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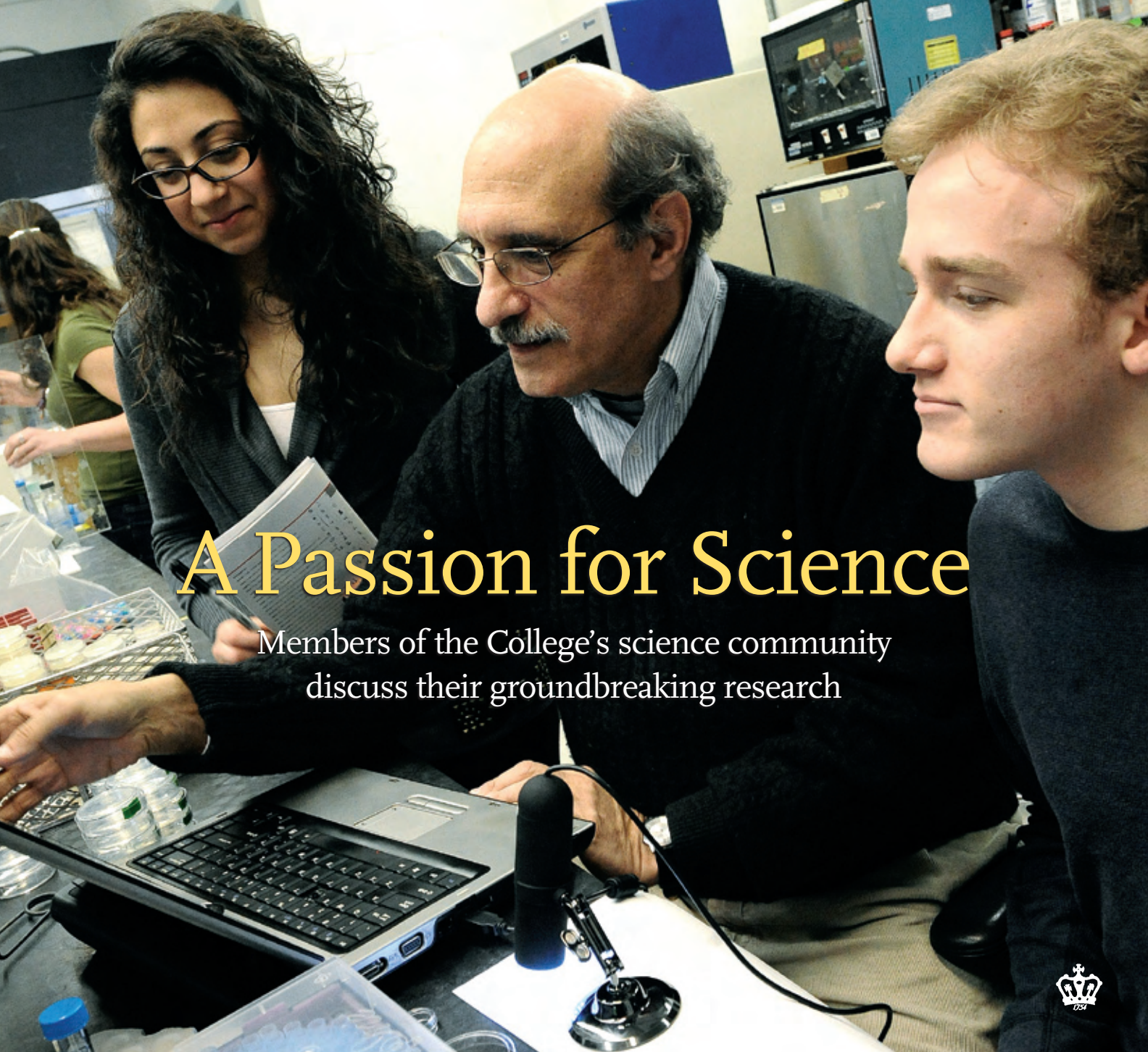
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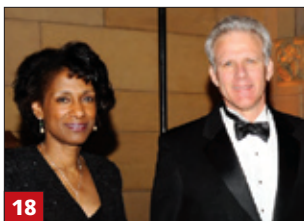
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## Letters to the Editor

Joe Coffee Jr. '41

Thank you for your rich account of Joseph D. Coffee Jr. '41's rich life ("Obituaries," March/April).

Mr. Coffee was my off-campus interviewer when I was applying to Columbia. Friends had prepared me for all kinds of awful interview questions. But Mr. Coffee's question was disarmingly simple: "Why do you want to go to college?" Not why Columbia, but why college. It was the unasked question behind the enterprise that I had been involved in for all the years of my education. I loved it. More than 20 years later, it is the only interview that I remember. And it remains one of the most memorable, and most characteristic, of all my experiences at Columbia.

Ron Lee Meyers '92  
NEW YORK CITY

The excellent obituary of Joe Coffee Jr. '41 reminded me of the lucky break I had in meeting him in 1948. I had graduated from the College in June and entered the Business School that fall and needed a job. I can't remember Joe's title but I believe he was on the University payroll. At that time, he was spending most of his time with the Columbia College Alumni Association (CCAA) and he hired me, with a title of assistant secretary of the association and a salary of \$200 a month.

Joe had the idea that led to the Alexander Hamilton Medal, and among the first awardees was V.K. Wellington Koo (Class of 1909, Class of 1912 GSAS), Chiang Kai-Shek's ambassador at the time. It took a super-human effort to get 450 people into the Waldorf, but the next year's honoree, "Wild Bill" Donovan (Class of 1905), fared much better.

Joe was a tremendous source of ideas — Dean's Day was next. His enthusiasm and boundless energy inspired the immensely talented group that ran the Alumni Association to make sure these concepts didn't suffer crib deaths. Having the district attorney of New York County, Frank Hogan '24, '28L, as president of the CCAA made life for me extraordinarily exciting and rewarding. On the campus, Harry Carman '19 GSAS was still dean, soon to be succeeded by Larry Chamberlain '45 GSAS, and their great support and willingness to

help was greatly appreciated.

What a great start Joe Coffee gave to a new alumnus who still treasures his friendship and guidance.

John C. Thomas Jr. '48, '50 Business  
NEW YORK CITY

### Dubious Modernism

CCT editor Alex Sachare '71 deserves praise for his candor regarding the new Northwest Corner Building: "I'm not a fan of these metal walls on Broadway and West 120th Street, which a friend describes as a giant cheese-grater" ("Within the Family," March/April).

If only the dubious modernists entrusted with Columbia's architectural heritage evinced similar bravery. For the last 50 years, most of the buildings erected on the Morningside Heights campus have been uninspired at best, egregious at worst, and altogether ruinous to the original McKim, Mead & White aesthetic.

One would have thought we had learned our lesson from the late 1950s and early 1960s, when Mudd, Carman, Ferris Booth, Law, International Affairs and Uris combined to despoil Columbia's Beaux-Arts unity with their jarring, ugly, soulless presence. But no. The 1970s brought the Sherman Fairchild Center for the Life Sciences, looking like a collection of solar panels attached to a central core. In the 1980s, East Campus arose like a threatening monolith out of 2001: *A Space Odyssey*. In the new century, the Law School addition resembles a glass and steel box topped by an ocean liner's smokestack.

Perhaps no recent building was more eagerly anticipated, and so dismally executed, as Lerner Hall. Students and alumni thought that undergraduates would finally receive the spacious activities center they deserved. Instead, they got a disjointed monstrosity whose huge sloping ramps — which call to mind a Pachinko machine — waste the precious square footage that should have been given over to club space. I recently showed Lerner to a prospective College freshman. Gazing at the skeletal ramps and see-through facade she asked innocently, "Is it still under construction?" Honest.

How does the University, with all of its  
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## WITHIN THE FAMILY

# The Times, They Continue To Change

**D**uring my first semester at the College, I attended a presentation by a representative of the New York City Police Department. He was on campus as a recruiter, looking for students who might be interested in careers in law enforcement after graduation. If that sounds a bit strange, consider that this was in fall 1967, months before the demonstrations and the police bust that left an indelible impression on anyone who was on campus on the night of April 30, 1968.

I've long since forgotten the speaker's name, but I remember one thing he said. The basic point of his pitch was this: Wouldn't the city be better off with police officers who have been educated at schools like Columbia and who have put considerable thought into their choice of law enforcement as a career, as opposed to those who signed up because they were attracted by the prospect of wearing a badge and carrying a gun and putting in their 20 years before they got out?

I don't know if anyone in that room took him up on his offer, and I confess I didn't give much thought to his point at the time. As a first-semester freshman, I wasn't particularly career-focused — and police work would have been toward the bottom of a list had I had one. I'd gone purely out of curiosity, the same impulse that took me to many other such events that year. I thought it would be interesting to hear what a police recruiter had to say and what his pitch might be to a classroom of Columbians.

His message came back to me during the debate about whether to invite ROTC back to campus, after Congress voted in December to repeal the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy that had prohibited openly gay men and women from serving in the military. Six years ago, the University Senate (whose decisions are non-binding) voted 53–10 against inviting ROTC back, largely because "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" contradicted the University's policy against discrimination. But this spring, after surveying students,

soliciting e-mails from other members of the Columbia community and holding three open forums, the Senate voted 51–17 (with one abstention) to approve a resolution to invite ROTC back (see "Around the Quads"). Later that same day, the University issued a statement saying it would take the issue before the Council of Deans, with a final decision expected to come before the end of the school year.

It seems to me that the police recruiter's message applies to the military as well. Wouldn't the country be better off with military officers who are educated at schools like Columbia? That, to me, is a compelling reason to invite ROTC back to campus.

Taking "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" off the board, are there other U.S. military policies that stand in conflict with those of the University? This is a very important question, and any action regarding ROTC should depend upon a satisfactory answer. But if there are no conflicts, ROTC should be viewed not as a referendum on U.S. military service or governmental policies but rather for what it is: an opportunity for students who want to serve in the military to receive extensive expert training and to enter service as officers.

Beyond the Core, the majors and everything else they absorb in the classroom, an important part of what students learn while attending the College is how to make life choices. As long as the policies of the U.S. military do not conflict with those of the University, shouldn't ROTC be one such choice for Columbia students?

**D**ean's Day, which used to be a stand-alone event, now is part of Alumni Reunion Weekend and will take place this year on Saturday, June 4 (<https://alumni.college.columbia.edu/deansday>). Its creator, Joe Coffee Jr. '41, passed away in Janu-



ary (see "Obituaries," March/April) but must be looking down with pride on how his baby has grown. The fact that several private companies have copied the idea and made similar programs available to the public, albeit at a much higher cost than what Columbia charges, is a testament to its merit.

This year's program is a strong one, beginning with the Dean's Continental Breakfast, at which Dean Michele Moody-Adams will offer remarks on the state of the College. Moody-Adams will then join Deans Feniosky Peña-Mora (Engineering) and Peter Awn (General Studies) and E.V.P. of Arts and Sciences and Dean of Faculty Nicholas Dirks to deliver Public Intellectual Lectures. After lunch, five distinguished faculty members will conduct Core Curriculum lectures, several affinity groups will hold receptions and alumni singers from a spectrum of groups will raise their voices in song.

The entire program (which is free to reunion registrants) is open to all alumni and parents at the nominal cost of \$75. If you want to eat on your own and just attend the lectures and other events, the cost is only \$25. It's a unique opportunity to be a student for a day and hear from some of Columbia's best and brightest.

Well done, Joe.

*Alex Searles*

# AROUND THE QUADS

## Alumni To Gather for Reunion Weekend

Gala weekend June 2–5 for classes ending in 1 and 6;  
Dean's Day, June 4, open to all

BY LISA PALLADINO

**S**pring at Columbia means a beautiful campus, warm weather and the College's biggest event of the year: Alumni Reunion Weekend. Open this year to alumni from classes ending in 1 and 6, events will take place on campus and throughout New York City from Thursday, June 2–Sunday, June 5.

Dean's Day, which is open to all alumni and parents whether from reunion classes or not, will be held on Saturday, June 4. To highlight this year's program, Dean Michele Moody-Adams, as well as the deans of Engineering, General Studies and the faculty of Arts and Sciences, will deliver the Public Intellectual Lectures at Dean's Day.

The entire weekend is designed to reconnect alumni with one another and with the College while also offering family-friendly events and a touch of the undergraduate experience through lectures and panels. Each class' Reunion Committee has been working hard in conjunction



*Dean Michele Moody-Adams will speak on "Morality and the Claims of History" at Dean's Day this year.*

with the Alumni Office to make the weekend fun and memorable. Events will include class-specific gatherings such as receptions, cocktail parties, panels and dinners; "Back on Campus" sessions featuring Core Curriculum lectures, Engineering

lectures, tours of Columbia libraries and facilities, and more; New York City cultural options, including performances and art gallery tours; the all-class Wine Tasting and Starlight Reception with music, dancing and champagne on Low Plaza; and Camp Columbia for Kids.

The 50th anniversary class, 1961, starts the weekend early with a special reception on Wednesday, June 1. The weekend officially kicks off on Thursday evening, June 2, with class-specific events and a choice of the American Ballet Theatre, New York Philharmonic or Broadway shows. These performances are open to all reunion attendees, but tickets must be purchased in advance.

Friday, June 3, features an "Essentials of Estate Planning" breakfast and Back on Campus morning sessions, followed by class-specific events, campus tours and more learning opportunities. That evening, alumni may attend class-specific cocktail parties/receptions and dinners. Those who observe the Sabbath may participate in a Tri-College (College, Engineering, Barnard) Shabbat service and dinner.

Friday evening also features one of the biggest and most popular events for young alumni (Classes 2001–2011), a party aboard the recently restored *U.S.S. Intrepid*. Join Engineering, Barnard and GS friends and classmates for dancing, flight simulation, food and limited open bar. Tickets will be available for purchase in advance at [college.columbia.edu/intrepid](http://college.columbia.edu/intrepid) or for \$35 on-site the night of the event.

Starting at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 4, attendees' children ages 3–12 may attend the all-day supervised Camp Columbia for Kids. Also on Saturday morning, all alumni, including Dean's Day participants, may sign up for the Dean's Continental Breakfast, where Moody-Adams will give an update on the College



*The Starlight Reception highlights the weekend with music and dancing under a tent on Low Plaza.*



and present the President's Cup.

After breakfast, events continue for all reunion alumni and Dean's Day attendees with morning Public Intellectual Lectures, lunches and early afternoon Mini-Core Courses.

Late afternoon options include affinity group receptions, open to all reunion alumni and Dean's Day attendees. Back for an encore on Saturday, after a successful debut last year, will be the Columbia Alumni Singers, who will gather in the morning for a rehearsal, then regroup for an afternoon performance and reception.

Other afternoon affinity group options include a Varsity Athletics gathering, *Spectator* gathering and an Afternoon Tea and Music of Columbia Concert, featuring a string quartet playing music composed by fellow Columbians, among others.

Reunion classes will continue the celebration on Saturday evening with the all-class Wine Tasting, elegant class-specific dinners and the all-class Starlight Reception, with music, dancing and champagne on Low Plaza. The weekend wraps up on Sunday morning with *The New York Times* and a bagels and lox brunch.

Reunion class members can register and learn more at [reunion.college.columbia.edu](http://reunion.college.columbia.edu)



**Alumni Reunion Weekend offers a plethora of family-friendly activities.**

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[bia.edu](http://bia.edu). New this year, the Classes of 1986–2006 can register via smartphone. (See your class' Class Notes column in this issue for details and your class' URL.)

## Class of 2010 One-Year Reunion Celebration

The Class of 2010 kicks off the reunion season in May with a new event this year, a One-Year Reunion Celebration, to be held on Friday, May 20, from 7:30–9:30 p.m. at Astor Center, 399 Lafayette St. (at East 4th Street). A \$25 ticket to this private reception with College and Engineering classmates includes a full bar and hors d'oeuvres. Space is limited, so register by Tuesday, May 17: [college.columbia.edu/2010reunion](http://college.columbia.edu/2010reunion).

Also new this year is the ability to send classmates an e-postcard to say hello and to encourage them to attend reunion (<https://alumni.college.columbia.edu/reunion/postcard>).

Non-reunion class members can register for Dean's Day and select lectures at <https://alumni.college.columbia.edu/deansday>.

For more information or assistance with either event, contact the Alumni Office: 212-851-7488 or 866-CCALUMNI.

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Columbia College and the Columbia College Alumni Association are proud to sponsor Dean's Day 2011. Scheduled for Saturday, June 4, the program provides the opportunity for alumni and parents to participate in thought-provoking lectures and discussions with some of Columbia's finest faculty.

Dean's Day 2011 is particularly noteworthy, as we are proud to announce that the Public Intellectual Lectures will be delivered by Michele Moody-Adams, dean, Columbia College and vice president for undergraduate education; Feniosky Peña-Mora, dean, The Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science; Nicholas Dirks, executive vice president for Arts and Sciences and dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences; and Peter Awn, dean of the School of General Studies.

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

8:00 a.m.	Registration Opens — <i>Alfred Lerner Hall</i>
8:30–10:15 a.m.	Dean's Continental Breakfast with Opening Address by Michele Moody-Adams, Dean, Columbia College
9:30 a.m.	Camp Columbia for Kids
10:30–11:45 a.m.	Public Intellectual Lectures
Noon–1:30 p.m.	Lunch
2:00–3:30 p.m.	Core Curriculum Lectures
3:30–5:00 p.m.	Affinity Receptions, including <i>Columbia Daily Spectator</i> , Varsity Athletics and a special performance by the Columbia Alumni Singers



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# Class of 2011 Approaches Class Day, Commencement

BY ALEX SACHARE '71

**F**or the more than 1,000 members of the Class of 2011, graduation season finally is here.

This year's seniors will join the ranks of Columbia College alumni following Class Day ceremonies on Tuesday, May 17, and Commencement on Wednesday, May 18. Alexandra Wallace Creed '88, senior v.p. of NBC News, will be this year's Class Day speaker. She is only the second alumna to address the graduating class, joining Claire Shipman '86, '94 SIPA, who spoke before the Class of 1999.

Highlighting Class Day, as it has for the past eight years, will be the Alumni Parade of Classes, in which alumni carry their class year banners in the procession-

al that also includes graduating students, faculty and administrators. This parade underscores the transition the graduates are making from students to alumni, and emphasizes that their Columbia connection is lifelong.

Alumni are invited to represent their class by carrying its banner in the procession, which starts at 9:30 a.m. and is preceded by a breakfast for parade participants in John Jay Dining Hall. Alumni interested in taking part in this tradition should contact Nick Mider, event coordinator, alumni affairs: nm2613@columbia.edu or 212-851-7486.

Later that day, the annual Academic Awards and Prizes Ceremony, at which



Students celebrate at Class Day 2010.



Banner-carriers in the Alumni Parade of Classes were cheered on by last year's graduating seniors.

PHOTOS: CHAR SMULLYAN

students are recognized for their academic achievements, will be held in Faculty House at 3:00 p.m.

The day after Class Day, the members of the Class of 2011 will participate in Commencement, where more than 11,000 degree candidates from all University schools and approximately 20,000 guests will fill Low Plaza and South Field.

The Baccalaureate Service, an interfaith, intercultural service celebrating the completion of each undergraduate's academic career, kicks off the graduation season at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 15, in St. Paul's Chapel. This year's keynote speaker will be Peter Awn, dean of General Studies.

## Panels Highlight Forum in Washington, D.C.

**A**pproximately 300 alumni, parents and friends turned out for a Columbia World Leaders Forum on April 2 at the Ronald Reagan Building in Washington, D.C. The Columbia Alumni Association event featured four panel discussions: "An Insider's View of Columbia: Today and Tomorrow," "Global Health Care Policy and

Reform in Today's World," "Student Voices: Around Campus" and "Global Press." Panelists included Dean Michele Moody-Adams,



Dean Michele Moody-Adams (far left) moderates the student panel with (from left) Sarah Khan '11, Tao Tan '07, '11 Business and Laura Kelley '11 PH.

Provost Claude Steele, ABC News journalist Claire Shipman '86, '94 SIPA and FCC Chairman Julius Genachowski '85. There also was a welcome address from President Lee C. Bollinger; a keynote address by Assistant Attorney General Lanny Breuer '80, '84 SIPA, '85L (who filled in because his boss, Attorney General Eric H. Holder Jr. '73, '76L, was unable to attend); and a school-based networking luncheon.



President Lee C. Bollinger (right) greets Assistant Attorney General Lanny Breuer '80, '84 SIPA, '85L at the forum.

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**Columbia College Young Alumni invites the Classes of 2001–2011 to attend the Young Alumni Party on the *USS Intrepid*.**



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👑 Questions? Call 212-851-7977.



# Senate Votes To Invite Return of ROTC

BY ALEX SACHARE '71

**T**he University Senate voted on April 1 to support inviting the Reserve Officers Training Corps back to the Columbia campus. Shortly afterward, the University issued a statement indicating the issue would go before the Council of Deans, and a final decision could be expected before the end of the semester.

ROTC, which has units at more than 300 campuses, has not been at Columbia since 1969, following anti-Vietnam War demonstrations in Spring 1968. Columbia students wishing to participate in ROTC must train at Fordham University (Army) or Manhattan College (Air Force) or serve extended sessions in Quantico, Va. (Marines).

The senate, whose recommendations are nonbinding, voted 51–17, with one abstention, to approve the resolution that states, in part, “Columbia University welcomes the opportunity 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 vote capped several months of Senate debate regarding the return of ROTC, which began shortly after Congress voted in December to repeal the “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” policy that had prohibited openly gay men and women from serving in the military. The Senate’s task force for military engagement conducted a student survey in February, with 60 percent of respondents in favor of the return of ROTC, held three town hall-style meetings and invited comments via e-mail from the



*For many years, Columbia's Corps of Midshipmen drilled on College Walk and in neighboring streets.*

Columbia community.

Soon after the Senate vote was announced, the University issued a statement to media that read, “We appreciate the diligent work by the University Senate in fostering a robust debate on the issue of military engagement and ROTC. As in any diverse, open community there will always be a range of strongly held opinions on such important issues. But as President [Lee C.] Bollinger stated after last December’s Congressional vote, the repeal of ‘Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell’ offers an historic opportunity for universities to reconsider their own policies as well. As planned, we look forward to sharing the Senate resolution with the Council of Deans and seeking an official conclusion on this matter by the end of the semester.”

Even if Bollinger follows the Senate recommendation, it does not mean ROTC will return to campus. A branch of the military would need to agree to start a

program at Columbia, and University officials would need to negotiate terms of the program with the Department of Defense.

On March 4, Harvard, which has been without ROTC since 1971, signed an agreement to bring a naval ROTC program back to its campus effective on the date of the repeal of “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell.” At Columbia’s Senate meeting, there was a late push to add an amendment stating that the resolution would not take effect until the repeal is officially implemented, but Bollinger indicated he would not bring an ROTC program to Columbia until that point.

Columbia was involved with ROTC since the program’s beginnings in 1916, forming one of the first Naval ROTC detachments in the nation. For more than 50 years, ROTC students took Naval Science classes, drilled on College Walk and in neighboring streets, and worked on ships and submarines in New York Harbor. Columbia’s NROTC program graduated thousands of students to become naval officers. At its peak, Columbia’s Corps of Midshipmen rivaled the Naval Academy in size.

Six years ago, the Senate voted 53–10 against inviting ROTC back to campus. “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” was cited by opponents as a contradiction of Columbia’s policy of nondiscrimination.

The University Senate, which was created in May 1969 in the wake of the demonstrations that rocked the Columbia campus the year before, has 108 voting seats, with 63 reserved for faculty, 24 for students, six for officers of research, two each for administrative staff, librarians and alumni, and nine for senior administrators including the president, who chairs monthly plenaries.

For more, go to [columbia.edu/cu/senate/militaryengagement](http://columbia.edu/cu/senate/militaryengagement).

## Brill, Nnadi Win Goldwaters

**Z**achary Brill '12, from Somerset, N.J., and Chimno Nnadi '12, from New Milford, N.J., both chemistry majors, each received the \$7,500 2011 Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship in March. The scholarship is the most prestigious national undergraduate award for students studying the sciences, mathematics and engineering.

Brill has worked in the lab of Professor Scott Snyder since 2009. He plans to pursue a Ph.D. in chemistry focusing on the total synthesis of natural products. In 2010, Brill received the Class of 1939 fellowship to pursue independent research. He is a violinist with the Columbia University Orchestra and a member of the Chandler Chemistry Society.

Nnadi, who works in Professor John Hunt’s lab, will study molecular biology in a M.D./Ph.D. program. In 2009, she received a Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship grant. Nnadi is active with CU Emergency Medical Services and the Undergraduate Recruitment Committee.

Dmitriy Timerman '12E, a biomedical engineering major, received honorable mention.



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## ALUMNI IN THE NEWS

■ **Robert K. Kraft '63** has donated \$20 million to Partners HealthCare, a Boston-based nonprofit health care system. The owner of the New England Patriots hopes his donation will galvanize states and philanthropists to invest in programs through which doctors and nurses impact a broader community, instead of specializing and joining private practices. In an interview with Boston.com, Kraft noted that while patients arrive from overseas for Boston's elite medical care, "people living in our own communities aren't treated properly" due to lack of access. The funds will create the Kraft Family National Center for Leadership and Training in Community Health, supporting medical practitioners caring for more than 200,000 patients. It also covers up to \$50,000 in medical student loan debt in exchange for two to three years of service providing care for the community.

■ Goldman Sachs lost a star executive with the retirement of **Richard Ruzika '81**, head of the Special Sit-

uations Group, in April. Ruzika had spent nearly 30 years at the Wall Street firm. Only one year after graduating from Columbia, Ruzika joined J. Aron, which was acquired by Goldman in 1982. He climbed up the ranks, beginning as a silver and gold trader, and was named head of Global Commodities in 2000 and co-head of Global Macro Trading in 2006 before his final appointment leading the Special Situations Group in 2007. In announcing his retirement, *The New York Times* noted that Ruzika's division "is known for its typically profitable deal on everything from golf courses to Texas wind power companies." Ruzika received a John Jay Award for distinguished professional achievement in 2006.

■ To wish **Elliott Schwartz '57** a happy birthday, the Portland Symphony Orchestra commissioned a score by him that premiered in January. His reflective composition, *Diamond Jubilee*, looks back on his 75-year journey through music. A resident of Maine, Schwartz



**Elliott Schwartz '57**

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has taught at Bowdoin since 1964, where he is the Robert K. Beckwith Professor of Music Emeritus and has been president of the College Music Society and national chair of the American Society of University Composers. Schwartz's work has been acquired by the Library of Congress for its permanent collection.

■ **Matthew Fox '89**, who starred in the TV series *Lost*, made his stage debut in London's Vaude-

ville Theatre in March. Fox played Bobby in Neil LaBute's latest play, *In a Forest Dark and Deep*. The play was billed as a "dark comedy of sibling rivalry" that "escalates into a psychological thriller bursting with savage conflict." Fox's intense performance with co-star Olivia Williams was well received by British critics.

■ **Dennis Hirsch '85**, a law professor at Capital University, was featured in an interview in *Columbus Business First* in January. Hirsch specializes in privacy and environmental law, and was awarded a Fulbright Senior Professorship Grant last year to lecture at the University of Amsterdam and research Dutch information privacy regulation. In the interview, Hirsch shared his views on the challenges and recent innovations in privacy regulation, including Internet privacy, and suggested that the United States can learn a great deal from the system in place in the Netherlands.

Atti Viragh '12 GS

## CAMPUS NEWS

■ **SCIENCE:** Amber D. Miller, the Walter LeCroy Jr. Associate Professor of Physics, has been appointed Dean of Science for the Faculty of Arts and Sciences. Nicholas Dirks, e.v.p. for Arts and Sciences, said when announcing Miller's appointment on March 1, "Amber will be charged in part with figuring out how to make sure the core departments are fully supported and make sure the newer initiatives feed back with an organic continuity in relation to the departmental needs."

Since Miller joined Columbia in 2002, she has worked on the Faculty Budget Group, the Space Planning Committee and the Academic Review Committee, and chaired the Executive Committee of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences. Her current re-

search involves a 6,000-lb. telescope that will capture light from the hot plasma, near Antarctica, that was left over from the big bang.

Miller has received an NSF Career Award, an Alfred P. Sloan Fellowship and the Columbia Distinguished Faculty Award. She is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and recently was the chief science adviser to the NYPD Counterterrorism Bureau.

■ **INDIGENOUS:** This spring, the Center for the Study of Ethnicity and Race ([columbia.edu/cu/cser](http://columbia.edu/cu/cser)) presented a public forum for speakers on indigenous rights. CSER Director Frances Negrón-Muntaner called it "a milestone both for the University and the larger commu-

nity." The forum was part of CSER's Native American/Indigenous Studies Project and hosted three speakers — one each in February, March and April — working in academia, the arts and the political sphere. The forum was made possible through the funding of Daniel Press '64, who for the last four decades has practiced Indian law and has worked on Native American economic issues on behalf of tribes throughout the country.

■ **LONGEVITY:** The International Longevity Center, a nonprofit organization founded in 1990 by the late Dr. Robert N. Butler '49, '53 P&S, an expert on aging who's credited with coining the term "ageism," will be transformed into an interdisciplinary center on aging headquartered at the Mailman School of Public Health. Discussions were under way for the move at the time of Butler's death last July ([college.columbia.edu/cct/sep\\_oct10/obituaries1](http://college.columbia.edu/cct/sep_oct10/obituaries1)).

■ **100 YEARS:** The Rare Book & Manuscript Library and the University Archives commenced a year-long, three-part exhibit, "Columbia University: 100 Years of Collecting," on February 15.

Part I, open until Friday, May 27, is "Alma Mater: Origins," which explores the beginnings of King's College and feature ele-

ments from student life, the origins of the Core Curriculum and the movement to coeducation. Items on view include a lottery book that recorded the funds raised to establish the College in 1748 and *The Book of Misdemeanors*, used to record student infractions in 1771. Two distinguished international alumni, Pixley ka Isaka Seme (Class of 1906) and V.K. Wellington Koo (Class of 1908, Class of 1912 GSAS) are profiled.

The full exhibit will close on Friday, December 23. For more information and updates on Parts II and III, visit [library.columbia.edu/news/exhibitions/2011/20110323\\_university\\_archives\\_origins.html](http://library.columbia.edu/news/exhibitions/2011/20110323_university_archives_origins.html).

■ **SAID ROOM:** Room 616 in Butler Library is now the Edward W. Said Reading Room, in memory of the late University Professor. The collection houses nearly 3,000 volumes ranging from classic literature, music and fine arts to politics, religion and history. In addition to the Reading Room, the Rare Book & Manuscript Library is opening a selection of Said's notes and marginalia for public viewing. Said taught at Columbia from 1963 until his death in 2003. He wrote more than 20 books, among them the classic *Orientalism*, an in-depth examination of how the West perceived the East.



**Tracy V. Maitland '82**, president and chief investment officer of Advent Capital Management, received the Black Alumni Heritage Award at the Black Alumni Council's annual reception, held at Faculty House on February 24.

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## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

## Marshall Scholarship Helps Anna Feuer '11 Follow Her Passion

BY NATHALIE ALONSO '08

Expressing her thoughts through language comes easily to **Anna Feuer '11**, a passionate English major and writer. When the Marshall Commission called to inform her that she had been selected as a Marshall Scholar, however, the Los Angeles native was at a loss for words.

"I was incoherent, babbling," says the otherwise articulate Feuer amidst laughter. "I was so excited. It's a huge honor."

Each year, up to 40 American students receive the prestigious Marshall Scholarship, which funds two years of graduate study at any university in the United Kingdom. This fall, Feuer will continue her education at the University of Oxford, where she will pursue master's degrees in global and imperial history and English literature.

According to Michael Pippenger, associate dean of the Office of Fellowship Programs, Feuer was one of 32 nationwide awardees chosen this year from a pool of 999 applicants.

"Part of the application process is drafting and redrafting essays to make them into something special," says Pippenger. "Anna never shied away from putting more time and energy into crafting the best application possible. She is a great communicator. She knows herself well and can get others excited about her ideas. Anna also had a great sense of humor, which I think helps students in such an intense competition."

At Oxford, Feuer will delve more deeply into the subject of her senior thesis, which analyzed the impact of the Hindu tradition on the Celtic revival of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Feuer studied correspondences between Irish poet W.B. Yeats and Indian poet Rabindranath Tagore. She developed the project with the guidance of a professor at the University of Hyderabad in India while studying abroad her junior year.

Feuer enrolled directly at the university and took classes with local students.

"A lot of study abroad programs in India have all the American students taking classes separately," says Feuer. "I was able to make friends with my Indian classmates and interact more directly."

During her semester in India, Feuer lived in a university dormitory and devoted some of her spare time to volunteering as an English language tutor for boys ages 6–15 at the local Poor Boys' Ashram.

Upon returning to New York in May 2010, Columbia's Department of English and Comparative Literature awarded Feuer the Richmond B. Williams Traveling Fellowship, which allowed her to spend three weeks in Dublin that August conducting research at the National Library of Ireland.

"It was my first time at a national library and my first time doing that kind of research for an English project," says Feuer. "To be able to see Yeats' manuscripts was really exciting."



**Anna Feuer '11 has used her time at Columbia to engage with the writings of W.B. Yeats, one of her favorite poets.**

PHOTO: NATHALIE ALONSO '08

It was her interest in literature and texts in general that drew Feuer to the Core Curriculum, which enthralled her enough to apply early decision.

"I liked the idea that all students should have a well-rounded education," says Feuer. "I also liked that I would have to take science, even though that's not my strong subject."

In addition to her initial interest in literature, a number of courses and professors at Columbia have helped shaped Feuer's academic trajectory. She decided to study in India and learn Hindi and Urdu after taking the course "Gandhi's India" as a sophomore with associate professor of history Janaki Bakhle. English professor Alan Stewart and James Shapiro '77, the Larry Miller Professor of English and Comparative Literature, helped solidify her decision to major in English.

"Their classes really got me excited about being an English major," says Feuer, whose essay "Reconstructing Englishness: Cultural Scission within the European Self" was published in the September 2010 issue of the University of Virginia's *Essays in History* journal.

"Anna connects disparate ideas with creativity, enabling others to read literary texts and intellectual history in the fresh ways that she herself does," notes Pippenger.

Feuer also has put her literary talents to use outside the classroom. She was managing editor of the *Columbia Journal of Literary Criticism* as a sophomore and rose to co-editor-in-chief as a senior. In her sophomore year, she also became a staff writer for *The Eye*, *Spectator's* features and arts magazine.

"[*The Eye*] gave me the opportunity to write about

and explore a lot of different subjects that I really didn't know very much about," says Feuer, who has written articles about financial aid and labor relations at Columbia.

Feuer has been equally active off-campus. During summer 2009, with funding from the Los Angeles County Arts Commission, she completed a paid internship with PEN Center USA (penusa.org), a nonprofit that works to protect the rights of writers all over the world and foster a literary community among writers in the western United States. Feuer helped plan events and advocated for writers imprisoned abroad by encouraging members to send letters to the state governments involved.

"In some countries — in China, for example — it seems as though the more Western mail is sent to the prisoner, the better the prisoner is treated in jail," says Feuer. "It was really interesting learning about freedom of expression and the complicated politics that surrounds it."

In addition, Feuer has completed editorial internships at *LA Weekly*, *n+1* magazine and W.W. Norton & Co. As a junior and senior, she devoted one day a week to tutoring fifth-graders struggling with reading at P.S. 165 in Harlem.

After Oxford, Feuer envisions herself returning to the United States to pursue a Ph.D. in English or history. She eventually wants to write nonfiction in some capacity and the suggestion that she could end up teaching at the university level brings a smile to her face.

"That's very attractive to me and definitely a big reason for wanting to get a Ph.D.," she says.

**Nathalie Alonso '08** is a freelance journalist and an editorial producer of *LasMayores.com*, Major League Baseball's official Spanish language website. She also writes a career blog for women, *herfabcareer.com*.



## Alumni, Student Win Scholarships To Continue Research

Three alumni and one senior will continue doing research at the graduate level after receiving some of the most competitive and prestigious fellowships in the United States.

Mollie Schwartz '09, her class' salutatorian, won the Hertz Foundation Fellowship, an award valued at \$250,000 that gives "generous support to young leaders in applied sciences and engineering." The fellowship, which goes to only 2 percent of applicants, comes with no strings attached and supports Schwartz, a chemical physics major from Washington, D.C., for up to five years of graduate work. She is currently deciding where to attend graduate school.

Jun Hyuk Jason Kim '08, an English major from Brooklyn, is in the 3 percent of applicants who received the Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowship for New Americans, which gives first-generation Americans up to \$45,000 a year for two years to fund graduate work. Kim, who worked at *The New Yorker*, is working toward his M.F.A. in playwriting at The New School.

Christopher Beam '06, a history major and political reporter for *Slate*, won the Luce Scholarship, which will provide him with \$30,000 to support a year's worth of language study and professional experience in East Asia where Beam, from Washington, D.C., hopes to find a job in journalism.

Benjamin Turndorf '11, a philosophy major from Skillman, N.J., will pursue an M.S. in modern Chinese studies at Oxford, supported by the Clarendon Scholarship, which provides \$41,000 a year to "academically excellent students with the best proven and future potential."

*Ethan Rouen '04, '11 Business*

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## IN LUMINE TUO

■ **FONER:** The DeWitt Clinton Professor of History Eric Foner '63, '69 GSAS has been awarded two major prizes for his book *The Fiery Trial: Abraham Lincoln and American Slavery*. He won the 2011 Lincoln Prize, sponsored by Gettysburg College and the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. Foner will receive a \$50,000 award on May 11 at the Union League Club in New York City. He also was one of three winners of the Bancroft Prize for History, awarded by Columbia, along with Sara Dubow for *Ourselves Unborn: A History of the Fetus in Modern America* and Chris-

topher Tomlins for *Freedom Bound: Law, Labor, and Civic Identity in Colonizing English America, 1580–1865*. Foner also won the Bancroft, which carries a \$10,000 prize, in 1989 for *Reconstruction: America's Unfinished Revolution, 1863–1877*. [To read an excerpt from *The Fiery Trial*, go to [college.columbia.edu/cct/jan\\_feb11/columbia\\_forum](http://college.columbia.edu/cct/jan_feb11/columbia_forum).]

■ **LENFEST:** Eight faculty members received this year's Distinguished Columbia Faculty Awards, established by Trustee Gerry Lenfest '58L, at a dinner at Casa Italiana on February 8. The awards are given annually to faculty in recognition of scholarship, University citizenship and professional involvement, with emphasis on the instruction and mentoring of undergraduate and graduate students. Each winner receives a stipend of \$25,000 per year for three consecutive years.

The awardees are Rachel Adams, professor of English and American studies; Stuart Firestein, professor of biological sciences; Mahmood Mandani, the Herbert Lehman Professor of Government and professor of anthropology; Stephen Murray, the Bernard and Lisa Selz Professor of Medieval Art; Paul Olsen, the Arthur D. Storke Memorial Professor in the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences; Susan Pedersen, professor of history and James P. Shenton Professor of the Core Curriculum; Achille Varzi, professor of philosophy and department chair; and Katharina Volk, associate professor of classics. [For more on Volk, see "Around the Quads" in this issue.]

■ **PARKIN:** Chemistry professor Gerard Parkin was among 11 individuals and four organizations named by President Barack Obama '83 as recipients of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring. In announcing the awards on January 21, Obama said, "These individuals and organizations have gone above and beyond the call of duty to ensure that the United States remains on the cutting edge of science and engineering for years to come. Their devotion to the educational enrichment and personal growth of their students is remarkable, and these awards represent just a small token of our enormous gratitude."

■ **BARZUN:** Jacques Barzun '27, '32 GSAS, noted cultural historian and University Professor Emeritus, was among the 10 winners of the 2010 National Humanities Medals for outstanding achievement in history, literature, education and cultural policy, President Barack

## Burgers and Basketball



More than 100 alumni, family members and friends came out to Havana Central at The West End on February 11 for "Burgers and Basketball" to get an early start on June's scheduled Alumni Reunion Weekend festivities. Following the reception, attendees cheered on the men's basketball team, which fell short to Princeton 76–46. Enjoying the event were Erik Jacobs '81, '85 SIPA; his wife, Laura Eberstein Jacobs '88; and their children, William and Margo.

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Obama '83 announced.

Barzun, who is 101 and lives in San Antonio, taught at Columbia for five decades and has written or edited more than 30 books. He was honored "for his distinguished career as a scholar, educator and public intellectual," according to a news release issued by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Other winners were authors Wendell E. Berry, Joyce Carol Oates and Philip Roth; historians Bernard Bailyn and Gordon S. Wood; literary scholars Daniel Aaron, Roberto Gonzalez Echevarria and Arnold Rampersad and legal historian and higher education policy expert Stanley Nider Katz.

■ **SLOAN:** Six Columbia faculty members have been named research fellows by the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, which awards two-year, \$50,000 grants to support the work of exceptional young researchers in the fields of chemistry, computer science, mathematics, biology, neuroscience and physics.

Columbia's 2011 Sloan Fellows are Sabin Cautis, assistant professor of mathematics; Dirk Englund, assistant professor of electrical engineering and applied physics; Aaron Lauda, the Joseph Fels Ritt Assistant Professor of Mathematics; Abhay Narayan Pasupathy, assistant professor of physics; Nathaniel Sawtell, assistant professor of neuroscience; and Latha Venkataraman, assistant professor of applied physics and applied mathematics.

Alex Sachare '71

## IN MEMORIAM

■ **MARABLE:** 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 and director of the Center for the Study of Contemporary Black History, died on April 1. He was 60 and lived in New York City. Marable's death came just days before the publishing of his long-awaited biography, and the culmination of his life's work, *Malcolm X: A Life of Reinvention*.

Marable had been at Columbia 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 and impassioned polemicist, addressing issues of race and economic injustice in numerous works that established him as one of the most forceful and outspoken scholars of African-American history and race relations in the United States.

A complete In Memoriam will be published in the July/August issue.



**Katharina Volk is an associate professor of classics. She received the Distinguished Faculty Teaching Award for 2010–11, and her book *Manilius and his Intellectual Background* was awarded the Lionel Trilling Award in 2010. Her most recent book is *Ovid, an introductory text to the poet*. Volk earned an M.A. from Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität in Munich and a Ph.D. from Princeton.**

**Where did you grow up?**  
In Munich, Germany.

**What did you want to be when you were growing up?**  
At some point, I wanted to run a cafeteria in a museum, but I was really little. After that, I wanted to be a history teacher. Then I wanted to be an actress. That was the order.

**How did you become a professor of classics?**

In Germany, there isn't a liberal arts college system. You had to decide on a subject early. I knew I wanted to go into academia, but wasn't quite sure about the field. At first, I thought I was going to do German literature, but the German department was this huge, anonymous department. I had chosen Latin as my minor; I had started learning it in fifth grade and always loved it. The classics department turned out to be this nice, small department

where the professors were super-friendly. So I thought, forget about German, I'm going to become a classicist.

**Can you talk about the book for which you won the Lionel Trilling Award?**

I received the award for *Manilius and his Intellectual Background* and was really excited. First of all, I think it's fantastic that Columbia has a book award that is given by students. Then there is the subject

duction to the poet. Right now, I don't have a book project. I'm working on something a bit marginal, a poem by Cicero. He was a famous orator and statesman, of course, but he also wrote poetry, including a poem about his own consulship. When he was the leader of the state in 63 B.C., he thought he had done a really good job; most importantly, he had put down a conspiracy of people who

as well. I think it's fun to look at the overlooked. In this case, Cicero is a very famous guy, one of the most famous people from antiquity and probably the one we know the most about because we have a great many works of his, including his letters. But he also wrote this crazy poem, and very few people talk about it.

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

Rome is definitely at the top of my list.

**What's the last book you read for pleasure that you'd recommend?**

I read a lot of novels. I really enjoyed *Room* by Emma Donoghue. I thought it was amazing. I also recently read *The Elephant's Journey* by José Saramago. I loved that, too.

**What's your favorite spot in New York City?**

Riverside Park down by the river near West 100th Street.

**How do you recharge?**

I like to cook to relax. After a long day, I find it takes your mind off things. You have to concentrate, but it's a different type of concentration.

*Interview and photo:  
Ethan Rouen '04J, '11 Business*

*To watch Volk talk about receiving the Lionel Trilling Award, go to [college.columbia.edu/cct](http://college.columbia.edu/cct).*

## Five Minutes with ... Katharina Volk

matter: Manilius was a poet who about 2,000 years ago wrote a very difficult poem about astrology. Even within classics, the topic is quite obscure. It's not like Virgil or Ovid, who I've also worked on. Mine is the first monograph in English on this poet, and while I was working on it, even classicists asked, "What are you talking about? Manilius?" So it was very exciting that students gave this book the award for best faculty book of the year.

**What are you working on now?**

I published another book last year, *Ovid*. It's much more mainstream, an intro-

wanted to overthrow the government. He then wanted someone to write a poem in praise of his achievement, and no one wanted to do it, so he did it himself. We only have a few fragments of the work. Already in antiquity, everyone was making fun of the fact that Cicero wrote his own poem about how great he was. I got interested in it, so I'm giving a talk about it at a conference.

**Are you usually attracted to obscure topics?**

If you're a scholar, there are some authors and topics that everyone works on, and they're great, but there are many other things going on that are interesting



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## Hale, Agho Highlight Winter Sports

BY ALEX SACHARE '71

**S**haray Hale '12 added First Team All-American to her growing list of achievements and Noruwa Agho '12 captured the Ivy League scoring championship in highlights of Columbia's winter sports season.

Hale won two individual races and one relay and was named the outstanding female athlete at the Indoor Ivy League Championships for the second consecutive year, then finished seventh in 400 meters at the NCAA Championships to earn All-America honors. She might have finished even higher at the NAAs had she not had to hurdle a competitor who had tripped and fallen into Hale's lane. Heading into the outdoor season, Hale already had four school records to her name.

Agho, a 6-foot-3 guard, scored a career-high 31 points against Brown in his season finale to finish atop the Ivy scoring chart at 16.8 points per game, beating out Greg Mangano '12 of Yale, who was second at 16.3 ppg. Agho was the only Ivy League player to finish in the top 10 in scoring, rebounding (10th, 4.9 rpg) and assists (5th, 4.3 apg). He finished second on the team in rebounding, steals, blocked shots and three-point field goals, and is the first Columbia player to

earn first-team honors since John Baumann '08 in 2007–08.

■ **BASKETBALL:** Agho's all-around play helped the Lions compile a 15–13 record in Kyle Smith's first season as men's head basketball coach. It marked only Columbia's third winning record in the past 28 years.

Columbia tied for fifth in the Ivy League at 6–8. Princeton and Harvard were league co-champions at 12–2, and Princeton advanced to the NCAA tournament on the strength of a 63–62 playoff victory. Princeton was beaten by Kentucky 59–57 in the first round of the NAAs, while Harvard lost to Oklahoma State 71–54 in the first round of the NIT.

Agho was named to the All-Ivy First Team and Brian Barbour '13, Columbia's starting point guard, received Honorable Mention after averaging 13.3 points and 3.2 assists per game and shooting .917 from the free-throw line.

The women's team struggled early, losing its first 13 games, but hit its stride in midseason and went 7–8 the rest of the way, with six of those wins coming against Ivy opponents. Despite a 7–21 overall record, Columbia's 6–8 Ivy mark

was enough to tie Brown for fourth place in the league.

Kathleen Barry '11 earned All-Ivy First Team honors by averaging team highs of 10.4 points and 7.4 rebounds per game and leading the league with seven double-doubles. An economics/math and Spanish major, Barry was named to the Capital One/CoSIDA Academic All-America First Team, the first Columbia woman to be so honored.

Brianna Orlich '14, who averaged 9.3 points and 3.5 rebounds per game, was selected to the league's All-Rookie Team.

■ **TRACK AND FIELD:**

Hale won the 200-meter and 400-meter races and was a member of the winning 4x400m relay team to lead Columbia's women to second place at the Ivies. Columbia amassed 213 points, its most ever, just behind Princeton's 218.

Joining Hale in receiving All-Ivy First Team honors for victories at the meets were Kyra Caldwell '12 (60m hurdles), Monique Roberts '12 Barnard (high jump), Uju Ofoche '13 (long jump), QueenDenise Okeke '13 (triple jump) and 400m relay team members Caldwell, Ofoche, Hale and Miata Morlu '14. Morlu also received Second Team honors by placing second to Hale in the 400m.

Columbia's men finished sixth in the indoor Heptagonals, with the meet's bright spot coming when the 4x800m relay team came from behind to win in a school-record 7:28.64. Dylan Isaacson '11, Matt Stewart '11, Sam Miner '14 and Jeff Moriarty '11 thus earned All-Ivy honors.

■ **FENCING:** Columbia's combined men's and women's team finished seventh overall in the NCAA Championships, a performance that Coach George Kolombatovich called "one of the most satisfying I've experienced in all my years as a coach. No, not in terms of a high placing, although there is nothing wrong with seventh when you consider the level of the talent in collegiate fencing today, but rather how our team, the youngest



*Sharay Hale '12 earned First Team All-America honors in the 400 meters at the Indoor NCAA Championships.*

PHOTO: MIKE McLAUGHLIN

in the tournament, responded to the intensity of the NAAs. I'm looking forward to coming back to next year's NAAs with fencers who are vastly improved, and know how to win in the NCAA format."

Although the men were winless in the round-robin Ivy Championship, three Lion first-years earned All-Ivy honors. Alen Hadzic '14 went 10–5 to gain First Team honors in epee, Alex Pensler '14 was 11–4 and earned First Team honors in foil and Bo Charles '14 went 10–5 and was named to the Second Team. Hadzic and Pensler also earned Third Team honors at the NCAA Championship.

The women placed second at the Ivies with a 5–1 record, losing only to champion Princeton 15–12 in the first round of the two-day competition. Five Lions earned All-Ivy honors: Katya English '14 (13–5 in foil), Nzingha Prescod '14 (16–2 in foil) and Lowey Diedro '13 (16–2 in sabre) made First Team, and Lydia Kopecky '13 (12–6 in epee) and Sammy Roberts '12E (15–3 in sabre) made Second Team.

The women accounted for 54 of Columbia's 94 victories at the NAAs, where the men competed for the first two days and the women followed. Kopecky won 13 of her 23 bouts to tie for seventh in epee, the best finish of any Columbia fencer, and earned All-America Second Team honors. Roberts, who was 12–11, and Diedro, who was 11–12, earned Third Team recognition in sabre.



*Noruwa Agho '12 scored 31 points in his season finale to capture the Ivy League men's scoring crown.*

PHOTO: GENE BOYARS



■ **SWIMMING:** Adam Powell '11 closed out his Columbia career by capturing All-America Honorable Mention honors in the 50-yard freestyle when he qualified for the consolation finals with a time of 19.55 seconds, a career best and a school record. Powell finished 16th overall in the 50, as well as 37th among 58 swimmers in the 100 freestyle.

Powell and Hyun Lee '14E helped Columbia finish third in the Ivy Championship. Powell won the 50 and 100 free, Lee captured the 200 and 500 free as well as the 200 butterfly, and the two teamed with John Wright '13 and Patrick Dougherty '13E to win the 400 freestyle relay. Powell finished second in the 100 backstroke and was part of two second-place relay teams — the 200 free with Wright, Dougherty and Kai Schultz '14, and the 400 medley with Lee, Johnny Bailey '12 and Matthew Swallow '14. All event winners earn All-Ivy First Team recognition, with runners-up getting Second Team.

Powell won the Harold Ulen Award as the Career High Point Swimmer and Lee won the Phil Moriarty Award as the High Point Swimmer of the Meet.

The women also finished third in the Ivies, matching their best finish. Katie Mieli '13 led the way, winning the 200 individual medley in a personal-best 1:59.20. For win-

ning, she was named to the All-Ivy First Team.

Although no other Columbia woman finished first or second in the meet, the team's depth enabled the strong overall result. "Every swimmer and diver on this team contributed to our third-place finish," said coach Diana Caskey.

■ **WRESTLING:** Heavyweight Kevin Lester '12 compiled a 23-6 overall record and won all five of his Ivy League matches to earn All-Ivy First Team recognition from the league's coaches. Chosen to the Second Team were Eren Civan '11, who went 4-1 at 165 lbs., and Nick Mills '13, who was 3-2 at 184 lbs. Kyle Gilchrist '12 (3-1 at 133 lbs.), Steve Santos '13 (2-0 at 149 lbs. after missing a month of the season due to injury) and Mike Pushpak '11 (3-2 at 197 lbs.) received Honorable Mention.

As a team, Columbia was 3-2 in Ivy competition and 9-6 overall.

■ **SQUASH:** Columbia's squash teams enjoyed successful varsity debut seasons, the men's team going 13-5 and the women's team finishing 12-6.

Graham Miao '13 had the best record on the men's team at 15-5, followed by Theo Buchsbaum '14 at 13-4, Clayton Dahlman '11E and Alec Goldberg '14 at 12-5 each,

Tony Zou '13 at 12-8 and Andrew Tan '14E at 10-6.

Skyler Dickey '14 Barnard had the best record on the women's team at 15-3, with Anne Cheng '11 Barnard and Monica Stone '14 at 13-5, Jenny Schroder '14 Barnard at 12-6, Katie Quan '14 at 12-8 and Morgan Strauss '14E at 11-5. Liz Chu '12 was 8-8 at the No. 1 position and 9-10 overall.

■ **ENDOWMENTS:** Several College alumni have established endowments for the benefit of the wrestling and crew programs. Brothers David Barry '87 and Michael Barry '89, who wrestled together for Columbia in the 1980s, have established an endowment in support of an assistant wrestling coach position, the first endowment of an assistant coach position in the Columbia Athletics program. And Tom Cornacchia '85, a four-year letter-winner who rowed at the 1985 Henley Regatta, has made a leadership gift to the rowing program to enhance the experience of the more than 100 student-athletes who compete for Columbia's heavyweight, lightweight and women's crew teams.

■ **VARSITY 'C':** Don Jackson '73, '80 Business is scheduled to be honored at the 90th Varsity 'C' Celebration on Wednesday, May 4, in Levien Gym. Jackson, an All-Ivy

quarterback who ranks in the top five for career touchdown passes and also played baseball at Columbia, is to be honored with the Varsity 'C' Alumni Award along with Helen Doyle Yeager '85 Barnard, a two-time captain of the women's basketball team. Both are on the leadership committee for the Columbia Campaign for Athletics: Achieving Excellence.

■ **COACHES:** The Women's Basketball Coaches Association has partnered with Columbia to establish The Center for Coaching Excellence, a leadership-training program hosted on the Columbia campus beginning this spring. The center, developed by Athletics Director M. Dianne Murphy in partnership with WBCA, is the first of its kind. It is designed to introduce coaches to various aspects of leadership and provide a deeper understanding and appreciation of the importance of ethics and integrity in women's college basketball through a rigorous curriculum presented in a seminar-style environment. Coaches participate in an intensive 2½-day seminar-style learning environment, featuring panel discussions, guest speakers, small-group breakouts, roundtables and interactive problem-solving.



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So tomorrow’s  
students can  
walk through  
the same doors  
that we did.”

STEVE CASE '64CC, '68LAW

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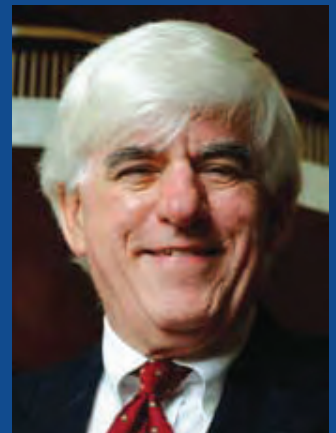


THE 1754 SOCIETY

“My life opened up when I came to Columbia,” Case says.

“I want others to have the same experience and that’s why I put Columbia in my estate plan.”

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**F**ive accomplished alumni — Andrew Barth '83, '85 Business; Alexander Navab '87; Kenneth Ofori-Atta '84; Michael Oren '77 and Elizabeth D. Rubin '87 — were presented with 2011 John Jay Awards for distinguished professional achievement on March 2 at the annual John Jay Awards Dinner.

The diverse accomplishments of this year's award-winners speak to the varied backgrounds and interests of College students and alumni.

Barth, Navab and Ofori-Atta are leaders in finance. Barth is the chairman of Capital Guardian Trust Co. and Capital International Limited, Navab is a partner

day is extraordinary." An English major with a concentration in visual arts who has held summer internships in Hong Kong and Mumbai, Mangaldas plans to return to India after graduation and work in the film industry. (CCT profiled her in "Student Spotlight" in September/October 2008: college.columbia.edu/cct/sep\_oct08.)

Board of Trustees Chair William V. Campbell '62, '64 TC welcomed the guests and introduced Columbia College Alumni Association Executive Committee member Kyra Tirana Barry '87, who thanked those in attendance and announced that the dinner had raised nearly \$1.5 million. Dean Michele



## Five Alumni Honored at John Jay Awards Dinner

BY ALEX SACHARE '71

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and co-head of North American Private Equity for Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. and Ofori-Atta is the executive chairman and co-founder of Databank Financial Services. Oren has been the Ambassador of Israel to the United States since 2009, worked on a kibbutz in Israel as a teenager and served in the Israel Defense Forces in the 1982 Lebanon war. Rubin is an award-winning war correspondent and a contributing writer to *The New York Times Magazine* and other publications who has reported from the front lines in the Balkans, Africa, Iraq and Afghanistan.

The black-tie dinner, attended by approximately 600 at Cipriani 42nd Street in New York, benefits the John Jay Scholars Program, which aims to extend and enhance the academic and extracurricular experiences of outstanding College first-years with panels, discussions and presentations by leading professors and professionals.

Leeza Mangaldas '11, who spoke on behalf of the John Jay Scholars, many of whom attended the dinner, was born in a small fishing village in the Goa, India. "On the 16-hour plane ride to New York and Columbia, I could see my life was going to change," she recalled. "Though the rural, sea-salt air made for an idyllic childhood, Columbia University in the City of New York seemed like the glorious antithesis to everything I'd known." She praised the "astounding eloquence and passion" of Columbia faculty members and said, "At Columbia, the every-

Moody-Adams recognized the faculty in attendance, calling them "the heart of the institution," and the students who were in the audience, saying, "All of us are very proud of your accomplishments and look forward to the day you can stand up here as recipients of this award."

In his remarks, President Lee C. Bollinger said Columbia was at a historical moment in its 257-year history. The opening of the Northwest Corner interdisciplinary science building completes the original blueprint for the Morningside Heights campus at the same time that the courts cleared the way for Columbia to create "a new campus for this century" in Manhattanville. "This solves the space problem that Columbia has had for four or five decades," Bollinger said. He also noted that the endowment had outpaced peer institutions by achieving a 17 percent gain last year and that the Columbia Campaign's \$4 billion goal had been reached more than a year early. Bollinger got a laugh when he added, "Naturally, we extended the campaign by two years and raised the goal to \$5 billion."

Ofori-Atta, who is from Ghana and whose business is based in its capital, Accra, is the first African-born recipient of a John Jay Award. He was pleased when Bollinger named Nairobi as a future site of a Columbia Global Center. "Africa is truly the next frontier, and Columbia should be taking the lead in bringing us into the community of states," he said.



From top: Honoree Elizabeth D. Rubin '87 (right) with fellow journalist Christiane Amanpour; honorees Andrew Barth '83, '85 Business (left) and Michael Oren '77; and honorees Alexander Navab '87 and Kenneth Ofori-Atta '84.





*From top: Joining President Lee C. Bollinger (far left) and Dean Michele Moody-Adams following the presentation of citations are (left to right) honorees Andrew Barth '83, '85 Business, Kenneth Ofori-Atta '84, Elizabeth D. Rubin '87, Alexander Navab '87 and Michael Oren '77; students played a prominent role in the ceremony as presenters and speakers, including (left to right) Warren McGee '11, Alicia Outing '11, Vesal Yazdi '11, Leeza Mangaldas '11, Francesca Triani '11 and Alexander Moll '11; Mangaldas represented all John Jay Scholars in addressing the crowd of about 600 at Cipriani 42nd Street, which is in an ornate former bank branch; and Moody-Adams praised the faculty in attendance, describing them as "the heart of the institution."*



Columbia's curriculum has helped the College develop a reputation as one of the world's great liberal arts institutions. The Core Curriculum, which dates to 1919, immerses students in great works of philosophy, literature, art and music and "creates a stable foundation because it is organized around timeless themes expressed in works that are unlikely to go out of style," according to a recent *Wall Street Journal* article touting Columbia's method.

Alumni who frequently come to mind when people think about Columbia College include Barack Obama '83 and Eric H. Holder Jr. '73, '76L; Allen Ginsberg '48 and Paul Auster '69, '70 GSAS; Richard Rodgers '23, Oscar Hammerstein II '16 and Lorenz Hart '18; Tom Kitt '96 and Brian Yorkey '93; Claire Shipman '86, '94 SIPA and Maggie Gyllenhaal '99; Herman Wouk '34 and Jacques Barzun '27, '32 GSAS — people who have made their marks in the worlds of politics, law, the arts and the humanities.

But the College also is a leader when it comes to the sciences, turning out Nobel-prize winning research and graduating students who become not only top doctors but also groundbreaking researchers on subjects ranging

## A PASSION FOR SCIENCE

*Members of the College's science community discuss their groundbreaking research*

BY ETHAN ROUEN  
'04J, '11 BUSINESS

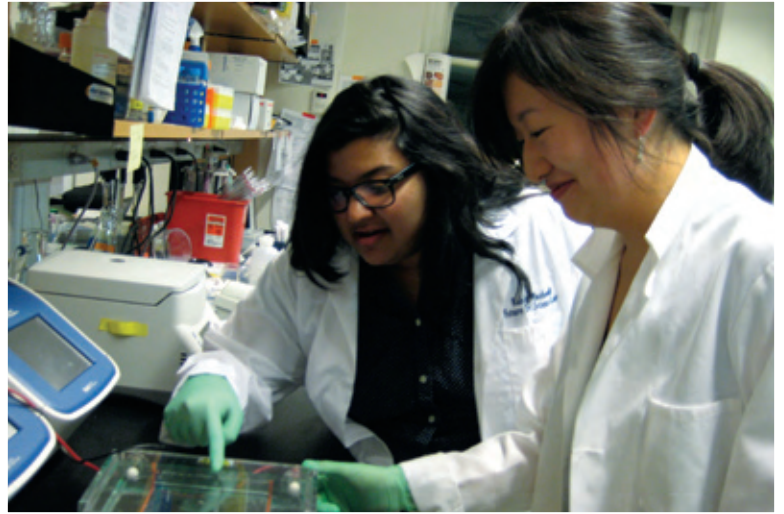
from the molecular structure of substances in our daily experience to large scale processes that play out in the farthest reaches of space. Now Dean Michele Moody-Adams — working with the new Arts and Sciences science dean Amber Miller, the chairs of the science departments and other academic leaders — is launching a planning and fundraising effort to enhance undergraduate course offerings and research opportunities in science.

"Instilling an understanding of science is essential for the College's mission of preparing students to live fully engaged lives as citizens and leaders," Moody-Adams said. "Given the increasing importance of science to our daily lives and to issues facing the globe, we are intensifying our focus on developing scientific literacy for nonmajors as well as majors, and offering science majors the most challenging and rewarding science education possible. We hope to renew Columbia College's commitment to providing our students with the best education in the liberal arts *and* sciences."

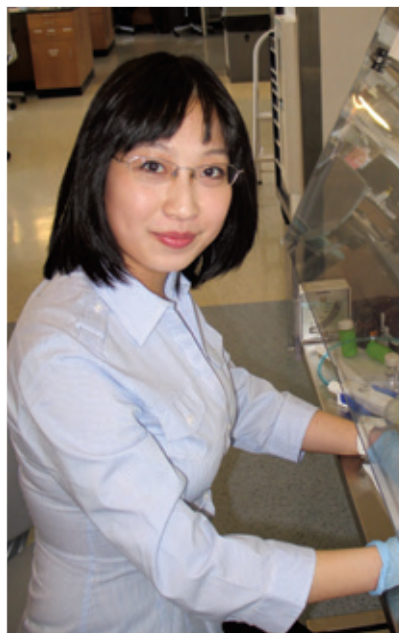
With what President Lee C. Bollinger has described as fitting symbolism, Columbia devoted its last piece of buildable space on its main campus to the Northwest Corner Building, an interdisciplinary science center that is home to lecture halls, a library and cutting-edge laboratories where leading scientists train the next generation of Nobel laureates.

In this issue, current students, faculty members and one alumna discuss research projects on subjects as varied as the sense of touch, nanotechnology, forest ecology and statistics.





*Clockwise from top: Professor Martin Chalfie examines the sense of touch in worms; Joanna Wang '11 (right) studies the behavior of mice with Rahia Mashoodh '13 GSAS; Meredith Martin '09 takes a brief respite from the field to work in the lab; Professor Andrew Gelman explores the world through statistics with GSAS student Zach Shahn; Professor Maria Uriarte and a researcher examine the forests of Brazil; Hechen Ren '11 studies the properties of graphene; and Martin examines agave plants in Mexico.*



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## Taking the Long Way To Becoming a Chemist

**M**arkrete Krikorian '11 knew that she loved chemistry in high school. But when she entered the College and enrolled in general chemistry, she worried that she would be behind the many classmates already taking advanced organic chemistry early in their Columbia careers.

"I told myself 'I'll somehow manage and make my own way,'" she says. "I was glad I started with general chemistry because it was good to be continuous and go from beginning to end at Columbia."

In the process, she completed laboratory work that might have seemed to be extra credit. But Krikorian took the extra work as a way of figuring out where her passions were. By the summer after her first year, she was working in the organic materials lab of Professor Colin Nuckolls '98 GSAS.

Three years later, she still is working in the lab and trying to choose from among the eight top graduate programs to which she was accepted.

"This lab experience was an integral part of deciding to go to grad school," she says.

Krikorian, a Queens, N.Y., native, has worked on a variety of projects in the lab. Most recently, she has been studying the conductivity of stilbenes, molecules that could have applications in the field of nanocircuitry.

Krikorian is using stilbenes as a model system to understand

the way conduction works at small scales (a billionth of a meter).

"The problem with nanocircuits is that they don't conduct consistently and so a lot of energy is lost. If we can understand the mechanism of conductance at the nanoscale, we can bring nanoelectronics to the forefront," Krikorian says. "Using a compound versus using a metal or rare element would be beneficial in many ways. It's going to be a lot cheaper, a lot more environmentally friendly, and stilbene derivatives are easy to make and mass produce."

Until her junior year of high school, Krikorian wanted to be a writer. Indeed, she still writes daily and hopes that writing will be part of her life no matter what field she selects.

Given her varied interests, choosing Columbia made sense to Krikorian because it offered an excellent liberal arts curriculum as well as opportunities to be involved in the research being carried out by Columbia's outstanding scientists.

Krikorian says that in addition to her work in the lab, she has benefited from Columbia's small, friendly Chemistry department and from the chance to take graduate level courses, which have given her a taste of what her future in graduate school will be like.

"The most important thing for me has been not to think of one path as the right thing to do but doing what is right for you," she says. "Chemistry is what I really liked, and I'm not doing it because it's a stable job. I do it because I want to be happy."

## Nobel Prize Winner and Professional Worm Tickler

**M**artin Chalfie may be best known for winning the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 2008, but the William R. Kenan Jr. Professor of Biological Sciences also is "the world expert on tickling worms."

Chalfie shared the Nobel for the work he does with GFP, a fluorescent protein found in some jellyfish. Chalfie showed that other organisms given the jellyfish gene could make functional GFP. Investigators could then see the green cells or green proteins within living tissues.

This discovery has far reaching consequences in biology, influencing work in genetics, developmental biology and cell biology as well as giving insight into disease processes such as cancer. With GFP, scientists can label specific cells and track their progress, whether it's how a specific cell grows or how it moves through a body.

Chalfie came across GFP while doing the research that has consumed much of his career examining the sense of touch in animals.

"For the most part, we don't know how we respond through these physical senses," he says, "and that leads to one of the very big questions of sensory biology: How does an organism interact with its surroundings?"

Using worms, he and his team of researchers look for mutants that are insensitive to touch, either by tickling them

with an eyebrow hair or poking them with a wire. When they come across these mutants, they clone their genes to find out what has gone wrong and identify the components that allow animals to sense touch. Chalfie's work has led to a recent paper in which his lab identified the first molecule in an animal nerve cell that allows it to respond to mechanical stimuli.

While Chalfie has been doing groundbreaking work, he is also a generous teacher who allows Columbia College undergraduates to join in his research and provide meaningful contributions during their time in the laboratory.

Students often start out screening for mutants, which does not require extensive training but is a vital part of the process and often gets them hooked on the research.

This summer, Chalfie will have three undergraduates working with him, Isaac Johnson '14, Geneva Miller '13 and Alexis Tchaconas '14, as well as numerous graduate students.

"I like to have first-year students work in the lab because if things work, they can continue working on the project for several years if they wish," he says. "I have had undergraduates in the lab who have been integral parts of work and who have been co-authors on papers. We have also had really outstanding students who worked in the lab and nothing came from their work, but they developed into wonderful scientists and physicians."



Chalfie works with College students in his lab.



## How Environment Molds DNA

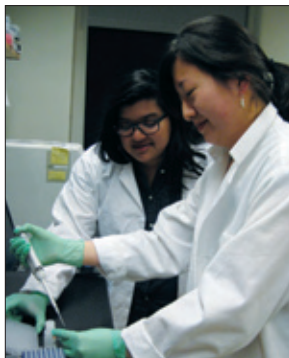
While mice may not be able to lie on a couch and squeak about their problems, they can provide valuable insight into how an animal's environment can alter the way in which it develops, as psychology major **Joanna Wang '11** is showing.

For two years, Wang has been working in the lab of psychology professor Frances Champagne, examining how mice are affected by the environment in which they are raised.

"We now know more that the environment plays a significant role in affecting behavior," Wang says. "Not only are we passing on our DNA to our children but also our experiences and our behaviors influence them."

Wang's experiments, which are the basis of her senior thesis, involve examining two sets of mice, one that is raised in isolation and one that is raised in a communal setting. She hopes the results of the study,

which is not yet complete, will reveal some of the social experiences that can alter the DNA in animals, changing their behaviors and the behaviors of future generations.



**Wang (right) and Rahia Mas-hoodh '13** GSAS study how the environment of mice can alter their behavior.

Wang plans to continue doing research in the fall when she starts medical school. Although she is still waiting to hear from some of the schools to which she applied, she already has been accepted to several schools, including Stanford.

She has been working in labs for some time and began her science career at a science and technical high school in Washington, D.C., where she was raised. The influence of her teachers in high school guided her to Columbia because of her many interests.

"They really stressed that to succeed, you needed to take courses outside your field of interest," Wang says. "Columbia has a great science program, but it was the Core Curriculum that really appealed to me. I always enjoyed literature and philosophy, and that tradition drew me to Columbia."

## The World Is Her Laboratory

While most people are lucky if they land one job that makes people say, "How cool!", **Meredith Martin '09** is developing a career with one fascinating project after the next.

Martin, who majored in Ecology, Evolution and Environmental Biology, began doing meaningful, in-depth research the summer after her sophomore year at the College, when she completed a Research Experience for Undergraduates project at the American Museum of Natural History. Working as a lab technician, she studied the genetics of sea turtle populations.

"That's one thing that's great about going to school in New York," she says. "You have access to all these great institutions."

As part of the Ecology, Evolution and Environmental Biology curriculum, Martin, who grew up in Brooklyn, spent a summer doing research in the mountains of Mexico. The results of that research became the basis of her senior thesis. Working with adjunct professor Charles Peters, who also is the Kate E. Tode Curator of Botany at the Institute of Botany at the New York Botanical Garden, Martin studied the basic ecology of agave, which is used

in tequila as well as a high-end liquor, mescal.

She collaborated with a local NGO to figure out what influences the plants' growth and how to most effectively improve yields while ensuring sustainability. Her work revealed that cattle trampling the plants did the most harm.

"It was nice to be able to show definitively that it's actually a factor and submit results to the community," Martin says. "The findings had an effect on the farmers' methods."

The offerings in the E3B department were what initially drew Martin to the College, but the opportunity to take a wide-ranging curriculum sealed the deal.

"I liked the idea of having to take all these humanities classes that I wouldn't necessarily have taken if I didn't have the requirements," she says.

Martin is now in the Master of Forest Science program at the Yale School of Forestry, supported by a fellowship from the New York Botanical Garden. She continues to work with Professor Peters, although she is now studying how the growth of the camu camu fruit in the Peruvian Amazon is being affected by the fruit's increasing popularity.



**Martin spent a summer doing field research in the mountains of Mexico.**

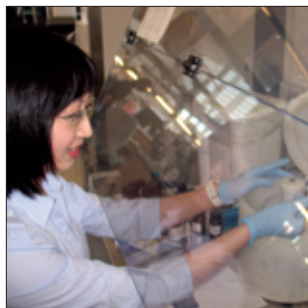
## Applying Physics to Daily Life

**H**echen Ren '11's work in physics could seem abstruse even to a high school science teacher. But Ren's time at Columbia College has allowed her to become a well-rounded student despite spending many hours in the laboratory.

Ren, who grew up in China, first fell in love with Columbia on a visit to New York while she was a high school student. Enchanted by the cultural offerings of the city and the Core Curricu-

lum, she knew that the College would provide the broad education she was seeking, as well the kind of students with whom she could comfortably share her ideas.

"I was really into philosophy, and I thought that the Core would be the way to force myself to learn," she says. "Everyone is learning the same thing, reading the same books, and we discuss them. I knew that if I wanted to come to a new country, I wanted to find the best way to learn about the culture."



**Hechen Ren '11 examines the properties of graphene at her lab in the Northwest Corner Science Building.**

While she enjoys reading the great books of Western Civilization, Ren, a math and physics major, devotes a lot of time to examining graphene, a one-atom thick sheet of bonded carbon, whose properties let her explore correlated electron systems in condensed matter physics.

Many inspirations for her experiments come from theoretical physicists, who propose a hypothesis that Ren can then explore through graphene.

"The field is very cool for undergraduates," she says. "For us, it's many small projects we can do. We can start from scratch, fabricate our devices, measure them and analyze the data, and really feel like we're doing physics."

She also works with students from Engineering to explore graphene's potential applications, such as high-frequency FET, a possible replacement for silicon transistors in computer chips.

The work she has done with Associate Professor Philip Kim has given her a deep understanding of the sciences she has studied and landed her in an extremely enviable position: Ren has been accepted to do graduate work at Harvard, MIT, Princeton, Stanford, UC Berkeley and Columbia.

"It is a hard decision," she said. "I'm still trying to figure out where to go."

## Using Statistics Across Many Fields

**A**ndrew Gelman is a Professor of Statistics whose work touches on topics as varied as how voting patterns differ depending on religious commitments and economic status, and (along with researcher Alexander van Geen) how to find safe drinking water in Bangladesh.

In his book *Red State, Blue State, Rich State, Poor State: Why Americans Vote the Way They Do*, Gelman and his colleagues David Park, Boris Shor, Joseph Bafumi and Jeronimo Cortina '03 SIPA, '07 GSAS, dispelled several of the most common notions of who is voting for the different political parties. Their research showed that the differences in voting between "red America" and "blue America" are concentrated among upper-income voters. It is the rich, more than the poor, who are voting based on culture, on "God, guns and gays," Gelman says.

"Within any given state, the richer you are, the more likely you are to vote Republican," he says. "It's not the Prius versus the pickup truck. It's the Prius versus the Hummer. The culture war is happening among the upper middle class and the rich."

Gelman has worked on many other projects at Columbia on topics including structure in social networks, reversals of death sentences, pub-

lic opinion on gay rights, patterns in stops by NYPD officers and measurements of cockroach allergens in New York apartments. He currently is working with researchers Matt Schofield, Ed Cook and Upmanu Lall at Lamont-Doherty on reconstructing climate history based on tree ring data. The scarcity of the data and the approximate nature of the models make reliable reconstruction a statistical and scientific challenge.

Still, Gelman's biggest project is creating a new introductory statistics course and writing a corresponding textbook. In an intro class, he says, there isn't enough time to prove everything mathematically, so he is relying on a lot more showing and a lot less telling.

The class involves a great deal of active learning and contains very little lecturing. An early project has students select what they believe is a random sample of candy from a bag and guess the weight of the entire bag based on the sample. An envelope hidden in the room before class always correctly predicts that all estimates will be too high because the larger candies will float to the top, skewing the results.

"It's like a survey of people," he says. "You get the most talkative people. That's why we need to do random sampling."



**Gelman explores the world through statistics with GSAS student Zach Shahn.**

## How People Impact the Growth of Forests

**A**ssistant Professor of E3B **Maria Uriarte** studies the ways in which forests regrow after humans abandon agriculture, and the effect of this process on the community composition genetics of plant species. She wonders whether biodiversity can be preserved as human beings encroach upon, and then retreat from, nature. She also investigates the ways in which climate change alters our relationship with the natural world.

Uriarte, who teaches in the Department of Ecology, Evolution and Environmental Biology, does her research in the tropical forests of Puerto Rico, Brazil and Peru. Her work is an attempt to understand the effects of human interactions with forests in time to prevent further damage.

"People are moving away from agricultural land all over the world," she says. "To what degree can these forests that grow after agricultural abandonment resemble the primary tropical

forests that were once there?"

In Puerto Rico, Uriarte is examining the regrowth of forests that were once cleared to grow coffee, tobacco and sugar. She is trying to find out if new forests will support the biodiversity of the original primary forests, as well as offer the benefits that tropical forests provide to humans, such as clean water and carbon uptake. This is an issue of global importance because the area of degraded and secondary forests in the tropics covers an estimated 850 million hectares and is likely to increase.

In Brazil, Uriarte explores how forest regrowth between remnant fragments of primary forest influences the genetic structure of the species that have survived inside of these fragments. She expects deep insights from this project because genetic data dates back 13 years, making it possible to see firsthand what the genetic composition of species in remnant fragments looked like before and after




the pastures originally cleared in areas surrounding the fragments became reforested. Deforestation in the tropics is continuing at rates that lack historical precedent resulting in the extensive fragmentation of species-rich rain forests. Insights from Uriarte's project are likely to be relevant to what is happening to forests in other areas.

Uriarte's work in Peru involves not only biologists but also anthropologists and climate scientists. For centuries, farmers in the Peruvian Amazon have used burning to manage agricultural fields, and more recently, to clear and clean pastures. Yet the landscapes of the region are being rapidly transformed by clearing for large-scale plantation agriculture, especially biofuel production, by extensive ranching and by new patterns of smaller-scale land uses by non-Amazonian migrants who arrive in large numbers from the coast and highlands of Peru. Large fires escaped from burning fields and pastures have become common dry season events that ravage forests, farms and settlements in much of Amazonia and recently, these destructive fires have become a major problem along this region.

The immediate causes of increased fire susceptibility reflect a variety of changes in economic policies. The policies at stake have affected agricultural development and land settlement in the Ama-

zon Basin, and led to rising prices for tropical commodities including biofuels that might serve as substitutes for petroleum products. Many of these changes result from a series of enacted policies and decisions taken on national and local levels. The disruptions produced by rapid land use and demographic transformations are compounded by the uncertainties of a changing climate. Uriarte's team aims to quantify the critical factors driving the increased incidence of fires. The researchers are trying to determine whether the fires are the result of droughts, or of recent changes in land use, or perhaps of the management practices of new migrants.

"As scientists, we like to deal with one thing at a time," she says. "Right now, so much is happening at once that that is impossible. What's the effect of climate change on forests? Legacies of human land use? Development policies? There are so many important questions. The trick is to identify which ones we must manage to preserve biodiversity, critical ecosystem services and human livelihoods." 

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## Frontiers of Science Broadens the Liberal Arts Education

**T**he seniors who will graduate from Columbia College this May were not yet born when Columbia first began to consider how to add a science component to the Core Curriculum.

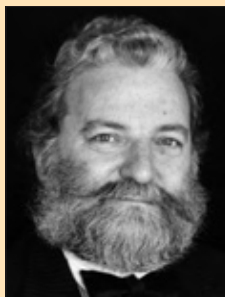
The debate began in 1982, when Professor David Helfand, now the chair of the Department of Astronomy, was asked to head the Committee on the Place of Science in a Liberal Curriculum.

"When I got here in 1977, I was delighted to see that the faculty actually had the temerity to say, 'These ideas are important, these books are important, and I don't care what you are majoring in, you will all do this together,'" he says. "I was simultaneously appalled that this Core Curriculum, which was advertised in the catalog as the intellectual arms of the University and preparation for life as an intelligent citizen, consisted of seven humanities courses, zero math courses, zero science courses and zero social science courses."

For 22 years, Helfand worked with faculty, administrators and alumni, many of whom had a deep emotional attachment to the Core as it was, in an effort to create a science component for the Core Curriculum. The basic goals of the project were "to show students that science is interesting because of the things we don't understand, not the set of facts that we do," and "to inculcate in them a set of quantitative reasoning skills that many students lack," he says.

In 2004, Columbia launched the Frontiers of Science course on a trial basis. In this one-semester class, which College students generally take in either the fall or spring semesters of their first year, students attend a series of lectures presented by noted senior faculty on current research, and then meet in smaller seminar-style groups to discuss the topics covered.

The topics change every year as research advances. More than 30 tenured professors have taught the course, and each lecture must be rehearsed twice in front of the faculty before it is presented to the students.



**David Helfand has been thinking about a Core course in science since the 1970s.**

PHOTO: MARIANNE COOK, FACES OF SCIENCE

"The course emphasizes the frontiers, the breakthroughs," says Darcy Kelley, the Harold Weintrub Professor of Biological Sciences, one of the Frontiers' creators. "Doing anything in science, you have to struggle through years and years of preparation. In Frontiers, you don't. You get to cut to the chase and talk about what's happening right now. That's fun for faculty to talk about, but it's also fun to hear."

The seminars are taught by tenured faculty and post-doctoral research fellows with a specific interest in interdisciplinary science teaching. Regardless of the instructor's expertise, he or she teaches all components of the course, which has proven alluring to dozens of faculty members.

"As scientists go deeper into their fields, their focus becomes narrower and narrower," says Kelley, who this year gave four lectures on neuroscience. "Here, astronomers who haven't done biology since ninth grade get to

learn about and teach biology. Scientists do what they do because they love to learn science. Frontiers allows them to explore new fields. What's not to love?"

Although Frontiers initially was met with resistance from some students, others found it eye-opening. The course has begun to gain traction as a vital piece of the Core education, even converting some students from liberal arts majors to science majors.

"Understanding scientific methods of argument and inquiry is an important requirement of citizenship in the 21st century," says Dean Michele Moody-Adams. "Frontiers of Science seeks to develop that understanding so that students graduate from the College able to participate responsibly in those political, social and economic debates that require some awareness of the nature and goals of modern science."

Frontiers recently underwent an initial five-year review, and it continues to be revised, in a process that Helfand says he hopes will never cease.

Moody-Adams has approved a second, more extensive review of Frontiers of Science. External reviewers will join Columbia faculty in examining the course's content and methods to ensure that it fully embodies the goals of the College's Core Curriculum.

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**Professor Darcy Kelley (left) says Frontiers focuses on what's happening in science right now.**

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# GURU OF Climate Change LAW

*When an island nation is threatened with extinction due to rising waters, Michael Gerrard '72 is the man to call*

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

**L**eaders of the Marshall Islands, alarmed that their country is slowly disappearing into the Pacific Ocean due to rising waters caused by climate change, recently turned to environmental lawyer Michael Gerrard '72 for help.

Gerrard, renowned in the field of environmental law and especially climate change law, returned to Columbia from private practice two years ago to teach at the Law School and head the new Center for Climate Change Law ([columbiaclimatelaw.com](http://columbiaclimatelaw.com)), the first of its kind. Its mission is to develop legal techniques and resources to help governments, companies and even individuals fight global warming and cope with its impact.

Gerrard visited the Marshall Islands late last year and witnessed the vulnerabilities firsthand. The capital, Majuro, rises only a few feet above sea level on an island whose width is roughly the distance between Broadway and Amsterdam Avenue on the Columbia campus. It's not just an outright disappearance underwater that threatens habitability but also erosion from rising tides, pounding by increasingly severe tropical storms, and salt water infiltrating the drinking water supply, which are already happening.

Among the Marshall Islands' legal concerns, which they share with other small island nations are: Where would their citizens go, with what citizenship status, if and when their country becomes uninhabitable? Would the country retain fishing and mineral rights? Would it still be a country at all?

"The questions were so novel and difficult and numerous that they were beyond our capabilities to answer on our own," says Gerrard, the Andrew Sabin Professor of Professional Practice, referring to the Center for Climate Change Law's small staff of student interns, four fellows and two visiting scholars. Instead, Gerrard put out an international call for papers — answered by 77 scholars in 23 countries — and organized a conference to be held at Columbia on May 23–25, "Threatened Island Nations: Legal Implications of a Changing Climate."

It's not just encroaching oceans that are a concern worldwide, says Gerrard. Climate change has grown into one of the most vital problems affecting the earth. Gerrard has been heavily involved in the issue for several years and has worked at the forefront of environmental law since its inception in the 1970s. He has written nine books on specific areas of environmental law, including the first and definitive volume on U.S. climate change law, and he has represented scores of corporate, municipal and nonprofit clients in environmental actions.

"There's overwhelming scientific evidence that humans are causing changes to the climate and that these changes will have a significant negative impact," Gerrard says. He believes that legal techniques are among the most effective tools to change patterns of energy production and use and address climate change.

**G**errard came of age in an industrial area of Charleston, W.Va., heavily polluted with discharge from chemical plants. While he was an undergrad, the country was just waking up to the importance of environmental protection. In 1970, the first Earth Day was celebrated, the Environmental Protection Agency was founded and Congress passed key legislation such as the Clean Air Act.

"In the shadow of Vietnam, there was a lot of attention paid





Signs of the damage caused by rising waters due to climate change are everywhere in the Marshall Islands. Top: Michael Gerrard '72 stands on a beach where much of the sand has been washed away, exposing the trees' roots and threatening their survival. Middle left: Gerrard examines a building whose underpinnings are endangered by rising waters. Middle right: One of many gravestones that have been damaged by the encroaching seas. Immediate right: Gerrard and Martha Campbell, U.S. ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands. Far right: Back home in Chappaqua, N.Y., Gerrard with his wife, Barbara, supervisor of the Town of New Castle, and their sons, William '05, '12 Arts (second from right) and David '03, '07 Arts.



PHOTOS: DERRAIN COOK (MARSHALL ISLANDS), LORI SACHARE (FAR RIGHT)



to reforming society and controlling corporate conduct," Gerrard says. "It became clear that the environmental problems of the country resulted not only from engineering failures but also from political and legal failures, and that political and legal action was a necessary component of fighting environmental decline."

A political science major, Gerrard initially pursued a career in journalism. He was a writer and editor at *Spectator* and worked in the summers and after graduation for the *Charleston Gazette* and the Charleston bureau of the Associated Press.

But a seminar he took during his junior year, "Institute in American Politics and Social Change," taught by Alan F. Westin, led him to his eventual field of environmental law. In Westin's course, Gerrard studied the problem of air pollution in West Virginia. That research turned into his senior thesis, "The Politics of Air Pollution in West Virginia," for which he won the Alan J. Wilen Memorial Prize for the best thesis on American politics.

After his stint in journalism, Gerrard came back to New York in 1973 to be a policy analyst at the Council on the Environment of New York City, affiliated with the Office of the Mayor. He became involved in the Westway case, the biggest development controversy in New York City in the '70s. It involved a proposal to build an

## A tagline for Gerrard's career could be "Act Globally, Act Locally."

interstate highway on the far West Side that would have included landfill in the Hudson River and cost about \$2 billion. "At a time when the New York subway and bus systems were falling apart, this would have cost \$10,000 a linear inch," Gerrard says.

The battle helped inspire Gerrard to become a lawyer. "It became clear to me that this beast could best be fought in court and other legal arenas," he says. "I watched lawyers use legal techniques to great effect."

During law school at NYU, Gerrard interned at the Natural Resources Defense Council and remained involved in the Westway case, which was defeated in 1985 on environmental grounds. After he graduated from NYU Law in 1978 and went to work for Berle, Kass & Case, Gerrard's experience with Westway "led to a string of cases representing municipalities and community organizations litigating against highways," he says. He then used many of the same legal techniques to represent municipalities and citizens groups fighting hazardous, solid and radioactive waste landfills and incinerators.

When Gerrard attended law school, there was no environmental law program; the school's entire offering on the subject was a single course taught by an adjunct. Gerrard has not only built his expertise working in the field but also has helped shape it through numerous books and articles, work with environmental advocates, teaching and now by forming and leading the Center for Climate Change Law.

"He's always on the cutting edge," says Deborah Goldberg, who worked with Gerrard at two law firms and now is managing attorney of Earthjustice, a nonprofit public interest law firm. "He's written the book on any number of issues just as they were emerging, and is still doing it now, with the Center for Climate Change Law." Goldberg says he is the leading authority on environmental impact review in New York and that "the first thing anyone with a question in that area does is to reach for Mike's two-volume treatise."

Gerrard wrote the first and leading book on U.S. climate change law, *Global Climate Change and U.S. Law*, in 2007. His two most recent volumes are *The Law of Green Buildings: Regulatory and Legal Issues in Design, Construction, Operations and Financing*, published last August, and *The Law of Clean Energy: Efficiency and Renewables*,

which came out this spring. He now is co-editing a book on the law of adaptation to climate change, which includes domestic and international laws. Two of his books have won the Association of American Publishers' Outstanding Legal Book of the Year award: the 12-volume *Environmental Law Practice Guide* and the four-volume *Brownfields Law and Practice: The Cleanup and Redevelopment of Contaminated Land*, both of which are continually supplemented.

"He's very unusual in not only the quality but the amount of his writing — books, articles and studies," says Ross Sandler, professor of law at New York Law School, who was the adjunct who taught environmental law to Gerrard at NYU. "Many academic lawyers would envy his output over the years." Sandler says part of what enabled Gerrard to be so prolific while practicing law full-time is that he "keeps voluminous files on every aspect of environmental law, and has them meticulously organized — he did the work of a computer even before computers."

Gerrard has been ranked by Who's Who Legal and in the *Guide to the World's Leading Environmental Lawyers* as one of the top environmental lawyers in the world. Peers surveyed by the publication group Best Lawyers designated him the 2010 New York Environmental Lawyer of the Year. Their awards are given to the attorneys

who have earned their peers' highest respect for "their abilities, their professionalism and their integrity."

"He has a really sophisticated perspective," says Steve Cohen, director of the Earth Institute at Columbia. Gerrard was recruited to the faculty of both the Law School and the Earth Institute. "He understands the perspectives of interest groups, industry and environmentalists, and the details of environmental policy and law."

Gerrard continues his professional practice part-time as senior counsel at Arnold & Porter, where he was previously managing partner of the New York office and head of its environmental practice. He has represented numerous real estate companies involved in proposed development projects, helping them navigate the environmental review process and get the permits they need. Since 2002, he has represented developer Larry Silverstein concerning the environmental issues regarding redevelopment of the World Trade Center site.

"Mike analyzes legal issues without favor or bias. He is the first person we all look to on a difficult or close issue in our field," says Jim Periconi '70, who met Gerrard when they attended NYU Law and who now runs a boutique environmental law firm in New York and remains a friend. "He's given so much time and effort to nonprofits, and at the same time he has an impressive roster of corporate clients. He commands great respect in both camps — it's rare for an environmental attorney to be so admired and trusted by such radically competing interests."

Gerrard points out that the two sides are not always conflicting. "Many companies really do want to comply with environmental laws and want to know what they are and how to do that," he says. "Silverstein wants to make the new towers green. For years, we've been working on the design and construction and operation being as environmentally friendly as possible." The towers now being erected at the former World Trade Center site will earn the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Gold certification or the equivalent, Gerrard says.

For several years in the mid-'90s, Gerrard represented the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) on a pro bono basis in litigation against the New York City Department of Sanitation for failure to implement the city's recycling law. As a result of the



case and political pressure, recycling was expanded.

In 2008, he represented the NRDC in filing a petition — largely drafted by Gerrard — with the White House Council on Environmental Quality asking it to issue regulations requiring environmental impact statements to discuss greenhouse gas emissions and climate change. (The CEQ did issue proposed rules in February 2010.)

Gerrard has a reputation for tact and gentility, which make him a more influential attorney and advocate and also, colleagues say, a behavioral role model.

"Mike never gets frazzled," Periconi says. "He's the most generous of people in helping colleagues with the right way to approach a legal problem, providing sources of information you didn't know existed, telling you the right people to call on an issue ... and yet he's supremely modest about his accomplishments. I've never heard anyone say a negative word about Mike Gerrard — ever."

**G**errard taught courses as an adjunct at the Law School, NYU Law and the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies before joining the faculties of the Law School and the Earth Institute full-time at the beginning of 2009.

"I came to feel climate change is one of the most serious issues facing humanity, and since I have some expertise, I felt an obligation to devote myself to helping devise solutions and train the next generation of leaders in the field," Gerrard says. "There's too much to be done, and not enough people to do it."

Cohen says Gerrard is truly interested in education and is a popular teacher, whose courses on environmental law, climate change law and energy law are always full.

"What he brings to the classroom is his enormous experience from the time environmental law started, so students get the benefit of knowing what went on and how we got to where we are today," Sandler says.

Students say Gerrard, who can come across as staid before getting to know him, makes even lecture courses lively and interactive. He will play YouTube videos to bring the material to life, and has brought in bumper stickers from oppositional campaigns and original documents from cases for show and tell. "He's quite funny, and intersperses anecdotes from his years of experience in the field throughout the class," says Ben Schiffman '11L. "He's been involved in many of the foundational environmental law cases we read in the case books — you are unlikely to have a professor who can do that in other fields such as, say, property law, which was largely developed centuries ago."

While student interest in pursuing environmental careers has been growing during the past decade or so — enrollments in related courses have increased, and the College added a major in sustainable development in 2010 — neither the school nor Gerrard fully anticipated his reception on campus. For 18 spots available in the spring 2010 semester for his "Seminar on Energy Law," a topic Gerrard says was previously considered "an obscure corner of the law," 130 students applied. Demand remains strong, and this semester, for the first time, Gerrard admitted 20 undergraduates to his "Climate Change Law" lecture class.

Carolyn Matos '12, an urban studies major who interned at the Center for Climate Change Law last summer, is taking "Climate Change Law" and says she has decided to pursue environ-

mental law as a career, "primarily because of Professor Gerrard, how much he loves environmental law and how passionate he is about climate law."

"I find a great deal more student interest in environmental law now versus before," Gerrard says, referring to his time as an adjunct lecturer at the Law School from 1992–2000. "Before, it was considered a specialty, and not a great many wanted to go into it as a career. Now, people are attracted to it. They think environmental issues are important to their own futures and the future of civilization. The environment poses many fascinating legal and policy issues they'd like to tackle. And they see job growth in this area."

**T**o reduce his carbon footprint, Gerrard commutes to campus from his home in Chappaqua, N.Y., by Metro-North train to East 125th Street, a crosstown bus and a half-mile walk on Amsterdam Avenue. He points out that mode of transportation is a major determinant of one's personal environmental impact.

Gerrard and his wife of 34 years, Barbara, to whom he was introduced through taking the Westin course, also are active in local politics. In November 2009, Barbara Gerrard was reelected to a second term as supervisor (the equivalent of mayor) of the Town of New Castle, of which Chappaqua is a part. The town has become increasingly environmentally conscious under her leadership and was the first in New York to sign the state's Climate Smart Communities Pledge to lower greenhouse gas emissions, promote recycling and reduce energy consumption.

Michael Gerrard has chaired the town's Solid Waste Advisory Board, which he admits sounds unglamorous but says plays an important role in any local environment. He also sits on several nonprofit boards, and for 10 years was the pro bono general counsel of the Municipal Art Society of New York.

The couple's sons, David '03, '07 Arts, and William '05, '12 Arts, are third-generation Columbians. Gerrard's parents met while both were at-

tending graduate school at Columbia: his father, Nathan '52 GSAS, in sociology, and his mother, Louise '69 GSAS, in political science (she took time off to raise Michael and his brother, then completed her Ph.D. when Michael was a first-year at the College).

A tagline for Gerrard's career could be "Act Globally, Act Locally." At the same time that he has been working on the plight of drowning island nations, he was one of six private citizens appointed to work on the issue closer to home, as part of New York State's Sea Level Rise Task Force. "The sea is rising and rising at an accelerating rate," he says. "By the end of the century, the rise could be quite significant for low-lying cities, including New York." Regarding his wide-ranging involvement in the field, he states simply, "There are a lot of balls to juggle."

Colleagues marvel at how much Gerrard accomplishes, and at the way he does it. Periconi says, "I think of Mike as perhaps the best exemplar of the mix of qualities promoted by a Columbia education: a spirit of intellectual adventurousness, tremendous public mindedness, contributing to the commonweal and not all that focused on promoting his own career yet with outstanding professional accomplishment."



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*Gerrard is a pioneer in environmental law and has helped shape the growing field with his prolific writings, professional work and the founding of Columbia's Center for Climate Change Law.*

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# Club Sports Flourish at Columbia

*Nearly twice as many Columbia athletes compete in clubs as on the varsity level*

BY JONATHAN LEMIRE '01

**C**lub sports participants are Columbia's oft-overlooked athletes.

They are rarely written up in *Spectator*, and their games are not broadcast on WKCR. They aren't recognized by fellow students when they walk across campus, nor do large crowds usually throng to their games.

But they are everywhere, and their groups are growing in size, stature and skill. More than 1,600 students participate in club sports at Columbia, nearly double the number who are on the 31 varsity squads.

There are 38 club teams on campus — from archery to kayaking, from racquetball to table tennis — and each team is entirely student-run. Students raise the money for uniforms, they make hotel and travel arrangements for tournaments, they network with alumni and they balance up to 15 hours a week of practice with their academic responsibilities.

"You do everything," says Marie Johnson '12 Barnard, president of the Sailing Club. "And you're not just an athlete. You learn to communicate, to organize, to fundraise. You learn more skills than just what you need to succeed at your sport."

Club sports are not intramurals, which are loosely organized games among friends that sometimes are played on South Lawn. Rather, club teams are well-run squads with an informative website ([columbia.edu/cu/clubsports](http://columbia.edu/cu/clubsports)) and significant budgets that train at Athletic Department facilities and compete against other colleges — often including varsity teams — up and down the East Coast and beyond.

They are open to all Columbia undergraduate and graduate students; even a handful of faculty and staff participate, though the vast majority of athletes are enrolled at the College, Barnard and Engineering.





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*Kerry Morrison '11 (seated), captain and president of the Columbia Sailing Club in 2009 and 2010, with Weston Friedman '08 in one of the new boats that are the result of club members' fundraising efforts.*





*Kelsey Mowatt-Larssen '12 Barnard (right) will be captain of the Tae Kwon Do team next year.*

Though records often are fuzzy, club sports on campus date back to at least the 1920s, according to Athletics Department officials. Interest in particular teams has ebbed and flowed across the decades, but Morningside Heights has remained a welcoming home to organized non-varsity sports.

In recent years, the number of students participating has steadily grown, from 1,241 in 2006 to 1,391 in 2009 to 1,649 this academic year. For many of those students, the ability to play their favorite sport on campus even factors into their decision of which college to attend.

"I starting taking martial arts classes when I was 5 and was a black belt by 9," says Miyako Yerick '12, president of the Tae Kwon Do Club. "It became more than just a sport to me; it was as much about the mental aspects as it was the physical. I loved that combination. I loved how it made me feel completely in control.

"It is a part of who I am," adds Yerick, who grew up in the Northern Virginia suburbs of Washington, D.C. "There was no question that I would compete while in college."

However, club sports also cater to a different sort of athlete, the one who is eager to try something new.

"There are two categories of people who join club sports," says Alexandra Voss '11 Barnard, president of Columbia's Club Sports Governing Board. "First, there are those who have been doing a sport a long time, usually in high school, and they want to continue to compete at a pretty high level. But there are others who get to a campus as a freshman and say 'Hey, equestrian, I want to give that a shot.' We are delighted to cater to those types of students, too. That's the beauty of club sports."

**T**wenty-seven sports offer co-ed squads for students to join, while rugby, water polo, volleyball, ultimate Frisbee and ice hockey have separate men's and women's teams. Lacrosse is available as a club for men (it's a varsity sport for women). The Athletics Department provides space and support for the club teams, who rent the space themselves.

"Students can start a new club team at any time," says Brian Jines, director of intramural and club sports. "If enough students

come forward in an organized fashion and with a detailed plan and budget, we're happy to entertain the idea of a new team."

According to a University bylaw established in the 1970s, there cannot be a club team in a sport that already has a varsity squad — so, for example, no basketball, baseball or soccer. However, a few older clubs that duplicate a varsity team, such as archery, have been grandfathered in.

All club teams are managed the same way. They each nominate four student officers who run their respective teams with the assistance of the Club Sports Governing Board, which is staffed by four elected undergraduates. Though Athletics Department officials are happy to provide guidance, the students run the show.

"Each club is only as strong as its students," says Johnson. "That's an amazing thing. And I know the students want to be as strong as possible."

The entire club sports program, which has an annual budget of approximately \$600,000, is funded in two ways. About one-third comes from a program known as Funding at Columbia, which is money collected from student fees that is distributed by a consortium of student councils. This year, that program — known informally as F@CU — is expected to distribute about \$246,000. The other two-thirds is generated by the teams themselves through a combination of student dues, team fundraisers, alumni donations and, yes, even bake sales.

"There's a wide range in what teams need to fundraise," says Voss, who is from Cambridge, Mass. "For, say, equestrian and sailing, those are expensive sports that require teams to raise a lot of money. But for the road runners, who use very little equipment, they charge one \$10 fee per student and they have all they need."

Voss, a former president of the Tae Kwon Do Club, highlighted the need for increased alumni involvement to ensure the continued health of most teams.

"The biggest challenge for a club sport, by far, is the high turnover rate," she says. "It's not like a varsity sport, which has the Athletics Department infrastructure. These are student-run teams and those students graduate. The alums, though, can be a constant presence."

Many former students agree. Some teams, like rugby, have long-established alumni organizations whose members help students with everything from fundraising to career counseling. But many others don't have that in place, and a group of alumni is trying to change that.

"Unlike the varsity sports, where a lot is done for you by the school, these students are doing everything on their own," says Dave Filosa '82, a member of the varsity crew team while at Columbia who now is a partner at Morningside Securities, an investment banking firm. "It's a very self-motivated group who do it for themselves. There's little glory to be had, even if they win a championship.

"What they do is really impressive," he adds. "We want alums, especially those who played a club sport themselves, to see that and ask themselves, 'What can we do to help?'"

Filosa is drawing upon his experiences with the King's Crown Rowing Association, an alumni group founded in 1983 that allowed graduates to not only keep alive their love affair with crew but also to connect with their successors at the school. He is hoping to build similar bridges between alumni and the teams on which they played.

"The goal here, at first, is to set up a framework so that the students are able to communicate in more direct ways with alums," says Filosa, who is a member of the Columbia College Alumni Association Board of Directors. "Some teams haven't kept great records, so it's hard to reconnect with alums. We want



to make that easier.

"We want to establish a relationship between club sports and the Alumni Association," he says. "If we get greater involvement and interaction ... well, the money will come from the alums someday, too, and that will really help the teams."

Some teams have taken the initiative. Earlier this year, the Tae Kwon Do Club hosted its second annual alumni dinner, and the graduates returned to Morningside Heights bearing valuable advice.

"For any student who has a question, there's an alum who has an answer," says Yerick, who added that one of her team's instructors is a Columbia graduate, Roshan Bharwaney '05 TC. "It's nice to have them around and to go to them for the answer. They've been around the block and know what they're talking about."

Perhaps the greatest recent success of alumni and students working together to improve a club team came last year, when the Sailing Club needed a new fleet of boats. With some guidance from an alumni board, the team set upon an ambitious plan of cold-calling and letter-writing to Sailing Club alumni, capped off with a fundraising dinner. All told, they brought in about \$115,000, well more than the \$55,000 needed for the fleet of 10 new 14-foot-long boats.

"It was the hardest thing we've done but also the most rewarding," says Johnson, the team president, who is from Seattle. "We tried to build up a base of alums to contact, and they responded and made this happen."

Members of the 30-person sailing team rent a van three times a week from September to November and again in March and April and drive north to City Island in the Bronx, where they practice on the waters of Long Island Sound. They compete nearly every weekend at schools such as Cornell, Dartmouth and the Naval Academy, but now, thanks to the new boats, they soon will be able to welcome their rivals to their own turf, or more accurately, water.

"We've put Columbia University on the sailing map," says Johnson, her voice brimming with pride. "Now, we can finally host regattas, too."

Columbia hosted one in April and will host two more in the fall, including an alumni regatta in October.

"We've heard from so many alums who tell us, 'We always wanted to do this — to buy these boats, to host these races — but you guys were the ones to finally make it happen.' It's such a feeling of pride and accomplishment," says Johnson. Members of the team also will start teaching a sailing physical education class for undergraduates.

**A**n article in *Spectator* last fall posed the question of whether the sailing squad would consider petitioning to become a varsity sport, an opportunity another club team recently jumped at. Completing a process that began nearly a decade earlier, the men's Squash Club and the women's Squash Club each were granted approval to elevate to the varsity level for the 2010–11 season.

In order for a team to make the leap, Jines explains, it must have high levels of success and participation as well as comply with pertinent NCAA and Title IX rules. It then needs the approval of the Athletics Department and the Faculty Athletic Committee, which governs the sports programs at the school.

"It was a really proud moment for the club sports program, the Athletics Department and the school when the squash clubs were elevated," says Jines, who notes that an elevation to varsity is a rare event. The last team to do so was softball in 2001.



**Anne Cheng '11 Barnard compiled a 13–5 record in 2010–11 after women's squash went from a club sport to the varsity level.**

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Both squash teams fared well in their debut varsity seasons. The men's squad went 13–5 while the women went 12–6, and each team sent competitors to the national championship meets in March.

"We were the last Ivy League school not to have a varsity squad," says Liz Chu '12, a captain of the women's team, who grew up in New York City. "The alums were pushing for it, and the players were on board completely. It's a lot more work but the trade-off is worth it. We have extra resources now: stipends for food, free uniforms and transportation, and tutors if you're having a little trouble with a class.

"It's a great level of prestige," says Chu, whose team will compete in a full Ivy League schedule next year. "It's something we wanted."

Will sailing be next to make the move to varsity status? Not necessarily.

"Do we have the school support and funding we need to make it happen? Yes, on both fronts," Johnson says. "I can understand why some teams want to make the move, but I don't think it's right for us."

Several of the nation's top sailing teams, like Brown's squad, are club level and not varsity, she explains. And if the team leaves the realm of club sports behind, Johnson fears that what her team would gain in resources it would lose in control.

"Students wouldn't be running everything anymore," she says. "And I'm afraid we'd no longer have one of the key elements of our team: We bring freshmen onto our boats who have never been on the water, and we know we're training our future captains.

"They'll learn and grow into that role," says Johnson, "and I think that's what club sports are all about."

*Did you participate in club sports at Columbia? Today's clubs would like to hear from their alumni. Contact Brian Jines, director of intramural and club sports, at [bj2149@columbia.edu](mailto:bj2149@columbia.edu), and he will forward your note to the respective club leaders.*

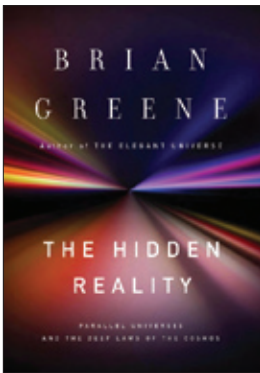


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# The Hidden Reality

*Brian Greene explores parallel universes and the deep laws of the cosmos in his latest book*



Brian Greene  
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Brian Greene, professor of mathematics and physics, is a theoretical physicist well-known for his discoveries in superstring theory, a field that (as Greene puts it) “has the potential to realize Einstein’s long-sought dream of a single, all-encompassing theory of the universe.” Greene also is the author of two bestselling books on cutting-edge physics. The first, *The Elegant Universe: Superstrings, Hidden Dimensions, and the Quest for the Ultimate Theory*, published in 2000, was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize and was translated into a Peabody Award-winning PBS series in 2004. Another, *The Fabric of the Cosmos: Space, Time, and the Texture of Reality*, published in 2004, also is being produced as a PBS series.

Greene’s latest volume, *The Hidden Reality: Parallel Universes and the Deep Laws of the Cosmos* (Knopf, 2011), takes his investigations one step further. This time, he looks at the parallel universes that may surround us, in forms of infinite variety. In the following excerpt, Greene describes the big bang theory’s poetic but inevitable revelation: *There is cosmic microwave radiation suffusing our universe, its atoms lingering on from the distant past.*

Rose Kernochan '82 Barnard

A pioneering group of physicists in the mid-1900s realized that if you were to shut off the sun, remove the other stars from the Milky Way, and even sweep away the more distant galaxies, space would not be black. To the human eye it would appear black, but if you could see radiation in the microwave part of the spectrum, then every which way you turned you’d see a uniform glow. Its origin? *The origin.* Remarkably, these physicists discovered a pervasive sea of microwave radiation filling space that is a present-day relic of the universe’s creation. The story of this breakthrough recounts a phenomenal achievement of the big bang theory, but in time it also revealed one of the theory’s fundamental shortcomings and thus set the stage for the next major breakthrough in cosmology after the pioneering works of [Alexander] Friedmann and [Monsignor Georges-Henri] Lemaître: the *inflationary theory*.

Inflationary cosmology modifies the big bang theory by inserting an intense burst of enormously fast expansion during the universe’s earliest moments. This modification, as we will see, proves essential to explaining some otherwise perplexing features of the relic radiation. But more than that, inflationary cosmology is a key chapter in our story because scientists have gradually realized over the last few decades that the most convincing versions of the theory yield a vast collection of parallel universes, radically transforming the complexion of reality.



## RELICS OF A HOT BEGINNING

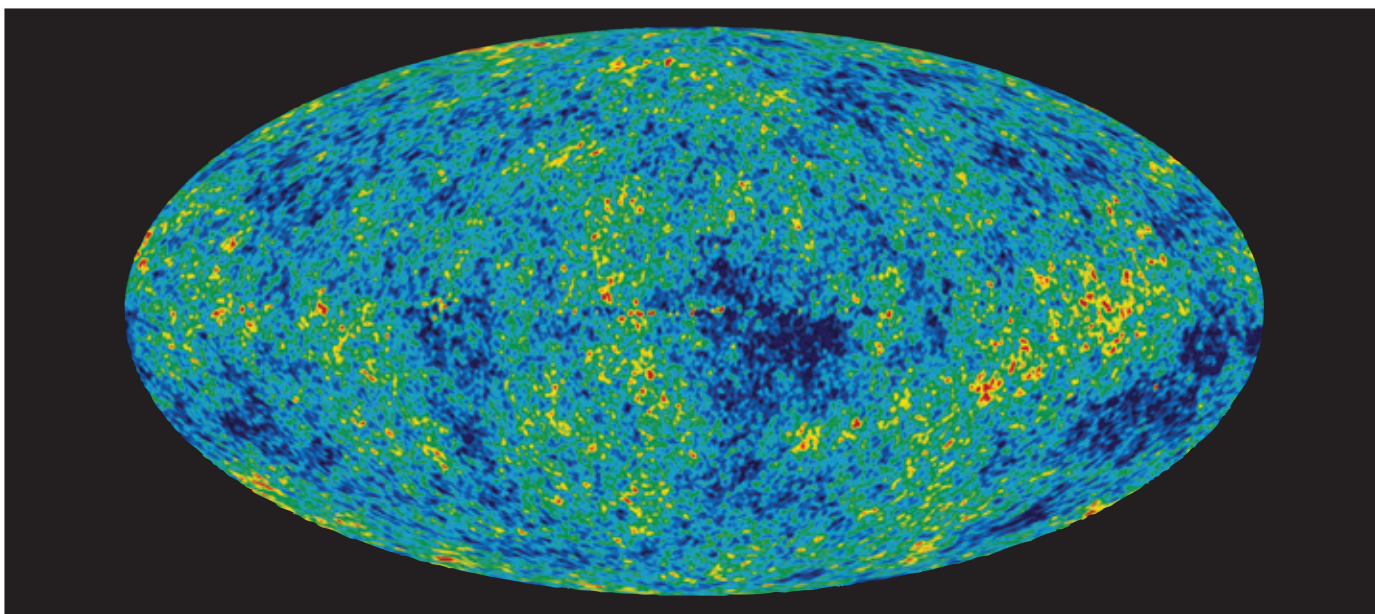
**G**eorge Gamow, a hulking six-foot-three Russian physicist known for important contributions to quantum and nuclear physics in the early twentieth century, was as quick-witted and fun-loving as he was hard-living (in 1932, he and his wife tried to defect from the Soviet Union by paddling across the Black Sea in a kayak stocked with a healthy assortment of chocolate and brandy; when bad weather sent the two scurrying back to shore, Gamow was able to fast-talk the authorities with a tale of the unfortunately failed scientific experiments he'd been undertaking at sea). In the 1940s, after having successfully slipped past the

three minutes, the rapidly falling temperature remained sufficiently high for the universe to act like a cosmic nuclear furnace, synthesizing the simplest atomic nuclei: hydrogen, helium, and trace amounts of lithium. But with the passing of just a few more minutes, the temperature dropped to about  $10^8$  Kelvin (K), roughly 10,000 times the surface temperature of the sun. Although immensely high by everyday standards, this temperature was too low to support further nuclear processes, and so from this time on the particle commotion largely abated. For eons that followed, not much happened except that space kept expanding and the particle bath kept cooling.

Then, some 370,000 years later, when the universe had cooled to about 3000 K, half the sun's surface temperature, the cosmic

their atomic unions are electrically neutral. And since a plasma of electrically neutral composites allows photons to slip through like a hot knife through butter, the formation of atoms allowed the cosmic fog to clear and the luminous echo of the big bang to be released. The primordial photons have been streaming through space ever since.

Well, with one important caveat. Although no longer knocked to and fro by electrically charged particles, the photons have been subject to one other important influence. As space expands, things dilute and cool, including photons. But unlike particles of matter, photons don't slow down when they cool; being particles of light, they always travel at light speed. Instead, when photons cool their vibrational frequencies decrease, which means they change color. Violet pho-



*The cosmic microwave background was formed approximately 380,000 years after the big bang. The different colors denote differences in temperature, which correspond to tiny density enhancements, that later condensed into the first structures.*

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iron curtain (on dry land, with less chocolate) and settled in at Washington University in St. Louis, Gamow turned his attention to cosmology. With critical assistance from his phenomenally talented graduate student Ralph Alpher, Gamow's research resulted in a far more detailed and vivid picture of the universe's earliest moments than had been revealed by the earlier work of Friedmann (who had been Gamow's teacher back in Leningrad) and Lemaître. With a little modern updating, Gamow and Alpher's picture looks like this.

Just after its birth, the stupendously hot and dense universe experienced a frenzy of activity. Space rapidly expanded and cooled, allowing a particle stew to congeal from the primordial plasma. For the first

monotony was interrupted by a pivotal turn of events. To that point, space had been filled with a plasma of particles carrying electric charge, mostly protons and electrons. Because electrically charged particles have the unique ability to jostle photons — particles of light — the primordial plasma would have appeared opaque; the photons, incessantly buffeted by electrons and protons, would have provided a diffuse glow similar to a car's high beams cloaked by a dense fog. But when the temperature dropped below 3000 K, the rapidly moving electrons and nuclei slowed sufficiently to amalgamate into atoms; electrons were captured by the atomic nuclei and drawn into orbit. This was a key transformation. Because protons and electrons have equal but opposite charges,

tons will shift to blue, then to green, to yellow, to red, and then into the infrared (like those visible with night goggles), the microwave (like those that heat food by bouncing around your microwave oven), and finally into the domain of radio frequencies.

As Gamow first realized and as Alpher and his collaborator Robert Herman worked out with greater fidelity, all this means that if the big bang theory is correct, then space everywhere should now be filled with *remnant photons from the creation event*, streaming every which way, whose vibrational frequencies are determined by how much the universe has expanded and cooled during the billions of years since they were released. Detailed mathematical calculations showed that the photons should have cooled close

to absolute zero, placing their frequencies in the microwave part of the spectrum. For this reason, they are called the *cosmic microwave background radiation*.

I recently reread the papers of Gamow, Alpher, and Herman that in the late 1940s announced and explained these conclusions. They are marvels of theoretical physics. The technical analyses involved require hardly more than a grounding in undergraduate physics, and yet the results are profound. The authors concluded that we are all immersed in a bath of photons, a cosmic heirloom bequeathed to us by the universe's fiery birth.

With that buildup, you may find it surprising that the papers were ignored. This was mostly because they were written during an era dominated by quantum and nuclear physics. Cosmology had yet to make its mark as a quantitative science, so the physics culture was less receptive to

telephone calls in the history of science.

While Dicke and Peebles had been calculating, the physicists Arno Penzias and Robert Wilson at Bell Labs, less than thirty miles from Princeton, had been struggling with a radio communications antenna (coincidentally, it was based on a design Dicke had come up with in the 1940s). No matter what adjustments they made, the antenna hissed with a steady, unavoidable background noise. Penzias and Wilson were convinced that something was wrong with their equipment. But then came a serendipitous chain of conversations. It began with a talk Peebles gave in February 1965 at Johns Hopkins University, which was attended by the Carnegie Institution radio astronomer Kenneth Turner, who mentioned the results he heard Peebles present to his MIT colleague Bernard Burke, who happened to be in touch with Penzias at Bell Labs. Hearing of the Princeton research, the Bell Labs team realized that their antenna was hissing

logical investigations. The reason is clear. In a great many fields, researchers would give their eyeteeth to have an unfettered, direct glimpse of the past. Instead, they generally have to piece together a view of remote conditions on the basis of evidence from remnants — weathered fossils, decaying parchments, or mummified remains. Cosmology is the one field in which we can actually witness history. The pinpoints of starlight we can see with the naked eye are streams of photons that have been traveling toward us for a few years or a few thousand. The light from more distant objects, captured by powerful telescopes, has been traveling toward us far longer, sometimes for billions of years. When you look at such ancient light, you are seeing — literally — ancient times. Those primeval comings and goings transpired far away, but the apparent large-scale uniformity of the universe argues strongly that what was happening there was also, on average, happening here.

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what seemed like fringe theoretical studies. To some degree, the papers also languished because of Gamow's unusually playful style (he once modified the authorship of a paper he was writing with Alpher to include his friend the future Nobel laureate Hans Bethe, just to make the paper's byline — Alpher, Bethe, Gamow — sound like the first three letters of the Greek alphabet), which resulted in some physicists taking him less seriously than he deserved. Try as they might, Gamow, Alpher, and Herman could not interest anyone in their results, let alone persuade astronomers to devote the significant effort required to attempt to detect the relic radiation they predicted. The papers were quickly forgotten.

In the early 1960s, unaware of the earlier work, the Princeton physicists Robert Dicke and Jim Peebles went down a similar path and also realized that the big bang's legacy should be the presence of a ubiquitous background radiation filling space. Unlike the members of Gamow's team, however, Dicke was a renowned experimentalist and so didn't need to persuade anyone to seek the radiation observationally. He could do it himself. Together with his students David Wilkinson and Peter Roll, Dicke devised an experimental scheme to capture some of the big bang's vestigial photons. But before the Princeton researchers could put their plan to the test, they received one of the most famous

for good reason: *it was picking up the cosmic microwave background radiation*. Penzias and Wilson called Dicke, who quickly confirmed that they had unintentionally tapped into the reverberation of the big bang.

The two groups agreed to publish their papers simultaneously in the prestigious *Astrophysical Journal*. The Princeton group discussed their theory of the background radiation's cosmological origin, while the Bell Labs team reported, in the most conservative of language and with no mention of cosmology, the detection of uniform microwave radiation permeating space. Neither paper mentioned the earlier work of Gamow, Alpher, and Herman. For their discovery, Penzias and Wilson were awarded the 1978 Nobel Prize in physics.

Gamow, Alpher, and Herman were deeply dismayed, and in the years that followed struggled mightily to have their work recognized. Only gradually and belatedly has the physics community saluted their primary role in this monumental discovery.

### THE UNCANNY UNIFORMITY OF ANCIENT PHOTONS

During the decades since it was first observed, the cosmic microwave background radiation has become a crucial tool in cosmo-

In looking up, we are looking back.

The cosmic microwave photons allow us to make the most of this opportunity. No matter how technology may improve, the microwave photons are the oldest we can hope to see, because their elder brethren were trapped by the foggy conditions that prevailed during earlier epochs. When we examine the cosmic microwave background photons, we are glimpsing how things were nearly 14 billion years ago.

Calculations show that today there are about 400 million of these cosmic microwave photons racing through every cubic meter of space. Although our eyes can't see them, an old-fashioned television set can. About 1 percent of the snow on a television that's been disconnected from the cable signal and tuned to a station that's ceased broadcasting is due to reception of the big bang's photons. It's a curious thought. The very same airwaves that carry reruns of *All in the Family* and *The Honeymooners* are infused with some of the universe's oldest fossils, photons communicating a drama that played out when the cosmos was but a few hundred thousand years old.

To watch Brian Greene talk about his work, go to [college.columbia.edu/cct](http://college.columbia.edu/cct).



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# Bookshelf

**The Final Victim** by *Larry Jukofsky '46*. A victim of the Holocaust rises from the grave as a vampire to take his revenge (Graveyard Publishing Co., \$16.95).

**Joe Biden: A Life of Trial and Redemption** by *Jules Witcover '49*. In this biography, Witcover begins with the vice president's roots in Scranton, Pa., and examines his private and political life (William Morrow, \$27.99).

**An Accidental Sportswriter: A Memoir** by *Robert Lipsyte '57*. Lipsyte's story of how he stumbled into a career as a prominent sportswriter includes insight into the lessons he learned from athletes and his personal heroes (Ecco, \$25.99).

**Joe DiMaggio: The Long Vigil** by *Jerome Charyn '59*. After DiMaggio retired from baseball, some writers criticized his private life and labeled him as self-centered, but Charyn is more sympathetic (Yale University Press, \$24).

**Journalism and Other Atrocities: An Irreverent Memoir** by *Arthur M. Louis '59*. After four decades in journalism, the author recounts the behind-the-scenes drama of his career and life (CreateSpace, \$16.95).

**You Are My Heart and Other Stories** by *Jay Neugeboren '59*. In this collection of short stories, Neugeboren raises questions about the complexities and mystery of life using diverse settings and various human relationships (Two Dollar Radio, \$16).

**Diary of a Dean** by *Herbert I. London '60*. This memoir about London's years as a professor and eventually founder and dean of a new college at NYU reveals how he balanced traditional Western standards of education with up-and-coming technologies (Hamilton Books, \$14.99).

**Thinking about Logic: Classic Essays** edited by *Steven M. Coffin '63*, *Robert B. Talisse* and *Scott F. Aikin*. The editors present provocative articles in the philosophy of logic; they provide further background in the introduction and discussion questions (Westview Press, \$24).

**The Chess Players: A Novel of the Cold War at Sea** by *Francis J. Partel '63*. This naval love story follows Ensign Cannon on the *Essex*, an anti-submarine vessel, and fictionalizes naval incidents that took place throughout the Cold War (Navy Log Books, \$21.95).

**Sweet Justice: A Jake Neuman Mystery** by *Jerry Oster '64*. Homicide detective Jake Neuman and his partner, Bobby Redfield, investigate the murder of a small-time crook and become embroiled in further trouble (PageTurner, \$15.99).

**Embraceable Me** by *Victor Cahn '69*. In this comic play about how opposites attract, Edward and Allison try to resolve their feelings for each other (Samuel French, Inc., \$8.95).

**Writing Yoga: A Guide to Keeping a Practice Journal** by *Bruce Black*

'76. Part memoir, part instruction, Black's debut delves into the nexus of yoga, writing and life (Rodmell Press, \$14.95).

**Humor 101** by *Mitch Earleywine '86*. This book offers an introduction to the role of humor in the sciences (Springer Publishing Co., \$20).

**Bangkok Vanishing: A Novel** by *Eric Rogers '87*. Blake Lawrence, an ex-Force Recon Marine, husband and father, is blackmailed after a trip to help a Cambodian orphanage leads him into the Thailand bargirl culture and Bangkok's criminal underground (Exotic Press, \$15.99).

**Vargas Llosa and Latin American Politics** edited by *Juan E. De Castro* and *Nicholas Birns '88*. These essays examine the writings of Peruvian novelist Llosa in the realm of his political thought and from different perspectives (Palgrave Macmillan, \$85).

**Sub-versions of the Archive: Manuel Puig's and Servo Sarduy's Alternative Identities** by *Carlos Riobó '90*. Drawing on sources within and outside the Hispanic literary tradition, Riobó examines the work of Argentinean writer Puig and Cuban writer Sarduy, and demonstrates the popularity of archival fiction among Latin-American novelists (Bucknell University Press, \$65).

**Run Your Butt Off!: A Break-through Plan to Shed Pounds and Start Running (No Experience Necessary!)** by *Sarah Lorge Butler '95*

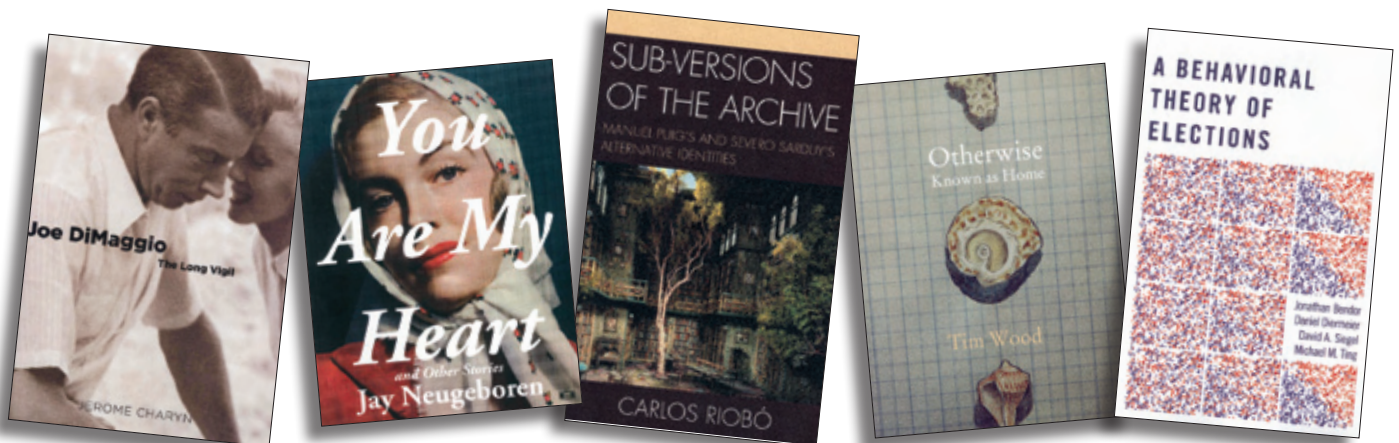
with *Leslie Bonci* and *Budd Coates*. This guide avoids shortcuts and focuses on burning more calories than are consumed to help readers lose weight; includes a companion workbook (Rodale Books, \$19.99).

**Otherwise Known as Home** by *Tim Wood '96*. In his debut collection of poems, Wood finds inspiration in his daily life, experimental writing practices and Shakespeare's sonnets (BlazeVOX [books], \$16).

**Malcolm X: A Life of Reinvention** by *Manning Marable*, the M. Moran Weston and Black Alumni Council Professor of African American Studies and professor of history and public affairs. Marable, who died on April 1, takes a new look at Malcolm X's life and ends with a new look at his assassination (Viking Adult, \$30).

**Forms of Knowledge in Early Modern Asia: Explorations in the Intellectual History of India and Tibet, 1500–1800** edited by *Sheldon Pollock*, the William B. Ransford Professor of Sanskrit and Indian Studies. These essays explain how changes in communication and the notion of power shaped thinkers in India and Tibet and their response to a changing world (Duke University Press, \$24.95).

**Henry James: Novels: 1903–1911** edited by *Ross Posnock*, the Anna S. Garbedian Professor of the Humanities. This final volume in a series examines and publishes James' last three major novels: *The*





# A Serious Look at The Joker and His Creator

BY AMANDA GORDON

**J**erry Robinson, who attended the College in the early 1940s, decided to go to Columbia after he was offered a job illustrating a new comic book called *Batman*.

**N.C. Christopher Couch '76, '87** GSAS took a more conventional route. "When I visited the campus with my family, I knew instantly it was where I wanted to be," he says.

More than 30 years separated their time at the University, but a love of comic books brought them together, first as friends, then as collaborators on *Jerry Robinson: Ambassador of Comics* (Abrams Comic Arts, \$35). The book charts Robinson's life, from his boyhood in Trenton, N.J., in the 1920s and '30s to his appearances at Comic-Con conventions, where he is treated as a mythic figure in comic book history.

Couch, who teaches courses on comic art and the graphic novel in the Program in Comparative Literature at University of Massachusetts Amherst, conducted more than 50 hours of interviews with Robinson, now 89, to write the book. "I just set down the tape recorder and asked, 'What would you like to talk about today?'" Couch says.

Some of the stories Robinson told, such as how he landed the Batman gig, are the stuff of legend. At a resort in the Poconos, Batman's creator, Bob Kane, took notice of the jacket Robinson wore to play tennis. It was covered in doodles, including one of a comb sticking out of the pocket. Amused and in need of an illustrator, Kane asked Robinson to work with him.

Robinson was 17 at the time, "a combination of tough street kid, budding intellectual and innocent teenager," Couch writes. He'd planned to go to Syracuse to study journalism. Kane's offer prompted him to select Columbia, which would keep him in New York City near his work.

It was in his creative writing classes at Columbia that Robinson got the idea for his most famous character, The Joker.

"A villain with a sense of humor would be the kind of contradiction that would make a character memorable," Robinson told Couch.

Financial pressures and the demands of his comic book work pulled Robinson away from Columbia after only two years. Couch, who arrived in New York from St. Louis, stayed 11 years, earning a B.A. in art history and three degrees at GSAS: an M.A., M.Phil. and Ph.D., all in art history and archeology.

"I knew by my sophomore year I wanted to be a professor. I was always in the library or Schermerhorn Hall (the home of the art history department)," Couch says. "To relax, I loved just walking around the campus."

Guided by faculty such as the Lisa and Bernard Selz Professor of

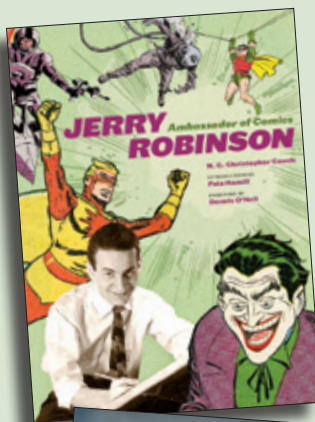


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Pre-Columbian Art History and Archaeology Esther Pasztory '71 GSAS and legendary cultural anthropologist Margaret Meade, Couch became a scholar of Native American and Latin American art. He wrote his dissertation on illustrations in Aztec manuscripts. In 1988 he joined the faculty of Smith.

Like Robinson, he too wound up with a job in the comic book industry, becoming an editor at Kitchen Sink Press, which specializes in comic books.

"One lesson I've learned is, if anyone asks you if you'd like to be a comic book editor, there's only one answer: yes."

Couch says his five years at Kitchen Sink changed the way he teaches. "I've worked with printers, distributors, artists," he says. "I have a kind of understanding that you can never get being just a scholar, and it deeply enriches my teaching."

It was through his job at Kitchen Sink that Couch met Robinson and reentered academe with a focus on comic books, teaching classes he describes as "historical and contextual survey courses that are totally informed by art history." He's currently teaching at New York's School of Visual Arts and Trinity College as well as at UMass.

For his book, Couch was eager to understand the sources of Robinson's dark visual style. He learned that as a teenager, Robinson had formed a deep attachment to a volume of Edgar Allen

Poe's *Tales of Mystery and Imagination* with illustrations by Harry Clarke. Robinson also spoke of going to see German expressionist films at MoMA. "For the first time, I had an explanation for what I'd seen all along," Couch says.

The book includes more than 100 of Robinson's illustrations. Early on, before anyone thought of their potential historical significance, Robinson made a habit of retrieving his original art from printers and holding on to it. Many other artists' work is lost forever.

Post-*Batman*, Robinson created comic book heroes Atoman and London, and then moved on to editorial cartoons, illustrations for children's books such as *A Maxton Book About Atomic Energy*, and the comic strip *True Classroom Flubs and Fluffs*. In 1974 he wrote *The Comics*. Couch considers it the definitive history of newspaper comic strips.

While he maintains his scholarly interests in Native American and pre-Columbian art, "comics is No. 1 now," Couch says. "I don't have any trouble with the idea of legitimizing comics. I've devoted much of my life to that."

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*Ambassadors, The Golden Bowl and The Outcry* (Library of America, \$40).

**Immanuel Wallerstein and the Problem of the World: System, Scale, Culture** edited by David Palumbo-Liu; Bruce W. Robbins, the

Old Dominion Foundation Professor in the Humanities; and Nirvana Tanoukhi. Top cultural theorists examine Wallerstein's world-systems analysis, which explains why the West is able to exploit the rest of the world (Duke University Press, \$23.95).

**A Behavioral Theory of Elections** by Jonathan Bendor, Daniel Diermeier, David A. Siegel and Michael M. Ting, associate professor of political science and public affairs. Using computational models and data on elections, the authors contend that politicians and voters are

only boundedly rational, and they examine the effects on party competition, voter turnout and voters' choices of candidates (Princeton University Press, \$29.95).

Samantha Jean-Baptiste '13



# Obituaries

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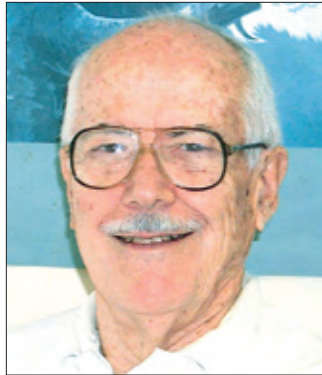
**Arthur W. Seligmann Jr.**, physician, New York City, on June 6, 2010. Born on June 16, 1912, Seligmann graduated from Cornell University Medical College, where he was on staff for many years as associate professor of medicine. He also maintained a large private practice in internal medicine. During WWII, Seligmann served in the Navy as a lieutenant commander in the South Pacific. He was predeceased by his wife, Elizabeth Simon Seligmann, and is survived by his companion, Jane Mayer Field; daughters, Mary Ascheim and her husband, Robert, and Jean; three grandchildren and their spouses; eight great-grandchildren; sister, Jean Seligmann Levine; sister-in-law, Ursula Seligmann; and 14 nephews and nieces.

1940

**Seth G. Neugroschl**, computer and technology expert, New York City, on November 4, 2010. Neugroschl entered with the Class of 1940 and earned a B.S. in industrial engineering and operations research in 1941 from Engineering. He was a former IBMer and leader of the "Computer, Man and Society" University Seminar at Columbia. Neugroschl was devoted to the betterment of humanity through the use of tools to improve global networking and to increase tolerance and understanding through the use of computers and other media. He was a pioneering thought leader in the effort to understand from a systems viewpoint the impact of computers on human society, planet Earth and beyond. Neugroschl received the Tannenbaum-Warner Award for distinguished scholarship and great service to the University Seminar Movement and was the Class of 1940 Class Notes correspondent from 1990 until shortly before his death. He is survived by his wife, Geraldine; daughter, Judith Neugroschl-Melnick and her husband, Ari; and two grandchildren.

1942

**Franklin J. Tobey II**, retired Army lieutenant colonel, editor, Purcellville, Va., on May 6, 2010. Born in Newark, N.J., on February 22,



Franklin J. Tobey II '42

1919, Tobey had an early interest in natural history, was an Eagle Scout and was assistant to the doctor at Camp Mohican. He served in WWII as a Medical Corps motor-transport officer in Europe and married Marie Carolyn Wiederspahn in 1946. Tobey earned an M.A. in economics in 1947 from GSAS. He and his wife moved to Washington, D.C., where he wrote for the magazine *Public Utilities Fortnightly*, then worked at the Atomic Energy Commission (Energy Department). He was the editor of the *Annual Report to Congress*. Tobey was a merit badge counselor in mineralogy, atomic energy and herpetology; co-founded the Virginia Herpetological Society; and in 1985 published a survey of Virginia's reptiles and amphibians. He wrote for *Collier's Encyclopedia Year Book* and was a member of the National Press Club. After retirement, Tobey wrote, traveled and was a member of the Franklin-Ogdensburg Mineralogical Society and the Rock and Mineral Club of Lower Bucks County. He is survived by his children, Carolyn Tobey Berardesco, Franklin III and Alix Tobey Southwick; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and a brother, John.

1943

**Warren W. Eason**, professor and musician, Columbus, Ohio, on March 22, 2010. Eason was born in Mt. Vernon, N.Y., on October 6, 1921. At a young age he showed talent for the French horn, studying at Juilliard and playing with the Columbia University Band at 15. In 1940, he was chosen for the All American Youth Orchestra, the

109 finest young musicians in the country. Eason learned to fly in a Stearman and SNJ and served in the Coast Guard Reserve as a musician first class. He earned an economics certificate and Ph.D. in 1951 and 1959 from SIPA and GSAS, respectively. Eason's academic career in Soviet economics spanned the Cold War to the end of the Soviet Union, taking him to the U.S.S.R. nine times. A professor at The Ohio State University from 1968-2003, he also taught at Syracuse, Princeton and Johns Hopkins. Eason became the inspiration for a home in Clintonville for people living with memory loss, Eason House. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Jeanne (Fox); daughters, Katherine Power and Barbara Himes; two grandchildren; and a godson. Memorial donations may be made to WOSU or the Alzheimer's Association.

1944

**William V. Beshlian**, physician, Glen Rock, N.J., on April 24, 2010. Born in Turkey, Beshlian was raised in Paterson, N.J., and settled in Glen Rock 56 years ago. He was a 1946 graduate of New York College of Medicine, and after serving with the Army Medical Corps began his residency at St. Joseph's Regional Hospital Medical Center in Paterson. Beshlian had a distinguished career with St. Joseph's that spanned 52 years. He received the hospital's Distinguished Service Award and the 1991 Alumni Award, and also received the 100 Years' Service Award for father and son, H.K. Beshlian and W.V. Beshlian. Beshlian was a world traveler and loved tennis, cooking and jazz. He is survived by his wife, Doris (Mabey); son, Paul, and his wife, Deborah Ann; daughter, Lisa; two grandchildren; and sister, Anne Kazaros. Memorial contributions may be made to Doctors Without Borders or the Glen Rock Ambulance Corps.

1945

**Howard H. Bess Jr.**, surgeon, Denver, on May 2, 2010. Born December 5, 1924, in San Diego, Bess was raised in the Bronx and attended the Bronx H.S. of Science. He earned a degree in 1948 from P&S. During

WWII, Bess was stationed in Lubbock, Texas, where he served in the Army Air Corps. He was honorably discharged with the rank of captain. Bess served his surgical residency at St. Luke's Hospital in Denver and was on the staffs of St. Luke's, St. Joseph's, St. Anthony's, Porter Adventist, Littleton Adventist and Swedish hospitals. He was a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, member of the Colorado Medical Society, member of the Denver Medical Review Group, member of Phi Gamma Delta and 46-year member of the Denver Athletic Club. Bess was an avid outdoorsman with a love for fly-fishing and back-country escapes. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Helen; sons, Robert, Charles, John, Daniel and Michael, and their wives; daughters, Lynne and Laura Ann; 22 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association of Colorado, 455 Sherman St., Ste 500, Denver, CO 80203.

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John W. Gould '48

**John W. Gould**, retired professor, Santa Monica, Calif., January 26, 2010. Gould was born on March 19, 1922, in Brooklyn, N.Y. He attended Boy's H.S., where he edited the *Boy's High Weekly* and was class president his senior year. He served in the 1255th Engineer Combat Battalion from 1943-46 and was in General George Patton's Army during the Battle of the Bulge. Gould earned an M.A. in English and comparative literature in 1949 and a Ph.D. in education in 1962, both from GSAS. His career was in education. He taught at Stony Brook School for



Boys from 1949–1954. From 1955–60, Gould worked in administration at CW Post College Long Island University, Columbia and Lafayette. He taught at USC's School of Business from 1961 until he retired in 1987. Gould traveled widely in the United States, Europe and Asia, consulting for many corporations and teaching business communication in a number of Pacific Rim countries. In 1991, he was reunited with his Army Battalion and attended 17 of their annual reunions. Gould was very involved in church activities. He is survived by his wife since 1949, Olwen (Stafford); children, Heather, William, David, Elizabeth and Carolyn; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

**Henry H. McDonald**, retired ophthalmologist, Pasadena, Calif., on April 9, 2010. McDonald was born on July 27, 1923, attended Stuyvesant Math and Science H.S. and enlisted in the Air Force at 19. He served as a navigator in the European Theatre of Operations throughout WWII. As a first lieutenant, he received the Bronze Star, flying 35 missions in the B-24 Bomber, and later 25 missions in the Royal Air Force "mosquito" plane. Following WWII, McDonald returned to New York, graduated from Columbia, earned a medical degree from NYU and completed a residency in ophthalmology there and at Harvard. In 1952, he married Dorothy Dieckhoff and in 1957 began his practice in Pasadena. He was on the staff of the Huntington Memorial Hospital for 40 years. McDonald was an early advocate

of small wound incision cataract surgery, the way all cataract surgery is done today. Throughout his career, and following his 1997 retirement, McDonald was active in the creation and development of ophthalmic and surgical instrumentation. He loved drawing, painting, chess and playing piano. McDonald is survived by his wife; children, Henry, Robert and Robyn; and six grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

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**Kenneth F. Hadermann**, retired teacher and school administrator, Lake Wylie, S.C., on April 25, 2010. Born in New York City, Hadermann enlisted in the Army Air Corps in WWII and was a member of the American Legion. He earned a master's from Teachers College and was a member of Sigma Nu Fraternity. Hadermann was a teacher and school administrator in four states. In 1976, he relocated with his family to Berlin, Germany, where he was the principal of the John F. Kennedy School until his retirement to North Carolina in 1986. A volunteer Boy Scout leader for more than 50 years, he received the District Award of Merit and the Silver Beaver. As a member of the Order of the Arrow, a Boy Scout honor camper's society, Hadermann became a Vigil member and received the Founders Award. After his retirement, he continued to serve youth as a Guardian ad Litem. Hadermann is survived by his wife, Hannelore; daughter, Karen, and her husband, Jeff; son, Kurt, and his wife, Elizabeth; and one grandson. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

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**Paul I. "Ivy" Bartholet**, controller, Stonington, Conn., on May 20, 2010. Born in 1933, Bartholet attended St. Bernard's School in NYC through eighth grade, later attending Pomfret School in Connecticut, where he captained the baseball and hockey teams. He earned a B.A. in economics, and he and his brother, Chauncey '56, '57E, were doubles partners on Columbia's tennis team. Bartholet's first job out of college was with Metal and Thermit Corp. in New Jersey, where he was an accountant. He took night courses at Rutgers and was hired by IBM in 1961. Bartholet rose through the ranks during nearly three decades with the company, working as controller

for three major corporate divisions, overseeing budgets and streamlining accounting systems. The family spent summers in Stonington, where Bartholet won nine men's singles titles at the Wadawanuck Club. Divorced in 1983, he married Anne Baker Schwartz in 1985. Bartholet was involved in community activities and was an avid golfer. He is survived by his wife; children, Jeffrey, Frederick, and Carolyn Vail; stepchildren, Robert Schwartz, Joan O'Neill, Marianne O'Hearn and David Schwartz; nine grandchildren; brother; and sister, Elizabeth. Memorial contributions may be made to Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center or to the Stonington Community Center.

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**James R. Meyers**, civil rights activist and retired librarian, Ithaca, N.Y., on April 15, 2010. Meyers was born on August 9, 1936, in Detroit. His family soon moved to Pittsburgh, where Meyers attended St. Basil's Catholic School for 12 years and initially wanted to become a priest. While at Columbia, he met Francis Joan Gillen, who became his wife. The couple later moved to South Bend, Ind., where Meyers worked for many years as the film librarian at the South Bend Public Library as well as devoting his passions and extra time to helping to end the Vietnam War and taking part in the countercultural '60s revolution. In 1996, Meyers retired and moved to Albuquerque, where he lived until 2005 when he moved to Ithaca, N.Y., to be near his family. His passions included spiritual pursuits such as Dances of Universal Peace, reincarnation, the Unity Church, meditation, yoga, music, prayer, television, Transactional Analysis, astrology and co-counseling. Meyers is survived by his sons, Pete, and his partner, Mary Loehr, and David; and one grandson.

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**Norman H. Nordlund**, pilot, Brookfield, Conn., on April 28, 2010. Nordlund was born in Pori, Finland, on October 27, 1938, and grew up in Hastings, N.Y. After Columbia, where he earned a B.A. in economics, he was commissioned an ensign in the Naval Reserve through the NROTC Program. Nordlund became a naval aviator, flying the Douglas Skyraider AD1. He served on the aircraft carriers *USS Independence*, *USS Saratoga* and the *USS*

*Forestal* from 1961–65. From 1965–67, he served as a flight instructor in Pensacola, Fla., instructing student naval aviators in carrier landings. After leaving the Navy in 1967, Nordlund began working for TWA, a career that lasted 31 years flying various aircraft including the 707, 727, L1011 and the 747. He was an avid fisherman and loved deep sea fishing. Nordlund is survived by his wife of 48 years, Denise; daughter, Carolyn Montero, and her husband Bill; sons, Michael and his wife Jennifer, and Karl and his wife, Nicole; and five grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

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**George W. "Bud" Goth**, retired professor, Berkeley, Calif., on November 28, 2009. Goth was born on June 23, 1943, on Long Island and earned a B.S. in chemistry. After Columbia, he moved to California and earned a Ph.D. in nuclear chemistry in 1973 from UC Berkeley and did post-doctoral work at Washington University in St. Louis. Goth returned to Berkeley, where he contributed to the grassroots newspaper of Berkeley Citizens Action during the late 1970s and '80s. He taught chemistry part-time at the College of San Mateo in 1975 and then full-time at Skyline College in 1980. Goth founded and edited *The Advocate*, a union newsletter for the American Federation of Teachers, Local 1943. He retired in 2006. He was an avid theatergoer and was active in film and book clubs, attending readings and serving on the Board of the Berkeley City Club for six years. Goth is survived by his aunt and uncle, Elizabeth and James Sharman; and 11 cousins. Memorial contributions may be made to the San Mateo County Community Colleges Foundation, memo line: The George Goth Science Scholarship.

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**Melvin L. Dennis**, architect, expeditor and photography gallery curator, New York City, on June 13, 2010. Dennis was born in Portland, Ore., and grew up on the Oregon coast. He earned a B.A. in art history, did advanced art history studies at NYU and earned a B.Arch. from the Cooper Union in 1977. Dennis worked for several architecture firms in New York, including Pasanella & Klein, and the New York Public Library, and was later a building expeditor.

## Obituary Submission Guidelines

*Columbia College Today* welcomes obituaries for College alumni. Deaths are noted in the next available issue in the "Other Deaths Reported" box, but due to the volume of obituaries that *CCT* receives, it may take several issues for the complete obituary to appear. Word limit is 200; text may be edited for length, clarity and style at editors' discretion. Click "Contact Us" at [college.columbia.edu/cct](http://college.columbia.edu/cct), or mail materials to Obituaries Editor, *Columbia College Today*, Columbia Alumni Center, 622 W. 113th St., MC 4530, New York, NY 10025.

He was a co-founder and curator for the Puchong Gallery, which championed avant-garde photographers in the 1980s and 1990s. An active civic leader, Dennis was president of the Waterside Tenants Association and was a member of the New York County Democratic Committee and the Tilden Democratic Club, and a regular attendee at the Sixteenth Street Friends Meeting. He is survived by his brother, Everette; and four sisters.

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**Dennis E. Milton**, judge, New York City, on May 31, 2010. Milton was born in 1951 on Staten Island, N.Y. He attended Regis H.S. and Fordham Law. Milton, a United States bankruptcy judge in the Eastern District of New York, was appointed in 2001. He is survived by his wife, Karen Greve Milton. Memorial contributions may be made to Regis H.S. in New York City.

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**Charles G. "Grant" Fulk**, plumbing business co-owner, Menlo Park, Calif., on June 14, 2010. Fulk graduated from Sequoia H.S., where he was active in the drama program, and earned a B.A. in English. He was co-owner of Dittmann Plumbing in San Mateo and is survived by his parents, Earl and Elizabeth; aunts, Ruth Morelock and Grace Phair; uncle, Jack Fulk; and a number of cousins. Memorial contributions may be made to Menlo Park Host Lions Club, "Menlo Park Project Read."

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**William F. Evans**, investment banker and musician, New York City, on July 10, 2010. Evans was born in Towson, Md. He earned an M.A. in mathematics from Penn. During his school years, Evans played bass in both performance and recording with several jazz and fusion bands. After graduate school, he embarked on a 23-year career in the financial services industry, specializing in modeling and structuring complex tax-exempt mortgage revenue bond transactions for state housing finance agencies throughout the country for the purpose of financing affordable housing programs. Evans is survived by his former spouse, Laura; children, Katherine and Philip; parents, Bernard and Estelle; and brother, Robert.

Lisa Palladino



## 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.

- 1926** S. Delvalle Goldsmith, Patterson, N.Y., on February 18, 2011.
- 1929** Eric C. Lambart, retired rear admiral, Jacksonville, Fla., on February 17, 2011.
- 1938** Wells S. Brimhall, retired banking executive, Provo, Utah, on March 10, 2011.
- 1940** Harold J. Lehmus, retired physician, Coventry, Conn., on February 17, 2011.  
Stanley L. Temko, retired attorney, Washington, D.C., on March 7, 2011.  
Edmund W. White, retired chemical engineer, Silver Spring, Md., on March 5, 2011.
- 1941** William H. Goldwater, retired research director, Bethesda, Md., on February 23, 2011.
- 1942** John B. Kelly, Scottsdale, Ariz., on December 27, 2010.
- 1943** John G. Pappas, retired physicist and chemist, New York City, on March 4, 2011.
- 1944** Donald P. Mitchell, retired business executive, Portland, Ore., on January 11, 2011.
- 1945** Charles E. Silberman, Sarasota, Fla., on February 5, 2011.
- 1946** Marvin L. Aronson, psychotherapist, Mount Vernon, N.Y., on February 27, 2011.
- 1947** Edmund J. Guilhempe, Brooklyn, N.Y., on January 17, 2008.
- 1949** Arthur W. Mehmel Jr., insurance executive, West Hartford, Conn., on March 2, 2011.
- 1951** Jeremy Gaige, newspaperman and chess archivist, Philadelphia, on February 19, 2011.  
Brian K. Langworthy, organist and music instructor, Marietta, Ga., on March 2, 2011.  
James W. Lister, New York City, on April 27, 2008.
- 1953** Alan Macnow, public relations, marketing and market research executive, New York City, on December 25, 2010.
- 1955** Herman C. Okean, Huntington, N.Y., on January 30, 2011.  
Arnold J. Schwartz, radiologist, Stamford, Conn., on March 8, 2011.
- 1956** Arnold D. Bucove, physician and medical director, Poughkeepsie, N.Y., on January 10, 2011.
- 1957** George Broderick, Ocala, Fla., on December 7, 2010.  
Herbert L. Winans, retired corporate benefits executive, Lexington, Va., on March 20, 2011.
- 1958** William W. Bartlett, retired financial executive, Chappaqua, N.Y., on March 25, 2011.
- 1959** Douglas P. Dunbar Jr., retired Navy captain, Tampa, Fla., on March 3, 2011.
- 1960** Jerome H. Cantor, psychologist and financial adviser, Brooklyn, N.Y., on December 15, 2010.  
John M. Radbill, Albuquerque, N.M., on August 7, 2010.
- 1964** Brian Safer, biochemist and researcher, Adelphi, Md., on February 6, 2011.  
Christopher Trumbo, film and television writer, Ojai, Calif., on January 8, 2011.
- 1966** Frederic Neuburger, certified financial planner and tax practitioner, Syracuse, N.Y., on February 19, 2011.
- 1967** William M. Crouch Jr., cartoonist and comic arts writer, Fairfield, Conn., on February 21, 2011.  
Steven D. Wexler, former carpenter; writer and teacher, Tijeras, N.M., on December 20, 2010.
- 1988** Nancy E. McAdoo, communications/knowledge exchange content manager, Medford, Mass., on January 15, 2011.



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**Howard N. Meyer '34, '36L**, a retired New York lawyer and two-time Pulitzer Prize-nominated author, discussed challenges of immigration and civil rights in terms of the 14th Amendment. A product of the Civil War, the amendment made citizens equal before the law.

Howard has written more than 70 articles and books, and in his Pulitzer Prize-nominated book from 1973, *The Amendment that Refused to Die: Equality and Justice Deferred: A History of the Fourteenth Amendment*, he reflects on the beginnings and current significance of the amendment. Howard believes that because of new developments in the Arizona U.S. Senators' attempts to repeal the 14th Amendment, more specifically the effects the repeal would have on the children of Mexican nationals because their entrance into the country was not in accordance with the law, the nation will eliminate the rights of people, and people will begin to forget the importance of equality and justice values.

Reading books such as Thomas Wentworth Higginson's *Army Life in a Black Regiment* opened Howard's eyes to the contributions of minorities such as women, African-Americans and other groups that have been omitted from textbooks in American history. Howard's most recent book, *The World Court in Action: Judging Among the Nations*, was published in 2002 and also was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize. In it, he writes about the International Court of Justice and international law.

Howard moved to Bolinas, Calif., in 2009 to be closer to his sons, Jon-

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athon and Franklin. He continues to follow current events about justice and equality nationally and internationally.

**David Perlman '39, '40J** writes, "At 92, I'm still science editor of the *San Francisco Chronicle*, covering everything except medicine — anthropology, seismic goings-on, cosmic universes, planets and so on." [Editor's note: CCT profiled Perlman in November/December 2009: college.columbia.edu/cct/nov\_dec09.]

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Sad to report that **Joe Coffee**, one of our most outstanding class members, passed away in January shortly after his 92nd birthday. Joe was our class president; voted most likely to succeed; a member of student board; a regular attendee, with his wife, Margaret, at our annual Arden House reunions; and a good friend. After graduation, he joined the Navy and served on the President's staff, was executive officer on a destroyer escort that was sunk and then commanding officer of another destroyer escort. He was assistant to the president of Columbia and on its Board of Trustees. Joe was president of Eisenhower College and was the patriarch of a large and loving family. A memorial service was held at Columbia on April 28. [See March/April Obituaries.]

On a happier note, I spent Christmas week in Costa Rica with Fran Katz's family, where I zip-lined, white water rafted, kayaked and hiked in the rainforest, including five bouncing suspension bridges. In February I took my family of 26, including 12 great-grandchildren, to Club Med in Ixtapa, Mexico.

Ken Hechler '40 GSAS, my last instructor in college, stayed at my house for two nights and lectured on April 8 at the Roslyn Library and then at C.W. Post (LIU). He wrote the book (also was a movie) *The Bridge at Remagen* and many other publications, was a colonel in the army, a long-term (and still) college professor and was President Truman's speechwriter and adviser. He was a congressman for 18 years, secretary of state in West Virginia, and still lectures and writes.

Let me know what you are doing.

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On January 14, *The New York Times*' obituary section carried a memorial tribute to **Franklin Gerald Bishop '43E**, who died on January 14, 1996. Gerry's widow, Evelyn, has faithfully published this annual tribute to Gerry since he succumbed to his final illness 15 years ago. This writer met Gerry at a freshman beer party in September 1938 in John Jay Hall, where we gathered around a piano to sing raunchy limericks and *Roar, Lion, Roar*. Gerry later became a good friend. He was a brilliant mathematician and engineer. He had a successful career as an engineer and management consultant, and finally as CEO and president of Matrix Corp. At our Homecoming football game in 1995, Gerry came up to the Remmer-Maniatty Alumni Lounge above Wien Stadium in his wheelchair to watch the game and visit with classmates. He already was very ill but perfectly alert and able to converse with us. That was the last time I saw him. At Columbia, Gerry was Dean's Day chairman, and a generous financial supporter of the College, a tradition that Evelyn has continued through the years. We join Evelyn in remembering Gerry's impressive professional accomplishments and his lifelong devotion to Columbia.

*The New York Times* of January 24 reported the death of **Clarence Eich '43E** on January 8. After WWII service in the Navy, he was a mechanical engineer at Combustion Engineering. In 1962, Clarence joined the Foster Wheeler Corp., where he was issued several patents for new designs and products for power generation and rose to the position of e.v.p. before his retirement in 1984. At Columbia, Clarence was an active and widely respected classmate. He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, the Glee Club, the Van Am Society and the Debate Council. He earned silver and gold crowns, and was elected to Nacoms. He attended all of our significant landmark reunions and our Homecoming games at Wien Stadium. After his retirement, Clarence traveled widely with his wife, Ellen, enjoyed his golf games and was a skilled gardener. He won awards for his flowers and developed several new varieties of gesneriads. In 2001, Clarence was named Volunteer of the Year by the State of New Jersey Division of Parks

and Forestry for his work on behalf of the Canal Society. He is survived by his wife; children, Mary, Robert and Claire; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. We mourn the loss of such a distinguished classmate, and we extend our condolences to his family.

The annual Dean's Scholarship Reception, honoring donors to named scholarships, was held in Alfred Lerner Hall on February 3. Two of the finest members of our Great Class of 1942 are honored in perpetuity by memorial scholarships: **Charles F. "Chic" Hoelzer Jr.** and **Dr. Herbert Mark**. The Hoelzer memorial scholarship was established in 1978, the year of his untimely death, by this correspondent and Chic's widow, the late Dorothy. The Mark memorial scholarship was established by Herb's widow, Avra '45 Barnard; his sons, Peter, Tom and Jeremy; his cousin, Reuben Mark; and this correspondent after Herb's death in 2006. In 1939-40, Herb was my Livingston Hall roommate, and thanks to Columbia, became my friend for 67 years. I encourage classmates who remember Chic and Herb to contribute to their memorial scholarship funds. Please contact the Columbia College Fund's Eleanor L. Coufos '03, director of annual giving programs, at 212-851-7483 for further information.

I was sad to receive notice from our Alumni Office on February 19 that **Werner Rahmlow** died in Camden, Maine, on January 3. In April 2009, Werner sent me a long autobiographical letter from his winter residence in Lady Lake, Fla., including reminiscences about his years at Columbia. Like Columbia's most generous financial supporter, the late John W. Kluge '37, Werner was born in Germany; he emigrated to the United States in 1932 and became a U.S. citizen in 1942. He settled in Leonia, N.J., where he attended the local high school. Werner's high school principal took him to the Columbia campus for a personal visit (could that ever happen today?), and Werner was eventually admitted with a full scholarship to study engineering. He commuted to the campus by trolley, 125th Street ferry, subway and on foot for three hours daily, five or six days each week, and still found the time to train and run for Columbia under track coach "Canny Carl" Werner (Werner had been an undefeated half-miler in high school). With his demanding engineering studies and long com-

mates, Werner said he could not keep up with the required readings for Humanities and Contemporary Civilization, and despite the inspiration from professors Weaver, Luckie and Baumeister, he "lost interest in college." He also lost his scholarship and had to find part-time work to pay his tuition of \$200 a semester. After finishing three years at Columbia, Werner was about to be drafted and enlisted in the Navy. He served for four years as a Navy pilot during WWII and then returned to Columbia, where his fourth year was paid for by the G.I. Bill. As he said, "I could finally afford a K&E Slide Rule." His sense of humor had remained intact.

After graduation, Werner went to work for the Bendix Corp. in New Jersey as a versatile mechanical, electrical, chemical and civil engineer, and eventually a management executive. He lived in Westwood, N.J., and enjoyed golf, bowling and playing bridge. He invented and held a patent for a centrifuge that developed 800 Gs in 15 seconds, and stayed at Bendix for 34 years until his retirement, when he moved to Rockland, Maine, while spending winters in Florida. His first wife, Virginia, mother of his three children, died in 1987. All of the children, Richard, Carol and Donald, were college graduates, but none, regrettably, from Columbia. In 1992, Werner remarried and enjoyed life with his second wife, Louise, and attended our 50th reunion at Arden House, where he commented that he had enjoyed our notable 16-13 football victory over Princeton in 1988, which ended our 44-game losing streak. Werner closed his letter by expressing his devotion to Columbia ("Good Old Roar, Lion, Roar," he said) and speculated that many of our classmates must be approaching 90. He was accurate in that observation. As I write this, Dr. **Gerald Klingon**, **Stewart McIlvennan**, **Bob Kaufman** and Dr. **Arthur Wellington** all have celebrated their 90th birthdays. Werner was born in Germany on January 13, 1920, so he was 10 days short of his 91st birthday when he died. He had already become a distinguished member of our Class of 1942 Nonagenarian Club. He is survived by his wife, Louise; his children; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. We salute Werner's unusual life and loyalty to Columbia, and we send condolences to all members of his family.

Some of this report was originally published in Class Notes in the July/August 2009, online-only, issue of CCT: college.columbia.edu/cct/jul\_aug09.

Kind regards and good wishes to all classmates. I welcome news from you. Long may Columbia stand!

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Do you run into unusual or noteworthy Columbia ties in your reading? I do; send me yours. Here are some recent ones of mine. John Parke Custis enrolled in King's College in 1773 but did not return for a second year. He was the child of Martha Custis Washington, by her first husband, and became the stepson of George Washington. J.P. Custis' son was no better a scholar. He matriculated at the College of New Jersey (later Princeton) but was expelled for reasons related to decorum. He later dropped out of St. John's College in Annapolis.

Another two: There were professional athletes in Columbia history in addition to the great Lou Gehrig '23. One was Eddie Collins (Class of 1907), quarterback on the Columbia football team and a star baseball player. He went on to play on major league teams, including the Philadelphia Athletics, and was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame. Collins is considered by many to be the greatest second baseman of all time. Brooklyn-born Sid Luckman '39 was another. The star quarterback played for the Chicago Bears from 1939-50 and was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

My wife, Audrey, and I have several trips scheduled for this year. They include a lecture at a meeting in Amsterdam. We'll take the opportunity to go to the British War Cemetery in Sittard, The Netherlands, where Audrey's brother Pat is buried with all of his tank crew. They were killed in the battle for Geilenkirchen, Germany, in November 1944. I think I have located the spot where his tank was destroyed, just over the Dutch border, and we'll try to find it.

Sad news: **Walter J. Sassano** died in West Harrison, N.Y., on December 28. He was 89. He enlisted in the Army in 1942 while a student at Columbia and was discharged as a captain four years later. He then became active in the American Legion and other community organizations.

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Friends, please take a moment to send me some information about your lives. I assure you that all your

classmates, as well as other alumni, want to hear about what you are doing.

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Dr. **Stanley Brahm** retired from a Park Avenue practice of urology about 20 years ago and still lives in Manhattan. He was divorced about 20 years ago and has three children scattered about, all doing wonderful things. He has a son in the Silicon Valley finance business and wonders if that wasn't a better choice than medicine. Stanley has many health issues, including an aortic aneurism and a bad valve, which he has opted to live with, and so far so good. After he stopped practicing medicine, Stanley spent much of his time golfing. He belonged to a club in Bermuda and had a house in Florida near a golf course. He is, as lots of us say these days, "doing as well as can be expected," but he mourns the inability to play golf.

Dr. **Arnold Modell** is "semi-retired," still active in the Boston Psychoanalytic Society and Institute, and (remarkably for those our age) he is in good health. His most recent paper, "Not Even Wrong," will be appearing in *Psychoanalytic Inquiry* within the next few months, as the galleys have been returned. In it, he discusses the difficulty psychoanalysts have in talking to each other.

Dr. **John Peck** '47 P&S is another psychoanalyst who is healthy and semi-retired in that he maintains contact with the Los Angeles Psychoanalytic Institute and Society for Psychoanalytic Studies but no longer sees patients. At this stage in his life, he prefers to lie on a beach in front of his house and read (the hard life in Southern California!).

Dr. **Gordon Mathes** '48 P&S lives in The Trezevant Episcopal Home, 177 North Highland St., Apt. 4111, Memphis, TN 38111. He retired 20 years ago and moved into the retirement home six months ago. He has been golfing since retirement and played nine holes on February 14!

Dr. **Melvin Grumbach** '48 P&S signed up to be a naval officer just after Pearl Harbor, returned to the College and then went on to P&S. Following an enviable period of training and academic service, in 1965 he became professor and chairman of pediatrics at UCSF, president of the Endocrine Society in 1981 and was elected fellow of the U.S. Academy of Arts and Science in 1983. I have a 52-page CV, an interview with him as past president of the Endocrine Society and a URL for the Wikipedia article about Mel ([en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Melvin\\_](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Melvin_)

M. Grumbach).

His pediatric endocrine group has addressed in a broad perspective the following: hormonal effects on growth and maturation, the developing brain and the endocrine system, the ontogeny of the human and ovine hypothalamic-pituitary apparatus, genes, fetal hormones, the origin of the Barr body, the ontogeny of human sex determination and differentiation, aromatase deficiency due to mutations in the gene encoding P450 aromatase and the biologic role of estrogen in the male as well as in the female.

This last topic concerns the critical role of estradiol in the pubertal growth spurt and skeletal maturation in the male, as in the female, and the previously poorly characterized effects of estradiol in the male on glucose and insulin metabolism, lipid metabolism, bone mineral accretion and the maintenance of bone mass. In addition, aromatase deficiency suggests endogenous fetal estrogens synthesized by the conceptus are not an important factor in the differentiation of the female genital tract or the maintenance of pregnancy. Endogenous estradiol does not even have a critical effect on psychosexual development or sex differentiation of the human brain. The aromatase deficiency story is an illustration of Louis Pasteur's insight: "Origin of scientific creativity: To know when to be astonished."

Mel says his studies on aromatase deficiency also illustrate the critical role of collaboration.

The CCT staff notified me of the deaths of Dr. **Don Johnson** and **Carter Golombe**. Obituaries will appear in a future issue.

**REUNION JUNE 2-JUNE 5**

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Roar, CC '46, roar. The celebration of our 65th anniversary reunion, Thursday, June 2-Sunday, June 5, will indeed be memorable.

Our return to campus includes a lecture at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 4 (choose from five possibilities), to which all reunion classes are invited.

The setting for Saturday's class reunion luncheon will be high in Butler Library (you may remember it as South Hall) with dramatic views of the campus and Low Library.

At noon, we will gather for a



cocktail reception, meeting and greeting to the music of a live ensemble. Lunch will follow with welcoming remarks from Dean of Academic Affairs Kathryn Yatrakis. Dean Yatrakis continues a tradition that began with our 55th, took place again at our 60th and now will take place at the 65th. She recently told me how much she enjoyed meeting and getting to know so many of the class through the years.

**Richard Heffner** has hosted PBS' *The Open Mind* for 55 years. Dick's guests have included Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., William Buckley, Elie Wiesel, Malcolm X, Betty Friedan, Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, Arthur Schlesinger and Benjamin Spock, and the list goes on and on. Of his program, *The New York Times* said it is easier to list those of importance who have not come under Dick's microscope than those notables who have.

For the celebration of our 65th, Dick invited Dean Michele Moody-Adams to appear on his program. She enthusiastically accepted, and we will preview the taped program followed by a Q&A, to which the dean graciously agreed.

Enjoy the comradeship, reminisce, catch up, share a few giggles. Bring wives and friends. Celebrate the Columbia experience. Do not miss this moment. You can celebrate the 65th anniversary only once.

Details about reserving your places at the reunion luncheon are in the mail. You also can register online: [alumni.college.columbia.edu/reunion](http://alumni.college.columbia.edu/reunion).

**Lawrence Jukofsky** authored *The Final Victim*, available at Barnes & Noble and on Amazon.com. A building site in Poland reveals a mass grave. One of the bodies is well preserved and is sent for a shrine to a temple on a barrier island, where this Jewish victim of the Holocaust takes his revenge on anti-Semites and ex-Nazis. Larry writes: "I am a bit old to be doing this sort of thing but boredom in the aged must be common. I have started a sequel plus a coming-of-age novel, much based on my beginnings as a V-12er in Livingston Hall and with encouragement from Dr. Knobbe years ago. I recall his last bit of advice, 'Learn to spell!'"

Larry would appreciate hearing from anyone who lived on the seventh deck (floor) and would love to have pictures of V-12ers who shared the deck.

Larry, from what I know about the men in our class, boredom is not in their psyche.

**Paul Rotondi**, who lives in Lakewood, N.J., responded to my December letter. His Columbia days were interrupted by Uncle Sam's call, and he spent three years as an

Air Force bombardier. Paul said: "I enjoyed a wonderful career as a businessman and CEO of a bank in New Jersey."

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**Robert M. Berk** remains active in the medical profession along with his wife. He is known as a consummate homebody — in his words, "I have traveled not at all." He is proud of that achievement. He has two children and a couple of grandchildren and says that he is very happy.

**Arthur E. Bradley** also still is in the medical profession. He continues to be involved in chemistry and consults in the field of nutrition. Arthur says that there is an emphasis these days on polyphenols (antioxidants), agricultural and food processing wastes. He is quite active in the field and still performs experiments. He discovered that if one washes pecan fragments and leaves the fragments overnight in a concentrated ammonium hydroxide solution, the liquid turns black. It will be interesting trying to figure out what is happening there.

**Charles D. Cole** retired in 2007. He has moved to his present location, Bristol Village ([bristolvillage.org](http://bristolvillage.org)), and now has an on-site doctor's office in a medical building. Charles is a counselor-labor relations and is a member of the America Newspaper Publishers Association. Bristol Village has a modern activity center with walking track, pool, library, café, fitness center, woodshop and more.

**Frank I. Marcus** is yet another person in the medical field who should receive our congratulations, having been chosen to receive the prestigious Heart Rhythm Society's Pioneer in Cardiac Pacing and Electrophysiology Award.

**Angelo DiMartino** remembers well that he got a very good educa-

tion at Columbia. In fact, the tradition has continued, as his son also went to Columbia. His son also had Professor Charles Dawson 26 years after his father. Professor Dawson was able to retrieve his father's grades in his class. Angelo did not stray far from New York. He spent most of his life after Columbia in Nassau County at the end of a canal that empties into Great South Bay.

**Paul R. Homer** remembers well the ROTC and V-12 programs being active on campus. He recalls that the student body consisted of both a military and a civilian body. He served in the military so was delayed in getting back to Columbia, which resulted in him becoming a part of the Class of 1948 instead of 1947. Happily, he considers the school a great institution, which, according to him, is getting greater each year. He remembers fondly Professor William C. Casey and Professor Dwight Miner '26, '40 GSAS and enjoyed classes with both of them, especially Casey and his famous course, which became known as "Caseyology."

**Dr. George Dermksian**, after graduating from medical school, joined St. Luke's Hospital and became professor chairman of its archives. He has two sons and has been to a number of Dean's Days.



**What could be more fun than a week in Mexico? A week in Mexico with an old college buddy. In February, Irving Kushner '50 (left) headed south of the border to spend time with Ted Reid '50.**

from you as was his. So, let's hear from you all to fill these columns.

I must, however, raise a glass, shout a cheer, sound the trumpets (make your own choice of celebratory noise) in recognition of the mail I received from **Howard Beldock!** I opened the envelope, which contained a note along with a printed notice regarding his practice as a mediator/arbitrator. This is work for which Howie has attained considerable status and recognition.

Not being a lawyer, let me dwell on the personal note, the content

### Gerald Weissmann '50 is director of the Biotechnology Study Center and research professor of medicine at NYU.

This fact calls this writer's attention to the fact that get-togethers such as Dean's Day and reunions are sparsely attended by members of the Class of 1948. The combination of a military segment and a civilian segment at that time resulted in poorly attended class functions, something we can change. This year's Dean's Day will be held on Saturday, June 4 ([college.columbia.edu/alumni/events/deansday](http://college.columbia.edu/alumni/events/deansday)).

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Writing in the extreme cold of a winter's day, the sun gives promise of the warm spring to come. Reading this, we hope it has arrived for you all.

First, allow me a personal note: My brother Bertram Sussman '47, who was his class' correspondent for two years, has withdrawn. I must admit to being jealous of the extraordinary success he had in attracting submissions from his classmates. Our class is just as happy to hear

of which might be summed up as, "I'm still here and doing great!" But it is stated in the warmest terms and brought a smile to my face. Nevertheless, the visual, which I can only describe here, remains most vividly in my mind. Howie has the most extraordinary "hand," with flourishes and style that we associate with historical documents. The visual impact of his written page adds emotion to the content and makes the decline of cursive writing a loss that younger generations cannot understand.

Thanks, Howie.

Hope to see as many of you as can make it at Dean's Day on Saturday, June 4 ([college.columbia.edu/alumni/events/deansday](http://college.columbia.edu/alumni/events/deansday)). It is always a meaningful occasion and worth getting up early to make it in time for breakfast with classmates!

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**Irving Kushner** retired from academic medicine and now is

professor emeritus at Case Western Reserve University. Irv continues, though, to participate in the academic activities of the Division of Rheumatology at Case's hospital, where he engages in conferences and journal clubs and helps his younger colleagues write papers. Irv says that he has had "an attack of late life productivity" and has had six papers published after his 81st birthday dealing variously with medicine, science and medical history. And speaking of history, as this was being written, Irv was preparing a lecture on the history of the four humors, the theory of the human body that guided ancient Greek and Roman physicians.

**Gerald Weissmann**, whose medical career has been in basic biomedical research on inflammation, continues as director of the Biotechnology Study Center and research professor of medicine at the NYU School of Medicine. Gerry's science-related activities extend beyond academic halls; he is editor-in-chief of the *FASEB Journal*, which is the official publication of the Federation of American Societies of Experimental Biology, now the most-cited journal of biology worldwide. Gerry has contributed many articles to the *Journal* through the years, and these articles are the basis for his 10th book of essays, *Epigenetics in the Age of Twitter: Pop Culture and Modern Science*, to be published this year. He has served for four years as chairman of the prize jury for Prix Galien USA, an international group that annually grants its pro bono award for humanitarian services to underserved populations worldwide. Gerry extends his interest to sea life as well and for 18 years has been a trustee of the Marine Biological Laboratory at Woods Hole, Mass., and has been appointed to its board of overseers.

Sadly, we report three deaths. **Joachim (Joe) Adamczyk** of Madison, N.J., died in January. **George C. Finch** of New Bern, N.C., died in November. **John E. Silverberg** of Long Island City, N.Y., died in December.

#### REUNION JUNE 2-JUNE 5

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Alumni Reunion Weekend is less than a month away, Thursday, June

2-Sunday, June 5! There will be a great mix of cultural happenings throughout New York City as well as class-specific events where we will have a chance to renew old friendships. Thursday night, there will be a chance to take in a show in Manhattan. Friday offers mini-Core courses, tours and discussions, and a class reception. Saturday is Dean's Day, with great lectures, including a talk by Dean Michele Moody-Adams, followed in the evening by the all-class Wine Tasting, a dinner with the Class of 1946, and sweets, champagne, music and dancing on Low Plaza at the Starlight Reception. In between, there will be plenty of other happenings to keep us entertained. Don't miss it. It's not too late to register. You can even do so online: [alumni.college.columbia.edu/reunion](http://alumni.college.columbia.edu/reunion).

### Ralph Lowenstein '51 received the 2011 Emma Lazarus Statue of Liberty Award, the American Jewish Historical Society's highest honor.

Without generous philanthropists, our country's great centers of learning would cease to exist. Consider for example the contributions of the Sulzberger family. In late February, at the death of Judith Sulzberger, sister of **Arthur Ochs Sulzberger**, *The New York Times* published an inspirational story about the family and its close relationship to Columbia. Judith graduated from P&S in 1949 and financially supported alma mater's Genome Center. In 1991, together with her siblings, Judith gave a generous contribution to Barnard in honor of their mother, Iphigene. In 2005, Judith and her sisters Ruth and Marian presented the Journalism School with major gifts for new management training programs for news executives, as well as internships and scholarships, to honor Arthur, the chairman emeritus and former publisher of the *Times*.

All of the above is not the end of the story about Judith and little brother Arthur. The *Times* let the "cat out of the bag." When Arthur was born, his father, who enjoyed writing light verse, prepared an illustrated book describing the boy as having "come to play the Punch to Judy's endless show." So "Punch" became Arthur's lifelong nickname.

Nearly 40 years after prominent colleges such as Columbia and Harvard expelled the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps from their campuses, some colleges are reconsidering what might have been a too-hasty action during the Vietnam conflict. At the time of this writing, Harvard announced that it would officially recognize NROTC. Dur-

ing WWII, Columbia's unit trained more than 23,000 officers for naval service. While our class attended Columbia, the Corps consisted of 220 midshipmen, about 10 percent of the College's enrollment. Encouraged by **B. James Lowe** and **Leonard A. Stoehr**, along with continuing publicity in *The Wounded Lion* to bring back the Navy, Columbia's administration may yet agree with Harvard's President Drew Gilpin Faust that Harvard's "renewed relationship (with NROTC) affirms the vital role that members of our Armed Forces play in serving the nation and securing our freedoms, while also affirming inclusion and opportunity as powerful American ideals."

Congratulations to **Ralph Lowenstein '51**, formerly dean of the College of Journalism and Commu-

nications at the University of Florida. Ralph received the 2011 Emma Lazarus Statue of Liberty Award, the American Jewish Historical Society's highest honor, presented to an individual "who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and commitment to strengthening the American Jewish Community." Previous awardees include George P. Shultz, Edward Koch and Elie Wiesel. Last year, Ralph had the idea to create a Gainesville Holocaust Memorial. He became the fundraiser, project coordinator and memorial designer. Some 340 individuals and families contributed the \$36,000 cost of the memorial, which was unveiled before a large gathering and much local publicity on September 12.

**Paul Miller** lives in Tarpon Springs, Fla. He was one of our classmates who returned from WWII active duty with the Army to continue his college education. Paul began his career with Curtis-Wright, aircraft engine manufacturers in New Jersey before embarking on long careers with Bell and General Telephone. Before retiring in 1989, Paul participated in a brokerage business. He can be reached at 727-937-0560.

Mary Jo Kloezeman advised us that her father, **Robert Archer**, died on September 4. Robert earned a Ph.D. from GSAS in 1954 and had a long career with Hewlett-Packard. **Howard N. Ross** died on November 16. In college, he was an editor of the *Pre-Medical Journal*, a member of Sawbones and secretary of the Pre-Med Society. He earned a Ph.D. from GSAS in 1964 and for many years was a professor of econom-

ics at Baruch. In December, **John B. Morris** died in the Atlanta area. Active with the Canterbury Club at Columbia, he subsequently graduated from the Virginia Theological Seminary before embarking upon a career in the ministry.

A couple of 60th reunion notes to conclude this column. Please don't overlook the letter you received from Reunion Committee members **Willard Block**, **Mark Kaplan** and **Harvey Krueger**. Their suggestion is for every class member to reexamine his assets and make as large as possible a reunion class gift to the Columbia College Fund. You can give online ([college.columbia.edu/giveonline](http://college.columbia.edu/giveonline)) or mail a check to Columbia College Fund, Columbia Alumni Center, 622 W. 113th St., MC 4530, 3rd Fl., New York NY 10025. Of equal importance is the committee's suggestion to register now for reunion festivities. Again, you can do this online ([alumni.college.columbia.edu/reunion](http://alumni.college.columbia.edu/reunion)) or use the registration packet you received in the mail. Contact Jennifer Freely, assistant director, alumni affairs (jf2261@columbia.edu or 212-851-7438), for the latest details or more information.

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The men and women who serve in our military forces and protect our country are to be admired and respected, especially during times of war, when a young life can be snuffed out in a split second. Many of us have served and feel proud of our small or large contribution. Our country called and we answered.

When General Studies student and former Army Staff Sgt. Anthony Maschek was heckled during a school forum discussing ROTC on campus, it struck a nerve with New York Assemblyman Robert J. Castelli. Castelli, a Vietnam War veteran, was angry that a young man who was shot 11 times in a firefight in northern Iraq in February 2008 was shown a lack of respect by some of his fellow students.

A college professor, Castelli wrote a letter to President Lee C. Bollinger and cc'd, among others, American Legion Department of New York Commander V. James Troiola. The letter was shared with National Commander Jimmie L. Foster, who praised Castelli "for standing up for former Army Staff Sgt. Anthony Maschek and all veterans currently enrolled in colleges throughout the country. Our veterans deserve to be treated, at the very least, with the same respect as



any of their fellow students.”

Castelli's letter to Bollinger read, in part: “As a champion of diversity, I would expect that you could convey to your students the fact that they do not need to honor the war to respect and honor our warriors. The treatment of this young veteran who was wounded 11 times in the service of his country is abhorrent, to say the least ... (M)embers of our military who served their country and risked their lives on all our behalf should be treated with the same dignity and respect that your institution demands for any diverse member of our population.”

**Armen Haig** wrote, after we chatted by phone: “I am still doing orthopedic surgery, now with my son, who is managing the practice in Bronxville, N.Y., with part-time clinical academic interest at New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia University Medical Center.

“I had been department director at Lawrence Hospital Center and then chief of staff before moving on to senior staff. My previous academic activity had been a full-time academic appointment at Albert Einstein Medical Center as deputy director, where I had a wonderful time managing the residency training program from 1964–69, when I moved to Westchester.

“My Columbia friends included Frank Durkan '51, who passed away recently, just before a reunion we had planned. We kept putting it off, but we talked by phone about his clients (he was a lawyer). Lesson learned: Do not squander opportunities to hold old (or new) friendships. You don't always get a second chance. Thanks for listening.”

From **Irwin Herman**: “Most of the names that appear in this column, I do not recognize. Whether this is due to time or age, I can't say. My wife has buried the 1952 yearbook in the depths of an antique steamer trunk, and I don't dare open it to check the pictures lest I release evil. This is sad because during 1948–52, we knew almost everyone in the College by name or by sight.

“My name will probably suffer the same lack of recognition, but because it's almost 60 years (60 years!) since graduation, I will take an old man's liberty of providing a brief biography. Maybe some survivors out there in graduation land will find this interesting.

“After graduation, I returned to Cincinnati, where I started my career in journalism, running copy for the *Cincinnati Enquirer* until the Army called. After two years at Fort Belvoir in public information, where I saw **Mal Schechter** pass through the engineering school and **Max Frankel** while on an official visit to the Pentagon, I ended up as a reporter (in fact, the only

reporter) at a daily paper in Frankfort, Ky. I decided to move on, and while heading to North Carolina with a fellowship in sociology and a job stringing for the *Durham Sun*, got sidetracked. I ended up working for a daily labor paper out of Charleston, W.Va. I was unhappy there, so I moved back to Cincinnati, where I remained unemployed and rejected by every major paper I queried. At a crossroad, I decided to use the G.I. Bill. Remembering how happy and unstressed the pre-meds were at Columbia, I decided to go to medical school. Unfortunately, I had none of the science requirements. So in two years and working full-time, I got the credits and got admitted to University of Cincinnati College of Medicine. After a year of internship, three years of internal medicine residency and a year of fellowship, I established practice in Oakland, Calif.

“I married an attractive, talented young lady from Iowa named Virginia, whom I met while she was a physical therapist at the V.A. hospital in Cincinnati. She has had the fortitude to tolerate my years of residency and me. We have three boys. The oldest, David, is a captain in the Navy, married to a pathologist, and has realized his dream of being a skipper of an attack submarine. He has two boys. Middle son, Tom, after getting his master's in biotech and working in research, switched to more remunerative biotech sales. He married a schoolteacher, continued the family tradition having two boys, and lives in idyllic Coronado, Calif. Our youngest, Charlie, went to Berkeley, was Phi Beta Kappa and by an unusual set of circumstances acted as factotum for David Brinkley during the 50th D-Day commemoration in France. This led to a job at ABC News, where he advanced to business and economics producer. This past year he moved to a similar position at WNYC in NYC.

“The chaos of insurance and the government led me to leave practice in 1994, and I joined the enemy as a medical consultant for the state of California, where I work full-time.

“This has been a long bio written at the request of our esteemed '52 column editor, Sidney. However, I will announce now that this is not an invitation for solicitations. With the wisdom of age, I have gone from yellow dog Democrat to conservative independent.”

Citing what he perceives as “the pervasive radical and anti-Israeli bias of the University,” Irwin closes by saying he has “moved my wallet from my left to right hip pocket.”

This next about **Anthony (A. James) Gregor**: Anthony Gimigliano, born in Brooklyn, N.Y., on April

2, 1929, proceeded to earn his Ph.D. (1961) in social and political philosophy as an Irwin Edman Scholar in the philosophy department of Columbia. He commenced his career as an educator by working in the philosophy departments of the universities of Hawaii, Kentucky and Texas, before being invited, in 1967, to join the faculty of the political science department at UC Berkeley. He retired from his teaching obligations in 2009, and continues his research and publication, primarily in the history of revolutionary thought. He has published 26 volumes, the most recent of which include *Marxism, Fascism, and Totalitarianism: Chapters in the Intellectual History of Radicalism; The Search for Neofascism: The Use and Abuse of Social Science; Mussolini's Intellectuals: Fascist Social and Political Thought*; and *Faces of Janus: Marxism and Fascism in the Twentieth Century*.

Collateral with his studies in revolutionary ideologies, Anthony has published widely in professional journals dealing with security and national defense issues. In that capacity, he has held the Oppenheimer Chair of Warfighting Strategy at the United States Marine Corps University (1996–97) as well as been an adjunct lecturer for the Professional School, Department of State, and occasional lecturer for the National Defense University and the United States Marine Corps University. He has served as expert witness in regional security matters for both houses of Congress and on the editorial boards of the *Journal of Strategic Studies* and *Comparative Strategy*. Anthony has participated in lectures and conferences in most of the major cities of the United States, and in Europe, as well as Mexico City, Buenos Aires and Montevideo in Latin America. Similar obligations took him to Tokyo, Beijing, Pyongyang, Taipei, Kuala Lumpur, Bangkok, Manila, New Delhi and Calcutta in Asia. As a lecturer for the United State Information Agency, Anthony spoke at institutions in Jerusalem, Cairo and Pretoria. In 1972, he was awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship. In 1974, he was commemorative speaker at the Giovanni Gentile Commemorative Ceremony of the *Enciclopedia Italiana*, Rome. He was a fellow of the Center for Advanced Study in the Social Sciences at the Hebrew University, Jerusalem (1980–81). In 2004, the government of the Republic of Italy awarded Anthony membership (as cavaliere) in the Order of Merit. He lives in Berkeley, Calif., with his wife, Professor Maria Hsia Chang.

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

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The unusual achievement of our innovative classmate **Herman Winick** is truly amazing. In 1997, Herman was associated with the SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory at Stanford when he learned that the Bonn government in Germany was planning to shut down its existing synchrotron and replace it with a newer, more powerful model. The Germans planned to cut up their old synchrotron and sell its metal as scrap.

In simple terms, a synchrotron produces super intense X-rays that enable scientists to see the detailed arrangements of atoms inside complex molecules such as proteins. For example, the synchrotron makes it possible to analyze the atomic structure of defective hemoglobin in order to create a medicine to help patients with sickle cell anemia.

Hearing that the Bonn government was about to sell the existing synchrotron, Herman came up with an imaginative idea. Instead of selling it as scrap, would the Bonn government be willing to donate the equipment to a scientific group in the Middle East?

Working diligently, Herman was able to secure an enthusiastic response from the scientific community and UNESCO. As a result, nine Middle Eastern countries (Bahrain, Egypt, Israel, the Palestinian Authority, Cypress, Jordan, Turkey, Iran and Pakistan) agreed to construct the Middle East's first major cooperative international scientific research center. Jordan successfully competed with seven countries to become the site for the new center.

Talking to Herman on the phone, I learned that he is especially excited that this cooperative venture of scientists from nine countries will convince bright young students in the area to work together on peaceful projects that will have enormous medical and other benefits for people in their countries and for the entire world. Detailed information about the project is available at [www.sesame.org.jo](http://www.sesame.org.jo).

Keep up the great work, Herman! Your classmates are proud of your determined efforts over many years to bring this project to fruition.

Talking to **Stan Maratos** by phone, I learned that last summer he was inducted into the Hellenic Athletic Hall of Fame at a ceremony in Montreal. His achievements were cited at a dinner attended by 300 people where Stan received a huge plaque and a glass globe on a pedestal. Interestingly enough, Stan is one of a small number of our classmates who married as under-

graduates. He and Amaryllys were married during their senior year and celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary. Stan also told me about a celebration every two years in Florida known as The Last Round-up. It seems our Columbia jocks from the early '50s get together to party and talk about the good old days. If you were a jock and would like to participate, please telephone Stan in Treasure Island, Fla.

Stan was a member of the 1950–51 men's basketball team that went undefeated during the regular season and won the Eastern Intercollegiate Basketball League (forerunner of the Ivy League) championship before bowing to Illinois 79–71 in the NCAA tournament. That team has been inducted to the Columbia University Athletics Hall of Fame.

Congratulations, Stan, on your Hellenic Athletic Hall of Fame award.

**Elliot Weser** still is active, vigorous and enthusiastic. For example, in 2010 he was elected to the city council of Alamo Heights, Texas. During the course of our telephone conversation, he told me that he's enjoying every minute of being on the council and finds that the key to being politically productive is to make sure to maintain a sense of humor. After 32 years of flying his four-passenger plane to all parts of the United States, two years ago Elliot and his wife, Marcia, decided to stop flying.

Elliot's working years have been enormously productive. For 44 years, he was professor of medicine at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, where he founded and became the chief of the gastroenterology department. For 20 years, Elliot was the chief of medicine at the Veterans Hospital in San Antonio. He is emeritus professor of medicine at the University of Texas Health Science Center.

Six years ago, **Gene Winograd** retired as professor of psychology at Emory, where he specialized in experimental research on memory. Gene published more than 75 papers and wrote a couple of books. On the phone, Gene reported that he finds it very pleasant to be retired. He finds it especially rewarding to do a lot of reading and piano playing. He and Judy are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

During our undergraduate years, **Rolon Reed** was one of our most dynamic and capable class leaders. To mention a few of his many activities, he was the managing editor of *Spectator*, the president of Phi Gamma Delta and the recording secretary of the Pamphratia Council. Talking to Rolon, I learned that after suffering two broken hips and having terrible trouble with his lungs after 60 years of smoking,

he has to use a wheelchair to get around. Nevertheless, he still retains his delightful sense of humor and powerful intellect. When asked what he thought of Barack Obama '83's election, Rolon told me, "Hell of a hoot." All of his classmates and fraternity brothers are praying for Rolon's recovery and return to good health.

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While it is always great hearing from classmates on a regular basis, every so often I hear from members of our class whom I have not heard from for some time. I was delighted to hear from **Ed Raab** recently. He has been happily married to Rosanne for 52 years, and they have three fine children, two admirable in-law children and four super grandchildren. Ed writes, "Rosanne and I travel a great deal, and she has accompanied me on teaching missions in China, India and Uzbekistan. We play tennis year-round, and I am still in active ophthalmology practice and teaching at Mount Sinai School of Medicine."

**Peter Ehrenhaft** is a truly loyal "roving reporter." Peter met **Roy Schotland** at a dinner party recently. Roy teaches at Georgetown Law School. Peter and Roy clerked at the Supreme Court in the same term during 1961, Roy for Justice William Brennan and Peter for Chief Justice Warren. Roy's wife, Sara, recently retired as a partner at the law firm of Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton and now competes with Roy as a lecturer on a variety of themes at law schools around the world.

### Allen Hyman '55 was honored by Columbia's Kraft Family Center for Jewish Student Life at its 10th anniversary celebration.

**Ed Cowan** and his bride, Ann Louise, continue their pilgrimage, aka baseball odyssey, and are planning to be in Denver in May. The Colorado Rockies will mark the 30th major league stadium visit for them. While there, a lovely reunion will take place between the Cowans and **Herb Wittow** and his wife, Sandra. I know, and my wife, Debby, can say from experience, that Herb and Sandra are absolutely wonderful hosts. Herb tells me that he is finally sincerely considering retirement.

Speaking of travel, Debby and I recently went to China, where I judged at dog shows and we visited several cities.

For those of our classmates whom we have not heard from recently, please drop me a note or an e-mail, or call. Hope to hear from many of you soon.

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The hottest news on Morningside Heights currently is the issue of bringing back ROTC to campus. It is being discussed passionately in the University Senate, and by faculty, students and alumni. Remember the good old days when NROTC and AFROTC were joined by a good many undergraduates? The question should be resolved shortly, perhaps before this magazine reaches your hands.

Alumni weekend recently was held for basketball and baseball (including an alumni game for hoopsters — none of our class played). We saw **Jack Freeman, Richard Ascher, Bob Pearlman** and many other alums socializing and reliving the past. Some of the guys who couldn't make it were **Ron McPhee, Tom Brennan, Tony Palladino** and **John Naley**. There's always next year, fellows.

In early April, the annual Columbia Community Outreach was held. More than 1,000 students, alumni, faculty and the rest of the Columbia community went into New York City neighborhoods and areas around the globe, participating in a day of service. This event has been going on for 15 years and was started by two College students in the 1990s.

Faculty have become an integral part in bringing the classroom to

Travel Study featuring guest lecturers; and Crossroads of Cultures in the Mediterranean — a voyage from Seville to Venice. **Myron Liptzin** went with a group on one of these cruises a short while ago.

The sixth annual *Howl* event was held in the early spring. Key speakers were Professor Ann Douglas, composer David Amram, writer Joyce Johnson and a cast of all-stars who helped Columbia honor its Beat prodigal sons, Allen Ginsberg '48 and football coach Lou Little's favorite, Jack Kerouac '44.

Another major achievement in the admissions area: Columbia received a record number of applications for the Class of 2015, 34,587, a more than 32 percent increase from last year.

The Kraft Family Center for Jewish Student Life is holding its 10th anniversary celebration in which **Allen Hyman** is being honored, among others. In addition to participating in events at the Kraft Center, Allen is active with our class, attending monthly class dinners, sporting events, scholarship functions and more.

Two affinity groups will be gathering at Alumni Reunion Weekend in early June. One is varsity athletes — will we see **Neil Opdyke, Bob Mercier, Dick Carr, Peter Chase, Bob Dillingham, Peter Martin, Barry Pariser, Willy Storz** and **Barry Sullivan**? Due to the success of last year's gathering, all singing groups (Glee Club, et al.) will be invited to give another concert at reunion. Details will follow. We mentioned that WKCR had its 70th anniversary party a couple of months ago. No, it was not held in the old studios in Hamilton Annex. Didn't see **Dave Sweet** ("Voice of the Roaring Lion").

Everyone should know that the Class of 1955 Scholarship Fund recipient is Dominique Nieves '12, who is majoring in dance and a pre-med track of study. She teaches high school students at New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia University Medical Center. Dominique is smart and is a wonderful person as well.

We received an invitation from **George Raitt** to have coffee at "Chock Full o'Nuts" or "Prexy's, the Hamburger with a College Education." In case we have trouble finding these places, there is always The West End (or a variation thereof). The class monthly dinners have expanded to boroughs outside of Manhattan. (We haven't made it to the Bronx or Staten Island, yet.) Looking forward to seeing **Stan Zinberg, Berish Strauch, Aaron Hamburger** and **Robert Kushner**, and from Long Island, **John Nelson, Jules Rosenberg, Bob Loring** and **Milt Merritt**. **Ben Kaplan** was in touch trying to find out the whereabouts of **Don Kresge**.



Ben still is in the insurance business in Midtown.

We learned of the passing of two classmates — **Don Grillo** and **Jay Novins**. Our sympathies go out to their family and friends. They will be missed.

Benevolent Class of 1955, time is moving quite rapidly as we head toward another milestone, our 60th. Keep your spirits up. Keep your cholesterol down. Enjoy yourself to the fullest. Love to all, everywhere!

### REUNION JUNE 2–JUNE 5

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I went to Ft. Lauderdale in early March to visit **Danny Link** for four days that included our Florida Class of '56 Luncheon. The luncheon was held on March 8 at the Ibis Country Club in Palm Beach Gardens and was hosted by **Don Roth** and attended by Anita and **Lou Hemmerdinger**, Lisa and **Mike Spett**, Jackie and **Don Roth**, Elinor Baller and **Danny Link**, Fern and **Stan Manne**, **Don Kazimir**, Janet and **John Garnjost**, and myself and my wife, Elke. John brought his mother-in-law, whose company we enjoyed, as well as enjoying the fact that we had at least one older person attending. Everyone enjoyed the food and good company, and we already are talking about next year's Florida luncheon.

I believe that the winter weather that we suffered here in the New York City area has finally ended. So let's start thinking summer, the Class of 2011 graduation and our 55th reunion, Thursday, June 2–Sunday, June 5. See details later in this column.

On January 15, a number of our class members were in attendance to see the Columbia basketball team kick off its Ivy League season against Cornell. It was good to share the winning experience with **Maurice Klein** and his wife, Judy, and **Jordan Richin**, who came as my guests, and to run into **Paul Taormina** and **Charlie Brown**, who are regulars at many of the games. It also was nice to see the names of a number of our class members honored in the program as receiving their basketball letters during our four years in college. The night brought back some very good memories.

On the evening of February 3,

**Al Franco '56E** and I were privileged to attend the Dean's Scholarship Reception, where we get to meet many of our class' scholarship recipients. Our class currently has four permanent scholarships (set up at our 50th reunion) and six current-use scholarships. It is truly a joy to listen to the students. They are bright, ambitious, directed and very appreciative of the scholarships that have enabled them to attend Columbia. Interestingly, the scholarship program now covers living expenses during the summer so students can take internships in their chosen fields without worrying about finances. It also was nice to hear that they were interested in our experiences some 55 years ago. I am trying to get our two graduating class scholarship students to attend one of our reunion events (probably our June 3 dinner).

Our last class luncheon was held at the Columbia Alumni Center, home to the Alumni Office. We have elected to hold our lunches at the Center until we have completed our 55th reunion planning. It has worked really well. In attendance at a recent lunch, held on February 6, were **Bob Sirotty**, **Peter Klein**, **Stan Soren**, **Buzz Paaswell**, **Jerry Fine** and me. We have completed most of the planning, so now the rest is up to you, our class members who would like to attend. We will be moving our bimonthly lunches, after the summer, back to campus (at Faculty House, or some new, interesting restaurants near campus), or the Columbia University Club for our midtown class alums.

Our 55th reunion is less than a month away. It's not too late to register online: alumni.college.columbia.edu/reunion. There will be a great mix of cultural happenings throughout New York City and class-specific events where we will have a chance to renew friendships. On Thursday night, there will be a chance to take in a show in Manhattan. Friday offers mini-Core courses and a class wine tasting and buffet dinner. Saturday is Dean's Day, with great lectures, including a talk by Dean Michele Moody-Adams and a class luncheon at Casa Italiana, followed in the evening by our class cocktail and dinner party, with a lively discussion with Professor Peter Pazzaglini '77 GSAS. For those who still want to party, there is the Starlight Reception, which features sweets, champagne and dancing on Low Plaza. In between, there will be plenty of other happenings to keep us entertained. Don't miss it. The committee has worked hard to keep the cost reasonable and the program lively and interesting. For more detailed information, check your reunion package or online at alumni.college.columbia.edu/

reunion.

Class news: **Elliott Urdang**, a Brooklyn boy living in Rhode Island for the last 40-plus years, has had multiple careers. As he writes, "After working as a child psychiatrist for 25 years, I have been working for 20 years as a freelance translator from Russian (as well as medical materials from Spanish and French in the past five years)." Elliott's interest in foreign languages led him to get an M.A. in Russian, which led to his second career in translation, which he loves. He is a co-translator of two books by Romanian poet Ion Caraion: *Ion Caraion: Poems*, co-translated with Marguerite Dorian, bilingual Romanian-English edition; and *The Error of Being (Greșeala de a fi)*, poems of Ion Caraion, co-translated from Romanian with Marguerite Dorian, bilingual Romanian-English edition.

Elliott's wife, Ester, also is an author and is writing a textbook on human behavior in the social environment. So they both get added to our class' list of authors. Elliott is friendly with **Eddie Smith** and his wife, and still is nostalgic for Columbia.

Elliott, I would love to see you at our 55th reunion.

**Don Roth**, host of our Florida luncheon, also has had multiple careers. After lawyering with Fried Frank, Wachtell and Lipton in Washington, D.C., he moved on to an executive position at Ocean Data Systems, a high-tech company, from which he retired when it was sold. Not satisfied to be retired, Don returned to get an M.B.A. from Wharton about the same time my son got his M.B.A. The only difference is that Don was about 30 years older than his classmates. This has led to Don being a co-founder and officer of an Internet startup, Optimal Effect.

Good luck to Don in this exciting new challenge.

**Leo Glass**, practicing law in Monticello, N.Y., writes that he misses Columbia and had a claim of being the youngest in our class. Sorry Leo, **Buzz Paaswell** has you beat by about nine months. We would both like to see you at our 55th reunion to share other remembrances.

On a sad note, **Herbert Baumgarten** passed away in January. Herb was a member of our winning fencing team and had a successful career with Unilever. I send our class condolences to his widow, Jessica, and his three children.

**Len Wolf**, our class historian, has written his following observations on our years at Columbia. Do any of you remember that:

As sophomores during the Soph-Frosh Rush, we were the second class to lose to the freshmen, who managed to climb the greased pole and capture the prized beanie

perched atop? Does anyone remember the first class to lose?

During our freshman year, **Gordon Butler** was bundled up in bandages mummy-style and put on a plane to Chicago by a group of sophomores who had kidnapped him? They explained to the airline that he had been horribly burned and was bandaged so heavily in order to prevent him from speaking or touching his badly burned body. When the hoax was discovered, it got national press coverage, adding immeasurably to the considerable image of maturity that Columbia students were about to display in the years ahead.

During the Cold War, in a Radio Moscow broadcast, Valentin Zorin, a Soviet and Russian commentator, suggested that Dwight D. Eisenhower had tried to turn Columbia into a barracks during his time as Columbia's president? Zorin had obviously stayed at, or seen, the rooms at John Jay Hall at some time or another.

In May 1953, a mob of Columbia students attempted a panty raid at both Barnard and Johnson Hall? The event was covered by all the New York newspapers, with the *New York Post* calling the undergraduates "cavemen who garnered trophies in furious assaults on the trembling women students in three dorms."

During Columbia's bicentennial celebration in 1954, more than 7,000 invited guests from 37 countries assembled in the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine? They included Germany's Konrad Adenauer, Supreme Court Chief Justice Earl Warren and 1952 Presidential candidate Adlai Stevenson.

Graduating seniors could expect to earn starting salaries of from \$75–\$90 a week, according to Columbia's Placement Bureau?

Despite a vote where 91 percent of dorm students voiced approval of a system that would permit female students to visit dorm rooms, the Residential Dormitory Council elected not to allow such visits?

The small-scale riot during our senior class beer party in John Jay Hall resulted in the destruction of furniture and chandeliers, with one classmate being sent to St. Luke's Hospital for eight stitches?

It may seem hard to believe that in some cases these events happened close to 60 years ago, and even more so that they still burn bright in the memories that so many of us still have.

College fundraising: We have set a class goal of \$150,000 donated to the Columbia College Fund by the end of this fiscal year (Thursday, June 30). If we meet this goal, the Scholarships 101 Challenge, generously funded by the late John W.

Kluge '37, will release the \$150,000, allowing us to fund a class scholarship, which we would like to name the **Alan M. Miller Scholarship Matching Fund**. It is urgent, if you are so inclined, to both honor Alan's memory and add to our class' support of Columbia scholarships, that you make the largest contribution you can for this worthwhile program. You can mail a check to Columbia College Fund, Columbia Alumni Center, 622 W. 113th St., MC 4530, 3rd Fl., New York, NY 10025, or give online at college.columbia.edu/giveonline. I thank you for your participation.

I am again asking all class members who want to keep in touch to update their e-mail addresses by contacting **Lou Hemmerdinger**, our class correspondent: 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.

If you have news to share, please e-mail me at [tball8000@earthlink.net](mailto:tball8000@earthlink.net), and I will make sure it gets in a future Class Notes.

Wishing that the next few months are as exciting in your lives as they are to the graduating Class of 2011.

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**John "Sparky" Breeskin:** "I have good news to pass along to you. **Roy Wolff** is out of the hospital (see November/December) and slowly recovering at home. Because we have the kind of relationship that we do, I asked him how his perspective has changed as a result of his stroke. He quickly replied that now he appreciates being out of the rehab hospital and being able to sit in the sun in his own house with his angelic partner, Monique, by his side.

"I hasten to add that what has happened to him has not impaired his colorful speech."

Sparky then provided some reminiscences of his days at alma mater: "I find that after more than two score and 10 years, certain impressions are indelibly imprinted into my memory, and I would like to share them with you as one person's perception of an experience we all have in common.

"First, among the faculty, how can I go wrong by nominating Dustin Rice ('C- Rice') at the head of the queue? James Shenton '49, of course, follows, with Ralph Hefflerline and the inestimable Fred Keller among this company. This list could never

be complete without Lou Little, who will always be 'my coach.'

"**Alan Gottdenker** and **Roy Wolff** stand at the front of the line. Their deep and abiding love for me is something that is always with me.

"In somewhat alphabetical order, **Pasquale Caputo** shared his great love of opera with me. **Charlie Catania** was my always helpful rat lab partner. **Claude Benham** struck me with the noble way he carried himself. **Roy Altman's** charming smile will always shine in my memory. **Ted Dwyer** was my roommate during our freshman year, and I had the great pleasure of introducing him to some of my favorite places in NYC.

"**Dick Eberl** inspired me with his courage. **Billy Friedman** delighted me with his creative mischief. **Sheril Fischer** was a rewarding part of my AFROTC experience, and **Stan Luftschein** was grace under pressure. **Harry Marks** and I were not close, but I always admired the quiet way in which he carried himself. I will always remember **Murray May's** infectious laugh. I am proud to call **John Wellington** my friend; we dressed for football in adjoining lockers and that is all that it took for us to find each other. I looked up to **Art Wilson** for his values, and I totally understand why he was chosen as captain of our football team.

"Now the inescapable question is, what do all of these classmates have in common? I will call the entity a 'largeness of spirit.' The demonstrated details are, of course, completely idiosyncratic, but to me, the similarities are compelling."

**Mac Gimse:** "Thank you for your thoughtful mail containing the article on Mr. Chris Sharp (*The Washington Post*, January 16) and his project to cast 19 statues of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. I am happy to see a sculptor devoted to such a worthy cause and admire his commitment to the Civil Rights Movement.

"I have written about Dr. King and cast a sculpture to honor his work, although it is a very different style, showing the brutality of racism. It has been called, 'Not suitable for children to view,' and I agree. Mr. Sharp's project is a focus on King and his cause. I appreciate his work."

Mac continues from the previous CCT on his New York exhibit (November) at KGB Gallery:

"**Joe Diamond** appeared later, and it was the occasion for the only photo of the day. We are looking at *Bearing The Burden Of Peace*, created for David Trimble and John Hume of Northern Ireland, co-laureates for the Nobel Peace Prize in 1998. The bronze sculpture was pre-

sented to them in March 2000 at St. Olaf College in Minnesota.

"It was inspiring to bridge the years with '57 classmates to our time of passing between Butler Library and Hamilton Hall. Our discourse moved from current events to great issues in philosophy and history with the help of impromptu lectures by Professor Bernard Wisny '48, '58 GSAS, class valedictorian. We had **Erich Gruen** and a host of bright and willing young minds ready to debate any issue. It was somewhere on the quad that I lost my intellectual innocence. The magic of Columbia was to bring everything into question. I am grateful."

**Carlos Muñoz:** "Just received CCT, and it reminded me that, while I was in California preparing to take our grandchildren on a cruise, I missed the regular '57 lunch by two days. I had lunch with **John Taussig**, **Gene Wagner** was to join us, but the horrendous rains in December blocked roads and prevented his trip. We survived the rains and had a delightful cruise to Mexico with our family group of 12, including six grandchildren.

"The cruise left from the Port of Los Angeles December 26, comprising eight days to Cabo San Lucas, Mazatlán and Puerto Vallarta. The ship included a full basketball and soccer court for the four teenage boys (who almost beat the ship's crew team in soccer), an ice skating rink and a climbing wall, and the kids kayaked in Cabo, parasailed in Mazatlán and swam with dolphins in Puerto Vallarta."

**Martin Brothers:** "At this first classmates' conversation of its kind, held at the Columbia Alumni Center on March 3, 14 of us were present (including our Alumni Office liaison, Paul Staller, director of class giving): **Bob Lipsyte**, **Sal Franchino**, **Stanley Barnett**, **Paul Zola**, **Art Meyerson**, **Martin Brothers**, **Joseph Diamond**, **Carlos Muñoz**, **Robert Klipstein**, **Mark Stanton**, **Al Fierro**, **David Kinne** and **Joseph Feldschuh**.

"Twelve others would have attended if they were not out of town or obliged to attend to compelling personal matters: **Alvin Kass**, **Alan Rosen**, **Jonathan Lubin**, **Steve Ronai**, **Phil Olick**, **Edward Weinstein**, **Marty Fisher**, **Alan Brown**, **Mike Lipper**, **Bob Flescher**, **Larry Boes** and **Ken Bodenstein**.

"The conference room at the Center was commodious enough to seat 22 on comfortable leather chairs around a substantial oblong conference table equipped with audio-visual adaptors, with an adjoining kitchen where coffee had been prepared by the staff and a refrigerator where we chilled wine that was served over lunch delivered

by Nussbaum & Wu, a nearby deli. Although not on the level of the culinary or ambient splendor of The University Club, the situation was cozy, informal and made for easy communication among all present.

"**Bob Lipsyte** moderated the conversation, which went on for about two hours and might have lasted longer. Not only was he engaging but also he was interesting, amusing, candid, controversial and personable, and everyone present had something to say that all others heard and found interesting. He had stories to tell and anecdotes that were at times surprising and moving, regarding his own life and the lives of celebrities, mentors and others who had impressed him.

"I hope he'll return for an encore. Here's an idea for you, Bob. Why not collar some athlete or journalist you've known and interview him or her on or off the record, where we could ask questions and make comments during or after your interview? It wouldn't have to be someone famous: say, a boxer or a baseball or football or tennis player. Surely, Pete Rose would be interesting, but a lesser known or even unknown player with a story of interest might do as well or better. Please give this some thought.

"The prospect of organizing a similar luncheon is one that any one or more of you can do, either individually or as a team, whether the luncheon centers around a theme, topic or moderator, or you aim at a get-together without more, a cause, chat or symposium. Any format of interest might work, and the resources of the University in the City of New York offer too many possibilities to list here.

"I'd be happy for your input on the luncheon we had and would organize another if enough of you wish, but would be just as pleased (if not more pleased) to defer to or assist anyone else who has an idea for a project.

"My impression is that at our age the collective knowledge, experience and wisdom around the table was remarkable if not daunting and should make for many more interesting conversations where we can feel connected and involved in the event.

"Listen, there were guys there who have a great deal they could say to engage us for hours. Frankly, any one of us could, if we wanted, delve into our own lives for material that might interest others. Quick examples: **Art Meyerson** (psychiatry), **Paul Zola** (psychology), **David Kinne** (medicine) and **Stan Barnett** (scientist, engineer), among others, all others in fact.

"So, if this was something that you enjoyed, let us all know and



suggest anything you think would be of interest, and if you would like to organize or produce the event by yourself or selves, or want assistance, just say so and move ahead with it at some mutually convenient date that does not conflict with any University or College event.

"Wishing all the best, and thanking all who attended and expressed interest and support."

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Congratulations to **Steve Jonas** on his marriage to Chezna Newman. Steve and Chezna "were very happily married with a rabbi, a reception and a honeymoon in Sweden. We really rushed into it; we've been together only 12 years. Our class was represented at the wedding by my dear friend **Joe Dorinson**."

Not exactly breaking news, but better any old time than never. Your reporter noticed an obit in *The New York Times* headlined, "Jack Oliver [45, '53 GSAS], Who Proved Continental Drift, Dies at 87," and read on. Although the theory had been put forth in 1912, it had generally been regarded as a crackpot idea until the 1960s, when Oliver, who was working at Columbia's Lamont Geological Observatory, together with his former graduate student **Bryan Isacks** found proof of the theory. In 1968 they published a paper making a convincing case that what had become known as plate tectonics was real (and important; it's now the basis for offshore oil exploration, among other things). Bryan has retired as the William and Katherine Snell Professor of Geological Sciences at Cornell.

Here's a letter from **Barry Lutender**:

"Your column in the January/February *Columbia College Today* was appreciated and very meaningful to me. I was saddened to learn that **Asher Rubin** had passed away but was pleased you clearly remembered him well, as I have.

"Asher and **Al Shine** were good friends of David Davis '56E and mine during those wonderful years at Columbia in Livingston Hall. Asher was literally one of a kind. His sense of humor is unforgettable, and his close friendship with Al was very similar to mine with David.

"Thanks for rekindling the wonderful memories of Asher. Please keep up the good work with the magazine."

Barry, we appreciate your kind words.

Barry retired from teaching math in the Framingham, Mass., school

system. As many of you will remember, Dave died not long after graduation.

According to the Amherst alumni magazine, **Mort Halperin's** youngest son, Gary, was voted by readers of *Natural Awakenings* magazine as a 2010 Natural Choice Award winner for "favorite yoga instructor in Sarasota, Fla." The note added, "Gary remains a stay-at-home dad to three girls under 7; 17,000 diapers changed and counting." And why, you may be asking, is your reporter reading the Amherst alumni magazine? Because his daughter, Sue Dickman, was Gary's classmate at Amherst.

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

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Thanks to all of you who have submitted your doings to Class Notes. I encourage those members of the class who have not done so recently to please do so. This is the only way some of us can keep in touch.

I am sorry to report that **Stephen M. Remen**, a psychiatrist and psychoanalyst, of New York City, died on January 20, and federal judge **David G. Trager**, of Brooklyn, N.Y., died on January 5. [Editor's note: Obituaries will appear in a future issue.]

**Bernie Pucker** writes, "During the past three years, our son Jon has been working alongside us in our gallery in an effort to continue the commitments of the gallery that go back to 1967. It is reassuring to all who visit the gallery — clients, friends and artists — that there will be a sense of continuity in what we have begun.

"I am recently back from an extraordinary trip to Germany, where I met with Jan Kollwitz, the great-grandson of Kathe Kollwitz. Jan is a potter who studied in Japan 25 years ago and has been creating pots in the Japanese tradition for the past 20 years. We are in the process of preparing to exhibit his work here in Boston.

"Additionally, I came across a Korean potter, Young-Jae Lee, and at the same time, I have added the works of another Japanese potter, Yoshinori Hagiwara, to our collection based upon our May 2010 journey to Japan.

"I must say that the universe

continues to broaden and also get smaller. Many old Columbia friends continue to wander in. It is a joy and delight remaining in touch with them through art."

From **Arthur M. Louis**: "I recently published a book of mostly journalistic memoirs, *Journalism and Other Atrocities: An Irreverent Memoir*. I spent more than 40 years as a professional journalist, about half of that as a writer on the staff of *Fortune*. There also is a fair amount in the book about Columbia College, the Journalism School and *Spectator*, where I was editorials editor in my senior year.

"If anyone wants to buy the book (hint, hint), the easiest way is to go to the following link: createspace.com/3483153. Another way is to go to Amazon.com."

From **Alvin Halpern** we hear, "My wife and I have moved to sunny San Diego. We love and miss New York, but the weather, and our two grandchildren living close by, proved irresistible. We moved in August, and it has taken months of hectic activity to fully settle into our new condo. While not New York, San Diego is filled with museums, theaters and good restaurants that keep us busy and entertained."

**Pat Mullins** has been busy of late. The last issue of CCT contained news of his wife Jackie's death. He continues his report, "Fortunately, 16 months previously, I had been asked to run for the position of chairman of the Republican Party of Virginia, a position that I had not sought nor really wanted.

"After several conversations with our Republican Governor nominee, Bob McDonnell, and my

congressman (now House Majority Leader) Eric Cantor, I agreed to have my name placed in nomination. Looking back, I am certainly glad that Jackie and I made this decision, as the position has kept me campaigning nonstop for our candidates throughout Virginia and given me something to occupy my time following her loss.

"Six months after I was elected party chair at a May 2009 convention attended by 12,000 Virginia Republicans, Republicans swept the Virginia governor, lieutenant governor and attorney general races by 20 percent, only the second time in our Commonwealth's history that we have held all three of the top positions. We also picked up eight seats in the Virginia House of Delegates. I was given major credit for the victories, for reuniting and reenergizing the party and for reaching out and bringing home the business community and our conservative base after eight years of defeats, accolades which I felt were undeserved but ones I humbly accepted.

"Then this past November we followed up those victories by taking back three Democrat congressional seats.

"During this period, I visited and spoke in more than 60 Virginia counties and cities and had a driver who took me on these campaign trips.

"The week before the November elections, I joined with Rep. Cantor on a five-city swing with rallies throughout his congressional district; spent a day in Virginia Beach with our congressional candidate there who picked up a Democrat seat; and was driven on a four-day, 1,500-mile swing for rallies and

## Columbia School Designations

In Class Notes, these designations indicate Columbia degrees from schools other than the College.

<b>Arch.</b>	School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation
<b>Arts</b>	School of the Arts
<b>Barnard</b>	Barnard College
<b>Business</b>	Graduate School of Business
<b>CE</b>	School of Continuing Education
<b>Dental</b>	College of Dental Medicine
<b>E</b>	The Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science
<b>GS</b>	School of General Studies
<b>GSAS</b>	Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
<b>J</b>	Graduate School of Journalism
<b>L</b>	School of Law
<b>Nursing</b>	School of Nursing
<b>P&amp;S</b>	College of Physicians and Surgeons
<b>PH</b>	Mailman School of Public Health
<b>SIPA</b>	School of International and Public Affairs
<b>SW</b>	School of Social Work
<b>TC</b>	Teachers College

speaking engagements in southern and southwest Virginia, where both our GOP candidates took back Democrat seats.

"The final two days before the election, I did an eight-city, two-day fly around Virginia with Gov. McDonnell, Lt. Gov. Bill Bolling and Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli, who incidentally filed the first lawsuit to have Obamacare ruled unconstitutional and has prevailed in the initial decision in the lower court.

"The crowds were large and enthusiastic. This was the second time I had joined our party leaders in a Virginia fly-around with airport rallies, and it is an unforgettable experience.

"Frankly, I had not realized the prominence and prestige that a state party chairman in Virginia has, and it's still a novelty to me to have a driver and scheduler, to be featured at fundraising events, to have folks wanting to pose for pictures with me, and at large meetings someone is always walking with me. In many cases, I have been told I was the first party chair to ever visit that particular county.

"I served on our 50th reunion planning committee and was set to attend and renew acquaintances, but my new duties as party chair prevented me from leaving Virginia.

"I look forward to seeing everyone at our 55th reunion."

**Eric Jakobsson** clearly is very busy: "The most exciting scientific thing in my life is a new project on genetically specific antimicrobial therapy. I have come to have a great appreciation for the ability of antisense RNA to shape cell function and have, through the Nanomedicine Center I directed for five years, developed a collaboration with a wonderful nanoscientist whose group has engineered delivery vehicles that can target specific cells and deliver RNA to the interior. We have teamed up with a microbial geneticist to submit a grant proposal to NIH for developing genetically specific antimicrobial therapy via antisense RNA that would be specific to the pathogen genome. In this fashion, we hope to overcome the problems with broad spectrum antibiotics of acquired antibiotic resistance and side effects on commensal microbes. So far this is only a concept supported by preliminary data and computations, but if we get some grant money, it promises to be by far the most important thing I have done scientifically, so I am quite excited.

"In recent years my research has become interdisciplinary, publishing in journals as diverse as *Journal of Computational and Theoretical Chemistry*, *Journal of Physical Chemistry B*, *Biophysical Journal*, *BMC Struc-*

*tural Biology*, *Channels* and so on.

"I have become drawn to the concept of interdisciplinary science and have a paper in press, "The Interdisciplinary Scientist of the 21st Century," in which I argue that with modern technology for bringing knowledge and analysis and modeling tools to our fingertips, instead of having to access remote library shelves and mainframe computers, there is no barrier to individuals acquiring deep knowledge in multiple scientific disciplines, and that in fact training individuals to be multidisciplinary is essential to solving many of the most important scientific problems today.

"I took this message to a workshop on e-learning in Costa Rica, with the result that the Costa Rica Institute of Technology has decided to build a Ph.D. program on these principles, and I am consulting with them on the details of the plan. I wake up every day excited about this. It seems that this is what I have been pointing to intellectually with the earlier part of my life. I am hoping to come back to our administration at the University of Illinois and convince them that this is a direction we should go in as well. We have many very powerful departments, but in my mind there is growing evidence that the rigidity of the departments is getting in the way of tackling some of the most important research questions and of training our students to tackle those questions.

"Also, it is great to travel in Costa Rica because of the natural beauty of the country, in addition to it being a very progressive society. In December, I went zip-lining through the rain forest canopy, which is about as big a thrill as I can take anymore.

"My wife, Naomi, was campaigning last fall for re-election to the Illinois state legislature. I am very proud of her in many ways, but one way is that she is running a completely positive campaign on her record, in contrast to the horrible negative stuff that is so common. Naomi won her re-election to the Illinois House last November against a Tea Partier, and Democrats held control of the legislature and the governorship. We are amused at the chaos across the border in Wisconsin and grateful to them for making us look good by comparison.

"I also have taken a fling in politics. I agreed to be appointed to a vacant city council seat in Urbana and ran for election in my own right in the Democratic primary in my ward on February 22. My opponent decided to endorse me, but I still campaigned until the end. Can you imagine how embarrassing it would be to lose an election

after the opponent had endorsed you? That would be worse than losing to a dead guy!

"Still keeping busy being a patriarch of my clan of eight grown children (two by birth and six adopted) and 11 grandchildren. The grandchildren are growing up. One looks as though she might be a scientist, as she is in her junior year at the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy (Illinois' answer to Bronx Science). Others are doing many good things, mainly just being and becoming beautiful people.

"As you can imagine, in a group of young people this size, there is always something to celebrate and something to be concerned about. Next year, my oldest grandchild enters college. Time flies when one is having fun."

**Clive Chajet** reports, "My hair is grayer, my weight is about the same, my memory for names and faces is getting worse, and we have moved in Manhattan to an ideal size apartment for my wife of 45 years and me. My granddaughters are becoming more and more divine. I receive some very funny e-mails from classmates regularly and am somewhat busy as a branding consultant. The book I wrote some 25 years ago, *Image by Design: From Corporate Vision to Business Reality*, still sells. I get at least \$75 a year in royalty payments, and my attitude toward Columbia gets more and more positive because of our schoolmate Barack Obama '83 and the continued attractiveness of living and working in Manhattan."

The Health Coverage Foundation, founded by Marlys and **Mike Bromberg**, announced that it has awarded a one-year, \$100,000 grant to the American Cancer Society to help provide insurance premium assistance to high risk individuals. The grant will be used to build upon the Health Insurance and Financial Assistance Service, a program already in place at the American Cancer Society. This is a free service that connects cancer patients with health insurance specialists through the ACS National Cancer Information Center's toll-free number (800-227-2345). A new insurance premium assistance program will be added to the Health Insurance Assistance Service through the use of the grant funds. Health insurance specialists will identify uninsured callers who are at the highest risk, inform them about their options to gain coverage and help connect them with local resources.

Mike is chairman of Capitol Health Group, a Washington, D.C.-based health care lobbying firm representing health care organizations.

Our space in CCT filled, I am

holding contributions from **Steve Tractenberg**, **Lou Lucaccini**, **Bill Berberich**, **Benjamin Jerry Cohen**, **Jerome Charyn**, **Jay Neugeboren**, **Alvin Goldman** and **Peter Rosenfeld** for the next issue.

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From his home in Taiwan, **Syd Goldsmith** sends family reflections on the year just passed, the Year of the Tiger, and greetings to all on the recently arrived Year of the Rabbit.

"It has," he writes, "been a colorful year for all of us." All of us being Syd, his wife, Ann, son Harrison (17) and daughter Jessica (12). "The Taipei Goldsmiths," as Syd refers to them.

"Ann has created more new art than our walls will hold and has participated in exhibitions on both sides of the Pacific. Now she is collaborating with her two artist sisters in a recently opened gallery. Ann also translated for self-growth workshops in China and Bali, and she has become a superbly imaginative gourmet cook.

"Harrison walked into drama class late; the teacher pointed at him and said, 'You're dead,' leading him to being murdered twice in the Taipei American School's production of *Animal Farm*. He's an avid movie critic, and his rock guitar easily out-decibels all the other instruments in the house.

"Jessica is marching toward teen-dom with flying colors; purple, red, green and blond, all on display at various times of the year. When she isn't dying her shoulder-length hair, she plays classical guitar and piano, enjoys having many friends and has been known to pay attention in class ... sometimes."

And as for Syd, his second novel, *Two Musicians and the Wife Who Isn't*, is "with a well-known literary agent, looking for a home in a publishing industry rocked by tumultuous change. Lifelong passion for the flute leads to intense practice. I'm working toward recording several CDs as evidence that I really did play it my way."

**Karl Donfried** was unable to attend the 50th reunion last year. Duty called. He was obliged to be in southeastern Turkey at that time to complete a project. Karl promises that when time permits, he'll share with us the highlights of his investigation of the ancient biblical sites that compelled his attention.

A gala event on February 24, the celebration of the 70th anniversary of the first broadcast of Columbia's radio station, brought four members of the class back to Morning-



side Heights. Joining 180 other WKCR alumni were **Paul Feldman** of the classical music department; **Tom Hamilton**, news department; **John Pegram**, engineering department; and **Bill Seegraber**, popular music department. Beverly Armstrong '60 Barnard was among the celebrants. The event was held in the Roone Arledge Auditorium and at the WKCR station.

Not all of **Bill Tanenbaum's** time is spent atop the 14,000-foot peaks in Colorado, though it may seem that way. In fact, Bill loves to travel and does so widely. He also makes it a practice to stay in touch with members of the class.

Soon after our reunion, Bill sojourned in California, meeting twice with **Bob Levine** and **Dick Dora-zio**. In July, he met with **Ira Jaffrey** in Glenwood Springs, Colo. All three are in the medical profession with different specialties.

In December, Bill traveled through Israel for 16 days. Three of those days were spent with **Joel Levine** and Joel's wife, Zehavit. "The first two nights were in Elkana, Samaria, across the green line," writes Bill. "The last night was spent in Kinneret. They drove us through the Golan Heights and around the Sea of Galilee, ending with a delicious dinner in Tiberias. We enjoyed each other's company and got to know each other better. Joel is semiretired and enjoys traveling."

Bill's conquests of the 14'ers of Colorado have been chronicled in prior Class Notes, and those adventures prompted an e-mail from **Dick Caldwell**: "I just read through the January/February issue, and it brought back fond memories. It's been a long time since my wife, Ellen, and I have touched base with Bill. The last time was shortly after Reina's [Bill's beloved wife] untimely passing. We would really like to reconnect with him. Ellen and I will be making at least two trips to or through Colorado this year. Our son Rick has lived there for five years, and we have been frequent Colorado visitors. If we could meet in Colorado with Bill in 2011, that would be really special."

Dick provided these details of his own life: "Retirement for the past seven years has been great — golf, travel and so on. I hope Ellen and I will continue to be blessed with good health, mobility and an active lifestyle for many more years. I changed careers in my early 50s, from the apparel industry to insurance and investments. Fortunately I had many successful years in both careers, while Ellen was busy as owner/operator of her own retail operation, and, after we moved in 2000 from northern New Jersey to Maryland, eventually managed another retail operation

here until finally packing it in a few months ago. To this point at least, we have been able to enjoy the fruits of my/our labors. We have three middle-aged adult children, none of whom has yet elected marriage, so no grandkids yet. Since Ellen turned 68 in February, and I hit 73 in March, they'd better hurry up before it's too late."

**Stephen Scheiber** has been elected president of the Lifers organization of the American Psychiatric Association, and writes, "In June 2010, I completed two years as president of The Isaac Ray Center, a nonprofit that provided psychiatric services to the Cook County Jail, which houses more than 8,000 detainees of whom roughly 15 percent receive psychiatric care at any one time. Hence it is the largest psychiatric facility in the state of Illinois. The Juvenile Temporary Detention Center, with approximately 400 residents at any one time, was the other correctional organization in Chicago that received mental services from The Isaac Ray Center. I continue to teach psychiatric residents in the Northwestern University Feinstein School of Medicine."

Another blow to the class: **Jerry Cantor** died on December 15, apparently having suffered a heart attack while jogging. Jerry was in private practice as a psychologist and simultaneously a financial adviser to a select group of investors. He had majored in philosophy at the College but his lifelong interest and passion was economics. Jerry's family published a trade magazine that he joined upon graduation. When the business was sold soon thereafter, Jerry earned a doctorate in clinical psychology at NYU and embarked on his dual careers in counseling and finance. He was a voracious reader of financial news and reports, national and global, and his keen grasp of macroeconomic trends and influences enabled him to achieve great success in managing his personal portfolio and the portfolios of those to whom he was an adviser. Upon his sudden, unexpected death, many who were counseled by Jerry in his practice as a psychologist called his sister Gail to express the esteem in which he was held and how significant he had been in their lives. He was married but briefly and did not have children, but was a devoted uncle to Gail's son and filled an important role as mentor to him. I thank Henry Kurtz '58, who brought the news of Jerry's death to my attention, and Gail, who provided details of her brother's life. Henry and Jerry were fraternity brothers at Beta Sigma Rho and remained lifelong friends.

**Andy Feuerstein** remembers Jerry's intelligence and "unique sense of humor."

**Lenny Fuchs** recalls Jerry as "decent, quirky and very interested in the great philosophers."

Andy's and Lenny's recollections precisely coincide with my own. A dry wit and a mordant sense of humor were characteristics that immediately sprang to mind as memories of Jerry returned when I learned of his death.

The class sends its deepest condolences to Jerry's family and friends.

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Our 50th Alumni Reunion Weekend is less than a month away, Wednesday, June 1–Sunday, June 5. It's not too late to register for what promises to be a fantastic long weekend (alumni.college.columbia.edu/reunion). In addition to great cultural events and lectures during Dean's Day on Saturday, June 4, there are numerous class-specific events where we will have a chance to catch up. Wednesday has a special evening gathering just for our class, followed on Thursday by great events on campus and throughout the city, including Broadway theatre and the New York Philharmonic. On Friday, there will be a class medical panel, a class lunch in Low Library and a class dinner hosted by **Tom Gochberg** and his wife, Lettie, at their home. Saturday offers a financial panel for our class. The day will end with the all-class Wine Tasting, our class dinner and the Starlight Reception, with champagne and dancing on Low Plaza. And if you aren't completely exhausted after that party, there will be a brunch on Sunday morning. Don't miss it!

In celebration of our 50 years since our graduation, we will be conducting an e-mail survey this spring and will present the findings, as well as those from last year's survey, at Alumni Reunion Weekend. The survey will focus on alumni accomplishments and alumni perspectives on major issues. If you suspect that we might not have your e-mail address, please send it to **Tony Adler**: awadler@sparta.commercial.com. We urge your participation in the survey, as we would like as accurate a representation of our class as possible. **Herman Kane** will compile the data.

**Allan J. Schwartz** has contrib-



Friends and part-time neighbors at the Painted Desert Community in Las Vegas **Gerry Brodeur '61 (left)** and **Jack Kirik '61** kicked back after a round of golf in February.

PHOTO: JOHN BRODEUR

uted the lead chapter to the soon-to-be-published book *Understanding and Preventing College Student Suicide*. His most recent scholarly paper on this topic, "Rate, Relative Risk and Method of Suicide Among Students at Four-Year Colleges and Universities in the United States: 2004–05 Through 2008–09," soon will appear in the journal *Suicide and Life-Threatening Behavior*. Allan has shown that it is the dramatically lower availability of firearms to students on these campuses that is responsible for the suicide rate among these students being half that of the general population. Suicide, he notes, is the second leading cause of death among students at these campuses.

**Michael Schachter** writes that his love during the past 35 years has been nutritional and integrative medicine, although he is a board-certified psychiatrist. At his center (schachtercenter.com), they see patients with all kinds of health challenges. Michael's book, *What Your Doctor May Not Tell You About Depression: The Breakthrough Integrative Approach for Effective Treatment*, offers depressed patients alternatives to the usual prescription of anti-depressant drugs. His recently published article, "Integrative Oncology for Clinicians and Cancer Patients," is available as a PDF file for anyone who is interested by just contacting his office (see website above) and requesting it. Michael has six children from three marriages with an age range of 15–40. He has two grandchildren (3 months and 5). Michael and his wife, Lisa, hope to make our reunion dinner.

**Arnold Klipstein** has entered his 40th year in the practice of gastroenterology in Manchester, Conn. He received a reward from his hospital for 40 years of service and for the second consecutive year has been recognized by the Consumers' Research Council of America as one of "America's Top

# Melvin I. Urofsky '61 Sets the Bar for Studying Brandeis

BY EUGENE L. MEYER '64

**F**or Melvin I. Urofsky '61, '68 GSAS, Louis D. Brandeis is like the man who came to dinner — and never left.

Urofsky, a historian, has devoted decades to the legal lion of Louisville who ascended to the U.S. Supreme Court under Woodrow Wilson and, after serving on the high bench for 23 years, left an enduring mark on jurisprudence and political thought.

The culmination of a lifetime of scholarship was Urofsky's definitive biography, published by Pantheon Books in 2009 to critical acclaim. *Louis D. Brandeis: A Life*, a doorstopper at 953 pages, came on the heels of seven volumes of Brandeis correspondence that Urofsky collected, co-edited and published with David Levy, a history professor at the University of Oklahoma.

How long did it take Urofsky to write the Brandeis biography? "It took 45 years," he says, laughing.

To serious students of the Supreme Court, Urofsky's work is no joke.

"Mel Urofsky is the gold standard for Brandeis scholars,"

says Jeffrey Rosen, legal affairs editor of *The New Republic* and a law professor at The George Washington University. Urofsky, he adds, "has written a Brandeis biography for our time."

David Pride, executive director of The Supreme Court Historical Society, which awarded Urofsky its Distinguished Griswold Prize for the biography in 2010, calls Urofsky "the foremost Brandeis scholar in the country."

All told, the Urofsky *oeuvre* encompasses 52 books he either wrote or edited. His *American Zionism from Herzl to the Holocaust*, published in 1975, won the Jewish Book Council's Morris J. Kaplun Award in 1976, and his Brandeis biography won the University of Louisville Louis D. Brandeis School of Law's 2010 Brandeis Medal. Urofsky appears in a 2007 documentary, *Justice Louis D. Brandeis: The People's Attorney*, produced to mark the sesquicentennial of the justice's birth, and he has lectured at venues around the world for the State Department.

Not bad for a kid from Liberty, N.Y., a small town in the Catskills where, Urofsky remembers, he

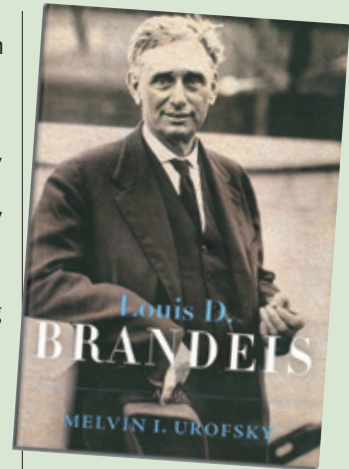
literally knew everyone he encountered on a stroll down Main Street.

His family roots, however, were on the Lower East Side. Urofsky's grandfather, a barber, "summered" in the Catskills, cutting the hair of resort-goers, then moved the family to Liberty and opened his own shop. Urofsky's father was a bookkeeper, killed in a WWII training incident in Texas; his mother was a telephone operator. Urofsky was valedictorian of his high school class of 75, in a school that had 12 grades in one building.

A local Columbia alumnus, Dr. Harry Golembe '17, '19 P&S, encouraged him to apply, and a full tuition scholarship sealed the deal. He lived in Livingston (now Wallach) Hall, entering as an engineering student but switching to history after higher level calculus and chemistry courses confounded him. Peter B. Kenen '54, the great economist, was Urofsky's adviser, and Bernard W. Wishey '48, '58 GSAS, Henry Steele Commager and Walter P. Metzger '46 GSAS were among his teachers. "This was a history department of stars in those years," Urofsky recalls.

It was in Metzger's 20th-century American history class that "a light bulb went off — I could do that," Urofsky says. So he went to GSAS, with the notion that he, too, could teach. He earned a Ph.D. in 1968 in history.

Urofsky "fell in love" with an American history course covering 1877–1920 that was taught by William Leuchtenburg. This led to a doctoral thesis proposal on Brandeis' role in shaping Wilson's progressive platform for a "New Freedom." But after spending "a very happy day" immersed in the Brandeis papers in Louisville, Urofsky concluded the documents did not justify a thesis, which then became his 1969 book, *Big Steel and the Wilson Administration: A Study*



*in Business-Government Relations.*

By then, Urofsky was an instructor at The Ohio State University, where he began a collaboration with a colleague, Levy, that resulted in the eventual publication of seven volumes of Brandeis letters. "We got a National Endowment for the Humanities grant in 1967 [followed by several renewals], went to Louisville together and Xeroxed papers," Levy says. "We brought the papers back to Columbus and laid them out on the floor of his house. We both had the feeling his wife was chagrined."

They were right. "Louis and the papers were very often under my feet," says Susan Urofsky. "They were sorting the letters into multiple volumes. There were just mountains of paper around."

Five books of edited and annotated letters were completed by 1978 and two more were published in the 1990s, after the two Brandeis scholars obtained access to the papers of Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter and the letters Brandeis wrote to his family.

Meanwhile, Urofsky had carved out a career at Virginia Commonwealth University, in Richmond, where he chaired the history department from 1974–81. His Brandeis work



Melvin I. Urofsky '61 says his definitive biography of former Supreme Court Justice Louis D. Brandeis is the product of 45 years of work.

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inspired him, at 40, to enter law school at the University of Virginia, in Charlottesville, while still teaching at VCU. "I had a predictable mid-career crisis," Urofsky recalls. "I got contacts, which I still wear, and a sports car, and I went to law school. I had a good time there. I knew how to read a case, so I didn't spend four hours obsessing over what a sentence meant."

After graduating from law school in 1983, Urofsky began teaching constitutional law almost exclusively and became an adjunct at several law schools. Currently, he teaches at American in Washington, D.C., and also an occasional course or seminar at VCU.

Work on the Brandeis biography accelerated after his 2003 retirement from VCU. The original manuscript was 1,200 pages. Urofsky says he told his editor, "It's going to be a big book, and she said, 'He was a big person.'"

The book is dedicated to Urofsky's wife. When he showed her the finished product, he says, "Her comment was, 'Can Louie leave the house now?'"

The book has won several prizes, and its author seems to be on a perpetual tour promoting it and talking about the subject. Brandeis also figures in Urofsky's next book, which is about dissent on the Supreme Court. "He was the great dissenter," Urofsky says, "always writing to educate and persuade."

Thus his answer to his wife's plaintive question: "No, Louie has not left the house."

**Eugene L. Meyer '64** is a former longtime Washington Post staff writer and editor of B'nai B'rith Magazine. He has freelanced for several publications, including *The New York Times* and *U.S. News & World Report*.

Gastroenterologists."

Arnold writes, "I remember as a child the older generation would not be happy with changes and felt our society would go downhill with the changes. Now I am the older generation and have problems with some changes. The explosion in the computer industry and electronics is wonderful, but are people going to be able to communicate in person as well as they have in the past?"

Texting is a new way to communicate and has brought on a new language and quicker communication, but it has contributed to more automobile accidents. We are in difficult economic times and must look for ways to cut costs. Obamacare has really changed the way medicine is practiced. Care will be restricted, especially for senior citizens. At least in my community, and I am sure in many others, your primary care doctor is not allowed to manage your care if you are admitted to the hospital. Hospitalists assume the care. I feel that your 'family doctor' can best manage your care in and out of the hospital and to leave the family doctor out of the loop is a grave error.

"Despite all the changes, I am optimistic that life will go on, the debt will slowly be corrected despite tough times for many of us and our offspring will continue to have a pretty good life."

**Gene Milone** is completing the proof markups for the new photography volume commented on in the November/December 2010 column. At the end of February, Gene and his wife, Helen, went to Hawaii to attend a meeting on telescopes on the big island, where he gave a talk on the infrared passbands he helped to develop. After that, they took the circum-islands cruise with a Norwegian Cruise Lines ship. In December, they cruised to the Panama Canal via Aruba and Curacao, watching a lunar eclipse en route.

As a reminder to everyone, several years ago, **Tony Adler** and **Philippe de la Chapelle** organized a "Resource Council" for classmates and their immediate family members under which approximately 80 of us offered to provide pro bono advice/assistance on questions concerning the various professional disciplines each of us has expertise in, i.e., medicine, law, banking, architecture, business, finance and so on. Classmates should not hesitate to call on each other as necessary in order to accomplish the council's mission, which is to support each other, particularly during these difficult times.

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Retired rabbi **Don Splansky** (don\_splan@aol.com) and his wife, Greta Lee, live in Framingham, Mass., where his congregation is located. They celebrated Don's 70th birthday by taking their three children and seven grandchildren on vacation in the Florida Keys. Don now teaches religion at the St. Marks School in Southborough, Mass. Greta Lee is the operations manager of the Framingham Heart Study, which, Don writes, "all our classmates who went into medicine will know because they studied its statistics in medical schools."

To help celebrate their milestone birthdays, Joan (60) and **John von Leesen** (70) (jcvl40@gmail.com) chose to visit the antiquities of Petra, Jordan. John writes, "The architectural facade of the 'Treasury,' which is carved out of red sandstone, is well-preserved and spectacular. We experienced the hustle, bustle and smog of Cairo, explored the ancient pyramids of Giza and toured the world's oldest Christian monastery of St. Catherine located at the foot of Mount Sinai in the Sinai Desert. Then, pretending to ride with Lawrence of Arabia, we traversed the dramatic desert landscape of Wadi Rum. Finally, we traveled to Luxor's Valley of the Kings, where many of Egypt's pharaohs were laid to rest amidst troves of statues, gold jewelry and other precious artifacts. Here we also discovered Hatshepsut, Egypt's most powerful female ruler."

Back home in Chicago and inspired by their time with the pharaohs, mummies and other antiquities of (pre-revolution) Egypt, the von Leeses hosted an "Evening in Shangri La" at a local Asian-themed art gallery. Friends and family gathered (some in chic Himalayan attire), sipped "Tibetan Twilight" cocktails and sampled beautiful cuisine. "Our theme for the evening," John writes, "was taken from James Hilton's 1933 novel in which the residents of a fictional Tibetan lamastery were perpetually happy and forever young. Seems like a nice concept for us old-timers, don't you think?"

From New York's Upper West Side, **Alex Firestone** (alexfirestone@aol.com) reports that he retired as a professor of physics at Iowa State University in Ames. Currently, he is a program officer in elementary particle physics within the National Science Foundation. Although NSF is headquartered in Arlington, Va., Alex can work mostly from home thanks to modern telecommunications.

The musical creativity of **Charlie Morrow** (cm@cmorrow.com) was celebrated in New York City for four days in October and featured in an article in the March 2010 issue of the magazine *The Wire: Adventures in Modern Music*. The article said: "From decoding the language of fish to conceiving harbour symphonies and public events involving thousands of players, chemist turned musician and sound artist Charlie Morrow is creating a holistic Earth catalogue aimed at redressing the damage mankind has done to the planet." One piece, "Land Sea Air," an audiovisual installation using his own sophisticated system for 3-D sound playback, spans 400 million years. Charlie explains, "That's the time when life crawled out of the sea onto land, and vocal cords and ears formed. I've worked with scientists and we came up with sounds appropriate to the time: thunder, fire, reptiles hissing." Two other soundscapes within the installation focus on New York's Central Park. Charlie drew on material from the recording archive at Cornell's Ornithological Institute to make short montages featuring bird species living in the park when it was built in the mid-19th century and now. I encourage you to read the full article in *The Wire*. Charlie currently is working in Helsinki on projects with Marimekko.

From Connecticut, **Anthony Valerio** (avalerio@wesleyan.edu) writes, "I really can't say how I like to spend the day right now, only to say it happens a lot when I'm in the tropical heat of the Bahamas, so I go as often as I can. This past year and next are the busiest of my career, as I have one book in the hopper, two coming out in translation and am going to Italy to tour this year. The irony is sometimes we have to live long enough to see certain things happen that could not have happened when we were young. I wish I could tell all my mates to buy a copy of *Anita* (Gallucci editore) but only if they read Italian or know and like someone who does. Wishing all my classmates a lot of happiness and fun in 2011."

Looking forward to our 50th reunion, **David Wallack** (david.wallack@comcast.net) decided to summarize his activities during the past 50 years. Following medical school in Buffalo, David's post-graduate training was interrupted by a tour in the Army that included 12 months as a flight surgeon in Vietnam. He then completed his medical training in internal medicine in Colorado in 1972. He and his wife, Bonnie, settled there and reared three daughters. All of them attended college out of state, and all earned advanced degrees. Two

of them are married (each with two children); the third is a fellow in gastroenterology.

Meanwhile, for 34 years, David practiced internal medicine south of Denver. "In 2006," he writes, "I joined a group that provides medical services at a senior health center in West Denver. This is what I now do three days a week; I feel reenergized and have happily extended my medical career. Bonnie and I remain active with tennis, golf, hiking and downhill skiing. We'd love to meet any of you who come this way to try our slopes." Other interests include traveling, art history, serving as a voluntary instructor for a few semesters at the Academy of Lifelong Learning and competitive trivia (especially sports). David says that his 15-minute claim-to-fame is being in the Trivia Hall of Fame.

### John Boatner '62 composes and performs choral music as well as directs a children's choir program in Corodova, a suburb of Memphis.

David and Bonnie celebrated their 40th anniversary last spring with a two-week tour/cruise to Alaska. Then in the fall they traveled to Peru as part of a medical mission that provided care to a group of primitive Indian villages along the Amazon River. Finally, as a reward they visited the Sacred Valley and Machu Picchu. "I'm looking forward to the reunion and hope to reconnect (and perhaps connect for the first time) with classmates," he said.

Richard Toder (rtoder@morganlewis.com) also sent an update. While he practices bankruptcy law at Morgan Lewis in New York City, he and his wife, Joan, made time to take a three-week trip to Australia and New Zealand. Richard acknowledges that "it is an endless flight and seems to take forever to readjust one's internal clock upon return, but it is more than worth it. The people are uniformly friendlier than any you will meet in the States (except perhaps NYC) and the scenery, especially on the South Island of New Zealand (think *Lord of the Rings*) is simply spectacular. The mountain chain is called the Southern Alps for good reason." Last year Richard and Joan purchased a home in Naples, Fla. Though they have not been able to spend much time there, Richard predicts that will change. He, too, is "looking forward to getting together for our 50th reunion."

Carl Jakobsson (cjakobsson@comcast.net) wrote, "I'm living at the same old stand in Bremerton, Wash. Probably my most time-

consuming activity is my math tutoring, and my second most time-consuming activity is my NAACP activity. I tutor in math at my church after school twice a week. I have six regular students: one prekindergartener, one kindergartener, one second-grader, two third-graders and a fourth-grader. They're all doing OK, and I almost always enjoy working with them."

Once again Carl was hard at work on the annual Mission Outreach Day, which took place in Bremerton on March 11. This year's event had a dual theme: 2011 is the 25th anniversary of the People Power Revolution in the Philippines and also the 25th anniversary of the first civil, diplomatic contact between the U.S. State Department and the African National Congress. That meeting took place at the ANC headquarters-in-exile

at Lusaka, Zambia, in May 1986, against a backdrop of heavy-handed repression by the apartheid regime that was then ruling over South Africa.

That beginning of businesslike diplomatic meetings between the ANC and the United States marked a sharp departure from previous practice. It was a few years after those meetings that an ANC representative at an anti-apartheid meeting in Los Angeles remarked that when the ANC started having positive contact with the State Department, they were concerned that the Americans were not feeling well. It turned out that the Americans were in fact feeling fine. Those initial diplomatic contacts marked the beginning of the development of a rational, coherent American policy toward South Africa.

Carl writes: "I hope somebody will pick up on what we are doing here with Mission Outreach Day and do a better job than we are. It deserves to be a big event: to keep alive the historical recollection of the last years of apartheid in South Africa and of the revolution that finally brought an end to apartheid and a beginning of democracy."

In Tennessee, John Boatner (jbbmusic@comcast.net) continues his composition and performance of choral music. Most recently, he founded, and currently directs, a children's choir program at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Corodova, a suburb of Memphis. During the past several months, the children have performed several of

John's compositions for children's choir. He plans to ask them to sing more of his work.

Crawford Kilian (crof@shaw.ca) sent an e-mail in mid-January with the sad news that Christopher Trumbo '64 died on January 8 in Ojai, Calif., of complications from renal cancer. He was 70. Crawford wrote, "Chris entered with the Class of '62 but took time off to be an assistant director on the film *Exodus*. Thereafter, he worked in film and TV, usually as a writer. Chris' credits ranged from a John Wayne crime drama, *Brannigan*, to many scripts for the *Ironside* television series. In recent years, Chris developed a stage play based on the letters of his father, blacklisted screenwriter Dalton Trumbo. This eventually became the documentary *Trumbo*, which appeared in 2007 to excellent reviews. Chris also became a historian of the Hollywood blacklist and was working on a book about it when he died. Chris leaves his wife, Nancy Escher, and sisters, Nikola and Mitzi Trumbo."

Crawford has created a blog to commemorate Chris' remarkable life: crosfblogs.typepad.com/chrisopher. I urge you to look at it.

I recently watched *Trumbo*; it is fascinating and superb — a powerful documentary about fear, intimidation and courage during the years when we attended elementary and high school.

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Robert Whelan wrote in response to my request of memories of the late Bill Shannon, "I was saddened when I read of Bill's tragic death. After a Columbia-Penn baseball game in Philadelphia, Bill persuaded me to go to a Cubs-Phillies game that evening. Bill already was working for the CUAA. He had a press pass of some kind, and we sat in the auxiliary press box by ourselves. We spent several innings pretending to do a play-by-play broadcast. Bill's knowledge of baseball was phenomenal. He would say things that required far more than the usual knowledge, such as 'The Cubs starting pitcher, Bob Anderson, hails from Hammond, Ind.' Bill loved and knew baseball, and he was a genuinely nice guy."

Bill Goebel also wrote. "I have very fond memories of Bill, having interacted with him when I was basketball manager and Bill was a member of the Sports Information Department. Subsequently, when Columbia beat St. John's in the 1968 Holiday Festival, I mentioned to Bill that I thought Heyward Dotson '70,

'76L should get the M.V.P. for his play in that game. He told me that the New York sports media was pushing for Jim McMillian '70 to get it, which he did. Jim subsequently got the Haggerty Award for three years running and, of course, starred in the NBA for many years. Bill was a fine gentleman whom I know is sorely missed by all those who knew him."

Frank Partel writes, "My wife, Mary Ellen, and I celebrated our 10th anniversary in Bourges during a trip to Brittany and Burgundy last fall. I am pleased to say she is now healthy, and we are very grateful to an excellent team of doctors. My second novel, *The Chess Players*, *A Novel of the Cold War at Sea*, was officially published on March 1. The novel is a naval story and a love story set in 1967 just before and just after the Six Day War / Arab-Israeli War. I certainly didn't want to disappoint Lionel Trilling '25, '38 GSAS, whose class I took, who once said that every time some writer wants to locate a young character in New York, he or she is a Columbia University student. Several scenes pertain to the Columbia area, and the main characters, ENS Cannon and Laetitia, are indeed associated with Columbia. There are cameo appearances by LCDR Boris Neshamkin and Lt. Max Gorrin. A minor character, Professor John Meaney, is to a small degree modeled on Herbert A. Deane '42, '53 GSAS. Here is virtually a direct quote about Eisenhower, when he was president of Columbia, from the former professor of government, contributor to our CC curriculum readings and University provost, page 83:

"Again Meaney drew a very long puff from his cigarette and peered out momentarily from the window of his office across the campus to the dome of Low Library. He exhaled very slowly and seemed to use the time to review his comments before proceeding to his next point. 'Ike had the right idea.' Parenthetically, 'You know, we didn't think much of him when he was president here. The books in his office, as I recall, were mostly army field manuals and technical manuals, but he was our shield against McCarthy!'

"Columbia did not have people fleeing to Europe in the middle of the night. Good God! Isn't that a tragic irony? Professors fleeing America for freedom in Europe.' He paused as he contemplated his own words. 'Anyway, Ike low-keyed the activity in Vietnam with 150 to 200 military advisors — just enough to satisfy some of our critical allies and assure them that we would come to their aid in the Pacific region ...'

Elliott Greher writes, "I collect books on a variety of subjects, with emphasis on synagogue architec-



ture and history, Jewish communities throughout America and the world, Hagadahs in various languages and the work of book illustrators (primarily for English language books). I add about 10 books each month to a collection that now numbers 2,000 volumes. But I also de-acquisition books, having given away about 700 books in 1996 and about 90 books a year since then. I recently added 11 feet of bookcases to the 23 linear feet I had (and my wife's 10 linear feet of bookcases). It is fun to search out books to be acquired."

**David Alpern** writes, "Since my last update (January/February), the Carnegie Corporation of New York awarded a \$25,000 'challenge grant' to the newly renamed *For Your Ears Only* program on radio stations and the Internet (formerly *Newsweek On Air*), but I need to match it to get it. Positive indications from the Nathan Cummings Foundation in New York, but I won't know for sure until after its May board meeting, as my current funding runs out.

"I would appreciate any advice or contacts at other foundations or corporations interested in preserving truly 'fair and balanced' presentation of important issues and developments in all fields for the increasingly strident and slanted world of commercial radio — and getting grateful on-air credit. Also on the Pentagon's American Forces Radio Network and our weekly podcast.

"All gifts and grants are tax-deductible under our new status as a production of 501(c)(3) Gatewave, Inc., a 24/7, volunteer radio-reading service for people with disabilities. You can reach me at david.ears.only@gmail.com for more information. And check out the show anytime at radioamerica.org/PRG\_yourears.htm, or gatewave.org/fyeo/home or podcastbunker.com/podcast/podcast\_picks/for\_your\_ears\_only."

**Lee Lowenfish** is having a busy spring speaking on baseball, especially on Branch Rickey, at New York's Union League Club, the local NYC Bar Association chapter and the University of Wisconsin-Lacrosse campus. In early June, he will discuss his new project on baseball scouting at the annual Cooperstown Symposium of Baseball and American Culture. More details available at leelowenfish.com.

**Steve Stollman** has put in a bid for a citywide bike-share system in NYC. I've posted his proposal on our website, cc63ers.com.

Good luck, Steve!

**Bob Kraft** remains in the news. I received word that he and his wife, Myra, have given \$20 million to Partners HealthCare, which will

help launch a program to attract doctors and nurses to Massachusetts community health centers. *The Boston Globe* reported, "The gift will be used to pay off up to \$50,000 of the medical school loans of physicians and nurse practitioners, as well as to finance fellowships in targeted specialties and for master's degrees. In return, caregivers must work for two to three years in a health center or other community-based setting to care for needy patients. 'We wanted to do something to support everyone getting the kind of health care my family gets,' said Kraft, during an interview at Partners' headquarters in the Prudential Tower last week. 'What I worry about in this country are the people who are hurting the most.' Over the next five years, Partners chief executive Dr. Gary Gottlieb estimates, the Kraft donation will support more than 100 physicians, nurse practitioners, and other providers caring for about 200,000 patients."

Bob recently addressed the Boston LGBT business community, making it the first time a local team owner headlined a major event for a gay audience.

### The Connecticut Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Commission presented a "Dream Maker" Award to Justice **Flemming Norcott Jr.** '65.

**Bob Heller** missed the February lunch, but he had a good excuse. He writes, "I will be in Mexico on the beach. I'm in Los Angeles right now and seeing Gail and **Gary Rachelefsky** for dinner tonight. Retirement is pretty good so far."

OK, how many of us are now retired? Let me know how it is going. Also, for those of you who have decided to keep working, please write and tell me why (I figure that I might be able to afford retirement when I'm 90).

Our regular second-Thursday lunches continue to be a wonderful place to reconnect. If you're in NYC, try to make a Class of '63 lunch, scheduled for May 12, June 9 and July 14. 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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Some of our classmates have been deeply involved with the Columbia administration. For many years, **Jonathan Cole** '69 GSAS was

provost and dean of faculties, and **Howard Jacobson** '67L is deputy general counsel. At the end of June, **Steve Case** '68L will retire after 14 years as a trustee. Steve is a regular at our informal monthly class lunches in New York, and I always look forward to his candid, insider news of developments at the College and the University. He has been involved in the myriad issues of running a great university, and he brings them to life at our lunches. The class salutes him on his outstanding service to Columbia.

**Allen Tobias** reports on a serendipitous encounter with his freshman roommate: "I recently returned from what I believe, so far, to be successful spinal surgery performed at the Hospital for Special Surgery in Manhattan. My freshman roommate, Dr. **Robert Schneider**, was there, too!

"Robert is a radiologist. While a radiologist is one who expertly reads X-rays, myelograms and all kinds of scans, I mistakenly thought that he is involved with radiation while treating cancer patients. It never dawned on me that Robert would be in on my case. But having read my 'films,' he confirmed the

seriousness of my condition, and visited almost daily (sometimes twice daily).

"Had I understood what Robert did for a career, I might well have consulted with him and saved myself the times of increasing difficulty leading to the operating table: The radiating pain of multiple serious lumbar stenosis is no joke.

"I woke up with Robert in the recovery room. Very pleased. I continue to believe that in some purely magical way, Robert's continued protective presence provided a way to my stay of a fourth day of recovery in my lovely river-view room."

It was a rough winter in New York. As usual, **Marty Isserlis** escaped to Naples, Fla., but **Dan Schechter** reported that at his home 100 miles north of New York City, there was 60 inches of snow!

**Marty Weinstein** retired after 39 years as a professor of political science at William Paterson University in New Jersey. Marty is a Latin American specialist and one of the world's foremost experts on Uruguay. We wish him well.

As the deadline for this column approaches, I often get desperate for news. Help me out. Send a note or an e-mail. Your classmates want to hear from you.

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As I mentioned in my last column, we have resumed our practice of having a monthly lunch for classmates who live, work or otherwise find themselves in New York City. Our lunches are being hosted, generously, by **Mike Cook** and are scheduled for the last Friday of each month. The first lunch took place on January 28. For information about future dates, please contact Mike at michael.cook@srz.com. The January 28 lunch was attended by **Allen Brill**, **Dan Carlinsky**, **Neil Farber**, **Andrew Fisher**, **Joe Geneve**, **Stephen Hoffman**, **Paul Hyman**, **Anthony Leitner**, **Barry Levine**, **Leonard Pack**, **David Sarlin**, **Michael Schlanger**, **Stephen Steinig**, **Larry Strenger**, **Derek Wittner**, **Bob Yunich** and **John Zeisel**.

*The New Haven Independent* reported that the Connecticut Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Commission on January 15 awarded one of its three "Dream Maker" Awards to Connecticut Supreme Court Justice **Flemming Norcott Jr.** **Flemming** shared the awards with Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-Conn.) and the recently elected Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.).

A memorial service was held at Columbia's St. Paul's Chapel on January 20 for **Garland E. Wood**, who died on November 15. Attendees included **Allen Brill**, **Michael Cook**, **Andy Fisher**, **Harrison Fitch**, **Paul Hyman**, **Steve Hoffman**, **Ken McCulloch**, **Flemming Norcott Jr.** and **Michael Schlanger**. Although he was born in New York City, Garland was raised from the age of 5 in Prairie View, Texas. There, according to the memorial program, Garland learned the value of hard work by laboring at such chores as harvesting watermelons, potatoes and corn in the hot Texas sun. He was valedictorian of his class at Prairie View H.S., and in his senior year, won Texas state championship titles in tennis and basketball. At the College, Garland played basketball and ran track. He earned a B.A. in economics and an M.B.A. from the Business School in 1972.

Upon graduation, Garland joined Goldman Sachs and began his rise through the ranks in a career that spanned more than two decades, becoming the first black partner at the firm and one of the first in the financial services industry. During his years at Goldman Sachs, he became renowned as a leader and innovator in public finance, particularly in the field of municipal bonds.

A Boy Scout throughout his youth, Garland was a longtime supporter of the Boy Scouts Council

of Greater New York. The Garland E. Wood Foundation also supported numerous local educational and cultural organizations, and for nearly a decade, a scholarship in Garland's name has been awarded at the Business School. He also served on the College's Board of Visitors and was one of three alumni who established the Black Alumni Council.

**Michael Schlanger** shared his impressions of the memorial service, which he found "remarkably touching and inspiring in many ways." Garland's sisters and brothers recounted Garland's growing up "in a large, loving, close-knit family in a sleepy, peaceful, southern college town ... but what a remarkable little college town. It was 100 percent black, the home of Prairie View A&M. Texas, being fully segregated in those days, parked all its black students at Prairie View. Although Garland was one of only four black students in our College class of 700 and had never so much as sat in a classroom with white children, he came to Columbia grounded, solemn and serene. At the service, former UN Ambassador Andrew Young, recalling his eight years as mayor of Atlanta, movingly recounted how Garland pioneered the modern science of public finance and helped build the Atlanta area up from a sleepy Southern region of 1.5 million to the 6 million-strong colossus of the New South. And how Garland traversed mainland America (and beyond), enabling countless towns to finance the infrastructures that turned them into robust, thriving cities. All with money Garland raised in the private capital markets with his brilliance, his tenacity and his charisma as a Goldman Sachs partner."

I am sorry that I could not be at the service.

#### REUNION JUNE 2-JUNE 5

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Our 45th reunion is less than a month away, Thursday, June 2–Sunday, June 5. It's not too late to register: [alumni.college.columbia.edu/reunion](http://alumni.college.columbia.edu/reunion). There will be a great mix of cultural happenings throughout New York City and class-specific events where we will have a chance to renew old friendships. Thursday night, there will be an opportunity to

take in a show in Manhattan. Friday offers a class tour and lecture, mini-Core courses and a class dinner. Saturday is Dean's Day, with great lectures, including one by Dean Michele Moody-Adams, followed in the evening by the all-class Wine Tasting, our formal class dinner and then champagne, music and dancing on Low Plaza at the Starlight Reception. In between, there will be plenty of other happenings to keep us entertained. Don't miss it.

Carnival comes unusually late this year, which means that the agony of all the noise and confusion in Rio de Janeiro is lasting longer than normal. Fortunately, your correspondent is escaping all this and is writing from the relative quiet and calm of his home in Teresópolis, in the mountains about 100 km from Rio. We seem to go into "hiding" every year until Carnival has passed. My wife and I recently spent a pleasant week

**Steve Schwartzman '67 combined his interest in linguistics, Spanish and English by starting a blog: [wordconnections.wordpress.com](http://wordconnections.wordpress.com).**

in Buenos Aires, celebrating our 35th anniversary. I know that some of our classmates have been happily wed for longer than that, and perhaps you may wish to send an e-mail to let everyone know just how long you have been married (to the same wife, of course).

To all classmates (at least, those with an e-mail address that they wish to share with others), the following was sent in early February by **Michael Garrett, Mark Amsterdam and Dan Gardner**:

"In this, our 45th reunion year, we had a great opportunity to get together about four months prior to Alumni Reunion Weekend, on February 11, before and at the Columbia versus Princeton men's basketball game. At the game, we peered through the mist of time to try to compare the team and its staff with coach Jack Rohan '53 and players **Stan Felsing**, **Dave Newmark '69**, **Ken Benoit** et al. of our era."

Mike reported, "A dozen classmates showed up for the reception and game. Many of us had not been to The West End since it was taken over by Havana Central, so there was much talk of the old, larger bar that served anyone who had completed toilet-training and the hygienically challenged steam table that once lurked in the left front corner. Being at the game continued the nostalgia with many comparisons between the gym and the old space and between the current team and our memories of a much more eccentric and colorful squad."

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At least four of our classmates were moved by the absence of news from our class and wrote.

**David Galinsky**: "I'm ending the string of no entries from the Class of '67. After working nonstop for the last 40 years and achieving some local fame as a geriatrician, I'm ready to consider what I really want to do when I grow up. Volunteering, going back to school, changing careers and writing poetry are possibilities. My goal is to gradually cut back and then quit my practice on July 1, 2016, so I have time to plan my future. I'd like to hear what my cleverest classmates are thinking about or already doing as they pass Medicare age. And I don't want to hear about golf or taking cruises." David lives in Merion Station, Pa.

**Steve Schwartzman**: "Though I've never been a contributor to Class Notes, I noticed the forlorn space set aside for '67 in the January/February issue and thought I should give you a little something to fill at least a column inch or two. I took my first general linguistics course at Columbia with Professor William Labov '64 GSAS. Upon graduation as a French major, I joined the Peace Corps and went to Honduras, where I taught math in Spanish. Jump ahead more than four decades, and you'll find that I recently combined my longstanding interest in linguistics, Spanish and English by starting a blog about the many connections between the words in those two languages. Anyone with a similar bent is welcome to look at [wordconnections.wordpress.com](http://wordconnections.wordpress.com). For the past decade I've been pursuing another interest, the photography of native plants in central Texas, of which samples can be found at [flickr.com/photos/schwartzman](http://flickr.com/photos/schwartzman)."

**Peter H. Shaw** wrote, "I saw your mention in the January/February CCT that your mailbox has been empty lately. At the end of December 2010, I retired from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers after 42 years as an economist and water resources planner. At my retirement, I was the senior economist at its Southwestern Division office in Dallas with technical and policy oversight for economic analyses in Corps planning studies in the southcentral United States.

(Actually, I still am: I'm continuing temporarily with the Corps as a 'reemployed annuitant' to assist with the transition until they can fill my position and then mentor my replacement ... but really, how easy could it be to replace a Columbia grad?)

"After getting my B.A. in economics and completing my first year of graduate school at NYU, I got a summer job with the Corps in Washington, D.C., in 1968. It turned out that I liked the people and the work, and I stayed with the Corps in New York City while I continued graduate school. And during the following few years, I acquired an M.A. from NYU and an M.Phil. from GSAS, both in economics, and I'd decided to make the Corps my career. Since then, I've worked in Corps offices in New York City, Albuquerque, Fort Worth and Dallas.

"Four weeks after I started with the Corps of Engineers in 1968, I married Phyllis, and in 1983 we adopted our son, Jonathan. Spending more time with them is what I'm looking forward to the most in retirement. Well, that and painting!" "Not as exciting or distinguished a story as some of our classmates could tell, no doubt, but it's been a good one for me."

And finally, **Jack Harris** writes, "The article about Gemma Tarlach '90 in the January/February CCT ([college.columbia.edu/cct/jan\\_feb11](http://college.columbia.edu/cct/jan_feb11)) provoked me to write to report that the Cleverest Class also is represented on the ice. I recently spent a field season as part of a team installing the first benthic microscope. Why? Well, because near-shore Antarctica, with 15 feet of ice above, mimics the dark, cold abyssal benthos and that part of the biosphere we know very little about.

"I am professor of biology and Distinguished University Professor at The Sage Colleges in Troy, N.Y. I also direct the college honors program and the college orchestra. I plan to retire this May and move to NYC, where my grandchildren live. Anyone have an apartment for rent?"

Don't be shy. Your classmates really do want to know what you're up to.

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While there was about 15 inches of new snow at my place in Saratoga during the last few days before writing this, spring is in the air in the city ... about time. I continue to enjoy the Metropolitan Opera and saw the production of Rossini's *Armida* with Renée Fleming; it was



great fun and great singing even though it premiered in Naples in 1817. (And of course to digress, I believe **Neil Anderson** and **Gregg Winn** live in Naples, Fla.) I looked around for **Bill Henrich**, who used to be seen there once in a while.

Bill, when are you going to be there again?

**Paul de Bary** skipped a Columbia basketball game for the Met a few weeks ago, but I saw him at the Columbia-Penn basketball game with his dad, Ted de Bary '41, '53 GSAS, the John Mitchell Mason Professor Emeritus, provost emeritus and Special Service Professor in East Asian Language and Culture, as the Lions mauled the Quakers for a great win. **Buzz Zucker** was there, too, and told me he had seen three great plays recently.

Buzz, you should write a piece for the Class Notes about the last 100 plays you have seen on- and Off-Broadway in the last year or so.

I received a great letter from **Jay Mitchell**, and so here it is, titled, "Much Ado About Me." Jay writes:

"OK, OK, so you got **Roger Berkley** to say nice things about me (he called me 'one of the funniest people' he's ever known) in a recent CCT column to flush me out. Consider me flushed.

"After many years as a consultant to the radio industry, my wife, Sharon, and I moved to lovely Fairfield, Iowa, in the mid-'80s, part of the grand, ongoing experiment on the effects of large groups practicing the transcendental meditation program. After a couple of years there, we were offered the opportunity to purchase the local radio stations for cheap, whereupon I became an owner for the first time. Success ensued, and we built a tiny group by adding an AM and FM in nearby Ottumwa.

"At about the same time, we decided that we'd had enough of Midwest weather, exacerbated by a particularly nasty ice storm wherein Sharon slid into one of the deep roadside trenches for which Iowa is famous. She did not suffer any damage, and the car only slight damage, but it stiffened our resolve to get out of there.

"After a lengthy nationwide site study, we decided upon Orange County, Calif., as our new home. We moved there a year or so after the big Y2K non-event, but I still spent nearly all my time in Iowa keeping the radio stations afloat. We sold the stations, more or less advantageously, in 2008, whereupon I embarked on the life of the semi-retired, only without the income part.

"Now I am operating several endeavors simultaneously: a newsletter for broadcasters, a consulting practice, a radio station web development business, an ap-

preciation marketing business and most recently, Daily Radio Deals, a Groupon-ish website marketed through radio advertising.

"In the 'life happens' department, about three years ago I was diagnosed with a neurological disorder that affects the right side of my body and makes physical movement a little more challenging. It hasn't gotten in my way too much, although it takes me a bit longer to do certain things; I simply allow for it and life goes on.

"Sharon and I celebrated our 43rd wedding anniversary in November. We have managed successfully to avoid children all these years, but we are devoted to our 'kid,' a 5-lb. Maltese named Issa.

"There is a tiny coterie of alumni with whom I keep in touch sporadically: Roger, who is now my best friend in the whole world because of his unexpected compliment, and **Derek Vanderlinde**, who recently shed his old life and embarked on a new one as a business consultant. Maybe if I call him 'one of the funniest people I have ever known,' you'll hear from him, too."

Jay, great to hear from you. I have been to Iowa, when my brother was a professor at the University of Iowa. Orange County does sound warmer, for sure.

I decided to break with my tradition of avoiding politics. **Bob Brandt**, my wonderful roommate one summer and a great fellow, wrote a letter to a *Spectator* reporter who seemed to treat lightly the behavior of some students towards an Iraq War veteran who had lost a leg and now is a Columbia student. Bob copied President Lee C. Bollinger:

"Dear Mr. Roth [the *Spec* reporter],

"I spent seven years on Morningside Heights, first as a Columbia College student ('68), and then as a Columbia Law School student ('71). I was on campus during the tumultuous Spring of 1968 and when ROTC was booted off campus. I read your recent article and want you to know that Columbia has a serious public relations problem that it needs to address. Columbia is a great institution, and great institutions should stand for and protect freedom of expression and freedom of choice, including a student's choice to enroll in an ROTC program on campus. It tarnishes the school's reputation for ROTC not to be allowed on campus and creates an impression that the school is controlled by a liberal elite hostile to the military, which I hope is not the case. The fact that no senior University official, at least to my knowledge, has spoken out publicly to denounce the disgraceful behavior of the students who heckled the student war veteran at the ROTC hearing

is very troubling. It doesn't really matter which news outlets covered the story. Those same news outlets would cover with equal prominence a statement made by Lee Bollinger denouncing the behavior, but sadly none has been forthcoming."

Bob, in a separate note to me, added:

"I really don't know Bollinger at all, even though we were classmates at Columbia Law, but I was very disappointed with how he handled the Iranian leader's visit, and at his failure thus far to denounce the conduct of the students who heckled the soldier. I agree about ROTC. Its return to campus is way past due. Alexander Hamilton [Class of 1778] distinguished himself as an officer during the Revolutionary War. He would be appalled at how disrespectful the University has been toward our military. I know how hard you've worked for Columbia, and you must have some influence at our alma mater. I hope that you use it, and feel free to mention my displeasure. I've supported the University financially every year since 1971, in part due to my pride as an alumnus. Sadly, my pride turned to shame this week."

Bob, I have no influence at the University, but I, too, was disgusted by the reporting about the student treatment of the veteran and have heard from others who were as well. At the same time, Columbia, which received approximately 35,000 applications for the Class of 2015, is getting a diverse group of students, and I believe is politically more diverse as well. The Admissions Office is doing a great job. Columbia admissions data for the College and Engineering may well be second only to Harvard, though I suspect for the College alone our admit stats may be the best in the Ivies.

**Reid Feldman**, in Paris with his law firm Kramer Levin Natfalis & Frankel, is handling multiple European deals and litigation, with short breaks in Méribel, where the snow has been great this year. He has mastered the art of BlackBerry uphill, powder downhill.

Reid, Have you seen **Bill McDavid** in Paris? And Bill, have you called Reid?

I received a wondrous, long note from **David Shapiro** (editing it may be beyond my skills). He is writing, teaching, doing poetry readings and so much more with his art.

David, I have some of your art. Maybe it is time to frame it if Jasper Johns is framing it now.

**Bill Joseph** wrote: "I recently returned from visiting a granddaughter and grandson in Portland, Ore. Earlier, I visited three other granddaughters in Scotts-

dale. I'm working hard advocating at the state and federal level for the arts, public radio and television, social service, and educational organizations. Most recently, I've been trying to raise public funds for a \$300 million capital project at the Cleveland Museum of Art and the construction of a cultural center for Case Western Reserve University as well as for the construction of new buildings for the Museum of Contemporary Art Cleveland and The Cleveland Institute of Art. I recently received the ORT America Cleveland Region Man of the Year award, '... for his many accomplishments and his dedication to non-profit advocacy with the Jewish Community and the community at large.'"

Congratulations, Bill. I look forward to seeing you.

I am probably going to be in hot water for publishing the first paragraph I received from **Jon Kotch**.

Jon wrote: "You know, Art, your daughter, [Hannah '06], was the star of the department [at UNC's renowned school of public health] this past week. She delivered a dynamite seminar on health services for LGBT. The room was packed. She has really done so much since she has been here, taken advantage of every opportunity to advance her education and making a lasting contribution to the department at the same time. You should be proud. And you probably already know that Shoshana Goldberg ['08], daughter of **Ira Goldberg**, is in our department as well, one year behind Hannah. More classmates should send their offspring if they don't mind."

I am quite proud of Hannah's deep interest in maternal health and children and public health issues across the planet.

Jon also noted, "On a recent weekend, we were at our vacation home

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in the North Carolina mountains, where it should have been cold, but it wasn't. When we returned to Durham, we learned that we had missed temperatures that reached 79 degrees!

"So what about me? You could say (because it is true) that my research is taking a more biomedical twist as I explore the changes in brain structure and function among the children (now young adults) I have been following for 25 years who experienced child abuse or neglect. Like the pilgrim looking for an honest man, I am looking for grant funds to continue MRI studies on as many as consent to participate. As we look at the prospect of cuts in health and social services for low-income children and families, documenting the permanent functional and anatomical changes that growing up in abusive households may lead to might move some stony hearts."

I received a brief note from **Henry Welt**. I am overdue in tracking Henry down for lunch or dinner some night. Henry wrote: "I resumed practicing law last spring and am having a great time. Somehow, it seems to give me more pleasure as I get older — maybe just a better perspective — and it is challenging and fun. At the same time, I've expanded my art licensing and brand management business, WeltAdvisors, and now work with several artist clients. Also, I had a great time taking an alumni mini-Core course on Contemporary Civilization. It made me feel like I was back on campus. All in all, life is good."

It is hard to believe that this summer I will turn 65, and I guess others in the class will do so too. I suspect our class will have lots to report for three more decades or so. Do send in a note. My sentence for this job may be commuted at some point before then. I hope all of you are enjoying each day. And if you can, go to a football game this fall. I predict a great season.

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I was paging through the *State Bar News* for New York one recent night and found on its back cover a photo of **John Marwell** in an ad for the Bar Association. I promptly asked him for the "back story" and for some news; John replied: "Michael — no cover boy back story — I was as surprised as anyone when I opened the *State Bar News* and was

confronted with that larger-than-life photo.

"I feel that we are at the age at which we recognize and appreciate our good fortune and the progress of our children. Jeremy (Yale, Cambridge and NYU Law) completed his clerkship this summer with Justice Sonia Sotomayor on the Supreme Court, a great privilege and an immensely rewarding experience. He now is with Vinson & Elkins in its Washington, D.C., office in a small group doing appellate and regulatory practice. He married the wonderful Jillian Lawrence, who is an attorney with Pepco. Jonathan (Bates College) is enjoying life as a bachelor commercial real estate broker in Westchester, and Julie (Cornell and St. George's University School of Medicine) is in her third year of medical school doing her clinical rotations at New York Methodist Hospital in Park Slope. Gloria and I celebrated our 25th anniversary this summer with Judge **Nicholas Garaufis** generously and graciously conducting our vow renewal ceremony in the Adirondacks.

"I practice law in Mount Kisco when not engaged in bar association activities. Gloria continues to push forward as a real estate broker in Westchester and Fairfield counties and has become a cowgirl, as she has taken up riding cutting horses as a hobby (yes, like in *City Slickers*) and is competing in shows in Florida, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and New York. Some of her shows are on YouTube."

**Steve Conway** '71 GSAS was kind enough to e-mail me about the January/February column, so I, of course, asked him for some news. From Steve: "I exited Columbia College and GSAS with liberal arts degrees and no career in mind. Since then I've had more than 30 jobs in university teaching and administration, and then in business, that I've almost always enjoyed. At 61, I joined Boston-based industry analyst firm IDC as research v.p. for the supercomputer market. This might be my last paid gig. A big pleasure in the past couple of years was reconnecting and then staying connected with my CC roommates **Pesach Slabosky**, a celebrated artist living in Jerusalem; **Rick Altabef**, one of the top legal eagles at CBS; and **Jim Llana**, recently named associate provost of institutional effectiveness at the City University of New York. To you and everyone in our class and their kith and kin, I mainly wish good health. We all used to wonder at aging relatives who seemed obsessed with health talk, and now we're learning more what that's all about. The last exercise people of my parents' generation seemed to get was reaching out

for their diplomas. Our generation, at least those who could, continued exercising and that might help us in the long run. End of sermonette."

Since he became a U.S. District Court judge for the Eastern District of New York (sitting in Brooklyn), **Nick Garaufis'** decisions have become a frequent subject for articles in the *New York Law Journal*, and are occasionally in the news pages and even are in the editorial pages of the city's daily newspapers. Still, I was surprised to see in the *New York Post* of March 6 a story titled "Judge Garaufis' mob ties." Turns out Nick is presiding over a murder trial of an individual convicted of a prior murder, and the defendant somehow had not been provided with a tie to wear during jury selection. Nick solved the problem by loaning a Brooks Brothers tie to the defendant, prompting the *Post* to craft a *Post*-like headline.

I sent out a blast e-mail to those who had served on our 40th Reunion Committee, inviting comments on how the Core courses continue to influence us, and for news. **Jim Weitzman** responded: "I was elated to get an e-mail from a fellow alumnus announcing WKCR's 70th Anniversary Dinner on February 24 in Roone Arledge Auditorium. Without even looking at what was already in the calendar, I immediately made a reservation. On campus, I spent almost as much time at KCR as I did sitting in class. The highlight of my tenure was having the privilege of producing a live weekly broadcast from Greenwich Village's Cafe Feenjon every Saturday night at midnight. It exposed this Wisconsin kid to a variety of Mediterranean cultures and people. I could say that WKCR and the Feenjon ultimately formed the basis of my second career: owning and operating a group of radio stations featuring primarily multicultural/multilingual programming. I've recently finished a grueling couple of years in the planning, financing, zoning, permitting and construction of the latest one, a 50,000-watt station near Washington's Dulles Airport that took to the air in March. I'm forever grateful for the Columbia education that opened my mind to embrace the diversity that provided the foundation for this line of work."

**Joe Materna** wrote: "My wife, Dolores, and I recently celebrated our 35th anniversary by taking an extensive tour of Russia, Poland and the Scandinavian countries of Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Finland and Tallin, Estonia. It was a beautiful trip. My favorites were the State Hermitage Museum and the Catherine Palace, both located in St. Petersburg, Russia, and Tivoli Gardens (which is like Walt Disney

World but built in 1843) in Copenhagen. However, having a drink at the 'Ice Bar' in Copenhagen was also quite an experience and a lot of fun. I recommend it highly! On a professional note, I am pleased to announce that in the January *Avenue Magazine*, I was named to the *Avenue's* Legal Elite list of New York City's top trusts and estates attorneys. I also recently was honored by Martindale-Hubbell with its Peer Review Rated for Legal Ability and Ethical Standards Award for being an attorney having a Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent Rating for more than 20 continuous years. I am honored to have received both awards.

"After 37 years as a Law School-trained practicing attorney, I still love my job. I enjoy doing premier trusts and estates work at my Wall Street law firm in Manhattan, where I continue to be the 'confidant' and 'personal trusted family adviser' who is attentive, supportive, sympathetic and responsive to the needs of my many affluent clients in both New York and Florida. Meeting with my clients, becoming well-acquainted with them and their families, knowing their history, hearing their stories, earning their trust, and legally and skillfully protecting their wealth and estate assets for them and their families for years to come are the most rewarding aspects of my work. Getting to know the client as a person, not only as a file, is extremely important and satisfying to me as a T&E attorney. Above all, however, is the fact that I always will be thankful to Columbia College for giving me that solid foundation that has helped to make all of my past, present and future accomplishments possible. My Columbia daughters, Jodi '99, Jennifer '02 and Janine '05, also are doing well. I am pleased and proud to report that all three of them are active in their respective classes."

I received a number of comments about the Core courses. From **Dave Sokal**: "I remember reading David Hume — or maybe John Locke — and gaining an understanding of a quote that I can't now recall exactly about how we often don't appreciate the influence of dead philosophers on today's conventional wisdom."

From **Dave Rosedahl**: "*Don Quixote*. Fantasies are fun ... sometimes become real. Who'd have believed the Germans would own the NYSE? Pursue your dreams."

And **Mark Webber**, who has an amazing recall of our college days (with specific dates), reminded me of an escapade the two of us engaged in when the pages began to fall from our copies of the Rabalais book in freshman year. We wrote to Penguin Press in the style

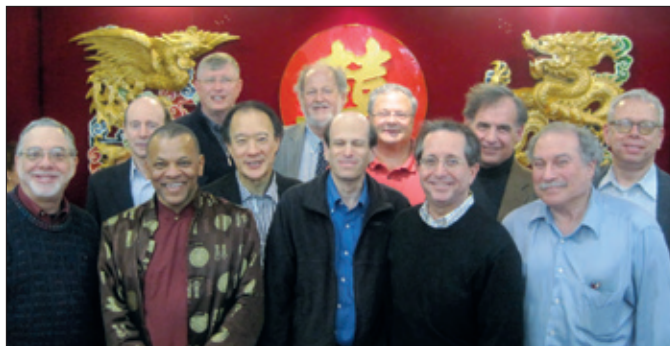


of Rabelais, but a bit cruder; Mark tells me it went something like this: "Gentlemen: We are students at Columbia College of Columbia University and are taking a course in humanities. Generally speaking, we have enjoyed reading the Penguin Books Limited versions of the various texts. Unhappily, in the case of Rabelais' *Gargantua and Pantagruel*, for those persons who read the books, the bindings came apart and thus we were unable to benefit from the erudition because the pages refused to remain in any logical order. We suggest that you train your bindings more effectively, or in the future, no school will wish to purchase copies of books that in Rabelaisian terms have the runs."

Mark adds that Penguin Books thanked us for our letter and sent us two new copies of the books — which also fell apart. Those of you who recall the reading assignment will know that Mark and I saw a perfect use for the pages that fell out of the book, since we did not have "a well downed goose." (The answer, for those who need a hint, appears in Chapter 13 of Book One, *Gargantua*.) By the way, some might not know that Lit Hum courses no longer include the written quizzes that challenged us.

Thanks to Dan Carlinsky '65 for calling my attention to the interview/profile of author Siri Hustvedt in *Scanorama Portfolio*, the in-flight magazine of SAS — I likely would have missed the piece without Dan's e-mail; the article calls Hustvedt and her husband, Paul Auster, "Brooklyn's — and America's — best known literary couple." We learn from the article that Paul always has the beef burguignon when dining at Sweet Melissa Patisserie around the corner from the couple's home. You can tell I am in need of class news when I start reporting on what a classmate eats.

This issue appears as the Columbia College Fund's 2011 fiscal year draws to a close (Thursday, June 30). Reading *CCT* leads most classmates to recall their days at the College and what is special about them: the readings, the teachers, the activities, the friendships, the time of growth, the campus and more. If reflecting makes you feel like part of the Columbia community, show your active connection by supporting the College. We really would like to increase the participation rate for the Fund. Any amount from a new donor would be greatly appreciated. But, of course, the more our classmates give, the more that can be of immediate help to the current student body. Send your donation to Columbia College Fund, Columbia Alumni Center, 622 W.



**A dozen members of the Class of 1971 gathered with spouses and guests at Fuleen Seafood Restaurant in NYC's Chinatown on March 13 for a pre-reunion Year of the Rabbit Banquet organized by Richard Hsia '71. Pictured (left to right) are Dr. Lew Preschel '71, Bernie Falk '71, Ray Gaspard '71, Dick Fuhrman '71, Hsia, Greg Wyatt '71, Jim Shaw '71, Ken Lehn '71, Irwin Warren '71, Larry Weiss '71, Mat Thall '71 and Joe Boorstein '71.**

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Just prior to my recent five-week trial in beautiful Greenbelt, Md., I got a note from **Dennis Graham** bragging about **Phil Russotti**: "Good luck with your trial, counselor. And if you need to sharpen up any of your aggressive courtroom techniques, please consult Kailas-proclaimed football bad luck charm, **Phil 'Double Barrel' Russotti**, the sharp shooting trial attorney of Wingate, Russotti & Shapiro. He's lost only two of 97 cases ... or something like that."

Phil's "sharp shooting" must have rubbed off on me, as the jury came back in two hours with a verdict in favor of my client.

**Mike Passow** recently completed his presidency of the National Earth Science Teachers Association. In August, Mike organized a teacher's workshop for the American Geophysical Union Meeting of the Americas in Iguassu Falls, Brazil. Every month, research scientists from Columbia's Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory provide information about cutting-edge investigations for classroom teachers and students in the Earth2Class Saturday Workshops for Educators that Mike has organized for more than a decade. Mike, now in his 41st year in the classroom, teaches at Dwight Morrow H.S. in his hometown of Englewood, N.J.

**Roger Crossland** reports: "I finished 2010 with participation in the Moloka'i Hoe 2010, the world's

premier outrigger competition. Our crew raced a distance of 41 miles across the Kaiwi Channel between the islands of Moloka'i and O'ahu alongside 120 other outrigger canoes. See article, video and photos at fairfieldcitizenonline.com/default/article/Fairfielder-braves-the-high-seas-in-premier-816073.php.

"I'm a trial lawyer in Connecticut. In 2005, I retired from the Navy after 35 years of service, active and reserve (one cold war and two hot ones)."

**REUNION JUNE 2-JUNE 5**

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Our 40th reunion is less than a month away, Thursday, June 2–Sunday, June 5. There will be a great mix of cultural happenings throughout New York City and class-specific events where we will have a chance to renew old friendships. Thursday night, there will be a chance to take in a show in Manhattan. Friday offers mini-Core courses and a class dinner. Saturday is Dean's Day, with great lectures, including a talk by Dean Michele Moody-Adams, followed in the evening by the all-class Wine Tasting, a class dinner and then the Starlight Reception with sweets, champagne and dancing on Low Plaza. In between, there will be plenty of other happenings to keep us entertained. Don't miss it. It's not too late to register: alumni.college.columbia.edu/reunion.

**Lawrence Thomases** passed away on December 10. He was a

translator, interpreter and immigrant rights advocate.

**Art Engoron**: "The Chief Administrative Judge of the State of New York has elevated me from Civil Court Judge to the position of Acting Supreme Court Justice. The Supreme Court is the state's basic trial court, with original, unlimited jurisdiction.

"Meanwhile, I sold my Upper West Side co-op after 29 years there, and I now live in an apartment on Worth Street, downtown, near the courts."

**Lew Preschel**: "Since I retired from the active practice of orthopedic surgery in 2004, I have earned a master's in library and information science from Rutgers. I did this with the intent of working part-time or in a library associated with pharmaceuticals or medically related products. However, in the interim, writing has caught my interest. I have written a murder mystery novel, with a main protagonist, Dr. Madison Muttnick. He is a mash-up of Philip Marlowe and 'Trapper' John McIntyre. I am trying to find literary representation for the first in a series of manuscripts. I also started a blog that is co-authored by both my ego and my alter-ego, madisonmuttnickmd.blogspot.com. If you drop by or have a friend drop by, you might like it. If you do, drop me a note and let me know. The least that could happen is that you can link to some fine jazz as selected from old time stuff on YouTube.

"Where have the good ol' days gone?"

Lew, they were good ol' days, and I find them again at reunion.

**Sam Higginbottom '74L**: "I hope that my wife, Cyndi, and I will be able to attend reunion. I am a lawyer with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. I have more than 35 years of federal service. Cyndi and I are the parents of seven children. The oldest is 35 and the youngest is 15. I am the grandfather of five, who range in age from four weeks to 11. None of my children have attended CC, but my youngest daughter, 15, claims that her near-term goal is to attend Columbia.

"I have many family members who also are Columbia grads. My dad, Sam Higginbottom '43E, is alive and well in Miami. Others are my dad's brother, James Higginbottom '53; my maternal grandfather, Richard Steinschneider '19; his brother, William Steinschneider (Class of 1910E), two of my mother's brothers, Dick Steinschneider '43 and Eugene Rowan Steinschneider '49; and a cousin, Pat Steinschneider '73, '76 Arch. One of my sisters, Rowan Higginbottom Maclaren '87E, earned a master's in computer engineering.

"Life has been good, and I believe it has been good in part due

to the skills learned at Columbia College and the Law School.”

Conceptual artist **John Borek**'s work, *A Window on the Carrageenan*, was performed in December at the Multi-use Community Cultural Center in Rochester, N.Y. His website, theprofessorofrap.com, discusses it: “In *A Window on the Carrageenan*, I attempted to recreate the chaos of commercial theater by crafting an epic disaster. In a way, I was paying tribute to Arthur Bicknell's *Moose Murders: A Mystery Farce in Two Acts*, trending Marx Brothers. [In my play, the] producer has neglected to get rights clearance, the actors leave the production before the curtain even rises, the set disappears, appropriated by a *Holiday on Ice* show, a tripartite injunction is served against performance, the stage lights fail, the director has a breakdown and the producer is eventually arrested by the FBI. New actors are recruited from the environs of the theater: a prostitute, a paraplegic, an itinerant street singer, a gormless lass walking by. The translator who has translated the play from Gaelic into Hungarian into English is pressed into service, playing a 7-year-old girl.

“The producer buys time with the audience by delivering a lecture on thatched cottages, and the street singer finds inspiration in the play's subject of Nazis of the Reich attending college in Ireland during WWII. His song, *Nazis Don't Get Swing*, becomes a huge hit. The play's original title, *A Window on the Carrageen*, is modified to food additive-friendly *A Window on the Carrageenan* to technically thwart the injunction.

“In order to orchestrate chaos, [post-capitalist] playwright Spencer Christiano writing as Maevae Gomorra, actually wrote a two-act play modeled after Sean O'Casey's oeuvre. Two Nazis, one bad, one good, are billeted as detainees in neutral Ireland early in WWII. Based on true historical detail, they are permitted to attend university where one of them falls in love with an Irish girl. The ensuing clash of cultures and politics resembles nothing so much as an Irish/Nazi version of *West Side Story*. The play has production merits of its own and can be performed as a separate vehicle, but as I found out in this production, when you give actors perfect freedom, the play is seldom the thing. In the 80 minutes of this production, only one full page of the original play was performed.

“Instead, as the improvising actors discovered, they spent almost all of their time keeping their interpersonal relationships afloat. The prostitute tries to make a buck by attempting to score with members of the audience; she finally

succeeds, loudly, with the director in the balcony. The gormless girl, who has never been on a stage, works hard at understanding the relationship between the actor and the audience. The street musician is only interested in the promotion of his music and the paraplegic is only interested in the stability of his wheelchair on a stage full of running, jumping narcissists. The producer is worried about not being able to pay his BlackBerry bill, thereby losing his contact list, and the director finds that his reputation is no longer at risk — it has been vaporized. Of course, the playwright-within-a play, Maevae Gomorra, shows up to experience the joy of her first produced effort. The show's end is announced by a real pizza delivery boy announcing

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his delivery on stage.

“No one, but no one, cared about presenting the play in this improvised performance. Not even Christiano, who played the director and wrote the damned thing.

“This was perhaps the most entertaining of all the Post-Cap presentations. No audience members left, and it is important to note that the audience included theatergoers who believed they were there to see a real Irish play. It was the antithesis of a Neil Simon play. There was no roadmap. Everything was placed on the backs of the actors who had no idea what crisis they would have to avert next at any given time. Yet the laughs were what I would call warm laughs. People liked the characters on stage even though these characters were being invented as they were being presented.

“My thanks to the generous talents and wonderful good humor of not only Spencer Christiano, but of Michael Arve, Cassandra Kelly, Kimberly Niles, Declan Ryan and Patrick Stefano. It takes a lot of Irish moxie to push on while the arts collapse around you.”

Folks, in the Class of '71 eNews, I include not only a preview of the Class Notes but also some items exclusive to the eNews. In the issue I sent on February 26, I included this:

**Ed King:** “I'm trying to remember a book we were assigned as summer reading in 1967. There were three books. One was *The Greeks* by H.D.F. Kitto, and the second was *Economic and Social History of Medieval Europe* by Henri Pirenne. What was the third book? I know it was on the

history of science, and I think it had a green cover. Someone must know the title of this book. Thanks.”

To me, one of the many great things about Columbia was that we had shared reading and not academic segregation. Lit Hum and Contemporary Civ discussions could include everyone, regardless of major, and so therefore also could the 3 a.m. bull sessions, discussing those subjects and everything else academic or otherwise.

(For anyone not from our class reading this column, the books that **Ed King** refers to were those assigned to the incoming freshman class to read prior to arrival. For the reference to Summer of Love, below, see [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Summer\\_of\\_Love](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Summer_of_Love).)

Within about 36 hours of sending

out the eNews, I had eight replies.

Seeing as how the question had struck a memory, I am including it in the Class Notes after all. In chronological order, the BUtterfield 8 are **David Menke, Lawrence Goldberg, Bill Christophersen, Art Engoron, Andrew Dunn, Terry Chorba, Steve Boss and Julio Rivera**. (For the reference, see [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BUtterfield\\_8](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BUtterfield_8). And, no, these classmates do *not* meet in Yankee Stadium.)

As **Bill Christophersen** explained: “The third book we were required to read was Herbert Butterfield's *The Origins of Modern Science*. One reason it was interesting is that it examined the ‘also-ran’ theories that were in play before the important theories of optics, gravitation, planetary motion, diseases and so on got nailed down and took on the aura of inevitability. My experience of the Summer of Love was spoiled by appendicitis, but as a booby prize, I had plenty of time to read all three books. I became a lit major, but I found Butterfield's the most interesting. Only last year, I found a copy on sale by a street vendor and snatched it up.”

And **Terry Chorba** added this: “Please tell **Edward King** that the third book that we had to read was Herbert Butterfield's *The Origins of Modern Science*. It was a small contributor to the heavy nudge that Columbia gave me into a career in science. I am thriving as chief of the branch that oversees the domestic field activities of the Division of TB Elimination at the Centers for Disease Control, and I hope to keep working in public health

for at least another decade.”

The class has had several pre-reunion events. On February 11, there was Burgers and Basketball, with dinner at Havana Central at The West End (in what we knew as The West End) followed by basketball at Francis S. Levien Gym. Here is part of **Richard Hsia's** report:

“... cheered on throughout by Dean Michele Moody-Adams, the Lions never gave in. Nor could the game's direction or outcome dampen the enthusiasm and camaraderie of our classmates led by **Phil Milstein, Greg Wyatt, Richard Hsia, Hillary and Dick Fuhrman, Lori and Alex Sachare, and Tim DeBaets**, who joined us from the sunny West Coast, together with Jersey gentle farmers Marina and **John Bleimaier**. Still looking like he could elevate the Lions' winning prospects on the court, **Bob Gailus** was there, with daughter Marianna, who has grown into a spectacular young woman. Pam and **Chris Moriarty** came, together with their son, James, who is growing into a sensational young man. Heather Hunte, assistant director, class giving, in the Alumni Office, gave us welcome support.”

I was there in spirit only, but here in Philadelphia I listened to Penn's radio station the next night as the Lions beat the Quakers, which was delicious in its own way.

**Richard Hsia** organized a Chinese New Year Banquet (think of it as CNY in NYC) on March 13 at Fuleen Seafood Restaurant in the heart of Chinatown. He noted that “Our Year of the Rabbit Banquet consisted of an array of 10 delectable, as well as lucky, dishes (but no rabbit and no lion).” [See photo.]

A fine time was had by Margaret and **Joe Boorstein '72** GSAS, Vivian and **Bernie Falk**, Hilary and **Dick Fuhrman, Ray Gaspard, Peggy and Richard Hsia '74L, Ken Lehn '74L, Carole and Lew Preschel, Jim Shaw, Mat Thall** (from Boston), Liz and **Irwin Warren '74L, Wendy and Larry Weiss**, and Fay and **Greg Wyatt**, as well as by Ken Catandella, senior executive director, University events and programs, Office of Alumni and Development, and his wife, Victoria Augustine Catandella '80 Barnard; and Heather Hunte, assistant director, Columbia College Fund, and her sons, Jonathan and Matthew.

I came in from Philadelphia and had the pleasure of meeting up with and walking and talking the three miles from Penn Station to Chinatown with **Steve Boss '76** SW, '78 Business, and back with **Ron Bass**, each of whom was attending family events during the time of the dinner.

Remember 44 Septembers ago, and the feelings we had, including of adventure, as we entered Colum-



bia College. We are still connected. See ya at reunion!

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**Neil Izenberg** has an interesting adventure to relate: "At the end of January, I was invited to a small White House Women's Online Summit. Yes, I know I'm not a woman, but KidsHealth.org, which I founded and head, is one of the web's most-visited sites reaching mothers and families. Along with me, a score of executives from sites such as Yahoo, WebMD, Oprah.com and others heard from a stream of senior officials who briefed us on what the administration is doing in business, health, education and other areas that impact women and families. Earlier in the day, we had an unexpected 'meet and greet' in the East Wing with Bo (the Obama girls' Portuguese Water Dog), but that visit was one-upped by a surprise drop-in by President Barack Obama '83 himself, who popped in to spend about 30 minutes giving us his perspective and meeting us individually. In the excitement, though, I forgot to tell him we were fellow Columbia alums and that an invite to next year's White House Seder would not be declined. Oh well. Next time, perhaps."

Congratulations to **Al Neugut**, whose son, Zachary, made the list for early admission to the Class of 2015! Al, who stayed on to receive an M.D. and a Ph.D. from Columbia, is the Myron M. Studner Professor of Cancer Research and Professor of Medicine and Epidemiology at Columbia.

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Not so much this time, fellas. Please make the effort to send in a missive, a thought, a comment.

**Fred Schneider** and his wife, Harriet, have lived in Brooklyn Heights since 1981, the year he left the Kings County D.A. Harriet is the director of the Office of Counsel for Children in New York's Second Judicial Department and has held that position for more than 20 years. They have two daughters: Lauren, an officer at Bank Leumi USA in Manhattan, and Stephanie, who is deciding which law school to attend in the fall. Fred is a partner at Gilman and Schneider, which he founded in 1989; the firm specializes in family law, matrimonial law, divorce, custody, support and so on.

Fred and **Mike Byowitz** have been discussing our 40th reunion, just two years away. Fred hopes to see many new faces, especially those who have not attended reunions.

**Bob Shea** earned an M.B.A. at Columbia right out of college (as did I), then had two long careers, one in advertising and another in consulting. He has been back at the B-School for the last six years as senior associate director of admissions, a move he recommends (returning to campus) as he has "come full circle."

**Christopher Koefoed** spent 32 years in Los Angeles, in the film biz, editing such films as *Menace II Society* and *Gridlock'd*, as well as teaching film production at the Art Center of College Design and screenwriting at UCLA Extension. He also wrote a "teleplay" for BET, *Playing with Fire*. In 2006, Christopher moved to Washington, D.C., to work with his brother Erik in the family business, The Palisades Pizzeria & Clam Bar (palisadespizzeria.com), right outside of Georgetown. It serves thin-crust, New York style-pizza (they're from the Bronx).

Tragically, in February 2009, Christopher's only child, Gabriella, was killed by a speeding motorist in Baltimore. She was 22 and was due to graduate from Maryland

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Institute College of Art that year. He has been working on projects to honor and remember her; the best one so far has been the Gabriella Milagro Koefoed Endowed Scholarship Fund at Howard University. If anyone wants to contribute, it's [coas.howard.edu/development.html](http://coas.howard.edu/development.html).

Christopher, we all feel your pain. Anyone wishing to reach out to Christopher can do so at [gabriella4ever@verizon.net](mailto:gabriella4ever@verizon.net).

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Maybe fate destined our class to be surrounded by revolutionary amniotic fluid where the status quo was constantly challenged! After our quaint post-Eisenhower "Ozzie and Harriet" upbringing, we came of age in high school just as the "counterculture" movement was in full throw (including "free love," chemical mind expansion and the like ... you know, all those things you council your kids against!).

When we came to the College, it was the time when fierce national debate erupted over the Vietnam War, abortion, feminism, gay rights and a whole host of other issues.

Now I am reminded by the current turmoil in the Middle East that we were literally born during the moment in history when the Egyptian Revolution of 1952 abolished the constitutional monarchy and, in 1953, Egypt was declared a republic. As Wikipedia says, "The success of the revolution inspired numerous Arab and African countries to remove pro-Western ... monarchies and potentates." How could our forming DNA resist these powerful influences?

When you think of nominees for "class revolutionary," not a slim number of nominations would be cast for **Arthur Schwartz**. While on campus, he was active in all sorts of liberal causes, and this has continued during the past four decades. More on this later, but first we need to nominate him for the class "The Dog Can Still Hunt" award (also known as the classmate with the youngest child). Diligent readers of the column know that the two youngest I know of are Reilly (son of **Abbe Lowell**) and Eli (son of **Jonathan Cuneo**); both fathers are Washington, D.C., lawyers. Now comes Arthur

wondering if his kids (5 and 7) give him the title. Any other challengers waiting in the wings?

Arthur's note added that, coincidentally, he needed to call in Abbe's assistance during 2009-10 for work involving several criminal investigations while Arthur was general counsel of what he calls "the notorious ACORN" (the now-defunct Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now). Arthur said he and Abbe "spent a lot of time talking about the old days, him as a student representative to the University Senate and me disrupting the senate. Recent alliance worked well: No criminal charges filed anywhere."

Might as well get the last piece of Abbe news on the table: While I was surfing the web for updates on the Wikileaks circus, up he popped, being described as the "espionage expert at the law firm McDermott Will & Emery." And I always heard Abbe described as a "white collar criminal defense lawyer." At any rate, it is good to have our own 007 in the class!

Curious to learn if the economic recovery is hitting the heartland, I

reached out to **Mark Rantala**, v.p. and director of retail sales at CB Richard Ellis (commercial real estate) in Westlake, Ohio. Mark confirmed that real estate is starting to pick up. However, he seemed more caught up in picking colleges for his oldest daughter, Shannon. Family trumping career, an increasingly common occurrence.

An update came in from **Richard Briffault**, the Joseph P. Chamberlain Professor of Legislation at the Law School. You might recall that the Senate confirmed his wife, Sherry Glied, as assistant secretary for planning and evaluation at the Department of Health and Human Services. That's the good news. But this new career means Sherry commutes from New York, going to D.C. on Monday morning and returning to New York on Friday evening. This leaves professor/Mr. Mom Richard "here teaching, sluggishly writing a book, doing some other projects and taking care of the kids (who amazingly have reached 15 and 12)." Richard adds that this position has included taking the kids to various sporting events: Olivia to a fencing competition in Dallas and Jonathan on various hockey trips to New Jersey and Westchester. Richard says, "Given my total lack of athletic ability, I find this unfathomable."

The early decision admissions for the Class of 2015 (if you can believe it) include four children of classmates. [Editor's note: A list of alumni legacies for the College and Engineering Class of 2015 is scheduled for the September/October issue.] The following is some brief information about the admitted kids and their dads. Please note that, for the first time in class history, all four of the early admit legacies were women!

Rachel Bercovitz will come to the College from Baltimore, where she attended Beth Tfiloh Community H.S. She is the daughter of Dr. **Barry Bercovitz**, an endocrinolo-

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gist at the Johns Hopkins Community Physicians group and who is affiliated with the Johns Hopkins Hospital. Barry's practice covers diabetes, metabolism, endocrinology and internal medicine.

Isabel Genecin is from Larchmont, N.Y. (in nearby Westchester), where she attended Mamaroneck H.S. Her dad, **Victor Genecin**, is of counsel at the Midtown Manhattan law firm Squire Sanders.

Brina Seidel attended Bethesda-Chevy Chase H.S. in Chevy Chase, Md. Father **Stephen Seidel** is v.p. for policy analysis and general counsel at the Pew Center on Global Climate Change. He directs the analysis of the climate change policy initiatives of the legislative and executive branches of the federal government. Steve formerly was the director of the Stratospheric Protection Program at the EPA. (To Tea Party members, it might sound like he was involved in analyzing the national debt, but in reality Steve was more concerned with the ozone.)

Victoria Van Amson is finishing up at the Nightingale-Bamford School in Manhattan. Her father, **George Van Amson**, is a managing director at Morgan Stanley in Midtown Manhattan and former two-term Columbia University trustee.

Congratulations to each of the young ladies and their families!

Looks like another progeny of a classmate will have the potential to become a neo-"Microsoft Millionaire." First, we learned that **Rob Knapp's** son was at Facebook, and now **Kevin Ward** tells us that his eldest, Matt '11, is about to start working at Google on the West Coast. "Very proud of him," crows Kevin. Kevin himself is spending his pre-retirement years paying college tuition bills ("more than \$100,000 a year") and attending basketball and lacrosse games ("which I love"). His second child, Mark, is a sophomore at Fordham on a pre-med track. His third, Jamie, is off to Holy Cross in the fall (recruited to play lacrosse) and his "baby," Brian (15) is the starting point guard for Bergen Catholic's freshman basketball team. Kevin still plays rock 'n roll in a local bar, "but playing two or three times a year doesn't make this a likely retirement pursuit!" He also recently celebrated his 35th year at Merrill Lynch as a financial adviser. "I wouldn't want to do anything else," he says. "Life is good and very, very full."

Do you realize that two-thirds of our life stories have been written since we first set foot on Morning-side Heights? A lot can happen in four decades! Consider the "spiritual journey" of **Bryan Berry**. He writes, "I deserted my Christian (Protestant, mainly Lutheran) upbringing when

I went to Columbia (pretty typical!). But it was at Columbia that I first read St. Augustine's *Confessions* and Dante's *Inferno*. I didn't return to the faith until 1978, when I began going to a Lutheran church in Midtown."

Bryan later studied the religious controversies between Protestants and Catholics while he worked on his Ph.D. dissertation at Michigan. "I became convinced that God has unfolded his truth over time in the Roman Catholic Church. I joined the Catholic Church in 1995; two years later, the rest of my family joined." Bryan is taking classes to become a member of Opus Dei.

While at Columbia, Bryan was a typical liberal English major. During the past decade, he taught literature and journalism for several years (most recently at the University of St. Francis in Joliet, Ill.) and for the past three years has been a freelance writer and journalist, writing for the *American Metal Market*, *National Catholic Register* and other publications. He also is writing a book on literature and 16th- and 17th-century religious controversies. His oldest child, Adrienne, is a clarinetist in the U.S. Army Field Band (based at Fort Meade, Md.). His middle child, Joanna, has joined an order of Catholic nuns (Servants of the Lord). His youngest, John, is about to graduate from the University of Illinois and will then be commissioned as an ensign in the Navy the next day. He will attend flight school at NAS Pensacola in Florida starting in October.

There you have it. The discovery of powerful forces that have made our classmates "agents for change." News of great achievements of our classmates and their children. And the tale of an amazing spiritual journey. If you have something to share of you or your family with your friends of 40 years, please take a moment to send an e-mail. As the Grateful Dead said, "What a long, strange trip it's been!"

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Adding to the list of multi-generational Lion families, Julia Selinger and Matthew Suozzo are early admits for the Class of 2015. Julia is the daughter of **Neil Selinger** and Rima Grad and currently attends Mamaroneck H.S. Matthew, who is headed for Engineering, is the son of **Mark J. Suozzo** and attends Hunter College H.S. in New York City.

"Bring it on," was **Randolph McLaughlin's** response to the village of Port Chester, N.Y.'s plans to appeal the village's current cumula-

tive voting system. The unusual arrangement was allowed under a 2008 court order.

As if he isn't busy enough, **Bob Schneider** has been elected corporate secretary of the University of Pennsylvania Club of Long Island. Bob is special counsel at Cuddy & Feder. Some day, we may open a dictionary and see Bob's picture. I'm just not sure whether it will be next to dedication, loyalty or pride. Bob gives back to both Columbia and Penn (his children all did undergraduate work at one or the other), was devastated when his Catholic grammar school was slated for closing and is involved in other charities and volunteer work. You go, Bob!

Spring seems to be in the air in Baltimore. Tax season is winding down. I thank the IRS for maintaining moving, home interest and other itemized deductions, including those for charitable giving. I'm proud (as a Lion!) to write checks to Columbia, and even happier when I deduct the donations. When you get that call or letter from a classmate, please be proud to do the same. You also can give online any time: college.columbia.edu/giveonline.

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Our 35th reunion is less than a month away, Thursday, June 2-Sunday, June 5. Join your classmates and their families for cultural events in New York City and mini-Core courses as well as class-specific dinners, discussions and cocktail parties. Saturday is Dean's Day, with lectures from some of Columbia's best, including Dean Michele Moody-Adams, followed in the evening by the all-class Wine Tasting, our class dinner and then the Starlight Reception, with sweets and champagne plus music and dancing on Low Plaza. Don't miss it. It's not too late to register: reunion.college.columbia.edu.

**Bruce Black** reports that since his 50-something knees no longer can take the stress of running, he switched to yoga a few years ago and discovered a new passion that led to his book, *Writing Yoga: a*

*Guide to Keeping a Practice Journal*, available this spring from Rodmell Press. Bruce lives in Sarasota, Fla., with his wife (a professor at New College) and daughter (who recently got her driver's permit), and welcomes friends and classmates to drop by if they're ever exploring the beauty of Florida's west coast. You can reach him at bruceblack@gmail.com.

**Mark Heller** passed away in Potomac, Md., last October. He was married for 27 years to Connie and also is survived by his children, Danny and Laura. He was an active member of Temple Beth Ami in Rockport, coaching MSI soccer and singing in the choir for 20 years. The family welcomes contributions to the Fund for Innovation or the Tikkun Olan Committee at Temple Beth Ami, 14330 Travilah Rd., Rockville, MD 20850.

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Some of the notes I get are what I call meaning-of-life messages. I received a couple of splendid ones from **Artie Gold** and **Bill Dorsey**.

In August, Artie had his third child, Eliza Rose ("I'm slow but making up for it"). It was on Christmas Eve 2009, as I reconstruct the dates, that, as Artie puts it, "it was only the combination of being in just the right place at just the right time (and an on-call cardiovascular surgeon with a hot hand) that kept me from being referred to in the past tense in that *other* section of CCT. And I've had one of those recoveries that makes the docs shake their heads and smile." Factor in Eliza Rose's arrival about eight months later and, if you were Artie, you too would say, "Indeed, life is good."

Meanwhile, Bill, in fall 2009, moved to a new position after 19 years as a social worker and social work manager at the Kaiser Permanente hospital in Santa Rosa, Calif.; he is now a palliative care social worker at the outpatient clinic. "I've been providing counseling to patients affected by advanced cancer and other illnesses. These chronic and often life-shortening conditions can impact a person's physical, emotional, social and spiritual coping. I work closely with the doctors, nurses, chemo pharmacists and the rest of the team to help patients live with the best quality of life possible. I include their family in the counseling to help them cope, too. It can be challenging and rewarding, and I always am impressed with the strength, hope and gratitude that people can demonstrate in the



toughest of times." He goes on, "I play drums regularly at our church and with a couple of jazz bands. The artistic and spiritual outlets help keep me centered."

Bill also wants us to know that son Brendan is a freshman at The George Washington University, while son Brian is a freshman in high school, and that Bill is "grateful every day for the love and support of my wife of 25 years, Lynn."

From Florida, we hear that **Charles Trippe '79L** has been named general counsel in the governor's office. After graduating from the Law School, Charles did litigation work in New York, Massachusetts and Florida. He was general counsel for litigation for CSX Transportation, and then worked in civil litigation as a partner at Moseley, Prichard, Parish, Knight, and Jones in Jacksonville. Now he will be handling the legal issues of a state, no less.

Congratulations and more importantly, good luck.

Greetings also come from **Arto Becker** and **Jeffrey Allen**. Arto is a lawyer in Los Angeles who describes his life as "simple." He explains that he has been "practicing for more than 30 years in the same firm," and has "grown children who make me very proud." Jeff describes his "fond memories of playing 158-lb. football. It was 1973, and we hadn't won a game in four years. It was like the Super Bowl when we beat Penn." Injury shortened Jeff's playing career and his time at Columbia, but though he transferred to a rival institution, he notes that "Columbia still considers me an alumnus (at least for fundraising)."

Finally, I know that we've all been thinking about **David Paterson**. Not to worry about the Hofstra Law grad and former governor. According to *Newsday*, at least for this year, he'll be at NYU, teaching courses on government and public policy. Though not a tenure-track post, it's still a job, and we wish him well.

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**DeMoyle Howell** went to medical school at Hahnemann University Hospital in Philadelphia and completed his residency in internal medicine at Bryn Mawr Hospital. He

spent two years with the National Health Service and completed his anesthesia residency at Hahnemann. He is an anesthesiologist practicing in Newport Beach, Calif.

**Vincent Sama** joined Kaye Scholer as partner in the firm's litigation practice and co-chair of the commercial litigation department. He previously was a partner at Winston & Strawn.

**Robert C. Klapper:** "This issue's topic is vacations. I hope we have all achieved in our lives that beautiful balance between work and play. We are all hopefully at that point in our careers where an expertise in our field has been achieved. With the years of hard work and stress, one needs a timeout. Our vacations come in one of two varieties: either returning to visit a Shangri La second home, where you feel so comfortable because you know the routine, or embarking on a trip to a locale where you have never been and what awaits you is an adventure and newness to delight all your senses. I divide my time between my work here in Hollywood and my second home in Honolulu. So to all of you from the Class of '79, I give you an open invitation that when you travel with your families to either of these locations, please feel free to contact me for the locations of diners, drive-ins and dives that you won't read about in the guidebooks.

"I am here to remind you, as the late great cartoonist Saul Steinberg from *The New Yorker* illustrated in his classic magazine cover, that there is a whole lot more to life than driving on vacation to ... New Haven, Conn.!"

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"Take me out to the ball game,  
"Take me out with the crowd.  
"Buy me some peanuts and Cracker Jack,  
"I don't care if I never get back.  
"Let me root, root, root for the home team,  
"If they don't win it's a shame.  
"For it's one, two, three strikes,  
you're out,  
"At the old ball game."

There is nothing better than watching the baseball team play at the new Satow Stadium. Coach Brett Boretti has the squad playing some of the most competitive games we have ever witnessed, and we are glad for our coaches' and players' success.

We have had tremendous alumni support, as the stands are full of us old-timers. At Homecoming last fall,



*The only thing better than the annual Burgers and Basketball event on campus in February is spending it with old friends. Carman roommates (left to right) Harvey Cotton '81, Ernie Cicconi '81 and A.J. Bosco '81 enjoyed the pregame ritual with their daughters (left to right) Leah Cotton, Samantha Cicconi and Anna Bosco.*

PHOTO: CATHY COTTON '83 BARNARD

we dedicated the baseball/soccer locker room on behalf of **Eric Blattman** and his family. Eric gave a wonderful speech between games, and his teammates John McGuire '84, **Ray Commisso**, **Larry Biondi** and **Ray Stukes** wished him all the best.

**Ray Commisso** is at Thomson Reuters, where he is in charge of designing many of the fixed income applications, such as Terms and Conditions pages, New Issues pages and calculators that appear on the Xtra and Eikon Fixed Income platform. Ray's experience as a fixed income trader, portfolio manager and former Reuters client was something the company needed in building its data products, so that the end result is user-friendly instead of the product of academics and developers who do not understand what clients need to see and use in the workflows of the typical financial market participant.

We ran into Steve Spence '82 at the Ivy football dinner. Steve is building a wealth management business with Morgan Stanley Smith Barney in Midtown.

Congratulations to **Phil Adkins** and **David Sherman** on their children's early admittance to alma mater, Class of 2015. We wish both Nastasia Adkins and Adam Sherman the best of luck.

**Jim Gerakis** and I attended the annual John Jay Awards Dinner on March 2 and want to remind you to consider a gift to the Columbia College Fund. Give at college.columbia.edu/giveonline or mail a check to Columbia College Fund, Columbia Alumni Center, 622 W. 113th St., MC 4530, 3rd Fl., New York, NY 10025. We have come a long way in our fundraising efforts, and we need your support.

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[Editor's note: CCT thanks **Jeff Pundyk** for his six years of service as class correspondent and will welcome back **Kevin Fay** (kfay@norcapital.com) in the July/August issue.]

A fine time was had by all at the February 11 Burgers and Basketball night on campus and at Havana Central at The West End, if you managed to avoid the actual burgers and largely disregarded the ball part of the evening, that is, and maybe if you were able to discount some of the more personal health-related confessions that came spilling out around the bar. Still, it was great to see classmates and reminisce about when we were all taller, faster and stronger. On hand for the evening were **Kevin Costa**, **Mark Hansen**, **Erik Jacobs**, **Derek Johnson**, **John Luisi**, **Brian Krisberg**, **Sergey Kudrin**, **Jay Lee** and **Carman roommates A.J. Bosco**, **Harvey Cotton** and **Ernie Cicconi**. (See photo.)

Think of it as a rehearsal for the reunion. And, frankly, some of us need a little work before the actual event, which is scheduled for Thursday, June 2-Sunday, June 5. The weekend will be great, with plenty of cultural activities, Dean's Day on Saturday, mini-Core courses, tours, cocktail parties, dinners, the all-class

Wine Tasting and the Starlight Reception, which features champagne, sweets, and music and dancing on Low Plaza. Don't miss it! It's not too late to register: [reunion.college.columbia.edu](http://reunion.college.columbia.edu).

It's also not too late to edit down some of those stories, make the necessary adjustments to waistlines and hairlines, and hire whatever escorts seem appropriate.

**Dave Cook** is doing his part. In addition to his food blogging and restaurant reviews, Dave has put together a blog on Columbia bands from our era. Read it and weep for our lost youth: [columbiabands.com](http://columbiabands.com).

**John Luisi** checks in from the outermost of the outer boroughs: "I'm the new agency chief contracting officer at the NYC Board of Elections, so all contracts for goods and services will go through my office.

### John Luisi '81 is agency chief contracting officer at the NYC Board of Elections.

My staff and I will do our best to bring the highest quality goods and services to our agency at the most competitive prices. There. I said it. But more importantly, I'm starting the cycling season 20 pounds lighter than I did last year. Maybe I'll finish that 13th century ride."

Speaking of cycling, **Daniel Monk** continues to live in a fantasy world, chasing an imaginary peloton from his perch on his stationary bike. Team Monk keeps a ready supply of Cheez Doodles and Bud Light on the support vehicle (i.e., the couch).

Our class had its usual fine showing among early admissions this year for the Class of 2015. Let's give credit to the fine DNA of the mothers of the children of **Hilary Hanchuk, James Kaufman, Jay Lee** (who is three for three now), **Michael Strauss** and **Ronald Strobel**.

**Richard Ruzika**, a Goldman Sachs executive who runs the firm's special situations group, is retiring.

And with that, I am retiring, too, from this lofty post. I'll be passing the class quill back to **Kevin Fay** ([kfay@norcapital.com](mailto:kfay@norcapital.com)) with the sage words he neglected to say to me when he passed it to me lo those many years ago: "No backies."

See you all in June.

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Greetings gentlemen, I trust all is well with all of you. None of you slug-a-beds wrote this period.

Nonetheless, we have some happy news.

First and foremost, **Frank Lopez-Balboa** is undoubtedly bursting with pride upon learning that his daughter Olivia will attend the College in the fall. It's darn near impossible to get into the College these days, so major kudos for this! I have it on good authority from **Louis De Chiara** that Olivia is a wonderful person and a superb student.

Closer to home, WR Managed Accounts, a privately held provider of managed account and technology solutions for hedge fund investments, announced on February 18 a strategic partnership with Duff & Phelps, a leading financial advisory and investment banking services firm, and Harcourt Investment Consulting AG, a preeminent Zurich-based alterna-

tive asset management company and part of the Vontobel Group, an internationally oriented Swiss private bank. The partnership will enable the firms to develop unique technology-based solutions that provide transparency for hedge funds and their investors. "Why should I care?" you ask? I'm the CEO of WR. Hey, even a broken clock is right twice a day.

Looking forward to hearing from you. I have two free tickets to the next Brooklyn Giants home game for each of the next six contributors.

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**Andrew Barth** '85 Business was presented a 2011 John Jay Award for distinguished professional achievement on March 2 at the annual John Jay Awards Dinner. The citation presented to Andy, commemorating his achievements, stated, "In today's global economy, leading a multinational company is one of the most challenging and rewarding jobs. Your tenure at the Capital Group Companies has been impressive, and your 25-year commitment to the company has occurred during a period of significant expansion. In your many roles at the Capital Group, you have overseen a global expansion while maintaining an active role in the investment process.

"You are a native New Yorker, born in Queens, and you majored in economics at the College. You graduated summa cum laude and Phi

Beta Kappa, and were named an All-Ivy wrestler. In 1985, you earned an M.B.A. from the Business School. You continued to live your passion for wrestling by competing for the New York Athletic Club, achieving state, regional and international honors in Greco-Roman wrestling. You have spent your entire professional career at the Capital Group, beginning as a financial analyst covering automotive and financial companies with Capital Guardian Research. As a research director for 15 years, you oversaw Capital Guardian Research's development into a global organization and its evolution into Capital International Research. You have risen through a series of executive and investment roles during the past two decades to become the chairman of the Capital Guardian Trust Company and Capital International Limited. You have been an important contributor to the growth of the Capital Group from \$25 billion in assets under management in 1985 to \$1.2 trillion today.

"You are an active member of your community and a dedicated public servant. You were twice elected to the Board of Governors of the San Marino Unified School District, serving from 1997-2005, with three years as president. You worked to put in place the foundation that has earned San Marino the highest Academic Performance Index ranking of all unified school districts in the State of California for seven consecutive years. You have been a trustee or overseer of The American Ballet Theater, The California Science Center Foundation, The Center for the Study of the Presidency and Congress, Pomona College, and The Huntington Museum, Library and Gardens, as well as the Business School. In 2005, you endowed the varsity head wrestling coaching position at Columbia, now known as the Andrew F. Barth Head Coach of Wrestling. At the time, you spoke about the impact that wrestling had on your life: 'Wrestling taught me many valuable lessons about life, lessons I use every day. Discipline, persistence and hard work really do make a difference. Some of the best times in my life and some of my best memories are due to wrestling and being a part of this team. Columbia was a wonderful experience, and I received a great education.' You are a thoughtful and caring husband to your wife, Avery, and a loving father to your children, Emily, Catherine, Andrew Jr. and Avery Vivian. In recognition of your work as a financier, Columbia College is proud to present you a 2011 John Jay Award for distinguished professional achievement."

Andy has been a tremendous

supporter of the College, and the Class of '83 congratulates him on receiving this much-deserved honor.

Michael Oren '77 also received a John Jay Award that night. Michael is the Israeli Ambassador to the United States and a former student of Professor Karl-Ludwig Selig. Michael extended a personal invitation to KLS to attend the dinner and referred to KLS as the "incomparable Karl-Ludwig Selig" during his remarks.

**Kevin Cronin**: "I met **Barack Obama** in college — there, I said it — and it's time to put to bed the mystery of Obama and college life. First, let's talk about misplaced arrogance. Lots of people say they didn't know him in school, despite common commitment to political science and pre-law (gosh, there's a small group for you), yet Obama went on to Harvard Law and the presidency. Maybe he had better things to do? At any rate, it worked for him. Here's my meeting with 'the man who would be President.' It was late on a weeknight, probably in March or April 1983, and I was with a group of students editing *Sundial* newsmagazine. The Black Students League, which also had an office on the third floor of Ferris Booth Hall, was leaving from a meeting, and the students trickled down the hall to the stairwell. One student, the future President, walked by our open door and recognized one of the editors and looked in, shouting a friendly greeting as he poked his head in the open doorway. The future President, realizing there were others in the office working, smiled and went on down the hallway and was gone. That's it. End of story. So what do we conclude? What does this one instance establish about our President? Not much, I'm afraid; perhaps that the future President was friendly, gregarious and involved during his college days. I suppose some things don't change (though it doesn't necessarily help dealing with Republicans in Congress). Best wishes. I hope you are well."

The following are early admit legacies to the Class of 2015: Samuel Lutzker (Las Lomas H.S., Walnut Creek, Calif.), son of **Stuart G. Lutzker**, and Samuel Stevens (Academy for the Advancement of Science and Technology, Haworth, N.J.), son of **Peter Stevens**.

On March 5, my wife and I hosted about 50 Columbia graduates and students at our home prior to Columbia's final home basketball game of the season. It was great to see Dennis Klainberg '84, class correspondent, tireless supporter of Columbia College, former marching band manager and inspirational friend to Professor Selig, **Kevin Chapman**



showed me a stunning photo of his wife, Sharon '83 Barnard, who competed in the last New York City Marathon. Kevin beat my son, David, in chess. My wife praised Kevin for having the skills necessary to beat a 6-year-old. David has been invited to compete in the national chess tournament in Texas, where he will receive a ranking competing against adversaries closer to his age. My daughter, Rebecca, has become an accomplished hula hoop artist and performed her repertoire of moves for the guests. **Geoffrey Mintz** has started a hat company and has made several trips to China to work on his new line. He and his wife live in NYC. Many of you may remember Geoff's father, Norman Mintz, a former e.v.p. of Columbia. My wife's Hunter H.S. classmate, Emily Glickman Meyerson '90, and her husband, Howard Meyerson '85, brought their daughters, Hallie and Julia. **Steven Greenfield** and his girlfriend, Melissa, were present. Steve has attended dozens of CC basketball games this year and helped organize the event with me. Ken Howitt '76, a friend for more than 30 years and a Nacom, drove from New Jersey to be with us. Ken organized February's WKCR alumni dinner. Marcia Sells, associate v.p., planning and program development and initiatives at the School of the Arts, as well as associate dean of community outreach, also joined us. Marcia is the faculty liaison for the Senior Society of Nacoms. She was joined by several current senior Nacoms, including Alex Katz '11 GS, the Batab. Sam Rowan '96 Barnard, who helped organize the event, is the managing editor of *Real Estate Finance & Investment* and also a Nacom. **Steve Holtje** is publishing in *Culture Clash* a response to Anthony Tommasini's top 10 list of classical composers. Steve is a former CC marching band trombone player and lives with his wife in Manhattan. Three former CC marching band managers showed up: Dan Carlinsky '65, Frank Mirer '66 and Peter Janovsky '68. **Nick Paone** is starting

### Geoffrey Mintz '83 started a hat company and has made several trips to China to work on his new line.

a band. His bio at White Fleischer & Fino states: "Mr. Paone joined White Fleischer & Fino in 2003 and is a trial attorney with over 20 years of experience. Mr. Paone focuses on the preparation and trial or arbitration of significant cases in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. These cases run the gamut from medical and dental malpractice to professional liability, insurance coverage, general liability, products, construc-

tion accidents and defects, property damage, employment, business disputes, securities litigation, and insurance agents and brokers errors and omissions." Ethan Rouen '04J, '11 Business, associate editor of *CCT*, and his wife, Kim Martineau '97J, also participated in the gathering. I made sure to invite Ethan, as I am always running late on my Class Notes submission (including this one). Marc Ripp '80 and his wife, Dr. Shari Ripp, attended with their daughters, Brandi '12 and Elena '14E. Brandi and Elena are active at Columbia and represent the third generation of Rippes at the College. Mark Simon '84 and his wife, Melissa, brought their children, William, Oliver, Annabel and Colette. Mark is friendly with **Andrew Barth**, and Mark attended the John Jay Awards Dinner. Overall, it was an eclectic gathering of CC graduates and students spanning many decades.

Wishing you all much health, prosperity and happiness as many of us turn 50 this year.

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Welcome back, **Tom Dyja!**

Tom wrote, "Given all the coverage of Charles Portis (*True Grit*), you might want to check 1984 back issues of the alumni magazine, when **Matt Cooper** did a short piece on a Portis promotion I'd had a hand in starting at the Madison Avenue Bookshop. Portis had stalled a little after *The Dog of the South*, and we like to think all the attention gave him a boost and got him back on the map.

"I'm working on a cultural history of postwar Chicago for Penguin Press, due this fall, covering everyone from Mies van der Rohe, Mahalia Jackson, Hugh Hefner and the Second City to Ray Kroc, Nelson Algren and Sun Ra. I've spent more time in Butler the last

year than I did all through my four years in college."

And a great four years they were, chronicled by such current day multimedia experts as WKCR's **Jon Abbot** and *Spec* leaders Cooper and **Steven Waldman** (and even a friend or two from across the street), which leads me to make the provocative move of introducing to our all-male (entering) class the progress of a Barnard alum!

This very special friend, and indeed, amazing asset to the Columbia community in those days, was, and is, Beth Knobel '84 Barnard. (She deserves boldface treatment, but that honor is reserved for College and Engineering classmates.)

Beth distinguished herself in many leadership roles, most principally with *Spec*, working under editor-in-chief **Steve Waldman** and alongside co-news editor **Richard Pollack**.

"It was through *Spec* that I met a few of my closest friends to this day, including **Jim Weinstein**, whom I met when I interviewed him, and Richard Froehlich '85. I now sit on the *Spec* Board of Trustees and recently found one of my favorite photos in the office, a front-page photo of Jim and the late, great **Stuart Garcia**, who were both College senators, posing a bit like superheroes."

Now, as a journalist and professor, Beth graces us once more, as the author of *Heat and Light: Advice for the Next Generation of Journalists*, which she co-wrote with the one and only Mike Wallace.

"Mike and I worked together twice when I was the Moscow Bureau Chief for CBS News and he was still at *60 Minutes*, when he came to Russia to interview Boris Yeltsin and then Vladimir Putin. Mike always was incredibly nice to me, and when I left CBS to teach journalism at Fordham in 2007, he accepted my invitation to speak to students. Mike had such interesting things to say about journalism that day that I told him that he should write a book about how to be a good reporter ... or that we should write one together. And we did! We took all of our best advice, then added the best advice of a lot of our friends (including AP baseball reporter Ron Blum '83 and *Washington Post* executive editor Marcus Brauchli '83) and turned out an easy-to-read guidebook for young journalists. In writing the book, I thought a lot about my college years working on *Spec* and kept asking myself what I know now after 20 years as a journalist that I wished I'd known then. The book was published by Three Rivers Press, part of Random House, and I think it is a good read for any aspiring journalist."

On a personal note, I am most happy to see Beth and her son now and then at the local JCC where we are all members; her son and mine have even attended the same camp. Small world indeed!

I can see the letters now: What's next, '84 Engineering alums? Well, why not? While, like Barnard, they do have their own magazine, they also lived, took courses and dined with us, and they were welcome

to join our 25th reunion dinner. So, as far as I'm concerned, they're welcome to stay in touch in this column. Let's hear from **Craig Sul-tan '84E**, '90 Business and **Carolyn Strauss-Meckler '84E**, all great class leaders, and any of their classmates. Fire away!

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Well, it's been a quiet month for updates, so please refill the "update pipeline" for us.

The Glee Club is joining other singing groups for another concert during the upcoming Dean's Day / Alumni Reunion Weekend (Thursday, June 2–Sunday, June 5), so for any of you who are in or can get to the New York area, plan accordingly. There is more info available on the Glee Club's Facebook page. I hope to be on campus for this and several other Dean's Day / reunion activities; let me know if you are coming so we can catch up in person.

Congratulations to two more of our classmates who can add the "P" moniker to their Columbia credentials: **Stephen Carty** and **Michael Romey**. Welcome to the Columbia Class of 2015, Monica Carty and Morgan Romey! We will hopefully add to our total "P"15" count (now up to three) when the final numbers come out. [Editor's note: A list of alumni legacies for the College and Engineering Class of 2015 is scheduled for the September/October issue.] As nearly 35,000 students applied for admission to the College or Engineering, acceptance is a terrific accomplishment. I have been interviewing prospective students for more than 10 years (a great way to give back to the College that doesn't cost a dime; [studentaffairs.columbia.edu/admissions/alumni/volunteers.php](http://studentaffairs.columbia.edu/admissions/alumni/volunteers.php)) and have never seen such a strong group of potential applicants.

In early February, I had the pleas-

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A group of alumni stopped to have their photo taken outside Tom's Diner during their annual Super Bowl celebration in New York City. The party included (left to right) Mark Lewis '86, Ted Munter '87, Brian Driscoll '86, Jeff Monroe '86E, Jack Catapano, Claude Catapano '86, Lane Vanderslice '86 and Dave Katz '86E.

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ure of attending the Columbia-Princeton basketball game. Although not our finest hour on the court (we lost by 30 points and were not in the game after 10 minutes), my youngest son, who would be CC '20, and I got great seats and were named "Family of the Game." We also bumped into CCT class correspondent Roy Pomerantz '83, who was there with two of his children. When I moved into John Jay 30 years ago this fall, Roy was the first person who greeted me (with his energetic juggling act). The enthusiasm and good spirit that he had way back then remains to this day.

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This is the last column before our 25th reunion, Thursday, June 2-Sunday, June 5. If you haven't been very active with Columbia since graduation, that's OK. It's not too late! Come back to the beautiful, vastly improved Columbia campus in early June, the best time of year. Remember when we had to reluctantly leave campus after finals each spring just when the weather was starting to be amazing? Well, this is your chance to return without final exams pressure and enjoy great food and drinks and the company of old and new friends. You also can benchmark yourself vis-a-vis your classmates in terms of body shape, hairline and material success.

The schedule offers a great mix of cultural happenings throughout New York City as well as class-specific events where we will have a

chance to renew old friendships. Thursday night, there will be a chance to take in a show in Manhattan. Friday offers mini-Core courses and a class dinner. Saturday is Dean's Day, with great lectures, including a talk by Dean Michele Moody-Adams, followed in the evening by the all-class Wine Tasting, our class dinner and cocktails, and then sweets, champagne and dancing on Low Plaza at the Starlight Reception. In between, there will be plenty of other happenings to keep us entertained. Don't miss it.

It's not too late to register: alumni.college.columbia.edu/reunion. And new this year is the ability for us to register on a smartphone. The Alumni Office has launched the free Alumni Reunion Weekend app, which features a full and detailed listing of events, an up-to-date list of registered classmates, answers to reunion FAQs and several ways to stay connected to Columbia: Twitter (twitter.com/Columbia\_CCAA) and the app's news module, which includes CCT (college.columbia.edu/cct) and Columbia news (news.columbia.edu/).

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Congratulations to Dennis Chi.

His daughter Jessica will enter the College this fall after graduating from Horace Mann School.

**John Featherman** is running on the Republican side in the Philadelphia mayoral election this fall. He will face incumbent Michael Nutter. John, a Philadelphia real estate agent, faces an uphill battle in a city where most voters are Democrats.

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With more public tributes to **Greg Giraldo** hitting the stages and the airwaves, we will hold off on our promised cumulative tribute for one more issue in order to make it more comprehensive. Thanks for your understanding.

In the meantime, we have great news on the admissions front: three — count 'em — three of our classmates have children who have been

### John Featherman '86 is running for Philadelphia mayor this fall on the Republican ticket.

accepted early decision to the Class of 2015. Our heartiest congratulations go out to Cynthia Campo, daughter of Dr. **Diane Hilal-Campo** and Richard P. Campo '84; Justin Goluboff, son of **Nicole Goluboff**; and Brian McGrattan, son of **Laura Ting** and **Kevin McGrattan '87E**. Welcome to Columbia!

I received an e-mail from **Eric Rogers**, who has written a new novel, *Bangkok Vanishing*, which he describes as "a gritty crime thriller about a good family man who goes to Thailand and makes terrible decisions and is required to battle his way back to redemption with his family."

Eric also wrote, "I miss Columbia, living so far from New York in California. I live with my dream girl and have two spectacular kids. Ethan (10) is a stunning soccer player, and Lindsay (8) is a guitar-playing country singer. I am blessed."

In other book news, **Keith Thomson's** *Twice a Spy: A Novel*, hit the shelves in early March. A sequel to his *Once a Spy: A Novel*, the book finds his lead character, Charlie Clark, having left his life as an inveterate gambler far behind as he and girlfriend Alice go on the lam in Switzerland from Alice's employer, NSA, and a special CIA black ops unit known as Cavalry. The real star of the group is Charlie's father, Drummond Clark, who after a career as a CIA agent is sinking into the throes of early

Alzheimer's, but who is able, when the occasion demands, to revive his old skills and save their skins.

In addition, Spyclass Entertainment is developing a feature film version of *Once a Spy*.

My dear friend and Hunter College H.S. classmate Dr. **Juanita Punwaney** has started to see dermatology patients at Manhattan's Physician Group. She said the group is a wonderful multispecialty provider with three locations in Manhattan. Juanita will be available to see dermatology patients at the Upper East Side, Midtown and Flatiron offices, and the group accepts most major insurance plans.

Please do not forget to join our Class of '87 Facebook group and connect with Columbia on LinkedIn! The time you put in now in setting up your accounts may pay you back huge dividends later in the amount of networking you can do both with other classmates and with connecting with current students to give them a few minutes of your guidance that could help them immensely. And that is more than worth the few minutes of set-up time.

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Congratulations to the Class of 1988's newest legacy parent, **Mark Timoney**. The Timoney family will be represented on Morningside Heights this fall by Mark's son, John Timoney-Gomez, a Bronxville (N.Y.) H.S. senior who earned early admission to Engineering's Class of 2015.

Another proud parent, **Graham Dodds**, writes from Canada with perhaps the best argument ever offered for moving north of the border: "For the past six years, I've been a political science professor at Concordia University in the great city of Montreal, trying to explain the strange politics of the United States to puzzled Canadians. Five months ago my wife, Amy Kimball, and I had our second child, Julia. I'm presently taking advantage of Quebec's generous social welfare state by being on a year of paid parental leave as a stay-at-home dad, but I plan to return to academic work in the fall."

It was great hearing from my former Carman Hall suitemate **Jonathan Etra '91L**. Jonathan, a lifelong New Yorker, moved with his wife, Kate Myers, to her native Miami in 2003, where they have been raising "two fantastic girls," Lilly (6) and Annabelle (1). Once a federal prosecutor in New York, Jonathan now is a partner at the



Florida law firm of Broad and Cassel, where he specializes in complex litigation and white collar criminal defense. "I have become a happily transplanted Floridian, although I will always miss New York," Jonathan writes. Does that mean he still pulls for his beloved Mets, Giants and Knicks? "Absolutely!"

Please keep your updates coming! Feel free to send me an e-mail or friend me on Facebook.

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I heard from **Jill Pollack Lewis**, who traveled throughout the tail end of 2010 and the beginning of this year to Canada to shoot a pilot for an HGTV talk show that she will host. Traveling back and forth between her new home in Connecticut and Canada for the show has been grueling, but Jill's husband, Jeff, is holding down the fort with their young son, Sam, while Jill shoots the show. Since the show will air in Canada, I'm hoping to see Jill strut her stuff via the Internet.

I caught up with **John MacPhee** and **Donna MacPhee** in Park City, Utah, in January while in town for the Sundance Festival and the super party Columbia throws for students and alumni. John recently retired from his position as president of Strativa Pharmaceuticals and is working on a master's at the Mailman School of Public Health. He also has become involved in the New York chapter of Bottom Line, a nonprofit that my husband, Dave Terry '90, chairs in Boston. Bottom Line helps first-generation youths get in to and graduate from college. John now is Bottom Line's chairman in New York.

The 2011 Sundance Film Festival screened 24 films that collectively featured contributions from 38 alumni, students and faculty who represent Columbia and School of the Arts. Carol Becker, dean, School of the Arts, and Donna, v.p., alumni relations, and president, Columbia Alumni Association, hosted the sixth annual CAA at Sundance complimentary reception in Park City. Dave and I attended the party that honors the work of Columbians featured at the festival. There, in addition to the many filmmakers, we visited with **Ann-Marie Wright** and her husband, Fred Lampropoulos, who, with their children, reside in Salt Lake City.

I also heard from **Dan Loflin**, whom we just missed connecting with in Utah, but who has been spending a fair amount of time there pursuing his new passion, fly fishing, when he isn't working

hard in San Francisco.

Since I last caught up with **Tom Leder**, he and his wife, Mary Ellen, and daughter Julia (2) have welcomed another little one, Meg (1). The Leders live in northern Westchester. Tom writes, "I work for MassMutual, out of its White Plains office, and with work and fatherhood, I have never been busier ... or happier."

Just as I was about to submit this post, I literally ran into **Eli Neusser** outside our local bagel shop. It was one of those days when I hoped to not see anyone I knew, for my 4-year-old had insisted on wearing pajama bottoms (dinosaur pajama bottoms!) to school, and it was a typical Monday for us, meaning we were looking a bit tousled. Eli didn't seem to notice — his kids and wife, Poly, are well. It's always great to see someone from the good ol' Columbia days!

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Yes, Facebook, **Jeff Sepulveda** tracked me down. He teaches American history, à la James Shenton '49, '54 GSAS (if you weren't a history major, you might not get the reference), at the American School of Tampico, Mexico. I hope the rest of you are doing well and might find 30 seconds in your lives to send me an update. (Fifty-nine words. So sad!)

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Moody-Adams, followed in the evening by the all-Class Wine Tasting, a formal class dinner and then sweets, champagne, music and dancing on Low Plaza at the Starlight Reception. Don't miss it!

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### Married couple Brent Bessire '91 and Sara Schachter '91 live in Sonoma County and recently launched the wine label Fogline Vineyards.

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There also is a "Columbia College Class of 1991" Facebook group if you want to reconnect and get more information.

Football fever swept through Dallas in January as Super Bowl XLV came to town. My husband and I attended our first Super Bowl with **Annie Giarratano** and her husband, Chris Della Pietra '89, who have been to a number of Super Bowls. It was great to catch up with the Della Pietras and spend the weekend with them!

Stephen Jansen is part of our Reunion Committee, doing what he can from across the ocean. It will be a year of change for him, as his wife, Jennifer Bender, gave birth to their first child, Sabrina Gabriella Bender-Jansen, in December. Stephen made me laugh when he wrote, "First-time parenthood on the north side of 40 will be an adjustment, to put it mildly."

**Brent Bessire** sent in this update: "Sara (Schachter) and I live in Sonoma County with our boys (6, 4 and 2) and two dogs, three cats, three goats, two llamas, 10 chickens, one horse and one rabbit! We recently launched our wine label, Fogline Vineyards, which is producing about 300 cases a year of Pinot Noir and Zinfandel. Our vineyard is located at about 850 feet above sea level on the ridge of Sonoma Mountain. We have been fortunate as a result to have

reconnected with some local CU grads, including **Britta Gooding**, Dan Loflin '89, Jeremy Hough '93 and David Schach '99E. Find us on Facebook at Fogline Vineyards or at [foglinevineyards.com](http://foglinevineyards.com).

"Sara is practicing veterinary medicine as a boarded small animal internal medicine specialist at a practice in Rohnert Park. During the brief breaks in her schedule, she squeezes in a ride on her horse, focusing on dressage. Her horse was the runner-up champion two of the last three years in his class for the state of California."

**Elisabeth Porter** won't be joining

us at reunion, but she did send this: "I am a senior program attorney for the Guardian ad Litem Program in Broward County, Fla. The program helps abused and neglected children by advocating in their best interest. It is hard seeing what these children go through every day, but it is great to know that there are so many dedicated people trying to help them. I can only do my best and hope that is good enough."

**Melanie Jacobs** and her husband, Shane Broyles, welcomed a son, Jacob Evan Broyles. Melanie and Shane are delighted and exhausted first-time parents!

**Wayne Jebian** is an associate professor of English at Lincoln College of New England. He lives in Connecticut with his wife and two children. Wayne's most recent work is a contribution to the collection *Looking for Lost: Critical Essays on the Enigmatic Series*.

And, in the "not the regular 9-to-5 job" category, **Sam Helfrich** sent in this update: "In 2000, I received my M.F.A. in theater from the School of the Arts. Since then, I've been directing theater and opera (mostly opera) around the country. Highlights include my production of Philip Glass' *Orphée* at Glimmerglass Opera, which continues to be produced at opera companies around the country. I also directed *Amistad* for Spoleto Festival in Charleston, S.C., and *Aida* at Opera Omaha as its 50th anniversary production. I have had longstanding associations with Opera Boston, Boston Baroque, Glimmerglass Opera, Spoleto and Pittsburgh Opera, among others. In 2006, my production of Handel's *Agrippina* with Boston Baroque was named 'best production of the year' in *The Boston Globe*. Upcoming projects include a fully staged production of Handel's *Messiah*

with the Pittsburgh Symphony and an Off-Broadway production of *Tape*, a play by Stephen Belber. I've also begun teaching, most recently completing my second year as a visiting professor at the Yale School of Drama, as well as guest residencies at Manhattan School of Music and Mannes College of Music. I'm working on a world premier of a new opera, *The Secret Agent*, based on the Conrad story. After premiering here in New York, it will travel to the Arnel Opera Festival in Hungary. Much of my work can be viewed at [samhelfrich.com](http://samhelfrich.com)."

Looking forward to seeing everyone in June! For those of you who can't make it, I'll do my best to recap it for you. Until next time ... cheers!

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News, anyone?

I thought so. It's nice to be able to give you what you want.

Let me kick things off with news from **Karla Sanchez**. Until recently, Karla was a partner at the prestigious Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler law firm. But she left to enter government service, accepting a position with newly elected Attorney General Eric Schneiderman's office. She is the executive deputy attorney general for economic justice, responsible for the Investor Protection, Consumer Protection and Fraud, Antitrust, Real Estate Finance, and Internet bureaus. Karla is looking forward to her time in the AG's office and doing great things to protect the citizens of New York State.

Karla is not the only one of our classmates doing great things in government service. I ran into **Ben Lawsky** at a recent Columbia men's basketball game. He is the chief of staff to Governor Andrew Cuomo (D-N.Y.). Similarly, **Peter Hatch** is the state director for Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (D-N.Y.). I saw Peter and his wife, **Hilary Rubenstein Hatch**, at the annual Dean's Scholarship Reception in February.

I had lunch with Jake Novak '92 GS, who graciously hosted me at the offices of News Corp. in Manhattan. Jake is the senior producer of *Varney & Co.* on Fox Business Network. He also runs a thorough blog on all things Columbia football at [roarlions.blogspot.com](http://roarlions.blogspot.com).

**Q VanBenschoten** e-mailed to pass along some good news: She's been promoted to regional compliance officer of Americas for Intertek, a FTSE 100 company. As Q describes it, "I still spend too much time in airports. But I love my new job. I am

scheduled to speak at the Compliance Week Conference in Washington, D.C., at the end of May, and I get especially psyched about flying into Dulles. Usually I have time to stop by Five Guys for the best cheeseburger in any airport in North America, with two shots at it during layovers: Terminals A and B."

I heard from **Kirsten Danis**, my former *Spectator* editor-in-chief, who has taken a new position as deputy editor of the Greater New York Section of *The Wall Street Journal*.

Finally, a little bit of personal news: I was deeply honored to be asked to serve as the "Honorary Coach of the Game" on senior night for the men's basketball team. I

**Kirsten Danis '92, former *Spectator* editor-in-chief, is deputy editor of the Greater New York section of *The Wall Street Journal*.**

sat on the bench not only next to the current team and coaches (and tried to stay out of the way) but also next to Jerry Sherwin '55, who has long served as an ambassador for the team, as well as the University as a whole. I am pleased to report that Columbia trounced Brown that night, sending off the seniors with a win and finishing the season with a 15-13 record in coach Kyle Smith's first year. (I'll happily end my "coaching" career with a 1-0.)

On that cheery note, I think there's only one way to end this column: Roar, Lions, Roar! Till next time.

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Ask and ye shall receive. In a recent column, not only did I ask for those of you celebrating birthdays to write in, but I also asked for details about **Neil Turitz's** 40th birthday celebration, and Neil delivered. According to Neil, "My birthday party was pretty fantastic. Tons of people, a great time. I wore a tux (as you recall, the invite was 'black tie optional'), and looked pretty spectacular. Friends and family joined me, there was much alcohol consumed, as well as a fair share of pigs in blankets and jalapeño poppers, of course. I know for a fact that **Joe Saba** and his wife, Jen, **Stephen Morfesis**, **Kevin Connolly**, **Axuve Espinosa '93E** and **Addison Golladay** were in attendance, but I had to settle for good wishes from friends who were not able to make it, like you, **Steve Conway**, **Robyn Tuerk** (who was on her honeymoon), **Patti**

**Lee**, **Matt Eddy '95**, **Alan Freeman**, **Eric Zuckerman '94**, **Karen Sendler '94**, **Marci Levy '93** **Barnard**, **Matt Streem**, **Joan Campion '92**, **Jen Beubis '91** and plenty of others. Addison, meanwhile, turned 40 almost a month later, and the two of us have attended each other's shindigs for years. While his was a more intimate affair (what with Addison being a tad less ... well, let's say 'flamboyant' than me), it was still delightful. He had a group of friends gather at the Russian Vodka Room on West 52nd Street, where we sampled flavored vodkas (and argued to some extent about which flavor was which) and chatted in an amiable and low-key way."

I also heard from **Matt Streem**, who lives "in Solon, Ohio (eastern Cleveland suburbs), with my wife, Shereen, son, Ryan (6) and daughter, Sari (3). Enjoying the lowstress levels of the suburbs and just spending time with family and trying to keep in shape! I own a distribution company, Trend Evolution, where we sell Burt's Bees, Blistex, Carmex, ChapStick, Dial and other impulse products to specialty retailers in the United States. We also recently developed and launched an organizational line of office products called Contact Keeper ([contactkeeper.com](http://contactkeeper.com)) that is now available in 1,100 Office Depot stores and will be in 900 FedEx Office stores in March. The products solve a common problem of keeping business cards and notes together, and are great for meetings, trade shows, job interviews and any business card exchange situation. My brother Jason Streem '00 is finishing a residency in periodontics at Virginia Commonwealth University and is planning to start a private practice when he moves with his family to Cleveland in August. He and his wife, Mindy, welcomed a son, Sam, in October. I was hoping to see **Chad Moore** in California at the Natural Products Expo in Anaheim in March. I keep in touch with **Joel Cramer**, **Kevin Connolly** and **Neil Turitz**. Otherwise, I'm looking forward to a weekend of fun and celebration in NYC for my 40th. I will definitely check out the old stomping grounds!"

**Kwon-Kyun Chung** recently was named v.p. of finance at Soltage, a renewable energy provider that develops, finances, builds, owns and operates solar energy systems under a power purchase

agreement at client facilities across the United States. At Soltage, Kwon was involved in the financing of one of the first merchant power plants in the U.S., Sithe Boston Generating (1,500 MW), located in Boston. Before joining Soltage, Kwon worked at Alinda Capital Partners for three years, where he was responsible for the origination of investments in energy and infrastructure projects in excess of \$2 billion. He has been with Dresdner Kleinwort Wasserstein and WestLB AG, where he completed various energy project financings in excess of \$1 billion. Kwon lives in Jersey City, N.J.

As I finish writing this column, it is a Sunday evening, and I am watching TV. It's time for my favorite Sunday night show, ABC's *Brothers & Sisters*, and there is **Cara Buono** appearing as Rose, Tommy Walker's girlfriend. A little Internet digging, and I was reminded that Cara appeared in *Mad Men* this past fall and also appeared in one of my favorites, *The Sopranos*.

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Well, after my sad, newsless column in the last issue, I am pleased to share an abundance of updates this time around.

**Suzy Shuster Eisen** and her husband, Rich, welcomed their second son, Cooper, in February; he joins brother Xander. **Megan McGowan Epstein** was there to help celebrate his arrival. Suzy is taking some time off from sports broadcasting but is working with Ron Shelton (who directed *Bull Durham* and *Tin Cup*) on a pilot he wrote based on her career as a sideline reporter on ABC. Suzy is producing the pilot, which has been optioned by NBC.

**David Eisenbach** has been teaching history, CC and Lit Hum at Columbia. In April, Palgrave Macmillan is releasing his third book, *One Nation Under Sex: How the Private Lives of Presidents, First Ladies and their Lovers Changed the Course of American History*. David co-authored the book with Hustler publisher and free speech advocate Larry Flynt.

**David Dooling** lives in Falls Church, Va., with his wife, Amy Lopez Dooling, and daughter Sofia Elena (2). David went to grad school for physics then went on to Montreal for a post-doc. He spent five years in New Mexico before starting work in McLean, Va., in 2007.

Last October, **Tony Ambroza** moved to Ann Arbor, Mich., and joined Carhartt, a 121-year-old apparel brand, as v.p. of marketing.



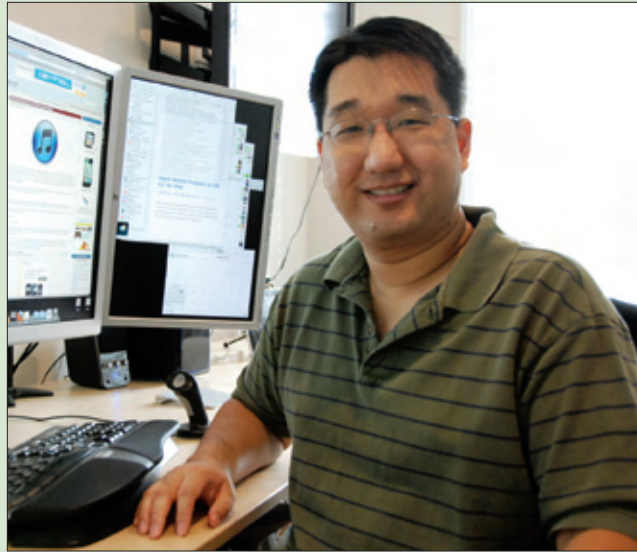
# Arnold Kim '96 Diagnoses Apple on MacRumors.com

BY LAURA BUTCHY '04 ARTS

**D**r. Arnold Kim '96 had two passions from a young age: medicine and computers. These interests grew into dual careers for Kim as a physician and founder of MacRumors.com. In 2008, however, with MacRumors attracting more than 4 million readers a month, he made the decision to stop diagnosing kidney problems and instead analyze Apple news and rumors full-time.

Since Kim left his medical practice to focus on MacRumors, the website has continued to grow. "Surprisingly enough, the recession hasn't tangibly affected us," Kim says. "Between MacRumors and my other web projects, we hired four full-time employees in 2009." The additional staff has increased the site's ability to cover Apple news and rumors, attracting an active community of enthusiasts to its news, buyer's guide, discussion forums and a separate section focused on the iPhone. Advertising revenue rose in 2009 and 2010, and according to Quantcast, MacRumors' number of monthly visitors is now more than 8 million.

When it launched in February 2000, MacRumors was a solo enterprise for Kim. "It's hard to even say it was an 'enterprise' as much as it was a hobby," he explains. "It really required little financing. Beyond that it was



Dr. Arnold Kim '96 works on MacRumors.com in his home office.

just the time I put into it." That time had to be well-managed, as Kim earned an M.D. at the Medical College of Virginia, completed an internal medicine residency at UNC Chapel Hill and specialized in a nephrology fellowship back at MCV.

MacRumors was started in Kim's last year of medical school. Already interested in Apple, Kim began tracking news and rumors on his blog. After his medical fellowship, he joined a private nephrology practice in Richmond, Va., for two years before leaving to devote himself to MacRumors full time. "The dec-

ision took a long time," Kim says. "I was able to effectively juggle my job and MacRumors for years, but MacRumors was what I enjoyed working on in my free time."

Kim began spending his free time on computers while growing up in Newport News, Va., when his family got a Commodore Vic 20, followed by an Apple //c. "For whatever reasons, I was drawn to it," he says. "I actually got a modem early. At the time, the Internet didn't really exist as it does today, so dialing up local bulletin board systems was the extent of it."

Kim followed his sister Nam '93 to Columbia. He was premed with a concentration in computer science, foreshadowing his career interests. It was only a matter of time, however, before two such time-consuming occupations led to a choice. "In 2007, my wife and I had our first child, and that ultimately spurred the decision to quit medicine," Kim says. "My available free time shrank, and what I actually wanted to do with that free time also shifted. Spending time with our newborn and my wife took priority."

It is difficult to quantify Kim's working hours. During key times when there are a lot of news and rumors, he may spend all day working, but hiring other writers has helped. As blogging has grown in popularity over the years, the news cycle has accelerated, forcing MacRumors to expand coverage.

"The site has grown considerably through the years, but the basic format hasn't changed," Kim says. "The news and rumor focus has remained generally consistent. In fact, I've always prided myself on the selectivity of the news we choose to report on and how seriously we take our reporting."

**Laura Butchy '04 Arts** is a teacher, writer and dramaturg in New York City.

Son Jackson started kindergarten and daughter Siena is in preschool. "The kids are keeping us busy with plenty of activities, and my wife, Cheryl, is training for a half-marathon," Tony writes.

After more than 20 years in New York City, **Rachel Phillips Flamm** is moving with her husband and two small children to Washington, D.C., to join PricewaterhouseCoopers' national office in its international tax group. Rachel would love to reconnect with classmates who are in D.C.; she can be reached at rphillips207@yahoo.com.

**Dee Dee Wu** is married to Brian Golden and is the mother of two boys, Jake and Justin. She has been practicing rheumatology in Fair Lawn, N.J., since she finished her

fellowship at the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York City. Dee Dee lives in Oradell, N.J., and is in touch with **Hetty Chung**, who lives in Manhasset and is an ob/gyn at North Shore University Hospital.

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**Deborah Chong** sent her first Class Notes update. About five years ago, she started a nonprofit, Medicine in Action, which is dedicated to delivering healthcare to people in the developing world. "We work in Jamaica, Haiti and

Tanzania," Deborah writes. "I recently returned from Jamaica, MIA's 20th medical mission! I left for Tanzania in April." When she is not traveling, Deborah lives and works in Oakland, Calif.

Another first report came from **Kristine Campagna**, who lives in the Albany area and practices family medicine and sports medicine. She is married to Bryan Sixberry, and they have two boys, Sean (2) and Ryan (1).

**Michael Cervieri** is a co-founder of the media production and strategy firm ScribeLabs, where he's working on a documentary about the future of American news media called *The Future Journalism Project*. Columbia has tethered him during the past few years. Michael taught at the Journalism School from 2006-09 and since then has taught a course on media and technology at SIPA. He lives in Queens with dreams of eventually moving to warmer, more tropical climates.

**Alan Berks** took the job of director of communications for Pillsbury House and Pillsbury House Theatre, a professional theatre and neighborhood center in Minneapolis. "It's a professional theater that actually runs a neighborhood center," he

writes, "so everything we do now in the social service area is also 'arts-integrated.' It's fun." Alan also reports that the Minnesota Jewish Theatre produced the area premiere of his play, *Goats*, in March.

And finally, **Alicia Guevara** has been named executive director for New York at Peace First. Formerly known as Peace Games, Peace First is a national nonprofit that works with schools in Boston, Los Angeles and New York to empower children, as young as 4, with the skills to become peacemakers in their schools and communities. Alice will be responsible for building, growing and sustaining New York operations, including securing local fundraising, maintaining strong school partnerships and ensuring excellent program delivery across the New York City partner schools.

Many thanks to everyone who wrote! Until next time.

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I can now complete the update started in the last issue about **Marie-Carmelle Elie**. She and her husband are now parents of three boys. Twins Noah and Nicholas were born February 18 at the impressive weights of 7 lbs., 10 oz., and 7 lbs., 4 oz. They join brother Nathan (3).

Anyone in Miami, please volunteer to give them an hour so they can have a break!

Please keep the updates coming.

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Greetings, classmates. Unfortunately, I have another paltry column for you this time. Where are you? We need to hear from you, so send in notes, otherwise you will have me hounding you for information in person at our 15th reunion (see how I slipped that in there?) from Thursday, June 2-Sunday, June 5. It will be a blast, with Mini-Core courses, cocktail hours, dinners, the all-class Wine Tasting, dancing and sweets on Low Plaza and Dean's Day speakers, including Dean Michele Moody-Adams.

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OK, you've heard my piece. On to the bit of news I do have for you.

**Charles Rhyee** has been named managing director and senior research analyst at Cowen Group, a New York-based financial services firm. Charles will cover health care information technology and distribution in the health care sector of Cowen's research group. Charles recently was a senior research analyst for health care distribution and information technology at Oppenheimer. Prior to this, he was an equity research associate at Credit Suisse. Charles also has held positions at Jefferies & Co., Schwab Soundview Capital Markets and Smith Barney.

A hearty congratulations to **Geremy Kawaller**, who married Edward Toll Ackerman in January in Greenwich, Conn. Geremy works for VelocityShares, a financial services company in New Canaan, Conn. He sells unsecured debt securities and other financial products to hedge funds and other financial institutions. Geremy earned an M.B.A. from NYU.

And that, my friends, alas, is all. What to leave you with this time:

"A perfection of means, and confusion of aims, seems to be our main problem."

—Albert Einstein

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**Jesse Levitt** opened a second bar in Brooklyn, The Minor Arcana, in Prospect Heights. It is inspired by tarot cards, carnival sideshows and liquor. He invites everyone to stop by!

**Michael Wachsmann** happily announces the birth of his son, Amitai Eitan (aka Adam), born on October 26. "He is the newest addition to an existing trio of siblings and has made our son thrilled, for he now finally

has a brother. About a month after the birth of our son, my wife and I celebrated (or rather, had; couldn't do too much celebrating with a newborn) our 10-year anniversary."

Michael enjoys his job doing real estate acquisitions and asset management. He specializes in multi-family real estate investments and management in the Connecticut market and has had an active few months, closing on three deals and getting ready to close on a fourth. "Anybody having any opportunities or wanting to reconnect is welcome to contact me at [mwachsman@paredim.com](mailto:mwachsman@paredim.com)," he says.

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For only the second time in nearly 15 years, I haven't received any updates. I know somewhere, someone in our class is moving, getting married, transitioning jobs, having a baby, something! So I'm hoping some of you meet up at Class Day on Tuesday, May 17, and will let me know, so I can have something to write about in a future issue.

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A big thank you to **Lauren Becker** for maintaining our Class Notes for the last year. I was handed the baton a few months ago, and I hope to report on the usual suspects as well as some new ones. If you don't remember me by name, I was the guy who wore a red ski jacket all four years of college. Remember how North Face jackets were all the rage back then? The last time I submitted something to Class Notes, **Brad Neuberger** and I had the bright idea to tell everyone we joined the French Foreign Legion to fight communist insurgents in Sierra Leone.

Since then, I graduated from the Business School, work in finance and plan to get married this summer in Brussels, Belgium, to Sophie Anderson. Brad has since been honorably discharged from the French Foreign Legion and worked at Google for a number of years. After recently watching *The Social Network*, he was inspired to quit Google and focus on a start-up in Silicon Valley. During last October's Homecoming, **Sameer Shamsi**, **Stacy Rotner**, **Dominique Sasson**, **Scott Napolitano** and Adam Nguyen '98 met up at Baker Athletics Complex. We plan to round up more people this year, on Saturday, October 15,

so drop us a line if you're interested in joining us for some tailgating.

I recently met with **Martin Mraz**, who lives in domestic partnership with **Jenna Johnson** right off Smith Street in downtown Brooklyn. He works in finance during the week but spends most of his time building a remote cabin somewhere upstate. He's convinced the Dark Ages are soon upon us. **Susan Kasson**, who obtained her Ph.D. in astrophysics at 26, recently taught and did research into black holes at Oxford. She moved to Washington, D.C., in January to continue her research for NASA.

These are all the updates I have, so please reach out to me over the next few weeks so we can share some exciting news with our class. I have no problem if you want to embellish your achievements.

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**Nugi Jakobishvili** and his wife, Isabelle Levy '05, welcomed Flora Sophia Jakobishvili in December. She loves strolling through Riverside Park and on College Walk and meeting Columbia friends. She is an excellent companion as Isabelle works on dissertation chapter No. 2.

Please send me news! Your classmates want to hear about you.

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Hi everyone. I hope your spring is off to a great start! Hard to believe our 10-year reunion is around the corner — in fact, only a month away, Thursday, June 2-Sunday, June 5. Come back to campus for Mini-Core courses, cocktail hours, dinners, the all-class Wine Tasting, dancing and sweets on Low Plaza and Dean's Day speakers, including Dean Michele Moody-Adams.

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# Raji Kalra '97 Finds Fulfillment in Finance for Nonprofits

BY ALBERT SAMAHA '11J

The stairwell in the construction site is pitch black. The lights have burned out. But **Raji Kalra '97**, '04 Business wants to go to the second floor, where by this fall the Museum for African Art's main gallery will be. Her cell phone screen isn't bright enough, so she borrows a hot-dog-sized LED flashlight from a construction worker and enters the darkness.

"This is kind of an adventure," she says.

Kalra is the CFO of the New York museum. She manages the day-to-day funds and makes sure the museum operations are sustainable. But since taking the position in June 2010, the most significant aspect of the job has been overseeing the capital financing of the museum's first self-owned location in its 27 years of existence. In previous years, the museum occupied rented space, first on the Upper East Side, then in SoHo and most recently in Long Island City, Queens.

"To say that I was part of this groundbreaking event by managing the costs is really exciting," Kalra says.

Scheduled to open this fall, the museum will sit off the northeast corner of Central Park, "where Museum Mile and Harlem meet," Kalra notes. She holds in her left arm a stack of placards that show renderings of what the museum will look like. In one image, the main entranceway opens to a tall room with large, mullioned windows on one side and a curving wall of light brown African wood on the other.

"We're not sure if it's technically feasible, but if it is, we're going to do it," she says of the bending wall.

Kalra is familiar with the nuances of overseeing new



Raji Kalra '97, CFO of the Museum for African Art, stands at the site of the museum's new East Harlem home, slated to open this fall.

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projects. After graduating with a double major in economics and political science, her plan, she says, was to enter private industry, retire early and then teach. But she also did volunteer work, and during the next three years, she came to a life-altering conclusion: Working in the private sector did not give her enough time and energy to volunteer.

"I got a lot of fulfillment and pleasure from volunteering and I thought, 'Why can't I do that full time?'" Kalra says.

She decided to return to school to better position herself for a job in nonprofit finance. Kalra spent the next three years getting an M.B.A at the Business School and a master's in international policy at Johns Hopkins through a dual degree program.

In 2006, Kalra became the first director of finance in New York City for the Knowledge Is Power Program, a national network of public schools.

Then she joined a consulting firm that took part in the openings of eight schools ranging from elementary to high school in post-Katrina New Orleans. Afterward, she was hired by Harlem RBI, a nonprofit youth development center in East Harlem, as it sought to launch its charter school in 2007. All in all, 11 new schools opened under Kalra's watch.

"It takes guts to change careers, especially from finance to nonprofit. That says a lot about Raji's character. I respect that," says Joy Lin '97, who was on Columbia's student council with Kalra.

It is a courage that was molded during Kalra's time on campus. While she fondly remembers favorite classes, such as Professor David Downie's "Economics of the Environment" and University Professor Jagdish Bhagwati's "International Monetary Theory and Policy," perhaps her most rewarding experience took

place inside the residence halls.

When Kalra moved onto campus at the start of her first year, many of her classmates had already befriended each other at pre-orientation events. The social circles had already formed, it seemed, and she wasn't sure how she was going to make friends.

"I cried my first two days of college," she admits with a chuckle.

Kalra's mother told her to knock on every door on her dorm's floor and introduce herself. "I definitely was not going to do that," Kalra says. "So I did the next best thing."

There was a TV in a lounge at the end of her hallway. Nearly every day for the next two weeks she sat by that TV and let the friends come to her. It worked. She got to know everybody. She became class v.p. her freshman and sophomore years and class president her final two years.

"Raji is genuinely interested in people," says Lin. "She really brings people together. She's always giving."

Seventeen years later, it's hard to imagine Kalra anxiously sitting by the TV. She glides across the cold concrete floor of the construction site, toward a pair of glass doors that lead to a patio area. She tries to push one open but it won't move. The doors have been blocked by several inches of packed snow. She pushes harder, really leans into the door and finally plows it open. It is freezing, raining and slushy outside, but Kalra doesn't seem to notice. She walks to the ledge of the patio and breathes in the view.

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**Annie Lainer Marquit** and Jonathan Marquit were married

on January 16 in Los Angeles at the Four Seasons Hotel in Beverly Hills. It was a spectacular wedding, and I was fortunate to be one of the many Columbians in



Annie Lainer Marquit '01, '06L and Jonathan Marquit were married in January at the Four Seasons Hotel in Beverly Hills. The multi-Columbia-generational soiree included the bride's father, Luis Lainer '65; her sister, Jesse Lainer-Vos '04 SW; brother-in-law, Dani Lainer-Vos '09 GSAS; Ken Krug '74; Rabbi Sharon Brous '95, '01 GSAS (who officiated); Dina Epstein Levisohn '01, '05 TC; Nancy Michaelis (née Perla) '01; Jamie Rubin '01 Barnard; Sarah Rosenbaum Kranson '01; Donny Kranson '99E; Billy Kingsland '01; Susan (née Pereira) Wilsey '01; Lila Foldes '01 Barnard; Joyce Chou '01; Cambria Matlow '01; Dan Laidman '01; Jonathan Gordin '01; David Light '95, '02 Arts; and Toby Reifman '70 SW.

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attendance, including the bride; her father, Luis Lainer '65; her sister, Jesse Lainer-Vos '04 SW and brother-in-law, Dani Lainer-Vos '09 GSAS; Ken Krug '74; Rabbi Sharon Brous '95, '01 GSAS (who officiated); Dina Epstein Levisohn; Nancy Michaelis (née Perla); Jamie Rubin '01 Barnard; Sarah Rosenbaum Kranson; Donny Kranson '99E; Billy Kingsland; Susan Wilsey (née Pereira); Lila Foldes '01 Barnard; Joyce Chou; Cambria Matlow; Dan Laidman; David Light '95, '02 Arts; and Toby Reifman '70 SW. [See photo.]

Annie and Jonathan are attorneys in Los Angeles and reside in Santa Monica.

Marc Dunkelman and his wife, Kathryn Prael, welcomed Emilia Prael Dunkelman on February 10. Emilia weighed 9 lbs., 7.6 oz. My family and I visited Marc and Kathryn in Washington, D.C., a few months ago as they were preparing for Emilia's arrival. Congratulations to Marc and Kathryn!

Matthew Wosnitzer married Danielle Rudich '04 Barnard on October 3 at Glen Island Harbor Club in New Rochelle, N.Y. Matthew's brother, Brian Wosnitzer '02E, was best man, and other Columbians in attendance included Isaac Darko and David Epstein. Matthew and Danielle live on the Upper West Side; Matt is completing his fifth year of urology residency at NewYork-Presbyterian/Columbia University Medical Center and Danielle is completing her third year of ophthalmology residency at Mount Sinai Medical Center.

Samantha Earl and Francis Manheim recently were married in New York City, where they reside. Sam is completing a master's at MIT in urban planning and design. Francis is an investment banker.

Many Columbians gathered in beautiful Sonoma, Calif., on September 25 for the wedding of Ali Kidd and Travis Ritchie. A lovely garden overlooking a vineyard provided the perfect backdrop, and several '01ers provided the party, including Jenny Tubridy, Jessie Tubridy, Jaime Pannone, Anne-Marie Ebner, Becca Siegel Bradley and Emily Georgitis Stanton '01E. The magical day was truly a Columbia affair: The bride's father is Robert Kidd '70, and the party stretched long into the night thanks to the entertainment provided by James Tubridy '97.

Ali is an associate at the San Francisco office of Gibson, Dunn, and Crutcher, where she practices law in the real estate group. Travis is an attorney at the Sierra Club. Ali and Travis met at UCLA, from which they both received law and public policy degrees. While at UCLA, they also were students of former Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis, who officiated the wedding and noted that theirs was the first wedding he has officiated for two of his former students.

My family and I recently took a road trip to the Bay Area and stayed in the beautiful new San Carlos home of Michelle Nayfack (née Braun) and her husband, Aaron Nayfack. Our daughter, Julian, had a blast playing with their son, Isaac, but we still miss having them here in Los Angeles.

Best wishes to all, and please do keep in touch.

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Trushna Leitz-Jhaveri and her husband moved in November to Zurich. She writes, "We love our new home and are making the most of this little country's beautiful mountains and great cheese and chocolate."

Agnia Baranauskaite Grigas moved back to California after getting her Ph.D. at Oxford and completing her posting as adviser to the foreign minister of Lithuania. She is based in Santa Monica with her husband, Paulius Grigas, and they are launching a technology company. Agnia looks to connect with old friends and alumni in the technology sector. Please contact her at agnia@grigas.net.

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Well folks, this year marks our eighth year as alumni of the College. I would be lying if I said that it feels natural to start thinking

about our 10-year reunion, but in about a year's time we'll need to start doing precisely that. I am planning to return to New York in June 2013 for reunion, and I hope that you will as well. In the meantime, let's celebrate the continued success of our classmates.

Katori Hall continues to make headlines. She was featured in an article in the March 2 *New York Times* for winning the Susan Smith Blackburn Prize. This award is given annually to outstanding women playwrights, and Katori earned \$20,000 and a print by artist Willem de Kooning for her play *Hurt Village*, which explores the issues facing families in a decaying Memphis housing project.

Michael Wolf is graduating in May with an M.B.A. from Wharton. He "will join a stealth startup based in New York City. Stay tuned for our launch this spring."

Nadege Fleurimond writes, "I recently offered a Groupon for my company, Fleurimond Catering, and sold more than 800 cooking parties, which are weekly cooking classes that I offer as a great way to have fun, network and meet people. I have even done one of my favorite cooking parties for CCYA, which was really nice. In other news, I started doing some TV catering, and I boast BET News and *The Colbert Report* as new clients."

Ben Kopit '02 is getting an M.F.A. in screenwriting at UCLA. Dawn Zimniak is getting married on June 25, with about 20 Columbia alumni scheduled to attend.

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Congratulations to Lydia Roach, who earned a Ph.D. in oceanography from the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UC San Diego and now is an environmental consultant at Dudek in Encinitas, Calif. Anjee Khurana graduated from Vanderbilt Law in 2008 and works at Harris Martin Jones in Nashville. Finally, congratulations go out to Ben Falik and his family, who welcomed daughter Phoebe in February.

Don't forget to send me your news! Let your friends and fellow alumni know what you have been up to.

05

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CCT should publish an infographic that shows a breakdown of intra-class marriages since 1983. It'd be



interesting to see where our class ranks. Adding to our class total are **Joanna Dee '11 GSAS** and **Dr. Koushik Das '09 P&S**. They were married on December 18 in Somerset, N.J. Classmates in attendance included **Jennifer Legum Weber**, **Irene Malatesta**, **Steven Esses**, **Jamie Yoon**, **Ashley Walker** and **Marc Dyrszka '10 P&S**, along with many other Columbians. (See photo.)

Another interesting infographic could show marriages between members of different classes and among the different schools (Engineering, Barnard, etc.). **John A. Zaro** and **Natalie Leggio '04 Barnard** were married October 2 at Saint James Roman Catholic Church in Setauket, N.Y. Celebrating with the couple were **Travis Rettke**, **Sean Connor**, **Mike Grady**, **James Catrambone**, **Brendan Quinn**, **Jenny Madden** (née Korecky) and **Greg Madden**, and **Dave Buffa**. After the wedding, John and Natalie traveled to France and visited Paris, Mont Saint-Michel and the Loire Valley before heading south to Antibes, St. Paul de Vence, Nice and Monaco. They reside in downtown Manhattan.

**Rebecca Silberberg** married Eric Levine last March. Rebecca met Eric at Harvard Law, and both are lawyers in New York. In attendance at the wedding were Rebecca's great friends, whom she met on Carman 5: **Alexandra Seggerman**, **Stephen Poellet**, **Lindsey May '05E** and **Bridget (Geibel) Stefanski**.

Congrats to all the newlyweds!

When Columbians marry, many have kids. **Jonathan Reich '04, '07L** and **Suzanne Schneider** welcomed the arrival of twins **Sophia Hannah** and **Charlotte Grace** in January. Susanne is taking the semester off from working on her Ph.D. in Middle Eastern studies at GSAS in order to "master new skills like feeding, diapering and maneuvering the double stroller." She will resume research in London and Jerusalem this summer.

**Nugi Jakobishvili '00** and **Isabelle Levy** welcomed **Flora Sophia Jakobishvili** in December. She loves strolling through Riverside Park and College Walk and meeting Columbia friends, and is an excellent companion as Isabelle works on dissertation chapter No. 2.

Congrats to our new parents!

**Carmen Yuen** writes: "I (La Carmina, as I'm known professionally) have joined the NOH8 team. The NOH8 Campaign (NOH8Campaign.org) fights inequality and discrimination via a silent photo protest. Celeb supporters include Paris Hilton, Lady Gaga and Adam Lambert. For the first time, we are taking the campaign worldwide ... to Tokyo! There's more info at NOH8 Campaign.org and at lacarmina.



**Joanna Dee '05, '11 GSAS** and **Dr. Koushik Das '05, '09 P&S** tied the knot in December in Somerset, N.J. Celebrating with them were (left to right) **Katie Broad**; **Jed Bradley '06**; **Andrew Brotzman '03, '11 Arts**; **Carey Garris Brotzman**; **Kelly Desantis**, **Brian Hansbury '03**; **Monica Valente Harris**; **Brett Harris '03, '08 Business**; **Brian Overland '04**; the bride; the groom; **Daniel Byrnes '03**; **Kristin Szatkiewicz**; **Jennifer Legum Weber '05**; **Daryl Weber '02**; **Lauren Fishman Perotti '02 Barnard**; **Daniel Perotti '02**; **Irene Malatesta '05 Barnard**; **Josh Silverman '02E**; **Steven Esses '05**; and **Daniella Lichtman Esses '05 Barnard, '09L**.

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com."

**Nancy Yerkes** earned a Ph.D. in biochemistry from MIT and started her first year of medical school at Stanford.

**Anna Lee** graduated from business school at UC Berkeley and moved back to New York last sum-

M.S. in industrial ecology from the Universities of Leiden and Delft in the Netherlands. **Anya Cherneff** lives in Leiden, and they are both working on the launch of an NGO that helps women in Southeast Asia who live in marginalized communities become successful renewable

### **Kate Lyn '05, former Columbia women's soccer assistant coach, has been named head women's soccer coach at Marist College.**

mer. She works at American Express in the Membership Rewards New Product Development Group.

In March, **Brendon-Jeremi Jacobs** became a proud homeowner as he moved in with his partner, **Bob McKee**, in historic West Germantown, Philadelphia. He'll graduate in May with an M.S. in teaching, learning and curriculum from Penn Graduate School of Education and then leave for Georgetown for a graduate constitutional seminar with the James Madison Fellowship. **Brendon-Jeremi's** thesis is on how single-sex education impacts the social and academic development of girls. In June, the class that he's sponsored for the past three years also will graduate.

Former Columbia women's soccer assistant coach **Kate Lyn** was named head women's soccer coach at Marist College in January. Kate had been an assistant and goalkeeping coach under **Kevin McCarthy '85, '91 GS** for the last four seasons, and was the top assistant coach on his staff for the past three years.

**Bennett Cohen** is pursuing an

energy microentrepreneurs. The NGO is called Empower Generation and is set to launch by 2012.

Please continue to send me your updates. Thanks!

#### **REUNION JUNE 2-JUNE 5**

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Writing this issue's column was especially exciting with our five-year reunion just a month away by the time you read it! It's been a pleasure to be able to stay in touch with you by way of this column, but I'm looking forward to catching up with everyone in person!

If you haven't already, please make plans to attend Alumni Re-

union Weekend, Thursday, June 2-Sunday, June 5. Join your classmates for great cultural happenings throughout New York City as well as plenty of dinners, cocktail hours and parties that will provide an opportunity to catch up on the last five years. Dean's Day will be held Saturday, with a great lineup of lectures, including one by Dean Michele Moody-Adams, and the evening concludes with champagne and dancing on Low Plaza. I am looking forward to what is sure to be a marvelous celebration!

It's not too late to register via the web ([alumni.college.columbia.edu/reunion](http://alumni.college.columbia.edu/reunion)) or even on a smartphone. The Alumni Office has launched the free Alumni Reunion Weekend app, which features a full and detailed listing of events, an up-to-date list of registered classmates, answers to reunion FAQs and several ways to stay connected to Columbia: Twitter ([twitter.com/Columbia\\_CCAA](http://twitter.com/Columbia_CCAA)) and the app's news module, which includes CCT ([college.columbia.edu/cct](http://college.columbia.edu/cct)) and Columbia news ([news.columbia.edu](http://news.columbia.edu)).

iPhone, iPod Touch and iPad users can search Apple's App Store for "Columbia Reunion" to find our class app. BlackBerry, Droid and other smartphone users can access the app from mobile browsers by visiting <http://reunion.college.columbia.edu/2001mobile>.

Until then, here are the latest updates from our class:

**Jeremy Kotin** will screen the first of multiple video pieces highlighting the amazing work of the Alzheimer's Association, NYC chapter, at its annual gala in June. Comprising interviews with patients and caregiv-



CCT class correspondent Michelle Oh '06 and Alan C. Sing were married in January in Rockleigh, N.J., in front of enough Columbia alumni to fill a stadium. Cheering the couple were (back row, left to right) Albert Kim '03E, Timothy Kang '06E, Bernard Lin '04E, Edward Kim '08, Paul Yoo '06E, William Kang '06E, Spencer Chang '06, Andrew Lichtenberg '06 and Jukay Hsu; and (front row, left to right) Bori Kang '06 Barnard, Jamie Yoo '07 Barnard, Christine Kwak '07, Irene Kwon '06 Barnard, Joo Lee Song '07, Jee Hae Yoon '04, Jennifer Kim '06, the bride, the groom, Jessica Lee '06, Christine Chung '06, Josephine Kim '06, Angela Lee '06 Barnard, Michelle Lee '06 and Sarah Hwang '07.

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ers as well as high-impact animation, the pieces will spool out online in the following months. Jeremy is proud that the feature film *MONOGAMY*, which he co-produced and co-edited, played in theaters nationwide starting in March. Everyone put it in your Netflix queue or watch it on-demand!

**Talibah L. Newman** completed her Kickstarter.com fundraiser for her next short film, *Busted on Brigham Lane*, which will shoot in May and needs a savvy producer. Talibah is in her second year at the School of the Arts, aiming to obtain an M.F.A. in film directing. She also is working on her first children's book, *Olayinka's Beaded Comb*.

**Matt Smith** will graduate in May from Duke Law and will begin a one-year clerkship with Judge Rosemary Barkett of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit in Miami in September.

**Andrew Stinger** is wrapping up a year-long stint in Google's Cambridge, Mass., office, where he enjoyed working alongside Meredith Fuhrman '05 and running into the recently engaged **Caroline Guidry '06E** as well as Colleen Myers '07 and **Kwame Spearman**. Andrew headed back to the Bay Area in April as he moved into product development for Google TV and Video Ads.

The following is a nice prelude to the following three submissions:

**Victoria Baranetsky** writes from Cambridge, Mass., with her bimonthly haiku: "Engagements abound / from our dear class of '0-6 / welcome adulthood."

**Paul Fileri** and **Kinara Flagg**

are happy to share that they got engaged in November. Right now they're living together in New York City as Paul works on his dissertation and teaches in the Department of Cinema Studies at NYU and Kinara finishes her final year at the Law School and keeps busy as editor-in-chief of the *Columbia Human Rights Law Review*. After almost a decade in the city, both are moving to New Haven in August, where Kinara will begin a two-year clerkship with the federal district judge Janet Bond Arterton.

**Emily Ross** started her second semester back at Columbia, working toward an M.P.A. at SIPA. She enjoys being at school again, especially seeing all the familiar sights on campus and hanging out with old friends. Over break, she not only got married but also went to Egypt on her honeymoon. Emily and her husband, Ryan, had an amazing time and luckily left just days before the protests started. She swears that she played no role in their instigation ... The Democracy Promotion course is only offered to SIPA second-year students (joking)! Emily will intern in Washington, D.C., this summer and looks forward to rejoining the D.C. alumni group.

And to close, a happy announcement of my own: **Michelle Oh** and **Alan C. Sing '05** Dartmouth were married on January 8 in Rockleigh, N.J. The celebration was made all the more memorable by the many Columbians in attendance (see photo). This month, Michelle will graduate from Columbia's dual masters' program at SIPA and the Journalism School and will join

Alan in Philadelphia, where he is a pediatric resident at the Children's Hospital of Pennsylvania.

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As we celebrate four years since graduation from Columbia College, see below for some exciting CC '07 updates!

Robert Half Legal announced that **Bryan Lee** is the 2011 Minority Corporate Counsel Association scholarship winner and the new Robert Half Legal scholar. Currently a first-year law school student at UCLA, Bryan will receive \$10,000 to use toward tuition.

**Bryan Lee '07** is the 2011 Minority Corporate Counsel Association scholarship winner and the new Robert Half Legal scholar.

**Leni Babb** writes, "I love Salt Lake City. I've skied more than 15 days already, and it's only February. And law school is going great. I recently spoke with **Kori Gatta**, and she and her boyfriend, **John Estrada**, are living the dream in Manhattan, working hard in the hedge fund industry."

**Katerina Vorotova** recently left her consulting role at Thomson Reuters and now is a strategic and financial planning associate at Weight Watchers International. She

also became a board member of Columbia College Women (CCW; college.columbia.edu/alumni/committees/ccw), an alumna network at the College.

**Carolyn Braff** shares, "I am both thrilled and sad to say that I will be leaving New York this summer to move to Chicago, where I will start business school at the University of Chicago in the fall. Anyone in the Chicago area, or anyone who has recommendations for brunch places in the Chicago area, please get in touch!"

**Andrew Russeth** recently began working at Metro Pictures Gallery in New York and received a Creative Capital/Andy Warhol Foundation Arts Writers Grant for his blog about contemporary art, 16 Miles of String (16miles.com). One weekend in February, he had the pleasure of dining on Porchetta's famous pork sandwiches with **Avi Zenilman** and **David Chait**. Afterward, the trio repaired to the apartment Russeth shares with **Marc Tracy**.

**Siheun Song** left Ava Luna last year and missed her chance to tour Europe with the band, which continues to record and tour (featured as "Indie Band Crush" by *Nylon Magazine* in November). She filled the void left by the excitement of her rock band days by shifting more of her time to CCW, serving as board secretary and chair of the membership committee. On February 1, Siheun was elected the chair-elect of CCW, succeeding chair Claire Shanley '92. Siheun's two-year term will begin in September. During the day, she is building her four-year-old financial practice as a consultant at AXA Advisors in Midtown.

**Samantha Feingold** is excited to be graduating from Fordham Law in May. She won her trial advocacy competition sponsored by the A.B.A. and as regional champion competed at the national competition in Texas in April.

**Eric Bondarsky** and **Nina Co-**

hen '09 Barnard recently hosted a delicious dinner featuring all-stars Rebecca Schmitter-Kornecki '04, '07L, Adina Bitton '08 Barnard and Michael Emerson '09. The intellectual discourse ranged from a new restaurant in Williamsburg to the new profession known as "man coach," or as they coined it that evening, "moach." More importantly, more chili than can be humanly imagined was consumed thanks to Nina's culinary skills.

**Adam Brickman** writes, "Dur-



ing the Martin Luther King Jr. Day weekend, **Nick DiCarlo**, **Christopher Simi**, **Marty Moore**, **Christian Capasso** and I were part of a team that won the Second Annual Blue Chip Farms Snow Bowl. The squad defeated a team composed partially of **Jonathan Chanin**, **Noam Zerubavel**, **Craig Rodwogin**, **Joshua Kace '07E** and **David Koretz '07E**.

"Dominated and demoralized are probably more apt terms to describe the circumstances of the victory. Moore scored the game's first offensive touchdown by dusting the opposing team's secondary on an early go route. After a back and forth first half, it became apparent early in the third quarter that all signs of hope had been extinguished from the losing team ('the losers'). Simi's relentless pass rush, coupled with Koretz's inability to throw in the direction of 'Capasso Island' limited the losers' offensive options.

"Mr. DiCarlo was awarded the game ball as the team's M.V.P. 'It was a great win,' said Nick. 'I'd say we triumphed because of superior athleticism, better teamwork and a distinct lack of SEAS graduates on our squad. Those guys are spastic.'"

**Seth Flaxman** and **Jim McCormick** are looking for a good broker to help them find an apartment in Brooklyn (somewhere around Fort Greene). Seth asks, "Any recommendations? (Please send referrals to P.O. Box We Are On Facebook.)"

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While studying at SUNY Downstate Medical School, the always impressive **Calvin Sun** also has helped to build a medical clinic in Mexico. "I don't believe any of us fully grasped the impact of what we were doing until we had left. And even now, in the nascent days of our Tijuana-withdrawal, I still haven't fully comprehended the obvious, the notion that we were in Mexico for only four days, transcending a community service cliché by creating something more than just a building.

"We returned feeling like we lived up, somehow, to the overarching mission of helping serve a community of 1,500 in need, but we also came back having taken with us something we never really read in the pamphlets or heard about in our information sessions. Beneath the very obvious act of building a clinic, we also unconsciously had nurtured a remarkable environment of affiliation and acceptance among one another. Novices and experts, young and elder, artists and builders, brains and brawn;

strangers from all over the country boasting vastly diverse and seemingly incompatible interests, skills, expectations and levels of determination somehow were able to quickly reconcile incongruities and establish something organic in doing one thing and that one thing well: to build.

"There never was a pre-screening, and there was not an application process. The only red tape we saw was used as nametags. All 40 of us were instead judged and accepted onto the team based solely on our willingness to create. Armed with the curiosity of what a bunch of strangers can do when they share the same goal, we came back having learned that sometimes wonderful things can happen."

Being in a snow-covered New York is great for a few days, but when the opportunity arises to head to the Rocky Mountains, where you can really make use of the white stuff, this crowd couldn't resist. So in January, **Christopher Tortoriello**, **Caitlin Hodge**, **Carmen Ballard**, **Vladimir Gorbaty '08E**, **Sumana Rao** and **Jason Gordon '08E**, all of whom live in New York, reunited with their friends **Rob Wu** and **Liz Gill**, who live on the West Coast, for a week of skiing/snowboarding in Vail, Colo. "It was the best time of our lives. Two cracked ribs and one missing tooth later, we are all still wondering why we got back on the plane to JFK," said Carmen.

**Rachel Weidenbaum** (now **Rachel Claire**) had the lead role in Ansky's *The Dybbuk* and various ensemble roles in Federico García Lorca's *Blood Wedding*. Both shows were performed with Marvell Repertory in its inaugural season at the Abingdon Theatre Arts Complex on West 36th Street from March through April. She was thrilled to be working alongside Broadway veterans and received her Actors' Equity card! In February, Rachel made her TV debut as Sadie in *Fire at the Triangle* on the PBS series *American Experience*.

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**Stephanie Chou** recently released her debut recording, which explores a new approach to combining jazz, traditional Chinese music and math. *Prime Knot* contains a varied set of original compositions including jazz arrangements of the ancient Chinese classic, "Jasmine Flower," tunes inspired by knot theory, classical piano and pop. It features Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra's Marcus Printup on trumpet and



**Graduating from college, check. Summiting Mount Kilimanjaro, check. What's next? Friends Samuel Harris, Tomoko Masaki, Stephanie Shieh '08, Amelia Breyre '08 and Daniel Breyre have plenty of time to figure it out on the decent from the Tanzanian mountain, which they climbed in January.**

flugelhorn, fellow Columbians **Jeremy Siskind '10 GSAS** on piano and **Joel Gombiner '11** on tenor saxophone, and Israeli musicians **Daniel Ori** on bass and **Ronen Itzik** on drums. Steph plays alto saxophone and piano and sings. Audio samples can be found at [stephchou.com](http://stephchou.com). *Prime Knot* now is available in hard copy and digital download from CDBaby ([cdbaby.com/cd/stephchou](http://cdbaby.com/cd/stephchou)), iTunes and Amazon. The NYC release concert was on April 29 at Drom on Avenue A and featured the full band.

After graduation, **Joanna Zuckerman Bernstein** spent a year in Mexico City on a Princeton in Latin America fellowship. In addition to working at a public health organization, she spent a month road-tripping around the south of Mexico. Upon returning to the United States, Joanna moved to Chicago, home to the second largest Mexican immigrant population in the country. She is the development coordinator for Universidad Popular, a community organization that offers ESL classes, computer literacy and repair courses, Spanish literacy classes, youth after-school programs, dance and exercise, and citizenship classes.

Almost immediately following graduation, **Brett Robbins** hopped on a plane for the first leg of a seven-month, round-the-world trip that would take him through 21 countries on six continents (Antarctica is next). A few weeks in Europe were followed by months in South America, Asia and Oceania before concluding in Africa. Though he did some solo exploring, Brett often was accompanied by friends. He met up with **Seth Melnick** in Delhi, and together they tackled India,

Nepal, Vietnam and Cambodia.

Brett returned to the States in January 2010 and started working for McKinsey. Currently on his sixth project, Brett has explored multiple business topics in industries that include finance and pharmaceuticals. He joined the Learning Committee, which designs learning programs for first- and second-year business analysts, and the Columbia recruiting team.

Brett recently was staffed on a growth strategy project in China, flying to and from Hong Kong and Shanghai. Though life on the road can be lonely, he has had the opportunity to see China through the "local" eyes of fellow Columbians **Tom Hou '11**, **Allan Lau** and **Colin Felsman**, who are involved with various projects in China. Brett was scheduled to return home for good at the end of January.

**Colin Felsman** is halfway through his year as a Luce Scholar working for a nonprofit incubator in Shanghai. This year has given him a chance to fully immerse himself in the Chinese social enterprise and nonprofit space, begin the arduous task of learning Mandarin and travel like he never has. Colin's journeys so far (both for work and pleasure) have included Vietnam, Thailand, Cambodia, Hong Kong, Indonesia and numerous locations throughout China. In addition to more domestic excursions, during the coming six months Colin will head to Taiwan, Mongolia, South Korea, Laos and even New Zealand. When not on the road, he has grown quite fond of Shanghai, which he says is a dynamic city of sharp juxtapositions, rapid modernization and fascinating history. He relates that the city

is undeniably in the midst of a pivotal moment, so it's incredible, if sometimes troubling, to witness its evolution.

And last but not least, **Amanda Weidman** and **Shana Bush** are having fun.

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Hello everyone! There are a lot of great updates to report.

After spending summer 2010 in Rio de Janeiro, **Innokenty "Kenny" Pyetranker** began his studies at Harvard Law, where he is involved with the *Harvard National Security Journal* and the Jewish Law Students Association. Most importantly, Kenny is a member of the Columbia Alumni Representative Committee and encourages fellow alums to do the same. He will spend this summer in Washington, D.C., as a summer associate at Public International Law & Policy Group, a global pro bono law firm that provides legal assistance to states and governments involved in conflicts.

**Michael Bossetta** is enrolled in a master's program for European studies at Lund University in Sweden. He will work this summer at the U.S. embassy in Stockholm within the Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs.

**Maria Alzuru** writes, "After completing a 15-week unpaid internship (aren't they all?) at The Carter Center in Atlanta last semester, I was offered a temporary full-time position as assistant project coordinator (APC) for the Americas Program. Things I've learned: 1. Getting paid makes working 40 hours a week immensely easier. 2. Interns get to do research and analysis, APCs are all administrative and logistical tasks. 3. I officially want to go back to school. At least now I know for sure, right? Also, having a couple of CU people around is priceless."

**Lien Hoang** joined the Sacramento bureau of the Associated Press in February as a reporter covering California legislation. She writes, "I'm excited to work with journalists and lawmakers in and around the state capitol, addressing policies and politics with reverberations around the country. So far, my reporting has appeared in outlets such as Bloomberg and the *San Francisco Chronicle*. This also means I spend much more time exploring the downtown. Yes, you can have a lot of fun in Sacramento."

**Natalie Gossett**, on spring break from Villanova Law, visited **Emily Wilson** in Marseilles, France. She

plans to visit campus to see the Shakespeare Troupe's spring show. Natalie will be working in something law-related in Philadelphia this summer.

**Ebele Ifedigbo** writes, "¡Saludos desde Ecuador! I am here working with a nonprofit organization that focuses on rural development and environmental education. I have been here about 1½ months as I write this, working with youth groups, learning Spanish, making new personal connections and enjoying the fact that I do not have to endure the winter this year, among other things. I plan to stay six months in total."

And finally, I will leave you with another one of **Chris Yim's** adventures: "There comes a day when every boy must become a man. On January 13, 2011, that day occurred in my life when I was held up at the corner of West 168th and Amsterdam Avenue. A man and young lady tackled me from behind. I was in the area visiting an ailing friend who needed me to deliver soup to him. These hooligans who tackled me had no idea what they were up against. Up until I was 18, I took Tae Kwon Do and earned a third-degree black belt. I kicked the man and woman in the face and knocked them out. I quickly ran down the street and as they got up to chase me, I found my slingshot in my back pocket, which I always carry when that far north in Manhattan, and hit them with two stones I found on the street. I misfired the first five times, but when they got within point blank range, I might have taken an eye out. Though it was a traumatic experience, I want the Class of 2010 and the Columbia College community to know that I am a survivor, and I survived. Thanks Mom and Dad for putting me through Tae Kwon Do, even though I hated it! That's what Asian parents are for."

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Hello, Class of 2011! I will be your class correspondent when we leave the comfort and familiarity of Columbia's gates to venture out into the real world. I hope you all have enjoyed life in the College as much as I have, and in the months ahead, I hope you write to me with updates of your inevitably exciting lives. Congratulations to everyone upon graduation, have an amazing summer and shoot me a message when you can!

## Letters

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critical and financial resources, justify such work?

For decades, Columbia has failed to act on a simple yet elegant solution to the Morningside space crunch: Follow through, to the extent possible, on McKim, Mead & White's master plan. Five McKim buildings, originally conceived for the campus, could still be erected. They would be placed opposite Hartley, Wallach, Furnald, Lewisohn and Mathematics, completing those quadrangles and helping fulfill the University's original architectural vision.

It is too late to undo the architectural damage already wrought. But a return to first principles could mitigate at least some of the harm. In the meantime, I shudder to contemplate what is being planned for Manhattanville.

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### Good Company

Not to take anything away from Claire Shipman '86, '94 SIPA and Alexandra Wallace Creed '88, but I believe CCT was incorrect when it stated that they are the first and second women, respectively, to speak at Class Day ("Around the Quads," March/April). I recall that Marian Wright Edelman, founder and president of the Chil-

dren's Defense Fund, addressed the illustrious Class of 1993. Perhaps the distinction you intended to draw is that Ms. Edelman did not attend the College. Still, that's awfully good company to be in.

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*Editor's note: Creed should have been identified as the second alumna, not the second woman, to speak at Class Day.*

### Hakoah

I enjoyed reading Franklin Foer '96's "Columbia Forum" excerpt on Hakoah (March/April). A postscript: Having played soccer for the Swiss Football Club in the Big Ten Division of the German American League in the early 1950s (while incidentally also playing baseball and basketball at Columbia), I can attest to the "non-mediocre" status of the East Coast Hakoah team at that time. They played against teams in the Big Ten Division and held their own. This was some of the best soccer in the United States at that time and included the German Hungarians, who one year won the National Challenge Cup (which included all professional and amateur clubs in the U.S.) as well as the National Amateur Cup.

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## Alumni Corner

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Had the free clinic not existed and his daughter not insisted that he come, would the cause of his death been his heart disease or the failures of our health system?

It was not the spectrum of illness I witnessed that was different. It was the severity of illness. It was not just diabetes; it was uncontrolled diabetes with diabetic complications. It was not just hypertension; it was blood pressures of 190 over 120.

There were five patients sent by EMT ambulance directly to the emergency room who may well not have seen the next day were it not for this clinic. At the end of the day, I had spoken to several hundred people and heard their stories of living in the wealthiest country in the world without health insurance.

I was overwhelmed. Every patient's story ended with the haunting refrain of the chorus of a Greek tragedy: "no insurance, no cash, no doctor, no medication."

Before leaving, I was asked if I

would be at the next clinic in Kansas City that was scheduled in five weeks. Without hesitating, I said yes and that I would travel to any clinic organized by the NAFC. I have been to Kansas City, Hartford, Atlanta, Washington, D.C., and New Orleans. My seventh and most recent clinic was in Charlotte, N.C.

I have no professional affiliation with NAFC. My commitment to it is personal. I pay for my travel and take time from my private practice to do this.

I thank my years at Columbia for fostering my social awareness as well as my preparation in the basic sciences and American history for my career in medicine that has continued to bring challenges and satisfaction.

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## ALUMNI CORNER

# Caring for Those Without Health Insurance

BY DR. RALPH FREIDIN '65

**I**n 1965, Medicare and Medicaid were passed, Martin Luther King Jr. marched to Montgomery, Malcolm X was assassinated, President Lyndon B. Johnson's Voting Rights Bill became law, more troops went to Vietnam and many were protesting the war. This was the social backdrop of our class.

My years on Morningside Heights were a time of social change and student activism. The corner of West 116th Street and Broadway was as much a classroom as Hamilton Hall. Although premed, I minored in history. The highlight of my four years was Jim Shenton '49's renowned seminar "United States during the Era of Disunion."

Professor Shenton wove the milestones of current American history into his seminar, leaving me with indelible lessons of the tide of American history.

I left Morningside Heights in June 1965. In September, I drove to St. Louis to begin my first year at Washington University Medical School. With Medicare and Medicaid promising access to care to millions previously excluded, I entered medicine believing that it would be a tool for social change.

Quickly, I learned that the view from Morningside Heights was not that from the heartland. Columbia had prepared me well for medical school, but not that my profession's vision of social responsibility started and stopped at the hospital's door.

Starving for the pulse of social change, I heard the words of my Columbia swimming coach, Richard Steadman: "Defeat is not a discouragement but a call to be better." I started thinking of ways to get the medical school and hospital to extend its services to the inner city three miles from its door. With the support of two young faculty members, some of my classmates and members of the Pruitt-Igoe Men's Club, we established a health center in Pruitt-Igoe, St. Louis' largest public housing project.

For the first 10 years after graduating from medical school, I

taught and practiced primary care and internal medicine in municipal hospitals. By 1980, I had a family of two young children and a wife with her own professional career. The problems of people marginalized in our health care system were too taxing for this stage of my life. I left inner-city medicine and joined a small private practice in Lexington, Mass.

**L**ast summer, I saw a report of a one-day medical clinic in New Orleans that had provided free care to almost 1,000 people without insurance. The clinic, spread across 102,000 square feet of a convention hall, was my small neighborhood health center on steroids.

Believing health care was a right of every American citizen, undoubtedly learned in CC, history classes and Professor Shenton's Civil War seminar, I called The National Association of Free Clinics (NAFC, [freeclinics.us](http://freeclinics.us)). Two weeks later, I was on a plane to Little Rock. I was asked to triage the waiting line, looking for someone who needed urgent care. The people began to line up two hours before the doors opened at 10 a.m. By the time the first scheduled patient was seen, more than 200 patients were waiting.

More than 80 percent were working but none had health insurance. Some were self-employed but could not afford the premiums of individual policies. Some had several jobs, none of which provided health benefits. Others had been laid off and could not afford COBRA.

Few had seen a physician in the past year. Almost half had not seen a physician in the past six years. All had the same reasons for having neglected their health. Without insurance, they could not afford to pay for a physician visit. Without insurance, they could not afford to fill their prescriptions. Without insurance, they could not afford any surgical procedure. If they had been sick enough to need emergency care, they were then saddled with an enormous bill that discouraged them from seeking further care.

A man with a below-knee amputation was in a wheelchair. He hoped the clinic would help him obtain the prosthesis request his medical insurance had denied.

A woman grimacing in pain had cancer treatment two years ago but was unable to continue treatment without insurance.

Another woman was wearing a trench coat to cover her emaciated frame. She had had three seizures in the past two weeks. A local emergency room where she had sought help told her that the level of her seizure medications was "OK" and discharged her. No follow up was arranged. During her seizures she had bitten the inside of her mouth and tongue. She could not eat. When I told her that we would care for her and arrange for further care, I could not see an intact tooth in her broad but crooked smile.

A man with labored breathing and a sweaty brow was slumped in a wheelchair. His weak voice told me five days ago he was in the intensive care unit of a local hospital for "swollen legs and chest heaviness." At discharge, he was handed a list of unaffordable medications that he did not understand. Continuing care was not arranged. He had unstable angina. I wheeled him to the front of the line and called the EMTs to take him back to the hospital.

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Dr. Ralph Freidin '65 examines a patient at a free clinic in Washington, D.C., last August.

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