activities, and I probably met about half. I apologize in advance for not singling you out in this column. I note, however, the efforts made by **Steve Williams** and **Michael Bass** to attend. Steve is living in London, so I believe he had the longest "commute" of any classmate. As for Michael, I met his wife and two children. The family traveled from California to be here (degree of difficulty somewhere between 9 and 10).

As a general comment, many of the graduates of CC '81 appear to be in life transition mode. The transitions ranged from having a job to being unemployed, from a full house with growing children to becoming empty-nesters, from working full-time to considering retirement, from needing a comb to needing a hat (this is for the balding members of the class — you know who you are!) and sadly from good health to some form of illness. I think it's at these points of transition that you reflect more upon life's experiences. As for myself, returning to Columbia brought back a flood of memories, mostly positive, about college in NYC in the late 1970s. One thing that has not changed is the beds in the dormitory (small, stiff). Two days of dorm living reminded me that I am no longer college material.

Visit the CCT website to view our class photo and to see a list of classmates who registered to attend: college.columbia.edu/cct/fall11/reunion.

In closing, I strongly recommend you attend the next reunion, in 2016, to reconnect with your classmates. In the meantime, drop me a line. If any of you ever make it to Charlottesville, the first beer is on me.

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Greetings Gentlemen,

As I put index fingers to iPad-meta-keyboard, our esteemed CC '83 classmate has just 86ed my personal nemesis; my office in '01 was on the 79th of WTC 1. I take no great pleasure in any of this, just a profound sense that what needed to be done is done. I was also pleased to hear that both the Congress and the Senate voted unanimously to cancel the 2012 federal election as it would be a rather superfluous waste of time and money. On a very sad note we've also had a tragic earthquake in Japan registering 9 on the Richter Scale, and an accompanying nuclear meltdown. These are indeed difficult times.

Checking in this quarter (CCT just switched to a quarterly schedule) to let us know that he's OK is our fondly remembered but distant classmate Esquire **Nobu Ishizuka**, a partner at the notable law firm Skadden, in Tokyo, specializing in corporate transactions.

"This has been an eventful year for us in Tokyo. I was in my office on the 21st floor of our glass-enclosed building when the earthquake hit. Several hours later I was on the street with thousands of other workers in central Tokyo making our way home on foot. During the interim I was in the middle of an Irwin Allen movie, with mobile phones out, trains shut down, helicopters overhead, smoke rising in the distance, cars passing with sirens, the citywide disaster horns wailing and very strong (and unsettling) aftershocks continuing. Our daughters landed in Tokyo two days later for spring break and we promptly packed them and ourselves on the next flight out to Singapore, where we spent the next two weeks waiting out developments at the Fukushima nuclear plant. Happily, life has pretty much returned to normal, although bottled water continues to be rationed and energy conservation continues. We were bracing for the long, hot and humid Tokyo summer under a government directive to reduce power consumption, which requires air conditioning to be set at a 'minimum' 85 degrees!

"See you guys soon, I hope."

Checking in this period is our

prodigious and talented **Lou Orfanella**. In Lou's own words:

"Friends, exciting news! My new collection of short fiction, being published by March Street Press, is on its way to the printer. It's titled *Maybe Tomorrow*, and I am sure you will enjoy it. Why should you order a copy (or a few to share with your literate friends or those who should be)? Let me count the ways:

"1. This will be my last release for quite some time. I'm in the beginning stages of a long work of fiction right now, so I won't be hawking anything else for a couple of years. I promise. Probably.

"2. My son is going to a big expensive college in the fall and every little bit helps.

"3. It's never too early to think about your holiday shopping. What better gift to show how much you care than a personally signed book?

"4. If you request your copy or others be signed, I could someday die a tragic public death thus greatly increasing the eBay resale value of the books.

"5. It's a good book of which I am proud.

"6. Look at these provocative story titles:

" 'What Will Become of Augustus Hunter?'

" 'Oranges'

" 'Into the Light of a Dark Black Night'

" 'A Salesgirl Story'

" 'Pitch Out'

" 'Rooms to Let'

" 'Not Dead Yet'

" 'What Sucks'

" 'Maybe Tomorrow'

" 'The Blind Spot'

" 'The Actualization of Herman Porter'

" 'Dress for Success'

" 'Wolfwoman'

" 'Chinese Water Torture'

"If you would like to order any books, please send \$10 per copy (this includes shipping) to Lou Orfanella, PO Box 35, Patterson, NY 12563.

"Be sure to include a note if you are requesting any signed copies and to whom they should be inscribed.

"Thanks so much for your continued support!"

Last but not least, we had some wonderful news concerning our generous and all-around-good-guy classmate, **Dave Filosa**. On April 25, the crew coaches surprised Dave by dedicating shells to him and to Dave Charlow '85, who were members of the varsity lightweight crew. Dave Filosa was a strong member of the team and really distinguished himself since graduating through his ongoing support of Columbia athletics. This was certainly a happy revelation for him. In his own words:

"I didn't find out about this until the coach pulled the cover off the boat and there was my name on the boat. It was in recognition of the support I have given the rowing program through the years. I was totally surprised — although everyone in my family knew, which explained why they all were willing to go to the races that (rainy) day. I almost didn't go because I thought it would conflict with my 92-year-old uncle's birthday party. Dave Charlow '85 also had a boat named. Next to getting married and the birth of my kids, it was probably one of the best days of my life. As a rowing alum it's hard to think of a greater honor and I can't thank Coaches [Mike] Zimmer and [Scott] Alwin enough. I'm looking forward to seeing it on the water next year."

Dave and I took a trip up to the 1929 Boathouse where we posed for photos, including the one seen elsewhere in this section. For those of you who might be having trouble distinguishing, that's Dave on the right and me on the left.

Well gents, I'd really enjoy hearing from the rest of you. A 30-word email would suffice. I'm guessing that you're all hitting 50 about now. Why not share how you celebrated this event? Send photos. Tell us about how you partied till dawn, the trip home, the DUI charge, the hangover ... Cheers.

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Eddy Friedfeld is working on a revival of Neil Simon's *Laughter on the 23rd Floor* as well as an original production of sketch comedy with 1812 Productions in Philadelphia. Excerpts from an April 24 article in the *Philadelphia Inquirer*: "Pair Neil Simon's *Laughter on the 23rd Floor*, which is a comic, fictionalized glimpse into the Writers' Room, with a newly created *Our Show of Shows*. Run them in repertory. Childs engaged Eddy Friedfeld, a personable film and entertainment writer and historian who cowrote Caesar's autobiography, *Caesar's Hours*, to consult on both plays, and on the new script. Friedfeld says that when he first told Caesar about 1812's plan to create a *Show of Shows* script, the comedian, now 88 and living in Los Angeles, reacted a bit skeptically. 'I wish them luck,' he told Friedfeld. But in their weekly Friday conversations — Friedfeld, 49, and Caesar have become close — the TV pioneer follows the show's progress. 'He's so enamored of what they're doing



CCT class correspondent Andrew Weisman '82 (left) and CCAA board member David Filosa '82 proudly stand alongside a new rowing shell dedicated to Filosa at the 1929 Boathouse at the Baker Athletics Complex on April 25.

and how they're doing it,' Friedfeld said over pastrami and eggs at the Friar's Club in New York, a vaunted institution devoted to the art of comedy and celebrity roasts; Caesar is a member in Los Angeles, and venerable comedian Pat Cooper held sway at a nearby table as Friedfeld talked. 'I'm impressed at how much research 1812 Productions has done,' said Friedfeld. 'They even brought in a choreographer for a day to teach pratfalls. Sid is intrigued about how they are taking his work and making it their own.' ... Friedfeld, a lawyer specializing in corporate restructuring, is also a writer hooked on journalism ever since he began freelancing as a film critic for a small North Carolina newspaper a dozen years ago and, after that, sold a piece on Caesar to several publications. In addition, he teaches the history of American comedy at Yale and New York Universities. He's been back and forth between Philadelphia and New York during the development of *Our Show of Shows*, where he is officially the dramaturg — the sounding board for accuracy — for both *Laughter* and *Our Show*."

My company's designer, Bob Selame, recently was visiting relatives in New York. When I called to give subway directions to my home, the relative turned out to be **Joseph Harary**. Joe is the president at Research Frontiers. His publicly listed biography is as follows: "Joseph M. Harary: President and chief executive officer, director, general counsel, corporate secretary. Joe Harary joined Research Frontiers Incorporated as its vice president and general counsel in 1992 and has been a director of the company since 1993. After various promotions, Mr. Harary became president

and chief operating officer in 2002, and chief executive officer starting in January 2009. Mr. Harary has actively managed and directed all aspects of the company's business, including licensing, raising private and public equity capital, marketing, and government relations. Working closely with Chairman Robert L. Saxe, during Joe Harary's tenure the company's intellectual property portfolio — patents and patent applications for SPD-Smart technology worldwide — has grown to over 500, making Research Frontiers the industry leader in smart glass light-control technology. He and the executive team are responsible for building an SPD supply chain infrastructure through the licensing of premier companies that include the world's largest chemical and glass companies, and building global awareness of the benefits of SPD-SmartGlass technology. In 2007, Research Frontiers' licensees began producing and selling to their customers next-generation SPD-Smart film and end-products. Prior to joining Research Frontiers, Mr. Harary's corporate law practice emphasized technology, licensing, mergers and acquisitions, securities law, and intellectual property law at three prestigious New York City law firms. Mr. Harary graduated summa cum laude from Columbia College with an A.B. degree in economics, and received a Juris Doctor degree from Columbia Law School, where he was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar as well as an editor of the *Columbia Law Review*. Prior to attending law school, Mr. Harary worked as an economist with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Joe Harary is frequently asked to share his business experience with

other companies directly, and as a speaker and published author in the fields of intellectual property, corporate law and smart glass. His online column, 'Ask Joe,' is popular among the growing number of visitors to the company's website (SmartGlass.com). Mr. Harary has also served as a guest lecturer at Fordham University's Accelerated M.B.A. Program, and he serves on the boards of various charities including the Imagine Academy, which helps children with autism and their families."

John Pegram '60, a partner at Fish & Richardson, is a member of my legal team at Fish on IP matters.

I attended the Senior Society of Nacoms 113th annual initiation dinner on April 14. It was held at the Union Theological Seminary (dinner in the refectory), a magnificent setting. The dinner speaker was Avis Hinkson '84 Barnard, Barnard's dean. I had the honor of sitting next to Hinkson at dinner. According to the invitation, "Avis Hinkson '84 Barnard is the new dean of Barnard College, beginning February 14, 2011. She serves as an advocate for students and oversees the offices of the Dean of Studies, Admissions and Financial Aid, Registrar, Residential Life, Student Life and Health Services. Dean Hinkson, who was inducted into the Senior Society of Nacoms in April 1983, holds a B.A. in psychology from Barnard College, an M.A. from Teachers College, Columbia University, and an Ed.D. from the University of Pennsylvania. Nearly every year of the past 26, Hinkson has served as fundraising chair for the Barnard class of 1984."

I also had the pleasure of spending time at the dinner with the person responsible for all of us attending Columbia, Larry Momo '73, former director of admissions. Larry now is the director of college counseling for Trinity School in Manhattan. His son, Lucas Momo '10, played baseball for Columbia and works for the New York Mets. He earned four letters in baseball, three in basketball and one in track at Trinity H.S. Larry ran track at Columbia from 1969-73. Larry's wife is Jane '73 Barnard. The Nacoms dinners always enable me to meet an array of CC graduates. I spent time with Richard Friedlander '60, s.v.p. of wealth management at Morgan Stanley. I also spoke at length with David Maloof '80, a partner at Maloof, Browne & Eagan. David recently argued a case in front of the U.S. Supreme Court. Andrew Topkins '98 also was present. His stepfather, Marty Kaplan '61, is a former president of the CC Alumni Association Board of Directors (1994-96). Andrew is a partner in Brandgenuity, a brand

and trademark licensing agency. Its website lists Andrew as the (old) voice of Columbia radio!

My family joined me in attending my 25th Harvard Law School reunion. Dakota Root, a freshman at Harvard College (and daughter of **Wayne Allyn Root**) was kind enough to babysit for my children, Rebecca, David and Ricky, enabling me and my wife, Debbie, to attend the dinner. I spoke at length with **Bertrand Alexis**, senior director of M&A in the legal department for Qtel International. Bert told me about the great lifestyle he has in Doha, Qatar. The workday ends at 6 p.m.! Maybe it is time for me to consider relocating my company to the Middle East. I also caught up with **Jack Abuhoff** and his wife and kids. Brittany (14), Katya (11) and Alexander (9) are adorable. Jack and Alexander joined me in visiting with Professor Karl-Ludwig Selig after we returned to New York. We brought eggs with us and conducted an abridged Passover Seder. Both Jack and I reminisced about meeting KLS at the home of a generous College alumnus in Port Washington, N.Y., when we were high school seniors. Larry Momo '73 also attended this recruitment event. My wife and I sat with **Kenny Chin** at the HLS reunion dinner. My wife is Kenny's biggest fan. Despite his tremendous success and accomplishments (partner at a major New York law firm), Kenny remains grounded, personable, sweet, funny, charming and youthful.

The Honorable Anthony M. Kennedy and The Honorable Elena Kagan celebrated with their classmates and discussed myriad issues facing the court. In a lighter moment, Kagan spoke about being known at HLS as the "Coffee Dean" because she introduced free coffee to the faculty. As the junior member of the Supreme Court, Kagan is in charge of cafeteria cuisine for the justices. With a big smile on her face and a finger point, she referred to herself as being known now as the "Frozen Yogurt Justice." My wife's third-grade teacher at Hunter Elementary School was Kagan's mother. My wife and Kagan spoke about this coincidence, and Kagan said Hunter provided her with the single most important and formative academic experience of her life (take that, Princeton and HLS!).

I was shocked that about half my classmates were not practicing law!

My close friend and tireless Columbia supporter, Susan Birnbaum, former executive director of the Columbia College Fund, left Columbia in late April. Susan was appointed president and CEO of the New York City Police Foundation, a nonprofit organization that raises funds on

behalf of and for the NYPD.

Lastly, my son David (6) finished in first place at the kindergarten-eighth grade chess tournament held at P.S. 6 on the Upper East Side. I was floored to learn that Columbia received 34,929 applicants this year, only 21 fewer than Harvard (34,950). Columbia is statistically harder to get into now than Yale (27,282 applicants) and Harvard. Hopefully, David's chess prowess will continue. He is going to need all the help he can get if he wants any shot at being admitted to alma mater!

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Ours is a great class of writers, educators, physicians, lawyers, businessmen, leaders ... all steeped in the Columbia tradition and abiding by so many other traditions.

In the tradition of friendship, I must take liberty, first and foremost, to thank Dr. **Douglas Mintz**, radiologist extraordinaire. Being 1,500 miles away and not knowing what to do during the unexpected hospitalization of my father in Miami, I instinctively called Douglas for no more than his advice, and frankly, to reach out to a friend. Despite being at another hospital miles away, he appeared at my father's bedside, virtually moments after our phone call. Inquiring about my father's prospects and keeping me informed was truly a blessed act, but he honored us even more by comforting my mother, and providing much needed encouragement and courage during a trying time. (My father survived that episode and, despite suffering from Parkinson's, carries on.)

In the tradition of giving, we merit **Jim Satloff**, philanthropist: "We received a very nice surprise this year when Christine Murphy '03 donated to the Columbia College Fund naming me and my father as her honorees. She was the first recipient (several years ago) of the Aaron ['56] and James Satloff Scholarship Fund, and she wanted to return the favor. We were so impressed that we matched her donation 10-1. Dean Michele Moody-Adams responded to Christine's gift by stating, 'It is such a joy to be part of a community of donors and recipients who can affirm the value of generosity in this way.'"

Just planted some trees in Israel in your honor ... Be sure to water them weekly!

In the tradition of design and aesthetics, we salute **James Kolker**,

architect.

Having earned a master's in architecture from Columbia in 1986, James' career has included architectural design, preservation and restoration, campus design and lecturing at universities worldwide. Now, as vice chancellor of campus planning and director of capital projects at Washington University in St. Louis, James is responsible for managing the long-term planning, design and development of the Danforth Campus and its surrounding areas as well as maintaining the campus' excellence in, and commitment to, design, appearance and conservation.

From "blue books" (remember those?) to blueprints!

In the tradition of the rugged individual comes **Joshua Froimson**, outdoorsman!

As Scoutmaster of Troop 54 in Worcester, Mass., since 2006, Joshua was looking forward to the best week of the year: Boy Scout camp in July! He recommends that everyone extract the game controllers from their kids' hands and send the kids into the woods, where they are meant to be.

If anyone can design a left-handed smoke sifter, it's Josh!

In the epistolary tradition comes **David Terhune**, scribe!

"I recently had my 125th letter to the editor published. I've been writing since 2006 and I've had letters in (too many editions to mention all) *Newsweek*, *Newsday* and *The New York Times*. They are all posted on my blog: dterhune.blogspot.com. I've been very lucky that so many editors have found my style and substance worthy of public dissemination. But it also is an exercise in rejection, as more letters are passed over than published. The vocation certainly keeps my Columbia English major chops active."

No mention of Twitter makes you a star in my eyes, David!

In the Abrahamic tradition of making us all feel guilty, we feature **Yossi Rabin**. *Zayde!*

Yossi reports from Israel that he and his wife are happy grandparents of Daniel, born in November. Such *naches!*

In the heroic tradition comes **Carr D'Angelo**, superhero!

"I recently was in Dallas at the annual meeting of ComicsPRO, the trade association for professional comic book retailers," Carr shared. "I serve on the board of directors and was reelected to the position of recording secretary. It means I take a lot of notes, which ironically I was not very good at during my time at Columbia. Our comic book store, Earth-2 Comics in Sherman Oaks, Calif., recently celebrated its eighth anniversary. As of April, we have owned our second store in

Kevin Rooney '84 Reflects on Life and Death in San Diego

BY KIM MARTINEAU '97J

Lt. Kevin Rooney '84 calls it his toughest case: a mother found strangled to death at home, her infant son hanged from his crib. The double murder had no witnesses, and the obvious suspects — three men romantically linked to the young woman — professed to be somewhere else.

In the course of the investigation, Rooney and his team would track down a paternity test, perform computer forensics, analyze cell phone records and deal with a heartbroken mother whose desperation to find her daughter's killer nearly compromised the case.

As head of the San Diego Police Department's homicide unit since 2004, Rooney has overseen the investigation of some 300 murders, suspicious deaths and police-involved shootings. Because his jurisdiction includes the busy San Ysidro border with Mexico, his investigation of shootings by U.S. border agents also have placed his work under scrutiny by human rights activists and the Mexican government.

Columbia did not directly prepare Rooney for a career chasing down bad guys. But working full-time, while majoring in political science, he learned to be organized and detail-oriented. "I think my Columbia years honed my analytical skills," he says. "I like to think I'm pretty good at reviewing a case and identifying the missing pieces that make the difference between an unsolved case and a prosecuted one."

The son of a Bronx delivery truck driver, Rooney was raised to be self-reliant. In his senior year at Catholic Cardinal Hayes H.S., he landed a scholarship for academic achievement. A thank-you note to his benefactor, the son of Rite Aid's founder, led to a job at a Bronx pharmacy that would pay for Columbia. All three of his siblings also put themselves through New York



Homicide Detective Lt. Kevin Rooney '84 speaks at a press conference regarding a murder suspect in front of San Diego police headquarters in 2006. The suspect was arrested a few months later after a nationwide manhunt. In the background is San Diego Police Chief William Lansdowne.

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City colleges.

Between working and living at home, Rooney had little time for socializing or extracurricular reading. His fondest Columbia memory is James Shenton '49's American history class, where he recalls that one lecture on abolitionist John Brown drew a standing ovation. He also enjoyed Karl-Ludwig Selig's course on the picaresque novel. But Rooney remembers hesitating to speak up in class, fearful of saying something stupid. "It was hard balancing work and school," he says. "When I walked toward the subway, I knew that my classmates were headed to Butler Library."

Rooney focused on his dream of becoming a police officer. Though the Ivy League might seem like an odd choice for someone bound for roll call and target practice, he chose Columbia because he wanted a "good education" and to be challenged by "bright classmates and excellent professors."

"I got both," he notes.

During his senior year, Rooney applied to the NYPD and was offered a spot in the academy. But he declined the offer after the NYPD refused to let him defer until graduation. So, after

finishing his degree, Rooney went to live and work in San Diego, where he had once passed an enjoyable spring break. He put down roots there, marrying an emergency room nurse, Mary, and embracing the California lifestyle. In the sunny climate, he grows lemons, limes and avocados in his backyard and begins each day by swimming laps in his pool.

"You'd be amazed how much thinking you can do while you're in the water by yourself," he says. Still, Rooney admits to pining for Lombardi's pizza, the change in seasons and watching the Rangers, Mets and Jets play on their home turf.

Rooney's most difficult case was the 2006 killing of Tori Vienneau. She had been strangled with the cord of a hair-straightening iron; her 10-month-old son, Dean Springstube, was strangled with the cord of a cell-phone charger. All three suspects — her roommate, Daniel Moen; an ex-boyfriend, Dennis Potts, whom she believed had fathered her son; and another ex, Neal Springstube — had alibis. The investigation would establish Potts as the father and turn up evidence he had once

Googled the words "getting out of child support" and "best way to kill someone." In 2009, a San Diego judge sentenced Potts to life in prison without parole.

In March, the story aired on *Dateline* in a gripping, six-part series called *Complicated* (clicker.com/tv/dateline-nbc/complicated-part-1-1466502/) that featured Rooney prominently. Producer Susan Leibowitz '83 Barnard had heard about Rooney from a colleague, and reached out. In her piece, Rooney comes across as tenacious but gentle. "I was impressed with how thoughtful he is — about the victims, and the people they leave behind," she says.

Seeing people on the worst day of their lives has made Rooney philosophical. Don't save your dreams for a rainy day, he recommends. Death can come at any moment, and it doesn't discriminate. "It doesn't care if you're rich or poor, successful or down on your luck, a good person or bad," he says. "You don't have much time on this earth, so make the most of it."

Kim Martineau '97J writes about science for Columbia's *Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory*.

Northridge for two years. We also had a recent visit from Michael Krumper '85 and his wife, Heather. Michael was in Los Angeles with one of the bands he represents, Ivan & Alyosha, and we went to see them. Glad I went to Columbia so I could understand where the band got its name."

Google THAT, Batman!

In the tradition of the fine arts and commerce, we herald **Richard C. Buckley**, auctioneer!

As e.v.p. of Sotheby's, Richard has recently relocated from the company's office in New York to Hong Kong. He looks forward to joining the local alumni group and perhaps gaining an Asian perspective on Contemporary Civilization in the West.

No doubt he was "Shanghaied" by the allure of a growing Asian art market! Shameless plug alert: Don't forget your friends at Ship MyArt.com.

In the tradition of travel literature comes **Scott Avidon**, carpetbagger!

"I recently came back from vacation in Charleston, S.C. They seem to have gotten over losing the Civil War 150 years ago and are very welcoming, y'all," Scott said. "American military history, and the history of slavery and segregation, really come to life there. They also have the best barbecue and she-crab soup. Speaking of barbecue, the new northern Columbia territory has a popular neighborhood favorite, Dinosaur Bar-B-Que, corner of 12th Avenue and West 125th Street. My office has a lot of parties there. I recommend it."

Old times there are not forgotten, so be friendly and keep your "North-em Aggression" to a minimum.

In the tradition of entertainment, we bring you **Peregrine Beckman**, screenwriter!

"My cousin **Phil Boerner** recently was interviewed by *Anderson Cooper 360* to shut up Donald Trump and

assure them that Phil's roommate Barack Obama '83 actually was an excellent student both at CC and at Occidental, from where they both transferred in 1981. [Editor's note: See college.columbia.edu/cct/jan-feb09/alumni_corner.]

"[Meanwhile], I'm hard at work editing season seven of *Deadliest Catch* here in Los Angeles. My wife, Elizabeth Leicester '87, and our daughter, Eleanor, recently toured Columbia in anticipation of Eleanor's application to the College next year. She looked up and down the east coast and Columbia is still her first choice, but that 6.9 percent acceptance rate, ouch! I interviewed 15 candidates this year, which yielded a whopping three waitlists and 12 rejections."

If Eleanor has what it takes, apply early!

In the tradition of the healing arts, we honor **Joe Bernstein**, medicine man!

"Doing well in Philly. Sad news to pass on: My teacher, friend and mentor at Penn, Dr. Zachary Bert Friedenberg '36, passed away in January. Our connection was enhanced because of a shared Columbia experience. (I did not learn until his memorial service that Dr. Friedenberg also had a shared experience with Lou Gehrig '23, having played some baseball for Columbia before med school.) Our oldest son, James, is starting to make noises about one day attending Columbia, and I feel like Al Franken, who suddenly found himself, at 25 and newly exempt, in favor of the draft: Legacy admissions, heretofore seen as affirmative action for people who don't need it, are starting to make sense to me."

No doubt your training revealed that, like gas and the occasional gall stone, some things just pass.

Finally, in the tradition of education and the spirit of the Core Curriculum, we applaud **David Prager Branner**, lifelong learner!

"I was last in touch through this column in 2004, around the time I won early tenure at Maryland. My wife and I then moved back to the apartment building where I was born and where my elderly mother still lives, about a block from Columbia. I began commuting from New York to Maryland, making one-day round-trips on Amtrak about three days a week during the academic year. During the six hours of uninterrupted working time, I finished a major book on Chinese historical linguistics in 2005 and then began a new project using computational tools to study Chinese lexicography in a way it has never been studied before. I lived like that for four years, commuting long distance during

the week, spending my vacations doing linguistic fieldwork in the Chinese countryside and also taking two summers for formal study of German in Berlin and Taiwanese in Taipei.

"In 2008, I was offered full-time work as the director of Chinese lexicography at a machine translation company here in the city and, surprise, I decided to quit my academic job and switch careers. It has been the best decision of my life (or second-best after marrying my wife). Nowadays I spend much of my time doing programming and lexicography for my own publishing company. We will bring out the definitive Manchu-English dictionary this fall and a less recondite dictionary of Chinese political idiom next spring. Aside from that, I also am getting a degree in computer science at City College, studying part-time. I publish a scholarly article or two each year, and I have various lingering academic obligations — I have recently finished what I think will be a major volume on writing and literacy in early China (washington.edu/uwpress/search/books/LIWRIT.html), have been active on the boards of two scholarly societies and teach the occasional course at Columbia in classical Chinese or philology.

"Life is good and I feel very privileged, while many people are suffering in a flaccid economy or a miserable job market, to be doing what I love and taking rigorous math and engineering courses as I build my second life."

Wow! Imagine if you applied yourself!

Stay in touch!

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Thanks to so many of you for responding to my recent call for updates. I'd love to tell you that this venture is creative writing, but my column only gets as good as you all make it. And we have a wide range of stories literally from around the world. Feel free to send pictures as well.

Badrul Husain writes, "It's been a while since my last update. Took a trip to Antarctica courtesy of the Columbia Alumni Center. Yes, those raffles to come in and participate at Columbia events do have winners! What an unbelievable voyage, from the sights (stark, icy landscapes; rookeries of penguins), sounds (ripping, howling winds; caving glaciers) and smells (pungent 'guano' or penguin droppings; sulphuric volcanic soil). It was quite a sensory adventure. The Drake Passage itself

was an expedition. Most passengers were seasick with the rollicking motions of the ship for two days. Besides the 'journey of a lifetime' on a deluxe cruise ship, I've been keeping busy with my mobile startup and teaching activities. Would love to hear from alums interested in Antarctica or even investing in tech startups."

John Casanova is a partner at Sidley Austin and has lived in London for 11 years, "having moved here for a yearlong stint."

Aaron Gerow, who teaches film and Japanese culture at Yale, earned tenure and promotion to full professor, as of July.

Ken Cohen '87J checks in for the first time and says of his new business venture, The Janice Center for Learning (janicecenter.com), "The arts is truly making a difference in upstate New York. The 2,600-sq.-ft. facility (just eight miles from Bethel Woods) was built and designed to teach everything from music, dance and art, to karate, gymnastics and Zumba in rural Sullivan County." Ken reports that hundreds of children and adults who would never have been exposed to instrumental and voice lessons, ballet and hip hop dance and music classes, Zumba and much more are experiencing the enriching benefits of the arts for the first time. So if you're visiting the area or have a weekend home there, check out the center, and maybe drop in on a Zumba class for yourself or a dance class for your child.

Alan Goldfarb practices immigration law in Minneapolis, where he lives with his wife, Nancy, a middle school teacher. They have three children — two in college and a seventh-grader.

Sam Denmeade was promoted this year and now is professor of oncology, urology and pharmacology at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. He founded a biotech company, GenSpera (genspera.com), whose mission is to develop new therapies for cancer based on targeted drugs developed in his laboratory at Johns Hopkins. He also recently got a dog.

Charlie Butler's run at *Runner's World* continues, where he now is executive editor. Last fall, he published his first book, *The Long Run: A New York City Firefighter's Triumphant Comeback from Crash Victim to Elite Athlete*. It tells the story of Matt Long of the FDNY, who was nearly killed in a bike accident during the 2005 transit strike. After a three-year recovery, Matt first ran the New York City Marathon (with Charlie) in 7 hours, 22 minutes, and then completed an Ironman triathlon (without Charlie). The paperback edition came out in August. Charlie lives in Emmaus, Pa.,

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Class Notes received by **Wednesday, October 5**, are eligible for inclusion in the Winter 2011–12 issue.

with his wife, Sarah Lorge Butler '95, and their two children.

Karl Hampe has been featured in *The Wall Street Journal* and various other publications about working as a managing director in the Litigation and Fraud Investigation Practice of BDO US while publishing a comic that recently reached its 200th strip at TheRegularsComic.com and various media around the country.

Barry Adelman reports that **Billy Deresiewicz's** article, "Solitude and Leadership," was adapted from a lecture he delivered at West Point. David Brooks from *The New York Times* cited it as one of the best magazine essays of the year. Recently released is Billy's new book, *A Jane Austen Education: How Six Novels Taught Me About Love, Friendship, and the Things That Really Matter*. He lives in Portland, Ore. You can see what he is up to at www.billderesiewicz.com.

In a recent column, we reported on **Tim Tomasi**, who was sworn in as a Superior Court judge in Vermont last December. Barry was in attendance at the swearing in ceremony, as was former Governor Jim Douglas; Tim's wife, Vivian Ladd Tomasi '86 Barnard, and children, Devon (15), Isabel (14) and Jason (9); Chuck Karpas '84; **Joel Feldman** and his wife, Pamela Schwartz '85 Barnard; and Becky Cohen '86 Barnard.

Glenn Alper has been an obstetric anesthesiologist in Berkeley for 18 years and his wife is a physician at the University Health Services Tang Center at UC Berkeley. "Our oldest son, Teddy, is studying business at Penn State; our daughter, Evelyn, will start at UC Davis this fall and plans to be an orthodontist; and our youngest son, Elliot, will be a sophomore in high school and is a football and lacrosse player. I was fortunate to have the opportunity get together with several friends from John Jay 11th floor freshman dorm this year both in New York and San Francisco: **Kevin Kelly**, **Andrew Andriuk** '89, **Dimitri Colivas**, **Larry Gallagher** and **Mike Coudreaut**. New York is a lot nicer than when we arrived in 1981!" (As a fellow member of 11 Jay with Glenn, I remember all too well the midnight soccer games, the showers without stalls and this new thing on the television called MTV.)

Adam Fischer and **Jim Mavros** '85E jointly report that **David Feldman** was to marry Kathleen Coletta on July 10 at Hastings-on-Hudson, N.Y. Congratulations!

John Balian recently published his first novel, *Gray Wolves and White Doves*, through BookSurge Publishing. It's available on Amazon.com. After four weeks out (as of this writing), it had done very

well on the rankings, and many five-star reviews have been posted ("compelling, gripping, thrilling story that is action-packed yet it also educates; also compared it to works of literary classics but with a Grisham or Patterson thrill and pace"). Book clubs have put it next on the reading list and are encouraging other clubs to pick it up. John has been invited to quite a few book club discussions already. He is a physician and a senior executive at Pfizer.

Tom Vinciguerra had two articles published within one week of each other in June in *The New York Times*. First, his article "The Murderabilia Market" (June 5) discussed the growing demand for the possessions of convicted killers (more than just weapons; such items as clothing, artwork or the typewriter from the Unabomber). Second, in an op-ed piece "My Bad: A Political Medley" (June 8), Tom highlighted 24 quotations from a variety of politicians who had attempted to apologize for their misdeeds. Tom is the editor of *Backward Ran Sentences: The Best of Wolcott Gibbs from The New Yorker*.

On the home front for yours truly, my son Isaac '14 spent the summer between freshman and sophomore years at the new

we may have gray hair (and less hair), a few more pounds midsection and poorer eyesight, but we nonetheless looked good for our age. Friday night featured dinner at V&T with pizza and pasta served like old times, followed by drinks at a wine bar on Broadway that could never have existed in the mid-'80s. On Saturday, there was a barbecue lunch on the lawns in front of the Steps (I wasn't at the lunch but was told that the California contingent made an appearance). That night, we had our class dinner at Casa Italiana, a beautiful, landmarked building on Amsterdam Avenue built in 1927 by architects McKim, Mead and White (we wondered why we had not had events there during college). Following comments by **Rick Wolf**, **Michael Solender** and me, we enjoyed the humorous recollections of **David Rakoff**. Afterward, we walked to the Steps, where a tent was set up with a band, dance floor and champagne bar for the Starlight Reception. The center of the campus was lit up and gorgeous, and made us remember why we love Columbia. While I had quick conversations with many of you at reunion, I didn't get enough for proper updates, so please don't be shy. Email me so I can do you justice.

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Broadway dorm (corner of West 114th and Broadway) as he worked several on-campus jobs for IT and Residential Housing; compared to many of the spaces we "enjoyed," the facilities, open spaces and general appearance are vastly improved in that space.

And finally, I have been also intruding on our neighboring Class of '86; I reconnected with fellow Kingsmen **Phil Birnbaum** '86 (still leading the Budweiser charge in Chicago) and attended one of the recent 25th reunion events for '86, and was glad to also briefly catch up with **Rick Wolf** '86 and **Corey Klestadt** '86.

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It was great seeing everyone who came to the campus for our 25th reunion in early June! Like **Michael Apted's** excellent *Up* film series in which he films the subjects' lives every seven years, it is interesting to see how we are faring every five years. I'm pleased to say that

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Othar Hanson wrote, "Since 2009, I've been helping to lead the team that launched Google Instant, giving you search results as you type. It was a huge effort spanning the whole company, and I was proud to represent the team at the launch event last September. My team of engineers and user-experience designers now is back in crazy demo mode, trying to make Google search more interactive and more effective. In my spare time, I'm board president at Kara, a grief-counseling agency in Palo Alto, and I desperately try to catch up to my wife Ellen's superior skills at skiing and bicycling."

Jonathan Gill updated us from Amsterdam, where he moved with wife, **Eveline** '98 GS, and sons, **Primo** and **Oskar**, in 2005 to work on his book on the history of Harlem. *Harlem: The Four Hundred Year History from Dutch Village to Capital of Black America* was published last year by Grove/Atlantic and got great press from *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post* and *The Wall*

Street Journal, among others. [Editor's note: See "Columbia Forum" in this issue.] Jonathan also started teaching at Amsterdam University College. He's in touch with **Jose Alfano** '87 in Australia, **Al Iczkowski** in Florida and **Henry Hollander** in San Francisco. "Anyone passing through the Netherlands is certainly welcome to look me up!" Jonathan says.

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Plans are in the works for our 25th Alumni Reunion Weekend, scheduled for Thursday, May 31–Sunday, June 3, and we and the Reunion Committee — **Kyra Tirana Barry**, **Yale Fergang** and **Alex Navab** — want YOU to be a part of the planning as well as festivities! How can you take part if you don't live in New York? Easy! Help us reach out to your friends at Columbia. We are looking for people to lead groups to help us find and invite to the reunion those with whom they shared common activities. People who were on teams together, were in clubs together, protested together, sat in together, watched TV in their respective Carman, McBain or Jay lounges together. We also want to know the kinds of activities that would make you and your old friends want to instantly jump on a plane to come to this reunion. I want you to take a few minutes to think about this right now and then immediately send an email to me at the new email address at the top of the column, and I will forward it instantly to the reunion chairs. We want to make this not just our most amazing and successful reunion ever but also the most amazing and successful and well-attended reunion ever! And that cannot be done without you! I will now wait while you have a think and send your emails.

Thanks so much for sending those emails. You will not regret it! Starting out this issue's column are some updates from classmates who have never contributed to the column, and I am so happy to hear from them!

Isabelle Balmadier Lanini, our first first-time writer, said that her daughter has been accepted into this year's incoming class at General Studies, following in the footsteps of

her father, Don Lanini '96 GS, who works at Columbia. But like her mother and all of the women in the Class of 1987, she is a trailblazer, as she is also part of the pioneer Class of 2015 in the new dual B.A./M.A. program between Columbia and Sciences Po in France in public and international affairs. Isabelle writes, "We're very proud of her, and we were looking forward to heading to France to drop her off!"

Our second newcomer to the column is **Nancy Silver Basri**, who along with her husband, Bill Basri '84, are ecstatic to report that their son, Ross, will enter Engineering in the fall with the Class of 2015. Nancy wrote, "We are so proud to share the Columbia tradition with our new lion. Ross is planning to major in operations research."

"We recently spent two nostalgic days on campus attending lectures geared toward incoming students as well as touring buildings," Nancy said. "We were so excited to visit the new Northwest Corner Science Building and all it has to offer, and were just as thrilled to tour the suites in Carman!"

Nancy Rabinowitz Friedman also wrote: "After a long career in what I fondly refer to as the armpit of television (on-air promotions), I stopped working several years ago and started blogging. Because why write for money when you can write for free? But seriously, blogging took me into a whole new world — new friends, new community, new life. And now, not only do I have my own blog, From Hip to Housewife (fromhip tohousewife.com), but I also co-host a weekly podcast about social media as one of The Blogging Angels. We are geared toward women in social media, an underserved group."

"The biggest change, though," Nancy said, "is that I have started an online business. It's a website for tweens called Kidz Vuz (facebook.com/1/b3cdasol8hQRRmXUu87ZwRhha1Q/KidzVuz.com). It's a review site where kids leave and watch video reviews about whatever interests them. I've launched it with a friend I met through blogging and so far, so good. I never thought I had an entrepreneurial bone in my body, and here I am with not just one business, but three — one of them big enough to merit a round of capital-raising. I can't quite believe it, and I think my husband and 11-year-old twins are a little shocked, too, but I'm traveling a lot, speaking at conferences and generally having a great, though exhausting, time."

My dear friend, Carman 5 floor-mate and first European traveling buddy, **Divya Singh**, who by day is a hand and orthopedic surgeon in Seattle, has been on the road

yet again having magnificent adventures! Divya said, "I recently returned from a month of working at Bedford Orthopaedic Hospital in the East Cape region of South Africa. It was an intense and rewarding experience serving a poor, rural community. Lots of trauma surgery, along with infections (mostly HIV and TB)." Divya also spent a few weeks in India in January visiting family, including her grandfather (98) just a month before his passing, and sightseeing in Rajasthan. She said among the highlights were a tiger safari, and elephant and camel rides."

Divya is now back at work, and she said she is "planning my next medical mission abroad, and my next wildlife adventure."

Please note that in the May/June issue, this column offered congratulations to Justin Goluboff on his admission to Class of 2015, as well as to his mother, **Nicole Belson Goluboff**. However, Justin's father, Erik Goluboff '86, was omitted, due to an administrative error. I am very sorry for the omission and I know that both Erik and Nicole are equally proud of Justin's admission to Columbia, and we are so happy for the entire Goluboff family.

Please remember that this column does not write itself. I can only do it with your help. So how about as soon as you get done reading this, you drop me a line to let me know what you are doing so that I can pass it along to all of our classmates for a future issue? Do it now, while you are thinking about it and thinking about how great it would be to catch up with all of our old friends with whom we've lost touch! C'mon, you know you want to! And you will be so glad you did!

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David Osachy writes from Odessa, Ukraine, "to announce that I recently merged my family company of Osachy & Sons, with international holdings in mining, manufacturing and vending machines, into the well-established local firm of Bentzion Krik & Associates. I'm happy to say that Kevin Keenan '86 will remain managing partner, overseeing day-to-day corporate operations, while the Rev. **Kevin Fedarko** (better known these days as Archimandrite Zosima of the Autocephalous Ukrainian Orthodox Church in America, Eparchy of Parma, Ohio) has come on board to serve as honorary office chaplain. Obviously, the plot to take over the world that we three John Jay Hall

buddies launched freshman year is proceeding right on schedule!"

Closer to home, **Holly Kutin Sragow** of West Orange, N.J., says she has been balancing family, career and volunteer work. An NYU Law grad, Holly was a prosecutor in the Bronx and an appellate court attorney in Manhattan before stopping full-time work to devote more time to family. Now married for nearly 20 years, Holly and her husband, Howard, have three kids. Holly is contributing much of her spare time to volunteer causes, particularly her work as a court-appointed special advocate for children.

My former roommate **Lee Hadad** immigrated to Israel four years ago and lives in the settlement Har Adar, outside of Jerusalem. Despite living overseas, he continues to be full-time executive director of the New York-based Yad Avraham Institute, which Lee says "provides Jewish education on a global basis as well as funding of philanthropic projects in Israel." He and his wife, Pamela, have the rare distinction of parenting two sets of twins, ages 6 and 4. Since living in Israel, Lee has made contact with **Philip Levy**, also involved in Jewish scholarship. Philip teaches and studies in a Torah education program in Jerusalem and is the father of seven.

And now for the most personally meaningful update I have yet to submit: My wife, Hedieh, gave birth to our first child, a boy, on April 5 in Washington, D.C. So while some of our classmates are already sending their children off to college, I'll be majoring in diaper-changing this year. Emanuel Herschel Fusfield weighed in at a substantial 9 lbs., 11.3 oz. and measured 21 inches. Little Manny is named after his grandfather, Emanuel Fusfield '48 Business. Could our son one day become a third-generation Columbian? Stay tuned for the Class of 2033 admissions announcement.

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In March, **Maria Cabildo** received the Heritage Award from the Latino Alumni Association of Columbia University (LAACU) and the Columbia Alumni Association (CAA). The Heritage Award was established to acknowledge a Latina/o alumna/us who has shown a dedication to the Latino community within and outside of the University gates. The award was presented to Maria at the 12th Annual El Regreso in Low Rotunda. Maria delivered the keynote address. In acknowledging her work, LAACU

said of Maria, "Her leadership in service of the Latino community in East Los Angeles is a shining example of the best of a Columbia alumna and what we all hope for our community ... Ms. Cabildo has been a longtime advocate for housing equity and rights in the East Los Angeles area. Born and raised in Boyle Heights, she has committed herself to ensuring affordable housing for the Latino community. She has spent her career promoting and advancing socially and economically just community development in East Los Angeles. During her tenure at East L.A. Community Corp., an organization she co-founded in 1995, ELACC has developed a community development model that fuses grassroots community organizing, contextualized real estate development, and asset building to preserve and enhance communities. Over the last 10 years, ELACC has captured and invested over \$125 million in affordable housing and community development resources, and organized the participation of hundreds of community residents in development decision making, community planning and anti-displacement efforts. By the end of 2012, ELACC will have helped build over 800 units of affordable housing in Los Angeles and their new goal is to build 1,000. Previous to her leadership of ELACC, she was the deputy director of A Community of Friends, where she was responsible for real estate development activity, including identification of new supportive housing rental projects and other development opportunities, responsible for supervision of a project development staff of five. During tenure as deputy director, she oversaw the completion, construction and pre-development of 433 units of affordable housing. Her other work there also included preparation of Supportive Housing Program applications and budgets. She served as the agency's liaison to the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority."

Maria lives in Los Angeles with her two school-age children.

I heard from **Ellen (Wohl) Vaknine**, who after Columbia moved to Seattle for a while, worked in economic development, then moved to Boston, where she worked in publishing until she "finally realized" that she needed to be back in NYC. She got back to NYC and continued to work in publishing — on the technology side — but decided she had had enough of it. When Ellen's husband, Eli, whom she met while doing Israeli dancing, suggested that she join him in his catering business, she laughed at first. Eleven years later, they still work

together. Their company, Esprit Events (espritevents.com), offers boutique, upscale, full-service kosher catering for weddings, bar mitzvahs and charitable events as well as for casual office meetings, synagogue dinners and more. Ellen writes, "Food tends to make people happy, so our clients are for the most part a pleasure to work with! On the home front, I have two boys (7 and 4). Running keeps me sane, and Pilates keeps me strong. It would be a pleasure to hear from any hungry Columbians in the NYC area." Ellen and her family reside on Long Island.

I also heard from **Danielle Maged**, who with her husband, Greg, and two sons has returned to the East Coast after a long stint in San Francisco but still works for StubHub. Danielle writes, "We moved last July. Crazy how fast it has all gone by. But things are great, I live in the same town as **Donna MacPhee** (Ridgewood, N.J.) and am settling in. Kids are doing well, adjusting. All good."

In Tucson, Ariz., **Kim Harris Ortiz**, mother of two young teens, pursued a legal career out of Columbia. She recently was promoted from assistant district attorney to chief counsel of criminal prosecutions in Tucson. If anyone recalls Kim's barbed insults from the bleachers at our basketball games, it appears she has only sharpened her verbal acuity and ability to shout down the bad guys — though I'm sure she does it with poise.

And speaking of good talkers, **Jill Pollack**, mother of adorable Sam, hosts a show for HGTV Canada called *Consumed* (facebook.com/consumedtv). The show is a one-hour program dedicated to helping families declutter and change their lives. It debuted last September and already is looking good for being picked up for a second season. Jill shoots part-time in Vancouver, which is a bit of a commute for her, as she and her family recently moved back to her home state of Connecticut last year.

Please note my new email address, at the top of the column.

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What a time to hear from a classmate in Cairo! **Warigia Margaret Bowman** sent an update in late March, via the *Columbia College Today* website (so easy and fast: college.columbia.edu/cct/submit_class_note). Warigia earned her doctorate in public policy from Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government in 2009. She is mar-



In what has become an annual tradition, a group of alumni took part in a "fellas" trip to Austin, Texas, in March. Golfing and dining were (left to right) **Francois Furstenberg '94**, **Chad Steele '92**, **Albert Andres '94**, **Brian Shaklee '93**, **Miguel Javier '93E**, **Matthew Murphy '93**, **Matthew DeFilippis '93** and **Richard Brosnick '92**.

ried to Hamadi Njoroge Ngaruiya of Nairobi, Kenya, and they have three children (5, 2 and 10 months). Warigia and her husband own two small businesses, including a safari company, African Wildcats Adventure Safaris (wildcatssafaris.com). Warigia is on leave from the Department of Public Policy Leadership at the University of Mississippi. She is teaching nonprofit management and leadership at the School of Global Affairs and Public Policy at the American University in Cairo. Warigia brings her understanding of the nonprofit sector to class when she teaches because she is on the board of Kamusi, a nonprofit formed by **Martin Benjamin** focusing on digitizing African languages.

Warigia blogs at democratizingegypt.blogspot.com. She would like to reconnect with classmates. Contact her at warigia@gmail.com.

I'd love to hear from the rest of you, too.

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Greetings, all! Unfortunately, due to an unexpected health issue, I was unable to attend our 20th reunion in June. Although I'm recovered, I'm so sad that I missed the festivities. It sounded like a fun time was had by all. In the words of **Melanie Seidner**: "We drank a

lot, talked too much and laughed almost enough to last us until the next time we see each other." Fortunately, **Ken Shubin Stein** came to my rescue and was my ears and eyes for some updates. Ken runs Spencer Capital Management and splits his time between New York City and Westport, Conn. He also is an adjunct professor at the Business School.

Some others in attendance at reunion: **Jim Burtson**, who heads up the Global M&A Department for Time Warner, and his wife and children are lucky enough to live a quarter-mile from Ken in Westport; **Cory Flashner**, who works in the U.S. Attorney's office in Worcester, Mass., was to be married in July; **Michelle Jacobson** is a partner in a private equity firm in Seattle; **Ted Ashenafi** and his wife flew in from Ethiopia, where Ted runs an energy company; **Ilana Porat** made the trip in from California; **Melanie Frager** and her husband, Jason Griffith '92, are still in New York City; and **Tory Frye** lives in New York City and is a scientist.

I expect to have more updates in the next issue after **Elise Scheck**, **Julie Levy**, **Annamarie Giarratano Della Pietra**, **Jodi Williams** and **Beth Shubin Stein** give me all of their scoop.

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Minh Nguyen sent in this update: "After receiving my Ph.D. in philosophy from Columbia in 1999, I worked at a number of institutions in New York and

New Jersey. I then spent one year at Georgia State University and another year at the University of Louisville. I've been teaching at Eastern Kentucky University since 2003, where I'm associate professor of philosophy and Chautauqua Lecture coordinator, responsible for developing and implementing the university's annual lecture series. In my latter capacity, I've invited a number of Columbia faculty members to EKU, including **Brian Greene** (mathematics and physics) and **Graciela Chichilnisky** (economics and statistics). Both of their lectures were hugely successful on our campus. I've been married since 1998, with two daughters, and we love it in Kentucky."

And, finally, **Ken Shubin Stein** told me about a wonderful charity organization that he, his sister **Beth Shubin Stein**, and Beth's husband, **Chris Ahmad '90**, started called **Crutches 4 Kids** (crutches4kids.org). Its mission is to facilitate mobility for economically disadvantaged children by providing crutches to those in need. With the help of this organization, these children gain independence, dignity and hope. Facilitating local drives, fundraising and working with hospitals and like-minded organizations are the charity's main activities. It has an expanding network of partners, including Manhattan's Hospital for Special Surgery, which distributes 20,000 crutches each year. Contact **Liz Jacobs** (lizrossjacobs@gmail.com) if you have questions about the organization.

Until next time ... cheers!

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Hi, everyone. A lighter mailbag this time, but still some stuff to pass along. Here we go.

I heard from **Brad Randleman** first. He recently was named editor-in-chief for the *Journal of Refractive Surgery* and became a member of the International Society of Refractive Surgery Executive Committee. According to Brad, his involvement in ISRS will take him to meetings and speaking events in Geneva, Buenos Aires, Vienna and Bordeaux in the next few months.

Sticking with Brad-themed news, I noticed a nice piece on **Bradley**

That's all I have for now. Can you believe we're less than a year away from our (gulp!) 20th reunion?

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Miguel Batista and Suzette Batista opened an art gallery in Englewood, N.J. They developed a passion for art after the birth of their first son, Gabriel. He passed away in October 2008 (a couple weeks shy of his third birthday), and that passion for art only deepened. Galerie Gabriel is an homage to him and serves as a legacy for their second son, Noah (interestingly, born on the 21-month anniversary of Gabriel's passing). Office space has been secured for private viewings. Ads will run in *ArtNews* and other major art publications. And by the time you read this, galeriegabriel.com should be up and running! A portion of any sales will go toward The Marrow Foundation.

Miguel Batista '93 and Suzette Batista '93 opened an art gallery, Galerie Gabriel, named after their late son, in Englewood, N.J.

Hutton in the *Albany Times Union* in early April. As the *Times Union* reported, Bradley is director of the Bureau of Early Intervention, New York State Department of Health. He oversees the \$700 million service system for children from birth–3 who have either disabilities or developmental delays, with the goal of getting them to a point where they are caught up with their typically developing peers or, if not, preparing their family to better care for them. Here is the full feature piece: timesunion.com/default/article/Capital-Profile-1321074.php#ixzz1YHmyfMh.

Roberta Bassett reports that after two years as a tertiary education specialist doing global education work in Washington, D.C., "a.k.a. World Bank HQ" she is back in London, where she now is a senior education specialist for the bank's Europe and Central Asia Region. As Roberta describes it, she works on policy-based lending and technical advising around reforms in higher education across the region, mostly right now in the Balkans and newest EU member states. Equally important, Roberta tells me that her whole family, including husband Derek, daughters Charly (7) and Jeannine (3), and her mother (who serves as nanny), are happy to be back in London.

Matthew Murphy '94 wrote, describing his annual alumni "fellas" gathering in March in Austin, Texas. Matthew was joined by Francois Furstenberg '94, Chad Steele '92, Albert Andres '94, **Brian Shaklee, Miguel Javier '93E, Matthew DeFilippis** and Richard Brosnick '92. The group played golf at the Roy Kizer Golf Course and enjoyed great meals at Juan in a Million, Salt Lick BBQ, Franklin Barbecue and Guero's Taco Bar. "I'm happy to report we all returned to our homes safely," Matthew writes. In other years, the group has visited New Orleans and Tampa.

I also heard from **Joe Calcagno**, a Carman 11 floormate (and across-the-hall neighbor): "My wife, Julie, and family are doing fine. Four kids, Joey (12), Taylor (11), Jillian (7) and Jack (5). My daughter Taylor recently returned from the World Irish Dancing Championships in Dublin. Taylor, who dances for Trinity, is on the 13U team that won the World Championship. We are very proud of her. I believe it is the Italian genes that have allowed her to do so well in Irish dance. The rest of the kids are deeply entrenched in all their spring sports, and Julie and I run around like crazy people."

Joe has stayed in touch with a number of folks and colorfully

reports, "I went to New York with Brian 'Swede' Hansen '94 (Swede is knocking on the door of being chubby) in January for **Billy Basso's** 40th birthday. Billy is doing great. Billy is a little chubby. Billy and his wife, Danielle, have three daughters. While in New York, we met up with **Tom Casey** (skinny), Eric Redhead '94 (a little chubby), **Ari Perlman** (skinny) and Bryan Paul '92 (skinny). I see **Joe Ori** regularly (still chubby). Joe and his wife, Beth, have four children, holding strong to the Italian tradition: Pietro (9), Santino (8), Brigidelle (5) and his newest addition, Valentino. I have not talked to **John Cerza** lately, but it is safe to say that he still is chubby. And last but not least, in case you were wondering, I am a little chubby, too."

Finally, I heard from **Phedora Johnson**, a fellow former McBain resident (and after living there for three years, she was also its president!). Phedora speaks four languages — French (her college major), Japanese and Spanish as well as English — and has traveled to 20 countries. Phedora teaches high school Spanish in eastern North Carolina, where she recently was chosen as one of 12 people across the state to go to Senegal as part of the Fulbright-Hays — Group Projects Abroad Program through Appalachian State University. The program is intended to give teachers a window into French-speaking Africa through intensive seminar studies, tours on location in metropolitan and rural Senegal, and a six-day home stay in Ndondol.

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Lots of great news to report this time!

Sharene (Barnett) Wood, who married her business partner, Guy, in May 2007, vacations yearly with **Kemba Dunham, Nicole (Johnson) Sanders** (married to Omar Sanders '93), **Anny Shin** and **Leslie (DeLara) Luck** (married to educator Phil Luck). "We group of happily married and working moms vacation annually to reconnect and share the wonderful joys of motherhood. Nine kids in total, so that's a lot of complaining ... err, excuse me, celebrating how hard we work all year," Sharene writes. The group has traveled to Mexico, Miami, Scottsdale and Las Vegas. "Columbia was a great educational experience but also a great connector of lifelong friends," Sharene continues. "Here's to our next trip!"

On the work front, Sharene founded, owns and operates 5001

FLAVORS, a custom clothing company that caters to personalities in the entertainment industry. "I started this business while a junior at Columbia College in East Campus H201. Next year will be our 20th anniversary in business! Can't believe it's been that long already," she writes. Sharene invites everyone to visit 5001flavors.com to see some of their designs on their celebrity clientele. [Editor's note: See the profile of Wood in this issue.]

Burke Banda moved back to Austin, Texas, after school and has been there ever since. He and his wife (they married in 2000) have two children, son Brice (7) and daughter Lizzie (3). "They are super-fun and into all kinds of things. Strangely enough, they try lots of sports but have avoided tennis," Burke writes. "I still see quite a few people from school and we try to do at least one trip back to NYC each year to catch up with additional friends. Being in Austin, I have to do what I can to keep Columbia in my kids' minds since they are quickly becoming proud Longhorns."

Burke also has stayed connected to Columbia by doing interviews for prospective Columbia students (studentaffairs.columbia.edu/admissions/alumni/volunteers.php). "Every year I am more amazed how old I am getting and how talented are the kids that are applying," he writes.

Some of our classmates have recently welcomed new additions. **Patricia Ybarra** and her husband, Milind Shah '93, welcomed a son, Naveen Tomás Ybarra Shah, on February 28. **Jen Higgins** and her partner, Jacqueline Woo, welcomed son Elliot Nejm Higgins-Woo on March 13. He joins sister Mika (2). **Kate Gutman** welcomed daughter Stella on May 15. Kate has "been living the life of a new mom — sleepless nights, feeding and many, many diaper changes — ever since. That said, my husband, Paul, and I couldn't be more excited to have Stella in our lives and it's now tough to recall life without her."

Congratulations to all of your growing families!

In 2003, **Stephen J. Mathur** married Urmi P. Vaidya '99 Barnard, '02 SW. The couple has two children, daughter Bodhi Navona (6) and son Rig Veda (3). They live in New Jersey, and Stephen is a high school assistant principal at the Eagle Academy for Young Men, an NYC public school in the Bronx. Urmi is a social worker at Hackensack University Medical Center in New Jersey.

David Knowles has been married to Heather (née Payne) for 1½ years. He is in a private urology practice in Mount Vernon, Ill.

Monique Williams Morris recently launched the MWM Con-

Sharene Wood '94 Spins the Look of Popular Culture

BY KAREN KELLER '05J

In 1992, an Uptown Records intern with a dream needed new threads. His name was Sean Jean Combs. Farther uptown at Columbia, **Sharene Wood '94**, a 20-year-old junior, had just opened a custom clothing company that lacked clients.

The pair met at a music industry event. Nineteen years later, 5001 Flavors, a Harlem-based company, outfits some of the biggest names in entertainment. Combs, the megastar who has won three Grammy Awards and today goes by the name Diddy, still wears 5001 Flavors.

The company website (5001 Flavors.com) unfurls like a showcase of who's who in hip-hop: singer Alicia Keys in a one-shouldered purple unitard, singer Chris Brown in a Boy Scout-inspired top, the late Notorious B.I.G. in a 5001 Flavors outfit featured in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum. Yet the company's diverse client list also includes Elmo, the fuzzy red Sesame Street character; NBA stars including LeBron James, Kobe Bryant, Dwyane Wade and Shaquille O'Neal; and the Rev. Al Sharpton, who was featured on an August 2010 cover of *Newsweek* wearing a 5001 Flavors black suit with a crimson tie.

Together with her husband and business partner, Guy Wood, the sociology major has racked up continued success despite a sharp downturn in music industry revenues starting around 2000, when the Internet made downloading music cheap. Singers don't spend as much on custom digs when their earnings drop, but Wood's business still is humming.

With up-and-coming artists emerging "almost quarterly," there's a never-ending supply of potential clients, Wood says. "If an artist like LL Cool J, whom we dressed for 15 years, doesn't have staying power, then we have [a new singer-songwriter star such as] Jason Derulo," she says.



Sharene Wood '94, CEO of 5001 Flavors, browses fabrics at Mood in Manhattan's garment district while wearing one of her company's dresses.

PHOTO: KAREN KELLER '05J

The company has spent exactly zero marketing dollars — every customer comes by word of mouth. Prices range from \$100 for a pair of jeans to \$10,000 for a snakeskin coat, depending sometimes on whether the person is already famous or up-and-coming.

"We hear a lot of, 'We're working with this cool guy. He doesn't have a lot of money but he's going to be huge,'" Wood says. "Sometimes it turns out to be true ... Then, since we create their look, we ride the wave with them."

A pre-law student whose favorite class was criminology and who credits Columbia with teaching her discipline, Wood originally planned to become an entertainment lawyer. But when the Harlem native looked at law school students, "I noticed nobody seemed happy," she says.

Her future husband, who had connections in the entertainment industry, asked Wood if she wanted to start a venture instead. "I was always super-organized and he was really creative," she says. "I

didn't know it would turn into my career."

When the company started in the early 1990s, Wood didn't have an office. She had a dorm room and a lot of class work, plus a part-time job at a business consulting firm in Midtown. She made phone calls on the go to drum up business while Guy designed the clothing and outsourced manufacturing to vendors who made the glitzy frocks in their shops.

Kemba Dunham '94, who has known Wood since their time at Columbia, says Wood's trajectory was not a surprise.

During college, "Sharene always was very sophisticated about financial matters and how things operated, things not on any of our radars at the time," says Dunham, a longtime *Wall Street Journal* reporter who now works in corporate communications.

5001 Flavors soon flourished, despite no outside funding to start, Wood says. During its first year, the company made "more than I had dreamed of making in five years."

The company soon bought

the lower level of a Harlem brownstone to serve as an office. Top stars such as Mary J. Blige and LL Cool J kept rolling in. But then around 2000 came a sharp decline in business, and the company expanded to sports stars, especially NBA players. Now athletes account for about 40 percent of the company's clients. "Music and sports are so intertwined," Wood says.

The economy wasn't the only thing in the business that had its ups and downs.

Sharene and Guy Wood stopped dating for more than a decade, though they continued to work together. Things eventually became romantic again, and they married in 2007. The couple lives in West Orange, N.J., with their daughter, Sydney (2).

Recently Wood started a separate company, The Wood Agency (thewoodagency.biz), which connects wardrobe stylists with clients and helps celebrities with personal shopping.

Next Wood hopes to make 5001 Flavors a household brand. This year she plans to hire a full-time publicist and attract a major investor.

The company hasn't started any major branding efforts because Wood believes fans will quickly connect with 5001 Flavors once they recognize the hundreds of outfits worn by their favorite artists.

Plus, her company's name already appears in millions of plastic jewel cases.

"A lot of people do read the CD liner notes," she says.

To see a slideshow of celebrities wearing 5001 Flavors clothing, go to college.columbia.edu/cct.

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sulting Group, a research and technical assistance firm that works to advance concepts of fairness, diversity and inclusion. "I was deeply saddened by the passing of my mentor and former Columbia professor, Manning Marable (I was the first person he hired at the Institute for Research in African American Studies) and participated in a segment on MSNBC discussing his new book on the life and legacy of Malcolm X: msnbc.msn.com/id/42436273/," Monique writes. "I was at Columbia on May 26 for his memorial on the steps of Low Library." [Editor's note: See "Around the Quads."]

Monique writes regularly on topics affecting the African-American community for TheGrio.com: the grio.com/author/monique-morris.

Shannon Halkyard sent in her first Class Notes update — while on vacation in Bora Bora, no less! "Having a great time and getting a nice break from work back in San Francisco," she writes. She is teaching and also studying for a doctorate in education at the University of San Francisco. Shannon earned an M.S. in chemistry at UC Berkeley in 1997, then was an environmental consultant/chemist for four years and "left it to do something more satisfying — teaching."

Congratulations to **Ty Buckelew**, who married Eleanor Margaret Shephard in New York in May. Ty is the executive director for the Institute for Civic Leadership, a nonprofit in partnership with the Dwight School, a private school in New York that encourages high school students to become involved in community service.

Steven Cohen is married with three children, Alexa (6), Will (4) and Ty (2), and lives just outside of Philadelphia. He recently was promoted to associate professor at Thomas Jefferson University in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery; is a sports medicine surgeon at the Rothman Institute, serving as the director of sports medicine research; and is an assistant team physician for the Philadelphia Phillies and St. Joseph's University.

Ayanna (Parish) Thompson recently was promoted to full professor in the Department of English at Arizona State University. She also has a new book out: *Passing Strange: Shakespeare, Race, and Contemporary America*, which explores the many ways U.S. culture draws on the works and the mythology of Shakespeare to redefine the boundaries of the color line.

And finally, **Matt Spielman** has been appointed v.p. of strategic partnerships and alliances at Eventful. He will head the San Diego-based company's recently-opened New York office and be general manager of the Northeast region.

Many thanks to everyone who wrote in. Love hearing all your stories. Until next time!

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Congratulations to **Jennie Erin Smith**, who recently published the nonfiction book *Stolen World: A Tale of Reptiles, Smugglers, and Skulduggery*. Read more about it at jennierinsmith.com. Crown published the book in January.

Thanks to **Winifred Teng** for sharing the update. Please keep the news coming.

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Greetings, classmates! Welcome to the reunion update column. It was great to see so many of you at our 15th reunion in June — so many familiar faces, and many new ones as well. What struck me the most is how much happens in five years ... there weren't many kids running around at our 10th reunion but at this one there were kids galore! Yet despite a lot of us being parents, no one appears to have aged one bit! Was there some sort of youth elixir on the Morningside Campus? You all looked great.

OK, here we go. The reunion kickoff event on June 2 at HB Burger Times Square was relatively small but fun. Not surprisingly, the first person I saw was **Uchenna Acholonu**, who is an obstetrician at Mount Sinai and remains one of the nicest people I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. Also in attendance were several members of the Columbia football team, who were great fun to hang with, including **Craig "the Hammer" Valentine**, who works at Merrill Lynch; **Arthur Smith**, who works at Barclays Capital; and **Chris Valvo**, who works at Ticonderoga Securities.

Patrick Belton was there with his wife, Soo Koon Lee '96 Barnard. Patrick works at a hedge fund he runs with his brother. Also in attendance was **Alex Vinnitsky**, who is an attorney in private practice specializing in commercial and bankruptcy law. Alex graduated from the Law School in 1999.

Julie Satow hosted a lovely event at her parents' loft in Soho the following evening. Among many others, in attendance were **Jeremiah Crowell**, a director at National Geographic television (watch for the series *Brain Games*, directed by Jeremiah, scheduled to air on

National Geographic in September); **Leila Kazemi**, who recently gave birth to a daughter (congratulations, Leila!); **Barbara Antonucci**; **Michael Kadish**; Vivien Labaton '96 Barnard; **Brandon Kessler**, CEO and founder of ChallengePost, a start-up company that allows individuals and organizations to challenge the public to solve problems and innovate; **Brad Meacham**, running for Seattle City Council; Sam Lanckton '00; **Marcel Agueros**, an assistant professor at Columbia in the Department of Astronomy; and **Robin Shulman**, writing a book and formerly a reporter for *The Washington Post*. **Michelle Patron**, whom some of you may remember as an aerobics instructor at Columbia, is a senior director at Pira Energy Group. Uchenna was there too.

Kudos to the Reunion Committee and the Alumni Office for making the Saturday barbecue on campus so kid-friendly. It was a beautiful day for a barbecue, and there was a bouncy castle, a balloon-maker and a series of other kid-related activities, leading my 5-year-old daughter, Isabelle, to ask, "Mommy, was the bouncy castle here when you were at Columbia?" I, of course, replied in the affirmative, leading Isabelle to state "OK, so I *really* want to go to Columbia too!" much to my delight. This, mind you, was after she proudly found the owl in Alma Mater — another of Columbia's big attractions for her, apparently. It was great to see Tony and Pulitzer prize-winner **Tom Kitt** with his family — wife Rita Pietropinto-Kitt '93 and their adorable kids. If you haven't seen *Next to Normal*, which completed its Broadway run in January and is now touring the country, go see it! Also in attendance were **Lisa Courtney**; **Melissa Gajarsa**; **Jill Fromson Van Beke**; **Moha Desai**, who works at Deloitte in Boston; and **Hussien Rashid**. After completing a master's in theological studies at Harvard Divinity School, Hussein earned an M.A. and a Ph.D. from Harvard's Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations. He is an associate editor at Religion Dispatches (religiondispatches.org); an active blogger at his own site, islamicate.com; and his work has appeared on the websites Goatmilk, The Huffington Post, City of Brass, altnmuslimah and Talk Islam. Oh, and Uchenna was at the barbecue too.

The Saturday dinner at Faculty House was a great event. In attendance were **Omar Sayed**, a portfolio manager at P. Schoenfeld Asset Management, Asian and European Equity; **Dulcie Lin**, who works in real estate; **John Scott**, a partner at Reed Smith in the Financial Industry Group; **Nadia Kihiczak**, a dermatologist in Los Angeles; **Jodi**

Alpert Levine and her husband, **Elie Levine**; **Topher McGibbon**; **Michelle Neptune**; and **Jeanette Balk**. **Pete Freeman** kicked off the event with a humorous speech, followed by a very funny discussion in an *Inside the Actor's Studio*-type forum between **Noah Cornman** and **Tom Kitt**, in which Tom discussed his career and path to his success — one of the highlights of Alumni Reunion Weekend, without a doubt. **Jodi Kantor**, who had given a talk on campus earlier about the biography she is writing about President Barack Obama '83, also was there, along with **Dan Morenoff**, an attorney at K&L Gates in Dallas and running for Congress. **Rowie Villanueva**, who graduated from Northwestern Law and the Kellogg School of Management with a joint J.D./M.B.A., works at a hedge fund, Atticus Capital. Needless to say (but I shall say it anyway), Uchenna was in attendance as well, along with his lovely wife.

Following the dinner, we all went dancing on Low Plaza under the stars at the Starlight Reception, which was an absolute blast. I must admit that I reconnected with my favorite place to sit on the Steps (which apparently also was the favorite place of members of the Class of 2006 because we had to share it — somewhat unwillingly — with the young 'uns).

Visit the CCT website to view our class photo and to see a list of classmates who registered: columbia.edu/cct/fall11/reunion.

If I didn't get the chance to catch up with you during reunion, I am sorry I missed you. Please send in notes for the next column — I want to hear from you! Please note my new email address, at the top of the column.

I leave you with this, in honor of our reunion:

"It's not the years, honey — it's the mileage."

— *Indiana Jones* (in *Raiders of the Lost Ark*)

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CC '97, where is the love? Please send updates. I know you all are up to great things!

After co-launching a digital media company called AudienceFUEL (audiencefuel.com), which allows

Jerome Chang '99 Tries To "Democratize" Dessert

BY NATHALIE ALONSO '08

Pastry chef **Jerome Chang '99** has forged his culinary niche by introducing traditionally high-end desserts into New York City street fare at mouth-watering prices.

Chang, co-founder of DessertTruck and its Lower East Side brick-and-mortar spinoff, DessertTruck Works (desserttruck.com), began selling sweet concoctions in Greenwich Village out of a revamped postal truck in October 2007. His menu features delicacies such as vanilla crème brûlée and a highly acclaimed warm chocolate bread pudding with an unexpected but delectable bacon custard sauce.

The most expensive item on Chang's menu is \$6. Though he purchases ingredients from the same vendors many four-star restaurants use, Chang is able to offer a less expensive product because he sells larger quantities while avoiding the overhead expenses of a restaurant.

"My disposition is to be as inclusive as possible," says Chang. "In this country, some of our best food is found in fine dining places. But what is fine dining? It's very pretentious, and it's meant to exude exclusivity. You have to have enough money, time and patience to actually get into one of these restaurants and get a really nice dessert."

Chang, a 2004 graduate of the French Culinary Institute's six-month pastry arts program, landed his first job in January 2005 as a pastry cook at Copeland Restaurant at the Westin Governor Morris hotel in New Jersey. From there he moved

on to Le Cirque, a renowned French restaurant in Manhattan, where he was pastry sous chef from May 2006–April 2007. The concept for DessertTruck came to Chang while he and his former roommate and business partner, Chris Chen '06E, '08E, '08 Business, experimented with a late-night snack in their Harlem apartment.

"Chris was trying Nutella for the first time," recalls Chang. "I said, 'Put some sea salt on it, I'll caramelize some bananas and put it on some toast.' We took a bite out of that and knew it could be sold on the street. Everything just sort of clicked. It made sense as a business and it also was the perfect way to help democratize food."

Permit troubles forced DessertTruck to shut down for almost a year beginning in August 2009. During that time, Chang established his storefront, which

opened in January 2010. He now runs both the truck and the store with a team of likeminded colleagues.

"The gourmet truck concept wasn't just a novel idea. It broke with old-fashioned molds, with traditional assumptions that there's always been a very specific setting for high-end, well-made food," says Susana Garcia, also a former Le Cirque pastry sous chef, who joined DessertTruck full-time in 2009.

Sincere and straightforward, Chang grew up in a suburb of Kansas City. He did consider himself a "foodie" as a College student, but his academic aspirations at the time were fueled by the same commitment to equal access that inspired DessertTruck. "I am extremely passionate about social justice, equality of opportunity and figuring out why social differences exist," says Chang, who majored

in African-American studies and notes that he grew up in a segregated neighborhood.

Eager to live in New York City, Chang chose Columbia as the venue in which to explore those interests. He earned a J.D. from the University of Illinois in 2002 and practiced law for a year at a New York City insurance defense firm before attending culinary school.

"I had become really unhappy," says Chang. "I went to law school for all the wrong reasons — peer pressure, didn't know what to do."

The same gut feeling that later spawned DessertTruck led Chang to quit his job and enroll at the French Culinary Institute. His gambles have paid off, as DessertTruck boasts a robust and loyal clientele. Business received a boost in 2009 with Chang and Chen's appearance on *Throwdown!*, a Food Network program in which celebrity chef Bobby Flay competes with chefs known for a particular dish — in Chang's case, bread pudding — and attempts to produce a superior version of the dish. The episode was filmed in October 2008 and aired in January 2009. Chang and Chen prevailed.

"When I saw the judges eating, I could tell that we were going to win," recalls Chang. "They looked ecstatic."

Nathalie Alonso '08, from Queens, is a freelance journalist and an editorial producer of *LasMayores.com*, Major League Baseball's official Spanish language website. She also writes "Student Spotlight" for CCT.



Jerome Chang '99 places a batch of his acclaimed chocolate bread pudding into the oven at the DessertTruck Works kitchen.

PHOTO: NATHALIE ALONSO '08

online publishers to trade their unsold inventory with one another, **Edward Yaeger** joined 20x200, a startup that sells limited-edition art prints for as low as \$20. Edward is enjoying the highly entrepreneurial atmosphere at 20x200, where the mantra is that art should be accessible and affordable to everyone. He encourages his fellow alums to check out some of the great prints at 20x200.com because living with

art is good for us all.

In April, **Jill Jacobs** became executive director of rabbis for Human Rights-North America, an organization that engages rabbis in taking action on pressing moral issues, including state-sponsored torture, human trafficking and other human rights concerns in North America, Israel and the Palestinian Territories. Rabbi **Rachel Goldenberg** is co-chair of the

board, and other board members include Rabbis Sharon Brous '95, '01 GSAS and Aaron Levy '97 GS. Jill's second book, *Where Justice Dwells: A Hands-On Guide to Doing Social Justice in Your Jewish Community*, was published in June.

Edward Wladis and his wife, Lianne '00L, are thrilled to announce the arrival of their second daughter, Rebecca, on November 14. Ed writes: "She is wonderful, and our

older daughter, Molly, plays beautifully with her." Ted is an oculoplastic surgeon at Albany Medical Center.

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Hope you were all somewhere balmy and breezy for at least part

of the summer season.

For the first time in a couple of years, I have graduation news to share. **Adina (Berrios) Brooks** received her master's in politics and education in May from Teachers College. Adina, who was nearly eight months pregnant with her second child at graduation, lives in Harlem with her husband Ross, and their daughter, Nola. Congratulations, Adina!

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Greetings, classmates. Here are some updates on the literati front. **Dan Alarcón** wrote in collaboration with artist Sheila Alvarado a graphic novel, *Ciudad de Payasos*, which means "City of Clowns." He is working on a piece about Peruvian prisons. **Erica Loberg**, who lives in Los Angeles, recently published a book, *Inside the Insane*, which depicts life inside a psychiatric crisis ward in California. **Pierre Stefanos** recently made a movie, *Bedfellows*, after winning first place in a writing contest. The movie will be showcased at more than 100 festivals by the time the run is finished. It came out on May 17 at Amazon, Target, Best Buy and Barnes & Noble. Pierre also reports that **Jay Albany** and his wife, Miranda Stamps '00 Barnard, had twins. They live in Brooklyn and seemingly are having a ball with their kids.

Riaz Ali is happily married. He lives in D.C. and works for a health policy strategy firm there. He's busy teaching his son Raiyan (1) new words and phrases every day, such as "please," "thank you," "Chewbacca" and "Yoda." In the meantime, he is still trying to recoup his investments from **Sameer Shamsi**, who upon graduating from HBS, convinced Riaz to invest in a start-up men's cologne called "Shamsitude." Riaz's biggest regret was that he never actually tested the scent. Turns out the formula was an exotic mix of cooked spices watered down with an abominable amount of Drakkar Noir.

We wish you the best, Riaz! With that, I thank everyone who submitted updates. I look forward to hearing more stories. I would like to give a big thank you to **Stacy Rotner** for making sure that I'm constantly updated with the latest news from our classmates. She reports that **Kay Rokhsar** had a second baby, and **Mike Erman** got married.

These are all the updates this time around. *Columbia College Today* gave

me a list of 800 email addresses for our class so I can individually reach out to everyone. Please let me know if you want to unsubscribe.

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On March 2, **Sarah Spatz** (née Green) and her husband, Mark, welcomed their second daughter, Vivienne, into the world. She joins Chloe (2).

Sebastian Chan moved from New York City to San Francisco in May to join Morrison & Foerster as a finance lawyer in the Financial Transactions Group.

Please send news. Your classmates want to hear what you're up to!

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Greetings! I attended our 10-year Alumni Reunion Weekend in June and had a wonderful time connecting with so many old friends (way too many to mention here!) from the Class of 2001. The one thing I left at home during my trip (besides my daughter) was my reporter's notebook, so I decided my strategy would be to follow up with people I saw at reunion during the next few months to populate future columns. I'll have some great updates in the next few issues, as I learned that several classmates definitely will have some exciting news to report. Here are a few to get us started, but first, visit the CCT website to view our class photo and to see a list of classmates who registered to attend: college.columbia.edu/cct/fall11/reunion.

Rebecca Bradley's husband, John, deposited his dissertation in May. He's officially a Ph.D., and he'll be teaching a class at Wisconsin this fall.

After finishing her M.B.A. at NYU's Stern School of Business, **Jessie Tubridy** moved back to her hometown of Rockaway, Queens. She works in NYC at Reliance Standard Insurance Co. selling ancillary insurance plans to corporations.

Jenny Tubridy has been an assistant district attorney at the Queens County District Attorney's Office for the last four years. She is currently assigned to the Narcotics Trials Unit.

I saw **Sarah Rosenbaum-Kranson's** new apartment (so close to campus on a beautiful stretch of Riverside Drive) along with **Rebecca Mermelstein, Michael Smith, An-**

nie Marquit (née Lainer) and **Billy Kingsland** about two weeks before Sarah and her husband, Donny Kranson '99E, welcomed their new addition on June 16 — daughter Lily Mabel Kranson weighed 6 lbs., 13 oz. and was 19 3/4 in. long. Congratulations to Sarah and Donny!

Nancy Michaelis (née Perla) and her husband, Matt, announced the birth of their daughter, Margaret, on May 23 at 9:09 a.m. She weighed 7 lbs., 4 oz. and was 19 1/2 in. long. Congratulations to Nancy and Matt!

I ran into **Sara Batterton** and **Christian Sparling** separately at reunion. Then, through the power of Facebook (and their respective status updates about a performance of *Les Misérables* put on by third-graders), I learned they have been working together for three years. Christian is the director of operations at North Star Academy Charter School in Newark, N.J., and dad to Violet. Sara is director of real estate for Uncommon Schools, an urban charter school organization.

Genevieve DeGuzman '07 TC wrote: "After five years in private sector development, working with micro and small businesses on projects throughout the Asia-Pacific region, I found myself catching the entrepreneurial bug! Soon after returning to the States in late 2010, I co-founded a small, indie digital press and editorial services company, Night Owls Press (nightowlspress.com) in San Francisco. We work with small businesses and nonprofits on topics related to social entrepreneurship, innovation, social media, economic development and more. We're always looking for partners for interesting editorial projects. If anyone wants to collaborate, get in touch with me at editor@nightowlspress.com."

"Our first in-house title, *Working in the 'UnOffice': A Guide to Coworking for Indie Workers, Small Businesses and Nonprofits* (coworkingguide.com) was expected this summer on Amazon, iBookstore and Barnes & Noble. We interviewed more than 30 start-ups, small businesses and nonprofits, and talked to dozens of coworking space founders from New York City, the Hub, PariSoMA, Affinity Lab, Next Space, Loose Cubes and others. I've been personally fascinated with the concept of coworking and have been wanting to start a shared space in Manila to bring together the dozens of NGO and aid workers who work there with the burgeoning community of local entrepreneurs."

Ariel Neuman writes, "I got married in February! My wife is Eszter Lengyel and in attendance at the wedding were **David Sandler** and **Adriana Galvan** '01 Barnard

with her husband, William Lowrey. We got married in Los Angeles and are settling into our new home in Silver Lake. I'm still at the U.S. Attorney's Office in the Violent & Organized Crime Section, and Eszter is an attorney representing doctors and hospitals in medical malpractice defense suits."

Congratulations to the entire Class of 2001; we've certainly accomplished a lot in the last 10 years! Please continue to stay in touch and let me know what you're all up to these days.

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Lots of happy news in this column. Please keep the updates coming to soniah57@gmail.com!

Dave Myers started working at SecondMarket, the marketplace for alternative investments, where he is a senior software engineer. He married Diane Clifford on August 22, 2010, at the Queens County Farm Museum. In attendance were **Daniel Ramirez**; his wife, Eliza Bobek '02 Barnard; and their daughter Lucia. **Dan Hammerman** and **Robyn Schwartz** '03 Barnard traveled from Genoa, Italy, where Dan is an architect at Renzo Piano's office. **Andrew Cheung** made it in from Holland, and **Nick Schiffrin** was in from Pakistan, where he is a correspondent for ABC News. **Justin Marks**, who also got married last year, came in from Los Angeles. Josh Lebewohl '03, Catherine Burns '02 Barnard and Chung Lim '02 Barnard also joined in on the festivities. Dave's parents, Phil Myers '66 and Anne Hoffman '70 Barnard, were there to celebrate as well.

Agnia Baranauskaite Grigas and her husband, Paulius Grigas, welcomed their first child, Greta, a healthy and beautiful bundle of joy, on March 16 in Santa Monica, Calif.

Sarah Hsiao HuYoung and **James HuYoung** '01 welcomed their first child, Nathan James, on his due date, November 8. He was promptly outfitted in his first Columbia onesie. Sarah recently returned to work at Sanctuary for Families, the largest nonprofit organization in NYC dedicated exclusively to serving victims of domestic violence and sex traf-

ficking, as assistant director of development. James is a corporate attorney at Winston & Strawn. [Editor's note: CCT highlighted Sarah and James' courtship in May 2003: college.columbia.edu/cct/archive/may03/features6.php.]

The Houtsma family keeps growing. **James P. Houtsma's** daughter, Sally Kathleen Houtsma, was born on March 17.

Brian House is a creative technologist in the Research and Development lab at *The New York Times*.

Zena Tsai (née Park) and her husband, Raymond Tsai, welcomed a healthy daughter on April 2. Her name is Zoe and she has enjoyed her first few months of life!

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I hope that you enjoyed the warm weather and good company of the summer season. Please take a few minutes now to catch up on the recent accomplishments of our classmates, including **Alan Lue**, who recently started working for Pimco in Newport Beach, Calif. **Celine Goetz** writes, "I graduated from University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine this spring and matched into the internal medicine residency program at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center. I started my intern year this summer."

Priya Purushothaman's new book, *Living Music: Conversations with Pandit Dinkar Kaikini*, "is the dialogue between a sincere guru and an earnest disciple, in which a realized soul explains his philosophy of Hindustānī Rāgsangī and his personal journey to becoming a consummate performer, composer, scholar and guru. In a very intimate portrait of the man and the musician, *Living Music* explores Pandit Kaikini's theories of sound, melody, rhythm and creativity while simultaneously following him during his life of courage, uncompromising devotion to music and constant spiritual enquiry."

Katie Day planned to marry Columbia Athletics employee Dan Benvenuto in Cooperstown, N.Y. on July 30. **Judah Rifkin** writes, "I made the move to Citadel Investment Group about a year ago. I'm a v.p. and senior analyst covering telecom, Internet and media. I'm based in Citadel's NYC location, which currently is home to 500 employees. The firm's HQ is Chicago,



Maria Wong '03 and Robert Hora '99 were married in August 2010 at St. Paul's Chapel. Celebrating following the ceremony were (left to right) Carey Gibbons '03; Lee Schutzman '03 and his wife, Kristen Kupchik '03E; the bride; the groom; William Kwok '03E; Christine Phillpotts '03 and Jonathan Zimmerman '03.

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but I love New York, so hopefully will stay here. I've been married to Keli Tawil Rifkin '03 Barnard for eight years. We have one daughter, Lois (5)."

Raquel Gardner writes, "I gave birth to my first baby, Azaria Gardner Esensten (or Azi, pronounced 'Ozzy,' for short) on March 12. He is amazing, and we are all doing well. I returned from maternity leave in May to finish up the remaining year of my residency in neurology at UCSF."

Katori Hall shares, "My play *The Mountaintop*, starring Samuel L. Jackson, is scheduled to open on Broadway on Thursday, October 13. Visit themountaintopplay.com or follow me on Twitter (katorihall) for information on the show!"

Katori was presented with the I.A.L. Diamond [41] Award by *The Varsity Show* earlier this year.

04

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Hello CC '04! I hope you are all well! On to the news:

Walker Young checked in from Hanoi, where he lives with his wife of three years, Marisa, and is posted as the regional monitoring and evaluation coordinator for the Worldwide Fund for Nature. He writes, "I cover the Mekong region including Thailand, Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam. Living in Hanoi has been equal parts excitement and utter chaos. I am also in the processing of finishing my master's thesis, which explores the relationship of the Thai private sector to the national implementation of the U.N. Convention on

Biological Diversity. Working full-time and finishing a thesis was not the wisest of moves, but it's getting done so I'm pretty excited about that. I've lived overseas for four years now: two years in Thailand, one in Vietnam and one in Hong Kong. We are looking forward to repatriating soon in order to catch up with friends and family."

Congratulations go out to **Mike Podwal**, who graduated from the Business School in May and is moving to Seattle to start work at Amazon as the senior product manager on the Kindle. Congratulations to **Akshat Pujara**, who graduated from Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine of Case Western Reserve University. Akshat will move to San Francisco for a preliminary year residency in internal medicine at Kaiser-San Francisco prior to heading to NYU's School of Medicine for residency in diagnostic radiology starting in 2012.

Courtney Shay included a springtime trip down memory lane with her news: "When I think of Columbia in the spring, the first thing that comes to mind is the Steps. My favorite springtime memory is when it would finally get nice enough out that everyone would hang out there. Once I even studied until 4 a.m. for a final exam while sitting outside at the top of the Steps. I brought a blanket to sit on, my laptop and there was just enough light from the lamps for me to see. After receiving my M.P.H. from the Mailman School of Public Health in 2007 and subsequently receiving my B.S.N. from the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing in 2010, I am an operating room nurse at the University of Maryland Medical Center in Baltimore City."

Sharon Bartel recently was on

campus with her husband, David Form '02, and their children, Miles (3) and Mia (15 months), to show their children where their parents met and so they could "sit on the Steps." After receiving her M.P.H. from the Mailman School of Public Health in 2005, Sharon worked at Deloitte Consulting before moving to Pfizer as a managed care strategist and data analyst.

Sophie Beal was married in October and has a Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship in the Humanities at Tulane.

Emily Shin is almost halfway done with her orthopedic surgery residency at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. After spending an additional four years at P&S, she has been working largely with the war wounded from Afghanistan and Iraq. She writes, "I feel so privileged to be able to work with these patients and be a vital part of their surgical care."

Lauren (Turza) Greer is here with me as well as a general surgery resident. It's so great to work with classmates!"

Aaron Schwartz and **Ashley Edwards '04E, '05** live in Berkeley, where Ashley is in medical school and Aaron is working on his own startup, Modify Watches, which designs modular silicone watches; any face can be mixed and matched with any strap (modifywatches.com). They live not too far from **Lindsay Shortliffe**, who is a Psy.D. working at Berkeley. A new neighbor is **Vijay Sundaram '04E**, who is working on a startup of his own in San Francisco. **Abigail Druck Shudofsky** received a Ph.D. in cell and molecular biology from Penn and is a postdoctoral fellow at Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, a federal institution chartered by



Carman 5 roommates paused from partying to pose for a photo during Rebecca Silberberg '05 and Eric Levine's wedding in March: (left to right) Bridget (Geibel) Stefanski '05, Lindsey May '05E, the bride, Alexandra Seggerman '05 and Stephen Poellot '05.

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Congress for the purpose of military medicine. She is conducting research on HTLV-1, a virus that causes Adult T-cell leukemia/lymphoma, and lives in downtown Silver Spring, Md., with her husband, Aryeh, and son, Adiv (3).

Francoise Villeneuve writes, "I'm a journalist/food writer at StarChefs.com, the online magazine for culinary insiders. It's been a whirlwind 1½ years of traveling all over the country, tasting, writing and tasting some more, but it has allowed me to put my degree from The Culinary Institute of America and my experience at various New York and Chicago restaurants (Aguavit, Spiaggia, Park Avenue Cafe) to good use. I celebrated my second wedding anniversary with my husband, Ed Hardy (no, not that Ed Hardy), a chef at Marcus Samuelsson's restaurant Red Rooster."

Finally, in award show news, **Shawna Ryan** won an Emmy in the "Societal Concerns: Program Feature/Segment" category at the 54th Annual National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences on April 3 for the piece "High School Sports Desk: A Woman Among Boys" that she wrote and produced.

Congratulations Shawna!

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After a brutally long winter, allergy-laden spring and muggy summer, we have some updates from classmates:

Cedrick Mendoza-Tolentino

moved back to the city in January after graduating from law school last May. He spent last fall traveling, which included visiting **Lily Wohl** in Argentina while she conducted ethnomusicology research, and spending many nights in **Lauren Parmington's** living room on one of her air mattresses while swinging through the city. Cedrick wanted to swing by Tokyo to visit **Ken Kiyota**, who is a corporate associate for Sullivan & Cromwell, but was unable to make the trip. Cedrick is a bankruptcy and restructuring associate at Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson.

Chetan Bagga launched the social venture Buyve.com earlier this year. Buyve is an online bookstore that funds college scholarships.

Jennifer (Cho) Magiera writes: "I teach fifth-grade inner-city students and train new teachers in Chicago public schools through an urban teacher residency program. Outside of school, I'm involved in math curriculum writing with the University of Chicago and technology integration. Recently I was named an Apple Distinguished Educator for my work integrating 32 iPads into my daily instruction. I started a blog, teachinglikeits2999.blogspot.com, and have been traveling around Chicago providing workshops for teachers on iPad and technology integration."

Luis Saucedo, who is at the Yale School of Management, interned this summer at the California State Treasurer's Office in the public finance division in Sacramento. **Ife Babatunde** received her M.B.A. from the Kellogg Graduate School of Management in June. She was excited to return to New York and

now works for Ogilvy & Mather.

Charlotte Jacobs writes: "I finished my fifth year as a seventh-grade humanities teacher at the University of Chicago Laboratory Schools. In July, I moved to Philadelphia to begin an Ed.D. program in teaching, learning and teacher education at Penn. I'm really excited to be going back to school and to have the opportunity to lose myself in books for a while. As for Columbia connections, I'm roommates with **Elodi Dielubanza '04**, who is a second-year resident in urology at Northwestern Memorial Hospital. I met up with **Lizet Lopez** when she was in town for a reunion for the Kellogg Graduate School of Management. She's a consultant for A.T. Kearny and based in Dallas. I also see **Rachel Feinmark** often. She's completing a Ph.D. in history at Chicago."

Holly Gaglio (née Miller) and **Ryan Gaglio** are happy to announce that their son, Abraham Julius, was born on March 9. Abe weighed 7 lbs., 8 oz., and was 20½ in. long.

Congrats to Holly and Ryan!

Max Shterngel writes: "I emigrated from the Upper East Side to Williamsburg, Brooklyn, in March; the change of scenery has been enchanting, and I am mere weeks away from squeezing into the skinniest of jeans. I practice international law at White & Case, but I probably can't help your cousin with that D.U.I. Finally, an open invitation: a motley crew of '05 Columbians has taken to competing in trivia nights at various East Village bars, so if you want to join your brain with ours, holla @ cha boi: iammaxim@gmail.com."

Always a pleasure hearing from classmates. Please keep us all informed.

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It was wonderful catching up with so many of you at our fifth Alumni Reunion Weekend in June. I'm very pleased to report that we had 340 people at our class dinner, with 239 alumni — a record for the fifth-year reunion. Classmates from across the country and around the world gathered to mark this milestone. Before we know it, another five years will pass and we'll be celebrating our 10th! Until then, please continue to keep us posted by submitting notes for this column.

Visit the CCT website to view our class photo and to see a list of classmates who registered to attend: college.columbia.edu/cct/fall11/reunion.

Christina Persaud will attend

Upstate Medical University starting this fall. She looks forward to connecting with fellow CU alumni in Syracuse! In June 2010, **Eva Colen** moved to Richmond, Va. She's a regional director for recruitment at Teach For America, managing TFA's recruitment efforts across Virginia and West Virginia.

Dan Kessler lives in Los Angeles, where he started Palindrome Media, a production company; he spends much of his free time with his longtime friend **Grace Parra**.

Holly Guzman has been admitted to the joint M.B.A./M.P.P. program at The University of Chicago Booth School of Business and Harris School of Public Policy. She will graduate in June 2013. This summer, she interned at American Express, Global Merchant Services in NYC.

Teddy Diefenbach is entering the final year of his master's program at USC's Interactive Media Division of the School of Cinematic Arts and is working on his thesis in game design. He was excited to spend the summer designing at Microsoft Game Studios.

Emily Bregel is spending six months working on an organic farm in northern New Mexico in an effort to learn as much as possible about sustainable agriculture and to better understand the source of her food. She left her job as health care reporter for the *Chattanooga (Tenn.) Times Free Press* newspaper, where she worked for almost five years, and she plans to return to journalism after her stint on the farm.

And last but not least, **Eric Amstutz** and **Natalia Tovar '08E** were married in Miami on February 12. Their Columbia attendants at the wedding were **Dean Kinports '07**, **Sam Kuntz**, **Matt Palmer '07** and **Kristin Van Heertum '08**.

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I hope that everyone had a wonderful summer! See below for some exciting news from classmates.

Elizabeth Klein has been accepted to the M.F.A. acting program at the New School for Drama and will begin classes in the fall. "I am thrilled to be returning to New York and can't wait to reunite with all my CC friends in the city," she said.

Earnest Sweat and **Tanya Lindsay** also are off to school this fall. Both will start at Northwestern, attending the Kellogg School of Management.

Anna Natenzon writes, "I graduated from med school at NYU in May, and this July, I started my residency in ob/gyn at Albert Einstein College of Medicine."

Bennett Chan, **Dianna Ng** and **Khalil Savary** also graduated from medical school this May, Bennett from SUNY Downstate, Dianna from NYU and Khalil from Stony Brook. Bennett and Khalil are off to Jacobi Medical Center in NYC for residencies in pediatrics.

Matt Reuter shares, "I graduated from medical school at Georgetown this spring and moved to the Jersey Shore! I matched into an orthopedic surgery residency at the hospital for much of the summer but planned to spend some of the precious free time that I have on the beach or swimming in the ocean. I also planned to join my family for a vacation at Hilton Head Island, S.C., in early August."

Rhiannon Pimentel will attend The George Washington University beginning this fall for a Ph.D. in American Studies. Rhiannon plans to study Mexican immigrant communities and mental illness in urban and suburban contexts.

Elyse Pultz shares exciting news: "I planned to marry my Columbia 'sweetheart,' Nick Oleksak '06, on July 3 at the Wequasset Resort and Golf Club in Chatham, Mass."

Riddhi Dasgupta shares, "I ran the Paris Marathon on April 10. I'd wanted to push these boundaries for a while. This spring was about traveling and seeing a few things. The most memorable — totally unrelated and yet not! — were the Great Wall of China and Bernini's the *Ecstasy of Saint Theresa* (Rome)."

John Schneider writes, "My wife and I moved to Houston, where I started work at Chevron as an exploration geologist in its Energy Technology Company. Anyone coming through Houston should give me a ring and I'll buy you a drink."

And lastly, **Caitlin Shure** is "ready to disown the next person who moves to L.A." Caitlin feels that such persons are a disgrace not only to the Columbia community but also to the population of New York at large ... and possibly the human race. Caitlin is distraught over the residential crisis and can only describe the circumstances as "LAME."

Thank you all for your submissions, and have a great fall!

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Natalia Tovar '08E married Eric Amstutz '06. "We were married in Miami on February 12. We had Columbia attendants at the wedding: Dean Kinports '07, Sam Kuntz '06, Matt Palmer '07 and **Kristin Van Heertum**."

Gabriel Lefkowitz was named concertmaster at the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra. This marks the first change in the position in 30 years. Gabriel (who studied economics and music) earned a master's in violin performance at the Juilliard School last year. He played his audition performance with the orchestra during the January pair of concerts. He said of his January performance with the KSO, "It was an incredible, lifesaving experience to play with a high-quality professional orchestra, but also a group of musicians that was open for me to lead them ... I'm really looking forward to a regular set of opportunities to be part of a community that appreciates the arts," he said. Gabriel's first performances as concertmaster was the May 19–20 Masterworks concerts.

Chenni Xu is a research fellow at Tsinghua University, Beijing, China, researching China-Africa relations. She also writes for the blog of a Paris-based NGO, Women's World-wide Web (womensworldwideweb.org). She welcomes all to read the blog and to be in contact if in Beijing.

Ben Teitelbaum spent five months in Tel Aviv on a journalism internship and is heading back to Columbia this fall to attend the Journalism School.

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Anna Louise (née Corke) Vlasits and **Justin Joseph Vlasits '11** were married in March at Pisticci restaurant in Morningside Heights. They were joined by many friends: **Akash Gupta**, **Ariel Zucker**, **John Klopfer**, **Kate Smith**, **Lauren Biggs**, **Kristen Schenk**, **Maryam Parhizkar**, **Kabita Parajuli '10**, **Sarah Leonard '10**, **Phil Crone '11** and **Rob Post '11E**. The couple met while working on *The Blue and White*, a campus publication, and had their first date on a subway car. This fall, Anna and Justin will begin Ph.D. programs at UC Berkeley, in neuroscience and philosophy, respectively. [See photo.]



Anna Louise (née Corke) Vlasits '09 and Justin Joseph Vlasits '11 met on campus and had their first date on a subway car. They were married in March at Pisticci in Morningside Heights.

Mark Johnson, our senior class president, will return to the east coast after completing his two-year commitment with Teach for America in Hawaii. After teaching seventh-grade math and completing work on a master's at the University of Hawaii, it appears that this alum has not had enough of the classroom. He will matriculate at Harvard Law in the fall. He wishes the class "Aloha," and is excited to again be around people who will understand his Decameron jokes.

Mark is not the only one moving to Cambridge, Mass. **Jisung Park** will return to the United States in the fall to pursue a Ph.D. in economics at Harvard after completing his master's in development economics at Oxford. Jisung recently helped launch a semi-weekly podcast called *Sense and Sustainability*, in collaboration with the Earth Institute at Columbia and *Consilience: The Journal of Sustainable Development*. *Sense and Sustainability* features guests from a range of disciplines including economics, law, political science, engineering, and the health and environmental sciences as well as professionals from government, NGOs and the private sector. You can download episodes from senseandsustainability.net, or subscribe to the podcast on iTunes (search "Sense and Sustainability").

This fall, **Brendan Price** will start a Ph.D. in economics at MIT, where he plans to build on his undergraduate interest in labor economics. By the time CCT goes to press, he and his fellow '09ers **Ricardo Saavedra '09E**, **Andrew Scheineson** and **Lok Kin Yeung '09E**, '10 may have undertaken a summer camping trip in the Great Smoky Mountains. If the trip occurs, however, it is unlikely to change the fact that Brendan has

still never left the Eastern Time Zone (no lie).

After graduation, **Matt Heiman** joined the equity finance trading desk at JPMorgan. He eventually assumed responsibility for the overnight financing book and was tasked with raising additional capital to help the firm meet new regulatory requirements. Last summer, Matt spent two weeks off the trading floor, instructing the incoming analyst class on the topics of credit analysis, fixed income analytics and derivatives. In his free time, Matt is a mentor for New York Needs You, which is focused on first-generation college students. In February, Matt left JPMorgan for a position at McKinsey & Co., and is working in New York and London on his first project.

After two years teaching middle-schoolers in East Harlem, **Sara Vogel** will be moving to Mexico for eight months to work as a Princeton in Latin America fellow for an educational organization that seeks to reform rural public schools "from the inside out." Afterward, she will spend eight months teaching English as a Fulbright teaching assistant in Argentina. She is excited to escape New York — she's been there since she was born!

And, finally, **Anthony Bernard Kelley Jr.** graduated from Northern Illinois University with a master's in philosophy.

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Hi 2010,

As always, I am amazed by the exciting things that our classmates are up to. I'll dive straight into the

updates:

Gabriella Ripoll writes, "Law school is really hard! I'm really glad I'm at NYU, especially since we trounced Columbia Law in the Dean's Cup this year. (Sorry CU! I still love you!) This summer, I was a research assistant for NYU's Center on Law and Security. I can't wait until I'm done with my first year."

Hannah Salomons recently finished her Master's in marine mammal science, which was a one-year program at the University of St Andrews in Scotland. She was hoping to move back to New York in September and was looking for a job there. Hannah also hopes that everyone has enjoyed their first year out of college and is looking forward to catching up with everyone in NYC this fall.

Chiara Arcidy still cannot believe more than a year has passed since graduation. She is excited to share that she is an assistant in the On-Camera Commercial Division of the CESD Talent Agency.

Rebecca Salley writes, "I got your email about Class Notes right in the midst of celebrating the fact that I got offered my dream job, so I thought I'd send this in. After a year that entailed working as a field organizer on an unsuccessful U.S. Senate campaign in Kentucky and generally wallowing in post-grad identity crisis, I am thrilled to be joining the Paralegal Unit of the United States Department of Justice, Antitrust Division. The life change is made exponentially better by the fact that I plan to live in Arlington, Va., with two of my best CC '10 friends, **Tory Bresnahan**, who also is my future Antitrust Division coworker, and **Courtney Chin**, my four-year Columbia roomie/life-mate. We can't wait to be reunited!"

During the first and second weeks of June, **James Bogner** presented his work with high-need students within Columbia's undergraduate population as part of his work with the Financial Aid Office. The deans and directors of the Consortium on Financing Higher Education were receptive to the groundbreaking efforts taking place within the Financial Aid Office as administered by James.

Billy Organek recently moved to Shanghai, where he lives and works with Europeans while trying to learn Chinese. He planned to meet up with **Adam Valen Levinson** in Bali for a bit in July, and he hopes to run into any Columbian he can find in Asia.

Alani Gregory writes, "I will be returning to Columbia, this time a little more uptown, as a medical student in the Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons Class of 2015. I'm excited to return to the city but the move is a little

bittersweet. I took a year off and during that time I was a science and biology teacher at the Ad-delita Cancryn Junior H.S. in my hometown of St. Thomas, USVI. It was an amazing experience to watch my students develop. I ended the year on a high note, receiving the 'Award for Excellence in Teaching'. While I will surely miss being called 'Ms. Gregory', I am excited to take on the new title of 'Dr. Gregory'."

After wrapping up a year of teaching and research in May with the Fulbright program in Indonesia, **Paige Johnson** will start working toward a Ph.D. in performance studies at UC Berkeley this fall. Paige sums it up best: "Here's to five more years of school!"

A big congratulations are in order for **Will Berlin**. Will writes, "I married my high school sweetheart, Clare, on April 9. We've been working for a nonprofit (Diabetes Foundation of Mississippi), and I entered the University of Mississippi School of Medicine Class of 2015 in August. Clare and planned to undertake the road trip of our dreams: Jackson, Miss., to Brevard, N.C., to Grand Canyon National Park to San Francisco to Yosemite National Park to Kings Canyon National Park and back to Jackson. Enjoying life! Wish everyone well."

Ruqayyah Abdul-Karim and **Whitney Green '10E** spent the better part of June vacationing in Southeast Asia with **Deysy Ordonez-Arreola**. They began their adventures in Macau, China, where Deysy had completed a Fulbright fellowship. From there, they journeyed to Singapore to visit **Evelyn Phan**. While there, they dropped in on a Summer Advising Session and handed out copies of *The Iliad* to the Singapore contingent of the Class of 2015. Ruqayyah, Whitney and Deysy rounded out their adventures with stops in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and Bangkok before heading back to the States. They thank Asia for its beauty, hospitality, delicious food and great shopping!

And our column would not be complete, of course, without the latest from **Chris Yim**. He writes, "Bad news: My engagement was broken off as a result of unforeseeable events. Essentially, her family did not approve of my southern roots as a Virginian. Good news: I am now an analyst, investing in distressed companies, at TBG. After some recent soul searching, I realized that I need to retire in the next 10 years. My dream is to start a chocolate factory and realize the Willy Wonka dream. Lastly, Tiger Woods won the 2011 U.S. Open. You heard it here first."

Let's keep those updates com-

ing. Don't forget to send in your notes for the next issue!

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Greetings to the College's most recently graduated class! There are many updates involving travel adventures, various forms of relaxation and other post-graduation plans.

After returning home to Colorado for a few weeks to hike a few mountains, **Zack Susel** was in the Camino de Santiago (the Way of St. James), which traverses about 600 miles of the Spanish countryside. After this, Zack will return to New York where he will start work with an investment firm.

Other folks had international travel plans as well. **Christina Patterson** is enjoying traveling and spending time with family and friends from her year abroad in England before returning to New York to start work with the Federal Reserve Bank.

Scott Maxfield is traveling and relaxing before entering the "real world," that being Goldman Sachs. Before starting at McKinsey, **Ben Cotton** is spending time with family and traveling. He also plans to train for an Olympic-distance triathlon.

Mike Mirochnik plans to unwind and tie up loose ends. He is finishing his year-long internship at Weinstein Smith and working on his piano skills, something that had taken a back burner during his time at Columbia. Additionally, he plans to travel to California as well as to Europe. Lastly, Mike hopes to assist some Harvard Law School professors with corporate legal research before beginning classes there this fall.

Sara Jacobs is interning with the UN Development Program in the Office of Peace and Development Advisor in the Fiji Country Office before returning to SIPA for the second and final year of her master's program. **Mary Martha Douglas** was a residential fellow and the director of student activities at The Hotchkiss School in Lakeville, Conn., before returning to the city in August to start as a political analyst at Benenson Strategy Group. She will be in her second year of the political science master's program at GSAS.

Isaac Lara is in Washington, D.C., working with Hewlett-Packard as part of the Eben Tisdale Fellowship. In September, Isaac will begin work as a Coro Fellow in public affairs, a national graduate level leadership program. **Helen**

Werbe will move to Washington, D.C., as well to start a business fellowship at the Atlantic Media Co. She would love to meet up with anyone in the area.

Dehui Kong is hoping to get her feet wet in the New York City tech start-up scene before beginning full-time at Barclays Capital.

Staying home in Pennsylvania for the summer, **Linda Magana** was a summer program coordinator at a community-based youth center serving a largely disadvantaged population. This allowed her to spend time with the children she has mentored as well as with her family before starting a new chapter at Oxford in the fall.

Some folks are moving out west. For her journey back to the west coast, **Sheri Pan** is taking a road trip from New York to Los Angeles and eventually to San Francisco, where she will begin as a legal assistant in the Bay Area while volunteering at a legal aid agency on the weekends.

Sean Udell split his summer between Phoenix and Denver, where he was in training with Teach for America for his career as a middle school special educator. Upon completion of his training, Sean will teach at West Denver Prep's Highland Campus. Before all this kicks off, Sean hopes to enjoy a weeklong road trip from his hometown of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., to the Great American West.

Hannah Perls writes, "OK, summer was a little nuts." After graduation, Hannah lived aboard the *Clearwater* sloop (the large sailboat Pete Seeger owned) to teach middle school kids about oceanography and the history of the Hudson River. Following that, she attended Bonnaroo, the music and arts festival in Tennessee. Later in the summer, she planned to attend a colloquium on free market environmentalism in Montana and work on an organic farm in Washington. Lastly, she hoped to spend three weeks aboard the research vessel *Langseth* with folks from Lamont-Doherty looking at seismic data in the Aleutian Islands off the coast of Alaska.

India is also claiming a few recent graduates! **Nirav Chheda** spent the summer in Mumbai, working for a microfinance institution. In September, he begins full-time at IBM Global Business Services in New York. **Karen Woodin Rodriguez** also is in Mumbai, where she will work for two years with Mahindra as part of the firm's Global Recruit Program.

Last, but not least, **George Mu** is traveling throughout China, spending a good portion of his time in Shanghai. When he returns, he will be working with me at Booz & Co. in New York.





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of it. I doubt that there will ever be an end to anti-war literature, since I cannot foresee an end to war.

Anson K. Kessler '47
HENDERSONVILLE, N.C.

Publish or Perish?

Is this how "publish or perish" began — right here, at Columbia?

"[A] proposed plan for putting new life into Columbia College. Pierce holds that professors may be prevented from degenerating into drones by requiring of them to accomplish something every year or every six months, making it a condition of holding office that at certain periods they produce some essay, memoir, or investigation."

August 16, 1852, entry in the diary of
G. T. Strong (Class of 1838)
Manfred Weidhorn '54
FAIR LAWN, N.J.

Editor's note: George Templeton Strong (Class of 1838) was the author of a 2,250-page diary, discovered in the 1930s, that includes entries from October 5, 1835, until his death 40 years later.

Addenda

Isaac Johnson '14 was listed as Isaac Johnson '14E in the cover story of our May/June issue, "A Passion for Science" (page 22). After our publi-

cation deadline, he transferred from Engineering to the College.

In the 1987 Class Notes of the same issue, we indicated that Nicole Goluboff '87 is the mother of Justin Goluboff '15. That remains true, but we neglected to mention, in either the 1986 or 1987 Class Notes, that Justin's father is Erik Goluboff '86. We were unaware of that fact at the time and apologize for the omission.



Student Spotlight

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arrangement, Rehman plans to remain a CHH resident as a junior.

Most recently, Rehman was a summer fellow with Health Leads (healthleadsusa.org), an organization that works to connect low-income patients with resources pertaining to vital needs such as housing. After assisting patients one-on-one as a family advocate for the organization, she was tasked with making its program at Harlem Hospital more efficient.

Though Rehman is on a pre-medical track, she is hesitant to name specific career goals, noting that if there is something she has learned at Columbia, it is to keep

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lessons from the classroom. When we visited Renatha's maize-growing cooperative in the rural district of Kayonza, the cooperative leaders beamed with pride as they told us about their contract negotiations with a potential agricultural broker. According to them, the buyer wanted to buy maize for 200 Rwandan Francs per kilogram. Women in the cooperative thought they could take

advantage of the foreign buyer, and so they asked for 800 Francs — an unreasonable price. Then, the women who had attended the business training, including Renatha, came in to broker the deal. They negotiated with the buyer based on their understanding of how to appropriately price the maize by calculating their costs. They knew to talk about costs and the market price. They negotiated a contract for 330 Francs per kilogram — a great feat.

At the graduation ceremonies several months later, our women chanted self-written lyrics about the importance of cashbooks, their commitments to implement change in their cooperatives and their hopes for leading change in their communities.

What is the first word that comes to my mind when I hear "Rwanda"?

"Icyiringiro." Hope.



Neda Navab '08 continued to pursue her passion for development, working on projects in Tanzania and South Africa this year. She is attending Harvard Business School to earn an M.B.A. with a focus in social entrepreneurship. She hopes to return to Rwanda in the near future.

her options open.

"I'm not going to pigeonhole myself anymore in terms of thinking I just want to focus on mental health or women's health," says Rehman. "I'm interested in health care services in general and I have a growing desire to focus on urban communities, but I'm open to everything at this point."



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ALUMNI CORNER

Rwanda Moves from Desolation to Hope

BY NEDA NAVAB '08

What is the first word that comes to mind when you hear "Rwanda"? Is it "genocide"? If my sampling of family and Columbia-educated friends are any indication, that is probably the most common answer.

During the course of 100 days in 1994, about the time we watched O.J. Simpson take flight in his white Ford Bronco, nearly one million Tutsis (Rwanda's minority population) were murdered at the hands of their friends, neighbors and co-workers. To be precise, 10,000 people were slaughtered every day for 100 days. A country was left, at the turn of the 21st century, with six million people whose lives were shattered into little pieces. How does a nation heal from that?

I landed in Kigali National Airport in August 2010 with one goal: to teach rural Rwandan women basic business principles. Now, before you rush to categorize me ("Bono-loving, tree-hug-

setbacks resulting from the genocide are overwhelming. Since 1994, the government of Paul Kagame has promoted cooperatives, group enterprises largely operating in agriculture, to advance rural economic progress and political stability. Many of the cooperative leaders, however, lack the basic business skills to run a microenterprise. My task was to launch a "principles of business" training program for 200 cooperative leaders, all of whom are genocide survivors and their families' sole providers, to accelerate the income-generating potential of their cooperatives and their 7,000 members.

The value placed on such training became swiftly apparent when I met Renatha, a maverick smallholder (small plot of land) farmer with a baby strapped to her back. At our first lesson, one of the local instructors noticed that there was a woman in attendance who was not on our list. When asked what she was doing there, Renatha said that she had become determined to attend the course as soon as she had learned of it from her cooperative's

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ging, do-gooder volunteer"), let me clarify. I had spent my first two years out of college working for McKinsey & Co. in New York City, consulting for huge for-profit corporations. But when McKinsey offered me the opportunity to leave everything behind and volunteer for a nonprofit in Rwanda, one image immediately came to mind, and it was not of the genocide. It was of my "Principles of Economics" professor, Sunil Gulati, giving his last lecture of the course in the spring of my sophomore year with a slide-show of images from developing countries — a reminder of the real-world implications of my economic studies. I'm sure fellow Columbia graduates will understand when I say it was a lecture I will never forget. With that image in mind, I did not hesitate to sign up to move to Rwanda for firsthand experience of the issues I had only ever studied in Morningside Heights.

Why a business training program for rural Rwandan women? Rwanda often is touted as a sub-Saharan Africa success story. GDP grew at 7.5 percent last year, infant mortality has decreased by almost half during the last decade and primary school enrollment rates are at 97 percent. On the ground, though, where 93 percent of the population lacks access to electricity and where the GDP per capita is still only \$500, the



The president of a local women's cooperative in the Muhanga district presents Neda Navab '08 with a handmade basket as a token of thanks at the training program graduation ceremony.

leaders. Unfortunately, our tight budget prevented us from covering the expenses of any additional participants, including travel vouchers to get to and from training each day. We apologized for the situation, but welcomed her to stay for that day's lesson. The following day, Renatha returned. And again the next day. And the one after that.

Through my translator, Diana, I asked Renatha how she was managing this. She stood up, gestured emphatically with her hands and spoke loudly in Kinyarwanda. Diana explained that Renatha had taken out a loan from friends to pay for her travel to the class. Renatha defiantly declared that she would continue to do so until we told her to stop. She knew from the first day how powerful the knowledge of running a business could be, and said she would do anything to access that knowledge in order to teach it to her family. I smiled, handed Renatha 2,000 Rwandan Francs (less than

\$4 U.S.) for travel and said "Ni ahejo," *see you tomorrow*.

During the next few months, I and the team of instructors I supervised taught and re-taught lessons on profit and loss, tested and re-tested the women's understanding of marketing and visited the cooperatives to see how they were implementing the

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