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*Nearly 2,000 new graduates officially became Lehigh alumni during the university's 147th commencement, held May 18, 2015 under sunny skies at Goodman Stadium.
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Photo by Christa Neu



Gearing up for the 150th

From one celebration to the next

IT SEEMS LIKE ONLY YESTERDAY that the Lehigh community assembled in New York to celebrate the 150th playing of The Rivalry, our storied football series against that school over in Easton. But even with the memories of that weekend still fresh in our minds, we now find ourselves preparing for yet another celebration this fall.

Or, actually, a few of them.

As we put this summer issue of the *Lehigh Bulletin* to bed, everyone here on South Mountain is working diligently to prepare campus for a truly historic occasion.

In early October, Lehigh faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends will gather to celebrate the kickoff of our university's 150th anniversary. Events will span four days, Oct. 1-Oct. 4, and will include a very special Founder's Day celebration; John D. Simon's formal installation as our 14th President; a campus-wide block party; the dedication of the newly renovated Williams Hall; a Homecoming showdown against Yale; a series of academic and cultural events, and so much more. It figures to be quite a weekend, and one well worth looking forward to. You can learn more about all of the events surrounding the 150th weekend—and additional events that will take place throughout the 2015-2016 academic year—on pages 38-39.

Of course, there is plenty more worth reading in this issue, including the following:

■ Lehigh prides itself on educating great leaders. And “great leader” is certainly a fair description of the woman who graces our cover this month. **Cathy Engelbert '86** made history earlier this year when, by being named CEO of Deloitte LLP, she became the first woman to lead a major U.S. professional services firm. Engelbert

sat down with *Bulletin* associate editor Mary Ellen Alu for an interview shortly after assuming her new role, and in our cover story (“The Game Changer,” Pg. 24), you can find out how this Lehigh pioneer managed to break the Big Four's glass ceiling—while also finding enough time to coach her daughter's basketball team.

■ In May, Lehigh announced an exciting new initiative that will vastly expand its capacities for teaching and research in computer science and data analytics. Through Data X (“Introducing Data X,” Pg. 8), the university will not only recruit new faculty working in computer science, marketing, bioengineering, journalism and other fields, but also expand course offerings and provide more Lehigh students than ever before the opportunity to acquire a grounding in this increasingly essential field.

■ From soccer to cross country, women's volleyball to football, there is much optimism surrounding Lehigh athletics as the fall season approaches. In our fall sports preview (Pg. 22), you can read up on all of the teams and all of the athletes that figure to make an impact this fall.

We hope you enjoy this issue of the *Bulletin* and welcome you, as always, to contact us with questions, comments, criticisms or praise (we're especially welcoming of the latter). You can email me directly at tih313@lehigh.edu, or send snail mail to the address at the right.

Thanks as always for reading. And go Lehigh.

Sincerely,
Tim Hyland, *Editor*

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Dan Nolan leaps across the goal line for the first touchdown in a 1957 game against Columbia University.



KARL MARX OR THE MARX BROTHERS?

Just some comments on Phil Edmunds' letter.

His political diatribe calling Barack Obama a Marxist, without any backup evidence, is appalling.

During his term in office, the stock market has more than doubled in value, financial institutions have been rescued, and two major automakers saved. Some Marxist!

I, too, am a Marxist! But I don't adhere to Karl's philosophy but to those brothers who made all those delightful comedies in the 1930s and 1940s. In fact, I think he is a Marxist, too. Like Harpo, Mr. Edmunds just honks his horn. But many of us are not laughing.

Myron "Mike" Pomerantz '47

ON POLITICS AND FOOTBALL

I appreciated Phil Edmunds' reminder of Andy Larko's heroics in the 1961 Lehigh-Lafayette game. Andy was a good friend and teammate of my fraternity brother in Beta Theta Pi, Ed Winchester.

With respect to the political side of Phil's letter, I remember Martin Wolf's (he is the chief economics commentator at the *Financial Times*) writing that President Obama was a "pragmatic centrist" and being puzzled how he could be characterized otherwise. I am also grateful that the Supreme Court is dealing with ObamaCare and not considering whether to take away our Medicare coverage.

Bob Coo '63

IN REMEMBRANCE OF TWO HALL OF FAMERS

As the result of two recent deaths from the Class of 1958, I believe a brief article concerning Lehigh football in the late '50s might make for a well-received article in the *Lehigh Bulletin*. The two men who were so important a part of Lehigh football were Dan Nolan, quarterback, and Pete Williams, tackle (offense and defense). Unfortunately we lost Dan [in 2013] and Pete

in February. They were co-captains and part of a very strong team for three years (you could only play varsity for three years at that time). The team won the Lambert Cup. Dan and Pete were on *The Ed Sullivan Show*, and both are in the Lehigh Hall of Fame. Most importantly, the two were outstanding individuals.

I believe a brief review of their careers would be fitting and well-received by your readers. I hope you agree that this might be a good time to comment on some past glory days and honor two Lehigh past stand-outs. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Richard T. Briggs '58

Editor's Note: Dan Nolan '58 led Lehigh to a 22-5 record over three seasons as quarterback, including an 8-1 season in 1957 en route to Lehigh's first-ever Lambert Cup trophy. Nolan, who received a bachelor's degree in metallurgy, played a brief stint with the Pittsburgh Steelers before becoming a Roman Catholic priest.

Pete Williams '58 captained the 1957 squad and went on to earn All-America, All-East and All-Pennsylvania distinction that same season. He earned his degree in business administration and went on to spend 38 years at IBM, where he worked in human resources, both domestic and international.

The football team gained national attention when it received the Lambert Cup on The Ed Sullivan Show.

HALL OF FAMERS

Co-captains Dan Nolan, left, and Pete Williams led the Lehigh team that won the Lambert Cup.



'An Experience Like No Other'

Reflections on a year in the Lehigh presidency

By Kevin L. Clayton '84, '13P, Interim President



THERE WAS NOTHING “interim” about the wonderful year we had at Lehigh University, thanks to the hard work, dedication, and patience of a lot of people.

From academic achievements to athletic triumphs to community engagement in South Bethlehem, the members of our campus community challenged themselves, gave of themselves and achieved much for Lehigh.

Lehigh shined brightly on the national stage as we celebrated the 150th playing of The Rivalry in New York City. The nation took notice as we rang the closing bell at the New York Stock Exchange and as Lehigh's Choral Arts performed at Carnegie Hall. Our fiercely loyal alumni from near and far gathered to support our football team at Yankee Stadium. Though we may not have emerged victorious from that particularly iconic gridiron, our Lehigh pride remained steadfast, as always.

Here on campus, we were thoughtfully engaged on a number of fronts. We welcomed the Class of 2018, one of the most academically impressive and diverse classes ever admitted to Lehigh. We hosted great minds and stimulated powerful conversations across campus. A few examples would include the MLK Celebration, a lecture by Nobel Laureate Martin Chalfie, journalist Bill Moyers giving the Tresolini Lecture, alum Brooks Zug speaking as part of the Gruhn Distinguished Finance Speaker Series, and the inaugural Women in Business conference. Our campus community made notable strides toward improving our campus climate and becoming more inclusive, as evidenced by the further empowering of the Council for Equity and Community (CEC).

Our world-renowned faculty continued to challenge our students and conduct meaningful and innovative research that only furthered Lehigh's reputation as one of the nation's top universities. Our amazing students analyzed, achieved, spoke up and spoke out, making new discoveries through our many innovative and exciting programs such as Mountaintop. Thanks to the approval and endorsement of our Board of Trustees, we officially launched Data X, a strategic universi-

ty initiative that will expand Lehigh's capacities for teaching and learning in computer and data science across our four colleges. We are also taking the initial steps in an ambitious campaign to update our campus. We're calling it Creative Spaces, and it will focus on the renovations of the University Center, Chandler-Ullmann, and Christmas-Saucon.

We also made significant progress with respect to furthering our partnership with the City of Bethlehem. We partnered with the Bethlehem Economic Development Corporation to reinvigorate the South Bethlehem community by launching the Community Ambassadors Program. In addition, we embarked on a series of collaborative initiatives aimed at providing enhanced safety for our students and community residents alike.

This was undoubtedly a year brimming with accomplishments, both inside and outside the classroom, for so many members of the Lehigh family. Their successes are our successes. And Lehigh's future is extremely bright.

This past academic year we selected John D. Simon to serve as our 14th president. Having had the opportunity to spend significant time with John on the transition over the past several months, I could not be more confident that we have found the right individual to move Lehigh forward. John has immersed himself in learning about our past, our present, and our aspirations for the future. He has reached out to and connected with members of our community. With the entire campus community in support of John, I know Lehigh will exceed its goals.

Like all of you, I look forward to celebrating our Sesquicentennial this fall. And I am eager to witness an even brighter future, ushered in by the thoughtful and dynamic leadership of our new president and the hardworking and brilliant individuals that make Lehigh great: our faculty, staff, students, alumni, and local community.

I've had many unforgettable Lehigh experiences in my lifetime. This past academic year, in which I had the opportunity to lead our great university as your interim president, has been a tremendously positive experience like no other. It has truly been an honor to serve in this role. I thank you for your unwavering confidence and support.

We should all be extremely proud of what we've accomplished together this past year. Our beloved alma mater is extremely well positioned for the next 150 years. Go Lehigh!

LEHIGH IN MY LIFE

Ferdinand Thun '56

Bachelor of Science in Metallurgical Engineering

Ferd Thun's Lehigh legacy will touch generations of students for as long as the university stands. Serving as Lehigh's director of Planned Giving from 1973 to 1995, Thun built an advancement program focused on raising scholarship support and increasing the university's endowment—two resources that ensure talented students can receive an excellent Lehigh education regardless of their ability to pay. Thun credits his wife, Elizabeth, with helping him develop relationships with some of Lehigh's most generous benefactors.

"The diversity of the student body is important, and investment in the scholarship program is really needed to maintain that balance," said Thun, who believes so deeply in supporting bright students and attracting a distinctive student body that he established two scholarships that have already helped 13 young men and women. To assist in building the best incoming class from a diverse community, one of the Thun scholarships is offered to undergraduate students whose parents immigrated to the United States and became U.S. citizens.

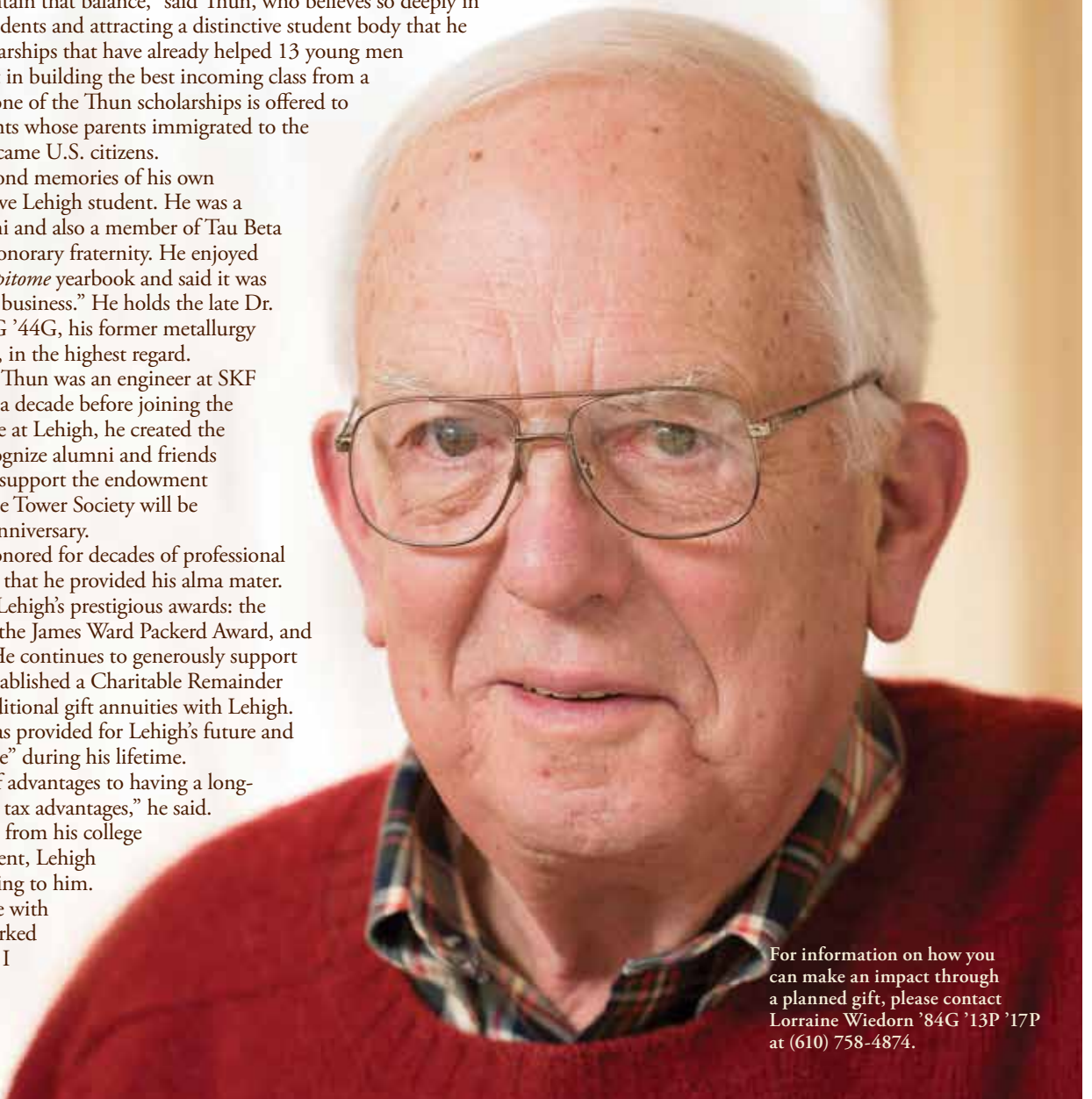
Thun has many fond memories of his own experiences as an active Lehigh student. He was a member of Sigma Chi and also a member of Tau Beta Pi, the engineering honorary fraternity. He enjoyed being editor of the *Epitome* yearbook and said it was like "running a small business." He holds the late Dr. Robert D. Stout '41G '44G, his former metallurgy professor and advisor, in the highest regard.

After graduation, Thun was an engineer at SKF Industries for almost a decade before joining the university staff. While at Lehigh, he created the Tower Society to recognize alumni and friends whose generous gifts support the endowment program. This fall, the Tower Society will be celebrating its 25th anniversary.

Thun has been honored for decades of professional and volunteer service that he provided his alma mater. He received three of Lehigh's prestigious awards: the Paul J. Franz Award, the James Ward Packard Award, and the Alumni Award. He continues to generously support the university and established a Charitable Remainder Unitrust and two additional gift annuities with Lehigh. By doing so, Thun has provided for Lehigh's future and receives "good income" during his lifetime.

"There are a lot of advantages to having a long-range plan, especially tax advantages," he said.

Thun reflects that from his college days through retirement, Lehigh has been very rewarding to him. "Everything I've done with the university has worked out well. That is why I stay close to Lehigh."



For information on how you can make an impact through a planned gift, please contact Lorraine Wiedorn '84G '13P '17P at (610) 758-4874.

ON CAMPUS

NEWS FROM LEHIGH

A Milestone Worth Celebrating

Lehigh readies for its Sesquicentennial



In the summer of 1865, Asa Packer—entrepreneur, industrialist and philanthropist—made good on his promise to give back to the region that had given him so much. He founded Lehigh University with the hope that the university would provide the young people of the Lehigh Valley with the knowledge to succeed in a fast-changing world.

A century and a half later, the Lehigh community is getting ready to celebrate not only Packer's great vision, but also what the university he built has become—and where it's headed in the years to come.

This October figures to be one of the most exciting in Lehigh history, as students, faculty,

staff, alumni and friends will kick off a year of celebration commemorating the university's Sesquicentennial. From Thursday, Oct. 1, through Sunday, Oct. 4, Lehigh's campus will come to life with a series of events, from the formal installation of John D. Simon as president to a weekend-long 150th block party to the dedication of the newly renovated Williams Hall and more.

The celebrations will begin on Oct. 1 with the kickoff 150th block party, which will take place at locations on and around campus and will include a student talent show, academic events, guest speakers, concerts, a farmer's market and more. That same day, the university will formally rename Campus Square in honor of Gregory C. Farrington, who served as president from 1998 through 2006 and made great strides in building stronger bonds between Lehigh and its community. The next day, the campus community will gather for the annual Founder's Day celebration, which this year will be made all the more special as Simon is officially installed into office as Lehigh's 14th president. A community parade will follow, along with a campus-wide birthday party featuring food, entertainment and a light show.

Saturday, Oct. 3, will feature a packed schedule—from the Williams Hall dedication to a special Homecoming tailgate to the Mountain Hawks' big showdown against Yale—while Sunday will see the block party reach a fever pitch with concerts, lectures, art exhibits and more happening all throughout campus and South Bethlehem.

Even more events are being planned for the week-end-long celebration, and additional gatherings will be held at Lehigh and elsewhere throughout the remainder of the year. To keep up to date with the latest schedule, and to find information on tickets and more, visit lehigh.edu/150.—*Tim Hyland*



ENDOWMENT GRANT: ALUMNI, FRIENDS DELIVER ON GLOBAL EDUCATION

In 2011, Lee Iacocca '45 challenged Lehigh alumni and friends to match a \$5 million endowment grant that he provided for students to gain life-changing international internship experiences.

Since then, 43 donors have answered the call, collectively doubling the fund that will ensure opportunities of real-world global learning for students in perpetuity.

"Today, 40 percent of Lehigh students participate in a study abroad or international internship program," said Interim President Kevin Clayton '84, '13P. "The generosity of Lee Iacocca and others has positioned Lehigh to stay in the forefront of preparing students to lead in global careers."

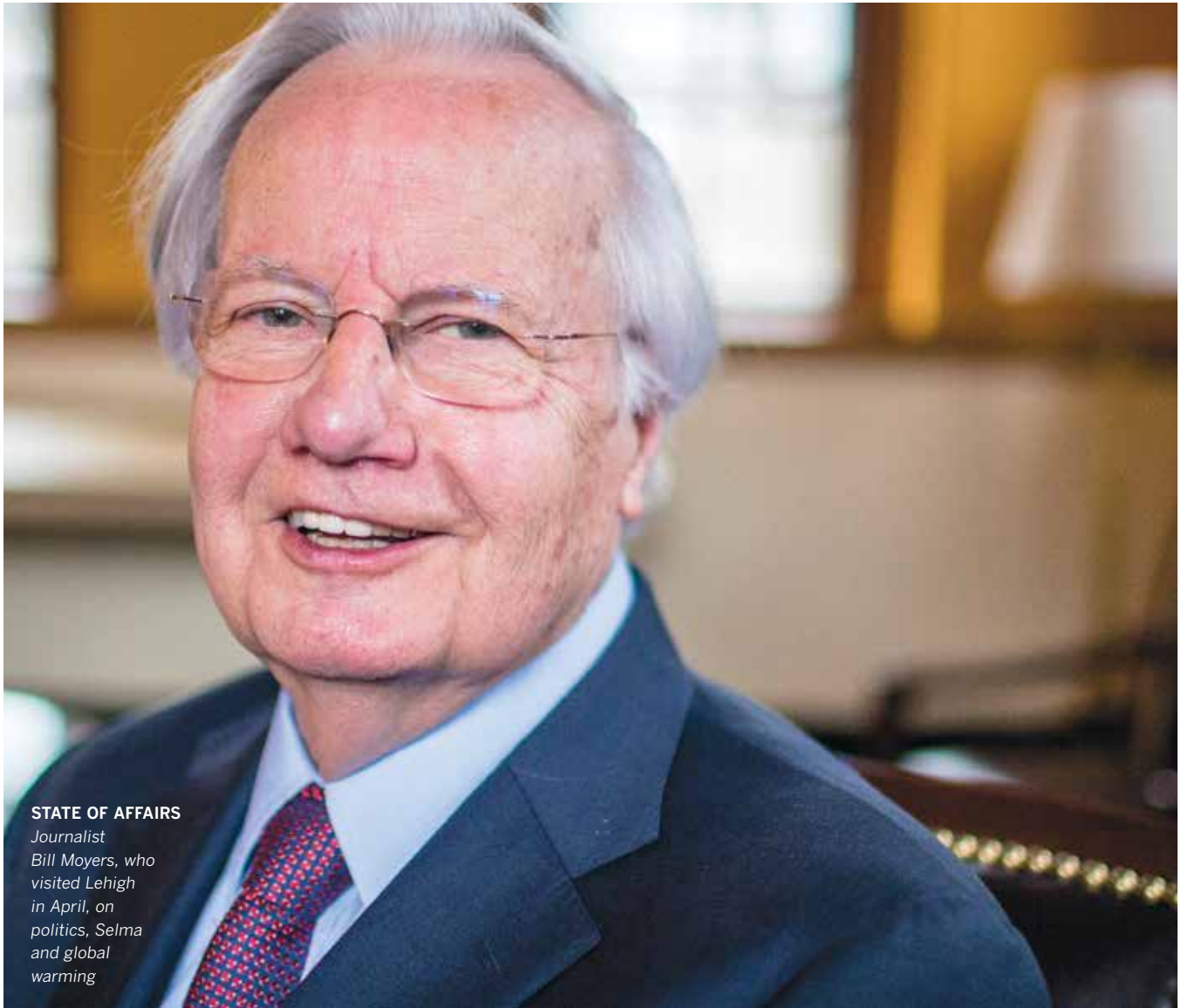
Program interns are selected through a competitive application process. Iacocca's initial gift enabled 10 interns to work abroad in 2012. Because of the funding increase from other donors, 68 interns traveled to 23 countries in 2014 to immerse themselves in the culture of their destination. The endowment fund will now allow 85 students to participate annually.

FIGURE 1



In 1865, Asa Packer donated 57 acres on South Mountain and \$500,000—the largest gift to any educational facility at the time—to establish Lehigh University.

FOUR QUESTIONS WITH Bill Moyers, Legendary Journalist



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STATE OF AFFAIRS

Journalist Bill Moyers, who visited Lehigh in April, on politics, Selma and global warming

1 You officially retired—again—from public television. The last time you retired, it was for 17 days. What might coax you out of retirement one more time? The 2016 presidential race?

I was 70 when I first retired and 75 when I retired a second time. At 80 it's for real. If I have any contribution to make next year, it will be to help others be heard. We need many new and younger voices speaking up for democracy.

2 You have been passionate about 'the corrupting power of money in politics.' What's the best chance for change?

First, tell the truth: as the late Jessica Mitford once said, we may

not change the world, but we can shame the guilty. Then, get behind the movement to amend the Constitution to declare that corporations are not people and money is not speech. Check it out at freespeech-forpeople.org. Start a local chapter. Get political (which means linking arms with kindred spirits, even if they are only a few, where you live).

3 As LBJ's press secretary, you had a front-row seat to the civil rights movement's critical moments. While you found the film *Selma* to be powerful, you also found it flawed. What concerned you most?

President Johnson was made to appear as if he opposed the

march. He didn't. From his years in Congress he was a master of timing and he believed Congress wasn't ready to take up another major bill (on voting rights) so soon after enacting the Civil Rights Act of 1964. But as the march on Selma unfolded and the white supremacists viciously attacked the marchers, he moved immediately and within days called on Congress to act. Also, the film minimizes the drama of the speech he made to Congress in which he turned the mantra of the civil rights movement—"We shall overcome!"—into a national exercise of will. It was one of the great dramatic moments of American history and the filmmaker missed it.

4 Sen. James Inhofe, R-Oklahoma, chair of the Senate Environment Committee, brought a snowball to the Senate floor earlier this year to discredit global warming. Given the critical nature of this issue, how would you characterize our national discourse?

Half the country is serious about it, the other half is in denial. And James Inhofe and his crowd will appear in history as willfully ignorant philistines who sabotaged the future.



MARIO WAGNER

Introducing Data X

New initiative will expand Lehigh's capacities for teaching, research and learning in computer and data science

ACCORDING TO GOVERNMENT ESTIMATES, there will be 1.4 million new computing-based jobs cutting across all fields and industries by 2020, but only 400,000 college graduates qualified to fill them. Lehigh aims to ensure that its graduates are better equipped to join those ranks.

Interim President Kevin Clayton and Provost Patrick V. Farrell have announced the launch of Data X, a strategic initiative that will significantly expand Lehigh's capacities in computer science and related fields, while increasing access to such courses for students of all majors. Through Data X, Lehigh will hire new faculty in computer science, marketing, bioengineering and journalism, infuse computer science concepts into areas of study across the university, and position Lehigh as a leader in a critical field.

"Lehigh has long been a national leader in interdisciplinary teaching and research," Clayton said. "Data X will build upon this strength at a time when computer and data science are shaping discovery and development in our economy, culture and society."

Data X will be led by Daniel Lopresti, department

FIGURE 2



The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects that over the next 10 years, half of all jobs that are created will be in the area of computing.

chair of computer science and engineering. Lopresti's work in fundamental algorithmic and systems-related questions in pattern recognition, bioinformatics and computer security has placed him at the forefront of his field. "Computer science as a field has grown over the past several decades to infuse basically every discipline at Lehigh," Lopresti said. "Software and data impacts everything that we do now and is pervasive in business and industry as well."

Student enrollment in computer science courses at Lehigh has increased 163 percent in five years. By investing in Data X, Lehigh hopes to meet this rising demand and give students a competitive advantage in a market where more employers rely on computer-science competency.

The broader goals of Data X are to build upon Lehigh's existing core of computer science courses, develop connections across the university's four colleges and support cutting-edge research. The new faculty in computer science and related fields will make computer and data science courses available to students from a wider range of disci-

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—DANIEL LOPRESTI

plines. They will join a distinguished group that includes six computer science and engineering professors who have received the National Science Foundation’s (NSF) CAREER Award.

“The market now for computer science is incredibly aggressive,” said Lopresti. “A strategic initiative like this is exactly what we need to compete for the very best talent.”

Lehigh is uniquely positioned for the initiative. Its location between Philadelphia and New York places it in the center of an area of rapidly emerging innovation and offers an opportunity for partnerships with regional companies that have global reach. In addition, Lehigh’s commitment to interdisciplinary studies and research gives students of all backgrounds the chance to utilize the most recent technologies in data and computer science.

David Griffith, professor and chair of marketing, called the links between computer science and marketing “exciting”—and said Lehigh through Data X is “poised to make a big splash in the area of marketing analytics.” For his part, Jack Lule, department chair of journalism and communication, said incorporating digital media into Data X is a logical step.

“The biggest thing that’s happening within journalism right now is what’s happening at Lehigh,” said Lule. “The disciplines are coming together and different groups are working on the same problems. The most interesting questions and answers are coming at the edges of these disciplines.”

Anand Jagota, professor of chemical and biomolecular engineering, said Data X arrives as huge advances are being made in marketing and data analytics and in bioengineering. “Data X plays upon our existing strengths,” he said. “It’s a natural way for us to proceed.”

—Kelly Hochbein
To learn more about Data X, visit lehigh.edu/datax.

An Open Conversation

President-elect John D. Simon answers student questions in town hall meeting

PERCHED ON A STOOL in Lamberton Hall and flanked by Provost Pat Farrell and Brad Scheler ’74, chairman of Lehigh’s board of trustees, President-elect John D. Simon emphasized the importance of communication, responsibility and trust during an April town hall meeting presented by Lehigh’s Student Senate.

Simon, Farrell and Scheler fielded student questions about various campus issues, including the role of student government, Greek life, global engagement, student housing, health, and diversity and inclusion.

When asked about the positives of Greek life in the Lehigh community, Simon addressed the value of structured community and the responsibility that accompanies it. He also discussed how this type of community-building is not limited to fraternities and sororities, and how the residential experience is an essential part of learning.

Simon stressed the role of communication in a campus community, noting that “you can’t discuss the issues when you’re in crisis.

“Lehigh is not in crisis. It’s an important conversation to have when you can sit down and really talk about what goes on,” he said. “Having that conversation in the absence of crisis will allow us to work together better if we do have a crisis.”

Simon emphasized, however, that the absence of crisis does not indicate the absence of serious issues. It’s essential, he said, that the university be willing to listen.



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“Unless we’re really willing to have a very serious and open dialogue about these issues, what drives these issues, what it is about the culture of the institution that needs to be changed to actually make progress on these issues, we won’t make progress,” said Simon.

Students in attendance appreciated having the opportunity to share their thoughts with the university leadership.

“[Simon, Farrell and Scheler] all were really receptive to everything undergrad-

uates and graduate students brought up, and I think the conversation was a really good one,” said Kerry Mallett ’15, president of the Student Senate.

“I don’t think we could have found anybody on the planet better than John Simon to be our next president,” said Scheler. “I have to say that I didn’t think he’d be such a dedicated consumer of Lehigh paraphernalia, which is great, but I think that if you had said, ‘Design for us an ideal of who should be our next president,’ we achieved that.”

To Scheler’s point, Simon, who wore a Lehigh sweatshirt over his dress shirt, revealed that he’s been reading up on—and is excited about—Lehigh’s traditions.

“I think if my back will tolerate it, I’m going to do the bed races,” he said with a laugh.—Kelly Hochbein

U.N. PARTNERSHIP

This academic year marked the 10th anniversary of Lehigh’s partnership with one of the world’s most influential organizations, the United Nations.

In 2004, Lehigh became just the sixth university in the world to gain official recognition as a nongovernmental organization by the U.N. Department of Public Informa-



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tion. Thanks to the relationship, students and faculty can attend U.N. programs and host international dignitaries and events on campus.

“Having U.N. NGO status distinguishes Lehigh from its peers,” says Bill Hunter, director of international outreach and manager of the program at Lehigh. “We have taken a very proactive and formal initiative to engage directly with global decision-makers. Lehigh students now have open door access to one of the world’s most important bodies, a place where decisions regarding their future are made.”

In 2006, Lehigh created the world’s first NGO Youth Representative Program, which allows students to work with NGOs from around the world. The model has been adopted by the U.N. worldwide.

Lehigh makes the U.N. accessible to all students, helping faculty members integrate it into their curricula.

A DOCUMENTARY ABOUT THE PROGRAM'S HISTORY AND ITS FUTURE IS AVAILABLE AT GO.LEHIGH.EDU/UNITEDNATIONS



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A Case For Public Education

Activist Diane Ravitch calls public education the ‘civil rights issue of our time’ in appearance at Lehigh

EDUCATION HISTORIAN AND ACTIVIST DIANE RAVITCH, a lightning rod in the national debate on school reform, presented her case for public education in a well-received lecture in February at the Zoellner Arts Center.

Hosted by Lehigh’s College of Education, Ravitch engaged in an imaginary, yet spirited, debate with a school reformer who she said likely would argue that the nation’s public schools are failing, test scores are declining and drastic measures are needed to save the nation from certain ruin.

As she fiercely countered those contentions, Ravitch argued that public schools must be saved for a future generation of children. She called the protection of public education from attempts at privatization as “the civil rights issue of our time.”

“The public schools are the people’s schools,” said Ravitch, author of *Reign of Error: The Hoax of the Privatization Movement and the Danger to America’s Public Schools*. “Their doors are open to all... Public education must be, as we once hoped, a bastion of equal opportunity. Public education is a public trust. It is not a business opportunity.”

Ravitch, recently named by *Education Week* as the education scholar with the greatest public influence, spoke at Lehigh as part of COE’s Distinguished Lecture Series. The College of Education plans to host a speaker who presents an opposing view in the fall.

Ravitch was an assistant secretary of education and counselor to education secretary Lamar Alexander in the administration of President George H. W. Bush from 1991 to 1993. She is a research professor at New York University’s Steinhardt School of Culture, Education and Human Development.

In an hourlong presentation, Ravitch argued that public schools are not failing and cited several factors: National Assessment of Educational Progress test scores and graduation rates are at their highest in U. S. history and dropout rates are at their lowest.

“Public schools are not mediocre,” she said. “They reflect their communities. Some are outstanding. Some are good but not great. Some are the heart of their community. Some struggle because they serve impoverished communities. We should help them, not close them.”—*Mary Ellen Alu*

FIGURE 3



Craig Hochbein, assistant professor of Educational Leadership at Lehigh, questions the content of education activist Diane Ravitch’s lecture. To read his commentary, go to go.lehigh.edu/ravitchcommentary

A Walk on the South Side

Lehigh grad student aims to improve walkability, and perceptions, on Bethlehem's South Side

MICHAEL DECROSTA '11, '15G is hoping it's the little things that will make a big difference on Bethlehem's South Side.

With a \$2,500 Lehigh grant, DeCrosta is hoping to improve walkability on the side streets that link the lower part of the Asa Packer campus to Third and Fourth streets and the South Bethlehem Greenway. Those side streets, he said, are "a necessary component" to South Side's revitalization.

"There's sort of this perception of the South Side as being unsafe or being dirty or being dangerous," said DeCrosta, who conducted online surveys with students and focus groups to gauge views. "That's a really simplified view of what it is. In the big picture, the South Side is a really cool place.

"There are good restaurants, there's a big arts culture, there are really cool small businesses," he said. In addition to ArtsQuest, which provides art and educational programs, he pointed to the Greenway, a linear park built atop a Norfolk Southern right-of-way. "There are all of these great things that I feel students could be interacting with more that would make them even greater."

In his conversations with students, DeCrosta tried to figure out why they had a poor opinion of the South Side, especially since there were many businesses they frequent. What kept coming up as issues were the side streets that connect Third and Fourth streets, including Adams and Webster.

As a first step, DeCrosta and other students focused their attention on a section of Adams Street that students view as dark, dirty and sort of mysterious and where Lehigh has a storage warehouse that looms large on the block. Murals and better lighting are among their proposals.

In applying for the Lehigh grant, DeCrosta was guided by Breena Holland, associate professor of political science and a participating faculty member



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in Lehigh's Environmental Initiative, and Karen Beck Pooley, who also teaches courses at Lehigh through the Environmental Initiative. He also reached out to Dale Kochard, Lehigh's assistant vice president of community and regional affairs, who helped him connect with key people on campus.

"Small impacts done in multiples can have a larger impact," Kochard said. "The overall vibrancy of a commercial community is dependent on how many feet you can put on the ground."

Lehigh also has partnered with Bethlehem to create the Community Ambassadors Program, with services that include daily removal of litter and graffiti from public areas and the maintenance of tree wells and flowers.

"There's a lot happening on the South Side," said Kochard. "A lot is in the works, both big and small."

DeCrosta is hoping fellow Lehigh students will build on the momentum.

"Every sort of second that students feel uncomfortable sort of sticks with them and feeds into this perception that the South Side is this awful, dangerous, unsafe place," DeCrosta said. "It also makes them less likely to go back in the future and that hurts small businesses, that hurts the student experience. That's not good for anyone."—*Mary Ellen Alu*

HERE'S WHAT DECROSTA WOULD LIKE TO SEE HAPPEN:



Murals

Though Lehigh has plans to rehab its storage warehouse, DeCrosta is looking to have murals put in the building's indented spaces as a temporary way to brighten the area. The murals could be lit by small solar-powered LEDs and be representative of the South Side. He is seeking approvals.

Lighting and

Dumpster relocation
DeCrosta and fellow students Emily Gibbs and Eddie Morgan are talking with management at Campus Hill Apartments to improve street lighting and relocate a Dumpster.



Side porch restoration
DeCrosta wants to paint the building's side porch in historically appropriate colors and repaint the Lehigh University sign on the building.

Bike Rack

Since Adams Street intersects with the Greenway, DeCrosta is hoping to install a bike rack in the area and put up a message board where people can hang fliers.

Cultivating Big Ideas at Mountaintop

In its third summer, Lehigh's unique Mountaintop initiative will see more than 150 students working on 38 different projects



2015 PROJECTS

On opening day, students and mentors arranged tables and chairs, rolled out rugs, set up desks and even café umbrellas, defining the spaces in which they will collaborate on projects that include:

Designing exoskeleton appliances to aid in rehabilitation for patients with muscle disorders of the hand

Examining the geography of bias using data-driven techniques to answer novel questions about how biases vary geographically, and the underlying reasons for why

Creating an agricultural system that can be maintained in extreme conditions with as few supplies as possible

Exploring the technical aspects of ocean wave energy, an emerging source of clean, renewable electricity

Using advanced design tools in combination with vernacular materials to advance the quality of specific building components (blocks, roofs, windows, doors, structure) in the context of West Africa to improve environmental performance and occupant experience

BIG IDEAS NEED ROOM TO GROW. They also need quite a few whiteboards.

A sea of whiteboards—some immaculate and untouched, others already covered with colorful preliminary thoughts—awaited the teams of students who arrived on May 19, one day after Commencement, at the soaring former Bethlehem Steel research bays that today serve as home to Lehigh's Mountaintop project.

Now in its third year, the Mountaintop initiative—which has drawn coverage from *The New York Times*, *Fast Company* and numerous other media outlets—this summer will host 151 students and 44 faculty mentors working on 38 projects cutting across all disciplines.

"It was exciting to have the first students and mentors here at 7:30 a.m. to set up their work spaces," said Alan Snyder, vice president and associate provost for research and graduate studies. "It will be more exciting to see what they do as they explore their topics and develop their ideas."

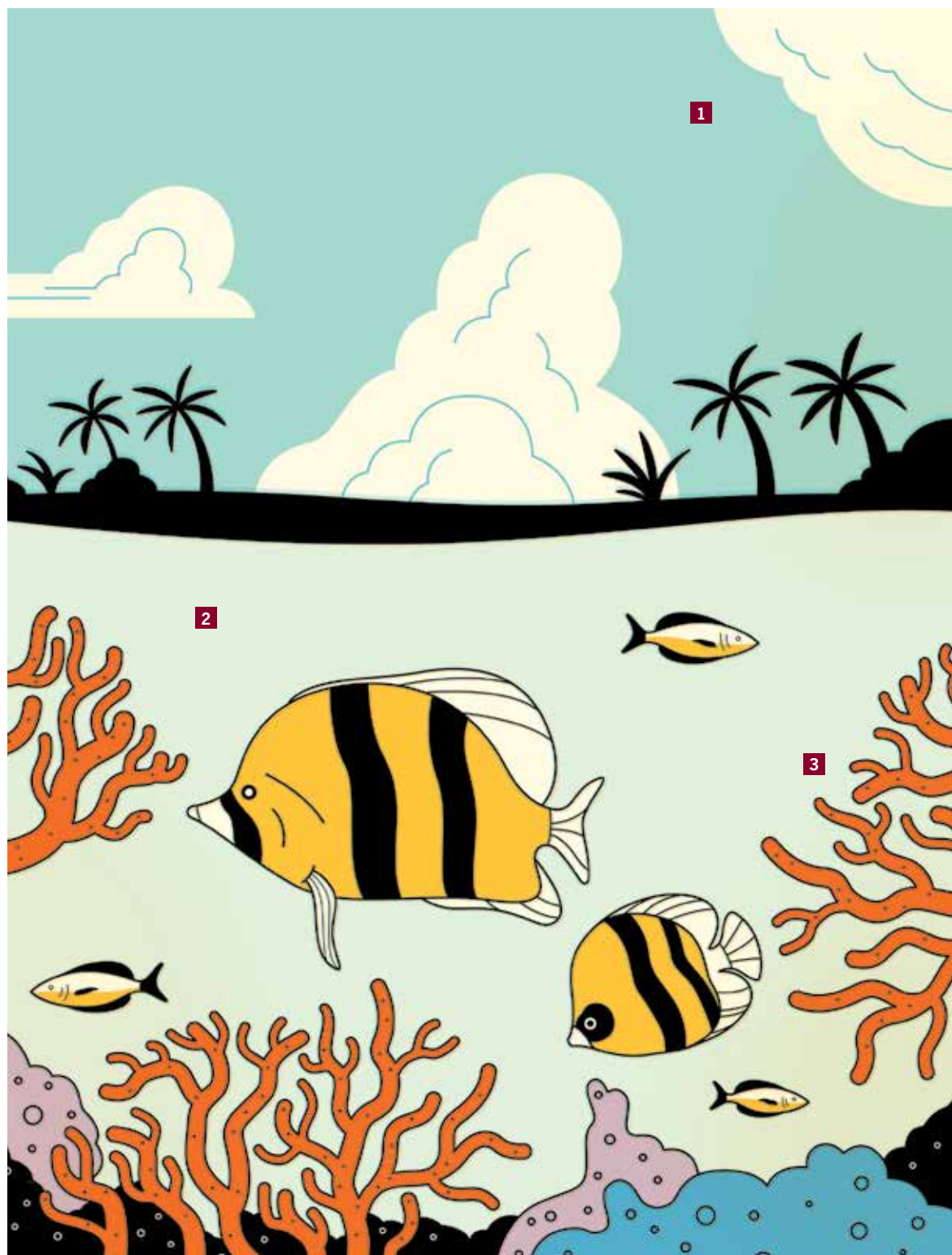
Some participants arrived already equipped with big ideas. Some are starting from scratch.

In an area labeled "Fort sDev" on a whiteboard at the heart of their team's space, Chase Brewster '16, Erin Sowell '16 and Carolyn Koch '16 gathered around a table. Each will work on a separate sustainable development project, the details of which remain—for now—somewhat undefined. Brewster, Sowell and Koch's teams will address sustainable 3D printing, filtration and ocean farming, respectively. "It's very open," Brewster said. "When you do chem labs freshman year, you fill in the blank. Here [we say], 'Well, here's our goal. Let's see what's going to happen.'"

Nearby, under a café umbrella set up for a "summery vibe," Celia Fung '15 met with graduate student Nick Ungson '13 and mentor Dominic Packer, associate professor of psychology. Their group—which also includes Devon Carter '16, Nathan Keim '17, Alexandra Pizzuto '17 and Audra McComb '17—plans to use data to examine how intergroup biases vary by location.

"[Biases are] still out there and it's having a huge effect," Fung said. "This project is significant because we're actually examining data and delving more into the subject."

Added Packer: "Our goal is to find something new that hasn't been studied before. We'll see if we can pull that off." *To learn more about the Mountaintop initiative, visit lehigh.edu/mountaintop.*—Kelly Hochbein

SCHEMATIC Global CO₂ dispersion**1 CO₂ in the air...**

The authors' model shows atmospheric levels of CO₂ rising from 280 parts per million in 1850 to 390 ppm in 2008. Depending on future emission rates, atmospheric CO₂ levels by 2100 could range from 450 to 900 ppm.

2 ...and water

Due to CO₂ growth in the oceans, the model projects a worldwide oceanic pH level of 8.25 in 1850 falling to 8.10 by 2015 and to 7.8 by 2100.

3 The CaCO₃

factor Because acidity rises as pH drops, the model forecasts declining oceanic levels of calcium carbonate (CaCO₃), a function of pH and a key ingredient of coral reefs and animal shells.

An Introductory Global CO₂ Model by William Schiesser and Anthony McHugh, professors of chemical and biomolecular engineering, and British colleague Graham W. Griffiths is scheduled to be published in July by World Scientific Publishing Co. The book uses ordinary differential equations,

software programming languages Matlab and R, and historic and current data to chart and project the levels of global carbon dioxide from 1850 to 2100 in the upper and lower atmosphere, in long- and short-lived biota, in the upper and lower layers of the ocean, and in the marine biosphere.

Seeking Speedier Drug Delivery

An electrical engineer seeks to streamline discovery of epilepsy medications

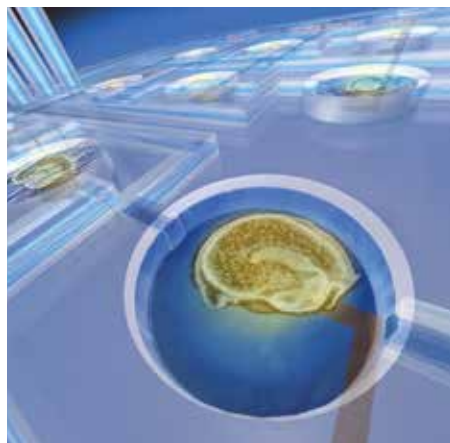
ABOUT 125,000 AMERICANS each year develop epilepsy, a brain disease marked by recurring seizures that are sudden and unpredictable and can have dangerous and even fatal consequences. There is no known cure, but medications can control seizures.

Some 30 percent of epilepsy patients, however, suffer seizures that do not respond to existing medications, says Yevgeny Berdichevsky. And the gradual onset and slow progression of the disease complicate efforts by researchers to identify and test new anticonvulsant drugs quickly.

Berdichevsky, an assistant professor of electrical and computer engineering, recently received a grant from the National Institutes of Health to help speed the process of drug discovery by testing multiple potential epilepsy medications simultaneously. By performing drug assays on 1-inch-square chips imprinted with microwells, he reduces the area required to grow individual epilepsy cultures, or tissue samples, and makes it possible to test as many as 18 drug candidates at one time.

A network of microfluidic channels divides the samples into experimental groups while enabling the “feeding” of the samples, which require large amounts of glucose and amino acids. The channels, which Berdichevsky is developing with help from Jing Liu, a Ph.D. candidate in electrical engineering, also facilitate the application of drugs, inhibitors and other molecules.

The individual research techniques that Berdichevsky employs—imprinting electrodes on a chip and patterning the chip surface with microfluidics—are well-established. What makes his approach novel, he says, is combining the two techniques to perform experimental tests on 3D tissue samples.



“Our goal is to increase the rate of drug development by significantly improving the scalability of long-term electrical monitoring of epileptic activity in vitro,” he says. “In the end, the testing of multiple drugs at a time is an engineering problem.”

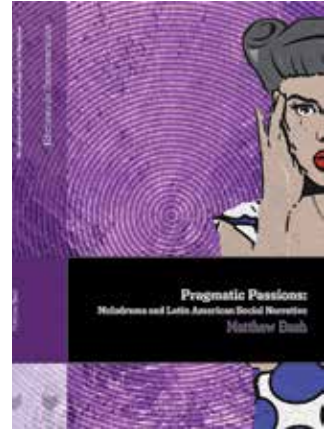
Berdichevsky hopes to scale up his testing platform so that it can screen small-molecule inhibitor candidates in drug libraries. “What we’re doing is early-stage drug target discovery. If we find that a molecule inhibits epileptic activity, that tells us what protein is causing epileptic activity and would be a good target for a drug.”

Berdichevsky, a faculty member in Lehigh’s bioengineering program, began studying epilepsy five years ago at Massachusetts General Hospital. He and his collaborators, including graduate and undergraduate students, have published articles in *The Journal of Neuroscience*, *Lab on a Chip*, *the Journal of Neuroscience Methods* and *the Neurobiology of Disease*.

—Kurt Pfitzer



YEVGENY BERDICHEVSKY, assistant professor of electrical and computer engineering, seeks to speed up the process of drug discovery.



PUBLISHED MELODRAMA’S SOCIAL IMAGINATION Melodrama is criticized for favoring sensationalism over subtlety, says Matthew Bush, but it is a central element in both high and popular culture. Bush, assistant professor of Spanish, is the author of *Pragmatic Passions: Melodrama and Latin American Social Narrative*, which was published late last year by Iberoamericana / Vervuert.

The book discusses five novels: *The Death of Artemio Cruz* by Carlos Fuentes of Mexico, *Gabriela, Clove and Cinnamon* by Jorge Amado of Brazil, *Doña Barbara* by Rómulo Gallegos of Venezuela, *Tungsten* by César Vallejo of Peru and *Bewitched by Love* by Roberto Arlt of Argentina.

Each literary work, says Bush, has inspired telenovela, film and theatrical adaptations. Several have been adapted to the screen more than once.

In *Pragmatic Passions*, Bush maintains that melodrama is utilized to highlight injustices while chronicling trends in society and politics.

“People tend to think that melodrama is simplistic,” says Bush, “and that it is just for passive consumption, which supposedly typifies popular culture. That’s not necessarily the case. Melodrama plays on people’s anxieties and on their thinking about the way society works.”



Israel E. Wachs, left,
and Christopher Kiely

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Opening Up Possibilities for Greener Natural Gas

Engineers expand opportunities for natural gas and biomass

TWO PROFESSORS RENOWNED for their work in catalysis have made discoveries that could accelerate the push for greener and more efficient fuel sources.

Israel E. Wachs and his colleagues have achieved a molecular-level understanding of a catalytic reaction that directly converts natural gas into valuable liquid fuels and feedstocks for the chemical industry. The researchers showed that the activity of a molybdenum catalyst can be enhanced and restored.

Christopher Kiely and his colleagues have verified the superior performance of a nanoscale alloy catalyst in bringing about a key reaction in the processing of biomass into fuels, plastics and other renewable products.

Wachs, the G. Whitney Snyder Professor of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, collaborated with researchers from the Stevens Institute of Technology in New Jersey. The group reported their results in April in *Science*.

Kiely, the Harold B. Chambers Senior Professor of Materials Science and Engineering, worked with researchers from Utrecht University in the Netherlands and University College London in the United Kingdom. The researchers reported their findings in the March 17 edition of *Nature Communications*.

In their research, Wachs and Prof. Simon Podkolzin of Stevens Institute and their students combined state-of-the-art spectroscopy techniques, reaction rate measurements and quantum-chemical calculations.

The rapid deactivation of the molybdenum catalyst has been one of the

biggest obstacles to its commercial use in the liquefaction of natural gas. Wachs and Podkolzin demonstrated that this deactivation can be reversed and catalytic activity fully restored. They also showed that the distribution of the molybdenum nanostructures can be controlled, enhancing catalytic activity.

This improvement could make it easier to process natural gas into liquid fuels and chemical feedstocks, the researchers say, and could help reduce the more than 140 billion cubic meters of natural gas that are discharged each year into the atmosphere, often at remote oil wells where shipment of natural gas is not feasible.

The other coauthors of the *Science* article were Jie Gao and Yiteng Zheng of Stevens Institute and Yadan Tang and Jih-Mirn Jehng of Lehigh. Tang completed her Ph.D. at Lehigh in 2014. Jehng is a former visiting scientist.

Kiely's collaborators at Utrecht used a modified impregnation technique previously developed by Kiely and researchers from Cardiff University in the UK to fashion a catalyst of nanoparticles containing ruthenium and palladium on a titanium dioxide support. Using Lehigh's world-class electron microscopy facilities, Qian He '12 Ph.D., a coauthor of the article now with Oak Ridge National Laboratory, imaged and chemically analyzed the Ru-Pd nanoparticles.

Biomass is composed mostly of cellulose. During processing, cellulose is degraded into levulinic acid (LA) and then hydrogenated into gamma-Valerolactone (GVL), a chemical building block that can be converted into fuels, solvents, plastics and perfumes. The Ru-Pd catalyst developed by the Utrecht group, says Kiely, converts LA into GVL much more efficiently than other metal catalysts.

"Many value-added products can in turn be obtained from LA," the Utrecht group wrote in *Nature Communications*, "including polymer monomers, solvents, plasticizers and fuel components and their precursors. Many of these routes actually involve GVL...as intermediate, making the hydrogenation of LA to GVL a reaction of immense importance."

Biomass can be generated from plants that grow and have few competing uses. These include switchgrass and other non-edible plants, corn husks and straw, forest foliage, lawn clippings, tree trimmings and some fast-growing trees.

"We currently get a lot of building blocks from petroleum," says Kiely. "But there's a finite supply of oil. We can regrow biomass."

The lead author on the *Nature Communications* paper is Wenhao Luo of Utrecht. The other authors, in addition to Kiely and He, are Meenakshisundaram Sankar, Pieter Bruijninx and Bert Weckhuysen of Utrecht, and Andrew Beale of University College. —Kurt Pfitzer

Reality Re-examined

Assistant philosophy professor investigates the branch of philosophy that studies existence

METAPHYSICS, THE BRANCH OF PHILOSOPHY that studies existence, holds that reality is absolute and definitive, composed of many big things and dependent in some important way on smaller things. Although this picture—a model in which reality has a hierarchical structure and a fundamental level—has intuitive appeal, it does not stand on such firm footing as one might expect, says Ricki Bliss.



Metaphysics holds that reality has a specific nature and it must be consistent with that nature. In particular, most metaphysicians believe that reality is hierarchically structured by various kinds of dependence relations. Bliss, assistant professor of philosophy, argues that reality doesn't possess this type of structure and examines why philosophers adhere to this traditional picture. She investigates various theories of reality's fundamental structure and assesses their nature and possibility. She takes a different tack, employing non-Western thinkers in her approach.

"Much of what I've done is try to explore the different kinds of arguments philosophers offer in defense of this standard picture," she says. "Alternatives to traditional views of reality have been well-explored in Indian and Chinese Buddhist traditions, for example. In the Western tradition, we've assumed this standard hierarchical picture, with a fundamental level that seems so obviously true that nobody thinks of an alternative, whereas in Buddhism, people have been questioning this picture of reality for a long time. Parts of Eastern literature provide a treasure trove for well-developed accounts of alternatives to a picture we in the Western tradition have never bothered questioning."

Bliss assesses the notion of reality in light of the explanations for which we are told we ought to believe it. The justifications only add to comprised notions of reality. Her work also examines how we think of cosmological questions surrounding existence. She reasons that, in most cases, these large universe questions, and how they are used in arguments to lead us to the conclusion that God has to exist, are misunderstood, and that these misunderstood variations are semantically defective. "It's a very intuitive picture, but it's not necessarily right," Bliss says.—*Rob Nichols*

QUALITY AUDITS

An awareness of how clients' persuasion tactics can influence auditors' work is key to delivering a quality audit, according to research co-authored by Sanaz Aghazadeh, assistant accounting professor.

In the study, co-authored by Kris Hoang, assistant accounting professor at Tulane University, the researchers examined the relationship between the pressure to satisfy clients and auditors' response to clients' persuasion tactics, particularly when those clients speak confidently about their company's financial data.

They found that stronger pressure to serve clients, such as when the audit firm will be reviewed by the clients at the end of the process, led auditors to perceive executives' statements as an attempt to persuade them, rather than an innocuous message. Still, auditors were deterred from pursuing objective evidence, affecting the audit's quality.

The research caught the attention of James R. Doty, chairman of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, who mentioned the research as an important area of study



during an American Accounting Association meeting.

"Auditors need to be more aware that these persuasion attempts are happening," said Aghazadeh. "Younger auditors are used to using more technology-based communication tools...but should be encouraged to 'get in the client's face' to ensure they are obtaining the information they need to conduct a quality audit."

The Domestic Inspiration for China's Foreign Behavior

In her second book, a Lehigh scholar seeks to refute conventional wisdom



YINAN HE,

associate professor of international relations, believes a careful reading of China's domestic politics can explain its occasionally aggressive international behavior.

DURING THE FIRST DECADE of the 21st century, says Yinan He, China endured a succession of trials: An earthquake in Sichuan in 2008 killed more than 80,000 people, ethnic riots in Tibet and Xinjiang left hundreds dead, government corruption caused unprecedented social unrest, and dissidents published a human-rights manifesto demanding an end to one-party rule.

At the same time, while other countries struggled, China enjoyed record economic growth and surpassed Japan to become the world's second-largest economy. And the Beijing Olympics of 2008 stirred a deep sense of national pride.

He, an associate professor of international relations, believes a careful reading of China's domestic politics can help explain its occasionally aggressive international behavior. She discussed this dynamic at the recent convention of the International Studies Association in New Orleans in a paper that will be part of her second book.

"Many studies have been conducted to make sense of China's 'assertive' foreign policy since 2010," He wrote in the paper. "Conventional wisdom attributes this assertiveness to Western provocation, to China's newly gained economic power, and/or to belligerent domestic public sentiment.

"I argue instead that China was assertive in rhetoric, not in policy actions, and [that] the primary driving forces behind its official discourse about the West, especially the United States, lie more in domestic political dynamics than external interactions."

He cites the case of Liu Shaoqi, the second most powerful man in China under Mao Zedong, who spoke out against the excesses of the Cultural Revolution, was placed under house arrest and died there in 1969. The accusation against Liu—that he had become too closely allied with the Soviet Union and the U.S.—is part of another pattern in Chinese history: the linking of domestic "troublemakers" with foreign "others."

In 2009, she notes, the Chinese government sentenced Liu Xiaobo, one of the authors of Charter 08, to 11 years in prison for "inciting subversion of state power." The government media attacked Liu, who would receive the Nobel Peace Prize in 2010, for serving as the "political tool of Western interests," she said.

He's first book, *The Search for Reconciliation: Sino-Japanese and German-Polish Relations Since World War II*, was published in 2009 by Cambridge University Press. It discusses the contrasting paths taken by two pairs of former adversaries in the last 70 years. —Kurt Pfitzer



PROTESTERS

in Hong Kong demand release of Liu Xiaobo, a jailed Chinese human rights activist. Yinan He argues that domestic politics play a role in China's rhetoric toward Western nations.



Voice, Form and *Looney Tunes*

Former U.S. Poet Laureate Billy Collins shares
insights and influences with students

BILLY COLLINS IS KNOWN for his approachable, witty and conversational poems. So, when meeting with Lehigh students prior to his poetry reading in April in the Zoellner Arts Center, the former U.S. Poet Laureate appropriately opened with a poem.

“What else can I do?” Collins asked with a shrug before reading and discussing *Questions about Birds*, which he used as a framing device for the hourlong conversation.

Collins has published 10 collections of poetry and has been published in *The New York Times*, *The New Yorker*, *The Atlantic*, *The American Scholar* and *The Paris Review*, among others. His last three collections, including 2013’s *Aimless Love*, have broken sales records for poetry. *The New York Times* called him “the most popular poet in America.”

“I like poems that take me somewhere, particularly poems that start in Kansas and go to Oz. I have very little tolerance for poems that start in Oz or start in Wonderland. I love to be carried to these exotic and strange places but I don’t want to be just dropped into them in the first line,” said Collins.

Collins shared his influences, poetic and otherwise—John Donne, Charles Simic, Samuel Taylor Coleridge, Ernest Hemingway, Penelope Fitzgerald and Warner Bros. cartoons—and what drives him. Poets, he said, learn from reading and imitating other poets.

“People who write poetry are basically people who have read poetry and are moved by their reading to acts of emulation. The teachers of poetry are in the shelves of the library and in the anthologies. You learn by emulation.”

Emulation, however, according to Collins, is not driven by the appreciation of exceptional work.

“What drives you to emulate is jealousy,” said Collins. “Professors call this literary influence, but it’s actually seething envy. And if you don’t have the envy, you won’t be a writer.”

A common question among aspiring writers is about how to find one’s

voice. Imitation, said Collins, is the first step.

Rather than the result of an introspective quest, he said, “the location of your voice as an external source is in the library, it’s in the anthologies, it’s in the voices of other poets.”

Instructing students to assume reader indifference, Collins explained that a successful poet perpetuates a particular lie: “that you love poetry more than you love yourself.”

“The reader is coming to the page because of his or her love of poetry. [It has] nothing to do with you at all as a person. If you exhibit in your poem your own love of poetry, then you have a linkage. The reader loves poetry, you love poetry... You do it by one word: form.

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—BILLY COLLINS

“The more you think about form, the more you get your mind off yourself and on the poem,” said Collins. “You need to get the reader to love you. You do it through form, through pleasing the reader.”

Collins closed with another poem, *Questions about Angels*, a vivid illustration of his distinctive voice.

Collins’ visit was part of the Notations Series, which is sponsored by the Lehigh University Creative Writing Program in collaboration with the Visiting Lecturers Committee. Collins’ appearance was supported by the Ann Neitzel Endowment Fund for Poetry and Creative Writing, with additional support from the Friends of the Lehigh University Libraries.—*Kelly Hochbein*

The Invisible Red Silk Thread

Lehigh helps theatre troupe create a cross-cultural parable

DONGNING WANG APPROACHED a middle-aged Asian man outside the Sands Casino Resort in Bethlehem, where busloads of Asians arrive daily to escape New York City. Why, she asked the man in Chinese, was he sitting on the curb without shoes or socks on?

The man said he was relaxing in “the countryside,” basking in the sun 80 miles and a world away from his home in Chinatown, to improve his poor health and bad fortune.

Wang, an adjunct lecturer in modern languages and literature, was collecting stories for a two-part play about integrating Chinese and American cultures produced by Touchstone Theatre of South Bethlehem.

The first part, “Journey: Dream of the Red Pavilion,” staged last year, featured four women acting their Asian-American experiences. One of them was Wang, a Beijing native who received a Ph.D. from Lehigh in 1998 in materials science and engineering.

Wang also appeared in part two, *Journey from the East*, an adaptation of a popular 16th-century Chinese novel about a monk’s mission to secure saving scriptures from the Buddha. *Journey from the East* was staged in April on the South Bethlehem Greenway, where Wang and her students interviewed Chinese New Yorkers on gambling visits.

Journey began as a discussion between Norman Girardot, professor emeritus of religion studies and an authority on Chinese sacred systems, and Jp Jordan, Touchstone’s artistic director. Constance Cook, a professor of Chinese language and literature, helped Wang make the transition from materials scientist to cultural historian and cheerleader.

Wang began documenting Lehigh’s large and largely overlooked relationship with China in 2007. Aided by graduate students from China, she traced the association to the late 19th century, when Chinese students came to Bethlehem to study engineering to modernize their country’s steel industry.

The project launched Wang’s career as an academic diplomat. Through the Chinese Bridge Project in the College of Arts and Sciences, she helped Girardot, Cook and Tony Viscardi, professor of architecture, build a Chinese bridge over a South Mountain stream to symbolize the connection between Lehigh and China.

Inspired by Touchstone Ensemble Associate Mary Wright, Wang started Storytelling and Collecting, a course customized for the Touchstone project. Wang and her students interviewed a large assortment of Chinese-speaking visitors to the Bethlehem casino.



TOUCHSTONE THEATRE

One man said he took the bus to Bethlehem not to gamble but to earn \$15 to \$20 by selling a free gambling card worth \$45.

Wright anchored *Journey: Dream of the Red Pavilion* with the hybrid lives of four women: Emma Chong, a Chinese-American Touchstone ensemble member; Liana Irvine, a Bethlehem high schooler adopted as a Chinese infant by an American family; Qiyi Zhu-Stoffey ’95 Ph.D., a China native and AT&T engineer, and Wang, a Christian who follows the Daoist philosophy that dreams are real.

“Dongning has such a natural, powerful presence,” says Wright. “She really represents how one person can be changed by history, and how one person can change history.”

Wang personifies the Chinese belief that everyone and everything is tied by a thread of invisible red silk.

“People share more in common than differences,” she says. “The world would be a better place if we tried to understand each other instead of guessing.” —Geoff Gehman ’89G

A UNIQUE PERSPECTIVE

Dongning Wang (center) with Liana Irvine (left) and Emma Chong, has leveraged her own experiences and those of others to help create a two-part play about Lehigh’s relationship with China.

EXHIBITION el otro lado del alma: Syncretisms in Contemporary Cuban Photography



OBSCURE RITUALS, sacred objects and secret societies inhabited the exhibition *el otro lado del alma: Syncretisms in Contemporary Cuban Photography*, recently on display in the Main Gallery of the Zollner Arts Center. The exhibition showcased the influence of Afro-Cuban spirituality in photography and video art and traced the development of photographic traditions within Cuba.

Translated, *el otro lado del alma* means “the other side of the soul.” In the exhibit, photography revealed the syncretisms of Santería, which originated from the blending of African spirituality, Spanish Catholicism and the beliefs of Cuba’s native inhabitants.

Featured artists included Marta María Pérez Bravo, Sandra Ramos, Humberto Mayol, Juan Carlos Alóm, Tania Bruguera, Raúl Cañibano and Rene Peña. The exhibit was curated by Moritz Neumüller and produced in cooperation with the Fototeca de Cuba, Havana’s Museum of Photography.

To see images from the exhibit, go to www.luag.org and visit past exhibitions.

ARTISTS: ON LEFT: RENE PEÑA, JORGE LUIS ÁLVAREZ PUPO, RAÚL CAÑIBANO
ABOVE: MARTA MARÍA PÉREZ BRAVO

**TAKING SHAPE**

Amy Forsyth, top right, assists Ilana Abrams '18 with her final project. Below, Chris Campbell '15 builds a nightstand.



Fashioning Furniture

Amy Forsyth's furniture design class allows creativity to take permanent form

IF DETERMINATION HAS A SOUND, it might be the pounding of a hammer, the scrape of a chisel or the repetitive scratch of a sander. Those are the noises that echo down the halls of Chandler-Ullman from its first-floor woodshop and benchroom on a particular Tuesday in April.

If determination has a sound, it's the soundtrack of Amy Forsyth's furniture design class.

Most students in the class are studying architecture or product design. For their first assignment, students start with basswood. They create several designs, generating about 10 ideas and drawings and eventually settling on one, for which they first build a model. The semester begins with a carving project.

"Basically they start with a chunk of wood and they have to remove material, so it's all about subtraction and shaping. They do it by hand," said Forsyth, associate professor of design.

Past projects have included masks, candlesticks and walking sticks. This semester, each student hand-carved a spoon using tools like spokeshaves and files. Then, after learning how to fashion half-lap joints, mortise and tenons, and the more complicated hand-cut dovetail joints, students applied their skills to a second assignment: a display or stand for the spoon that incorporated at least one type of joint. The results ranged extensively in shape, size, design and composition, all concrete illustrations of creativity, skill and determination in mahogany, cherry, maple, bloodwood and, in some cases, a combination of several.

"As an architecture major I do get a lot of chances to make things with my hands, but they're always kind of impermanent," said Alex Adanski '16 as she worked with a chisel to refine the joints on her final project, a chest on stand, which required a base

with a separate structure on top. "They're just models that I throw away. It's really nice to be making something that I'll have forever."

"This class has been pretty great," added Chris Campbell '15, also an architecture student, whose final project is "more of a nightstand." "I took [the course] because I really wanted something that I could make and keep and hold on to... I didn't work in woodshop a whole lot in my past studios... so it's been good to learn how to use a lot of these machines."

"I build furniture myself," said Forsyth, who began her career as an architect before discovering her love of furniture-making. "But [with this class] I also get to help a lot of people make a lot of really cool stuff. I could just do it myself, be by myself in my shop making it, but this way I get to influence a lot more things happening. It's fun to see more projects happening and [students are] very enthusiastic about it, which is always really fun too."
—Kelly Hochbein

Fall Sports Preview

The Lehigh teams, student-athletes and events worth watching



RUNNING FOR GLORY

Last season, **Elizabeth 'Biz' Weiler '16** became the first All-American in the history of Lehigh's women's cross country program. Weiler finished the NCAA Championship 6K race with a time of 20:41.4, capping a year that also saw her turn in a record time at the Goodman Campus cross country course. She'll be looking for even greater honors in 2015.



Justin Worley '17 will play a key role in the men's soccer team's drive for the Patriot League crown.

ON THE UP

Little was expected of Lehigh's men's soccer team in 2014; in fact, a preseason poll predicted the Mountain Hawks would finish the year 10th in the Patriot League. But when all was said and done, coach Dean Koski's team finished with a 10-8-1 overall mark, including a 5-3-1 record in the Patriot League, and earned a No. 4 seed in the conference tournament. The team also saw its final RPI jump from 187 in 2013 to 78 in 2014. With the return of rising freshman **Doyle Tuveesson '18**, who chipped in five goals and four assists in 2014, and defender **Justin Worley '17**, the team has a great chance to make another leap forward in 2015.



BUILDING ON SUCCESS

The women's soccer team will enter the fall looking to build on a spring that saw it go undefeated against college competition. Among the standout spring performers were rising sophomore defender **Alyssa Riporti '18** and her classmate **Adrian Vitello '18**, who played in 15 games in 2014 and may take on a more attacking role in 2015.



A BUDDING POWERHOUSE

The 2014 season saw Lehigh's women's volleyball team finish with a 22-10 overall record, including a record-setting mark of 14-2 in the Patriot League. To replicate their success in 2015, the Mountain Hawks will rely on the leadership and skill of setter **Amy Matula '16**, who earned first-team all-league honors after an outstanding 2014 season.

FALL SPORTS: BY THE NUMBERS

14
STARTERS

that football coach Andy Coen will have returning for the Mountain Hawks in 2015. The program will be looking to bounce back after a 3-8 season in 2014.

7
PLAYERS

that men's soccer coach Dean Koski will welcome into the program this fall. The new recruits come from six different states.

6
SHUTOUTS RECORDED

by the women's soccer team in 2014.

10 LEHIGH ATHLETICS TEAMS

that were awarded Academic Progress Rate Public Recognition Awards from the NCAA this spring. The awards are given to teams scoring in the top 10 percent in their respective sport with their APR.

9
PLAYERS

from the women's volleyball team named to the Dean's List last season. In all, 14 players from the team earned Academic Honor Roll honors, tied for most in the Patriot League.



‘They Want to Get a Ring’

Lehigh football coach Andy Coen says the Mountain Hawks are poised to bounce back in 2015

IT'S TIME TO TURN THE PAGE.

That was the message that Lehigh football coach Andy Coen delivered to his squad when it convened for off-season workouts this spring. In the wake of a disappointing 2014 season that saw the Mountain Hawks struggle to a 3-8 finish—including a difficult loss to Lafayette in the 150th playing of The Rivalry, held at Yankee Stadium—Coen says both his coaching staff and his players are fully committed to righting the ship in 2015.

There are certainly lessons to be learned from 2014, he says. But neither he nor his players are dwelling on last season's events; rather, they're doing everything in their power to take the program back to the top of the Patriot League.

Coen, who is entering his 10th season as Lehigh's coach, spoke with the *Bulletin* just after the conclusion of spring practices, sharing his thoughts about his team's improved attitude, some planned tactical changes, promising new players and more.

LAST SEASON WAS A DIFFICULT ONE FOR THE PROGRAM. HOW HAS THE TEAM RESPONDED?

Well, as soon as we came back after the break and had a chance to meet with the kids, the message was about turning the page. One of the first things we did, because we have a really great leadership program here, was to get all of the kids together and get them caught up on some leadership training. Some of our senior leaders and others on the team got together over the course of six Fridays, early in the morning, to get a better understanding of ourselves and how we would be holding the kids accountable going forward. Then we met with the rest of the team in smaller groups and passed along that leadership message. I just recently finished up all of my exit interviews for spring ball, and I feel really

pleased that those leadership messages have been well-received by everyone on the team.

HOW DID SPRING WORKOUTS GO?

This was a different kind of spring. We had very small numbers, because we graduated back to back classes of 25 and 22 and weren't able to keep up with those numbers with recruiting. We also had seven guys out with off-season surgeries and some kids who were unable to play for us last year who were still going through the rehab process. That added to our issue with having small numbers. All spring, then, we weren't going to be as physical as usual but we spent more time in the film room, did a lot of walk-throughs, and I think we were more efficient in what we were doing. I think we made some real strides. Given the numbers, I think it was a really successful spring.

YOU WERE ABLE TO BRING IN A LOT OF TALENTED PLAYERS WITH THIS MOST RECENT RECRUITING CLASS. CAN WE EXPECT THOSE FRESHMEN TO PLAY A BIG ROLE THIS SEASON?

We did have a very strong class. We're bringing in 31 players and our expectations will be a little bit higher for those kids. I think what we're seeing, as we're getting deeper into the scholarship process, is that we're recruiting some really talented players—especially at the skill positions. We'll be counting on those kids to make an impact.

WHAT DO YOU SEE AS YOUR STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES HEADING INTO 2015?

Last season, our strength was on the offensive side of the ball, and that will still be the case. We played a sophomore quarterback in Nick Shafnisky; he was up and down but we're hoping he can be more consistent for us this year. He was dynamic in some games and struggled in others. We moved the football well. But defensively we struggled and we've made some changes. We were a 4-3 team last year, and this year we're moving to a 3-4. I think the strength of our defense right now is at linebacker, so it makes sense to have four of those guys on the field. Beyond that, we need to be more aggressive and more attacking on the defensive side of the ball, and that was a big part of the focus this spring.

HOW DO YOU THINK THIS TEAM WILL COMPETE IN THE PATRIOT LEAGUE?

In this league, I really believe that anybody can beat anybody. We have a great group of seniors in this class. They're a very united group, and I'm really happy with where we are. They want to get a ring. Our goals here have always been to beat Lafayette and win a Patriot League title. We've won three titles since I've been here, and we lost two others on the last day of the season. Heading into this season, I think we're a pretty motivated group.

THE GAME CHANGER

Cathy Engelbert '86 helped Lehigh clinch its first East Coast Conference women's basketball title. Now as CEO of Deloitte LLP, she's making history as the first woman to head a major U.S. professional services firm.

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Forty-one floors up, Cathy Engelbert '86 has a prime view of the Empire State Building and the Freedom Tower from her glass-front corner office at 30 Rockefeller Plaza. Behind her desk are photos of her posing with former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and former Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke, along with photos of her son and daughter. Here in Midtown Manhattan, Engelbert, 50, leads professional services firm Deloitte LLP, where she oversees some 70,000 employees in nearly 90 U.S. cities and India and nearly \$15 billion in annual revenue.

That Engelbert rose through Deloitte's ranks to become its chief executive officer in March was news. That she was elected CEO by the firm's partnership was also historic—she's the first woman to lead a major U.S. professional services firm.

When her selection was announced earlier this year, the Twitter world was filled with congratulatory messages: "Here's to glass ceilings being broken!" and "Wow, this is incredibly inspiring." She did rounds of interviews, including with *Fortune*, *Forbes*, *Bloomberg*, *Accounting Today*, *The Washington Post*, *Meet the Press* and Delta's *Sky* magazine. She received handwritten notes and emails from both men and women, with some being especially moving. One father wrote that his 6-year-old daughter, while being tucked into bed one night, "lit up as if I showed her a secret forest" when told a woman was now in charge of his organization. "I just want to send this to you as a father so you know the impact you are having already on the lives of a generation [that] you may not even realize," he wrote.

Engelbert joined Deloitte 29 years ago, after graduating from Lehigh with a bachelor's degree in accounting. Academically accomplished, she had interviewed with Deloitte and other firms at Lehigh's Christmas-Saucon Hall. By then, she said, she had come out of her shell socially. Standing 5-foot-9, she was also athletic, serving as captain of both the women's basketball and lacrosse teams in her senior year and learning leadership skills.

"The one thing that struck me when I was being interviewed by all the accounting firms was that everyone said, 'Lehigh produces the most well-rounded people in the work force,'" she said.

When Engelbert arrived at Deloitte's Philadelphia office after graduation, just 7 percent of the organization's partners and principals were women. That number has since grown to 25 percent, following an initiative to boost retention and advancement of women. Eventually, Engelbert moved to the organization's offices in the New Jersey-New York area, developing a track record of serving several of Deloitte's largest and most complex global clients. She was previously chairman and chief executive officer of Deloitte LLP's audit subsidiary.

As a wife and mother of two teenagers, Engelbert recognizes she's a role model for those who wonder whether they can balance work and family. With a nod to the mentors and sponsors who helped her shape her career, she said she intends to "pay it forward," with hopes of leaving a legacy around the evolution of Deloitte's diverse leadership. To that end, she returned to the Lehigh campus in late March to take part in an inaugural "Women in Business" conference, run by students in the College of Business and Economics, where she had thrived. She also sat down for an hour-long interview with the *Bulletin* prior to the conference and shared her story.



YOU DIDN'T JUST BREAK THE GLASS CEILING, YOU SHATTERED IT. WHEN YOU GRADUATED FROM LEHIGH IN 1986, DID YOU IMAGINE YOU'D BREAK BARRIERS?

I definitely did not imagine that at all. At Lehigh, I actually started out in one curriculum and then switched over to the business school and accounting. I thought I wanted either computer engineering or computer science at first. And then when I got here, I had to take this Fortran [Formula Translation] course, a programming language used by engineers. And I said, This isn't for me. So I transferred to business. I don't remember who gave me the advice to transfer to accounting, but it was the best advice I could have gotten because the person said, *You'll get a job*. It really was an important decision along my path to go into, first, business and then accounting within the business school.

TALENT ASIDE, HARD WORK ASIDE, HOW DID YOU DO IT? IN ENTERING A MALE-DOMINATED FIELD, WHAT'S BEEN MORE CRITICAL—MENTORS OR YOUR WILLINGNESS TO TAKE RISKS?

It's a little of both. I'm one of eight kids with five brothers, so it's kind of a male-dominated family. I came to Lehigh when it was four-to-one, male to female, kind of male-dominated. I then went into the public accounting profession. It was extremely male-dominated. So I think it was my training from family, school and then into a profession that I actually just felt comfortable with. I was a sports buff because of having five brothers and a father who played big-time college basketball. The one thing that struck me when I was being interviewed by all the accounting firms, was that everyone said, *Lehigh produces the most well-rounded people in the work force*. And I'll never forget that because I always had that on my mind to prove that I could do it all.

I talk about mentors and sponsors separately. Mentors are the ones you can really trust and who kind of become personal friends and can help you navigate whether to take an opportunity or not. The sponsors are those who sit in the room when decisions are being made about you and say, *I think Cathy needs to build that capability or Cathy really needs this client assignment to make her more well-rounded*.

It was the sponsors who really gave me the opportunities. The mentors helped me say yes or no. The sponsors said, *Let's put Cathy in this role because I think she'll benefit from that*.

YOU MENTIONED “DOING IT ALL.” YOU RAISED TWO CHILDREN WHILE PURSUING A DEMANDING CAREER.

Yes, two children, teenagers now.

IN THE ONGOING DEBATE OVER WHETHER WOMEN SHOULD “LEAN IN” TO THEIR CAREERS, HOW WERE YOU ABLE TO BALANCE FAMILY AND CAREER?

For me, it was about knowing that it wasn't linear, that there were different needs over the course of the different ages of my children. I have a supportive husband as well. So I had different needs when my children were newborns versus toddlers versus middle schoolers versus now high schoolers, or teenagers. I laugh because obviously when they were newborns and toddlers I used to run home from work and feed [them] and go back to work. Luckily, I was working close to home back then and wasn't doing a lot of travel. And now sometimes I walk in the door and they might acknowledge me, they might not because they're teenagers now. I've become a chauffeur, a chef and an ATM, and that's about it. (laughs). I'm joking a little bit here. They're so important to me.

One of the reasons I was able to do it is I had a supportive spouse, reliable child care and really a passion for making sure I spent quality time with them. It wasn't always easy. It isn't always easy today. I'm a little obsessed right now. It's my daughter's last year in high school. She's a very good lacrosse player. I've said I want to get to at least 70 percent of her games this spring, which,

given that I just took over as the CEO at Deloitte, is not an easy thing. But I will do it. I guarantee you.

DID YOU FIND THAT YOU HAD FLEXIBILITY IN THE WORKPLACE?

You have to ask for it. You have to manage around it. And professional services is actually a profession where you can ask for that flexibility at different points of time in your life. I coached my daughter's basketball team from fourth grade to eighth grade. I actually couldn't do that today but at the time I was on one large client, which was not that far from home, and I could do it. You have to find the points with your work and your life that you can ask for that flexibility and that you know you can leave at a certain time. But that doesn't mean you don't work hard, that doesn't mean you don't want promotions.

The travel is less flexible sometimes, and that's the challenge, especially for young women who want to raise families and think, *Oh, do I need to be on the road all the time and how am I going to do this?* At one point I actually raised my hand and said, I just flew 130 times in a year. I'm having my second child. I don't want that job anymore. Can I get a job that gives me a little more stability closer to home? And I got that for three or four years, and then I was ready to go back on the road and do some things to build my capabilities.



Cathy Engelbert (12) played basketball and lacrosse at Lehigh. She was named Most Valuable Player of the East Coast Conference basketball tournament in her senior year.

YOU COME FROM A FAMILY OF EIGHT CHILDREN, INCLUDING FIVE BROTHERS. TELL ME HOW THAT MIGHT HAVE FIGURED INTO YOUR SUCCESSES.

I've been reflecting on that a lot more since getting this role, around how that did shape me. My father worked three jobs, and my mother worked too, sending eight kids through college, five at Villanova, one at Lehigh, very excellent colleges. I reflect back at the competitiveness and the leadership that you get in a family of eight, competing literally for things like cereal and snacks. I joke with my sister, whom I'm very close with—she's 13 months younger—that we used to hide Pop-Tarts in our room because our brothers would steal them from us and eat them. So it was the competitiveness, and really my father working the three jobs. That was the dedication and hard work part, because he had a goal, he had a goal to send his eight kids to college. He accomplished that goal. Unfortunately he died young, at 51 years old, but it was after I graduated and had started with Deloitte.

WHERE IS YOUR HOMETOWN?

Collingswood, New Jersey. There are a few of us Lehigh-ers from Collingswood. In fact, I picked Lehigh—I was being recruited lightly for lacrosse at some other schools—because someone from Collingswood the year before me had come here. She had the lacrosse coach take a look at me. It's funny how you look back at different decisions you make and why you make them. And I was a walk-on for basketball. Muffet McGraw [now Notre Dame University's women's basketball coach] was my basketball coach for four years. She dropped me a note recently to congratulate me and said, *I remember the first day you walked in the gym in Grace Hall when we had tryouts.* I was a walk-on. She didn't know who I was.

Today in NCAA Division I, you could never play back-to-back sports like that, basketball and lacrosse, because lacrosse starts before basketball is over. Back then I might have missed two practices. Now you would miss half the games.

WHAT WOULD YOU CHOOSE?

I probably would have chosen lacrosse because that's what brought me here. Basketball, I ended up being the MVP [Most Valuable Player] of the East Coast Conference tournament while I was here. We were 24-4 my senior year, a huge success. It would have been interesting if I had to choose one over the other, but sports were different back in the '80s. You could play multiple sports. Many athletes did.

WHAT WERE YOU LIKE AS A COLLEGE STUDENT HERE?

Well, I started out very quiet. So the other thing that Lehigh did was to bring me out of my shell socially. I don't know the turning point, maybe sophomore year. But I came out of my shell and really enjoyed the experience here.

Academically, I was always a pretty good student in high school. I was in the top 10 of my graduating high school class. And then you come to Lehigh where everybody was valedictorian and top 10 in their class. It kind of shocked me from an academic perspective to be with my peers who were just as smart or smarter than I was.

And then the athletic part of really getting the camaraderie and then the leadership. I captained both basketball and lacrosse my senior year here and that was kind of my first flavor of leadership, as I went on to really learn a lot around what that was about, to motivate the players and help the coach with the team from a leadership perspective.

WHAT STANDS OUT IN YOUR MEMORY?

From an athletic perspective, we won the East Coast Conference basketball championship my senior year. That clearly stands out. It was at Rider University. We were an underdog and we won. In lacrosse we made the NCAA tournament my junior year. We were ranked at one time in the top 12 in the nation. We went down to the University of Maryland, this huge school in this huge stadium, and lost pretty bad to Maryland. David versus Goliath. We were definitely David in that case.

And then academically, there were some unbelievable professors in the accounting and business schools. Obviously, [Accounting Professor] Ken Sinclair.

I loved economics here, especially macroeconomics. I had great professors, great advisers in the business school. I personally liked finance better than accounting when I was here at Lehigh, but I think that helped me, actually, when I got to the real world, to combine that. I became what we call a financial instrument specialist at Deloitte, helping clients understand financial products to manage risk like interest rate risk and foreign currency risk. That gave me a huge niche, where a lot of people got to know me. I got to work with treasurers and CFOs across corporate America as they figured out how to use derivatives to manage their financial risk. Lehigh set forth the platform for which I would eventually get into a specialty like that.

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HOW ELSE DID LEHIGH SHAPE YOU?

It shaped me into a much more well-rounded person. From the day I started at Deloitte, people would say, *Oh she has presence beyond her years*. Well that's what I got at Lehigh, the executive presence. And that's an important part of leadership because you need to gain followership from people who report to you. If they see you're able to handle stress—people call it grace under fire or be your best in your darkest moment—in a way that is measured, you're the calming influence. Those are all things I learned from my schooling at Lehigh. And quite frankly, the camaraderie at Lehigh, the atmosphere when I was here was so in tune to developing that because of the Greek system and the social system. I couldn't have done it if I didn't have that part of my personality kind of come out of that shell and have confidence that I could be someone contributing value to the business community. That is really, I think, what Lehigh gave me.

HOW SIGNIFICANT WAS A LEHIGH DEGREE TO YOUR CAREER?

Huge. Christmas-Saucon was where I interviewed [with the accounting firms.] I spent six years in our Philadelphia office. After the sixth year, I was looking for something different to make myself well-rounded, that same theme from what I learned here. I went to our national office and did accounting research for two years. It was technically in Connecticut, and then I came to the New York/northern New Jersey area and have been back and forth between those offices since 1994.

YOU SEEM COMFORTABLE BEING A ROLE MODEL. DOES IT EVER BECOME OVERWHELMING?

People who know me well know that I am uncomfortable with the attention around being the first woman CEO of a major U.S. professional services firm. What I've been inspired by the most are the handwritten letters I have received since my announcement went out in February from people at colleges and universities across the country. People in the work force, mostly women but some men, who said, *I read your story. I'm inspired*. And they actually inspire me to be that role model. These are amazing letters. I have emails from people at Deloitte, a woman who said, *I had twins a year and half ago. I'm now pregnant with my third child. I didn't think I could do this. I read your story and now I'm going to stay*. Amazing, amazing.

EVEN BEFORE YOU BECAME CEO YOU WERE PROBABLY A ROLE MODEL.

So people were watching me around what time of night I sent emails. What I would do because I coached for five years, I would go home at a reasonable hour, coach my daughter's basketball team, then come home and boot my computer up and send emails at 10 at night. People were like, *Gosh, Cathy's always working*. Well, that's not a good role model. But I said, Wait, I just spent three hours coaching, then having dinner with my family. People didn't see that part. So I became very cognizant, probably about six, seven years ago that I was a role model and that people were looking at the way I was balancing family and work. It is not always easy. It can be challenging. Are there things I've missed that I regret? Sure. Nothing major though.



LEHIGH ACCOUNTING STUDENTS HAVE COME TO DELOITTE AND YOU'VE BEEN GRACIOUS WITH YOUR TIME WITH THEM. WHAT ADVICE DO YOU GIVE THEM?

My advice is to take advantage of building your skill set. The future of our work force is going to be around big data and analytics and data scientists and being able to take data and visualize it and help companies manage their business to a profitable and sustainable point. So take advantage [of the courses offered.] I'm on the Accounting Advisory Board at Lehigh, so I know Lehigh offers a lot of these things. And not every student takes these courses because they may not be looking at the future. There's cloud, there's cyber, there's digital, there's 3D. There's so much evolving around this, around technology, that if accounting and business students don't build capabilities and can't evolve with the pace of change that companies are faced with, they're not going to be as successful. Companies are not going to want to hire them. We do a ton of training, but you can differentiate yourself quickly if, as a student, you're maximizing your experience.

YOU'VE SPOKEN ABOUT YOUR DESIRE TO "PAY IT FORWARD." HOW WILL YOU DO THAT?

So pay it forward to me is a little like "lean in" around talent. So pay it forward is coming to an event tonight at Lehigh. Now I started in New Jersey today, went to New York and now I'm here in Bethlehem. But this is important to me, to work with young men and women and make sure they see the value they can provide in a profession like ours. And they feel they can stay and have a rewarding profession while balancing home life.

If I can leave a legacy, I'd like it to be around the evolution of our diverse leadership at Deloitte, and that's what I really want to pay it forward on. I was given opportunities that I can't even figure out today how I was picked. But I think it was that sponsor sitting in the room saying, *Let's give Cathy this opportunity*, and that helped me. So that's what I want to do for our young people is say, Don't be afraid of taking risks. Don't be afraid of an opportunity. Don't be afraid of an overseas assignment. Become technologically savvy. Now kids today are much more apt to do things than my generation was. The world is globalizing. And I want to help these young people today realize who they're going to need to be in 2030 and 2035, so I'm taking a much longer-term view on paying it forward. Who's going to evolve into the leaders of tomorrow? **L**



AN EYE FOR WAR

JOHN PETTEGREW EXAMINES THE SENSE OF SIGHT AS AN EFFECTIVE TOOL FOR MAKING WAR

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Human beings have this pesky thing called empathy,” says John Pettegrew, associate professor of history. “They have learned and find it valuable to put themselves in the shoes of somebody they don’t know. That is bad for killing, which makes it bad for war.”

Pettegrew’s forthcoming book, *Light It Up: The Marine Eye for Battle in the War for Iraq*, examines how the U.S. military and aspects of popular visual culture work together to “stylize the eye and create a patterned experience of viewing and seeing war to encourage a large number of young Americans to do what the Pentagon itself believes is antithetical to human nature”—to kill.

During World War II, U.S. Army Brigadier General S.L.A. Marshall, an official Army combat historian, interviewed soldiers to determine the non-firing rate among American troops in combat. According to Marshall, up to 85 percent of American troops who had been trained to target the enemy and pull the trigger on their loaded guns did the opposite on the front lines: They either did not fire or aimed and deliberately missed.

“The act of killing is not in close keeping with predominant views of human nature,” says Pettegrew of this apparently innate hesitation. “The Pentagon wanted to overcome that point of hesitation, which it has successfully done since World War II.”

“We [the United States] haven’t fought a war on our own soil since the Civil War,” says Pettegrew. “So my basic research question was: How does the U.S. get a large number of men and women to leave their homes, travel across an ocean, land on foreign soil and, while staying in the line of fire, take the life of a perfect stranger? My answer is [in part] through the eye.”

Pettegrew describes two patterns of seeing in combat. The first, he says, is the use of film and video games to create a sense of excitement and challenge in combat, making it seem a close and personal task that requires skill and courage. The second, he says, is to create distance in combat.

ESTABLISHING A HEROIC IDEAL

The modern pro-combat vernacular dates back to the post-Civil War era, when short stories, novels and other forms of fiction embraced the theme of martial heroism and the challenge to do in battle what others have done before. World War II brought about the birth of the combat-film genre, with John Wayne the archetype of the hyper-masculine American soldier. These films were “incredibly powerful in reaching into boys’ and young men’s lives at home, at the Saturday matinee, and in school, creating this larger-than-life ideal of the gung-ho warfighter,” says Pettegrew.

Today, he says, the Pentagon works closely with Hollywood in a mutually beneficial relationship that yields authenticity for war films and an opportunity for the Pentagon to communicate its heroic vision of military service.

Clint Eastwood’s recent film, *American Sniper*, which depicts the life and military service of U.S. Navy SEAL Chris Kyle, exemplifies this relationship.

“There’s no better example of how Hollywood—working with, in this case, the Navy SEALs and the Marines—creates this huge commercial recruitment poster for American military service,” says Pettegrew. “From my perspective, as a historian interested in how systems of violence serve nationalist ends, the primary act of war is not dying for one’s country; it is killing for one’s country. There’s no better example of that core truth than *American Sniper*. He is made a national hero for his ability—at great removal from his targets—to kill 140-some of the enemy.”

Beyond Hollywood films, Pettegrew also examines an amateur genre that developed during the U.S. invasion of Iraq in 2003. During that time, many American soldiers began bringing handheld and helmet-mounted digital video cameras into battle, filming firefights and later using basic editing software to create videos of the experience. Pettegrew calls these videos “war pornography” because they are meant to reproduce the behavior being enacted on film. The videos, often set to heavy metal music, focus more on weaponry and maneuvers than violence and gore. Their creators first shared the videos via email or on websites developed specifically for regiments. The advent of YouTube in 2005, however, changed everything.

Pettegrew has spent months examining countless examples of these do-it-yourself videos and the thousands of comments posted by viewers.

“For me, as a historian, to be able to go through viewers’ descriptions of what they were feeling while watching war pornography was just invaluable,” says Pettegrew, describing how the comments on YouTube videos were more primary source material than he could ever handle.

“It’s not foolproof evidence, but for cultural history in the realm of the militarization of American society, I couldn’t pass it up. It’s very suggestive of the impact of popular visual culture on the sensibility of young people... As a historian that’s a crucial starting point in understanding how the eye is constructed for fighting and killing in war,” he says.

OVERCOMING HESITATION

Increasingly realistic, Hollywood-style first-person shooter video games provide an even more immersive experience for civilians and soldiers alike, blurring the line between simulated and actual warfare. Pettegrew says one such game, the Beirut, Lebanon-set *Close Combat: First to Fight*, is the result of a collaboration between a private commercial video game producer and the Marine Corps, whose goal was to train Marines for urban combat in Middle Eastern cities—a major institutional concern following the 1993 Battle of Mogadishu, Somalia, as represented in the book and movie *Black Hawk Down*.



Homer’s *Iliad* “is one long recital of how Diomedes and Ajax, Sarpedon and Hector killed,” as the Harvard philosopher and psychologist William James said.



The most accomplished novelists in Western literature—Leo Tolstoy and Ernest Hemingway, for instance—seized upon war as the most compelling human drama.



The Hollywood combat-film genre came into its own during World War II, with larger-than-life images of John Wayne “hitting the beach” and killing Japanese soldiers in movies like *The Sands of Iwo Jima*.



The advent of first-person shooter combat videogames in the 1990s brought a new level of reality to visions of war. U.S. armed forces used video games to train and “pump up” troops for battle.



Many American troops carried video cameras into battle in Iraq and Afghanistan and would edit and overlay their footage with heavy metal music. With the 2005 founding of YouTube, the DIY combat video became what Pettegrew calls “war porn.”



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—JOHN PETTEGREW

“The United States has the most powerful military in world history, but if it has to fight in the middle of a crowded urban space, boots on the ground in small teams are the only way to avoid heavy civilian casualties. The U.S. military needs to be able to train these men to work through city blocks, distinguish between civilians and combatants and work as a team to effectively kill the enemy,” says Pettegrew.

Close Combat, used in training for Marines in the lead-up to and early years of the Iraq War, was also released commercially for entertainment purposes. There is little difference between the two versions. As such, says Pettegrew, the commercial version serves as a way to develop among young players a yearning for military experience. It becomes a type of indirect recruiting tool and, for active-duty soldiers, an “important point of continuity between civilian and military life.”

CREATING DISTANCE

The second pattern of seeing in combat, Pettegrew says, is, in a sense, the exact op-

posite of the first. The goal is to completely distance the act of killing, to separate the shooter from the target. For instance, drones, initially used for reconnaissance but now also used as weapons, provide this separation.

“Drones have become so central now to United States war making. [They] are the ultimate example of this second strategy of separating the shooter from the target,” says Pettegrew.

Pettegrew describes the ethical and philosophical study of drone warfare and the questions it raises: Is this even war anymore?

“War’s definition basically is that two groups of individuals put themselves into mutual risk. The only sort of ethical support for killing another person is that you are running the same sort of risk of that being done to you. If the person on the other side hasn’t done anything to you, and if you are in no way in danger, what is the ethical support for taking his life? It’s something other than the definition of warfare that the West has understood for centuries.”

A related form of warfare, which Pettegrew calls “fascinating and extremely bothersome,” is the development combat robots. He suggests that the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan might be the last major conflicts in which the United States uses predominantly human force.

Pettegrew wrote *Light It Up* in close connection with the Veterans Empathy Project, an oral history of combat veterans’ experiences in the post-Sept. 11 wars. The project, which Pettegrew directs, aims to bridge the gap of understanding in the United States between civilians who have never served in the military and the many veterans who have by creating a context for understanding the realities of war.

“My next study is on love and peace,” says Pettegrew. “It’s a perfect balance to the past years of studying warfare.”

PUTTING LEHIGH IN FOCUS

STORY BY MARY ELLEN ALU
PHOTOS BY CHESTER TOYE

*These are the many faces of Lehigh: black, white, Asian and Latino; serious, funny, wide-eyed and playful. For more than a year, **Chester Toye '17** has been capturing students' images in black and white for a public art project that he hopes will unify students and improve the campus climate.*

Toye's project, "Lehigh in Focus," grew out of a design class he took in his first year at Lehigh. He needed to replicate an artist but add his spin. Finding inspiration in graffiti artist Steve Powers and the French street artist JR, Toye ultimately decided to use his photography skills to create student portraits that reflect Lehigh's diverse student population.

Toye also saw his project as a way to heal any simmering wounds from November 2013, when racial slurs were spray-painted on UMOJA House and the building was egged.

Confused at the time, Toye wondered whether Lehigh was the place for him. In middle school and high school, he said, he had worked hard to improve his surroundings and leave a mark. After the incident, he joined the more than 1,000 students, faculty and staff who gathered on the University Front Lawn one night in protest over what had happened. Toye listened as student after student expressed their disappointment in the vandalism.

"It gave me hope," said Toye, 20, a former lacrosse player who is pursuing an Integrated Degree in Engineering, Arts and Sciences (IDEAS).





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Toye hopes the project can help prevent hurtful acts such as the UMOJA House vandalism and help reduce any fears or prejudices that people have based on someone's skin color.

With a public art project, he felt he could create “something that was positive and uplifting, to give the campus some character and kind of help bring people together.” He persevered. A \$3,000 Strohl grant from Lehigh, along with faculty, staff and administrative support, helped to move the project forward.

Hoping to populate the campus with the diverse student images, Toye saw his efforts start to pay off this year when a 46-inch-by-76-inch portrait went up inside the Packer Avenue bus shelter on the

AsaPacker campus. A collection of 32 of his images will also go up inside several Lehigh buses that loop around the university's three campuses.

“It's kind of surreal,” said Toye. “It's been a year in the making.”

The images carry no text, no names. When people view them, he said, “I just want them to see people for people. I just want them to kind of forget about everything else and just focus on the personality. It doesn't matter where someone's from, the color of their skin, how much money

they make. But we all have these unique, and in some cases similar, personalities.”

Toye's interest in photography happened naturally. Looking back at photos of himself as a toddler and adolescent, he always had a camera in his hand. (And, to his parents' chagrin, he broke a few.) One summer when he had shoulder surgery, he was unable to do anything athletic, so he took photographs. He is self-taught.

For the ongoing project, Toye asks students to present a face that reflects their personality. Initially, he had to do some



coaxing to get fellow students to participate, but now that his work is more widely known, he finds that students ask to be a part of the project. And, they usually like what he is able to capture.

Toye hopes the project can help prevent hurtful acts such as the UMOJA House vandalism and help reduce any fears or prejudices that people have based on someone's skin color.

"Say you hate people with blue skin. You don't have a reason for hating them, but you've never been around a person

with blue skin. You're not comfortable around them, so you avoid them your whole life," said Toye. "If I put up a picture of someone with blue skin on campus, and you have to walk past it every day, you're going to become comfortable with it. You're going to get used to seeing these images, and hopefully, you're going to get used to different kinds of people, and subconsciously, become more of an accepting person without really having to do anything."

The project has already helped one

person—Toye himself. He said he not only feels better about Lehigh but also about his place here.

The project "helped me to see how many awesome people we have here on campus. Students, faculty, administrators, everyone wants to help me out, help me to push this," Toye said. "It just really shows that if you're motivated and passionate about something, if you work hard enough, you can make it happen. You can do a lot here. You've got to be willing to put the time in." **L**

CELEBRATING THE SESQUICENTENNIAL

LEHIGH@150

OCTOBER 1-4, 2015

This October, Lehigh will launch the year-long celebration of its 150th anniversary. Beginning with Founder's Day featuring the installation of John Simon, Lehigh's 14th president, the Sesquicentennial will culminate in the launch of our campaign in conjunction with Alumni Weekend and Commencement in May 2016. The Sesquicentennial will offer a host of engaging events and programs designed to showcase Lehigh and immerse you in our past, present, and future.

Watch for your invitation this summer, plus more details at www.lehigh.edu/150. Tickets and advance registration will be required for select events.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

FARRINGTON SQUARE DEDICATION

Morton Street, Asa Packer Campus

Recognize the contributions of Gregory C. Farrington, Lehigh's president from 1998 to 2006, as Campus Square is renamed in his honor.

SESQUICENTENNIAL BLOCK PARTY

Zoellner Arts Center, Tamerler Courtyard, and surrounding locations

Kick off a multi-day party celebrating the arts—visual, performing, literary, technical, and engineering. Centered at Zoellner and spilling out across campus, the Block PARTY's compelling and imaginative selection of events will serve to capture the creative talent and spirit of innovation at Lehigh and the surrounding community. Includes:

- Farmer's market
- Academic discovery showcases
- Guest speakers
- Vocalpalooza, Lehigh's student talent show



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

FOUNDER'S DAY CEREMONY FEATURING THE INSTALLATION OF LEHIGH'S 14TH PRESIDENT

Packer Church

Be part of one of Lehigh's oldest and most revered traditions. This year's celebration of leadership will be made all the more special as Lehigh University installs John Simon as its 14th president as part of the ceremony. Tickets will be required.



COMMUNITY PARADE

Immediately after Founder's Day, the Marching 97 will lead the way to where the day's festivities will continue. Join the short procession as interactive floats, performers, students, and community groups wind their way from Packer Church to Zoellner Arts Center.

BROWN AND WHITE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Zoellner Arts Center, Tamerler Courtyard

Wish Lehigh a happy 150th at this campus party featuring a hearty buffet, an awe-inspiring performance from the Department of Music, a light show extravaganza, and a special birthday toast.

SESQUICENTENNIAL BLOCK PARTY (continued)

*Zoellner Arts Center, Tamerler Courtyard,
and surrounding locations*

Performances continue throughout the evening with special events by our students and internationally acclaimed guest artists, as well as late-night student programming. Includes the Department of Theatre's opening night performances.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

MOUNTAINTOP AND DATA X: NEW INITIATIVES ON THIS MOUNTAIN

Zoellner Arts Center, Black Box Theatre

Learn how the university is changing the face of higher education through two powerful new priorities devoted to equipping students with the skills they need to excel in our 21st century.

- Mountaintop offers students a unique, self-directed learning experience in amazing reclaimed spaces. Details at www.lehigh.edu/mountaintop.
- Data X infuses computer and data science as foundational elements of a Lehigh education—reflecting the pervasiveness of emerging technology. Details at www.lehigh.edu/datax.

WILLIAMS HALL DEDICATION

Herbert A. Roemmele '53 Global Commons

Located in the heart of campus, historic Williams Hall has been transformed into a dynamic center for the study of globalization, as well as a hub for key student services. Stop by to admire the new facility, thank those who helped make it possible, and gain new insights into the world around us.

SESQUICENTENNIAL BLOCK PARTY (continued)

*Zoellner Arts Center, Tamerler Courtyard
and surrounding locations*

Enjoy indoor and outdoor performances, food, and family events with national touring acts; local, faculty, and student artists; Southside businesses; local restaurants; and campus groups. Activities happen all day from Zoellner Arts Center to Chandler-Ullman. A full listing will be available at www.lehigh.edu/150.

Morning and afternoon events include:

- Concerts, family, and cirque-style events
- Lectures, readings, and poetry slams
- Art exhibits
- Open house at the Baker Institute for Entrepreneurship, Creativity & Innovation
- Community exhibits and showcases
- Demonstrations
- Gadget and maker fair

Evening events include:

- Guest artist performance
- Theatre Department performance
- University Productions late night show for students

HOMECOMING TAILGATE

Tent outside Goodman Stadium

Cheer on the Brown and White with fellow alumni, parents, students, and friends at the Lehigh Family Tailgate. Enjoy hearty tailgate fare, games, and refreshments. Fun for all ages! Includes the Athletics Partnership Sesquicentennial Celebration, welcoming former athletes from all sports and classes to celebrate 150 years of Lehigh athletics together.

LEHIGH FOOTBALL

Lehigh vs. Yale

Expected kick-off at 12:30 p.m.

Visit www.lehighsports.com for details and tickets.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

SESQUICENTENNIAL BLOCK PARTY (continued)

Zoellner Arts Center, Tamerler Courtyard

*The fun continues! Morning and
afternoon events include:*

- Global fair
- Guest artist performance
- Theatre Department performance

And that's just a start!

THROUGHOUT THE SESQUICENTEN- NIAL YEAR, LEHIGH WILL HOST:

- Symposia and lecture series
- Guest speakers and performers
- Exhibits and gallery talks
- Music and theatre performances
- Student projects
- Community service opportunities
- And much more



More events are being developed, and the schedule is subject to change. Visit www.lehigh.edu/150 for the latest news.



OUR LEHIGH

Introducing President

JOHN SIMON

**Eight cities. 50,000 alumni.
One amazing, not-to-be-
missed, presidential tour.**

Mark your calendar to help the Lehigh nation welcome President John Simon to your area! This September and October, Simon takes to the road in a whirlwind of regional events, offering more than two-thirds of all alumni nationwide an opportunity to meet him, hear his first impressions, and relay their experiences and insights into the university.

**ALL EVENTS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO
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SEPTEMBER 10
New York City

OCTOBER 25
Southern California

SEPTEMBER 15
Boston

OCTOBER 26
Northern California

SEPTEMBER 16
Philadelphia

OCTOBER 27
Chicago

SEPTEMBER 17
Washington, D.C.

OCTOBER 28
Pittsburgh

*Stay tuned for Florida tour stops being
planned for February 2016.*



Details and locations are to be announced. Not close to an **Our Lehigh** event? Watch

for how you can share your stories with President John Simon virtually through the **Our Lehigh** website for alumni, to be launched late this summer.

LEHIGH DISPATCH

Editor's note: Welcome to Lehigh Dispatch, where you can find out what your fellow alums are up to. Thanks to our dedicated correspondents for the work you do to keep our extended Lehigh community together, and special thanks to Lehigh Dispatch Editor Diana Skowronski, who can be reached at (610) 758-3675 or dls213@lehigh.edu.

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My computer, actually computers, are both giving me trouble. My eyesight is not good and my record of no blank columns in 73 some years is in jeopardy.

So this column is an appeal asking one of you to volunteer to take my place. It has been fun and a joy to write this column over the years, but it is time to step aside. Thanks for your support and God Bless.

'42 *Editor's note: To share your news or if you would be interested in becoming your class's correspondent, reaching out to classmates and writing a column three times a year, please contact Diana Skowronski at (610)-758-3675 or dls213@lehigh.edu.*

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I had a meeting with Diana Skowronski, who is in charge of securing and editing all the

column materials that are submitted from all class correspondents prior to placing them in the *Lehigh Bulletin*. We discussed my problem of arriving at an interesting article for the Class of 1943.

First discussion was to compare the number of students at graduation (500) versus the number remaining in 2012 (70) and the number in 2015 (48).

However, we received a telephone message from **Dave Troxel's** nurse, who advised me that Dave was moved from assisted living to medical care and therefore he is unable to help prepare our column. Should any of the classmates have interesting news for this article, please get in touch with me or Diana (610-758-3675).

I had an interesting visit to Florida. My wife, Suzy, and I along with our daughters Pamela Schwartz and Jody Haller flew from Allentown to Sarasota from February 28th to March 14th. We had a great time on Anna Maria Island for 2 weeks, weather perfect with sunset on the beach. One interesting item, remember the hats that we wore on a reunion that had Lehigh '43 marked boldly? My wife and I had

several people inquire, where is Lehigh and is that the year you graduated!

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A superannuated class correspondent has a win-some, lose-some job. The latter category includes not being able to talk to a classmate because he has either passed on or is incommunicado for health reasons. In a telephone search for items for this edition, a half-dozen calls were unanswered.

I did talk twice with the daughter of **Phil Berg** and was sorry to hear that my name didn't register with him. I was sure he would remember our time on the freshman wrestling team and especially our first meeting of the 1940-41 season. It was at Penn State and Phil, a superb athlete, had performed well in a match but lost to a former high school state champion. He wrestled at 175 pounds and I was the heavyweight at more than 200. We were leading when I came to the mat.

I pinned my opponent in the second period and was so high that I got careless and the Nittany Lion pinned me quickly in the third period. He got five points, I got three and we lost the match 19 to 16. I had hoped to replay that embarrassing scenario with Phil.

In looking for happier memories, I used our 50th Reunion Yearbook and a current list of '44rs supplied by the alumni office. **Dick Horlacher** answered the phone in Butler, Pa. He commuted from Allentown while earning BS and MS degrees in engineering. Between his degrees, he spent two years in the Navy. He was

on a destroyer in the Pacific and was expecting to participate in an attack on Japan, but the atom bombs changed things.

Dick's business career included a quarter century with Bethlehem Steel. He sounded chipper while talking about his extensive family. He pops only two pills a day, a pretty good score for a nonagenarian. Dick walks often and when he's off his feet, he watches a lot of television, particularly sports programs.

A call to Trenton got a response from **Bob Moss**, who earned a B.S. in mechanical engineering and an M.A. in urban planning. He's still working 25 to 30 hours a week, counseling people with problems of substance abuse. Bob came up with an amusing comment that he had almost failed a class in metallurgy, because the classroom was too close to Packer Chapel and he relaxed to the music of the Bach Choir.

One of his comments was about the beauty of our campus. Another was that he really feels that when we became a co-ed college, there was a great improvement in the social environment.

Jack Rader was a classmate of mine at Liberty High in Bethlehem, and got a degree in industrial engineering. A brother of Sigma Phi Epsilon, he lived at home in the western part of the city.

Lucky for me and Cliff Raidline '49. Jack's father was a Cadillac dealer and Jack would take a car off the lot, pick us up and drive to South Mountain. We were freshmen with a personal chauffeur!

Jack is still very active, despite knee replacements. He and his wife hit tennis balls at their two homes: Amelia Island in Florida in winter and Mountain Springs in the Poconos in summer. (Betty and Bill Hittinger were neighbors there.)

Talking with **Walt Margie**

was fun. A Sigma Chi lad at Lehigh with a B.S. in chemical engineering, he changed directions and earned a medical degree from Temple University. He practiced medicine for 50 years, mostly at St. Luke's Hospital in Bethlehem. His wife, Helen, is a graduate of the hospital's School of Nursing.

They have a summer home at Harvey's Lake. Although Walt now uses a walker, they are inveterate travelers with amusing recall of travels to France and England and a memorable trip around South America, with a look at Antarctica.

Maybe I'll learn more about their visit to spectacular Iguazu Falls on the Argentina/Brazil border when I accept Dr. Walt's invitation to lunch.

Epilogue. I apologize for omissions or problems with timing. Class notes are submitted several months before you see them in the *Alumni Bulletin*.

I wrote these notes at home in late February. But I could have been in Alsace/Lorraine in eastern France. Several towns were having 70th anniversary celebrations of their liberation by my infantry division in World War II. An organizer of the event in the village of Etzling invited me to come over for a salute, because I had captured a nine-man squad of German soldiers there during the attack.

Connie and I decided not to go, despite fine memories of our trip to France 10 years ago when everybody in the country was observing the 60th anniversary of Victory in Europe.

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Sad to say, the most recent issue of the *Lehigh Alumni Bulletin* recorded the deaths of three of our classmates. **Bill Boothby, Richard Greene, and James B. Felker.**

Of the three, I knew Bill Boothby best because he shared so many classes with me since he was enrolled in the industrial engineering curriculum. I knew Richard Greene...to some degree...because he, too, shared many freshman year courses but, since he followed the electrical engineering curriculum, we followed a different path after the second semester. James Felker, I did not know at all.

Mr. Felker may have left Lehigh early to serve our country and that's why I did not make his acquaintance. (His obit mentions that he served as a first lieutenant in the Army Air Corps.) His obit also mentioned that he earned a B.S. degree in engineering and was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity during his Lehigh years. He, like I, lived in good old Allentown, Pa!

Richard Greene, I remember as an extremely intelligent undergrad who always seemed to comprehend what was being taught with ease. Ah, yes, t'was not that case with me. I struggled.

Personally, I never got much past the basic EE equation: $E=IR$. I guess that my brain did not have the capacitance for much more than that. Oh my gosh, you may be assured, I tried hard enough, but my cranial resistance was not to be overcome. For example, to this day, I still don't understand why Thomas Edison touted DC over AC as the safer means for long distance transmission of electrical power.

Mr. Greene went on, not surprisingly, to earn a doctor's

degree, become professor and head of the electrical engineering department at the prestigious University of North Carolina (at Charlotte). He also worked for the research division at Westinghouse Laboratories and, also, for the Naval Research Laboratory.

He resided in Hilton Head Island, S.C., at the time of his death.

Bill Boothby, although graduating with an engineering degree, was really a finance guy through and through. He and Tony Fortosis '44 headed up the business end of the *Brown and White* as a duo. More than that, Bill's father was an important investment banker in the Philadelphia environs. With a background such as that it was not surprising that Bill moved into the investments arena soon after graduation and left the solution of engineering problems to others.

I remember Bill as a soft-spoken guy with good manners, intelligence, and evidence of excellent up-bringing oozing out of every pore. His sense of humor was first rate... one example...Professor Bela K. Erdoss, in classes devoted to teaching undergrads how to analyze forces developed in coiled springs by the use of funicular diagrams. Bill, with humor, referred to these as "funny peculiar diagrams." (I realize that that's not leg-slapping humor but it struck my funny bone at the time and has remained with me all these years.)

Bill exuded Philadelphia high society. In fact, every time I see the movie version of that great Philip Barry Broadway hit, "Philadelphia Story", as a movie starring Katharine Hepburn, Jimmy Stewart, and Cary Grant, I can't help remembering Bill Boothby.

He eventually rose to be a giant in Philadelphia financial circles, retiring as a partner at Paine Webber...no mean feat.

A heartfelt good-bye to these three classmates: RIP: Willard S. Boothby, Richard F. Greene, and James Felker. En Avant!

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Hi fellows. This is our 68th year of freedom after graduating.

My, how the time flies. If we could only remember what happened in all this time.

It surely seems time for reflection, and to consider all the "what ifs" that might have happened.

All in all I, myself, do not have too many regrets. I picked a great company to work for, worked on great projects, saw the world, married a great girl, and met many great people. I wonder if the new graduates will have the opportunities that we had.

In reading the articles about the research projects that are being carried out at Lehigh now, the technologies seem to have become much more complex. This is not too surprising as we had to use slide rules to do all our calculations. There was nothing like using a slide rule to design a seven tower light ends distillation system having 27 components in the streams and with internal recycles. Figuring where the decimal places were in the component concentrations was pure hell. I'm sure the new grads don't know all the fun we had doing this. (The plant worked.) It took about three weeks. It could probably be done on a computer now in a couple of hours. But I found that computers didn't really shorten the time too much to do this sort of a job, as we then did many alternative case to optimize the final design.

Ruth and I are still enjoying our cottage at Cranes Mill

CCRC though the aches and pains are sneaking up.

But I am still looking forward to golf on a par three course when the snow finally melts.

This global warming has really resulted in very serious cold spells here. I'm trying to read the IPCC fifth assessment report on global warming on a computer download. It is the toughest reading I have ever tried to get through. And, of course, they start with their result and seem to try to justify it. The recent cooler years we have experienced are called a global warming hiatus. But there is a lot of data presented in the report particularly when the past history of glaciations is analyzed. I have not gotten through all that yet. I find it hard to read on the computer. I would much prefer a book. It is interesting to compare the data with their preceding 2007 report.

I haven't heard from any of you. Please send an email or write if you can. I am sure you have many tales to tell.

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Readers of this column will probably have little interest in cold weather by publication time, but it's at center stage in the Northeast now. After surviving the early January blizzard that didn't quite "blizz," (only seven inches of snow instead of the 1 to 2 feet predicted), with a follow up snowfall of 2 inches a week later, we are now expected to receive another 8 inches overnight. With current and future-cast (after all these decades "forecast" apparently isn't good enough anymore, but

that's how the English language keeps evolving, for better or worse) temperatures well below freezing, snow may be on the ground until summer. (Note: no mention of Al Gore.)

This weather brings to mind the blizzard of early 1948. That was a BLIZZARD! I was home in Larchmont, N.Y., between semesters, when we were inundated by more than 3 feet of snow. Nothing moved for two or three days. I couldn't dig my car out, so I returned to Bethlehem via the Lehigh Valley Railroad (Asa Packer's "baby"). I recall lots of snow on campus, but no interruption of classes. That's about all I can remember. Anyone with a better memory might relate their own experiences of that storm.

Gini and I had a nice Christmas note from **Bob** and **Priscilla Hicks**. Bob says if you're thinking about downsizing, do it now. He says they "have a garage and several closets full of things we'll never use, or find again."

Gini and I are contemplating a move, but for a different reason. We have a two-story house, with a full basement and garage underneath at ground level — easy in and out. However, the continual up and down steps is getting to be too much. As far as saved "things": just as a start, we have four generations of hand, bench, and power tools, lawn mowers, snow throwers, and family uniforms from two World Wars, etc., etc. That's a real problem.

I am sorry to report the death of our class treasurer, **Jim Vogel song**, in Germantown, Md., on Jan. 8, 2015. Jim served in the Army Air Corps during World War II and then graduated Phi Beta Kappa with honors in engineering and later earned a master's degree in mathematics from Rutgers in 1961. Jim worked for Bell Telephone Labs until his retirement in 1986 and then volunteered at

Iacocca Hall at Lehigh. He was a talented athlete who had played baseball for the York (Pennsylvania) Pirates and was an avid tennis player into his 80's. Jim is survived by his wife Doris, a son and daughter, four grandchildren, and a great grand-daughter (see In Remembrance).

Our ace reporter, **Bill Hahn**, and I spoke recently. He had spent Christmas in Blacksburg, Va., with Ernestine and family and will go back there for Easter. He's having a bit of a problem with a knee but is getting around OK.

Bill spoke to **Kenneth Job's** son, Ken Jr., at their company office, Job and Job Consulting Engineers, Rochelle Park, N.J. Ken Sr. is president and works from home. The company was founded in 1928 by his father. Their main business is land surveying. Ken served four years in the army in World War II. His first employment was with the New Jersey Port Authority and then with Job Engineering. He has attended many football games and wrestling meets over the years.

Bill reports that **William Dorman** of Corning, N.Y., passed away on Nov. 16, 2014. He is survived by his wife, Helen, two daughters, Phyllis and Diane, and five grandchildren. William was employed by Corning Glass at graduation and worked there for over 35 years. He volunteered in several areas after he graduated.

Warren Heintzelman died in January 2014 at the age of 90. Bill spoke with his wife, Carolyn, who is in a retirement home. Warren is also survived by two sons. He spent two years in the army as an air cadet during World War II. After graduation he was a project engineer for the Army for over 35 years. He lived in Germany for three years, and his work took him to many countries. Warren visited campus often, especially the chapel and the wall listing

the Class of 1949 there.

Our president, Mark, and I speak often. He has had another recent bout with right knee surgery, including 3 days in the hospital. His son came from Johnstown to help bring him home from the hospital and a granddaughter flew up from Florida to help out at home. He's getting around well, but driving is temporarily restricted.

Mark spoke to **Quent Jurgensen**, who lives with his wife in a retirement community in Las Vegas. Quent recently celebrated his 90th birthday with several family members, most of whom came in from the East. He also renewed acquaintances with a long-lost buddy from World War II. They met in Arizona, where they reminisced about their wonderful adventures through Africa, Italy, and Europe, with entertainment provided by the former Third Reich.

Again, not so timely, but men's winter athletics are going well. The wrestlers are 12 and four, including a loss to higher-ranked Cornell, where the final score didn't reflect the closeness of most of the bouts. We are expected to have a very talented team next season. The basketball team has won seven of their last eight games and is in contention to lead the Patriot League after a decisive win over Army. I expect to be back on the links in spring and hope to continue scoring about my age (now 90) or better. Yes, golfers, from the forward tees, and if I lose any more distance, it's back to archery — if I can find someone to help pull the bow.

Condolences to the families of our departed classmates.

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The planning event for any special event may be interesting,

Lehigh and The World Trade Center

An Enduring Tie Dates Back a Half-Century

MARK OSLER '98 AND ROBERT GALLUP '86 are adding another chapter to the long association between Lehigh and New York City's World Trade Center. The two civil engineers have helped design a flood-mitigation plan to protect the new WTC from a massive storm like Hurricane Sandy.

Osler is assistant vice president and Gallup is director of civil engineering for Michael Baker International, which is developing the plan for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. Osler is assessing sea level rise, hurricane storm surge, coastal flood risk and hydraulic loading. Gallup oversees civil and structural design aspects as project and client manager.

The new WTC houses the 9/11 Museum and Memorial Plaza, five office towers, an underground Transportation Hub, and half a million square feet of commercial space. One World Trade Center, at 1,776 feet the tallest building in the Western Hemi-



sphere, opened last October and replaces the Twin Towers of the original WTC, which were destroyed on September 11, 2001.

The Baker plan, says Osler, features an aluminum flood system wall that extends more than 5,000 linear feet and fits onto the security bollards—steel posts filled with concrete—positioned along the 16-acre site's perimeter roadways.

“Our plan uses these bollards as the skeleton and spine for a temporary deployable flood wall,” says Osler. “We’ve designed vertical beams that fit over each bollard together with aluminum stop logs that slide down, one on top of another, to create a waterproof barrier. The use of segmented panels or flood logs for a flood wall system is well-known in the industry. Ours is the first design that utilizes bollards as an independent support from the building.”

The flood system wall can be assembled in two days. Its height can be tailored to the severity of a storm by using more or fewer panels. The Baker design also analyzed the subterranean hallways, doorways and other openings that are likely to convey floodwaters that encroach into the underground portion of the WTC.

“Protecting an interior like this is a unique aspect of this project,” says Osler. “Our plan coordinates various rings, or levels of protection: a floodwall system at street level, flood-proofed openings at garages and other exterior points of entry, and flood-proofed interior pathways.”

The mitigation design anticipates an increase in the levels of the Atlantic Ocean. “Sea level has been rising about one inch per decade in the New York City area and this rate is likely to accelerate,” says Osler. “We helped the Port Authority evaluate the data and choose how aggressive they wanted to be in estimating future rises.”

Gallup has worked in New York City for 20 years. “Performing complex infrastructure design and construction in Lower Manhattan is like no other place in the world,” he says.

Osler studied coastal engineering with Robert Sorensen, professor emeritus of civil engineering and author of half a dozen books.

“The World Trade Center is a national shrine with emotional and financial importance,” he says. “It’s incredibly rewarding to be able to contribute in a positive way to the people who live and work there.”—Kurt Pfitzer

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have played key roles in the World Trade Center's history. The late Prof. Lynn Beedle and current emeritus Prof. John W. Fisher evaluated the design values of the original Twin Towers in Fritz Lab in the 1960s. At the construction site, George Tamaro '61G oversaw field inspections and engineering services.



After the 1993 terrorist attack, Richard Garlock '93G assessed damage and helped determine how to shore up support systems. After the 2001 attack, Garlock helped guide search and rescue teams, Fisher served on the national commission investigating the collapse of the towers, Carl Petrillo '62 helped build the temporary PATH rail station and Tamaro helped supervise reconstruction of the underground diaphragm walls and lateral support system.

Mitch Simpler '77 was chief mechanical design partner for the new WTC stage-one master plan and the stage-two design of the Transportation Hub. James Durkin '84 was construction manager for the Transportation Hub and One World Trade Center, and Tara Stacom '80 secured the leasing contract for One World Trade Center.

but also frustrating as we try to anticipate all the personal needs of those returning for Reunion 65. At this writing, this stage is being put on like a warm coat by your committee and class officers. Thanks to the experienced alumni office staff, many concerns become “no issues.” As of the end of 2014, there are 351 members of our class with known addresses from whom we like to have activity news and response to Reunion.

I phoned our president, **Ed Kaup**, who is also experienced with reunion-planning; he is well and ready to jump into action aimed at making Reunion 65 a memorable occasion.

Vice president **Paul Kunkel** has had major surgery, but has moved back to the Phoebe Home to recuperate and be with his wife, Doris.

Our treasurer, **Cliff Freund**, is not apt to disappear during these record-breaking cold days; 100 bucks is judged to be insufficient funds with which to escape to a warmer place than New Jersey. We would not even have the 100 dollars had I not mentioned the absence of money in our treasury at a meeting up at Lehigh and **Gene Chovanes** put in that amount to rectify the situation. Put ‘em together for Gene.

Our Reunion committee chairman, Gene Chovanes, has finally made a move toward retiring from the patent attorney business he started in 1957. As of Dec. 31, 2014, Gene has downsized to accommodate only a few personally held clients. Good move, Gene. Now drop the shingle altogether.

Bob Limons and his wife, Peggy, no longer walk long distances, so find this winter’s record-breaking cold to not make it more fun to get their exercise.

The good news from Hawaii is that **Tom Fisher** phoned to report “...his brain cancer is gone...” He has had two sophisti-

cated surgeries: “...one through the nose and one through the eye socket.” After a follow-up scan, Tom’s doctor reported “...your cancer is gone.” Tom is calling this result a miracle.

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Don Smith: I thought I’d bring you up to date with some happenings. My wife Lois passed away in May 2012. I moved to Luther Crest in September 2013 with fiancée Roberta. We found a classmate **Drew Wiegner** moved in about the same time. Luther Crest has Service Electric TV Cable, which gives us access to LU home sporting events. This is indoor living at its best in the winter time. Please keep the cold weather in Fargo.

Jim Gill writes: Interesting to read your enthusiastic review of Fargo with the history of the reason behind your move there in 2005. Give my best to Phyl.

On December 17th, about a month from the date of this writing, there will be a Leavetaking Service at St. Andrew’s Episcopal parish in Winthrop, Maine, where I have served as Vicar. It also marks the 60th anniversary of my ordination. The bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Maine will be here to accept my resignation. I am looking forward to the next chapter of life.

I am so lucky to have all three of our children living near me in Winthrop. We usually mark the weekends with seven or eight of us (when grandchildren are willing to hobnob with us) around the table in my apartment. We all miss Kay, who died in 2008.

As a licensed marriage and family therapist, I continue to see clients and to attend therapy conferences in Boston and Washington, D.C., annually, to keep up with advances in the field.

If health holds out till 2016, I hope to go back to Lehigh for our 65th class reunion and to see many of you there.

From the *Brown and White* for April 13, 1951 (front page headline):

“Musifestival Opener Set for Tonight”
The Lehigh Spring Music Festival

Many of us were in that production as well as the rest of the “cast of thousands,” Lehigh Glee Club, Concert Band, Cliff Cleffs, with Cliff Cleff Combo, Beaver College Glee Club, dancers from Lehigh and Cedar Crest and soloists from Moravian and Lehigh.

The show featured “Lehigh Victorious,” a celebration for our senior year undefeated football team and a tender rendition of Kurt Weill’s “Down in the Valley” (ed.: the Lehigh Valley?).

Ah...the Spring Music Festivals...love ‘em or leave ‘em. You can’t forget them. And maybe spring will come here sometime.

Send me your reactions to the weather as you (we) age.

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Every few months I receive a “care package” from my Texas connection, **Bill Murray**, Sugarland, Texas. His latest offerings include: “A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.” John Roberts, Chief Justice, Supreme Court. “One useless man is a shame. Two is a law firm. Three or more is a congress.” John Adams (1734-1826). “Politics is the art of looking for trouble, finding it, misdiagnosing it, and then misapplying the wrong remedies.” Groucho Marx (1895-1977). You get the idea. On to other musings.

From **John Kerr** comes an update on the recently formed (April 2014) southeast Pennsylvania and northern Delaware

Lehigh Alumni Club: At the meeting, the speaker was Dr. Rich Aronson, long-time professor of economics at Lehigh. His topic: Lehigh’s Martindale Center. John said this was a very good presentation with witty, stand-up comic flavor. Everyone paid attention. The class was well represented by nine classmates: Kerr, **Robert Arndt**, **Arnold Fortney**, **Robert Kiesling**, **Edmund Purdy**, **Neil Randall**, **Richard Schaphorst**, and **George Young**. Thank you, John. Always good to hear from you.

My two favorite Christmas card ‘52ers once again included me on their list: **Allen Levan** and **Mary Jo Johnston**, widow of **Jim**.

I received a compelling biographical sketch on **Charles E. Scovil**, Fairhope, Ala.: Born 1928, Queens, N.Y. Raised in Montclair, N.J., and attended public schools. Enlisted in Army 1946. Spent 1947 in Japan. Graduated Lehigh 1952, degree in geology. Met wife during college years, married 1951. Three children. Hobbies: Photography and astronomy. Became interested in astronomy at about age 10. Retired 1988, Curator, Stamford, Conn., Observatory, Stamford Museum and Nature Center. Awarded many astrological commendations. In 2001, received the Peltier Award of the Astronomical League for contributions to popularizing astronomy. An asteroid, #3949 Scovil, was named after him for his work in astronomy.

Charles goes on to tell us he was raised Presbyterian from age 5, became an ordained elder about 1957 in Aurora, Colo., and moved to Connecticut in 1959. Exposed to miracles of healing in 1967 at Rye, N.Y., Presbyterian Church, he became charismatic. In 1972, he died of exposure to toxic fumes and overwork. “The Lord sent me back to work for Him,” Charles says, and he is now

pastor of a small group of men. 2015: Now completely retired and living with son Gary in Alabama. Thank you for sharing, Charles.

I would like to hear from more of you '52ers, with YOUR life experiences!

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As I sit down to write my column due now for Lehigh, all I see out my window is snow and more snow. Received a call from **Bob Littner** who was leaving for a couple of weeks at his time share in Florida. He is still recovering from neck and back surgery and warm weather sounds good at this point. Jean and his daughter are going along to help him. **Joe Workman** just returned from a month at his condo in Florida with Eleanor. He said they plan to return in April for another month of warm weather.

I developed some health problems right after Christmas and had my daughter Susan take me over to St. Luke's Rt 33 North (a new hospital). When we arrived I was having conjunctive heart failure and they got my heart working again but it will take six months to get back. We had planned to go on a two week cruise in January so that was cancelled. **Tony Latour** still pitches in at the volunteer's desk at admissions and does great work as usual. His willingness to sub is greatly appreciated. I recently read in the Allentown *Morning Call* that **John Seebald** of York, Pa., passed away in November 2014. He was a U.S. Navy pilot and had retired. John had just celebrated his 57th wedding anniversary with wife Suzanne in York.

I owe a debt of gratitude to **Bill Latshaw** for providing me

with information and seeing that this column gets to Lehigh on time. Bill seems to be doing well health-wise, which is what we want to hear when we are all 83 to 85 years plus.

Pete Huester sent a lovely Christmas note of his whereabouts during 2014. His son has been most helpful in the rentals of their Cape Cod property as well as maintenance. Pete's hobby is playing the clarinet, and he's been taking lessons and seems to enjoy it very much.

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Ellie and I lost 18 friends last year and in the last two months two Kap friends: Al Bailey and Tom MacCabe '53. Our class also lost one of Lehigh's strongest supporters, **Bob Zoellner**. In the early 1990s, Bob and his wife, Victoria, committed \$6 million to establish the Zoellner Arts Center, a 105,000-square-foot performing arts venue which opened in 1997. Bob was co-captain of the ice hockey team at Lehigh and graduated as one of Buele's Coolies with an EE degree. He then served two years in the Air Force. In 1956 he founded the Wall Street firm of E.J. Roberts. Later he joined Edmonds & Hanly and became managing partner in 1964. In 1976, he founded Alpine Associates Advisors, a firm specializing in merger arbitrage, long and short equity trading, and bankruptcy related investments. He managed the firm with Victoria. Alpine now manages \$1.7 billion in assets and its core arbitrage business has never had a losing year. They were also founding part-

ners of the annual December Holiday Model Train Show at the New York Botanical Garden in the Bronx.

Bob amassed a rare complete collection of U.S. stamps from 1847 to 1947. They sold at auction for more than \$8 million in 1998. One of the stamps, an 1868 1-cent "Z-Grill," was purchased for \$935,000, at the time a record price for one U.S. stamp. Our classmate was an amazing man in many ways and he will be missed. This week, Ellie and I attended a Ringling College lecture by Dan Buettner. His *National Geographic* assignment to study longevity took him to communities where people thrive to 100 and more. He found five communities in the world where there were 12 times more centenarians than anywhere else. His best seller, *The Blue Zones: 9 Lessons For Living Longer From People Who've Lived The Longest* (second edition published November 2012 — 4 1/2-star-rating by Amazon Books), explains why they live longer. Since his book came out, Buettner has implemented Blue Zone lessons to 23 communities in the U.S. working to embrace a longevity culture. His group outlined patterns of life learned from studying people in Sardinia, Okinawa, Holancho, Costa Rica, the Greek Isle of Ikaria, and Loma Linda, Calif. Field research distilled nine lessons that Buettner shares; natural movement, eating less, a plant based diet (he emphasized beans), red wine in moderation, a life of purpose, relaxation, belonging, families first, and picking the right tribe.

Ellie and I had a taste of this when in 2006 I underwent proton beam therapy for prostate cancer in Loma Linda. The hospital and city are largely occupied by Seventh Day Adventists who practice a vegetarian diet, are quite religious and so-

cial. It was a moving experience as they openly embraced us in their culture.

All the best and God Bless.

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I finally made it to a football game; it was family weekend, and a large crowd was present. My daughter Susan was there and husband Jim to see their Lehigh freshman Margy. She was with a number of classmates and their parents. Our classmates were represented by members of the 60th Reunion Committee. They met in the morning to work with school staff people to put together an enjoyable Reunion this May 14-17. They were: **Dick Smith** and Charlotte (Norristown), **Lou Peter** and Dusty (Wayne, N.J.), **Don Steeber** and Lois (Richmond, Va.), and **Ken Hendrix** and Pat Girke (Bethlehem). **Ken** and **Robie Verostick** (Montclair, N.J.) were there and **Bill Shunk** (Bethlehem) gave us some of his tones. I heard **Ed Hatfield** was in the area, but I can't guarantee that rumor (Chestertown, Md.).

Lee Butz (Allentown) sent me a nice note about the last page of the Winter *Bulletin* that pictured Lynne and me and the subject of planned giving. Lee of course built many structures that stand on Lehigh with the help of his children, especially improvements to the library. Art Swallow thanked the editor, who acknowledged the passing of Gloria Deas (Emmaus) "whom he dated starting in 1949." Art is the brother-in-law of **Corky Flynn** (Lake St. Louis, Mo.) Art's second niece, Tara Sabharwal, will be in the class of 2019. Art calls himself a class of '55 wanna-be.

The Rivalry was the talk of the fall (no pun intended). I first learned about this through Don

Steeber (who heard it through a Yankee Stadium executive who was in Bethlehem after a game. Personally I thought it was a crazy idea. How could you fill Yankee Stadium for a Lehigh-Lafayette game? Well, I was there, and it was packed. The Verosticks, Ken and Robie, were there for the weekend with their boys. Ken Hendrix and Pat Girke were trying to keep warm on the cold day. My Lehigh granddaughter, Margy Taylor '18, was there with her father, Jim Taylor. I heard that Lee Butz (Allentown) was there also. In fact I later had a message from his daughter Shari. I was thrilled to hear from her; here is what she wrote: "Lee Butz '55 attended the Lehigh-Lafayette game in Yankee Stadium with his son Greg '79 and daughter Shari '81. Lee and his wife, Dolly, live in Allentown and will be celebrating their 59th wedding anniversary in March. Although his son Greg now runs the family construction management business, Lee continues to go to work every day. Lee and Greg were instrumental in the transformation and revitalization taking place in downtown Allentown." Thank you Shari.

Van and Alice Van Hoesen (Naples, Fla.) sent Merry Christmas and New Year greetings. They are in good health, Van playing golf and both playing bridge with each other and managing to remain on speaking terms. They have celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary a number of times on trips to Ecuador, Galapagos and Naples. They are also taking steps to move into a health facility, as Lynne and I are considering. Meanwhile they have four great-grandchildren to visit. Van also hosted a Lehigh get-together in Naples, Fla.

Bobby Blum (Roseland, N.J.) is keeping me on my toes by warning me, and maybe you, of the dangers that lie in our

computers. He is a good man.

Sad to say, several classmates passed during this period: **Gordon Fiegel** was a class officer for many years. **Lou Peters** gave me that information. Gordy lived in the Allentown area. Don Steeber told me about the death of **Edward Henschel**. Ed was a Theta Delta Chi brother. Pat Girke sent me a card about the passing of her daughter. Kelly was, of course, also the daughter of **Lou Girke**, who died many years ago. In the previous *Bulletin*, I mentioned some activity of **Ross Ford** in our Williamsburg community. Today I must tell you of his passing. See In Remembrance.

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Have you thawed out? What a winter: seemingly endless rain out west with blizzards crossing the country, especially hampering New England. Here's to spring!

A sun-seeking Lehigh group gathering at the Ritz Carlton in Naples, Fla., in February included Loretta and **Ron Weber** and **John Milnor**. Both classmates are members of the Tower Society, sponsor, along with the Asa Packer Society, of the reception and brunch. As the event ended, Ron reports that John, a former Lehigh cheerleader, "wowed" the crowd as he led a big cheer. The group earlier heard talks by Everett Van Hoesen '55, host, and Daniel Lopresti, interim dean of the P.C. Rossin College of Engineering and Applied Science at Lehigh. Members of the donor societies were also invited to events in Orlando and Palm Beach.

I was pleased to hear from **Frank Cafaro**, although he wrote with the sad news of the death in October 2014 of his good friend and Sigma

Nu brother **Nick Cali**. Their friendship dated from high school days in New York State and Frank served as best man in Nick's wedding. Last summer, after Frank and his law partner and their wives attended a trial lawyers' conference in Sonoma, Calif., Nick and his wife, Cindy, joined them from Oregon for a week's reunion. In spite of Nick's coping with severe heart problems and numerous surgeries, Frank wrote that "Nick's passion for life was infectious and he greeted each day with humor, strength and gratitude."

I enjoyed hearing from a number of classmates during the December holidays. Susie and **Phil Hower** wrote from Concord, Mass. Phil wrote that he is "still doing the day job," commuting three days a week to Manchester, N.H., for his work at Texas Instruments. He says he might try three days a week next year.

Janet and **Bruce Waechter** called 2014 "a year of transition" as they moved from their home of 44 years in Ambler, Pa., to a nearby retirement community. Their children Rick, Sue and Jill, from Boston, Indianapolis and Minneapolis, came to help the "old folks" settle into their new residence.

Bob McGrory reported that they "did make it to the Lehigh-Lafayette debacle" (in New York City). He said "it was fun to be there but oh . . . what a rout." (Lehigh 7 vs Lafayette 27). Bob and Carolyn fulfilled a longtime wish to visit Yellowstone National Park, where their grandson Adrian had a job. They were treated to sights of many gorgeous mountain streams, mud pots and geysers.

Joni and **Bob Hartig** once again traveled to faraway places. In January a small ship carrying a hundred guests took them to the Falklands, the Antarctic Peninsula, a return visit after 21 years, and back

to Argentina. They enjoyed good weather and very near approaches of humpback whales. In August the Hartigs made their third trip to Botswana, Africa, with a group of only seven, staying in four tented camps. Along with numerous close-up views of wild animals, one night they were surprised as an elephant walked through their camp.

I also enjoyed hearing from Ann Sneden, **Bob's** widow, who celebrated her 80th birthday with a large family reunion in Walker, Minn.

A milestone in spring 2016 will be our 60th class reunion at Lehigh. Planning is underway, with details to come in the months ahead. Stay well and keep in touch.

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In November my son Todd Watson '94 and I went to the Big Game—Lehigh v. Lafayette—in Yankee Stadium. The good news is that Lafayette started its third-string QB; there was a great turnout of 47,000 fans; and we had good seats for a baseball venue. But there's always bad news too: Lehigh could not stop Lafayette's running or passing; we had a big loss; the day was cold; and Todd and I (along with many other LU fans) left at halftime. We were seated with Ruth and **Walt Mannherz** and their large extended family, Sue and **Dave Walker**, and Pat and George Lucas '56. I did hear that **Charlie Strauch** had a Friday night party in his New York City apartment, but missed seeing him or any other '57 mates at the game. This fall we will be back in Bethlehem for the 151st contest; Lafayette did give up its home game in Easton to play in Yankee Stadium, so let's hope for a good

recruiting class this year and a better outcome than this cold November yielded.

I haven't heard from many classmates recently, so I'll update you on my four remaining Theta Delta Chi brothers: **Al Olsen** is a VP of Olsen & Thompson P.A. in Morristown, N.J., where his sons Jonathan '84 and Peter '86 are president and a VP, respectively. Al is still living on his old farm but he's getting ready to downsize to a small condo in the area.

Phil Stromenger is enjoying the good life with his wife, Peggy, down in West Palm Beach, Fla., where they are in walking distance of a great shopping district called City Place that offers restaurants, movies, entertainment, and stores for anything they might need. Phil and Peggy have a house built in 1920 near Grandview Heights, which is the highest elevation point in the city. They just celebrated their 27th wedding anniversary and are able to travel to New York City often to see family. This summer Phil and Peggy will fly to Norway to visit his daughter, her twins, and other relatives.

Fred Kohler finally retired a couple of years ago from the University of Maine in Augusta, where he taught chemistry and physics for many years. Fred has 70 acres of trees and woods in nearby Belgrade, where he enjoys the rural lifestyle, but is sure to get up to Quebec City, Canada, and down to Boston, Mass., a few times a year. Once the snow melts, Fred and his wife, Linda, will hop in their old GMC 2500 truck (the one with the slide-in camper on back), and head out to Montana to go fishing and visit Yellowstone before the tourists arrive.

Our fourth Theta Delta Chi brother, **Dick Reinhold** (a major Pittsburgh Steelers fan!), is still living in Germany, but hopes to be back stateside this summer to visit his daughter,

Marika, who lives in Santa Fe, N.M.

George Ritzinger sent me greetings from Wayzata, Minn., where he has lived for the last 40 years. He retired from a DuPont/Dow joint venture 16 years ago, and says that there's not much Lehigh activity in his area, but he's usually able to meet with many of his Kappa Sigma brothers from '55 to '58 each February in Tampa. Some '57 guys who usually make it are **Bill Thomas**, **Chris Klinck** and **Jim Gardner**. What a great idea—who else gets together like this?

Send me some emails on your news and activities, and I hope to see you all in Bethlehem for the big 60th reunion in 2017!

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Our class's sad news continues as **Dick Briggs** called to say that All-American tackle and Beta **Pete Williams** passed Friday, February 20, from an apparent heart attack. He had been progressing nicely at home. Dick and I would like to see the *Bulletin* honor both Pete and **Dan Nolan** and the teams in our era for all the memories they contributed to Lehigh and our classmates, including the *Ed Sullivan Show* appearance.

What a winter—everyone in Long Island, Boston, all of New England had a Buffalo winter. Orchard Park was unbelievable with lake effect snow starting four days in "Snowember" that piled seven feet around our town house. We couldn't open any doors with the dog being the biggest problem. We finally took the window out of the storm door and "tossed" her into a small clearing. The high lofts, etc., finally arrived from all over the East Coast by Saturday, but we had no place to go

because of travel bans. It was so bad that the Buffalo Bills-New York Jets game scheduled to be played in Orchard Park was moved to Detroit. The worst part, we couldn't hold the game telecast because of the travel ban, and Buffalo Wild Wings was closed.

But many of you made it to New York City, Yankee Stadium, and Carnegie Hall. **Bob Christie** sang with his son and with **Bruce Gilbert** and **Bill Bux** at Carnegie, but **Brooks Goldman** missed the festivities with a broken foot.

Bert Elsner, Joyce, granddaughter Abby Winter '15, her sister Julie and parents Cindy Elsner Winter and Mike braved the cold drafty stadium after the bus caravan from Bethlehem of 27 student and 27 alumni buses. Bert walked around the upper deck at halftime and only ran into **Bill Bechtold** and his grandchildren from our class. It was rumored that Pete's ran out of Greekers during halftime?

Bob Christie was worried about the winter on Long Island, so he bought a large snowblower as insurance for it not to happen—he was glad he did that because it happened, and he really used his new toy. He will be hosting the '58 tailgate next year (if the team is respectful) so we hope to see you at the Homecoming game against Yale on October 3, 2015.

Received emails from the '58 Phi Delt's planning their September Jersey shore gathering in Bayhead, N.J., hosted by **Ned Voss** and **Stu Sherk**. Watch out for the hurricanes, Stu!!

Did you see Roger Penske '59 winning at the Daytona 500? He has got to change the car colors!

Lee Owens opened his 2015 letter "G'day from girt" worried about the hottest spring, summer, and fall with tomatoes ripening on the vine in the first

week of winter. 2014 started with bushwalking for a week in Jindabyne followed by becoming ball manager for Sydney Veterans Golfers Association with 1,100 members and fields of 140 receiving ball prizes for three grades of competition along with nearest to the pin awards.

Lee's back is "unwell" walking the course twice a week and stretching, not playing well helps, but open air and good humor with the mates is very easy to take.

The Willoughby Symphony Choir year opened with a program of opera choruses with two sellout houses in the Concourse Chatswood. To be continued!!

The boys at Gary's Barber Shop can't wait for the Bills' season to start following a winning year, a great defense, a new owner, and new coach, Rex Ryan, who wins every press conference.

Greekers to Pete Williams, a great friend of Lehigh!

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Once you get past the score of the 150th LU/LC game, it was one fabulous weekend and a marvelous display of Lehigh talent. The overflowing educational seminars and tours, receptions, and musical presentations were superb. Can't wait for the 175th Rivalry Weekend! Of course I realize most of us will be 102 by then, but with a proper diet of Greekers and Yuengling we can make it.

The **Teufel** family headquarters was the New York Athletic Club on Central Park South where **John Canova** and spouse Ellen joined us for a cocktail before they dashed

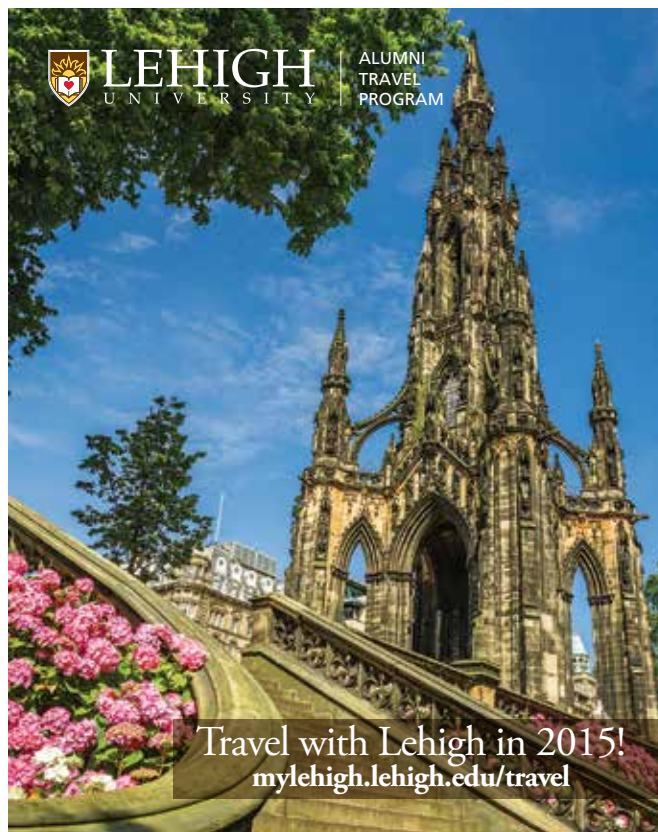
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off to a Phi Gam reception and Anne and I to Carnegie Hall. My fraternity brother Bob Kiley '55 stopped by to chat and we bumped into Keith Rust '57 in the lobby. The Carnegie Hall concert featured Lehigh Choral Arts directed by Steven Sametz singing his original *Carmina Amoris*. If you recall the excellent, talented Glee Club presentation at our last Reunion dinner amplified by one hundred you have some idea of the quality. Choral Arts is one of Lehigh's cultural gems and hopefully we will have another opportunity to hear them at Carnegie. **Jim Swenson** was spotted making his way through the concert crowd.

Fraternity brothers **Dan Bayer** and **Gerry Downey** joined us in the stands. And after the game with all 48,256 exiting fans seeming to crowd into the subway, New York na-

tive Downey guided us through the maze back to the NYAC.

Fellow class scribe Canova and I vowed to pick out other classmates in the Yankee Stadium crowd but with our eyes welling with tears at the score spotted only **Bill Beattie** and **John Stanley** yelling "coach put us in. We can stop those guys!"

At an earlier, happier (we won) Lehigh home game, I ran into our class treasurer, **Glenn Kinard**, sporting his 59 at 50th reunion hat. Glenn and his spouse will be at Wimbledon 2015 adding to his list of Grand Slam events. Now he needs only the Australian Open to complete his tennis bucket list. He still plays tennis and manages to put in 1,000 hours a year with Air Products working on LNG projects.

Class president **Leon Harbold** and wife Lynne had

considered a trip to Russia until the invasion of Ukraine encouraged them to tour closer to home. Taking the ferry from Portland, Maine, to Yarmouth, Newfoundland, they enjoyed wine, dinner and their cozy cabin for the 10-hour trip. "Newfoundland is sparsely populated and they are the nicest people we have ever met. Really want more tourists." I have spent years fishing in both Newfoundland and Labrador and can attest to Leon's analysis about the warm people.

Fortune magazine had a recent two-page feature on **Roger Penske** highlighting not only his racing and business success but praising his revitalization of Detroit. "Clean Downtown, an initiative he started with other business leaders, tasks 50 people with cleaning 200 blocks each day. Penske also recently bought

the city 100 police cars and 23 EMS units." Roger has been generous not only to Lehigh over the years, but his Indy Ticket Package usually gleans the highest bids at our reunion auctions. Just think how much we could get for one of those police cars!!!

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Hello Classmates,

I am writing this from Jupiter, Fla., as I escaped the snow in Connecticut to spend some time in sunny Florida.

Have not seen a lot of classmates down here except for **Bill** and **Dottie Ross**. Attended their annual Super Bowl party as did **John** and **Louise McWilliams**.

Also there were **Harry** and Meredith **Brooks** '59. Bill and John are both in good shape and enjoying their time in Florida although Bill still returns to Philadelphia every week to manage his business interests.

Those of you who did not make it to NYC to attend the Lehigh-Lafayette football game missed a good time. Manhattan was full of grads and students from both schools. Many members of our Class attended a performance at Carnegie Hall while others attended a wrestling match at the NY Athletic Club, where wearing a jacket and tie was required. Something new for the Lehigh spectators.

On Saturday morning, **Tom Bliss**, with help from **Bob Voccola**, arranged for a nice brunch at a midtown French bistro. Attending from the Class were the **Ira Friedmans**, the **Blisses**, the **Bob Voccolas**, the **John McWilliamses**, the **Pete Beyers** and yours truly and his fiancée, Gill. We then all took a subway train to Yankee Stadium to watch a very forgettable football game as Lehigh was totally outplayed and outcoached by Lafayette. However, that did not diminish the spirit of the Lehigh crowd.

If any of you have sent me an email or letter since my last column I will have to include it in my next column as I had to flee my house to prevent being buried with 27 plus inches of snow and did not bring my files with me to Jupiter.

You should read this column about the time of our 55th Reunion. I look forward to seeing many of you at the Reunion and hope to get good material for my next column.

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Guest Post—Paul Smith: The 150th weekend turned out to

be a blast even though the team did not hold up its end of the bargain. Lehigh and Lafayette were everywhere in the city and the university events were done to perfection and well attended. It was electric to be part of a sellout in Yankee Stadium for Lehigh.

Many from the class were there but getting together was nigh to impossible.

The **Dynamos of Ethical Behavior**, **Mike Hoben** and **Pete Hagerman**, were early arrivals. Amazingly, the endowment they created approaches \$300,000 with three lectures annually over the last three years. We always have '61 participation at these events with Mike working closely with deans of the three colleges to structure the importance of ethics going forward from Lehigh. Look for information from us before the next event—a great way to stay connected.

Ed Watters attended the game with me and wife Carol Anne. Fortunately, we had access to the Delta Sky Box for warmth and spirits. Ed is a big supporter of the Martindale Center and accompanied the group in May 2014 to Portugal while they studied that country's economy. Friday night we had dinner and drinks with **Bob Colonna** and MaryJane, recently married in 2013. His company, Innovative Systems, is international in scope in the data management field taking them to UK frequently with clients around the globe. As Bob puts it, MaryJane is a life partner who works with him in staff management. Do we see another Warren Buffett in the making?

We met **Dick Moll** and Camille at the financial investor program. They have moved to Bethlehem and love it, attending lots of Zoellner and other Lehigh happenings. They met up with **Toby James** and Peggy Friday night in New York at the

Columbia meet. Like the many of us who refuse to retire fully, Toby has cut his accounting practice to 3 days a week to allow time to be the founding member and treasurer of the St. Louis County Parks Foundation, a group that seeks to raise funds for the seventy-one St. Louis County parks.

While we didn't meet up with **Toms Royal** in New York, he told me they were going to the Carnegie Hall concert in advance. We had dinner with Bill Ross '60 and Dottie who confirmed all loved the performance. Toms writes from Vero Beach that he just returned from several days in Cuba before our illustrious leader decided to open up relations. Toms describes Cuba as a total time warp in the sixties as they tooled around in a 1957 Ford Fairlane. Younger alums, take a tip from Toms—a tremendous economic opportunity as things move ahead.

Roy Cravzow missed the 150th festivities because he and fiancée Wanda were just returning from Brazil taking care of his export business. For Roy it was his 40th trip while Wanda has only been there 10 times. Pity, pity. They were celebrating the 50th anniversary of his Fulbright Scholarship. Roy has generously included Lehigh in that celebration. To see Roy is to see a 75er in a fortyish mind and body. We should all be in his shape.

From Las Vegas **Joe Bartish** checked in—still involved with the Navy—consulting on unmanned aerial systems plus on the admissions review panel for the Naval Academy in his district. Celebrity of the month goes to **Dick Knoebel**—he was recently inducted into the Amusement Park Association's Hall of Fame. Dick gets excited about the Knoebels Amusement Resort he runs and is a maven on roller coasters. For relief he takes to the deep for the big

ones—most recently in Punta Cana and Ocean Reef in the Keys. **Rich Miller** has been at Ocean Reef since Moses got the Big Ten. Rich has had more than his share of marlins boated and now is into bone fishing from a skiff when not golfing there. He and wife Margo have downsized to a condo after many years of entertaining their clan in their beautiful home on the lagoon.

Birk Drury dodged Hurricane Sandy selling out prior to her arrival and is living near Harrisburg when he's there—seems the grandchildren are all over the place and he's a constant visitor to Medford, NJ, Burlington, Vt., and points west.

By the time you read this the Easterns at Lehigh will be history and hopefully a group of Phi Deltas will have witnessed another day of fame for old Lehigh—**Ken Smith** notes that **Tom Whitten**, **Dick Bookbinder**, **Roy Martins** and **Art Rogers** all will be part of their gathering at Stabler.

Norm Reinik is never lost for email words—usually humorous or political. The good news is he's having a lot of fun polishing his golf game in Big Bear followed by a celebratory Manhattan—man after me own heart. He writes that **Chuck Mihal** cancelled his Super Bowl reservations by November—it's tough being a Browns fan! Rumors that he'll pay for the band at the 55th next year if they win are unconfirmed. Chuck is enjoying retirement from the banking business while he waits for next year. Norm also noted I should lend my ski poles to **John McCaskie**, who slipped on ice and did the broken hip thing while working on a bridge job for Swank Construction where he is chief engineer.

As for me, I spent a few days schussing Keystone, Colo., like a 40-year-old (the knees were sore for a week) then off to SW Florida till the snows quit. As chairman, I am son Chris '93's

biggest fan watching our company prosper, and the grandkids are primed to be the third generation of our business.

Final words—mark down to come to our 55th, stay in touch—give **Bob Paternoster** your news and include a piece of your giving to Lehigh for the endowment for ethics mentioned previously. And speaking of giving, we never appointed an agent (i.e. no one volunteered). Vice President Watters and I held an executive committee meeting and determined we'll organize things with warm and fuzzy emails to maintain "her glorious name."

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My column deadline comes in the middle of February and it's cold in Caldwell, N.J. But in Plymouth, Mass., our class President **Bob Downing** is looking at five feet of snow as he prepares for his March presentation at the National Sigma Phi Flagship Banquet in Philadelphia. Bob is the keynote speaker.

The historic event last November in Yankee Stadium brought the largest gathering ever of Lehigh alumni to New York City. Eleanor and I enjoyed a tailgate party at the home of Ron Johnson along with Mimi and **Don Kane, Don Young, Pete Braun** and Ron's family.

Don Young, spending the winter in Sanibel Island, Fla., sold his sailboat and replaced it with a Honda CTX 700 motorcycle. He can be seen and heard tooling around the back roads of New Jersey on nice days.

Joyce and **Jay Flynn** joined a group of Delts at a pregame party with Diane and **Carl Petrillo, John Hayes** (Palm Beach, Fla.) and Jeanne Ged-

des, Carol and **Bill Munson** (Sunderland, Vt.), Laurie and **John Nichols** (Monroe Township, N.J.), and Pat and **Carl Straub** (Riverside, Conn.). The group gathered for a wine tasting dinner prior to game day. The dinner was hosted by Carl in his wine cellar at his corporate headquarters in Yonkers, N.Y. Jay reports that "the food and wines were absolutely exquisite with some vintages dating back to 1982, 1980, and 1963. We reconvened at the wine cellar the next day for a festive brunch. This was highlighted by a phenomenal magician who entertained us during brunch. We then headed to Yankee Stadium by bus for the game and later returned to the wine cellar for more comradery." The group stayed at the Westchester Marriott where the Lafayette football team was also staying.

Beverly and **Kent Westhelle** (Savannah, Ga.) joined a group of Theta Delts including Cindy and **Dick Connell** (Grosse Pointe, Mich.), Sandra and **Dave Fraboni** (Green Valley, Ariz.), Mary and **Jim Murchie** (Maryville, Tenn.).

Included among the 48,000 were our son Phil Jr. '92 and son-in-law Jim and daughter Maria, Lafayette '02 and '04 and our 9-month-old grandson. For Lehigh fans it was a bitter-sweet experience being at this historic game but coming out on the wrong side of the score.

Patsy and **Claude Marlowe** live in Kingsport, Tenn., and had planned to make the 150th game but gave up their tickets due to health issues. Claude was diagnosed with Vascular Cognitive Impairment (VCI) following five coronary arrests in 2007. Claude felt that he was somewhat discriminated against while at Lehigh because of "my peculiar appearance." Claude lost all of his body hair as a result of trauma following

an attack by a group of high school hoodlums who pulled him by the hair from his car following his high school senior prom. The trauma caused Alopecia Universalis resulting in the loss of all of his body hair. After Lehigh, Claude overcame the social stigma and enjoyed a rewarding professional career ultimately as an agent for American General Life and Accident Insurance Company. He is a highly respected Rotarian and known in the community as the "bald headed insurance man" according to his wife, Patsy, of 29 years. He has gone into fourteen prisons in Chicago, Texas and Georgia as a volunteer with Bill Glass Ministries. The Ministries mission is to advance the gospel of Jesus Christ to the incarcerated. As a member of Gideons International, over the past thirty years Claude has passed out over 5,000 Bibles. The Bibles are paid for by the volunteers and distributed to hotels around the world. Claude's unselfishness and generosity carries through as a lifelong member of Lehigh University's Tower Society.

If you haven't already please consider making a contribution to the Class of 1962 Vietnam Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund in order to provide scholarships for Lehigh students committed to ROTC and serving our country.

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The flow of material from **David Ritterpusch's** book of biographical sketches continues. Followers of this column may wish to read the forthcoming book, *Life Since Lehigh*, for more detailed statements about how our class has evolved over the past 50 years or so.

Robert Matthews is another member of our class located by Dave, who might have a second career as an investigative reporter beckoning. If we found an entry for Bob in a biographical dictionary, it might read: U.S. Peace Corps; NYU Grad School professor; Chair, Department of History, Fieldston School; and author and foreign policy advisor, based in Madrid. Bob spent two years in the Peace Corps, working in Venezuela, followed by two years of research on Latin America for his doctoral dissertation at New York University—a fitting culmination to his majoring in foreign careers at Lehigh and his work in the Peace Corps. Matt and his wife, Roberta, lived in Venezuela for two and one-half more years and began raising their first child, Aaron, there. In the years following Venezuela, Matt became a professor, teaching graduate students for approximately 25 years at NYU's Center for Latin American Studies. From 1989 to 2002, Matt chaired the history department at the Fieldston School and taught courses on U.S. history, international relations, and the cold war. During his time at Fieldston, and for two years thereafter, Matt maintained his ties with NYU, teaching classes in international politics, political economy, and history. Much of Matt's present work consists of consulting with the Norwegian Peacebuilding Resource Center (NOREF). Currently, Matt and his wife, Roberta, who has a doctorate in English literature and decades of experience as a college administrator, spend eight months a year in the heart of Madrid, enjoying its great museums, fine theatres, and excellent restaurants. They divide the remaining four months between their large brownstone in Brooklyn and a cabin on a lake in northern

New Jersey.

Another “find” by Dave is **Wilfred G. Mango Jr.**, Bill to many of us, who was a senior executive for various international companies in the 1970’s before taking over the George A. Fuller Company in 1978. After serving as Fuller’s president and, then, chairman, Bill acquired the company in 1981. Over the years, Fuller built skyscrapers, stadiums, and hospitals, as well as helping maintain such national landmarks as the Lincoln Memorial, the Washington National Cathedral, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and the U.S. Supreme Court Building. Under Bill’s leadership, the company developed and constructed major commercial, residential, and military facilities, worldwide, its influence being felt in Latin America, Africa, the Middle East, Asia, and the former Soviet Union. Since Lehigh, Bill has earned an MBA in management and international business, married Charlene, an executive vice president of Manhattan-based La Prairie, and raised four children: Christian, Peter, David, and Alison, the first and last continuing the string of familial Lehigh grads, stretching back to Bill’s dad, Wilfred Sr. In 1993, Bill received the Distinguished Alumni Award. Bill became passionate about skiing, sailing, and playing tennis, and the importance of philanthropy, giving widely of his time, talent, and treasure to such institutions as the New York Medical College, the United Nations, Marymount Manhattan College, the Stanwich School in Greenwich, Conn., Lehigh’s Business Advisory Council and its Tall Buildings Council, and the New York Association for the Blind (“The Lighthouse”).

See you next time, when I continue writing about the metamorphosis of our classmates since Lehigh.

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By the time you read this we will, hopefully, have forgotten the rough winter the east coast was having in February as I write this short column. It’s not so bad here in Florida but I know it’s still winter because the pelicans are feeding in the canal. They’ll move back to the ocean in the spring.

Lane Jorgensen reports that “the 150th Lehigh-Lafayette Game weekend in New York was terrific except for the final score. The atmosphere at Yankee Stadium was electric. There was something for all during the extended weekend. With Yankee Stadium’s football seating arrangement completely filled, the Lehigh vs. Lafayette ratio was 2:1 in attendance, so we won that metric. The Betas were in full force, as usual, at a ’64 event. At pregame festivities on iconic Arthur Avenue in the Bronx, in a ‘Tally-Ho East’ atmosphere, were **John DeNoia, Bruce Leinster, John Leek, Bill Low, Bill Dwyer** and **Ken Turner**, along with Bob Schmidt, Henry Schlenker and Jim Marchant from the Class of ’66. Also there were **Ted Muendel** and Lane Jorgensen from our class. Ted railed up with a Baltimore Amtrak contingent including many Phi Gam alumni. Wives, partners and family members were all part of the celebration and weekend. Surely there were many other alumni representing our class in the 58,000-person crowd and at the many Lehigh TV cast venues across the country.”

Larry Bothe continues to fly and instruct new pilots in Seymour, Ind., although he says the number of new students

declined with the economy last year. So he and Pat spent lots of time “on the road” visiting family and old friends and exploring aviation history sites. Larry reports that his college roommate **Ridge Prevost** and his wife, Debbie Janson, are doing well in Tulsa.

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As I write this the temperature here in Pa. is in the low teens, but it is sunny and pleasant, with no more snow forecast for at least a few days. I am enjoying the panoramic photo that now hangs on my study wall that I received for Christmas of our 150th meeting with Lafayette. We had a great contingent at the game, and truly enjoyed our visits. The game, the less said the better.

By the time you read this, our 50th Reunion will be history. We will have met for good times, done some reminiscing about our days at Lehigh, perhaps raised our glasses to those who could not be with us, and led the Class of 2015 to their graduation ceremony as we did 50 years ago.

I will provide more details about our reunion after it occurs, but I do know that we owe a tremendous THANK YOU to all those who made it happen—especially **Rein Mannik**, our reunion chairman, **John Varady**, our class president, and **Rick Penske**, our reunion fund chairman. I don’t know yet how many records we broke, but I suspect it was incredible. Thanks also to all of the Reunion Committee members who cajoled and pleaded with their living groups to attend and support. Much hard work that is appreciated by all of us.

More to follow in my next column.

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Classmates who attended the 150th Lehigh-Lafayette game at Yankee Stadium this past November shared their thoughts.

Barry Jenkins thought the events and activities around the game were fantastic, but of course was disappointed in the actual game. Barry, a very loyal wrestling fan, also had to choose the Lehigh-Columbia wrestling meet over the Carnegie Hall presentation. Lehigh destroyed Columbia. Barry saw Alice and **Bill Kuhl**. **Dave DeAngelo** also attended the wrestling match, and reported that our new Lehigh president and his son attended. Dave actually emailed from the Lehigh-Northwestern meet he was attending in Evanston. He is impressed with our current team.

Jeff Poindexter reported that he and Peggy hosted the game at a sports bar in Reno, with about nine Lehigh alumni attending. **Hank Schlenker** said it was “chilly” at Yankee Stadium and the final score was “unfavorable.” Now that is a spin doctor! He reported that a large group of Betas met ahead of time for a beer, including **Jim Marchant** and **Bob Schmidt**. **Joel Goldstein** was unable to get game tickets, so he attended a viewing site in New Jersey. He won the prize for “oldest class,” finding that many there were not even born in 1966. Joel, forever young, was getting bored, so he “unretired” a bit and took a temporary law job.

Tom Miller was invited to sing with the Lehigh Choral Union at Carnegie Hall during Rivalry Weekend. Fifteen family members, including their two daughters, and friends from as far as Seattle, Atlanta, Germany and Israel joined in a mini-

reunion at the concert. Tom ran into old friend **Bob Alper**, who was in the audience. Tom and his wife, Renay, continue to enjoy retirement in Atlanta. **Peter Miller** reported that he and Patti enjoyed a few winter months in Scottsdale, away from the cold and snow at their home in Omaha. Next they are off for a European river cruise. Pete and Patti have two daughters and three granddaughters. Golf is taking up a fair amount of Pete's time, and he serves as a rules official for Nebraska events. He has had recent contact with Tricia and **Hal Yeich** and Char and **Dennis Singleton**.

Tina and **Al Minoff** live on Chicago's North Shore. Al says that his "career" for the last 20 years has been as a private investor. "One client. Moi. No whining." His two sons are grown and working. Eric is an antique and classic car specialist at Bonham's in NYC and Craig works at Airbnb, a San Francisco internet startup. Tina was born and raised in Chicago, but has family in Greece, so they make an annual trip there. **Ken Mull** reported that he retired two years ago. He and his wife now travel extensively, most recently Arizona, Iceland, and China. In his spare time, Ken assists at church, "plays" with his six sports cars in their heated garage, and visits with his grandchildren. Ken has a son, daughter, and three grandchildren. His wife has three daughters and two grandchildren. Ken attended the 150th game and plans to attend our upcoming 50th reunion in 2016.

Speaking of which, it is only about one year away. Activities span from the evening of May 19 to graduation for our adopted class of 2016 on the morning of May 23. Most activities are on Friday/Saturday, May 20-21. Under the leadership of **Hank Schlenker** reunion work has been underway, and he has built

quite a team to reach out to you. **Jeff Gallagher** has created a Facebook page for exchanging thoughts and ideas. It is titled "Lehigh University Centennial Class Reunion." It is easy—join Facebook, find the page, Jeff will authorize your membership, and you will have complete access. There is no cost. While the university organizes the majority of reunion events, we do need your input of ideas and your volunteer help to make the weekend successful. Now is the time to contact friends in your living groups, athletic teams, musical organizations, clubs, etc. to come and attend with you. We also need ideas on a class "theme," parade costume and song, and souvenir memento. Should we put together a "1966-2016 Yearbook"? Can you volunteer as editor? Contact **Harry Brown** now at 856-437-6311 or hkbrown3726@comcast.net with ideas or to volunteer.

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In December I heard from **Brooks Zug**. He wrote, "Since I haven't sent anything to you for quite a while, I thought I'd send the attached photo of my family taken in NYC just prior to the 150th Lehigh-Lafayette game. As you can see, even my youngest grandchild, age 5 months, is a Lehigh fan.

"The Game wasn't very exciting, but seeing Yankee Stadium filled with 48,000 Lehigh and Lafayette fans was. And all the Lehigh events during the weekend gave me the opportunity to catch up with old friends, including our classmates **Doug Lane** and **Andy Segal**.

"In other news, in October I spent a day on the Lehigh campus, where I gave a lecture

to the business school undergraduates about "The Keys to Success." While on campus, I visited with a number of faculty and administrative people, including acting president Kevin Clayton, and toured the Entrepreneurial Lab. Based on that day's experience, I can say that Lehigh is in very good hands.

"Finally, 34 years after founding Harbour Vest Partners in 1982, I am planning to slow down a bit in 2016 and continue to commit significant time to the firm, but on a more selective basis. The time has come to spend more time with my seven grandchildren."

Jeff Grossberg wrote me last June. "Well, I've been thinking about doing this for 45 years. I tend to move slowly. I remember my Lehigh days with great fondness, especially my times with my Sammy brothers.

"I've traveled an unusual path, I suspect, for Lehigh graduates of the '60s. I dropped out of law school and became a wild hippie, starting communes, writing for *Rolling Stone* and helping set up Woodstock. I lived in an ashram (a spiritual community) for 13 years and an eco-village for seven. Over the decades since, I ran a number of nonprofits and foundations, a philanthropic advisory company and raised lots of money. For the last twenty years, I have been president of Guidestone Consulting and have worked with over 200 progressive businesses and nonprofits. Happily, I am passionate about the work I do.

"My two sons are married and, thankfully, flourishing. I haven't stayed in touch with many of my Lehigh friends and would welcome hearing from you. I really appreciate getting the *Bulletin* and catching up on the lives of former friends and fellow students."

D'Arcy Roper and I also attended the 150th. The greatest excitement was seeing so many

Lehigh fans at one football game. An equally great pleasure was visiting the home of one of our fraternity brothers, Marc Particelli, in Greenwich, Conn. We joined four other brothers and a few of their wives, Del Bloem, Steve and Janet Sotzing, Aubrey and Marianne Gladstone, and Tom and Connie Hodson. The host and the other brothers are all members of the Class of '68. We had not seen any of them in over 45 years. It was a grand time telling stories of college and beyond to catch up on our lives.

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The 150th Lehigh-Lafayette game, played in Yankee Stadium, was cold but nothing like the game in 1987, the last game at Taylor Stadium. At that game, the wind chill was -17, which was made worse sitting on the concrete seats, but at least the drinks stayed cold. We lost but playing in Yankee Stadium (over three times the Goodman seating venue) was an experience that the team, band, cheerleaders and choir will never forget. The athletic department did a superb job in planning activities on Friday and taking a chance on staging the game in Yankee Stadium. The game was a sellout (+48,000) and was broadcast on the CBS network.

Danny and Leslie **Paulonis** moved to Colorado. They climbed Pikes Peak (not by car). Their children and grandchildren are scattered from South Africa to Hawaii.

Rob Gould has been enjoying his summer home on Lake Winnepesaukee in New Hampshire. He attended a golf outing in Bethlehem in June with his fraternity brothers from the late '60s and early '70s including Bruce Haines '67, who is a partner in the Hotel Bethlehem

ownership. The nascent yearly event will be organized by Greg Hix '70 next year. Rob and Susan went to Oktoberfest in Munich, where they met up with family, including his son, Evan '05. He described the event as a huge house party of yesteryear. Rob continues to be an active participant with tailgate with his fraternity brothers.

Rich and **Karen Boyer** have retired to the Myrtle Beach, S.C., area. Rich continues to enjoy motorcycling.

Please send any information for the column. I wish everyone good health.

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Dave Van Wye has written his first book, *Saving Ben Tre*. It is a story set in Vietnam in 1970 about an Army lieutenant on a MAT (Mobile Advisory Team) assigned to a South Vietnamese Army unit protecting Ben Tre, the capital of Kien Hoa province and a town the Viet Cong wanted to take back. Dave built on his own experience during the war in a similar unit. Dave holds a Combat Infantryman Badge and a Bronze Star for his service in Vietnam.

Dave was inspired to write his book in 2008 when the Iraq War was escalating, and some people were expressing feelings and questions about the war similar to those of the Vietnam War. He found that writing the book and remembering many of his own experiences was therapeutic in many ways. By writing a story instead of a memoir, Dave was able to take more artistic license in considering the war and its impact on both American soldiers and on the Vietnamese people.

I asked Dave how he wrote the parts of his book centered on the Truong Son Patriots,

Viet Cong leaders who are the central protagonists of his story. Dave said it was through his own experiences in advising and living with a South Vietnamese army unit, his experience in Jungle School and from his reading of *Patriots: The Vietnam War Remembered From All Sides*, written by Christian G. Appy.

Dave self-published his book through Create Space, a subsidiary of Amazon. In order to meet their standards, Dave told me that it took him two years to edit the book. But it means the book is now available to all of us at Amazon. It's a very readable book that provides a unique insight into the life of an American infantryman serving in Vietnam, a unique experience that was a part of our very own generation. You can learn more about the book at a blog Dave has created: <http://savingbenentre.weebly.com>.

Dave and Liz Van Wye are avid sailors on Chesapeake Bay. **Robert Smith** and his wife, Marsha, are avid sailors in San Francisco Bay and in the Delta. Bob updated us on his efforts to renew contacts with some of his Phi Sig classmates as part of our Reunion. Bob and three others got together in New Jersey. Three of the four are retired. **John Werring**, and **Frank Donohoe** retired years ago while Bob retired two years ago. John is now an avid, and accomplished, golfer. He and his wife are active in their local country club. Frank enjoys woodworking, and he and his wife are building a second home in the North Carolina mountains.

Bob also reports that **Tom Zink** remains active with his commercial real estate development company in Maryland. **Guy McNett** couldn't join the group in New Jersey, but he and his wife are living in Crescent Mills, Calif. (Sierra foothills).

John Stryker lives in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, and is an avid pilot. **Tom Hennessy** is in Appleton, Wis., and runs his own chemical company. Bob also learned that **Ned Lore** lives in Austin, Texas.

How is your long-term memory? At the last reunion, **Greg Young** volunteered to look into the flagpole adoption ceremony and the passing of the 50th anniversary cup to the class of 2019. This August 2015, at the Lehigh flagpole, the Class of '69 president will adopt the Class of 2019 with a short ceremony. We will be invited to this event soon.

Four years from next May, the Class of '69 will pass along a 50th anniversary reunion cup to the Class of 2019. For at least the past six years and probably longer, Lehigh has supplied the Reunion cup for that ceremony. It is the same cup used year after year. Lehigh staff store it between uses.

At the Class of '69 graduation, however, Greg recalls the Class of 1919 passed along an engraved 50th anniversary cup to the Class of 1969 that may also have had the Class of 2019 engraved on it. Lehigh staff are not aware of this cup. If you remember the cup and perhaps even its whereabouts, could you let me know and I will pass the information along to our Class detective, Greg Young?

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May 14-16: Grateful as I am to be alive and still kicking, I encourage all to try to attend our 45th. Enjoying semi-retirement, **Bob Clement**, after a Navy stint in D.C., had a 37-year career with Jacobs Engineering Group in South Carolina, Texas, California and the Netherlands. He and wife Julie live outside of Fort Worth in Flower

Mound and he spends about 10% of his time consulting for the engineering, construction sales marketplace "just for fun, 10% traveling domestically and internationally to fill in the missed areas, and the balance on hobbies to do things he never had time to do." Last year he built an Adirondack Guide Boat, investing about 500 hours transforming Western Red Cedar strips into a classic 1890s-era double-ended rowing boat. With that bug behind him, he's now building a sizeable HO scale railroad with a 1940-1960 Northeast, predominantly Pennsylvania Railroad theme.

From **Ron Dankowski** (rondccs@aol.com): After 42 years I've retired from Catholic Community Services of Southern Arizona. For the past 33 years I was executive director of Catholic Social Service in Tucson. In retirement, I'll be lead faculty area chair in the College of Social Sciences for the University of Phoenix at their campus in Tucson. Our first grandchild was born in September and I'm sure he'll be keeping me busy. **Peter Gartman** reports that son Paul is a sophomore at Garnet Valley HS, Glen Mills, Pa., and by late February had a 27-3 season record with 13 pins while wrestling at 152, 160 lbs. Former LUAA President and alumni trustee **Bill Hamilton** (williamhamilton@me.com) wrote: "I'm leaving the practice of law after 30 glorious years to embark on a new career as provost of Bryan University in Tempe, Ariz., and executive director of a foundation at the University of Florida College of Law. All the kids have headed to various colleges and universities, so I thought I would do the same! LOL." From another lawyer, **Reggie Jennings** (rallenjenings@gmail.com): "the most exciting news is the November BALANCE Banquet that took place at the Marriott

Marquis Hotel in NYC. This is a landmark in the relationship of alumni of color to Lehigh. Several hundred of us assembled for fellowship and an inspiring documentary and program. I remain impressed by the seriousness with which the university takes diversity—as shown by the administration’s significant representation there. It was great to see ex-President Peter Likins as panelist in a far-reaching discussion of challenges we face as alumni of color. Vice Provost Dr. Henry Odi is to be commended for catalyzing the active engagement of this neglected segment of our alumni base. Of course, participation was skewed towards our younger alumni. It is my hope that our more vintage alumni consider reengaging. Lehigh continues to be a great cutting edge institution that—in my view—it is foolhardy to not fully exploit for its many advantages both while on campus and beyond. **Chuck Lieb** is a font of info, starting with “Bob Fonte, director of public parks and recreation in Cleveland; retired **Ron Kovatis** summers in Sea Isle City, N.J.; winters in Dallas, Texas; **Corey Wolford’s** a retired teacher living in Binghamton, N.Y., and helps his brother manage a dairy farm; **Mike Holva** just retired as director of operations, Trans-Bridge Bus company, remaining in Bethlehem; **Ted Bayer** recently sold his legal practice and now consults in the SF area, also on the advisory board for Lehigh’s real estate management curriculum; **Miles Belic** is a happily retired school teacher (in Steelton, Pa.); **Denny Diehl...**” (blushing; cannot publish): Charlie Lieb is still employed with major furniture manufacturer, Knoll, Inc., living in Bethlehem while trying to stay out of all activity surrounding his youngest daughter’s upcoming wedding. **Jeff Schulter** “met with **Jeff Lau** and **Steve Miller**

at the 150th, both still practicing law; Jeff in Honolulu and Steve in Philly. Unlike those two, I’ve been retired from (PPL Corp. and Air Products) for two years and thoroughly enjoying it. Keeping pace with two grandkids, volunteering and fly-fishing while still living in Allentown and married to Judie (43 years). Planning to attend the 45th Reunion and hope to see Theta Xi brothers and others.”

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John and Barbara **Hannan** traveled east from Arizona this past fall for a wedding. They stayed with a fraternity brother, John Diederich ’73 and his wife Rosemary, in Malvern, PA. This being Lehigh-Lafayette Weekend, the Diederichs decided to invite other Psi Upsilon fraternity brothers to their home to watch the game. We hadn’t seen each other in almost ten years. The camaraderie was certainly better than the game. John is a sales engineer for Mechanical Products SW Inc., manufacturers’ representatives of HVAC engineered equipment in Phoenix. I guess he really did pay attention in Dr. Stern’s thermodynamics class after all.

According to LinkedIn, **Jim Cardell** has retired as a software engineer at EMC. Jim and his wife Linda reside in Holliston, Mass. LinkedIn also suggests that **Chuck Feitner** has retired as senior vice president global compensation and benefits at ICT Group, Inc. in Newtown, Pa. ICT is a global provider of outsourced customer management and business outsourcing solutions. Jim and Chuck join a growing number

of our classmates who are now retired.

Steve Gross is a CPA and tax preparer in Cambridge, Md. He and his wife, Frances, relocated to Maryland from Huntington, N.Y. several years ago.

Bryan Groh is of counsel (an attorney) with Evans and Dixon in St. Louis, Mo. He obtained his law degree at St. Louis University in 1985. He was a partner at Hinshaw & Culbertson prior to joining Evans and Dixon.

Syracuse, N.Y. is the home of **Paul** and Debbie **Evans**. Paul is an agent with CH Insurance Brokerage in Syracuse.

Bob Fariss is a business transfer specialist and executive advocate with Murphy Business and Financial Corporation in Colleyville, Texas. Murphy is one of the largest business brokers with offices in North America. Bob is also fitness franchise developer for Fit For Life Centers in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. Fit For Life works with 7 personal fitness categories and teaches its members how they interact as we exchange nominally good decisions for better ones.

Bob Asher and his wife Christine have relocated from Simsbury, Conn. to Winter Park, Fla. Bob’s extensive career in the insurance industry included employment at Travelers, where he was a product director, Aetna, ISO and INA. Bob was an umpire in the Simsbury Babe Ruth league from 1994 to 2014. He must have developed a very thick skin. Parents haven’t gotten any kinder over the years.

The Reunite ’71 steering committee continues to plan for our 45th and 50th reunions. Members of the committee include **Marty Matijasich, Eric Flicker, Jim Lichtenwalner, James Dale, Ron Simpson, Sam Dugan, Mike Pavlides, Pete Blau** and **Tom Swarr**.

I find it interesting that they were all graduates of the college of engineering. Plans are afoot to recruit classmates from other majors to help in these organizing efforts. Stay tuned.

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My classmates who were members of Phi Delta Theta will be delighted to hear that our re-colonized chapter, which has been non-residential since its establishment two years ago, has been awarded a vacated house in Sayre Park in much the same way our former house was reassigned a decade or so ago when the original chapter was disbanded (under the harsher realities by which national fraternities and the University have disbanded numerous fraternities in recent years). In a competitive process in which several homeless Greek units vied for two available houses, Phi Delt was awarded the former Lambda Chi Alpha house at the top of “the Hill.” They will move in in August.

Therefore, I hope to see **Rob Johnston, Jim Severson, Paul Filipowich, John Kreider,** John Eldridge ’75, **Jeff Kuntz, Matt Prince, Don Spielvogel,** Curt Cochrane ’74 (among brothers from other classes) at the new Phi Delta Theta House this fall!

And here is what I believe is the last of the messages received in response to my broadcast email last year seeking news from all of you, a follow-up note received many months ago from **Larry Powell**: “Hi, Dave

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in addition, a reminder that I transferred prior to graduation, but am still trying to renew contact with **Ronald Heckman** and Peter Hummel '75 Any way you can help? I became a corrections counselor/EAP coordinator for NYS Department of Corrections, retiring in 2006. I am now a United Methodist pastor serving in Ellenville, N.Y. Not sure what the third career will turn out to be."

News is always welcome! Tell us about your retirement, your grandchildren, your travels, or your undergraduate memories. Please send me an email!

'74 William R. White Jr., 5418 Holiday Drive, Allentown, PA 18104. bill.white@mcall.com

It seems to be feast or famine for our class column. This issue, I'm not only feasting, I'm overstuffed.

I got an interesting letter from **Suzanne-Elizabeth Warsaw-Warner**, one of several people who promised to write me after our last reunion. Unfortunately, it was too long for me to use in its entirety, so I'll have to summarize and quote from it. The rest of my news will have to wait until next issue.

Suzanne-Elizabeth graduated with degrees in psychology and social relations, worked at an Allentown nursing home for a year and then as a staff psychologist for the State of Alabama for three years. After marrying a career Air Force guy and living on bases that included Nellis Air Force Base in Nevada, she studied for her master's in psychology.

They moved to Long Island for three years, then to the Sacramento area, where she earned a master's level Professional

Clear Teaching credential. She taught school for a combination of nine years, including six years on staff at American River College, as well as junior high math and high school geometry.

"I also became involved with the Community Crime Prevention Programs and became District 3 Coordinator for the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office and the DA's office, working closely with local sheriff and police departments while at the same time teaching school," she wrote.

"I have been in Arizona for 20 years now, and work has taken me to the path of psychologist, psychotherapist, senior case manager and clinical liaison for the Regional Behavioral Health Authority of Maricopa County, while also becoming state licensed in security and becoming a Scout for one of the local police departments."

She lost her job as a clinical liaison in a massive state budget cut in 2011.

"Thankfully, I still had a current license in security and had several years experience as a field supervisor in a local agency. I even was chosen for one assignment to escort prisoners for the Sheriff's Department and ICE Police out of the country flying 3,000 miles, 18 hours, every Saturday for several months.

"More details on that I cannot release, but I was paid very well for it."

She discovered she might qualify for widow's Social Security benefits, even though she and her late ex-husband had been divorced. This allowed her to retire at age 60 and begin collecting widow's benefits, although she would be restricted in how much she could earn in part-time jobs while she

was collecting Social Security. Her security work was perfect. "Not many jobs let you work an odd amount," she wrote, "and I enjoy the diversity of doing many different assignments and going all over the state at times to do them." She also still does some police work.

Adjusting to even partial retirement was difficult for someone accustomed to working multiple jobs. "At first upon entering retirement," she wrote, "I felt uneasy, almost like culture shock. In the morning I always felt I had to be somewhere, doing something other than enjoying my home. It took me about three months to lose that feeling like I had to be busy all the time." She worked on that by giving herself projects at home and doing puzzles.

"Now after two years of retirement, I love being at home and having the freedom to take a walk, sleep in late or just listen to music. I stopped feeling guilty about not working myself to death. I had to teach myself it was OK to enjoy my day and be free with my time."

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At the time of this writing, the 150th Lehigh-Lafayette Rivalry at Yankee Stadium has yet to happen. However, much hard work went into the planning for our class. I would like to thank **Jeff Sherman** for arranging the pregame events at the New York Yankee Steakhouse inside the stadium. The menu offerings and atmosphere were well planned. The expectation is that there will have been 80 participants just at this event! Also hugs to **Thom Hirsch** who arranged for our tickets early on to insure that we had smooth access to the event. Apprecia-

tion is also extended to **Barb Turanchik** who facilitated the purchase of our class hats which will also be used for our 40th Reunion Celebration. The Class Officers perceive the Rivalry Game as a pre-reunion activity. Hopefully, those in attendance will have helped to encourage classmates to make it back to Lehigh during the weekend of May 14-17, 2015.

You will recognize Lehigh but a lot has changed during these 40 years. Lehigh has partnered with the Bethlehem and Lehigh Valley communities to create resources for the students, alumni, and our south side neighbors. We will benefit from the partnership by participating in some of these unique activities.

We are happy to announce that **Steve Folsom** has agreed to be our class technology officer. Steve resides in the United Kingdom and works in the electronic data systems field. He has been our unofficial technology officer for several years and has been instrumental in maintaining our class website.

Also, **Julie Griscom McGraw** volunteered her time and expertise to create a wonderful dining experience on Saturday night of the Reunion Weekend. We appreciate her willingness.

Here is an update on **Michael Kelly** who kindly sent information via email back in September 2014: "I am an attorney with over 36 years of experience in construction, real estate, and corporate litigation. I reside in Westport, Mass., with my wife, Patrice. I have two children. My son is a science and policy associate at the Billfish Foundation in Ft. Lauderdale. My daughter, a Lehigh graduate, recently graduated from law school and is practicing in Massachusetts. I have my own law firm in Providence, RI. I was previous-

ly a partner at Adler Pollock & Sheehan in Providence where I was general counsel for Cumberland Farms. In 2012 I was named Lawyer of the year by *Lawyers Weekly*. I enjoy traveling. Also, I am an avid fisherman."

When we graduated, the Class of 1935 was having their reunion...back then we saw them as SO OLD...and here we are...do the years not fly by?

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Alert! Alert! Our 40th Reunion is May of 2016. It is also Lehigh's 150th, called our Sesquicentennial! Bucket List times, my friends...See you in 2016! Speaking of 150th, a belated, but very deserving hats off to Lehigh on a great four days for the 150th Lehigh vs Lafayette Game at Yankee Stadium. Lafayette won on the field, but Lehigh won over NYC with nonstop events at small and large venues everywhere. I was exhausted on Sunday! I saw hundreds of people from our class, surrounding classes, professors/coaches, and past events/reunions.

My wife, Mary, and I thank **Paul Leitner** and wife, Martha, for a great dinner and fun to kick off our NYC stay. What a view of Central Park and the Hudson from their place! Paul is now President of the University Club in NYC. Back to the Bucket List, **Tihamer Toth-Fejel** says:

Live long enough to see the problem of old age solved; learn everything; Love everyone; do everything! Tee attended Coach Thad Turner's 75th birthday last summer, but he said nobody wanted to wrestle! He writes glowingly of his young children Sophie, Miriam and Stephen.

Does anybody have a Corvette or a new GM vehicle on their List? **Preston Crabill** plans to retire in 2016 after 40 successful years at GM. Preston says to contact him at pmccrabil@gmail.com for a GM Executive Discount. Really! Lehigh's honor!

John Bolebruch is enjoying the challenges as a partner of 15-member investment banking boutique, Corporate Fuel Partners in NYC. They primarily do mid-size industrial deals. John, with the help of **John Irvin**, is invaluable in accumulating class donations for our reunion(s).

John Irvin partnered with a friend from Lafayette to be CFO and member of Board of ExOne. They took ExOne, a manufacturer of 3D equipment for aerospace and industrial applications globally, to go public some years ago in a very successful offering. John is now a special advisor to the CEO and enjoys time with his grandchildren and wife Colette in their N.H. home. In hearing from **Tom Peters**, he is easing into retirement after many years with FLSmith, Inc., a global specialty industrial material handling company in Bethlehem. I hear he still insists on his wife working and winding in to retirement at a slower pace! Let it snow, let it snow! With the overabundance of snow this year, **John Ondrejcek** wrote to reminisce of freshman year living in Dravo, and whenever it snowed there were massive snowball fights. Many tried to hit the windows of the kids that were studying! He said Preston Crabill and **Jim Stewart** were a part of those snowball teams... and the streaker team! I can remember a no-classes snow day we had in I believe 1976 where it was fun and mayhem on the Hill that day! I saw John at the Lehigh exclusive Earth, Wind, and Fire concert and extravaganza at the 150th in NYC, and

he kept saying that it would be great to get Theta Xi guys back for the 40th Reunion. I agreed. We are recruiting for the 40th; please email if you want to help. Cheers.

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The only piece of information I have from anyone about Lehigh-Lafayette game connections comes from **Carol Herzon**, who writes that “the Lehigh-Lafayette game may have been slow going, but seeing my closest friends **Diane Wolf** and **Abbie Esterman** ‘76 made for a great day. Also saw **Clayton Paul Weaver**, “Weave” for short, **Randy Cole** and **Randy Harbold**. For all those classmates among the 48,000-plus, that I did not get to see, I, **Carol Herzon-Loney**, send well wishes to all.”

I have to say that it was exhilarating to walk around the city and see so much brown and white...really everywhere! But other than my sorority sisters, Amy Wenhold Silva '79, Lori Southworth '79 and Jodi Smith '79, I'm afraid I don't have much to report on class sightings.

I had dinner with **Donna Tice McGee** and her husband Kris '76 this winter here in Florida. They have a home near us down here, so winter always provides a great opportunity to get together with them. They are still living in Simpsonville, S.C. Donna stays out of trouble with some golf, gardening, bridge and being grandma (Gigi)...and planning her children's weddings!

Speaking of sorority sisters... next week I am playing golf with my college roommate, **Jill Sugarman Van Hoese**n, so hope to have some news of Jill and **Rick** for the next issue. They still live in Los Gatos, Calif.

Help me out here folks... drop me an email with some news!

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After missing a column, for once I have plenty of news. I've heard from quite a few of you since my retirement. And yes, retirement is the theme of a number of those communications.

Like me, **Peter Gordenstein** couldn't attend our 35th reunion, since he had to attend his partner's retirement party after 35 years of service to the City of New York. Peter has worked from home as a real estate agent for many years, and now his partner is around, which Peter isn't used to. He just keeps reminding himself that his partner provides health insurance benefits and a pension.

Peter has been in touch with **Ken Motschwiller**, who was his roommate for three years, and Ken's wife Beth. Ken and Beth have become empty nesters, leaving Long Island for a rental apartment in Manhattan while they decide where they'd like to buy an apartment in the city for their retirement years.

Steve Collins reports that he left the corporate world, where he was a global VP for Schering-Plough, for a business opportunity in St. Petersburg, Fla. He currently owns a janitorial supply company, Coast Brothers, and buyitbythecase.com, which sells products on the internet.

I also heard from my most faithful e-mailer, Rob Nahigian of Auburndale Realty Co. in Newton, Mass., who continues to be recognized for his expertise as an instructor on commercial real estate topics. He was selected as CoreNet

Global's "2013 Top Rated Faculty" and gave lectures in Portland, Ore., Williamsburg, Va., and Louisville, Ky., as well as serving as a senior instructor at Boston University.

Bob Brown continues his work on Lehigh's board, as well as keeping in touch with his Alpha Chi Rho brothers, including **Dave Moore**, **Terry Pilch**, **Zack Lilienfeld**, **Paul Thomas**, **Rich Gimigliano**, **John Schatz** '77, **Nick Bard** '77, and **Tom Faughnan** '79. Over the past year the Crows got together in Chicago, Ill., for Paul's daughter's wedding, and in Las Vegas, Nev. for... well, you know, what happens in Vegas...

After 33 1/2 years as a copy editor with the *Times Herald-Record* in Middletown, N.Y., **Dennis Sprick** took a buyout and retired with a pension at the end of 2013. Thus began his next full-time career, as a massage therapist and CranioSacral therapist with The Heartful Touch, a one-man business he'd run part-time since 1998. Also occupying his time is his singing. In January 2012 he joined the New York City Gay Men's Chorus, which presents five concerts a year. This summer the group performed in London and Dublin. Additionally, Dennis has performed solo cabaret gigs at the Duplex nightclub in Manhattan, and has several more in the works.

Finally, from the press clippings, **Dr. Joanna Fisher** is currently president-elect, and will shortly take over as president, of the Pennsylvania Academy of Ophthalmology. Joanna is a board certified ophthalmologist and has been in private practice in the Philadelphia area since 1986. She earned her medical degree through the accelerated six year B.A./MD program from Lehigh and the Medical College of Pennsylvania.

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Greetings from Cleveland, where Dorothy and I are getting ready to depart for a vacation on the Big Island of Hawaii. We're looking forward to whale watching and a helicopter flight over the active volcano.

Thank you to **James Falk**, who posted photos from the Lehigh-Lafayette festivities, including scenes from Dorrian's in NYC, where the special Lehigh menu included Greeks. **Bruce Colligen**, **Lori Southworth**, and **Joanna "Jodi" Smith Capps** were featured in those photos. **Barry Hamlette** also shared that he was thrilled to sing with the Lehigh Choir at Carnegie Hall.

I also enjoy the photos posted by John Cowperthwait '80 who lives in the Wilmington, Del., area. John loves sailing, and the photos from Lewes, Del., are stunning, especially the views of the water and the sunsets. He also enjoys skiing and has posted beautiful photos of ski trips.

From my LinkedIn contact updates, **Andrea Reese** joined Wells Fargo last year as a market research manager. She conducts market research in wealth, brokerage and retirement products and services.

I and our fellow classmates would love to hear from you! Not everyone is on Facebook or LinkedIn, so this column provides another opportunity to share news and life events.

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Hello, fellow classmates! I hope you are all doing well. My thanks to everyone who sent me your updates. **Bill Troy** says hello from Woodridge, Ill. Bill is COO for IOI Lodgers Croklaan, a fats and oils



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Let It Flow

Anthony Brichta '04, '05G has opened the first distillery in Allentown since Prohibition

IN OCTOBER 2012, ANTHONY BRICHTA '04, '05G was helping a fellow alum celebrate his 30th birthday at a craft distillery in Brooklyn. Less than three years later, Brichta, a practicing lawyer, is making rum, gin, bourbon and vodka of his own.

Along with his uncle, John Rowe, a pilot and former air traffic controller, Brichta has founded County Seat Spirits in Allentown, Pennsylvania. It is the first distillery in that city since the days of Prohibition.

“Craft distilling is still relatively new,” said Brichta, as he provided a tour of his distillery, tucked inside a former Mack Trucks assembly plant that has been reimagined as a business enterprise center. “There are some parallels to [the growth of] craft brewing. People are looking for different flavors, different types of products and more local products.”

Thanks in large part to an easing of state and federal regulations, craft distilleries are trending up.

In 2003, there were about 70 small distilleries across the country. Now, there are about 630.

“We’re a grain to glass distillery, so we do the whole process,” said Brichta. That includes selecting the grains, milling them on site, fermenting, distilling and bottling. “Other than tiring, it’s pretty rewarding. You get to actually see a product that you make out on the

shelf.” The distillery offers weekend tours and tastings. Visitors can buy bottles of its liquors, or a cocktail made with them. The spirits, which have names of local significance, also are available at the minor league baseball Coca-Cola Park and the Hamilton Bar & Kitchen, both in Allentown.

Sand Island Rum is named for Sand Island in Bethlehem; Lock Keeper Gin for the canals of Easton; and Class 8 Vodka for the old Mack Trucks assembly plant. Its bourbon, still aging, will be known as Hidden Copper Bourbon, a reference to the Liberty Bell having been hidden under the floorboards of Zion’s Reformed Church in Allentown in 1777 to protect it from the British.

Brichta, who received his bachelor’s in political science and economics and his master’s in political science, is part of a Lehigh family. His father, two sisters and a brother are graduates. His father, Bill Brichta ’76, ’81G, ’10G, also worked at Lehigh in information technology.

Without a lot of formal training in distilling, Anthony Brichta and his uncle have learned the processes through research and trial and error. They also do blind taste tests. The goal is to grow the business, and so far, Brichta said, County Seat Spirits has been well received.

“We hope that [customers] end up getting a product that they can be proud to drink, proud to support, and that also tastes better than what they’re drinking now.”—*Mary Ellen Alu*

supplier for the food industry. Bill's family includes six children, ages from 7-year-old twins to 17 and remarks that he will not be retiring for a long time. What a great sense of humor! Bill has stayed in touch with Bob Zillig '81, who retired from Kraft Foods. Bob was a colleague of mine during my time at Kraft. Bob and his wife, Connie, have since moved to Maryland and are enjoying life. **Gene Vivino** retired from Becton Dickinson in January to start his own consulting business focused on planning and development for emerging markets, with a focus on China and broader Asia. Gene and his wife have returned to sunny San Diego, Calif. Gene's son is a member of the Lehigh Class of 2016 and Gene is a member of the Lehigh Leadership Council. **Brian Woolford** retired in June 2014 after completing 19 years at Family Health Centers of San Diego, Calif. Brian was honored by his many friends, colleagues and family for his 25 years of providing comprehensive, compassionate, primary and HIV specialty care to the San Diego community. Brian celebrated his retirement with his dad by taking a road trip to Las Vegas, Nev. in his new Kia Soul. In August, Brian participated in Gay Games 9 in Cleveland, Ohio, and won the silver medal in tennis mixed doubles! Brian is enjoying the retired life, biking, swimming, doing weight training, playing tennis, learning golf and having more time for leisure reading. **Rob Donohue** celebrated the 25th anniversary of his New Jersey ophthalmology practice. Rob and wife Susann are proud parents of Amanda Mae Donohue, who is a member of Lehigh's Class of 2017. Amanda is a political science major and is aiming towards a career in public health. Rob and Susann are proud to have attended the 150th

Lehigh-Lafayette Football game at Yankee stadium. **Jeff and Barbara Yocum Slayton** are now empty nesters. Their daughter Melanie is a senior majoring in accounting at James Madison University and their son Michael is a freshman studying mechanical engineering at Georgia Tech University. Jeff works for Generac Power Systems and Barbara works for Lockheed Martin. Jeff joined a very large contingent of Alpha Sigma Phi brothers at the 150th Lehigh-Lafayette football game and had a great time playing his first wales and tails game in years. Jeff remarks that **Joe Cooke** is still the best at the game. My wife, Helen, our daughter Laura '17 and I also attended the 150th game. It was a spectacular event despite the final score. It is always great having the chance to meet all my Lehigh friends and meeting new ones. Helen and I are enjoying life in Longboat Key, Fla. It is truly amazing when we wear our Lehigh gear how many people come up to us to express their connection with Lehigh, whether as alumni, parents, family relationships, friends or retired faculty members. So I encourage all of you to wear Lehigh proudly. You never know who you will meet! "80 Go Go!"

'81 Michael and Carol Gordon, 42 Randi Drive, Madison, CT 06443. (203) 245-8001 (H), (203) 326-5844 (B), (203) 641-7951(C); Lehigh81@gmail.com We have had a little bit of an information drought since the flood of good intel obtained during Lehigh-Lafayette weekend in NYC last year. I think after that weekend, we seemed to be riding an emotional high, on love and good feelings for our Alma Mater (so what if the team had an off year, it's a long rivalry)....So after a brief hiatus, a few dedicated informants

came through and we have the following updates: We heard from **Debbie Banks Weidman** who went straight from Lehigh to Columbia University School of Law and now practices with her husband, Peter, focusing on special education and real estate. They have their own firm outside of Philadelphia, and have also partnered in raising three daughters. The oldest is a Lehigh grad who has just delivered grandchild #1, a boy! To quote Debbie "yes, I guess we're that old!!" Though if you've seen Debbie she doesn't look like anyone's grandmother by a long shot. Debbie went to the game in November with some of the LU group she stays in touch with, including **Amy Mishkin Brosow**, a school psychologist who also lives outside of Philadelphia with her optometrist husband Jeffrey and their two daughters; **Roger Bomgardner** who is a senior vice president at TD Bank who also has three kids and a grandson (trending amongst our peers at the moment); and **Del Markward**. Del is in the commercial real estate business, having started his own company, the Markward Group, in 1996 and then merging it with Colliers International in 2008. Which is really interesting since that happens to be the company I now work for in Stamford, Conn., and I had no idea about until I heard about it from Debbie. Del also has two kids, both currently at Penn State. Del, I'll call you, maybe we can do some deals.

In other news, a few columns ago we asked if anyone had seen or heard from **Bryson Kershner** and there was actually a response, proving again that someone is reading this stuff. Bryson was located in Valley Forge where he owns BK Barrit, a custom furniture manufacturing company. Although Bryson looks like he could be carving an occasion-

al artisan piece out of a tree trunk in the garage (picture long white hair and goatee), his company is actually a major manufacturer, making and selling to the commercial markets, restaurants, casinos, offices, and you name it. We also heard from **John Braithwaite**, vice president of Equus Capital Partners in Philadelphia. John recently went to see Lehigh take on Villanofun in basketball where he saw classmate **Jack McGowan** hobnobbing in the Lehigh athletics suite. Neither will likely admit it but that is probably one more basketball game than they ever went to in four years at Lehigh (not counting nude hoops at Beta). Has anyone seen or heard from Joe Hockman '83, **Susan Moyer Shevlin** or **Patrice Wilchek Machikas??**

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Richard Webb dropped me a line from Sewickley, Pa., where he is chief investment officer at Marbury Wealth Management, LLC. During Lafayette weekend, Rich hosted a dinner in N.Y.C. at Del Frisco's Steak House in mid-town for a large group of his Chi Psi fraternity brothers after which all attended the Brown and White party at Terminal 5 on Friday night. Mark Yeager, '81, then hosted a pre-game tailgate party Saturday morning at Connolly's Pub on 45th Street. Attendees from our '82 class included **Pete Marquardt, Randy Blasdel** and **Dan Butler**. After graduating Lehigh, Rich worked in the financial markets trading interest rate, currency and credit swaps in New York City, London and Tokyo, with

shorter stints in Paris, Hong Kong and down under in Sydney. Rich observes that living in Sydney before the advent of the internet was like being on a different planet since the *International Herald Tribune* was the only delayed abroad view of happenings back in America. Rich and his wife, Jill, are proud parents of 6-year-old twin girls in first grade, Maren and Grace, who join older brother Grant, in third grade. Being at the tail end of our classmates in the child-rearing category, Rich and Jill may be looking at six-figure college tuition in the years to come.

Kenneth Shriber attended the Lafayette game at Yankee Stadium with his brother, Mitchell Shriber, '79, who flew in from Tampa. Ken lives in Chappaqua, N.Y., with the Clintons and his wife, Marcy, and their children, Abigail and Jeremy. Ken and Jill moved to Chappaqua from N.Y.C. in 2008. Following a successful 22-year career in the downstream oil and gas business at Exxon Company, USA, and Exxon Mobil Corporation, Ken formed Petroleum Equity Group, LTD, a niche mergers and acquisition advisory firm to small and mid-size fuel distribution businesses and retail store chains. PEG's goal is to bring big oil expertise to these companies while providing strategic thinking and advice on mergers, acquisitions, valuations, deal structures, modeling, and coordinating capital raising. Continued best wishes to Ken for PEG's success!

Craig Newick is a principal in Newick Architects in New Haven, CT. After Lehigh, Craig obtained a Master of Architecture degree from Yale University. In 2000, Craig won an Honor Award from AIA Connecticut. In 1996, Newick and his frequent collaborator, Linda Lindroth, were selected by the Architecture League of

New York for their prestigious Emerging Voices lecture series. In 1998, Craig won a fellowship in sculpture from the Connecticut Commission of the Arts. In the past 10 years Craig and Linda have won over 20 awards, grants and prizes, including Newick's Third Place prize in the Astronaut's Memorial Design Competition for Cape Canaveral in 1998. Check out some of Craig's award winning and innovative projects and designs at www.newickarchitects.com/Projects1.htm. Two of my favorites are "Water House" and "The Bunker."

Patrick Eichner's daughter Meghan, Lehigh '12, just finished her master's program down in Dallas at Southern Methodist University and is starting her practice counseling children. Pat's son, Patrick, just finished his career playing football for Johns Hopkins University where he and his classmates were 39-1 in the regular season over those four years (an overall record of 42-5), the most successful in Johns Hopkins history, also finishing in the top 20 in the country all four years. Patrick looks forward to graduating in May 2015 with a Writing Seminars degree and hopes to make a career in sports journalism.

I attended a post-Lafayette game gathering of 43 Pi Lambda Phi brothers, spouses and friends at Volare Restaurant in Greenwich Village where our honorary and legendary house brother, Stan King, was feted and celebrated for his soon to be released Phoenix Publishing House fiction novel, *Every Stanking Act in the World and Mine*.

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What an amazing Lehigh-Lafayette 150 Rivalry Weekend! We won't mention the score. It was bitterly cold, but meeting

up with fellow Lehigh alums was a blast! If I missed seeing you, please email me (nancyliulehigh83@gmail.com) with any news.

We tailgated at a garage across from Yankee stadium with **Paul** and Karen ('84) **Bukowski** and Paul's Phi Delts brothers. Paul and Karen recently relocated to Denver, Colo. because of the Lockheed plant closing in Newtown, Pa. We will miss going to Lehigh games with them. Other Phi Delts who joined us were: **Henry Hall, Bob Murphy** and his wife Kim, **Greg Novek, Kevin Nulton** and his wife Elise '85, **Rob Vandervalk** and his wife Jane, Dick Dunne '80 and his wife Nancy, Scott Faktor '81 and his wife Donna, Bob Roth '82 and his wife Mary, and Sean Murphy ('84) and his wife Laura. There were well over 100 people at the tailgate.

Lisa Anderman and her family also joined us at the tailgate. By chance, I had met her parents, Arthur ('56) and Carole, at a Lehigh event in the summer and she followed up by writing me with the following news: "We are living in Great Neck, N. Y. I spent some time in Israel 1994-2000 working as an attorney in Jerusalem and then moved back here to New York along with my husband Oded Daskal and my son Daniel (now 16). We have twin girls, 14 years old.(Arielle and Noa). Now I'm doing commercial real estate and development. Oded's older kids (first marriage) are living in Israel. Matan (26) was dancing with the Bat Sheva Dance Company and now studies music composition. He has a busy schedule with school and travel for dancing. Yonatan (22) just finished his army service and is a very talented pianist/keyboards player. He spent the summer touring Europe with his band and just recently released a new CD. We are back and forth

to Israel pretty often and the boys come here a lot too. **Pam Budman-Verarrt** '83 and I live a town apart and see each other regularly. She and her husband Niek are great and are now empty-nesters. Her kids study at Univ. of Michigan."

I was excited to receive the following wonderful news regarding Dianne (Goetz) Yamin:

Hon. **Dianne E. (Goetz) Yamin** was inaugurated this morning (Jan. 7th) for her 7th four-year term as Judge of Probate for the District of Danbury. She was re-elected in November, running unopposed, as she has for some 20 years... When she was first elected in 1990, she was the youngest judge ever to serve in the State of Connecticut, and the first woman Judge of Probate ever for the District of Danbury. Between 2008 and 2010 she served as President Judge of the entire Probate Judicial System in Connecticut. Also in 2008, she was elected chairman of the Board of the Greater Danbury Chamber of Commerce, as its first woman chairman in its 94-year history.

Great job, Dianne! We are proud of all of your accomplishments!

Enjoy your spring and please keep sending your news! Please email me (nancyliulehigh83@gmail.com) with any news. Looking forward to hearing from you!

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The day before the big Lehigh-Lafayette game in New York City in November, classmate and Interim President **Kevin Clayton** rang the closing bell on the New York Stock Exchange with other Lehigh representatives, a mountain hawk, and some people from the other college. I arranged for

a large group of Lehigh alumni, mostly from the class of '84, along with partners, spouses and friends to come onto the floor of the exchange for the bell ringing. We had a bigger group than the "official" Lehigh guest group and a MUCH bigger group than that other college. So, at least we "won" that event. I may be missing some of the people who were there, but here is an attempt at a list:

Elaine Gebhard King, Greg Korst and Jill Radding Korst flew in from California. **Holly (Carlson) Foster** and **Jon Foster** flew in from Washington. **Marian Nalitt** and Devin Murphy, **Susy Eckert Shea, Pamela Gural-Bear** and **Sherman Bear, Alik Astreou** and **Tom Keeting** came in from Pennsylvania. **Patricia (Burke) Savage, Suzette Stoddard, Laura Gill, Peter Olsen, Lois (Schmalz) Miller** and Jeffrey Miller came in from various parts of New Jersey. **John Forster** and Celeste (Primi-ani) Forster '89 came in from Connecticut. **Irene Math** was in from New York (outside of New York City). **Mary Stewart** was down from New Hampshire. And Elizabeth (Batesole) Hainey '83 and her husband from Texas were also there. We cheered Kevin on, had a lot of fun, went for drinks in the seventh floor bar, and best of all I didn't get fired.

And, for everyone who was following my family's high school application saga. My daughter, Zoey Mae, got into her top public school choice: LaGuardia High School for the Arts (the *Fame* school). She was accepted into both studios that she auditioned for, vocals and drama, and has chosen to pursue drama. New York City may be unique in that you HAVE to apply for public high school and every school has a different application process and admissions policy. There is a lot of stress on families,

even those families which have the support, resources and information to get through the process. The good schools have a lot of applicants. I think there are over 70,000 eighth-graders who apply every year. Close to 4,000 students auditioned for the drama program at LaGuardia with about 99 being accepted. By the numbers alone, it is harder to get into this HS than it is to get into Harvard, and it doesn't have the lowest acceptance rate in the city. A few years to breathe and then it's on to the college application process.

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Classmates,

You may have once received a "World's Greatest Dad" or "World's Greatest Mom" mug. Or perhaps you have received a corporate award, like a "Star Award" that entitles you and your family a trip to a resort somewhere to convene with other "stars." I once won Pi Lambda Phi "Athlete of the Year," although given my beloved joker brothers I suspect irony played a large part. Nonetheless, our classmate **Laurent La Brie** has received an honor I daresay is unique among our number— "Most Interesting Biomed of 2014".

Laurent is well deserving of this honor and perhaps others yet unbestowed. He has led several significant humanitarian efforts around the globe. He received an MBA while serving as the medical logistics officer in charge of a disaster relief hospital in Italy, later completing a masters in biomedical engineering. Under the Clinton Administration he was selected as one of a dozen workers who petitioned to evacuate humanitarian workers from Saddam Hussein's Iraq. He became the

European director in charge of medical and orphanage work in Romania, Moldova, Iraq and Uzbekistan. More recently, Laurent set up a health clinic for displaced and persecuted men in Chiapas, Mexico and devised an automated patient admission process prior to the EMR area.

Clearly Laurent has had an impressive and most interesting past, and has truly made his mark. While his story is unique, it turns out we all have our own stories to tell. That's what makes reunion weekend great—not only seeing old friends but making new ones, and finding out about folks you barely knew and the cool stuff they've been up to since 1985. I hope to see you at reunion. I wouldn't miss it!

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"I close my eyes and feel like it was back in the day. But those times have long been through. The dying of the light is gone, but it's back in the day, like a wish that comes half true (Blues Traveler)."

"If you remember Lehigh/Lafayette 150, you weren't really there," is my truncated, transliterated tale from my Taylor hallmate, Derek deBastos', recollection. Derek characterized it as "the cocktail party for 40,000 people" and had to later ask his former Lehigh roommate if they saw each other that weekend. The Sig Eps met on Friday at McSorley's, then went to an Upper East Side dinner at an unnamed location (not unnamed for security purposes; Derek just couldn't remember). As usual, Derek flew himself and the family from Denver, Colo. Derek recalls, via mobile phone pictures, seeing Sig Eps

Phil Anthony, Bruce Gibson, Judy (Hanauer) and Dave Spring, Jim Gasek, Rob Randall, Alan Brodherson and **Bob "Rooster" Conway**, plus **Jill Gershon, Eve (Gerriets) Mongiardo, Rebecca (Shapiro) Sendel** and Delta Phi's **Chris Baran**. In addition to the great visit to New York, Derek reports life in Denver is awesome and wishes he had made the move earlier. While Brown and White representation is usually limited to Grand Central Station's Zaro's display case, Eve noted Brown and White was everywhere, from every coffee spot, all the way onto the No. 4 train.

Invoking Mel Brooks from *History of the World Part I*, Ann (Rutledge) Oswald, notes, "Nothing, I have absolutely nothing (to update)!" though Ann did note she was at the Stadium and Friday night's "EW&F" concert.

You can't spell Yankee stadium without SAM, and Sammy boys, family and friends numbered over 175 at Dorrian's on Friday night and over 300 in the Bronx. '86 Sammies included **David Greenbaum, R. Scot "Scooter" Bross**, honorary '86 SAM (actually a Pi Lam) Joel Bross '55, **Brenda (Tabora) and Scott Kay, Alan Bluestine, Brian Okun, Marc "Thomas Malthus" Mathios, Jeff Silverman, Joel Stuttmann, Alita (Nemroff) '87 and Glen "Coach" Friedman** and yours truly, plus **Susan Lustig, Steven Berns, and Ronni (Levine) Aronow**.

Brothers, and friends, from the Swamp enjoying the game included Hawkeye, Trapper, Duke, Dago Red, Painless, Radar, Hot Lips, Dish and Staff Sergeant Vollmer.

Frank Munero, Rich Bastian and **Peter Boyle** watched the game from Turtle Bay Grill but met up for the Theta Chi après game at John's of Times Square (I know there's a John of

Times Square, but didn't know he had a restaurant... HEY NOW!) with Gayle (Fay) '88 and **TJ Higgins, Vince Mueller, Diane (Dewitt) '87 and Mark Frisch, and Missy (Peters) and Bruce Thoet '87.** Frank is a partner in the firm where's he's been for 24 hours (typo, make that years), recruiting software sales professionals, mostly in the D.C. area. Frank and wife Mary have two daughters: Sarah, a University of South Carolina frosh, and Olivia, a high school junior. Rich, a serial entrepreneur, has started/sold two businesses, First State Recycling and Diamond State Warehousing, and is onto numbers three and four, Organizational Boot Camp and All Hands on Deck (disappointingly, nothing to do with sailing). TJ, my old frosh roommate, loves wrapping himself with rubber. Recall his earlier marketing days with Schering-Plough, home of Durex, and now, tired of his latest gig at Pfizer, home of the blue pill, he's president, consumer U.S. and Canada, for Bridgestone America's Tire Operations. If "The Tragically Hip" think "It Can't Be Nashville Every Night," go ask TJ, because that's where he's headed.

More L/L 150 in the next column. "It's been such a long time, I think I should be goin', yeah" (Boston).

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I have heard from **Rob Zambanini.** He began grad school in August of 1988, got his master's in January of 1993, and finally his Ph.D. in June of 2000—all from Lehigh! He is now a professor at Penn State Berks—and has been there since August of 2001.

Rob and his wife will be celebrating 25 years of marriage.

They have one child, a daughter Katarina Illona. Katie is a student at Penn State Berks – yes with her dad! She is CAS major (Communication Arts and Science). Rob is very involved with volunteer activities, as the director of music at MBS RCC (the fourth oldest Catholic church in the Original 13 Colonies), an assistant scoutmaster / secretary of the Troop Committee / unit commissioner of Boyertown BSA Troop 503 (the oldest continuously chartered troop in the Boyertown area), and the statistician / scorekeeper / press box public address announcer for the rather prestigious Boyertown Bears legion baseball team. Just typical activities for a Lehigh grad! Thank you Rob for reaching out.

We all had a wonderful time at the 150th Lehigh-Lafayette weekend. All of the different living groups had gatherings throughout the city. The Sammys met at the Dorian, sponsored and organized (lots of hard work!) by **Andrew Levy.** The Alpha Sigs were at a bar on the Westside, we saw **Jeff Dekorte, Rick Herwig, John Lauer** in from Washington State, **Tim Farrell and DJ Jeffris** there. My Dg friends, **Kathy Reichert Koenig, Daniela Boebert Titterton and Phil Titterton, Jill Tirnauer** (who flew in from Pakistan), **Andrea Worth Robik, Karyn McMenamin Cravens, Adrienne Kodisch McMullen, Mary McGovern Kirk** and I met at **Lisa Hakim's** apartment in NYC for brunch and then headed to the game. It was amazing traveling on the New York city subways with people screaming "Go Lehigh!" At the game, we also saw many '87 AXPs such as **John Herd, John Herr,** Dan Popky '86 and Tom Koenig '86. It was also fun to see Lambda Chis, John Beltz '86, **Karl Pupke and Todd Ebert.** There were many other gatherings of '87 alumns. Let

me know what you did and who you celebrated with.

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I would love to sit here and recall all sorts of information about classmates that I garnered during Lehigh-Lafayette weekend. Sadly, I saw everyone for about 1 minute each and my brain didn't not retain one useful piece of information. All I can say is WHAT FUN I had seeing so many classmates as well as so many old friends from our days at Lehigh. It was absolutely great to see the Empire State Building lit up in brown and white, to have the Marching 97 throughout the city, to see the schools open the stock exchange, and get caught up in the Lehigh spirit for days on end. My weekend kicked off with cocktails with **Bob Mueller and Jim Bowman** on Thursday and ended at Yankee Stadium in the Delta Suites with the family, Bob, Jim, **Chris Marshall, Keith Curtis, Amy (Sugarman) Zuckerman, John and Suzanne (Vranka) Gabriele, Dirk Friedkin, Jeff Enslin, Jordie Hitch** and many of their kids.

The highlight of the weekend for me was the party I threw Friday night. I felt like I was back on the hill. It was great to hear all three Lehigh bands play (MCAs, The Connection, and Millie's Closet) and **Bob and Janet (Pickens) Cole** showed us that they still have their musical chops. And the classmates who were along for the ride included Jim, Bob, Jordie, Keith, Dirk, Suzanne, John, **Anne (Plympton) Anquillare, KT Moore, Kirsten Chapman, Sheri (Bevan) Comisac, Dave DiBrigida, Karen (Kornheiser) Farber, Todd Ferber, Amy (Kantrowitz) Frei, Liza Kahn Garber,**

Fritz Schweitzer, Jim Stone, Mariana (Gonzalez) Gilbert, Brian and Aimee (Politzner) Jalazo, Hank Jenkins, Ben Tiley, Tom Glancey, Stacie (Caplan) Kiratsous '89, Robin Shatto Labiak, Joe Long, Chris Pappas, Gioia (Ligos) Macey, Meighan Meeker, Kerry (Loughman) O'Hearn, Tom Johnson, Scott Runkle, Tim Russell, Lisa (Milano) Schneider, Carmine and Linda (Bellantoni) Venezia, Sharon (Siegel) Voelzke, Jillian (Spitalnik) Winoker and about 350 other people, and I really didn't want the night to end, or the weekend for that matter. Saturday was colder than expected, and with some multi-class gathering of friends started off at Dorrian's for bloodys. Then sporting my "Lafayette Sucks" button and a one of the great Lehigh scarves that Amy Frei had made to keep us warm, headed to the stadium. I'm not going to lie. It would have been better to win.

Congratulations to the Coles on another Lehigh undergrad, as so, Bobby will be in the class of 2019. Both **Dave Martin and Dale Prestipino** have kids joining him in next year's freshman class. I believe I just saw statistics that said 17 percent of the last class was comprised of legacies. If your kids are considering Lehigh, highly recommend junior year that they head back for the Legacy Day program the development office throws.

And since no one has bothered to write :)... I have been adjusting to commuting and being a homeowner and enjoying life down at the Jersey shore. I get to see more of Keith and Karin (Verkooyen '90) Curtis and Carmine and Linda Venezia, and even was able to get **Scott Draper** out for a night. By the time you get to read this column, the winter will be far behind us. Hope to catch some of you back at Lehigh.

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Now that winter is over and we are all out and about enjoying the warm long days of summer, please write and tell me what you are up to! The saying “no news is good news” does not apply here. All our best wishes and congratulations to **Julie Kime Traina**, her husband, Mike, and their five children. Julie and Mike’s daughter Peyton was featured in an article on Philly.com. “She’s been a rock for us,” said Terry Rakowsky. The words carry a lot of weight when the coach of the Central Bucks West girls’ basketball team talks about senior Peyton Traina, who helped the team make it into the PIAA (Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association) basketball semifinals. “Her impact on the program is immense,” according to Philly.com. “A co-captain, she plays great defense and always hustles.” “On any other team in our conference,” said Rakowsky, “she’s a star, a key to that offense, scoring 20 points a game.”

After years in finance, you’ve got to love the fact that **Seth Weber** is giving back and teaching a finance class at Lehigh. Who wouldn’t love to be a fly on the wall during one of his lectures? Seth’s daughter as well as **Wendy Klein Gracias’** daughter will be in Lehigh’s class of 2019. Congratulations to both of them. For those of you that need a new blog to keep you busy, please check out a great food blog www.slyrooster.com by our very own **Dani Rasmus Crichton**. Her witty blog is filled with delicious healthy recipes that are terrific. I’m having a party this weekend and I am using her recipes as my inspiration. Definitely check it out, you will be hooked. Finally, if anyone is

looking for a fantastic series to watch, check out *The Americans* on FX! **Charlie Fersko** had a role as a “bug sweeper”—not an insect, but a hidden microphone, you know spy stuff—for the government! Here’s to you, Charlie, hope to see you on future episodes.

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What a great NYC turnout we had at the 150th Lehigh vs Lafayette football game!

In the words of Fernando Lamas (a.k.a. Billy Crystal), “You look... mahvelous! Absolutely mahvelous!” And you know who you are Class of '90! It just can’t be possible it’s been 25 years since graduation because we all still look like fresh-faced undergrads (minus the big hair).

Over 80 of us were at 36 thanks to the hard work of **Jim Giddon, Jen Jacobson Nelson, Jacques Rousseau, Bryant Saydah, Derek Fitteron, Kim Malone, Eric Wertz, John Baliotti and Tom Flynn**. I must say it has been quite a while since I walked into a bar and recognized almost everyone.

Tom shared there was a mini Sig Ep reunion that same weekend at the Hofbrau Bierhaus including **Dave Fox, Craig Greene, Bryant Saydah, Chris Hauck, Tom Infantino, Jim Mintzer, Shawn Farrell '89** and **Bon Kauffman '89**. Tom said that unlike the old days they were all in bed by 11:30 p.m.

Gamma Phis had a great showing that weekend and all of them looked they were having A LOT of fun! Many of them were nice enough to hear my pleas for news and sent the following: **Carrie Purvin** has been married to Kevin, a criminal defense attorney, for 15 years. They have

two children, Eva 12 and Kyle 9, who keep their parents very busy coaching various basketball, softball and baseball teams throughout the year. Home is Wyckoff, N.J. but the family tries to spend the month of August at Seaside Park on the Jersey Shore. Carrie said it’s a great break from all the activities during the year to just sit and watch the kids surf and skim board all day! She is a part-time marketing consultant currently working at Unilever.

Susan Samson Miller

married Dave (an accountant from Bucknell) 14 years ago and has three beautiful daughters, Grace 12, Meghan 11 and Allie 8. They are all swimmers like their mom. Coincidence? I think not! Home is Morristown, N.J. and in this small Lehigh world they actually live in the same neighborhood as Susan’s roommate of 4 years, **Pam Humbert Russell**. After a 14-year career in accounting at Wyeth Pharmaceuticals Susan took 10 years off to be home with the girls and is now working as a bookkeeper part-time.

Jill Ricken lives in San

Juan, Puerto Rico with her two children, Leonardo 14 and Nadia 11, where she works in Project Management for EVERTEC, the leading transaction processing business in Latin America. There is no escaping soccer fever down there, and all three of them play for multiple leagues, plus both kids are on basketball and cross country teams. Jill said she has not missed a reunion yet and the 25th was going to be no exception despite the distance.

Jeff Becker had a few updates for us as well. Jeff, and his wife Amy, have been busy fundraising and helping coordinate the local efforts for the Cycle For Survival event held annually in New Jersey (also attended by **Steve** and **Stacy Saul**). His beautiful 16-year-old daughter Sydney, a survivor

of a pediatric cancer, has been an inspiration to so many and led the Teen Ride as Cycle for Survival has stormed the country raising money for research to eliminate all rare forms of cancer (and will raise well over \$20 million this year). Well done, team Becker! Jeff has also found himself back on campus as his oldest daughter, Peri, is enjoying herself (and no doubt working hard) as a freshman at Lehigh. He reports that it is great being able to experience Lehigh again through the eyes of his daughter, and now Sydney is talking about making Lehigh her top college choice next year, so he has begun playing the lottery in hopes of a jackpot win! Jeff recently joined the Jordan, Edmiston Group as co-head of technology investment banking.

Carolyn Townsend

Shields has also been returning to South Mountain from her home in Arizona. Her son Liam '18 is a fifth generation Lehigh family member. Check out this legacy—her great-great grandfather Charles graduated in 1895, great grandfather Fred in 1933, and her father Fred in 1958.

I have mentioned before in this column **Rich Verma’s** appointment as our US Ambassador to India. When he was sworn in at the end of December there was quite a cheering section from Lehigh! Included in that posse were Jen Jacobson Nelson, **Bill Rossi**, Eric Wertz, Chris '89 and **Nicole Pollaert Witt**, Steve Ploder '91, **Dave Breinig** and **Tom Ferrara**. Lehigh’s Interim President Kevin Clayton was also there to witness the momentous occasion.

Jennifer Schindler

Lowitt recently celebrated her twentieth wedding anniversary with her husband Mickey. Her family includes David 13, Andy 11, and Molly 7, who all call Riverside, Conn., home. She is still practicing law and is Of Counsel at Ropers, Majeski, Kohn & Bentley in NYC.

'91 Diana Zoller Perkins, 610 Texas St., San Francisco, CA 94107; dianazoller@gmail.com Well, it was worth all the hype! Lehigh/Lafayette 150 in Yankee Stadium was the most memorable game since that freezing cold one in Taylor Stadium our freshman year. While the weather was far from cooperative this year for this Cali girl, running into old friends, the laughs and the memories were worth every shiver! Three cheers to Kellie Fisher ('88) for throwing the most amazing party Friday night at Draught 55. There are so many stories to tell and so many laughs to be re-lived but I don't think I'll have space to tell them all. So this will be sort of like one of those not-so-deep Oscar acceptance speeches—it'll have a LOT of names in it. Without further ado, I'd like to thank The Academy...oh wait. I would like to thank **Susan Lanter Blank** for motivating me to buy a plane ticket and for housing me (and **Beth Matonis Gilfeather**). The weekend wouldn't have been complete without running into my freshman roommate, **Jennifer Neiman Gottlieb**, and other Williams Hall friends: **Melissa Peller Eydenberg, Emily Thornton Salmore, Jackie Montana Mitsch, Mary D'Agostino, Doug Devincens** and **Brenton Karmen**. (Where was Furt?) Meanwhile, back to Kellie's fantastic party...My FFF, **Pam Sprayregan-Weissman** was seen on the dance floor dancing to Paul Witte's band! Also taking funny pictures in the photo booth or just hanging out like it was 1991 were: **Risa Fisher, Alison Fendrick Coyne, Larry Max, Pete Stein, Brad Batcha, Lisa Borneman, Lisa Chajet, Andra Beddia Holcomb, Denise Leonard Kellerk, David Weiner, Pete Stein, Peter Ripp, Ross Intellisano, Steve Frankel, Mindy Sovel, Kim Hausmann Athan, Andrea Wiesel Weissman,**

Samantha Addonizio-Butts and **Paul Mazzella**. I don't have room to mention all the other AWESOME people who made it to the party, but let's just say it was like the best late night Sigs party ever! Saturday morning came too quickly (as it did many days during college), but it was worth it to start the day at Studio 36. In attendance were: **Jill Merriam Dulitsky, Jill Waserman, Amy Silver Kramer, Stephanie Gitkin Hawk, Jennifer Bofinger Tucker, Pamela Corr Stewart, Steve Ploder, Devin Gross, Brett Sherman** and **Craig Albert**. After the longest subway ride EVER with Jim Giddon '90, Mark Strauch '92 and about 80 other Lehigh 'Engineers,' we made it to the game. I'm sorry I missed seeing **Melissa Golden, James McDermott, Larry Raia, Lisa Thompson, Mike Moss, Tom Spiegel, Scott Austin, Ajay Bhatt, Pete Ruggiero, Chris Schwab, Elisa Davis Hecht, Chuck Zimmer** ... but had a blast running into **Carla Goldberg Greengrass, Kim Bach Como, Andrew Schwartz, Brent Brookler, Dave Providenti, Eileen Carey Barna** and **Jamie Barna, John Dalena, Christina Petrillo Elwell, Michael and Holly Hoffman Ash**. The AOPi's were well-represented in Section 317: **Elisa Chiusano Steingruebner, Gaby Bridenbaugh Jenkins, Stacey Winter, Karen Pupke, Merrill Norton Mahoney, Tricia Nowalk Billy, Laura Sanders** and **Kirsten Halvorsen Vogeley**. **Dana Susman** made it to the Friday night party and it was great to catch up with her after many years!! he night continued at Session 73 and Dorrian's with such a great crowd, including **Kyle Baker, Slim (Jim Garrett)** and many, many more. Thanks to Megan Ayer Karmen '92 for organizing!! It truly was a weekend to remember! And to those who could not make it to celebrate Lehigh, we missed you!

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Well, it has been a mixed result so far this winter in greater Boston. The Patriots, led by Lehigh alum Tom Brady (just making sure you're all paying attention...) won Super Bowl XLIX in entertaining fashion—so much so, that I'm sure NBC garnered record-setting ratings. On either side of that game, we have been setting records for snowfall and incidents of 'snowrage.'

Prior to winter getting into full swing, it was good to catch up with some folks in NYC at the 150th playing of The Rivalry. Some fellow Delts and I took the Meat Packing District by storm! We surveyed much of the city that weekend and reverted back to the old Lehigh days playing many games of Beirut at a German beer garden and another sports bar in the Village. The late afternoon game time allowed us plenty of time to 'prepare' to root for Lehigh. We made our way north to the Bronx with Mad Dog 20/20 in tow. While we patronized multiple venues along the way, much of our time was spent at a multi-generational Delt luncheon at a nice location in the Upper East Side. It was good to see friends crossing many pledge classes. I particularly enjoyed catching up with **Ari Ginsburg**, who I have not seen since graduation. Though the outcome of the game was not ideal, it was good to see **Donny Most** on the jumbotron supporting the Mountain Hawks. **Greg "Kegger" Saunders** invited **Jack Mitchell** and me to partake in a Beta post-game party at an Australian bar on the Upper East Side – it sure would have been nice to share a couple laughs with **MJ Forrest**,

who must have had a better offer that weekend...

I hope you all enjoyed the holiday season. My family and I traveled to Nuevo Vallarta, Mexico for a weeklong adventure. There were plenty of fun water activities and relaxation, but the highlight was a charter fishing trip with my sons during which they caught a couple of enormous Mahi Mahi (25 and 35 lbs, respectively). The captain filleted the fish and the chefs at the resort prepared an excellent dinner for the family – a true 'ocean to table' experience.

You may all be surprised to hear that I did receive correspondence from a classmate... **Lori (Schlauch) Trechter** has been fairly busy as a mother of 6 children—4 boys and 2 girls, ages 4 to 15. Can you say 'no free time'? Since leaving the Air Force 15 years ago, Lori has been home-educating her children and playing chef, housekeeper, nurse, and taxi driver. She and her husband, who just retired from a career in the Air Force, are halfway through a year-long trip through the United States in their RV before they return to their home in Colorado. The purpose of the trip has been about much more than seeing many beautiful sites. Their family has had opportunities to serve at nursing homes, soup kitchens, a teen pregnancy shelter, and even tape a radio show on marriage and family life. Their journey has been chronicled in a blog at www.handsandfeettour.com. Sounds like a great education for the whole family and a great way to give back to the community.

As for the rest of the class, I know the environmentalists appreciate you for 'keeping it green' and conserving plenty of space and paper in the *Alumni Bulletin*. However, I would like to be able to report on the breadth of great achievements of the class of '93. I suppose I could make up some good creative nuggets, but that wouldn't be

responsible journalism... Please send some updates soon.
Enjoy!

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Lehigh-Lafayette was definitely every bit as great as I had hoped it would be. It was great to catch up with old friends who had traveled to NYC for the weekend.

Bret Almassy threw a truly epic party. Although I didn't get to talk to everyone I would have liked, it was even nice to see the Facebook and Instagram posts from our classmates. The game? Well, really, did you really care who was going to win? I could bore you with stories from the weekend, but I am certain that you all have your own that will make you smile for years. But my personal highlight of the weekend: I was speaking to a classmate of ours who I have known since freshman year—probably the first day I was on campus. I have even gotten to know her husband over the years—great guy. I was telling him a funny story (because well, I am really funny) while he was drinking a beer. As I hit the punchline, and he is mid-sip, he laughs uncontrollably and does a huge spit take which completely covers his wife with beer. I honestly have not laughed that hard in years.

I e-mailed ALL of you the week before the game, and a huge number of you responded. It's going to take me at least a year to print all of the responses, so bear with me...**Anthony Rutch** lives with his wife, Julia, and three daughters in Macungie, Pa., while working at Air Products and Chemicals. **Dave King** is the CFO of a large builder/developer in the Philadelphia area. He has three children, Shannon (17), Isabella (11) and Anthony (9). He is currently in the process of rehabbing a 200+

year old Bucks County farmhouse.

Rachel (Davis) Kohl, a clinical psychologist, lives in Chicago with her husband, Chris, and three kids, Drew (9), Ethan (7) and Reese (3); **Trina Buhler Foltz** and **Garry Foltz** live in Colts Neck, N.J., with their son Kyle (14) and daughter Camryn (12). Recently promoted **Colonel Andy Morgado** is completing his second year of a War College fellowship in Kansas, teaching at the School of Advanced Military Studies. He will be leaving Kansas shortly to take command of the 3rd Brigade, U.S. Army Cadet Command headquartered in Chicago. Although his son Ian has been fighting leukemia for the last three years, Andy was happy to report that Ian is doing well and is now in remission. Through the Make-a-Wish Foundation, Andy and Ian attended Game 6 of the World Series at Kaufmann Stadium—a rare occurrence for a lifelong Royals Fan.

Finally, **Hilary Brown Tabish** is starting a campaign to “stop idiotic reckless snowboarders, which is the vast majority of them.” She will be marching to Washington soon enough.

Again, great to see so many of you in November. But if my e-mail is still sitting in your inbox, it's not too late to reply!

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Happy Spring everyone! As I write this in mid-February, New England has received more snow in a month than ever before. There is so much snow that kids have taken to jumping

out of second-story windows and roofs for fun! While this is great for ski country, it isn't boding well for commuting to work and we've used up all of our snow days. Hopefully by the time you are reading this bulletin the flowers are in bloom and the snow is a distant memory!

So this is my first bulletin since the Big Game. No, not the Super Bowl (way to go, Patriots!) but Lehigh-Lafayette at Yankee Stadium! I thought I would see many of you and be able to fill up bulletin upon bulletin. Unfortunately, I only really ran into the group I was with and a few others. My dreams of loads of information for my bulletins were unfortunately dashed. I did happen to see **Amy (Pastore) Harlacker** while I was trying to get some hot chocolate for my kids. I ran into Amy again a month later over Christmas break when she was up in Maine skiing at Sunday River. She was there with her husband, Steve, and her two sons who if I remember correctly are eight and 10. They live in Fairfield, Conn., and ski in Vermont a lot. It was great to catch up with them.

I spent most of the Lehigh-Lafayette day with a bunch of friends and their families from the Class of 1997. We had a great lunch upstairs at Eatery in mid-town where an old friend is executive chef before joining the throngs on the subway to Yankee Stadium. Todd Goberville '98, his wife, son and daughter came up from sunny Florida to cheer on the Brown and White. Mark Malseed '97 joined us from Alexandria, Va., with his wife and two sons. Matt Stannard '98 came from Bethany, Conn. with his wife and son and daughter and Joe Caloiero '98 and John-Paul Caloiero '02, '05G also joined us. Joe lives in Hershey, Pa., and JP lives in Philadelphia. At the game we met up with Bizzy Conte '97, Derek Diperna '97

and Jamie (Scanlon) Diperna '97 and many more.

We did our best to cheer on Lehigh, but with kids we only lasted a little while into the third quarter. Could it have been any colder on those upper level bleachers? Despite the weather it was such a thrill to see so many Lehigh fans in one place. It seemed as if NYC had turned into Lehigh's campus for the day. As we drove into the city everywhere we turned we saw someone with a Lehigh sweatshirt or coat. It was a fantastic day of Lehigh pride no matter what the score was!

I did get one piece of news from **Gordon Meyer**. Gordon writes, “my wife Suzy Meyer and I just had our first child, very excited to welcome Philippa Ruth Meyer to the world and future Lehigh class of 2036! Little Pippa has been receiving warm wishes from fellow Lehigh Alum starting with my brother Chris Meyer '97, Classmates **Ryan Adams, David Oring, Anne-Marie Crowell Campbell, Stephen Carter Byatt '97, Roswitha Graser, Rosenna Mazzei '95, Julie Eglhoff Hoskins '95, Claudia Miklas '95, Sam Childs '95, David Bradley Bux '97** as well as faculty art and design professor Berrisford Boothe.” My congratulations go out to Gordon and Suzy, enjoy parenthood!

I also wanted to include a heads up so you can start chatting with your Lehigh friends about our big 20th Reunion, which will be coming up at the end of May in 2016. Start booking your vacations now, folks! It will be a reunion that you don't want to miss. Can you believe it's been 20 years since we were walking through the UC, Rauch and Linderman Library?? Some days it feels like just yesterday to me and I can't believe we are “grown ups” now! Let's relive some of those memories of classes and fun. Honestly, I don't really remember those

classes, but I do remember having loads of fun, so let's look forward to the best parts of Lehigh without any of the work! I'll see you in May 2016!

Please don't be shy and send me any information about yourself, be it a new job, new baby, marriage, etc. Especially those of you who aren't on Facebook, we don't know what is going on with you, please let us know!

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I hope everyone in the class of '97 is doing well. It was great to see so many people from our class at the 150th game. I only wish that I had recorded updates at that time! As always, please send in any news when you have a moment.

Congratulations to **Christina (Lotito)** and Nicholas **Lieberman '07** who welcomed Cole Nicholas in February 2015. Cole joins older brothers Parker and Jake and the Liebermans reside in Montville, N.J.

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It was great to see so many of you at the Yankee Stadium for the 150th playing of the Lehigh-Lafayette football game. Despite Lehigh not being able to pull out the win, kudos to the Lehigh staff for a well-planned weekend. I had the opportunity with a few of our classmates to attend a pre-game social with 250 of our fellow Lehigh alumni at Peter Dillon's Pub. Thanks to Jen Gonzalez '08 and Fred Zamparelle '08 for organizing this event.

I got to see the following members of our class. I apologize if I missed anyone. If so, please let me know and I will post in the next column. At the game was: **Alan Fornwalt** and his son Ben, **Eric Kolasa**, **Heather (Krey) Kolasa**, **Brian Fronapfel**, **Car-**

lyn Klimas, **Mike Dynan** and his wife Amanda, **Jon Strauss** and his wife Jennifer '99, **Dan Burke** and his wife Ramona, George Stathopoulos and his wife Holly, **Joe Schwendt** and his wife **Laura (Dombrowski) Schwendt**, **Mike Burke** and his wife **Jennifer (Middleton) Burke** and Erin (Speck) Gerhart '00.

Andrew Reid writes that there was a large contingent of ATOs including himself at the game: **Brian McDermott**, Andrew Frangella and **Mike Sferra**.

James Gellas writes that he recently had the privilege of being a host for Lehigh Silicon Valley 2015, an immersive program conducted by Lehigh's Baker Institute and led by Professor Dale Falcinelli. He met approximately 50 graduate and undergraduate students and shared with them Lehigh's influence on his life and career and provided tips on how they can take advantage of opportunities in the Valley. He is also working with a team to help launch Lehigh's "Innovators" alumni affinity group, for alums interested in technical innovation. He is happy to connect with any members of our class interested in this new affinity group and can be contacted at: jgellas@yahoo.com.

On April 20, 2015, **Aliza Stern** will be running the Boston Marathon, which is her first, for the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and in honor of another Lehigh alum who is fighting cancer.

I got an opportunity to take a tour of Williams Hall under construction and it is moving along quite nicely. Starting next semester, it will be home to Student Affairs, Modern Language and Literature, Religion Studies and Sociology & Anthropology.

Class of 1998 Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/groups/Lehigh98/

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Hello 99'ers! I don't know about you, but I have never been so happy to welcome spring! And from the slow news period, it seems that many of us were hibernating this winter. Luckily for us though, two of our classmates were keeping warm and provided us with updates on their lives—thanks!!

For the past eight years, **Loredana Chiodi** has been working as a middle school teacher at Aventura City of Excellence School, a charter school located in Aventura, Fla., just north of Miami. Loredana teaches eighth grade language arts and sixth grade research / critical thinking skills. She further explained this means she proofreads and grades papers all day, every day (when she's not in class or tutoring). Unfortunately, her busy schedule doesn't allow her to head to the beach that often, but living right near it is the second best option!

Goddonny Normil has been living and working on and off in the Gulf Cooperation Council or GCC, in Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia since 2008. He is currently back in Qatar working in the construction / project management arena for ASTAD as their project reporting manager. Goddonny was recently joined there by his wife, Theresa, and his adorable children—daughter, Tahlia (7), and son, Mattéo (5). As much as they miss home, they were happy to escape the arctic blast this past winter and love the sun and warmth of the desert. Goddonny has offered, if you would like advice on career options in the Arabian Gulf region, he can be reached at goddonny@msn.com.

While these two updates are fantastic—thanks again!!—it was a relatively slow news period, so I thought it might be fun to ask specific people for updates

through this column. Have someone in mind that you'd like to hear from? Drop me an email with their name—and an update about yourself—and I'll call them out in my next column. So for this round, **Charlie Tier** and **Nicole (MacNeill) Kymissis** - are you reading this? If so, let us know what you're up to!! And feel free to include someone you'd like to hear from as well.

Thank you for reading and please let me know if you have any news you'd like to share. Wishing you all the best!

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Greetings class of 2000! Since our last column, another classmate checked in with some exciting news.

Brandi Gilmore McFarland wed in July 2013 and life changed quickly! In May 2014, Brandi and her husband welcomed their daughter Callie. Weighing in at 8 pounds 13 ounces and measuring 21 1/2 inches, she has bright blue eyes and lots of hair. Talk about a bundle of pink perfection! The happy family currently reside in the Lehigh Valley.

Please take a few moments to contact me with an update about yourself or about a friend in our class. If you haven't already done so, I invite and encourage everyone to join our class Facebook page by searching "Lehigh University Class of 2000." I look forward to hearing from you soon!

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In October of 2014 my husband John Ross Montford and I welcomed a wonderful baby boy named John Dylan Montford.

He is the fifth John Montford in the family and has brought us so much joy already. It has been a magical adventure ever since!! I absolutely love this quote and had to share it with you: "Making the decision to have a child—it is momentous. It is to decide forever to have your heart go walking around outside your body."—Elizabeth Stone

Now keep the good news coming Class of '02!!

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I had a tweet make it onto the Yankee Stadium jumbotron during the Lehigh-Lafayette game, but that was my only victory that day. At the moment I'm writing from the island in my kitchen wishing I was on an island as the third winter storm plows its way into Connecticut. I long for the green of my yard, a place where my poor puppy can relieve himself, and the June days I'll be making up as a high school teacher in New England. But for today I have a cup of tea and the news of our classmates to keep me warm.

Steve Giordano is currently living in warm and sunny Orange County, Calif. working as a business analytics manager for DIRECTV. He and his wife have a daughter, Emily, turning 3 in March, and a son, Matthew born November 4th. In January he appeared as a contestant on the new game show, *Sports Jeopardy!*

Jackie Gardocki Cabell and her husband Anthony welcomed baby girl Evangeline Jaela Cabell into the world on September 11, 2013.

Bryn Chung tied the knot

with Julia Koeppel on August 31, 2013 in Setauket, N.Y. in a beautiful ceremony on a Long Island bay. **Taylor Christman, Matt Bell,** and **Mark Shannon** served as groomsmen. Several 2004 classmates and Lehigh Alumnae were also in attendance. Bryn and Julia enjoyed a honeymoon traveling the coast of Spain. He is a DevOps manager at Cablevision Systems and the two reside in North Babylon, N.Y.

Remember friends, no note is too little or too late. I look forward to hearing from more of you in the very near future and hopefully, by then, spring will have sprung!

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Mark Shumski and Kara Shirley were married on June 14, 2014. Classmates **Ross Feldman** and **Steve Rosinski** were groomsmen in the wedding. Both Mark and Kara are optometrists in the Pittsburgh area residing in Oakmont, Pa.

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Care to admit it or not, us '08 grads have been out of college longer than we were in it! The good news however, is that we have not slowed down one bit! Life milestones and various career and academic achievements continue to be the norm for this talented group of individuals. In proper Lehigh fashion, let us toast these moments!

Dana Ryan and her fiancé, Brian Kelly, both residents of San Francisco, were engaged over the December holidays and celebrated a beautiful June wedding on Nantucket. **Sarah Silve-rio**, who is living and working in New York City, shared news of her engagement to Nick Campbell. Fellow classmate, **Michaela Pawlewicz**, also said, "Yes," to a proposal from her fiancé. We are certainly all sending warm wishes and a lifetime of happiness to these happy couples!

Calvin John Smiley (graduate degree '09) received his Ph.D. in Sociology from the Graduate Center of the City University of New York along with a certificate in Africana Studies. Dr. Smiley defended his dissertation, *Existing But Not Living: Neo-Civil Death and the Carceral State*, for which he conducted research at a community-based reentry organization in Newark, N. J. He plans to continue his research in the United States and abroad, looking at how other democratic nations deal with prisoner reentry. Dr. Smiley will begin a tenure-track assistant professor position at Montclair State University, N. J., in the justice studies department. Congratulations on these incredible achievements!

Please be sure to send any news—career milestones, life events, new cities, new schools, adventures—to KaitlynNoon@gmail.com. Our Class of 2008 network cannot thrive without you!

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First off, thanks to everyone who sent me information for the writing of this column. The more information I get from ya'll, the less I actually have to write...so it's a win-win for everyone, more news about 2009 and less work for me, so thank you very much. So here we go. As many of you are aware (or

maybe unaware), there is a pretty long lag time between the actual writing of the Class Notes column, and when that column actually sees the light of day, and the eyes of the Class of 2009. For example, its currently mid-February, snow day, and, with the added bonus of the wind chill, about 5 degrees outside. It's ironic, considering many of you will be reading this column sometime in early summer, which allows me to sit here and daydream about sunshine and warm weather, and hopefully some quality time with friends and family on some beach, somewhere, sometime very soon. Needless to say, writing the column is often my own personal version of time travel, and I hope you enjoy the ride. Okay, now let us move on to the important information, the class updates. Congrats to **Adam Kasper**, who graduated with his MD from Temple University in 2013, and is now a second year pediatrics resident at Baystate Medical Center in Massachusetts! Very cool update from Garrett Smith and **Lauren Anderson-Smith**. They are both currently living in southern Italy for a year while Garrett is assigned there as a trainer through his job with Boeing. Lauren is working remotely to help start a nonprofit in the D.C. area promoting the practice of forest gardening to address food justice and climate change issues. They're both trying hard to pick up the language and see as much of the country as possible. Can't wait to hear how your year in Italy goes! In other news, **Amanda Daddona** recently finished her master's in American studies at Trinity College! In addition to continuing at his postdoctoral fellowship research at the National Institutes of Health, **Bobby Buckheit** (shameless plug, I know) got an adjunct professor position at Mount St. Mary's

University in the fall of 2014. **Kyle Dunleavy** is still working at Robert Half as a recruiter, specializing in accounting and finance opportunities, but has recently switched coasts and moved from New Jersey to San Francisco. Special congratulations to **Sean Glendening**, who graduated this year from Albany Law School magna cum laude, was admitted to the New York bar, and appointed by Governor Andrew Cuomo as an attorney in the Excelsior Fellowship program. **Zoe Zachariades** and **Boris Kaidanov**, both class of 2009, welcomed a son, Athen Steller Kaidariades, on Jan. 27th, 2015. Athen was 20 inches and weighed 7 pounds 10 ounces, and the family is doing very well (albeit on little sleep)! I always want to save some space in the column to celebrate class of 2009 love. Very heartfelt congratulations to the local Baltimore couple (well, local to me), **Brian Dillon** and **Jessica Woods**, who were recently engaged! A heartfelt congratulations to Christina Diggs '07 and **Chelsea Crisafulli**, who were married on September 20th, 2014, in Groton, N.Y., but by the time this column prints they will likely almost be celebrating their one-year anniversary. Same story goes for **Ryan Ingalls** and Ted Smith '08 who got married in July of 2014. Ted played football for Lehigh and Ryan was a member of the women's basketball team. So congratulations on your nuptials, and early congratulations on your one year anniversary to both happy couples! Special congratulations to Andrew Hermalyn '10 and **Sarah Fudin** who were engaged in November of 2014. Also, **Henry Hecht** and Sara Flesch were married on Oct. 3, 2014, in Bay Head, N. J.

As always, if you have news or want to reconnect, feel free to email at LehighClass2009@gmail.com!

'10 **Nicholas J. Anderson, Nick Anderson@alum.lehigh.edu**

Five years have passed since our class graduated from the world's greatest institute of higher education. Our reunion is going to be a blast—I'm very excited to see everyone. Let's check in with a few of our classmates at the 5-year mark:

Let's start with the wedding bells! A couple of 2010ers, **Kathryn Murphy** and **Charlie Anderson**, were married back in September 2014. **Andrew Horgan** was recently married, he is now a lieutenant in the Marine Corps, he and his wife, Christine, recently moved to North Carolina. **Kate Poulillo** is now engaged to Alexander Ziets '11, and **Meghan Tammaro** was recently engaged to Steven Levitus '09. Finally, **Andrew Thome** and **Stephanie Zimmerman** were engaged in December and will be getting married in November. They met freshman year in Lower Cents.

Some of our classmates have new jobs: **Avi Lessner** moved to Israel where he is working as a paratrooper in the IDF. **Kay Kutner** started a new job with Amazon working in finance—that's prime! **Rich Paul** is now the director of development and marketing in Orlando, Fla. **Alex Lehmann** got a job as a finite element analysis engineer at Apple, and he and fiancée **Morgan Molnar** moved to California.

Some of our classmates have pursued further degrees: **Andrew Spiro** finished his MBA and will be working as a consultant with Gartner in NYC. **Victoria Hessler** finished her master's degree in accounting and info systems from UMUC. **Brando "The Mando" Feil** will be moving to D.C. in August to start his MBA at Georgetown—we'll hang out, bro. **Max Ducharme** is returning from Lithuania for an MBA at Wharton.

Wherever our paths might

have taken us in the last 5 years, I hope to see everyone at reunion!

Keep it real. -Nick

'11 **Sri Rao, sridevi211@gmail.com**

Hello, Class of 2011! Can you believe that next year will be our 5-year reunion! I cannot believe how fast time is flying. Our class has been busy with graduate school, new jobs, growing families, and basically changing the world.

Stephen Jabaut signed a 2-year fit modeling contract with Bicoastal, an LA- and NYC-based company and just walked for New York Fashion Week in a runway show at the Gansevoort Park hotel in the Flat Iron district. He also got the Coast Guard's Master, 100 Ton License and is doing some captaining of boats on the side.

Avie Zhao graduated from American University Washington College of Law in May 2014 and became a licensed attorney in the State of New York in January 2015.

Chris Cassidy moved to Houston, Texas. Currently in the full time MBA program at the University of Houston with a focus in corporate and real estate finance, he is expected to graduate in May 2016.

Alexander H. Ziets got engaged to Katherine Poulillo '10 in August 2014. **Jarrett Haklits** got married on April 25, 2015.

Jaclyn (McGowan) Esposito was a business information systems major. She got married to Michael Esposito '12 on October 4, 2014. They met at Lehigh sophomore year and got engaged last November 2013 at Lehigh Laf! They love Lehigh and never would have found each other if it didn't exist!

I love hearing about all the wonderful things you are all doing. Please feel free to email me at sridevi211@gmail.com at any time with your updates!

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'15 **Rachel Mayer, rjm215@lehigh.edu**

As I write my third and final column of my undergraduate college career, I must admit that I am beginning to feel sentimental. Our acceptance letters to Lehigh granted us four years at this institution. Four years to form impenetrable bonds with people we had just met. Four years not only to expand our minds in the classroom, but to also have deep late night conversations outside the classroom. Four years to attempt to mature while still acting like fools, checking off acts from our bucket lists that would be inappropriate for college graduates to perform. Four years to learn about ourselves, decide on what type of person we want to be, and determine what our futures will bring. While all of us may not have it figured it out, many have chosen our paths for the time being, journeying into the working world in the hopes

of becoming “real people.”

Over the next few months, **Marty Melochick, Kyle Lum, Kelsey Yevak, and Jessica Scott** will be starting careers in IBM’s Consulting by Degrees Program. Nearby in Philadelphia, **Maggie Boyle** will be working for Vanguard and **Katie Walters** for Cigna HealthSpring, Inc. After moving to the Big Apple, **Maddi McLeod** will be working for Lord & Taylor, **Kristen Goodman** and **Clare McDowell** for JP Morgan, **Marissa Rozensweig** for Pricewaterhouse Coopers, **Catherine O’Grady** for KPMG, and **Christina Bauer, Christopher Steele, and Jasmine Ameerally** for Ernst & Young. **DeVaughn Roberts** has signed on to work for Air Products and **Rebecca Youssef** will be working for Wells Fargo. In the realm of higher education, **Joanna Warren** will be pursuing her Ph.D. in molecular biology, **Jess Moore** will be attending medical school, **Erin Pamukcu** will be attending law school, and **Laura Casale** plans on staying at Lehigh to earn a master’s degree in English.

As we all diverge on our own paths, we must never forget what brought us together—Lehigh. I challenge the Class of 2015 to stay connected, to stay involved, and to constantly honor our institution. Sure, we all started our adult lives here in Bethlehem, Pa., but now after graduating from Lehigh, the possibilities are endless. Take risks, explore the world, and keep me in the loop. I cannot wait to spread the word about the first amazing adventures you have in your “Life after Lehigh.”

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Lyasha Bishop, got the idea for her current research while transitioning into her first year at Lehigh. The Reading, Pa., native says her hometown is

very diverse and predominantly minority. In contrast, she says that at Lehigh she is usually the only woman in her classes, let alone the only black woman.

“Obviously, I’ve known my whole life that I’m black, I’ve never had a problem with it—but it wasn’t until I got to college that I had to really start asking myself what does that mean?” she says.

“I learned that, even though it might have been uncomfortable that I didn’t see many people who looked like me, that I should embrace it and learn more about myself.” She adds that she learned to be “unapologetically a black female.”

This meant many things for Lyasha. Her goal is to study law once she graduates from Lehigh, so she decided to focus her undergraduate studies on history. She expanded her studies to include a triple major in history, Africana studies and English.

“I learned that I could still do what I love, which is history, and I could focus on the type of history that I needed to know for myself or about myself,” she said. “I felt like me declaring my Africana studies major was me being unapologetically black.”

Lyasha is also the president of the Black Student Union, which she says feels like a family. The BSU serves as a support system, she says, as well as to spread awareness. Last semester, she helped organize Black Lives Matter, “a memorial in honor of Michael Brown and others across the country that have faced the same fate.

“We wanted to bring life back into some of those young men who were brutally killed,” she says. “That was probably one of the most important things I’ve ever done.”

Some of her other important work includes The Color Consciousness Project, which is her research about how people in different regions demon-

strate their color consciousness. She says, “Being black in the Caribbean is different than being black in the African continent, which is different than being black as an African-American.”

With the help of her adviser, Kwame Essien, assistant professor of history and Africana studies, she began the first part of her research during the summer of 2014. She received a grant to conduct research about skin bleaching in Accra, Ghana. While there, she interviewed representatives from 20 cosmetic companies to see why people in Ghana skin bleach. She said that it’s a crucial issue, because Ghana is a poor country and many women have a very limited income, yet they spend most of it on skin bleaching.

After these interviews, her interest in color consciousness grew, making her ask further questions like, “Where did this color consciousness begin, how do we end it?” She decided to dedicate her senior thesis to answering those questions.

This summer, she will continue her research while participating in Lehigh’s United States Indonesia Partnership Program, where she will spend two weeks studying religious pluralism in Java, Indonesia. “One of the cool things about Lehigh is that it’s so flexible,” she says. The program director knew about her research and arranged for her to also conduct independent research by interviewing Indonesian women about skin bleaching.

In addition, she will be returning to Ghana this summer for the second part of her project, called “Sites of Historical Memory and Tourism in Afro-Diasporic Ghana.” James Peterson, director of the Africana studies program, is her adviser for this portion of her research. Color consciousness is also about historical sites of memory, Lyasha says. The reason she picked Ghana is

because it is the country with the most slave castles in Africa. Thousands of people of African descent travel there every year, she says.

“It’s kind of like their Mecca, going home and seeing those sites of memory, getting an opportunity to feel closure about a history that we don’t know much about,” she says. She plans on interviewing returnees, who are people of African descent from places like the U.S., Britain, and the Caribbean who decided to move to Ghana. She says, “I really need to explore, what does that mean, for grief to be a part of your everyday life?”

’17 Samantha Tomaszewski,
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Hi there! I’m excited once again to be writing about the marvelous class of 2017. Sophomore year has been very exciting for us as we are no longer the new class on campus.

Even though I’m writing this in early spring, many of the class officers in the sophomore class already have their plans for the summer decided.

Our president, **Frederick Coleman**, will be traveling to Ghana for an independent study research opportunity with Prof. Kwame Essien. He’ll be spending four weeks researching telecommunications and tech device behavioral usage of the Ghanaian people. He will speak to Ghanaian locals and learn how much of an impact things like mobile devices and the Internet have on daily lives.

Our vice president of unity, Caitlyn Wilson ’16, will be participating in a Lehigh Mountaintop project. She’ll be doing research with Prof. Murray Itzkowitz. The project is titled “Developing an Experimental Approach for the Conservation of Highly Endangered Desert Pupfish.”

Our vice president of marketing, Cory Spranger '16, will be interning in Hong Kong for six weeks through the Iacocca Internship Program in the commercial development sector of Hutchinson Port Holdings. He will be working on independent projects and business strategy analysis.

Our vice president of giving, **William Sullebarger**, will be interning for Trendlines, a technology startup in Tel Aviv, from June to August. He will be doing software development.

I, our class correspondent, am still in the interview process for internships. As a journalism major I've applied and been accepted to a few newspapers. I'm still waiting to hear back from a few more and will hopefully be making my decision soon.

The plans of the five of us are just a taste of what the class of 2017 is able to accomplish. We'll be doing so many things, all over the globe. I know many of my peers are going to be abroad thanks to programs like the Iacocca Internships.

Gladys Castellon, member of Mu Sigma Upsilon Sorority Inc, is working on coordinating a Greek Seasons event at Lehigh. It is an event MSU does in different chapters around the country. Each Greek organization will be in the fashion show, representing the four seasons, using their organization's colors.

"I think that it has the potential to really bring together all the councils since it's something fun that we'd all be doing together. As for the entire Lehigh community I think it would be fun to watch and be a part of the mini games," Castellon said.

Another fun thing to sweep the Lehigh campus is the band Steel City Sunrise. Sophomore drummer **Evan Eckersley** is involved along with Mikale D'Andrea '15, Jacob Newman '14, John Pehnke '16 and James

Copti '15. The band has played many shows at Lehigh and recently traveled to six colleges on their Spring Break tour. They've also held a Kickstarter campaign that was fully funded in order to finish recording songs in a professional studio.

"I love working with a group of motivated, intelligent and talented guys to create music out of nothing and then to take that music and share it with our fans and friends. It takes a lot of work, motivation and vision to move a band along at this rate, especially when it is done on our own. But every second of that work is worth the music that we create, the energy of performance we get to feel, the priceless moments we get to spend as a band and the connection we gain to our fans," Eckersley said.

So the class of 2017 is keeping busy both academically and socially. It's a little scary to think that we will be halfway through these four amazing years at the end of this semester. But we're making the most of it!

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COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Nikola Ojkic, who received his Ph.D. in physics in 2012 working with Prof. Dimitrios Vavylonis, continued his research in theoretical biophysics as a postdoctoral researcher at Imperial College under the guidance of Dr. Robert Endres. They collaborated with an experimental group at the University of California at San Diego to develop a model for forespore engulfment by the mother cell during bacterial

spore formation. Their article in *PLOS Computational Biology* in October 2014 (DOI: 10.1371/journal.pcbi.1003912) describes physical principles that may be key ingredients of successful engulfment across all kingdoms of life.

Sarabeth Brockley, who received an M.A. in environmental policy design this spring, is working at United Nations headquarters in New York in the Water, Energy and Development Branch of the Division for Sustainable Development. Her interests are environmental policy, international environmental law, climate change, social justice and photojournalism. Recently, she served as a civil society observer to the UN Framework Conventions on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in Peru (COP20), Warsaw (COP19) and Copenhagen (COP15), and reported for the Adopt a Negotiator platform. Her previous experience as a Moravian College graduate and as Returned Peace Corps Volunteer (Peru 2011-2013) encouraged her to work toward environmental policies rooted firmly in sound science and community.

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS

Greg Heller-Labelle '10G is co-founder and CEO of The Colony Meadery (Lehigh Valley's first meadery) in Allentown, Pa. He earned his MBA with the Corporate Entrepreneurship concentration.

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Ehsan Ghazanfari, who received a Ph.D. in civil and environmental engineering in 2013, is now assistant professor at the University of Vermont.

Yi Dong, who received a Ph.D. in civil and environmental engineering in 2013, is now a postdoctoral fellow at the Colorado School of Mines.

Zheng Han, a Ph.D. candidate in the department of industrial and systems engineering, won the American Express ML challenge at the annual Machine Learning Symposium at the New York Academy of Sciences and is planning to graduate in 2016.

Rob Thodal, a Ph.D. candidate in mechanical engineering, has been instrumental in the operation of the *Numerette* high-speed boat that was designed and built at Lehigh and is planning to graduate this summer.

Zümbül Atan, who earned a Ph.D. in industrial and systems engineering in 2010, is an assistant professor of industrial engineering and innovation sciences at the Technical University of Eindhoven (TU/e) in the Netherlands. She received TU/e's education award for best master teacher of 2014. The award recipient is chosen by students. Zümbül's research and teaching focus on mathematical models for supply chain management and inventory optimization.

Matt Kampner '07 M.S. (mechanical engineering) is the lead engineer for SpaceShip 2, The Spaceship Company (Virgin Galactic). Matt has design authority and approves all systems and structures for SS2, the first Space Liner that will transport tourists to space. Matt manages all technical aspects of the vehicle. He earned his B.S. in materials science and engineering from Lehigh in 2005.

As a result of the Healthcare Systems Engineering program, **Michael Kimball** '13 made a career shift from information technology to systems engineering in the healthcare industry. By blending past experience with the unique curriculum, Michael has recently taken a new position as director of management engineering at St. Luke's University Health

Network in the Lehigh Valley. This is a new department in the organization that he is building to transform the way health-care is delivered.

Yu Hin Hau (Billy), who received an M.S. in mechanical engineering this spring, won the NASA Distinguished Performance Award in 2014 for his contributions at Glenn Research Center. Billy was involved in development of the next-gen extravehicular activity spacesuit and an experimental high power CubeSat project. In addition, he participated in designing trajectories for a hypothetical mission to study sub-surface Martian soil through kinetic penetrators.

Benjin Zhu received her Ph.D. in structural engineering in 2015. Her numerous publica-

tions as a doctoral candidate included six peer-reviewed journal papers, a book chapter and several papers in conference proceedings. She earned a P.C. Rossin Doctoral Fellowship and received a scholarship to attend the International Conference on Structural Safety and Reliability. Benjin completed her B.S. at her hometown university in China with the first rank in graduation. She is now employed at a U.S. company in Pittsburgh, where she analyzes the safety of critical structures such as nuclear power plants.

Mohamed Soliman '15 recently received his Ph.D. in structural engineering while conducting research funded by the National Science Foundation, the Federal Highway Administration, NASA, the

Office of Naval Research and the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Technology Alliance. His research was published in journal articles, conference proceedings and book chapters. He was awarded the prestigious 2014 J. James Croes Medal from the American Society of Civil Engineers for a paper published in 2013 in the *Journal of Structural Engineering*. Soliman is now a postdoctoral research associate in the civil and environmental engineering department

Alberto Deco earned his Ph.D. in structural engineering in 2013. After working as a postdoctoral researcher at Lehigh, he joined Boeing Co. in Long Beach, Calif., as a structural analysis engineer. Deco is involved with multiple

commercial airplane programs and active in structural design, research and teaching.

After completing his Ph.D. in structural engineering in 2013, **Duygu Saydam** joined a leading consulting company in Pittsburgh, specializing in energy structures. He evaluates the safety of critical structures such as nuclear power plants during natural hazards including earthquakes and tornadoes.

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The alumni and university communities extend their sympathy to the families of the alumni listed. Obituary sources include relatives, alumni, and friends. Send details to Diana Skowronski, Alumni Association, Lehigh University, 27 Memorial Drive West, Bethlehem, PA 18015; (610) 758-3675; dls213@lehigh.edu. The following were reported to us as of February 28, 2015:

1930s

Mr. Frederick S. Townsend '33, Hollis, N.H., Nov. 11, 2014.

Mr. Townsend worked as a teller for New Haven Savings Bank. He held membership in the Asa Packer Society. His granddaughter, Carolyn S. Shields '90, and his son, Frederick S. Townsend Jr. '58, are Lehigh alumni.

Col. Thomas V. Murto Jr. '39, San Antonio, Texas, Jan. 23, 2015. Col. Murto held membership in Phi Beta Kappa honor society and was a brother of Theta Xi fraternity. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps as a marine aviator during World War II and the Korean War. He worked for Deering Milliken as department coordinator of non-computer parts, for the state of Texas in the department of human resources, and for Scientific Methods. He held membership in the Asa Packer Society and Tower societies.

1940s

Mr. Douglas C. Paul '40, Hackettstown, N.J., Feb. 16, 2015. Mr. Paul played for Lehigh's ice hockey, lacrosse and wrestling teams, and held membership in Phi Gamma Delta honor society and Army ROTC. He served as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army during World War II. He worked for Bethlehem Steel Co. before working for H.M. Paul and Son.

He won the Alumni Award, held membership in the Lehigh Wrestling Club, and served as LUAA class president, LUAA class secretary, LUAA class treasurer, and LUAA class correspondent. His son, Douglas G. Paul '83, is a Lehigh alumnus.

Mr. Louis T. Girdler Jr. '41, Mobile, Ala., Dec. 16, 2014. Mr. Girdler served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He worked as president for Standard Automotive Parts Co.

Mr. J. Dukes Wooters Jr. '41, New Canaan, Conn., Jan. 21, 2015. Mr. Wooters held membership in Omicron Delta Kappa honor society, Delta Tau Delta honor society, the Mustard and Cheese Society, the Lehigh outdoor track team, and the Lehigh debate club, and was a brother of Sigma Chi fraternity. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He worked as director of marketing at *Reader's Digest*, chairman and chief executive officer of Cotton Inc., managing director at Galen Associates, and president of Eye Surgery Fund Inc. He served as a Lehigh Fund agent and a member of the Reunion calling committee.

Mr. Robert M. Baker '42, Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 15, 2014. Mr. Baker was a brother of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity. He served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He worked as an accountant for General Mo-

tors. He served in LUAA Alumni Admissions Outreach.

Mr. William H. Barnard '42, Middlebury, Vt., Feb. 22, 2015. Mr. Barnard held membership in the Mustard and Cheese Society and the Lehigh debate club, and was a brother of Delta Tau Delta fraternity. He worked as an engineer for Bendix Aviation Corp. and Grumman Aircraft Corp. Mr. Barnard's brother, Al F. Barnard '32, graduated from Lehigh.

Mr. Frank H. Rich Sr. '42, Washington, D.C., Jan. 8, 2015. Mr. Rich held membership in Pi Lambda Phi honor society and the *Brown and White* staff, and was a brother of Kappa Alpha fraternity. His son, Ned S. Rich '85, is a Lehigh alumnus.

Mr. Henry A. Seebald '42, Wyomissing, Pa., Oct. 19, 2014. Mr. Seebald played for the Lehigh football and rifle teams. He served as a captain in the U.S. Army during World War II. He worked for Remington Rand, Teledyne Isotopes, and as a computer programmer for Beneficial Corp. He received the Alumni Award, served as LUAA class correspondent, LUAA class Reunion chair, and LUAA class secretary, and served on the LUAA class Reunion committee, LUAA general Reunion committee, and the 50th Reunion fund committee. His brothers, John W. Seebald '53 and F.W. Seebald '50, are Lehigh alumni.

Mr. Louis E. Sharpe '42, Nashua, N.H., Jan. 20, 2015. Mr. Sharpe held membership in Tau Beta Pi honor society and the Lehigh concert and marching bands, and was a brother of Alpha Tau Omega. He worked for Kollsman Instrument and Sperry Gyroscope. He was a member of the LUAA alumni band.

Mr. Eugene R. Springer '42, Palos Verdes, Calif., Jan. 20, 2015. Mr. Springer worked as an engineer for North American Rockwell.

Mr. Lindsley D. Van Der Veer '42, Verona, Pa., April 27, 2014. Mr. Van Der Veer played for

the Lehigh tennis team, and was a brother of Sigma Phi fraternity. His father, Hugh G. Van Der Veer '03, his brother, Hugh G. Van Der Veer Jr. '40, and his child, Lindsley D. Van Der Veer Jr. '72, graduated from Lehigh.

Mr. Kurt H. Weber '42, Hendersonville, N.C., Jan. 23, 2015. Mr. Weber was a brother of Psi Upsilon fraternity. He worked for the physics department of Muhlenberg University, Amherst College and the University of Pennsylvania, and worked as general manager of the lighting group for General Electric.

Mr. Robert R. Young '42, Raleigh, N.C., May 1, 2012.

Mr. John F. Conforte '42, Canadian Lakes, Mich., Nov. 29, 2014. Mr. Conforte played for the Lehigh baseball and outdoor track teams and was a brother of Sigma Nu and Pi Kappa Alpha fraternities. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II. He worked for the International Dairy Company of California, General Motors, and as a substitute teacher for Big Rapids middle school, Lakeview adult education classes, and several high schools. His son, Jeffery M. Conforte '71, is a Lehigh alumnus.

Mr. George S. Hartman '43, '48G, Bridgewater, Va., Jan. 25, 2015. Mr. Hartman held membership in Tau Beta Pi honor society. He served in the U.S. military during World War II. He worked as a chemical engineer and director of health safety and environmental engineering for the Electric Storage Battery Co. and EXIDE and worked as a private consultant in the battery and health and environmental fields. His brother, Ray H. Hartman '50, graduated from Lehigh.

Mr. John M. Stockbridge '43, Chillicothe, Ohio, Dec. 12, 2014. Mr. Stockbridge played for the Lehigh wrestling and lacrosse teams and was a brother of Chi Psi. He worked as a sales engineer for General Electric and Rexnord and co-founded Central Center Hardware Store.

REMEMBERING Paul E. Torgersen '53

“I’m not going to leave the classroom”

Dr. William C. Walker '43, '44G, '46G, Stone Mountain, Ga., Oct. 28, 2014. Dr. Walker held membership in Tau Beta Pi honor society, played for the Lehigh outdoor track and cross country teams, and was a brother of Chi Psi fraternity. He worked as the associate director of the National Printing Ink Research Institute, as research assistant professor for Lehigh, and for West Virginia Pulp and Paper Co. His brother, Frederick W. Walker '36, graduated from Lehigh.

Mr. Edwin P. Marx '44, Houston, Texas, Feb. 7, 2015. Mr. Marx served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

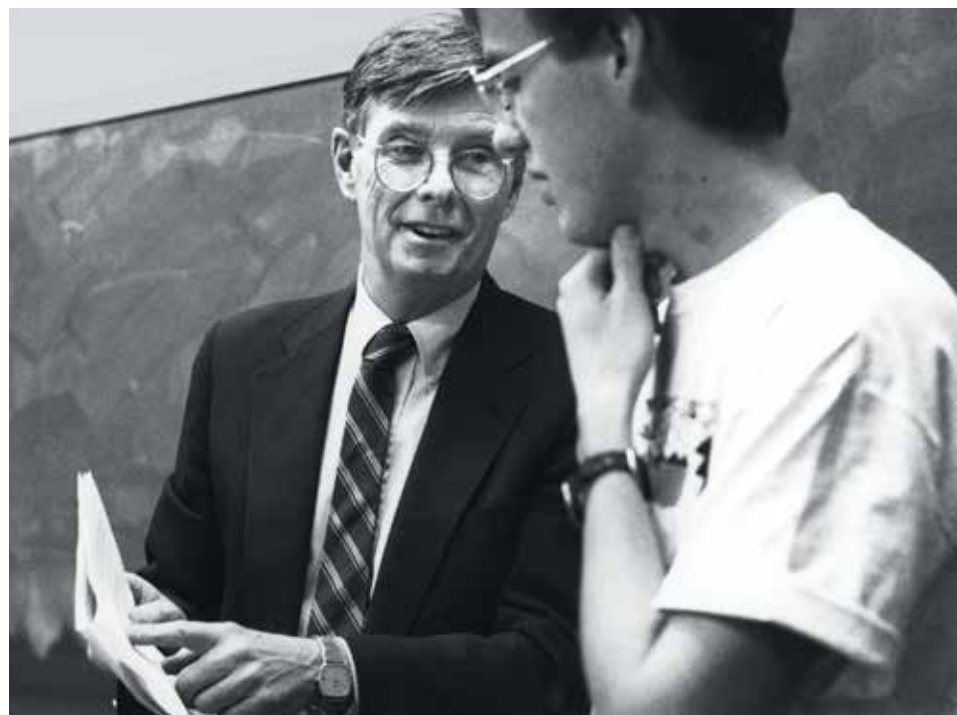
Mr. Robert C. Ottens '44, Westminster, Calif., Dec. 23, 2014. Mr. Ottens was a brother of Sigma Nu fraternity. He worked for Philco and Sperry Gyroscope, and for McDonnell Douglas and Northrop Corp. as a radar designer.

Mr. Donald R. Diggs '45, Hockessin, Del., Dec. 26, 2014. Mr. Diggs participated in the Lehigh debate club and was a brother of Delta Tau Delta fraternity. He worked for DuPont Co. He served as a class committee member and on the 50th Reunion fund committee. He held membership in the Tower and Asa Packer societies.

Mr. Edwin F. Hussa Jr. '45, Jersey City, N.J., Oct. 20, 2014. Mr. Hussa was a brother of Theta Xi fraternity. He served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Army during World War II. He worked as an engineer for General Electric.

Mr. C. Townsend Wilson III '45, Williamsville, Del., Jan. 1, 2015. Mr. Wilson played for the Lehigh soccer team and was a brother of Sigma Phi fraternity. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He owned and operated Clayton's Toys and Gifts. His daughter, Ann W. Carroll '86, is a Lehigh alumna.

Mr. Joseph J. Ryan '46, Viera, Fla., Dec. 9, 2014. Mr. Ryan served as a sergeant in the U.S. military during World War



COURTESY OF VIRGINIA TECH

PAUL ERNEST TORGERSEN '53, former president of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, died on March 29. He was 83 years old.

A New Jersey native, Torgersen attended Lehigh on a tennis scholarship. He earned a B.S. in industrial engineering and an M.S. and Ph.D. at Ohio State University. He served on the faculty of Oklahoma State University from 1959 to 1966 and spent the rest of his life at Virginia Tech, serving as head of the department of industrial engineering and operations research, dean of the College of Engineering, president of the Corporate Research Center, and president from 1994 to 2000.

Torgersen taught at least one class each semester throughout his tenure at Virginia Tech. In an interview with WDBJ-TV in 2014, he described his response when he was asked to serve as president: “I made a condition: I’ll become an administrator, but I’m not going to leave the classroom.” He taught his final class at Virginia Tech in spring 2014.

During Torgersen’s tenure as dean, from 1970 to 1990, Virginia Tech’s College of En-

gineering moved from the bottom 10 percent to the top 10 percent in national rankings for research. As president, Torgersen oversaw a record \$337 million fundraising campaign and the near doubling of the university’s endowment. *U.S. News & World Report* ranked Virginia Tech’s engineering and business colleges among the top 50 in the nation.

Torgersen was elected to the National Academy of Engineering in 1986. He received the Virginia Engineering Educator of the Year Award in 1992. He served on the Virginia Governor’s Task Force on Science and Technology, was appointed to the National Research Council and authored or co-authored five books.

A building and a bridge on Virginia Tech’s campus, a student scholarship, and an annual award to the football player who best exemplifies commitment, hard work and effort bear Torgersen’s name.

Lehigh awarded Torgersen an honorary Doctor of Engineering in 1997. In 2010, the industrial and systems engineering department awarded him its Distinguished Alumni Award in Academia.—*Kurt Pfitzer*

II. He owned and operated Ryan Studio and worked as a staff photographer for Lehigh's sports programs.

Mr. Robert L. Clifford '47, Chester, N.J., Dec. 2, 2014. Mr. Clifford was a brother of Delta Upsilon and Alpha Chi Rho fraternities. He worked as a state supreme court associate justice and as a commissioner for institutions and agencies for the state of Pennsylvania.

Dr. George J. D'Angelo '47, North Andover, Mass., Nov. 23, 2014. Dr. D'Angelo was a brother of Alpha Chi Rho fraternity and played for the Lehigh wrestling team. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He worked as a thoracic and cardiovascular surgeon. He received the Alumni Award, served as the Planned Giving Class Chairman, served on the National Leadership Committee, and held membership in the Tower Society.

Mr. Dante DeBerardinis '47, Gulf Breeze, Fla., Dec. 16, 2014. Mr. DeBerardinis worked as an engineer for Ingersoll-Rand. He served in the U.S. military during World War II.

Mr. George F. Hewitt '47, Napa Valley, Calif., Dec. 6, 2014. Mr. Hewitt was a brother of Phi Delta Theta and Pi Kappa Alpha fraternities. He served in the U.S. military during World War II. He worked as a mechanical engineer and field engineering manager for IBM.

Mr. George H. Wagner '47, Fairport, N.Y., Jan. 18, 2015. Mr. Wagner ran for the Lehigh outdoor track team and held membership in the Lehigh debate club. He served in the U.S. Navy. He worked as a marketing manager at Bell Brothers Research. He held membership in the Tower Society.

Mr. David R. Whitten '47, Meadowbrook, Pa., Sept. 10, 2014. Mr. Whitten ran for the Lehigh cross country and outdoor track teams and was a brother of Chi Psi and Phi Sigma Kappa fraternities. His son, Thomas J.

Whitten '75, and his granddaughter, Susan E. Whitten '06, are Lehigh alumni.

Mr. William L. D'Olier '48, Bakersfield, Calif., Dec. 3, 2014. Mr. D'Olier served in the U.S. Marine Corps. He worked as a geologist.

Mr. Theodore R. Hodges Jr. '48, Grosse Pointe Farms, Mich., July 5, 2014. Mr. Hodges played for the Lehigh baseball and tennis teams and was a brother of Pi Kappa Alpha and Psi Upsilon fraternities. He worked for Great Lakes Gas Transmission Co.

Mr. Charles H. Messerve '48, Sun City West, Ariz., Nov. 18, 2014. Mr. Messerve was a brother of Chi Phi and Delta Phi fraternities. He served in the U.S. Navy. He worked in the oil industry. He served as the LUAA club president.

Mr. William B. Poland Jr. '48, Towson, Md., Jan. 25, 2015. Mr. Poland held membership in the Mustard and Cheese Society and was a brother of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. He served in the U.S. Navy. He worked for the Naval Research Laboratory in Washington and as the head of the Aerospace Data Standards Office for NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center.

Mr. Joseph L. Ross '48, Allentown, Pa., Nov. 10, 2014. Mr. Ross played for the Lehigh soccer team, ran for the Lehigh outdoor track team, and was a brother of Sigma Chi fraternity. He served as a sergeant in the U.S. Army. He worked as an engineer and manager of corporate telecommunications for Pennsylvania Power & Light Co. He served as a LUAA class officer and held membership in the Tower Society.

Mr. William A. Salmond '48, Amelia Island, Fla., Jan. 23, 2015. Mr. Salmond played for the Lehigh basketball team and was a brother of Delta Upsilon fraternity. He served in the military during World War II. He worked as an assistant administrator of the design and construction of Veterans

Administration hospitals.

Mr. Robert L. Slater '48, Nov. 24, 2014. Mr. Slater served in the U.S. Navy. He worked as an industrial engineer, general manager, and executive vice president for Fairchild Industries Industrial Products Division.

Mr. Milton Allen '49, Coatesville, Pa., Jan. 19, 2015. Mr. Allen served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He worked as the eastern regional operations manager for Luria Brothers Inc. He held membership in the Asa Packer Society.

Mr. Harvey E. Anderson '49, Bradenton, Fla., Feb. 10, 2015. Mr. Anderson was a brother of Sigma Chi fraternity. He worked as the president of Rochester Coca Cola Bottling Corp.

Mr. Kenneth L. Coghlan '49, Manchester, N.J., Dec. 18, 2014. Mr. Coghlan was a brother of Phi Delta Theta fraternity. He worked as the director of business development for Singer-Kearfott Corp.

Mr. William H. Dorman '49, Corning, N.Y., Nov. 16, 2014. Mr. Dorman served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He worked for Corning Glass Works. His son, William D. Dorman '68, is a Lehigh alumnus.

Mr. Donald A. Fickes '49, New Cumberland, Pa., Nov. 10, 2014. Mr. Fickes was a brother of Kappa Sigma and Delta Tau Delta fraternities. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps. during World War II. He worked for the Harrisburg steel division of HARSCO Corp. and as a design engineer for U.S.N. Ships Parts Control Center.

Mr. Harry W. Grell Jr. '49, '50G, Holland, Ohio, Dec. 24, 2014. Mr. Grell held membership in the Mustard and Cheese Society and was a brother of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. He served in the U.S. Navy. He worked as a mechanical engineer for the Toledo Lakefront Dock Co. and as the chief instrumental fuel and power engineer and director of energy utilization and conserva-

tion for Libby Owens Ford.

Dr. Harris Lavine '49, San Pablo, Calif., April 28, 2013. Mr. Lavine was a brother of Pi Lambda Phi fraternity. He served in the U.S. Navy. He worked as a private practice physician.

Dr. Kenneth P. McCarty '49, '51G, East Berne, N.Y., April 20, 2014. Dr. McCarty was a brother of Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity. He worked for Hercules Inc. as a resident scientist.

Mr. William M. McCue Jr. '49, Chagrin Falls, Ohio, Jan. 11, 2015. Mr. McCue served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He worked for SIFCO industries.

Mr. Lynn W. McQuade '49, Ardmore, Pa., Nov. 20, 2014. Mr. McQuade was a brother of Theta Xi and Theta Chi fraternities. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and the Korean War. His son, James J. McQuade '84, is a Lehigh alumnus.

Mr. William A. Nichols '49, Charlotte, S.C., Feb. 13, 2015. Mr. Nichols held membership in the Mustard and Cheese Society and was a brother of Kappa Sigma fraternity. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II and the Korean War as a lieutenant. He worked as an executive for Esso Standard Oil Co. He held membership in the Tower and Asa Packer societies.

Dr. Harry E. Reiff '49, '50G, Warminster, Pa., July 3, 2014. Dr. Reiff served in the U.S. Army. He worked in the research and development division of Smith, Kline and French.

Mr. Karl D. Rittenhouse '49, Mullica Hill, N.J., Jan. 2, 2010. Mr. Rittenhouse was a brother of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity.

Dr. Albert H. Rubenstein '49, '93H, Portland, Ore., April 13, 2013. Dr. Rubenstein held membership in the Omicron Delta Kappa and Tau Beta Pi honor societies and the Lehigh debate club. He worked as a professor of engineering and management sciences and director of the master's of engineering manage-

ment program for Northwestern University and as the founder and president of International Applied Science and Technology Associates.

Mr. George E. Scheller '49, Long Valley, N.J., Jan. 26, 2013. Mr. Scheller served on the staff of the *Brown and White* and was a brother of Chi Psi fraternity.

Mr. Francis E. Stauffer '49, Temple Hills, Md., May 21, 2014. Mr. Stauffer was a brother of Psi Upsilon fraternity. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He worked for the Department of the U.S. Navy and for Metropolitan Edison Power Co. His grandson, Christopher A. Miller '98, is a Lehigh alumnus.

Mr. Daniel E. Vath '49, West Lawn, Pa., Dec. 31, 2014. Mr. Vath was a brother of Phi Delta Theta fraternity. He worked as a project engineer for Gilbert Commonwealth.

Mr. James H. Vogelsong '49, Gaithersburg, Md., Jan. 8, 2015. Mr. Vogelsong held membership in Phi Beta Kappa and Tau Beta Pi honor societies. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He worked as an electrical engineer for Bell Telephone Laboratories. He served as the LUAA class treasurer, as a class committee member, and on the LUAA class Reunion committee, and held membership in the Asa Packer Society. His son, Thomas L. Vogelsong '76, is a Lehigh alumnus.

1950s

Mr. Douglas S. Adams '50, Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 22, 2014. Mr. Adams held membership in the Lehigh Glee Club and was a brother of Theta Xi fraternity. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He worked as a manager of purchasing and transportation for Western Electric Co.

Mr. Frederick G. Clay '50, Sharon, Pa., Feb. 3, 2015. Mr. Clay played for the Lehigh University wrestling team and was a brother of Delta Upsilon fraternity. He

served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He worked as an episcopal priest and as a mechanical engineer for Foxboro Company and Ionics, Inc.

Mr. David T. Cummings '50, Mansfield, Pa., Feb. 10, 2015. Mr. Cummings played for the Lehigh lacrosse team, held membership in the Lehigh Glee Club, marching band and choir, and was a brother of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity and a member of the Army ROTC. He served in the U.S. Navy. He owned Tioga Petroleum. He played in the LUAA alumni band and held membership in the Tower Society.

Mr. Edward B. Levine '50, Westfield, N.J., March 12, 2014. Mr. Levine ran for the Lehigh outdoor track team and was a brother of Pi Lambda Phi fraternity. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He worked for IBM.

Mr. Richard C. Peterson '50, Wisconsin, Wis., Dec. 5, 2014. Mr. Peterson served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He worked for Riegel Paper Co., Bergstrom Paper Co., Consolidated Papers, and Wisconsin Tissue Mills.

Mr. Richard E. Bradley '51, West Hurley, N.Y., Dec. 2, 2014. Mr. Bradley held membership in the the Mustard and Cheese Society and was a brother of Sigma Nu and Lambda Chi Alpha fraternities. He served in the U.S. military during World War II. He worked as an engineer for IBM. He served as a class committee member and on the LUAA class reunion committee.

Mr. Thomas H. Edelblute '51, Sarasota, Fla., Nov. 24, 2014. Mr. Edelblute was a brother of Theta Xi fraternity. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He worked for the U.S. State Department, as an engineer for U.S. Steel Corp., and as president of Kuhn Construction Co.

Mr. Charles T. Fryberger II '51, Warren, N.J., Feb. 16, 2015. Mr. Fryberger was a brother of Psi Upsilon fraternity. He served in the U.S. Army. He worked for

Thomas and Betts Corp.

Mr. John S. Houston '50, '51G, Naperville, Ill., Nov. 5, 2014. Mr. Houston served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He worked as a manager of market development for BP Amoco Corp. His brother, David R. Houston '49, graduated from Lehigh.

Mr. Fred G. Josenhans '51, Glen Allen, Va., Dec. 1, 2014. Mr. Josenhans played for the Lehigh University baseball, basketball, football, and swimming teams, held membership in Tau Beta Pi honor society, and was a brother of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Dr. Charles P. Miller '51, '52G, Tucson, Ariz., Feb. 10, 2015. Dr. Miller held membership in the Lehigh concert and marching bands. He worked as the president of Miller Resources Inc. He held membership in the Asa Packer Society.

Mr. William H. Spooner '51, Hanover, Pa., Nov. 3, 2014. Mr. Spooner was a brother of Sigma Chi fraternity. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He worked as a quarry superintendent for Bethlehem Mines. His father, Albert P. Spooner '11, was a Lehigh alumnus.

Mr. Louis M. MacGregor '52, Old Fort, N.C., Sept. 16, 2014. Mr. MacGregor was a brother of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity. His father, Louis J. MacGregor '19, was a Lehigh alumnus.

Mr. Bruce A. Nickel '52, Ridgefield, Conn., Jan. 22, 2015. Mr. Nickel played for the Lehigh rifle and outdoor track teams and was a brother of Delta Upsilon fraternity. He served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. He worked as a manager at IBM Corporation.

Mr. D. Peter Shaw '52, Barrington, R.I., Feb. 11, 2015. Mr. Shaw played for the Lehigh tennis team and was a brother of Phi Sigma Kappa and Delta Upsilon fraternities. He worked

as a metallurgical engineer for Technical Materials. His son Michael D. Shaw '92, is a Lehigh alumnus.

Mr. Walter L. Siebeck-er '52, Woodstock, Ga., Feb. 5, 2015. Mr. Siebeck held membership in the Mustard and Cheese Society and was a brother of Alpha Chi Rho fraternity. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He worked for Westinghouse Elevators and Lerch, Bates and founded an elevator consulting firm. His father, Carl E. Siebeck-er '43, graduated from Lehigh.

Mr. Willoughby C. Block-er '53, Louisville, Ky., Nov. 29, 2014. Mr. Blocker played for the Lehigh ice hockey team, held membership in the Lehigh marching band and Glee Club, and was a brother of Pi Kappa Alpha and Psi Upsilon fraternities. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. He worked as a real property appraiser and as the president of Lugene Opticians and Optical Corporation of America. He was a member of the LUAA alumni band.

Mr. John F. Collins '53, Palmyra, N.J., Jan. 18, 2015. Mr. Collins played for the Lehigh basketball team and marching band and was a brother of Chi Psi fraternity. He worked as the vice president of the manufacturing plant at Aluminum Shapes. He held membership in the LUAA alumni band and the Asa Packer Society.

Dr. William H. Engle '53, Union City, N.J., Dec. 24, 2014. Dr. Engle was a brother of Psi Upsilon fraternity. He held membership in the Tower Society.

Dr. Joseph E. Geusic '53, Berkeley Heights, N.J., Dec. 13, 2014. Mr. Geusic worked for the AT&T Bell Laboratories and the Micron Advanced Research Institute.

Mr. Stephen J. Hayden '53, Emmaus, Pa., Feb. 1, 2015. Mr. Hayden was a brother of Theta Xi and Phi Sigma Kappa fraternities. He served in the U.S. Army

An expert in defect chemistry and much more

DONALD M. SMYTH, a professor emeritus of materials science and engineering, achieved international renown in the field of defect chemistry: His textbook, *Defect Chemistry of Metal Oxides*, was translated into Chinese and other languages, and he was elected to the National Academy of Engineering, the highest honor accorded to engineers in the U.S.

Among his friends and associates at Lehigh, Smyth was known for his sharp sense of humor and for an intellectual curiosity that spanned history, the arts, classical music, geography, politics and more.

Smyth, who died April 25 at the age of 85, joined the faculty in 1971 as director of the Materials Research Center and continued working four days a week long after he retired, collaborating with colleagues on research projects, reviewing papers for professional journals, advising students and writing.

Helen Chan, professor and department chair of materials science and engineering, remembered Smyth as a valued member of the department's lunch crowd.

"Don was old-fashioned in the best sense of the word," said Chan. "He was courteous and a person of integrity. He believed in hard work and social justice.

"Don was an avid reader of *The New York Times*, and current affairs and politics became a staple of our lunchtime discussions. With the upcoming presidential elections, I will definitely miss his oftentimes withering and funny assessment of our political candidates."

Smyth watched the TV quiz show *Jeopardy!* regularly, said Chan, and took delight in knowing the answers to questions that had stumped all the contestants. (One example:

which two U.S. secretaries of state were never married? Answer: James Buchanan and Condoleezza Rice.)

"Sometimes I would encourage Don to try out to be a contestant," said Chan. "But he would shake his head and say that he would be

lost in any categories related to popular culture. He was a reader of political biographies and historical perspectives, not a follower of the Kardashians."

Smyth won many honors during his lifetime. When he was just 29, the Electrochemical Society gave him its top international award for research related to batteries. He was elected a fellow of the American Ceramics Society and received its highest honor, the Robert B. Sosman Award. He served on the Council for Materials at the U.S. Department of Energy and spent a term as chairman of the Materials Research Advisory Committee

for the National Science Foundation.

Five years ago, on his 80th birthday, Smyth was honored with a special session at the Materials Science and Technology Conference and Exhibition in Houston. There, he was cited for "decades of leadership at the frontiers of research" and for his influence on scientific understanding and on the development of future generations of scientists and engineers.

Smyth is survived by Elisabeth, his wife of 64 years, and two daughters, art historian Carolyn Smyth and novelist Joanne Kennedy. Donations may be made to Doctors without Borders or to the Donald M. and Elisabeth L. Smyth Endowed Scholarship Fund in the Lehigh University Office of Advancement.—*Kurt Pfitzer*



Air Corps during World War II. He worked as the president of Keystone Cement Co.

Dr. Charles E. Jenkins '53, Los Alamitos, Calif., Dec. 27, 2014. Dr. Jenkins was a brother of Chi Psi and Sigma Phi fraternities. He served in the U.S. Navy. He worked as a private practice physician.

Mr. Charles E. Klabunde '53, Oak Ridge, Tenn., Feb. 7, 2015. Mr. Klabunde was a brother of Sigma Phi fraternity. He worked as researcher for Oak Ridge National Laboratory. He held membership in the Tower and Asa Packer societies.

Mr. Thomas B. MacCabe Jr. '53, Sarasota, Fla., Feb. 10, 2015. Mr. MacCabe held membership in the Mustard and Cheese Society and was a brother of Pi Kappa Alpha and Kappa Alpha fraternities. He founded MacCabe Electric Conductors, Inc.

Mr. Edward D. MacMurtrie '53, Port Neches, Texas, Nov. 30, 2014. Mr. MacMurtrie served in the U.S. Army. He worked for Texaco.

Mr. John W. Seebald '53, York, Pa., Nov. 27, 2014. Mr. Seebald served in the U.S. Navy. He worked for General Refractories and Allentown Portland Cement. He was a member of the LU Wrestling Club. His brothers, F.W. Seebald '50 and Henry A. Seebald '42, graduated from Lehigh.

Mr. Albert W. Bailey '54, Mayville, N.Y., Jan. 1, 2015. Mr. Bailey was a brother of Kappa Alpha fraternity and a member of the Lehigh Wrestling Club.

Mr. Kenneth C. Haggerty '54, Waterbury, Conn., Feb. 5, 2015. Mr. Haggerty worked as a salesman for Handy and Harmon.

Mr. Robert E. Zoellner '54, Alpine, N.J., Dec. 23, 2014. Mr. Zoellner served on the board of the *Brown and White*, held membership in the Air Force ROTC, played for the Lehigh ice hockey team and was a brother of Pi Kappa Alpha. He was a class

committee member, a Lehigh appointed trustee and a Lehigh honorary trustee; served on the national leadership committee, the Reunion fund committee, and the cultural affairs committee; and held membership in the Asa Packer and Tower societies. His grandson, Andrew C. Garrison '15, is a Lehigh alumnus.

Mr. Edgar Bundt '55, Midland, Ga., Feb. 2, 2015. Mr. Bundt was a brother of Phi Delta Theta fraternity. He worked for North American Aviation and General Dynamics.

Mr. Gordon J. Fiegel '55, Allentown, Pa., Nov. 25, 2014. Mr. Fiegel worked in the production control department of Bethlehem Steel Co., as the general foreman of the Navy Armor Building for Lukens Steel Co., and as a process engineer for Quaker Chemical Corp. He served on the LUAA class Reunion committee and the Reunion planning committee, and served as the LUAA class secretary, the LUAA class treasurer, a LUAA former class officer, and a LUAA class committee member.

Mr. H. Ross Ford Jr. '55, Williamsburg, Va., Jan. 25, 2015. Mr. Ford played for the Lehigh ice hockey team, held membership in the Army ROTC and the Scabbard and Blade honor society, and was a brother of Chi Psi fraternity. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He worked as a manager and broker in real estate. His son, H. Ross Ford III '83, is a member of the Lehigh community.

Dr. Michael J. Lange '55, Bethlehem, Pa., May 31, 2013. Dr. Lange was a brother of Pi Lambda Phi fraternity.

Mr. Richard P. Long '55, East Lansing, Mich., Dec. 12, 2014. Mr. Long was a brother of Pi Lambda Phi fraternity. He worked for Bethlehem Steel and MetLife.

Mr. William C. Lyle '55, Circleville, Ohio, Sept. 25, 2014. Mr. Lyle played for the Lehigh basketball team and was a brother of Theta Xi fraternity. He worked as

a supervisor for E.I. Dupont de Nemours Co.

Mr. John H. Schelleng '55, Interlaken, N.J., Feb. 3, 2015. Mr. Schelleng was a brother of Alpha Phi Omega fraternity. He worked for the U.S. Naval Research Laboratory.

Mr. Nicholas L. Cali '56, Hillsboro, Ore., Oct. 19, 2014. Mr. Cali was a brother of Theta Xi and Sigma Nu fraternities. He served in the U.S. Army. He worked in the insurance industry and owned a consulting business.

Mr. James W. Snyder Jr. '56, Breinigsville, Pa., Dec. 23, 2014. Mr. Snyder was a brother of Kappa Alpha fraternity. He served as a sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps. He worked as a business instructor for Penn State and as a certified public accountant. He served as a class committee member and served on the 40th and 50th Reunion fund committees.

Mr. Jess H. Wadhams '56, Princeton, W. Va., Jan. 9, 2015. Mr. Wadhams served in the U.S. Air Force. He worked for American LaFrance Fire Truck Industry and Volvo Truck Manufacturing, as an engineering manager for several mining machinery companies, and as a professional engineer, and he founded Wadhams Mobile Systems, LLC.

Mr. Joseph Whitefall '56, Englewood, Fla., Feb. 10, 2013. Mr. Whitefall was a brother of Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity.

Mr. Frederick W. Glow '57, Ringtown, Pa., Feb. 7, 2015. Mr. Glow served in the U.S. Army. He worked for U. S. Steel Corp., Westinghouse and Honeywell, as an industry sales manager for Foxboro Co., and as vice president for Automation Research Co.

Mr. Robert M. Hall '57, Erie, Pa., Erie, Pa., Nov. 14, 2014. Mr. Hall played for the Lehigh ice hockey team and was a brother of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity. He worked for Mobile Oil, Welch's and Falconer Plate Glass, and owned Dick's Harbor House. His

daughter, Pamela M. Favret '85, is a Lehigh alumna.

Mr. David F. Hait '58, Silver Spring, Md., Feb. 7, 2015. Mr. Hait was a member of the Mustard and Cheese Society. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He worked as manager of the supply department at Mobil Oil Corp.

Mr. Laurence A. McNellis '58, River Bend, N.C., Jan. 26, 2015. Mr. McNellis held membership in the Mustard and Cheese Society. He served as a sergeant in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He worked for Dow Chemical Co.

Mr. Robert E. Myers '58, Franklin, Ind., Feb. 7, 2015. Mr. Myers held membership in the Omicron Delta Kappa honor society and the Army ROTC, played for the Lehigh wrestling team, and was a brother of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. He served as LUAA club president and held membership in the Lehigh Wrestling Club and the Tower and Asa Packer societies.

Mr. Robert H. Rockel '58, Colorado Springs, Colo., Nov. 15, 2014. Mr. Rockel served in the U.S. Air Force. He worked as a flight simulator for Flight Safety International.

Mr. Llewellyn R. Williams '58, Cold Spring, N.Y., Feb. 20, 2015. Mr. Williams played for the Lehigh football and outdoor track teams and was a brother of Beta Theta Pi fraternity. He held membership in the Asa Packer Society.

Mr. Albert W. Angulo '59, Houston, Texas, Dec. 30, 2014. Mr. Angulo participated in the Air Force ROTC. He served in the U.S. Army. He worked in various positions in the financial industry and as the regional director for the U.S. Trade and Development Agency. He participated in LUAA Alumni Admissions Outreach, on the Reunion fund committee, and as a class committee member, and held membership in the Tower Society.

Mr. Richard C. Currey '59,

Summit, N.J., Nov. 30, 2014. Mr. Currey played for the Lehigh lacrosse team, served on the staff of the *Brown and White*, and was a brother of Sigma Chi fraternity. He worked as a stockbroker for Scotia Bank. He served as a class committee member and on the 35th and 40th Reunion fund committees. His brother, David P. Currey Jr. '57, graduated from Lehigh.

Mr. Joseph J. Sabad '59, Bethlehem, Pa., July 24, 2013. Mr. Sabad was a brother of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. He worked as a chemical engineer for IBM.

Mr. Ronald N. Ziegler '59, Knoxville, Tenn., Nov. 12, 2014. Mr. Ziegler held membership in the Lehigh debate club. He designed automated systems for the medical and food industries and worked in the engineering and computer industries.

1960s

Mr. George L. Engelke Jr. '60, Garden City, N.Y., Dec. 13, 2014. Mr. Engelke served on the staff of the *Epitome*, held membership in Beta Alpha Psi honor society, and was a brother of Delta Upsilon and Phi Sigma Kappa fraternities. He served on the LUAA class Reunion committee, the 50th Reunion fund committee, and the Wall Street Council, served as a class committee member, and held membership in the Tower Society. His daughter, Courtenay D. Engelke '92, is a Lehigh alumna.

Mr. Robert H. Sterne Jr. '60, Waimea, Hawaii, Aug. 24, 2014. Mr. Sterne was a brother of Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity. He worked as a manager of market development for Lukens Steel Co., as general manager of sales for National Forge Co., and as director of international marketing for Jorgensen Forge Corp., and he founded Sterne Associates. He held membership in the Asa Packer Society.

Mr. John Rigg '61, Venice, Fla., Dec. 31, 2014. Mr. Rigg was a brother of Delta Tau Delta fra-

ternity. He worked for Milton Roy Co.

Mr. M. Allyn Gallup Jr. '62, Sarasota, Fla., Nov. 7, 2014. Mr. Gallup was a brother of Phi Delta Theta fraternity. He worked for Citibank, Goldome, and Bank of America, and he founded Allyn Gallup Contemporary Art.

Dr. Charles A. Falcone '63, Hobe Sound, Fla., Jan. 5, 2015. Dr. Falcone ran for the Lehigh outdoor track team and was a brother of Delta Chi and Theta Xi fraternities. He worked as the vice president of information systems, vice president of systems transactions, and senior vice president of system power markets for American Electric Power, and he worked as the director of the Department of Energy. His son, Charles M. Falcone '94, is a Lehigh alumnus.

2nd Lt. Frederick A. Heide '63, Springfield, N.J., Jan. 26, 2015. 2nd Lt. Heide worked as a draftsman and engineer at Star Track Inc. He served in the U.S. Air Force.

Mr. Frederick W. Lark '63, Bernardsville, N.J., Oct. 28, 2014. Mr. Lark held membership in the Mustard and Cheese Society and the Asa Packer Society.

Mr. John R. Webb '63, Austin, Texas, Oct. 31, 2013. Mr. Webb held membership in Tau Beta Pi and Phi Eta Sigma honor societies and was a brother of Sigma Nu fraternity. He worked as president for Exxon Chemical Americas. He served on the 30th Reunion Fund Committee. His children, David R. Webb '87 and Keith L. Webb '94, are Lehigh alumni.

Mr. Robert F. Kreuzer '64, Bryn Mawr, Pa., Feb. 14, 2015. Mr. Kreuzer was a brother of Phi Delta Theta fraternity. He worked as an executive vice president for Machined Metals.

Mr. William A. Prosser Sr. '65, Fairfax, Va., Dec. 21, 2014. Mr. Prosser worked as a civil engineer for the Federal Highway Administration. He served in the U.S. Army.

Mr. Edmund G. Riccio '65, Upper Saucon, Pa., Jan. 3, 2015. Mr. Riccio played for the Lehigh marching and concert bands and was a brother of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity. He worked for Centec, Carpenter Steel, Ingersol Steel and Stainless Steel, and as the president of BethForge for Bethlehem Steel. He played for the LUAA alumni band and served as a Lehigh fund class volunteer. His children, Gregg A. Riccio '92 and Laura A. Riccio '89, and his brother, Lucius J. Riccio '69, are Lehigh alumni.

Mr. James P. Stevenson '65, West Pittston, Pa., Jan. 25, 2015. Mr. Stevenson played for the Lehigh football team, held membership in the Mustard and Cheese Society, and participated in the Army ROTC. He worked in human resources for Diversified Information Technologies, as a mathematics teacher for the Wyoming Area School District, and as a rector and priest for the Episcopal Church. He served in LUAA Alumni Admissions Outreach and as a Lehigh fund class volunteer and LUAA club volunteer. His father, Dean T. Stevenson '37, and his brother, Frederic G. Stevenson '69, graduated from Lehigh.

Mr. Andrew P. Goodman '66, Bettendorf, Iowa, Feb. 13, 2015. Mr. Goodman worked as a civil engineer in the steel industry.

Mr. Alan Van Nimwegen '68, Sanford, Fla., July 16, 2012. Mr. Nimwegen was a brother of Kappa Sigma fraternity. He co-owned and co-operated the Seminole Paint and Body Shop. His brother, Bruce Van Nimwegen '72, graduated from Lehigh.

Mr. John G. Flynn '69, Mountainside, N.J., Nov. 13, 2014. Mr. Flynn worked as a professor of electromechanical technology for Union County College.

1970s

Mr. Larry L. Anthonsen '70, West Chester, Pa., Feb. 16, 2015. Mr. Anthonsen was a brother of Delta Tau Delta fraternity. He

served as a sergeant in the Air National Guard. He worked for Concord Products.

Mr. Bradley W. Oberg '71, Cranberry, Pa., March 10, 2014. Mr. Oberg played for the Lehigh lacrosse team, held membership in the Mustard and Cheese society, and was a brother of Alpha Chi Rho fraternity. He co-founded IBACOS. His father, James L. Oberg '40, was a Lehigh alumnus.

Mr. Michael S. Impink '72, '77G, Camby, Ind., Oct. 24, 2014. Mr. Impink played for the Lehigh football team and was a brother of Chi Psi fraternity. He worked in sales and management for Alcoa. He served on the Wall Street Council. His daughter, Danielle L. Deery '02, is a Lehigh alumna.

Mr. Alexander H. Whitman Jr. '72, Bremerton, Wash., June 20, 2014. Mr. Whitman held membership in the Gryphon Society. He served in the U.S. Navy. He worked as an engineer.

Mr. Robert S. Fleming Jr. '73, '75G, Dallas, Texas, Jan. 12, 2015. Mr. Fleming held membership in the Mustard and Cheese society and was a brother of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. He worked as a consultant and for Sun Oil and Anadarko Petroleum. He served as the LUAA club president.

Mr. Robert H. Grindrod '73, Belvidere, Ill., Dec. 26, 2014. Mr. Grindrod worked as an Episcopal priest for Holy Trinity Church, St. Thomas Episcopal Church for the Deaf, and St. Anna's Church for the Deaf, and as a sign language interpreter for John Hershey High School, for Eden Theological, Arlington Heights, and Concordia Lutheran seminaries, for St. Louis and Washington universities, and for several sign language agencies.

Mr. John W. Powell '74, Ross, Pa., Jan. 13, 2015. Mr. Powell was a brother of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. He worked as a partner of Meyer, Unkovic & Scott LLP and as an adjunct professor for Robert Morris

University. He served as a LUAA club board member and held membership in the Asa Packer and Tower societies. His son, John W. Powell Jr. '10, is a Lehigh alumnus.

Mr. David D. Reynolds '74, Alexandria, Va., Jan. 11, 2015. Mr. Reynolds was a member of the Lehigh swim team and a brother of Chi Psi fraternity. He worked for the U.S. Patent Office and Burns, Doane, Swecker & Mathis.

Lt. Col. Scott L. Wymore '77, St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 17, 2014. Mr. Wymore ran for the Lehigh outdoor track team and was a brother of Phi Delta Theta fraternity. He served in the U.S. Air Force. He worked as the chief of the requirements branch for the U.S. Air Force. He served as the LUAA club president. His daughter, Kristen M. Wymore '12, is a Lehigh alumna.

Mr. Philip D. Royer '78, Pennington, N.J., Jan. 8, 2015. Mr. Royer worked as a section chief for the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

1980s

Mr. Frank J. Glinsky '81, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, Nov. 16, 2014. Mr. Glinsky was a member of Phi Beta Kappa honor society. He worked as a trusts and estates lawyer and established the Personal Planning law firm.

Mrs. Jane A. Sullivan '81, Macungie, Pa., Nov. 4, 2014. Mrs. Sullivan worked as a production engineer for Honeywell Inc., as a manufacturing engineer for Lutron Electronics, and as a teacher's assistant for East Penn School District.

Mr. Philip A. Ricci '82, Brookhaven, Pa., Jan. 25, 2015. Mr. Ricci worked as a forensic scientist for the Pennsylvania State Police Crime Lab.

Mr. Christopher P. Rosebrugh '83, Scottsdale, Ariz., Oct. 23, 2014. Mr. Rosebrugh played for the Lehigh marching band and was a brother of Delta Chi fraternity. He worked as a software engineer for Intel,

a lecturer for Massachusetts Institute of Technology, an independent contractor, and as a CEO and director in the technology industry. He played for the LUAA alumni band.

Mr. Andrew K. Touchstone '85, Gladwyne, Pa., Oct. 21, 2014. Mr. Touchstone founded Philadelphia-based Touchstone & Associates after a successful 15-year career at a large law firm. He was an enthusiastic supporter of Lehigh football, never having missed a Lehigh-Lafayette game, whether home or away.

Mr. Kevin P. Sheehan '88, Brooklyn, N.Y., Feb. 21, 2015. Mr. Sheehan was a brother of Delta Sigma Phi fraternity.

2000s

Mr. Eric C. Crawford '00, Charleston, S.C., Jan. 17, 2015. Mr. Crawford was a brother of Delta Phi fraternity. He worked as a business development manager for Pepco Energy Services.

Mr. Maciej W. Ludwinski '00, Glenolden, Pa., Feb. 28, 2011. Mr. Ludwinski was a brother of Alpha Phi Omega fraternity.

Ms. Jennifer L. Branda '01, Bethlehem, Pa., Feb. 2, 2015. Ms. Branda's grandfather, Richard Branda '33, graduated from Lehigh.

Mr. Stephen N. Richardson '01, Fort Worth, Texas, Feb. 10, 2015. Mr. Richardson played for the Lehigh University cross country and outdoor track teams. He worked in the investment industry. He served on the Wall Street Council.

GRADUATE

Mr. James G. Kerr '47G, Winchester, Calif., Sept. 3, 2014. Mr. Kerr worked for Los Alamos National Laboratory, for CF Braun & Co. and for Aramco, and as a chief materials engineer for Chevron and a metallurgy instructor for Lehigh.

Mr. Robert J. Snyder '51G, Walnutport, Pa., Jan. 7, 2015. Mr. Snyder served as a sergeant

in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II.

Mr. Darien R. Smith '55G, Phillipsburg, N.J., Feb. 17, 2015. Mr. Smith served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He worked as a guidance counselor, principal and history teacher for the Easton Area School District.

Mr. Gilbert E. Gearhart '58G, Oct. 24, 2014. Mr. Gearhart worked for the environmental protection office of the State of New Mexico, as a plant manager for Atochem plant, as a chemical engineer and as a Presbyterian minister.

Mr. Bradford K. Pease P.E. '59G, Bethlehem, Pa., Feb. 2, 2015. Mr. Pease worked for the Bethlehem Steel management training program and the research department.

Mr. Marlyn L. Roth '59G, Nazareth, Pa., Feb. 23, 2015. Mr. Roth served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He worked as a teacher, guidance counselor, and athletic director.

Mr. Joseph F. Schrader Jr. '59G, Bethlehem, Pa., Dec. 22, 2014. Mr. Schrader served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He worked as the school psychologist and director of student services for the Pennsbury School District.

Mr. Lawrence A. Walter '61G, Allentown, Pa., Dec. 28, 2014. Mr. Walter served in the U.S. Army. He worked as a technical supervisor for Bell Labs.

Ms. Nancy J. Kernan '62G, Bethlehem, Pa., Dec. 16, 2014. Ms. Kernan worked as a teacher at Ritter Elementary School for the Allentown School District.

Ms. Alice L. Burrows '64G, Suffern, N.Y., July 17, 2003. Ms. Burrows worked as a guidance counselor and teacher for Phillipsburg High School, as a business teacher for Easton Area High School, and as a guidance counselor for Nanuet High School.

Rev. Frederick V. Kettle '64G, Blue Bell, Pa., Jan. 31, 2009.

Mrs. Madelyn Z. Delker '65G, Bethlehem, Pa., Dec. 11, 2014. Mrs. Delker worked as a teacher for the Bethlehem Area School District.

Mr. Donald P. Wahlgren '65G, '69G, Easton, Pa., Dec. 26, 2014. Mr. Wahlgren worked for Ingersoll Rand and as a consultant for Bethlehem Corp.

Mr. Eugene F. Knopf '66G, Allentown, Pa., Nov. 2, 2014.

Dr. Edward J. Cody '67G, '70G, Normandy Beach, N.J., Jan. 5, 2015. Dr. Cody worked as a faculty member, associate dean, academic administrator, fiscal vice president, and provost and vice president of academic affairs for Ramapo College.

Mr. William Collier '69G, Buckingham, Pa., Dec. 6, 2014. Mr. Collier served as a colonel in the U.S. Army. He worked as a social studies teacher for the Hatboro-Horsham School District and as a teacher for the Maple Shade School District.

Mr. David W. Skeath '69G, Orefield, Pa., Jan. 15, 2015. Mr. Skeath worked as an executive for PP&L. His son, David W. Skeath II '86, is a Lehigh alumnus.

Mr. Charles H. Blackburn III '70G, Lawrenceville, Ga., June 19, 2014. Mr. Blackburn served in the U.S. Army. He worked for Schlumberger Well Surveying Corp. and as a manufacturing and research engineer and technology manager for Western Electric Co.

Dr. Mary A. Conahan '70G, Hellertown, Pa., Nov. 11, 2014. Dr. Conahan worked for the Bethlehem Area School District.

Mr. Lawrence F. Hilliard '74G, Butler, Pa., Dec. 2, 2014. Mr. Hilliard served in the U.S. Navy. He worked for Air Products and Chemicals Inc. and as a finance director for the City of Allentown.

Mr. Bernard L. Hahn '75G, Tucson, Ariz., Dec. 12, 2014. Mr. Hahn served in the U.S. military during the Vietnam War. He worked for Eastern Airlines, United Express and United Airlines.

Mr. Thomas P. Papson '75G, Maynard, Mass., Jan. 6, 2015. Mr. Papson worked as a sales manager for Hewlett Packard Corp.

Mr. George S. Scoufalos '76G, Red Lion, Pa., June 28, 2012.

Mrs. Evelyn H. Walters '76G, Easton, Pa., Jan. 11, 2015. Mrs. Walters worked as a substitute teacher for the Easton, Wilson and Nazareth school districts.

Mrs. Patricia A. Pressman '77G, Allentown, Pa., Feb. 14, 2015. Mrs. Pressman worked as a clinical supervisor and assistant administrator for Temple University Hospital, as an instructor of nursing and patient education for the Sacred Heart School of Nursing, and as a nurse for Sacred Heart Hospital.

Mr. George M. Shendock '78G, Swoyersville, Pa., June 5, 2014. Mr. Shendock worked as head teacher for Dana Elementary School and for Franklin Street School, and as an elementary school teacher for the Wyoming Valley West School District.

Mr. David C. Shapiro '82G, Chicago, Ill., Feb. 7, 2015. Mr. Shapiro worked as the executive director and head of Midwest restructuring for Capstone Advisory LLC.

Mrs. Judith M. Body '86G, Allentown, Pa., Jan. 23, 2015. Mrs. Body worked for the Carbon Intermediate Unit. She held membership in the Tower Society. Her daughter, Wendy Body '85, is a Lehigh alumna.

Mr. Drew P. Halevy '91G, Celina, Texas, Nov. 2, 2014. Mr. Halevy served in the U.S. Navy. He worked as a teacher.

Mr. Peter P. DeVere '95G, Tucson, Ariz., Jan. 30, 2015. Mr. DeVere worked for Big Rock Point nuclear power plant, for ARAMCO, and as an engineer and fabrication yard manager for McDermott International.

Mr. Todd W. Painton '99G, Wyomissing, Pa., Dec. 11, 2014. Mr. Painton worked for Wolf Distributing.

NOSTALGIA: Reunions



FOR AS LONG AS LEHIGH has had graduates, it's had loyal alumni eager to return to South Mountain to reunite with classmates and reminisce. Alumni reunion events have varied over the years, but the spirit remains the same. Today, Lehigh's lively Alumni Weekend events include yoga, Mountain Talks, campus bus tours, a block party on The Hill and the Brown and White Bash. Some re-

union traditions, though, remain timeless: The *Brown and White* reported that following the Class of 1887's 10-year reunion, participants attended a banquet, took several photos and "many enthusiastic speeches were made." The more things change, the more they stay the same. *Historic photo courtesy of Lehigh University Special Collections. 2015 photos: Academic Image*

TRADITION

Members of the Class of 1950
reunited on Alumni weekend in May.
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Dancers from Lehigh and the surrounding region gathered on campus in April for the annual DanceFest celebration.

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