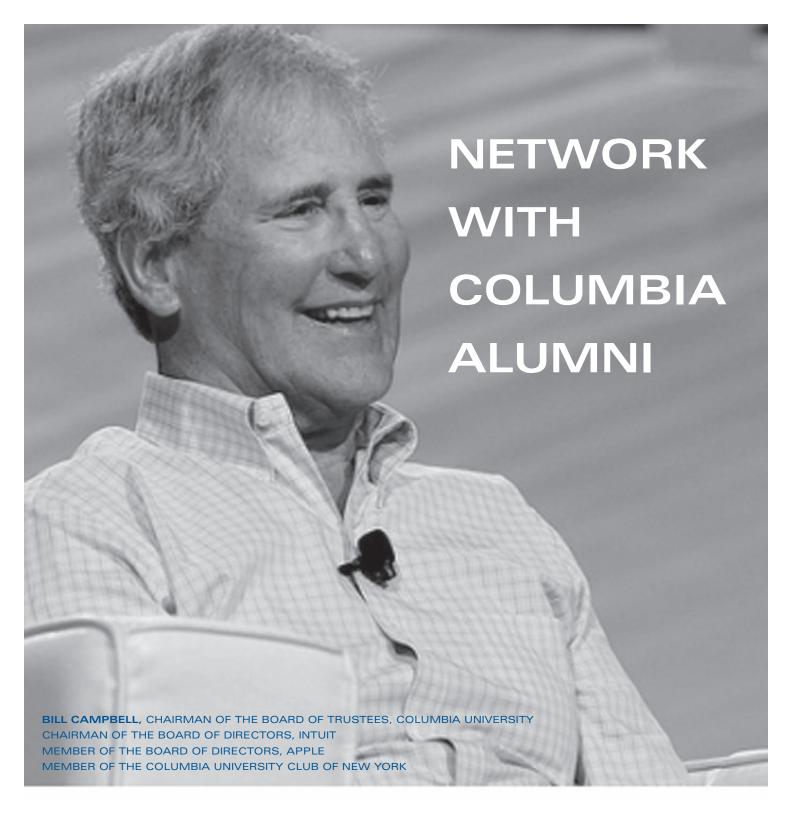


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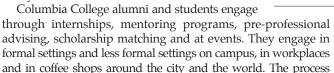
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Read about rower Nikki Bourassa '13 and her Olympic aspirations

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Alumni and Students Benefit from Intergenerational Interaction

his spring, at a campus event celebrating the 75th anniversary of Literature Humanities, faculty, students, alumni and parents gathered in classrooms around campus to discuss *The Odyssey*, Euripides, Montaigne and Jane Austen, and to deliberate the value of Lit Hum and the Core. Current students heard about the significance of the Core in former students' lives and former students heard how it has changed — and stayed the same — during the years since they took it. It was a great opportunity for intergenerational interaction. And it was just one example of many such opportunities at the College each year.







Students engage with alumni at events such as a media panel at Bloomberg headquarters (above) and through community-building activities such as the annual Alumni Parade of Classes.

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begins when students are applying to Columbia — many are interviewed by Alumni Representative Committee (ARC) volunteers — and continues through Class Day, when representatives of each alumni class march in the Alumni Parade of Classes onto South Lawn to celebrate that year's graduates. Such interaction is key to the College experience: Students see their possible futures through alumni, and alumni remember their pasts and what they experienced as students.

In my two years as dean, I have noticed again and again how passionate students and alumni are about seeking connections with one another. And I am committed to creating more opportunities for such connections. One of my long-term goals for the College and the Columbia College Alumni Asso-

ciation is to match every current Columbia College student with a Columbia College alumni mentor. We will be working on developing and implementing this mentorship program with the CCAA and the College's alumni relations and development staffs. This is part of my goal of 100 percent alumni engagement in the College — of encouraging every alumnus/a to be involved in some way each year. I look forward to updating you on this effort.

The Columbia College experience is a continuum that starts from the point of being admitted and lasts until you celebrate the 50th, 65th or even 80th anniversary of your graduation. For me, there are three stages of Columbia College students: future student, current student and former student, and as alumni — former students — you play an important role as mentors, advisers and inspirations for our current students. In you, our talented and accomplished alumni, our students see the exciting opportunities that a Columbia College education can provide.

If you are interested in engaging with our current (and future) students, I urge you to get involved. Here are a few ways to do so:

- interview prospective students: undergrad.admissions. columbia.edu/admissions/archandbook/frontpage;
- mentor a student: college.columbia.edu/alumni/ volunteer/mentoring;
- attend an event with students: studentaffairs.columbia. edu/studentandalumni; and/or
- sponsor an internship, give students career advice or help them prepare for job interviews: careereducation. columbia.edu/alumni.

Enjoy the summer. I hope to see you on campus soon!

James Halentini

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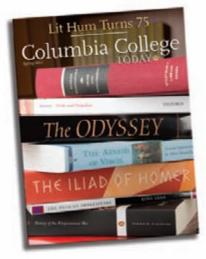
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Letters to the Editor



Keeping the Spirit Alive

Congratulations to the *CCT* staff for creating an alumni magazine that has kept alive the spirit of intellectual curiosity and exploration that has been such an important part of what Columbia has stood for through the years and, in particular, for your two most recent issues celebrating "the Pride of the Lions" and the Core Literature Humanities course.

Dr. Howard B. Levine '64 Brookline, Mass.

The Winter 2012–13 issue was the very best I have seen, perhaps ever. Good work.

Dr. Paul Erik Gorrin '63 Milford, Del.

Lit Hum @ 75

Time flies. Value stays.

Lit Hum started in 1938. I took it as a freshman in 1939 and again in my sophomore year.

Initially I was annoyed to have a course imposed on me, then entranced.

I have kept all the books. The binders are cracked and the pages yellow — but the contents priceless.

Cedric Philipp '43 AUDUBON, PA.

I don't think I've ever read as large a percentage of an issue of *Columbia College Today* as I did of the [Spring 2013] issue about the anniversary of Lit Hum.

My memories of this class are somewhat painful: Reading a book a week was difficult for me, often impossible. But despite my not having completed all these great works, I would not trade the experience for anything. I am convinced that I

am a better scientist and person for having been exposed to these books and the discussions they generated.

Each year, when we are evaluating applicants to medical or graduate school at the University of Michigan, where I am a member of the faculty, I pay special attention to whether they have [studied] a broad liberal arts curriculum. I find that if a student's classes have almost exclusively been in the hard sciences, they lack some of the maturity that I think bodes well for success in graduate or professional school.

Columbia should be proud of this tradition. I look forward to celebrating the 100th anniversary.

Mike Imperiale '76, '81 GSAS Ann Arbor, Mich.

I was deeply influenced by the Humanities courses; I had never read most of the authors we were exposed to nor was I familiar with their ideas.

I was lucky enough to have two great teachers — very different, but both stimulated my mind as nothing before. James Gutmann [Class of 1918, '36 GSAS] was a kind and gentle scholar who pushed the class to think for itself and guided us so gently we didn't realize how much we were learning. He had us to his apartment for tea and cookies and reminded us there was a world outside the College. Mark Van Doren ['21 GSAS] was a brilliant scholar and he did not suffer fools lightly. We were reading The Odyssey and someone in the class said Odysseus was an "arrogant" man. Van Doren looked at him and said, "All great men are arrogant. I myself am arrogant." The inference was not missed by any of us.

I took many other fine courses with great teachers such as James Shenton ['49, '54 GSAS], Moses Hadas ['30 GSAS] and Wm. Theodore de Bary ['41, '53 GSAS] and was deeply influenced by all of them. I received an amazing education at Columbia, but Lit Hum was the first [course] to open my eyes to the wonderful world I now enjoy.

Dr. Carl Norden '56 Philadelphia

Contrary to the self-congratulatory tone of the Lit Hum 75th anniversary issue [Spring 2013], my most vivid Lit Hum memory was standing in front of Low Library holding a paperback edition of

something or other in my hand and wondering how I would get through 450 pages of fairly dense reading in a week — and if I did, how I would remember any of it.

Russ Abbott '62 Culver City, Calif.

The series on Lit Hum in the Spring 2013 issue is excellent. I shall be forever grateful for the Core Curriculum. It was then that my education truly began.

Having said that, I have always regretted that only Western Civilization was covered. The world ended in Greece. The rich and manifold cultures, politics, economics and religions of the Near, Middle and Far East were ignored. In that silence, those regions were tacitly relegated to unimportance and I, for one, left with that mindset. If the world ended in Greece for Columbia graduates, the same limited perspective might well have been shared by graduates of other schools with their even narrower curricula. The history of the last century and this one so far has shown the huge importance of the world beyond Greece. Most of today's headlines deal with events in those regions.

One wonders whether more broadly educated college graduates of my day might have produced better managers of world affairs than the less than brilliant record of the West in the 20th century — and the 21st, too, so far.

Dr. G.J. D'Angio '43 Philadelphia

I enjoyed *CCT* Editor Alex Sachare '71's "Reevaluating My Lit Hum Experience" [Within the Family, Spring 2013]. Even if you read the books more fully, there is always a desire to re-read the Core.

My CC '92 next door neighbor from first year and I hatched a plan that at 70 we would retake both CC and Lit Hum. Recently we were emailing regarding this fantasy subject and hoping the College doesn't go all online by then. For us, half of the experience is the reading; the other half is being in a classroom with a professor and the other Columbia College students. The diversity of philosophical thinking in those intimate classroom [settings] generated discussions I will never forget.

I regret not reading even more in-depth than I did at 18; but I don't ever believe the college experience is wasted. Those books read and unread shaped and inspired my thoughts, fostered dreams realized and unrealized, and bonded me forever in a future with a large intellectual community of thinkers.



James P. Mirollo '61 GSAS, the Parr Professor Emeritus of English and Comparative Literature, pauses during a Literature Humanities class in 1991. Mirollo was one of the panelists at the keynote event during the Lit Hum @ 75 celebration on April 26.

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To this day I can spot the Columbia College graduate because in every field he or she is known to be the uniquely courageous voice asking the most uncomfortable, difficult, unanswerable questions. I believe the Core experience is responsible for what I describe as the CC unpretentious search for truth.

Jennifer Madrid '92 Bedford, N.Y.

I enjoyed immensely the latest *CCT* on the Core [Spring 2013]. Everyone who has attended the College owes an immense debt to this seminal idea. I was privileged to extend my Lit Hum experience to "super Lit Hum," the "Colloquium on Literature, Language, Philosophy and History," in my junior and senior years.

A student had to be nominated [to take the class] by the Lit Hum faculty. This was a weekly seminar with two University professors and eight students from different majors reading works from *Gilgamesh* to the Enlightenment the first year, then through the 20th century for the second year. My professors included Edward Said, James Wood and Hugh Amory. We continue the tradition with a small group in New Orleans. The University would do well to revive this course.

Dr. Frederick G. Kushner '70, '74 P&S New Orleans

Unlike the ponderous chest-thumping that filled the Spring 2013 *CCT* dealing with Lit Hum history, I am going to take a different view in offering my memories of my wonderful time in the course. This memory is

apocryphal and has a necessary touch of verisimilitude.

I was walking down Broadway from 116th Street to approximately 113th Street with an armful of clothing for the Greekowned dry cleaning establishment. Ahead of me, to my astonishment, was walking Professor Moses Hadas ['30 GSAS], the legendary Lit Hum professor whom I had heard speak on many occasions.

Professor Hadas walked into the dry cleaning establishment and greeted the owner. Apparently, they were on familiar torms

The owner looked at the garment that Professor Hadas had placed on the counter between them and said, "Euripides?" Without pause, Dr. Hadas said, "Yes. Eumenides?"

I have never forgotten that brief, poignant moment

John Breeskin '57 Takoma Park, Md.

For more alumni reflections on Literature Humanities, go to Web Extras at college.columbia. edu/cct.

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Influences and Inspiration

his issue of *Columbia College Today* focuses on student-alumni engagement — the growing number of programs designed to build bridges between these two segments of the Columbia family and the value and enjoyment this interaction can provide for both.

Shortly after becoming editor of *CCT*, I had the pleasure of being asked to participate in a program in which an alum would speak to a group of students, in an informal setting, about his or her career path and the twists and turns along the way. The program was a forerunner to the Dinner & Discussion Series and others described in our cover story.

When I got to the lounge on the top floor of Schapiro Hall dormitory, the site of the event, I was unsure exactly what I was going to say and why any 20-year-old would find my words to be of value. But as I began to speak, I found the students to be attentive listeners with provocative questions, and I enjoyed relating the way my career had evolved while mentioning some of the people who had influenced me, albeit indirectly, along the way.

One of those people was Robert Lipsyte '57, '59J. When I was in school, Lipsyte was a sports columnist for *The New York Times* who often wrote about what he labeled SportsWorld and Jock Culture, the interaction between sports and society. He didn't celebrate athletes but rather contextualized them, and this fascinated me; it also seemed to validate my subsequent career

choice as something more than a frivolity, to say nothing of a waste of a Columbia education. Lipsyte's career has included a stint as an Emmy award-winning TV correspondent; authorship of numerous young adult novels as well as an acclaimed book about his battle with cancer; co-authorship of Dick Gregory's autobiography, *Nigger*; and now a post as ombudsman of ESPN.

Another influence was Leonard Koppett '44, who was more of a traditionalist than Lipsyte. Koppett, who died 10 years ago, was old school; he loved analyzing the games and the people who played them, and he relished the statistics of sports and the meaning behind the numbers. His perceptive analysis led to his induction to the writers' media of both the Baseball and Basketball Halls of Fame.

I describe them as indirect influences because, unfortunately, programs that promoted interaction between alumni and students such as the ones detailed in our cover story did not exist at the time I was a student. I admired Lipsyte's and Koppett's work and knew both were College alumni but felt too awkward as a student to reach out to them on my own. I did not meet Koppett until 15 years after graduation, after I had left AP and was working for the National Basketball Association in charge of its editorial department. And it wasn't until I interviewed for the editorship of *CCT*, nearly 27 years after my graduation, that I finally met Lipsyte.

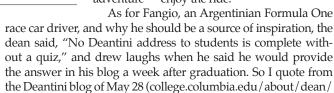
I'm glad programs now exist that promote interaction between students and alumni and urge members of both constituencies to participate.

ean James J. Valentini welcomed the 1,169 members of the Class of 2013 into the ranks of Columbia College alumni on Class Day, May 21, with remarks that touched upon — in typical Deantini fashion — the humor of Dr. Seuss, the wisdom of William James and the inspiration of Juan Manuel Fangio.

Valentini quoted from Dr. Seuss' Oh, the Places You'll Go!, published in 1990, before nearly all the graduates

were born: "You have brains in your head, you have feet in your shoes, you can steer yourself any direction you choose." He noted that the students had brains and feet before they got to Morningside Heights but that Columbia provided the shoes in terms of a College education featuring the Core Curriculum. Then he quoted another line from Dr. Seuss' book, sales of which annually peak around graduation time: "You're off to great places, today is your day, your mountain is waiting, so get on your way!"

For wisdom, Valentini cited James' words on how to spend one's life: "The best use of life is to spend it for something that outlasts it." Then he offered some more concrete advice of his own: "Work hard, try hard, play hard" and "Life's an adventure — enjoy the ride."



blog):

"In the German Grand Prix on August 4, 1957, Fangio was in first place when he took a pit stop at lap 13. The stop was a disaster — a mechanic changing a wheel lost the wheel nut and spent nearly 30 seconds looking for it (an eternity in racing) — and Fangio fell way behind to a very distant third place. But over the next 10 laps he achieved what seemed impossible. He made up the time lost in the pit stop, setting lap record after lap record, and won the race. This is often cited as one of the greatest achievements in racing history.

"Fangio was put way behind due to an error by someone other than himself — a member of the pit crew — but he did not let the mistake keep him from trying. He seemingly had no chance of winning the race, but he was undeterred by his unfavorable circumstances. He could have given up, but he didn't; he simply tried harder. He did not let the seeming improbability of success limit his effort."



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Class of 2013 Celebrates at Senior Dinner

it by the glow from colored floodlights as well as their fast-approaching graduation, more than 900 seniors gathered on May 7 to celebrate the annual Senior Dinner. At the time of the dinner, the 2013 Senior Fund was well on its way to raising more than \$25,000, the most of any senior class in Columbia College history.

Members of the 255th graduating class gathered under a tent on South Lawn, donned foam crowns and enjoyed food, music, a slideshow and remarks from Class President Ryan Mandelbaum '13, Senior Dinner Co-chairs Helen Bao '13 and Erin Connell '13, who gave the evening's toast, and Columbia College Student Council President Karishma Habbu '13.

Wearing a green bling sign with "7DD" (the hexadecimal number for 2013) around his neck, Dean James J. Valentini also addressed the gathering, declaring, "I'm only going to say two things. One, pass the swim test, and two, congratulations to the Class of 7DD, the best class ever. And if you don't understand that, ask a computer science major."

A highlight of the evening was the announcement by Senior Fund Chair Maria Sulimirski '13 about the fund's recordsetting year. More than 750 seniors contributed to the campaign, 294 of whom opted into Valentini's "3-2-1 Challenge" to contribute for three years, encourage two friends to do the same and have their gifts matched one-to-one by an alumnus/a (for the second year running, Board of Visitors member Gene Davis '75). Because of meeting the participation goal, the Class of 2013 secured an additional gift of \$100,000 from Charles Santoro '82. also a BOV member.

Attendees also enjoyed a rousing rendition of *Sans Souci* led by CC Alumni Association Executive Committee member Jess Drabkin '79 and CC Young Alumni President Calvin Sun '08.

To view photos from the dinner, go to facebook. com/ccyoungalumni/photos_albums.



Members of the Class of 2013 turned out in their finest for the annual Senior Dinner on May 7; for some, a foam crown offered the finishing touch.

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GENE BOYARS



A Million Reasons to Give

he Columbia College Fund raised more than \$2 million through a new campaign, "A Million Reasons to Give," which ran throughout April. Nearly 2,500 Columbians made a gift, meeting a \$1 million fundraising challenge to earn the full \$1 million matching gift pledged by an anonymous donor.

The campaign used a multichannel approach including mailings, social media, video and email, all touching upon the million reasons to give to Columbia; these ranged from fond memories of late nights

in Butler to recollections of first stepping onto College Walk to the bonds formed from debating Dante in John Jay.

Gifts to the Columbia College Fund bolster all aspects of the undergraduate experience. The donors' generosity will enhance financial aid, provide the resources necessary to maintain the Core Curriculum, foster improvements in student services and help fund summer internship stipends. Alumni support of the College Fund has made possible enhancements to Columbia's academic and student programs.

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Dames, Gasparov Selected for Van Doren, Trilling Awards



(Left to right) Celebrating at the May 8 ceremony were College staff and Academic Awards Committee members Rose Razaghian, executive director, planning and analysis; Dean Emeritus of Columbia College and the Brander Matthews Professor of Dramatic Literature Austin E. Quigley; AAC Co-chair Sahng-Ah Yoo '15; Aidan Mehigan '16; Dorothy Chen '13; honoree Nicholas Dames; Alan Timberlake, who accepted on behalf of honoree Boris Gasparov; AAC Co-chair Lindsay White '13; and AAC Co-chair Cathi Choi '13.

he Columbia College Student Council's Academic Awards Committee presented the 2013 Mark Van Doren Award to Nicholas Dames, the Theodore Kahan Professor of Humanities and chair of the Department of English and Comparative Literature, and the Lionel Trilling Award to Boris Gasparov, the Boris Bakhmeteff Professor of Russian and East European Studies. The awards were presented on May 8 in the Faculty Room of Low Library. Alan Timberlake, professor of Slavic languages and director, Institute of East Central Europe, accepted on Gasparov's behalf.

The Mark Van Doren Award for Teaching has been awarded annually since 1962 in recognition of a faculty member's humanity, devotion to truth and inspiring leadership. The award was established in honor of Mark Van Doren '21 GSAS, a Pulitzer Prize-winning poet, novelist, playwright, critic, editor and biographer

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Check out the new Columbia College Alumni Facebook page at facebook. com/alumnicc. Like the page to get alumni news, learn about alumni events and College happenings, view photos and more! as well as a renowned scholar and legendary Columbia faculty member.

The Lionel Trilling Book Award is awarded annually to a member of the faculty whose book was published in the previous year and upholds a level of excellence commensurate with the work of Lionel Trilling '25, '38 GSAS. The award was established in 1976 in honor of Trilling, a gifted and dedicated Columbia professor who was committed to undergraduate education, as well as a public intellectual known for his scholarship and literary criticism, which appealed to a wide audience. Gasparov was honored for his book *Beyond Pure Reason: Ferdinand de Saussure's Philosophy of Language and Its*

Early Romantic Antecedents.

The awards are the only academic honors judged and presented by students. The 15–25 Academic Awards Committee members are selected by the co-chairs so the group represents a cross-section of classes and majors. The committee seeks nominations for the awards and committee members audit the classes of Van Doren Award nominees, read books under consideration for the Trilling Award and have discussions before deciding on the finalists.

To view photos from the ceremony, go to facebook.com/columbiacollege1754/photos albums.

Ten Faculty Members Honored with Lenfest Awards

en Arts and Sciences faculty members have been honored with the Lenfest Distinguished Columbia Faculty Awards for their ability to engage, challenge and inspire students in the classroom.

Established in 2005 by University
Trustee Gerry Lenfest '58L, the awards are
given annually to recognize and reward
exceptional teaching and mentoring. This
year's recipients, who were honored at a
dinner at the Italian Academy on February 28, each will receive \$25,000 per year
for three consecutive years. They are
Frances A. Champagne, associate professor of psychology; Jean Cohen, the Nell

and Herbert Singer Professor of Contemporary Civilization and Political Thought; Giuseppe Gerbino, associate professor of music and chair of the Department of Music; Don J. Melnick, the Thomas Hunt Morgan Professor of Conservation Biology in the Department of Ecology, Evolution and Environmental Biology; Rosalind C. Morris, professor of anthropology; Gerard Parkin, professor of chemistry; Caterina Pizzigoni, associate professor of Latin American history; Ovidiu Savin, professor of mathematics; Melissa Schwartzberg, associate professor of political science; and Joseph Slaughter, associate professor of English and comparative literature.

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Frances Champagne is an associate professor in the Department of Psychology focusing on behavioral neurosciences, maternal behavior and epigenetics. Born and raised in Canada, Champagne earned her undergraduate degree at Queen's University, and her master's in psychiatry and Ph.D. in neuroscience at McGill University. She has been at Columbia since 2006 and runs the Champagne Lab in psychobiology and neuroscience in addition to her professorial responsibilities.

What drew you to

psychology? I always had an interest in it, probably more clinically oriented; I did a master's in psychiatry to explore that interest. I was interested in schizophrenia and did a master's project looking at genetic and environmental factors and how they influence symptoms in schizophrenic individuals. I liked it but found I couldn't ask the kind of mechanistic questions I was interested in; it was fine that these individuals had had these early experiences or traumas but I wanted to know more, in terms of how these experiences could lead

How would you describe epigenetics to a layperson? Epigenetics refers to the control of gene activity. We have our DNA but it has to do something, it has to produce something, to affect our biology. Epigenetics refers to the factors that can control that; the factors around DNA that can serve as kind of an on/off switch to gene activity. And then that gets laid into our biology and can last across the lifespan and lead to variations in stress reactivity, social behavior and reproduc-

to abnormal behaviors.

tive behavior. ... This work shows how the interplay between genes and the environment works. It brings people past the dichotomy of nature and nurture and moves them into something new.

And what's your interest within epigenetics?

I'm most interested in how early life experiences shape the brain, shape our behavior. For example, how toxins in the environment affect our behavior and might increase risk of psychopathology or

the mother/infant interactions in mice and rats. It's hard to fit research around a class schedule, and that's something they can come in and do for an hour and then leave. We also have students looking at gene expression, taking brain tissue and analyzing what genes are increased and decreased in their activity. We have students looking at different protein levels in the brain.

What do you think students get out of working in a lab?

keep going with it, because we don't have any final answers; there's always something more to do or something that we can do better. So, I think in terms of pursuing a career in academia, that's invaluable. Knowing that there are these weaknesses in all the work that's done but that we can actually deal with that and do better.

What's your favorite place

I go to York in Yorkshire, England, quite a lot; that's where

my husband [Assistant Professor of Psychology James Curley] is from. We met in Cambridge,

actually, but York is an old city with so much history that you don't get in North America.

What's a talent that you'd like to have? To play the violin.

If you weren't a professor and a scientist, what would you like to do?

Probably run a small bookstore. It'd be nice to be somewhere surrounded by literature.

What's on your nightstand? Baby books.

How about your DVR? Any guilty pleasures?

Game of Thrones, which I can't really watch right now because of the baby. Too violent.

You said she's your first? Yes, Isabelle. She's 14 months.

So, does that mean you've started thinking about your research in relation to your

Well, to some degree [laughs]. But I also think there's a risk of knowing too much and worrying too much. That's one thing I know from work — it's best not to be stressed.

Interview: Alexis Tonti '11 Arts Photo: Lynn Saville

Five Minutes with ... Frances Champagne

health problems; how stress does the same thing; how mother-infant interactions can promote well-being or inhibit well-being. And then, what the long-term and multigenerational consequences are meaning, the experiences you have during your life span shape you but they can also be passed along generations.

What sort of work can underin your lab?

Quite a lot: For example, because we study mother/infant interactions, we have undergrads help with characterizing

graduates get involved with

his or her students?

but that I can do in my seminar classes, where I can interact with the students a bit more, is get them to critique the science that's out there and realize that nothing's

It's fine to read about findings in papers but it's quite

another to be involved in the research and see how it's actually done. I think it's quite shocking at first — it's a lot of work and it's not always the most exciting work all the time. But it's about the process of science. So I think they learn a lot.

What do you teach?

I teach a big lecture course, "The Developing Brain," and also two undergraduate seminars. I've been on maternity leave, though, and I just got back this past semester.

What's the most valuable thing a professor can do for

Get them to appreciate how complex the process of science and the process of discovery is. You read textbooks and everything sounds so final and understood and clear — and something that's hard to do in a lecture class

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College Fetes Lit Hum at 75 Years

n April 26, alumni, parents and students gathered in Low Rotunda to celebrate "#LitHum75: Dialogues on the 75th Anniversary of Literature Humanities," an event dedicated to the late Jacques Barzun '27, '32 GSAS. The conversation began in Low Rotunda with introductions by Roosevelt Montás '95, director of the Center for the Core Curriculum and associate dean of academic affairs, and Dean James J. Valentini, followed by a panel moderated by Gareth Williams, the Violin Family Professor of Classics and chair of Literature Humanities. The panel featured Core faculty members James V. Mirollo '61 GSAS, the Parr Professor Emeritus of English and Comparative Literature; Julie Crawford, associate professor of English and comparative literature; and Jessamyn Conrad, a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Art History and Archaeology; as well as Huilong Han '15 and Jacqueline Bryk '13. The dialogue focused on the way Lit Hum has changed and its current relationship to the digital age.

Immediately afterward, alumni and parents were invited to join students in classrooms across campus for seminarstyle discussion groups where attendees discussed either preselected works from the Lit Hum curriculum or their opinions about what they considered to be the most important part of the Core. This was followed by a reception featuring remarks by Valentini and Edward Tayler, the Lionel Trilling Professor in the Humanities Emeritus, held in the Faculty Room in Low Library.

Throughout the evening participants near and far were invited to join the conversation live and share Lit Hum memories by tweeting to #LitHum75.

To explore the evening's tweets, visit twitter. com/search?q=%23lithum75; to join the conversation, share your own memories by tweeting to #LitHum75.

For more information about Literature Humanities' 75 years at Columbia, visit college.columbia.edu/core/lithum.

Four Alumni Honored with John Jay Awards



our accomplished alumni — Thomas Cornacchia '85; Katori Hall '03; Mike Schmidtberger '82, '85L; and Dr. George Yancopoulos '80, '86 GSAS, '87 P&S — were presented with 2013 John Jay Awards for distinguished professional achievement on March 6 at Cipriani 42nd Street. Proceeds from the annual John Jay Awards Dinner benefit the John Jay National Scholars Program, which aims to enhance academic and extracurricular experiences for outstanding first-year College students. This year's dinner raised

\$1.4 million.

Above, Dean James J. Valentini (far left) joins the John Jay Scholars who presented the honorees with their awards, and the honorees, at the dinner. Left to right: Bryan Terrazas '13; Cornacchia; Ethan Kogan '13; Hall; Ariana Lott '13; Schmidtberger; Yancopoulos; and Tehreem Rehman '13.

To read more about the dinner, see a Facebook photo album and view a video, visit college.columbia.edu/news/archive/ 2012-13.



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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Pianist Conrad Tao '15 Explores His Relationship to Music

By Nathalie Alonso '08

onrad Tao '15's extraordinary musical journey began the day his parents found him sitting at the family piano at 18 months, plucking out Mary Had a Little Lamb to the best of a toddler's ability. On that same piano, at 8, Tao practiced Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 12 in A Major, K. 414 for his concerto debut. Since then, he has given critically acclaimed performances of Stravinsky, Chopin and other master composers in venues around the world.

Tao, the only classical musician included in Forbes' "30 Under 30: The Youngest Stars In The Music Business" list in 2011, has taken the stage with The Philadelphia Orchestra, the Russian National Orchestra and the San Francisco Symphony, to name a few. He has given solo recitals in the United States and abroad. including multiple engagements at the Louvre in Paris. He took the Spring 2012 semester off from the College to accommodate a busy tour schedule — approximately 45 concerts — that included stops in Brazil and Germany as well as American cities from Santa Fe to Kalamazoo. Most recently, in June, he released his first full-length album, Voyages, and performed in a music festival of his own design, UNPLAY Festival, which was held across three nights in Brooklyn. Each night was devoted to a different conception of classical music, while the festival as a whole explored the changing role of the musician in contemporary culture.

"I love the work; that's what keeps me committed to performing works that have been around for centuries," says Tao, who in 2011 was named a U.S. Presidential Scholar in the Arts and last year received the Avery Fisher Career Grant from Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts. The \$25,000 award is given to instrumental artists for demonstrated excellence and potential.

The liberal arts education he is receiving at the College "made me realize the importance of understanding what

I am doing as a musician, instead of allowing it to be a convenient 'This is just what I'm good at, this is what I do.' That isn't satisfying enough," he says. "It's really important to me that I gain a more critical understanding of what I am doing."

A longing for a "challenging and intellectually stimulating environment" was one reason Tao chose the College; the other was the Columbia-Juilliard Exchange, a cross-registration program that allows students to take lessons at the Juilliard School, where Tao has studied with Veda Kaplinsky since he was 9.



Conrad Tao '15 is an award-winning classical pianist and composer. PHOTO: RUIMIN WANG

Though his trajectory in the College is somewhat atypical — as a result of his Spring 2012 academic hiatus, he took his first semester of CC before finishing his second semester of Lit Hum — it is nonetheless the most traditional educational experience Tao has had since middle school. He graduated from Indiana University H.S., a distance education program that allowed him to keep a busy performance schedule. "Now there are classrooms and conversations and I am thrilled about that," says Tao, who is considering a concentration in philosophy or sociology in lieu of a major.

Tao's mother, Minfgang Ting, is a research professor at Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory and, whenever he is in New York, Tao spends three or four hours a day in his family's apartment practicing on his beloved piano. The instrument originally was purchased for his sister, Connie Tao '11. "It's nice to live close to a piano I have grown up with and feel comfortable with," says Tao.

Though piano is currently his sole musical focus, Tao also is an accomplished violinist and has received

recognition for his original classical piano compositions in the form of eight ASCAP Foundation Morton Gould Young Composer Awards. This fall, the Dallas Symphony Orchestra will premiere a new work by Tao. The World is Very Different *Now,* which he was commissioned to write in observation of the 50th anniversary of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Kaplinsky, who describes Tao's performances as "riveting," marvels at his maturity and drive. "Conrad is one of those people who are born with the focus and mentality of an adult," she says. "His natural musical instincts, his impressive intellect and his pursuit of perfection all contributed to an amazing level of performance as a child, and a continuous upward trajectory through his teens.

Eloquent and articulate, Tao takes none of his success for granted. He wonders, in fact, if he would even be a musician had there not been a piano in the house. "I feel fortunate that things lined up the way they did,"

For more on Tao and to see him perform, go to conradtao.com.

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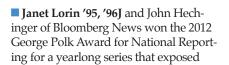
ALUMNI IN THE NEWS

■ Eric Garcetti '92, '95 SIPA won his bid to become Los Angeles mayor on May 21, defeating city controller Wendy Greuel in a runoff election that ended a race that lasted nearly two years. Garcetti, a city councilman since 2001 who is considered a moderate Democrat, is the son of Gil Garcetti, a former district attorney who became famous for prosecuting O.J. Simpson, and a grandson of Mexican immigrants who trace their roots to Italy. His multicultural heritage is considered an asset in a city as diverse as Los Angeles.

"Los Angeles is ready to put the recession in the rearview mirror and become the city of opportunity that I grew up in once again," Garcetti told his supporters. "It's time for Los Angeles not just to be a big city, but a great city once again."

Four alumni were on the *National Law Journal's* list of "The 100 Most Influential Lawyers in America," released in March: Lanny Breuer '80, '84 SIPA, '85L; Eric H. Holder Jr. '73, '76L; Jay Lefkowitz

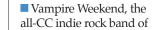
'84, '87L; and Abbe Lowell '74, '77L. The magazine described its selections as "100 lawyers who shape the legal world through their work in the courtroom, at the negotiating table, in the classroom or in government. They have taken on major legal battles and orchestrated the biggest corporate deals. They've tackled unpopular causes and helped run giant corporations."



Janet Lorin '95, '96J

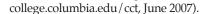
PHOTO: PETER FOLEY

abuses in higher education finance. The Polk Awards, presented in 14 categories and administered by Long Island University since their inception in 1949, place a premium on investigative and enterprise reporting and rank among the most coveted honors in journalism.



Ezra Koenig '06, Chris Tomson '06, Rostam Batmanglij '06 and Chris Baio '07, released its third album, Modern Vampires of the City, on May 14, two days after appearing as the musical guest on Saturday Night Live. The album, which debuted at No. 1 on the "Billboard 200," has received rave reviews: USA Today wrote, "The blending of gospel, Motown and Sun Records adds heft to the band's Upper West Side Soweto-style"; The New York Times called the songs "taut and meticu-

lous" and described Vampire Weekend as "a band that packs complex ideas into twisted pop songs"; and The Washington Post wrote that the album was "filled with smart, shiny pop songs that showcase an expanding and inventive musical palette," adding that "Vampire Weekend has emerged as one of today's most authentic bands." The band was formed while its members were undergraduates (see



Leon Wieseltier '74, literary editor of The New Republic, was among the 2013



Leon Wieseltier '74 PHOTO: JILL KREMENTZ

winners of the Dan David Prize, which is headquartered at Tel Aviv University in Israel. Prizes of \$1 million are granted by the Dan David Foundation in each of three dimensions — past, present and future — for "innovative and interdisciplinary research that cuts across traditional boundaries and paradigms," according to the foundation web-

site. Wieseltier was one of two winners in the "Present - Ideas, Public Intellectuals and Contemporary Philosophers"

The foundation described Wieseltier as "a foremost writer and thinker who confronts and engages with the central issues of our times, setting the standard for serious cultural discussion in the United States." The award was presented at Tel Aviv University on June 9.

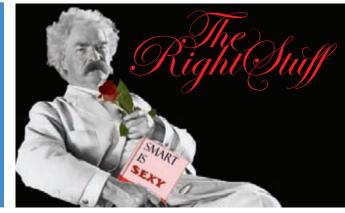
Farah Goes Bang, an independent feature film by Laura Goode '06, '08 Arts (writer, producer) and Meera Menon '06 (writer, director) was named a "2013 Official Selection" at the annual Tribeca Film Festival. As director, Menon also won the festival's inaugural Nora Ephron Prize, which came with a cash prize of \$25,000, for "work and talent that embody the spirit and vision" of the late Ephron. The film, which premiered on April 19, was included in the festival's "Viewpoints" category as well as in a special new online division. Goode and Menon met as undergraduates during production of Goode's first play at Lerner Hall's Austin E. Quigley Theatre.

Alex Sachare '71

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Roar, Lion, Roar

Baseball Wins 11th Ivy League Crown



Columbia's baseball team celebrates near the pitcher's mound after sweeping Dartmouth to clinch the lvy League championship.

PHOTO: MIKE McLAUGHLIN

olumbia's baseball team won its second Ivy League championship in six years and 11th title overall, sweeping a doubleheader against Dartmouth at Robertson Field at Satow Stadium on May 4 to capture the 2013 Ivy crown.

Columbia then posted its first win in NCAA tournament play by beating New Mexico 6–5 in 13 innings on June 1. The Lions had scored five runs in the eighth inning to tie the game and won it in the 13th on an RBI single by Nick Crucet '13. Although Columbia was eliminated from the Regionals after losses to host Cal State Fullerton and Arizona State, the Lions finished the season with a 28–21 record and matched their record for most victories in a season, set in 1987.

The Lions won a school-record 16 Ivy League games during the regular season, capturing the Lou Gehrig Division with a 16-4 record. Then they swept Red Rolfe Division champion Dartmouth in the best-of-three playoffs, winning 6-5 in 10 innings in the first

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game and 12–5 in the second game.

"It feels great," pitching ace David Speer '14, who compiled a 6–2 record and a 2.17 ERA during the regular season, told *Spectator*. "I've been imagining this since the year started — since my playing career started, really. It couldn't be better. Everything we've worked so hard for this year is coming through, finally."

"The guys worked their butts off all year and it's great to see it come to fruition," said coach Brett Boretti, whose team last won the title in 2008 and lost to Dartmouth in the 2010 playoffs.

Speer had 12 strikeouts in the opening game against Dartmouth and reliever Kevin Roy '16 worked his way out of a no-out, bases-loaded jam in the 10th inning without allowing a run before Gus Craig '15 delivered the game-winning RBI single in the bottom of the 10th. Columbia broke the second game open by scoring six runs in the seventh inning, with Ferraresi's two-run double breaking a 5–5 tie and putting the Lions ahead to stay.

By winning the Ivy League title, Columbia became the first team to earn a berth in the NCAA Regionals.

Speer, shortstop Aaran Silbar '14 and outfielder Jordan Serena '15 were named to the All-Ivy first team; pitcher Joey Donino '14, catcher Mike Fischer '14, first baseman Alex Black '13 and designated hitter Joey Falcone '15 GSAS made the second team; and Roy and pitcher Tim Giel '13E received honorable mention.



Coach Brett Boretti accepts the Williams Clarence Matthews Championship Trophy from Matthew Singer of the Ivy League.

CAMPBELL SPORTS CENTER SCOREBOARD

Times that Nicole
Bartnik '13 was named
Ivy League Women's
Tennis Player of the Year

Studentathletes named to Phi Beta Kappa Baseball student-athlete named All-Ivy League

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Outdoor track and field student-athletes who qualified for the NCAA Trac and Field East Regional Bartnik Leads Lions to First Women's Tennis Title

n two seasons, Columbia's women's tennis team has gone from worst to first.

The Lions, who finished last in the league with a winless record just two years ago, captured a share of the first Ivy League title in school history by sweeping Princeton 7–0 on April 21. Columbia, led by two-time Ivy League Player of the Year Nicole Bartnik '13, finished the season at 6–1 in the Ivies and 13–5 overall, both program bests. Yale shared the crown with Columbia at 6–1 and advanced to the NCAAs by virtue of a 5–2 win over the Lions on April 14.

"In our first meeting of the year, I told the team that we had one and only one goal and that was to win the title," head coach Ilene Weintraub '02 said. "That was the first and last time I ever talked about it or allowed them to speak of it. Instead, we focused on the process and on the little things."

Weintraub added that she told the team that winning a championship "would require tremendous sacrifice on their part and when it happens in the end, then we would celebrate. Today is that day."

Bartnik was undefeated in Ivy singles play for the second consecutive season and earned All-Ivy first team honors for the third consecutive year. She was joined on the All-Ivy first team by Bianca Sanon '14, who earned the honor both in singles and in doubles, with Kanika Vaidya '16. Vaidya earned second team honors in singles, as did Bartnik and her doubles partner, Crystal Leung '15.

"This year, everyone was on the same page and was putting in



ROAR, LION, ROAR

Columbia's women's tennis team gathers at the base of *Alma Mater* to celebrate winning the first Ivy League championship in school history.

HOTO: GENE BOYARS

100 percent every day — every time they stepped on the court, or every time they went to the weight room," Bartnik said. "It just feels so great to have all your hard work pay off."

Columbia swept four of its Ivy opponents and compiled a 7–0

Meili, Santos Honored at Varsity C Celebration



Wrestler Steve Santos '13 and swimmer Katie Meili '13 are congratulated by Director of Athletics M. Dianne Murphy upon being presented the Connie S. Maniatty Outstanding Senior Scholar-Athlete Awards. PHOTO: GENE BOYARS

wimmer Katie
Meili '13 and
wrestler Steve
Santos '13, both
of whom finished
third in the nation
in their events, were
presented with the
Connie S. Maniatty
['43] Outstanding Senior Student-Athlete
Awards at the 92nd
Varsity C Celebration
at Levien Gymnasium on April 30.

Meili, the Most
Outstanding Swimmer in the last two
Ivy League Cham-

pionships, won seven Ivy titles and was part of three relay championship teams during her College career. She holds three Ivy records and 10 school records — five individual events and five relays. She finished third in the 100 breaststroke at the NCAAs to earn All-America first team status.

Santos, who wrestled at 149 lbs., won the first 15 matches of his senior season and concluded the campaign by becoming Columbia's

19th individual Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association champion and then placing third in the NCAAs, the highest finish ever for a Columbia wrestler. He was recognized by the website Flo Wrestling as the most improved NCAA Division I wrestler of the 2012–13 season.

The Athletics Alumni Awards were presented to George Van Amson '74 and Ari Brose '84 Barnard. Van Amson, who was a University Trustee from 1996–2008, competed in football and baseball at Columbia. Brose was a distance runner who captained the first women's cross country and track and field teams to compete as Columbia Lions after the establishment of the Columbia-Barnard Athletic Consortium.

Archery Wins at Nationals

Columbia won the 2013 Archery National Championship, defeating Cal State-Long Beach 7–4 at the U.S. Collegiate Archery Association Outdoor US Intercollegiate Archery Championship event on May 18 in Cedar City, Utah. The Lions received a bye, then beat Atlantic Cape CC 4–0 and James Madison 5–4 to earn its spot in the finals.

In the women's recurve division, Sarah Bernstein '15 Barnard won the individual bronze medal by defeating Cal State-Long Beach's Kalie Sabajo. Bernstein was joined by teammates Tiffany Kim '16 and Grace Kim '15 in the top eight medal finishers to earn both All-American and All-Academic honors.

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Class of 2013 Joins Ranks of Alumni

By ALEX SACHARE '71

ean James J. Valentini welcomed the 1,169 members of the Class of 2013 into the ranks of Columbia College alumni at Class Day on May 21, saying he had calculated their accomplishments: 1,946,970; 124; and 1. He drew laughs when he explained, "1,946,970 minutes since your very first class on September 9, 2009; 124 credits for graduation; and 1 swim test."

He noted that the graduates swell the ranks of living CC alumni to 47,516 and said, "It is they, now including you, who allow me to say that Columbia College is the greatest college in the greatest university in the greatest city in

the world."

The next day, the members of CC '13 joined some 13,000 other Columbians who officially graduated as President Lee C. Bollinger presided over Commencement. Honored during the ceremony were the 2013 Alumni Medalists, including Stephen L. Buchman '59, '62L; Dr. Marvin M. Lipman '49, '54 P&S; and Ira B. Malin '75, co-chair of the Columbia College Fund.

The Class Day keynote speaker was playwright Terrence McNally '60, a native of Corpus Christi, Texas, who recalled spending his first night in New York City sleeping on the sidewalk outside the Mark Hellinger Theatre, waiting for the box office to reopen the next morning so he could nab a standing-room ticket to see *My Fair Lady.* "If that didn't make me some kind of an instant New Yorker, I don't know what would," he said.

As for words of advice, he noted, "Good or bad, advice is easy. I don't have a lot for you. Be nicer to people, wash your hands more frequently, count to 100 at least twice before asking someone to marry you. Be useful, keep your word. Re-read that email before you hit the 'send' button. Don't put compromising photos of yourself on Facebook. That's about it."

Also speaking at Class Day were Bollinger, salutatorian

Yoshiaki Ko'13 and class president Ryan Mandelbaum'13. In addition, then-Dean of Student Affairs Kevin Shollenberger presented distinguished class awards, Dean of Academic Affairs Kathryn Yatrakis presented academic awards, Columbia College Alumni Association President Kyra Tirana Barry'87 presented alumni awards and prizes, and Senior Fund Chair Maria Sulimirski'13 presented the class gift.

Watch the Class Day and Commencement ceremonies at totalwebcasting.com/view/?id=columbiacomm. Read McNally's keynote address at college.columbia.edu/terrencemcnally. View more photos from Class Day and Commencement at facebook.com/alumnicc.



Terrence McNally '60, the keynote speaker at Class Day, told the graduates, "Your work is just beginning."













The 1.169 members of the Class of 2013 celebrated their rite of passage at Class Day and Commencement as they joined the ranks of College alumni. Some sported fanciful decorations on their caps while others wore crowns and carried toy swords. Dean James J. Valentini wore his crown at Commencement when he asked President Lee C. Bollinger to officially grant the seniors their degrees. A highlight of the Class Day processional was the 10th annual Alumni Parade of Classes, where the graduates stood and cheered as alumni marched with their class banners to symbolically welcome them into the alumni community.

PHOTOS: LEFT, SUSAN COOK; ALL OTHERS, EILEEN BARROSO

Academic Awards and Prizes

The Academic Awards and Prizes Ceremony at which students are recognized for their academic achievements is a highlight of graduation week. Dean James J. Valentini and Dean of Academic Affairs Kathryn Yatrakis were on hand to congratulate the students at the ceremony, held on May 21 at Faculty House. Yatrakis, along with several noted faculty members, presented the awards. Following are the 2013 recipients.

Special Achievements To Be Noted

Presented by Dean of Academic Affairs Kathryn Yatrakis

HARRY J. CARMAN FELLOWSHIP Yoonjin Ha '13

CLASS OF 1939 SUMMER RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP Priom Ahmed '14

Margarete Diaz Cuadros '14 Emma Gilheany '14 Alexa Semonche '14 Yifei Zhao '15

JARVIS AND CONSTANCE DOCTOROW

Matthew Jacobs '13

HENRY EVANS TRAVELLING FELLOWSHIP Gerard Ramm '13

SOLOMON AND SEYMOUR FISHER CIVIL LIBERTIES FELLOWSHIP

Celina Aldape '14 Andrew Gonzalez '15

ALBERT ASHER GREEN MEMORIAL PRIZE Ioel Dierbeck '13

EURETTA J. KELLETT FELLOWSHIP

Adam Formica '13

Gavin McGown '13
RICHARD LEWIS KOHN TRAVELLING

Chioma Ngwudo '15
ARTHUR ROSE TEACHING

ASSISTANTSHIP Roko Rumora '14

Norman Toy III '14

DAVID B. TRUMAN ALUMNI AWARD

Simon Jerome '13
SALUTATORIAN

Yoshiaki Koʻ13

VALEDICTORIAN Leah Friedman '13

Prizes in the Core Curriculum

Presented by Professor Susan Boynton, Department of Music

JOSHUA A. FEIGENBAUM PRIZE IN LITERATURE HUMANITIES Maxwell Nelson '15 Miriam Rosen '15

WALLACE A. GRAY PRIZE IN LITERATURE HUMANITIES

Jack Klempay '15

DEAN HAWKES MEMORIAL PRIZE IN THE HUMANITIES

Sara Lavenhar '14 Leah Wajnberg '14

JONATHAN THRONE KOPIT PRIZE IN LOGIC AND RHETORIC

Fabio DeSousa '16

JAMES P. SHENTON PRIZE IN
CONTEMPORARY CIVILIZATION

Reid Jenkins '14

Prizes in Science and Mathematics

Presented by Professor Emlyn Hughes, Department of Physics

RICHARD BERSOHN PRIZE Julia Oktawiec '13

COMPUTER SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

James Nugent '13 Madhavan Somanathan '13 Henri Stern '13

THOMAS J. KATZ PRIZE Cyril Bucher '13

ALFRED MORITZ MICHAELIS PRIZE Samuel Kohn '13

PROFESSOR VAN AMRINGE MATHEMATICAL PRIZE First Year: Ha-Young Shin '16 Sophomore: Yifei Zhao '15

Junior: Sicong Zhang '14
JOHN DASH VAN BUREN JR. PRIZE IN

Sung Chul Park '13

BRIDGES AND STURTEVANT PRIZE IN
BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Georgia Squyres '13
THE HERBERT DERESIEWICZ SUMMER

Matthew Tsim '16

Prizes in the Social Sciences

Presented by Professor John Huber, Department of Political Science

CHARLES A. BEARD PRIZE IN POLITICAL

Science Shellev Liu '13

CHARLES A. BEARD PRIZE IN HISTORY Elisa Quiroz '13

CARL B. BOYER MEMORIAL PRIZE Claire Sabel '13

CHANLER HISTORICAL PRIZE David Fine '13

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Lewis West '13

ALBERT MARION ELSBERG PRIZE James Wiseman '13

LILY PRIZE IN HISTORY
Myrsini Manney-Kalogera '13
GARRETT MATTINGLY PRIZE

Eric Kutscher '13
SANFORD S. PARKER PRIZE

Yuxiao Huang '13
SANFORD S. PARKER SUMMER

RESEARCH PRIZE
Evan Munro '14
Joonwoo Park '14
Adam Stansell '15
Xiaoshi Yang '14

Samantha Zeller '14

EDWIN ROBBINS ACADEMIC RESEARCH AND PUBLIC SERVICE FELLOWSHIP Matthew Chou '14

Matthew Chou '14 Emily Dreibelbis '14 Nicole Dussault '14 Jake Obeng-Bediako '14

ROMINE PRIZE
Seminar Paper:
Steven Iglehart '13
Honors Thesis: Lorna Zhang '13

PHYLLIS STEVENS SHARP FELLOWSHIP IN AMERICAN POLITICS Bianca Capone '16 Melissa Fich '15 Jiawen Tang '15

CAROLINE PHELPS STOKES PRIZE David Baruch '13

ALAN J. WILLEN MEMORIAL PRIZE Grace Rybak '13

MYRA KRAFT PRIZE FOR EXCEPTIONAL PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE IN HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCACY
Erica Bower '14

MYRA KRAFT PRIZE FOR SUPERIOR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT IN THE STUDY OF HUMAN RIGHTS Carrie Montgomery '13

Prizes in the Humanities

Presented by Professor Courtney Bender, Department of Religion SENIOR THESIS PRIZE IN ART HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY

Isabel Losada '13
CHARLES PATERNO BARRATT-BROWN

MEMORIAL PRIZE Michelle Dawson '13

DINO BIGONGIARI PRIZE Isabel Losada '13

BUNNER PRIZE Peter Conroy '13

DOUGLAS GARDNER CAVERLY PRIZE Gavin McGown '13

EARLE PRIZE IN CLASSICSGavin McGown '13

JAMES GUTMANN PRIZE IN PHILOSOPHY Sanford Diehl '13

JOHN VINCENT HICKEY PRIZE Amanda Gutterman '13

ADAM LEROY JONES PRIZE IN LOGIC Eric Shapiro '13

HELEN AND HOWARD R. MARRARO PRIZE

Casey Ross '14

BENJAMIN F. ROMAINE PRIZE FUND Ridge Montes '13E

ERNEST STADLER PRIZE FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE STUDY OF CLASSICAL ANTIQUITY Aaron Primero '13 Kyle Radler '13

DEUTSCHER VEREIN PRIZE IN GERMAN Samuel Walker '14



Celebrating at the 2013 Academic Awards and Prizes Ceremony were (left to right) Jake Obeng-Bediako '14, Dean James J. Valentini and Emily Dreibelbis '14.

PHOTO: CHRIS BALMER '07

SUSAN HUNTINGTON VERNON PRIZE Karina Yu '13

RICHMOND B. WILLIAMS TRAVELLING

Lara Andersson '14 Bernardo Sarmiento-Hinojosa '14 Jennifer Schmeyer '14 Kai Schultz '14

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Senior Snapshots

The 1,169 members of the Class of 2013 are remarkable for their achievements and their ambitions. Following are eight of their stories.

Richard Fineman Hopes To Have "The Right Stuff"

t is with some trepidation that Richard Fineman '13 reveals his life's dream, which came into focus during an internship last summer at the NASA Ames Research Center in his home state of California. Not too many of his peers, he suspects, are leaving the College with the intention of becoming astronauts.

At NASA, Fineman studied the ways in which the properties of light change as a wave travels through the interstellar medium (dust and other matter that fills the space between stars). The highlight of his experience came in August, when he watched via livestream as the rover Curiosity landed on Mars, marking the beginning of a two-year mission to determine if the planet's Gale Crater could have ever supported microbial life. "Seeing the complicated sequence that had to take place for it to land successfully was amazing," says Fineman. "I saw 60-year-old scientists cry; they were so happy that it worked. There was so much innovation that went into it."

As a result of that experience, Fineman, who majored in chemical physics with a concentration in math, plans to pursue

graduate study in aerospace engineering with the goal of fulfilling a long-held but previously unexpressed ambition to explore space. "There are so many opportunities right now with the privatization of space flight. I want to be a part of it," he says.

Fineman will first take a year off from academia, during which he plans to compete in several triathlons. In July, through Engineers Without Borders, he will spend two weeks in rural

Nahualate, Guatemala, where he will help build a pump, well and filtration system that will provide the community with a reliable source of drinking water.

Born in Palo Alto and raised in his mother's native Guatemala City, Fineman chose the College in part for the opportunity to ex-

plore New York City, his father's hometown. He also was drawn by the Core Curriculum, which he found attractive for the same reasons that he studies physics. "I feel that I am more well-rounded knowing the origins of the way we think," says Fineman. "One of the things that appeals to me about physics is that it goes into the core understanding of everything and every other science builds on those ideas; I believe that studying the fundamental background of different concepts gives you a greater understanding of the picture as a whole."

Fineman joined the Columbia swim team as a first-year and was president of the Columbia University Student-Athlete Advisory Committee as a senior. He cherishes the bond he shares with his coaches and teammates, many of whom also belong to his fraternity, Sigma Nu. "I can't think of anyone better to

have shared my college experience with," Fineman says.

Fineman so enjoyed his undergraduate years that he volunteered with the Columbia College 2013 Senior Fund, a campaign that encourages seniors to donate to alma mater. "The College has given me so much that I should give back in any way that I can," he says.

Nathalie Alonso '08

For Zuzanna Fuchs, Wordplay Is Subject for Further Study

Richard Fineman '13

PHOTO: CHAR SMULLYAN

uzanna Fuchs '13 looks forward to spending the next few years of her life "playing with word endings."
Beginning this fall, Fuchs will pursue a Ph.D. in linguistics at Harvard, where she will delve into her fascination with morphology, a subfield that studies the structure of words and the processes through which words are created.

As a College student, Fuchs, who is fluent in English and Polish and advanced in Spanish, declared a major in statistics but decided to add an independent major in linguistics after enjoying "Introduction to Linguistics."

"Linguistics is something that people don't realize is around us all the time," she says, citing a favorite example. "'Haha' and 'LOL' are modal particles. They don't mean anything; they just set the tone for whatever is being said. It's fun to be at a party and say, 'Do you know that when you text 'haha' or 'LOL' you're using a modal particle?' It's a nerdy fun fact, but it's interesting."

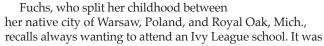
For her senior thesis, Fuchs examined the gender and grammatical cases assigned to English nouns adopted into the Polish lexicon. "Because nouns in English have neither cases nor genders, I wanted to see what happens to them when they

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are borrowed into Polish," says Fuchs, who presented her research at the Annual Conference of the International Linguistic Association, held in April at Kingsborough Community College in Brooklyn.

Buoyed by her experience as a teaching assistant for two semesters each of "Introduction to Linguistics" and "Introduction to Statistics," which entailed leading review sessions and occasionally lecturing, Fuchs now envisions herself as a linguistics professor. "Seeing [the students'] eyes when they get it — that's the greatest part," says Fuchs, whose father has taught at the University of Detroit Mercy's School of Architecture since she was 8 months old. "When I finish a lecture or a review session, I feel that I won something huge; it's the best feeling."





Zuzanna Fuchs '13 PHOTO: CHAR SMULLYAN

the Core, however, that ultimately drew her to the College. "A solid base of knowledge in a lot of different areas before specializing — that was really important to me," she says.

Since her sophomore year, Fuchs' main extracurricular pursuit has been the College Group Committee at The Metropolitan Museum of Art. The committee, which includes students from the College as well as Barnard, NYU, the Pratt Institute, Hunter College and other NYC schools, plans museum events for fellow college students. As publicity coordinator her senior year, Fuchs helped plan and execute an Andy Warhol-themed event in October 2012 that she proudly says was well attended by Columbians. "It says a lot about the Columbia student body that everyone has varied interests and that the Met brings in everyone,

not just the art majors," she says.

Nathalie Alonso '08

Alexzander Hudson Raises Awareness of Mental Health Issues

lexzander "A.J." Hudson '13 can say he was accepted to the College, not once, but twice. Though offered admission the first time he applied, he was unable to enroll due to a last-minute problem and matriculated at The George Washington University. A year later, on a whim,

he reapplied to the College and was thrilled to be among the small number of transfer students — less than 10 percent — accepted each year.

"I wanted the most challenging city in the world and the most challenging school in the world and they are both here," says Hudson.

The Indianapolis native made the most of his second chance at a College education. Honored as a Senior Marshal, Hudson majored in psychology with a concentration in sociology — "I love understanding how thoughts work, how they are processed and where certain things arise in the brain," he says — and was among the 10 percent of the graduating class initiated into Phi Beta Kappa.

In October 2011, Hudson helped start a Columbia chapter of Active Minds, a national nonprofit that raises awareness about mental health among college students. "Our programming revolves around explaining the com-

mon mental illnesses that are in the popular dialect, which people don't know as much about as they think they do," says Hudson, who also joined the University's NAACP chapter upon arriving in the College. This year, Hudson was recognized for his extracurricular efforts with the King's Crown Leadership Ex-

cellence Award in health and wellness from Columbia Student Affairs, which recognizes students who "exemplify the spirit of caring for and about the members of our vast and diverse community."

Hudson's fascination with the human mind led him to pur-

sue several psychology research opportunities in his senior year. With funding from the National Science Foundation's Research Experiences for Undergraduates program, he took a role as a research assistant at the Earth Institute's Center for Research on Environmental Decisions (CRED). His initial task was to review "The Psychology of Climate Change Communication," the center's guide on how to effectively inform the public of issues such as global warming. Hudson now is conducting independent research at CRED on the motivating factors behind prosocial behaviors such as recycling. Since October, he also has recruited subjects for a study at the Mailman School of Public Health that examines the use of mobile dating applications among gay men.

This fall Hudson will begin a stint as a science teacher at a public middle school in Brooklyn through Teach For America. He hopes to enter a Ph.D. program in which he can study the

intersection of psychology and education. "I want to get some perspective and I feel there's a lot I can learn by teaching at a middle school," says Hudson, whose long-term goal is to "pursue social policy for education using psychology research."



Alexzander "A.J." Hudson '13 PHOTO: CHAR SMULLYAN

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Eric Kutscher Plots Path To Opening AIDS Clinic

ric Kutscher '13 was struggling with how to integrate his love of biology, health, humanities and human sciences until he traveled to Africa during his junior year to study sexual health.

In Kenya, Kutscher, a history major with a concentration in African studies, lived with a family, studied Swahili and conducted field research on male circumcision and HIV risk in the Luo tribe. He walked throughout Kisumu, a port city, conducting surveys and discussing perceptions of circumcision with male residents.

"Circumcision is against the Luo culture, but western campaigns funding male circumcision there have been very successful," he says. "I wanted to find out exactly why so many men were lining up to get circumcised."

Kutscher discovered that Luo men believe circumcision leads to more pleasure and that it also increases condom use, lowering HIV/AIDS risk. The project showed Kutscher that he could merge the social and biological sciences and led to a dream: getting an M.D. and an M.P.H., then starting an HIV/AIDS clinic in New York City.

Kutscher ascribes his interest in Africa to two classes he took to satisfy the Global Core requirement, "Major Debates in the Study of Africa" and "Africa in Cinema." His interest in sexual health was more personal: In 2011, Kutscher was rejected from donating blood in NYC because he identified as a gay male.

"After this incident, I became fascinated by the public health policies around AIDS," he says. "It got me really interested in the idea of 'acceptable risk.""



Eric Kutscher '13 PHOTO: STELLA GIRKINS '15

Kutscher honed this interest during his junior year through classes at the Mailman School of Public Health. He also participated in The Hertog Global Strategy Initiative, a summer program in the history department that in 2011 focused on "The History

and Future of Pandemic Threats and Global Public Health."

The following summer, after returning from Kenya, Kutscher interned in the policy department of Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC), but he missed the interaction with patients that he had in Kenya and realized his interests would be best applied as a doctor. So six days after graduation, he will start at Goucher College's one-year Post-Baccalaureate Premed Program. From there, he hopes to attend medical school to study infectious disease and open his clinic.

"What I would want to be unique about my clinic is the quality of care. By mixing a private infectious disease practice where patients receive top-notch care with a general STI and HIV clinic, I think the ease in which someone can come to one place and get everything done will increase," he says. "Likewise,

it brings people from all backgrounds to the same center ... decreasing the stigma against HIV/AIDS."

Even in his final College days, Kutscher did not take time off. He volunteered as a peer advocate at Columbia's Gav Health Advocacy Project and as an HIV tester and counselor at GMHC. His recently completed thesis on the history of public policy and gay bathhouses in San Francisco and New York City received the history department's Garrett Mattingly Prize.

Stella Girkins '15

Swimmer Katie Meili Aims for 2016 Olympics

atie Meili '13 might have been in the 2012 Summer Olympics. But 20 days before the Olympic Team Trials, on June 1, 2012, the record-breaking Columbia swimmer broke her hand during a meet warm-up.

She opted for surgery over a cast so she could get back in the water in only a few days. And while she didn't make it to the Olympics, and considers the injury her most trying moment, she often reminds herself how lucky she was just to compete.

Despite the setback, Meili plans to pursue professional swimming after graduation. This summer, she will compete to join the USA Swimming National Team. If she makes it, she might have another shot at the Olympics in 2016.

"It's hard to think about the Olympics because it's just a long time and a lot of things can happen between now and then," Meili says. "But I'm definitely training in the summer. Once you start swimming, you're in it for the long run."



Katie Meili '13 PHOTO: CHAR SMULLYAN

Raised in small-town Colleyville, Texas, Meili started swimming competitively at 8. She followed in the footsteps of her older sister, who, she says, "would never let me win." With passions for art and theatre, Meili always wanted to move to a big city. And

> since arriving at the College, she hasn't lost momentum in the pool.

This academic year alone, Meili won first place in the Ivy League Championships in three events — the 100-yard breaststroke, the 200-yard breaststroke and the 200-yard individual medley — as well as placed third in the National Collegiate Athletic Association for the 100-yard breaststroke and competed in both the Olympic Team Trials and the U.S. Open Swimming Championships. Her 200yard individual medley record outpaces Cristina Teuscher '00, a 1996 Olympic gold medalist and the University's best-known swimmer.

Meili loves to win, loves to race and is willing to make sacrifices to be successful. "People have told me that they have never seen someone as competitive as I am," says SENIOR SNAPSHOTS SENIOR SNAPSHOTS COLUMBIA COLLEGE TODAY COLUMBIA COLLEGE TODAY

Meili. "I often go 40–50 days at a time without taking a day off. ... As you get older, you learn to push your body in different ways. You can push your limits and see how far you can go."

That's not to say that everything has been smooth sailing. Waking up for 6 a.m. practice every day, committing time to train and travel for meets, all while taking five or six courses at a time was exhausting, Meili says. But she attributes most of her success to her coaches and teammates.

"I always say that if I hadn't come to Columbia, I wouldn't have gotten this good at swimming," she said. "It was definitely hard when all your friends are going out, and they can stay up as late as they want, and they can eat whatever they want ... when I had to go to bed because I was exhausted or I had practice the next morning ... It's a hard sacrifice when you are going through it, but it's so worth it in the end."

[Editor's note: Another senior has set her sights on the 2016 Olympics. Read about rower Nikki Bourassa '13 at college.columbia.edu/cct; click on Web Extras.]

Grace Lee '14 PH

Gerard Ramm Studies His Native American Heritage

th the support of the College's Henry Evans Travelling Fellowship, Gerard Ramm '13 will devote several months immediately after graduation to exploring his Native American heritage. Ramm, a registered member of the Quapaw tribe, will live with

relatives in Quapaw, Okla., while studying the tribe's language with an elder. He also will assess online Quapaw language databases, which he hopes to expand. "I want to learn the Quapaw language as fluently as possible," says Ramm, who claims tribal ascendancy through his father. "Many Native American languages are in dire threat of extinction."

Ramm's desire to strengthen and preserve the Quapaw language stems from the independent summer research he conducted with funding from an earlier fellowship, the Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship, awarded each spring to five sophomore minority students with the goal of preparing them for doctoral study. Fellows meet faculty, learn about the process of choosing and applying to Ph.D. programs and receive yearly stipends and summer research funding for

the remainder of their College careers. Ramm spent summer 2011 in Quapaw, simultaneously studying and helping to organize his tribe's yearly powwow, which he fondly recalls witnessing as a child. Then, last summer, he attended the Dhegiha Gathering in Quapaw, which brings together speakers and teachers of the Dhegiha family of indigenous languages. "I was exposed to the ways people teach and learn language and the stakes for language revitalization and survival," says Ramm.

An English and comparative literature major, Ramm wrote

his senior thesis on the treatment of Native American figures in contemporary American literature. "There is a lot of Native American literature that gets overlooked in curricula and a lot of Native American traces and symbolism that get overlooked in contemporary literary criticism," Ramm says. "How we deal with the pres-

> ence of indigenous figures in the larger transnational literary canon is interesting to me."

> Ramm, who felt alienated from his Native American roots while growing up in Old Saybrook, Conn., is grateful to the College for enabling him to explore his personal history in an academic setting. "Coming here was an opportunity to rediscover a lot of issues," he says. "There are a lot of resources here, a lot of Native American students and Native American events and professors from whom I learned."

While Ramm, a Junior Phi Beta Kappa inductee, chose the College for its academic reputation and location, he also sought a school where he could nurture his lifelong passion for music and theatre. He played the saxophone with the Columbia University Jazz Ensemble and appeared in several

plays with the Barnard theatre department. His most enjoyable portrayal, however, was Bottom in the King's Crown Shakespeare Troupe's spring 2012 production of A Midsummer Night's Dream. "It's a huge comedic part and it was so much fun," recalls Ramm.

During the next year, Ramm plans to apply to graduate programs in either literature or Native American studies. "My goal is to bring perspectives on Native American culture and politics into a discourse of current cultural studies," he says.

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Gerard Ramm '13 PHOTO: CHAR SMULLYAN

Pre-Med Ashley Shaw Connects Students with Elderly Patients

he elderly nun, a resident at ArchCare at Terence Cardinal Cooke Health Care Center (TCC) in New York City, was quickly declining. A once-gregarious teacher, she had lapsed into near silence by the time Ashley Shaw '13 delivered an envelope in July 2012.

"She held my hand and gripped it," recalls Shaw, a pre-med student who was then interning at the extended care facility for the terminally and chronically ill. "I asked if she wanted me to open the envelope for her. She indicated that she did. A friend

had sent her \$5 to buy a Diet Coke — she loved Diet Coke. I remember the sort-of smile on her face. I sat with her for an hour or more, in silence, just holding her hand."

Such experiences had prompted Shaw to start the volunteer At Your Service program, which connects Columbia students with elderly TCC residents to provide long-term companionship for those nearing the end of life. With grants from the Columbia College Alumni and Parent Internship Fund and the Work Exemption Program, Ashley devoted summer 2012 to laying the

groundwork for At Your Service. Now, each semester approximately 30 College and postbaccalaureate students devote four hours a week to TCC, two of which are spent engaging residents in recreational activities.

"TCC could really benefit from extra hands and extra people to talk to residents who might not have many friends or family who visit," says Shaw. "And there was also the need of pre-med students [at Columbia] who yearned for meaningful patient interaction."

Shaw, who majored in biology with a concentration in art history, became involved with TCC during summer 2011 through an internship offered by the Earth Institute Center for the Study of Science and Religion. She has accepted post-graduation employment at TCC and hopes to enroll in medical school in fall 2014.

In addition to palliative care, Shaw is interested in adolescent medicine as a result of her involvement with Peer Health Exchange, a national teen-oriented health education organization. During the last four years, through the organization's



Ashley Shaw '13 PHOTO: CHAR SMULLYAN

Barnard / Columbia chapter, Shaw has taught more than 45 health workshops in public high schools throughout New York City. As a senior, Shaw also was president of the Columbia University American Medical Students Association – Premedical Chapter and community adviser for McBain residence hall.

The Torrance, Calif., native chose the College for the opportunity to live in New York City, a decision she relishes every time she escapes to Lincoln Center to catch a performance by the New York City Ballet.

A dancer herself since she was 4, Shaw sees a direct connection between her love of art and her work at TCC. "A lot of people at the end of life start to think about what makes life meaningful. Learning about art and what has inspired people to make art throughout the ages — whether it is religion, politics or just the need for expression — is

what makes life meaningful. I feel those two areas of my studies are congruent and complementary."

Nathalie Alonso '08

Devyn Tyler Juggles Interests in French and Acting

y the time Devyn Tyler '13 enrolled in the College, she had landed minor roles in The Curious Case of Benjamin Button, starring Brad Pitt and Cate Blanchett, and The Great Debaters, directed by Denzel Washington. For the past four years, however, her film career has been largely on hold in favor of a degree in French and Francophone studies.

Since the Spring 2011 semester, Tyler has had the support of the Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship, awarded each year to five sophomores of underrepresented minorities who are interested in and demonstrate potential for doctoral study and professorial careers. Fellows meet faculty and graduate students in various fields, learn about the process of applying to graduate school and receive financial support and research training for the duration of their College careers. "It took me from being a sophomore, not knowing what a Ph.D. was or why it mattered, [to having it] explained to me, not only what it is, but also why it's important and how I can get there," Tyler says of the

Tyler, who plans to pursue a Ph.D. in French, credits the course "Major Debates in the Study of Africa" with broadening her view of the French-speaking world

and French colonialism. "I realized I could go to many different places and understand many different histories," she says.

After spending the Fall 2011 semester in Paris through the Columbia-Penn Program at Reid Hall, Tyler became a peer adviser in the Office of Global Programs, where she was a resource for fellow students pondering study abroad in the French capital. This



Devyn Tyler '13 PHOTO: CHAR SMULLYAN

past semester she co-taught an extracurricular French course to middle schoolers at the Thurgood Marshall Academy for Learning and Social Change in Harlem, where she had her students research a French-speaking country. "That wide, diasporic view of the world that French gave me and that made me so excited in college — I wanted to expose them to that," she says.

Tyler first studied French at The High School for the Performing and Visual Arts in Houston, the city her family relocated to when her native New Orleans was ravaged by Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Tyler, who had just started high school in New Orleans, evacuated ahead of the storm and, despite seeing the destruction on television, was initially resistant to starting over in a new state. "I was forced to, because we couldn't go back home," she says. "Even if we did go back, our house wasn't going to be there."

Tyler's transition to the College was smoother; she knew she wanted to go to Columbia from the moment she first visited the Morningside campus as a high school student. "When I saw it I thought, 'That must be what college is.' It was my first 'picture' of college," she says.

After graduation, Tyler, who played Mariana in the King's Crown Shakespeare

Troupe's Spring 2010 production of Measure for Measure, plans to take time off from academia to pursue acting more intensely. "I'm going to take at least a year to get back into the film industry and theatre and get artistically productive again," she says.

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The College Connection

Alumni and students forge meaningful bonds across disciplines and generations

BY ALEXIS TONTI '11 ARTS



Alumni and students mingle in Low Rotunda at Media Networking Night on March 11.

ne Saturday afternoon last June, 70plus incoming students — along with
their family and friends — attended a
Summer Advising session in Alfred
Lerner Hall. After greetings and informational remarks by administrators
and alumni, copies of *The Iliad* were
handed from alumnus/a to student,
one by one, in a ceremonial welcome
to the Columbia community. "You
could see the enthusiasm on their faces," Ganesh Betanabhatla '06
says of the incoming students. "But I could also see people were
nervous. It brought me back to how I felt, embarking on that journey, having so many different thoughts and questions."

On his way out, Betanabhatla stopped by a group of six or seven students and introduced himself. They ventured a few questions — about the city and college and even life after college. He chatted for a few minutes, then gave each his business card and

promised to be responsive if they contacted him.

Among those students was Nikhil Nayar '16. A few weeks later, back home in Yardley, Pa., Nayar began putting together his Fall class schedule. As his thoughts turned to majors and possible career paths, he went to the Center for Career Education (CCE) website to scroll through alumni profiles and immediately recognized Betanabhatla. Nayar's curiosity about finance made Betanabhatla, who works for a New York-based investment firm, a natural go-to. A few emails later, they arranged to meet for brunch near Union Square.

"It was a great experience," Nayar says. "Basically he gave me an intro to what Columbia was, and what the experience was like. He got me very excited about coming here."

Importantly, Betanabhatla also drew out some of Nayar's other

"When he realized I was interested in tech startups," Nayar recalls, "he said, 'You're going to have a lot of time to think about your career; make sure you consider all of your options.' And there are times when we've met since then that he's reiterated that idea. It really affected my freshman year and the choices I made. I was more open to considering different things when I was choosing clubs; I joined the entrepreneurship club [Columbia Organization of Rising Entrepreneurs] early on, and since then it's become an important part of my Columbia experience." He adds that he'll be on the executive board, as treasurer, next year.

Betanabhatla believes strongly in this type of informal meeting with students.

"I pay for breakfast and talk about whatever students want to talk about," he says. "Unless you ask, you never know the answer to things: 'Do you know someone who can help me? I'm thinking about journalism.' or 'Do you know someone who can help in human rights?' They discover the concept of a network and the power of the community that they belong to.

"To say that student-alumni interaction is important is underselling it," Betanabhatla adds. "It's an essential or critical part of the the overarching mission is the same: to enrich the student experience, strengthen alumni ties to the College and in general bridge the gap between life as a student and life after graduation.

"Our 47,500 highly accomplished alumni are one of the greatest resources the College has and I am grateful that they are eager to share their experience and expertise with our current students," says James J. Valentini, dean of the College and vice president for undergraduate education. "The intergenerational community is a key part of the Columbia College experience. Alumni help students imagine career paths and envision life after Class Day, and current students, in turn, provide alumni an opportunity to relive their time on campus. We all benefit from this alumni-student relationship."

The opportunities for connection take many forms, from career-related programs to mentorships to community-building activities. While one office usually takes the organizational lead, programs more often than not are the result of staff members



Media Networking Night has proven to be extremely popular, with students and alumni filling Low Rotunda.

undergraduate experience. One of the unique elements of the CC undergraduate education is having access to general life mentors or professional, career-oriented mentors who are a subway ride away. It's embodied in the name of our school: Columbia University in the City of New York. That prepositional phrase says a lot."

ntergenerational interaction is becoming a definitive part of the Columbia College experience. While alumni-student relationships can grow from less formal encounters, the shift in large part reflects the effort of the College and many of its units, including CCE, Columbia Student Affairs, Columbia Undergraduate Admissions and the Columbia College Office of Alumni Affairs and Development (CCAAD). Working on their own and in partnership with each other and alumni groups — such as the Columbia College Alumni Association (CCAA) and the Columbia Alumni Association — staff members have developed an array of programming to increase and enhance the quality of engagement among students and alumni. Specific goals vary from one program to the next, but

throughout the College pooling expertise and resources.

CCE spearheads the Columbia College Alumni-Sponsored Student Internship Program (see page 30), Columbia Exploration Externship program, Columbia College Dinner & Discussion Series, Media Networking Nights and more. Student Affairs also tailors programs toward professional subjects, from industry-specific panel presentations such as Doctor in the House, Legally Speaking and MBA Marketplace, to lecture series such as CSA Talks, which provides a platform for people "with experiences worth sharing."

Student Affairs also oversees programs in conjunction with the Alumni Office. These include the Dean-in-Residence Dinner and Discussion Program at the Living-Learning Center — the College's all-class integrated residential community — where Cristen Scully-Kromm, assistant dean for community development and residential programs, hosts an intimate, monthly dinner with an alumnus/a for LLC students. There's also the Alumni Parade of Classes at Class Day and Convocation, which reinforces and celebrates Columbia bonds.

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The Alumni Office additionally puts students in contact with alumni through events such as the Dean's Scholarship Reception and the Columbia College Senior Dessert Reception. The former gives scholarship recipients and scholarship donors (and/or their representatives) the chance to meet. Sponsors learn about students' paths to Columbia and lives at the College as well as their plans for the future; students learn about donors' experiences as undergraduates and their professional endeavors. The latter, held for the first time this spring, brought seniors together with members of Columbia College Young Alumni to learn about the opportunities to engage with the Columbia community after graduation, both in NYC and through regional and international alumni clubs.

The Alumni Office also collaborates closely with Columbia College Women, whose mission is to create networks within the alumnae and student communities while building on the legacy of women at the College. CCW's flagship activity is its mentoring program, begun in 1993, which connects alumnae with female

months later, during the send-off reception he hosted with his wife, Anita Vela-Johnson '83 Barnard, he made a point of collecting their email addresses.

"I'd seen and interviewed dozens of students during the last 14 years but what I hadn't done was make that connection afterward," says Salas, who also is president of the Columbia University Club of San Antonio. "I thought, I don't want to lose them anymore — once you're admitted, you're [on your way toward becoming] an alum, and part of the alumni network — and that's something I really want to develop going forward."

While in NYC in October, Salas gathered the entire group for dinner at V&T Pizzeria. "They'd never been," he recalls with a laugh. "I said, 'How can you have been here for a semester and not been?' So I got to introduce them to that. But what I really wanted to know from them was, 'How's it going?'"

Kelly Echevarria '16 and Matthew Sheridan '16E were among the seven. "Simon was great at interacting with all of us on an



Elliot Sloane '83 spoke with a group of students at a Dinner & Discussion Series event on March 4.

undergraduates in one-on-one matches. This year, there were 175 matches. "The program is not meant for the students to find a job," says Michelle Estilo Kaiser '87, '97 P&S, co-chair of the CCW Mentoring Committee, "although that's first and foremost on their minds. And certainly the relationship is different for everyone; there's chemistry involved. But we hope both parties get something out of it that's really valuable, even if it's just one conversation that sticks in their mind."

For some students, relationships with alumni are forged even before they begin their first year. Through the work of the Alumni Representative Committee (ARC), many high school seniors meet alumni during interviews, through welcome receptions for accepted students or at send-off receptions for those who decide to attend.

Simon Salas '79, '83L, '83 SIPA, who chairs the San Antonio/ South Texas Valley region for ARC, had a particularly meaningful experience last year. Of the eight students who attended his welcome reception in Spring 2012, seven chose Columbia. Several individual basis as well as in a group," Echevarria says. "I could tell that he was concerned that we were doing OK and getting through freshman year. He called a few weeks later to check up and to ask about others in the group ... and asked us to make sure they were doing OK. That's what I really appreciated about him."

Echevarria continues: "I love having the relationship with him that I do. If ever I need anything, I can talk to him and he's always looking out for us. A lot of things at Columbia are stressful and career-focused and everyone's looking for alumni relationships to get a job — but it's nice to have this casual, general support relationship, more of a family-type relationship than one that's based on getting ahead or getting into the job market."

Sheridan echoes the sentiment: "It was cool to know that he was looking after our well-being, and to be able to tell our friends, 'Oh, we're going to meet 'our alum.' They all wished they had someone like that from their cities. ... Simon had given me advice not to sign up for so many classes, which I'd ignored — and then got slammed and had to drop one. But I was able to tell him, 'You were right.'

Addressing more broadly the value of students speaking one on one with alumni, Salas says: "When you see an alum who has been out of Columbia for five, 10, however many years, and they're successful and they have interesting jobs, you see the possibilities. Yes, the alumni are emissaries [for the College] but it's more than that — it's about showing here's what life can be. You can read about people's accomplishments and that's great, but when you meet someone and talk to them, and they're articulate and accomplished, the student says, 'That can be me.'"

elping students to see a pathway — or rather, to see many pathways — is a central goal of the career-oriented programs that take place throughout the year. These run the spectrum from large-room lectures, to networking events, to small group dinners. While the backdrop varies, alumni speakers often hew to the same model: They describe their careers and the forces that shaped them, illuminate

advertising, newspapers and more.

Off-campus, two dozen students attended a CCE panel discussion at Bloomberg headquarters in Midtown. Hosted by Janet Lorin '95, '96J, the panelists included journalists John Brecher '73; Robert E. Friedman '69, '71 GSAS; Jared Sandberg '90; and Nick Summers '05 (all of the panelists but Sandberg are former editors-in-chief of *Spectator*). The panelists described their career paths, stressing the value of a broad liberal arts education for journalists, then answered students' questions, staying afterward to chat more casually with individual students.

Other destinations for CCE-sponsored site visits included Bloomingdale's, the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the head-quarters of Major League Baseball.

CCE's Columbia Exploration Externship program, which matches first-year students with alumni in an array of industries for a three- to five-day job-shadowing experience during Spring Break, also took place in March. Among this year's participants



(Left to right) Hooman Mehran '86, Rick Wolf '86 and Mark Berman '86 proudly carry their class banner in this year's Alumni Parade of Classes at Class Day.

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what it means to work in their industry and field questions from students on matters both professional and personal.

A survey of March and April alone illustrates the variety. The CSA Talks series welcomed Li Lu '96, '96L, '96 Business, a leader of the 1989 Tiananmen Square demonstrations and chairman and founder of Himalaya Capital, and Jodi Kantor '96, a New York Times reporter and author of The Obamas. The Columbia College Dinner & Discussion Series featured Elliot Sloane '83, founder and CEO of the communications firm Sloane & Company, and David Feith '09, an editor with The Wall Street Journal and chairman of Citizenship First. And the Dean-in-Residence Dinner and Discussion Program brought in actress and Barnard theatre professor Rita Pietropinto-Kitt '93, '96 Arts; she spoke about breaking into show business as well as her experiences with the Tony Award-winning play Next to Normal, written by her husband, Tom Kitt '96, and Brian Yorkey '93. There also was a Media Networking Night, which allowed students to chat with alumni who work in film, television, marketing,

were Shen Qiu '16 and Albert Pan '16, who worked with Venture for America COO Eileen Lee '05. (The nonprofit trains and places top college graduates at start-ups around the country to give them experience in the world of entrepreneurship.) The last day of their externship coincided with an especially big day for VFA — the final selection of its 2013 fellows — and Qiu and Pan were greeting candidates, observing group interview sessions and taking photographs. In the process, they'd read applications of many of the fellowship candidates, themselves college seniors. Earlier in the week, the two had, on their own initiative, conducted interviews with nine of the 10 VFA staff members to learn more about their backgrounds as well as their positions with the company.

Reflecting on the externship, Pan says, "I had a lot of upperclassmen telling me, this is what you have to do to get into investment banking, and I was pretty set to do all the steps. But now it got me thinking about all the diverse possibilities — like during my summers I don't have to intern at a bank ... Talking to a lot THE COLLEGE CONNECTION COLUMBIA COLLEGE TODAY COLUMBIA COLLEGE TODAY

of people, finding out about their experiences and seeing other people's resumes, it's really like wow, there are so many more options out there. [You can] live your life and try to do interesting things other than just following the generic path."

Of the VFA staffers in particular, Qiu says, "The more interesting part is their personal story, their motivations and inspirations, and how to plan your college life and career. We heard that some of them, for example, went to [a big banking company] and then quit after a year because it was boring or tedious to work in a huge company where you're only functional. We were surprised to hear that, even though the name is prestigious, it's not very challenging or meaningful for intellectual people to work there."

He adds that the experience opened up his and Pan's thinking about the future: "Should we work in those huge-name companies or should we do something like entrepreneurship or a business that we like, like an NGO or nonprofit? It's very inspiring." For Lee, who has worked for VFA for 2½ years, Qiu and Pan

when you are young you have to depend on alumni for opportunities, and when you are old you offer opportunities back to the University, which is really good. It's a win-win effect, because you get something and then you give back."

peaking with alumni about the reasons they get involved with students underscores this idea of a community in action — one whose members help each other in the ways that they can, when they can, and also enjoy that sense of building and belonging to something greater than themselves.

"Above all else Columbia is a community of people. Through our interactions with one another, we have created a unique opportunity for students and alumni to learn, grow and pursue knowledge throughout our lives," says Kyra Tirana Barry '87, president of the CCAA. "Students benefit from the wisdom and guidance alumni provide, while alumni are enriched and energized by the new ideas, enthusiasm and talents that students bring to the table.



Janet Lorin '95, '96J hosted a panel on journalism at Bloomberg headquarters in Midtown on April 4 that featured (left to right) Nick Summers '05, Jared Sandberg '90, John Brecher '73 and Robert Friedman '69, '71 GSAS.

had just the experience she was hoping for. "I thought I only had four options coming out of school," she says. "It was either investment banking, consulting, law or medicine. And so I went into consulting ... [I liked] the idea of being able to expose two freshmen to something other than that, and the idea of trying to make an impact on somebody."

The students also spoke to the value of connecting with Lee herself.

"We can relate on a lot of different levels even though she graduated 10 years before," Pan says. "She was asking us, 'Do you go to these restaurants, these places?' and I said, 'Yeah, I do!' She's been really helpful and down to earth. Before, I would have been hesitant to reach out to people, but now it's given me a different perspective on how they're just willing to be there."

Qiu adds, "I'm from China and in Chinese universities people don't have a very strong connection with alumni. Here we have an Alumni Center and it's a very dynamic relationship, because Alumni are able to share in students' journeys — once again experiencing intellectual wonders and professional pursuits, while enjoying the growing stature of a Columbia College degree."

Jerry Sherwin '55, who is among the College's most active alumni, echoes the sentiment: "Participating in student-alumni programs has made for the most rewarding experiences I have been involved with over the past many years. It has made me feel like I have never left the school."

Pietropinto-Kitt, who as a senior was the student representative on the Board of Directors of the CCAA, recalls the value of her own early experiences with alumni. "It certainly was a direct connection with what the alumni community was after graduation, which I found very comforting, because I didn't want to leave. I was so happy here. It was a very nice bridge for me to see that there was this big network, and I relied on people like Jerry Sherwin and Brian Krisberg ['81, '84L] and Lisa Landau [Carnoy '89], all of these alumni who were just always there to give advice. They weren't

necessarily in the arts but they were certainly life mentors, which was really important."

Rick Wolf '86, in concert with the Alumni Office, began a tradition of alumni-hosted Thanksgiving dinners for students who can't make it home for the holiday. "Part of what drove me is that I had almost no relationships with alumni as a student," says Wolf, who invited students to his Scarsdale, N.Y., home for several years. "It's an attempt to contribute to building a community and helping these students see that when they get out, they're part of a larger community of alumni and that they should be contributing the same way."

Brett Bernstein '84, who also has hosted the dinner, says, "Giving money for some people is easy, and for others it's a stretch. This is another way of giving support that's meaningful. Hopefully it makes students feel good and comfortable and that Columbia truly is more of a community."

Both spoke to the fun of meeting such a diverse group of stu-

the various questions I thought about as a student."

He adds, "As I think about the greatest inflection points of my life, there's normally someone from the Columbia alumni world who came before me who has mentored me or provided me with transformational advice and altered my perspective on things in a way that I hadn't thought possible."

Betanabhatla cites his relationship with Adam Beshara '96, '04 Business as an example. The two met when Betanabhatla was a junior and Beshara was leading JP Morgan's investment banking recruitment effort on campus. Beshara became Betanabhatla's main point of alumni contact both during recruitment and after graduation, once he started with the company.

"On the career end, those first few years are challenging from a physical, mental and emotional standpoint, in terms of hanging in," Betanabhatla says. "There was comfort in having a Columbia alum at the bank who knew what I was doing there, who knew what I was going through, who could be there with



Li Lu '96, '96L, '96 Business, an investment banker who is the founder and chairman of Himalaya Capital Management, spoke with students at a CSA Talks event on March 28.

dents. "Some of them are quite inspiring as to how they got to college and what they've overcome," says Wolf. "They're a uniquely

impressive bunch of students — all very intelligent, very driven, much more poised than I was at that age — by miles." He laughs. "It's nice to see who's at the College these days and to feel that connection to the school when you host."

Betanabhatla, who has met with a number of students in addition to Nayar, says that alumni-student relationships are among the things he valued most when he was a student as well as now, as an alumnus: "I love being part of the Columbia family — getting to know students and learn about their interests and I hope, in some way, be helpful as they think about

advice and point me in the right direction. I talk to him to this day about career choices."

Get Involved

- For information about interviewing prospective students through the Alumni Representative Committee, go to undergrad.admissions. columbia.edu/alumni/resources.
- To help students with career preparation or to sponsor an internship or externship, go to careereducation.columbia.edu/alumni/ opportunities.
- To find out about Columbia College Women and other student-alumni programs, go to college.columbia.edu/alumni/getinvolved.

Betanabhatla adds that when his older brother passed away in 2008, "Adam was there to say, 'I understand you're an ambitious kid but there are some things that are more important than your job.' He talked to me about balance and family. He said you have to do these things. He understood who I was and the parts of Columbia that had shaped me and were in me. He was just a great mentor — personally and professionally."

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CCASSIP Provides Hands-On Experience

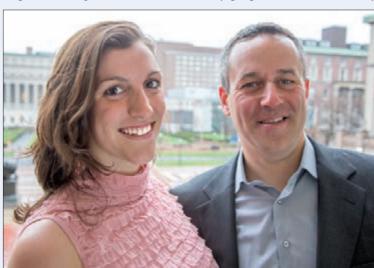
Columbia College Alumni-Sponsored Student Internship Program pairs alumni with students for mutual benefit

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

hen Dr. Thomas Nero Jr. '89 was an undergraduate, the philosophy-religion major wasn't sure what career path he would pursue. The summer between his sophomore and junior years, exploring an interest in medicine, he interned with Dr. George Hashim '67 GSAS, a professor at the Medical School studying autoimmune disease. "It was a transformative experience, and convinced me I could go to medical school," says Nero, now a cardiologist in private practice in Stamford, Conn.

Never having forgotten his pivotal internship, Nero contacted the College about 1½ years ago seeking to provide a similar experience for today's College students. The timing was perfect. He was told about a program set to debut in summer 2012: the Columbia College Alumni-Sponsored Student Internship Program (CCASSIP). Nero happily signed up to take on a student intern, and Ruth Angrand '13, an art history major and volunteer with the Columbia University Emergency Medical Service, landed the opportunity.

As opposed to a research internship or shadowing experience, the CCASSIP internship was very hands-on, Angrand says. She helped Nero organize an event to train lay people in CPR and



Michael S. Satow '88, president and CEO of Nutrition 21, says Corinna Bertelson '14 "made a real contribution" during her CCASSIP internship last summer.

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also worked with his patients, interviewing them, taking their vitals and sitting in during consultations and procedures.

"I had a vague inclination to be an ER doctor, and I've completely changed because of the internship. Now I want to be a cardiologist," Angrand says. "Dr. Nero was such a great mentor and doctor, by the end of the summer I pretty much wanted to do what he does."

CCASSIP is the result of a partnership between the Columbia University Center for Career Education (CCE) and the Columbia College Alumni Association (CCAA) to provide work experience and career mentoring for students. Alumni sponsors arrange for internships at their workplaces; CCE supplies the students with training and follow-up, including goal-setting workshops and tips on getting the most out of an internship. In addition, students attend social and networking events organized by CCE for all CCASSIP participants and, at the end of the summer, each submits a project, in the format of their choosing, about their experience. Some created blogs recording their work experiences; others submitted a letter, essay or photo essay.

CCE works with the Alumni Office to identify potential alumni sponsors. A committee of volunteers led by Jonathan Sobel '88 and Kyra Tirana Barry '87 then reaches out to prospects on an individ-

ual basis; potential sponsors also receive a letter from Dean James J. Valentini, describing the program and encouraging their participation. "This program has and will continue to build upon existing alumni engagement in student career development," says Kavita Sharma, dean of CCE.

"I found internships to be extremely helpful in guiding my early career choices and believe that it is my job to help current students so that they too are able to make educated decisions about their career paths," says Stacy Rotner '99, corporate responsibility manager at the law firm Sidley Austin in New York; Rotner was an alumni sponsor both last year and this year. "CCASSIP provides invaluable opportunities for students while it helps to build and strengthen the Columbia College community."

Last summer, 27 rising juniors and seniors participated in eight- to 12-week internships at 20 alumni's workplaces, including AOL Ventures, NBCUniversal, Public Art Fund, Peppertree Engineering, The Kitchen and The Jed Foundation. This year the program has grown to more than 40 interns.

CCE recruits students to the program in part through information sessions, which cover an array of internship

opportunities, late in the fall semester and in January; administrators then help them one-on-one to prepare cover letters and resumes. Accepted interns attend a half-day training session and are taught workplace etiquette and how to handle scenarios that might arise: What if you come into work early and there's nothing to do? How do you handle water cooler gossip? When is an appropriate time to connect to a coworker on LinkedIn? How do you dress? Special emphasis is placed on getting the most out of the work relationships — getting to know the employer and expanding one's network.

To that end, each intern also is paired with an alumni mentor. The mentors, who don't work at the same company as the intern and might not even be in the same field, are recruited and matched by CCE based on several factors including career interests, shared majors or shared class activities while on campus. (Mentor recommendations also come from CCAA and Columbia College Young Alumni.) The mentors serve as additional contacts to answer questions and discuss concerns about working in the real world and life beyond college.

By design, CCASSIP students do substantive work. Samantha Peltz '14 and Christopher Perkins '14 were placed in the Newark, N.J., office of the Hon. Joseph A. Greenaway Jr. '78, U.S. Court of Appeals Judge for the Third Circuit, who also

is a University Trustee and adjunct faculty member. Their main project was to help Greenaway prepare a speech to be given at Columbia in celebration of Constitution Day (September 17), which celebrates the signing of the U.S. Constitution. "I feel I've read about every civil rights case in the history of the country," Peltz says of the research effort. "It was one of my favorite experiences and opportunities I've had through Columbia."

Greenaway respects the interns' abilities and wants to ensure that both he and the interns get the most out of the relationship. "What I've learned is, they have much more to contribute than you might think," he says. "The real point of this is: Can Columbia kids get an opportunity to do something they wouldn't otherwise be able to do? The question is never, 'Are they capable?' but are you going to be able to give them enough to do so they feel they're making a worthwhile contribution?"

Michael S. Satow '88 arranged for Corinna Bertelsen '14 to work at Nutrition 21, a supplement company in Purchase, N.Y., of which he is president and CEO. Among other things, she prepared databases using information from human clinical studies and crafted PowerPoint presentations to be used for R&D and marketing purposes. Because of the company's small size, Bertelsen also was able to interact with the executives. For example, she joined in on a conference call with a media consulting firm and the head of sales and marketing regarding Nutrition 21's approach to social media, and subsequently created and ran the company's Twitter feed.

"It was great having her. She made a real contribution — it's good for business as well as good for the student," Satow says. "I think if people knew the quality of the candidates they could give offers to, they'd realize they'd be lucky to have the opportunity to work with them because they're so impressive." He says a bonus was hearing how campus life today is both different and the same as when he was in school.

The internship was Bertelsen's first experience working in an office. She says she learned how tough it is to handle a 9–5 job, with a commute, and find time to keep up consistent training (Bertelsen is a member of the varsity swim team). She says she also realized the advantages of working for a small company, as well as her affinity for the field: "This program was illuminating



The Hon. Joseph A. Greenaway Jr. '78 (center) stayed in touch with CCASSIP interns Samantha Peltz '14 and Christopher Perkins '14 even after the program ended.

PHOTO: LESLIE JEAN-BART '76, '77J

in discovering what I want to do. I might like to pursue something in pharmaceuticals." She noted that many of the company's leaders have advanced degrees, which has inspired her to think about getting a master's or Ph.D.

A successful internship program draws on the talents of both parties: Students are expected to work hard, and alumni sponsors must do their part to make sure the experience is meaningful. "It's not easy, it's not like you can get a free employee — that's not the point," Nero says. "I spent at least an hour a day with them I'd otherwise spend on work. The aim is to get them excited about the field." Angrand says she had many discussions with the doctor, not only about patients and procedures but also about women in medicine, the business of having a private practice "and of course Obamacare."

Greenaway, too, made sure to mentor the interns closely. In addition to making himself available for daily discussion time, he arranged for guests from other fields of law. "It gave me specificity about what options I might have after law school," Peltz says. "Judge Greenaway takes mentoring very seriously. How accessible he was was amazing, especially for how busy he is."

Greenaway says that CCASSIP is a great example of one way that alumni can give back to the College that doesn't involve writing a check. "No matter what the professional endeavor, there are opportunities for Columbia students to have challenging and interesting experiences, and it's as or more rewarding for the alum as for the student," he says. In January, he met with Peltz and Perkins about possibly turning his Constitution Day speech into a book and how they might help with that.

Nero believes so strongly in the internship program that he has been trying to convince fellow alumni to participate, including his wife, Elizabeth Zimels '89, a veterinarian. "The more we get involved with the College as alumni, the better the College will be," Nero says. "We should stay involved. Our college experience should never end."

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Vision Quest

Through decades of research, Dr. George Yancopoulos '80 oversees numerous drug advances — including a breakthrough in one to treat eye disease

BY DAVID McKAY WILSON

r. George Yancopoulos '80, '86 GSAS, '87 P&S seemed to have it all in spring 1987.

With his newly minted doctorate in biochemistry and molecular biophysics in hand, he'd accepted a faculty post at P&S and had won a coveted \$2 million award from the Lucille P. Markey Charitable Trust to support his research across eight years.

But the Columbia research labs had yet to be built and the timetable for their completion kept shifting. Through research circles in biotechnology's early days, he'd met Dr. Leonard Schleifer, an enterprising neurologist intent on using gene technology to regenerate neurons — the impulse-conducting cells that serve as the functional unit of the nervous system.

The company was named Regeneron, and Schleifer wanted Yancopoulos to be its founding scientist.

"Len was a very ambitious, big-thinking kind of guy who was charismatic, honest and genuine," says Yancopoulos, who received a 2013 John Jay Award for distinguished professional achievement from the College in March. "We really hit it off."

At the time Schleifer approached him, Yancopoulos, the son of Greek immigrants, was hearing little cheering around the Sunday dinner table in Queens about his career in academic scientific research. His father, Damis George Yancopoulos, who patched together a living at jobs that ranged from furrier to insurance salesman, reminded his son that the grant covered the laboratory's equipment as well, leaving him with a relatively modest salary.

"I thought I'd hit the big time," says Yancopoulos of his academic prospects. "I thought my father would finally be proud of me."

His father, however, had a different path in mind for his first-born son and namesake, the valedictorian at Bronx Science as well as the College. Perhaps it was in the private sector, putting his scientific talents to use healing patients, one at a time, as a physician. Or he could continue his research in a corporate pharmaceutical lab, discovering drugs that would alleviate human suffering for millions. His son might even earn a fortune.

George's father was always talking up Dr. P. Roy Vagelos '54 P&S, also the son of Greek immigrants, who vaulted from academic research to chief scientific officer of Merck & Co., and later was the Big Pharma giant's CEO. He'd often clip articles about Vagelos from Greek newspapers to send his son, detailing how Greece was

proud that the Merck executive had made it big, very big.

"My dad knew scientists didn't make much money, and he wanted to educate his son to make money," says Yancopoulos. "He'd read about Roy Vagelos, and he told me, 'Why don't you be like Roy Vagelos?' When I hit a rough spot in grad school, he told me, 'Just call Roy Vagelos, he'll help you out.""

Yancopolous never called Vagelos. But his father's advice was present in his mind following his meetings with Schleifer, as he designed his post-doctoral life. It was settled. He turned down the \$2 million Markey award. He turned down the Columbia faculty position. And he joined Schleifer as Regeneron's founding scientist.

"I gave up eight years of guaranteed funding for a company that at the time was located in Len's apartment on the Upper East Side," says Yancopoulos, who now is president, Regeneron Labo-

ratories. "It was a convergence of things — meeting Len, my dad pushing me and my intrigue in building something from scratch. If it didn't work out, I figured I could try my hand at the academic track."

With both a medical degree and a doctorate, Yancopoulos was armed with the skill set essential for successful drug discovery. He had the advanced knowledge of science, honed in Columbia's research laboratories. He also had the keen understanding of disease, developed at P&S, which opened his eyes to the unmet medical needs that could be addressed through

(opposite) As Regeneron's founding scientist, Dr. George Yancopoulos '80, '86 GSAS, '87 P&S led the team that created EYLEA, a drug used to treat age-related macular degeneration, the leading cause of vision loss in older people.

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pharmaceuticals. By 1989, Yancopoulos, Schleifer and two other Regeneron employees moved into 10,000 sq. ft. of lab space in the former Union Carbide complex in Tarrytown's Eastview section, about 22 miles north of Morningside Heights.

wenty-four years later, Regeneron has emerged as New York's largest biotechnology company, with 2,000 employees, up from 1,000 in 2009. Its campus of offices and laboratories now sprawls over close to 590,000 sq. ft. in Tarrytown, and a trophy case in Regeneron's lobby highlights its meteoric rise. In 2011, *Crain's New York Business* celebrated Regeneron as one of the New York area's fastest-growing public companies. Another honor came in September 2012 from *Science* magazine, which named it the world's best employer in



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Regeneron is New York's largest biotech company, with

the biopharmaceutical industry.

The company lived up to Crain's billing with revenues of nearly \$1.4 billion in 2012, tripling its totals for 2011. Driving the explosive growth is the drug EYLEA, used to treat age-related macular degeneration, the leading cause of vision loss in people aged 50 and older.

This disease is caused by abnormal growth of blood vessels behind the retina, in the back of the eye. The blood vessels become weak and prone to leakage, which damages the retina. EYLEA's active ingredient — a genetically engineered molecule — binds to a protein that encourages blood vessels, and does so in a way that inhibits blood-vessel proliferation.

The drug won approval from the FDA in November 2011, after more than a decade of research and clinical trials. In January 2012, the company forecast EYLEA sales of \$125–\$150 million that year. By year's end, EYLEA had become so popular among ophthal-

mologists that sales reached \$838 million. Plans to market the drug in Latin America, Japan and Europe are under

"It's now one of the top five blockbusters in biotech history," says Yancopoulos. "We're so well positioned right now. In the last few years, we've gone from a company that was struggling to one that's profitable. It's a very exciting time for us."

t Regeneron's Westchester campus, Yancopoulos greets a visitor wearing jeans with a white button down over a gray T-shirt, and three pens in his shirt's breast pocket. He lives in Yorktown, N.Y., with his children, Damis George (17), Luka (15) and Demetra (12). His

other daughter, Ourania (19), attends Washington University in St.

As Regeneron's chief scientific officer, Yancopoulos oversees the company's robust research program, which has deep Columbia roots. The company research efforts focus on two platforms: the technology that creates new approaches to doing research, and the research itself, with Yancopoulos helping to find new targets, developing molecules for those targets, creating clinical opportunities and then bringing a drug through the federal ap-

Yancopoulos meets regularly with the scientists to plan and strategize about their projects while also making sure that promising candidates move through a rigorous scientific process.

Drew Murphy '87 GSAS, s.v.p., Regeneron Research Laboratories, was a teaching assistant in Yancopoulos' class in molecular biology at Columbia.

"George is all science, all the time," says Murphy, who joined the company in 1999. "He tends to look at things differently. The researchers will have meeting after meeting and come up with a consensus view of how to proceed. Then George will pull out something from a different point of view. He's always right."

Yancopoulos also will go to great lengths to make sure his findings stand up.

"He's highly skeptical of his data and doesn't believe his own results until he has gotten them in multiple ways, using multiple methods," says David Glass '81, who was Regeneron's v.p., muscle diseases, from 1991-2005 and now teaches at Harvard Medical School and conducts research in Cambridge, Mass. "He's one of the strongest scientists I've ever worked with."

The success of EYLEA is the latest triumph for Yancopoulos in a brilliant science career that was nurtured at Bronx Science in the mid-1970s, when he conducted a research project on a single-celled organism, Blepharisma. He was named a finalist in the 1976 Westinghouse Science Talent Search competition, which solidified his dream of becoming a scientist.

As a Columbia freshman, Yancopoulos took a position working in the laboratory of Professor Jonathan Greer '81J, who used X-ray crystallography to study how proteins worked. It was fascinating yet painstaking research, and Yancopoulos eventually grew rest-

> less with the pace of progress. By his senior year, Yancopoulos

decided to move on. He'd become enthralled by new technologies that allowed scientists to clone genes, so he dropped crystallography to dive into that nascent field.

Yancopoulos lived on campus but typically made it home to join his mother and father for Sunday dinner in Middle Village, Queens. He captained the Columbia crew team his senior year and kept in shape by running to Oueens on some Sundays — an eightmile jog through Central Park and over the 59th Street Bridge.

His one regret: not accepting an invitation to row with the national light-

weight team in 1980.

"I went to medical school instead," he says. "I always wonder how I would have done on the team."

rug discoverers like Yancopoulos have to learn to be patient. It took Regeneron two decades to earn its first drug approval, in 2008, and it can cost more than \$1 billion to take a drug from concept to market. In 2012, the company had three drugs on the market, 12 drugs advancing through clinical trials and more than a dozen under development that are candidates for tests on humans. The drugs under development cover the gamut of human maladies: cancer, eye diseases, pain, inflammation, bone disease, muscle disorders, metabolic disease and obesity, infectious disease and cardiovascular disease.

"It never ceases to be an adventure," says Yancopoulos. "My theme has always been that you need to be willing to risk failure. Scientific research is a business of failure, and you have to keep learning from it."

One such failure came in 1997, five years into development of a drug for the treatment of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, known as Lou Gehrig's disease. Results were unfavorable from the Phase 3 clinical trial, in which large numbers of people were tested to confirm the drug's effectiveness, monitor side effects and compare it to commonly used treatments. The drug was never brought to market.

2,000 employees and 2012 revenues of nearly \$1.4 billion.

"We were a little arrogant and naïve," he says.

A seemingly promising drug to treat obesity met a similar fate

Regeneron, however, hadn't wagered its entire pot of investment capital on just one or two drugs. There always were several more in the pipeline.

"When we had the failure, we already had new things we were working on," says Yancopoulos. "It's best to keep investing in the next great thing. You can't wait for a drug to fail. You've got to create a new bet."

Having top leadership helped, too. As Regeneron suffered through a bout of start-up pains in the mid-1990s, Schleifer heard that Vagelos, the pharmaceutical executive whom Yancopoulos' father suggested should be his son's role model, had reached the mandatory retirement age at Merck. Schleifer wondered if Regeneron might woo him to chair the company's board of directors.

Yancopoulos doubted he'd come on board. "My dad had been telling me for 20 years to call Roy Vagelos," says Yancopoulos. "I told Len: 'What, are you crazy? Roy Vagelos isn't going to return your phone call.""

But Schleifer called Vagelos, and Vagelos did return his call. It turned out that Vagelos, one of the University's most generous benefactors, had read scientific papers Yancopoulos had published during Regeneron's early years. The man who led Merck to the pinnacle of the international pharmaceutical industry was now interested in the Westchester start-up whose first drug approval was still 13 years away.

"George had demonstrated leadership in cloning important genes that might have an impact on disease, and it was clear that he would eventually

score by making an important drug," says Vagelos. "I was willing to make a bet on that."

Vagelos, who has been chairman of Regeneron's Board of Directors since 1995, joined the company just as Yancopoulos' team was developing the scientific tools to transition Regeneron from a company focused on neurobiology, creating drugs to treat neurological diseases, to one that used mouse genetics and mouse technology to develop therapeutics for a broad range of

Tom DeChiara '90 GSAS, Regeneron's senior director of transgenic technology until 2011, arrived in Tarrytown in 1992. He had begun to explore embryonic stem cell technology and Yancopoulos saw its promise.

DeChiara learned quickly of Yancopoulos' leadership talent and scientific acumen. For example, DeChiara says, Yancopoulos is methodical and contemplative at meetings as he listens to what everyone has to say, and then offers his interpretation of the data. He can be a taskmaster as well.

"He holds your feet to the fire, but not in a demeaning, negative way," DeChiara says. "He does it in a way that makes you realize that you've erred. He says you were wrong, but won't make you feel like a moron."

eChiara was part of the Yancopoulos research team that found a way to better understand the genetic code of human beings by manipulating the genes of the laboratory mouse, a close mammalian cousin whose genes are remarkably similar to humans.

When scientists mapped the human genome, they were able to identify the 25,000 genes that compose the human genetic code. While the genes were identified, the function of many of these genes was still unknown.

Yancopoulos' team engaged in what is known as the "knock out" process, in which a gene is made inoperable and scientists observe how its absence changes a mouse's functioning. Knowing what a gene does is a first step toward developing drugs to either increase or decrease its function.

While there are other "knock out" technologies, Yancopoulos' laboratory has developed a group of technologies — subsequent-

> ly adopted by the National Institutes of Health — to determine the function of thousands of unknown genes. The Regeneron method does gene knock outs rapidly, and at scale, rather than one or a few at a time.

The VelocImmune mouse — which Regeneron calls the largest mammalian genetic engineering project ever accomplished — has substituted the genes from the human immune system into mice, which then have the capability of producing human antibodies that can serve as potent therapeutics.

"Until you have a tool, you can't Dr. Leonard Schleifer, president and CEO of Regeneron imagine what you can build with it," Yancopoulos says. "At one point, I was asked, 'Why are you spending a couple of million dollars on it? It's just a drain on the company.' But I said, 'Let's let the guys figure it out,' and they did."

> Yancopoulos' scientific rigor has paid dividends on Wall Street as well as in medical clinics, as Regeneron developed into what's called a FIBCO — fully integrated biotech pharmaceutical company, which takes a drug from discovery to manufacturing and marketing. Regeneron has funded its research through partnerships with major pharmaceutical companies around the world.

"When Roy came in, our stock was \$2 a share," Yancopoulos said in March. "Two years ago it was \$18. Since EYLEA won approval from the FDA, the stock price has risen to \$172. Our market capitalization is now valued at \$16 billion."

Yancopoulos' father passed away in 2010, before EYLEA hit the market and became a biotech sensation. Would he be proud of his son today?

"My dad was an old-time guy, a WWII veteran, a tough sort of guy who rarely expressed anything so positive," Yancopoulos recalls. "Even in 2010, I still wasn't good enough; he was still asking me if I was pushing myself. But at the funeral, a bunch of his cronies told me what I knew deep down inside: He was always bragging about me to them."

David McKay Wilson, a columnist at The Journal News in White Plains, N.Y., also writes regularly for TC Today at Teachers College.



Award for distinguished professional achievement, is described by a colleague as "all science, all the time."

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(left); Yancopoulos; and Dr. P. Roy Vagelos '54 P&S,

chairman of Regeneron's Board of Directors, at the

Yancopoulos and four other alumni.

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2013 John Jay Awards Dinner in March that honored

WWII & NYC

No shots were fired in earnest, yet New York City — and Columbia played a significant role in WWII





Kenneth T. Jackson, the Jacques Barzun Professor in History and the Social Sciences, has taught at Columbia since 1968. Though he hails from Memphis, the former Air Force officer is a preeminent authority on New York City and the leader of an annual all-night bike ride from Columbia to Brooklyn. His many books include Crabgrass Frontier: The Suburbanization of the United States (1985), Empire City: New York Through the Centuries (with David S. Dunbar, 2002) and The Encyclopedia of New York City (as editor, 1995). When asked by New York magazine to describe what he does for a living, he answered, "I read a lot. ... and I talk about New York City, just about all the time."

The excerpt that follows is from the book that accompanies "WWII & NYC," an exhibition staged by the New-York Historical Society this past spring (Jackson was president of the society from 2001-04). Both the exhibition and the book describe New York's pivotal role in the 20th-century war that was one of the United States' greatest military moments. In the short term, Jackson says, the war stimulated New York's economy, but in the longer term, the city lost ground to places in the South and West that could better accommodate huge factories and military bases.

Readers can view "WWII & NYC: Harbor Tour With Kenneth T. Jackson," on YouTube: youtube.com/watch?v=SnoxyvkTVaA.

The S.S. America makes its way up the busy Hudson River in 1940, steaming past the skyline of lower Manhattan.

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n December 7, 1941, Japanese airplanes launched a surprise Sunday morning attack on the United States Pacific Fleet at its anchorage at Pearl Harbor in the Hawaiian Islands. The skilled pilots of the *Rising Sun* disabled or sank all eight American battleships in port and killed more than 2,400 sailors, soldiers, and civilians. The next day, a resolute FDR spoke of the attack as "a day which will live in infamy" and asked a joint session of Congress for a declaration of war against Japan.

On December 11, Germany declared war on the United States, even though Hitler's defensive agreement with Japan did not require the Third Reich to act unless Japan were the victim, not the aggressor.

When the United States entered the war, New York was the largest city in the world, with more than seven million residents in the five boroughs and another four million in the nearby sub-

largest city in the world, with more than seven million residents in the five boroughs and another four million in the nearby suburbs. Even during the Great Depression, New York's harbor was the busiest, its skyscrapers the tallest, its land values the highest, and its industrial output the greatest of any city in the world. Fifth Avenue already was synonymous with shopping, Broadway with theater, Madison Avenue with advertising, and Wall Street with finance. The great radio networks and publishing empires were all headquartered in Manhattan, and the New York Stock Exchange was the financial world's dominant trading floor. Once war was declared, residents of the city faced the un-

ington to demand more war contracts; the city, he said, had vast resources to support the war, including millions of square feet of empty factory space, tens of thousands of vacant apartments, and three hundred thousand unemployed workers.

With the entrance of the United States into the war, the military presence in and around the city grew dramatically. Bases like Floyd Bennett Field and Fort Hamilton in Brooklyn, Fort Dix in New Jersey, Fort Wadsworth on Staten Island, Fort Tilden in Rockaway Beach, Fort Hancock on Sandy Hook, and Camp Smith to the north all expanded swiftly. The Navy established the Eastern Sea Frontier, under the command of Vice Admiral Adolphus Andrews from his headquarters at 90 Church Street in Manhattan, to monitor ship movements along the coast. It also installed a submarine net between Staten Island and Brooklyn to prevent incursions by U-boats into the harbor. Coastal artillery batteries went up along the south shore of Brooklyn, the east side of Staten Island, and on the edges of Long Island Sound. Fortunately, they never were forced into action.

The only real Axis test came in the early morning hours of June 13, 1942, when a U-boat took advantage of fog and landed four German saboteurs on the beach at Amagansett, Long Island. Carrying four crates of explosives and \$84,000 in cash, they were instructed to wait six weeks and then begin to destroy American war-making facilities. Unfortunately for the saboteurs, a Coast Guardsman patrolling the beach spotted them soon after they had buried their uniforms and detonators. In desperation, they paid the beach patrolman \$260 to buy his silence. They took an

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known. They had read in newspapers and listened on radios about the Luftwaffe blitz on London in the fall of 1940. Would American coastal cities — New York chief among them — become targets for bombing? What about submarine attacks? After all, German U-Boats — Hitler's fleet of attack submarines — had already been waging a relentless under sea war against Atlantic shipping, and they would presumably redeploy to American waters to attack defenseless oil tankers and cargo ships along the East Coast, crippling American supply lines.

Initially, the Empire City did seem vulnerable. Although German bombers never had the range to reach the United States, U-boats could reach New York, and during the first four months of 1942, enemy undersea vessels sank eighty-seven ships in the Atlantic. One of the first victims was the *Coimbra*, a British tanker transporting American oil to Britain. On January 5, 1942, thirty miles off Long Island, she was sunk by a single torpedo from a U-boat, and the captain and thirty-five crewmen perished; only six injured survivors were rescued from the freezing waters of the Atlantic.

New Yorkers quickly adapted to the mobilization that war demanded. Thousands of volunteer aircraft spotters and air raid wardens turned out for duty twenty-four hours a day. On June 13, 1942, a giant "New York at War" parade saw five hundred thousand participants march up Fifth Avenue from Washington Square to 79th Street. It took eleven hours for all the civilians and members of every service to pass in front of more than two million cheering onlookers. Two days later, Mayor La Guardia told radio listeners in his weekly program that he would go to Wash-

early morning commuter train to Manhattan, while the Coast Guardsman immediately reported the incident to his superiors. The hunt was soon under way.

Trying to blend in with the millions of other people in the great city, the four conspirators took a room on the Upper West Side, mingled with other sightseers at Grant's Tomb, walked around Columbia University, shopped at the Rogers Peet men's store on Fifth Avenue, listened to jazz, and visited a brothel. Despite their infiltration, the saboteurs never blew up anything. They were caught (along with four accomplices who had come ashore in Florida) after two of them traveled to Washington and confessed to the FBI. President Roosevelt ordered a closed military trial for the Germans. All were sentenced to death; FDR commuted the sentences of the two who had confessed; the remaining six were executed on August 8, 1942.

Although sabotage remained a real threat, not all losses came at the hands of the Axis. On February 9, 1942, the S.S. Normandie, the most luxurious ocean liner in the world, was moored at Pier 88 on the West Side. Once the property of France, which was at this point occupied by Germany, the ship had been confiscated by the United States after war began and rechristened the U.S.S. Lafayette for the purpose of taking American troops to Europe. The ship caught fire during its conversion when sparks from a welder's torch allegedly ignited a pile of life vests. Several fireboats and dozens of fire companies were on the scene within minutes. But the flames were not easily extinguished, and the firefighters poured so much water into the vessel that, in the early hours of February 10, 1942, it capsized at its berth.

he Army's recruiting office at 39 Whitehall Street in lower Manhattan became one of the busiest such facilities in the United States as New Yorkers, like their countrymen across the land, joined the service to defend their country. Between 1942 and 1945, more than a million persons in the metropolitan region served in the armed forces, and military uniforms became ubiquitous on the city streets. The New York area became a major center for training as well. Roughly twenty-four thousand men were graduated from the U.S. Naval Reserve Midshipmen's School at Columbia University, meaning that more officers were trained in New York during World War II than at the Naval Academy in Annapolis. The Navy's Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service (WAVES) had its most important national training site at Hunter College (now Herbert H. Lehman College) in the Bronx, the United States Coast Guard maintained its largest training station at Manhattan Beach in Brooklyn, and two-thirds of all merchant seamen who sailed the *Liberty* and *Victory* ships carrying supplies to the front were trained in the city.

The industrial achievement of the United States in World War II was phenomenal by any measure. In 1940, when President Roosevelt issued a call for the production of fifty thousand airplanes per year, it was widely felt to be a pipe dream. Yet by 1944, American factories were producing almost one-hundred thousand airplanes per year — about twice as many as both Germany and Japan together and almost as many as the rest of the world combined. Statistics for jeeps, artillery pieces, self-propelled guns, oil, aluminum, and bombs were equally dramatic. The nation produced so many trucks and shoes that it shared its resources with the British Army

and the Red Army, both of which desperately needed them. Meanwhile, America's shipyards produced so many vessels that by the end of the conflict, the United States Navy was not only larger than that of any other nation, but it was larger and more powerful than all other navies in the world combined.

While World War II helped end the Great Depression of the 1930s by providing jobs for the unemployed, New York was slower to come out of the crisis than other industrial cities, and it received smaller war contracts than other places. In part, this reflected the federal policy of favoring big companies because they could ramp of war production faster than smaller companies could. The degree of concentration was startling. Through the summer of 1942, the largest one hundred firms in America had received seventy-three percent of the war contracts by dollar value. But Gotham's twenty-seven thousand factories, ever small, averaged only fifteen employees each, nothing like General Motors, Ford, and the Chrysler Corporation. And New York companies typically were not oriented to the production of tanks, rifles, boots, artillery, airplanes, jeeps, trucks, armored personnel carriers, and other major instruments of war. Not surprisingly, Detroit received approximately six times the per capita volume of contracts as New York did, and Newark, San Francisco, Cleveland, and Los Angeles garnered four times as much as Gotham. As a result, New York still had an unemployment crisis as late as 1942, when a special delegation went to Washington to convince federal officials to spend more money in the nation's largest city.

With the delegation's success in Washington, New York's industry grew rapidly. By 1944, there were a record 1.86 million people in manufacturing jobs in the city, of which seven-hundred thou-



Navy midshipmen stand at attention with their respective units during a drill on South Field in 1942.

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sand were war-related; this was at a time when one million men from the area were in the armed services. The year before, almost three-hundred new industrial plants opened in New York between January and April. The products turned out in the city's factories were wide-ranging: airplane parts, metal products, spun glass fibers, optical lenses and prisms, dehydrated foods, bombs, canvas goods, tents, tarpaulins, haversacks, leggings, mattress covers, powder bags, bandages, and life preservers. The Canal Street area was covered with small electrical and metal shops, many of which contracted with the War Department.

The Brooklyn Navy Yard was the busiest such facility in the world. With more than seventy-five thousand employees (versus over fifty-five thousand at the Philadelphia Navy Yard or more than twenty thousand at the Wilmington Shipyard) working seven days a week and around the clock between 1942 and 1945, the "yard" was a world unto it-



William W. Havens '46 GSAS, who began his career working on the Manhattan Project at Columbia and was for nearly two decades the University's director of nuclear science and engineering, scans the screen of a cloud chamber in Pupin, watching the tracks of nuclear particles. The chamber is an apparatus, weighing more than 300 lbs., for making visible the paths of submicroscopic nuclear particles.

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sand other ships were repaired at the yard during World War II, including the Royal Navy battleship *H.M.S. Malaya*, which was refitted in Brooklyn to relieve the pressure on British shipyards.

The Brooklyn Navy Yard was but one of forty ship-building and ship-repair facilities in the city. Bethlehem Steel's Staten Island vard built forty-seven destroyers, seventy-five landing craft, five cargo ships, and three ocean-going tugs during the war. Todd Shipyards in Brooklyn's Erie Basin had 19,617 employees in 1943, occupied mainly with building and repairing destroyers. They reputedly could take a vessel that had been badly damaged by a German torpedo and put it back in service in a matter of days. Over the course of the war, Todd repaired and refitted some three hundred vessels and built twenty-four landing craft of the type which took American soldiers to the beaches of Normandy on D-Day.

Other New York factories were equally busy with work.

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In Queens, the Steinway Piano Company manufactured glider wings on behalf of General Aircraft Corporation. On D-Day. these gliders were towed behind regular aircraft and then cut loose over drop zones in France to take airborne assault troops behind enemy lines. Aircraft parts were made in Long Island City, and the Aluminum Corporation of America built a 101-acre, 1.1-million square-foot plant along Maspeth Creek that employed ten thousand workers and produced millions of tons of aluminum.

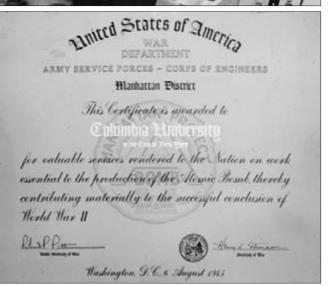
The City's garment industry, long the center of American clothing manufacture, produced a substantial number of military uniforms. The Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America negotiated for the Army and Navy contracts to be dispersed among its many union shops in different cities, but New York was assured that its fifty thousand metropolitan-area members would have work. A contract for more than 1.2 million overcoats (valued at \$2.8 million) was issued in 1942. New York and Philadelphia shared a contract for one hundred thousand Navy uniforms, and the Army gave contracts for one-hundred-twenty five thousand garments to shops in Brooklyn and Manhattan. The United States Naval Clothing Depot, at Third Avenue and 29th Street in Brooklyn, was among the largest and most sophisticated clothing production and distribution

plants in the world. Within its walls, over a thousand employees manufactured, packaged, and shipped all the white twill and blue flannel uniforms and auxiliary garments that were worn by sailors of the entire United States Navy.

In the New York area, heavy industry was located in the suburbs rather than in the city itself. Long Island in particular had been important in aviation history from the time the Wright Brothers first demonstrated the possibility of controlled flight. Republic Aviation's Farmingdale plant made more than fifteen thousand P047 Thunderbolt fighters, many of which provided air support above Allied armies in Europe. Similarly, Grumman Aircraft Engineering Corporation in Bethpage was the major production center for the Navy's Hellcat fighter planes and Avenger torpedo bombers. And in New Jersey, the Curtiss-Wright Company made aircraft engines and propellers in Caldwell and Paterson.

Many of the metropolitan area's contributions to Allied victory were intellectual and psychological rather than physical. The city's





(Top) John R. Dunning '34 GSAS (left) and Eugene T. Booth at the control panel of a cyclotron in the basement of Pupin in 1967. At that site, 25 years earlier, they witnessed the first demonstration of atomic fission in the United States. (Above) A certificate awarded by the War Department to Columbia in 1945 for its part in the Manhattan Project.

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and Hollywood filmmakers, the most renowned of whom was John Huston, director of The Maltese Falcon. Particularly moving was the story of Harold Russell, a demolition expert who lost his hands. To inspire other maimed soldiers, he was the focus of a film made in Queens called Diary of a Sergeant. Russell later became better known when he starred in the 1946 Hollywood film The Best Years of Our Lives. But New York's most important contribution to the war effort remained a secret until long after the final surrender. The development of the atomic bomb began in the Pupin Physics Laboratories of Columbia University, where Leo Szilard and Nobel laureate Enrico Fermi, among others, be-

gan experimenting with nuclear

fission. The early effort employed

a group of physicists at Columbia,

while members of the football

team helped move hundred-

pound packs of uranium. After

1942, the bomb's production was

overseen by the Army Corps of

Engineers. The Corps named the

project the Manhattan Engineer

District, believing that following

the convention of naming engi-

media prowess was tapped in

the service of the war effort. From

the former Paramount Studios

lot in Astoria, Queens, the Army

Pictorial Service made military

training films and instructed

combat cameramen and photog-

raphers. At its peak it had both

military and civilian employees,

including famous New York

neering commands for the city in which they were headquartered would avert suspicion. Eventually, even as it moved across the country, the entire undertaking would come to be known as simply the Manhattan Project. Its lead researchers moved to the University of Chicago and then to Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and Hanford, Washington. In Los Alamos, New Mexico, the final development of the weapon occurred, headed by J. Robert Oppenheimer, who had grown up at 155 Riverside Drive on the Upper West Side.

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New York's most important contribution to the war effort — the Manhattan Project — remained a secret until long after the final surrender.

self. Its two-hundred-ninety acres contained seven huge dry docks, forty-seven mobile cranes on tracks, eight piers, two colossal steel shipways, two twelve-hundred foot-long graving docks, foundries, machine shops, warehouses, a power plant, and a hospital. It was crisscrossed by nineteen miles of paved streets and thirty miles of rails. Pier G was home to the Hammerhead, the largest crane in the world at the time. And just outside the gates were more than eighty supporting factories, which together reduced the amount of materials that needed to be transported there.

The Navy Yard was the foremost builder of battleships in the world, and it produced more of them than Japan during World War II. The *U.S.S. Arizona*, which was bombed and sunk at Pearl Harbor — taking more than one-thousand sailors to an early death — was built there at the end of World War I. So too was the battleship *U.S.S. Missouri*, on whose deck the Japanese formally surrendered on September 2, 1945. In addition, the workers at the Brooklyn Navy Yard built battleships *Iowa* and *North Carolina* and five aircraft carriers (including the *Franklin D. Roosevelt*, the *Bon Homme Richard*, the *Bennington*, the *Kearsarge*, and the *Oriskany*). They also constructed eight large ships designed to ferry tanks onto the beaches on D-Day.

Warships built at other facilities were frequently brought to the Brooklyn Navy Yard to be fitted with guns. More than five thouInside a converted ice plant on Marcy Avenue in Brooklyn, Pfizer — a Brooklyn company founded by two German immigrants in 1849 — built the first factory to mass-produce the world's first life-saving antibiotic, penicillin. Having beaten other companies in finding a way to mass-produce the brand-new drug, Pfizer bought the ice plant on September 20, 1943, and quickly converted the factory into the first penicillin factory in the world. Amazingly, within three months of the plant's opening on March 1, 1944, it produced most of the penicillin to go ashore with American troops on D-Day, June 6, 1944. By that date, American penicillin production was one-hundred billion units *per month*, and Pfizer was making more than fifty percent of it. An advertisement of the time depicted four military men and women at the center of a line of civilians. Beneath them, a caption read, "These are alive today…because of PENICILLIN."

The Carl L. Norden Company developed and manufactured the top-secret Norden bombsight for the Army Air Forces, which needed it for bombardiers over Germany and Japan. The Norden Company had its headquarters and major production facility at 80 Lafayette Street in Manhattan and an additional factory at 50 Varick Street. Meanwhile, the Sperry Gyroscope Company in Brooklyn and the Ford Instrument Company in Long Island City were producing other devices to help naval gunnery officers

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Although far removed from the battlegrounds of Europe, Africa and Asia, Columbia played a significant role in WWII. Pupin Physics Laboratories on the Morningside Heights campus was the site of the Manhattan Project, where the development of the atomic bomb began. Approximately 24,000 men graduated from the U.S. Naval Reserve Midshipmen's School at Columbia during WWII, meaning more officers were trained during that time in New York than at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md.





(Left, top) The academic procession at Commencement in 1944 makes its way up the steps of Low Plaza between lines of uniformed midshipmen standing at attention and civilians in academic dress. (Left, bottom) V-12 students in naval dress race to class in Hamilton Hall in 1943. (Opposite) Students stand guard with binoculars and fire extinguishers atop **Butler Library (then** called South Hall) during an air raid drill in December 1941.

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1944 COLUMBIAN; (LEFT,
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(Opposite) Columbia competes against the Midshipmen's School during winter 1943-44. (Clockwise from top left) John R. Dunning '34 GSAS (right) describes to George Pegram (Class of 1903) his "atomic pinball machine," which he used to explain atomic energy to the public; Army reserve students take an exam prior to going on active duty, May 1943; Frank D. Fackenthal (Class of 1906), who was acting president of Columbia from 1945-48, receives a plaque from the **Navy Department** "for effective cooperation in training of naval personnel during World War II"; students buy war bonds in 1942; children study a 1948 exhibit dealing with Columbia's role in the atomic energy program; Valentine Diehl '41, a Marine lieutenant, recruits students in February 1942.

PHOTOS: (OPPOSITE)
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COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY;
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Alumni Relive Their Campus Days

Nearly 4,000 alumni and guests enjoy campus and NYC at Alumni Reunion Weekend and Dean's Day 2013

By Lisa Palladino





Blue skies and festive banners welcome alumni to campus; Dean James J. Valentini chats with two alumni at the Saturday afternoon affinity reception for varsity athletics.

PHOTOS: LEFT, EILEEN BARROSO; RIGHT, MICHAEL DAMES

lmost 4,000 College alumni and their guests returned to campus and to venues throughout New York City from May 30-June 2 for Alumni Reunion Weekend and Dean's Day 2013. Gathering this year were classes that end in 3 and 8, and all alumni and parents were invited to Saturday's Dean's Day, which offers lectures and Mini-Core Courses that allow alumni to relive their classroom days while offering parents a taste of what their sons and daughters experience.

Among the weekend's highlights were Thursday's cultural events in Midtown; Friday's Mini-Core Courses and the Young Alumni Party aboard the U.S.S. Intrepid; and Saturday's address by Dean James J. Valentini, Public Intellectual Lectures and the presentation of the Society of Columbia Graduates 65th Annual Great Teacher Awards. Perennially popular events, such as Camp Columbia for Kids, the Wine Tasting and the Starlight Reception all were back and offered something for every age group. Some classes also held panel discussions, giving alumni a chance to revive their Columbia-honed debate skills as well as to discuss a current topic of interest. Sunday offered a new event,

the Celebration of Service to Columbia, Community and Country, an interfaith service held in St. Paul's Chapel.

Another new event was the presentation of the Dean's Leadership Award, which recognizes those who demonstrate extraordinary class leadership and honors an alumnus/a "whose behavior raises the sights of all classmates and has a positive impact on the College's fundraising priorities." The inaugural recipients were CCT Class Correspondent Paul Neshamkin '63; University Trustee Jonathan S. Lavine '88; and Board of Visitors Member Andrew Borrok '93, '01 Business. Each was honored at his Saturday class dinner by Valentini.

Several reunion classes set records with their Class Gifts this vear. The Class of 1963 presented the largest 50th reunion gift to date with \$1.925 million, the Class of 1988 presented the largest reunion gift ever with \$19.88 million and the Class of 1993 presented \$242,612, a class record.

To view more photos from Alumni Reunion Weekend, Dean's Day and the Young Alumni Party as well as to view class photos and the list of Dean's Pins recipients, go to Web Extras at college.columbia.edu/cct.







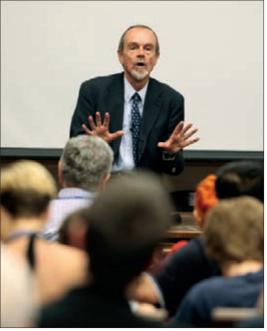


Even Butler Library dresses up for Saturday night, which includes (left) dancing under the tent at the Starlight Reception and (above, left) attendees taking a break and reminiscing on Low Steps; on Friday night (above, right) celebrants-turned-sailors gather aboard the U.S.S. Intrepid at the Young

PHOTOS: MIDDLE ROW RIGHT, MICHAEL DAMES; ALL OTHERS, EILEEN BARROSO

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On Saturday (clockwise from top left), Society of **Columbia Graduates director Ronald Mangione** '69E (far left) and president Guy Longobardo '49E (far right) present the 65th annual Great Teacher Awards to Engineering professor Shih-Fu Chang and College professor Stuart Firestein; Philip Kitcher, the John Dewey Professor of Philosophy, considers how to integrate scientific expertise with democratic values during a Mini-Core Course; two attendees share a laugh at the Class of '43 and Class of '48 combined luncheon; guests catch up during an afternoon reception; and little Lions enjoy Camp Columbia

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Relief, Recovery, Resilience

ore than eight months after Hurricane Sandy made landfall on the night of October 29, the reverberations are still being felt, especially in the coastal areas of New York and New Jersey. At the time the storm hit, Nate Bliss '05, who has worked on Coney Island economic development issues for eight years, shifted immediately into a relief role for the battered neighborhood on the southern edge of Brooklyn and has been focused on recovery ever since. On a different peninsula, in Rockaway Park, Queens, Brian O'Connell '89 saw Scholars' Academy, the public school that he founded in 2004, severely damaged by floodwater. His was the simultaneous challenge of seeing to the students' education as well as the school's restoration.

In both cases, these hard-working and dedicated alumni contributed to the rebuilding of their communities. Read on for their stories.



New York's coastal areas, including Coney Island and the Rockaway Peninsula, suffered tremendous damage from Hurricane Sandy. In Coney Island's Sea Gate community, many beachfront homes were battered by the storm surge. PHOTO: BEBETO MATTHEWS/AP/CORBIS

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Sand in His Shoes

Nate Bliss '05 has played a key role in Coney Island's comeback

BY MARY JEAN BABIC

n a cold, sunny morning in late March, a group of elected officials, business owners and civic leaders crowded a small stage on the Coney Island boardwalk to proclaim the amusement mecca open for the 2013 season. Palm Sunday opening day is a longstanding tradition with longstanding rituals: the blessing of the rides, the breaking of a bottle of

Brooklyn egg cream on the Cyclone roller coaster. This year, the ceremonies held particular significance. Just five months earlier, Hurricane Sandy had decimated the iconic beachfront commu-

nity, and at times it seemed doubtful the rides would ever run again.

Up on the dais, seated next to U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.), a young man with short dark hair listened attentively as one dignitary after another stepped to the microphone. Though he didn't speak, Nate Bliss '05 has been an indispensable figure in Coney Island's recovery. In fact, when Dennis Vourderis, co-owner of Deno's Wonder Wheel Amusement Park and the morning's emcee, introduced the people on

(Opposite) Nate Bliss '05 stands in front of the Wonder Wheel, one of Coney Island's iconic amusement park attractions, which was damaged by Hurricane Sandy but reopened in March after \$1 million in renairs

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stage, he said of Bliss, simply, "Everyone knows Nate."

This was true enough before Sandy and it's even more so now. Bliss has worked on Coney Island economic development issues for eight years and is the city's point man on ambitious plans to revitalize "the people's playground." He wears several hats: a v.p. of the New York City Economic Development Corp.; president of the EDC-funded Coney Island Development Corp., which is charged with implementing strategic and rezoning plans; and interim executive director of the Alliance for Coney Island, a recently formed group of businesses and civic organizations dedicated to the neighborhood's improvement.

Busy as he was with development work, it went on the back burner for a while after October 29. When the hurricane struck, Bliss swung instantly into relief mode. He worked nearly non-



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stop for weeks — shoveling sand off the boardwalk, organizing volunteers, knocking on businesses' doors to see what they needed — and soon thereafter helped launch an initiative called #ConeyRecovers. Operating under the auspices of the Alliance for Coney Island, #ConeyRecovers is a central resource for grants and information to help residents and business owners rebuild. City Hall took note of Bliss' actions, and in early December he was named leader of a newly created Business Recovery Zone in south Brooklyn, tasked with helping small businesses get back on their feet. Shortly after that, EDC President Seth Pinsky '93 asked Bliss to join the citywide Special Initiative for Rebuilding and Resiliency. The initiative, headed by Pinsky at the behest of Mayor Michael Bloomberg, will make recommendations on how New York City should rebuild from Sandy and prepare for the impact of climate change on critical systems and infrastructure. The group's report was due in May.

Disasters make for extraordinary times, and though some of his responsibilities will dial down as the recovery moves forward, Bliss has put in a lot of evening and weekend hours to keep up with it all. But his EDC colleagues, he says, work just as hard; long hours go with the territory. Fortunately, he enjoys what he does. "It's a privilege to help New York City and its neighborhoods and residents reach their full potential," he says. "It's rewarding work."

he morning after the storm, Bliss was one of the first city employees to reach Coney Island. Driving down Ocean Parkway from his home in Prospect Heights, he knew things were bad before he even reached the northern edge of the neighborhood. Electricity was out, cars were scattered pell-mell and sand covered the road several blocks inland. "The scariest thing was when people started opening their doors and rolldown gates and seeing what was behind them," says Bliss. "It was five to eight feet of stillwater flooding that killed us in Coney Island."

Some landmarks were shuttered for months, including the New York Aquarium, which had been a week away from breaking ground on a 57,000-square-foot shark exhibit and suffered \$65 million in damage, and the original Nathan's Famous hot dog emporium, which had never closed a day in its 96-year history. Both reopened in May.

That first day, Bliss set up an impromptu relief center in the parking lot of MCU Park, the Brooklyn Cyclones' baseball stadium. The parking lot quickly became an operations base from which Bliss directed the efforts of volunteers and a host of aid groups including the American Red Cross, FEMA and the National Guard. Barely a year earlier, Bliss had taken a catastrophe response class while studying for a master's in real estate from NYU. Now, he faced a full-on catastrophe in his own backyard.

Lola Star, who owns the Lola Star Souvenir Boutique on the boardwalk, says that Bliss "was an absolute hero" in those first awful days. "I don't know what we would have done without Nate," says Star. "His dedication to and love for Coney Island during this tragedy were absolutely extraordinary."

The image of Bliss shoveling sand off the boardwalk is one that will stay with the Wonder Wheel's Vourderis, but he already knew of Bliss' dedication from years of working with him on redevelopment efforts. "He's at meetings, he's at grand openings, he's at ribbon cuttings," says Vourderis, whose family has owned the Wonder Wheel and adjacent amusement park for 40 years. "He's part of the family, part of the fabric that makes up Coney Island today."

Vourderis sees in Bliss a sincerity and attention to detail not often found in city staffers. "A lot of these guys will give you lip

service, but not Nate," he says. "Nate gets stuff done. He's not afraid to get his feet wet, to get his hands dirty."

Pinsky, Bliss' boss at the EDC, says that Bliss combines the technical and management acumen to see a capital-improvement project to completion — be it an amusement park or sewer system — with more intangible qualities.

"Where I think he's particularly effective is in dealing with the people in the community, making himself really a trusted partner," says Pinsky. "There are a lot of people who bring only one set of skills. Nate is a unique individual in that he is not just empathetic but able to turn that empathy into action."

And even with hurricane recovery dominating their efforts in recent months, Pinksy adds, "Nate and his team have not lost sight of the long term and the need to keep thinking strategically while helping people on a tactical level."

For his part, Bliss was deeply moved by the community's determination to dig out from the hurricane's wreckage. "People didn't sit on their hands for a moment," he says. "They started rebuilding their businesses as soon as they could."

No one denies, however, that the neighborhood has a long road ahead. For all the celebratory vibe of opening day, some of the neighborhood's 50,000 residents remain displaced and out of work. Many businesses are yet to reopen; some have closed for good. "There's optimism," Bliss says, "coupled with the new reality."

rowing up in Virginia with Yonkers-born grandparents, Bliss visited New York City frequently enough to know that he wanted to live there one day. It was one of the strongest draws for attending Columbia, and he soaked up all the city had to offer — music, food, neighborhoods. On campus, he was "a real explorer" of academic paths and extracurricular activities; he tried pre-med before settling on urban studies as his major. For one season he rowed with the lightweight crew and became fascinated by what he calls the city's "forgotten urban waterfront," the Harlem River, where the team practices. He also started a Bliss family tradition: His sisters Rebby '07, '13 Business and Samara '13 both followed him to Columbia.

When he's not working, Bliss is the bassist and backup vocalist for a pop/punk/indie band called the Aye-Ayes. He's also planning his wedding next year to Amira Ibrahim '05 Barnard. They didn't know each other during their time on campus but friends introduced them shortly after graduation. "So clearly," says Bliss, "Columbia has had an influence on my life trajectory."

Bliss' employment at EDC began in 2005, when he took a summer internship in its development department. He parlayed the internship into a full-time job as a junior project manager, and in 2010 he was promoted to his current position. All along, Coney Island has been his territory.

The neighborhood offers a feast for an urban policy guy to sink his teeth into: amusement parks, entertainment, a major transit center, a beach and a diverse population. "The people are awesome," says Bliss, who has collaborated with "pastors from local churches as well as burlesque dancers and freaks from the entertainment venues." And after working side by side with residents after the hurricane, Bliss says his connection to Coney Island now "is doubly strong."

Perched on the southern edge of Brooklyn, about an hour by subway from Midtown, Coney Island — which actually is not an island but sits on a peninsula — has drawn recreation seekers since the 1830s, when sweaty Manhattanites traveled there by steamship or carriage for a seaside vacation. The first half of

the 20th century was the area's heyday, especially after subway service linked Brooklyn to Manhattan in 1915, delivering hordes of daytrippers to its beach, amusement parks and cheap entertainment. Following WWII, a number of factors contributed to Coney Island's decline: air-conditioning, which made it more bearable to stay indoors; the expansion of automobile ownership, which put less-crowded Long Island, New Jersey and Connecticut beaches within easier reach; and the city's overall economic troubles in the 1970s.

When Bliss started working in Coney Island in 2005, the city was in the throes of writing a comprehensive plan to stimulate economic growth in the neighborhood. Securing its distinctive character as an amusement destination was a central piece of that strategy. At that time, the trash-strewn, vacant lots along the boardwalk were being eyed for high-rise hotels and condos, something few Coney Islanders wanted to see. So the city bought about seven acres from condo developers — an acknowledgment, says Bliss, "that amusement parks will have a hard time surviving, given the vagaries of the real estate market. If the city was serious about preserving Coney Island, it had to do that."

The city, however, had no wish to actually operate amusement

parks. A private company runs the two new parks that have gone up on city-owned land: Luna Park, which opened in 2010, and the Scream Zone, which opened a year later. Another major project, Steeplechase Plaza, was set to open on Memorial Day. It will be an outdoor plaza with retail and performance space and a restored 1919 carousel. Both Luna Park and Steeplechase Park resurrect the names of long-closed attractions from Coney Island, hearkening back to its glory days and, the hope is, heralding new ones. Beyond the amusement zone, a YMCA is under construction and rehabilitation of several neighborhood parks also is in the works.

In November, New York City voters will elect Bloomberg's successor. At the moment, Bliss isn't heading for the door, but the arrival of a new administration, he says, is a natural turning point for someone in his position. Whatever his next job may be, Bliss knows he's been fortunate to have begun his career on turf as unique and rich with history as Coney Island.

"There's a saying in Coney Island: 'Once you have sand in your shoes, you never get it out,'" says Bliss. "For better or worse, I'll always have sand in my shoes."

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Bliss has been working in Coney Island since 2005 and says wherever his career takes him, "I'll always have sand in my shoes."

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Scholars in the Storm

How one alumnus, the school he founded and a community beat Hurricane Sandy

By Michael R. Shea '10 Arts

n a brisk February morning, 20 middle school honor students, most with a parent or two by their side, sat before plates of bacon and eggs in the second floor library at Scholars' Academy, an accelerated New York City public school for sixth through 12th graders in Rockaway Park, Queens.

"This," school principal and founder Brian O'Connell '89 told the gathering, "is my favorite day of the month."

The students had earned their special before-school breakfast with O'Connell through a combination of good grades and good character. During the next hour these Outstanding Scholars of the Month were celebrated; the principal read glowing letters from the teachers and the students posed for pictures snapped with an iPad before beaming parents. For these kids, it was an achievement on many levels: some of them still lived in hotels, or with their extended families or in the few rooms in their homes not destroyed by Hurricane Sandy.

Scholars' Academy sits in the middle of the Rockaway Peninsula, on a slice of land less than a ½-mile wide, sandwiched between Jamaica Bay and the Atlantic Ocean. When Sandy made landfall here on October 29, it flooded the school in minutes. Saltwater mixed with overflow from a sewage treatment plant next door. The basement became a fish tank of floating waste. The gray-black water came up through the first floor, destroying everything that wasn't suspended four feet up. The new gym floor, bought with the help of parents and local businesses, rippled and cracked. Black mold soon covered everything, working up the walls toward the classrooms on the second floor of the two-story building.

Scholars' Academy was among the hardest hit of all New York City schools by the hurricane. It was also the last one to reopen afterward — nearly three months later, on January 11, which happened to be O'Connell's birthday. Remarkably, thanks to the school administration's quick redirection of students to temporary schools in East New York, most of the kids didn't miss a single day of school.

"You stood out," O'Connell told the 20 middle-schoolers. "You avoided distractions. You earned this."

cholars' Academy grew from O'Connell's vision. Born in Brooklyn, raised in the Rockaways by a taxi driver father and a mother who worked in the cafeteria at Far Rockaway H.S., he grew up watching its best students endure long bus rides to the city's top middle and high schools. In 2003, as prin-

cipal at The Belle Harbor School in the Rockaways (then just an elementary school), O'Connell was struck by the local class numbers: Of the 125 fifth-graders graduating from his school, only 24 matriculated to Rockaway Park's only middle school, P.S. 180.

"Parents vote with their feet," O'Connell says. "For a lot of reasons, they didn't feel a viable middle school option was in their community."

With the support of his regional superintendent, Kathleen M. Cashin Ed.D. — now a member of the New York State Board of Regents — O'Connell drafted the plan for a different kind of school on the edge of Queens. As an accelerated program, it would require applicants to score high on the city's standardized tests. As a meritocracy, it would retain the Rockaways' top talent, regardless of race, religion, neighborhood or financial situation.

Anywhere other than a school hallway O'Connell could be mistaken for a politician or corporate executive, with his direct manner and tailored suits. But here at Scholars', he seems more like a fun uncle. "Hey, Mr. O!" the students call out, holding doors for him, asking about his weekend.

Outside his second floor office, O'Connell stops. "See this," he says, slapping a wall that's covered with photos of his wife and two kids, of students and of school sporting events. "This is my Facebook. No one can hack it."

Inside, a small Irish flag hangs over his desk. His father is Irish. On one bookshelf is an autographed picture of *The Sopranos'* Paulie Walnuts. His mother is Italian. Through the window, the football field of next-door Beach Channel H.S. stands against Jamaica Bay. "That's where I made a 95-yard touchdown run," O'Connell says. "I'm sure that's why I got into Columbia."

O'Connell was an all-city fullback and rushed for just shy of 1,000 yards his senior year, 1984. Recruited, he played all four years at the College, at a time when the program wasn't quite so storied. "Sports Illustrated covered us one year, and not because we were great," he says, laughing. When his team broke the school's 44-game losing streak, he swung from the goal posts with the other players.

O'Connell graduated with a major in political science, though his mother told him: "You should become a teacher. You'll never be bored." He says she couldn't have been more correct. "I'm restless. I have a lot of energy. It's still something I manage and focus."

After Columbia, O'Connell substitute taught in Brooklyn while earning a master's in elementary education in just five months at Adelphi University on Long Island. He also owned two taxicabs that he managed out of Howard Beach Taxi. During Easter recess one year, his driver wrecked a car on the Van Wyck Expressway; his second car had engine troubles and was down for the count.









Scholars' Academy, founded by Brian O'Connell '89 in 2004, moved into its two-story home in Rockaway Park (Queens), N.Y., in 2005. It was flooded from Hurricane Sandy plus toxic overflow from a sewage treatment plant next door, and its students were bussed to other schools for nearly three months. At Mill Basin Elementary School, they were greeted with welcome cards made from construction paper. Scholars' reopened on January 11 and in early February, O'Connell posed with some of his students in front of a sign bearing the slogan that came to define their rebuilding effort: Rockaway Resilient.

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"I spent the whole break taking the front end off one car with a ratchet set and putting it on the other car. It was mechanical, finger-banging, hand-scrapping, back-breaking work," he says. "I remember thinking, "This isn't for me.' I knew I had to throw myself 100 percent into education."

He was hired full-time as a fifth-grade teacher at P.S. 236 Mill Basin in Brooklyn in 1992 and rose to assistant principal in 2000. But that December, he found himself "in a funk," having lost out on a principalship. He turned to technology, always his hobbyhorse, and started videotaping his best teachers in action in the classroom. On staff development days, he showed the videos to staff, and the highlighted teacher would present on how his or her style worked.

In April 2003, O'Connell was promoted to principal of Belle Harbor School, the elementary school where he realized just how few Rockaway students stayed in the Rockaways for middle and high school. That summer he was tapped by Cashin and started on what he calls "the dog and pony show of selling a school." He pitched the district and the community the idea of a gifted middle school program that could retain the peninsula's best and brightest.

Scholars' Academy opened in 2004 as a sixth-grade middle school program, with the students divided between two locations in East New York. A year later the staff and students moved into a permanent home, which they shared with a struggling local high school, P.S. 180. By 2006 Scholars' had morphed into a full middle school, hosting grades six through eight. In 2007, based on community response, it expanded into an accelerated high school program by adding one grade a year until 2011, when its first senior class graduated. P.S. 180 was eventually phased out and Scholars' Academy has since earned straight A's on its NYC Department of Education Progress Reports for both the middle and high schools.

If you found yourself in a Scholars' classroom today and thought you'd wandered onto the set of *Star Trek*, you couldn't be faulted. Technology is one of O'Connell's core interests, and using it to enhance the classroom experience was a founding tenet of the school. It shows. There's more technology packed into the 700-sq.-ft. rooms than your typical Apple store. The white boards are digital — three, four, sometimes five to a room. All the administrators and teachers carry iPads. There are carts with dozens of iPads and Kindles for the students to use. There are few textbooks and no paper. Every lesson is posted online and beamed to the walls and the tablets. Parents have logins to the school's website and can track their children's progress.

The curriculum is built around the SCALE-UP model, which places students at round tables, not desks, in "learning triads" or "cooperative learning groups" to encourage collaborative learning and team problem solving. "It's about promoting interdisciplinary learning, where it fits," Cashin says. "We created a strong framework with lots of reading, fiction and nonfiction, a lot of writing and a lot of project-oriented learning. Brian took that framework and moved it to a new level. He's so talented, so intelligent that he saw how technology can reach out to parents, enhance communication and heighten integration in the classroom."

Approximately 25 percent of Scholars' Academy students come from east Rockaway peninsula, which is predominantly black and Latino, and another 25 percent come from the west peninsula, which is primarily white. Roughly 40 percent of the students come from District 27, which makes up the outer edge of Queens. Ten percent come from elsewhere in the city, some as far away as Park Slope in Brooklyn and Forest Hills in Queens.

"The school is literally smack in the middle of the peninsula," O'Connell says, thumping a map of the Rockaways on his office wall. Despite the technology and all the innovative learning strategies, he considers the central mission of Scholars' Academy "positive integration" in the middle of a socially, economically and religiously diverse community. "The round tables are about equity," he says. "The triads are about social cooperation."

e lost our home. We lost our business. Eight feet of water covered everything," says Lintia Lyons, whose sixth-grade son, Caleb, had just received his Outstanding Scholar certificate from O'Connell. After the storm, the family bounced from a Hilton to a friend's home to staying with family to a rental near their property so they could continue down the long road of reconstruction.

Such stories were typical among Scholars' families and many others across the city, and NYC public schools shut down for an unprecedented five days after the storm. When they reopened, O'Connell's students were displaced out and around the five boroughs. With the help of Google Docs and cell phone contact with parents, his assistant principals pinpointed the neighborhoods with the highest densities of Scholars' students. They set up charter bus depots to transport kids from those neighborhoods to temporary schools in East New York. "I didn't even know how we'd pay for it," O'Connell says. "But I figured, hey, that's what FEMA is for." (FEMA did come through with some funding.)

Yet the night before that first day back, a major miscommunication occurred. The NYC Department of Education sent a notice to parents to have their kids at the Scholars' Academy site to meet district busses, not at the bus depots the Scholars' staff had set up and already communicated about to parents.

O'Connell drove to Scholars' that morning from the Bay Ridge hotel where he'd been living with his wife and children since the storm. Fourteen students had shown up at the school (the majority had gone to the bus depots anyway). It was freezing. A nor'easter was approaching the city.

"I got on the bus with them and asked, 'How many of you have electricity?'" he recalls. Not a single hand went up. "How many of you have heat?" Not a single hand. "How many of you have hot water?" Not a single hand. "How many of you want to go to school?" Every hand on the bus shot up.

All told, Sandy displaced 30 percent of the school's staff and 60 percent of its 1,200 students. The Department of Education committed \$200 million to repair the flooded and broken building but even with such funding the work was slow. Demolition teams brought down walls, chiseled away the rotted gym floor and collected all the school's trashed paper records in a cargo container by the front door. For their part, the parents, students and teachers worked just as hard, bearing down on the work of teaching and learning in their temporary East New York schools.

Four months later, when the kids finally moved back into the Rockaway Park school building that had become a home away from home for so many, O'Connell handed them all T-shirts. On the front, it read "Scholars Strong," and on the back, "Rockaway Resilient."

For more photos of and to view a video about Hurricane Sandy's impact on Scholars' Academy, go to Web Extras at college.columbia.edu/cct.

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Students and Alumni Have Much To Share

s an alumna, two of my favorite days on campus are Convocation in August, when a new group of first-year students officially enters the Columbia community, and Class Day in May, when the College welcomes its newest alumni.

The students' energy, enthusiasm and anticipation is abundant at Convocation. Four years later, that energy translates into cheers and exuberant "woo-hoos" when those same students — now the graduating class — watch the alumni march during the Alumni Parade of Classes on Class Day. The moment is an affirmation of the importance of alumni to students, who are soon to become alumni them-

selves. What happens during the four years from Convocation to Class Day is a focus of the Columbia College Alumni Association (CCAA) Board of Directors, and in particular of its Student Alumni Committee.

The Student Alumni Committee, co-chaired by Dan Tamkin '81 and Scott Koonin '02, seeks to help the College improve student life by exposing students to the knowledge, experience and guidance that alumni have to offer. This interaction can be enrich-

ing to students and alumni alike and can provide a model for students of what it means to be an active member of the alumni community.

Working closely with Student Affairs and the Alumni Office, the committee looks to identify areas where alumni can support and enhance the quality of the non-academic areas of student life (residences and dining, student advising and activities) as well as create meaningful interactions between alumni and students throughout a student's undergraduate journey. This past year, the committee planned a CCAA board meeting devoted to student-alumni programs, focused on the key role of data in enhancing alumni participation and the transition from student life to alumni life, attended student council meetings and selected the alumni prizes awarded to seniors on Class Day.

Part of the process is to hear from students directly, and their voices informed the discussions at the board's January meeting. Working closely with the three student representatives to the board (Maryam Aziz '13, Allan Kang '14 and Maria Sulimirski '13), the Student Alumni Committee developed an agenda for the meeting and questions for the board members, and invited students to participate in intimate roundtable discussions. More than 20 students attended the meeting and



Alumni Parade of Classes on Class

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A growing number of programs, such as this Media

Networking Night on March 11, provide opportunities for students to engage with alumni.

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easier access to engagement opportunities. Alumni are enlivened when they meet with and engage with our extraordinary students, and students are grateful and feel a sense of connectedness when they find alumni who want to advise and support them.

This feedback has been very helpful to the CCAA board as it works with the Columbia College Alumni Relations Strategic Task Force, which is led by the Hon. Joseph A. Greenaway Jr. '78, a University trustee who has been an active alumnus since gradu-

ation. The task force, with CCAA board support, worked hard this spring to develop a plan to serve alumni. The board's intention is to have a final report by this fall to guide the Alumni Office.

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and opportunities for students and

alumni, as described in the cover story

of this issue, and that both students

and alumni want to increase direct

connections with one another. Both

want more informal interactions,

more events spread out during the

students' campus experience and

der to maximize participation.

Behind this recent activity is a dynamic new College leader, Bernice Tsai '96. As the senior executive director for alumni affairs and communications, Bernice has had an immediate and significant impact on the College's alumni affairs and communications efforts, supporting and shaping the strategic planning process as well as leading the increasingly important Alumni Affairs and Communications team. The CCAA board couldn't be more delighted to have her as a partner and looks forward to working with her team on behalf of the more than 47,500 College alumni. If you see Bernice at an event, please introduce yourself, or reach out to either one of us (bst8@ columbia.edu or ccaapresident@columbia.edu) with your thoughts on how to engage 100 percent of Columbia College alumni to better support our wonderful community.

Happy summer, and I hope to see you at Convocation's Alumni Parade of Classes on Monday, August 26.

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Bookshelf

Next to Last Words by Daniel Hoffman '47. The late poet laureate's 13th collection of imaginative poetry explores the cosmos, politics, history, nature, love and grief (Louisiana State University Press, \$16.95).

You're My Dawg, Dog: A Lexicon of Dog Terms for People by Donald Friedman '49, with illustrations by J.C. Suarès. Friedman defines an array of dog-centric idioms, proverbs and metaphors (Welcome Enterprises, \$12.95).

Tales to Tell: Memoir by *Tracy G. Herrick* '56. Herrick recounts rising to the top of the nation's largest securities firm, experiencing vivid premonitions of his son's death and becoming a young scholar and a champion of the free market (Xlibris Corp., \$19.99).

Free to Learn: Why Unleashing the Instinct to Play Will Make Our Children Happier, More Self-Reliant, and Better Prepared for Life by *Peter Gray* '66. Developmental psychologist Gray argues the need for self-directed learning and free play for children from a biological perspective (Basic Books, \$27.99).

Fear Itself: The New Deal and the Origins of Our Time by Ira Katznelson '66, the Ruggles Professor of Political Science and History. Katznelson examines the New Deal Era in America and argues that democracy was rescued but distorted by southern lawmakers such as Walter Lippmann and Theodore Bilbo, who sought to safeguard racial segregation, manage capitalism and assert global power (Liveright Publishing Corp., \$29.95).

A Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens, edited by Michael D.
Aeschliman '70. A new edition of the classic novel on the French Revolution, with introduction and notes by Aeschliman, the professor emeritus of education at Boston University (Ignatius Press, \$11.95).

The Oxford Book of American Poetry chosen and edited by *David Lehman '70*. Beginning with the work of 17th-century poets such as Anne Bradstreet, this anthology features 1,100 poems with informative notes for the novice reader (Oxford University Press, USA, \$35).

Death, Dying, and Organ Donation: Reconstructing Medical Ethics at the End of Life by Frank G.

Miller '70 and Robert D. Truog. Miller and Truog undertake an ethical examination that aims to honestly face the reality of medical practices at the end of life (Oxford University Press, \$57.50).

Offerings by Richard Smolev '70. In this novel, Kate Brewster becomes the first woman to run a Wall Street institution and perseveres through family crisis, illegal trading schemes and attacks on her integrity (Academy Chicago Publishers, \$26.50). Japan and the Culture of the Four Seasons: Nature, Literature, and the Arts by *Haruo Shirane '74*, the Shincho Professor of Japanese Literature and Culture. Shirane discusses textual, cultivated, material, performative and other representations of nature in Japan as well as the cultural construction of the four seasons as a Japanese aesthetic (Columbia University Press, \$25).

the Common History of Rocks, Planets, and People by *Neil Shubin* '82. Paleontologist and geologist Shubin explores the unexpected links among human biology, the planet and the universe and demonstrates how the evolution of the cosmos can be seen in our bodies (Pantheon. \$25.95).

The Universe Within: Discovering

A Steven Spielberg Film, Lincoln: A Cinematic and Historical Companion by David Rubel '83; afterword by Tony Kushner '78. Rubel's narrative, combined with art and first-person recollections, provides an account of the making of Lincoln as well as the historical events upon which the film is based (Disney, \$45).

Life Crowdfunding Success Stories by Don Steinberg '83. In this book for entrepreneurs, artists and innovators, Steinberg, a business journalist for The Wall Street Journal, lays out strategies for leading a successful kickstarter campaign (Quirk Books, \$14.95).

The Kickstarter Handbook: Real-

An Artist in Venice by Adam Van Doren '84. Painter Van Doren combines narration, history, sketches and maps with 25 of his watercolor paintings of the Italian city (David R. Godine Publisher, \$26.95).

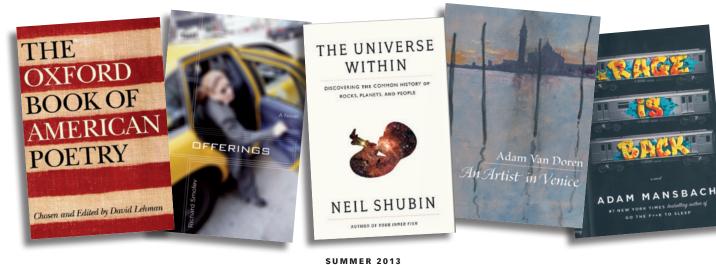
The Moment of Racial Sight: A History by *Irene Tucker '87*. The author analyzes racial perception from the Enlightenment to the HBO series *The Wire* (The University of Chicago Press, \$45).

Rage Is Back: A Novel by *Adam Mansbach* '98. A father and son are reunited in New York, rallying with graffiti artists to bring down the man running for mayor (Viking, \$26.95).

Year-Round Slow Cooker: 100 Favorite Recipes for Every Season by *Dina Cheney* '99. Cheney offers 100 recipes for the slow cooker, an underappreciated tool that can be used to cook modern, colorful and flavorful meals with ease (Taunton Press, \$19.95).

Impossibly Glamorous: How a Misfit from Kansas Became an Asian Sensation by *Charles Ayres* '00. In this memoir, Ayres, an entertainment personality in Japan, addresses such issues as sexuality, discrimination, love, poverty and substance abuse (Impossibly Glamorous Studios, \$16.95).

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Is Our Tradition of Tinkering at Risk?

By Justin DeFreitas

lec Foege '88 says tinkering — the impulse to experiment with existing objects and technologies to make "something genuinely new out of the things that already surround us" — is a crucial factor in America's centuries-long success story. In his new book, The Tinkerers: The Amateurs, DIYers, and Inventors Who Make America Great (Basic Books, \$26.99), Foege makes his case by imparting great tinkering tales past and present, from lesser-known endeavors of the Founding Fathers to the prolific output of Thomas Edison's laboratory to modern-day innovators, entrepreneurs and educators.

In some respects, Foege says, tinkering is not as easy as it used to be. Electronics manufacturers and their overzealous legal departments are increasingly determined to discourage us from cracking open those sleek cases of molded plastic and brushed aluminum — corporate America recently succeeded in making it a criminal act to hack your phone in order to switch carriers. But despite efforts to keep our curiosity at bay, Foege believes we're in a golden age of tinkering.

"Thanks to innovations such as the 3D printer and the \$35 Raspberry Pi computer, high-tech tinkering is increasingly within the reach of everyone," Foege says. "In addition, crowd funding sites such as Kickstarter and Quirky make it easier than ever to fund a new idea, and incubators such as Tech All Stars and Y Combinator provide much-needed mentorship and networking resources to young entrepreneurs."

Yet he also argues that the tradition is at risk.

"For many generations in the postindustrial age, puttering around with the mechanical devices that surrounded us was practically a rite of passage and, for many, a way of life," Foege writes. "After an era of economic excess that transformed our nation from one of doers to consumers, the United States risks losing its hallowed tinkerer tradition as well as the engine of innovation that fueled an unprecedented era of growth."

Foege himself has long been a tinkerer of sorts, and he recalls cycling through an array of hobbies and scientific pursuits while growing up in Rye, N.Y. In fact, he says, he well may have tested every chemistry set on the market, and even survived a few experiments with Presto's infamous hot dog cooker — that almost medieval device that impaled a sausage on a bare rod connected directly to an electrical outlet. As a teenager his interests turned to rock and jazz. "But I was drawn as much to the gear as to the music," he says, "tweaking amps and effects pedals to alter the sound of my guitar."

Foege attended Columbia because he felt it was the most countercultural of the Ivy League schools, having nurtured the budding talents of writers such as Allen Ginsberg '48 and Jack Kerouac '44. He became a writer for SPIN, Rolling Stone and People, and later was one of the founding editors of In Touch Weekly.

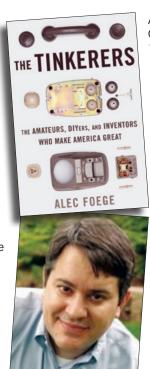


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Along the way he wrote books about Sonic Youth, Clear Channel and Pat Robertson. In 2005 Foege founded his own business, Brookside Research, an investment research company. Foege credits his range of interests in part to the realization, during his time at Columbia, that the divide between the sciences and the arts and humanities is not only artificial but also constraining. And conquering that divide, he says, is a crucial element in tinkering.

"Tinkerers need to be dilettantes," he says, "and I mean that in the best sense. You have to let a bit of air into your thinking."

The idea for the book came from one of Foege's editors, but the concept really came into focus when Foege faced a typical latter-day consumer electronics quandary: The screen on his Black-Berry broke, rendering the device unusable. He took it to a licensed dealer but the sales representative said they were no longer allowed to fix them. "That was my favorite part of the job," he told Foege. "Now all I get to do is sell phones." He informed Foege that all he could do was sell him a new BlackBerry, at the full retail price.

Foege decided to research cheaper replacements online. "What I stumbled onto instead was a short video on YouTube [that] showed a pair of hands disassembling a BlackBerry and replacing the screen in a matter of minutes," he writes. He ordered a new screen from an online retailer and fixed the device himself for less than a quarter of the cost of replacing it. Foege had tapped into an online network of DIYers

and discovered that tinkering is indeed alive and well.

The most interesting case studies Foege presents are of modernday tinkerers who are attempting to instill a bit of that old-time spirit in younger generations. One is Gever Tulley, who started Tinkering School, an adventurous and industrious six-day overnight camp in San Francisco in which kids work on a series of ever-larger projects. The first camp, in 2005, saw the kids progress from building chairs to building bridges and towers, ultimately uniting these concepts for their final project: a 100-ft.-long roller coaster.

"The detail with which they remember riding the roller coaster or flying the hang glider that they built," Tulley says, "the minutiae they remember and the principles that are burned into their brains from those experiences — those are lasting, durable memories."

Like Tulley, Foege believes that the importance of tinkering has not been generally recognized in recent years, and his book represents an effort to give the tradition its due. He's optimistic.

"I believe Americans are beginning to unlock a new level of consciousness about tinkering," Foege says. "Having lived through the era of mammoth corporate conglomerates, we as a country are returning to our tinkering roots and fully appreciating the power of our historic pioneering spirit."

Justin DeFreitas is a Bay Area writer, editor and artist.

International Dispute Settlement by *Riddhi Dasgupta '07*. Dasgupta analyzes international disputes over land rights and proposes solutions to the issues that arise from

expropriation (Cambridge Scholars Publishing, \$82.99).

The Price of Inequality: How Today's Divided Society Endangers Our Future by Joseph E. Stiglitz, University Professor. Stiglitz assesses the implications of an economically divided society on democracy, policy and globalization and proposes a plan for a more just and prosperous future (W.W. Norton & Co., \$16.95).

Karl Daum '15

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Malcolm R. Warnock '26

Malcolm R. Warnock, retired attorney, Maplewood, N.J., on October 9, 2012. Warnock was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., and grew up in Cranford, N.J. He entered Princeton but transferred to the College. He earned a degree from the Law School in 1929. During WWII, Warnock worked for the predecessor of the Air Force and then on the Manhattan Project. Until he retired in 1973, he worked for the Lehigh Valley Railroad. Warnock was an avid tennis player into his 90s. He narrated his church's Christmas pageant for 40 years and often had the lead in amateur plays and musicals. He was a trained singer, a painter and an antique clock collector, and he read widely.

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Warnock and his wife, Dorothy, lived in Short Hills, N.J., for more than 50 years. She predeceased him. Warnock is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Margaret and Eugene Carlough; daughter, Eleanor; and one grandson. Memorial contributions may be made to the College (college.columbia.edu/giveonline), the Law School (giving.columbia.edu/giveonline) or Winchester Gardens Association Scholarship Fund, 333 Elmwood Ave., Maplewood, NJ 07040.

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Harold C. Vaughan, retired history teacher, Fort Lee, N.J., on September 22, 2012. Vaughan was born in New York City on October 26, 1923. He did not attend his College commencement, as he was already off to basic training in Biloxi, Miss., followed by pilot training with the Army Air Corps at Elon University. After the service, Vaughan returned to Teachers College for an M.A., graduating in 1945. He began a 38year career as a high school history teacher in New York at Collegiate School in 1947. He taught at Brooklyn Friends School from 1949–59 and at Ridgewood [N.J.] H.S. from 1959–85, where he introduced a stock market course. Vaughan was recognized in 2000 with a special tribute at Brooklyn Friends. He was a devotee of theatre and the arts, author of seven history books, a world traveler and an ardent supporter of civil rights. Vaughan is survived by his sister, Dorothy V. Brophy; nephew, Thomas E. Brophy; nieces, Diane V. Brophy and Meta A. Brophy; two great-nephews; and two great-nieces.

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Charles J. Fabso, retired sales manager, Durham, N.C., on January 17, 2012. Fabso was born on June 19, 1925, in New York City. He graduated from Stuyvesant, where he was president of the senior class and a member the National Honor Society (known as Arista in NYC public schools). At the College, he was president of Beta Theta Pi. After earning an M.S. from the Business School in 1947, Fabso joined General Electric, where he was manager – sales, Audio Products Department, and manager - sales, Home Laundry Department, He later was director of marketing, Consumer Electronics Division. for Philco-Ford. He retired from GE as general manager, Sales and Distribution Department, House-

wares and Audio Business Division. Fabso was a member of the Congregational Church of Easton, where he was chair of the Board of Deacons, the Board of Finance and the Board of Stewardship and Missions. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Joan Winsko Fabso: children, Joan Fabso Cassell and her husband Ronnie, and Charles; and three grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to The Congregational Church of Easton. PO Box 37, Easton, CT 06612; note in the check's memo line "Book of Remembrance — Charles Fabso."

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Alfonso A. Lordi, sales manager, Denver, on January 22, 2012. Lordi was born on January 6, 1925, in Mount Vernon, N.Y., and was a 50-year resident of Dover, Mass. He was a decorated WWII tech sergeant serving directly under Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower in the 9th Army Headquarters Company. He fought at Normandy, in the Battle of the Bulge and into Germany. Lordi was then sent to Okinawa Island to prepare for the invasion of Japan. He was awarded six battle stars and the Meritorious Service Award for Outstanding Combat Performance. After the war Lordi attended Columbia, reuniting him with Eisenhower, then University president, who often called on him to entertain foreign dignitaries. After graduating with a degree in business, Lordi embarked on a 40-year sales career for Mennen. Playtex and Exquisite Form. A mechanical whiz, he was quick to fix anything with a motor. In Dover, he was a member of the local VFW and a longtime member of Saint Dunstan's Episcopal Church. Lordi was predeceased by his wife of 40 years, Elisabeth Perry Lordi, and is survived by a son, Alan; daughterin-law, Pamela; three grandchildren; two of his three brothers. Frances "Dick" '50 and Gerardo '48; and their wives and children.

Daniel L. O'Keefe, retired magazine editor, Chappaqua, N.Y., on August 29, 2012. O'Keefe was born on February 25, 1928, in Jersey City. He earned a Ph.D. at The New School for Social Research and studied at St. Catherine's College Oxford as a Rotary Fellow. His journalism career started in high school with speeches around the country for Junior Achievement. O'Keefe had a New York radio show, "Youth Demands the Answer," but was

fired when an on-air fistfight broke out between guests. A Reader's Digest editor, he worked with writers such as Ray Bradbury, Ishmael Reed and Czeslaw Milosz. His book, Stolen Lightning: The Social Theory of Magic (1982), was a National Book Critics Circle Award nominee. In a New York Times paid death notice, John Leonard said, "Not since Marx, Darwin and Freud has there been anyone so opinionated" and "Mr. O'Keefe is a better writer than Darwin." O'Keefe's invented family holiday, "Festivus," appeared in a Seinfeld episode, written by his son Daniel. Each weekend in a Chappagua bar, he spoke multiple languages with his wife and anyone else who would listen; he spoke 40 languages in all, with varying accuracy. O'Keefe is survived by his wife, Deborah; sons Daniel, Laurence and Markham; and one grandson.

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Mark Flanigan, retired naval officer, Washington, D.C., on May 26, 2012. Flanigan was born on October 5, 1930, in Manhattan. He was commissioned in 1955 and began service in the Office of Naval Intelligence. In 1965, after completing his first tour of active duty, Flanigan returned to Morningside and served for four years as assistant dean of the College, with responsibilities including the direction of Columbia's Upward Bound compensatory education program. Coaching Columbia's 1966-67 College Bowl team, Flanigan told Svectator: "I am the only coach on campus with an undefeated, untied and unscoredon team." Resuming active duty, he co-authored recommendations to the chief of naval personnel for countering the 1969 NROTC crisis on the nation's campuses, which Flanigan had experienced as assistant dean. He earned an M.A. in modern European comparative literature at Harvard (1960) and taught at Columbia, Hunter and the Defense Intelligence School, Flanigan retired in 1990 with the rank of captain and had been awarded the Navy Commendation Medal. He is survived by his wife, the former Doris Rohte '53 Barnard, and their daughters, Page and Meg.

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Peter D. Ehrenhaft, attorney, Washington, D.C., on July 25, 2012. Ehrenhaft was born in Vienna, Austria, and came with his family to the United States in 1938. He grew up in Queens. Ehrenhaft served in

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Daniel G. Hoffman '47, '56 GSAS, Former U.S. Poet Laureate

aniel G. Hoffman '47, '56 GSAS, an author, professor and 22nd Poet Laureate of the United States (1973-74), died on March 30, 2013. He was 89 and lived in Swarthmore, Pa.

Hoffman was a prolific poet who also wrote free verse and scholarly essays. His first book of poems, An Armada of Thirty Whales, was published in 1954, won the Yale Younger Poets Prize the same year and was chosen by W. H. Auden as part of the Yale Series of Younger Poets. Other works include,

but are not limited to, Poe Poe Poe Poe Poe Poe (1971); Brotherly Love (1981); Hang-Gliding From Helicon: New and Selected Poems, 1948-1988 (1988), winner of the 1988 Paterson Poetry Prize; a war memoir, Zone of the Interior: A Memoir. 1942-1947 (2000); Darkening Water (2002); Makes You Stop and Think: Sonnets (2005); and The Whole Nine Yards: Longer Poems (2009). His final collection, Next to Last Words: Poems, was released this year (see Bookshelf).

Born on April 3, 1923, Hoffman grew up mostly in Larchmont, N.Y. His father was a financial adviser and

Shriver & Kampelman. In 1977,

Ehrenhaft joined the Department of

the Treasury as deputy assistant sec-

retary for tariff affairs. He returned

to private practice in 1980 and was

a partner in the Washington offices

of several firms. In the late 1980s,

judge with the Air Force Court of

Military Review. He was a lecturer

at The George Washington Univer-

Ehrenhaft was an appellate military

his mother a high school English teacher. Hoffman entered Columbia as a pre-engineering student but was called up to serve in the Army Air Forces during WWII, serving stateside as a technical writer and as the editor of an aeronautical research journal, *The Technical Data Digest*, which featured abstracts for articles relevant to military research and development.

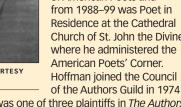
Hoffman returned to Columbia in 1946 and

graduated the next year with a B.A. in English, following that with an M.A. (1949) and a Ph.D. (1956), also in English. He taught briefly at Columbia, then at Swarthmore for 10 years before moving to Penn in 1966, where he was the Felix E. Schelling Professor of English Emeritus until his retirement in 1993. Many of his poems are set on Cape Rosier in Maine, where he spent summers.

Hoffman received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters in 2005 from Swarthmore. Other honors include the Memorial Medal of the Magyar

P.E.N. for translations of Hungarian poetry, grants from the American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters as well as the Ingram Merrill Foundation, fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation and the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the American Academy of Arts and Letters' Arthur Rense Prize.

He also was a Chancellor Emeritus of the Academy of American Poets and Church of St. John the Divine,



and later was one of three plaintiffs in *The Authors* Guild et al. v. Google Inc. (2005), the purpose of which was to prevent Google from providing a complete searchable index of extant books.

Hoffman married poet and Ladies Home Journal editor Elizabeth McFarland in 1948; she died in 2005. He is survived by a son, MacFarlane, and daughter, Kate Hoffman Siddigi.

Karl Daum '15 and Lisa Palladino

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the Air Force and reached the rank sity Law School from 1965-72 and of colonel in the Air Force Reserve. at Penn's law school in the 1980s. He simultaneously earned degrees Survivors include his wife of 54 from the Law School and SIPA in vears, Charlotte Kennedy Ehrenhaft; children, Elizabeth Rankin, 1957 and went to Washington, D.C., in 1961 to serve as senior law clerk James and Daniel '93; a brother; and to U.S. Chief Justice Earl Warren. He six grandchildren. then entered private practice and, in 1955 1968, became a partner at the firm then known as Fried, Frank, Harris,

Samuel Astrachan, novelist, Gordes, France, on August 5, 2012. Astrachan, who was born in the Bronx in 1934, wrote most of his first novel, An End to Dying, during his junior and senior years at Columbia. He married Claude Jeanneau in 1960 and began dividing his time between the South of France and the United States. He taught creative writing at Wayne State University in Detroit for one semester of every

year starting in 1971 until his retirement in the late 1990s. Astrachan is survived by his wife; son, Isaac-Daniel '90; daughter-in-law, Meghan Farley; and one grandson, as well as his books: An End to Dying (1956), The Game of Dostoevsky (1965), Rejoice (1970), Katz-Cohen: A Saga of Three Generations (1978), Malavarte in Iassu (1989, 1994), Hotel Sevilla: Rockaway Beach (1996), Le General, Ses Filles (1998), Dans les Jardins De La Marquise (1999), Winston (2001) and Treife: la fable de l'architecte (2004).

James J. Phelan Jr., bank executive, New York City, on May 21, 2012. Phelan was born on May 7, 1931, in New York City. A Marine Corps veteran of the Korean War, he earned a business administration degree

in 1970 from Adelphi. Exposed to Wall Street at 16 as a runner for his father's firm, he swore he "would never work on Wall Street again." recalling in Institutional Investor that "the pay was low, the trip [from home] was terrible, and the job was awful. I thought there must be a better way to make a living." In 1957, however, he rejoined his father's specialist firm, which became known as Phelan & Co., and became managing director after his father's death in 1966. As New York Stock Exchange president (1980-84). he was instrumental in Wall Street's multimillion-dollar investment in the computerization of many of the Big Board's high-tech operations. He then became chairman and chief executive from 1984-90. Phelan was commended for his response to the Black Monday crash of 1987, telling The Wall Street Journal at the time, "If we close it [the market], we would never open it." Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Joyce Campbell Phelan; sons, John '85, Peter and David; sister, Elizabeth Lawlor; and

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six grandchildren.

Thomas E. Bratter, psychologist, Salisbury, Conn., on August 3, 2012. Bratter was born on May 18, 1939. and grew up in, Scarsdale, N.Y., where he also raised his family. He earned a degree from Teachers College and worked at The John Dewey Academy, a residential high school for bright, troubled adolescents in Great Barrington, Mass., which he established. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Carole Jaffe Bratter; daughter, Barbara '90; son, Edward '87; daughter-in-law, Andrea; three grandchildren; and siblings Nancy Phillips, Nancy Polikoff and Stanley Newman. Memorial contributions may be made to The John Dewey Academy c/o Mario Verdolini, 450 Lexington Ave., New York, NY 10017.

Gilbert W. Einstein, artists' representative, New York City and Wilmington, Mass., on September 21, 2012. Einstein was born in New York City in 1942 and graduated from Bronx Science. After his College graduation he enlisted in the Navy, where he served as Lt. j.g. in the U.S. Pacific Fleet during the early part of the Vietnam War. In 1967 Einstein returned to New York and earned an M.B.A. from the Business School in 1968. In 1972 he incorporated G.W. Einstein Co., which represents a select group of contemporary fine artists and specializes in 20th-century works on paper. It was there that Einstein met painter Anne MacDougall; they married in 1981. Einstein had an encyclopedic knowledge of

jazz, loved going to the theatre and was an avid reader. He also took great pleasure in cooking for family and friends, smoking a fine cigar. flopping the nuts at the poker table and watching a winning New York Yankees season. He is survived by his wife; sister, Carol Einstein Neukomm; daughter, Susanna Einstein and son-in-law, David Zimmerman; stepson, Ashton Chandler Mac-Dougall Ballou, and step-daughterin-law, Laura Williams Ballou: four grandchildren; and first wife, Nancy York.

1964 Frederick H. Levine, retired car-

diovascular and thoracic surgeon, Amherst, Mass., on September 18, 2012. Levine was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., and grew up in Queens. At Columbia he was a member of Beta Sigma Rho, the Columbia College Citizenship Council, the Seixas Society and the Pre-Med Society and wrote for *Spectator*. He earned an M.D. from Harvard, cum laude, in 1968 and was elected to the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society. Levine completed his training at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston and served in the U.S. Public Health Service for two years at the National Institutes of Health National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute. He was on the staff at MGH and an associate professor at Harvard Medical School until he was named chief of cardiovascular and thoracic surgery at Detroit Medical Center Sinai-Grace Hospital. Levine was a member of the American College of Surgeons, the Society for Vascular Surgery, the Society of Thoracic Surgeons and the American Association for Thoracic Surgery. He is survived by his wife, Patricia '65 Barnard: daughters. Shira and Hallie; sons-in-law, Mark Enstrom and Jamie Sklar; brother Gary; and five grandchildren.

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Peter V. Darrow, attorney, New York City and Sag Harbor, N.Y., on May 19, 2013. Darrow was born in Ann Arbor, Mich., and earned a master's from Trinity College, Oxford. In 1978, he graduated from Michigan Law. During his 35 years as a corporate attorney Darrow was a partner in two firms, Mayer Brown and DLA Piper. He was president of the Columbia Chapter of Alpha Delta Phi and helped the chapter's alumni group acquire the AD house from Columbia in the 1990s. Darrow was chairman of the board of The Cambodia Trust as well as on the board of Everybody Wins. He began rowing in 1968 at Columbia and in 1998 organized a team reunion to compete in the Head Of The Charles Regatta in Cambridge, Mass., a tradition mainOTHER DEATHS REPORTED

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

1932 Vincenzo R. Onorato, Carmel, Calif., on February 20, 2013.

1939 Robert L. Pelz, attorney, New York City, on March 30, 2013.

1940 Albert S. Benoist, artist, author and futurist, retired architect, Monmouth Beach, N.J., on September 20, 2012. Melvin H. Intner, Maplewood, N.J., on March 30, 2013.

1942 Arthur E. Smith, Venice, Fla., on April 12, 2013.

1944 Richard E. Bader, physician, New York City, on April 16, 2013. Howard H. Wilson, Three Mile Bay, N.Y., on January 30, 2013.

1945 Louis A. Collins, Boonton, N.J., on April 3, 2013. Charles A. Kiorpes, retired business executive, Palm City, Fla., on March 22, 2013.

1946 S. Irving Sherr, door corporation executive, Sarasota, Fla., on March 24, 2012.

1948 Donald L. Auperin, Amityville, N.Y., on February 10, 2013. Merrill L. Brockway, director and producer, Santa Fe, N.M., on May 2, 2013.

1951 Robert Nielsen, retired teacher and guidance counselor, Senior Olympian, Montgomery, Ala., on March 15, 2013. Allan W. Robbins, Alexandria, Va., on March 3, 2013.

1952 David A. Braun, attorney, Montecito, Calif., on January 28, 2013

1953 Aristide R. Zolberg, professor emeritus, New York City, on April 12, 2013.

1954 A. Joshua Sherman, attorney, investment banker, academic, Middlebury, Vt., on April 6, 2013.

1956 William V. Silver, advertising display executive, New York City, on May 8, 2013.

1958 Myron Bander, professor of physics and astronomy, Newport Beach, Calif., on December 19, 2012. Leon Mir, Brookline, Mass., on February 23, 2013. Warren C. Smith, retired teacher, Hampton Bays, N.Y., on January 20, 2013.

1959 Allan D. Gardner, retired advertising executive, Hillsborough, Calif., on March 19, 2013.

1960 David S. David, nephrologist, Beverly Hills, on April 9, 2013. Norman E. Hildes-Heim, architect and international hotel developer, Fairfield, Conn., on March 20, 2013.

1963 Byron C. Cohen, art gallery owner, Kansas City, Mo., on May 10, 2013.

1967 John L. Dent, Etobicoke, Ontario, Canada, on May 7, 2013. Joel A. Linsider, retired, Jerusalem, on June 28, 2012.

1972 Harvey S. Hirsch, psychiatrist, New York City, on March 13, 2013.

1977 Paul R. Pastorini, physician, New London, N.C., on September 28, 2012. Mark V. Sutton-Smith, Swarthmore, Pa., on March 12, 2013.

tained for several years. Last year Darrow raised funds to purchase a shell for Columbia's women's crew team. After their mother died of cancer in 2001, Darrow and his brother, Duncan '71, established Fighting Chance, a free-of-charge cancer resource center. Darrow is survived by his wife, Denise V. Seegal; brother; children from a former marriage, Meredith '04 and Peter; and sister-in-law, Wendy. Memorial contributions may be made to Fighting Chance – Free Cancer Counseling Center, PO Box 1358, Sag Harbor, NY 11963.

1991 Juan J. Calderon, attorney, San Antonio, Texas, on June 12, 2012. Calderon was born in Mexico on November 23, 1968. As an attorney on the Southside of San Antonio, he was affectionately known as "el abogado de los Latinos." Calderon was a dedicated Spurs fan and season ticket holder. He is survived by his parents, Alfredo and Sara; brothers, Alfredo Jr. and his wife, Aurora, and Otoniel "Tony"; sister, Claudia; three nieces; a nephew; and two goddaughters.

Laura L. Tatum, architectural records archivist, Guilford, Conn., on October 13, 2012. Tatum was born on October 5, 1975, in Astoria, Ore. At the College, she discovered her professional and personal callings: the professional via work at Columbia's Avery Architectural & Fine Arts Library, and the personal through her delight in the vibrancy of life in New York City. Upon graduation, Tatum took a position in the MoMA library before returning to school to earn an M.S.I. in library and information services in 2002 from the University of Michigan. Tatum spent much of her career in Manuscripts and Archives at Yale University Library; she worked at UC Berkeley for one year and in 2011 joined the Canadian Centre for Architecture in Montreal. She held leadership roles with the Society of American Archivists and the International Confederation of Architectural Museums. Tatum



Laura L. Tatum '97

also often wrote about food, keeping a blog and contributing to several books. She is survived by her husband, Andy Benner; sister Jesse; brother Mitchell; and parents, Bill and his wife, Lynda. She was predeceased by her mother, Teresa Karch Tatum. Memorial contributions may be made to The Center for Land Use Interpretation (clui. org) or the Connecticut Food Bank (ctfoodbank.org).

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Due to a production error, the first three pages of Class Notes in the Spring 2013 issue were a reprint of the columns from the Winter 2012–13 issue. The news from those columns (1925–48), along with their new submissions, can be found in this issue. *CCT* regrets the error.

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Bernard Queneau '30, '33E writes, "This 100-year-old is slowing down but hopes to attend the Senior Society of Sachems centennial celebration in New York on Friday, October 18." He signed off with a smile.

CCT also received a note from Steve Georgiou of the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, Calif., a scholar of the late **Robert Lax** '38, that St. Bonaventure University in upstate New York has initiated a Robert Lax Week featuring lectures, performances and discussions. The inaugural Lax week took place March 4-8, and it will be celebrated every two years. Lax, who died in 2000, was an American poet, artist and spiritual thinker. At Columbia he studied under Mark Van Doren '21 GSAS and developed influential friendships with Thomas Merton '38, '39 GSAS (a Trappist monk and writer) and Ad Reinhardt '35 (a painter).

The following update was not printed in the Spring *CCT* due to a production error:

Milton Kamen '40 writes from New York, "When I recently signed in at a senior citizen expo in NYC, the young woman at the registration desk noticed my year of birth and asked if I had been in WWII.

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I answered, 'Yes. During WWII I proudly wore an Army uniform for over three years,' fully expecting the usual response of, 'Thank you for your service.'

"But what I got was, 'It must have needed a good dry cleaning."

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Albert Sanders writes, "I have been vaguely aware that the reports on activities of the Class of 1941 have been gradually working their way forward in Class Notes. How far forward I hadn't realized until recently, when I noticed that it was the oldest of the numbered classes reported by a correspondent. That and two other observations impelled this letter. First, the entire [Spring '13] cover being devoted to 'Lit Hum Turns 75,' and second, your appeal for something to print.

"'Lit Hum' turned out to be what we called Humanities A. It brought back the memory of my first confusing day at the College in 1937, when someone that my notes indicated was 'Mr. [Mark] Van Doren ['21 GSASI' told us that we were the first freshman class in a large American college to spend a year studying great books. He said part of the reason for this experiment was that great books were easier to read than to read about. He also said that undoubtedly there would be books written about us and the experiment. (My second day's notes referred to 'Dr. Van Doren.' All my notes for the rest of the year called him 'Prof. Van Doren.')

"And what a year it was! I consider this extraordinary teacher to have molded my character. Further, long after I graduated and he retired, I went on visiting him at his home and he continued to be friendly and gracious to me.

"I transferred to Columbia's Engineering School in 1939 to study industrial engineering. There were only six of us. Soon this had been reduced to four. With war about to break out, our most charming and nicest fellow student, Henry (Hank) Wheeler, got a fantastic break. His uncle was the commander of Naval Base Cavite in the Philippines and Hank dropped out with a direct naval commission to be with his uncle. We were all so envious. Sadly, however, Hank died in the service in 1943. Another

dropout left because he was fortunate enough to get draft-avoiding employment riveting P-47 fighter planes (Thunderbolts) on Long Island. Of the four who graduated, I lost track immediately of Jacobson, and I hardly ever again saw the brilliant Fred Lightfoot '42E, [who began with our class but graduated in '42 from Engineering and] who also became a naval officer and spent the rest of his life teaching in a school near Greenport, N.Y. I saw the most of Seth Neugroschl '40, '41E in New York City; he had a variety of engineering jobs and consultancies and may be remembered by readers for his tenure as Class Notes correspondent for the Class of 1940, until he died [in November 2010].

"Immediately upon graduation, I became an ordnance engineer at the Pentagon (then still under construction) in Virginia, and then at the Picatinny Arsenal in New Jersey. However, in a fit of boredom and ill-considered vouthful rebellion, I enlisted in the Army Air Corps to enter its military academy (then at Yale) as an aviation cadet to gain a more practical technical education and become an Air Force officer. This academy was once described as 'a concentration camp on our side.' In addition to harmless terrorism, we had to listen repeatedly to how inferior we were to the cadets 'back at the Point.' Finally I was commissioned and became a squadron engineering officer.

"After the war, there was

tremendous confusion resulting from the 're-conversion' in which all the industry that had become part of our magnificent war machine now underwent the same process in reverse. My problem was that in those days, before the civil rights law, large corporate engineering employers (the most likely employment prospects) still sought people with WASP names. So our last name became 'Sanders,' a variant of the old family name 'Sokalner.' Nevertheless, after losing several jobs, a kindly relative suggested I might be better off on my own and loaned me a few thousand dollars. (My father had died suddenly in my junior year.) In eventual partnership with my two younger brothers, both mechanical engineers, we started Allen-Stevens Corp., a die casting foundry in Oueens, N.Y., making all sorts of precise metal parts and assemblies used in hardware, appliances, automobiles, toys and so on. I was

president and CEO. Starting with one employee, the business later had plants in three states, up to 300 employees and lasted for 35 years, at which time we sold it. The new owners moved it to Pennsylvania. Illinois and Iowa. (Sadly, the main plant in Oueens was shut down. I believe the savings in electricity and gas, plus lower taxes and union wages, paid for most of the purchase price. I was sorry that generations of employees — my old friends — who couldn't or didn't relocate, lost their jobs.) "My youngest brother, barely

50, left first. I think he was bored. possibly because he did little engineering work. Our middle brother, in his middle 50s, was in poor health. I was just 60, and would probably have continued because I loved my work, Still, under the circumstances, I fantasized that this was an opportunity for my 'second chance,' a way to spend the rest of my life doing work that was more significant and more fun. I tried to get my middle brother interested, but without success. After a lifetime in which the moment I entered my office, my phone was ringing and people were waiting for me with sheaves of papers to read and sign, I responded by doing little for months — just an extended vacation. I tried to get into some similar business but found it difficult without support. The most minor things became time-consuming tasks. I had to find and visit a typing service. I had to go to the post office. I hired an assistant but there wasn't enough work for him though there was too much for me.

"Since then I have spent a happy 33 years, doing all the reading I had never had time for, thinking about all of humanity's important problems and solving many of them (at least to my own satisfaction), traveling, writing essays and letters to the editor. I divorced and remarried happily to Margot Wellington, a sweet-natured and intelligent woman interested in some of the same things that interested me and, actually, with a career involving them, like architecture and urbanism. She is retired now but was executive director of the Municipal Art Society of New York for many years. I am so proud of her. I am proud also of my son, James '76, '82 Arch., an architect and an author (Celluloid Skuline) and screenwriter (the PBS series New York: A Documentary Film); my daughter, Avis, a lawyer; and my

stepson, John Wellington, an artist. "My wife and I, collaborating with my son, designed our apartment in New York City. It is high over the city, small but with a magnificent view of Midtown. We also worked on the design of our home in East Hampton, N.Y., an address that has become much more fashionable in the 25 years we have lived there. Several times yearly we occupy our apartment in Paris in the 6th Arrondissement for weeks at a time. We have as many friends there as in New York. Fortunately,

"I owe a lot to Columbia College and the Engineering School for the tools they gave me, including building my character. I learned that setbacks can't all be avoided but what can be avoided is dealing with them in less than the most effective way. This, plus learning what 'really counts,' has helped to make me a happy person."

my wife speaks French fluently. If

need be, I can add, 'What'd they

From the Spring 2013 Class Notes, which were not printed in that issue due to a production error:

Robert Zucker: "I returned from a wonderful vacation at the Grand Velas Riviera Maya Hotel in Mexico with my friend, Fran, and her family. There were 17 of us. I then took a February trip to Ixtapa, Mexico, with my family of 26, including 12 great-grandchildren."

Wm. Theodore "Ted" de Bary '53 GSAS also sent an update: "It's not exactly news but I still teach three days a week, conducting an Asian Humanities course and an upper-level Core course, 'Classics of East and West,' on the theme of nobility and civility. I commute by shuttle bus from Columbia's Lamont-Doherty Earth Institute in Rockland County. Among other things I conduct a series of public meetings on Keys to the Core, starting with John Erskine I(Class of 1900)], Mark Van Doren ['21 GSAS] and Jacques Barzun ['27, '32 GSAS], meeting Fridays at noon in the Heyman Center for the Humanities. My next book, The Great Civilized Conversation, is due out in spring."

Ted is an amazing classmate. We all graduated 72 years ago, but Ted does not pay much attention to the passage of time.

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On March 1, **Bob Kaufman** reported from his home in Scarsdale, N.Y., that he was preparing for his annual family and golf holiday on the island of Jamaica. At 92, Bob, the most senior member of

the Sunningdale Country Club in Scarsdale, N.Y., has been trying to improve his distance off the tee by at least 15 yards with special exercises with his driver. He also reports with pleasure that his younger granddaughter, Ruby Lee (4), has been admitted to the Riverdale Country School, the alma mater of Bob's wife, Susan. Ruby Lee's older sister, Maddy Kate (13), already is an excellent age-group golfer and is a prospective Columbia cheerleader, having attended several Homecoming game celebrations with Grandpa Bob and Grandma Sue. Fore!

Arthur "Wizzer" Wellington has been in touch via email and snail mail from his home in Elmira, N.Y. Art, at 92, still drives around town in Elmira, with frequent visits to the Off Track Betting venue, where he recently won a few substantial trifecta wagers. Despite numerous physical ailments, Art's cognitive status is excellent, as evidenced by his sharp handicapping at OTB and his lucid letters to me, written in perfectly legible longhand script. As of this writing, he was scrutinizing the entries and

later episodes, starring the late, great actor Raymond Burr.

Columbia's men's basketball team ended the season in last place in the Ivy League; we lost our final two games on the road to Harvard and Dartmouth, for a final record of 12–16 (including four wins and 10 losses within the league). Among our notable victories were a 75–57 rout at Villanova on November 20 at Villanova, Pa., and a 78–63 win over Harvard in Levien Gym on February 10. Harvard won the Ivy League championship for the second consecutive year and played in the NCAA tourney.

Columbia coach Kyle Smith recruited two talented backcourt freshmen, Grant Mullins '16 and Maodo Lo '16, for the team as well as returning sophomore Steve Frankoski '15, a 3-point sharp-shooter. We lost our gifted point guard, Brian Barbour '13, to graduation. He was among the best in the nation in assist/turnover ratio and in foul shooting percentage. Let us hope coach Smith will lead this team from the bottom to the top of the Ivy League in the 2013–14 season.

Among the Class Notes that were

not published due to a production

Robert Kaufman, a young 91,

in a telephone call on October 14

on October 11, 2012, of Margaret

friend Nicholas Cicchetti. She is

survived by Nick; son, Stephen

In the Spring 2012 issue of CCT,

I reviewed Nick's distinguished

James; and daughter, Laraine Ann.

career as an educator and adminis-

trator in the New York State school

system; by the time he retired, he

was superintendent of District 11

schools. We send condolences to

Nick and his children on their loss.

[Editor's note: Arthur Smith

passed away on April 10, 2013. He

sent the following note last winter.]

On October 9, Arthur Smith

L. Cicchetti, wife of our loyal

reported the sad news of the death

error in the Spring *CCT* were:

nied by his devoted designated driver, son-in-law Steve Hathaway, came from Northampton, Mass., to the Homecoming game versus Dartmouth on October 20. It was a beautiful, warm fall day, and I was impressed by the large number of enthusiastic, rambunctious undergraduates who came out to support our team. I was pleased to greet our talented CCT editorial staff under the Big Tent before the game, giving me the opportunity

to thank Alex Sachare '71, Lisa Pal-

ladino and Alexis Tonti '11 Arts for

their exceptional skills in produc-

ing this excellent publication.

tal engineer. Art (92) and his wife,

in an independent living facility

chronic myelogenous leukemia,

has done well with seven years

of therapy with "miracle" drugs

Your correspondent, accompa-

Gleevec and Tasigna.

Audre, together for 65 years, reside

in Venice, Fla., where Art, who has

Sitting with me at the game were my lifelong friends, Ray Robinson '41 and Dr. Gerald Klingon. Ray (91) and Gerry (92) shared my anguish at yet another painful Columbia loss, 21–16. Dartmouth has two good young quarterbacks, a freshman and a sophomore, and an outstanding freshman running back, Brian Grove, who looks like a potential All-Ivy star. Dartmouth coach Buddy Teevens has recruited several good young players. We hope that Columbia coach Pete Mangurian has done the same and, with his experience and leadership, we continue to hope for an Ivy League championship sometime

Although they were unable to make it for Homecoming, Robert Kaufman of Scarsdale, N.Y., and Dr. Arthur Wellington of Elmira. N.Y., reported that one week later, on October 27, they greatly enjoyed watching Columbia beat Yale 26-22 in a game shown on the YES Network. Columbia scored the winning touchdown in the last minute of the game, which was called "an Ivy League thriller" by ESPN. Not such a thriller was our subsequent 69-0 loss to Harvard on November 3 in Cambridge, a score that ranks high in Ivy League annals as one of the most crushing defeats since the League began in 1956. Columbia also lost by 69-0 to Rutgers in 1978 and lost 77-28 to Holy Cross in 1983.

Easing memories of these prior defeats, Columbia bounced back from the Harvard loss with a surprising and gratifying 34–17 win over Cornell at Wien Stadium on November 10, with strong running by Marcorus Garrett '14 and three touchdown passes by quarterback Sean Brackett '13. We finished the schedule on November 17 with a

St. Bonaventure University has initiated a Robert Lax ['38] Week featuring lectures, performances and discussions.

odds for the 2013 Kentucky Derby. Here's to the winners!

Dr. **Gerald Klingon** has kept in touch with me via frequent telephone conversations from his apartment on York Avenue in NYC. He remains attentive to all developments with the Columbia football, basketball and baseball teams, with many insightful comments about recruitment, game strategies, coaching, and wins and losses. Gerry, 92, has been in touch with former athletics director Al Paul, who lives in Maryland. Gerry's son, Robert, an Amherst and Boalt Hall Law School alumnus, is an honorary Columbian and shares his father's enthusiasm for our athletic teams. Roar, Lions!

Don Mankiewicz and his wife, Carol, are doing well in Monrovia. Calif. They have sent me several written cards and notes, and I have talked with Don on the phone in recent months. He is 91 and functioning well, despite the usual ailments of chronologic age. He told me that his granddaughters, Sara (13) and Rebecca (10), are both brilliant students; he already is planning to help them apply to Columbia. One of the major television networks is planning to revive the crime series *Ironside*, for which many years ago Don wrote the pilot and several

sent a picture of his 9-month-old great-grandson, Landon, lying on his back, looking at the photo of Dean James J. Valentini on the cover of the Fall 2012 issue of *CCT*. Art's son and grandson were wondering if Landon might grow up to be the fourth generation of Smiths to attend Columbia, possibly with the Class of 2034. Art's son, Arthur Jr. '73 TC, became an environmental attorney. Arthur Jr.'s son,

Jeffrey '07 SIPA, is an environmen-

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22–6 loss at Brown, giving coach Mangurian three wins in his initial season as our head coach. We hope for more triumphs in 2013.

On October 30, Don Mankiewicz wrote a lengthy snail mail letter that reported on his status at home in Monrovia, Calif. Don (90) is doing well, enjoying time with his wife, Carol; son, John; and adopted daughters, Jan and Sandy, whose children have made Don a happy grandfather. Don's father, Herman Mankiewicz '17, won an Academy Award for his screenplay of Citizen Kane, and his uncle, Joseph Mankiewicz '28, won an Academy Award for writing and directing \mathring{A} Letter to Three Wives. Don himself won the Harper Prize Novel award in 1955 for his novel, Trial, and was nominated for an Academy Award for his screenplay for I Want To Live! There seems to be some genetic basis for this multilineal transmission of genius and talent.

I was sorry to receive a note on December 7 from Betty Galen Reuther, reporting the death of her husband, Leo Reuther III, on October 19, 2012, in Flat Rock, N.C., after a short battle with pneumonia. He was 90. I last heard from Leo on April 23, when he sent regrets at being unable to attend our 70th reunion luncheon on campus in June. Leo and Betty recently had moved into a new house in Flat Rock, but he was able to enjoy it for only a few weeks before his unfortunate death. He was buried with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery.

Leo came to Columbia from the Barnard School in New York City. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps after graduation and, following flight training in Texas and Kansas, served as a fighter pilot in the Asiatic-Pacific Theatre, flying 142 missions in P-47 and P-38 aircraft. Discharged as a captain in 1945, Leo was awarded two Distinguished Flying Crosses, three Air Medals, a Presidential Citation and the Purple Heart. He was one of the greatest WWII heroes among many in our class.

After the war, Leo joined the FBI as a special agent; he served at various stations and ended his career in 1975 as supervisor in charge of major crimes and New York airports, based at the FBI office in New York City. After retirement, Leo lived in Vermont and South Carolina until 1999, when he moved to Flat Rock. He is survived by his wife; daughters, Loralee Neal of Longwood, Fla., and Leslie O'Keefe of Stony Point, N.Y.; and two grandchildren.

At Columbia, Leo played freshman basketball, was on the varsity swim team, participated in *The Varsity Show* and was a member of Columbia Players, the Dolphin

Society, the Newman Club and the Rifle Club. I remember Leo as an excellent student, a fine athlete, a modest hero and a loyal Columbia alumnus. For myself and on behalf of Leo's friends in our class, I send condolences to Betty and their family.

As 2013 reaches its midway point, I am grateful to be in touch with many Columbia friends and classmates (several mentioned in this column), who continue to defy their chronological age and are functioning well as they progress past their 90th birthdays. Please send your news and comments to me at my email or home address. Your phone calls are also always welcome at 413-586-1517.

As Shakespeare said in the words of King Lear, "Ripeness is all." To which we may add: Long may Columbia stand!

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By the time you read this, we will have celebrated the 70th anniversary of our College graduation at Alumni Reunion Weekend with a June 1 luncheon in Hamilton Hall. I'll report on all the good times and reminiscences in the Fall issue. The class photo taken at the luncheon, however, may be found on the CCT website (college.columbia.edu/cct) as part of this issue's reunion follow-up article.

If you attended the luncheon or any other reunion events, please share your thoughts and stories with me by sending a letter or email to the postal or email address at the top of the column or though *CCT's* easy-to-use webform: college.col umbia.edu/cct/submit_class_note.

Knowing we would encounter a delay due to CCT's publishing schedule, I wrote a letter to classmates a while ago, encouraging them to contribute special "life updates" for this issue. Here is what I received:

Cedric Philipp wrote: "Seventy years. Wow. That December I was in the Army. Commissioned in '44, I led a platoon on to Omaha Beach, some fighting in Belgium. In '45, was dropped into Spain, where 'Wild Bill' Donovan [Class of 1905] suspected Hitler would try to escape. Then came nine months working under Gen. Lucius Clay in Berlin. To decompress, I drove with ex-Marine Ray Heckmann in a Jeep through South America, from Venezuela to Chile by land.

"Returned to Columbia for law school. Bad job market. Then Princeton's grad school for international affairs, the Department of State and [a career in] international pharmaceutical marketing. Married 60-plus years to the same wonderful lady, Sue; three highly accomplished kids; and three grands. A heart valve replacement, leg artery bypass and pneumonia recently hit me at 90-plus."

Cedric noted that the likelihood of his making reunion was remote but sent best wishes for success.

From Leo Stern Jr.: "In fall 1939 I began Humanities A with 20-odd other students, mainly freshmen, the class instructor being Lionel Trilling ['25, '38 GSAS]. His memorable characteristics were a chainsmoking habit and a young, wispy countenance that was best recalled by our description, 'mascara blue eyes.' At that time I had a retentive memory (long since disappeared) and could quote from Professor Trilling's remarks in class as well as from our reading material. I was delighted when I received a personal letter from him congratulating me on my final exam paper but highly embarrassed when he chose to read it to the class as an example of dutiful recall of his lectures. My wife carefully filed it on our bookshelves

"Trilling was fond of referring to Dante's *Inferno* and its narrator, Virgil, who, at the middle of his life, was aged 35. 'The years of our life are three score and ten,' says the Bible. Trilling wrote a novel, *The Middle of the Journey*, the protagonist being 35. Fast forward to Trilling's obituary in 1974. My wife produced our carefully filed letter and examined the date. Lionel Trilling died at 70 and wrote the letter to me at 35!"

Dr. Felix Demartini '46 P&S graciously called to say he could not be present for the reunion luncheon. During the conversation, he recalled his College, P&S and subsequent years with nostalgic affection. Lou Little, the football coach at the time, was one of the many Columbia mentors to whom Felix considers himself indebted. Little was more than a football coach. He was a man who took a fatherly interest in his young squad members and taught them important life lessons among them, that winning is fine, but the way one plays the game is what's important. Little remained a friend and adviser long after Felix graduated.

Felix became the CEO of NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital and is an emeritus professor of internal medicine at P&S. He has lived in Florida since his retirement several years ago.

Dr. Thomas C. Catalano sent greetings, writing, "My four years at Columbia were incredibly stimulating and then, by grace of Uncle Sam, I was in med school at Long Island College of Medicine. Internship and residency at St. Vincent's

Hospital in NYC, followed by a Damon Runyon Fellowship. I found time during all this to marry the lovely Geraldine Morrell Caruso.

"I was recalled to the Air Force

in 1950 during the Korean War and served at Keesler AFB in Biloxi, Miss. ... After being discharged, I moved with my family to Long Island, where I practiced medicine for 41 years in partnership with Dr. William Walker. My wife and I have three children: Our son and oldest is a lawyer practicing in Jericho, N.Y.; our older daughter is an R.N.; and our younger daughter worked as a reinsurance broker. Five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren later, our three children live near us on the Island, with the grands and greats scattered about.

"During the '60s, '70s and '80s I was president of the medical board and director of medicine at Syosset Hospital, president of the Nassau Hospital Medical Staff Organization and a member of its medical board. I also was assistant professor of clinical medicine at Stony Brook School of Medicine. Another thing of which I am proud is my association with a group of doctors and others at Northrop-Grumman who prepared the astronaut team for ascent in the module.

"We have traveled extensively in Europe and enjoyed many winters in our home in the Virgin Islands and then in Florida. The limitations of age have kept us at home this year, where we are blessed with wonderful help and our nearby solicitous family."

From Bernard Weisberger: 'Where have the last 70 years gone? Here's how, for me: Right after Pearl Harbor I began seven months of intensive Japanese language study on campus; from there, went straight into the Army's top-secret Signal Intelligence Service for more training in translating intercepted and decoded Japanese radio messages, which I spent the war doing in Washington, D.C., New Delhi and finally Kunming, China. Back home in March 1945, I migrated westward and, thanks to the everblessed G.I. Bill, earned a history Ph.D. at Chicago.

"Onward and upward: I spent 16 years (1952–68) as an academic rolling stone, teaching at Antioch, Wayne State and the Universities of Chicago and Rochester. In those years I married, fathered three children and published the first few of 17 books, some for classrooms and academic peers, more (my favorites) aimed at general audiences. 'Dropped out' for four years of freelancing and working as an editor at American Heritage, during which time got divorced and moved back to New York. Finished off my academic life with part-time teaching at Vassar until 1980. Since then, I've lived by my freelancer's wits, aided after 1987 by Social Security and TIAA-CREF.

"In 1981 and 1982 I got lucky when I was introduced successively to Bill Moyers and Ken Burns, both of whom I've intermittently worked for as historian and writer for their documentaries. Learning to write for TV was a great, rejuvenating experience.

"Midwest, ho! I moved again to the Chicago area in 1990 to be near the first of my eventual six grandchildren. And I got happily remarried. I've had a lucky and satisfying life, so thank you, Columbia, especially for Contemporary Civilization and Humanities A and B, the foundation stones of all I know, believe and have done."

Dr. G.J. D'Angio: "It has been a wonderful 70 years. People actually paid me to do what I wanted and have fun doing it! I am forever grateful for our great Core Curriculum, where my education really started. I left Columbia in 1942 to attend Harvard Medical School. The war ended during my surgical internship. Two years with the Army Air Corps in Japan followed; then to the University of Florence — thanks, G.I. Bill for immersion in Italian art and history. Tuberculosis interrupted my medical training but eventually I became a pediatric radiation oncologist. Having published and lectured widely on childhood cancer. I became known: received an honorary degree (Bologna) and fellowships (London, Prague, et al), gold medals and so forth — all that offset by deflationary chagrin when I bit off more than I could

"My first wife, nursing educator Jean Chittenden Terhune R.N., B.S., and I had two sons. One is a professor of pediatrics (University of Rochester) and the other an Episcopal priest. One of my two granddaughters also is an Episcopal priest (and married to one). She will make me a great-grandfather in July. The other granddaughter is an outdoor life and lore instructor in South Carolina.

"Jean died in 2004. I then married Dr. Audrey Evans, with whom I had worked, often at a distance, since we met in 1955. Audrey is English and an internationally famed pediatric oncologist. She also originated the successful Ronald McDonald Houses — 'homes away from home' — for the families of children in-hospital or requiring repeated outpatient visits. There are now more than 300 worldwide.

"I fully retired last September; Audrey a few years back. Aside from deafness, I am in excellent health. Audrey also is well and is active in church and community affairs. We have room for guests. Come visit."

From the Spring CCT Class Notes, which were not printed in that issue due to a production error: Dr. **G.J. D'Angio** also included this report: "Our trip to the United Kingdom in October went well. The tour of the Bangor region of North West Wales was full of historic interest as well as very scenic. The medical meeting in London was held in the Barbican Centre, not one of the city's more attractive buildings. We took time from the meeting to visit the WWII underground cabinet room, where Churchill and his government were bunkered during the awful weeks and months of the Blitz. Well worth a visit.

"On our return, we spent a few days with family members on Schroon Lake, north of Albany, N.Y.; thence to Rochester, N.Y., to participate in my granddaughter Sara's ordination as a deacon of the Episcopal Church.

"We had three guests for a pleasant Thanksgiving, made even more pleasant after a call from Sara. She told me to be ready to become a great-grandfather come July 4!"

great-grandfather come July 4!"
Finally, I'm saddened to report
the deaths of **David Norr**, a financial analyst, investment adviser
and CPA, Scarsdale, N.Y., on August 19, 2012; **Harold C. Vaughan**,
a retired history teacher, Fort Lee,
N.J., on September 22, 2012; and **Edward M. Buyer '43E**, a retired
electrical engineer, Adamstown,
Md., on February 4, 2012.

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Greetings from your new class correspondent. I entered Columbia with the Class of 1944 as Seymour William Friedman and still practice law under the name of S. William Friedman. I hope to abide by the lofty standards maintained by my illustrious predecessor, Henry Rolf Hecht.

I was thinking about my Columbia freshman track and cross country coach Bob Pitkin '34, who served under head coach Carl Merner and who won the Heptagonals high jump in 1935 with a leap of 6'-2½" — a mark now eclipsed by many female high jumpers. Bob's

father was Walter J. Pitkin, a former Columbia professor and the author of *Life Begins at Forty*. Paraphrasing that title, I think an appropriately current theme for the Class of 1944 should be: "Life Begins at Ninety," an age now reached, and enjoyed, by most of our surviving class-

mates.

We heard from Dr. Daniel Choy
'49 P&S, whose exploits in the fields
of laser research, spine surgery and
medical invention are legendary.
Dan and I recently discussed his
memoirs, which were published in
2008 as Choy's Luck: Shanghai to New
York, a Life of Inventions, Medicine,
and Adventure — a book well worth
reading. It convinces its readers that
the old adage, "Truth is stranger
than fiction," is not just a hackneyed
expression.
Dan, who has lived life to its

fullest, reveals that after CC and P&S he trained in oncology at Columbia and with the Air Force. Dan has distinguished himself with numerous inventions, particularly in the field of laser technology. He is the creator of the Laser Knife and AEROPLAST, a surgical and burn dressing sprayed from an aerosol can, primarily to be used to treat serious burns sustained from an atomic attack. He advises us that his other inventions include coronary artery laser angioplasty, which bypasses the traditional balloon method with the use of a laser. He has also devised an artificial heart and, in the area of orthopedics, percutaneous laser disc decompression. He cured one of his friends of the annoying illness of tinnitus with an ingenious technique, even though he was never trained in the field of audiology. Dan has never been tied down

by traditional practices, instead invoking out-of-the-box thinking.

Dan says that he is retired, but his present vigorous lifestyle leads me to conclude that his retirement life is far more active and satisfying than the lives of all non-retired scientists. More about Dan in the next issue.

I have spoken several times by telephone and email with another physician classmate, Dr. Francis Rigney '49 P&S, who resides in California and has distinguished himself as a world-renowned psychiatrist. Francis is the author, with Lemuel Douglas Smith, of The Real Bohemia: A Sociological and Psychological Study of Beats, a book about the Beat Generation published in 1961. Francis had earlier been attracted to the behavior of beatniks and had, over the course of a year, performed a variety of tests and interviews with numerous beatniks, which leads us to recall the late Jack Kerouac, one of the most famous beatniks.

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Among the honors enjoyed by
Francis was his designation as chairman emeritus of Raphael House in
San Francisco, a multi-service shelter
for homeless families. He had served
with distinction as chief of staff and
a member of the board of directors
of California Pacific Medical Center.
One of his quotes reported on the
Internet is: "I'm known as having an
institutional memory ... I'm vitally
interested in life and activities and
work."

I met up recently and unexpectedly with **Alan Hoffman** in the oddest of places — a beauty salon in White Plains, N.Y., patronized by my wife, Linda, and by Alan's wife, Ellie. Alan reports recent contact with **Bud Harkavy**.

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Bill Struning chimes in with this note: "Will report on my activities (such as they are) at a later date. However, I wanted to express my thanks and appreciation to Henry Rolf Hecht for his many years as CC '44 class correspondent. He did a great job of gathering and reporting on what must have been a relatively small member base (WWII did not help). CC '44 was fortunate to have him representing us. We also were fortunate to enjoy the long-term services of Walter Wager in pre-Hecht years."

Henry Hecht ("proudly '44") responds as follows: "I'm doing OK, all things considered. Since being hit by some sudden weakness in February 2012, I have difficulty walking or concentrating while at my desk, but fortunately no pain and still reasonably alert. Not much more to report — family was planning a belated 90th birthday celebration for wife Hattie and me in May; we both turned 90 early this year. While I had to give up being class correspondent, I would still love to hear from remaining friends at hrh15@columbia.edu. Best wishes to you all." My old Yonkers H.S. buddy.

Wilton Entwistle, tells us he prefers to be addressed as "Bill" and states: "Though I never graduated due to a call from the Army in '42, the College has followed me over these many years. My Army service took me to Europe in '44 with the 95th Infantry Division, 377th Medical Battalion, and while we were in Germany I received a wound from a land mine that qualified me for a Purple Heart. I continued with the 95th until the division was brought back to the United States for the purpose of training for the war with Japan. But Harry Truman dropped a couple of A-bombs, and that war ended while we were still in the

"My wife, Aurelia, and I were married in '44, and we decided to move to California, where I worked with Occidental Life Insurance Co. (later a part of Transamerica Life) in its home office (not in sales) and remained with the company for 37 years, ending up as an associate v.p. before resigning at 62 to enjoy retirement. Aurelia and I have traveled across a large part of the world but now live a quiet life in Laguna Woods, Calif., having resided here for 23 years. We have three children, six grandchildren and six great-grands to show for our production line. Aurelia and I celebrated 69 years of married life on March 6 and my 90th birthday came on March 15. I'm sure most of our gang is in the same age area that I am, and several have passed on. But all of us must face that eventuality. So, go with God, old

friend. I send you my best wishes. With Robert Browning, I quote, 'Grow old along with me! The best is yet to be,/The last of life, for which the first was made ...'"

My Beta Sigma Rho fraternity

brother Dick Farber writes, "After enough years of working in technical electronic activities, I retired and have been leading a pleasant life. My wife and I have three children, seven grandchildren and, as of a little less than two years ago, our first great-grandchild. We had the second wedding in the family earlier this month in Akumal, Mexico (about 11/2 hours south of Cancun). We will have our third family wedding in June. My sons, Martin '71 and Andrew '75, and one grandson (Martin's son Aaron '05, the one who just got married) went to Columbia and are doing well. My wife and I are slowing down in activities but what do you expect from older age? Stay well."

Finally, we note with sadness the passing of Gordon Cotler, Robert A. Fishman, Richard Bader and Robert L. Rosenthal.

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This will be my last set of Class Notes, as my short-term memory is beginning to cause troubles. I've been asked to say a little something as a sign-off, so allow me to recount a bit about myself. As a professor in the Department of Psychiatry, I left UCSF in 1965 to go to the San Francisco VA Medical Center for a variety of reasons and retired from the VA at 70. I did volunteer work for a while, until I discovered that there were interesting, paying jobs for psychiatrists with an outfit called Traditions Behavioral Health. I worked for them for some years. until I began having strokes. Then I discovered I had severe aortic stenosis. Fortunately I was able to get into a protocol at Stanford, where they were evaluating percutaneous valve replacements. My new cow valve functions almost perfectly. Unfortunately, I developed an infection that was a marker for colon cancer and ended up with a hemi-colectomy. After all that, and because of persisting short-term memory problems, I gave up the

practice of medicine.

Then Dorothy, my wife of 56 years, died of a glioblastoma. Since then I've been living with a widow named Dot Potter who had been a close friend of both Dorothy's and mine since around 1956. I've published a memoir (Asylum: A Mid-Century Madhouse and Its Lessons about Our Mentally Ill Today), a

novel (*The Mating Flower: A Botanical Murder Mystery*) and moved out of the big house into an apartment on the water. There I read, play the recorder with a 'consort,' kayak, and in general lead the good Northern California life. That I do, despite a painless neuropathy of my right leg, which requires me to use a cane or walker.

It is with some reluctance that I turn this over to a successor. I hope someone steps forward, and that he enjoys it as much as I have.

[Editor's note: CCT thanks **Enoch** Callaway for his service as class correspondent. Any CC '45-er who is interested in helming this column should contact CCT Managing Editor Alexis Tonti '11 Arts at 212-851-7485 or alt2129@columbia.edu. In the meantime, please share news on your life, career and family as well as thoughts on or memories from your College days with CCT. Please mail to Columbia College Today, Columbia Alumni Center, 622 W. 113th St., MC 4530, New York, NY 10025; call 212-851-7852; email cct@columbia.edu; or use CCT's webform: college.columbia.edu/ cct/submit_class_note.] Dr. Chester Semel '48 P&S

interned at Mount Sinai, did a year of surgical residency at Duke and then finished his surgical training at the Staten Island United States Public Health Service Hospital. After his residency, he remained in the U.S. Public Health Service system for about four years, as assistant chief of surgery at Staten Island and deputy chief of surgery at Baltimore. Prior to Staten Island. he took two-plus years off to work on an Indian reservation in the north of Washington State with his new wife. There he had many interesting experiences.

Chester and his wife later moved to Beverly Hills, where he began his private practice of surgery. They were happy there, and for 51 years he was the surgeon for the USC football team and went to all of their games. He and his wife both learned to fly a plane and took many trips together. One took them to Mexico, where the plane broke down. They had to fly home commercially, since they didn't have enough money for the repairs.

The Rev. Clarence Sickles was for many years the CCT class correspondent, so I thought he would be an appropriate subject for my terminal Class Notes. When I called, I found him living with his wife, Jean, at 68 Heath Village, Hackettstown, NJ 07840. We had a long talk, which (given my failing memory) he kindly supplemented with additional notes and press clippings, which reflect 93 years of life well spent.

Clarence was president of his high school graduating class in

New Jersey, a member of the honor society and a member of the cross country team that won the state championship. He entered Rutgers in 1941, made the varsity track team and won a letter. When the Army took over the Rutgers campus in 1943, he transferred to the College, where he was on the varsity twomile relay team. After graduation, he entered General Theological Seminary, graduated with a master's of divinity in '48 and was ordained an Episcopal priest. After serving several parishes, in 1951 Clarence became the first chaplain to Episcopal students at Rutgers. From 1953–65, he served as vicar of St. James' Episcopal Church in Hackettstown.

In 1962, Clarence formed the Heath Village corporation, which built the Heath Village Retirement Community, where he and Jean now live. This was originally an affordable retirement community with four levels of care: independent living (like an apartment); hotel (cleaning service and meals); assisted living; and full nursing care. He was an executive director until 1978 and he and Jean became licensed nursing home administrators; he also earned a master's of education in gerontology from Teachers College.

I could go on but to summarize: Clarence and Jean have eight children and one foster child. He received a humanitarian award from the Hackettstown Chamber of Commerce, periodically is track and field official for high schools and colleges, was twice a candidate for State Senate, chaplain of the Hackettstown first aid and rescue squad, chaplain of the Hackettstown fire department, treasurer of the National Interfaith Coalition on Aging, founder of the Episcopal Society for the Ministry on Aging, lecturer in gerontology at Centenary College in Hackettstown and an occasional substitute teacher at various locations. He also serves Rutgers in various capacities. Finally, he and Jean are certified graphologists, graduates of Felician College (Lodi, N.J.) and do handwriting analysis as a hobby. And, oh yes, he was awarded an honorary doctor of divinity degree by his theological seminary. I'm sure I still missed something!

Clarence has been so-called retired for some time but, predictably, has not been idle. He recently completed a book, *The New Ten Commandments*, which follows the development and changes of Moses' laws from the 15th century to date. He said that those interested in reading it should send him a letter at the address mentioned earlier in the column. He sent me one and I've read half already, and

can highly recommend it. Henry Shinefield '48 P&S has had a fascinating career. My tele-

had a fascinating career. My telephone notes were incomplete and poorly supplemented by my failing memory, so I asked him for an email repeat. Here it is (with some editing).

"Your phone call took me back to September 1941, Hamilton Hall, my first Columbia freshman class with Lionel Trilling '25, '38 GSAS. There was Enoch Callaway, in a light blue freshman beanie, in row one, first seat, ready to participate in a phenomenal Columbia program called Contemporary Civilization and Humanities education — a program for all entering students, regardless of their major, a program that was just eight years old at the time.

"I am 89 and enjoying my retirement, here in New York City, with the company of my magnificent wife, Jacqueline, daughters, Kim and Melissa, their husbands and eight grandchildren ages 3–16. We miss, because of infrequent visits to Los Angeles, our third daughter, Jill, her husband and the ninth grandchild, Shane (5).

"My retirement comes after having the pleasure and excitement of a 64-year span with rewarding involvement in a variety of disciplines in the field of pediatric health and medical care. After completing my third year of pediatric residency at Weill Cornell Medical Center, in 1951, I entered and spent two years in the U.S. Public Health Service as a member of the Communicable Disease Center's Inow Centers for Disease Control and Prevention] first Epidemic Intelligence Service officer class. That experience began with eight weeks of training and resulted in being 'knighted' as an epidemiologist and rewarded with an assignment for two years with the California State Health Department and Laboratories in Berkelev.

"A major portion of my time was involvement with a serious epidemic of Western equine encephalitis both clinically and in the laboratory. There also was an investigation of a polio epidemic in the Berkeley Hills as well as an eye-opening experience when I was sent to Harlan County, Ky., to investigate a severe outbreak of hepatitis.

"The assignment in California was notable not only for the public health experiences but also because it led to my introduction to a medical practice in which I would ultimately spend 40 exciting years of my medical life. I had heard about a method of delivery of medical care based on a prepaid system rather than a fee-for-service system that was being carried out by a fledging organization called the Kaiser Permanente (KP) Health Plan. Created

by Henry Kaiser during WWII for his shipyard employees, it was now offered to the public. Its major hospital was in Oakland, Calif., with a small outpatient clinic above a drug store on a main street in San Francisco.

"I visited Dr. John 'Jack' Smillie (chief of a staff of two pediatricians) and asked whether I could help during my time off, so I could understand the program. He agreed, and my resulting experience led me to believe that the future of health care lav in some similar system. Patients would pay a defined fee for a defined period of time for complete health and medical care. The physicians are paid a defined salary and the result would be the delivery of first-class, cost-controlled care. This program now cares for approximately one-third of the 30,000,000 people in California and has multiple programs throughout the United States.

"Dr. Smillie asked if I would like to join him on completion of my public health service. I said I would, if I hadn't promised to join my older brother (my role model and father figure) in his busy Paterson, N.J., pediatric practice. ... So off I went to New Jersey in July 1953, where I spent six years in a busy, outstanding, fee-for-service, private pediatric practice. However, there were laboratory follow-ups from my California experience that I wanted to complete. So with considerable regret, I told my brother that I had to leave the practice.

widespread through households.

"No antibiotics, aseptic or antiseptic techniques were effective in stopping the epidemic. However, we found that if we placed a small amount of a staphylococcal strain of low virulence in the nose and umbilicus of the infants we could prevent serious staphylococcal disease. Not only was the epidemic at the Cornell nursery stopped with this approach, but so, too, were severe nursery outbreaks in other parts of the United States.

parts of the United States.

"During the 12 years I left the West Coast, I stayed in touch with Dr. Smillie in San Francisco. In 1964, he informed me that he was now in charge of the entire San Francisco KP program and offered me the chief of pediatrics position, which I accepted. Leaving New York in July 1965, I began 40 years of involvement in active pediatrics.

"For 25 years at KP, I was in charge of the clinical practice of a staff of 15 pediatricians, consolidated a first-class pediatric residency program and continued my staphylococcal research. Most importantly, in my final 20 years at San Francisco KP, I founded and co-directed the Kaiser Permanente Vaccine Study Center, a center that is arguably one of the finest, if not the best, in the world. With a large defined patient population, a sophisticated computerized patient information system and a skilled data analytic team, we did largescale Phase 3 patient studies that led to approval for a number of

critically important vaccines. These

mended for routine administration

"There is a brief summary of my

diverse pediatric life, an experience

across 64 years that includes time

in public health, fee for service

pediatrics, academic pediatrics

vaccines are currently recom-

to infants, children, adolescents

and some adults in the U.S. and

throughout the world.

As happened to many in our class, Howard's college days were interrupted by the war and he returned to get a degree from the Architecture School. He has been retired for about 10 years and lives in Greenwich, Conn., though he occasionally still goes to the drafting table which, he commented, is now an archaic artifact (he says the current generation does everything on computers, and even uses them to take examinations). Howard was a sailor until about 10 years ago but has given up the pastime. He also confessed to a love of travel and takes a trip abroad on almost an annual basis, though now he finds it can be a bit onerous. Frank Herman '45E, '49E, '53

GSAS went into the service after graduation. Following two years in the Navy, he returned and earned both a master's and a Ph.D. in physics from Columbia. He spent most of his career working on the theoretical physics of semiconductors at the IBM Center in San Jose, Calif. However, for the last 10 years he has been retired. Frank's health remains good and his only physical exercises are long walks. He reads extensively. remains fascinated with his field of theoretical physics, attends lectures at Stanford and sometimes teaches there, too. Lately, his principal occupation has been finishing a book on the theory of semiconductors.

Dr. Samuel Hemley had just returned to his home in Snowmass, Colo., when I called. Snowmass is around 9,000 feet in altitude, and we chatted a bit about President Barack Obama '83's poor showing in the first presidential debate in Denver, speculating as to whether some incompetent physician had failed to make him take precautions due to the altitude. Sam then kindly offered to speak with me more the next day, so I called again and we had a long chat. With the short-term memory of the typical 88-year-old, I hope that I do justice to all that we discussed.

Sam recalled growing up in Brooklyn, where he lived with his uncle, who was a state Supreme Court judge. He attended Boys and Girls H.S., which at the time was iust Boys H.S., and had excellent grades and fine recommendations. He wanted to go to Cornell but was turned down. The head of his high school was distressed by this and, on inquiry, found that Sam fell outside of a quota that the college had. The young Hemley then was sent to talk to Columbia College Dean Herbert Hawkes, who said he should go to Columbia and suggested that he take the admission tests. That he did and, at 15, was admitted to the freshman class. Sam lived in Livingston [now

Dr. Henry Shinefield '45, '48 P&S is 89 and enjoying retirement in New York City.

"I found a friend and former colleague, Dr. Heinz Eichenwald, who offered me a job in the infectious disease department at the Weill Cornell Medical College. It turned into six years of excitement and discovery with an opportunity to see and understand the internals of academic medicine with its positives and foibles.

"My time at Cornell was devoted to teaching patient care and investigative laboratory work. A major portion of the latter involved combating my favorite bacterial enemy. the staphylococcus, particularly studying how it created problems in the nursery. Then, this bacteria was producing a worldwide epidemic both in hospitals and communities, and in particular with newborns, who became infected (colonized) with the staphylococcus. Infants would go home without disease only to return in two to six weeks with severe lung, brain, blood or skin disease, which often became

and last, longest and probably most important, prepaid pediatric practice and vaccinology. All diverse, interesting and instructive. For me, a fascinating continuum in excitement."

The following updates are car-

The following updates are carried over from the Spring issue, having not been printed due to a production error:

Howard B. Henderson '51 Arch. was in the yard raking leaves and generally tidying up after Hurricane Sandy when his wife called him to the phone to take my call. Obviously, he remains in good shape.

Wallach | Hall and ran on the cross country team, coming in second as a freshman at a race in Princeton; he later won a gold medal at a race in Annapolis in which all the Ivy League schools took part.

Years later, Sam took his wife to campus and tried to find Livingston Hall, only to discover the new Wallach name, which, he confessed, upset him. Later still, he was having dinner with a friend to whom he complained about the renaming, only to find out that the same Wallach was the friend's brother-in-law.

Sam graduated from NYU medical school, where he studied radiology. During his service with the Army he was promoted from lieutenant to captain in a combat zone. After the war he came back to New York, ran the radiology department in a major hospital and did pioneering work with catheters.

Sam is an avid skier; 43 years ago, while on vacation in Colorado, a beautiful young lady literally fell over a mogul and landed at his feet. They are still skiing together (having moved to Colorado early in their relationship, about 40 years ago). Friends have told him that a movie should be made of his romance.

I remember Snowmass well because the Winter Conference on Brain Research often was held there Sam tells me now that, though the skiing is still excellent, the conference facilities have been so improved that they are too expensive for most scientific meetings.

Sam says he loved his time at the College and feels privileged to have been Dean Hawkes' protégé. He remains supportive of the track team and was pleased to note the

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accomplishment of Kyle Merber '12, its first sub-four-minute miler.

Sam's current project is teaching trap and skeet shooting. He has five students! He adds that, at our ages, we should ignore the advice of others and keep doing what we have been doing, since we have so far beaten the odds (as well as the life expectancies as put forth by our physicians).

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The San Francisco Chronicle ran an essay by Herbert Gold on January 2, 2011; with Herb's permission, I've included an adapted excerpt

"In Hayana, 1959, I was camped out at the Ambos Mundos Hotel, trying to write a film script based on my novel, The Man Who Was Not With It. I had driven my beat-up, badly used Ford to Key West and then flown to Cuba by Q Airlines (slogan: Ten Minutes, Ten Dollars). I hoped to work quietly in an exotic tropical world.

"However the Cuban revolution was in progress. I came upon bodies left in the streets of Havana. That was one distraction. Also, George Plimpton was heading out every morning to work on his Paris Review interview with 'Papa,' as Ernest Hemingway liked to be called. In the evening upon his return from the Hemingway compound, La Finca, we would have dinner together and he would tell me about their progress.

"One day Plimpton suggested that I go out to La Finca to meet Papa. I felt it was inappropriate, not having been invited. He said Papa said it would be fine. I said he didn't know me. I was sure he didn't know my writing. I didn't want to disturb him. Evidently he carried the message that I refused to visit Papa unless he read some of my books.

"As I was checking out of the Ambos Mundos on my way to Q Airlines, a telephone call came from Mary Hemingway, personally inviting me for lunch, a few drinks, maybe some fishing with Papa.

"'I can't, I'm leaving,' I said. "Stay another couple days,' she

"I've got to drive to Detroit. I promised my daughters I would see them for Christmas.'

"They can wait," she explained to this divorced father.

"'No. They can't.'

"There was silence. Then she hung up. That silence by that click was my last communication from Mary Hemingway.

"Years later, after his death, I found in a collection of Hemingway's letters a request to a friend to send him any books that were available by me."

Herbert Hendin, who was a star player on the College's varsity tennis team, recently wrote to President Barack Obama '83 soliciting his membership in the "Left-Handed Tennis Lions" club. The president qualifies on all counts: left handed, plays tennis, a Columbian. No answer yet, but Herb hasn't given up hope.

The annual meeting of the founding members of the club brought Mal Ruderman, Bernie Sunshine, Tom Silbiger '59, '59E and their wives to Herb and his wife, Jo's, home for dinner in April.

Whenever we gather at class luncheons, dinners or reunions, inevitably talk turns to the Core Curriculum (Humanities and CC) and its effect on us. This year, Literature Humanities celebrates its 75th year. Hard to realize that we were enjoying its fruits at virtually its beginning.

I am sorry to report the passing of Eugene Bruck, who was a highly regarded musicologist. Among his many accomplishments. Eugene produced the first recording of electronic music in the United States.

Shifting into Notes from the Spring CCT, I was asked about admissions to Columbia College. This year's freshmen — the Class of 2016 — included 1.090 students. selected from more than 25,000 applicants. It brought to mind a class luncheon some years ago, when Harry Coleman '46E was dean of the College. He commented about

the continuing rise in applicants to the College, their incredibly high SAT scores and the small number who were admitted. One of us (don't remember who) wondered whether we could have successfully competed for admission if we were applying in the current era. Unhesitatingly, Harry said, "Absolutely. No question about it."

John McConnell, our faithful correspondent in Post Falls, Idaho, wrote that he "decided to do something with his violin and viola besides take up space." He upgraded his instruments, received professional coaching and now plays six to eight gigs a month. John teamed up with a former USO entertainer who brought female glamour to troops in the South Pacific, Japan and Korea.

Dr. Lawrence Ross '51 P&S told us he enjoyed the piece by Dr. Paul Marks '49 P&S that appeared in this column (Fall 2012). Larry said: "Medicine has come a long way since I was a plodding, practicing pediatrician."

Alan Berman suggested that he also be inscribed on the Great-Grandfather Cup (Summer 2012 column). Alan has four greatgrandchildren and, by the time we go to press, the fifth probably will have arrived. Indeed, he should join Dr. Lawrence Jukofsky and Paul Rotondi with the distinction.

Recently, when I was riding the No. 1 subway, a young man leaned over and said, "I am Class of '98." I realized he had spotted the Columbia ring I wear. I replied, "My Class is '46," and he blanched. I suppose he was trying to digest our class year and the fact that we are still around.

I am sorry to report the passing of Charles J. Fabso '47 Business in Durham, N.C. A loyal member of our class, Chuck enjoyed a stellar career as a general manager of General Electric.

I add with regret the death of I. Myer Pincus '45E, '49L in December. Following our 60th reunion in 2006, Mike wrote in a letter to this correspondent, "A good deal of my openness of mind and attitude derive from those wonderful men at Columbia who inculcated that what is true is what you have examined up close with an open mind. But truth changes as we grow older and experience the world and other people's truths."

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Allen S. Brower '48E writes, "I was an accidental member of the Class of 1947. Arriving at Colum-

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bia in July 1944 to study engineering, I expected to transfer to the School of Engineering after four semesters, at that time the normal entry path to that school. However, during the first year. I discovered what was then termed Professional Option, now 3-2. By remaining in the College for three years and then transferring, my College scholarship would continue for four academic years and I would receive both degrees. I have never regretted that decision! Because of the wartime accelerated schedule. I completed both degrees in four calendar years, continued on to earn my master's degree in electrical engineering in 1950 and was an instructor in the EE department for four years. I was on campus for a total of nine years.

"That was followed by 36 years with the General Electric Co. in Schenectady, N.Y., as an engineer and engineering manager. I married Carol '49 Barnard. We have three children and seven grandchildren, all living within 10 miles of our home in Burnt Hills, N.Y.

"Since retirement in 1989, I have been a participant in a weekly philosophy group (reading and discussion), now in its 40th year, at the First Unitarian Society of Schenectady. I have never passed up the opportunity to brag about the Core Curriculum and its contributions to my professional and personal lives. I read with enjoyment David Denby '65, '66J's book, GREAT BOOKS: My Adventures with Homer, Rousseau. Woolf, and Other Indestructible Writers of the Western World [see Columbia Forum, Spring 2013] and have read with great interest through the years articles in Columbia College Today, particularly the Spring 2013 issue, about the evolution of Lit Hum. May it continue for another 75 years!'

Dr. Jacob J. Stam, of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., shares this poem: I was in the Class of Forty-Four originally

From Boys High School and lived in the city

So I went to the Ivy League by subway The College then was in some turmoil We all were involved by the gathering

The war was heating up to a boil Going to college was off the norm I don't suppose many of us are still around

To recall Lindbergh and Father Coughlin The German [American] Bund in

Madison Square Garden Hitler ranting on the radio Churchill pleading for us to go I had received my draft board notice in the mail

Ordered to get my physical without fail At college I was ill at ease With Cs and Ds and absentees My career at college had become a bore The gathering storm would send me to war

The Class of Forty-Four in its essence *Is a story of the loss of innocence* Back home in forty-six I applied for readmission

But received a letter of rejection My College record was their objection I asked the dean for an interview He listened to me very seriously And enabled me to get my degree That's how I am Class of Forty-Seven A graduate of the Lion's Den

Former U.S. Poet Laureate Daniel Hoffman '56 GSAS died on March 30, 2013. You can read more in The New York Times (nytimes. com; search by keywords "Daniel Hoffman") and in Obituaries in this

Please share news about yourself, your family, your career, your travels or even a favorite Columbia College memory using either the email or postal address at the top of the column. You also can send news via CCT's easy-to-use webform: college.columbia.edu/cct/ submit class note. This column is a wonderful way for the class to stay connected. I hope to hear from you!

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From the Spring 2013 Class Notes, which were not printed in that issue due to a production error: Durham Caldwell's newest

book, Betty Sue's Homecoming and Her Rocky Path to Respectability, tells the story of Betty Sue Hannaford, who disappears at 3. The police chief theorizes she has drowned in a flood-swollen stream but her father keeps his porch light on every night for 27 years, convinced she someday will come back to him. Through an intriguing chain of circumstances she does, and she brings with her a lifestyle she knows will alienate her newly rediscovered family but which she is reluctant to give up. The novel relates the smiles and tears of her struggle to conform to small-town family life. [See Spring 2013 Bookshelf.

Durham also shared these thoughts: "The recent death of professor Jacques Barzun '27, '32 GSAS at 104 [see Winter 2012-13 Obituaries] reminded me of my collision with his formidable intellect in the spring semester of 1944, when I was a callow, 17-year-old, first-term sophomore. I had elected at the end of my freshman terms to apply for the Colloquium on Great Books in preference to taking Humanities B. For some reason, the schedule makers — instead of placing me in Colloquium 1 — put me in Colloquium 4 with Professors Barzun and Lionel Trilling '25, '38 GSAS.

"My classmates were mostly upperclassmen, among them such brains as Richard Bauman '45, '46L. I was clearly out of my league. When the profs told us they wanted a paper, I didn't have the slightest idea of what to write about. I settled on what to a 17-year-old was the most noteworthy part of the term's first few books: the authors' predilection for sex as part of their plot lines. I titled my paper 'Colloquium 4 Is

supposed to be commenting on, which a jokester friend had typed up and sent along for the other friend to read and for Szathmary to light into. My recollection is that Ed timed his arrival at class toward the end of the Szathmary diatribe, explained what the profs and the class had just heard and for once left Szathmary speechless."

David Brainin writes, "Just past the midpoint of my 88th year, I retired from even part-time active law practice. At this writing I am preparing to celebrate the 80th birthday of my wife, Sema, on December 9. I'm still active as an

John McConnell '46 "decided to do something with his violin and viola besides taking up space." He now plays six to eight gigs a month.

"Barzun returned the paper to me with the notation that I might just as well criticize the Decalogue for being 10 percent about sex. I surmise he thought I wouldn't know what the *Decalogue* was. Actually, I did. Trilling's comments were less acerbic but hardly complimentary. I pulled myself up later in the term with a paper comparing Fielding's Tom Jones from Humanities A favorably with the mildly amusing Dickens novel (Our Mutual Friend), which was assigned in Colloquium 4. I seem to remember that I ignored Fielding's (and Tom Jones') interest in sex. I ended up with a B for the term even though I made the mistake of categorizing *Tom Jones* as the *ne plus ultra* of the modern novel. Barzun wrote in the margin, 'Where did you get that?'

"I must have made some minor impression on Trilling. I haven't read it, but I understand he has a character named 'Caldwell' in his 1947 novel, The Middle of the Iourney.

"I took another term of Colloquium when I returned from the Army in 1946. I'm not sure, but I think that this time they put me in Colloquium 3. The profs were Donald Frame '41 GSAS and Arthur Szathmary. Frame was the good guy, Szathmary the intellectual. They had us rotate reading our papers out loud at the beginning of each class. The only one I remember was handed in by Ed Paul, later our senior class president. For some reason Ed was 'unavoidably late' on the night he was due to read and arranged for a classmate to read the paper, which Szathmary proceeded to rip apart. Ed turned up at the strategic moment. He disclosed that the paper wasn't his but was a distinguished scholar's printed introduction to the edition of the book Ed was

arbitrator and an occasional mediator. I'm looking forward to our 65th reunion and hope to be there. Best to all."

John Zanders turned 87 on October 21. He writes, "I am in sound health and, while retired from employment, I remain active. I am a member of three local coin clubs and belong to the Tade Buddha Temple here in Houston. I reside in an apartment and continue to pursue independent living. People often comment about the fact that I do not look my age. I accept these comments as flattery!

"I have nine grandchildren. among them a 12-year-old girl who is pursuing the dream I could not complete. She is living with her parents in New Jersey, where she attends private school. This year they introduced Mandarin language instruction, and she is an enthusiastic participant. She appears to have a genuine talent for language and she rapidly is becoming bilingual (English/Chinese). She is able to learn written characters with ease and rapidity. I am a doting grandfather.

"I am the oldest living individual within my family, for generations. I have fond memories of my time at Columbia."

Dr. Bob Mellins passed away on December 12, 2012. He was 84 and lived in New York City. A few weeks before his death, Bob sent this note: "Bob Mellins, although Professor Emeritus at P&S, is still active as a special lecturer and runs a research grand rounds for the Department of Pediatrics. Music Humanities and Art Humanities at the College still make it possible for him to enjoy music and art. Regrettably, age has made it necessary for him to give up figure skating." [Editor's note: See Spring 2013 Obituaries.]

Robert Silbert, upon hearing

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the news of his former roommate's death, sent this note: "As I read Columbia College Today, I've thought how lucky we are to be alive. More and more of the short notes from classmates list the everyday things that they are doing, what their kids have done or are doing, who they have lost and who their friends were at Columbia. Memories are vivid, nostalgia is obvious, thankfulness is apparent. We were so lucky to be at Columbia after the end of one war and before the beginning of the next. We should not waste a minute of any day and live every hour as best we can, as long as we are able. Time passes, more quickly than we realize. Live your life as best as you can, as long as you are able. Bob did."

Bob sent another note for this issue: "I live about a mile from the College at Riverside Drive and West 90th Street, where I've lived for 51 years. Both daughters have left the homestead — the older one in New Canaan, Conn., and the younger one on East 86th Street. My wife and I have the apartment (unfortunately, not on the river side), and if my conscience was bigger I might feel guilty about living in a large apartment, but truthfully I feel great about it. I was really looking forward to seeing old friends at Alumni Reunion Weekend at the end of May. My wife and I often take walks up Broadway to the College, and old memories come flooding back. I can't believe that was almost 65 vears ago.'

Richard Impola writes, "After retirement from teaching at SUNY New Paltz, I began to work on Finnish, the language of my parents and their friends. I have translated 20 Finnish works, the most notable being a trilogy titled *Under the North Star* by Finnish realist author Väinö Linna. It was probably that book that won me the civilian Order of the White Rose from the Finnish government."

Harvey Gardner, who describes himself as "'48 ex-'45 still extant," sent this note: "With Jean (married in 1947), travel only between Nyack home and second home in South Egremont, Southern Berkshire County, Mass. In touch weekly with Marcel Gutwirth '47, '50 GSAS and Charles Simmons."

Still active with the Virginia Medical Reserve Corps, Dr. Sidney Fink '52 P&S "otherwise spends his time hiking, playing bridge and visiting his extended family, which includes 15 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren!"

Robert DeMaria is "doing research for a new novel that takes place in summer 1936 in Europe, especially Berlin where the summer Olympics took place. I welcome any good anecdotes or rare information about this event: debobaria@aol.

Frank Marcus writes, "This year promises to be a busy one. I practice, teach and pursue research at the University of Arizona. I was an invited speaker at a pediatric cardiology conference in Orange County in January; later that month I was, at this writing, to present grand rounds in a hospital in Mi-

two trans-uranium elements but where I also founded a literary arts publication still extant and was awarded the English gold medal at graduation, for I have always been involved both in literature (primarily as a poet) and science (primarily as a writer and founding editor of books and journals on scientific vanguards, such as neuroscience and psychoneuro-immunology).

Marv Lipman '49 was one of 10 Alumni Medalists honored at Commencement on May 22.

ami. I am scheduled to give a talk at the American College of Cardiology meetings in March in San Francisco. In April, I plan to travel to Paris to give a talk at the European Cardiac Arrhythmia Society. In May, I plan to give a presentation at the Heart Rhythm Society in Denver. That same month, I will be pleased to receive the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Pima County Medical Society in Tucson, Ariz.

"In addition to the above, I try to keep in touch with my three grown children and six grandchildren, who range in age from 19 months to 21 years."

Below are new notes received for this issue.

Charles Cole, who lives in Waverly, Ohio, writes, "Why not a note from an 89-year-old? Life has been good. College, law school and a career in labor relations with several corporations until age 70. Then 10 years of consulting, which were surprisingly rewarding. The six 'kids' have done well: three retired, grandchildren numerous and scattered. Luckily see them twice a year. Still run most days. Columbia track coach Carl Merner said repeatedly, 'Run every day, you'll live to 100 years.' ... Eleven to go. I hesitate to write but I've never 'enjoyed' a sick day, same for wife, Hannah. Enough said. Ran today, temp 40°. Oldest son is Charles Jr. '74. This is my fourth note since 1948, all published."

Former class correspondent Theodore (Ted) Melnechuk, of Amherst, Mass., writes, "Taking as prime examples the various kinds of information published about my classmates, here are some facts about me.

"I'm 85, have hearing aids, still drive but walk with a cane. I was happily married to my dear wife, Anna, for 65 years, though I've been widowed now for 6½ years. We had two daughters and two sons. A born New Yorker, I attended Brooklyn Technical H.S., where at 14 I published a prediction of properties of the first

"At Columbia, I was an editor both of Jester and The Columbia *Review.* My best friends there were Thaddeus Golas, Norman Kelvin, Marshall Mascott, Allen Ginsberg and John Hollander '50; with the latter two I shared poetry prizes awarded by W.H. Auden, Stephen Spender and Mark Van Doren '21 GSAS. Van Doren and Jacques Barzun '27, '32 GSAS were my two favorite professors, and I kept in touch with both until they died, visiting Dr. Barzun in his home in San Antonio several years ago. I possess books written by each.

"In the '60s, while helping to run the MIT Neuroscience Research Program, I founded the still extant graduate program in scientific communication at Boston University as an adjunct professor. From 1968–91, I co-taught a graduate course in scientific communication at UC San Diego until I retired to Amherst. where I became an off-campus member of the Neuroscience and Behavior Graduate Program at UMass Amherst. For the first several years in Amherst, I produced films on local cultural events for the benefit of shut-ins and chaired a monthly open-poetry reading. Then my wife's illnesses and my post-polio (since 1954, I've had polio-caused weakness in one leg and overcompensation-caused weakness in the other) slowed me down, and I became a founding member of a post-polio support group to which I still belong.

"My philosophy about life? About a dozen years ago, after giving a guest lecture on neuroscience to my grandson's middle-school class, I advised the students always to work at something you love, so that you will enjoy the entire week and not just the weekend!

"Alas, this long-winded (and yet selective) account sounds like a draft obituary. (Well, I am 85.) Best wishes."

wishes."
CCT is sorry to report the death
of Bernard W. Wishy '58 GSAS,
a history professor who taught at
Columbia and who resided in San

Francisco, on April 28, 2012.

We will report on Alumni Reunion Weekend in the Fall 2013 issue. The class photo taken at the luncheon, however, may be found on the *CCT* website (college.colum bia.edu/cct) as part of this issue's reunion follow-up article.

If you attended the luncheon or any other reunion events, please share your thoughts and stories with us by sending a letter or email to the postal or email address at the top of the column or though CCT's easy-to-use webform: college.col umbia.edu/cct/submit class note.

CCT needs a class correspondent to write this column. If you are interested, please contact Alexis Tonti '11 Arts, managing editor: alt2129@columbia.edu or 212-851-7485. In the meantime, please send updates. Your classmates want to hear from you!

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Marv Lipman was one of 10 Alumni Medalists honored at Commencement on May 22; there will be an evening event celebrating the medalists in Low Library on Saturday, October 12, as part of Alumni Leaders Weekend. I have mentioned my indebtedness to him for having introduced me to Brooklyn. Clearly, he remains a resource for continuing class pride.

I note here **Joe Russell**'s Letter to the Editor regarding Professor James Gutmann (Class of 1918, '36 GSAS) in the Spring issue. There cannot be any one of us fortunate enough to have known the professor whose life was not touched and influenced by him.

As I was writing just now, the "chirp" of incoming email interrupted me — and I now add the following from a too-long silent **Don Friedman**.

"I bet you'll get a lot of responses to the Lit Hum piece in the Spring CCT, but here's mine anyway. The articles revivified memories that have been with me for a long time.

"My first semester at the College, I took Hum 1 with Alan Brown, who left to become president of Hobart and William Smith Colleges. What it did to (and for) me we now would express with the phrase 'It blew my mind' (I was 16). It also

made clear to me what I wanted to do with my career. I retired after teaching English and other literature for 50 years, the last 40 of them at UC Berkeley. Like many of us who became academics, I am sure, I drew on those readings and discussions constantly over the years. As testimony to the effect of the Core Curriculum, there were times when, talking with new colleagues, something about our conversation led me to stop and ask, 'Did you go to Columbia?' The Core has a way of shaping how we think about literature and a lot else. (By the way, after our 50th class reunion, my wife, Stephanie '57 Radcliffe, told me that she found Columbia men infinitely more interesting than Har-

vard boys.)

"I also was moved by Joe Russell's letter [also in the Spring issue] about Professor James Gutmann and the accompanying photograph. You may remember that at that time, the College didn't have majors or concentrations; instead, we collected 'maturity credits' to make sure that we studied some subject(s) in depth. I accumulated them in English and philosophy. I applied to Harvard graduate school in philosophy, and Professor Gutmann advised me to apply for as many fellowships as I could find (to 'get my name out there,' he said). He urged me particularly to apply for an obscure award, the Henry Fellowship, which he said was always given to someone from Harvard or Yale but that might carry some weight with the Harvard committee. One Friday in April I got a letter admitting me to Harvard, with a scholarship in philosophy; the future seemed well arranged. But the next morning I got a telegram from Harvard, telling me that a Henry Fellowship was to send me to 'the other Cambridge,' to study English. So I owe to Professor Gutmann, one of the kindest, wisest men I have ever known, the course of my professional life, just as I do Alan Brown four years earlier.

"My very best to all my classmates."

If I recall correctly, **Don Fried-man** is from my birthplace, Woodmere (Long Island), N.Y., as is **Bob Rosencrans**.

That's all for now. Be sure to send in your updates!



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Ray Annino has posted on his website (rayannino.com) a slideshow of his new watercolors and a collection of his older work. They include landscapes, seascapes, sailing vessels, seashores, forests, farms and town scenes.
Sad to report, **John Maracle** of

Sad to report, **John Maracle** of Irondequoit, N.Y., died in January 2013.

I'm afraid that's it for now. Send in your updates! Your classmates want to hear from you.



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Our class fencing champion, **Robert Nielsen**, died on March 15, 2013. While at Columbia he was the holder of both the NCAA and ICFA foil championships. Bob was instrumental in bringing the "Iron Man" trophy for fencing to Morningside Heights during his college career and was recently inducted into the Columbia University Athletics Hall of Fame.

In the opinion of your Class Notes writer, nothing is more important than keeping in touch with those classmates who shared our Columbia College experience. Many of us are now caregivers to spouses or loved ones, or we ourselves are receiving care from a family member. My recent telephone calls to Dolores Nielsen, Robert's widow, and Edward P. Hardy Jr. have strengthened my own resolve to be more aware of what it means to assume total responsibility for another person's life. A friendly note or an occasional call can make a difference. On the other hand, Ed told me that he always reads my column in CCT, and that made me feel good, too.

Some time ago, art critic Ferdinand Protzman wrote in *The Washington Post* the following paragraph about **Donald Holden** and his watercolors: "Few can claim mastery of the medium and he is one of them. His paintings highlight his consummate skill as a watercolorist as well as his quietly spiritual artistic vision." So, it is no surprise that 22 of Don's watercolors will be on permanent display at the Federal Reserve Board in Washington, D.C.

Congratulations, Don.
Here is some news from NROTC classmates. Leonard Stoehr reported that B. James Lowe has relocated from Albuquerque, N.M., to Florida. His new address is 115 Lake of the Woods Lane, M4076, Saint Johns, FL 32259. Jim's wife, Suzette, died recently. More detailed information can be obtained from Donald A. Beattie by phoning him at 904-287-0222. Len also indicated that James B. "Tex" McNallen is recovering from open-heart surgery.

An NROTC reunion is in the works. Keep in touch with Jim and Don for the "All Hands on Deck" whistle.

Our Florida CIA (Columbia Intelligence Agency!) is directed by **Stanley I. Schachter.** Apparently there is a group of Lions who get together for periodic luncheons. **Ronald G. Granger** '54 Dental, a "snowbird" from Maine, has become a member and no doubt is benefiting from Stan's bountiful knowledge of the literary qualities of James Joyce. Ron retired as a professor and department chair, affiliated with dentistry, at Boston University.

Other news items: Allan W. Robbins of Alexandria, Va., died on March 3, 2013. No details are available. Dr. Gerald Adler is recovering from hip surgery. Thomas J. Joyce is living in Brevard, N.C. He retired to the mountains after a long career in the insurance industry in the metropolitan New York area. Tom is an outdoors kind of a guy. Hiking is his major love and it helps him to keep in shape.

Recently, Condé Nast Traveler magazine arrived at my home. A feature article described a sevenweek trip in Asia that included the most fabulous sights in the Far East and accommodations at the most luxurious hotels. The cost: \$48,000 (economy class) plus \$6,000 for airfare. It made me think about one of my Korean War adventures, when I was stationed at Yokota AB near Tokyo. I was selected to be the lead navigator for three four-engine B-29s on a mission called "Operation Handclasp." It was supposedly the first post-WWII visit of American military aircraft to Australia. In three weeks' time we visited Darwin, Melbourne and Sydney along with the north island of New Zealand before returning to Japan. My total cost for this travel extravaganza amounted to \$20.

Classmates! Here is the deal.
Tell me about a comparable travel experience that you had and I will publish the details.

Have a great summer, and don't forget to send in your contribution by Sunday, June 30, to support *CCT* in this fiscal year (though they welcome your contributions anytime!). It's how we keep in touch. You can give by credit card at college.columbia.edu/cct/giving or by calling 212-851-7852, or mail a check, payable to *Columbia College Today*, to *Columbia College Today*, Columbia Alumni Center, 622 W. 113th St., MC 4530, 6th Fl., New York, NY 10025.

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Your reporter and his wife, Maxine, have been taking our family

on summer trips since our first grandchild was born 23 years ago. Of course, the group became larger over the years, and the places we picked were always age-appropriate for our grandchildren. We traveled to destinations such as Rocking Horse Ranch in Highland, N.Y., Hersheypark in Pennsylvania and the mountains in New York State. As time went by and there were more grandchildren, and they got older, we visited places such as the Grand Canyon, Mount Rushmore National Memorial, Yellowstone National Park, Monument Valley, Zion National Park, Grand Teton National Park, Jackson Hole and Bryce Canyon.

We now have nine grandchildren, with five in college and two high schoolers who will enter college in September. As we were planning, it looked to be difficult to get 17 people together this summer because of college and summer jobs the grandchildren had. It was then suggested by my daughter-in-law Maryellen that we go on a trip during Christmas and New Year's, when all the kids were free.

My wife and I decided that this should be different, special and educational. We chose Italy. Everyone agreed this would work. So we had my wife and me, our three children and their spouses, and nine grandchildren, ages 15–23.

We all left from New York a few days before Christmas (on different planes for safety) and arrived in Venice. There, we visited St. Mark's Square, the canals and bridges, the Bridge of Sighs and the Doge's Palace, and took a boat ride to the island of Murano and gondola rides on the canals. We then traveled through the stunning panorama of Tuscany to Pisa, with the famous Piazza dei Miracoli with its Leaning Tower. En route to Florence, we visited a local Tuscan farm and winery in the countryside for a lunch with local specialties and wines. In Florence, we had a visit to the Academy of Art, where Michelangelo's statue of David is housed. Nearby is the Duomo, celebrated for its magnificent dome. Florence and the fine arts are synonymous, and a tour of the Uffizi Gallery demonstrates this. We then traveled along the famous "Sun Route" motorway to the medieval city of Assisi, renowned for its 13th-century Basilica of St. Francis. Now we have a Pope Francis, who took his name from the famous saint.

We were in Rome for New Year's Eve. While there, we visited the Trevi Fountain, the Spanish Steps, the Roman Forum (the political center during the Roman Republic), the Arch of Constantine, the Arch of Titus and the Colosseum. The next day we went to the Vatican

Museums and Michelangelo's breathtaking Sistine Chapel. We strolled through St. Peter's Square and to St. Peter's Basilica to see Michelangelo's *Pietà*, which is considered among the most compelling of all works of art in the Western world. That same night we dined at a typical Roman restaurant with wine and music and then enjoyed an illuminated night tour of the city.

This was a magical trip (completely escorted) and the first time our nine grandchildren had been out of the United States and to Europe. Although Maxine and I had been to Italy twice, and had seen almost everything we saw on this trip, the magic of this time was seeing Italy through the eyes of our grandchildren.

Robert Walker writes, "I wasn't the brightest light on the 116th Street campus; however, I was willing to work. Dean Harry Coleman '46 was a big help! It was a pleasure to see him again much later when I headed the local division of the University's \$200 million campaign.

"Others at Columbia who meant so much to me were baseball coach John Balquist '32; Tony Montana, for whom I worked three times a week from 8 p.m.—midnight, all through college, flipping hamburgers in the Lion's Den; and Frank Sorrentino, my four-year super roommate.

"Sorry to hear from Howie Hansen of Tony Misho's passing. Tony and I played on Columbia's baseball team and in the summer of our junior year played nine games in Brazil and Puerto Rico. Tony was special, an outstanding football and baseball player.

"After graduation I was drafted into the Army. Following Radio, Radar and then Guided Missile School at Redstone Arsenal near Huntsville, Ala., I remained there for the balance of my service. Upon returning home I entered the insurance business with MassMutual in Springfield, Mass., and six years later I joined Pension & Health Associates as a consultant for corporate pensions and employee benefits, retiring as a partner and v.p. in 1996.

"Thankful for my schooling, I have been a reader in Springfield's Read Aloud Program for 20 years and a tutor for 12 at Kensington Avenue Elementary School (an International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme School built in 1908), chairman of my 50th and 55th junior high school reunions, and chairman of my 50th, 55th and 60th high school reunions.

"Giving back to the community has always been a priority of mine: I have been a volunteer with the YMCA of Greater Springfield for 57 years; on the board for 20 years (chairman for three); Layman of the Year, Red Triangle Award, named Y Golf Honoree for volunteer work; and chaired the Personnel Committee for 12 years ending in 2006.

"Gratefully, I learned to play handball at Columbia and had the privilege of playing in one game of doubles with Lou Little. At the Springfield Y, I played competitive handball for 35 years and, although I no longer play, I still work out regularly.

regularly.

"My wife, Jean, and I were members of the former 1637 Old First Church, Congregational in Springfield for 53 years, where I served as chairman of the board of deacons and moderator, headed four fund drives and was on the board of trustees for 43 years, the last four as chairman.

"I have been a member of Kiwanis for the past 43 years, past president, life member of Kiwanis International and coordinator for our community partnership with Washington Elementary School (built in 1918). Also a past president of the Springfield Junior Chamber of Commerce and a past board member of the Foundation of Springfield Technical Community College and the Employers Association of Western, Mass. He was a good enough student to have the time to excel in football and be a big-hitting first baseman in baseball. He and I spent many hours together in the off-season on the handball courts with coaches Lou Little, John Balquist '32, Lou Rossini and Paul Governale '43—he was a very versatile athlete!

"Tony was a leader in the locker room and Mr. Cool on the playing field with great storytelling ability. To this day, his football teammates remember his stories of the old preseason camp at Baker Field's Manor House, and how the 'Night Riders' would deplete our ranks in the dark of the night ... or reminding us about celebrating new Columbia President 'Ike' Eisenhower's birthday at our training table as Doc Barrett rolled in his big birthday cake, only to be instructed by Little that 'the cake was for coaches only' while we sang Happy Birthday to Ike. Or the 'hot toast' story at our pregame meal at Bear Mountain Inn before the Army game at West Point. Each table had baskets of hot toast, which Little discovered and ordered John Bateman, our assistant coach, to take them all back to the kitchen. Tony was a master at telling those types of stories!

Irv Milowe '53's 100-page book of poems, Strawberry Albatross, is available on Amazon. Many of the poems have won prizes.

"My wife and I lived in the same apartment area in Springfield when we were kids. The love of my life and I have made our home in Longmeadow, a suburb of Springfield, for 54 years and celebrate our 61st anniversary in July. I've had a good life thanks in good part to Columbia."

James Santos writes from Stowe, Vt., "Then: After graduating with an engineering degree from Lehigh, went to GE followed by military service and owning a novel and technical remanufacturing business with its attendant stresses.

"Afterward: Consulting services coupled with new product development in the ergonomic, exercise and appliance fields for me and clients.

"Now: Good fortune. I still ski and play tennis. Returned to carving stone and exhibiting regionally. Still have my pickup truck and crane. Married for 46 years to my beautiful wife, Ruth, and have two lovable children. I am fortunate but still keep my fingers crossed! Regards to all classmates."

Howie Hansen sent this sad news: "We lost another outstanding football teammate and classmate in **Tony Misho** on October 15, 2012. "After graduation, as an ROTC Naval Officer, Tony spent two years in the Pacific aboard ship and was recruited to play football for the Amphibious Force team at Coronado, Calif. Billy Wade of Vanderbilt fame and Chicago Bear stardom was the quarterback in the same backfield and Columbia teammate **Bob Schwegler**, a UDT member, played his usual linebacker position.

"Football teammate Bill Wallace recruited both Tony and me into the life insurance business with Home Life of New York in 1954. Tony was appointed manager of a scratch agency in Orlando in 1961, a move that was recognized for much of his success. He subsequently opened branch offices in Tallahassee, Daytona, Jacksonville and St. Augustine. Being the astute leader he was, he became president of Home Life Manager's Association and the Florida General Agents and Managers' Association. Tony's football and baseball teammate, Števe Reich '53, became his biggest producer for

many years! Tony retired at 60.

"Other achievements along the way: He became president of the Florida Left Hander's Golf Asso-

ciation and shot his age at 72!

"His ol' teammates greatly missed seeing him at their periodic gatherings because of his health issues.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with his wonderful wife and his three daughters."

Your reporter is sad to report the death of **David Braun** on February 3, 2013; an obituary appeared in *The New York Times*. I met Dave by chance at Rockaway Beach the summer before we began at Columbia; we were both looking forward to starting. We were not close but I always considered it an honor that Dave remembered how we met and thought of me as a friend.

Your reporter wishes all the members of the Class of 1952 good luck and good health!

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I hope everyone enjoyed Alumni Reunion Weekend. The deadline for this issue of *CCT* fell before the big event, but we'll have a full report on all the doings in the Fall issue. If you attended, please share your thoughts and stories with me. The class photo, however, may be found on the *CCT* website (college.colum bia.edu/cct) as part of this issue's reunion follow-up coverage.

Meanwhile, **Irv Milowe** sent the following fascinating email:

"I work part-time in psychiatry and psychoanalysis and I am a professor of psychiatry at the University of Miami, which is five minutes away from home in Coconut Grove, Fla. An interesting project has been the China American Psychoanalytic Alliance, through which we trained hundreds of Chinese therapists via Skype. This came about as we supervised our starting group's work during the Chengdu earthquake, and were then asked by the Chinese government to start six, two-year psychoanalytic psychotherapy programs throughout China. We have 100 graduates, 250 in their fourth year of training and 250 on the waiting list. Amazing that if psychoanalysis disappears in the United States, it will survive in China. I also am the poetry editor for its magazine.

"My spouse is a Psy.D., also an analyst, and we have been doing research work on a new form of couples therapy with a number of international colleagues.

"A second major project recently reached fruition, as a 100-page book of my poems has been published. *Strawberry Albatross* is available on Amazon. Many of the poems have won state and national

prizes and previously were published in a number of anthologies.

"Despite an almost fused back and two hip replacements, I still play a good round of golf with my spouse. We have six kids and 10 grandchildren between us, and an active family life all over Florida. The family has won major fishing contests in the Florida Keys. We have abundant mango and banana trees and live surrounded by gardens, as every potted plant I had in Washington, D.C., or New York grows into bushes and trees here."

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There are times when you receive word from classmates you haven't heard from for some time. Jerry Gordon is a case in point. Jerry and I were able to get together often when we both lived in Cincinnati, where a well-organized Columbia College Club was formed; then my work took me to California. And so, recently, I was happy to hear from Jerry and his wife, Pat, who have now moved to Jupiter, Fla. As he put it, "We are enjoying every minute of it except for the difficulty I'm having adjusting to the iPod, iPad, iPhone and texting."

By George, does he have com-

We received, sadly, unfortunate news about the death of Dave Williams on December 6, 2012, in Memphis, where he had lived for many years. He had gone there from the Eastman School of Music to become chairman of the music department at the University of Memphis. Larry Gartner, Dave's roommate for three years at Columbia, recalls him with great admiration as a wonderfully warm and sensitive person and a musical genius who was a great teacher and composer. Larry says Dave even taught him to appreciate and understand modern classical music.

Larry also recalls that Dave was an incredibly fast typist on the IBM electric machine. He worked his way through Columbia typing admission letters in the Admissions Office at night. He was so fast they fired all the other typists. "He added something quite special to my Columbia experience," says Larry.

Life has a way of providing us with both good and sad experiences. Ron Sugarman looks ahead with both pride and high expectations. He has two grandsons who are 2. Ron loves them and is optimistic: "Both look like Columbia material," he says.

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Time marches on. In a little less than a year we will celebrate the 60th anniversary of our graduation at Alumni Reunion Weekend 2014 (Thursday, May 29–Sunday, June 1, 2014). If you are able to be part of our reunion, please contact **Bernd Brecher** (brecherservices@aol.com or 914-961-4101).

Please stay well and enjoy life. Hope to see you on campus.

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Exciting and informative events have permeated the University and the College during the past several months. In February, Trustee Emeritus George Van Amson '74 had a lengthy "sit-down" discussion with President Lee C. Bollinger at the Columbia University Club of New York before a crowd of alumni and friends. Much was discussed about the present and future of the school, including Global Centers, online learning, Manhattanville and more. Other noteworthy events at the club included a lecture by Professor Ira Katznelson '66, who spoke on his new book, Fear Itself: The New Deal and the Origins of Our Time.

Also in February, a panel and discussion of the healthcare industry landscape took place at the club's Columbia Networking Night. More than 250 Columbians were in attendance to meet, greet and socialize.

Ten esteemed faculty members were presented the Lenfest Distinguished Columbia Faculty Awards at Casa Italiana on February 27. This event is one of the school's premier gatherings. [See Around the Quads.]

Dean James J. Valentini was made honorary men's basketball coach when Columbia played Yale at Levien Gym on March 1 and received a rousing cheer when he was introduced at mid-court. The Lions smothered the Yale Bulldogs by double figures, 59–46.

The eighth annual Columbia Alumni Association at Sundance Film Festival event took place in January in Park City, Utah, with contributions from more than 50 alumni, students and faculty. It gets better and better for the school in Morningside Heights.

We cannot forget the Alumni Travel Study Program where, this fall, alumni will have a chance to explore "Town & Country Life in Tuscany" with guest lecturer Dr. Angela Puglisi. It's not too late to join the group. Our classmates are always do-

ing something, either at Columbia or in their own neighborhoods. Dick Kuhn paid a visit to Jadwin Gym, home of Princeton basketball, squash, fencing and track and field, to see his alma mater battle its fierce rival in basketball. We also heard from Alan Sloate, who is active in Westchester in a lot of ways. Bob Schoenfeld wrote from Plainview (Long Island), N.Y. Great to hear from the former hoopster whose father, Sam '30, was a big-time referee and player for Columbia. Bob has produced a special film about his dad, which I am sure is available for viewing We'll be in touch to get the good doctor involved in class activities

Tony Blandi resides in Florida, where he's taking in the sunshine, for the most part. His motto is, "Stay well. Do good things. Drink good wine. Stay in touch." We received a call from Abbe Leban (a close friend of the late Ferdie Setaro), who has relocated to the Bay Area. San Francisco versus Wilmington, Del. — mmmmmm.

John Naley let us know that his good buddy, Ron McPhee, is out of the hospital and recuperating from an operation. No one is tougher than Ron.

Jack Freeman, who attends all receptions involving sports, was seen at the Basketball Alumni Reunion in early February. Jack forgot where he was — he brought his mitt to the event.

Did you know that Allen Hyman probably owns the record for being hood marshal at University Commencement? He did it again this year.

We usually don't go across the street for news but Toni Coffee '56 Barnard, widow of **Donn Coffee**, received an Alumni Medal this year at Commencement. Truly deserved.

Larry Balfus, who attended the Dean's Scholarship Reception on February 7, still is toiling away on Long Island, doing yeoman's work for the Alumni Representative Committee (ARC) of Nassau County.

Our Hall of Famer, **Barry Pariser**, is active with the Columbia fencers in addition to painting.

With the basketball season ending a few months ago, the Columbia Club of New England held a special alumni function in Cambridge. We were hoping to see our New England classmates — Harold Kushner (probably watching the Celtics), Eddie Goldberg, Lew Banci, Ralph Wagner and Ted Baker (still sprinting in Maine).

Through ARC, Lew Mendelson is recruiting high school seniors in Washington, D.C., to apply to the College as well as soliciting money for the Columbia College Fund as a Class Agent. In addition to Lew, other CC '55 Class Agents are Aaron Hamburger and Don Laufer, who coordinate and host class dinners in the New York area. We get a regular group of attendees — Alfred Gollomp, Bob Schiff, Ron Spitz, Bill Epstein, Anthony Viscusi, Al Martz and Herb Cohen.

The burning question for Walt Deptula is: How is your autobiography coming along? Other former athletes of note are the late Willy Storz, who would have been terrific with the current group running for the school, and Stanley Zinberg, who with Barry would make wonderful additions to this year's group of fencers.

My fellow classmates.
It is less than two years until the magic 60th comes upon us.
There is a lot to do but most of

all, just be there. Showing up is more than half the battle. This could be the best weekend ever. We'll keep you posted.

Love to all! Everywhere!

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Our class continues to be active. and a number of class functions have been well attended. We had a February class luncheon at the Columbia University Club of New York. In attendance were Al Franco '56E, Ron Kapon, Ralph Kaslick, Al Broadwin, Maurice Klein, Stan **Soren** and me. As usually happens when Columbia alums get together, we had wonderful discussion. We covered a litany of places of recent travel, continuing work involvement for some class members, information on the adult education available at various colleges in the area, including Columbia, and an

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extremely interesting conversation with Al Broadwin, from an engineering perspective, on some of the engineering problems connected with the battery failure of the recent Boeing 787. Al runs his own engineering consulting firm and has been involved in efficacy management problems of various products. We were all impressed with his knowledge and comments.

On February 7, I, Vic Levin and his wife, Fran, attended the annual Dean's Scholarship Reception in support of our Class of '56 scholarship students. We currently support 14 students (three of whom just graduated with the Class of 2013) through two scholarships. The students hail from places ranging from the metropolitan area to as far away as Turkey and include the Southeast, Midwest and Southwest areas of the United States. We even have a member of the Quapaw Indian tribe of Oklahoma [see "Senior Snapshots" in this issue], which shows the diversity of our student body. All of our scholarship students are bright and motivated, with most of them indicating their desire to go on to further education and careers in areas such as law, journalism and social services. Spending just two hours one evening with some of our scholarship students has impressed upon me the high standards that our admissions department has (6.9 percent acceptance rate for the Class of 2017). I encourage any class member who is interested to mark their calendars for next February: it is always a stimulating evening. If you are interested in receiving biographies of our students, please contact Saskia De Caires, director,

Also in attendance was **Socrates Nicholas**, who was hosting his two scholarship recipients.

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If any class member is interested in setting up a named scholarship, please contact either me or Sydney Maisel, assistant director, class giving: sm3694@columbia.edu or 212-851-7492.

I plan to invite at least one of our scholarship students to our monthly campus luncheons to share their view of current Columbia goingson. So that's another reason for our metropolitan alums to attend! Please contact me at tball8000@earthlink.net if you need more information.

On February 25, Ed Botwinick '58E hosted our annual Florida gettogether. This is an event that the late Alan Miller '57E, '58 Business inaugurated a number of years ago. It seems to grow in stature every year. Ed hosted this year's event at his Stuart, Fla., home (approximately an hour north of the Fort Lauderdale area). The organization of the event was helped by Lou

Hemmerdinger in addition to Ed and Ed's wife, Vicki. In attendance were Dan Link and his wife, Elinor; Mike Spett and his wife, Lisa; Lou and his wife, Anita; Bob Siroty and his wife, Margo; Lee Seidler and his wife, Gene; Howard Hansen '52 and his wife, Dianne; Gershon Vincow and his wife, Dina; Stan Manne and his wife, Fern; Dan Kazimir; Murray Eskenazi; Eric Donath and his wife, Mariel; Marty Mayer and his wife, Susan; and me.

In addition, Ed had invited the then-acting dean of the Engineering School, Don Goldfarb, to fill us in on the expansion plans at Columbia, including the development of the Manhattanville campus. One of the things that impressed me is how active and integrated the Engineering School has become with the College, so that engineering students can take many of the Columbia liberal arts courses while getting their engineering education; likewise, interested College students can take engineering courses to see if they have talent in that area. By the way, from my College, Engineering and Business School contacts, I am informed that the greatest current demand is for engineering graduates.

This kind of get-together reminds me of the every-five-year class get-together that is our College reunion. It is not too early to remind everyone that our 60th anniversary will take place in June 2016, a mere three years away. I encourage every class member who's interested in having a part in planning the event to contact me at thall8000@earthlink. net to share their views.

Gershon Vincow has been studying, writing and teaching for many years with Joan Burstyn, whom he terms his "study buddy." They recently published Searching for God: Study Partners Explore Contemporary Jewish Texts. Gershon, who along with a number of our class members, graduated from Lincoln H.S. in Brooklyn, became a respected teacher and eventually vice chancellor for academic affairs at Syracuse; he retired in 2009.

Ron Kapon, our peripatetic oenophile, gave a three-hour lecture to senior citizens in Greenwich, Conn., "Confessions of a Wine Non-Snob." Ron has a video of his lecture (interesting and entertaining) at vimeo.com/59696001. This lecture was set up by his good friend Fred Brooks. Kudos to Fred for letting Ron loose on Greenwich's senior citizens.

Len Wolfe reports that his book, Easy Economics: A Visual Guide to What You Need to Know, has now been published in Chinese. Based upon my recent visit to China and Bob Lauterborn's experience in educating our Chinese brethren on American know-how in marketing, Len's book will be a welcome addition to simplifying some of the misunderstandings of our economic system.

Another condition of our aging (not old) class members is downsizing. In the last two years, I know that at least two of our class members, Lou Hemmerdinger and my brother, Maurice Easton, have moved out of their residences of many years. Lou moved to a senior community, while Maurice moved to a smaller residence in the same area he's been living in Birmingham, Mich. For those of you in North Carolina, Maurice will be spending more time in that area, too, as his son lives and works in Charlotte. Both Lou and Maurice related that the worst part of downsizing was getting rid of all their accumulated "stuff."

As a Class Agent for the Columbia College Fund, I again encourage each of you, our Columbia family members, to consider making a contribution to the Columbia College Fund for the current fiscal year, which ends on Sunday, June 30, or to get a head start on next vear's contribution. I assure vou that all donations, large or small, are accepted and put to good use by the College. You can give by credit card at college.columbia.edu/giveonline up until midnight EST on June 30. You also may call the Alumni Office at 212-851-7488 during business hours, or mail a check, payable to Columbia College Fund, to Columbia College Fund, Columbia Alumni Center, 622 W. 113th St., MC 4530, 3rd Fl., New York, NY 10025. If mailing a check be sure to allow several days for it to arrive by June 30 if you wish to receive credit for this fiscal year.

If you are interested in any sort of "legacy" contribution to Columbia, please contact me at tball8000@ earthlink.net.

Please let me or **Lou Hemmer-dinger** (lhemmer@aol.com) know of any news that you would like to share in Class Notes. Also, if you have changed your email or mailing address recently, please inform either one of us as well as the *CCT* staff (college.columbia.edu/cct/contactus). This is a part of our mission to connect all class members with our activities.

As we celebrate the Class of 2013, we can reflect on our own Columbia experiences.

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Carlos Muñoz writes, "I had the pleasure of experiencing a rare" 57

double' during the winter holidays, attending two class lunches separated by six days and 3,000 miles. The first was organized on a beautiful Sunday afternoon by Stan Barnett and Martin Brothers and hosted by Haig Bohigian and his wife, Valerie, at their lovely home in Sleepy Hollow, N.Y., overlooking the Hudson River. Also attending were Larry Boes, Joe Feldschuh, Bob Flescher, Sal Franchino, Steve Fybish, Dave Kinne, Mark Stanton and John Wellington.

"I subsequently left for California"

to spend Christmas with my son and his family in Orange County, and I was fortunate to be included the following Saturday in a class lunch organized by John Taussig and Gene Wagner, which included John Ahouse, Ken Bodenstein, Mike Gold, Lewis Schainuck and Gerry Werksman, in bright and sunny Long Beach, this time overlooking the *Queen Mary* and the Pacific Ocean. The California contingent also included five wives (albeit at a remote table).

"Both lunches were delightful occasions with much good fellowship and reminiscing, and I heartily recommend these opportunities to all classmates who are able to participate."

More reporting from the Long Beach lunch comes from **Gene Wagner:** "Our final luncheon for 2012 was held on December 22, at Parker's Lighthouse in Long Beach, Calif. We have a great nucleus of guys who enjoy the camaraderie of old friendships, good food and meaningful conversation.

"We even have a group of wives who join us but sit a distance away from the 'Old Lions.' If there are any classmates who plan to be in Southern California this year, we could be flexible about changing our luncheon dates to accommodate them."

Elliott Schwartz, the Robert K. Beck Professor of Music Emeritus at Bowdoin, writes, "In October I was the guest composer at the University of Maryland, Baltimore annual Livewire New Music Festival and Symposium. My music was also performed at Tufts (November) and at the cell in NYC (December). For the NYC performance, the ensemble mise-en featured a work of mine for chamber orchestra, *Texture*, composed almost 50 years ago.

"A new CD of my music has been released on the Metier label (United Kingdom). It features the London-based Kreutzer Quartet and also includes live performances of my music at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. (my 70th birthday concert in 2006)."

Elliott's wife, Dorothy ("Deedee"), had an exhibition of about 40 of her prints covering half a century,

"Evolution of a Printmaker," at the Maine Jewish Museum in Portland, Maine, from January 10–February 25. It was curated by Bruce Brown and held in memory of David Gamper and David Becker, who were former students of Elliott's at Bowdoin. The Portland Press Herald/Maine Sunday Telegram covered Deedee's show on January 6 (preview) and January 20.

Deedee began her significant printmaking in 1957, while a student at Smith, with a woodcut, "Daedalus and Icarus." Her works show a political message; she was influenced by her reading as a teenager of Anne Frank's *The Diary of a Young Girl*, the civil and women's rights movements, and later by "images of cruelty and suffering around the globe."

From 1984–2006, Deedee was director of the Maine Humanities Council and is a longtime member of the Portland-based Peregrine Press.

While in NYC February 7–11, yours truly met Kathleen and Dave Kinne for dinner. I also paid a visit to campus, where I called on Alex Sachare '71, Lisa Palladino, Alexis Tonti '11 Arts and Elena Hecht '09 Barnard of CCT and on Nick Mider, formerly of Alumni Affairs. In the spirit of the Core Curriculum, I also visited two of my favorite haunts, the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the American Museum of Natural History, and attended a concert of the New Amsterdam Symphony Orchestra at Symphony Space in which a friend played the

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Bernie Nussbaum was the co-honoree at Columbia/Barnard Hillel's 2013 Seixas Award Dinner, held in Low Library in May. His co-honoree was the Hon. Judith S. Kaye '58 Barnard, the former chief judge of the New York Court of Appeals. This is far from their first joint effort; when Bernie was editor-in-chief of Spectator, he coordinated some journalistic projects with Judge Kaye (then Judy Smith), who occupied the same post with the Barnard Bulletin. Readers of this column may recall that a couple of years ago Bernie was hired by the judge to sue the state in an effort to increase judicial salaries.

A report on our 55th reunion will appear in the next issue of *CCT*. If you attended, please share your thoughts and stories with me for this column. The class photo, however, may be found on the *CCT* website (college.columbia.edu/

cct) as part of this issue's reunion follow-up article.

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

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John (Jack) Kauderer shares some memories of one of his instructors. "In my first semester at Columbia. in fall 1955, I took Humanities A. My instructor was Louis Simpson ['49 GS, '59 GSAS], a demanding and excellent teacher. His obituary appeared in *The New York Times* and other papers upon his death at 89 on September 14, 2012. He won the Pulitzer Prize in poetry in 1964 and published many books of poetry and literary criticism. He later taught at UC Berkeley and SUNY Stony Brook. I assume some of my classmates also encountered him as an instructor and might be interested in his great accomplishments as a contemporary poet. In retirement, I have had the time to explore poetry, which premed studies did not leave room for. I stumbled on his poetry just this past fall."

Richard Lacoss '60E writes, "I stayed on for another year after CC graduation and obtained a B.S. from the Engineering School. After that I was off to UC Berkeley, where I earned a Ph.D. in electrical engineering. Then back to my home state of Massachusetts to work on nuclear test monitoring at the MIT Lincoln Laboratory. I've been there ever since, 40 years up until retirement, and part-time for the last several years. I may be the last person in the world to spend his entire career at one organization. But it has been fun, with a chance to work on and direct many diverse projects ranging from seismology, sonar and aeroacoustic surveillance to artificial intelligence, computer architecture and image understanding.

"My home base now is Cambridge, Mass., where I live with my wife of 30 years, Cynthia Oldham,



Bernard W. Nussbaum '58 and The Hon. Judith S. Kaye '58 Barnard were honored at Columbia/Barnard Hillel and The Kraft Center for Jewish Student Life's 2013 Seixas Award Dinner on May 2 in Low Rotunda. Nussbaum is a partner at Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz and served as White House Counsel to President Clinton, while Kaye is of counsel at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom and is a former chief judge of the New York Court of Appeals.

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who is retired from a career teaching immigrant children in the Cambridge public school system. We have a son and a daughter who are both seniors in college and will graduate this spring on the same day from Smith and Boston University. This means that, much to our disappointment, we could not both attend both graduations. We planned to split up, with one parent at each.

"For the past several years, the four of us have taken a vacation together. It is always a special time for us. Last year it was a trip to China that included Beijing, Shanghai, Chengdu, Xi'an, Hong Kong and the Li River valley. Exhausting. This year it will be a safari in Tanzania. I hope that this tradition can continue as the children become more independent, but we will have to wait and see. We also have a summer home on the Maine coast where we spend time together.

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"Finally, we are at the age when health issues tend to become more important. I am happy to say that I am quite well, although I have new hips that slow down my passage through airport security and, apparently, I had a silent heart attack and now sport a blocked artery. I say 'apparently,' because I don't know when it happened, but the cardiologist assures me that it did. All in all, though, everything is working fine."

Frank Gatti writes, "I am a child psychiatrist. I participate in the care of children and their families, avoiding the insurance-generated, 15-minute medication check that threatens to undercut any quality in child psychiatry work. I am on the faculty and teach at the University of Massachusetts Medical School

in Worcester. I live in Amherst with my wife, Eleanor (Ellie). We are a blended family with six children and five grandchildren. I am one of those elected to Amherst town meeting. I was involved years back in the Civil Rights struggle, including in Mississippi, and have served on the Amherst Human Rights Commission. Ellie and I are part of a group of five who have a regular current affairs radio show, Focus, which airs on the UMass-Amherst radio station, WMUA 91.1 FM, Sundays from noon-1 p.m. I have been a Quaker most of my adult life."

From Norman Bernstein we hear, "In December, I won a landmark environmental case in the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. It held that a superfund remediation trust (of which I am one of the trustees) can bring a direct action against the owner and its insurer of an Indiana superfund site to compel it to pay for the environmental cleanup that the trust is conducting. The owner and its carrier wanted (and got from the lower court) a 'free ride.' The trust, according to the Seventh Circuit, which reversed the lower federal court, is not confined to a 'contribution action,' which arguably has a shorter statute of limitations and other procedural restrictions.

"On a separate note, fine art photographs that I took in Spain last summer while traveling with my wife, Michele, and our daughter, Sarah-Judith (15), were displayed at a reception on March 9 at the Vintology Wine & Spirits shop and gallery in Scarsdale, N.Y. Fifty percent of the proceeds went to the Performing Arts Center in Purchase, N.Y.



"One of the pleasures of 'cleaning house' is the discovery of the unexpected," Paul Nagano '60 writes from Honolulu. "I was going through letters my mother saved (she saved all the correspondence I sent her when I went away to college and into the Navy), and I came upon a birthday card that I sent to my dad in November 1956. To show him where I lived, I did an ink and watercolor sketch out of my dorm window in Livingston Hall. No iPhone camera then."

"This summer we are all hiking in Glacier National Park." We have heard from two of our

class' authors who continue to be productive. **Iav Neugeboren** writes, "My 19th and 20th books, both novels, were published this season — The Other Side of the World (December) and The American Sun & Wind Moving Picture Company (March). Also, I was invited to teach a master class this spring for the graduate writing program of the School of the Arts.'

Not to be left out, **Jerome** Charyn's latest novel, Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln, will be published next year. He also is working on a study of Emily Dickinson, His 11th in a series of crime novels, Under the Eye of God: An Isaac Sidel Novel, recently was published (the entire series is available as e-books). The Isaac Sidel novels are being turned into an animated series for television. As of this writing, Jerome was set to read from an earlier novel, The Secret Life of Emily Dickinson, at the American Library in Paris in May.

Ierome lives in New York and Paris. He visited Richmond (and the White House of the Confederacy) late last year while researching his novel on Lincoln, but was unable to meet with David Peck, who was out of town.

J. Peter Rosenfeld and his wife, Carmen, recently returned from Chile, where they visited with Carmen's brothers, in-laws and one daughter. Peter met with prison system authorities in Chile, where he hopes to start a project to test his concealed information detection technology.

They took a drive up Chile's

amazing Pacific coast — more than comparable with California's, what with the Andes on the other side. They went to the dry northern area to Ovalle, then east to one of Chile's mountain observatories and saw the moon, spiral nebula and Jupiter. Peter says it was amazing.

Jerry Perlman brings us up to date. "After completing my orthopedic residency, I was fortunate to meet and marry Norma Diamond of Chattanooga, Tenn. We have two sons. Doug founded Sports Media Advisors in New Canaan, Conn., while Jeff is a partner at LNK Partners, a private equity firm in White Plains, N.Y. They each have three sons, so if I can play first base, we have our own baseball team.

"We live in Wilton, Conn., where I enjoy golf, painting, travel and, most of all, time with the grandkids. I have given up surgery and emergency call duty, and work in the office three half-days a week. Fortunately we all have been healthy and able to enjoy it all. Looking forward to the 55th reunion."

From Arthur M. Louis: "I have a new book, The Little Champ: A Different Kind of Novel, based on the life of Abe Attell. Attell was the early 20th-century featherweight boxing champion who was implicated in the fixing of the 1919 World Series (the Black Sox series). It is my attempt to get inside Attell's head and write the autobiography he never did. Because I took liberties with the facts, I changed the name of the principal character, although he is easily recognizable."

Hal Stahl has been busy. "My wife, Toby, and I spent a lot of time in 2012 with election-related activities. We worked for a number of Democratic candidates in our largely right-wing state of Arizona. from President Barack Obama '83 down to the local level, and even for a couple of candidates for nonpartisan elected positions.

"We lobbied our state re-districting commission to draw more equitable congressional and legislative districts, and largely succeeded. Therefore we were able to help elect a Democrat in our congressional district in a close race, so now the Arizona congressional delegation is majority Democratic. The Arizona State Senate and House Republican majorities were greatly reduced. Obama of course lost the state. which he knew he didn't need to win for an Electoral College victory.

"Healthcare was a major issue and we worked with organizations to help overcome misinformation being propagated against Obamacare. Our other issues included education and election integrity.

"I'm a precinct committeeperson (so is Toby) and I'm also a delegate to the Democratic Party's state convention, which meets quarterly around the state. We still managed to spend a lot of time with our children and our grandsons, three of the four being in Minnesota with my younger daughter, and to enjoy our season tickets to the Arizona Diamondbacks and to the Arizona State U (Toby's undergrad alma mater) baseball team.

"This year we've already seen some extreme national and state legislation, such as interfering with voting rights, so we are going to continue our political activities in

Kenneth Scheffel and Clive Chajet report that they are well and that no news is good news.

Allan D. Gardner succumbed to a brain tumor on March 19, 2013. Our sympathies go out to his family

Fred Knauer sent the following: "It is with great regret and sadness I report Saul Brody died on March 21, 2013. I was told he had never recovered from a recent series of strokes."

We have a bit of advice from Gene Appel. "Fellow Columbians of 1959: My wife, Linda, and I offer our congratulations to all of you who are here to read this! It's an accomplishment to have lived three-quarters of a century, and I hope you have had many successes. If you really wonder what success is for you, I constantly refer to Emerson's definition, which is framed on our entryway to our house. To save you the trouble of looking it up, here it is: 'To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty, to find the best in others: to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded.""

Gene continues: "I am pleased to say, although there could be more, life for us has been full of good memories. Last year, however, culminated in the fact that all of a sudden, I realize, I ain't what I used to be! As a matter of fact, I'm feeling decrepit! So maybe that is why our class is not sending in news. Who the hell wants to talk about arthritis, prostate problems, loss of strength, stumbling, shortness of breath or - I forgot what I was going to say?!

"Don't worry about all that and just be happy you are still here! My advice to everyone is pick up that phone and call someone you haven't heard from for longer than you want. Second, give a big hug to the person closest to you. Third, smile at the world around you and say, 'Damn it, I made it to 2013.' And that's the news from Portland!"

Thanks, Gene, we needed that

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The formative years of our adult lives were directly affected in a variety of ways by a slender tendril

clinging to the coast of Indochina on the South China Sea. A destination so remote that rarely, if ever, did it register on the itinerary of places we longed to visit. And then, in the mid-1960s, it erupted into our consciousness and held us enthralled, dominated our conversations, became a focus of endless debate and a goad to political engagement. It redrafted the finely drawn blueprint we had designed for our lives in consequence of the high or low number on our draft cards and the distance to the horizon beyond which our draft deferments disappeared. Possibly it hastened the advent of fatherhood, which had become a basis for draft exemption. The obsession only increased and grew darker with the passage of time. But the physical reality of Vietnam, for most of us, never became more than an abstraction. Not so for Paul Brief. For Paul, quite unexpectedly, the war zone became his home for a year that spanned 1969-70.

Upon finishing New York Medical College, Paul enrolled in the Berry Plan, which enabled him to complete a residency in orthopedic surgery with the proviso that he serve two years of active duty in the Navy immediately thereafter. Unbeknownst to Paul, the Marine Corps drew all of its medical personnel, administrators and other non-combatants from the Navy. Paul, along with the late Dick Nottingham, who were together in medical school and orthopedic residency at the Hospital for Joint Diseases, were dispatched to Marine Corps basic training at Camp Pendleton MCB, Calif., then to Field Medical Service School for training in combat surgery and on to the First Medical Battalion Hospital, First Marine Division, in Da Nang. (Dick was rotated out of Da Nang as a result of a knee problem. You may recall, as I do with sadness — for Dick and I were teammates on lightweight crew — that after practicing orthopedic surgery for many years in Flushing, Queens, he developed a brain tumor and died two years later, in 2004.)

Paul was no stranger to war. WWII broke out only weeks after Paul was born in Soroca, Romania. Early life was a succession of flights from one refugee camp to another to escape the Nazi occupation and the thuggish Romanian Black Guard. When he was 9, Paul and his family landed in Paris where the sting of anti-Semitism was ever-present during his school years. The family emigrated to New York one year before Paul (and all of us) donned freshman beanies on Morningside Heights.

After years of fits and starts, Paul has finished a memoir that

touches on his early childhood and some of his experiences in stateside hospitals. But its burden is a most compelling, gripping and haunting account of his experiences treating Marines for the horrific injuries suffered in combat, under a workload that was endless and exhausting, in a facility surrounded by rice paddies that served as Viet Cong launching pads for grenades and rockets, where machine gun fire punctuated the nocturnal music of lizards and mosquitoes. Paul provides portraits of the men he served with, highlighting their fortitude, skill and heroism performing in an operating room under siege, and records their revelries and hijinks in their off-hours. He describes with exquisite precision and clinical detail the surgical procedures performed. Significantly, despite the grim setting, it is a memoir not without humor and not without romance.

Paul was assigned to Hootch 8, hootches being the wooden lodges that housed the officers of the First Medical Battalion Hospital. And so his book is titled Hootch 8: A Combat Surgeon Remembers Vietnam. It's a must-read. And I recommend that you purchase the book, as all proceeds are being donated to injured veteran charities.

Paul and his wife, Rochelle, also a physician, live in Rockland County, N.Y., where for 30 years Paul has maintained an orthopedic practice. Their four children, Andy, Joanna, James and Amanda, and grandchildren live nearby.

Ira laffrey has a new career and a full and active life. He writes, "I closed my clinical practice (Western Slope Oncology Associates), which I established here in Colorado in 1997. I am now full-time at The Calaway & Young Cancer Center in Glenwood Springs. This is my third incarnation as a medical oncologist. At 73, I am actively practicing and continuing clinical research. I lecture on neuroendocrine tumors as well as cancer

"I am on the board of directors of the Chabad Jewish Community Center in Aspen. We have broken ground for our temple, which should be completed in about 18 months

"I bike all summer, ski all winter, fish and hunt. Last year I shot a cow elk to fill my freezer with lean, hormone- and additivefree meat for my grandchildren. I am going to Nicaragua to fish for Tarpon in-country. An avid fisher for salmon and trout. I have fished the Kola Peninsula (Ponoi River) in Russia, in Ballyhinch in Ireland, in Río Grande in the Patagonia region of Argentina and in the Miramichi River in Canada as well as count-



Business; and William V. Campbell '62, '64 TC gathered at the opening of The Campbell Sports Center on October 20.

less places in Alaska, the Catskills and the West.

"Living some six miles from Sunlight Mountain Resort, I ski there regularly. Bill Tanenbaum comes to Vail in the summer and we get together when he is here. I am still in close contact with Iosh Pruzansky, Richard Friedlander and Harris Markhoff.

"Social networking (e.g., Facebook) provides a steady stream of contacts from old friends seeking my opinion on a variety of malignancies. Thankfully, most of them have done well.

"Last summer I was in Bar Harbor, Maine, for the wedding of my oldest grandson and to visit all four of my East Coast grandchildren. The holiday season was spent with my oldest son and two of my six grandchildren, skiing in Mammoth,

"My middle son is a Ph.D. mathematician on the faculty of the University of Washington and rapidly becoming an authority on mathematical modeling of climate change.

"Having gone through two divorces, I am presently footloose and fancy-free."

Peter Schweitzer offers a recollection of our recently departed classmate, humorist Nelson Lyon. "I was not only a classmate of Nelson at Columbia but also at the Pingry School, located at the time in Hillside, N.J. We were part of the Class of 1956. Nelson was a brilliant writer even in prep school."

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Bob Salman was nominated for his third, four-year term as a member

of the New Jersey Democratic State committee and expects to be elected in the June primary, as there is no or only token opposition.

April 2013 marked Rabbi Clifford B. Miller's retirement from the pulpit of Temple Emanu-El in Bayonne, N.J., after 25 years with the congregation and after 65 years leading worship and teaching Jewish studies. He considers it semi-retirement, as he continues to catalog rabbinic literature in the library of the Jewish Theological Seminary more than 30 hours a week. Soon he hopes to announce his new address in Caldwell, N.I.

On May 2, Marshall Berman gave the 2013 Mumford Lecture at the Spitzer School of Architecture, CCNY, on the theme "Emerging from the Ruins."

After a 12-year relationship, Doug Kendall and Sauddy were married in Beverly Hills on March 7. They met in the building where Doug had his office with Morgan Stanley in Beverly Hills. She sometimes brought him pumpkin muffins (his favorite), which she made through her work at the Maple Drive Café.

Allen Lowrie works for the Navy in Mississippi. He says that many there are on pins and needles about furloughs because of the sequestration issue.

Arnold Klipstein sold his gastroenterology practice in July 2012. He still practices, though, and continues to do temporary physician work as an independent contractor (locum tenens). He finished a three-month stint with a nice group of physicians and staff in Spokane, Wash., in April. Arnold enjoys just concentrating on patient care. He looks forward to enjoying the summer at home in New England and then seeking another assignment in the fall.

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On a sad note, **John Leonardo** suffered a heart attack while skiing on December 19, 2012, near his home in Ketchum, Idaho, and died en route to the hospital. We offer our sincerest condolences to his wife, Ann.



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Who can top this update from Richie Hassan (richiehassan@ netzero.com)? He writes, "It's a strange tale. I'm actually writing a memoir about my adventures. But it's all true.

"Where to begin? Well, I married my eighth fiancée. That's correct. Before I married Cherryly Serondo Llego, a Filipina, seven ladies had agreed to become my wife ... but did not.

"This started in 1998. The American love of my life rejected me. Twice. So with a broken heart I headed to St. Petersburg, Russia. I interviewed 32 women, all of whom wanted to leave their broken nation and marry me. Of course I chose the prettiest, Elena, who for a year extracted funds from me ... then married her Russian boyfriend.

"Slightly deterred, I traveled to Ukraine in 2008 still seeking tall blondes sans conscience. I'd arranged to wed one of three beautiful ladies, Anya, Svetlana and Eckachinarina. I went with the encouragement of my friends, especially Lee Black. He wrote a scintillating song, Oh! Svetlana, to the tune of Oh! Susanna. This trip took two months and a pile of money, but all three decided not to wed me, to my chagrin.

"So I abandoned tall blondes and headed to the Philippines. There I met two pretty ladies, Iuliet and Noemi, who said they would marry me. I rejected Juliet, but thought Noemi would come through. I sent her money for a year, during which she asked for more for an array of tragic occurrences. She'd say, 'My father died, and we can't bury him. Can you send me \$100?' When I agreed, she'd bump me: 'Thank you. I love you. Can you make it \$150?' After her father died, her mother died. Next she was robbed. Then she contracted dengue fever. And on and on. Were her pleas real? Had she had the worst luck or could she have been a scammer?

"My friends advised me to abandon my insane quest but I was a football player on the 1961 championship Columbia team, and I'd taken many shots to the head. So I pressed on. After sending Noemi airfare, I went to LAX twice to meet her. She never made it. She married an Italian.

"The only American I was engaged to was attractive but lacked sanity. We broke up when she called me from iail for bail.

"How did Woody Allen put it when he paraphrased Groucho? 'I wouldn't date any woman who would want to date me?' Well, that old chestnut has finally been disproved. I am blissful with my 30-year-old bride ... so happy; my immune system is flourishing.

"A year-and-a half-ago, Cherry and I were married in Santa Monica, Calif., in a park overlooking the Pacific. In addition to the passing crowd, some of my dearest Columbia friends attended, including Bill Campbell '64 TC, Que Spaulding, J.D. Ramsey '68 and my brother, Mike Hassan '63, the best man.

"But the coup de grace was Buzz Congram! He went online in Massachusetts, became a pastor in the Universal Church and flew to Los Angeles to marry us. It was perfect! I'm firmly ensconced on cloud nine."

Perseverance pays. Bravo!

Victor Cassidy (victorcassidy@ vahoo.com) continues to write books, mostly about art. In 2011, he published Sculptors at Work: Interviews About the Creative Process. Last year he organized a memorial show for Steven Jay Uri (1939-93), a forgotten Chicago sculptor. For the show, Victor penned a booklength catalog. Now he's writing about artistic collaboration based on his interviews of artists in New York, Boston, on the West Coast and, he hopes, Europe. Ecology is Victor's second interest. In 2007 he published Henry Chandler Cowles: Pioneer Ecologist, a biography. Victor has been married for nearly 30 years to Donna Hapac, a sculptor. They live in Chicago.

From Texas, David Cohen (davidcohen.robert@gmail.com) writes that he recently had an unexpectedly delightful experience: "A former girlfriend from Barnard located me via the Internet. Although I am happily married and living far from her, it's been delightful to relive our New York days. Perhaps this is something we all should do." David found his way to Houston via Boston to pursue a career as a construction manager for landmark office buildings. When economic storms blew too hard, he changed course and became a financial planner. He and his wife have three sons, all with degrees from the University of Texas in Houston, which "has been very good to us and made urban living sane."

Joe Nozzolio enjoys living in Augusta, Ga. He and his wife settled there because of "her family and year-round golf." Although they

live a mile from Augusta National, getting tickets to the Masters isn't any easier. "This year we'll attend one practice round and have to watch everything else on TV. We see my brother, Mike, and his wife when they come down from New York. Somehow they get tickets for the entire tournament! Mike is a New York State Senator from the Finger Lakes region. I'd like to hear from Columbia football teammates. Contact me at nozzolio@aol.com."

Neilson Abeel, a first-rate sailor, and his wife, Tori Bryer, confess to being passengers on "the only cruise we'll ever take — 20 days aboard the Holland America ms Veendam." They traveled from Valparaiso, Chile, south through the Chilean Archipelago, the Straits of Magellan and the Beagle Channel; past Cape Horn; across the Drake Passage; along the western shore of the Antarctic; then north via the Atlantic to Montevideo, Uruguay and Buenos Aires. They went ashore often but missed the Falklands due to summer winds of 60 mph. "In winter," Neilson says, "they can blow 100 mph. Spectacular light, icebergs, glaciers, whales, seals and birds.

The International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, in consultation with representatives of Argentina and Ghana, recently appointed **Bernie**Oxman '65L (bhoxman@law.miami. edu) to the arbitral tribunal in a dispute between the two nations over the detention of the Argentine naval training ship ARA Libertad. The Libertad was visiting Ghana when a Ghanaian court ordered it detained pursuant to a U.S. Federal Court judgment against Argentina for defaulting on bonds.

Peter Berman '69 Arch. (pber manarchitect@gmail.com) left the College in 1960 for the School of Architecture. In his second year there, two professors invited him to join them in a competition for the new Boston City Hall. They won, and the building was built. Peter then felt that to return to Columbia would be unfulfilling. After extraordinary efforts, he gained admission to King's College, Cambridge. There he studied architecture for two years, married an American, got two degrees and loved every minute.

Peter recalls, "Were it not for the fact that my wife was miserable in England and the economy was in disarray, I might still be there. At any rate, I returned to the School of Architecture, got the American degree I needed for architectural registration and began my apprenticeship: first with Marcel Breuer (the youngest member of the Bauhaus) and ultimately with Paul Rudolph, arguably America's most talented architect of the 20th

century. In 1971, I established my own practice in New York." But in 1995 Peter discovered

Montana. "It was the first place I'd been where you could build something without tearing something else down! So I moved to Bozeman, becoming one of the state's few Modernists. In 2004. [architect] Lee Pomeroy asked me to return to New York to design the Fulton Street Transit Center. I accepted, with the proviso that he try to find me a commission in China, where the world's largest projects were being built. He was unsuccessful but in 2005 I found myself in Chongqing — population 33,000,000 — as chief consultant of CTDL Third Design Institute, with a staff of 600. We did mixed-use projects for the government and new towns, all enormous and very rewarding. I loved everything about my life there, save the fact that I could rarely see the sun through the pollution. I returned to New York but had not lost my wanderlust.

"In 2007 I flew to Dubai to work with an Egyptian architect for the CEO of Al Rajhi Developments, Rivadh, Saudi Arabia, He persuaded me to become Sulamein Al Raihi's chief consultant. I spent half my time working in Cairo designing projects even larger than those in China, and the other half in Riyadh designing similar stuff in-house. All that ended in 2010. So with mixed feelings I returned to California, this time to San Diego. I'm still practicing with no thought of retiring. Robert Berne '60, my exroommate and the Columbia Lion, is one of my best friends. And I'm still in awe of Jerry Speyer; we chat occasionally.

Peter had raised his daughter, Amanda, as a single parent since she was a young girl. Amanda now lives in Dallas with Peter's two grandchildren.

"Wishing my classmates a wonderful summer," begins Anthony Valerio (anthony@anthonyvalerio. com). "I'll be golfing in the afternoons after a winter of physical therapy ostensibly for my legs. In the mornings I'll write — love the heat — and promote the new print edition of Bart, a Life of A. Bartlett Giamatti. Giamatti, you might recall, left the presidency of Yale to become president of the National League, then commissioner of baseball. He was famous for his essay, Green Fields of the Mind, a little of which goes like this: 'It breaks your heart. It is designed to break your heart. The game begins in the spring, when everything else begins again, and it blossoms in the summer, filling the afternoons and evenings, and then as soon as the chill rains come, it stops and

leaves you to face the fall alone.' Starting this fall I will be in Italy until spring, and so on. Would love to hear from you."

After 44 years as a litigator in Indianapolis, Larry Gaston (lwgas ton@att.net) retired two years ago. "Now," he writes, "I'm reading for pleasure and trying to stay out of my wife's way. September will be our 50th anniversary. I spend a lot of time volunteering at the Crossroads of America Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Never thought I'd buy a Scout uniform at 72!"

Chris Haakon (cphaakon@aol. com) has enjoyed our Class Notes during the past 50 years but never submitted anything about himself. Here's his summary: "I was a charter member of the team that brought varsity soccer to Columbia, and I played in a men's league for 20 years more. After graduation I joined the Navy, served 33 years, had four commanding officer assignments in Naval Intelligence and then retired as a captain. Around the same time I started working for a small subsidiary of Paramount Pictures, spun the company off, saw it become employee-owned and in the 1990s became its CEO with 600 employees. When Boeing bought the company, I ran it for two years then retired.

"Currently I consult and sit on eight boards of mid-sized companies. My wife and I will celebrate our 50th this September. We are in excellent health and enjoy having our three children and seven grandchildren near our home in Northern Virginia. It has been a great 50 years."

Gerry Sorin (gerald.sorin70@ gmail.com), retired Distinguished Professor of American and Jewish Studies at SUNY, New Paltz, missed our 50th reunion to celebrate his 50th wedding anniversary in Paris with his wife, Myra, Last November, Gerry published his eighth book, Howard Fast: Life and Literature in the Left Lane, which received the National Jewish Book Award in Biography, Autobiography, Memoir for 2012. It is the only biography of Fast and was described in Publishers Weekly as "an excellent prism through which to review ... Leftist activity ... and the anticommunist hysteria of the 1940s and '50s." In 2003 Gerry won the National Jewish Book Award in History for his previous book, Irving Howe: A Life of Passionate Dissent.

"After a dozen years out of the classroom," Gerry writes, "I was asked by senior students at New Paltz to return last spring [2013] to teach the Honors Seminar. Despite having to face grading papers again, I said 'yes."

Since 1993 Gerry has also been a



Richie Hassan '62 married Cherryly Serondo Llego in Santa Monica, Calif., on October 2, 2011. Columbians on hand to celebrate included (left to right) Que Spaulding '62, '63 Business; the groom; the groom's brother, Mike Hassan '63; Buzz Congram '62, '65 Business; and William V. Campbell '62, '64 TC. PHOTO: JOSEPH PADILLA

literary critic, mostly for *The Jewish Daily Forward* and *Haaretz* (Israel's left-wing newspaper), and teaching as a volunteer in the Lifetime Learning Institute.

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You should be reading this column soon after our terrific 50th Alumni Reunion Weekend. Granted, I am writing it months before but I know it will be terrific because I already heard from many of you who planned to be there. The Fall column will have a full report on the weekend. If you attended, please send me your notes now, and I will include them.

In the meantime, this issue has a follow-up feature with photos, plus you can see our class photo in the online version of that article at col lege.columbia.edu/cct.

I also heard from some of you who couldn't attend but sent greetings to classmates.

Roland Droitsch writes, "Alas, I am one of those who was not able to come to reunion. Even though I am getting older, I clearly remember those wonderful days at Columbia. I do not even know where to start, but I will let you know how I came to that wonderful college. I lived way up on the Hudson River and a great friend of the family was professor F.W. Dupee, who had a house there on the river where there was a slight bend in it. From his porch you could see miles and miles

down the Hudson. Well, as many of you may know, Professor Dupee was the chairman of the English department and a renowned expert on Henry James. It was Professor Dupee who introduced me to going to Columbia. While there I met and had so many wonderful professors. There was Andrew Chiappe '33, '39 GSAS, who taught Shakespeare in a way I still remember. Professor Joseph Rothschild '52, '52 GSAS taught me about East Central Europe, Professor James Zito '48 taught an English class in which every book we read was 'the best book ever written.' And who can ever forget Professor Dwight Miner '26, '40 GSAS, who when teaching Contemporary Civilization had us all mesmerized?"

Mel Gurtov writes, "Fiftieth reunion? Impossible. Warm greetings to classmates from my farm in Deadwood, Ore. Duty called in our apple orchard; so sorry I was not able to be with you."

Barry Austern writes, "I was not able to make it, but I do say hi to everyone. I guess the only exciting news for me was that in November I took a 'MacMania' cruise that was two weeks of instruction on Mac computers. It left from Sydney, Australia, went up the coast of Queensland, then through three ports in New Caledonia. In between we woke up bright and early to see the total eclipse of the sun."

Charles Bremer did not attend reunion; he matriculated in 1957 and therefore considers himself a member of the Class of 1961. "All my college friends were members of '61. However, between my junior and senior years, I took a one-year sabbatical and worked at the largest mental hospital in New Jersey (my major was abnormal psychology). After the year was up, I enrolled in the fall semester, but two weeks before classes began I contracted whooping cough. Contracting whooping cough at 21 ain't no walk in the park. I would rather have had a root canal. So I enrolled in the spring semester and thought 'What the hell? I'll enroll for three semesters and take some graduate school courses so I can graduate in May."

After retiring as v.p., international trade, from a national association in Washington, D.C., Charles now resides in Secaucus, N.J. "I received an outstanding education at Columbia," he said. "I was a poor student, a goof-off, but I had the privilege of studying under Fred Keller, the great Sidney Morgen-

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besser and Douglas Moore."

Philip Sandler writes, "Four years at Columbia were a wonderful experience. I went on to practice psychiatry in central Massachusetts, helping to close a state hospital. start an inpatient psychiatry unit in our local hospital, work in every aspect of community psychiatry and run a private practice of marital and family therapy. Twenty-one years ago, I moved to Brookline in suburban Boston, worked for a large HMO and then in the student health service of Boston University. After retiring two years ago, I became more active in Rotary International, a worldwide humanitarian organization. I am also a professional zaydeh (Yiddish for grandfather), looking after grandchildren while their parents work."

Philip was disappointed that he was not able to celebrate reunion with the class. "As the presidentelect of the Rotary Club of Brookline, I was hosting a team from Brazil. Our club is sponsoring a clean water project in a village in the Recife metropolitan area. I expect to attend its inauguration there in two years. In November 2011, I was privileged to join a team of Rotarians who traveled to Mali, in West Africa, to immunize children against polio. I was surprised that I could still speak French well enough after 50 years to give a speech to Rotary clubs in Bamako about our campaign to eradicate polio.

"My greatest accomplishment and joy is my marriage of 44 years to the amazing Dr. Lucy Winters Sandler, our two sons and four grandchildren. I also am lucky to have two healthy parents. As I write, 10 members of our family are leaving on a Caribbean cruise tomorrow to celebrate my parents' 72nd anniversary and Dad's 100th birthday. In its wisdom, the state of Florida renewed his driver's license by mail last year for another six years."

Carey Winfrey writes, "In summer 2011, I turned 70 and completed 10 years as editor of *Smithsonian* magazine, all within about two weeks. That struck me as a telling moment to hang up my typewriter, so within a few hours of my retirement party in Washington, D.C., where my wife, Jane, and I had lived for a decade, we cashed in our frequent flyer miles and boarded a plane for New Delhi and five weeks in India. It was a wonderful trip, and I didn't have a second for second thoughts about leaving a job I loved. You can see some photographs from that trip as well as from the month we just spent in Southeast Asia (more frequent flyer miles) at jpgmag.com/people/grawells.

"When we returned from India, we moved into what had been our weekend house (in Amenia

N.Y., in Dutchess County) during Rochester, where I have worked for the 30-some years we lived and nearly 40 years. While I stopped worked in Manhattan. As it had formal teaching two years ago, I still been rented out for a decade, there have an active research group in was plenty of deferred maintenance chemistry on solar energy converto address, plus the upgrading of sion and making hydrogen as part a weekend house to one in which of artificial photosynthesis. My we would live for half the year. The work was honored with the William other half, and you can probably H. Nichols Medal Award by the guess which one, we repaired to New York Section of the American Key West, Fla., where Jane and I Chemical Society (newyorkacs.org/ immediately began working on a meetings/Nichols/2013Nichols. self-financed documentary about php). I was elected to the National the town's many writers, starting Academy of Sciences in 2010 and with John Dos Passos and Ernest received a Lifetime Achievement in Hemingway, moving forward Graduate Education Award from through Robert Frost, Wallace Rochester the same year. Stevens, Tennessee Williams, James "My wife, Marcia, and I cele-Merrill, John Hersey, John Malcolm brated 47 years of marriage this Brinnen, Truman Capote, Hunter

Thompson and Richard Wilbur to

such present-day literary luminaries

as Alison Lurie, Robert Stone, Judy

Blume, Michael Mewshaw, Ann

Beatty, Harry Mathews — and the

project that has given us access to

some of the more interesting people

in Key West. At the end of each of

the more than 30 interviews we've

or so to come), I asked each of our

subjects about his/her position on

the city's rampant feral chicken

population. Putting together their

answers produced a nine-minute

which was shown at the 2013 Key

West Literary Seminar, the theme

of which was 'Writers on Writers.'

vimeo.com/52501065 — password:

kwchickens — has almost nothing

film about Key West's writers, the

Letters: The Writers of Key West.)

turned 30 on March 22 and Gra-

ham, the older one by 10 minutes

(though it didn't seem that long),

[at this writing was to] marry the

wonderful Meredith Bichsel on

June 15 at a church near our house

in Amenia. As for the big five-oh

reunion, I was planning to attend,

classmate still fearful of taking the

plunge into retirement, as I must

confess I was, I would say there's

nothing to fear but boredom and,

I'm extremely happy to report, I

haven't been bored for a minute.

both way too long and just yester-

day that we were at Columbia and

taking regular trips up to the boat-

house. I have read Class Notes but

have not really contributed. How-

life's transitions, I thought I would

add a few comments. Simply put,

life has been a great ride. I am the

Tracy H. Harris Professor Emeritus

of Chemistry at the University of

ever, in light of the reunion and

Rich Eisenberg writes, "It seems

And now to tennis ... "

if only for a day or two. To any

working title of which is Republic of

"In other news, our twin sons

(Chickens, which can be seen at

to do with the more ambitious

film called Writers on Chickens,

done so far (with another dozen

list goes on and on. It's a fascinating

summer, with two sons and their families, including two delightful granddaughters. With no teaching obligations, Marcia and I have been snowbirding in Sarasota, Fla., the past few years — sun, beach, golf; it really beats the Rochester (and NYC) winters."

Manny Rabinowitz has been "married to Judith Bilenker '65 Barnard since the world began." Manny has two sons, Ted '87 and Alan (Princeton), and two grandsons. "I practiced law in NYC until 1989, when we moved to Florida, where I was vice chair of American Media, an NYSE company that published the National Enquirer, Star, Soap Opera Digest, Country Weekly and Weekly World News. The company was sold in 1999–2000 and I retired. Since then, I have been able to indulge an old passion for photography. Judy and I have been fortunate to travel to many parts of Asia, Africa, Antarctica and South America, and look forward to more of the same."

We have lost two more of our classmates. Dr. Henry A. Sellner '67 P&S died in Danbury, Conn., on January 25, 2013. After being named Phi Beta Kappa at the College and medical school at P&S, he practiced ob/gyn for 35 years in Danbury, where he created WomanCare. Later in life, he traveled to Central America to bring his expertise to rural clinics.

Robert E. Dyson died in Sarasota, Fla., on July 30, 2011.

I wish we'd been able to say hello to them both at the reunion. Requiescat in pace.

I hope that our 50th Reunion Class Gift breaks all sorts of records. If you want to make sure that it does, please make your donation now. You have until midnight EST on Sunday, June 30, the end of Columbia's fiscal year, to make your gift online. If mailing a check or calling in your gift to the Alumni Office, please allow a few days before the 30th to be sure it is received in time. (See the how-to below.)

The one record I'd like to see the

class break is the one for percentage participation. If you have never given a dime in 50 years, now is the time to make amends. How about \$10 for each year since graduation? Or, better vet, \$100 for each year? If you have already made your donation, thank you for supporting the continued excellence of Columbia.

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Remember, our regular class lunches at the Columbia University Club of New York are always a great place to reconnect. If you're in NYC, try to make one of the next ones, scheduled for June 13, July 11 and, after our summer break, on September 12 — it's always the second Thursday. Check our website at 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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The Class of '63 recently celebrated its 50th anniversary — a wonderful milestone but also a reminder that in one year we will do the same (Thursday, May 29-Sunday, June

In the past, Nick Rudd was the driving force behind our reunions. We must now look to others to turn our 50th into the success it should be. Please contact me (or either of the staff members noted above) with your suggestions and your availability to help in the planning. Class writers have drawn atten-

tion recently. The New York Times ran a Sunday review of two books by **Phillip Lopate**: Portrait Inside My Head: Essays and To Show and To *Tell: The Craft of Literary Nonfiction.* Noting that in past collections, Phil had covered a range of subjects while paying attention to his inner life, the review observed that Portrait "gives full play to an even wider range: immensely readable essays on his family, on remaining a baseball fan, on his sex life ('Duration; Or, Going Long'), on

the tense romance between movies and novels, on old and new features of New York's urban landscape and on elusive writers like James Agee and Leonard Michaels, themselves bold essavists who blurred the lines between fiction and nonfiction." [Editor's note: See the featured book in the Spring 2013 CCT.]

In To Show and To Tell, Phil "gives away all his trade secrets — a thoughtful guidebook for writers of literary nonfiction that could serve as a commentary on his essays. It threads its way around the pitfalls of personal writing: the need to turn oneself into a character; to write honestly, assertively about friends and family: and to find exactly where and how to sign off."

Foreign Affairs ran a review of Energy for Future Presidents: The Science Behind the Headlines by Richard Muller, a physics professor at UC Berkeley. The book addresses the future of energy use. The reviewer writes, "[Muller] frames his highly readable book as a series of explanatory memoranda to a hypothetical U.S. president, covering all the proposals currently on the table and some not vet there and acknowledging that his conclusions and recommendations will infuriate some segments of the public."

Richard, a longtime nonbeliever in climate warming, attracted considerable attention last year when he wrote a New York Times op-ed piece, "The Conversion of a Climate-Change Skeptic," stating that "global warming is real and humans are almost entirely the cause."

In the last column I reported that Barry Bley has spent 30 years as a volunteer with the Alumni Representative Committee, interviewing applicants for admission to the College. In an update, Barry reports, "Judging from the applicants I interviewed this cycle, Columbia's tradition of excellence will continue.'

Jerry Zuriff "retired in 2008 after 40 years as a professor of psychology at Wheaton College and from M.I.T., where I was a psychologist in the Mental Health Service for 35 years. Now in happy but active retirement, still living with Elizabeth in Cambridge, Mass., where I have a small part-time psychotherapy practice in Harvard Square."

For his 70th birthday, Jerry and Elizabeth "spent a joyous few days in New York City sampling the Met Opera, the New York Philharmonic, the American Symphony Orchestra, the Frick Collection and the Museum of Arts and Design, all of which I highly recommend to classmates."

Marty Weinstein spent five weeks teaching in Uruguay and Argentina. Marty is Emeritus Professor of Political Science at William Paterson University in New Jersey, and an internationally recognized expert on the politics of Uruguay. He is the recipient of two Fulbright awards and the author of two books and numerous articles on Uruguay.

After marrying an Englishwoman in January, Gary Schonwald now divides his time between New York, where he is a lawyer, and England, where he is a solicitor.

I am saddened to report the death last year of **Fred Levine**. A pre-med at the College, Fred graduated from Harvard Medical School and trained in surgery at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston with a specialty in cardiovascular and thoracic surgery. After two years at the Heart, Lung and Blood Institute of the National Institutes of Health, he was on the staff at Massachusetts General for several years before becoming chief of cardiac surgery at Sinai Hospital in Detroit. He is survived by his wife, Patty, two daughters and five grandchildren. (See Obituaries.)

Finally, I am deeply saddened to report the death of my wife, Jacqueline. We met while I was in the College, and in the decades that followed Jacqueline always felt a close affinity with the Class of '64. She edited and proofread my Class Notes, and after each monthly class lunch in New York she was always eager to hear news of the class. The loss for me and our son, Alexander, is immense. Many of you have sent messages of condolence for which I am very grateful.

Requiesat in pacem.

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Seeking news for this column, I've been asking classmates for their "thoughts on retirement, if ever," Here is Michael Schlanger's res-

"Now in my 43rd year of unremitting toil in the law, I am receptive to entertaining thoughts of retirement. If any classmates have suggestions about what a person as eccentric as myself might do in my golden years, I'm open to hearing them. I only want 'serious' suggestions, so, Mike Cook, you need not apply.

"I'm happy to report that my three 'boys' (all of whom still call me 'Daddy'), are having a good time. Teddy (27) — following a satisfying academic and baseball career at Davidson College (Division I), two years teaching and tutoring fifth-graders at the Simon Elementary School in Anacostia (Washington, D.C.), and one year taking the accounting and finance courses not available at Davidson — is complet-

ing a master's in accounting at Vanderbilt and will begin working at Deloitte in the fall in Philadelphia (where his longtime girlfriend/ fiancée lives and works); he recently returned from a six-week Deloitte internship in Hyderabad, India.

"Nicholas (24) — following his recent graduation from Gettysburg, where he was active in student government, intramural sports and keeping regular company with his serious girlfriend — is taking a twoto-three-year break from academia before seeking an M.B.A. He is a membership consultant at Tenley Sport & Health Club (Washington, D.C.), where he spent the past several summers as a lifeguard. Tenley being five minutes from the Schlanger house, Nicholas keeps me company while I ponder this 'golden years' stuff. "Ben (22), at the University of

Michigan, is obtaining a double degree in mechanical engineering and computer science while also serving as a lead writer and senior editor of The Gargoyle, Michigan's 120-year sibling rival of Columbia's Jester; Ben performs as a stand-up comic in local clubs in Ann Arbor (for profit; as he says, he 'doesn't give it up for free'). Ben has had summer and school-vear internships at General Motors, Toyota and General Electric. Upon graduation in 2014, he aspires to do his part to help save Planet Earth."

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Stan Sesser wrote, "After 25 years in Berkeley, interrupted by more than a decade in Asia. I've now come full circle, back to Berkeley. My partner, Yai, who teaches philosophy at Ramkhamhaeng University in Bangkok, has been granted a leave at full pay to get

what are you up to now? Retired? Other?

His response: "I'm not the sort of food critic who has enough selfcontrol to take a bite of everything and pass it on. When I taste something I like, I don't leave a morsel. As a result, I have to exercise like crazy — running, swimming and lifting weights. That's the only way to avoid being a blimp when you're writing about food. I'm proud to say I weigh less today than at Columbia. Ask any retired journalist what they're doing and they'll say. 'I'm writing a book.' That's enough to deflect all questions for 10 years. I'm writing a book, truthfully, about my adventures in the far corners of Asia. But the writing comes after I've had my fill of reading - catching up on all the books I've wanted to read for decades."



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My greetings go out to you all. By now, we'll have had our spring gettogether weekend, and I hope this column finds all of you well and looking forward to a wonderful summer.

Thank you to those who responded to my email requesting an update. As you will see, it resulted in contributions from classmates who normally might not have written, and those are exactly the folks we want to hear from, along with vou usual suspects. It was possibly my promise in the subject line not to ask for money that encouraged most of you at least to open the email. And as Ron Brookshire comments, "At our age I enjoy reading

Gene Leff '66 is a deputy commissioner in the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation in Albany.

his doctorate. As for my career in journalism (remember what newspapers are?) here's the story: Two years ago, a new group of editors at The Wall Street Journal discovered that for 10 years they had been paying a Bangkok-based reporter — namely, me — to travel around the world, all expenses paid, to write about food and travel. They quickly brought that to an end and I accepted a buyout, with many fine meals under my belt. If anyone wants restaurant recommendations in Asia, I'm the person to ask: stan. sesser@gmail.com."

I asked Stan two questions: How did you keep the weight off with such a career (or did you)? And

about what we are doing but more importantly, 'getting to meet each other again' (without any recollection of who the others are - LOL)."

I believe that sums it up: none of us knew all the other 599 '66ers. So this, at least, is a chance to touch base belatedly. By the way, your response was so amazing that I had to save some contributions for the next issue.

We'll open with a note from Pat Rapp '74 GSAS, who was exactly the kind of long-lost classmate I'd hoped would respond. He writes: "I never had much sense of belonging to a class. I had friends from the dorms, from my classes, from the fraternities and the bars, but they

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were from various classes. I waited around Columbia until they gave me a Ph.D., so I had friends across quite a range of classes. If others experienced a similar lack of class, it might relate to our low write-in

"I've had a good life. It's been quite a ride. A short marriage, and no kids, but I've lived and worked in Australia, Japan, Puerto Rico and various U.S. and European cities. There's been lots of other travel, lots of laughs, lots to think about. At the moment I live in Brooklyn and teach part-time at NYU-Poly, formerly Brooklyn Polytechnic University. It's all fine by me.

"I have an attitude, which may have congealed into permanent form during my college years, so I'm curious to find out if other '66 alumni are comfortable in this 'attitude.' (If they are, that also might relate to our low write-in rate.) The attitude, in simple vernacular, is 'nothing matters.' Variations include 'it's all lies' and 'so what.' Naively, 'nothing matters' might seem a negative attitude but actually it's a great freedom, not for positive or negative, but for eliminating that duality. It makes me laugh, with the sheer joy of it. Do whatever you want. I guess, for many of '66, this meant family and career. Wonderful. For others, maybe ... other lives. Like most people, I was raised a certain way; it was to try to be cheerful, helpful, constructive. So, I try to do that. In fact, I live by a great many rules, way too many probably. But they're just my rules: I wouldn't even try to defend them.

"I'm in the physics racket, so maybe I'm too close to the life cycles of solar systems, galaxies, our universe. From a purely technical perspective, whatever people do or don't do, it doesn't matter. But the attitude feels much deeper than iust a technical calculation. Maybe it's genetic. Both my parents were bent the same way.

"Anybody else out there care to comment? Not that it matters."

Tom Beeler '67 GSAS writes, "I stayed on at Columbia for a master's in English and for a doctorate, but though I finished the dissertation, I never filed it. Reason was I got sucked into the book publishing business as a result of the 1968 protests; [I worked] on The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language and became editorial director of two scholarly reprint publishers, the second of which moved to Boston to become a division of G.K. Hall & Co. By 1978 I was president of Hall, which published scholarly books. ... I later left to run a British large print and audio book publishing subsidiary in New Hampshire, [which I did] until 1995, when I

started my own large print publishing company, which lasted 10 years. In 2006 I got involved with a community newspaper, the Granite State News in Wolfeboro Falls, N.H., which I now edit along with the Carroll County Independent. I publish books on the side at The Large Print Book Company.

"I eloped with my sweetheart, Sue, in 1965 while still at the College and we have two children and one grandson."

Daniel Gardner, who among other roles is a professor of physiology and biophysics and head of the Laboratory of Neuroinformatics with Weill Cornell Medical College, writes, "There often is that intermediate stage in which you're not sure whether you are alive or dead. This is not a plea for money but Weill Cornell Medical College is most appreciative of the donors who support its mission of advancing medical care and scientific understanding, and training new generations of physicians."

George Gutman shares, "Here's my last decade, in a nutshell: In 2004, after having lived in and raised our two kids in southern California for 27 years, my ombudsman wife, Jan, was becoming frustrated by her long commute to work. She started looking for a job closer to home and took a job in Manhattan, where she could walk to work across Central Park. We were bicoastal ('practicing bi-coastuals,' as our friends described us) for a couple of years, then I decided to take a somewhat early retirement from my professor gig at UCI Medical School and join her in New York. Jan retired in 2011 and we bought a car and took off on a 4½-month road trip back to our home in Costa Mesa, Calif., which had been rented

out during our absence. "I continued teaching after my retirement (until this year) and am pursuing research on a couple of long-standing projects in computational biology, work which doesn't require a laboratory or grant applications. I've been compiling and organizing family history and stories, particularly those of my parents' experiences as refugees in wartime France, which I've been posting on gutmanfamily.org.

"Jan, too, seems to be restless, and she's signed up as a reservist for FEMA as part of its Alternate Dispute Resolution cadre; she's been deployed for month-long stints in Connecticut and New Jersey, helping FEMA in its role of providing assistance to victims of Hurricane Sandy.

"Our son, Dan, finished a B.A. in history and business at Brooklyn College and moved back to California; he's looking for a job in finance research. Our daughter,

Elizabeth, founded the Brooklynbased company Liddabit Sweets a few years ago with her friend and business partner, Jen King. They produce artisanal caramels, candy bars and other wonderful confections, retailing them at various NYC markets and online, and wholesaling them to a number of stores in the Northeast and other spots across the country. They've also recently published The Liddabit Sweets Candy Cookbook, which has been well-received.

"We're enjoying being close to our longtime California friends again, and Jan is especially happy to have her garden back, yet we miss the energy and excitement of life in Manhattan. We figure it'll take us a while yet to decide where we want to live when we grow up."

From Gene Leff: "In 2011, I became a deputy commissioner in the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and moved to Albany. I supervise the study of fracking, the cleanup of toxic waste sites, the regulation of pesticide use and the regulation of solid waste disposal."

Gene, your latest work is of current interest to many of us. Perhaps you could offer some insight?

William Roach writes, "OK, Rich, although you could make up much more interesting stuff, here's a snapshot of what I've been up to for the last few years.

"At the end of 2010, I retired from my law practice at McDermott Will & Emery but worked part-time for one of my large hospital system clients, setting up its in-house office. That took about 18 months, after which I retired for real and assumed the chairmanship of the American Heart Association's national board. The AHA has occupied much of my community service time for the last 20-plus years and remains a labor of love. When I rotate off the national board in June I'll assume the volunteer leadership of the AHA's joint advocacy initiative with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to combat childhood obesity. Combating childhood obesity has been an AHA goal for many years and still seems a bit like sweeping back the sea, as a third of the nation's children are overweight or obese. But with the foundation's funding support, the AHA will marshal other organizations that are active in the fight at the grassroots level and intensify the effort to reduce the problem substantially by 2015. I suspect this will keep me out of

mischief for the next few years. "Otherwise, I keep a hand in one construction project or another and luxuriate in the general enjoyment of retirement. My spouse, Deborah Rosenberg Roach '66

Barnard, remains busy with her multimedia business and with helping our daughter, Lydia '04, with August wedding plans (I remain in my bunker, doing what I'm told). So, we're all busy and reasonably productive."

My correspondence with **Robert** Meyerson began with the following email from him: "I'm killing time waiting for my wife and have an idea for Class of '66 Notes. Which would you rather hear about: how decrepit NYC seems when I return there for a funeral, my life with Hegel or my decision to work forever?

I suggested he do it all, and Bob responded with this:

"OK. So let's start with Hegel. What would you like to hear my first impression of his mad philosophy in CC, where a huge Sasha Zill opined from the back of the room and I never knew anyone before or since named Zill, let alone Sasha? Or how I wrote my master's thesis about him and wound up liking the guy? [RF: Zill or Hegel?] Perhaps my run-in with the idiot local school superintendent who misquoted Hegel in our local weekly and whose defense was that he was actually quoting Dennis Green, that great Hegel scholar and coach of the Minnesota Vikings? Or my spying a portrait of the handsome devil in Berlin's National Gallery, after attending our son's show there at the Galerie Michael Janssen Berlin? Or my experience, firsthand, of Hegel's concept of quantity transforming into quality in his Phaenomenologie des Geistes, after buying another bank this past December 31? I hardly know where to begin!"

Geoff Dutton writes, "If you hanker to be in touch, send an interesting message to geoff@maxentro pyproductions.net and I will surely respond. All the best."

Gathering for lunch on April 2 at Evergreen restaurant (East 38th Street) were a peripatetic and evershifting group of '66ers, noshing and catching up as they have for a number of years. Present were Michael Garrett, Mark Amsterdam, Herb Hochman, Richard Zucker and Richard Forzani. Regulars who were not there this time are Gene Leff, Bob Gurland, Dan Gardner, David Tilman and Rick **Reder.** Many others have showed up from time to time, and anyone who is interested is invited. Let me know and we'll put you on the mailing list.

From your correspondent: I am involved in managing my employer's top software clients, in terms of keeping them happy and spending. My son, Rich, is completing his first year at the University of Richmond School of Law and,

despite his initial trepidation regarding the competition, has been doing well. My other son, Casey, is house-hunting for his family in Los Angeles and learning how little a lot of money can buy. My niece, Deanna Russo, has a recurring role in Being Human, a TV series involving a werewolf, a vampire and a ghost. She is the human. P.S. — It is not a reality show.

Hurricane Sandy convinced my wife not to ever relocate to a seaside community, so we're now considering somewhere in the desert, hopefully geographic rather than intellectual. If any of you have a large and luxurious vacation home, feel free to invite us for a week or more. Your presence is welcome but not required.

Keep those cards and letters coming.



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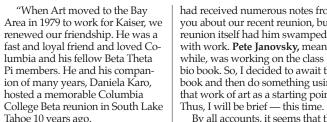
Joel Greenberger writes, "I am professor and chairman of the Department of Radiation Oncology at the University of Pittsburgh and live there most of the year. However, I am in Boston every month for research collaborations at Brigham and Women's Hospital and at M.I.T. I play the trumpet in several professional and vocational groups and frequently have brass quintet rehearsals at my other house in Lincoln, Mass.'

Joel hopes to entice Mark Schlesinger to join one of those brass sessions. Both are alumni members of the Cleverest Band.

Anthony Sciolino has authored a book. The Holocaust, the Church. and the Law of Unintended Consequences: How Christian Anti-Judaism Spawned Nazi Anti-Semitism. He is a retired New York State family court judge and permanent deacon of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester, N.Y.

Fran Furey '66 writes, "It is with sadness that I report the passing of Art Silvers '68E of Pleasanton, Calif., on February 4, 2013. Art had been battling Stage 4 melanoma for the past year.

"Art was a fellow rugby player, a fraternity brother and a football teammate. We met as teenagers on the football field at Baker Field. Artie was born in Brooklyn and raised in Woodmere (Long Island), N.Y., where he captained the football team at George W. Hewlett H.S. At the College he joined Beta Theta Pi, played varsity football and captained the 1967 rugby football club. A five-year engineering student, Art earned a B.S. at the Engineering School.



"Dave Filipek '67 GS, Bob Donohue '65 and I visited Art often in recent months at his Pleasanton home in the East Bay. I saw Artie three days before he died; aside from tiring easily, there was no indication that his time was near. He went out a winner — he had picked the Baltimore Ravens to go all the way and he won the jackpot in a Super Bowl pool run by fellow California Beta Dave Filipek (who else?).

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"He wasn't so lucky on the health front, however. He had a tough last year. He was courageous under difficult physical duress; he accepted his situation with grace and rueful philosophy. 'The worst thing,' Artie said to me a couple of months ago, 'is that I am going to miss out on a lot of the fun.' We are certainly going to miss having fun with him.

Martin Goldstein, who lives in Culver City, Calif., sent this note to CCT: "The crew cohort pictured in the Spring 2013 CCT — The Royal and Ancient Order of Buffoons mourns the loss of a friend, mentor and fellow crew mate. Norman Hildes-Heim '60."

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I'd hoped to persuade Mas Taketomo to write the column, as he

gathered with Lehecka in May in front of Hamilton Hall: (left to right) Mandeep Singh '15, Lehecka, Roniquee Marksman '14, Holly Berlin '13, Carrie Montgomery '13 and Tomasz Otlowski '13. had received numerous notes from you about our recent reunion, but reunion itself had him swamped with work. Pete Janovsky, meanwhile, was working on the class bio book. So, I decided to await the book and then do something using that work of art as a starting point.

Since 2005, when a group of alumni raised money to honor former Dean of Students Roger Lehecka

'67, '74 TC upon his retirement, 23 students have received stipends, allowing them to take unpaid

summer internships in places ranging from New York to Geneva to Addis Ababa. Several students

By all accounts, it seems that the turnout for the 45th reunion could be record-breaking. I hope so. We will know by the time you read this column. I hope that I will have seen lots of you well, energetic and in good spirits. A full report will be in the Fall issue. If you attended, please share your thoughts and stories with me to put in this column. The class photo, however, may be found on the CCT website (college.columbia.edu/cct) as part of this issue's reunion follow-up article.

As an aside, we sent Paul de Bary's wine book, The Persistent Observer's Guide to Wine, to all classmates to entice them to come to reunion, or at least to enjoy some wine more than usual.

Paul, your book is wonderful! And with its Core relevance, it is especially special.

John Chee was in NYC from Hong Kong during the basketball season. He and I get together on occasion when he is town, and so we did this time as well. He joined me and my wife for February's Columbia-Harvard basketball game, which turned out to be on a Sunday due to snow the prior day. It also appropriately took place on the Chinese New Year, which surely was helpful for the Lions; they whipped the Crimson, who were red-faced by the time they were sent packing back to Cambridge. And while Harvard was crowned Ivy League champion and was an NCAA first-round winner, the

Lions played superbly at times this season. You may have seen the team shock Villanova basketball on television. We beat Cornell in a televised game, too, and at home I saw them beat Penn. Some good wins for sure. Coach Kyle Smith is sensational; we can expect lots from this team and from the coach next year. John and I agreed we may be the alumni combination for wins for the future.

The women's and men's swim teams both came in second in the Ivy League during the dual meet season, with the Lions men and women beating powerhouse Princeton. With baseball and women's tennis having won Ivv titles, let's hope football is on the upswing now, too.

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Hank Reichman reports: "I'm now halfway through California State University's early retirement program, which is limited to five vears, teaching for six months each year. But to fill the time I've become active in the American Association of University Professors (AAUP). In April 2012, I was elected national first v.p. and last summer I also was

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appointed to chair the association's Committee on Academic Freedom and Tenure, known since its creation nearly a century ago as Committee A.

"AAUP was founded in 1915 by a group of leading American scholars, including such Columbia notables as John Dewey and Charles Beard. It has evolved through the years into a combination of a professional association and a union, known mainly for its vigorous defense of academic freedom. A bit more than three-fourths of our 48,000 members are in chapters with collective bargaining rights. Of course, state laws vary and the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in 1980 that tenure-track and tenured faculty at private institutions are somehow managers' and not covered by the National Labor Relations Act, a ruling that seems at minimum hopelessly dated and under increasing challenge. Hence, I don't think there is much of a chapter, although I'm sure there must be individual members, at Columbia. If any Columbia faculty are reading this, I'd love to hear from you. In fact, I'd love to hear from any classmates or other alums who are higher ed faculty, full- or part-time. ...

"AAUP work brings me often to Washington, D.C., as well as to quite a few other places across the country, but I'm also taking advantage of my non-teaching months for recreational travel. My wife, Susan, and I went to Turkey in September (I highly recommend a visit!) and plan other jaunts for the summer. The children are launched: Our son is a paralegal for a labor-side employment law firm in Oakland, Calif.; our daughter is a high school social studies teacher with Teach For America in inner-city New Orleans. Finally and thankfully, we all have our health."

From **Hart Perry:** "I am directing a documentary about Willie Mitchell and soul music in Memphis. I had the pleasure of meeting with **Greg Geller** about music videos and films for the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum.

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I made two documentaries with Juan Gonzalez '58, about Haiti and migrant workers respectively. My wife is making a documentary on veteran suicides. My son, Nicholas, graduated from med school and has started his residency at Columbia. My son, Michael, is in 11th grade and can dunk basketballs."

Bill Bonvillian continues to direct the MIT Washington Office, working on innovation policy issues, particularly advanced manufacturing, in collaboration with the federal R&D agencies. He is at work on a book on barriers to innovation within established "legacy" economic sectors, and continues to teach science and technology policy courses at MIT, Georgetown and Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies. Son Marco '14 spent his junior year at Oxford this vear and son Rafe works in Geneva. Switzerland Alan Sullivan writes, "I've

worked as a trial lawyer in Salt Lake City for the last 38 years, and I have no plans to stop anytime soon. I've been married to the same woman, Gayle Morris, for a little longer than that, and we have two remarkable sons, two generous daughters-in-law and two perfect grandchildren. On one of our first dates — this would have been in 1967 — Gayle lost an earring on the floor of the dining area at The Gold Rail, and I had to get down on my hands and knees to find it. I never found the earring and decided never to eat at The Gold Rail again. I want to publicly thank my freshman roommate. Joe Materna. for lending me the money to take her out on the town; I'm sure I paid him back.

"My best memories of Columbia mostly relate to the English department, in other words, to Lionel Trilling ['25, '38 GSAS], Fred Dupee, Kenneth Koch, Wallace Gray ['58 GSAS], Michael Rosenthal ['67 GSAS] and Homer Brown. They made a huge difference in my life because they taught me how to read."

John Schuster reports, "My longawaited, very large (and obscure) book about the scientific career of Descartes in the context of the crucial generation of the Scientific Revolution has finally been published. Despite appearances — and to the chagrin of many philosophers and historians of philosophy of my acquaintance — the book is a work of history, by a historian, and aimed primarily at historians of science and early modern European intellectual history. Its title is Descartesagonistes: Physico-mathematics, Method and Corpuscular-Mechanism. 1618–1633. Details can be found at the publisher website, springer.com. Just type my name into the search

engine. The hardcover version is prohibitively expensive, as such books are; but academics with suitable privileges at their institutional library can obtain cheap paperback copies, roughly \$30, provided their library also takes the relevant Springer Law, Social Sciences, and Humanities Series. In modern fashion, individual chapters can also be downloaded in digital form.

"The background is that I officially retired from the University of New South Wales in March 2011. My research, writing and publishing activities are now conducted in conjunction with the University of Sydney, as an honorary fellow of the Unit for the History and Philosophy of Science, and as a member of the history of early modern science research team in the Sydney Centre for the Foundations of Science. I was named an Honorary Fellow of Campion College, the only private liberal arts college in Australia (if the latter fact can be believed!). My retirement has proven very fruitful in research and publication terms, so far, as my website outlines."

Joseph Contiguglia is professor of clinical environmental health sciences, Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, and is on the teaching faculty of the South Central Center for Public Health Preparedness & South Central Public Health Leadership Institute. He retired as an Air Force colonel after almost 30 years, having served as a surgeon and medical commander in many places around the world as well as serving as the International Health Specialist to the Surgeon General.

From Lewis Wise: "My post-Columbia condensed bio starts with my graduating from UConn School of Law with high honors, following which I served a two-year clerkship with the chief judge of the U.S. District Court in New Orleans. The clerkship was a terrific experience but, perhaps more importantly, I developed a lifelong love affair with the Big Easy. I return often to visit friends and to enjoy the food, music and general, unique ambience that make the place so special.

"My next stop was the Justice Department in Washington, D.C., where I worked for about eight years in the Civil Division as a trial attorney and branch director. The section I worked in was responsible for representing government agencies and officials in cases of national significance throughout the country. The work was invariably challenging and fascinating but with three kids to feed and educate, I left Justice for private practice in my hometown of Hartford, Conn., where I joined a medium-size general practice firm. I ultimately developed specialties in land use

law and employment (predominantly employer side) law.

"The three kids are all successfully launched. My oldest son, Will (UVa.; UConn Law), practices law in Boston and is the father of my two grandsons. My daughter, Aliza '02 (Stanford M.D.) spent the year in Kenya as the chief resident in a hospital in Naivasha. My youngest son, Rafe (GW; UConn Law), practices law in Hartford. The last few years have been particularly happy and satisfying for me. My second marriage, to Dr. Amy Ehrlich Charney, a clinical psychologist, has been a resounding success — who knew that marriage could be such fun? About nine years ago, I fulfilled a longstanding dream by building a beautiful house on a tidal marsh in Wellfleet, Mass., on Cape Cod. We spend as much time there as possible throughout the year.

"My best friend and roommate for several years at Columbia was Jon Souweine. We remained close until his untimely death about two years ago. He was a lawyer and community activist in Amherst, Mass., for many years. Sadly, he contracted leukemia and died from complications from a bone marrow transplant.

"One of my law partners is **Tom Divine**, whom I did not know until he joined our firm several years ago. I have stayed in touch with **Jory Berkwits** and **Dick Wetzel** and recently reconnected with **Jeff Bush** and **Richard Steffenhagen**.

"Finally, a word about the effect Columbia had on me. I was raised in and attended a small prep school in West Hartford, Conn., which at the time was a small, insular, conservative, non-diverse suburb. Columbia had a profoundly broadening and liberalizing effect on me (not just politically although that, too). When I graduated I was a far more tolerant and intellectually and politically engaged person because of that experience, and I have always been truly grateful for it."

With the quarterly publication schedule of *CCT*, news items sent to me soon after your receipt of the current issue can appear in the following issue (in this case, Fall 2013). I am, once again, in need of personal news or reflections on how the College experience affected your life. I would especially like to hear from classmates who have not recently appeared in this column and from classmates for whom the University does not have email addresses.

Finally, here is the first notice of our 45th Alumni Reunion Weekend, Thursday, May 29–Sunday, June 1, 2014. Those wanting (or, should I say, willing) to join the Reunion Committee should let me know. 70

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Fred P. White '73L, dean and professor of law at Texas Wesleyan School of Law, has been honored by the Law School with the Distinguished Columbian in Teaching Award for excellence in teaching, scholarship, writing and achievement in his chosen field. The award was presented to him in January in conjunction with the Association of American Law Schools annual meeting in New Orleans. I have connected with Fred at various reunions and he is among the nicest and most sincere human beings I have encountered in the legal profession. Congratulations, Fred!

Not to be outdone by Mr. White, Fred Kushner writes, "This has been a busy year for the Kushner Columbia clan. My son Jared '06 is an intern in internal medicine at P&S. My son Adam '03 has been promoted to executive magazine editor of National Journal in Washington, D.C. I was vice chair of the 'heart attack guidelines' put out by the American Heart Association and the American College of Cardiology and presented them to our international convention in San Francisco this year. I am looking forward to transitioning to more of a teaching position."

Len Lavine noted, "I planned to be in New York City for my annual extended weekend around Dean's Day, June 1. I have a timeshare at the West 57th Street by Hilton Club hotel, the same block as Carnegie Hall. I'll spend one day at Columbia while taking in a couple of shows and museums. Recently, I've had a couple of emails from TEP brothers, one requesting historical information about our former fraternity at 627 W. 115th. I work for the Department of Defense and expect to be 'furloughed' for 20 percent of the time between May and June 2013."

Another distinguished classmate, Albert Scardino, reported from England: "Very good visit this week [March 21] from Dean James J. Valentini to meet London alumni, parents, students, prospects and friends. During a wide-ranging interview before an audience of 100 or so guests, we dwelt for a time on the relationship between the College and the University, particularly on the sometimes troubled engagement of the Dean's and President's offices. Dean Valentini discussed his relationship with President Lee C. Bollinger and declared that the place of the College has never been more assured or better supported



Trustee Michael B. Rothfeld '69, '71J, '71 SIPA, '71 Business (third from left) was honored at Community Impact's Gala Benefit Auction on March 7 with the "Making A Difference Service Award." The award recognizes people whose belief and investment in Community Impact's work helps the organization serve neighbors in need in Upper Manhattan. On hand to honor Rothfeld were (left to right) Trustee Philip Milstein '71, Trustee Emeritus and Columbia Alumni Association Chair George Van Amson '74, Rothfeld, Trustee Mark Kingdon '71, Community Impact Director Sonya Reese and Trustee Lisa Carnoy '89. To view an album of the event, go to facebook.com/columbiacollege1754.

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by the University. There were other topics covered but this was the most revealing about the future of the College. And about the dean: He seems not only willing to share his views but also eager to do so, and willing to listen, too.

"I've had a late-life conver-

sion from the world of journalism to biotechnology. I chair a small public company in Canada, Immunovaccine, that has experienced a breakthrough in treatment of ovarian cancer. Early days yet, but the data is encouraging. I am married to Marjorie, and my two children, Adelaide '00 and Hal '08, are both back in London, pursuing careers in law and acting. Journalism is still a part of my life, indirectly, as I have been active in the effort to reform the British press after an era of wholesale criminality. Parliament recently passed a reform package proposed by our tiny charity [Media Standards Trust, so the spirit of revolution from our days on Morningside Heights is alive and well on this side of the pond."

I also caught up with goodhearted lawyer Dan Feldman, who reports: "In 2010 I switched from full-time government work and one-day-a-week academic work to full-time academic work and one-day-a-week government work. I am enjoying the new arrangement even more than I expected. Throughout most of my life, I thought I could only be satisfied by exercising some positive impact on the lives of masses of people as an elected official; and indeed, I continue to take satisfaction in my accomplishments in that regard. To my surprise, however, I now find at least as much satisfaction in helping what must be at most 150 students a year. I suppose it is

the direct interaction that makes the difference. I like my students at John Jay College of Criminal Justice very much. I teach in the M.P.A. program. The students are bright, hard-working and motivated. I am also happy to do my one-day-a-week legal work for my friend Tom DiNapoli, the New York State comptroller, one of the nicest people you could meet in government, or indeed anywhere.

government, or indeed anywhere. "Oxford University Press' The Oxford Handbook of New York State Government and Politics, edited by Gerald Benjamin '70 GSAS, came out at the end of 2012 and included my chapter on the New York State Attorney General. SUNY Press is due to publish my next book, The Art of the Watchdog: Fighting Fraud, Waste, Abuse and Corruption in Government, co-authored with David Eichenthal, in the fall. I am grateful to report that my wife and children are doing well. Warm regards to classmates."

Lennard Davis writes, "I'm a Distinguished Professor of English, Disability Studies and Medical Education at the University of Illinois at Chicago. I have a book coming out in the fall, The End of Normal: Identity in a Biocultural Era. I'm also working on a book about the Americans with Disabilities Act, set for publication on its 25th anniversary in 2015."

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My friend and adviser in college, **Andy Kiorpes**, reported on the passing of his heroic father, Charles '45, '48E: "My dad passed away [suddenly] on March 22. He entered the College in 1941, but his education was interrupted by WWII. When he returned to Columbia, he transferred to the School of Engineering and was awarded a B.S. in 1948. He regularly attended CC '45 reunions."

Juan Uranga writes, "Working full-time as an attorney for farmworkers in the Salinas Valley of California. My wife, Anna Caballero, also an attorney, is on Gov. Jerry Brown's Cabinet as the Secretary of the State and Consumer Services Agency. I split my time between our home in Salinas and our home in Sacramento. Was looking forward to spending Easter vacation with three of our five grandchildren."

Joseph Spivack reported on a busy year: "Our older daughter continues her studies in early childhood and special education (double major) at Eastern Nazarene College in Quincy, Mass. She is scheduled to finish in December 2015. Our younger daughter recently was accepted to Kenyon College in Ohio, which is well known for its writing program, among other strengths. She recently finished her appearance as Becky Two Shoes in her school's wonderful production of *Urinetown*. She took AP exams this spring and will graduate at the end of June. Unfortunately, our elderly Bichon Frisé passed away during the winter. Our cat has taken over his bed and appears to be thoroughly enjoying it!

"My wife is head of the advertising and public relations specialization at The City College of New York, where she has taught since 1993. They are getting ready to start a master's program in branding and integrated communications next fall, which is exciting but keeps her very busy. She enjoys helping her students get internships that can launch them into a professional career in PR. I work for a small bank consulting company in Manhattan. Our specialty is bank loan credit reviews

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Louis Rossetto '71 Goes from Wired to Chocolate

By DINA CHENEY '99

he path from founding and overseeing *Wired* magazine to running the luxury chocolate maker TCHO may seem an unlikely one. Yet, for **Louis Rossetto '71, '73 Business**, it made sense: In both jobs, he was able to innovate.

Such a propensity toward change took root at Columbia where Rossetto, who grew up in Great Neck (Long Island). N.Y., studied political science. As a participant in the student protests that rocked Columbia (along with campuses nationwide) in the late 1960s, he saw firsthand how people could impact the course of events. Unsure what to do next, but with a sense that he should attend graduate school, Rossetto earned an M.B.A. and wrote a novel. Take-Over (1974).

Having settled on writing as a career, he decided to travel the world in search of stories. In Rome, Rossetto helped former Columbia Italian professor Pier-Nico Solinas write *Ultimate* Porno: The Making of a Sex Colossal (1981), about Tinto Brass' Caligula. In Amsterdam, he wrote for a political and economic newsletter; in Afghanistan, he covered the war against the Soviet Union. Returning to Amsterdam, he worked for a translation company that was launching a magazine focused on language technologies. With a "front row seat" to such innovation and an awareness of the burgeoning PC revolution in the United States, Rossetto came to believe that "those who were creating and using digital technologies were the most powerful people on the planet, driving more positive change than the priests, politicians, generals or pundits."

With his partner, Jane Metcalfe, Rossetto decided to start Wired magazine to tell the stories of the individuals, companies and ideas driving the digital revolution. The couple worked from 1988–93 to write a business plan, create a dummy issue, raise funds and recruit editors and writers, moving to San Francisco in the process. The magazine launched in January 1993; the second issue covered the creation of the Internet in Geneva. "From there, it was a rocket ride," Rossetto says.

(including banner ads). With both businesses having reached break-even and the magazine generating \$25 million in sales, Rossetto and Metcalfe sold the magazine to Condé Nast in 1998 and the web business to Lycos in 1999.

In his down time, Rossetto became an angel investor and spent time with his children, Orson, born in 1997, and Zoe, born in 1999. One of his investments was in a San Francisco-based chocolate business, Xocomaya (the name was later changed to TCHO, pronounced chō), founded by Timothy Childs, the housemate of an early Wired employee. "I never had a notion of becoming the next Willy Wonka," admits Rossetto, who became involved in the business in 2005. "It's just that Childs reminded me of myself when I started Wired. I wanted to help him realize his dream." Rossetto also wanted to show his children firsthand "what it takes to build a company."

Rossetto could not resist the call of innovation. He joined TCHO as CEO and creative director in 2007

and, with Childs (who left the company two years ago), has come up with new ways to source and process cacao beans and create and market high-quality chocolate. For one, Rossetto explains, larger choco-

late companies have tended to focus on the quantity, rather than the quality, of cocoa beans. "Cacao farming is a commodity business, with no incentive for farmers to focus on quality, as most chocolate made is milk chocolate. And milk chocolate is sold on the basis of the flavors of caramelized milk and sugar — the chocolate flavor is an afterthought."

Rossetto realized that TCHO needed to partner with farmers to help them yield the most flavorful raw material. The result: TCHOSource, a program through which the company partners with farmers in Peru. Ecuador and Ghana, helping them implement better bean fermentation and drying practices. The program also provides partner farmers with Flavor Labs (like the one TCHO uses in San Francisco), where they can make their own chocolate. "There, they can calibrate their palates with TCHO's," says Rossetto, and "for the first time in their lives taste the chocolate made from their own beans and understand how their efforts affect the result."

The company, which gives free daily tours of its 25,000-squarefoot San Francisco waterfront facility, also innovates in its product development and marketing. According to Rossetto, dark chocolate has been marketed with language associated with other food and drink categories, such as wine and coffee. But terms such as "vintage" and "single origin" not only don't apply well to chocolate, they also confuse consumers and convey nothing about how the chocolate will taste. TCHO's solution: develop several chocolate bars, each with a different dominant flavor attribute, such as "Nutty," "Fruity," "Citrus," or "Chocolatey" (these flavor terms are also the products' names). A graphic on the packaging then does double duty by showing the complete flavor spectrum while also indicating which flavor infuses the

bar at hand.

"When Louis showed me TCHO headquarters, I remember thinking how perfect it was that he'd opened a chocolate factory: the ultimate expression of a dreamer's mentality," says James Truman, former editorial director of Condé Nast, who knows Rossetto through Wired. "Louis really does dream things into being.

"Wired might seem logical and prescient in retrospect," he adds. "but at the time. independently launching a highly complicated and expensive magazine about a then-marginal subject out of San Francisco seemed beyond reckless. But Louis isn't reckless, exactly. He's an inventor and a pioneer, and once he believes in something he won't stop until everyone else shares his belief. I'm always impressed not just by his brilliance but also by his determination, discipline and sheer stubbornness in the pursuit of what he sees as possible."

TCHO, which now has 40 employees and hundreds of consumer and professional products ranging from chocolate bars and drinking chocolate to cacao nibs and couverture disks for chefs, also runs an ongoing test program to engage its consumers in cocreating its bars. One recent result of this process: TCHO's first flavored bar, Mokaccino, made with Blue Bottle Coffee. This comes as no surprise for a company that — as Rossetto describes it — "marries Silicon Valley innovation to San Francisco food culture."

After all, he says, "The world does not need another chocolate company. It needs people who want to innovate and invent the future."

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for community (i.e., smaller) banks around the country. It's kind of a credit audit function, which helps keep the banks healthier than they might otherwise be. I do bank stress testing, which is the regulatory flavor of the decade. I am finishing moving our stress testing program from Excel into Access (with the help of a consultant). I am in the process of learning more than I ever wanted to know about Access! Life is busy and good."

Larry Rosenwald says, "Not too much to report, except that a) our first granddaughter was born last June, adorable beyond words (so I won't even try), and that b) I seem to have become, without quite knowing how, a writer about Yiddish literature, publishing think pieces about translation and loving analyses of poems by Itzik Manger and Jacob Glatshteyn."

Finally, **David Lehman** gave me the following very complete report, which certainly warrants kudos: "As series editor of The Best American Poetry, the annual anthology that I initiated in 1988, I am happy to report that The Best of the Best American Poetry: 25th Anniversary Edition was published in April. Robert Pinsky, two-time U.S. Poet Laureate, made the selections for this commemorative volume celebrating our first 25 years. There were launch readings scheduled in Boston (April 4) and New York City (April 11).

"The regular volume in the series — The Best American Poetry 2013, with selections made by guest editor Denise Duhamel — will appear this September. Launch readings for the book will take place in Atlanta during Labor Day weekend and in New York City on Thursday, September 19.

"My other news is that Scribner will publish my New and Selected Poems in November. So this will be guite a year on the publications front. New poems of mine have appeared in The New Yorker, The Atlantic, Poetry magazine, The American Poetry Review, Poetry London, The Common, Green Mountains Review. Boston Review, Slate and Virginia Quarterly Review. I also have been writing essays, several of which have been published in *The Ameri*can Scholar and Slate. My translation of Guillaume Apollinaire's long poem Zone, on which I have worked on and off for decades, is finished and will appear in the next issue of Virginia Quarterly Review, along with a translator's note. Finally, at the request of the Library of Congress, I have written a 5,000word essay on 'Peace and War in American Poetry' for its website. It will be posted soon.

"Oh, one more thing. As a Kellett Fellow back in the day, I spent two

years at Clare College, Cambridge. I was asked to return to Clare to give a reading of my poems on April 23."

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Eli Rubenstein writes, "I have been practicing law since 1974 and have been at Goulston & Storrs since 1977. I alternate my time between the New York and Boston offices. Although we maintain homes in both cities, I still consider Boston home.

"My wife, Emily '72 Barnard, and I expect to celebrate our 42nd anniversary this June. Our two children are grown and busy establishing their own families. Our son, Isaac, lives in Boston and our daughter, Abigail '05, lives in New York.

Abigail 'Us, lives in New York.

"I am chair of the Board of
Directors of the National Multiple
Sclerosis Society (NMSS). We raise
more than \$200 million each year
to combat MS and its effects on
the lives of people affected by it.
Assuming the chairmanship has
caused me to wind down my practice somewhat but the work with
the society, although sometimes
very frustrating, is almost always
immensely rewarding. If anyone in
the class has reason to have any interest in NMSS, please be in touch."

Lloyd Emanuel, John Bleimaier, Dick Fuhrman and Richard Hsia. after dinner at Havana Central at The West End, were "among the throng packing Levien Gym to the rafters," Richard reports, as the Lions hosted Princeton on February 22. At the annual Burgers and Basketball event, the classmates especially "enjoyed the burgers and camaraderie." (The following night at Levien the Lions shot 2-for-20 in the second half, but during the game hit 22 of 26 from the freethrow line and six three-pointers, and beat Penn by 17.)

Three '71 friends have the Internet to thank for a December 2012 reunion. Lewis Rosenthal, an attorney in upstate New York, was reading the Huffington Post and found an article about the new iPad, written by Raymond Soneira. Lewis forwarded it to Robert Pu, a probate judge in Brattleboro, Vt., and wondered if it was their mutual friend with whom they both had lost contact many years ago. Of course it was.

Robert reports that Ray, now residing in Amherst, N.H., not far from Robert and Lewis, "is a theoretical physicist and cosmologist who now does advanced display technology and is the creative force behind DisplayMate Technologies

Corp., which is widely recognized as the worldwide leader in display optimization for smartphones, tablets, HDTVs and digital cinema.

"The three of us met in Amherst, visited a local winery, had lunch at a historic inn and throughout the day discussed our years on Morningside Heights. We pledged that it would be more like 40 days rather than 40 years before we get together again."

Alan Flashman: "I am happy to announce the [March 2013] publication of Martin Buber's classic *I and Thou* in my new translation from German to Hebrew. As I am expert in neither language, it was a long haul. I originally worked on it to make the work understandable in current Hebrew for social work students of family therapy.

"I see Buber as an important link between the individual and relationships. Buber's estate people found the translation in my course material and chose to bring it out — $6\frac{1}{2}$ years ago. Time moves slowly around here. I hope that the young Israelis who filled the streets and tents of the Israeli protest of Summer 2011 (barely reported in the United States) will find support in this new/old work.

"I am even more happy to report the marriage of my daughter, Debbie, nearly two years ago; the birth of my first grandson, Yoni, seven months ago; and the marriage of my daughter, Miriam, in May. My son, Kobie, is making a career in photography, especially music videos, in Tel Aviv.

"My wife, Gilda, and I are in our 44th year of marriage, perhaps a class record, as we married at the start of junior year. We have been in Be'er Sheva for nearly three decades.

"I work privately in child, adolescent, adult and family psychiatry and teach in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv social work schools part-time. Gilda is a family therapist in a child guidance clinic and the Rabbinical Court. She has become a marvelous quilter. My avocations are hiking, doing the ancient Greek I missed at CC and reading the Foucault lectures as they come out. I also have attended some doctoral courses in philosophy.

"I am near completion of a professional autobiography looking back on what is to my mind the horrifying way that my profession has developed. Then I think I will run for cover (something we do in the South [of Israel] pretty regularly)."

Bennett Alan Weinberg, bestselling author of *The World of Caffeine*, is looking for an agent for several completed manuscripts. He describes the novels as: "Simon Magus: The First Vampire, a truly original, historically based story of a figure

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Louis Rossetto '71. '73 Business outside

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In 1994, the couple intro-

to asserts was the first online

publication to include original

content (rather than material

repurposed from other media)

and Fortune 500 advertising

duced Hotwired, which Rosset-

TCHO's factory at San Francisco's Pier 17.

mentioned in the New Testament as a cult leader, a magician with Messianic ambitions and a rival of St. Peter. The story takes him through the centuries, from Rome, to Transylvania, to Basque and finally to England.

"Manci's Girl, an updated noir thriller in which a beautiful, young, ambitious woman manipulates the men surrounding Manci, the crime boss of the Philadelphia mafia, only to be finally undone by her love for the big man.

"Expiration Date, a Christian science-fiction adventure thriller, in which Galahad Jones, a supersecret agent, is called out of retirement to combat a psychotic, renegade, brilliant cardinal who plots to use viral agencies to achieve control of the Catholic Church and, ultimately, the world.

"The Case of the Missing Rembrandt, an action mystery set largely on the Columbia campus in which a philosophy professor is drawn by circumstances into acting as a top-flight detective. It is the first book in a projected series, The Columbia Musteries."

As for your correspondent, I saw that computer security expert Mark Seiden was again quoted in The New York Times (March 27), which identifies him as "a member of the Security and Stability Advisory Committee of the International Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers, which oversees the domain name system."

Philadelphia has vibrant theatre. and I attend. Seminar, a sharp, witty play by Theresa Rebeck, is about, as the *Philadelphia Inquirer* noted, "four aspiring novelists enrolled in the private weekly workshops of rockstar literary editor Leonard." In the lobby afterward, out came "Leonard," who had absolutely nailed the portrayal. After complimenting him, I mentioned that because the play was set on the Upper West Side and I went to Columbia, it reminded me of some Columbia professors who were sophisticated and wanted the best from their students. He smiled and replied, "Oh, I went to Columbia, too." Turns out he is Rufus Collins '84 (who has acted in five shows on Broadway, says the playbill), and we had some of the same professors.

When I included that item in our class' eNews, **Ray Gaspard** responded: "I'm one of the producers on *The Trip To Bountiful* on Broadway, which stars Cicely Tyson, Vanessa Williams and Cuba Gooding Jr. Always great [getting the eNews]."

If you are not receiving the '71C eNews and would like to, please email me.

Remember back 46 Septembers ago, and the feelings we had, including of adventure, as we

entered Columbia College. We are still connected.

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Keith Luis (or at least his alter ego, Dr. Louie) recently had a new CD released by Tain-Hamilton Records. Fillin' the Billie, a rockabillyinflected disc, features guest artists Evan Johns (two guitar parts) and Leeann Atherton (one vocal). Keith performs the other vocals and plays the guitars, mandolin, washboard and additional percussion. The genre is bluesrock, incorporating elements of urban and country blues, rockabilly, New Orleans R&B and zydeco. You can find the title track at most online stores. Or you can hear it free at reverbnation. com/drlouie.

Richard Avila brings us up to date. Following graduation from Columbia, he took some time off from school but was prompted by Watergate to attend Harvard Law. He earned a J.D. in 1978, then returned to Southern California (where he'd grown up) to clerk for a federal trial judge, after which he moved to San Francisco in 1980. Richard is a bankruptcy lawyer —"an expert in debt, so to speak." After working for private firms, large and small, and for the government collecting debt in Bankruptcy Court, he started his own bankruptcy debtor practice

Married once and divorced once, Richard is the proud father of Patrick, a freshman at UC Berkeley and "a serious and disciplined young man of great courage," with an unusual set of interests: politics, history, drama and boxing. Patrick won a regional theatre competition in high school with Marc Antony's funeral oration for Julius Caesar, and he scored a TKO in his first intercollegiate boxing bout.

Richard notes that his hobbies are "tennis — I am a ranked player for my age group — and restoring the 1966 Oldsmobile Cutlass 'muscle car' I got my parents to buy for themselves when I was in high school, and which my now 95-year-old mother has decided to entrust to me to restore. It's a real piece of American industrial archaeology as well as a lot of fun to drive on a Sunday afternoon. Think of the Beach Boys singing 409 and you'll get the idea."

Richard sends best wishes to all classmates and especially his freshman suitemates in Carman, Jon Berlin '74 and **Brooks Ballenger**, saying, "Guys, it would be so great to hear your news!"

On a sad note, I received word that **Richard A. Arcaro** died in Laurens, N.Y., on January 9, 2013. He was a retired electrical engineer and computer analyst. *CCT* will publish a more complete obituary in a subsequent issue.

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By the time you read this, our 40th Alumni Reunion Weekend will be history; such is the timing of the world of Class Notes. I hope everyone had a terrific time. A full report will be included in the Fall issue. If you attended reunion, please share your thoughts and stories with me. The class photo, however, may be found on the CCT website (college. columbia.edu/cct) as part of this issue's reunion follow-up article.

Joe Seldner was happy to see so many classmates at the pre-reunion event with Eric Holder, among them Marc Jaffe and Ray Vastola. Joe regretted not being able to attend reunion; he and his brother were climbing Mt. Kilimaniaro. courtesy of the artificial hip manufacturer that made both of their hip replacements! Joe is developing and producing movies and TV, giving workshops and trying to find a home for The Parenting Channel (see: Food Channel, Travel Channel and so on). His son, Dan, left California for Europe after 11 years, and his daughter, Laura, has been in and out of Ecuador with granddaughter Liliana in tow; a grandson is on the way. "Hasn't always been easy or smooth," says Joe, "but it's always been interesting."

Ain't it the truth ...

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During our four years on campus, society, the economy and world politics were in a state of turmoil. Feminism, abortion, gay rights, Kent State and Watergate all fought with a multitude of other issues to gain our nation's attention. The recessions of 1970 and 1973–74 bracketed our undergraduate years. The Cold War, Vietnam and the Arab oil boycott, among others, screamed in

the headlines. Four decades later, we still see many of these same issues in the newspapers. I think that most people would agree that we have seen *some* progress on *some* of these issues, but it is amazing how glacial that progress has been in nearly half a century!

Some notable events occurred during our four years on Morningside Heights that seem to have slipped through the pages of history. The Environmental Protection Agency was created in 1970, and today it holds sway over issues as broad as the Keystone Pipeline and the location of manufacturing plants. In 1971 the gold standard ended (which some associate with the inflation of the 1970s and beyond) and, important to our class, the 26th Amendment was ratified giving the right to vote to 18-yearolds (perhaps influencing the recent reelection of President Barack Obama '83). It may be that the event with the most enduring impact happened in 1972, when President Nixon visited China and normalized relations. This contributed to the birth of a new superpower that profoundly changed our world.

A really big year was 1973, when we saw the Supreme Court rule against state laws against abortion in Roe v. Wade. That same year marked the start of the Arab oil embargo that led to smaller cars and the 55 mph national speed limit. That year also brought about the end of the draft. (Need I remind you of that terrifying day the previous February 2, when the drawing was held — à la Shirley Jackson's book *The Lottery* — to determine priority numbers for conscription? I was No. 35; do you remember your number?) In 1974 we saw India successfully test an atomic bomb and, after our graduation, Nixon become the first President to resign.

This little walk down memory lane highlights the significant world events that we shared four decades ago and is meant to accomplish two things: First, I hope it brings back memories of our bygone days on campus and reminds you to make plans to return to Morningside Heights Thursday, May 29–Sunday, June 1, for our 40th Alumni Reunion Weekend. Second, it's my hope that you share this thumbnail history lesson with your kids to assure them that all of the chaos we are witnessing at home and abroad is nothing new. We experienced all of these historical moments, which echo those of today, while enduring an economic crisis equivalent to the one we are just coming out of. Forty years later, most of us are looking back on a pretty good four decades. As we said in the '70s, "Keep the faith!"

Speaking of kids, this column features a lot of updates about what our classmates as well as their kids are up to these days. While we continue in our careers of multiple decades, our kids are moving on in bold new directions. Understanding how our buddies of yesteryear are doing often means understanding what is happening in the lives of their offspring.

Let me shamelessly start by announcing that my daughter, Katie, has recently been admitted to Columbia Grammar and Preparatory School in NYC, where she will start ninth grade next fall. She is following in the footsteps of the children of Larry Silverman, George Van Amson and the late Jeff Rosecan (among others). Some of you may know that Columbia Prep was started in 1764 — a decade after the creation of Columbia College — to "prepare" the young men who were going to attend the College. Nowadays, it has no affiliation with the College and is coed. And, no, I doubt my Columbia connections had any influence.

An update came from Dr. David Melnick (senior medical science director for AstraZeneca, the British pharmaceutical company in Wilmington, Del.). He relates that he's continuing work on the development of new antibiotics and recently received approval for a new treatment of MRSA (the antibiotic-resistant bacteria increasingly found in hospitals). David plans to continue research into other "highly antibiotic-resistant pathogens," including drug-resistant tuberculosis.

His daughter, Katie '03, is an ADA in Manhattan and is married to a Columbia P&S professor. Son James is busy buying and selling companies at a private equity group. David adds, "We used to joke that James would come work for me when I set up my own company. It now seems considerably more likely that I will end up working for him."

Stewart Levy sends greetings. He writes, "I am a partner in an NYC law firm, Eisenberg Tanchum & Levy, specializing in litigation and entertainment law. All three children are finished with college: the youngest recently graduated from Michigan; oldest son is a Stanford Law grad and practices entertainment law in Los Angeles; daughter is a Muhlenberg College grad and media director for an NYC marketing firm. She's also the mother of a 1-year-old girl — our first grandchild."

From San Francisco comes word of **Tom Ferguson.** In January 2012, he started a job as the chief financial and operations officer of the Episcopal Diocese of California. Tom tells us that both of his kids are in New York City: Son Greg works for an NYU library and daughter Elizabeth works for Carnegie Hall.

At least three classmates have kids who have gravitated to some of the biggest names in the "dotcom" world. While **Kevin Ward** toils away in his fourth decade as a Merrill Lynch financial adviser in New Jersey, his son, Matt, is living the good life in the YouTube division of Google in Silicon Valley, (Notes Kevin, "Talk about being at the center of the earth!") Matt's brother, Mark, is a senior at Fordham, and sibling Jamie is a sophomore at Holy Cross and active on its varsity lacrosse team. Brian, Kevin's youngest, is a junior at Bergen Catholic H.S.

Also out in Silicon Valley is Henry Knapp (29), son of **Rob Knapp**, who is an attorney at his Manhattan commercial litigation law firm Mulholland & Knapp. Henry is in Facebook's mobile app group. Rob's eldest daughter, Esther (32), is a doctor at Montefiore Medical Center in NYC in the (depressing but important) specialty of pediatric oncology. Aaron (28) studies graphic design at Parsons in NYC.

Rounding out the Internet trio is Scott Kunst's son, Dave. Scott runs Old House Gardens (his heirloom bulb company) in Michigan. Dave seems to be a rising star at Groupon in Chicago. (I've lost track of what Scott's other son, Scott Jr., is up to these days.)

Update: In a recent column I mentioned that Roger Kahn's elder daughter, Amanda '10, was "completing the post-bac, pre-med program at Columbia." Roger emailed news that Amanda has been admitted to medical school. Congrats, Amanda!

The support for these Internet careers doesn't only come from today's youth. A recent news item said that 57 percent of Baby Boomers have used social media. As proof, I am introducing "Facebook Factoids" (short items pulled from my Facebook Wall — don't worry, I have done my best to fact-check them). In future columns I hope to give more details about these classmates' posts but until then, here they are:

Ralph Coti: Announced he has moved his law offices from the Wall Street area to a posh East 61st Street location between Park and Lexington Avenues. He's just a stone's throw from Trump Tower! ("The Ralph" has a nice ring to it!)

Dr. Reginald Manning '78 P&S: Last we knew he was an assistant professor of clinical surgery at the Department of Orthopedic Surgery at P&S. Now his "timeline" on Facebook has been updated to show him at Kings County Hospital Center in Brooklyn. He also has offices on Malcolm X Boulevard in Harlem.

Raouf Abdullah (while on campus you knew him as Ralph Williams): Had been an attorney at the Federal Trade Commission in Washington, D.C., for many years. In December, he posted that he opened law offices in Lanham, Md.

Les Bryan: Posted last February, "I just received my first Navy retirement check — 27 years of active and reserve service is paying off. Full retirement looms closer." (Les has recently been principal at a Department of Defense School in Europe.)

Steve Dworkin: Has been at Citigroup Global Markets in Los Angeles for the past few years. He had formerly been at Bear Stearns and then J.P. Morgan after the 2008 financial collapse. fundraising efforts, made possible by a match from the estate of John W. Kluge '37, has been renamed the Neil Selinger Class of 1975 Scholarship. Kudos to Ira Malin, Richard Witten, Steve Jacobs and Steve Krasner for their diligence in working through the details. Thanks also go to Neil's widow, Rima Grad, and the Selinger family for allowing us to recognize Neil in this way, and to all of the classmate donors who also signed on. When we work together, we do make a difference.

For the first time in six years — since he made the move from radio to multimedia and joined Comcast — James Dolan returned to Country Radio Seminar, the annual country confab, which took place in Nashville in February. Afterward, he wrote of sharing "stories of glory, tales of shame and a lot of laughs!" (I urge you all to take a look at the

Stewart Levy '74 is an attorney in New York City specializing in litigation and entertainment law.

An item not related to kids even though he has five (!) — came in an email from **Victor Fortuno**. He is "transitioning" from his 30-year career at the Legal Services Corp. in Washington, D.C., which "ended" with Vic's title being v.p. and general counsel. All the quotation marks are due to the qualifying phrases in his note such as, "My wife tells me that I'm too young and not ready to retire just vet but I plan to take some time to see how I might adjust to retirement." He refers to a "trial retirement" and concludes, "I do think it might be nice to at least get a taste of retirement while I'm still young(ish), healthy and able to really appreciate it." Why do I expect to get word within a year or so that Vic has bounded out of his La-Z-Boy and started doing something new and exciting?

There you have it. Some classmates are continuing on in their longtime jobs, while others are altering their "timeline." Some of our kids are moving into the same careers that we considered, while others are moving into ones that didn't exist in 1974. Can't wait to get together to discuss all of the above and more at our 40th reunion next May!

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I hope all will find this big and marvelous news: The scholarship from our successful 35th reunion picture Jim posted on Facebook about the same time; he is always one to play any role to the fullest!) A couple of weeks ago, he also posted a picture of a red fox in his backyard. My sister lives just a few blocks north of Jim, in a densely populated area of Baltimore City, Md., with Loyola and Marymount in between. We shared stories about all the foxes. If you want to get in on the joke, contact Jim!

Here's a reach-out to one of our class' attorneys, **Gerard Francis Keating.** Gerry, you and **Bob Schneider** have business interests together; have you two been in touch? Gerry is a criminal defense lawyer in Florida. After further research, Bob learned that Gerry attended Chaminade H.S., which both Bob's sons attended.

Following the announcement of the resignation of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, I had lively communications with classmates and others. (Weird — a couple of issues ago, I wrote in these notes about the book The Pope Who Quit: A True Medieval Tale of Mustery, Death, and Salvation, about Pope Celestine V.) Following the recent announcement, I wrote to Fr. John (CJ) McCloskey. He responded that he has been doing a good number of interviews for both secular and Catholic media. CJ also noted that, while a former resident of Maryland, he's a Redskins fan. But since the 'Skins weren't in the Super Bowl, he did cheer for World and Super Bowl XLVII champions the Bawlmer Ravens!

When not praying, preaching at retreats, hearing confessions, giv-

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ing spiritual advice and celebrating the sacraments, CJ takes time to run and play squash — he placed second in a recent squash tournament. And today, when I submit these notes, *Habemas Papam*, "we have a pope" — Pope Francis. CJ was far too busy to offer comments for *CCT*, but he has been much in the press. To read one of the interviews, go to hughhewitt.com/father-c-j-mccloskey-reacts-to-pope-francis.

Randolph M. McLaughlin and his wife, Debra S. Cohen, are co-chairs of the Civil Rights Practice Group of Newman Ferrara, a New York City-based litigation firm. They handle cases involving employment discrimination, voting rights, police misconduct, fair housing and marriage equality. Randolph also is a tenured law professor at Pace Law; Debra is an adjunct professor at Pace.

In addition to the daily grind, Bob Schneider and his wife, Regina Mullahy '75 Barnard, have been running the roads. Bob and Regina have been going back and forth to the Washington, D.C., area to visit son James and his fiancée, Claudia Patane (both Penn grads), and to Philadelphia, where daughter Meg is a senior at Penn and where James and Claudia's wedding is being planned. Back to the grind — in January, American Lawyer Media and Martindale-Hubbell named Bob one of the 2013 Top Rated Lawyers in Health Care.

In January, Robert Sclafani participated in a memorial service at the University of Colorado School of Medicine for George Eisenbarth '69. George was a pioneer in diabetes research and had been the director of the Barbara Davis Center for Diabetes, on the medical school campus, for more than 20 years. George passed away on November 13, 2012. As his colleague in Colorado, Robert spoke frequently with him about his time at Columbia and in New York. He was always warm and personable. He will be missed by all.

It's always good to hear from classmates who read these notes!

Jeffrey Shapiro read that the Columbia University Marching Band is looking for its former members. I'll pass on Jeff's name to the band. And next issue, expect to read more about what Jeff's been up to for the last almost-40 years!

And now, what are classmates reading these days? A sample: The Dark Monk: A Hangman's Daughter Tale (Oliver Pötzsch), Young Thurgood: The Making of a Supreme Court Justice (Larry S. Gibson) and The Book of Mychal: The Surprising Life and Heroic Death of Father Mychal Judge (Michael Daly). Lots of people are reading just about anything

from one of our former professors, Elaine Pagels. Other biographies, including ones about Lincoln and Truman, also are on the list. Please share what you are reading; some of us might want to read it, too.

I began this column writing about what we can accomplish when we work together. If you're reading this, please consider the following: First, it's never too late to make a donation to the Columbia College Fund. You can give by credit card at college.columbia. edu/giveonline (up until midnight EST on Sunday, June 30) or by calling the Alumni Office at 212-851-7488, or by mailing a check, payable to Columbia College Fund, to Columbia College Fund, Columbia Alumni Center, 622 W. 113th St., MC 4530, 3rd Fl., New York, NY 10025. Keep in mind that Columbia's fiscal year ends on June 30. So if you are calling in your donation or mailing a check, please do it before that day.

Second, there is another advantageous date when the end of the tax year rolls around, at the end of December. (I schedule my annual donations around those two dates!)

Third, our 40th reunion is approaching (Thursday, May 28–Sunday, May 31, 2015). Who will stand now and volunteer as a Reunion Committee member? Our work starts soon. Contact me!

Finally, and this is the easiest, keep the cards and letters coming, so I can continue to love writing Class Notes! We can and do make a difference. Go Lions!

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Last summer, Kevin Farrelly married Stephen Klein at the Columbia University Club of New York in Midtown. Acting State Supreme Court Justice Michael D. Stallman, who presides in New York, officiated. Kevin graduated from Fordham Law and is in private practice in New York.

Congratulations, Kevin and Stephen!

Ås news from the rest of you was sparse this time around, I'll catch you up on what's happening with me. After 11 years as an administrator at Delaware and Stanford, I moved back onto a tenure line at Boise State. It's been a good move. I direct a writing center and teach writing and translation in the English department. I received tenure this spring, got a Faculty International Development Award

to study in Spain this summer and will take next spring semester off on an Arts and Humanities Research Fellowship (from Boise State University's Arts and Humanities Institute) to translate the poetry of contemporary Catalan writer Ponç Pons.

My wife, Nancy Buffington, who has a Ph.D. in American literature and 20 years of experience in university teaching, has started a business in public speaking coaching. My son, Jesse, will graduate from high school this year and will attend Whitman College next year. We have seven more years before we cross that bridge with my younger boy, Gabriel.

Please send news to me using the email at the top of the column or CCT's easy-to-use webform (college.columbia.edu/cct/submit_ class_note). Your classmates want to hear from you!



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Things seem to be running a bit behind here at the column. I failed to acknowledge friendly greetings I received from Jamie Fee and Joseph Cornelius in 2012. About the same time, Sheldon Deluty wrote to say that his daughter, Danielle, will graduate from Barnard in 2014, and that his son, Jonathan, was accepted into the Class of 2017. (His graduation should coincide with our 40th reunion.)

It also was in 2012 that Andy Sama was appointed president of the American College of Emergency Physicians. Andy earned an M.D. from Cornell in 1981 and interned at North Shore University Hospital in Manhasset, where he is now head of emergency services as well as being s.v.p. of emergency services for the North Shore Long Island Jewish Medical Center. Nor is this all: Andy has held a number of academic positions and currently has an endowed professorship at the medical school of NYU.

I was on the Christmas card list of our ambassador to Belgium, Howard Gutman; the card included a picture of himself, wife Michelle '78 Barnard and son Collin with Hillary Clinton on her visit to Brussels, and another of son Chase. Howard quotes a column from a Belgian newspaper pointing out that, during his time as ambassador, the approval rating for the United States in Belgium has risen dramatically: from a low of 8 percent in 2007 (two years prior to his appointment) to 46 percent. It added that Howie has become "such a well-known personality in Belgium

that there is no doubt that he would be elected if he were to run at an election." For more information, see his Wikipedia page or — and this is truly awesome — his IMDb entry.

Please share your news; classmates want to hear from you! You can contact me at the addresses at the top of the column or send a note via CCT's easy-to-use webform: college.columbia.edu/cct/ submit_class_note.

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A record number of notes for this column and I have squeezed you all in, so sorry for lots of edits. A full reunion report will be in the next issue. If you attended, please share your thoughts and stories with me for this column. The class photo, however, may be found on the CCT website (college.columbia. edu/cct) as part of this issue's reunion follow-up article.

One person who couldn't make it to our 35th was Dr. Steven Wexner, who was installed that weekend as an honorary professor of I.M. Sechenov First Moscow State Medical University, only the third foreigner to be so honored.

John Crabtree always supports the class by hosting great events at his Chappaqua, N.Y., inn. He writes, "Having owned and operated Crabtree's Kittle House for 31 years, I am now opening a restaurant in Tarrytown on the Hudson River. Rivermarket Bar & Kitchen will feature fresh products from local farms, a greenmarket and a shop featuring the greatest organic, biodynamic wines and spirits under one roof. Opening was scheduled for late May."

Marc Bogatin, an attorney in NYC, reports that son Jacob finished his sophomore year at Syracuse and son Joshua finished Stuyvesant H.S., with plans to head to Oberlin next year to study filmmaking, a passion his father shares. Their trip to the New York Film Festival is an annual tradition.

Victor Leong is an orthodontist in Palo Alto, Calif. He writes, "My oldest son is graduating from UC San Diego this summer. It's hard to believe how time has gone by but I am enjoying life out on the coast."

Larry Friedman is a lawyer at the St. Louis law firm Thompson Coburn: "I've been a partner since 1991. I'm also an empty-nester, with a daughter (elementary school teacher) in Austin and a son (musician) in Boston; I told them they had to live in cities that rhyme. I would be happy to see classmates who

find themselves in the Gateway City."

Don Guttenplan writes for *The Nation* and lives in London; he wrote, however, from Chicago, "the first stop on the college tour for my daughter, who will be applying in the fall. We're staying with Don Share, my Carman roommate (and best man at my wedding). Looking forward to seeing Morningside Heights [during reunion] and particularly pizza at V&T with Steve Ackerman '79, Sid Holt '79 and Jeff Klein. The whole campus visiting thing makes me realize yet again how lucky I was!"

Bruce Steinberg, also from London, gets the class legacy award. "It's a wonderful time for our family as our son, Kyle, is entering Columbia this September. He is incredibly excited and we are very proud of him! He will be the fourth generation of our family to go to Columbia. In addition to myself, there is my grandfather, Max, enrolled at Columbia in 1909; my father, Herbert '52; and my brother, Neil '83. Kyle has lived his entire life in London, so it will be interesting to hear his thoughts on the American university experience."

Richard Schloss of East Northport, N.Y., writes, "I run a busy private practice in general psychiatry in Huntington, N.Y. My wife, Meredith Jaffe '82 Nursing, has a dental practice and is also at the Developmental Disabilities Institute in Smithtown, N.Y. My older son, Bradley, is attending Touro Law Center in Central Islip, N.Y., and my younger son, Jason, was to graduate from Pratt Institute in Brooklyn in May."

My buddy Jerry Marshall, of Memphis, is a rare Columbia cotton king. "Elizabeth and I have been married since 1981 and are still going strong; two kids are in high school: Ben, a senior, plays lacrosse and is a St. Louis Cardinals fan. Mollie is in 10th grade, dances with Ballet Memphis and plays violin," Jerry writes. "Talented kids, and lots more on the ball than I was at their age.

"Things are working well in the world of self-employment. I started my own business in 2008 after spending 29 years with Cargill as a cotton trader. I manage several private trading accounts and consult in commodities. I have a thriving commercial arbitration practice, a sorry symptom of the lack of legal discipline in the international cotton trade. Leaving Cargill was the best trade I ever made — at 56 I absolutely love being in control of my own life."

Laurence J. Quinn reports, "It's now 30 years that I have been teaching high school science and am finishing 10 years of civic duty, first as school board and then village board trustee. Son Tom will finish Cornell next year and son Brendan is starting engineering school in the fall. Looking forward to another great 35-plus years (lost my parents last year, both in their mid-90s)."

Paul Phillips writes, "Just returned with the Brown University Orchestra from a successful tour of Ireland, with concerts in Dublin, Limerick and Wexford."

Also in the music biz is Henry Aronson. "I'm director/keyboards at Rock of Ages, which is approaching its fourth anniversary on Broadway and is now among the 50 longest-running shows in Broadway history! My wife, Cailín Heffernan, and I have our fingers crossed for a workshop of our musical, Loveless Texas, this summer (lovelesstexas.com). I'll be playing piano and keys with the Rocktopia project, blending symphonic music with classic rock; we kicked off a tour in May."

Robert Muirhead reports, "The big news from Manchester, Conn., is the arrival of our first grandchild, Celeste, to our oldest daughter. My wife, Susan, and I are proud and happy!"

Nicholas J. Serwer writes, "For the last few years, I've been general counsel of Ancora Capital Management, a fund management company. We manage a private equity fund that invests in Indonesia. I commute between Singapore and Jakarta. This year marks my 20th working 'Defense' and serving as the deputy commander of the U.S. Africa Command. Got here just after the Benghazi attack and it's been interesting. As someone said, the United States may have pivoted to Asia but the action has moved to Africa.

"I spent three years in Kosovo

as ambassador. Challenging and fun, to say the least, keeping the Kosovars on track, the Euros in line and the Serbs at bay. Before that, two years in Kabul. Not recommended (even my wife doesn't listen, though, as she's back there again, not happily). Not sure what's next, as I'm thinking about winding up this career, after 30-plus years, and trying something new. My daughter and stepson are both first-year undergrads in the United Kingdom (the advantage of being EU citizens)."

Maybe with adjoining offices to Chris in the Columbia ring of the Pentagon, we find **Jeff Canfield**, who is "returning from Afghanistan and retiring after 30 years of military service and about to commence service as a defense intelligence senior leader at the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Celebrating 36 years of marriage and the addition to our family of our first grandchild."

Bob Crochelt's life sounds like a TV show from the '90s. "I'm entering my 20th year practicing rural general surgery, currently at SEARHC Mt. Edgecumbe Hospital in the island community of Sitka. Sequestration has impacted the budget a bit but there are whales

out the front window, bears in the

soon and I'm still in love with my

wife, Dr. Donna Smith, a fabulous

nications for the Mohegan tribal

government in Connecticut. Joseph

says, "The tribe are the owners and

operators of Mohegan Sun casino

(part Mohegan on my mother's

side). I'm editor of the tribe's

newsletter — shades of the old

days at Spectator, where I was once

accidentally stabbed with an X-acto

knife to the elbow by Chris Owens

'80 while doing layout. Guess that

kind of thing doesn't happen much

Mohegan Sun, he often bumps into

at the *Spec* offices these days." At

another WKCR man, Mitch Etess

'81, who runs the place.

Joseph Smith works in commu-

yard, berries will be coming up

obstetrician."

damage. It has a lot of old features like clay pipes for plumbing. I spend part of my time working on a catalogue of the Bernard Berenson collection of Renaissance art at the Villa I Tatti. It is a collaborative project that I hope to finish this year."

Mark Freyberg writes from his eponymous law firm, "All is well with family and law practice. Live in Westchester with my wife, Laurie.

where I have a floor in a 15th-cen-

10 years ago. It had no electricity,

a wood-burning stove and WWII

tury palazzo that I renovated about

Our two sons attend the University of Michigan and the University of Miami."

Rob Blank is leaving the University of Wisconsin and taking a job as chief of endocrinology at the Medical College of Wisconsin. "It's hard, as

chief of endocrinology at the Medical College of Wisconsin. "It's hard, as I've had a good, 12-year run there. I'm looking forward to building the program at the new place."

The award for most career mileage while staying in the U.S. surely goes to Marc Matsil: "Following a stint as commissioner of natural and historic resources in New Jersey, my wife and kiddies escaped for five

goes to Marc Matsil: "Following a stint as commissioner of natural and historic resources in New Jersey, my wife and kiddies escaped for five years to Alaska, where I had oversight of parks, natural resources and streams (and King salmon — have you ever supervised a salmon? — not easy!), the convention center and museum. My wife landed a gig as financial reporter for the Southeast Alaska NPR affiliate and ended her Alaska career in government as the head of press and media for the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservations (yup, working for Sarah Palin — oy).

"We've been back for two years. I'm the New York State director of The Trust for Public Land. ... Our 9-year-old twin girls, Beckett and Simone (Lit Hum lives in our progeny), miss the humpback whale companions but have adapted to our funky-but-chic digs in West Cornwall, Conn."

Anthony (Skip) Piscitelli, a partner at Wilson Elser in the Government Affairs Practice, was "the former chief lobbyist for NYC under Mayors Giuliani and Bloomberg focusing on the State Assembly and Executive Chamber."

After 25 years as a full-time clinician in ob/gyn, Joseph Schifilliti now is a risk manager for his medical group: "As the multi-specialty physician group caring for Kaiser Permanente patients, we are responsible for 250,000 members in Georgia, primarily in the Atlanta area."

Joseph Schachner writes, "My older daughter earned a Ph.D. in psychology, applied for an NIH grant for proposed research and received a score that in any previous year would have resulted in

Dr. Deepak Awasthi '82 accomplished his lifelong goal of traveling to all 24 time zones by visiting Samoa/American Samoa last July.

Peter McAlevey of Thunderbird Pictures says, "Recently finished producing writer/director George Gianfrancisco '88's feature film debut, Kill Her, Not Me. At the same time found out my son, Sean, who is going into his senior year at Toronto, was awarded one of the few coveted summer internships at Sports Illustrated!"

Robert Anthony notes, "I write technology and travel features for Black Enterprise, the New York Daily News, PC World and other publications and websites. On March 26, I was honored by the New York Association of Black Journalists. I'm a top 100 Pinterest pinner (1.3 million followers), and moderated a panel at Social Media Weekend at the Journalism School in February. My work is linked at newyorkbob. com."

Ambassador **Chris Dell** sent this note (highly redacted of course): "Am currently on detail to

This is **Carl Strehlke**'s 30th year as a curator of the Philadelphia Museum of Art. "I spend about half my time in Florence, Italy,

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Marc Mazur '81 and his family spent the holidays with Clayton Jones '81 and his family in Jupiter, Fla. Left to right: William Mazur '12, Mazur, Jones, Madison Jones '17, Jamie Mazur '15 and Mazur's wife, Nora Mazur '81 Barnard.

health.

the Lions."

recent discoveries, along with the

modern-day search for extended

ter, Marja, began medical school

at the Lovola University Chicago

Stritch School of Medicine in Chi-

cago, and my son, Cam, is a Red

coastal Virginia. My wife, Maja,

was named Female Litigator of

Cross disaster coordinator for mid-

the Year - Midwest by Benchmark

Litigation, so I never even try to win

arguments at home. I wish the best

Robert C. Klapper: "My thoughts

for this column go to the part of my

Columbia education that did not

take place in the classroom (and

I am not referring to those nights

at Barnard). What I am referring

to, rather, is the financial burden

my education placed on me. My

mother and father made it very

there for me but I would have to

clear that the American dream was

figure out how to pay for it myself.

working at hotels in the Catskill

Mountains. Many of the guests and

their insufferable demands would

wings. One such individual taught

me a life lesson more valuable than

any I learned in the classroom. He

said, 'Robert, whenever you're in a

room with a bunch of folks trying

to make a deal, remember one

thing: there is always a sucker —

and, if you look around the room

and you don't see who the sucker

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valuable jewel from this great in-

"So remember, fellow '79ers, the

is, it's you!'

make you crazy, but there were

a few who took me under their

"This journey led to many hours

to all classmates, and good luck to

hype and business gold rush, in the

"On my family front, my daugh-

a grant; however, this is the year of the sequester, and the NIH has not released any grants yet. My younger daughter is finishing a graduate program at Hunter to become a teacher; she will student teach this fall."

My report: Daughter Joy (19) is a frosh at American, where she finished a year as a national officer of NFTY, a Reform Jewish leadership group. Daughter Elana (23) graduated from Clark and plans to go to grad school in Boston. Wife Marian 777 Barnard, a professor at Yale, is running a large international environment conference in South Korea this summer — amazing timing, don't you think? I run the Connecticut Technology Council and am running for mayor of New Haven, a job that is open for the first time since our 15th reunion. Remember when I used to talk about this in college? Stay tuned.

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Theodore "Ted" Anton writes, "To my Class of '79 mates, my new book came out on May 1 on a subject of increasing importance to all of us. Called *The Longevity* Seekers: Science, Business, and the Fountain of Youth, it tells the story of that four-year period of time also helped shape who we are today — along with, of course, those late nights at Barnard. Roar, lion, roar!" Please send news to me using

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the email at the top of the column or CCT's easy-to-use webform (col lege.columbia.edu/cct/submit class note). Your classmates want to hear from you!



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It was a pleasure watching our baseball team once again this season. Coach Brett Boretti had our squad playing against the best competition in the country and proved that we can hold our own. Their feats included a big win against Arizona, the defending NCAA champs, and an Ivy League championship sweep over Dartmouth. Eric Blattman and I visited with the team in Miami and watched two well-played games.

The football team had its annual golf outing and the Class of '80 was well represented. Our fivesome of Scott Ahern, Eric Blattman, Joe Ciulla, Shawn FitzGerald and myself carved our way around the course. Joe was especially prolific with his 3-wood and Scott sank some big putts. A.J. Sabatelli joined us for dinner, where we honored longtime football supporter Tom Nevitt '82.

Lanny A. Breuer has returned to the law firm of Covington & Burling as vice chair, working closely with senior leadership on the firm's long-term strategy. He rejoins the firm after serving four years at the Justice Department. Lanny has had a distinguished career in the legal profession.

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Marc Mazur and Clayton Jones spent the winter holidays in Jupiter, Fla., with their families. Jupiter in December is a tremendous place to be.

John Luisi writes from Staten Island: "When the Spring CCT arrived, I wondered which classmate had won a Nobel Prize or become leader of a sovereign nation (or outer borough, at least). When I realized that a haiku would have amounted to a feature in our Class Notes, I felt compelled to write.

Anything. And since my excitement of late pales in comparison to my son's, I figured I would share that the overachieving but well-grounded kid who shunned alma mater (for that place out west with an endowment that rivals the GDP of Austria) stayed in Palo Alto, Calif., after receiving a B.S. last year and will receive an M.S. in alternative energy policy and finance as we read this. If nobody else writes in this summer. I'll tell you about my bicycle trips in the next edition."

As the correspondent for a class whose average age is well past 50, I've noticed the column is dominated by certain themes: professional accomplishments (we hope well deserved), transitions (early retirement, new spouse, etc.) and with increasing frequency, the death of one of our classmates. It is always difficult to report on the death of a classmate, but in this case, it is especially difficult in that it involves not the classmate but his daughter. Martha Corey-Ochoa, the daughter of George Ochoa, jumped to her death from the 14th floor of her dorm (John Jay) on the first day of orientation at Columbia last year, on August 27. She was 18 and a member of the Class of 2016. Her obituary was noted in the Winter 2012–13 issue of CCT, and she was unquestionably an incredibly bright, talented and motivated young woman. My heart goes out to George and his wife, Melinda Corey '95 Arts, as I can only imagine the grief they must feel. George sat next to me in several Latin classes and was a brilliant student (summa cum laude), a quiet but friendly guy. Since hearing this, I have prayed for the Ochoas but also for all freshmen at Columbia, as the transition to college, especially a highly competitive college, is not

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Greetings, gentlemen! I trust all is well. As I sit down to write this quarter's edition. I find myself in the midst of the Charlton Heston Holiday Season (some of you may know it as Easter, while others may prefer Passover); my wife insists on watching The Ten Commandments every year. Really thinking about making the move to atheism.

Checking in this quarter is the distinguished and well-traveled Dr. Deepak Awasthi. Deepak has ticked a significant item off his bucket list, having accomplished his lifelong goal of traveling to all 24 time zones by visiting Samoa/

American Samoa last July. He also is a member of the Travelers' Century Club, having been to 125 countries. Deepak practices neurosurgery in the New Orleans area.

Deepak, don't forget to make your 13-D filing, as you probably have more than a 5 percent stake in one or more airlines as a result of all your frequent flier miles. The other exciting event this

quarter, which I'm proud to announce, is that our highly accomplished colleague, Mike Schmidtberger, has joined the pantheon of other Class of '82 notables (Frank Lopez-Balboa, Tracy Maitland, Jamie Rubin, Charles Santoro and George Stephanopoulos) by being honored with a John Jay Award for distinguished professional achievement. The award was presented on March 6 at a black-tie dinner at Cipriani 42nd Street, A number of classmates attended, including Joe Cabrera and Charles Santoro (each of whom was a dinner cochair; Charles also delivered a wonderful, heartfelt speech). Also on hand were **Dave Filosa**, Frank Lopez-Balboa, Lloyd Green, Alex Moon and Tom Nevitt.

Mike, on behalf of all our classmates, I wish you a hearty congratulations! For those who were unable to attend, you can view the award ceremony here: youtube. com/watch?v=F257025iJmU.

Let's keep those emails coming! You also can send news to me via CCT's easy-to-use webform (college. columbia.edu/cct/submit_class_ note)!

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I thoroughly enjoyed class correspondent Dennis Klainberg '84's 50th birthday celebration at his home in Manhasset (Long Island), N.Y. Among the guests was attorney Michael Ackerman '84, who lives in Los Angeles. As a former CU Marching Band member, he gave rave reviews of the Marching Band exhibit that was on display in the Columbia Alumni Center chronicling decades of performances by the "Cleverest Band in the World." Michael is in contact with fellow band members Harlan Simon '81 and Jim Reinish '82E. Joe Halio '74, Dennis' neighbor,

also was in attendance. He is a family practice physician on Long Island. Joe spoke about the enormous influence Professor Peter Pouncey '69 GSAS had on his life. Professor Pouncey left Columbia to become president of Amherst College and now is back in NYC.

Stan Lupkin '62 has been a friend of Dennis' father for decades, and we shared many Columbia stories. Stan's son, Ionathan '89, '92L, also was at the event. Jonathan recently founded the law firm Rakower Lupkin in Manhattan.

Dennis is a tireless Columbia supporter and was a tremendous friend to the late Professor Karl-Ludwig Selig. In fact, Dennis arranged Professor Selig's last visit to Columbia. KLS met with then-Dean Michele Moody-Adams at Faculty House. I was honored to be there with my three children, and I have a memorable videotape of the gathering.

My wife, Debbie, our children and I attended the Columbia/Yale basketball game March 1. After having dinner at V&T, we arrived late and, incredibly, had to settle for "standing room only" tickets. Moreover, dozens of Columbia students stood on their feet for the entire second half. Columbia won the game, and it was great to see the enthusiasm and energy of the Columbia fans. We also attended the winning women's basketball game between Columbia and Dartmouth March 9. I strongly encourage you to go to a CU basketball game next season, especially if you have kids who want to experience basketball sitting a few rows away from the action.

I attended the John Jay Awards Dinner on March 6, where four classmates from the 1980s were honored. Kai-Fu Lee's achievements were noted in the dinner brochure, as he was unable to attend.

Kai-Fu founded Innovation Works, a company devoted to investing in and building Chinese businesses specializing in the Internet, mobile Internet and cloud computing. When he finished his time as president of Google Greater China in 2009, Google's search and translate had all advanced to No. 1 in the market. An expert in his field, Kai-Fu not only cultivated innovation in the workplace but also inspired the next generation. He taught at Carnegie Mellon from which he earned a Ph.D. with a groundbreaking thesis project: the world's first speaker-independent continuous speech-recognition system, which Business Week named "Most Important Innovation of 1988" — and his lectures have been attended by half a million students in China. In addition, he has shared his knowledge in seven books, with two becoming best-sellers in China: Be Your Personal Best and Making a World of Difference: The Kai-Fu Lee

Kai-Fu also is known in China as its most influential microblogger on Sina weibo, China's Twitter. His commitment to education was clear from his time at the College

as a computer science major. Kai-Fu is married to Shen-Ling and father to Cynthia and Jennifer

Another John Jay Award recipient

was Michael Schmidtberger '82,

'85L, my friend for more than 30 years. Mike was a campus leader. He played JV basketball, co-founded the Columbia Guide to New York, of which he was editor in-chief, and was a resident counselor. He was elected to the University Senate, casting his vote to admit women to the College. He was admitted to Phi Beta Kappa and awarded the Bennet Cerf '20 Memorial Prize for critical writing. Later, he served with me on the Cobusy as can be." lumbia College Alumni Association Board of Directors from 1998–2008. With Margaret Sung, whom he married in St. Paul's Chapel in 1995, Mike is father to daughters Calee

and more than 1,700 lawyers. In January, Debbie and I attended a Kraft Family Center for Jewish and Student Life reception honoring Judith W. Schwartz '78 Barnard for her years of leadership and dedication as president of the center's board of directors.

and Mollie. Mike is a managing

partner of the New York office of

Sidley Austin, a global law firm with

offices in 18 cities around the world

Brad Gluck writes, "I'm starting my 20th year as a radiologist on eastern Long Island. With my wife, Karen, we have fun, 9-year-old, identical twin daughters. We recently visited Morningside Heights. I was thrilled to show my children 309 Havemeyer, the most memorable classroom of my education. Though it had been renovated for the modern era, it still had intimidating charm.

"I have been in contact with fencing teammates Tai Park and Mark Warner and 17-year classmate Rich Garden. Rich and I were classmates in nursery school and elementary school, at Columbia and during residencies at Mount Sinai Hospital. Mark's oldest son is a sophomore at Occidental and his parents hope that he someday runs for public office. Mark's younger son is a high school senior and is working on his college application essays. Tai is in private law practice specializing in white collar criminal defense. It seems like vesterday but I remember that winter 30 years ago when Tai sat at the dining room table in 1410 East Campus marveling about this 'new Sony Walkman' gadget. Things have really changed." Kevin Chapman: "I am happy

to report that I was recently named the winner of the ACC New Jersey Corporate Counsel Association's inaugural Fiction Writing Competition. My story, Fool Me Twice, was reprinted in the February 2013 issue of the NJCCA's monthly newslet-

ter (newsmanager.commpartners. com/accnj/issues/2013-02-08/5. html). Meanwhile, I am publishing my new novel, which is based on characters who are Columbia College and Barnard graduates, in weekly installments on my blog at goodreads.com. You can follow along at goodreads.com/author/ show/5194743.Kevin G Chapman.

"My son, Connor, completed his second and third semesters of college at Marist in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., and is enjoying his computer science studies. Meanwhile, my other son, Ross, is Mr. High School as a junior and continues to be as

Kevin was on the planning committee for our 30th reunion and has consistently been one of the most active members of our class.

Kenny Chin submits this report: "Ken heads the banking and finance practice at his firm, and continues to be ranked as a 'Super Lawyer' and a 'Best Lawyer' for bank financing in various published lists. Ken has been speaking on financing topics to groups at the New York City Bar, the American Bar Association and the Practising Law Institute. Ken also is chairman of the Board of Directors for the Charles B. Wang Community Health Center and is recruiting additional board members. His wife, Lisa, is senior counsel at Empire State Development, New York State's primary economic development agency. His son, Nicholas, is a freshman at the University of Michigan in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts. His other son, Austin, is a sophomore at Legacy H.S. They were looking forward to seeing everyone at reunion."

Teddy Weinberger writes, Through the years I've thought a lot about the Columbia University Wind Ensemble and our conductor, Bob Freeberg '78. The truth is that, in terms of actually learning something at Columbia that has been helpful in my life, I would have to rate my years with the ensemble at the top. Unlike most of the other people in the ensemble, I did not come from a high school marching band. My Jewish high school (Yeshivah of Flatbush) had an orchestra but somehow I managed not to learn how to sit in a band until I got to Columbia, My technical skills were good but it was tough hanging in there freshman year while I struggled with matching my reading of the music to Bob's waving of the baton. I loved playing for the band, and I am proud of the fact that, thanks to Bob and the wind ensemble, I became an accomplished band player, going on to play in bands in Atlanta, Miami and Jerusalem.'

Jonathan Adams writes with

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Michael Caruso '83 Shoots Down Bogeys at Smithsonian Magazine

By Jamie Katz '72, '80 Business

s an editorial sapling at Vanity Fair, Michael Caruso '83 once looked Norman Mailer dead in the eye and asked him to rewrite a major feature story. Caruso knew he was committing literary *lèse-majesté*. It crossed his mind that the pugnacious Mailer might actually

Smithsonian magazine Editor-in-Chief Michael Caruso '83 will do whatever it takes to get the best from his writers, whether it means pushing them beyond their comfort zones or holding their hands and nurturing them.

PHOTO: LANDON NORDEMAN

wallop him. "It was one of the scariest moments of my professional career," Caruso says. "I was virtually hyperventilating."

Mailer had submitted a typically brilliant meditation on Bret Easton Ellis' blood-soaked *American Psycho*. But Caruso felt Mailer's piece could be more compelling, and he asked

him to dig deeper, to make it tougher and more personal. "I wanted him to talk about violence in America, and about his own history of violence."

Mailer stared back and said nothing.

"He sort of knitted these massive brows that he had, and I waited and waited," Caruso says. "Finally he started nodding. 'OK,' he said. 'I think I know what you want.' And he went off and wrote it."

Since that memorable face-off more than 20 years ago, Caruso has led magazines as varied as Details, Los Angeles, Men's Journal and Maximum Golf, earning an industry-wide reputation as an editor who swings for the fences. "To be the boss you've got to get the best work out of people," says Caruso, 51. "Sometimes that involves being demanding and pushing them. And other times it involves hand-holding and late evenings over drinks."

Caruso now practices those skills at Smithsonian magazine, where he was

named editor-in-chief in 2011 following a stint as deputy editor of WSJ. Magazine, The Wall Street Journal's lifestyle magazine. His current publication reflects the aspirations and scope of its parent, the Smithsonian Institution, which comprises 19 museums and galleries, nine research centers, the National Zoo and 177 affiliate museums. The magazine is a money-maker for the larger entity, which is about 70 percent federally funded, Caruso says. Though the publication is editorially independent, "we certainly have to be responsible to the institution," he adds. "So it's like so many things in life — you're navigating a situation that can be somewhat complicated." Notably, at a time when general interest magazines have been pummeled by the recession and the digital revolution, Smithsonian has increased its print circulation to more than 2 million. "Sometimes we feel as if we're the last man standing — and thriving," says Kathleen M. Burke, a senior editor at the magazine.

Caruso succeeded Carey Winfrey '63, '67J, whose version of Smithsonian was deemed America's "Most Interesting" magazine in a nationwide study conducted by the research firm Affinity in 2011. During the transition, Winfrey encouraged Caruso not to feel beholden to anything the magazine had been doing. "I told him I believed it was time for the magazine to be rethought," Winfrey says. Caruso has done just that, giving much of Smithsonian a fresh look while developing new departments, revamping existing ones and matching themed issues and topics with the best writers he can corral: Walter Isaacson on Steve Jobs as a design genius; Frank Deford on the little-known British roots of the modern Olympics; Ruth Reichl and Mimi Sheraton on food; Paul Theroux on travel.

"The ambition," Caruso says, "is to put Smithsonian on the same level as The New Yorker and The Atlantic and the best magazines in the country."

Enterprise and creativity come naturally to Caruso, whose father, Jerome, is a renowned industrial engineer (his Sub-Zero refrigerator systems and Wolf cooking appliances set a standard of excellence in kitchen design). "I learned so much from him," Caruso says. "We do very much the same thing in different mediums. It's form and function at the same time."

Growing up in suburban Lake Forest, Ill., Caruso was a serious sports fan who watched the Chicago Bears train every year at their nearby practice facility and shared in the frustration of a century of Cubs fans. "It teaches you suffering," he says of his baseball loyalties. "It teaches you a Zen state of patience and incremental pleasure."

Lured by the cultural life of New York City, he came to Columbia and buried himself under an enormous courseload — possibly, he thinks, a record (33 credits in his peak semester) — and graduated summa cum laude. His favorite professors were Joseph Bauke '63 GSAS for Lit Hum; Wallace Gray '58 GSAS in English; and Karl-Ludwig Selig, with whom he took "five or six" interdisciplinary literature courses. "Everybody should have a professor like that — he was just off the charts," Caruso says of Selig.

"Michael was probably the smartest student I met at Columbia," says Caruso's college buddy, rock musician Dave Giffen '86, who now is executive director of the Coalition for the Homeless in New York City. "I remember having trouble in one of my English classes where we had to write poetry in the style of Ezra Pound. And that's just not my scene. I can

maybe squeeze out a dirty limerick. Meanwhile, Michael could crank out an Ezra Pound canto off the top of his head. He has an incredibly fast, facile mind. Let me point this out. though: I got a better grade than he did in music theory. That always pissed him off."

Caruso's first magazine job after college was at The New Yorker, where he was a messenger. Within a few years, he was executive editor of the Village Voice; at 29, he was recruited to Vanity Fair by Tina Brown, who hired him again when she launched her shortlived Talk magazine in 1999.

The Smithsonian opportunity was enticing enough to pry Caruso out of New York, at least for part of each week. He has been shuttling by train between Washington, D.C., and his Park Slope, Brooklyn, home (a weekly commute that may soon end if he finds the right place closer to work). His wife, Andrea Sheehan, is founder and CEO of Outthink, a digital education startup in partnership with the BBC. They have four children: daughters Asia ("my wife and I fell in love in Asia") and Jazz ("my favorite music"), and twin boys Dash and Jett (as in Jett Rink, the brooding antihero of Giant, played by James Dean).

Caruso is only the fourth editor in Smithsonian's 42year history. His predecessors served for 10, 20 and 10 years, respectively. Whether or not Caruso hangs in that long, it's clear that he loves his work.

"As an editor-in-chief you feel like you're a fighter pilot and there are bogeys coming at you left and right. And if you're in a great groove, you're shooting 'em down left and right. You're solving problems, you're putting out fires, you're making it all work. This is a really cool job. I'm thrilled to have it."

Former CCT editor Jamie Katz '72, '80 Business is a former senior editor of People magazine and deputy editor of Vibe who has frequently contributed to Smithsonian.

sad news: "Jon Goldman passed away in March [at 50]. He had been teaching in NYC public schools and then at the Beacon School. He leaves behind an 11-year-old-son, Take. An article remembering Ion. published online in New York Press, can be found here: nypress.com/ blackboard-awards-jonathan-gold man-beacon-students-rememberjon-their-inspirational-teacher/."

A few excerpts follow: "Mr. Goldman taught lasting lessons that stay with me some 10 vears after graduation from high school,' wrote one former student, nominating him for a Blackboard Award. 'He was an amazing educator who opened our minds to so

many things and really impacted the way I think to this day.' ... "Goldman's mother, Isolde Goldman, said more than 100 students and former students at-

tended his funeral, which was held in Long Island.

"He loved the students,' she said. 'I think that's why he liked it. It made him feel good to take a young person, who might not know or be exposed to different literature, and teach them about it.

"One of his former students, now a teacher, was crushed and said she was a teacher today because of Jonathan's influence.'

"Goldman grew up in Huntington, Long Island, and lived a few years in Israel as a child. Upon graduating from Huntington H.S., he moved to Manhattan to attend Columbia, where he obtained a bachelor's degree in comparative literature and later a master's degree in French literature.

"He also studied at Oxford University and worked with the National Shakespeare Institute at Stratford-upon-Avon.

"The Beacon School, a selective secondary school on West 61st Street, was created in 1993. Goldman was a part of the founding faculty and said that helping to establish the school was one of his biggest professional accomplishments. ...

"In addition to teaching English, Goldman was a fencing coach at Beacon. He was an avid and talented fencer, Isolde Goldman said, and was a member of the U.S. Junior Olympic Team when he was in high school.

"'Šhakespeare was always his big love,' she said, remembering how much Goldman loved reading when he was growing up.

"Goldman has an 11-year-old son named Jake, who Isolde Goldman said was his 'best friend.'"

The Fall column will have a full report on Alumni Reunion Weekend 2013. In the meantime, this issue has a follow-up feature with photos, plus you can see our

class photo in the online version of that article at college.columbia. edu/cct.

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First and foremost, apologies to Yossi Rabin for preempting his on-time contribution with our memorial column for Professor Karl-Ludwig Selig (Spring 2013).

Yossi and his wife, Kochava aka, the couple with nine children - welcomed their second grandson, Yeeshy Shimone, on August 20, 2012, in Jerusalem. After more than 22 years in computer software development, Yossi successfully switched jobs in 2010 to become a real estate agent in Jerusalem running his own independent operation, Kochavim Real Estate.

Congratulations to Fred Fisher! He writes, "Our older daughter, Talia '13, graduated with a degree in psychology. As Talia prepares to enter the real world, our younger daughter, Rebecca '17, is excited about her matriculation in September. Her interest is history and political science. My wife, Mary '83 Barnard, '88L, and I could not be more proud of their continuing our family's Columbia tradition.

"Mary practices law in Cherry Hill, N.J., and I practice general and vascular surgery at Regional Surgical Associates in Voorhees,

Condolences to the family of Richard Anderson. During the course of his too-short life, he traveled worldwide, working in finance and then in the art world as a gallery owner. His passion in recent years, however, was the S.S. Columbia Project, his effort to rescue, repair and bring the oldest surviving American passenger steamship to the Hudson River Valley. Check out his work on sscolumbia.org.

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ASCAP Award-winning composer and music journalist Frank Oteri's musical works received their world

premieres in February at Tenri Cultural Institute in New York. Highlights of the concert included the first complete performance of his 1982 song cycle the nurturing river (based on the sonnets of James R. Murphy) and the worldpremiere performance of his 2012 Stephen Crane song cycle, Versions of the Truth (Frank's first new vocal composition since 2003), which was commissioned by The ASCAP Foundation's Charles Kingsford Fund. Also on the program was Setting the World at Five and Seven. The concert was part of the fourth annual Composers Now Festival.

The program also included Palindrome, a piece for solo piano. It's a completely monophonic work containing only seven pitches that remain registrally, rhythmically and dynamically the same throughout the work in order to convey to listeners that the music is the same forward and backward. The piece was composed in 1984 while Frank was at the College.

Frank notes, "The music I wanted to write at the time was diametrically in opposition to the music my professors wanted me to write, or so we all thought at the time."

Ben DiLullo reports, "My best and proudest update is that my wife of 18 years, Stacey, and I have a son, Daniel. He is approaching 2 and is simply awesome! A very happy surprise in 2011.

"Stacey and I are blessed with three other terrific kids: Gabriella, Michael and Daniel. Gabriella began high school this year and, although college is a few years away, she is beginning to think about where to go. I reminisced about Columbia — how excited I was when I was accepted and the first few days of orientation. I am not sure where Gabriella will end up but I hope she is as excited and happy as I was. Michael is my 12-year-old stud, absorbing books and martial art training with equal gusto. He wants to go into law enforcement or medicine - maybe

"I am beginning my 23rd year at Pfizer. Although the pharmaceutical industry has gone through some tough times in the last few vears. I am still proud to work for an organization that helps people heal and live longer.

"As I approach the big 5-0 I am happy about the last half-century but even more excited about the next 50 years. Bring it on! Best regards to all my classmates!"

Mark Rothman helped Democrat Eric Garcetti '92.' 93 SIPA, the newly elected mayor of Los Angeles, reach out to the Los Angeles Jewish community during his campaign. Eric had won the most votes in the field of eight candidates

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in the March 5 primary and led his closest challenger, Los Angeles City Controller Wendy Greuel, by almost 4 percentage points. Because no candidate earned at least one vote more than 50 percent of the votes, Eric faced a runoff against Greuel on May 21.

Gary Klein reports that after decades of living on the Upper West Side, minutes away from campus, his family (wife, Courtney, and children, Madelyn and Owen) are moving to Montclair, N.J.

Christopher Mount wrote from Los Angeles: "I will curate an exhibition devoted to the prolific and often radical architecture designed in Southern California during the last 25 years. The exhibition, 'A New Sculpturalism: Contemporary Architecture from Southern California,' has been in the works for more than a year and is part of the Getty Foundation's 2013 initiative focusing on architecture in Los Angeles. To take place in the main space of The Geffen Contemporary at MOCA, the exhibition will focus on the most expressive and experimental architecture built by architects and firms such as Frank Gehry, Hodgetts & Fung, Franklin D. Israel '71 Arch., Thom Mayne, Michael Rotondi, Eric Owen Moss, Coy Howard & Company, Daly Genik Architects, Cosia Day, Patrick Tighe, LOHA, Michele Saee, Greg Lynn, Ball-Nogues, Neil Denari, Hagy Belzberg and Michael Maltzan among others.

"The exhibition commences with work built in the mid-'80s as postmodernism was waning and examines the reasons that Los Angeles became the birthplace of a new way of practicing and thinking about building, ultimately, a more formalist and less unifyingly coherent form of architecture than elsewhere. The show follows this trajectory until the present, when the city has arguably become the creative heart of American architecture. This exhibition will discuss the geographic, political and socio-economic conditions for this development as well as highlight how the early work of Gehry, Israel, Mayne and Rotondi allowed for an 'expanding of possibilities' for form. "First acknowledged by Charles

encks as the 'LA School' in the early '90s, this 'movement' has transformed into a larger 'galaxy' encouraged by the many theoretical and practical aspects of the Los Angeles environment. These include an inherent willingness to explore and to manufacture by hand; an affection for improvisation; the use of inexpensive building techniques and materials; the impermanent nature of the city as a whole; its variety of industries and clients; the benign weather; and the confluence

of premier academic institutions in one place. This liberalized view toward ideas includes the profession's and academia's early embrace of digital technologies and its current exploration by many of the newer firms. In the construction of five to six full-scale pavilions, we hope to highlight the near future of architecture as well as look at innovative formal solutions in addition to exploring new building techniques. The exhibition runs from early June to early September."

We extend our condolences to the family of **Nicola Tanelli**, an attorney from North Caldwell, N.J., who passed away on January 4, 2013.

A quick note: Please make sure to update your email addresses with the College (college.columbia. edu/cct/update_contact_info) and with me. As I send email reminders prior to my submission, my lack of your current email address will preclude your receiving a request to submit your information. Too many emails bounce routinely, so thanks for keeping your information current.

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We have no news to report this issue. Please send your updates on your family, work and personal lives to me at the email address above or via CCT's easy-to-use webform: college. columbia.edu/cct/submit_class_note. You know that you always check this column, so please help make it more interesting — we all want to hear about our classmates' doings. Don't be shy! And in the meantime, have a great summer!

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It's hard to believe that a year has passed since we gathered for our 25th reunion. It does really seem like yesterday, except for the fact that our classmates have all been quite busy!

Esther K. Chung, a professor of pediatrics at Jefferson Medical College at TJU in Philadelphia, is beginning work on the third edition of Visual Diagnosis and Treatment in Pediatrics, for which she is editor-in-chief. If you have photos of pediatric conditions that you'd like to contribute to the book she asks that you please contact her at ekc16@columbia.edu.

Irene Tucker, my former *Spec* colleague who is a professor in the

English department at UC Irvine, has published a new book, The Moment of Racial Sight: A History. Irene says the book brings together race studies, philosophy, history of medicine and literary criticism. and engages work ranging from the writing of Immanuel Kant, Wilkie Collins, John Stuart Mill and Charles Darwin to the HBO television series The Wire. It seeks to locate the most familiar critical understanding of race — the idea that it is "socially constructed" within a longer historical trajectory. What might we learn about the social, political and epistemological functions of race, the book asks, by noticing that it is only at the end of the 18th century that skin in particular came to be privileged as the primary designation of race?

Our classmates are not just producing books, however. Sandy Asirvatham has been working on a project, MOBTOWNmoon.com, which has been described as "The Dark Side of the Moon like you've never heard it. More than 40 musicians, all from Baltimore. Classic Pink Floyd, thoroughly reimagined."

Sandy says, "It's a dream come true for me. I'm very excited and proud."

Thomas Duval reports on a career change. "After producing Westborough, Mass., singer-songwriter Luanne Crosby's new CD, Ceremonies and Celebrations; Songs for the Rituals of Life, I left my day job with Nuance Communications in March 2009 and accepted an invitation to join the U.S. Foreign Service. I completed my training with the State Department and have been at my first assignment for the past year as a vice consul in Vancouver, B.C. I was fortunate enough to work there during the 2010 Winter Olympic Games (and unfortunate enough to be present during the 2011 Stanley Cup final riots).

"Now, following a year of language training in Washington, D.C., I took up my current assignment in Tokyo, where we'll be until 2014. My wife, Carole, and daughter, Kate (9), are enjoying the adventure so far.

"I'm still working in dribs and drabs on music, mostly producing and playing on recordings for friends using the Internet to transfer things back and forth. I'm also digitally recovering things from tapes I have, including the song I did with Todd Sheaffer '86 for the Blockade ('You Can't Hide Me'), and the first gig of our band, The Dogs (which later became Sheaffer's band From Good Homes), at Ferris Booth Hall in 1987."

And with Tom creating the unlikely link between the worlds of music and government, we can easily transition to great news from **Sharon Block:** She was renomi-

nated by President Barack Obama '83 to serve as a member of the National Labor Relations Board. Sharon had been serving a recess appointment to the NLRB since January 2012. This nomination is for a full term.

And last, but certainly not least, a hearty congratulations to **Jim McKnight**, who along with his wife, Betsy, welcomed their second child, Thomas James, on Thanksgiving Day. Little Thomas joins his sister, Katherine (2). Jim says that both kids are "keeping us very busy (and happy)."

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It would be hard to find a more professionally diverse cross-section of Columbia alums than the classmates who wrote this month. The Class of '88's very own Hollywood screenwriter, Andrew W. Marlowe, offered this update on his latest project: "The TV show I created, Castle (which airs on ABC, Mondays at 10 p.m.), recently finished filming its 100th episode. I am creator/ executive producer and head writer. We are in our fifth season. If you're not familiar, the show follows the exploits of the ruggedly handsome mystery writer Richard Castle as he consults on New York's strangest homicides.

"As a fun addition to the TV series, our fictional writer Castle has released four very real mystery novels through Hyperion Books, each of which has become a *New York Times* bestseller, with the third in the series, *Naked Heat*, debuting at No. 1."

Closer to Morningside Heights, Steve Cohen and his wife have established themselves in the New York legal community. He writes, "I am married and the very proud father of two beautiful children, Nina (5) and Leo (3). We live on the Upper West Side, not far from Columbia, and have watched the changes in the neighborhood with interest and joy. It is a whole new world up here. I am a partner at Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz, doing mergers and acquisitions: I love it and work hard. My lovely wife is English and a lawyer; she does cross-border M&A. I am pleased to report that our kids are not old enough to know what corporate lawyers do."

Another Manhattan attorney, **David Stoll,** also weighed in: "I live in the Carnegie Hill section of Manhattan and am a trusts and estates partner at Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy. This past semester I taught a course on estate planning at Yale Law. It was my first time back in an academic setting since graduating from law school in 1991, and it was a real pleasure."

Blake Allen wrote, "This Ivv League-educated molecular biologist is still working in real estate. I am sole proprietor of Allen Realty and somehow I have survived the economic crisis, at least so far! I got my license in the summer between freshman and sophomore year at Columbia and I still use it every day. My primary focus is on exchanging (essentially trading) any real property anywhere for other real property. I live and work in Colorado Springs but do some business in Denver as well. I do just about every kind of real estate, from houses to commercial property to property management. We are in a strong market and I would love to help any fellow alumni make some good yields or buy that Colorado property of their dreams."

Blake represented Columbia in the fall at "the inauguration of the president of Colorado College, here in the Springs. Those who know me well, including how I took a nap rather than walk at graduation, will be happy to know that I finally donned the Columbia blue for this event. It was a pleasure and I encourage anyone to represent Columbia whenever possible. No tradition is stronger than ours! Of course I may be biased. My pride in the University seems to grow year after year."

The Fall column will have a full report on Alumni Reunion Weekend. In the meantime, this issue has a follow-up feature with photos, plus you can see our class photo in the online edition at college.colum bia.edu/cct.

Keep the updates coming! I look forward to your emails. I also encourage everyone to join the Columbia College Class of 1988 Facebook page; it's a convenient way to stay in touch with classmates (facebook.com/#!/groups/415004051893008/?fref=ts).

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I ran into **Bill Walsh** and his brother, Larry Walsh '86, at the Columbia/ Harvard men's basketball pre-game reception last winter. We commiserated about how none of my children, nor theirs, have witnessed a Columbia sports "win" in their lifetime and are beginning to lose hope. We were as optimistic that night as Lions fans can be but, alas, the long-awaited victory proved elusive yet again. Still, we cheered for the Lions, who really did look like the better basketball team.

A few weeks after the game, Bill wrote with this update: "It's hard to believe, but it's already been 15 vears since I left Lehman Brothers and New York to come up to Boston to work at State Street. Although it's a painful reality that my children, Pete (14) and Matt (12), are tried-and-true Boston sports fans, I have managed to get them to occasionally root for Columbia teams. Even though we lost that basketball game, it was one of the best teams I have seen since the Matt Shannon and John Dwyer '86 era. My brother, Larry '86, and his son, Patrick (12), also were at the game. Larry has two other boys as well, Joe (10) and Stephen (7).

"As Larry and I both played on the club squash team at Columbia, I'll put a plug in for the new varsity squash program that started last year. I took my son Matt to watch the Columbia/Harvard match, and coach Jacques Swanepoel and his team were appreciative of our support; we saw some excellent matches, especially the rematch of last year's individual championship match between Ramit Tandon '15 and the Harvard No. 1.

"As three of my siblings also went to Columbia (Larry along with Jon '93 and Fiona '00), I get a lot of alumni updates from them. My black sheep brother, Eamon, played football at Cornell. I keep in touch with Paul Childers and get my West Coast updates occasionally from Matt Sodl '88. Larry and I hoped to return to the victory podium at the Columbia football golf outing this spring, assuming Chris Della Pietra and John Alex don't sandbag their scores too much."

If you have had the good fortune to dine at Taste at the Palisades in Southern California, you've seen the interior design of Kirk Pereira '90, who started with our class. Kirk's company, Kirk Pereira Design, does commercial, residential and even set design. Perhaps there is an aesthetic gene for fine design, as Kirk's grandfather is the famous architect William Pereira, whose firm, William L. Pereira and Associates, designed San Francisco's Transamerica Pyramid building as well as the master plan for the city where I grew up, Irvine, Calif.

Of his work Kirk says, "My most recent restaurant design project, of which I also am one of



In January, Sam Bloom '88 (right) traveled to China to visit Michael Langer '88, then based in Beijing for his work with Cross-Border Communications. Bloom teaches at Barnard and FIT. The two are seen here on a side trip to the Forbidden City.

the owners, is Tortilla Republic, a modern Mexican grill and tequila bar on Robertson Boulevard in West Hollywood (tortillarepublic. com). We have been open a little more than a year and have become a favorite for celebrities. It is a modern take on Mexican cuisine and this is our second location. The first opened two years ago in Poipu, Kauai (Hawaii). We are in the planning stages of taking the concept international, with the first to be in London. I wish I had this when we were all students in NYC. Back then all we had was Lucy's."

Personally, Kirk also has a lot to celebrate. He writes, "Ray Munoz and I will soon celebrate our 10-year anniversary. We are one of the 1,800 same-sex couples who were legally married in California before the decision got reversed with Prop 8. We are grandfathered!"

You can find Kirk on Facebook or, for more information, go to kirk pereiradesign.com.

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Hold onto your hats and have a seat — this column is long!

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In December, **Dave Hunt** proudly informed me that his son, Andy, was admitted early decision to ... Princeton. Folks, this is no easy feat, so even though it's not Columbia, I'm sure you all join me in congratulating Andy (and his parents).

According to Michael Kinstlick's tally, he is in good CC '90 company in the Bay Area, where he frequently sees fellow transplants Luis Andrade; Theo Hartman '92 and his wife, Anne Hayes Hartman; Ethan Rafferty '92; and Gabe Kra. Michael reports: "After working mostly in insurance and finance, I took the entrepreneurial plunge in 2011 and started Coppersea Distilling, a craft distillery based near New Paltz in the Hudson Valley. It has been a challenging project but well worth the effort. We're distilling spirits, focusing on whiskies and eau de vies (or eaux de vie for the Francophiles out there). We'd love to see folks for a visit."

Wayne Stoltenberg has an update, too. "After a 15-year career in investment banking with Credit Suisse and Bear Stearns, focused on the domestic energy sector, I became the s.v.p. and CFO of Cinco Resources, a private, U.S.-focused independent exploration and production company. Cinco's financial backers include Yorktown Partners and affiliates of KKR. Cinco engages in hydraulic fracture stimulation of its wells, a process highlighted and horribly misrepresented by the film Gasland. I am happy to report that Cinco has safely fracture-stimulated dozens of wells, adding to the industry's total of more than one million wells completed this way without incident.

"I am active with the Columbia golf program's alumni committee and [at this writing was to] help host the men's team on its spring trip to the Dallas-Ft. Worth area. I am married with two children, Cassie (12) and Blake (10), and reside in Westlake, Texas, which is in the DFW area and in close proximity to active gas well development."

Sara Wasserman and her husband, Eric Fuller, also have two children (9 and 11), boys they adopted in 2006 after becoming their foster parents in 2003. The family has lived in Eugene, Ore., since 1999. Sara works part-time as a database specialist for Lane Council of Governments, and Eric works for the University of Oregon.

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Karin Small Wurapa has been whisked away to the scenic byways of Columbus, Ohio, since finishing her medical training in New York. She is a mother of three munchkins (daughters Sydney and Jordan, and son Christian) and married to Ray, an orthopedic surgeon. Karin has taken a hiatus from clinical medicine and has been focusing her attention on family, public health initiatives and the publication of her daughters' book, Mimi the Mermaid and The Pearl Necklace. As a board member of the United Way of Central Ohio, Karin also works to promote wellness and good nutrition.

Heading east, Greg Palega dropped a line from North Carolina, where he recently was named medical director of regulatory affairs at MedManagement. He's able to combine his medical and law degrees daily to help clients respond to Medicare fraud investigations and other Medicare audits. Greg says work is busy, challenging and always enjoyable but not so much that he doesn't also spend time with his three daughters.

Centrally located in the D.C. metro area, Melissa Steinman and Liz Poston often play host for Columbia-on-the-Potomac reunions, when friends such as Claudine Wolas Shiva, Chris Alexander and/or Laura Schiele Robinson roll into town. Visitors, please call if you're in the area and thirsty.

Melissa notes, "I've been busy in both my personal and professional life. My boys, Charlie (14) and Jamie (11), are growing by leaps and bounds (as in, literally ... Charlie just hit 6 ft.). Charlie is a high school freshman and a champion debater who also plays banjo and sings lead in his band.

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Jamie recently got his bar mitzvah date, so we are looking forward to that with both joy and apprehension as we start the process again. I run my busy advertising and marketing law practice as a partner at Venable, and I recently was elected to a second term on the board at the Promotion Marketing Association, now the Brand Activation Association, having recently co-chaired it 34th Annual PMA Law Conference in Chicago. I'm hoping to stop to draw breath soon, but for now I'm just holding on tightly and enjoying the ride!"

Lori and Peter Spett relocated in 2010 from Manhattan to Boca Raton, Fla., where Pete has a solo law practice representing victims of financial adviser misconduct and other clients involved in general business disputes (spettlaw.com). Their children, Benjamin (3) and Julia (1), enjoy the local pursuits of sandcastle building and strawberry picking.

Sounds like quite the life!

Checking in from Harrison, N.Y., is Lauren Zinman. "I am in-house counsel at Tradition Energy in Stamford, Conn. (after being the general counsel of EDGAR Online for almost six years), and really enjoy the new position. Addison Armstrong '86 appears weekly on CNBC giving reports on the energy market for my company. My twins, Matthew and Samantha (14), are both taller than I. I have a 10-yearold daughter, Ava, as well. I have been married to Daniel Zinman. with whom I went to Fordham Law, for 15 years." Rick St. Hilaire is celebrating his

20th anniversary as an attorney. He is in private practice after having served for 15 years as a prosecutor, with seven of those years as an elected chief prosecutor. He writes the award-winning blog Cultural Heritage Lawyer Rick St. Hilaire (culturalheritagelawyer.blogspot. com) and focuses his legal practice on cultural property and museum law, government relations, criminal justice and nonprofit counsel. Rick recently was named affiliate associate professor at Plymouth State University, where he has been teaching cultural property law since 2007. He presented a panel in October 2012 at the International Association of Prosecutors meeting in Bangkok on global antiquities trafficking and serves on the Archaeological Institute of America's Cultural Heritage

Policy Committee.

George Suarez married Sao
Paulo native Sonia Akamatsu last
June after a three-year, NYC-SP
courtship. They live in NYC, where
Sonia is acclimating well. Attorney
Linden Thomas got himself registered in City Hall as an officiant and conducted their ceremony.

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George was Linden's best man a few months later.

Noreen Whysel had a vacation to Ireland planned shortly after she sent me this news, and I'd say she deserved it! "On February 9, I planned, co-produced and MC'd the second annual Information Architecture Institute's World IA Day (worldiaday.org) at Bloomberg in NYC, part of a single-day, 21-city festival of the Information Architecture Institute (iainstitute.org), a professional association for which I have been consulting for almost 10 years. My girls are at Bronx Science (10th grade) and Hunter College H.S. (7th grade). I went back for a master's at the Pratt School of Information and Library Science, where I study digital humanities and cultural informatics. My poster on 'Folksonomies in Museums' was accepted at the IA Summit in Baltimore in April."

Nicholas Stern lives in Greenwich Village with his wife, Courtney, an interior designer, and their three children. He runs his own 50-person, high-end residential construction management and general construction firm, Stern Projects, which specializes in the renovation of Manhattan townhouses and apartments.

We can also find **Gregory Tor- borg** in New York, where he is a
sports and corporate lawyer. After
working with several NYC law
firms, he founded a law firm and a
sports consulting firm. It represents
a number of MLB clubs in a variety
of areas, including salary arbitration, and represents individuals and
ownership groups in the acquisition, sale and day-to-day operations
of professional sports franchises. He
and his wife, Karen, have a son and
daughter, Jeff (12) and Kelly (9), and
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they live in Manhasset, N.Y.

My birthday twin John Vincenti (of Six Milks fame) and his wife, Robyn, can be found in Glen Rock, N.J., along with their sons, who finished third and first grades. I could hear a chuckle in his email when he wrote, "Both of our sons are doing well and making their parents proud, although my younger one, clearly to punish his father for some unknown transgression, has become a Philadelphia Phillies fan. Still, we must love our children, no matter what their faults.

"I practice law, partnered with my brother and father, in lower Manhattan. I've been working a lot with Italian clients through the years, which helps me practice what little language skills I have. Our offices were closed for two months after Hurricane Sandy but we are reopened and getting back to normal, and planning to relocate — still downtown, but uphill. We are planning to visit Italy this sum-

mer with the kids. I've also been having a great time taking Columbia's Mini-Core Courses. I started about four years ago and I've been taking them pretty regularly year-round. Alumni from all different classes sign up. It is a lot of fun and good mental calisthenics. Plus, by my calculations, I've completed another round of CC, Lit Hum and Art Hum — I think I'll petition the College for a second B.A."

Winding up this column is exciting news from Vera Scanlon. "On August 14, I was sworn in as a United States Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of New York. I am based at the United States courthouse in downtown Brooklyn (visitors welcome). On November 9, there was a formal public investiture ceremony at the courthouse with a swearing-in, some speeches and a nice reception. Cousins and friends came from Ireland, California, Maine, Missouri, Boston and Baltimore, which was touching. It was a nice Columbia moment, as one of the speakers at the investiture was Robert A. Katzmann '73, U.S. Circuit Judge for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, for whom I clerked in 2000–01. District Judge Nicholas Garaufis '69 also was on the bench for the ceremony.

"In other Columbia connections, I visited with Eric Haxthausen in October in Washington, D.C. Eric works on climate change issues. In December, Molly McDonald and her husband, Jonathan Gelber, visited NYC from Atlanta. It was great to see them."

Well, dear classmates, this column concludes the direct solicitation program I enacted a couple of years ago to get people to write to me. I divided the alphabet into groups so as to get a reasonable number of replies for my approaching deadline. I need to give a huge shout-out to those of you whose last names start with S-Z. Your reply rate was astronomical! I conclude this column with my familiar, friendly nudge that everyone is always encouraged to drop me a line with news. Happy summer!

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Greetings, all!

Noah Elkin has big news: "My first book, Mobile Marketing: An Hour a Day, was published in December. Co-authored with Rachel Pasqua, it's packed with proven techniques and strategies that teach how to successfully build your business and brand with

mobile. The whole idea behind the book is that you can learn what you need to know in just an hour a day. I hope it comes in handy for some of our fellow alums! I've also been traveling a lot for work, and the good thing is that it provides an opportunity to catch up with classmates. I had dinner with David Soloff on a recent trip to San Francisco and met up with Catherine Geanuracos and Joel **Barron** on a swing through Los Angeles. I have plans to see Melanie Seidner and Kif Scheuer on my next trip to San Francisco."

My next trip to San Francisco.

After almost 20 years shuttling between New York and Europe,

Michael Block now lives in Buenos Aires with his Argentine wife and three kids. He has plans to host

John Ehlinger for a visit. Michael ran into Michael Stewart '92, who also lives in Buenos Aires, last summer while having drinks with a mutual friend.

Justin Kerber lives in Saint Louis. This year, he's been serving as a hospital chaplain at Barnes-Jewish Hospital as well as visiting a small Jewish community in Quincy, Ill., two times a month. Quincy is about two hours north of his home and across the Mississippi River from Hannibal, Mo. He's looking forward to getting certified as a professional hospital chaplain. Justin enjoys his periodic encounters with Chris Front, whose kids play in the same indoor soccer league as Justin's older son, Eli.

John Griffin writes, "In 2009, I was widowered but still see my teenage stepson once every few months. After 15 years writing and producing historical and pop culture documentaries for various cable TV series, I went back to school and got my J.D. I am now a civil litigation attorney in L.A., where I draw on my extensive knowledge of entertainment industry issues from my years of production work. Would love to connect with any Columbia lawyers in SoCal for networking."

Elizabeth Wollman was awarded tenure at Baruch this past year as well as a promotion to associate professor of music. Her second book, Hard Times: The Adult Musical in 1970s New York City, was released in October.

Finally, **Melanie Jacobs** writes, "I wanted to share that as of July 1, 2013, in addition to my regular professorial duties, I also will be associate dean of graduate and international programs at Michigan State University College of Law. This is a relatively new position and I am excited to interact with LL.M. and M.J. students from around the globe through my travels, teaching and recruitment as well as by working extensively with our foreign students on campus in East Lansing. In

other news, my son is 2 and I enjoy motherhood more than I could ever have anticipated!"

I hope you have a fun and happy summer. Until next time ... cheers!

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Hello again! I asked for more news, and you were kind enough to oblige. Let's get right to it.

Our own Eric Garcetti has been elected mayor of Los Angeles! Following a protracted campaign, he defeated city controller Wendy Greuel in a run-off election held on May 21.

Eric held a campaign event in New York City on March 22, hosted by Peter Hatch and his wife, Hilary Hatch, at their apartment. Several of our classmates were in attendance, including Jean-Luc Neptune and Dane Holmes. Although we have a class with diverse political leanings, there is nonetheless something tremendously uplifting about being able to say we knew the mayor of a major metropolis back when he took Lit Hum.

Congratulations, Eric!
Ken Hayes recently became a published author under the *nom de plume* K. Scott. Listed as a self-help text, Amazon describes Ken's book, *Drive Me To Think*, as a good read for anyone "who isn't using their drive time to make their lives flourish."

Congratulations on publication, Ken!

Rebecca Johnson '06 GSAS wrote in via *CCT*'s online note submission form (college.columbia.edu/cct/ submit class note). She has relocated to Bogor, Indonesia, as part of her role as director of education, professional development and outreach for the Center for Environment, Economy, and Society at Columbia. Rebecca earned a master's in conservation biology at Columbia and has been developing conservation education and training programs at the University since 2001. Rebecca will remain a Columbia employee and will act as an on-the-ground program manager and liaison between the U.S. and Indonesian partners. She welcomes visits from classmates who happen to be in the area.

Rebecca recently enjoyed a trip to Palo Alto, Calif., where she caught up with **David Derro**. She said that David is a manufacturing engineer at Spectra-Physics.

I was pleased to see a brief item in *Crain's New York Business* on **Julie Rottenberg.** The article noted Julie's longtime partnership with colleague Elisa Zuritsky as writers, producers and executive story editors. The two most notably collaborated on *Sex and the City* and are working together again on the NBC show *Smash*. Julie described their teamwork, saying, "It's really like a marriage. There are many weeks when we definitely spend more time together than with our families"

Given the hordes of devoted fans of the two shows, it seems only appropriate to say keep up the great work!

For the first time in more than 20 years of serving as your class correspondent, I heard from Dara-Lynn Kubovy-Weiss. Dara, who lives in lower Manhattan with her husband and two children, passed along the exciting news that she recently wrote The Heavy: A Mother, a Daughter, A Diet — A Memoir. which was published in January. As Dara explained, the text "chronicles the efforts — and unexpected challenges and controversy — involved in helping my then-obese 7-year-old daughter reach a healthy weight. The book has received a great deal of attention, and I was interviewed about it on the Today Show. The Dr. Oz Show, Starting Point, Fox & Friends, HLN's News Now, Good Day New York, The Joy Behar Show, Anderson Live and on radio stations across the United States as well as television news shows in Australia,

Canada and the United Kingdom." Congratulations, Dara! Finally, there is the news I wish I didn't have to report. We lost

two members of our class recently. First, I heard of the passing of Andrew Littell at 44 on December 17, 2012. Andrew earned an M.B.A. from Chicago and was a managing partner at CVC Credit Partners in London, where he was responsible for European loan and bond trading. According to an online obituary, Andrew was an avid traveler throughout Europe who never lost sight of his roots in New England.

We also lost **Kevin Pratt**, a professor of architecture at Cornell's College of Architecture, Art, and Planning (AAP), on February 19, 2013, at 43. Tim Griffin passed along the sad news. According to Tim, Kevin had just gotten tenure at Cornell, where he focused on renewable energy and sustainable design. In Kevin's obituary, the dean of AAP, Kent Kleinman, described Kevin as "one of a kind, a whirlwind of creative energy and intellectual generosity." Tim also indicated that at Kevin's memorial service, Harvard Graduate School of Design co-director Sanford Kwinter '90 GSAS referred to Kevin as "the most important architectural critic in three generations."

It's never easy to have to share

news like this — here's to being able to report only happy and positive goings-on next time. Take care till then.

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Greetings, classmates. It was great to see everyone a few weeks ago at our 20th Alumni Reunion Weekend! Unfortunately, this issue went to press before the big event, but please email me about your experiences for the roundup in the Fall column. The class photo, however, may be found on the *CCT* website (college.columbia.edu/cct) as part of this issue's reunion follow-up article.

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Jon Bonne sent a great update from San Francisco, where he has spent six years as the wine editor and chief wine critic of *The San Francisco Chronicle*. "Certainly not a bad gig as journalism jobs go; perhaps without the glamour of the old WKCR days," Jon writes. "But I'm gratified that my endless hours at The West End served a larger purpose. Wine (along with food) has become a major franchise for the paper and in my time here I've shared in two James Beard

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Phyllis Fletcher '94 Connects the Dots To Career in Public Radio

By Elena Hecht '09 Barnard

n 2002, jobless after the dot-com bust, Phyllis Fletcher '94 went for a swim and emerged from the pool with a career epiphany. "I thought, 'Man, what if there was a radio I could listen to while I was swimming?' and [then] I thought, 'Wait a minute! I listen to this station [KUOW. a Seattle-based NPR founding member] all the time; if I'm so obsessed with it that I wish that the one hour that I can't listen to it I could listen to it, then maybe I should work there."

Now, more than a decade into her career as a radio journalist at KUOW and with a 2006 reporting fellowship on NPR's National Desk under her belt, it's clear that Fletcher's realization led her in the right direction. She has garnered numerous awards, including an RTDNA/UNITY Award from the Radio Television Digital News Association and UNITY: Journalists of Color, RTDNA's National Edward R. Murrow Award and an Alliance for Women in Media Foundation's Gracie, all in 2012, for her story "Secrets of a Blonde Bombshell." The broadcast detailed Fletcher's discovery that Ina Ray Hutton, the famed white leader of an all-female band from the 1930s-'50s, was actually a black woman who had passed as white for most of her life.

Listening to Fletcher's own story, it seems apparent that radio should have been an obvious destination from the get-go. A Seattle native, Fletcher was raised almost exclusively by her mother, a regular KUOW listener, and has described hearing the "Morning Edition" theme song as the signal that she was late for the school bus. Her sophomore year of college brought a love for New York radio that included Howard Stern (to whom she listens to this day), G. Gordon Liddy, Doug "The Greaseman" Tracht, Rush Limbaugh and Ed Koch. Or, as Fletcher notes, "anyone who could rap on a mic.'

Nonetheless, for Fletcher, "It took a really long time to connect the dots and say, 'Oh gee,

desire for a major with as few credit requirements as possible, allowing her the freedom to take classes from many academic areas. She interned as an undergraduate at the Schizophrenia Research Unit of NewYork



Phyllis Fletcher '94 is a news editor with KUOW in Seattle. PHOTO: JOSH KNISELY

that's something I could do." A member of the John W. Kluge ['37] Scholars Program at Columbia, which pays full tuition while providing mentoring and special programming, Fletcher was a self-proclaimed "academic dilettante" — her choice to study psychology was born out of the

Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia University Medical Center and the New York State Psychiatric Institute and, after graduating, spent one year working for Columbia psychology professor (now also executive vice dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences) Geraldine Downey, before being

employed for nearly six years as a software engineer in Seattle.

In October 2002, post-pool realization. Fletcher volunteered for a KUOW pledge drive, where she connected with a KUOW reporter. Less than two months later she began a news reporting internship at the station, which led to freelance work. But Fletcher credits the true launch of her radio career to her decision that same year to do something creative with the letters from a college correspondence with her estranged father, who was in prison at the time. Beginning her freshman year and lasting two years, their written connection temporarily rekindled their relationship. When he passed away in 1995. she tucked the letters away. Years later, inspired by a

conversation with friend Marc Maximov '94, Fletcher was motivated to use the letters in an artistic way. Thanks to the family of Dina Guttman '94, Fletcher discovered the nonprofit audio production studio Jack Straw Productions and, using the Guttman family's tape recorder, applied and was chosen to be an artist-in-residence in 2003. The resulting radio documentary, "Sweet Phil from Sugar Hill," was featured on the Peabody Awardwinning website Transom.org in 2004. It wasn't long thereafter that KUOW offered Fletcher a full-time position filling in for a colleague while he studied at the Journalism School.

Fletcher began at the station as an education reporter — a position she helped develop — before being promoted to her current position as a news editor. Wayne Roth, president and general manager of KUOW, says of Fletcher, "The amount of responsibility in her work, her good work and what she brings to it are really quite remarkable for someone who's got a lot of years ahead of her in the

business."

Fletcher, who speaks candidly about growing up half-black and poor — what she describes as an "invisible minority" — is most interested in covering areas that are overlooked or not spoken of. "I was always listening for gaps, things that weren't being covered on KUOW at the time," says Fletcher of her post-college listening habits. "A lot of those things had to do with race, some of them had to do with poverty and I was always quite willing and able to walk headfirst into those types of stories. I felt like that was both my opportunity and my obligation."

Since her first piece as a KUOW intern about racism that happens over the phone, known as linguistic profiling. she has helped to expose the abuse of a state database of unemployed job seekers; researched a story on the school districts hit hardest by the recession; and, in a piece for the anniversary of the Family and Medical Leave Act, shared information about a littleknown Washington State law that doubles maternity leave. "Anything where I can give information to help somebody," says Fletcher, "I love that."

In 2011, Fletcher earned a master's in communication with a focus in demography from the University of Washington — a track that once again offered her the freedom to take classes from many departments — and in May was preparing to edit a series on black life in Seattle. As for what the future brings, Fletcher is keeping an open mind. "I know exciting things will happen, but I have no plans," says Fletcher. "That's why whatever happens will be exciting!"

To listen to Fletcher's broadcasts, past and present, visit phyl.com or KUOW.org/ people/phyllis-fletcher.

Elena Hecht '09 Barnard, editorial assistant at CCT, is a writer and a dancer based in New York.

Foundation awards for food and wine coverage, and twice been a Beard finalist for wine writing."

This November, Jon is publishing a book, The New California Wine: A Guide to the Producers and Wines Behind a Revolution in Taste, about the state's new generation of wines and winemakers. "What's happening now in California wine is as revolutionary as the 1970s work of people such as Robert Mondavi. It has been a good time to be on my beat," he writes.

If that wasn't enough to keep him busy, Jon also has taken his work global as a columnist for the United Kingdom's Decanter magazine. Despite his busy work schedule, he still gets to the East Coast regularly to visit his girlfriend in Brooklyn. He can be found on Twitter (@jbonne). "Hope to see some of the CC '94 posse as I start barnstorming this fall on behalf of the book," Jon adds.

Jorge Salva launched his own practice with his law partner, operating out of Rockefeller Center. Fietcher & Salva's mission is to handle the legal needs of entrepreneurs and small and developing businesses, taking care of everyday and unexpected legal issues and minimizing litigation risk. Jorge's venture comes after he and his partner spent almost a decade as associates in large New York-area firms. For more information, visit the firm's website: fs-lawpartners.

And finally, a bit of news from my own world here in Minneapolis: I'm happy to report that in February my husband, Patrick Trochlil, and I welcomed our new daughter, Rory Bennette. She joins our older daughter, Emery (6), who is thus far thoroughly enjoying her new role as big sister. We are all very happy, if sleep-deprived, and trying to remember how to take care of a newborn after six years. I'm on maternity leave but plan to return to my job in public relations at Optum, the health services arm of UnitedHealth Group, where I handle external communications about many of our health management and consumer services.

That's it for now. Thanks to everyone for the great updates! Until next time.

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Mazel tov to the former **Jessica Zimmerman**, who in February married Jonathan Graf, a rheumatologist. The ceremony took place in San Francisco, Jessica's hometown

and where they now live. The lovely story of how the couple met at a party was featured in the *New* York Times Weddings / Celebrations Section on February 17.

Jessica wrote that Allvson Baker. a friend since College orientation, signed the ketubah. Jessica is a rabbi who works for Next Dor, a research group that works with synagogues to bring in younger members.

I'm also happy to share an update from Mark Kravitz, who lives in Aventura, Fla. He has taken over his family's property investment and management company; his partner, Jon, works with him. The couple is raising son Hershel (6) and daughter Ava (2).

Mark also is involved in Jewish philanthropy. He sits on the boards of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation, which recently gave him a young leadership award, and the Central Agency for Jewish Education. He joined the national board of Keshet, an organization focused on the full inclusion of LGBT Jews in Jewish life, and he began working with the Diller Foundation in California.

Mark and Jon hang out with Rabbi Ion Berkun and his family. Hershel will be in school next vear with Ien Glueck's (née Ross) daughter, Tessa (6). Jen also has another daughter, Monika (8). Jen left the University of Miami in September and joined a private practice, Reproductive Health Physicians, which specializes in reproductive endocrinology and infertility.

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Hello, my classmates! I am pleased to report that a large number of you responded to my desperate mass email, so thank you. To those who responded and whose notes don't appear in this column, please look for them next time around.

On to the news. **Steven Hong** is assistant professor of medicine and public health and community medicine at the Tufts University School of Medicine and an attending physician in the Division of Geographic Medicine and Infectious Diseases at Tufts Medical Center. He is an infectious disease trained physician and does international clinical research on HIV/ AIDS in Namibia. The purpose of his research is to optimize delivery of antiretroviral therapy using the public health model of care.

Yannis Macheras earned a J.D. from Tulane's School of Law in 1999 and has since worked for American Tower Corp. in various leadership roles; currently he is a v.p., based in

David Miguel Gray was married in April to Christina La Valley. Other CC '96ers in attendance were David Nelson, David Kaufman, Mustafa Wahid, Michelle Kim, Patrick Hsieh and Michael Bell as well as Joseph Hundley '97. David, who has been the Mellon Assistant Professor of Philosophy and assistant professor of psychiatry at Vanderbilt, recently accepted a job as assistant professor of philosophy at Colgate, so the newlyweds will move to Hamilton, N.Y., this fall.

Branden Emmerson lives in South Australia with his wife, Michelle, and their daughters, Alyssa (4) and Catherine (6 months). Branden works in the public hospitals as an anesthetist. He loves the relaxed lifestyle in Australia but misses good NYC bagels.

Whitney Chiate (née Berkholtz) lives in Tiburon, Calif., outside of San Francisco, with her husband, Greg Chiate, and their children, son Max (5) and daughter Benton (2). Following Columbia, Whitney worked in NYC in investment banking. After a couple of years, she moved to San Francisco and worked in technology for a few years before deciding to go back to NYC for culinary school. After graduating, she moved back to San Francisco to start a catering company, Cooking in Heels, which she ran for about six years before hanging up her heels for motherhood. She loves being at home with her kids and keeps busy by volunteering and getting involved with the Alumni Representative Committee interviewing College applicants.

Marc Menendez lives outside of Chicago in Naperville, Ill., with his wife, Susan, and sons, Alex (10) and Nikolas (7). Marc coaches all of his sons' travel sports teams (football, baseball and basketball) plus spends lots of time traveling and going on family adventures (locally and internationally). In 2012, he left Tesia Clearinghouse (the company he built in 2003 and sold in 2008, though he remained on as president through the transition) to formally lead as president and CEO of WorkCompEDI, a company Marc launched in 2006 that continues to be the largest workers' compensation/automobile/personal injury Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) clearinghouse in the country.

Marc also continues to lead ANDA Systems (dental adjudication system and Software as a Service [SaaS] vendor) as COO and managing partner; Image Management Systems as managing partner (enterprise doc management SaaS): and WCEDI Management Solutions as chairman (business process outsource and optical character

recognition/mailroom services). As if that wasn't enough, Marc recently launched a few new companies in different industries, including AgencyRTS (insurance and financial services) and Academic Credential Evaluation Institute (translations and credential evaluations), and he continues to work with numerous start-up/incubator companies as board adviser and investor. Marc writes that if any CC '96ers are in his area, they should please drop him a note!

Brandon Kessler runs ChallengePost (challengepost.com), a website where various organizations can challenge software developers to build things and solve problems with software. Brandon's company does this for businesses in all industries, nonprofits and the federal government. Brandon lives in Brooklyn in Park Slope with his wife and three kids.

Adrianna Melnyk has started a job as v.p. of development and marketing at the Visiting Nurse Association of Hudson Valley. She loves it — the office is close to her home in Bronxville and allows her to spend more time with her husband and her son, Dennis (18 months). VNA provides a range of services from home health care and hospice to community education and bereavement support to communities in Westchester and Putnam counties.

Eric Keck recently bought a farm with a focus on sustainability and crop/animal rotation, and produced 100 organic free-range chickens in July. Eric writes that although the work is hard, he is having a blast.

David Frost earned a Ph.D. in philosophy in July 2011 from UNC-Chapel Hill and teaches philosophy at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. He is looking for teaching and other opportunities that might bring him back to the New York City area. He says he would be happy to hear from any folks who want to reminisce.

Biella Coleman loves Montreal, where she is the Wolfe Chair in Scientific and Technological Literacy at McGill. Her first book, Coding Freedom: The Ethics and Aesthetics of Hacking, has been published, and a great overview of her work can be found at chronicle.com/article/ Hacking-the-World/138163. (According to several classmates, Biella is being modest in her update, as she has become very prominent and is the leading expert on the network of hacktivists known as Anonymous.)

Congratulations, Biella! Abigail Sara Lewis is the associate director of the Athena Center for Leadership Studies at Barnard. Her son, Fitzgerald Arthur LewisLorts, was born in December.

Bryant Jenkins and his family recently moved from the suburbs to San Francisco and he is busy as a consultant for several infrastructure projects around California. He hopes to see classmates who may have meandered to Northern California.

Steven Kasow is a pastry chef. Stephane Gruffat is in London working at Credit Suisse. He, his wife, Pauline, and sons Alexandre (7) and Jack (3) have been in London for more than 11 years. They miss parts of life in New York and go back frequently to visit family and friends (including Mark Levine, Alexandre's godfather).

Sam Shanks works at Briar Cliff University in Sioux City, Iowa. He recently was granted tenure, promoted to the rank of associate professor of theatre and appointed as the division chair of General Education and Honors.

Taariq Lewis lives in San Francisco and writes that he avoids Bryant T. Jenkins as much as possible. Taarig recently founded a software startup, Orb, which is working hard to replace group email software for university alumni. Taarig writes that he misses New York City very much and hopes to come back soon — go Lions! He sends big shoutouts to all the CC '96 folks with new babies whom he sees on Facebook.

Kay Park had her second baby (a girl, Phoebe Kaplan) last November. Son Sydney is 3.

Jonathan Meyers got married on the beach in the Hamptons last August to Kelly Ann Noto. He also has been promoted to v.p. of strategy and business development at the NBC News Group, overseeing digital strategy for MSNBC, CNBC, NBC News and the Today

Uchenna Acholonu and his wife, Colleen, who recently moved to Long Island, welcomed their son, Devin Chima Talt Acholonu, in March. Sister Kiera is apparently tolerating the addition.

Deganit Stein Ruben lives in Savannah, Ga., with her husband, Jesse, and their girls, Jordan (8) and Elana (4). Degi is looking to get back into teaching English or writing at one of the local colleges in Savannah, which is what she did before her kids were born.

I have more news to report next time, so stay tuned — and please keep those notes coming so I don't have to mass-email you again! I leave you with this:

"It is an impressively arrogant move to conclude that just because you don't like something, it is empirically not good. I don't like Chinese food, but I don't write articles trying to prove it doesn't exist."

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CC '97! Where is the love?! I find it very hard to believe that none of you have started new jobs, had babies, gotten hitched or otherwise accomplished great things during the last several months. You just don't seem to want to share the news with the rest of us. Please send in your news for the next edition of Class Notes! Send me an email or use CCT's webform: college.colum bia.edu/cct/submit class note.

I do have one piece of happy news to share: Cindy Warner gave birth to a son, Eli, on November 11, and he is adorable and loved by all Cindy is a food lawyer at PepsiCo.

Look forward to hearing from all of you soon.

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Happy summer, Class of '98. You are reading this after our 15th Alumni Reunion Weekend but CCT went to print right after the festivities so I could not include a report in this issue. The full report will be in the Fall issue but the class photo may be found on the CCT website (college.columbia. edu/cct) as part of this issue's reunion follow-up article. Also, whether or not you attended reunion, please send me an email to update us on what you're up to all these years post-graduation.

Chas Sisk was proud to announce wonderful news about his wife: The Rev. Cathy Chang was ordained as a Unitarian Universalist minister in a ceremony on February 24 at their church, First Unitarian Universalist Church of Nashville. Congratulations to Reverend Cathy on, as Chas put it, "reaching her goal after 11 years of hard work." What wonderful news, and perhaps Cathy will one day have the opportunity to give the invocation or benediction at a Columbia event!

Dennis Machado had nothing new to add about his life (he joked: "Working at TIAA-CREF for the last six years. Still have three kids for the last four years. Still married for the last 11 years. I've had a nice streak of consistency!"). But he did have an update about a friend, Melinka Thompson-Godoy, whom he met up with during her recent visit to NYC. She does visual effects for movies and TV and was nominated in 2008 for a Primetime Emmy for Outstanding Special

Visual Effects For A Miniseries. Movie Or A Special for her work on the History Channel film *Life* After People, and again in 2011 for a Visual Effects Society Award for Outstanding Supporting Visual Effects in a Broadcast Program for her work on the TV show *Lost*.

Dennis says, "I think she's too modest to ever raise the subject of such nominations but I think having someone nominated for an Emmy deserves some attention!" According to IMDb, Melinka has been a visual effects producer on 17 film and television projects, including Skyfall, Captain America: The First Avenger and Black Swan. Congratulations, Melinka!

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Greetings, Class of '99. By the time you read this, we will be a little less than a year shy of our 15-year Alumni Reunion Weekend, Thursday, May 29-Sunday, June 1, 2014, so start planning!

We heard from two classmates for this issue. Tom Russell confesses that it has been several years since his last update in CCT. Tom left New York in 2007 and lives in Toledo, Ohio, with his wife, Laurie, and their children. Grace and Michael. Toledo is his wife's hometown and the children enjoy being close to their grandparents. Tom has been with a real estate investment trust, Health Care REIT, for two years as director of financial reporting. Tom says it's hard being away from the excitement of the big city, so he comes back to NYC several times a year, especially to catch Yankees games.

Beau Willimon '03 Arts is in rehearsals for his play The Parisian Woman at South Coast Repertory in Costa Mesa, Calif. Beau also is the creator, producer and show runner of House of Cards, a Netflix original series starring Kevin Spacey and Robin Wright. As producer, Beau also is working on two documentaries: *Odyssey*, about travel adventurer Karl Bushby's quest to circumnavigate the world on foot, and Westerly, about surfing legend Peter Drouyn's mid-life choice to become a woman.

The Alumni Office reports that our class raised \$68,497 from 131 donors as of the beginning of June. Congrats to our class for its continued support of the College.



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Gideon Yago was profiled in April in New York magazine for his new project; the article noted, "Former The Newsroom writer and MTV News correspondent Gideon Yago will write a drama for Starz. ... Airborne is about the early days of the Vietnam War as seen through the eyes of the young men in a helicopter unit, and according to Starz's statement, the show will be 'both surreal and stylized.' Spartacus: War of the Damned's Rob Tapert will executive-produce. ...

In August, Eric Yellin and his wife welcomed daughter Helena Sarah (they call her Lena). Eric writes, "She is beautiful and already madly in love with her older brother, Nathan." Eric was promoted to associate professor of history (with tenure) at the University of Richmond in February and, in April, his book, Racism in the Nation's Service: Government Workers and the Color Line in Woodrow Wilson's America, was published.

Sarika Doshi launched Rank & Style (rankandstyle.com), a new fashion/tech website, in March to "revolutionize the shopping experience for consumers of fashion and beauty products. Rank & Style is the first web and mobile platform to use science and technology to simplify how women shop via 'top 10s,' which are created utilizing an algorithm that methodically researches and aggregates relevant data from the most popular department stores, boutiques, fashion blogs and style magazines. Relying on this data, each list captures the 10 best items within a fashion or beauty product category based on their popularity, quality, value and stylishness.

"Situated at the intersection of fashion and technology, Rank & Style fills a void in a growing market and is focused on mimicking the best of research brands such as Yelp, CNET, Consumer Reports and Zagat and applying it to the fashion and beauty space to empower and inform consumers.

Sarika is the CEO and co-founder. Congratulations to Lauren **Sobel** for making partner at Shutts & Bowen in Miami.



'03, Emilie Lara '05 Barnard, Meksavan and Hu; second row, left to right: Vicky Wang '04, Jennifer Lee '05, Sandy Huang '05, Hsin-Yi Huang '05 Barnard, Diana Finkel '05 Barnard, Louis Che '05 Barnard, Elissa Gaw '04, Amy Hsieh '03 Barnard, Momoko Nakamura '04 Barnard and Nnamdi Ofodile '05; third row, left to right: Icy Liu '05E, Gloria Tai '05 Barnard, Gaurav Shah '03, Rebecca Capua '03 Barnard, Nikki Thompson '03 Barnard, Nisha Verma '05, Sunny Hwang '05, Jing Cai '04E and Lulu Zhou '04; and back row, left to right: Mike Lee '04, Daniel Lee '03 and David Chen.

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I hope everyone is enjoying the summer! My Facebook feed has been humming with lots of baby news. Keep all the good news coming.

Vanessa Hutchinson-Szekely and her husband, Jack Doyle, are proud parents of Marcelle Jean HS-Doyle. Marcelle was born on January 7 in San Francisco.

Jorge Herrera and his wife, Victoria Moreno-Herrera, welcomed their third child (wow!), a daughter, Carolina, on January 20, one day after Jorge's birthday.

Ronen Landa and his wife, Yael Levi Landa, welcomed their daughter, Adi Zohar Landa, on February 13 in Los Angeles. Adi weighed 6 lbs., 5 oz.

My year started off with some baby celebration as well. My wife, Jamie Rubin '01 Barnard, and I welcomed our second daughter, Jesse Rose, on January 23. Jesse weighed 5 lbs., 15 oz. Mom, sister Julian and the baby are all doing great!

Congratulations to our new parents and, to all classmates, please keep in touch! You can send news to me using the email at the top of the column or via CCT's easy-touse webform (college.columbia. edu/cct/submit_class_note).



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I hope everyone's year has been going well. I have a light column this time, so please send lots of updates for my next one to soniah57@ gmail.com. Thanks!

Agnia Grigas' (née Baranauskaite) book, The Politics of Energy and Memory Between the Baltic States and Russia, was released in January. It has received excellent reviews from a number of Columbia faculty members.

Charlie Katz-Leavy and Michelle Leavy (née Bertagna) welcomed Emily Rose to the world on December 30. As the daughter of two Lions, she already is preparing for CC Class of 2035!

Rajan Bahl, a child and psychiatry fellow at UCSF who will graduate in June, has opened a private practice at 2477 Washington St. in San Francisco.

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Thank you to all who attended our

big 10-year reunion. Stay tuned for the next issue of CCT for a full recap. If you attended, please share your thoughts and stories with me. The class photo, however, may be found on the CCT website (college. columbia.edu/cct) as part of this issue's reunion follow-up article.

For now, let's get right to the

Edmund Wagoner writes, "As it has been a decade, I figure I ought to check in. I completed law school at Ohio State and worked for 3½ vears in litigation at Steptoe & Johnson. I left the law firm world in time to ride the early wave of the shale gas boom and performed oil and gas work throughout Appalachia. In 2012, I partnered with a mentor from Steptoe to form our own firm, Goddard & Wagoner. We have a fairly diverse litigation practice based in Clarksburg and Grafton,

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—Tina Fey

W.Va. In addition to the boring stuff, I married my wife, Alana, and have a son, Benji (2). I live outside Morgantown, W.Va.: would love to connect with any Columbians who find themselves in northern West Virginia. I can be reached at eddie@ goddardlawwv.com."

Michelle Schwartz writes, "I live in Manhattan with my husband and two kids, a boy and a girl (the second born in October). I'm a trusts and estates attorney at Fulbright & Jaworski."

Lisa Bearpark (née Pettersson) writes, "I gave birth to a son on April 7, and [at this writing] my husband and I are planning to move to Stockholm, Sweden, in June, leaving New York after 13 years. Still going strong with theatre, producing and acting but taking a break to be a mother for the next couple of months. I was sad to miss the 10-year reunion but with everything going on, it was not possible. I'm sure it was a blast and I send my best wishes to everyone who was there!"

Anne Melzer writes, "I'm a pulmonary and critical care fellow at the University of Washington. I'm working on my master's of epidemiology, doing research in smoking cessation. I spent last year with my husband working at a rural hospital in Alaska."

Joshua Marks writes, "I am completing my general surgery residency at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital this June, after having spent this past year as an administrative chief resident. In July, I will start a fellowship in trauma. surgical critical care and emergency general surgery at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania."

Leah Rorvig writes, "I spent a weekend recently in Bloomington, Ind. While there I celebrated with Leah Miller-Freeman, who recently got an M.F.A. in painting from Indiana University. Her students made this segment about her: journalism.indiana.edu/class work/j210_stlayton_spring2013/ living-outside-the-lines.

"I have one year left toward my M.D. at UC San Francisco and I'll apply to residency in family medicine this fall."

Stefanie Weisman is thrilled to announce the publication of her first book, The Secrets of Top Students: Tips, Tools, and Techniques for Acing High School and College, a guide for the high school and college set on how to achieve academic success. It's based on her own experience - she was valedictorian of Stuyvesant and received the Albert Asher Green Memorial Prize for the highest G.P.A. in our Columbia class — as well as the insight of 45 other outstanding students. You can get in touch with Stefanie

through her blog, valedictorians guide.com, or follow her on Twitter @StefanieWeisman.

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I hope that you are all doing well and enjoying the warmer weather, which here in New York took longer than usual to grace us with its presence. As always, here's a friendly reminder to send in your news and updates — don't be shy! Feel free to email me at aeg90@ columbia.edu or via CCT's webform: college.columbia.edu/cct/ submit class note.

Eric A. Smith has been named COO at Crowdnetic, a provider of transparency-enabling technologies and data to the private investment and crowd-funded securities industry. Previously, he was employed at Union Bancaire Privée, a Swiss private bank.

Congrats, Eric!

Congratulations also go out to Roy Altman, who was recently awarded the Federal Prosecutor of the Year Award in the Southern District of Florida.

We have a slew of job news. Anilee Khurana practices entertainment law in Nashville. She writes that the local music scene is second to none.

Jon Schalit was married in November 2012 and is an associate corporate attorney at Blank Rome in Los Angeles.

Jax Russo is senior counsel, director for Heineken USA, and Matthew Abrams recently was promoted to partner at the law firm of Russo & Burke.

Crystal Proenza moved to Miami in 2008 and recently was promoted to v.p. of marketing for Colliers International | South Florida Commercial Real Estate Services.

In March, Oleg Ilitchev accepted a role as s.v.p. and CFO of U.S. operations of Argo Group, a global property and casualty insur-

ance and reinsurance business. Jenn Martinez recently joined Compete (a Kantar Media company) as sales director for retail. CPG and technology. She looks forward to providing customers with digital behavioral insights and media measurement solutions and welcomes inquiries or emails from classmates who want to catch up. Jenn planned to complete her first half-marathon in April in Washington, D.C. — the Nike Women's Half Marathon— with friends and family, including Diana Tyson Mc-Callum, cheering her on!

Eugene Cho graduated from St. George's University's School of Medicine in April and will spend the next three years completing an emergency medicine residency at the University of Connecticut.

C. Colin Brinkman wrote, "I married Iulianna von Zumbusch in 2009. I received a Ph.D. in microbiology and immunology from the University of Virginia in 2010 and now am a post-doctoral fellow at the University of Maryland School of Medicine in Baltimore working on regulatory T-cell migration and function in organ transplant tolerance."

Congratulations to Allison Sudol Bechtel and her husband, who welcomed twins Cassidy and Chase on October 3 and are enjoying life as a family of four. She is completing her anesthesia residency at UVa. and will start a cardiothoracic anesthesia fellowship at Emory in July.

Eva Gardner '06 GSAS graduated from NYU Law in 2011 and promptly moved to Alaska. She is in her second year clerking for a federal district court judge in Anchorage and spends her free time engaged in backcountry skiing, mountain biking, ski marathons, glacier-gazing and other perfectly ordinary Alaskan activities. She encourages anyone planning a trip north to reach out.

After five years in finance, Esther Chung decided to do a post-bac and apply to medical school; she now is at Weill Cornell Medical College. She also had her first child as she was applying to medical school.

Congrats, Esther! In February, Tricia Bozyk Sherno

and her husband, Joseph Sherno, welcomed their first child, Charles Miles. They live in Jersey City and Tricia has been a litigation associate at Debevoise & Plimpton in New York for the past five years.

Katie Zien writes, "In August, I defended my dissertation and joined the faculty of McGill's English department. I've had an excellent year teaching theatre and performance studies to undergraduate and graduate students in Montreal, and I am preparing for a summer of research and conferencing in various locales throughout the Americas. I am looking forward to transforming my dissertation, which treats theatre history in the Panama Canal Zone throughout the 20th century, into a book manuscript."

David J. Johns '06 TC is now the first executive director of the White House Initiative on Educational

Excellence for African Americans. Previously, he was a senior education policy adviser to the U.S. Senate Committee on Health. Education, Labor and Pensions and also was a Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Fellow.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to this edition of Class Notes. Keep them coming!

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Whether it's chicken coops, art museums, new babies, operas or endodontics, the Class of 2005 has been up to some big things lately. Perhaps that's not so surprising in this year that many of us turn 30!

Speaking of birthdays, I had a blast at my 30th birthday party in March in San Francisco. Columbians in attendance included Vanessa Carr, Beverly Chung '09 Business, Patrick Cushing '06E, Niko Klein, Ramsey McGlazer, Diego Pontoriero '07E, Tom Pyun '07 PH, Bartek Ringwelski, Marija Ringwelski '09 PH and Ted Summe

Kristian Hansen has been busy building chicken coops — his company, Laughing Chickens, makes rustic coops from reclaimed redwood fences and sells planting boxes, composters, chalkboards and doghouses nationwide through Williams-Sonoma.

Luis Saucedo earned an M.B.A. from Yale in 2012 and is a Presidential Management Fellow at Ginnie Mae, where he works on housing finance policy and government and industry communications. Ginnie Mae provides a government guarantee on mortgage-backed securities backed by government-insured mortgages. It is a federal agency within the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Steve Mumford reports, "In 2012, I moved from Seattle to Washington, D.C., to begin a Ph.D. program in public policy and administration at The George Washington University, concentrating in program evaluation. So far, I love being back on the East Coast, despite the superstorms, and look forward to reconnecting with Columbians in the area."

Michelle Kraics was promoted in January to director at Citigroup in the Municipal Securities Division.

Ru Hockley writes, "At Claire's urging and out of a desire to support her foray into Class Notes correspondence, I am submitting my first update! Condensed life summary: In the shockingly large number of years since Columbia graduation, I have lived in NYC,

Laos and San Diego. I worked at The Studio Museum in Harlem, taught English and traveled widely, and pursued (OK, am still pursuing) a Ph.D. in art history at UC San Diego. This year, I happily find myself back in NYC after accepting a curatorial position in contemporary art at the Brooklyn Museum — so far, so delightful. Between work, dissertation-writing and re-acclimating to NYC (in itself a full-time job), life is a little hectic, but I couldn't be happier to be here doing what I love at one of NYC's great institutions. Come visit!"

Dan Binder reports, "Aside from my day job at Episcopal H.S. in Houston, I've been volunteering at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, the nation's largest rodeo. I also am a member of the Board of Trustees of Saint Stephen's Episcopal School in Houston."

Brendon-Jeremi Jobs says, "I'm listening to Invisible Man on Audible for the first time and it's blowing my mind. 'Remember, your power is in your invisibility.' I'm only sorry that it took me so long to find the time to [discover] this hallmark of the Renaissance. My life as a teacher continues to grow more complex and purposed with each year. I was recently voted onto the Board of Directors for Germantown United Community Development Corp. I also am on the teacher advisory board for the Historical Society of Pennsylvania."

Michael Sin writes, "I'm a real estate agent at TOWN Residential in the 730 Fifth Ave. office, focusing on sales and rentals in Manhattan and Brooklyn. I can be reached at msin@townrealestate.com if anyone is interested in getting an update on New York real estate or just wants to catch up over coffee."

Ellen Reid announces, "My opera, Winter's Child, was part of a new opera workshop at the Hammer Museum in Los Angeles on June 1: wildup.la/events/firsttake-west-coast-opera-workshop. I'm also composing music for a new production of *Prometheus Bound* at the Getty Villa in Los Angeles in September: us1.campaign-archive1. com/?u=f0ca2d2aefbeac1ecf2e2518 c&id=a74a3ad991."

Matthew Ialandoni says, "I have been on active duty as a captain in the Army JAG Corps since graduating from the University of Wisconsin Law School in 2010. I met my wife, Darcy Copeland Jalandoni, at Wisconsin Law and we were married in her hometown of Columbus, Ohio, on September 29."

Syga Thomas has launched MAONO, a luxury clothing design and manufacturing company. "We create luxury staples to outfit the movers, shakers and influencers of the world, kicking the middleman Matthew Jalandoni '05 married Darcy Copeland in Columbus, Ohio, on September 29. Among the Columbians in attendance (all CC '05 unless noted) were: back row, left to right: Olivier Manigat, Greg Jones, John Reuter, Paul Hlavaty, Ravi Desai and Ali Manigat; middle row, left to right: Jonathan Shukat, Tracy Reuter, Ben Supple, Joe Ward, Nnamdi Ofodile, Paul Santiago, Sety Britton '05E, Chuck Britton,

Jason Auguste and Diana Auguste '06; and front row, left to right: the groom, the bride and Jeff Otis. PHOTO: PICTURE THE LOVE

out of the process. Be the movement," Syga says.

Hao Tran is engaged to Elizabeth "Lizi" Chorney '05E. Hao proposed to Lizi on December 12 on the Low Steps, where they met. Lizi is a radiology resident at Mt. Sinai Hospital, having graduated from Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth in 2010. Hao graduated from NYU College of Dentistry in 2012. He is a dental resident at Yale-New Haven Hospital and will pursue an endodontics fellowship at Temple thereafter.

Bindu Suresh inquires, "I'm a newly minted medical doctor and am starting a residency program in pediatrics in Ottawa in July that's a major life event, no?"

Yes, Bindu, it is! As are some Class of 2005 babies.

Rebecca (Pollack) Kee announce es, "Another John Jay 11 baby has been born! Bill Kee and I, who met on John Jay 11, recently had our second son, Benjamin Michael, born in San Francisco on January 5. We look forward to instilling in him the same love of Nussbaum & Wu bagels that we have in our older son, James (2)."

Natasha Shapiro and her husband, Vladimir Kovtun, had a daughter, Elizabeth Sydney, on January 11.

Becca Israel writes, "On October 24, I gave birth to a son, Aviv Moshe. He's 4 months old, laughs at everything and has discovered his feet, which he finds fascinating. I live in D.C. and work at DOJ but am moving my family to Boston this fall to clerk for a judge in the [U.S. District Court, District of Mass.]."

Thanks for the updates!

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mo2057@columbia.edu Carly Miller moved back to her hometown of Minneapolis in October after a wonderful 10 years of living in New York City. In December, she started working at the Best Buy Corporate offices as a product manager in social commerce. This is the first retail company on her resume, as she's worked at companies such as A&E Television Networks, Scholastic Publishing,

Fox News and Thomson Reuters. Seth Wainer recently became the senior technology policy adviser to the Office of Mayor Cory Booker in Newark, N.J.

Mike Brown Jr. recently left his post at AOL Ventures to start his own \$30 million venture capital fund, Bowery Capital. The fund launched to the public in May and is based in New York and San Francisco, with a focus on investing in the next generation of enterprise software companies.

Ross Gabrielson '12 Business writes, "Well, 2012 was a big year. My wife and I are proud to announce that our daughter. Madeline, was born on October 13. Maddie already is a real character and has a great sense of humor. It is so much fun being a dad. A special thank you to those of you in the Class of 2006 who helped welcome Maddie into the world - especially Danny Concepcion, who was at the hospital even before my parents arrived! Earlier in 2012, I graduated from the Business School and started working at a fund called Eachwin Capital." Ganesh Betanabhatla recently

ioined Talara Capital Management as a managing director. He will assume primary responsibility for building the firm's E&P private equity investment platform and will be jointly based in New York City and Houston.

Talibah L. Newman '13 Arts' thesis film, Sweet Honey Child, debuted at the Columbia University Film Festival. Her short film, Busted on Brigham Lane, recently was on HBO On Demand and HBO GO. She is working on her first feature, which she will direct and write.

The new Vampire Weekend album, Modern Vampires of the City, was released on May 14. The band features our own Ezra Koenig, Rostam Batmanglij and Chris **Tomson**, as well as Chris Baio '07. [Editor's note: See Alumni in the News.]

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Clayton Broyles '09 and Katie Paddock were married on June 25, 2012, at Lake Mývatn, Husavík, Iceland. They hosted a post-wedding celebration in Breaux Bridge, La., on November 24. Among the guests at the celebration were (left to right) Austen Bakker '08, Vik Ashok '08E, the groom, the bride, Casey Russell and Eric Pogue '10.

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The Varsity Show honored Kate McKinnon with its annual I.A.L. Diamond ['41] Award for Achievement in the Arts on May 5. Kate (who was **Kate Berthold** during her time at the College) has been on Saturday Night Live since last April.

Thanks, everyone, for sharing. We're happy to celebrate your successes!



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I hope that everyone is having a great spring! We have a number of exciting updates from our classmates.

On March 6, many came out to celebrate the College's annual John Jay Awards for distinguished professional achievement. CC '07 attendees included Anna German, Allison Bajger, Dan Bajger and David Chait, among others.

After six months in Chicago working on the Obama campaign's digital team and four months of travel (and recovery time), Leah Sandals has returned to New York and joined Global Health Strategies, a consulting firm serving international health organizations.

Whitney Wilson joined The Corcoran Group and is focusing on residential sales in South Brooklyn. She teaches weekly yoga classes at YogaWorks and enjoys spending time with Igor Zelenberg '07E and their dog, Bean, in and around Cobble Hill.

Simeon Siegel shares, "Little Liam Siegel celebrated his first birthday on February 21!" Very exciting!

Dan Wang reports, "This year looks to be a busy one for Marisa Sires and me. We will get married this summer with many of our Columbia friends in attendance. Jonathan Wegener and Ali Rohrs will even serve as officiants. After that, we'll move back to New York City (it's been six years in the Bay Area). I am finishing my Ph.D. in sociology at Stanford this spring and, in the fall, I'll start as an assistant professor of management at the Business School, Marisa will continue to be the director of product strategy for Gigya, a Silicon Valley-

Kasia Nikhamina writes, "My husband, Ilya (aka Redbeard) and I invite everyone to visit Redbeard Bikes at 165 Front St. in DUMBO, Brooklyn, for bicycles and accessories. We launched the shop last November and are enjoying the challenges and joys of being a momand-pop. We carry, among other brands, Brompton folding bikes and Lynskey titanium road bikes. Like us on Facebook at facebook.com/ redbeardbikes."

based social media company."

Olivia Roszkowski is the executive chef of La Nuit Restaurant & Tapas Lounge in NYC. Check out her blog: oliviathechef.com.

Kelvin Jiang '07E, Tanya Lindsav and Earnest Sweat will have to say "so long" to the case study discussions and '80s theme parties as they get ready to graduate from Kellogg School of Management in late June.

By the time you read this, we will have held the Young Alumni Fund Spring Benefit (scheduled for May 10). The benefit host committee was full of classmates including Allison Bajger, Dan Bajger, David Chait, Samantha Feingold, Arvind Kadaba, Geo Karapetyan, Ethan Marcovici, Andrew O'Connor and Dan Shapiro.

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For those who made it to our five-year reunion, how amazing was it?! I hope you had a chance to reconnect with friends, meet a few new faces and catch up on life! Milestones like these are phenomenal reminders of the common history we share as well as the remarkably different paths we are embarking on. Please send me notes about your reunion experiences for the Fall issue of CCT! The class photo, however, may be found on the CCT website (college. columbia.edu/cct) as part of this issue's reunion follow-up article.

And now, the notes ... On back-to-back weekends in February, roommates Rachel

Cooper Schilowitz and Lindsay Sohacheski shared huge life moments. Rachel gave birth to a son, David Theodore, and Lindsay married Steven Turk of West Orange, N.I., in California.

J.D. Stettin is making some exciting professional moves: "After four years of business development with green tech startups here in New York (including the vertical farm and ecologic solutions), I have joined the country's No. 1 FHA finance team at Greystone & Co. I am responsible for debt and equity packages for multi-family and healthcare properties, from development to acquisition and everything in between. Though I am based out of company headquarters in Manhattan, many of my clients are in the Southwest and I spend much of my time in California and Texas."

Mark Clemente moved to Singapore in the spring. He is director of marketing/operations and director of tennis for Savitar Group. He also hopes to represent the Philippines in the Southeast Asian Games for tennis in December.

Chenni Xu is a consultant for Emerging Asia Group, which is headquartered in Shanghai. "I wish I could have attended the reunion and I hope everyone had a good time. If anyone is visiting Shanghai, please email me: chenni. xu@gmail.com."

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Robert William Shaw III married Shannon Marie Kelley on April 6 in Miami Shores, Fla. Robert is a legal intern at the Miami-Dade state attorney's office in Miami; he earned his J.D. from Pepperdine.

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Jacob Weaver and Annie Ma were married in May 2012 at St. Paul's Chapel on Columbia's beautiful campus. They were fortunate to have Allison Halff, Greg Legorreta, Lucy Chen, Nick Camp and Janna Weaver '13 TC in their wedding party; Sam Ashworth '10 GS and David Mazzuca '07 as readers: Nicolas Alvear and Ben Katz '06 as ushers: Marvam Parhizkar and her ensemble for ceremony music; and many members of the Columbia community in attendance. They thank all of them for making the start of the Weaver-Ma union so wonderful!

Jacob recently started a job as an investment analyst for Amici Capital, a hedge fund based in New York. Annie works for Google, where she is an enterprise partner manager. They enjoy the West Coast lifestyle and would love to see you if vou're ever in San Francisco!

Last September, Lauren Accordino (née Shearer) and Michael Accordino '07 walked down the aisle. They traveled to the Maldives and Dubai thereafter. They recently added a new member to the family, a Goldendoodle puppy, and live in Los Angeles. In addition to her day job in finance, Lauren co-founded The Green Leaf Academy, an education enrichment company for elementary students.

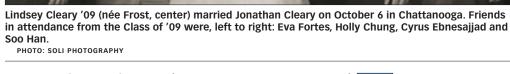
Anastasia Pastan (née McLetchie) and Nick Pastan were married last summer. Many Columbia and Barnard classmates traveled to Washington, D.C., to help them celebrate, including Ben Reininga, Caitlin Hodge '08, Liz Gordon '08, Lan Wu '10E, Caitlin Martin '09 Barnard, Stephanie Dumanian '07 Barnard, Nicklas Volbi '07E and Greg Pupo. More recently, Anastasia left teaching and New York City, and moved to Cambridge, Mass., where she studies at Harvard Law School.

Maxie Harnick (née Glass) and Evan Harnick were married on July 7, 2012, at the Harvard Club of New York City.

Alidad Damooei graduated from Yale Law in May. He enjoyed his three years of law school but is excited to start the next chapter of his life. This summer he will move back to New York City and will start his legal career at Sullivan & Cromwell, where he will gain experience across different areas of corporate law.

David Cooper graduated from St. John's School of Law this spring. He has accepted a job offer from the New York City Law Department. David will start work in the fall in the Special Federal Litigation Division as an assistant corporation counsel.

Giselle Gastell is working on her first EP, which is in Spanish, with producer Alejandro Jaen. In March she performed on America Tevé's "El Happy Hour." You can check it out on YouTube: youtube.com/ watch?v=BoDfU1OENys. She also



performed at the Calle Ocho-Miami Carnival on the stages of Telemundo and Cubana de Television.

Giselle hopes her classmates will support her by liking her artist page on Facebook or following her on Instagram or Twitter @gisellegastell. She will let you know when she officially releases her first single, "Mienteme."

Daniel Duzdevich earned an M.Phil. in biology from Churchill College, Cambridge, studying the gross structure of DNA sequences that cause Huntington's Disease. He has returned to Columbia in pursuit of a Ph.D. from the Department of Biological Sciences. In 2011 he received the departmental teaching award and in 2012 he received an award from the Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowships for New Americans, which is funding two years of his graduate research. His first book, Darwin's On the Origin of Species: A Modern Rendition, will appear in early 2014. Excitingly, it will feature a foreword by evolutionary biologist and journalist Olivia Judson! **Ioanna Sloame** left her job as a

multimedia editor at the *New York* Daily News last May to move to Los Angeles to pursue comedy writing. That summer she started working at Jimmy Kimmel Live! as the digital media coordinator. She maintains the show's social media presence, website and YouTube page. On the side, she has been learning improvisation at Second City though its Conservatory program. Her sketch comedy group, The Living Room,

recently wrapped filming on its first short and soon will be launching a YouTube channel. Joanna also has started doing stand-up comedy.

Stephanie Lindquist left New York in September to live for a year as a visiting artist at the American Academy in Rome with her partner and Rome Prize winner, Glendalys Medina. Stephanie's work can be viewed at stephaniealindquist.com. She also recently co-founded MasterDabblers (masterdabblers. com), which shares tips on how to expand your creative practice and develops mailings with successful contemporary artists to give people materials and instructions to push their creative boundaries.

After graduation, Mark Holden was a research associate in international economics at the Council on Foreign Relations in NYC for a year. On leaving CFR, he applied to law school and then for most of a season was a ski lift operator at Vail Resorts in Colorado. He started at Harvard Law in fall 2011 and expects to work in Houston after he graduates.

Rebecca Feinberg has begun a Ph.D. in anthropology at UC Santa Cruz, where she will learn all there is to know about Italy, EU immigration and foodways while living in a tree house by the sea cliffs.

Eliav Bitan recently completed his first year at Virginia's Darden School of Business in Charlottesville. He is excited about working in the private sector this summer after three years in the nonprofit world.

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I hope all of you are well as we reach our three-years-out-of-college milestone. For the first time since graduation. I have some news of my own to share. After working in corporate strategy and development at Time Inc. for 2½ years, I joined the marketing team at 1stdibs, an online marketplace for high-end luxury goods. I am enjoying the challenge of learning SEO marketing, an entirely new field for me. I live in the West Village with my boyfriend, Gregg (a non-Columbia grad, I'm ashamed to admit).

After seven amazing years on the Morningside campus, Matt Amsterdam '13L is done with Columbia (at least for now). He looks forward to joining most of the rest of his College classmates in the "real world" for the first time.

Mary Ann Bonet shares, "For the past year, I've been teaching gallery and studio-based programs for school, youth and family audiences at several museums, including the Brooklyn Museum, MoMA, the Museum of the City of New York and El Museo del Barrio. I'm excited to head back to Morningside Heights this summer to start the Art & Art Education Program Ed.M. at Teachers College, I look forward to juggling work and school in the months to come!"

Earlier this year, Joseph Johnson

left New York City in favor of a job in Jakarta. A devoted basketball fan, he has been employed as the team operations coordinator for the ASEAN Basketball League. While based in Indonesia. Joe has been working for teams in Singapore, Vietnam, Malaysia, Thailand and the Philippines. In addition to his main role, Joe has occasionally filled in as sideline reporter for several of their teams' games. He will return to the United States soon, hopefully in time for Triple Crown season.

Heidi Bonilla '13 PH writes. "Hello CC '10! I recently finished my master's in public health at Mailman, where I received my degree in health policy and management. I am an ambulatory care manager for Brookdale University Hospital and Medical Center in Brooklyn."

Eric Bressman, Jonathan Feld, Michal Cohen '11, Miriam Wiseman '11 and Jordan Katz '11 shared a magical weekend getaway in the East Bronx, N.Y. They took time out of their busy lives to revisit old memories and catch up on where life has taken them these last few years, all the while rediscovering what made their time together at Columbia so special.

Gabriella Ripoll graduated from NYU Law this spring. She writes, "Apparently more than a few of my peers also decided to make the same terrible decision of going to law school, as I've run into Nishi Kumar, Shana Knizhnik and Billy Freeland '09 taking classes at NYU Law. Assuming all goes to plan, I'll stay in NYC and work for a small law firm in Times Square. Meanwhile, I remain a hermit in my apartment except when I come out to sing and dance for NYU's Law Revue (it's like The Varsity Show but lawyerier). Also, congratulations to Fran Bodomo, who is presenting the short film she wrote and directed, Boneshaker, at film festivals all over the country. including Sundance. Boneshaker stars Quvenzhané Wallis of Beasts of the Southern Wild fame."

As always, some final words from **Chris Yim:** "In the past few weeks, I have quit my job, packed my bags and driven cross-country to begin a start-up accelerator in the Bay Area. I moved out here with a former roommate, Zak Ringelstein '08, to help him build his company United Classrooms (uclass.org). UClass is a Facebook-era platform that connects classrooms around the world, preparing the students of today for the globalized world that they will graduate into. Currently we are crashing in the bedroom of our other former roommate, Varun Gulati '10E, and he'll join the team as well. It's an exciting new start, picking up and leaving the city that I had grown to love. I will miss you, New York, but it's only a 'see you

"Memorable points on the crosscountry trip were getting caught in a snowstorm in Southwestern Virginia/Tennessee and almost running out of gas in California.

"I am leaving my family behind, including my newborn son, but my father did a similar thing when he left his family behind in North Korea to pursue a better life in the South. I wonder if he thinks he should have stuck around to greet Dennis Rodman, Surprisingly, Father Yim supported my decision to move out west to pursue the dream. I am glad to be out here with friends, working together on something that we believe will impact the world for the better.

"California, I'm home. Sun, please greet me warmly and bless me with a tan similar to the one that I had gotten my senior year at Columbia. Mamba, out."

Thanks for the great updates. Keep them coming!

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I hope everyone has a terrific summer. Send a note and tell me about it! You can send updates to me at the above email address or via CCT's easy-to-use webform: college.columbia.edu/cct/submit class note. Let's fill this column next time.

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It's been a full year since we crossed the stage at South Lawn in those Columbia blue graduation robes — a year filled with exciting experiences like touring with a band, airing radio stories nationally and spending time abroad!

Hannah D'Apice is finishing her first year with Teach for America in Dallas, where she teaches sixth-grade world history. She is a corps member leader for TFA's regional programming and has become involved in local education reform as a volunteer and activist. She is teaching English in Indonesia this summer as part of a school partnership program.

Peng Deng spent the past year in New York working at Sive, Paget & Riesel, an environmental law firm, and OasesRE, a real

estate development and consulting firm. She returned to Columbia last fall as a TA for an urban development seminar. At the beginning of 2013, she legally changed her name to **Penelope Peng Yan**, in honor of her mother. Penelope is spending the summer at home in New Zealand and encourages all to take a trip Down Under. She plans to travel in Southeast Asia and Europe before heading to England in October to pursue an M.Phil. in environmental policy at the University of Cambridge.

Kelicia Hollis writes from Michigan: "I am really happy to be in consistent contact with many of my Columbia friends and mentors. I am also happy to say that I am two-thirds of the way through my graduate program at the University of Michigan: two degrees back to back! I'm blessed and I hope the same for all of my fellow Columbians. I'm interning in Shanghai this summer after years of trying to get to China, so if you're in the area, let me know! Chase after peace and happiness; the rest will follow."

Paul Hsiao, who is rooming with Eric Tang '12E and Eric Chung '12E on the Upper East Side in the same building as Lauren Kwok '12E, says that living so close to fellow Columbians "feels like EC again!"

Right after graduation, Richard **Lenz** performed in a six-date East Coast tour with his band, Bob Crusoe, along with Chris Pitsiokos and Nat Flack '13, opening for the Sediment Club. Later in the summer, he visited Germany and Texas before returning to New York, where he worked at Book Culture and other odd jobs. After injuring his arm, Richard went home to Baltimore to heal. While there, he took photographs during his walks, especially to and from physical therapy, later processing and printing his works in a friend's darkroom. The photographs have been compiled into a book, Baltimore, Bound, which will be out this year or next. In January, Richard returned to New York, staying with Alex Calhoun '11 and Alex's wife, Nora Nicholson Calhoun '10, in Oueens. He worked another textbook rush at Book Culture and installed the show NYC 1993: Experimental, Jet Set, Trash and No Star at the New Museum, Richard was in London as of this writing.

After traveling last summer, Laura Ly is back in New York City, working in the newsroom at CNN. She shares, "It's a fast-paced blur of writing, researching, calling sources, reporting stories and assisting with day-to-day television news production. I've been in the newsroom for stories such as snowstorm Nemo, New York Fashion Week, the presidential inauguration, even the Newtown tragedy, which was hard, especially because I'm from Connecticut, but it's been a great learning experience. I was also there for Columbia stories such as that unusual Frontiers lecture, to which CNN sent a reporter to campus, and Nutella-gate, which got a mention on CNN's food blog. I've been back to campus a bunch of times to say hello to friends and ran into many classmates at Homecoming last year, which was awesome. I made the best friends of my life at Columbia and, though we're all scattered across the country now, we're planning our next reunion."

Brenda Salinas is "having a blast" as an NPR Kroc Fellow. As of this writing, she's had eight of her radio stories air nationally! She's proud to be among the WKCR alumni who have gone on to a career in public radio, including the host of All Things Considered, Robert Siegel '68 [see June 2008 CCT].

Thanks for the awesome updates, Class of 2012, and keep them

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Congratulations, Class of 2013! As the newest members of the Columbia College Alumni Association (CCAA), we have earned our own column in Columbia College Today, where we can inform each other and the rest of the Columbia family — of our post-college whereabouts and achievements. As we close our last chapter as undergraduates, may we reflect on our four years of study including the Core, countless hours in Butler and the hard-earned sunny afternoons on the lawns. Our appreciation of and connection to Columbia will remain in our memories, knowledge and relationships, and our involvement in the CCAA will provide us with an important community for years to come.

As your class correspondent, I am excited to share your news and stories through this column. Whether you are volunteering in a lesser-developed country, working into the night as a newly hired analyst or road-tripping across the United States, please let me know what you are up to! Send me a message by email or via CCT's easyto-use webform (college.columbia. edu/cct/submit_class_note) so your updates may be shared with your classmates and friends.

Congratulations on this immense achievement and have a great summer, wherever it takes you!



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Letters

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Professor Karl-Ludwig Selig

It was with deep sadness that I read of Professor Karl-Ludwig Selig's passing [Spring 2013, "Around the Quads"]. Like countless other students, I considered him my favorite professor. Moreover, he made me feel, as he did many others, as if I were his favorite student. I know and was forever grateful that he promoted my election to Phi Beta Kappa.

I had Professor Selig for my second semester of Lit Hum — his legendary course on Cervantes' Don Ouixote — and an individual tutorial in which I read a different significant text each week. I was quite anxious one morning, running late for the tutorial, until I spotted him sitting across from me on the subway, equally late and fully enjoying a jelly doughnut. Professor Selig and my Viennese mother delighted in talking to each other in German, and he loved that they both were epicures. Years later, Professor Selig joined us and another professor for dinner and discourse in my home, an evening that he dubbed

a literary salon. Professor Selig met my wife at this dinner as well. You could imagine my surprise one day as I was presenting the prosecution's case to a Manhattan grand jury to see that Professor Selig was seated among them. Of course, he could not vote in the case; I learned from colleagues that he was quite an inquisitive, analytical juror.

We would see or speak to each other from time to time in later years, and I attended the rowing team's first celebration in his honor. As Professor Selig's physical health declined, he expressed concern over the fate of his treasured books: I tried to reassure him. There came a time when I said that he could benefit from a hearing aid, and he got very upset. Our contact diminished. I greatly regret that — I blame myself. I so wish that Profes sor Selig could hear me now, for I would convey, once more, that he was the quintessential teacher whose influence on me is enduring and ever endearing.

Gary J. Galperin '77 New York City

Pride of the Lions

I enjoyed the coverage of Professor [Ronald] Breslow (Winter 2012-13). I had him for organic chemistry

from 1966-67, my sophomore year. In those days at Columbia, there was applause at the end of the last class. In this case, it was a standing ovation. We had taken up a collection and bought him a gag gift, a chemistry set, and he said, "This is how it all started." We also presented him a bottle of Scotch, to which he replied, "And this is what it all led to."

I have since learned how famous his career was from an early age, and my chemistry department friend borrowed that issue from me with gratitude. I contacted Professor Breslow about a decade ago, and he replied that he remembered that year's class. With hindsight, finishing my 40th year as a professor myself, I only wish, as a student, I had come to know more of my Columbia professors as more than just my classroom teachers. Bill Stark '69

St. Louis

Norman Dorsen '50

It was good to read the article about Norman Dorsen '50 [Spring 2013]. I'd like to add a detail of his basketball prowess, a memory I've carried top-of-mind for 65 years.

We, the Columbia junior varsity, were playing an away game. On that unfamiliar court, Dorsen took eight shots from the field and made them all. We won the game. Who makes all of that many shots in a game?

My visual memory is of Normie's distinctive driving, twisting, lefthanded shooting.

David Berger '50 MADISON, WIS.

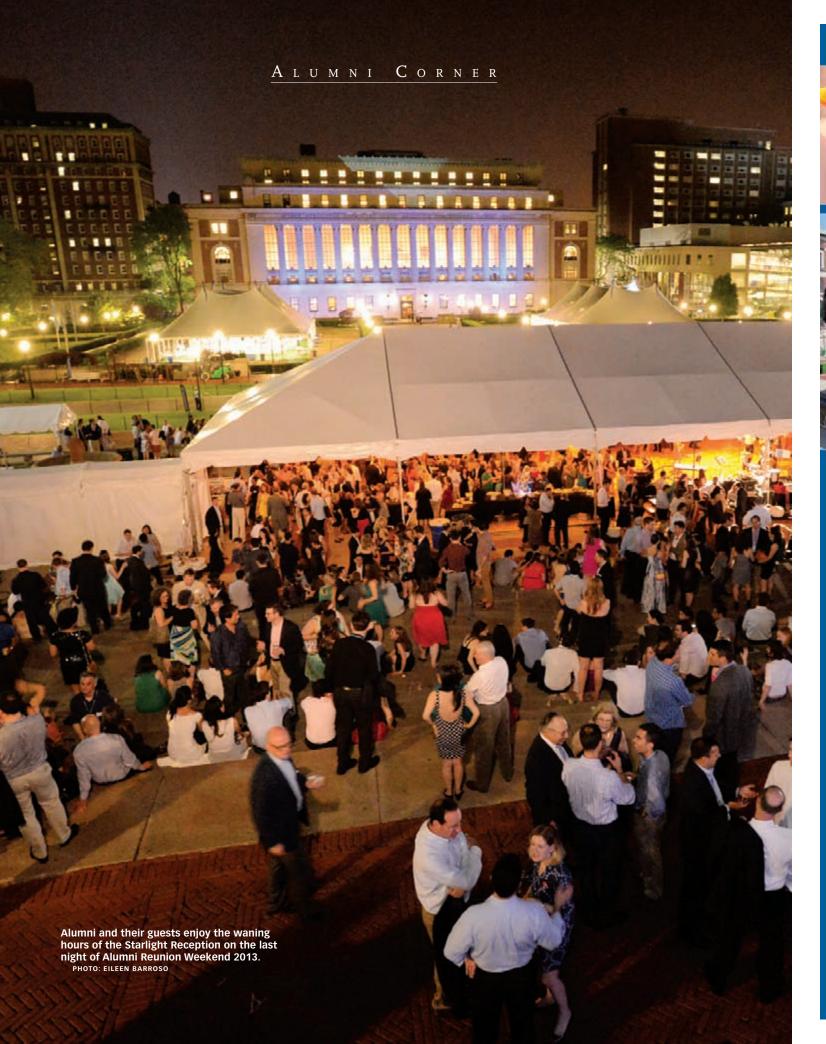
Tuskegee Experiment

A comment on the letter from my classmate Donald Marcus '55 [Spring 2013]. I believe he is referring to the Tuskegee Syphilis Experiment when he talks about blacks purposely being given syphilis. In this study started in 1932, a group of rural black men with syphilis were being followed to study the natural history of the disease. The problem was that when penicillin was found to be an effective treatment in the late 1940s, it was not offered to the men and they continued untreated in the study until 1972. While this was not much better ethically, they were not given syphilis, as appears to be commonly believed. Wikipedia has a good account of the history. Bill Mink '55

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