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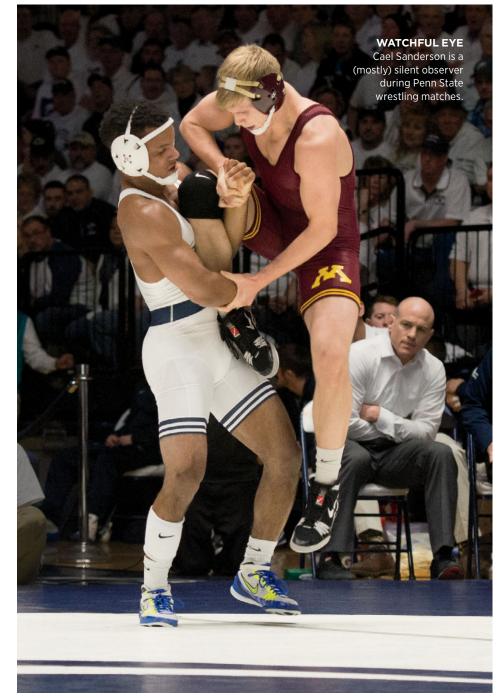
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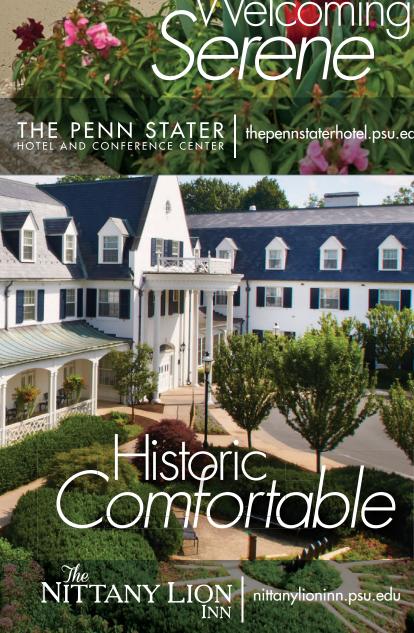
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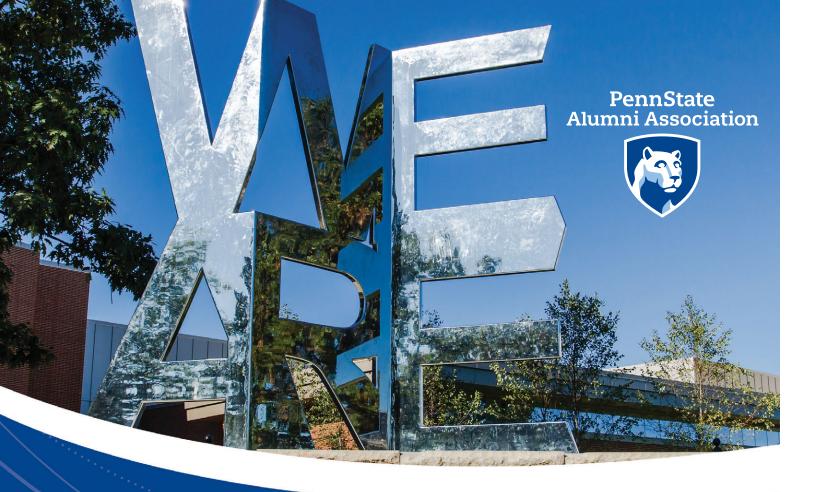
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IF YOU WERE TO ask the travelers on the Alumni Association's "Expedition to Antarctica" in January what was the most memorable part of the trip, an unexpected encounter with a pod of humpback whales would probably rank near the top.

There were 17 of us Penn Staters, along with travelers from other schools, on a small cruise ship exploring the Antarctic Peninsula. Earlier that day we had visited Port Charcot and Danco Island, where we had seen lots of Gentoo penguins and gorgeous, snow-covered scenery. It was dinnertime, we were all winding down, and our ship was supposed to be cruising toward Deception Island, our next day's stop. That's when we started to



encounter the whales—one or two at first, and then more. And more.

A few days earlier, at our very first briefing on board, the expedition director had said, "If we encounter whales that seem playful, we may reduce our speed and stay with them awhile." And that's exactly what happened: The captain just let the ship coast so we could enjoy the show.

I have no idea how many whales we saw that evening. I originally thought it was maybe five to seven, while others put the estimate closer to 100—so I'm probably not the one to ask. (In my defense, I just figured we were seeing the same five to seven over and over again.) Certainly "dozens" would be a safe estimate. Whatever the case, even the crew said they had never seen anything like it.

The passengers all crowded onto the deck at the bow of the ship and watched in amazement as these enormous, graceful creatures glided in the water, blowing, occasionally rolling over and exposing a fin, and-most fun of all-lifting their tails, which would then create a curtain-like spray

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of seawater before sliding back underneath the surface. And they were doing all of this right next to the ship.

This went on for a good two hours, with passengers running from the bow to the sides of the ship and back again,

> cheering each new whale action as if we were watching a great football game. Jill Jordan '76 EMS, one of the Penn State travelers. remembers: "After a while of trying to get good pictures, I decided I just wanted to watch them. Though I wish I had gotten a picture looking up from the deck at all the camera lenses off the balconies."

> Jill called the experience "spectacular." A 12-yearold who was on the trip with her dad, and who blogged from the trip for a

school project, went even farther: She wrote a post declaring it "The Most Amazing Day EVER!!!"

"I will never see anything like this again in my lifetime," she wrote. "Things this amazing only happen once. It was pure magic."

I took close to 600 photos that evening. After throwing out about 595 of them, I kept a few that I think come close to capturing what the experience was like. But in many ways it was one of those things where photos just don't do it justice. I'm with the 12-year-old on this one. It was pure magic.

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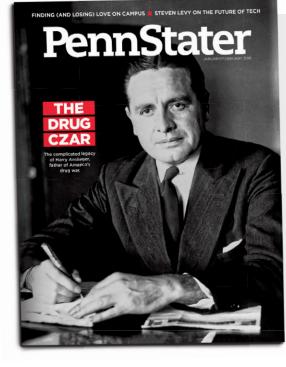
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While I anticipated a learning curve and an initial loss of the comfort level I associated with the "old" version of the Penn *Stater*, I was pleasantly surprised to find that, for the most part, I enjoyed the changes and offer my congratulations rather than a list of complaints. That being said, I personally find one glaring exception: the In Memoriam section. where the font size was decreased dramatically and the bold type was eliminated. This small change has resulted in a significant decrease in the ability to catch the

took it to the house.

attention of the reader. Bob Lightner '75 Edu Cape Coral, Fla.

I enjoy the magazine each month and the new design is fine with me. It feels brighter and more open, particularly the Class Notes and In Memoriam sections. Anne Ruthrauff Seltzer '60 H&HD

Chappaqua, N.Y.

Most of the new changes look good and seem to work just fine. However, the format for In Memoriam is rather jumbled looking and a bit difficult

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Congratulations on your new look. It is clean and crisp, and the font size is easy to read. Well done. Doug Zecher '75 H&HD Lancaster. Pa.

A Redesigned Penn Stater

I was skeptical when I first read your reasons for a makeover of the Penn Stater ["A New Look," Jan./ Feb., p. 77. However, my skepticism melted away as I reached p. 88. All of the format changes made for a much more readable product, enhanced by two very informative and long articles. The picture of Saguon Barkley [Sports, p. 26] captured the essence of an 11-2 season. Like a good book, I could not put the magazine down-in football terms, you

Vic Budura '70 Sci | New Market, Ala.

to read and pick out a certain name or class year. My two cents. John McKee '74 Bus Ocean City, N.J.

The new format in the In Memoriam section is a disgrace. You continue to disrespect the memory of alumni who have passed away. David Herrmann '68 Lib Warriors Mark. Pa.



I like the perfect-bound spine, new look, and added content and photos. The Saguon Barkley photo is striking. The new spine reminds me a little of *National Geographic*—and that's a good thing. Keep up the great work. Dick Davis '73 H&HD Sharpsville, Pa.

The first thing I do when I receive my copy of the Penn Stater is go to Part-



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ing Shot—and it's gone. The second thing I do is go to the obituaries—I don't care for the way they are reported now. On the positive side, I do like the perfect-bound style. Jim Cronauer '83 H&HD Portage, Pa.

Look forward to many more issues with this redesign. Love the photo spreads and bite-sized articles. Keep up the great work. Brad Youtz '96 Com *Wilmington, Del.*

The reduction in the size of the print font for most of the content in the redesigned *Penn Stater* makes it impossible for these 81-year-old eyes to read the magazine without either reading glasses or a magnifying glass. I was able to read the former format comfortably without

either of those. Harris Factor '58 Lib *Columbia, Md.*

Another makeover for the *Penn Stater.* Nothing wrong with that—it's a good job and there seems to be no more yellow print on white pages. Everything nicely spaced out for easier reading. The Class Notes stand out nicely, too, well defined by decade and name, but not so for the dear departed alums. **Robert B. Watson '53 Eng** *Norristown, Pa.*

Only negative is the In Memoriam. It is hard to read. **Rita Rossi '71 Sci** *Birmingham, Mich.*

The new look was most certainly a surprise and a very difficult job well done. The perfect bindeven if the lay-flat feature of saddle-stitching might be an issue with some people. However, I must express my displeasure with the In Memoriam section: The old format was so much easier to scan and read, and if it had been tightened a bit it would still be much more legible than the new version, without a significant difference in the number of memorial entries. Ron Armillei '59 Bus Orlando, Fla.

ing is much more durable,

Looks great, even if the new run-on style of In Memoriam gave me a headache. Keep up the good work. Fred A. Takacs '74 Lib *Berwick, Pa.*

First impressions of the redesign: AWESOME! The new trim size is a bold move and the design feels smart and modern—very grown-up. Well done and congratulations. Jonathan Ziegler State College

I love the new *Penn Stater* design. I particularly liked the expanded Pulse section. As I get older, I tend to lose interest in longer articles, so these short pieces make for quick, interesting reading. Good job. **Eugene Wagner '65 Eng** *Garner, N.C.*



Iran Nuclear Deal To me, your article ["The

Iran Nuclear Deal," Jan./Feb., p. 21] is a highly inflammatory advocacy of a system of government in Iran that



Memory Lane

Having just read Robyn Passante's "Walking Back the Years" [Jan./Feb., p. 88], I am laughing so hard I have tears rolling down my face. We had the identical experience when we brought our son to tour the main campus this past summer. Much of today's campus has changed from what I remembered during my time there. We are famous in Pittsburgh for giving directions by what used to be on that corner, which only made things worse. Thanks for a great dose of laughter. Andrew W. Blenko '79 Eng

Irwin, Pa.

I loved this article. I can relate: It sounds like the same tour we gave both of our daughters. Now one is a recent Penn State civil engineering graduate, and one is in her sophomore year in nursing. Although Penn State is constantly changing, there is a welcoming sense of familiarity that always remains. Christine Hoffman '86 Lib Chester Springs, Pa. espouses ideological positions that are disruptive, anti-choice and non-democratic. The core beliefs of Iran and the United States are fundamentally different. The picture painted by Prof. Leverett is that the USA led by the Trump administration is bad and the Iranian government is good. This is a clear opinion and, I think, one that is not supported even by many Democrats as well as Republicans. David J. Clark '63 Bus Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif.

I have no problem with Prof. Leverett's views, but for the editor to print such a blatantly one-sided piece implies strong support for that view. I have been reading the Penn Stater for many decades and have immensely enjoyed its campus news and nostalgia. To see the magazine going down the road of partisan politics is indeed very disconcerting. Max Wisotsky '64 Sci Highland Park, N.J.

There are no free elections in Iran, there are no gay rights in Iran. There is no free press, and if you openly contradict the Ayatollah's current repressive policy, you will be jailed. The fact that Iran can produce heavy water for research is a sham. The Iranian people need to be freed from the constrictions of a regime that's passed its time. That's what's really "keeping current."

Steven Zimmerman '82 Sci Mount Pleasant, S.C.

Admittedly, "The Iran Nuclear Deal" is a very short piece that perhaps doesn't give Prof. Leverett the opportunity to provide some balance. But he appears to be overly praiseworthy and supportive of the Iranian regime. While I don't doubt that Iran has achieved progress on many fronts, including improving the status of women in Iranian society (the recent uprising notwithstanding), I do have a difficult time accepting that Iran is an ally in the fight against radical Sunni militancy. I think that is a strange way of characterizing Iran's efforts in the Middle East, Syria in particular. Falk Kantor '58 Eng Glenshaw, Pa.



Tech Talk

Steven Levy and I were friends in school—I think it was elementary school, but it's too long ago to remember exactly, or for him to remember me, I suspect. As a dedicated reader of *Rolling Stone* for many years, I always got a smile on my face when I saw his byline there and in other publications. I have always believed that con-

My '90 doi Per No

sistency is a good thing, and Steven's personality is the same today as it was 50 or 60 years ago. It is a great feeling to be able to say "I know that guy." Thanks for the opportunity to see where he is today. Carl Caplan '72 Bus Marlton, N.J.

While Jason Fagone's interview of Steven Levy was interesting in an overall sense, two of Mr. Fagone's questions/statements were rather startling. The first was "Why are there so many Nazis on Twitter?" Is Mr. Fagone loosely referring to people who might not agree with him politically? I really think this requires an answer, as does another statement attributing problems on social media to "technologies built by white men" and an associated lack of understanding of the issue of "abuse" by these same white men.

Robert Martin '69 Lib Dingmans Ferry, Pa.

Dorm Décor

One of our favorite posters [*Association News, Nov.*/ *Dec., p.59*] was the 1968 Olympic ski champion, Jean-Claude Killy, from France. Sigh. Marilyn Soisson Buck '70 A&A *Troy, N.H.*

Animal Lover

My thanks to **Julie Klim '90 Bus** for the work she's doing to strengthen the Pennsylvania SPCA [*Class Notes*, *Nov.*/*Dec.*, *p.* 69]. The need to protect different animals from cruelty is a top priority. Sean Pollock '96 Bus *Stony Brook, N.Y.*



Of Love and Other Stories

The *Penn Stater* covers everything I would want in a magazine. From sports to stories about famous alums, from war stories that make a person really think, to the THON kids for improving lives—and of course, the stories of friends and lovers while we were in college ["Love at Penn State," Jan./ Feb., p. 42]. Great Job! Earl Kaiserman '73 Bus *Pittsburgh*

I enjoyed your article about finding love at Penn State. I met mv wife, Roseann Summers Hertkorn, at the Abington (then Ogontz) campus in the fall of 1991. Mv ROTC buddies all told me to ask her out, but being stubborn back in those days, I refused. We didn't get together until the ROTC Christmas party, when she asked me to dance. I said "No, thanks," but she was more stubborn than I was, and we danced the rest of the night together. Five years later we were married, and four years after that, our first son, Jack, was born. You

can see his reaction to getting accepted to Penn State Abington on the Alumni Association's social media pages: "Must-see video: Jack Hertkorn." Jim Hertkorn '94 Lib Chalfont, Pa.



Anslinger Advice I was 17 when I gradu-

ated unexpectedly from high school at the end of January 1957. My parents did not know what to do with me until I started college in September. As was my father's habit, he talked to all his dental patients about his family, me being the problem of the week. As I heard the story, Harry Anslinger said, "Oh hell, let's just send her up to Penn State for a few months." He got up, made a phone call, and one week later I was meeting a roommate in Thompson Hall and ready to go with books and a schedule. Penn State was the right place for me, and I stayed until graduation in 1960. To this day, I treasure and wear the necklace Harry gave me for graduation: a chain with a small ampule that had a screw top and device for inserting opium into one's nose. Judith Berman Lipnick '60 Sci

Naples, Fla.

Jenny Charney y 🔞

> I'm one of those weirdos that still enjoys a physical magazine so kudos to @tinahay and staff of the @pennstatermag for the fantastic redesign! This was a special treat during my catch up time over the break.

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Although the article on Harry Anslinger was very well done. I would rather see a cover that hollers "Penn State" in some obvious fashion. George Lott '52 Lib Sun City Center, Fla.

Congratulations on a highly improved alumni magazine, featuring well balanced stories. Regarding the drug czar, Harry Anslinger: We need him today—drugs have brought violence, murder, and other serious problems to the U.S.A. Howard I.J. Collier '54 Bus Avon Lake, Ohio

I loved the article on Harry Anslinger. Regardless of one's view on marijuana legalization, we can take pride in a fellow alum who steered public policy at the highest levels for 32 years and (warts and all) may well have been the most influential Penn State graduate of the 20th century. Even more timely, the interview with Steven Levy ["On the Digital Cliff," p. 50] was one of the most understandable and informative

tech articles I have ever read. Again, I am most impressed by a Penn Stater's access to and relationships with change agents, in this case today's titans of tech. His publications will form the foundation of high-tech history and inform future generations how, in one lifetime, we progressed from "when the Phillies games weren't even broadcast on the radio" to AI driving our cars. It's early yet, but I would put a placeholder on Levy for "the most influential Penn State graduate of the 21st century." Robert Cupina '70 EMS Reston. Va.

What's Fake News?

I really don't understand the editorial choice to print a letter from a reader claiming that every news source including CNN, MSNBC, NBC, ABC, CBS, and NPR is "most likely fake" [Letters, Jan./Feb., p. 11]. Please explain. This is such a blatant example of the challenge of one-sided news organizations that such a person follows. In fact, both letters printed

were anti-journalism. What gives, *Penn Stater*? Judy Engle Seely '86 Bus York, Pa.

Two responders wrote that mainstream media is fake news. However, all the news sources cited by those writers have received accolades from the prestigious Peabody Awards, the News & Documentary Emmy Awards, the Alfred I. duPont-Columbia University Awards, the George Polk Awards, the Robert F. Kennedy Journalism Awards, or the Investigative Reporters and Editors Awards. Although identified as fake by one writer, PBS is a top source and has won many Peabodys. Michael Frank '68 Bus Doylestown, Pa.

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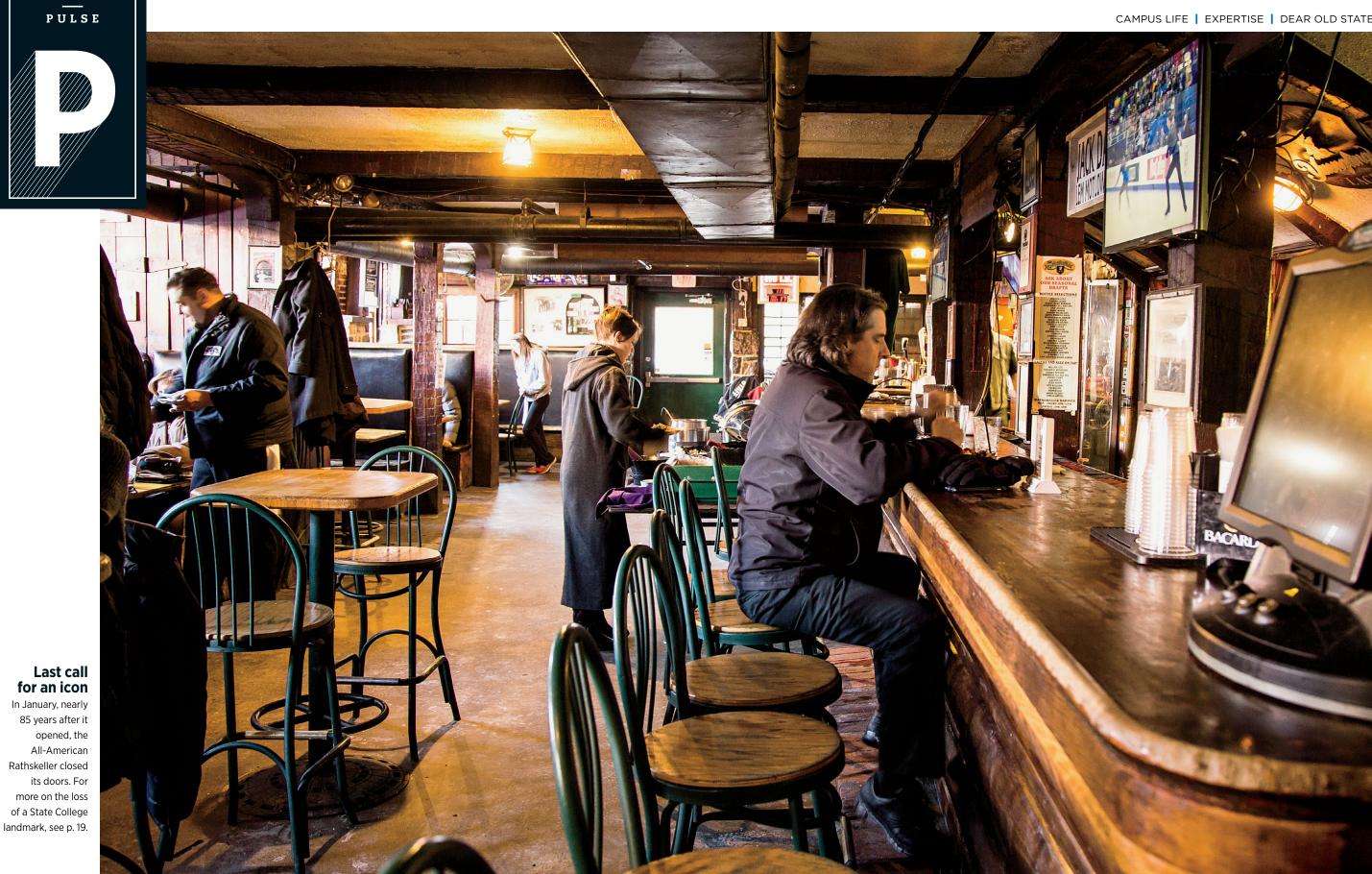
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WHAT'S UP WITH THAT?

Q: Why do nursing students wear scrubs to class?

A: They usually blend in with the rest of their classmates, but not on those days when flocks of nursing undergrads crisscross campus in their navy blue scrubs. There are good reasons for that, says Raymonde Brown '81, '89 MS H&HD, associate dean for undergraduate programs in the College of Nursing. For one, they're required to wear their uniforms when working in the on-campus simulation laboratory—essentially a classroom set up like a real hospital—or when working a hospital clinical. But even when they don't *have* to wear them, Brown says, many do, for reasons of pragmatism and pride. "Students have told me it's just easier—they're comfortable, and they don't need to think about what to wear. Plus, scrubs are like a badge. They are proud to be nursing students, and to be part of a caring profession." -RJ



Keeping University Park safe and clear during a long, cold winter is a monumental task—with the numbers to match. We asked OPP for details.



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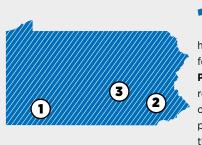
CLEARING THE WAY OPP employs 100 snow plows and brushes and an additional 50 walk-behind snow blowers. -RJ



through there once a week, maybe ride my bike, bring my lunch up there once in a while. I don't know if a lot of people really know about it. Since I retired, I still try to get up there every few weekswhen I can get away from my yard work. -RJ



COMMON WEALTH



FAYETTE It took more than 230 hours of painstaking work for Favette art instructor Patrick Daugherty '76 A&A to recreate a famous 1772 portrait of George Washington. The painting was commissioned by the Fayette County Courthouse, where it now hangs.

GREAT VALLEY A \$50.000 gift from Marilyn and Joe Henry '76 H&HD will permanently endow a scholarship at the campus' School of Graduate Professional Studies. The scholarship will support part-time students pursuing their master's degree at Great Valley.

Perennial optimist, cookie aficionado, longtime ambassador at the University Park post office.

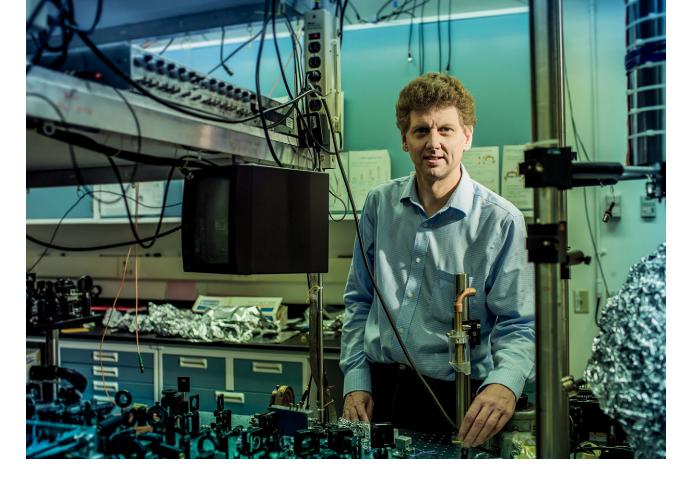


PSUkulele Club

FOUNDED: 2014 CURRENT MEMBERSHIP: 30 MISSION: "To just get together and play the ukulele."

It's hard to dislike the sound of a ukulele. In fact, the soft strumming sounds are often what attract new members to the group. "When people see a group of college students rocking around with ukuleles-which is really funny-they're mainly like, 'What's going on there?'" says senior Greta Guthrie, president of the PSUkulele club. The club is open to seasoned players as well as newcomers, like Yuki Huang, a freshman who joined at the fall Involvement Fair. "There's a lot of songs you can just pick up," she says. But it's the sound, says junior Jacob Ginn, that draws most people in: "There's a friendly factor to it." -BR

HERSHEY The College of Medicine in January kicked off a new award for "Exceptional Moments in Teaching." The first recipient was Dr. Karen Krok, a gastroenterologist recognized for conveying lessons in a way that is "fun, engaging, and memorable." -RJ



EVERYDAY PEOPLE

Penn State physicist Kurt Gibble strives to make even the most accurate measurements more precise.

GLOBAL PRAISE

Gibble is among the leading experts who evaluate and improve the world's most accurate atomic clocks, from the U.K.'s National Physical Laboratory to the Paris Observatory. His reputation earned him the 2013 European Frequency and Time Award. Although Gibble makes site visits, most of his calculations and analyses happen on campus.

SPLIT SECONDS

During his time as a Yale prof, Gibble built a more precise atomic clock by swapping out cesium atoms for rubidium atoms. When the NSFfunded physicist joined Penn State's

faculty in 2001, he painstakingly packed up the world's first rubidium fountain clock into a U-Haul and headed for Happy Valley; in just three weeks, the clock was up and running in Gibble's lab (pictured).

HEY, SIRI

Atomic clocks may be studied to precisely measure time—they're regulated by the vibrations of an atomic or molecular system-but applications also include testing scientific theories, like general relativity.

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"I normally don't wear a wrist-

watch," says Gibble, explaining that he instead relies on his cell phone. "If you have two clocks, you never know what time it is."

OUTTA THIS WORLD

The 53-year-old is currently working on a space clock in Paris, which is set to launch within the next two years. "We're going to put it on a tank of hydrogen and launch it with a whole lot of G-forces into orbit," he says about the European Space Agency project. One goal is to compare the clocks on Earth or, as Gibble puts it, "help analyze systemic errors of clocks around the world."

ALL ABOUT OPTICS

Physicists anticipate there's a new clock on the horizon, one that measures optical frequency and the ultra-fast oscillations of ions and atoms. Gibble's working on this "next definition of time" by making a clock based on cadmium, which uses lasers to cool and trap atoms. -Amy Strauss Downey '04 Lib

THEN&NOW

The gentleman at right, boarding a Campus Loop bus in the 1960s, would hardly recognize the natural gas-powered **CATABUS** fleet that services University Park and State College today. Riders can now check their phones for real-time updates on arrivals and departures, or peek at the digital displays at transit centers like the

one on Curtin Road near Pattee Libary (shown here). But the biggest change for our time-traveling rider might be the fact that he no longer needs change at all. Since 1999, the Campus Loop has been fare-free. –RJ







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AROUND THE VALLEY

While the future of the subterranean space at 108 S. Pugh Street remained murky at press time, loyal fans got one ast chance in January to oast The Skeller's past. The bar hosted thouands in its final days, including some alums who came back to town just for the occasion. The Skeller, which opened in 1933, claimed to be the longest continually operating bar in the state. —RJ



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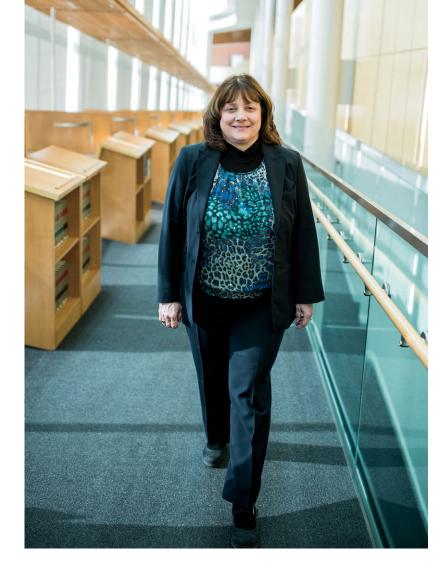
The best fats are liquid vegetable oils. Among those, safflower oil has the highest amount of polyunsaturated fats that our bodies can't produce on their own, and that reduce bad cholesterol levels.

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Law professor Michele **Vollmer's student-led clinic** fights veterans' legal battles

Q: How did the Veterans and Servicemembers Legal Clinic come to be?

A: One of my students was a junior commander in the Pennsylvania National Guard. His fellow guardsmen would come to him with their problems, and he'd try to help solve those. I got drawn in, and as I began to read more, I realized that a lot of veterans were having legal problems that we as a group could help solve.

Q: What cases does the clinic take on?

A: We mainly deal with disability and pension claims for veterans from almost all conflicts, even World War II. We've had PTSD cases and one military sexual trauma case, and we won three educational appeals, where current students were being denied GI bill benefits.

Q: What are the clinic's biggest cases thus far?

A: Vietnam is a big one for us. We won a case for a veteran involved in chemical warfare testing in 1965. We also won a case for a former Penn State professor who was exposed to Agent Orange, proving this caused his acute myeloid leukemia. -S/

IN SHORT

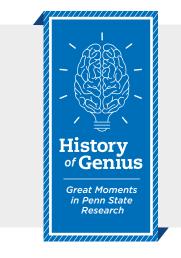
SEEDS OF VICTORY In January, members of the Penn State Agronomy Club defended their championship at the National Forage Bowl, a Jeopardy-style competition held at the annual American Forage and Grassland Council conference in Louisville, Ky.

HIGHLY EVOLVED

Kenneth Weiss, Evan Pugh professor emeritus of anthropology and genetics, was honored in January with the Charles Darwin Lifetime Achievement Award by the American Association of Physical Anthropologists. Weiss was recognized for his research in evolution.

GROSS... BUT GOOD?

A research team led by Penn State geosciences professor Christopher House has shown it's possible to rapidly break down human waste through a microbial process that would allow it to be turned into food. The findings have applications for astronauts on future longterm space missions. -RJ





KEEPING CURRENT



"Unlike most other pollutants, lead is rarely present in reservoir or other water sources. When water gets into plumbing, it dissolves lead in the fixtures, and that's how the lead gets into drinking water.

"Water treatment plants test for lead, though it rarely exists at the source, and they'll also look for the corrosion tendency of water. They'll put additives into water to prevent corrosion, but the plumbing is different in every home, particularly in older homes where lead solders were commonly used. Buried, turn-of-the-century water lines also cause problems for many public water supplies.

"You can be exposed to lead for long periods of time and not even know it. Lead can cause a lot of damage to the body, particularly in infants and children. That's why, even if there is good public water testing, everyone should arrange for an in-home water test. They're cheap and easy to get, and some cities even offer free testing." -S/

A SHATTER-PROOF LEGACY

Woldemar Weyl joined the Penn State faculty 80 years ago, escaping the Nazi regime in his native Germany and helping establish the university as an international leader in the burgeoning field of glass science. His research helped make everything from milk bottles to car windshields safer and more durable, and his book Coloured Glasses is considered the bible for glass blowers. -RJ

Lead in America's Drinking Water

DESPITE REGULATIONS. TAINTED WATER IS A PERENNIAL ISSUE, SAYS BRYAN SWISTOCK. WATER RESOURCES SPECIALIST WITH PENN STATE EXTENSION.





A Year of "Sweeping Change" for Greek Life

PRESIDENT BARRON TRUMPETS "WHOLESALE CHANGES" THAT ARE MAKING THE SYSTEM SAFER. By Savita Iyer

MORE THAN A YEAR after the death of Timothy Piazza, Greek life at Penn State is starkly different from what it used to be, due to a number of measures instituted by the university.

In an open letter to the Penn State community posted in February, President Eric Barron outlined the ways the university has taken full control of the Greek life organizational misconduct and adjudication process. This includes spot checks by an appointed team of monitors for compliance with new safety rules, and joint nightly patrols by campus and State College police. University-hired chapter monitors are also working with fraternity representatives on houses' individual risk-management programs—a university-approved plan that must be compliant with safety protocols, including the ban on hard liquor. Penn State has also instituted a deferred recruitment policy that prohibits students from rushing a sorority or a fraternity until they have completed a full semester, as well as a zero-tolerance rule for serious hazing that, if broken by any chapter, will result in a permanent revocation.

"These measures are making a difference," Barron wrote. "I am encouraged that we have received letters from our local community about improved chapter behavior. Local law enforcement and others report reduced crowd sizes at fraternity gatherings. Fraternity and sorority leaders are working more closely with the University to implement the new safety programs. This is important progress." But Barron made clear that there is much to be done: In addition to the permanent suspension of Beta Theta Pi, 13 other fraternities have received multi-year suspensions.

Piazza died on Feb. 4, 2017, and 26 members of Beta Theta Pi are still charged in his death. The state Attorney General's office has taken over the case from the Centre County district attorney, and AG Josh Shapiro said in January he will conduct "an independent review" of Piazza's death.

IN SHORT

WORLD RENOWNED

Penn State's World Campus landed in the top 10 of half a dozen rankings of the country's best online programs, including graduate engineering, graduate business, computer information technology, and MBA. No other institution placed as high in as many categories.



ENDOWING OPPORTUNITIES

A \$30,000 gift from Rob Pangborn, vice president and dean for undergraduate education, and his wife, Ann, has endowed the Pangborn Family Open Doors Scholarship. The endowment is aimed at helping students overcome financial roadblocks in order to graduate on time.

BANKING ON INNOVATION

A \$1 million grant from PNC Bank will endow Happy Valley LaunchBox, the entrepreneurship incubator opened in 2016. Happy Valley LaunchBox is part of the Invent Penn State initiative to spur economic development and entrepreneurship in the state. *—RJ*

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Leaping Lion

MEGAN MCCLOSKEY FOLLOWED HER PARENTS TO PENN STATE. BUT SHE'S CARVED OUT HER OWN PATH TO SUCCESS. By Travis Johnson '09 Com

MEGAN MCCLOSKEY hadn't originally considered Penn State for college. But when the family blood runs as blue and white as hers, it's hard to pass up. "We've got this cool photo of the original Beaver Stadium in our living room," she says. "We've got the pride."

McCloskey's mother, Michele McGarry '85 **Bus**, was a middle-distance runner at Penn State and her father, Mike '83 Lib, is remembered for his catch against Nebraska during the Lions' run to the 1982 national title. But Megan has built her own legacy. The senior high jumper set the program's second-highest mark in the outdoor season

last spring at 5'-11.25," and has finished in the top five in each of the last three Big Ten championships. She's hoping to improve upon those marks this spring. "I know what it's going to take," she says. "I know where the bar is set."

If all goes as planned, she'll wrap up her collegiate career at the NCAA outdoor championships in June. McCloskey



has her future after Penn State planned, too, with a full-time marketing position lined up in July at a financial company near her home in Ambler, Pa. But that doesn't mean McCloskey will rush things. "I've had a great four years here," she says. "I'll be pretty emotional that I have to leave. The total Penn State experience has been awesome."



LIONS IN THE WILD **DERYCK TOLES**

While rehabbing from a career-ending injury in 2005, former Nittany Lion linebacker Deryck Toles '03 Bus noticed that despite his depression at being sidelined, the youth in his hometown of Warren, Ohio, were still inspired by his story—overcoming a rare enzyme disorder to make it onto the field. Before long, their informal meet-ups at a local McDonald's grew, blossoming into

Inspiring Minds, a nonprofit that focuses on motivating youth for success in high school, college, and beyond: Speakers ranging from neuroscientists to fashion designers speak with students. Now in its 12th year, Inspiring Minds boasts around 500 participants and is opening an office in Philadelphia. Toles envisions chapters nationwide and even a boarding school: "Imagine the impact we could make if we could have them 24-7." -Matt Sedensky

SINCE LAST TIME

ON THE PITCH

Jeff Cook, whose 27 years in coaching include 17 at the Division I level, has been named the new men's soccer coach. Cook most recently worked in player development with MLS's Philadelphia Union; earlier, he coached at Dartmouth and Cincinnati.

COACH LEAVES

Associate women's vollevball head coach and former All-American setter Salima Rockwell '94 Lib has stepped down to become director of volleyball at Junction Athletics in Austin, Texas.



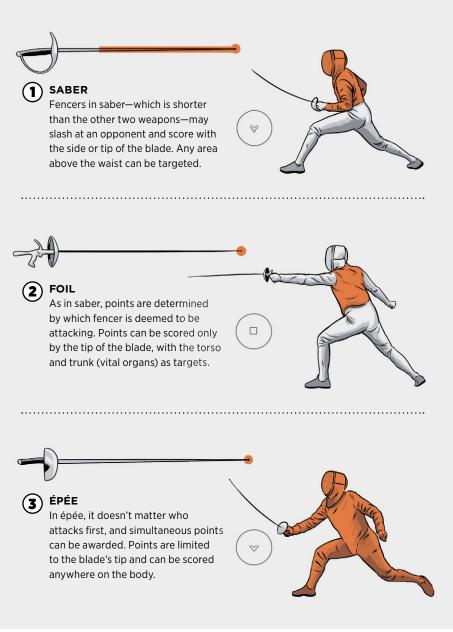
HALL PASS Former All-American guarterback Kerry Collins '94 Lib. who led the Nittany Lions to an undefeated 1994 season. and Rose Bowl win. was selected for the College Football Hall of Fame Class of 2018. Collins will be the 25th Penn Stater enshrined in the hall.

WE ARE

Wally Triplett '49 H&HD, who along with the late Dennie Hoggard '49 Lib became the first African-Americans to play in the Cotton Bowl, was among six inducted into the Cotton Bowl Hall of Fame in December. -BR







CHALK TALK

How to Watch Fencing

Whether they're competing in épée, foil, or saber, every fencer has to keep one element in mind, says Penn State fencing coach Wes Glon: balance. "You have to learn how to control your body," says Glon. "If you're off balance, you become an easy target." With the 2018 NCAA Championships coming to campus March 22-25, we asked Glon to explain the finer points of each weapon:

Transfomational Tenures

TWO LONGTIME ADMINISTRATORS HELPED CHANGE THE FACE OF BOTH PENN STATE AND COLLEGIATE ATHLETICS. By B.J. Reyes '95 Com

Though he will be remembered as the athletic director who spearheaded the university's move into the Big Ten—a move that reshaped Penn State athletics and ushered in the era of conference expansion—Jim Tarman was a sportswriter at heart. "He loved when he was sports information director and he dealt with the press," says

his wife, Louise. Tarman had once worked for a year as a sports writer in Harrisburg. "He really did enjoy that back and forth with them."

Both Tarman '97h and former field hockey and women's lacrosse coach Gillian Rattray '75 H&HD, who died within weeks of each other this winter, are being remembered as giants of their respective fields.

Tarman, who began his 35-year Penn State career in 1970 as director of sports publicity, was named AD in 1982. His tenure was marked by improved facilities, movement of wom-



en's teams into NCAA governance, and the 1990 invitation into one of the country's premiere conferences.

Rattray coached field hockey (1974-86) and women's lacrosse (1974-85), guiding the programs to a combined five national titles. During a seven-month span in 1980, both lacrosse and field hockey earned national championships, a feat recog-

nized by the Guinness Book of Sports Records.

Rattray also played a pivotal role in organizing the first NCAA women's lacrosse championship. She retired from coaching in 1987 with a combined career record of 319-68-24. A member of the National Field Hockey Coaches Association Hall of Fame and the National Lacrosse Hall of Fame, Rattray also is remembered as a trailblazer of the sport with a plaque at U.S. Lacrosse headquarters in Princeton, N.J. More than 30 of her former players returned to State College for her memorial service in January.

GOLD STANDARD

Despite his gold medal at the 1952 Helsinki Games, when we caught up with Horace Ashenfelter '49, '55 MS H&HD two years ago for our July/Aug. 2016 issue, the steeplechase runner downplayed the achievement. "That's what you should do," he said. "You're supposed to win." Ashenfelter died in January in West Orange, N.J., at age 94. Nittany Lion track coach John Gondak, in a social media post, called Ashenfelter 'an amazing ambasador" for the sport and Penn State. -BR



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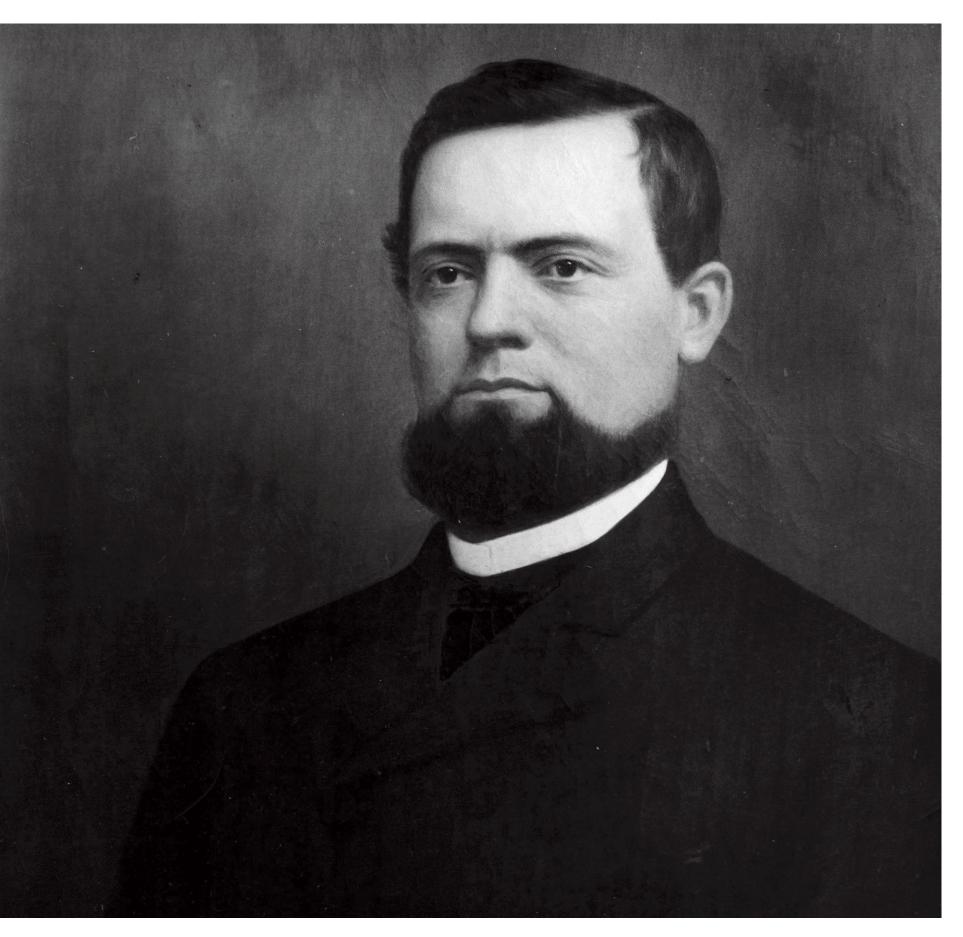
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EVAN PUGH FOUNDING FATHER

He held the office for less than five years, but Penn State's first president made an impact that is hard to overstate, according to a new book by Roger Williams '73 Lib, '75 MA Com, '88 PhD Edu.



INTERVIEW BY TINA HAY '83 BUS



VAN PUGH ARRIVED AT THE FARMER'S HIGH SCHOOL

in 1859, encountering a campus with just 100 students, five faculty, and one building. But he brought with him the vision for the Penn State we know today. Retired Alumni Association executive director **Roger Williams '73 Lib, '75 MA Com, '88 PhD Edu** is the author of a new book about Evan Pugh; we talked with Williams about Pugh's remarkable life, untimely death, and the indelible mark he left on the school.

PENN STATER How did you become interested in the life of Evan Pugh?

ROGER WILLIAMS I was introduced to Evan Pugh when I was doing my research on George Atherton many years ago. He had always piqued my interest, and it's been on my to-do list for many years. When I first took the job as the Alumni Association's executive director, back in 2003, one of the things I wanted to do was this work on Evan Pugh. I told Kathy Stocker [his assistant], "I'm going to take Monday mornings, and I'm not going to come into the office. I'm going to be in the archives." That lasted three weeks. Then after I retired in July of 2015, I resumed work on this a week later. So I'm glad that it's coming to fruition.

PS What kinds of materials were available to you to research Pugh's life?

Much of the information is in the Penn State archives. The Evan Pugh collection of papers is 5,000 pages. It has

everything: his letters, his dissertation, his journals, lots of correspondence, lots of documents. It's a really excellent collection, very well organized. Some of it has been transcribed and typewritten, especially letters between him and a colleague named Samuel Johnson, who was his best friend and lifelong confidante, and a great agricultural scientist in his own right. I went to a few other places: Chester County, where he grew up; the New York Historical Society, which has a collection for William Darlington, one of Pugh's early influences.

PS Pugh was quite a letter writer, from what I gather.

Evan Pugh was as proficient with the written word as he was with scientific apparatus. And he actually was something of a journalist. In his early years, he wrote articles for the West Chester newspaper, and when he was in Europe, he sent lengthy, handwritten dispatches back to West Chester and to the *New York Herald Examiner*.

PS Give us a sense of what the Farmers' High School, as Penn State was called initially, was like when Pugh arrived. How many students, how many faculty, how many buildings on campus? How many buildings on the campus? One building, a third of the way completed when he came here in October 1859.

PS That would be Old Main.



It wasn't called Old Main yet. It was called the College Building. There were a few ramshackle outbuildings right in back of the structure, and the dining hall was pretty much a wooden shack. There were five faculty, including Pugh, and about 100 students. So our beginnings were humble, to put it mildly.

EARLY YEARS

Old Main at the time was called the College Building and was also where Pugh, a bachelor, lived. Pugh married Rebecca Valentine on Feb. 4, 1864—just three months before his death.



Original Photographs .. Made on their Wedding Day Jeb 4, 1864, at Willowbank, Belefante Pa.

PS Pugh was only here four and a half years, until his death in 1864. But your book makes the point that he did a lot in a short time.

He really did. He accomplished great things for Penn State, but he accomplished a lot on the national level, too. For Penn State, one thing he did was to reorganize the curriculum into one of real scientific rigor: vegetable physiology, chemistry, qualitative and quantitative. He really was here to create the national model. And this is one of the things that intrigued me: He had a grand plan for American agriculture. You needed a big federal apparatus, if you will, a department of agriculture. You needed a way to coll nee stat the add tha me Sto P day mo spi

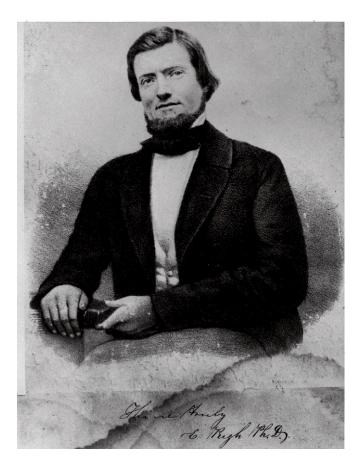
collect statistics across the country and analyze them. You needed agricultural experiment stations—research stations. Pugh foresaw all that. He knew how to organize these schools after the Morrill Land Grant Act, which added "mechanic arts," was passed. Pugh was fine with that, since agriculture and engineering are really complementary subjects.

So he had this grand, expansive vision of what needed to happen to American agriculture. You know, in the early days, there were superstitious practices: Phases of the moon would determine planting. If you found a lot of spiders in the barn, that foretold that cattle would be healthy. The huge problem with American agriculture was soil exhaustion, especially in the Northeast. That's one reason New England collapsed agriculturally in the 19th century. People moved out and went west. Chemists were saying, We have to feed the soil properly, how to restore and replenish nutrients. That was a huge agenda item for Pugh. So he had this expansive vision, but where do you start? You start with a model agricultural college that others can emulate. That was his mission.

PS Did enrollment eventually grow?

It did, slightly. And that's interesting to me, because here we are in the midst of the greatest crisis in American history, the Civil War. That drains manpower-and yet he was able to increase enrollments year to year. In his final year, 1864, there were 146 students enrolled.

There was a scare when the Confederate troops led by Robert E. Lee invaded Pennsylvania in September of 1862. The vice president of the school, David Wilson, formed a



company to protect the homeland, as it were. And then, 10 months later, Lee comes back, invading Pennsylvania at Gettysburg. Lincoln puts out a call for 100,000 more volunteers, and Andrew Curtin, the Pennsylvania governor, agrees. This place doesn't close down, but it nearly empties out-students either go back home to militia units or join one that was formed here by Capt. John Boal. The Battle of Gettysburg was fought, and the majority of the students were back by early August, after the emergency was over and Lee crawled back into Virginia.

PS Gettysburg was one of a series of fateful events in 1863-64 that eventually led to Evan Pugh's death.

This is the amazing story. And it comes right on the heels of what I call the high water mark. You have the Morrill Land Grant Act being signed by Lincoln in July of 1862. The Morrill Act donated public lands to the states, and the states in turn would sell the lands and use the proceeds to create colleges of agriculture and the mechanic arts. But the states had to accept the terms of it, and that took some lobbying, which took a lot of Pugh's time and energy. But the Pennsylvania Legislature accepted the act and designated the institution-which by now is called the Agricultural College of Pennsylvania-as the sole recipient of the funds, "until otherwise ordered." That was the high water mark. Then things began to move in the other direction.



A EUROPEAN EDUCATION

Pugh earned a Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of Göttingen in Germany in 1856; the photo at left was probably taken around that time. After that, he did research at the Rothamsted Experiment Station in England (above) on how plants absorb nitrogen.

EVAN PUGH'S PENN STATE

ROGER L. WILLIAMS

EVAN PUGH AND HIS FIANCÉE.

Rebecca Valentine of Bellefonte, were

badly injured in a buggy accident on the

night of June 16, 1863. Visiting William

Shortlidge, a Pugh cousin, they left to

return home and their buggy somehow

toppled into the Logan Branch of Spring

Creek in Bellefonte. Pugh's left arm was

himself and extricate Rebecca, who was

pinned underneath the buggy, he would

Although a bachelor when he came

to the presidency in 1859, Pugh had an

eye for the ladies and they for him, as he

recounted from his time in England. He

had always intended to marry, even-

tually, and start a family. Shortly after

arriving at the Farmers' High School, he

quite by chance met the love of his life.

They courted for four years and after

both had healed sufficiently from the

As Pugh wrote to his friend Samuel

Johnson in February 1864: "I neglected

to tell you that about 4 years ago I vis-

ited the house of an old Quaker. an iron

iron ores etc. and that on first sight I fell

in love with his daughter and that I have

never recovered from the *fall* and hence

the card I send you." Pugh noted that

in the buggy accident, Rebecca "was

worse hurt than I that she was carried

home insensible and was not expected

to live for several days." She eventually

recovered; the couple married on Feb.

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BOOK EXCERPT **A Fateful Night**

For Evan Pugh, a buggy accident in June 1863 was the first in a series of challenges that ultimately led to his death.

4, 1864, and "consummated our 3 years engagement," making Pugh "a most happy man."

Accounts of the accident vary. In several versions, a thunderstorm came up and spooked the horse, which backed its human freight over an embankment into the stream. Other narrations omit the drama of the dark and stormy nightalthough it was dark, to be sure. The most descriptive account, however, is a story related by Elizabeth Shortlidge Walker, the daughter of the man Pugh and Valentine were visiting, and a witness to the evening's events. Walker's story was unearthed in 1949 when she was interviewed by the curator of the Penn State Collection in Pattee Library,

Abbie H. Cromer '33 Lib.

As Cromer transcribed the interview, Pugh and Rebecca had left Rebecca's home at Willowbank in Bellefonte to visit William Shortlidge, a cousin and friend of Pugh. The Shortlidge family lived in "Forge House," a large manse built in 1804 that still stands on the bank of Logan Branch of Spring Creek. After the couple arrived, the Shortlidge children-Elizabeth, then 7, and Annie, age 5were sent upstairs to bed. "but thrilled over the presence of the great College president in their home, they lingered over the upstairs rail and listened to the conversation."

Eventually, Pugh and Rebecca took their leave, the two daughters watching from an upstairs window on a "very dark night" as their parents saw the couple off. "Minutes later, from Spring Creek opposite Forge House, they heard a voice called 'Shortlidge, come help! Shortlidge,

come help!' The buggy had gone off the ledge and into the stream below. The occupants were thrown out, and Evan Pugh's arm was badly broken. With his one good arm he managed to lift the buggy and rescue Rebecca who had been rendered unconscious by the fall."

In Rebecca Valentine, Pugh had fallen for the most desirable woman in Centre County. Valentine was intelligent, beautiful, polished, and steeped in the ornamentals-the cultural knowledge and trappings (music, poetry, literature, languages, art, sewing, and needlepoint) deemed essential for well-bred Victorian women. Her niece and namesake. Rebecca Pugh Lyon, described her as "clever, with a sense of humor, quick on the repartee and extremely attractive."

Rebecca has been described as "very intellectual." She could speak German and she loved poetry, Friedrich Schiller's in particular-qualities that no doubt attracted Pugh. For her part, Rebecca considered Pugh to be "a genius" and she wanted him to "fulfill his destiny." The couple's marriage was short-lived, lasting not quite three months, Pugh dying by the end of the following April.

Rebecca lived until 1921, but never remarried, though she had prominent suitors knocking at her door. Her niece recalled that, before she met Pugh, "no man had been able to hold her interest. After his death no other man ever seemed so interesting."

By Roger Williams, excerpted from Evan Pugh's Penn State: America's Model Agricultural College, published by the Penn State University Press.

First, Pugh and Rebecca, his fiancée, were in a buggy accident on June 16th, 1863. [See "A Fateful Night," opposite page.] Evan broke his left arm, badly.

In July he left for Philadelphia to work with a very good physician at Pennsylvania Hospital. But his bone would not reunite, so he was told, "You have to keep it still; let it heal." Long story short, he was gone from campus from mid-July to the first or second week of October. The students returned in August and were disturbed because he was their teacher for advanced chemistry, and without him there to teach, how could they graduate?

Then there was a mysterious character, a certain Dr. Thompson-not to be confused with Moses Thompson—who was agitating with the trustees to remove Pugh from the presidency, saying he was unfit for duty or whatever. I don't know exactly what his motives were. So Pugh had to contend with that. Nothing ever really came of it—Pugh pretty much had the confidence of the trustees early on, so that threat quickly went away.

But at the same time, Pugh and others were picking up stirrings of legislators wanting to divide up the land grant fund. There were a bunch of bills introduced to decide what to do with the fund. The governor wanted to use the money to support the orphans and widows of Civil War soldiers who were killed or maimed. Some legislators wanted to establish separate schools of agriculture, engineering, and military science—each in a different location. Some wanted to fund the "common schools"the elementary schools in the state.

PS And there were private schools clamoring for the money.

There were. Allegheny College, in Crawford County, was one. Pennsylvania College, which is now Gettysburg. The Western University of Pennsylvania, which is now Pitt. Bucknell, which at the time was the University at Lewisburg. The Polytechnic College of the State of Pennsylvania, which no longer exists. And then of course us.

PS So like today's university presidents, Pugh was doing battle with the legislature.

He was. He went down and gave a major statement to the legislature on March 3, 1864, and he said, basically, "You're either going to give to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania



THE HOUSE THAT PUGH BUILT

Pugh designed and oversaw construction on a two-story house to serve as the president's residence. He died before it was finished, but Penn State presidents from 1864 through 1970 lived there. Today it's part of the Hintz Family Alumni Center. (The photo here is from the early 1870s.)

one grand institution that aligns with the purpose of this federal legislation, or you're going to split this up and have a bunch of petty institutions coming to you every year saying, 'We need more money.'" He made a pretty compelling case. But I think he also, because he had such an ambitious vision, probably angered some legislators, who thought, This is way too much money for a single institution. What's he trying to do up there in Centre County? So he made a few enemies, got some criticism. But he had this incredible vision. No one else in this country had that kind of vision for how to get these kind of schools up and running on the right track.

PS Pugh died just a month later. Do you believe that the stress of all the legislative goings-on may have led to his death?

I think that played a role, along with overwork, and the broken arm and its slow healing. Then somehow he picked up the typhoid bacterium. He probably had a weakened immune system. He collapsed on Friday, April 22nd, as he was writing a protest to the legislature. He managed to rally and complete his final chemistry lecture, and then he

went to his bed in the College Building, and then the next day, a friend took him down to Bellefonte, where Rebecca was. She wasn't living with him, because there were not adequate facilities for that on campus. So he was taken down there, and as he left, he told his friend, "I am tired. My brain is tired. But I have a body that can stand everything." But that didn't happen. He died the following Friday.

PS What became of Rebecca Pugh?

They had gotten married on February 4th of that year. She was quite a woman; she was the daughter of a wealthy landowner and ironmaster, and she was a very intelligent and cultured young woman. She spoke German, as did Pugh. Her family were also Welsh Quakers, and Pugh was a Welsh Quaker. So I think intellectually, they were sympatico, and it wouldn't have been easy to find your intellectual equal here in remote central Pennsylvania in the 1860s. But she was just absolutely distraught by Pugh's death. She wore the watch that he gave her as a wedding present for the rest of her life. She remained a widow, and she was never really happy again, according to those who knew her. She lived until 1921-so she was a bride of three months, a widow of 57 years.

PS And what became of Penn State after Pugh?

Things began to unravel. After Pugh, the legislation that he was fighting against didn't go through, because of procedural matters. In February of 1867 came legislation that finally dedicated the land grant to the Agricultural College of Pennsylvania. So for all intents and purposes, it was settled, and Pugh was vindicated. But he was almost three years dead by that time.

Then you had the succession of five presidencies afterwards. They went to William Allen, the president of Girard College, and brought him here, and he just wasn't suited to the place. And his wife didn't like it here. He didn't last here long, and he went back to being president at Girard. Next they gave the presidency to John Fraser, a mathematics professor on the faculty, but things didn't go as planned with that, either. Then they brought in Thomas Burrowes, who had quite a reputation as an educator. He was one of the founders of the Common School movement in Pennsylvania, led the department of public instruction, founded the Pennsylvania School Journal. His selection angered a lot of the agricultural constituency, because he wasn't an agricultural scientist. He did try to get the school back closer to its agricultural roots, and he instituted the

Roger Williams retired in 2015 as executive director of the Alumni Association. His new book, Evan Pugh's Penn State: America's Model Agricultural College, will be published in March by the Penn State University Press. He's also the author of The Origins of Federal Support for Higher Education: George W. Atherton and the Land-Grant College Movement (Penn State Press, 1991).

Harvest Home festivals, which were the forerunner of Homecoming. Then in the winter of 1871, he took some of the students out to Bear Meadows on a camping trip, and he caught pneumonia and died.

The next president was James Calder, who was a Methodist minister, a Pennsylvania native, and the president of Hillsdale College in Michigan. He was here for eight years, and, long story short, he could never get the place going in the right direction. Then they brought in Joseph Shortlidge, who was president of the Maplewood Institute in Chester County. He lasted nine months. He didn't have a clue about how to run a place like this, and he was basically run out of town on a rail. The trustees, to their everlasting credit, did a pretty rigorous search and got George Atherton of Rutgers, who was not a scientist, but he knew what the land grant institution needed to do and to be. He did everything right. By the time he died in 1906, our enrollment was about 800, with new buildings and new schools. He put an emphasis on technology and engineering, and we were one of the top producers of engineers at the turn of the 20th century. Atherton was essentially our second founder.

PS What was your big takeaway from your research for the book? What sticks with you the most about Evan Pugh?

It sounds mundane, but actually his vision. He had this plan to fit himself as a scientist in order to create this model institution. He left Chester County in 1853, at the age of 25, and he was going to study for a number of years in Germany, France, and England. And he carried out that plan almost to the letter. Evan Pugh was the toast of the continent-he was elected a fellow of the London Chemical Society, and his patrons at the Rothamsted Experimental Station in England wanted him to stay. But he insisted on going back to build this model agricultural college in Pennsylvania. Later, he was twice offered the position of chief chemist for the new U.S. Department of Agriculture, and he turned it down. He said, "My duty and my destiny lie here,″ building this college. ■

STALWARTS OF THE SCENE Velveeta, whose current lineup includes (from left) Brent Martin, John "Bones" Harper, Brian Kriley, and John Matthews, has been playing crowd-pleasing '80s covers for nearly 25 years.

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You might not know the names, but you remember the faces and the songs. Meet the alumni musicians who provided the soundtrack for some of the best nights of your life.

> By **RYAN JONES '95 COM** Photos by **CARDONI**



Playing the Blues

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From 1985–99, Mark Ross '83 Lib was the "hot dog guitarist" playing raucous blues in Queen Bee and the Blue Hornet Band. He has since worked as a children's music specialist at Penn State's Family and Child Development Lab, opened a downtown guitar shop (Alley Cat Music), and begun designing his own guitars and amps. Today, he plays a "more sophisticated" style with Miss Melanie and the Valley Rats, but he'll still stroll through the crowd during the occasional solo. "Maybe," he laughs, "once every 50 gigs or so."

Professor By Day...

"It happens every week," says Molly Countermine '12 PhD H&HD. "Someone who had my class when they were 18 goes to the Phyrst when they turn 21, sees me, and goes, 'Oh my god!'" A professor in human develoment and family studies, Countermine is descended from local music royalty (her parents helped start the Phyrst Phamly) and has sung with Pure Cane Sugar and her own band, Maxwell Strait. You can catch her Fridays at the Phyrst with Ted McCloskey and the Hi-Fi's.



The Piano Man

Bill Filer jokes that he's been in "hundreds of bands and done eight million side gigs," but it's his long-running solo act, playing requests at the Allen Street Grill's piano bar, for which **Filer '76 Eng** is best known. "Some people look down their nose at playing covers," he says, "but people want to come and have a good time. They don't want my ego, and I'm OK with that." But other local musicians do want his ear: He's "recorded just about everybody" at the studio he built in his home.





He's Got The Beat

His first local band was a "punk-funk power trio" called The Jaws, and Daryl Branford laughs when he admits "we weren't very good." In the time since, **Branford '96 A&A** has kept time for just about every great band in town, from Out of the Blue to Pluv, Sideshow Bob to Original Soul Project, to his current gigs with Pure Cane Sugar and Ted and the Hi-Fi's. Of the local scene, he says, "It really is like a big family, which is great. Everybody supports each other."



Prolific Power

He made his name on the local scene as a founding member of late-'90s favorites Sideshow Bob, and **Ted McCloskey '90 Com** hasn't slowed down since. The singer and guitarist gigs regularly with his band the Hi-Fi's, writes with longtime musical collaborator Molly Countermine, and recently released his ninth record, Last Flower Standing.

Your Musical Heroes

For My Hero Zero frontman Jason Olcese '06 Lib, every show is a chance to justify why the band is worth the price of admission. "People don't need to go see a band to be entertained," he says, "so we try to get them involved in the show as much as we can." The band, which includes guitarist Mike Lee '95 Lib, drummer Jordan Thompson '13 Lib, and bassist Greg Folsom '95 Com, plays to big Penn State crowds in D.C., Philly, and Pittsburgh. They're also a fixture at THON.



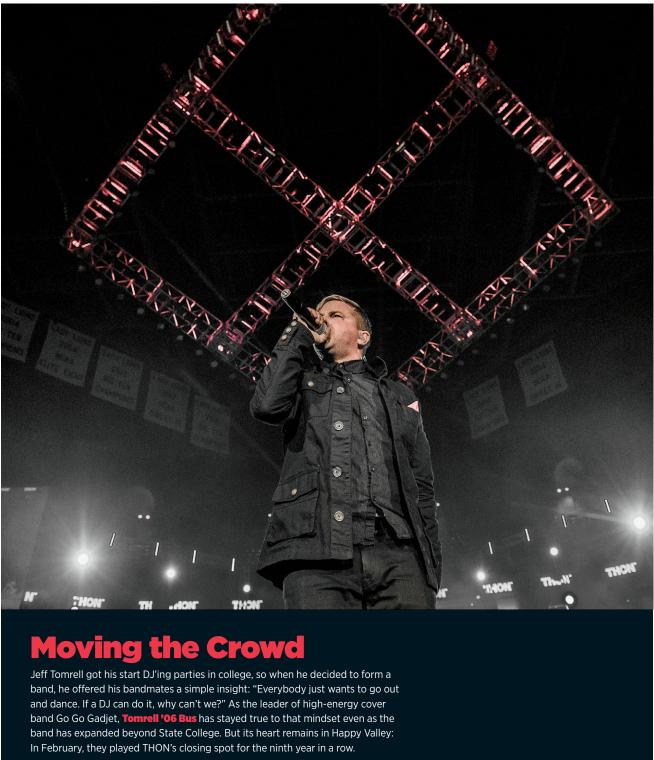


"Original Un-Originals"

From their first gig at the Brewery in 1995, the guys in Velveeta knew they were on to something. "We wanted to see if we could play songs that no one would touch—'Come On Eileen,' 'Jessie's Girl,' stuff that was considered very uncool," says bassist John Matthews '94 Agr. It turns out they could, and with a current lineup that includes founding members Brian Kriley '93 Sci (center) and keyboardist Brent Martin '93 **Com** (right), they continue to play their "80s cheese" for Penn Staters everywhere.

The Natural

She was a Penn State senior—and oh by the way, a captain on the field hockey team before Natalie Berrena Race '06, '08 Lib finally got up the nerve to play in front of an audience. "I loved it," she says of that first solo set at The Brewery. "It was something I always wanted to do. And then I didn't want to stop." Race splits her time now between singing with Pure Cane Sugar and fronting Raven and the Wren, where she has a chance to showcase her original songs.





For more on on the early days and inspirations of your favorite State College bands, search "local music" at pennstatermag.com.



DESIGNED TO DOMINATE, BUILT TO LAST



Penn State wrestling's rise to national dynasty

is no accident, the result instead of hard work, long-term vision, and a surprising amount of fun. By Dana Pennett O'Neil '90 Com

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The day after he picked up his diploma from Iowa State University, Jake Varner tossed his belongings into his 2001 GMC Jimmy and headed east. Fifteen hours and 900 miles of chewed-up lowa, Illinois,

Indiana, and Ohio later, Varner, a two-time NCAA champion wrestler, chugged into State College.

This was back in 2010, back before Penn State started collecting wrestling championships like candy on Halloween, back when Cael Sanderson's promise to "compete for a national championship every year" was just that-a promise. On some level, Varner's cross-country odyssey appeared ill advised. For years, wrestlers had been flocking to Iowa, not leaving: Thanks largely to the legend of Dan Gable, a twotime NCAA champion who coached the University of Iowa to a record 15 NCAA titles, the state was synonymous with success in the sport. Yet here was Varner, about to embark on a freestyle career that included serious Olympic aspirations, literally driving the wrong way.

Seven years and an Olympic gold medal later, it turns out Varner was a trailblazer.

Sanderson has built something special in State College, overseeing a program that has produced six team national titles and 16 individual crowns in eight seasons. He also oversees the Nittany Lion Wrestling Club, an athlete-in-residence program for former collegiate standouts that is the training home for some of the best in the world. And the two groups don't merely coexist; they comingle, the college wrestlers able to test themselves against the post-grads.

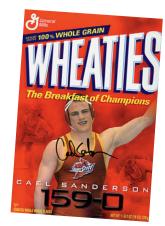
Imagine being one of the top college basketball players in the country. Now picture being able to train, on campus, with Stephen Curry and LeBron James. That's what the NLWC does for Penn State.

"The two just sort of go hand-in-hand," says Varner, who arrived as an NLWC athlete-in-residence but now serves as a coach for the program. "The better Penn State does, the better the club does. The better the club does, the better Penn State does. One doesn't exist without the other."

And neither exists without Sanderson. He lost three matches at Wasatch High School in Provo, Utah, and none in four years at Iowa State, finishing with a career mark of 159-0 and four NCAA titles. A three-time national freestyle champion and a 2004 Olympic gold medalist, he remains the impossible

CHAMPIONS ONLY

Sanderson's success is a draw for fellow elite wrestlers like Quentin Wright '13 Bus, Phil Davis '08 H&HD and NLWC standout Jake Varner.





standard bearer in the sport. As a coach, first in three seasons at his alma mater and now in his ninth at Penn State, he counts 52 All-Americans and 13 national champions.

Penn State's ability to lure Sanderson away from his alma mater in 2009 is the simple answer to the complex question of how the Nittany Lions went, almost overnight, from 8-12-2 the season before his arrival to a perennial powerhouse. "I've said over and over again that the biggest attraction for the Penn State wrestling program is the ability to match up with Cael," says athletic director Sandy Barbour, who recently worked out a long-term extension with the coach. "That's 'match up' in the literal sense, on the mat, and 'match up' by being able to pick his brain. It doesn't get better."

Plenty of fabulous athletes have failed as coaches, unable to teach or ill-equipped to handle the nuances of the job. Sanderson's smarts stretch far beyond just methods and moves, extending to how to build a program in totality. With impressive support from the university and invested alumni, he has totally revamped Penn State wrestling, taking a team that lay dormant for decades-the Lions had claimed just one NCAA team championship, way back in 1953, and just two individual champs since the turn of the millennium-and remolded it into the gold standard.

There is plenty of attention paid to on-the-mat skills, but an equal amount devoted to establishing a long-term foundation. It's the difference between building a mere team and

building a program. "[Cael] knows what he wants for his athletes and he makes sure it gets accomplished," Varner says. "He's a pretty straightforward guy. He just gets things done." In leaving Iowa State, a move that stunned the wrestling community, Sanderson believed Penn State already had much of the foundation to succeed. Prior to his arrival, the university had invested more than \$4 million into the Lorenzo Wrestling Complex, a state-of-the-art practice facility that includes a plush lounge, spacious locker room, and 10,000 square feet of wrestling area. In the current climate of college athletics, such investments are practically required. The arms race has reached the point of absurdity at the flagship sport level—Clemson's new football facility includes a nine-hole mini golf course, Wiffleball field, and a nap room-but at the Olympic sport level, the facilities send a subtler, yet even more critical, message to recruits: We care about you.

There is no denying that football is the tail that wags the dog, but schools that treat their non-revenue sports as appendages to the power of the pigskin are doomed to fail. Recruiting in every sport is more cutthroat than ever, and savvy parents and prospects are well aware of how coveted they are. Sanderson has quipped that hot tubs don't win national titles. But they sure do help. "You have to have the resources," Barbour says. "As talented as he is, Cael was always going to succeed. But we have to help him as well." The leg up by the university frees Sanderson to do what he does best: identify and woo the best high school wrestlers in America. He rarely needs to search far. He knew when he took the job he didn't have to establish some cross-country pipeline to find good wrestlers. He barely had to use a tank of gas: Of the 11 men who have won individual titles under Sanderson's watch, six are from Pennsylvania. The current team counts 17 Pennsylvanians on the roster.

The numbers are the tip of the statistical iceberg that shows Pennsylvania's love affair with the sport. Under the crunch of Title IX requirements and budgetary realities, 101 schools have dropped wrestling since 1989, with just 270 currently sponsoring the sport across all divisions. Thirty-eight of those 270 call Pennsylvania home. No other state comes close. And when Amateur Wrestling News sought to determine the best state for the sport, using metrics including national rankings and state population, Pennsylvania won by a landslide.

Sanderson has likened Pennsylvania wrestling to Texas football, an analogy that has borne out repeatedly in his tenure in State College. More than 500 people were on hand for his introductory news conference. More than 7,000 fill Rec Hall for each dual meet, and season tickets are again sold out this season. The meet against Iowa in February filled the 16,000-seat Bryce Jordan Center. "The love of wrestling has always been in place," Sanderson says. Now, that passion translates to national dominance.

SETTING THE STANDARD With six NCAA teams titles in the past seven years, Sanderson's program has made Penn State the focal point of the college wrestling world.

At the 2017 national tournament.

the Nittany Lions won the team title before the finals even began, with the last five wrestlers advancing to the finals in succession to clinch the championship. Those five-Zain Retherford, Jason Nolf, Vincenzo Joseph, Mark Hall, and Bo Nickal-then proceeded to win individual titles as well.

It's probably no coincidence that four of the five—all except Joseph—have also competed under the NLWC banner.

Wrestling clubs like the NLWC, attached to but not technically part of college programs, have been around for years. But as the NCAA has eased the rules, the clubs have become even more critical to success. Penn State's NLWC is among a handful of clubs designated an Olympic regional training center. To earn the distinction, the club has to meet criteria laid out by USA Wrestling; tantamount among them is the presence of at least four established national team contenders.

Those wrestlers can be part of what are called athlete-in-residence programs. Through USA Wrestling, the program provides stipends and insurance and covers living expenses, allowing wrestlers to train without the strain of financial worry. That's what drew Varner all those years ago to Penn State. Those wishing to succeed in international competitions and aim for Olympic glory used to be caught in the crosshairs of trying to find a way to train full-time, yet also pay the bills. The training centers take care of all of that.

"Training is a full-time job," Varner explains. "You get up in the morning, work out, lift, go home, and come back for practice. It's the same every day and it's what you have to do to be successful at the international level."





WINNING IS A HABIT

Cael's Sanderson's wrestlers are hardly the first Penn State program to build an NCAA dynasty. Here, a look at some of the greatest runs in the history of college sports, courtesy of the blue and white. -RJ

FENCING Under coach Emmanuil Kaidanov, Penn State

won nine combined NCAA team titles between 1990-2002, including six in a row from 1995-2000.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

A run of three straight USWLA national titles from 1978-80 included a perfect 17-0 season under coach Gillian Rattray in 1979.

WOMEN'S RUGBY

The 12-time collegiate champions have won six consecutive national titles, and eight of the last nine overall.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Might as well leave the Big Ten trophy at Jeffrey Field: Since 1998, Penn State has won 18 of 20 regular-season conference titles.

FOOTBALL Beginning in October 1967, Joe Paterno's teams went on a

31-game unbeaten streak, including backto-back 11-0 seasons in 1968-69.

MEN'S **GYMNASTICS** From 1948-65.

legendary coach Gene Wettstone led the Nittany Lions to eight NCAA championships.

MEN'S SOCCER

The Nittany Lions won a record 11 national titles in the pre-NCAA era, including five straight from 1<u>936–40.</u>

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Penn State's run of four straight national titles from 2007-10 included an NCAArecord 109-match unbeaten streak.

Penn State provides an especially stable base. A recent study by FloWrestling found that the NLWC boasts assets topping \$5 million; that's eight times the closest competitor, Iowa's Hawkeye Club, which checks in at \$700,000. Alumni donors who count wrestling in their own pedigree and want to see their alma mater atop the collegiate wrestling mountain have poured money into the NLWC, recognizing how the club takes care of the Nittany Lions.

Along with bettering the sport as a whole—something Sanderson advocates often-there's no denying the self-interest involved. The NLWC wrestlers-there are currently nine athletes in residence-practice right alongside the Nittany Lions, exposing the collegiate wrestlers to competition they're simply not going to see anywhere else. In the past, Penn State wrestlers counted Tatsuhiro Yonemitsu, a 2012 gold medalist from Japan, and members of the U.S. Army's World Class Athlete program among their training partners. "We have the best training partners in the world in our room every day. I wouldn't say I'm intimidated as much as I am grateful," says Matt McCutcheon, a senior and threetime NCAA qualifier. "Once you compete against them, there's not much better. There's no way you can't improve." Sanderson enjoyed a similar benefit in his college days, working against senior-level wrestlers who ranked among the only people who could challenge him. Still, he cautions that anyone who thinks that simply being near to greatness begets greatness is dead wrong. He has honed his recruiting to concentrate not merely on wrestlers who have shelves lined with trophies, but those who are self-motivated and willing to take ownership of their own careers. He wants recruits who aren't caught up in who they were in high school, but instead focused on who they can be in college.

"Very few kids change at this level," he says. "At this time of their lives, they kind of are who they are. Sometimes you may get a kid who maybe didn't have the example, or didn't know the best way to live and train, but for the most part, they already are who they are. We want kids who know the sport, love the sport, and have high goals, guys who are willing to work because they hate to lose."

That's how Sanderson built his own career, building on the teaching of his high school coach-dad and competition from his three brothers, and combining it with an inner drive that few could match. It's how he coaches now. Sanderson is not a yeller, but he also doesn't coddle, expecting his athletes to be in charge of their own futures, not constantly look for instruction from the corner. If that seems antithetical to the control-freak screamers seen on too many sidelines, understand Sanderson has built his success, and thereby Penn State's, by being a touch unorthodox.

He's all about upsetting the norms. People figure wrestlers to be less than cerebral-more meathead than Mensa member-but the well-read Sanderson is as thoughtful as he is





tough. He takes his sport seriously but has no problem remembering it is just that-a sport. "Something mankind made up at some point that, in the overall scheme of things, isn't that important," he says.

As committed as he expects his athletes to be, he also understands that they're college kids. Sanderson embraces that truth. Step into the wrestling complex before practice and you're liable to run headlong into an intense game of "run-and-gun," the Nittany Lions' fierce combo of handball and dodgeball. Though it feeds team building in an otherwise individualized sport (the wrestlers are split into teams), it's generally meant as a way for everyone to blow off steam before getting down to business.

That runs counterintuitive to how most people view wrestlers-intense snarlers who would rather inflict pain than have fun-not to mention Sanderson. At a glance, from his scalped dome to a jawline seemingly chiseled out of granite, there is nothing extra to Sanderson-not an added gram of fat, nor a single hair on his head. He seems to reek of humorlessness. In reality he's nothing like that. Friends reference his dry wit and self-deprecating sense of humor: On the first Coaches Caravan tour in 2012, when Sanderson was the undeniable legend in the room, he cracked jokes on the podium and wore an "O'Brien's Lions" T-shirt under his sports coat in deference to his traveling partner, then-new Penn State football coach Bill O'Brien. That's the same balance he wants for his wrestlers: Spectators are sometimes stunned to watch pre-match warmups, when the Lions are apt to be smiling and laughing before the intensity of the upcoming match.

Wrestling is fun? What a concept.

"Every guy on the team leaves the practice room smiling," says Nickal. "Even if you've had the hardest workout of your life, you've had fun. Our coaches don't believe fun and hard **ONE FOR ALL** In the most individual of sports. Sanderson emphasizes the value of competing for team success.

work are separate things."

There is a purpose to the playtime. Wrestling is as individualistic as any sport can be, but Sanderson emphasizes the idea of team, for which individual titles are essentially the stepping stone to get the entire squad to the top of the podium. In matches, the focus is less on winning than on piling up points though, needless to say, the two go hand in hand. "The fun of wrestling is scoring those points," Nickal says. "We really feed off each other. One guy goes out and kicks butt and we all want to do the same."

It's easier to have fun when you're giggling all the way to a national title, but success can also beget stress, and that's what Sanderson and the Nittany Lions are trying to avoid. They have worked hard to build a program with a solid foundation and an even brighter future, but they want to enjoy what they've achieved. That's why they all parrot the same theme—that there is no defending a championship. Yes, the Lions last spring won their sixth NCAA title in seven years, but the 2018 winner has yet to be crowned, and it's there for everyone to take.

Still, there's no denying that Penn State is setting the pace. This year's team returned all five of those individual champs and boasts a freshman class that some have called, without hyperbole, the best in the history of the sport. The trouble with being at the top is that there is only one way to go, and plenty of people would love to give Penn State a nudge.

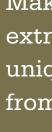
The Nittany Lions' growth from unheralded to almost unbeatable has spurred the entire wrestling community, invigorating dormant programs and re-energizing the old guard. The Lions have also provided a road map that others are anxious to copy. Iowa recently hired former four-time Hawkeye All-American Mark Perry to lead its club, not long after coach Tom Brands, eyeing the disparity between his club's budget and Penn State's, lamented to the Des Moines Register that his program is "getting whipped."

Those are words that would have seemed impossible not long ago. Brands led Iowa to three straight titles from 2008-10, giving the Hawkeyes 23 championships over a 35-year span. For decades, Iowa didn't get whipped by anybody. But Sanderson and Penn State are not just rewriting how to build a winner; they're remapping wrestling's geography. Maybe Jake Varner wasn't going the wrong way after all.

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A Proud **Parent Joins** the Pride

IT WASN'T UNTIL HER DAUGHTER ENROLLED AT PENN STATE THAT TY TAYLOR REALIZED SHE BLEEDS BLUE AND WHITE. Bv Rvan Jones '95 Com

WHEN SHE SENT her daughter off to college 700 miles from home, Ty Taylor made a promise: "I told her, Since I'm not going to be there with you, I'm going to see what else I can do," Taylor

says. "It's not enough to send your kid to school and wish them well. So I made that commitment."

Taylor has followed through by becoming one of the Greater Chicago chapter's most enthusiastic volunteers. After saying goodbye to her daughter, Mianna (now a dean's list student in forensic psychology at Penn State Berks), Taylor attended a chapter welcome meeting in the fall of 2016 and immediately felt like part of the family. "They were blown away when they found out I was a parent, not an alum," she says. "I volunteered at the very next event."

Taylor's "pride and passion," as chapter president Ed Chicoski '09 IST puts it, were soon on display: Without a ticket, Taylor drove to Indianapolis for the 2016 Big Ten



and she was the first

championship game, person in line for the

Alumni Association's pregame pep rally. She ended up meeting an alum with a spare ticket in time to catch her first-ever Penn State game.

But Taylor's connection is about much more than football. Whether working the merchandise table at a chapter event or offering advice to families trying to navigate the challenges of financial aid (a field she worked in earlier in her career), Taylor is eager to be a resource. "I try to make myself available as much as possible," she says. "I'm not an alum, but I know I can contribute."

UP&COMING

March 13 CAPITAL DAY

Organized by the Alumni Association's Grassroots Network, the annual event in Harrisburg brings together Penn Staters to raise awareness of the university's contributions to the state and rally for continued legislative support. For information, email grassroots@psu.edu



– March 27 PRESIDENT'S CONCERT

Philadelphia's Kimmel Center plays host to this year's concert, which features student musicians from Penn State's concert choir, philharmonic orchestra, and symphonic wind ensemble. The annual showcase is hosted by President Eric Barron and the Alumni Association.

ROUNDUP

YORK & LANCASTER COUNTY CHAPTERS

Some friendly competition between neighboring chapters will benefit a great cause. A joint happy hour in March will serve as a fundraiser for Lion's Pantry, the food bank at University Park. The social will be held at McCleary's Irish Pub in Marietta. Pa., on March 14. Non-perishable food items can be donated there. or at the Bradley Building at Penn State York.

CAPITAL AREA CHAPTER

A Toast to Four Diamonds. a chocolate-themed fundraiser, will be held March 23 at the Hershey Lodge. Special guests include 2017 Miss Pennsylvania (and Blue Band alum) Katie Schreckengast and former football player Jordan Hill '13 H&HD.



ATLANTA CHAPTER More than 100 Penn Staters got all dressed up in late January for the 11th annual Diamonds Over Georgia THON fundraiser. The blacktie affair featured Creamery ice cream shipped in just for the occasion.



WHEN SAQUON WENT MISSING, we started to worry. Thankfully, it wasn't the real Saguon Barkley who disappeared from our pre-Fiesta Bowl pep rally, but a cardboard cut-out of the Lions' star running back that has been a favorite of fans at Alumni Association road-game events the past two years. Thankfully, Saquon's life-sized likeness was returned to our staff hotel the night before the game—a minor hiccup with a happy outcome, and just one memorable moment from our trip to Phoenix for the 2017 Fiesta Bowl.

The official Alumni Association Bowl Tour kicked off two days before the game with a welcome reception at MacDonald Ranch, an authentic western setting with

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a barbeque cookout, wagon rides, and the chance to learn proper cowboy technique on everything from a mechanical bull to calf-roping on horseback.

The next day, thousands of fans gathered in Old Town Scottsdale for a pep rally with the Blue Band and cheerleaders, and a special appearance from James Franklin and his players. Then, game day: After taking over the nearby entertainment district for a rollicking tailgate, fans headed over to University of Phoenix Stadium to watch the Lions' 35-28 victory over Washington. And while the real Saquon will be dazzling NFL audiences next fall, his cardboard cut-out made it back to Happy Valley intact.







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Earthquake Essentials

As recent East Coast transplants to San Francisco, it was natural that Skyler Hallgren '07 Lib and Zachary Miller '10 Bus were un-

prepared for earthquakes. But to their surprise, they quickly learned they weren't the only ones illequipped for the shakes and tremors.

"We came to realize that pretty much everyone knew they needed to be prepared in some way, but rarely did people actually act on it," Miller says. "Every time there's a mini-earthquake, you're asking each other the next



day, 'Did you feel that? What's your game plan if something bigger happens? Do you have supplies?"

Miller (at left in photo) and Hallgren, who met through a student entrepreneurship group at Penn State, decided to create an earthquake preparation kit that was both common sense and cus-

Today's Earthquake Bags offer more than 150 different supplies, and are also available for pets, complete with food, water, feeding bowls, body warmers, and waste bags. -Meghan Walbert

1940s Theodore A. Lesko '40

Sci (KΣ. Skull & Bones) celebrated 100th birthday in Oct. He lives in Pennington, N.J.

1950s

Harvey C. Eckert '59 **Bus** ($\Theta \Delta X$), former deputy comptroller of operations, commonwealth of Pa., inducted to Hall of Fame. Natl. Assn. of State Auditors. Comptrollers, & Treasurers. He lives in Lewistown. Pa. Children: Dee Ann Donnelly '82 Com: Brian '02 Lib.

1960s

Dick Criley '62, '64 MS Sci (AZ, ΠKΦ) named to Gallery of Legends Hall of Fame, acrobatic gymnastics category, World Acrobatics Society. He formerly competed in, coached, & judged artistic & acrobatic gymnastics He lives in Honolulu.

Lenore Ruggere Lewis '65 Edu & husband Ronald M. Lewis celebrated 50th wedding anniversarv-Nov. 4. 2017. She is ret. Title I reading teacher; he is ret. solid state materials scientist. They live in Horseheads, N.Y.

Susan Figlin Miller

'65 Lib (Thespians), playwright, web series creator, & producer, wrote new play, 20th Century Blues. The play opened in New York

tomizable for a family of any size. In 2015, they began advertising the Earthquake Bag—it typically contains food, water, first aid and hygiene kits, and a light

> source—in nearby neighborhoods, hand-packing and delivering them to local customers.

> In the past two years, the Earthquake Bag has become such a big hit that Hallgren and Miller have now donated more than \$25.000 to disaster relief efforts. "We've helped over 10,000 families get their customized emergency prep done, and we've geared up everyone from

the Nike HQ campus, to celebrities, and families around the country," Hallgren says.

off-Broadway and ran Nov. 12, 2017, to Jan, 28, 2018. She lives in New York.

Scott Bailey '69 Bus (K Δ P) presented "Vacations & Libations: Enjoy France & Europe Our Way" aboard M/S Crystal Serenity with wife Melanie Kupiec '69 Lib (AXΩ). They live in Coral Gables, Fla.

Neil Roger Gordon '69 Bus (AXP), pres., N.R. Gordon & Co., Inc.



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KARLA TROTMAN

Creating a Family Legacy

Karla Trotman '98 Bus **'98** spent her school holidays earning pocket money by cutting wire for 25 cents an hour at Electro Soft, Inc., the custom electronics contract manufacturing firm in suburban Philadelphia that her father founded in 1986. She never imagined that one day, she'd become executive vice president of the business, helping it become the largest African-American-owned electronics contract manufacturer in the United States.

"I'm very proud of the fact that we are a minority-owned business in the tech and manufacturing industries, and have been around for over 30 years," she says.

Trotman inherited a passion for business: Both her parents started companies and her grandmother owned a restaurant. After earning business degrees at Penn State and Drexel University, she honed her professional skills working as a distribution manag-



Lib. exec. dir.. Theatre

in the Round Plavers.

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community. He lives in

Minneapolis. Brother:

Evalyn '89 Lib.

Ray McAllister '74

author, Wrightsville

Beach: The Luminous

Island (John F. Blair), is

re-publishing the book

in enhanced edition for

Com (Collegian),

David '79 Eng; mother:

to the Minn. theatre

er at the Gap and as a supply-chain specialist at IKEA, among others.

Those experiences helped Trotman launch BellyButtonBoutique .com, an e-commerce site offering comfortable, supportive products for pre-and postnatal women, an idea inspired by her own difficult pregnancies. Though it later closed, the experience showed her the benefits of running one's own company and prompted her to join Electro Soft full-time in 2009 as special projects and marketing manager, before

becoming executive vice president in 2015. Trotman was the recipient of the 2017 Smeal College of Business Alumni Diversity Award.

"After many years of working for other businesses, I realized that I was using my time, talent, and energy for someone else, when I could be using it to make my family business even greater than it already was," she says. "I love the idea that we're creating a legacy for our family." -Sara Langen

serves on bd. of dirs. & was elected treas.. Hudson River Sloop Clearwater. Inc. He lives in Brookline. Mass.

George F. Koob '69 Sci

(AZ, AROTC), dir., Natl. Inst. on Alcohol Abuse & Alcoholism. Natl. Insts. of Health, elected to Natl. Academy of Medicine. He lives in Santa Fe. Calif.

1970s Ron Croushore '72 H&HD (RA), owner

& CEO. Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices, named Realtor of the Yr., Pa. Assn. of Realtors. He lives in Wexford, Pa.

Dennis Kaltreider '72 A&A, '75 MEdu

self-published Tears of the Virgin, annotated transcription of personal Peace Corps journal, based on his service in Colombia from 1964-66. Daughter: Emily Bonomo '99 Com.

Steven Antenucci '74

its 10th anniversary. He is a former *Richmond* Times-Dispatch columnist & retired ed.. Boomer magazine. He lives in Richmond, Va. Son: Ryan '06 Lib.

J. Fred Singleton '74 Edu (Track), ret. history teacher, White Plains H.S., wrote novel, The Quorum's Child and the Constitution-Challenging Election of 2020 (PUN4FUN Publishing) He lives in Brewster, N.Y. Daughter: Amanda '10 Edu.

Kirk L. Thompson '74 **Eng**, DOT compliance engr., CONSOL Energy, named 2017 State Engr. of the Yr., Pa. Society of Professional Engrs. He lives in Bethel Park, Pa., & is mbr., Bethel Park Planning & Zoning Commission.

Joan F. Chrestay '75

Lib elected to bd.. The Forum of Exec. Women, an organization of more than 450 women representing diverse bus. in greater Philadelphia. She lives

in Elkins Park. Pa.

Edmund Fratus '76a Eng published book, A Wandering Artist. The book includes a collection of his artwork with stories behind each painting. He lives in Denton, Texas.

Tom Giotto '76, '78 Lib $(\Phi \Delta \Theta)$, co-chair, labor & employment dept.. Cozen O'Connor, named 2018 Lawyer of the Yr., Pittsburgh Employment Law-mgmt.

category, Best Lawyers in America. He lives in Pittsburgh. Children: Michelle '04 Com; David '08 Lib; Sara Pearson '10 Com.

Duane A. Crider '78 H&HD, '81 MEd Edu, '96 PhD Hbg, prof., Dept. of Sport Mgmt & Leadership Studies. Kutztown U., awarded Arthur & Isabel Wiesenberger Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching. He lives in Hamburg, Pa.

Jacquelyn Bonomo '79 Lib named CEO, PennFuture, a nonprofit focused on a clean-energy economy. She lives in Conyngham, Pa.

1980s

Deborah Baldwin Smoluk '80 Bus promoted to sr. VP. mbr. svcs.. Members 1st Federal Credit Union. She & husband Michael '80 Bus live in Palmyra, Pa.

Charles Israel '84 Eng

DAVID FALCHEK

When a Journalist Appreciates Wine

His decades-long career in **'91** journalism proved to be ideal training for David Falchek's new role as executive director of the American Wine Society. Falcheck '91 Com gained insight into wines and developed his palate while reporting on the wine industry in the Finger Lakes region of New York state. Later, as a business reporter at *The Times-Tribune* in Scranton, Pa., he indulged his passion and shared his knowledge via a weekly wine column.

For most people, "wine can be a very intimidating thing," Falchek says. The AWS's goal, though, is to

empower people, he says, and give them both knowledge of and appreciation for wines through experience. The organization, which has 8,000 members across 180 chapters, hosts regular tastings and educational programs aimed at dispelling the snobbery many associate with wine in order to make it more

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(RA), CEO & founder, Lighting Design Alliance, received Illuminating Engineering Society Fellowship. He lives in Huntington Beach, Calif.

Sue Gainor '85 Lib (Lion's Paw, AFROTC, Skull & Bones) named VP of global trade controls, The Boeing Co. She was previously dir.. defense trade controls compliance, U.S. Dept. of State. She lives in Vienna. Va.

Scott D. Sommerfeldt '89 PhD IDF, prof. of physics, Brigham Young U., is VP-elect, Acoustical Society of America. He focuses his research on active control of sound & vibration. He lives in Provo. Utah.

1990s Timothy R. Nurkiewicz '90 H&HD. microvascular physiologist, School of Medicine, WVU, is dir.. WVU's new Inhalation Facility, focusing



accessible and enjoyable to a broader audience.

Falchek first joined the AWS board in 2009 and helped form a chapter in Scranton, Pa., where he lives. He then helped organize several other Northeast chapters, and finally became the group's executive director in charge of day-today operations in November 2016. His current focus is on "image building," including redesigning the AWS logo, improving electronic communications, and increasing awareness of the organization in the wine industry and among new groups, including millennials. "It's

nice to be a part of a group that brings people together," he says.

Eight hundred people attended the AWS's 2017 national conference, and new chapters were formed recently in Bozeman, Mont.; Fredericksburg, Va.; and Mobile, Ala. -Josh McAuliffe

on health effects of inhaled particles. He & wife Janet '89 Lib live in Morgantown, W.Va.

Dave Shuster '91 Bus,

managing principal, Kramon & Graham law firm, elected to bd. of dirs., Downtown Partnership of Baltimore. He lives in Lutherville-Timonium. Md.

Glenn Mandalas '92

Eng (AFROTC), atty., land use. Baird Mandalas Brockstedt. LLC. named among 2017 "Top Lawyers," Delaware Today magazine. He lives in Dover. Del

Theodore J. Zeller III '92 JD Law, mbr., Norris McLaughlin & Marcus. P.A., & chair of its liquor law dept., presented webinar on loans for liquor licenses. Pa. Small Bus. Admin. He lives in Allentown, Pa.

Kristen Eisenbraun Houser '93 H&HD. chief public affairs officer. Natl. Sexual Violence Resource Ctr. & Pa. Coalition Against Rape. apptd. to 2-yr. term, Pa. Commission for Women, by Gov. Tom Wolf. She was also elected to Coll. of H&HD Alum Society Bd., Penn State. She lives in York, Pa.

Scott A. Harris '94 Lib is VP of global accounts, Firmenich. He works in their global flavor & fragrance HQ and lives

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in Princeton. N.J. Mary Severs Sonnen '94 Sci, '99 MS Edu

wed Thomas Sonnen. They & their 5 children live in Annandale, Va.

Thomas E. Strunk '95 Lib (U. Scholar), assoc. prof. of classics. Xavier

U., published History after Liberty: Tacitus on Tyrants, Sycophants, and Republicans (U. of Mich. Press). He lives in Cincinnati.

Diane Foose '02 Eng wed Eric Jerome '97 Arboretum at Penn

State-July 21, 2017. They live in Sewell, N.J.

Michael Zeman '98 H&HD. '01 MA Sci. dir.. Student Engagement Network, Penn State, helped launch The Engagement Space in Eng (Blue Band) at the HUB-the network's 1st major initiative. He &

MEGAN COLLINS

Back in the day, men turned to **'06** magazines like GQ and Esquire if they wanted fashion advice. Today, any guy looking to up his fashion quotient has Style Girlfriend, a fashion and grooming website written entirely by women for men. "I wish I could say that I'd done a deep-dive, competitive analysis of the market that revealed the need for a female voice in menswear," says Megan Collins '06 Lib, who founded Style Girlfriend in 2012. "The truth is, I just kind of fell into it."

Fashion Advice from Ladies to Gents

> Collins launched the site as a favor to a friend in need of content for his made-to-measure suiting company, but it quickly became a full-time, all consuming gig that made her not only a household name in men's fashion, but also a point person for the likes of Men's Health, Huffington Post, and even Esquire and GQ, all of which regularly reference Style Girlfriend.

> Collins attributes Style Girlfriend's success to its simple, direct approach, which aims to empower men about fashion without intimidating them.

> "A typical men's magazine might tell you that to look hip, you should dress like Kanye West, but while that might be OK for someone in New York, it can be off-putting to a guy in Dallas, who doesn't think it's realistic or relevant to his life to dress like a celebrity," she says. "We help guys work with what they have so they can upgrade their look, but still feel like themselves."

> Evidently, that's working: Style Girlfriend gets half a million hits a month, Collins says, and she's inundated with emails from grateful, fashion-forward readers -S/

wife Suzanne '99 H&HD live in State College.

David Brown '99 EMS (Blue Band, Collegian) is dir., Southern Plains Climate Hub, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture. He lives in Oklahoma City.

Christopher Hauck

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'99 Bus ($\Delta \Sigma \Phi$) and wife Kharen welcomed baby girl Apollonia on Dec. 8, 2016. They live in Philadelphia.

Susan Mitcheltree '99 Sci/Com/Lib, principal & equity partner, Berman McAleer financial planning & wealth mgmt. firm, named to bd. of trustees, Modell Lyric Foundation. She lives in Baltimore.

Bradley C. Nindl '99

PhD IDF, col., U.S. Army Reserve, & prof./ dir., neuromuscular research lab. & Warrior Human Performance Research Ctr., U. of Pittsburgh, assumed command of Army Reserve S.E. Medical Area Readiness Support Group. He lives in Gibsonia. Pa.

Sam Wintermyer '99 Bus is gen. mgr., Toyota Motor North America, Cincinnati region sales office. He lives in Mason. Ohio.

2000s Heather Leigh Downs Davis '00 Sci, family physician, & adjunct assoc. prof., UNC School of Medicine, received 2017 T. Reginald Harris

MD Memorial Award. Carolinas Ctr. for Medical Excellence. She lives in Wilmington, N.C.

Duane Thomas '01, '06 Eng, site/civil engr., promoted to assoc., Leesburg, Va., office, Dewberry. He is currently working on the Dulles Corridor Metrorail pict. He lives in Stephenson, Va.

David L. Maaskant '02

Bus, '10 MBA Hbg, CPA & tax mgr., Smith Elliott Kearns & Co., LLC, completed certification process, Natl. Assn. of Certified Valuators & Analysts, to earn Certified Valuation Analyst credential. He lives in Harrisburg.

Richard Burgunder '04

Lib completed backto-back, successful summits of Mt. Whitney & Half Dome. He lives in Leadville. Colo.

Leanne Lutton Lenz '04. '11 MA Lib is exec. dir.. Centre Helps. She lives in State College with her husband and daughter.

Erin Weidemann

'04 Com (Softball). co-founder. Bible Belles, & podcast host, Heroes For Her, was keynote speaker, Global Entrepreneurship Week Penn State. A 5-time cancer survivor, she lives in Encinitas, Calif.

Kristen Yonson '04

ley, Mich. Jason Hinz '08 Eng (AFROTC) promoted to pjct. mgr., civil engrng. group, Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc. He lives in Harrisburg.

Bus ($\Delta\Gamma$) is co-founder. SwatchPop! The online platform allows users to get professional advice on redecorating their homes. She lives

in Alpharetta, Ga.

Heather Ewing

Lindsey Hetrick

Courtney Kriebel

Mullen '07 Com &

Philadelphia.

Beniamin Phillips

Karpawich '05 Bus promoted to managing dir.. Grant Thornton LLP. where she has worked for 12 vrs. She & husband Michael '05 Eng live in Philadelphia

Davna C. Finkelstein '06 JD Law, partner, Blank Rome, is adjunct prof., Thomas R. Kline School of Law, Drexel U. She lives in Philadelphia.

Boughter '07 Com, '12 MEdu GrtVly has new job as content writer, Altitude Marketing. She lives in Pottstown. Pa.

husband Andrew have son Isaac—born April 29, 2017. They live in

'07 Lib (Glee Club) & wife Amy Hartle '09 H&HD have son Austin Jeffrey-born Aug. 15, 2017. They live in Berk-



Hillary Lewis Murray '08 Com/Lib (ΠΒΦ) has M.B.A. from U. of Va. Darden School & is founder. Lumi organic juice co. (LumiJuice .com). She lives in Malvern. Pa.

John J. Buckley '09 Lib (Schreyer), assoc., Norris McLaughlin & Marcus, P.A., presented for Bux-Mont Human Resources Assn. His presentation focused on marijuana in the workplace. He lives in Allentown. Pa.

2010s

Anna Cinelli '10 Com wed Michael Marzano '10 Sci (ΔΣΦ)-Oct. 20, 2017. They live in Chicago.

Kara Mazer '10 H&HD $(A\Delta\Pi)$ wed **Beniamin** Spanswick '10 IST (ΣN)—Sept. 15, 2017. They live in Washington, D.C.

RELIEF FIGHT Varun Purohit '03 Eng (far left), a major in the Wyoming Air National Guard, led a C-130 flight delivering supplies to hurricane-ravaged Puerto Rico last fall.

BABY'S FIRST TAILGATE Seven-week old Everett White tailgated with his parents Erinn Wischum '04 Com, '08 MLM GrtVlv and Chris White '10

Eng at the Penn State/ Maryland game on Nov. 25.

RICHARD LESHER

A Longtime Free-Market Lobbyist

It was 1989 and Richard **'60** Lesher, then-president of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, was on a speaking tour of Czechoslovakia. He had been invited by the Czech ambassador to the United States to talk about the virtues of capitalism in a country on the brink of historic change, where less than a month after his visit, students would take to the streets and end close to 50 years of Communist rule in a peaceful revolution. "I'd like to think that I had a role in that." Lesher MS '60 Bus

says, "and in making the case that capitalism is better than socialism."

During his 22-year tenure at the Chamber, Lesher-whose memoir Voice of Business (Indiana University Press) was published in 2017-was a strong advocate for free enterprise and the capitalist model. Under his watch, the world's largest business



organization, representing the interests of over three million American enterprises, became a sophisticated entity with significant economic and political clout.

Lesher drew upon the dynamism he'd absorbed working for NASA in the 1960s, during the heady "race to the Moon" days, to modernize the Chamber's communication systems. He also created and moderated It's Your Business, a nationally syndicated television debate show that ran for 18 years and featured numer-

ous senators and members of the House-conservatives as well as liberals-as guest debaters.

Lesher, who retired to his hometown of Chambersburg, Pa., got his undergraduate degree from the University of Pittsburgh and, following his master's from Penn State, earned a doctorate from Indiana University. -S/



READY TO SKATE Nolan Downey was born Sept. 12, 2017. Mom Amy Strauss '04 Lib is a former Penn Stater senior editor: dad Bill Downey '04 is a former Icer

Robin Sutker '10 Agr, animal keeper. Md. Zoo. participated in Earth Expeditions alobal field course in Namibia-Miami U. Global Field Pgm. She studied ongoing research pjcts. that included radio tracking. cheetah conservation. ecosystem mgmt., & design of school &

community pgms. She

lives in Baltimore.

Heather Weber '10

Eng earned Ph.D., bio

Milos Kostic in Oct. 2017 & lives in Drexel Hill. Pa. Father: William '84 Bus.

> Joseph McDougall '12 MA Bus named sr. VP & pres., Global Refinish at Axalta Coating Systems. He lives in Newtown, Pa.

Heather Hodge '14 Lib (Schreyer) wed Kieran Carlisle '14. '14 MAE Eng (Parmi Nous)—

June 3, 2017. They live in Chicago.

engrng., Dresden U. of Technology. She wed Thomas E. Robins '14 JD Law is assoc. atty., Saxton & Stump, He focuses his practice on labor & employment, construction litigation, & healthcare litigation. He lives in Williamsport. Pa.

Amanda Lavin Brennan '16 H&HD & husband John have daughter Reagan Anna-born Aug. 31, 2017. They live in Carbondale. Pa.

Marcus W. Shand '16 JD Law is assoc. atty., Saxton & Stump, He focuses his practice on labor & employment, construction litigation. & healthcare litigation. He lives in Lancaster. Pa.

Shari Maynard '17 JD Law is assoc.. litigation div., Eckert Seamans, She lives in Philadelphia.

Chase J. Wright '17 JD Law is atty., Mette, Evans & Woodside. He focuses his practice on banking law, bus, law, & municipal finance. He lives in Harrisburg.

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WILLIAM R. FAILOR 1924-2017

National Park Manager

For nearly 30 years, **William Failor '50 A&A** planned and managed prestigious landmarks and outdoor spaces for the U.S. National Park Service, but that didn't deter him from spending days off exploring. "He loved taking photos of the park signs," son Bob says of family vacations spent camping and visiting national parks.

After serving in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II, Failor earned a degree in landscape architecture and later worked as a park designer for the Toledo Metropolitan Park Authority in Ohio. His

also served as president of the Alumni Association's Potomac Valley chapter. In retirement, Failor taught parks and recreation courses at Frederick Community College. "He liked being around young people—he was a mentor to many," says son Steve. Failor, 93, died July 10, 2017, in Frederick, Md. He is survived by three sons, including **Bob** '73 EMS and Steve '77 H&HD. –*Erika Spicer '13 Com*

1930s

Selwyn Z. Freed '38 Lib (Tennis), Larchmont, N.Y.—Sept. 6, 2016. | John Troan '39 Com (Alum. Council, Dist. Alum., Alum. Fellow, *Collegian*), Pittsburgh—Oct. 7, 2017.

1940s

Ralph F. Smith Jr. '40 Agr (ΔΤΔ), Marietta,
Ga.—Aug. 30, 2016. | Edythe Rickel Bloom
'41 Lib (*Collegian*), Simsbury, Conn.—Oct.
1, 2017. | William R. Motz '41 Lib, Norwich,
N.Y.—April 23, 2017. | Margaret Campbell
Bucher '43 H&HD (ΔXΩ), Aurora, Colo.—
Aug. 30, 2016. | Harold J. Churchill '43
Eng, Ford City, Pa.—June 10, 2017. | Horst
Mueller '43 Agr, Summerville, S.C.—Oct.
27, 2017. | Stuart Patton '43 Agr (Dist.
Alum., Alum. Fellow, Acacia), La Jolla,
Calif.—Oct. 9, 2017. Children: John '67 Sci;
Richard '68 Agr; Gail Polk '71, '73 MA A&A;

Mary Fisher '77 Lib; Patricia '81 A&A, '81 A&A. John E. Dereich '44 Agr (ΔX), Pittsburgh–Oct. 16, 2016. Edmund G. Pinger '44 Eng, Drums, Pa.-March 31, 2017. Son: Edmund Jr. '94, '97 MS Eng. Joan Workman Taylor '45 Lib (XΩ), Lafayette Hill, Pa.-Oct. 8, 2017. Judd W. Healy '46 Eng $(\Delta \Sigma \Phi, Basketball, Lion's Paw, Parmi Nous).$ Palatine, III.—Sept. 30, 2017. Martha Herr Keesey '46 Lib (AEA), Lancaster, Pa.-Oct. 13, 2017. Eleanor Shaheen '46 Sci, Columbia, Mo.–Oct. 15, 2017. Kay Setter Thomas '46 H&HD. St. Paul. Minn.-Info. received October 2017. Louis S. Acker '47 Bus (ΦΕΠ), Southampton, Pa.–Jan. 16, 2017. Marian Hughes Call '47 MEd Edu (Collegian), Gastonia, N.C.–Nov. 14, 2017. Ralph D. Cohen '47 Eng (BSP), Jenkintown, Pa.—Oct. 26, 2017. David W. Gordon '47 Agr (ΔX), Doylestown, Pa.-Oct. 20, 2017. John E. Kishbaugh '47 Bus, Haddonfield, N.J.-Oct. 17, 2017. Carl F. McKee '47a

job as a park planner in Philadelphia in 1956 became the first of many positions with the National Park Service that included master plan coordinator for the National Capital Parks in Washington, D.C., and superintendent of Antietam National Battlefield. After a tropical storm hit the C&O Canal National Historical Park in 1972, Failor was the superintendent who led the extensive rebuilding.

His honors include a Citation for Meritorious Service from the U.S. Interior Department, and the Penn State College of Arts and Architecture's Alumni Award. A devoted Nittany Lion football fan, Failor also served as president of the Alumni Association's Potomac Valley chapter.

> Agr, Columbus, Ohio-Sept. 27, 2017. Lola Dayton Peshek '47 H&HD, Des Moines, Iowa–Sept. 26, 2017. Gerald A. Davis '48 Bus (ΦΕΠ), Marion, Ohio-Sept. 22. 2017. Esther Jamison Fromuth '48 H&HD. Southampton, Pa.-Oct, 14, 2017. Robert R. Klar '48 Edu, Indiana, Pa.-Nov. 10, 2017. Richard J. Lauer '48 Eng, Hollidaysburg, Pa.-Nov. 13. 2017. Barnes W. McCormick Jr. '48, '49 MS, '54 PhD Eng, State College-Oct. 29, 2017. Wife: Emily Hess '61 Edu. Barbara D. Amberson '49 Sci, Sacramento, Calif.-Sept. 13, 2017. Amato F. Basile '49 Bus (AFROTC), Orinda, Calif.-Feb. 3, 2017. Arthur E. Bohard '49 Bus (Baseball), Fort Myers, Fla.-Oct. 17, 2017. Sister: Elsie Cohn '46 Sci. Paul F. Corbiere '49 Agr ($\Phi K\Sigma$), Bloomfield Hills, Mich.— Oct. 14, 2017. Charles B. Hood Jr. '49 Sci, '55 Eng (AKΛ), Charlottesville, Va.-Nov. 4, 2017. Son: Peter '79 Agr. | Eugene J. Martin '49 Eng, Lake Worth, Fla.-Oct. 24

2017. **Peter H.B. Norton '49, '69 MS Agr,** Mechanicsburg, Pa.—Oct. 2, 2017. **Russell C. Ruhf '49 EMS** (ΦKT, Wrestling), State College—Oct. 14, 2017. Wife: Anne Cooper '50 H&HD; children: Barbara Heller '76 H&HD; Steven '79 Bus; Richard '86 A&A; Laurence '86 Com. **Jerry P. Sapienza '49 Lib,** Waverly, Ohio—Aug. 27, 2017. **Joseph D. Shein '49 Lib** (BΣP, Golf), Key Biscayne, Fla.—Oct. 8, 2017. **JEdgar C. Weaver '49 Eng,** Memphis, Tenn.—Oct. 24, 2017.

1950s

George E. Cassel '50 Agr, Everett, Pa.– Oct. 22, 2017. **| William A. Dempsey '50 Bus** (ΦΚΨ, Glee Club), Auckland, New Zealand–July 8, 2017. **| John C. Houck Jr. '50 Agr** (AΓΡ, AFROTC), Fort Collins, Colo.–April 18, 2017. **| Lucille Philips Liggitt '50 Edu** (ΓΦΒ), Lancaster, Pa.– Sept. 30, 2017. **| Brooke B. McGhee '50 Bus** (ΣΝ), Lock Haven, Pa.–Oct. 26, 2017. Wife: Dorothy Watson '46 H&HD. **| Robert J.**

Menzie Sr. '50 EMS. Houston-Sept. 18. 2017. James D. Mohney '50 H&HD, '55 MEd Edu (Wrestling), Clearfield, Pa.-Sept. 19, 2017. James A. Moredock '50 Agr (AFROTC), Schaghticoke, N.Y.-July 9, 2017. John F. Ryan '50 MS, '53 PhD Eng, Lindale, Texas—Sept. 1, 2017. Gilda Greco Shaver '50 Lib (ΑΓΔ), McLean, Va.-Sept. 25, 2017. Vernon T. Smith Jr. '50 Agr (AZ), Emigrant, Mont.—Aug. 31, 2017. Karl T. Wagner '50 Eng, Weatherly, Pa.-Oct. 20, 2017. Sons: Wayne '71a Bus Hazlt; Paul '77 Agr; Timothy '82 Agr. Christel Wilcke Walter '50 Edu ($\Delta\Gamma$), Tarrytown, N.Y.–Oct. 19, 2017. David W. Christopher '51 Lib (Alum. Fellow), Pittsburgh-Nov. 3, 2017. Daughter: Amy Tiemann '83 Bus. | William H. Davitt '51 EMS, Pawleys Island, S.C.-Oct. 14, 2017. George N. Demshock '51, '54 MEd Edu (Skull & Bones), Harrisburg, Pa.—Oct. 18, 2017. Margery Johns Kelz '51 Edu, '58 MEd Sci, '78 MEd Edu, Bellefonte, Pa.—Oct. 17, 2017. Son: Russell '88 EMS. Harold A. Leinbach '51 Bus (ПКФ, Glee

Club. Lion's Paw. Parmi Nous. Thespians). East Lansing, Mich.-Oct. 7, 2017. Wife: Jane Ashenfelter '51 H&HD. Elizabeth Webber McClenaghan '51 Lib, Akron, Ohio-Sept. 24, 2016. Dominic Palombo Jr. '51 Agr (AΦΔ), Hickory, Pa.–July 21, 2017. Charles J. Shenot '51 Agr ($K\Sigma$), Leesburg, Fla.— Sept. 10, 2017. Children: Martha Matthews '79 Sci; Michael '83 Bus. Merrill A. Sporkin '51 Bus ($\Pi \Lambda \Phi$, Skull & Bones, Thespians), Merion Station, Pa.–Oct. 21, 2017. Dori Spielberg Weiss '51 Lib, Silver Spring, Md.-Oct. 18. 2017. Robert A. Bricker '52 Eng Wyo, Sinking Spring, Pa.-May 10, 2017. Mary Odell Colman '52 Edu, '57 MS Sci (BSO), Wrentham, Mass.-Oct. 15, 2017. Julian A. Cook Jr. '52 Lib (Alum. Council. Dist. Alum., $\Omega \Psi \Phi$, AROTC), Silver Spring, Md.—May 16, 2017. Lewis M. Follett '52 MEd Edu, Lebanon, Pa.—Sept. 26, 2017. Henry D. Gardner '52 Eng, Phoenix-Oct. 1, 2017. William F. Glass '52, '57 MS Eng, Duncansville, Pa.—Sept. 29, 2017. Raymond L. Judd '52 Eng, Huddleston,

RAY WALKER 1912-2017

Penn State's Oldest Alum

Coal magnate **Ray Walker** '35 Lib would sometimes bring his young son, Alan, with him on business trips overseas. "He'd say, 'I want you to sit with a stranger," Alan says. "You (already) know everything about me." Few people seemed to be strangers to Ray Walker, at 105 the university's oldest living alumnus at the time of his death. "He had this uncanny ability to meet people and make friends," says Alan. A sportsman and classically trained violinist, Walker started his coal business as a student when family money was wiped out before the Great Depression, and grew the Bradford Coal Company into an empire. He enriched Penn State, donating nearly \$800,000 to the school over his lifetime, along with a 132-year-old violin he had bought in 1990. In his hometown of Bigler, Pa., population 500 and the only place he ever lived other than State College, he founded several civic and youth organizations.

At 5-foot-6, 120 pounds, he lived large and never slowed down. Alan said his dad was the oldest person to receive a moving traffic violation from a Pennsylvania state trooper when he was pulled over for speeding at age 102, and was still driving a snowmobile as a centenarian.

Walker (Φ KT) died June 9, 2017, in Bigler. He is survived by two sons, including **Alan '68 Bus.** He was preceded in death by his wife, Louise. –*Meri-Jo Borzilleri*

Va.-Oct. 30, 2017. Earle D. Mundell '52 H&HD (AΦA, Football), Dayton, Ohio-Oct. 9, 2017. John A. Stevens '52 MS Eng, Miami—Sept. 3, 2017. Arthur C. Woodard '52 EMS (AROTC, Acacia), Green Valley, Ariz.-Sept. 30, 2017. Wife: Kathleen Hammond '52 Lib. Frederick Bigony '53 **Eng** (ΣN), Jupiter, Fla.—Nov. 18, 2017. Wife: Katherine Meinig '52 Lib. Joseph E. **Browne '53 Agr** (ΣΑΕ), Phoenix–March 4, 2017. Paul F. Custer '53 Eng, Johnstown, Pa.—Sept. 28, 2017. Wilbur E. Gilham '53 MEd Sci, Philipsburg, Pa.–Oct. 8, 2017. John C. Graham Sr. '53 Agr, Lees Summit, Mo.—Oct. 1, 2017. Nancy Tanney Herlocher '53, Bellefonte, Pa.-Sept. 29, 2017. Son: Roy III '87, '89 MS Eng. Nyle M. Hershberger '53 H&HD, '60 MEd Sci, Cincinnati—Nov. 7, 2017. Bernard L. Kelley **'53 Agr,** Pinehurst, N.C.—Nov. 14, 2017. Rudolph P. Matyas '53 Lib, '54 MS, '63 DEd Edu (RA), Doylestown, Pa.—Oct. 14, 2017. G. Richard Mountain '53 Eng (AKA), Hollidaysburg, Pa.–Nov. 8, 2017. Brother: John '54 Agr; daughter: Pamela Myers '81 H&HD. William V. Poshefko '53 Bus, East Hanover, N.J.—Aug. 1, 2017. John T. Richards '53 Agr (OX), Atlanta-Dec. 19, 2016. Wife: Janet Thomas '52 Lib. Leon R. Romig '53 Eng, Chester, Va.—Oct. 6, 2017. Fred C. Schoenagel Jr. '53 Eng, Greentown, Pa.-Oct. 6, 2017. Children: Susan Baka '83, '91a H&HD Hazlt; Amy Meacock '86 Agr; Thomas '77 Eng Worth; Frederick III '91, '95 MAgr Agr. Doyle A. Shank '53 MEd Edu, New Oxford, Pa.-Oct. 26, 2017. Daniel M. Ungvarsky '53 Eng, Lansdale, Pa.-Oct. 30, 2017. Betty Richardson Wicks '53 Edu (XΩ, Collegian, Thespians), Camp Hill, Pa.—Nov. 6, 2017. Children: Deborah '79 H&HD; John II '82 Hbg; Robert '83 Bus. Richard Betar '54 Eng, Merritt Island, Fla.—July 14, 2017. Samuel W. Braverman '54 MS Sci, '57 PhD Agr, Geneva, N.Y.-Oct. 6, 2017. Wife: Sandra Epstein '57 H&HD. Herman E. Golomb '54 Agr ($\Phi \Sigma \Delta$, La Vie, Skull & Bones, Thespians), Pittsburgh-Oct. 19, 2017. Renee Janoski Karski '54 Lib (Thespians), Bedminster, N.J.-Oct. 30, 2017. J. Richard Lemyre '54 EMS (ΣX , Wrestling, AFROTC, Lion's Paw, Skull & Bones), Port Washington, N.Y.-July 26,

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Aside from being an exceptional veterinarian, **Sherbyn Ostrich '59 Agr** also was known for the analytical approach he took toward the profession. After being appointed to the state Animal Health and Diagnostic Commission in 1989, Ostrich later served as president of the American Veterinary Medical Association from 1995–96, and early on cited veterinary educational debt and practice profitability as key challenges facing vets. Such analyses led to the formation of the first National Commission on Veterinary Economic Issues, of which Ostrich was a charter member. Bruce Little, AMVA executive vice president during that time, called Ostrich "an icon in the profession, and a hero to the animals he served."

At home, the family grew up surrounded by animals—not just cats and dogs, either. Ostrich, who earned a zoology degree from Penn State, was a practicing veterinarian in Berks and Lebanon counties until 2016. He was willing to treat any animal—snakes, rats, sheep, and more. Whether it was treating a baby goat, or saving a doe hit by a car—a story that made the local paper— Ostrich's wife, Dianne, says he sometimes treated many of these critters on credit or even for free. "If a child would bring in a bird that they had found, he would treat it for nothing and tell them what to do to take care of it," she says. Ostrich died June 30, 2017, in Reading, Pa. Besides his wife, he is survived by a son, a foster son, and three daughters. *—Anna Andersen*

2017. **| Richard T. Longo '54 Eng** (ΦΚΘ, AFROTC), Ballwin, Mo.—Sept. 29, 2017. **| Richard R. Oswald '54, '56 MS Eng**, Portsmouth, R.I.—Oct. 14, 2017. **| Robert G. Peet '54 Eng**, Pittsford, N.Y.—March 12, 2017. **| Richard W. Potter '54 A&A, '60 MEd Edu** (Thespians), Duncansville, Pa.—Oct. 2, 2017. **| Joe Roach '54 MEd Edu**, Louisville, Ky.—Sept. 13, 2017. **| William L. Sipple Jr. '54, '65 MS Agr**, State College—Oct. 9,



SHERBYN OSTRICH 1937-2017

Analytical Animal Doctor

2017. Wife: Joyce Gilbert '84 MEd Edu. **| Lee Joseph Altshuler '55 Edu** (AE Φ), Kansas City, Mo.—May 28, 2017. **| Robert C.** Berrang '55a Eng Alt, Waynesboro, Va.— Oct. 10, 2017. **| John E. Binney '55 MEd** Edu, State College—Oct. 11, 2017. **| Arlene** Smith Greim Brooke '55 H&HD (KK Γ), Glen Mills, Pa.—Oct. 4, 2017. **| John P.** Harris '55 Agr ($\Delta\Theta\Sigma$), Doylestown, Pa.— Oct. 24, 2017. Wife: Carolyn Greenawalt '57



AMY J. REED 1973-2017

Doctor and Advocate

Amy J. Reed was known as both a skilled doctor and a loving mother to her six children. "She was an example of what is possible in our society for women to achieve," says her husband, Hooman Noorchashm. **Reed '95 Sci** obtained her Ph.D. and medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania, specializing in anesthesia and critical care medicine. She was working at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston at the time of the 2013 Boston Marathon bombing and treated the victims and one of the bombers.

Reed died on May 24, 2017, at the age of 44, after a four-year battle with uterine cancer, which spread after a surgical procedure using an electrical device was used to remove what were believed to be benign uterine fibroids. The procedure instead spread malignant cells within her body. Reed became a vocal opponent of the device, known as a morcellator, which now carries a warning that it not be used in most women who undergo a hysterectomy or myomectomy. "I think she ultimately viewed (her advocacy) as her responsibility to public health, to women, and to our daughters," Noorchashm said.

Reed is survived by Noorchashm and their six children, ages 4–15. –*Meghan Walbert*

H&HD; sons: James '82 Agr; Jeffrey '84 A&A. William R. Johnston '55 Eng (XΦ), Mountainburg, Ark.—July 4, 2017. Henry J. Loewen '55 MEd A&A, State College-Nov. 21, 2017. Children: Michael '79 A&A; Philip '80 A&A; Christina Davies '83 Lib. Andrew J. Majer '55 EMS, Portage, Pa.-Oct. 25, 2017. Edward Nezneski '55 MEd A&A, Portage, Pa.–Nov. 1, 2017. Michael J. Price Jr. '55 Com (IIKA, WDFM), Elgin, S.C.-Nov. 6, 2017. Wife: Ida Renner '55 Lib. Emory R. Stanley '55 MEd, '67 DEd Edu, New Milford, Pa.-Sept. 27, 2017. Alvi O. Voigt '55, '57 MS Agr, State College-Sept. 30, 2017. Children: John '74 EMS; Ann Murray '76 Agr; Jean '81 Agr. Arthur C. Aikin Jr. '56 MS, '60 PhD Sci, Silver Spring, Md.—Sept. 28, 2017. Elaine Giltman Amdur '56 H&HD (WDFM), Kingston, Pa.—Nov. 12, 2017. Joan Reese Dix '56 Edu. Pine Grove. Pa.—Oct. 12. 2017. Husband: James '56 Bus. James E. Erb '56 Agr, New Wilmington, Pa.-Sept. 13, 2017. Harry L. Pinch '56 PhD Sci, Princeton, N.J.-Sept. 6, 2017. Wife: Judith Emdin '55 MA Lib. William J. Winters '56

Eng, Bradford, Pa.—Oct. 25, 2017. Alan D. Yoder '56 Agr, Clarks Summit, Pa.–Nov. 3, 2017. Brother: Ira Jr. '50 Agr; son: Michael '90 Sci. Russell D. Adams '57a Eng Alt, West Bloomfield, Mich.-Oct. 17, 2016. Wilbur H. Hamilton Jr. '57 Bus ($\Phi\Gamma\Delta$), Philadelphia-Aug. 22, 2017. Wife: Rebecca Bowers '57 H&HD. Philip W. Hartman '57 Lib-Sept. 30, 2017. Mabel Krepps Horrell '57 MEd Edu, Shippensburg, Pa.-Oct. 14, 2017. Kenneth W. Humiston '57 MEd Edu, Saratoga Springs, N.Y.–Oct. 2, 2017. John **J. Knaff Jr. '57 Bus** ($\Delta \Sigma \Phi$), Exton, Pa.–Oct. 25, 2017. Son: John '83 Eng. Beatrice Mac-Donald Miller '57 Lib, Spring Hill, Tenn.-Oct. 21, 2017. Daughters: Wendy Kibler '82 Lib; Tracey Crawford '83 Sci. Joseph L. **Pascuzzi '57 Eng** ($A\Phi\Delta$), Reading, Pa.-Sept. 29, 2017. Children: Kathryn Focht '85 Bus; Joseph '95 Sci. | Lynn Bracken Smith '57 Agr, Camden, S.C.-Oct. 22, 2017. Husband: Farren Jr. '64 PhD Sci. Paul A. Staller '57a Eng Schuyl, Fort Wayne, Ind.-Sept. 30, 2017. William A. Yingling '57 Eng (AFROTC), Leonardtown, Md.—April 18, 2017. Ray W. Yoho '57 Eng,

New Castle, Pa.—Oct. 5, 2017. Kenneth G. Boback '58a Eng WB, Wilkes Barre, Pa.—Nov. 5, 2017. Jack L. Daddona '58 MEd Edu, Galesburg, Ill.—Oct. 19, 2017. Wife: Shirley Campbell '60 MEd Sci. Robert S. Fuller '58 Sci, Harrisburg, Pa.-Oct. 18, 2017. Charles Wayne Gordon Jr. '58 Bus, Dallas, Pa.-Oct. 27, 2017. Sarah Bringman Herrick '58 Edu, Key West, Fla.—Sept. 3, 2017. William G. Lipko '58a Eng Worth, West Chester, Pa.-Feb. 21, 2017. Thomas V. McGee '58a Eng Hazlt, Lake Ariel, Pa.-Nov. 9, 2017. Robert M. Miller '58 Eng (X_Φ, AROTC, Blue Band), Richmond, Va.-Oct. 2, 2017. Wife: Gail Rolle '58 Edu. Jerold S. Panati '58 Bus (IIKA, AROTC), West Chester, Pa.-Oct. 9, 2017. Jerry E. Phillips '58 Eng ($\Delta \Sigma \Phi$, AROTC, Blue Band), Austin, Texas-Oct. 18, 2017. Robert R. Reeder '58, '61 MA Lib, Bloomsburg, Pa.–Nov. 16, 2017. Robert M. Schaeffer '58 Agr (Glee Club), Kittanning, Pa.—Sept. 23, 2017. Charles F. Scott '58 Lib, Hollidaysburg, Pa.-Nov. 5, 2017. Daughter: Debra '92, '95 MS H&HD. Kenton L. Bachman '59 Lib, Warrington,

Pa.-Nov. 5, 2017. Daughter: Susan Halteman '97 A&A. Anne Giles Boehle '59 MEd Edu, Ridgefield, Conn.-Oct. 25, 2017. Husband: John Jr. '60 MS, '64 PhD Agr. George G. Chappel '59 Agr (AFROTC), Sedalia, Mo.-Oct. 18, 2017. Son: Brian '83 Eng. William E. Deibler '59 Com, Mount Laurel, N.J.—Feb. 1, 2017. Charles N. Freed '59 EMS (Triangle), Olney, Md.-Nov. 14, 2017. Raymond Freedman '59 MS Agr, Norwich, N.Y.—Sept. 27, 2017. John S. Garling '59 Agr, Etters, Pa.-Nov. 4, 2017. Sons: William '80 Agr; James '90 Eng. Marko Godich '59a Eng Allghy, Glassport, Pa.—Oct. 16, 2016. Louis E. Hargenrader '59, '65 MS Eng, Anchorage, Alaska–June 26, 2017. Vincent Paul Herron Jr. '59 Eng, Lancaster, Pa.–Nov. 15, 2017. Dorothy Lentz McVey '59 Edu, Erie, Pa.-Nov. 16, 2017. Husband: Lee '59 Agr. | Thomas A. Nell '59 Eng (ATΩ), Lake Leelanau, Mich.—

Sept. 2, 2017 **George D. Richard '59 Bus,** Dallas, Pa.—Oct. 16, 2017. **Richard C. Wilt** Jr. '59 Bus (NROTC), Langhorne, Pa.—June 20, 2016.

1960s

Dorothy Ammerman '60 Agr, Redding, Calif.—Oct. 16, 2017.] John H. Benner '60a Eng, Lancaster, S.C.—Jan. 25, 2017.] E. Russell Connelly '60 Bus ($\Delta T\Omega$, AROTC), Waynesburg, Pa.—Oct. 8, 2017.] David W. Darlington '60 Agr, West Chester, Pa.—Oct. 13, 2017. Sons: Kenneth '87 Agr; Jeffrey '92 Bus.] William G. Felix Jr. '60 Edu, Somerset, Pa.—Nov. 11, 2017. Wife: Linda Maclean '62 Lib.] Charles A. Geesey '60 Sci, Fort Collins, Colo.—Nov. 9, 2017.] John A. Ifft '60 EMS, Lillian, Ala.—May 27, 2017.] Richard A. Johnson '60 EMS ($\Delta X\Sigma$), Santa Barbara, Calif.—Oct. 20, 2017.



JACK SHAHEEN 1935-2017

Fighter of Ethnic Stereotypes

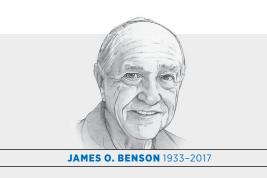
As Jack Shaheen's young children watched cartoons one Saturday morning in 1974, an Arab villain came on the screen. They ran to tell their father there were "bad Arabs" on TV. Troubled, the son of Lebanese immigrants realized his children might never see a positive media portrayal of Arabic people. That's when **Shaheen '64 A&A** dedicated himself to fighting racial stereotypes, particularly those of people from the Arab states, in mass media. "He always had a love of film and realized the significant impact that images have," says daughter Michele Tasoff.

Shaheen and his wife, Bernice, carefully docu-

mented images of Arabs to understand their origins and advocate for more positive depictions. As a Christian, he also felt it was important to fight Muslim stereotypes, particularly after 9/11. He wrote several books, including Reel Bad Arabs: How *Hollywood Vilifies a People*, which decried depictions of Arabic-speaking people as "billionaires, bombers, and belly dancers." He served as a consultant to films and also led efforts to have Disney alter the lyrics of a song in *Aladdin*. His research archives are housed at New York University's Hagop Kevorkian Center for Near Eastern Studies. "He left us with a number of tools with which we can arm ourselves in the many fights ahead," says Greta Scharnweber, the center's associate director. A mass communications professor at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, Shaheen received two Fulbright teaching awards. He and his wife also started a foundation to provide scholarships for Arab-Americans studying journalism, film, and television. Shaheen died July 9, 2017, in Charleston, S.C., at age 81. In addition to his wife and daughter, he is survived by a son, Michael. -Sara Langen

Wife: Patricia Stuart '58 Edu. Livio A. Nave '60a Eng Berks, Reading, Pa.-Oct. 28, 2017. Dorothy Maroney Perez '60 MS EMS, Hopewell Junction, N.Y.-Oct. 28, 2017. Dorothy Apelian Rozelle '60 Lib, Portland, Maine–June 11, 2017. Richard G. Schlosser '60 Bus, Schnecksville, Pa.-Nov. 10, 2017. Son: Timothy '87 Sci. | Murray M. Simon '60, '65 PhD Sci (ZBT, Collegian, Parmi Nous), Charlotte, N.C.-Aug. 3, 2017. Robert A. Szeyller '60 Bus (Track/Cross Country), Bellefonte, Pa.-Oct. 10, 2017. Wife: Mary Radovic '60 H&HD; brother: Mathias Jr. '48 Lib: daughters: Laurie Sneve '85 Bus; Lisa Hauser '87 H&HD. Frederick W. Townsend '60, '61 MEd Edu, Mount Holly Springs, Pa.—Sept. 30, 2017. Buddy S. Ajalat '61 MEd A&A, Westwood, N.J.-Nov. 2, 2017. Gale Klingensmith Bushok '61 Edu (ΑΓΔ), Cleveland—Nov. 11, 2017. William F. Craft '61a Eng Behrend, Erie,

Pa.-Oct. 10. 2017. Earl D. Flick Jr. '61 Com, Torrance, Calif.—May 12, 2017. Nick lannetti Jr. '61 Agr ($\Delta \Theta \Sigma$), Burgettstown, Pa.-Oct. 10, 2017. Daughters: Patricia '81 H&HD; Annette '84 Agr. Robert A. Kerr '61 Agr, Manns Choice, Pa.-Nov. 8, 2017. Howard C. Lincoln '61 H&HD (Soccer, Froth), Erie, Pa.–Oct. 23, 2017. Wife: Mary Swed '62 Edu. Don W. Ammerman II '62 **A&A,** Tyrone, Pa.—Nov. 10, 2017. **John D. Andrews '62 Com** (AIIE). Centre Hall. Pa.—April 22, 2017. William M. Blakely '62 Edu (Θ X), Dunellen, N.J.–Nov. 16, 2017. Phillip H. Buttermore '62 A&A, '68, '69 MEd Edu, Shinglehouse, Pa.—Sept. 20, 2017. George T. Craig '62 EMS, El Cajon, Calif.—Oct. 29. 2017. John L. Geiser '62 JD Law. Ormond Beach. Fla.—Oct. 4. 2017. Clarence B. Givens '62 EMS, Blacksburg, Va.—Aug. 22, 2017. Ned H. Griner '62 DEd A&A, Muncie, Ind.—Sept. 15, 2017. Steve T. Hronec '62 Eng, Shenandoah, Pa.-Oct. 23, 2017. Carol Edwards Lewis '62 Edu (AΔΠ, Collegian), West Chester, Pa.-Oct. 22, 2017. Husband: Robert '65 Eng. Carl J. Markovchik '62a Eng Hazlt. Newark. Del.-Oct. 30, 2017. Son: Carl Jr. '88 EMS. Dana E. McGinnis '62a Eng York, Pasadena, Md.—Sept. 21, 2016. R. Lee Pyle '62 Agr, Blacksburg, Va.-Sept. 16, 2017. Mary Diamond Baker '63 Edu (IIBΦ), Doylestown, Pa.-Oct. 21, 2017. David A. Dolbin Jr. '63 MEd Edu, Shippensburg, Pa.-Oct. 3, 2017. Charlotte Wertz Garcia '63 Edu (ΔZ). Boulder, Colo.—Oct. 10, 2017. Charles M. Gilmore '63, '64 MS Eng, Kitty Hawk, N.C.-Oct. 9, 2017. Charles E. Gross '63 Eng, Dallastown, Pa.–Oct. 5, 2017. Judith Eastburn Ingram '63 Lib (KΔ), Plymouth, Mass.—Sept. 30, 2017. Ronald A. Koperek '63a Eng NewKens, New Kensington, Pa.-Oct. 27, 2017. Alfred Maiola '63 Bus, Marlton, N.J.—Aug. 10, 2016. Philip J. Marrie Jr. '63 Bus (ФКТ), Hermitage, Pa.-Nov. 11, 2017. Children: Philip III '88 Bus; Marc '90 Bus; Melissa Baron '95 Nur Shen. Charles V. Maurer II '63 Edu. Pottsville. Pa.-Oct. 12, 2017. Terence D. McDowell '63 Lib-Nov. 11, 2017. **P. Kent Murray '63 Edu** (ПКА), Summerville, S.C.-Nov. 14, 2017. Gerald R. Phillips '63 Edu, Pottstown, Pa.-Oct. 28, 2017. Wife: Celia Kalinowski



Behrend Philanthropist

He was an engineer and lifelong businessman in the **'**57 manufacturing industry, so it's no surprise James Benson possessed a strong work ethic that he also instilled in his children—but with a sense of humor. "Growing up, my dad always said, 'Do the best you can do, but do it right the first time,'" says daughter Jan, laughing. "He just had a limitless energy."

Benson '57 Eng, who served a short time in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, returned stateside and began his studies at Penn State Erie before moving on to graduate from University Park with a degree in drafting and design technology. Later, Benson co-founded Reddog Industries and became CEO of Parker White Metal Company in Fairview, Pa.

Throughout his career, his commitment to Penn State never wavered. He founded and was first president of the Behrend Alumni Society, and he and wife, Gerda—his high school sweetheart-created a trustee scholarship for young engineering students. He committed funds that helped launch some of Behrend's engineering programs, and the Benson Building on the west end of campus was dedicated to him in 1996. "Penn State made his American dream come true," Jan says. "He wanted to give back and have that same dream come true for others." Benson (Blue Band) died April 20, 2017, in Jupiter, Fla. He was 84. He is survived by his wife, Gerda, and two daughters. -Erika Spicer '13 Com

'62 Edu. | Cecil R. Trueblood '63 MEd, '67 DEd Edu, State College–Nov. 12, 2017. Wife: Doris Nailor '74 MEd. '84 DEd Edu: son: Craig '82 Sci. Norman S. Allan '64 Bus (OX), Anacortes, Wash.-Oct. 12, 2017. Laverne S. Johnson '64 MEd Edu, Kane, Pa.—Sept. 24, 2017. Children: Barry '73 Lib; Susan Budd '81 MS H&HD. Maryan S. Milewski '64 Eng, Dunnellon, Fla.-Oct. 30, 2017. Wife: Anne Ravnikar '66 Edu. James J. Morrisey Jr. '64 Agr, Barberton, Ohio-April 20, 2017. Lee E. Wickline '64

DEd Edu, Bowie, Md.-Oct. 3, 2017. Robert Benson Fugitt '65 Sci, Georgetown, Texas—July 5, 2017. Marlin L. Hartman '65 MEd Edu, Lewisburg, Pa.—Oct. 16, 2017. Paul Kaminski '65a Eng Hazlt, McAdoo, Pa.—Oct. 22, 2017. Billy K. Kroneberg '65 Eng, Erie, Pa.—Sept. 16, 2017. | Patricia Porter Nelson '65 Lib, '72 MEd Edu, South Lyon, Mich.—April 8, 2017. Philip F. Petrone '65 Edu (AROTC), Cherry Hill, N.J.-Sept. 18, 2017. James J. Staudenmeier Sr. '65 Law, '65 DEd Edu, Conyngham, Pa.—Nov. 6, 2017. Children: James Jr. '86 Sci; Sara Moses '94 Edu. Kathleen Perna Yearick '65 Lib, Wilmington, Del.-Sept. 26, 2017. Mary Westergaard Barnes '66 PhD Sci, State College-Oct. 21, 2017. Ronald E. Barrett '66 Lib (ΑΓΡ), Vienna, Va.-Oct. 30, 2017. Wife: Sheila Orling '66 Lib. Michael G. Cepko '66 Bus, Reading, Pa.—Oct. 6, 2017. Carol Carson Manser '66 Edu (ZTA), King of Prussia, Pa.-Sept. 21. 2017. Husband: Richard '65. '67 MA Lib: sons: Christopher '96 Com: Jonathan '02 Lib/Edu. Sarah Keating Martin '66 Lib, Keene, N.H.-Sept. 22, 2017. Bernard J. Mikesic '66 Bus, Hollidaysburg, Pa.-Oct. 1. 2017. Alton A. Pellman '66 MEd Edu. Lebanon, Pa.–Oct. 20, 2017. Christine Dahms Sanbeg '66 Edu. South Plainfield. N.J.-Sept. 25, 2017. Philip E. Schroeder '66 Bus, Macungie, Pa.—Sept. 30, 2017. W. Robert White '66 Edu (RA), Palm City, Fla.-Oct. 27, 2017. Wife: Sue Swanger '66 Edu. Wallace A. Abran '67 H&HD (Football), Franklin, W.Va.—Feb. 21, 2017. Rosemary Bolig '67, '73 MEd H&HD ($\Gamma \Phi B$), Washington—July 28, 2017. Richard L. Breeding '67a Sci Allghy, Alexandria, Ky.—Dec. 6, 2016. Gerald M. Buriok '67 MA, '71 PhD Sci, Indiana, Pa.-Nov. 8, 2017. Lawrence B. Henry Jr. '67 EMS, Vienna, Va.—Oct. 31, 2017. Beverley Thomas Higgins '67 Lib (Thespians), Seneca Falls, N.Y.-Sept. 14, 2017. Gerald F. Kasmala '67, '71 MS Eng, State College-Oct. 3, 2017. Judy Howard Millwater '67 H&HD ($A\Delta\Pi$. Softball, Collegian), Tampa, Fla.—April 29, 2017. Eleanor M. Roberts '67 Edu, Boise, Idaho-Sept. 27, 2017. Donald T. Thomen '67 Lib. Dallas. Ore.-Nov. 9. 2017. Paul Timashenka '67 DEd Edu. Edinboro. Pa.—Oct. 4, 2017. Donald B. Ashton '68 Eng (Glee Club, RA), Ossipee, N.H.-Oct. 1, 2017. Robert W. Barton '68 Lib. '72 JD Law ($\Phi\Gamma\Delta$), Harrisburg, Pa.—Oct. 7, 2017. Edward C. Clawson '68 DEd Edu, Mill Hall, Pa.—Sept. 22, 2017. Richard B. Craft '68 MEd EMS, Burlington, N.J.-Sept. 28, 2017. Phyllis D. Horn '68 MEd A&A, Pittsboro, N.C.-Oct. 26, 2017. Miriam E. Horneff '68 Sci, St. Paul, Minn.—Oct. 12, 2017. Barbara Neuhoff Lloyd '68 Lib (ΔZ), Blue Bell, Pa.-Oct. 29, 2017. Husband: John '68 Bus.

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ACADEMIC UNITS

- A&A | College of Arts and Architecture
- Agr | College of Agricultural Sciences
- Bus | Smeal College of Business Com | Bellisario College of
 - Communications Edu | College of Education
 - EMS | College of Earth and Mineral Sciences
 - Eng | College of Engineering H&HD | College of Health and Human
 - Development
 - Hershey | College of Medicine
 - **IDF** | Interdisciplinary Fields
 - IST | Information Sciences and Technology
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 - Nur | College of Nursing
 - Sci | Eberly College of Science SIA | School of International Affairs

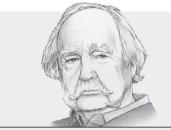
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Gudrun A. Mower '68 A&A. Jordanville. N.Y.-Oct. 1, 2017. Husband: George '65 MA Lib. Charles D. Wolfe '68 Sci, El Cajon, Calif.—August 2017. Janet Kirbert Beautz '69 H&HD, Santa Cruz, Calif.-Sept. 23, 2017. Husband: Michael '66, '73 MS Eng. Gerald H. Botdorf '69 MEd Edu, McClure, Pa.-Oct. 26, 2017. Daughters: Natalie Taylor '89 Sci; Rhonda Ritter '91, '00 MEd Edu. Michael J. Buchert '69 Bus, Robesonia, Pa.—Sept. 25, 2017. Donald L. Davis '69 Lib (Blue Band), Youngstown, Ohio-Oct. 23, 2017. Allen E. Eagles '69 MEng Eng GrtVIv. Exton. Pa.—Sept. 26, 2017. Son: Allen Jr. '88a Sci Brandy. Francis E. Gallagher '69 Bus, Mount Laurel, N.J.-Oct. 23, 2017. Mahlon N. Haines III '69 Hbg, New Cumberland, Pa.-Sept. 26, 2017, Wife: Nancy Casselman '68 Lib. George H. Hee Jr. '69 Bus (AROTC), Philadelphia-Oct. 10, 2017. Meyer Simon '69 Edu ($\Phi\Sigma\Delta$), Southampton, Pa.—April 14, 2017. Daughters: Jennifer Rothenberg '98 H&HD; Stephanie Levinson '01 H&HD. James M. White '69 Eng, Daniel Island, S.C.-Oct. 22, 2017. Wife: Nancy Moyer '70 Lib.

1970s

Ryan D. Butner '70 Bus ($\Delta \Sigma \Phi$), Parker, Colo.-Sept. 30, 2017. John R. Holloway '70 PhD EMS. Phoenix—Sept. 6, 2017. Robert D. Lehman '70 EMS, Claysville, Pa.—Oct. 24, 2017. John A. Lukach '70 Edu. Whitehall. Pa.–Nov. 1. 2017. Sergio L. Roman '70 Bus, Flourtown, Pa.–Oct. 24, 2017. Daughter: Lisa '02 A&A. | Timothy L. Stockslager '70 Eng, Feasterville Trevose, Pa.—June 16, 2017. Nancy H. Bayliss '71 Hbg, Fort Myers, Fla.-Oct. 18, 2017. Stanley M. Charnick '71a Eng WB, Shavertown, Pa.–Oct. 12, 2017. Thomas E. Lightner '71 Eng Alt, Hollidaysburg, Pa.—Aug. 28, 2016. Michael T. Rickert '71 Lib (ATΩ, Parmi Nous), Sicklerville, N.J.-Sept. 28, 2017. Son: Matthew '00 Lib. Edward V. Swierczewski '71 Sci. New Kensington, Pa.-Nov. 7, 2017. Daughter: Kristin '91 Nur. | Marlin J. Tressler Jr. '71 Agr MtAlt, Westminster, S.C.-Oct. 1, 2017. Steve A. Adams '72 Agr, Herndon, Pa.-Oct. 28, 2017. Josie Prescott Campbell



HARLAN HOFFA 1925-2017

Champion of Art Education

Harlan Hoffa might well be remembered for his military service during World War II. A survivor of the Battle of the Bulge, he also was captured—and escaped—three different times. But many will recall his leadership within Penn State's art education department, and his dedication to arts education advocacy at the national level. "This is a man who was very tenacious and very committed to the value of arts and what the arts meant in our culture," says Barbara Korner, dean of the College of Arts and Architecture. "He spent his life, right up until the last days, enthusiastic about making a difference in those ways."

In 1970, **Hoffa '59 A&A** was named head of the art education program. During his 20-year career, he also served as acting director of the School of Visual Arts and associate dean for research and graduate studies in the College of Arts and Architecture. He was honored with a College of Arts and Architecture Alumni Award in 2014. Hoffa also was president of the National Art Education Association from 1971–73.

"He had very strong opinions about creativity and thinking independently," says son Tom. "For example, how kids should use coloring books. He thought that you as the person drawing the picture should be the one deciding what it looks like; you shouldn't be filling in lines that somebody else drew."

Hoffa died May 1, 2017, in State College, at age 91. He is survived by a son and daughter. *—Meghan Walbert*

'72 PhD Lib, Portsmouth, Va.-Oct. 24, 2017. Deborah J. Holland '72 H&HD (Field Hockey, Tennis), Port St. Lucie, Fla.—May 17, 2017. Robert L. Mayer Jr. '72 Lib, '75 MEd Edu, Naples, Fla.—Oct. 31, 2017. Ronald L. Smith '72 MEd Edu, Lancaster, Pa.-Oct. 15. 2017. John R. Vannoni '72 MEd. '74 DEd Edu, Marlton, N.J.-Oct. 24, 2017. M. Dennis Barrall '73 Eng, Blandon, Pa.-Nov. 14, 2017. Brother: Zane '77a Eng Berks. Willie L. Days '73 Edu, Philadelphia–Oct. 5, 2017. Edwin C. Green '73 MEd Edu, St. Louis–June 1, 2017. Carl W. Koch '73 Sci, '77 Sci ($\Delta \Sigma \Phi$, Blue Band), Allentown, Pa.-Oct. 22, 2017. Brother: Harry '62 Edu. Gerald T. Kosentos '73 Bus, Wexford, Pa.—Aug. 18, 2017. John F. Monahan Jr. **'73a Eng Abgt,** Pottstown, Pa.—Oct. 4, 2017. Thomas J. Murphy '73 Bus, Endicott, N.Y.-Oct. 30, 2017. Felice A. Torchia Jr. '73 Hbg, Mechanicsburg, Pa.-Sept. 21, 2017. Douglas Y. Heivly '74 MRP Hbg, Allentown, Pa.-Oct. 2, 2017. Joseph M. Miller '74 Bus, Bowie, Md.-Nov. 12, 2017.

Wife: Gretchen Hefft '72 Lib. Mark A. Wolfe '74 Nur, Vancouver, Wash.—Oct. 22, 2017. Edward D. Baker Jr. '75 MS H&HD, Ashaway, R.I.-Oct. 29, 2017. Andrew M. Chapura Jr. '75 Agr, Biloxi, Miss.-Oct. 22, 2017. John P. Fior '75 Agr MtAlt. Linden. Pa.—Nov. 14. 2017. John B. Gummo '75 Bus, Port Matilda, Pa.-Sept. 27, 2017. Sons: Scott '05 H&HD; Benjamin '09 H&HD, '11 MEd Edu. | Toni San Maria Casale '76 H&HD, '89r Hershey, '90 MPA Hbg (AEA, Collegian), Lancaster, Pa.-Sept. 28, 2017. George F. Dolby '76a Bus Shen, Farrell, Pa.—Oct. 1, 2017. | Norman C. Fetter '76 Eng. Pottstown, Pa.-Oct. 12, 2017. Children: Norman Jr. '00 A&A; Jessica Weeks '02 Lib. Roberta L. Furstenberger '76 Lib, Erie, Pa.–Nov. 6, 2017. John R. Klynott '76 Hbg, Carmel, Ind.—Oct. 27, 2017. Gary L. Stick '76 H&HD, Frederick, Md.—Sept. 29, 2017. Wife: Kathryn '78 Hbg. Edward C. Berry '77 Lib, Montoursville, Pa.-Oct. 16, 2017. Son: David '02 EMS. | Richard A. **Bierly '77 Bus** (A $\Sigma\Phi$), New Hope, Pa.—Nov.

6, 2017. Wife: Nancy Kirchmyer '77 A&A; Daughters: Lauren '09 A&A; Kristen '06 A&A. Mark J. Clifford '77 Lib, Scranton, Pa.—Oct. 13, 2017. William S. Hays '77 MEd H&HD, Kent, Ohio-Feb. 10, 2017. Susan Czlonka LeFebvre '77 H&HD. Colorado Springs, Colo.-Oct. 26, 2017. Bruno B. Najaka III '77 Bus, Nanticoke, Pa.—Oct. 11, 2017. Robert J. Pavlick '77 Lib, Greenville, Pa.-Nov. 1, 2017. Brother: Ronald '80 A&A. '83 MEd Edu. Victoria L. Rish '77 Lib, New Freedom, Pa.-Oct. 19, 2017. Randall F. Schlenker '77 Bus ($\Sigma \Phi E$), Kutztown, Pa.—Oct. 7, 2017. Phyllis Kelley Cartwright '78 Lib, Telford, Pa.–Oct. 3, 2017. Daughter: Elizabeth '10 Lib. Albert T. Holcombe '78 Agr MtAlt, Fountainville, Pa.—Sept. 23, 2017. Steven A. Black '79 Edu, East Stroudsburg, Pa.-Nov. 14, 2017. Wife: Jacqueline Horton '79 Edu. | Eugene V. Bonner '79a H&HD Berks, Reading, Pa.-Nov. 5, 2017. | Robert W. Makuch '79 Bus, Emlenton, Pa.-Oct. 15, 2017. John L. Martha '79 Eng, Plano, Texas-June

8, 2016. **| Robert H. Pitulski '79 MS Eng,** Export, Pa.—Oct. 15, 2017.

1980s

Karen Starrett Gurkin '80 Bus, Moscow, Tenn.—Nov. 12, 2017. Richard L. Hampton '80 Lib (Glee Club, RA), Gilbertsville, Pa.-Oct. 21, 2017. Brother: Ronald '81, '85 MS Agr. | Lucretia M. Lenkner '80 Nur, Homestead, Pa.-Oct. 16, 2017. Donald R. Erickson '81 Bus. Grandview. Ohio–Nov. 2. 2017. Wife: Katherine White '81 Bus. Jeanne C. Freed '81 Hbg. Mount Jov. Pa.-Oct. 21, 2017. Blair K. Spearman '81 PhD Sci, Bryan, Texas—Oct. 1, 2017. George A. Platoniotis '82 Lib (Golden Key), Aliquippa, Pa.–Oct. 21, 2017. Claire S. Caplan '83a Lib Abgt, Warminster, Pa.—Nov. 17, 2017. Jacob E. Molchany '83 Eng, Johnstown, Pa.-Sept. 21, 2017. Brothers: Edward '86 Sci; Paul '87 Lib; son: Andrew '14 Eng Alt. | Maria Rounds '83 Lib, Norristown, Pa.–Oct. 3, 2017. Karen C. Kraynak '84 EMS, Fairfax, Va.-Sept. 25, 2017. Patrick J. Kresge '84a Eng Worth, Tannersville, Pa.–Sept. 19, 2017. Gerald H. Miller '84a Lib Alt, Townville, Pa.-Nov. 11, 2017. Son: Gerald '86a Eng Alt. Paul J. Boxler '85 Eng, Landenberg, Pa.–Oct. 27, 2017. William E. Davison '85 A&A, Annapolis, Md.–Nov. 4, 2017. Kevin A. Logar '85 Bus, Greensboro, N.C.-Oct. 9, 2017. James T. McKernan '85a Bus Shen. Hermitage, Pa.—Oct. 11, 2017. Gary M. Morlang '85 MS Eng, Petersburg, Pa.-Oct. 30, 2017. James R. Shanaberger '85a Bus Fayt, Perryopolis, Pa.–Sept. 23, 2017. Susan M. Ellis-Hermansen '86 MS Nur. Old Town, Maine-Oct. 14, 2017. Husband: Knud '80, '86 PhD Eng. David V. Klinger '86 Hbg, Harrisburg, Pa.—Oct. 1, 2017. Susan K. Moyer '86 Lib (Swimming/Diving), Reading, Pa.–Nov. 3, 2017. Paula Thompson Ulsh '86 Nur, Harrisburg, Pa.-Sept. 15, 2017. Eric W. Thompson '87a Eng Shen, Mercer, Pa.–Oct. 15, 2017. Lawrence L. Martin '88 DEd Edu, Northfield, Minn.-Oct. 29, 2017. Todd A. Mountford '88 Com (Collegian), York, Pa.-Nov. 6, 2017. Dante J. Orazzi III '88 Lib ($\Delta \Sigma \Phi$, Lion's Paw), Salt Lake City—Oct. 31, 2017. Robert P. Schlegel II '88 Behrend—Sept. 27, 2017. Richard R. Stepp Jr. '88 H&HD, Harrisburg, Pa.—Oct. 4, 2017. David J. Birkmire '89 Bus, Ardmore, Pa.—Oct. 31, 2017. Nancy E. Coulmas '89 PhD Bus, Bloomsburg, Pa.—Nov. 10, 2017. Walter L. Walker '89 Com, West Palm Beach, Fla.—Jan. 1, 2017.

1990s

William A. Kern '91 MS EMS, Huntsville, Ala.-Sept. 7, 2017. Barry A. Scanlan '91 Eng, Pittsburgh–Sept. 30, 2017. Malinda B. Bowser '92a Sci NewKens. Tarentum. Pa.—Nov. 2, 2017. Celeste S. Danisavich '92a Lib Schuyl, Barnesville, Pa.-Oct. 5, 2017. Stephen D. Parulski '92 Lib WB, Wilkes Barre, Pa.–Oct. 3, 2017. Thomas R. Tribett '92 Lib, Gilbert, Ariz.-Nov. 2, 2017. Eric R. Johnson '93 H&HD, Clarks Summit, Pa.—Sept. 24, 2017. Kristen D. Turner '93 MA Lib, Morrisville, Pa.-Aug. 27, 2017. William M. Goins '94 MEd, '94 **PhD Edu,** Columbia, S.C.—Nov. 11, 2017. Lillian E. Himes '94 Hbg, Dublin, Ohio-Oct. 20, 2017. Charles N. Hunter '94, '98 MEd Edu, Johnstown, Pa.—Nov. 2, 2017. Lawrence J. Burge '95 MS Bus, Oak Creek, Wis.-Oct. 16, 2016. Guy E. D'Eramo '95a Lib Shen, Transfer, Pa.—Oct. 6, 2017. Wife: Virginia Reimold '68 MEd Edu. Dorothy L. Williams '95a Bus Allghy, Clairton, Pa.—Oct. 11, 2017. David T. Boyle Jr. '97a Lib Abgt, Encinitas, Calif.—Sept. 5, 2017. Kathryn J. Kaylor '97 MPA Hbg, Palmyra, Pa.-Oct. 28, 2017. Daughter: Jennifer '95 Hbg. William B. Myer '99 Bus, Ephrata, Pa.-Oct. 4, 2017.

2000s

Isabelle Rea '00a Shen, Hermitage, Pa.—Oct. 30, 2017. | Kimberly S. Valenti '01 Edu, New Bern, N.C.—June 5, 2016. | Brian J. Rinker '02 WB, Nanticoke, Pa.— Oct. 9, 2017. | Gloria F. Laird '03 MEd A&A, Lewisburg, Pa.—Nov. 4, 2017. | Erin Grabowski Hain '04 H&HD, Indiana, Pa.— Oct. 21, 2017. | Carey L. Hiestand '04 Hbg (Lion Ambass.), Elizabethtown, Pa.—Oct. 31, 2017. | Michael B. Rutt '05 M GrtVly, Oviedo, Fla.—Nov. 7, 2017. | Linda S. Hart '06 MEd Edu, Jersey Shore, Pa.—Oct. 30, 2017. | Christina P. Lang '06 Alt, Altoona, Pa.—Oct. 7, 2017. | Nikki J. Grim '08 MEd Hbg, York, Pa.—Oct. 18, 2017. | Delbert Hazeley '08 IST, Bothell, Wash.—Oct. 16, 2017. Wife: Roseline Okyne '08 H&HD. | Kaleena A. Porter '09 A&A, Los Angeles— Oct. 19, 2017.

2010s

Ashley L. Ayres '10 MEd Hbg, Fawn Grove, Pa.—Nov. 5. 2017. Jason P. McGinty '10 **Abgt** (ΣAM), Philadelphia–May 25, 2017. Heather A. Pater '11 Lib, Baltimore-Oct. 6, 2017. Joseph C. Johnson '12, '13 MBA Behrend, Meadville, Pa.—Sept. 19, 2017. Dalton M. Rhvne '13a WC. Munster. Ind.-Oct. 21, 2017. Daniel W. Silverstein '13 PhD Sci, Newtown, Pa.—Sept. 29, 2017. John R. Andrews '14 Nur Hbg, Camp Hill, Pa.—June 5, 2017. Son: Colin '11 Eng, '16 MD Hershey. Luke W. Kellerman '14a Agr WC, Parker, Colo.—Oct. 19, 2017. Frank C. Cundro '15 Agr WC, Drums, Pa.-Sept. 20, 2017. Jayme S. Wilt '15 Eng, Altoona, Pa.-Oct. 25, 2017. Rachel M. Orlando '17 Bus, West Chester, Pa.-Nov. 15, 2017.

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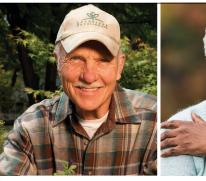
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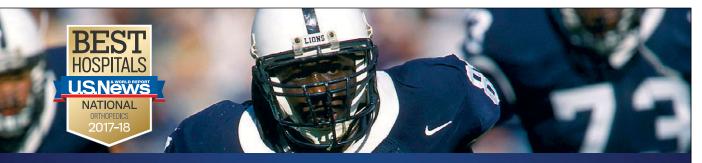
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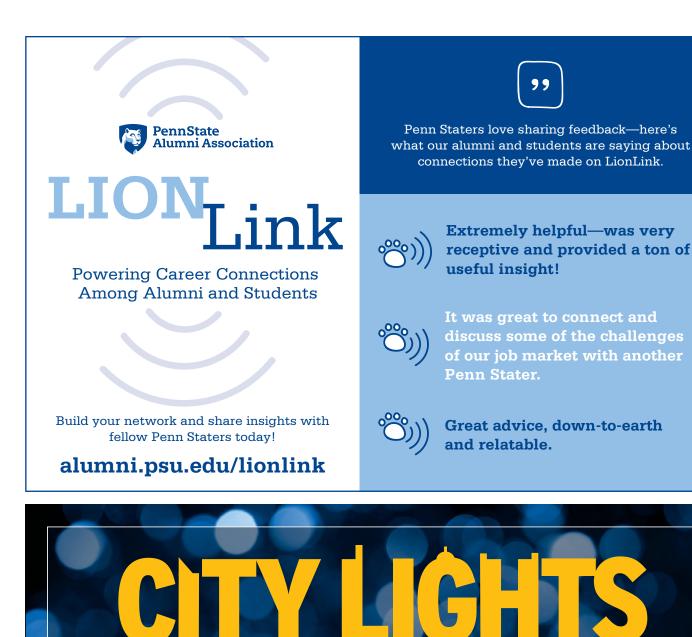




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FOR AN ENGINEERING STUDENT FROM VENEZUELA. PENN STATE HAS OFFERED AN EDUCATION, AND A RESPITE FROM UPHEAVAL AT HOME. By Magdalena Nevett Fernandez

As told to Savita Iyer

YOU'RE NOT SAFE IN VENEZUELA-not outside, not in your house, not at night, not during the day. When I was there, I didn't drive the car after sunset. I didn't take public transport by myself. I stopped wearing skirts and dresses because I didn't want to attract attention. I wore sneakers, so that I was ready to run.

I didn't want to leave. I wanted to study at Universidad Simón Bolívar, but because of the instability in my country, the university was closed. So I applied to U.S. colleges, and I chose Penn State because it's well-ranked for engineering, and because my mother wanted me to be on the East Coast, thinking it would be easier for me to fly home. I was lucky to get a student visa. Outside the U.S. embassy in Caracas, the lines are long, and many people are turned away. You can't take anyone with you, and you can't take a phone, so when I came out, I had no way to contact my father to pick me up. Being outside the embassy by myself was maybe more frightening than being refused a visa. Anything can happen.

It happens routinely: People in an SUV with rifles will stop you while you're driving, blindfold you, force you into their vehicle, and look to get money from you. Almost all of my family members have been robbed at gunpoint-my cousin, my father, my mother, even my grandmother. They broke into her house and tied her up. My mom was stopped in her car: They said, "Give us your cell phone." My mom realized that if she gave them her phone, it would take a long time to get a new one. So she gave them her wedding ring, then stepped on the gas and took off, knocking the thieves over. It was a crazy, dangerous thing to do.



Everything you read in the news about Venezuela is true. The currency is worthless. The supermarkets are empty, there is no food, there are no medicines. My family is better off than most, but even for us, things are really tough. I try not to call my parents too often because it makes me sad. I really miss them. I miss my home.

Penn State and the engineering department have been very supportive. I'll graduate in December, and as an international student in STEM, I get a one-year practical training visa, plus two more years. But I am not sure how easy it will be to find a job. I've had a tough time finding internships; companies are reluctant to hire international students, since immigration laws and visa rules can change at any moment.

If ever there was the slightest chance that things would change, I would drop everything and head back home. I want my children to grow up how I grew up, surrounded by family. But I also want to be someplace where my degree is worth something. That's not possible in Venezuela now. Maybe things will change, and my studies can help in building a new country. I can only hope.

Magdalena Nevett Fernandez is a senior majoring in mechanical engineering.

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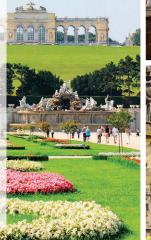
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