

Gettysburg

College's Magazine



BACK^{-TO-}BACK CHAMPIONS



WE ARE THE

CHAMPIONS

What work goes into building a championship team?

Since the 2000 season, the women's lacrosse program has claimed three national titles, won 11 Centennial Conference titles, and competed in the NCAA playoffs 18 times.

For the last several years, the team has adhered to a deceptively simple but effective tradition: pick one word to guide you through the season.

From senior All-American **Katie Landry '18 (THIRST)** to first-year attacker **Brianna Stokes '21 (HEART)**, each member of the team, coaches included, selects a single word to serve as a guide through the year. This word serves as a reminder of what is most important.

COMMIT. BELIEF. GRIT. HEART. PERSEVERANCE.

Those were just a handful of the guide words chosen by members of the Gettysburg College women's lacrosse team heading into the 2018 season.

"The word they select is for them, but they also share it with the team and coaches so we all can help them stay accountable to living by their word," said **Head Coach Carol Cantele '83**, who chose "**DANCE**" as her word for 2018. "I believe that it has been pretty powerful and has made an impact on the players."

Over the last two seasons, Gettysburg built upon the foundation of those words and climbed to the top of the NCAA Division III lacrosse world. After winning the program's second national title in 2017, the Bullets became just the second team in the last 11 years to repeat as national champion this past May, defeating Middlebury College, 11-9, in the title game at Kerr Stadium on the campus of Roanoke College.

During that course of time, it has taken a collection of different individuals to reach those lofty heights, but ultimately that success has been focused on one particular word chosen by junior defender **Brooke Holechek '19** in 2018—**CHAMPION**.

10 WINS OVER PROGRAMS THAT FINISHED AMONG THE TOP 25
IN THE FINAL INTERCOLLEGIATE WOMEN'S LACROSSE COACHES
ASSOCIATION (IWLCA) DIVISION III COACHES POLL

This is the first time Gettysburg has won back-to-back team national titles.
THE ONLY INDIVIDUAL BACK-TO-BACK NATIONAL TITLES CAME FROM:



JOE
BAVARO '66
wrestler
1965–66



LYNNE
CASSIDY '92
swimmer
1990–91



#3 LIZA BARR '20 attack

Sophomore **Liza Barr '20** led Gettysburg with a career-high five goals in the national title game against Middlebury. Barr had posted just six goals in the previous four playoff games combined. Barr is the daughter of Gettysburg alum and All-American defensive back **Brian Barr '86**, who led the 1985 football team to the national semifinals and was inducted into the Hall of Athletic Honor in 2006. Barr was featured in *Sports Illustrated's* "Faces in the Crowd" section this summer.

BACK-TO-BACK CHAMPIONS



Left to right: Maggie Welsh '18, Cassie Smith '18, Elsie Wagner '18, Associate Coach Barb Jordan, Katie Landry '18, Head Coach Carol Cantele '83, Ali Gorab '18, Maggie McClain '18, Katie Willis '18, and Assistant Coach Kate Fowler

From the president

As many of you know, I announced in May that I will be retiring as president of Gettysburg College following the 2018–19 academic year. Not surprisingly, this is a bittersweet moment. Although I believe the time is right for me to transition into retirement, and I look forward to the adventures ahead, my heart will always be with Gettysburg. But before I wax too sentimental, let me quickly turn to the work we have before us this year.

I have written in prior columns about two of the three pillars of our strategic plan (www.gettysburg.edu/plan): Impact and Innovation. Today, I write about the third pillar, Internationalization and Inclusion, which focuses on the cultivation of a diverse, inclusive, and welcoming campus environment that prepares our students to thrive as citizens and professionals in a diverse society and an internationally interconnected world.

Over the past several years, we have made remarkable strides in recruiting and retaining talented students from across the nation and around the globe. The Class of 2022 is the most diverse in the College's history, with more than 31 international students coming from 12 countries, domestic students coming from 28 states and Puerto Rico, 157 domestic students of color, and 151 first-generation college students.

The diversity of our student body is of great benefit, as it provides everyday opportunities to share and debate a variety of ideas and perspectives, enriching the

learning experience immeasurably. As I welcomed the Class of 2022 to campus, I spoke about our institutional philosophy supporting freedom of expression, which was approved by our Student Senate, faculty, and Board of Trustees last spring (www.gettysburg.edu/freedomofexpression). Of course with that freedom comes responsibility—and so we strive to teach our students the importance of respect and empathy as they engage one another, skills that we think are ever more important in an increasingly diverse society.

In addition, Gettysburg's academic and cocurricular programs are designed to expand the perspectives of our students. Gettysburg students must take at least one year of language study and two cultural diversity courses. Thanks to the efforts of our Center for Global Education (CGE), the Institute of International Education has consistently ranked us among the top 10 liberal arts colleges for our semester-long study experiences. Sixty percent of Gettysburgians spend at least one semester studying in locations around the world, from Norway to China and Morocco to Brazil. Nine hundred fifty of our students, faculty, and staff have been issued the Intercultural Development Inventory. Our Center for Public Service (CPS), which is nationally recognized for its approach to community-based learning and research, sends students into local and global communities, prepared to collaborate with community partners as they offer support and work together on issues

of importance. All of these experiences advance our students' intercultural understanding.

We have also aligned our facilities with our inclusion efforts. For example, our newly renovated Mosaic House provides a home for our Office of Multicultural Engagement, as well as social space for our community and residential space for our students. Our newly opened Center for Religious and Spiritual Life likewise provides gathering space, welcoming all Gettysburgians for programs and social events.

Many members of our community have happily observed that our campus looks and feels different than it did just a few years ago. That is as it should be. There is strength in diversity, and today's student experience is building on that strength.

As the world changes, so must we.

Sincerely,



Janet Morgan Riggs '77
President

What's Next

The Winter 2019 issue of *Gettysburg* magazine will honor **President Janet Morgan Riggs '77**, who retires in June 2019.



HISTORY that's digital

It was a damp, cold March morning when **Prof. Ian Isherwood '00**, archivist **Amy Lucadamo '00**, and students **Meghan O'Donnell '18** and **Jesse Campana '18** trudged through open fields in France.

Armed with reproductions of maps, letters, and 100-year-old photographs, the team's goal was to locate a dugout used in a World War I battle over the small town of Le Verguier.

During the battle, the dugout was used by British officer Jack Peirs—the focal point of the team's multi-year digital history project called "The First World War Letters of H.J.C. Peirs," which aims to personalize the experience of a world war through sharing Peirs's letters online.

With the support of alumni and a crowdfunding campaign, the team traveled to France with the purpose of contextualizing their digital history project.

"I've been on a lot of battlefield tours, but never one where we were assembling the narrative in the moment," Isherwood said. "We were reconstructing a timeline of events that no one has paid attention to in 100 years. This gave our students the

opportunity to do ground-breaking research and make real-time discoveries."

Among them: shrapnel buried in the ground that originated from the battle, metal left behind from the trenches that had been salvaged and repurposed by locals as they rebuilt their town, and the location of several key spaces and events from the battle that had been ignored—including the dugout they were searching for. "We designed the trip in a way that we could bring the experience we were having in France back to Gettysburg and the classroom," Lucadamo added.

Students from Isherwood's Aftermath: The Experience of War and "Modern" Memory class Skyped from France with students in Musselman Library's Special Collections, who were surrounded by Jack Peirs's original letters.

The experience proved to be an innovative learning opportunity that has changed the way students think about conducting historical research. ■

—Kasey Varner '14



Worldwide CONNECTIONS

Allison Dauner Zoller '01 was deep in the Amazon rainforest, training Navy personnel on how to use the diagnostic tests that could help doctors identify dengue fever more quickly.

Over 3,000 miles from campus, at a remote satellite lab run by the U.S. Navy, she met a fellow alum.

"He graduated the year that I enrolled at Gettysburg, and here we both were, working on the same clinical trial halfway around the world," Zoller said.

As part of a network of 30,000 alumni actively engaged

in their professions, many alums have come to find unexpected connections to their alma mater.

As an undergrad, Zoller declared a major in biology and spent three summers conducting research with biology **Prof. Kazuo Hiraizumi**—an influential experience that led her to focus on immunology and pursue her PhD at Emory University.

"By the time I got to graduate school, I already had all of the experiences I needed to succeed," Zoller said. "How to pose a hypothesis, how to prove it, how

to defend it—all of the skills I needed to succeed in graduate school, I learned at Gettysburg."

The opportunity to conduct research was so formative that it has served as the basis for her continued connection to Gettysburg College—providing internships and externships to current students.

"I've always believed that because I had such a positive experience, I should return the favor and help others have an equally positive experience, too," said Zoller. "I know the opportunities to conduct research have only expanded since I was a student, but I wanted to help students extend that experience through an internship so they know with confidence if this is what they want to do."

Zoller has worked for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Department of Defense through the Henry M. Jackson Foundation. Now, she works at a pharmaceutical company that is a world leader in vaccine development. She is working on building a better flu vaccine.

Help students explore their professional paths. Contact the Center for Career Engagement to find out how at 717.337.6616 or career@gettysburg.edu. ■

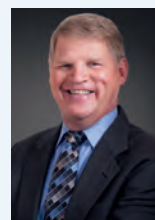
Three join the Board of Trustees



Flora D. Darpino '83 is a retired three-star general and military lawyer who was the 39th Judge Advocate General of the United States Army, the first woman to hold that position. Darpino was the 2014 Gettysburg College Commencement Speaker, where she received an honorary degree.



Matthew G. McDevitt '87 is a partner with Transwestern Consulting Group in Berwyn, Pennsylvania, where he specializes in the leasing and sale of life science real estate for tenants and landlords.



Craig R. Swanson '80 is a retired senior vice president with Science Applications International Corporation in Reston, Virginia. He was inducted in the Gettysburg College Hall of Athletic Honor in 2015.

Charles (Buz) MYERS JR. P'09

Buz on campus

I like to tell people it's a Biblical name from Genesis 22, but that's not why I have the nickname. My parents gave it to me—I'm a junior and my father was "Bus" so I am "Buz." There's no significance to the one "z."

On the meaning of life

Emeritus Prof. Carey A. Moore taught a course on death and dying for 25 years, and when he retired he made me promise to continue teaching it. The thesis of my Death and the Meaning of Life course, now a First-Year Seminar, is that you can't understand the meaning of life if you haven't confronted the reality of your own death. Death is in everything around us, but we rarely talk about it—we are a death-denying society. I am interested in getting students to wrestle with the reality of death.

On gratitude

I was once asked what I would say to students if it were my last lecture. What I would say is, "Thank you." Every class has its own character; the excitement of my students is contagious, and they challenge me to think more deeply and be more engaged.

I was on my way to class 10 or 15 years ago when I got a phone call from a former student, **Martha Griswold Quijano '93**. She had been through brain surgery and endured a great deal of pain. She said that during that time she thought about my lecture on how much pain Jesus must have endured during his crucifixion (pictured, a first century Roman nail) and she called to thank me.

I was so touched by the story and to hear what impact I'd had on her, then heartbroken when I learned that she died in 2015. Martha was a remarkable person. Students don't know the impact *they* have on the people who teach them.

Prof. Charles (Buz) Myers Jr. P'09 held the Edwin T. Johnson and Cynthia Shearer Johnson Distinguished Teaching Professor in the Humanities Chair and served as chair of the Department of Religious Studies. An ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church, Myers teaches and preaches in local churches and regional and national conferences. He has received awards for his work in prison ministry. ■



Sunderman Prof. Bill O'Hara

PIONEERS

video game music course

For some Gettysburgians, an obsession with video games can mean “game over” for their scholarly pursuits. Not Sunderman Conservatory of Music **Prof. Bill O'Hara**—he's actually built a career around it.

In the spring of 2018, O'Hara taught a course devoted to video game music.

“We're one of the first 10 or 15 schools in the United States to offer a class like this,” said O'Hara, who joined the Sunderman faculty last year after earning his PhD in music theory from Harvard. “In my mind, it's a way of encouraging students to study something they're interested in and letting them build upon it.”

Through the innovative course, music and non-music majors create their own video game soundtracks and explore the vital role that new technology, math, and programming played in the development of musical styles over the decades.

“Older video games from the '80s and '90s were more primitive, more synthesized and mechanical in their musical approach, but as the games evolved and became more advanced, so did their music,” reflected O'Hara. “Today, games like ‘Call of Duty’ have full orchestral soundtracks, similar to film music.”

“As a kid, I always loved ‘Super Mario’ and ‘Mega Man’ video games and their music, so when I was working on my graduate degree, I decided to study these two disciplines and bring them together,” he said. “That was right around the same time video game music started to emerge as an academic field, and since then it has really exploded.”

Upon completion of his course, O'Hara hopes Gettysburg students gain a greater appreciation for creative inquiry—a hallmark of a liberal arts education.

“To me, it is important for students to learn transferrable skills—video, photography, and sound editing, in addition to composition and writing,” said O'Hara.

“The traditional path for music majors has been to go to graduate school or become a private teacher, but now, you're just as likely to record a soundtrack for the new ‘Destiny’ game as you are to get a job in the Los Angeles Philharmonic or record a Hollywood soundtrack. Video game music is a growing career path, and Gettysburg is well positioned to produce graduates who will bring energy and new ideas to the field.” ■

—Jordan Marks '18

Snapshots

Hall of Athletic Honor

Congratulations to the 2018 inductees: **Weston Bartlett '94** (tennis), **Liz Janelle '03** (swimming), **Curtis McNeil '02** (basketball), **Terry Reinman '89** (cross country, track and field, swimming), **Barry Streeter** (coach: football, track and field), and **Jennifer White '01** (field hockey, softball). The 1977 Men's Track and Field team was named a Team of Distinction.

Lincoln Prize awarded, new professorship endowed

The 2018 Gilder Lehrman Lincoln Prize was awarded to Edward Ayers for his book, *The Thin Light of Freedom: The Civil War and Emancipation in the Heart of America*, at an annual event hosted by Gettysburg College and the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. Also announced was the establishment of a new Gilder Lehrman National Endowment for the Humanities Professorship of Civil War Era Studies at Gettysburg College, to be held by Civil War Era Studies **Prof. Allen Guelzo**.



PROSE Prize

Philosophy **Prof. Daniel DeNicola's** book, *Understanding Ignorance: The Surprising Impact of What We Don't Know*, won the 2018 PROSE award from the Association of American Publishers in the philosophy category.



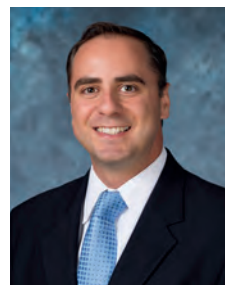
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Scientific collaboration

Prof. Nikki Shariat and students from her phage course were invited to participate in a program World Learning coordinated for the U.S. Department of State. The students hosted and presented their research to six visitors from Abkhazia as part of their program to learn about U.S. initiatives for mitigating agricultural threats.

A new era in Athletics

Mike Mattia is the new Executive Director of Intercollegiate Athletics and Campus Recreation, coming to Gettysburg after having been a football coach, athletic fundraiser, and, most recently, deputy director of athletics at the Johns Hopkins University (JHU) athletic department. **B.J. Dunne**, previously the head men's basketball coach at Vassar College, is the newest head men's basketball coach.



Mike Mattia



B.J. Dunne



What makes a **GREAT** JOKE



What makes a great joke? This question unexpectedly shaped my research. Ten years ago, I decided to try something I've always loved—stand-up comedy. I didn't make it very far in the comedy world, mostly open mic nights at comedy clubs and a couple paid gigs at colleges, but it gave me the opportunity to hang out with working comedians talking about humor.

Then, I discovered a growing literature in the philosophy of humor and realized that what the philosophers were writing about humor was very different from what the comedians were saying. It led me to think about humor differently and that led to several papers delivered at the annual conference of the Lighthearted Philosophers Society, and ultimately

to my latest book, *Isn't That Clever: A Philosophical Account of Humor and Comedy*.

Jokes, I argue, are conspicuous acts of playful cleverness. The most important term in the definition is "clever," by which I mean that it displays a cognitive virtue, a way of thinking that would be good to have outside of the artistic context of a joke. It could be Jerry Seinfeld's observational abilities, Dennis Miller's wide range of knowledge, Steven Wright's imagination, or Frank Caliendo's attention to detail. It is taking an intellectual ability and displaying it in a way that plays with something artistically. A good joke is one that is legitimately clever.

Take George Carlin's "Why do we drive on a parkway and park on a driveway?" It's a fantastic joke.

First, it is crafted beautifully—a good joke has to be tight, that is, worded in a way that contains all and only what it needs to do its job, but that wording has to contain a rhythm that allows for the proper timing that will trigger the cognitive switch that generates the laughter.

Further, the content is simple and true. It is something well-known to all, but an element that was completely ignored until it was pointed out. And once you see it, you will never go back to the way you were before the joke.

But what makes it magnificent is the symmetry. Half that joke would be a good joke. Pointing out the incongruity between the name and the meaning of either "parkway" or "driveway" would be clever enough. But the symmetry makes it the verbal equivalent of an M.C. Escher print. It is well-crafted and true, but most of all, clever. ■

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Prof. Steve Gimbel's research interests include the philosophy of science, humor, and ethics. Recently published books include *Einstein: His Space and Times* (2015); and *Isn't That Clever: A Philosophical Account of Humor and Comedy* (2017).

Biology major • Former executive vice president, IBAH • Retired chief association officer, Association of Clinical Research Professionals • 12 years on College BOT • Trustee Emerita • Served on Board of Fellows, Commission on the Future, and Reunion committees • Served on first Sunderman Conservatory of Music Oversight Board • Recipient of 2010 Meritorious Service Award, with Bruce Alan Baky '65 (deceased) • Married to Bill Nessler P'01 • Resides in Bryn Mawr (PA)

Supports G'burg because

Gettysburg gave me the knowledge and strength to pursue my 36-year career in the medical field and the tools to achieve enough success to be able to give something back.

Champion of

Gettysburg faculty. Established endowed funds to support professional development and off-campus involvement to enable faculty to meet educational challenges with fresh insight and creativity that will enrich the learning environment for the superb students that Gettysburg College attracts.

Gettysburg must-stops

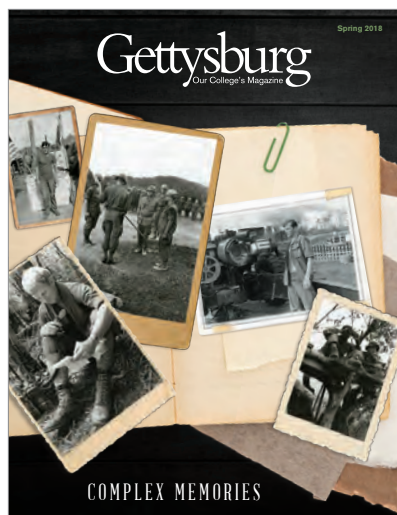
Science building study room. Kilwin's for ice cream.

Most influential profs

Lou Hammann '51, religious studies and philosophy; **Bob Barnes P'81**, biology; and **Helen Darrah**, biology

Last seen on campus: May 2018, honored at Benefactors Wall ceremony





Rev. John H. Thomas '72, in response to the spring issue's cover story on memories of the Vietnam era, was concerned that focusing almost entirely on Gettysburgians who lost their lives in the conflict, while highly significant, obscured the larger picture of the War's impact on the College, which included intense

Conversa

classroom and dorm debate, anti-war protests, and student activism. "As the father of an Army veteran who is also a Gettysburg alum, I am grateful that the sacrifices of classmates are now memorialized. But let's also remember other heroes like **Rev. Dr. John Vannorsdall '72** who helped us face the urgent moral questions the War posed and reminded us that service to our country also includes the witness of the conscientious objector and the voice of principled dissent."

Bill Bock '66 emailed writer **Kasey Varner '14** his thanks: "I...liked how you linked and brought together disparate elements

of the entire story—complex memories indeed. On a personal note, I went down to the Wall at 'oh dark thirty' on Memorial Day to spend a few moments with my platoon leader and friend, Buck Thompson, who died in agony in a hillside near Dak To on November 19, 1967. I expected a little solitude at 3:45 in the morning and was surprised and pleased to see so many others with similar memories. It was strangely comforting."

Many thanks to **Bob Schultz '57** for correcting our misspelling of **Carol Traynor Williams '57** in the "In memory" pages. ●

On social media

President Riggs announces June 2019 retirement

15K Views · about 2 months ago

President Janet Morgan Riggs '77 has announced her plan to retire in June 2019. Thank you for inspiring us to do great work! gburg.us/2w8SnAh

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- Amy Coles Felicars Congratulations!! You were one of the first professors to welcome me to campus... Wish you all the best. Like · Reply · 10w
- Virginia Smith Tambur A great lady — I can only imagine how much you will be missed! Like · Reply · 10w
- Joann Grayson These shoes will be hard to fill. Janet Riggs has been spectacular in her role as president! Her leadership will be missed. Like · Reply · 10w
- Stacy Deuel Great message, but sad news. We have been very lucky to have President Riggs in place for so many years doing wonderful things for the college and community. You will be missed, but I hope you are moving on to some other exciting and fun adventures! Like · Reply · 10w
- Gayle Spencer I'm selfishly sad to see her Write a comment...

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Social media continued

Following her retirement announcement, an outpouring of comments wished **President Janet Morgan Riggs '77** well via Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. **W. Kent Barnds '92** said, "Wonderful leader and person. I am so very proud of President Riggs's accomplishments and leadership of Gettysburg College. Gettysburg College is a much better place because of her steady leadership." "Congratulations!" says **Amy Coles Fisicaro '05**. "You were one of the first professors to welcome me to campus. Wish you all the best." **Gayle Spencer P'11** shared: "I'm selfishly sad to see her retire but grateful that my daughter was there 2007–2011 to benefit from her leadership, forward thinking, and Great Work."

The story of "8 Gettysburg classes that will change the way you think" triggered fond memories from alums. **Chuck Steel '97** called out geometry with **Prof. David Flesner** and a lab techniques course with **Prof. Donald Jameson**: "It was amazing how I was able to apply lessons from the geometry class to my theological studies at Gettysburg Seminary almost 20 years later." **Deidre Sepp '75**: "Psych 101 with **Dr. D'Agostino** changed my life!" **Tyler Littleton '07** said, "Any...classes I took with the incredible **LEGEND** of Gettysburg College, **Dr. Leslie Cahoun**, would count. From our exploration of the Latin language to the deep introspective examination of ancient Greek and Roman civilizations, my perspective on the modern world was fundamentally changed for the better." Clash of Cultures: Germany and Turkey; the Imagining Peace senior scholars seminar; and Electron Microscopy with **Prof. Ralph Cavaliere** were **Abdur Rehman '13**, **David Moyer '88**, and **Corey Ehrenwerth's '98** picks. **Alyson Nawossa '01** added, "One of my favorites was the philosophy of science. As a CS and math major, it was an interesting mix of topics."

Our video from Get Acquainted Day 2018 prompted the following recollections. **Sue Creighton P'21** said, "I remember this day like it was yesterday. This was the event one year ago which made me realize that Tommy was going to love Gettysburg College, and I was right." **Edward B. Ryder IV '77** said, "For many, if not the vast majority, it will be one of the best decisions they will ever

have made. Over four decades later, the friends I made at G'burg remain, perhaps to the point of silliness, in that my old college roommate and I still talk at least every other week and we haven't been on campus together since 1977. Yes, higher education and college are expensive, but less expensive than ignorance, and the friendships and experiences undertaken at G'burg cannot be assigned a monetary price tag."

On **Christina Noto's '19** reflection of studying abroad, **Jessica Myers '04** commented, "This was very cool to read and reminded me of my Gettysburg experience. I graduated in 2004 after creating my own major in peace and conflict studies (at the time I had to call it The Nature of Peace and Conflict). I also attended an SIT program (in Ireland and Northern Ireland) and am so glad those are still an option at Gettysburg. I'm also so excited that this peace and justice minor exists now. Those experiences almost 20 years ago definitely shaped my life."

And in the news

Featured on C-SPAN: the Civil War Institute's summer conference. View the video archive online.

Maneesha Mukhi '03 was profiled in *Fast Company* for her work founding ImmiGo, a startup helping individuals and businesses find high-quality immigration attorneys in the United States.

Economics **Prof. Rimvydas Baltaduonis** was featured in a Q&A for *The Baltic Times* about his role as co-chairman of the Joint Commission of the Lithuanian Parliament and the Lithuanian World Community.

NBC News showed several Gettysburg College clips in its annual commencement video. See how many you can spot online.

Calling all creatives. **Profs. Ari Isaacman-Beck** (a violinist) and **Taylor Brorby** (a writer) recently hosted an event at Musselman Library entitled "Behind the Scenes of the Artistic Process." We're interested in hearing from alums—what inspires you to do your best creative work? ●

Keep reading, keep liking, keep sharing,
and keep the Conversations rolling by sending
alumnimagazine@gettysburg.edu your thoughts. ■

Special Commencement

is an intimate version of our larger ceremony, one I have covered for the last five years.

Before the ceremony, the graduates and the platform party were waiting in Stevens Theatre. It's one of my favorite places on campus. Its tall and unique windows are the main source of light for a room covered in black; the juxtaposition of these elements creates a moody space.

There is a sense of anticipation building up to Commencement. Students are adjusting their tassels, joking with friends, and getting ready to make the walk across that stage. This image speaks to that anticipation—there's excitement in the contrast of light and dark.

Early in my career as a photojournalist, I was taught at every assignment to: 1. make the photos you need and 2. make the photos you want, for yourself. This was one of those “want” situations.

I stepped back to frame up these beautifully historic windows. For a few moments, I reveled that no one was aware of my camera. I watched for layers of action and took a quick series of shots before moving on. When editing, I was struck by the mini-scenes happening within this one frame. Each student tells a story of that anticipation. With its strong mood and layers of story, this image perfectly captured what it feels like to be a graduate. ■

—Miranda Harple

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Canon 35mm, f1.4 II lens

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Men's and women's lacrosse competed in the NCAA Division III Championships over Commencement weekend. Gettysburg College held a Special Commencement Ceremony for the 16 graduating seniors on May 17, 2018.







BATTLEFIELD

AS TEACHER

FOR SOME COURSES IN
art, science, and the social sciences—as
well as history—Gettysburg’s momentous
battlefield becomes the College’s
largest classroom.





AT DAWN AT

Gettysburg National Military Park
(GNMP), a mist hangs over the crags of Devil's Den, the slope of Little Round Top, the headstones of the national cemetery, the blossoms of the apple trees, and the looming monuments. Against this backdrop, visitors—including Gettysburg College students and faculty—reflect on the bloodiest of Civil War battles and contemplate its historical reverberations.

Mere steps from the College, the park is fertile ground for history scholars. Its role as a living laboratory for disciplines beyond history may be surprising. Learning through observation and experience is a core tenet of a Gettysburg College liberal arts education. The GNMP provides students and faculty personal, hands-on connections to learning and research in history—as well as science and the arts.

A SCIENTIFIC CONNECTION

History buffs, here's a test: did you know the battlefield is a prime site for studying geology of the Mesozoic Era? Or that the stones on the bridge near Big Round Top are embedded with dinosaur prints? Many students at Gettysburg College are intimately aware of these facts from their fieldwork in geology, ecology, and environmental sciences.

"Ecology is the study of interactions between species and their environment, but even the most basic concepts can seem rather arcane until students are able to witness them in the field," said environmental studies **Prof. Andrew Wilson**.

Wilson uses the park in his Principles of Ecology and Environmental Science and Society classes. In the latter, students set up cameras to capture nocturnal wildlife in their natural habitats. "The camera-trapping project allows students to think carefully about how to gather information on species that are difficult to observe and promotes learning through experience," said Wilson.

"Students are generally quite naïve to just how much wildlife there is right on their doorstep. It is eye-opening for them to learn that they can leave the camera to gather scientific data 24 hours a day while they are getting on with their lives minutes away."

Alyssa Kaewwilai '20 found it "exciting to see new forms of wildlife while being able to appreciate the Gettysburg landscape from an entirely new perspective."

Kaewwilai was also a student in Wilson's Principles of Ecology class, in which students take part in a three-week field lab. During the first week, they visit an older field habitat to measure tree and shrub density, diversity, patchiness, and canopy cover. During week two, they visit a mature woodland and take similar measurements. During the final week, the class conducts statistical analyses to see how the patterns and diversity of trees and shrubs differ.

"The students gain an understanding of the ecological process that causes successional change from open field through to a mature forest," said Wilson. "It's also a great way of introducing various sampling techniques and getting students to think about study design."

Kaewwilai said she worked with new equipment, such as spectrometers that measure the

intensity of light, while also learning how to incorporate gridding into the evaluation of tree species.

The chatter of Wilson's Principles of Ecology class can be overheard by the students in environmental studies **Prof. Sarah M. Principato's** Earth System Science class, as their fieldwork often overlaps.

In Principato's class, environmental science collides with history. Students learn about the geologic history of the area then study how the different rock types make up the topography of the battlefield and how they influenced the Battle of Gettysburg. From the vantage points of Seminary Ridge, Devil's Den, and the Overlook Tower, students learn about the geology of the area long before the Civil War: when dinosaurs roamed the earth and when Pangaea began to break apart into the continents.

Gettysburg is part of a failed rift basin; several failed rift basins are present along the east coast of the United States. "When rifting occurred, a large rift basin (i.e. lake) formed, which created the sedimentary rocks in the Gettysburg area," explained Principato.

Some of the rocks had magma pushing up through them, which created the igneous rock called diabase. The important areas of high elevation are composed of diabase, which withstands weathering better than sedimentary rocks.

"My students can see that the layers of rock are mostly at an angle, signaling that there has been tectonic activity. That's a real 'aha' moment for them, like, 'Oh, wow, the earth was moving!'"

Examining the signs of eras past and gathering data on the battlefield's periglacial boulders, said **Marion McKenzie '19**, is "incredibly useful in visualizing the glacial history of Gettysburg, while gaining critical field experience in environmental studies."

STUDENTS ARE GENERALLY

quite naïve to just how much wildlife there is right on their doorstep.

—**PROF. ANDREW WILSON**



THESE MOMENTS ON THE BATTLEFIELD
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who can feel the presence
of the past...*

—PROF. PETER CARMICHAEL

THE LANDSCAPE AS TEACHER

For history and social science scholars, the landscape of the battlefield provides different lessons.

Civil War Era Studies **Prof. Peter Carmichael**, director of the Civil War Institute (CWI), brings his students to the battlefield to read the letters and journals of the soldiers—on the grounds on which they felt, fought, and often perished in 1863.

“These moments on the battlefield are powerful for students, who can feel the presence of the past, whether it is at an obscure grave site at Culp’s Hill or at a more popular tourist haunt like Little Round Top,” Carmichael said. “They discover that the words of a single soldier offer a pinhole through which to explore the broader social and political currents of the Civil War. They see that the battlefield is not just a chessboard of tactical moments.”

Carmichael said his students’ observations were critical to his own thinking while writing his book, *The War for the Common Soldier: How Men Thought, Fought, and*

Survived in Civil War Armies, published this fall, which is inspired by the stories of pain, loneliness, boredom, trauma, family, and death from everyday soldiers. He commented that students are “quick to point out that there is no single narrative of the soldier experience at Gettysburg and that soldiers could occupy the same space at the same moment and make very different meanings about what was endured.”

Abigail Cocco ’19, a history major and CWI Fellow, said that accessing the battlefield through classes with Carmichael and her work with the CWI brought added depth to her educational experience, inspiring her to be a better historian.

“Reading about the brutality of war and about the number of casualties can be moving, but it is not nearly as provocative as looking out into Iverson’s Pits and seeing exactly where 900 men were killed, wounded, or captured in a span of 20 minutes,” she said. “The strong feelings and emotions the landscape evokes inspires in me, as a historian, a sense of duty to think deeply about history, memory, and the implications of both.”

“Abby has learned to ask the difficult questions of history and to challenge her audience to think outside the box,” said

Carmichael. “That’s what we want from Gettysburg College students.”

Associate Director

Jill Ogline Titus and Assistant Director **Ashley Whitehead Luskey** of the CWI are working with Cocco and other Fellows to develop wayside markers for the GNMP, a project that Ogline Titus said “allows students to strengthen their research skills and learn how to apply them to a ‘product’ different than the long-form research papers they write in the classroom.”

For CWI Fellow **Jeffrey Lauck ’18**, the wayside project was an opportunity to add nuance to the experience that visitors have at the park. “For many visitors—especially those who don’t know a whole lot about the Civil War—wayside exhibits and other on-site interpretations can play a huge role in their understanding of the Civil War,” said Lauck. “One of the goals of the project is to complicate the public discussion of the Civil War by telling stories that are often lost in the traditional ‘chessboard’ interpretation.” During his time as a Fellow, Lauck helped create wayside exhibits on the dedication of Confederate monuments on the battlefield and African Americans’ experiences during the battle.

The Fellows also worked on a digital mapping project called Killed at Gettysburg (KAG), which tells soldier stories from multiple angles—their family and community backgrounds, why they fought, and the impact of their deaths on family and community. Luskey noted that she encourages the CWI Fellows to use their soldiers' stories as a window into bigger ideas or themes about the Civil War era. The project is available to the public online.

"By connecting specific, tangible places on the battlefield with much broader, intangible ideas about the long Civil War era, students are better able to understand the significance of the historic landscape and the worldviews of those who fought upon it," Luskey said. "Through the soldier profiles they create for the KAG website, they help the public achieve a richer understanding of why these men, their actions, and this battlefield mattered—and still matter to us today."

Cocco's soldier was George Buck. "Through this type of experiential learning, I became intimately familiar with the action that occurred at Little Round Top in a way I couldn't have otherwise," said Cocco.

For the KAG project, Cocco and her peers used primary sources, such as military service records, widow's pension records, regimental histories, census records, and newspapers to flesh out pre-war and pre-Gettysburg

experiences. They used books and maps to find the battlefield locations where key events happened for their men and took photographs of the major landscapes that featured into their assigned soldier's battlefield story.

Experiential learning such as this requires immersion in a topic, naturally leading to a deeper level of analysis. History **Prof. Ian Isherwood '00** said a central goal of a liberal arts education is to instill critical thinking skills. "It's our job as faculty to encourage our students to learn new ways of approaching the past through its tangible symbols in our community," he said.

As another example demonstrating the instructional value of Gettysburg's landscape, Isherwood has his students conduct deep readings of Civil War letters while overlooking the fields of Gettysburg. In his First-Year Seminar, students use the letters to reflect on individual trauma, probe the meaning of monuments through the decades, and write reflections on sacrifice while viewing the headstones at the Gettysburg National Cemetery. He noted, "When you are between the ages of 18 and 25—prime military service age—the cemetery takes on a particular resonance. Students reflect on their own lives at a leafy liberal arts institution and juxtapose that with the sacrifices that soldiers their age were making in the past. It's a powerful moment for them."



Students tour battlefield topography to learn how and why strategic military choices were made during the Civil War—an experience that cannot be replicated in a classroom. In Isherwood's History 219 course titled The Great War, he teaches students about military tactics—not the tactics of the Civil War, but those of World War I. Students learn about the 1917 World War I mobilization that occurred on the Gettysburg campus and battlefield.

Danielle Jones '18 led her peers in a tactical demonstration for the Great War class on Gettysburg College's athletic fields. She ordered her classmates to leave the trenches and attack based on the actual maneuvering of a historical battle.

"It was really interesting to experience the tactical transitions as opposed to just reading them on paper. It helped all of us realize how much more chaotic trying to carry out orders and keep men together had to have been on an actual battlefield."

Juliette Sebock '17, an alumna of the class, agreed: "There's so much power in actually seeing these troop movements done by people, rather than on a map."

ROTC Cadet **Jared McCully '19** uses the battlefield weekly—conducting ROTC runs and delivering leadership lessons to cadets, educating them about a significant moment or person related to Gettysburg. McCully has built his own major called War Studies. "The use of the physical battlefield is possibly the best classroom available on campus," said McCully. "To have the ability to retrace the steps of the battle and use the lessons from an event that happened 155 years ago is extremely rare to find on a college campus."

As a student, **Kevin Lavery '16** appreciated that Isherwood's classes used the tactile battlefield and monuments to complicate the concepts of valor

and heroism, question how historical narratives change over time, and probe the meaning of national symbols.

"A statue is never just a statue; a flag is never just a flag. Prof. Isherwood taught us that the battlefield is more than a historic resource; it is a cultural touchstone to be explored deeply and challenged constantly by students."

BLURRING OF TRUTH

Challenging assumptions is integral to a Gettysburg College education. In Prof. Jill Ogline Titus's class, *Rewriting the Past: Historical Fiction and History*, she teaches excerpts from *The Killer Angels* by Michael Shaara, a novel that may be the best-known and most widely read book ever written on the Battle of Gettysburg.

Her class visits Little Round Top after reading the novel to probe how the book has shaped popular understanding of the Battle of Gettysburg and the 20th Maine. "Students, like all people, are sensitive to the power of place, and enjoy the opportunity to make connections between ideas, historical experiences, and landscapes," explained Ogline Titus. While at Little Round Top, students ask challenging questions, such as whether or not the 20th Maine's action on the hill saved the Union and how literature might blur the truth of real events.

In art as in other disciplines, rigorous thinking and questioning is required, whether the historical context is examined through a contemporary lens or a historical lens is used to study contemporary events.

"War is a frequent motif for artists and a topic of contemplation for students of art and art history," explained **Prof. Shannon Egan**, director of the Schmucker Art Gallery.

The art gallery—small, but mighty—hosts eight to 10 exhibits a year and houses major artistic works depicting the battlefield. Many past exhibits have included interpretations or responses to the Gettysburg Cyclorama depicting Pickett's Charge.

For example, contemporary artist Gregory Thielker installed a panoramic painting of the battlefields and landscape of Afghanistan in homage to the Cyclorama as part of the exhibition "(Un)governed Spaces: A Panorama of Afghanistan" in 2015. CWI students curated an exhibition titled "Visualizing War" in 2012, which featured art and artifacts of scenes from the Civil War, and contemporary artist Michael Scoggins took the scene of Pickett's Charge and Lincoln's Gettysburg Address as the subject of two major works in his exhibition "When Johnny Comes Marching Home" in 2014.

Beyond the richness of the museum, art and art history students have immediate access to the park with its picturesque landscapes and 1,328 monuments—an aesthetic feast. Egan's students spend time there, connecting those visits to "present-day controversies" about Confederate monuments, how histories are made visible (or invisible) through public art, and how artists carefully composed their photographs for political and aesthetic reasons.

Through Egan's History and Theory of Photography class, **Erica Schaumberg '18**, an art history major, said she analyzed the works of Civil War photographers such as Alexander Gardner, Timothy H. O'Sullivan, and Mathew Brady.



Environmental studies majors **Liana Sobel '20** and **Abigail Rec '20** examine dinosaur prints found in GNMP.

The photographs from these artists, taken after the battle, depict the bodies of the dead and the destructive aftermath of the war.

"Many of the photographs taken after the battle were staged or manipulated to create a more dramatic effect," Schaumberg said. "They pushed my understanding of how, as Americans, we view the war today and how that perception is intertwined with politics, economics, and a sense of celebrity." It also changed how she approached her own photography of the battlefield.

Schaumberg also took Egan's Art and Public Policy course and was able to visit the archives in the GNMP. She said access to war-time objects and a close-up view of the Cyclorama "put the battle in perspective" for her in a way reading and the classroom could not.

As dusk descends on the GNMP and the tourists head home, Gettysburg students and faculty continue to muse upon their living laboratory. How did everyday soldiers feel contemplating the same moon back in 1863? Will the camera traps capture the mysterious



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—JARED MCCULLY '19

nocturnal movements of the battlefield wildlife? In what ways will future artists be inspired by the landscapes outside the College's front door? Every day, the GNMP gives the Gettysburg College community the opportunity to answer these questions and more. ■

RELATED LINKS:

Killed at Gettysburg:
www.killedatgettysburg.org

The Wayside Project:
www.gettysburg.edu/cwi/historians/projects.dot

—Katelyn Silva



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DISCOVERING HER **RESILIENCE**

Rhiannon Winner '19 is one of many Gettysburgians who have broadened their perspectives through the global learning opportunities offered at the College.

After studying in Rwanda, Winner decided to join the Marine Corps upon graduation—a significant career decision she made as a result of examining her personal and professional goals while she was abroad.

Winner's first journey overseas with the College came at the end of her first year, when she visited Israel and the Palestinian territories with The Eisenhower Institute's Inside the Middle East program. The trip piqued her interest in Middle Eastern culture and society, inspiring her to study abroad in Jordan during the spring of her sophomore year.

"My semester in Jordan was the first time I had been out of the United States for so long and been so far away from everyone and everything I knew back home," Winner said. "I'm a pretty independent person, but that threw me into so many situations where I had to figure out how to do things for myself."

Winner cites her experience in Jordan as one of two transformative moments she had at Gettysburg; the second occurred the following semester while studying abroad in Kigali, Rwanda.

There, Winner studied post-genocide restoration and peace building. The program visited killing sites from the Rwandan genocide as well as in neighboring Uganda during a two-week excursion to learn about the Lord's Resistance Army.

"We talked to survivors, killers, and lots of different people who were affected by conflict in both countries," said Winner.

Even though her father served as a Marine, Winner had not really considered the service until her semester in Rwanda. Now it's her primary goal. Winner physically trains multiple times a week and must apply to and complete a 10-week Officer Candidate School program after graduating from Gettysburg College before hopefully earning a coveted commission in the Corps. Then, she will go on to The Basic School for an additional six months of training.

When considering the countless challenges she'll face before reaching her goal, Winner reflects on some of the lessons she learned while abroad. ■

—Jeffrey Lauck '18

"I wanted to do something where I felt helpful and productive. I needed to be able to respect and be proud of my own work, and the work I would be doing had to be important to me and to the world."





Geologist
Bob Gastaldo '72
investigates

Will we cause our own mass extinction?

In a hotel in Bloemfontein, South Africa, a plaque on a wall in the lobby reads that the site is the birthplace of J.R.R. Tolkien, author of the famous *The Lord of the Rings* fantasy books. Those books sit on a shelf near a fireplace, along with *The Hobbit*—another book by Tolkien about an old wizard who sends the book's main character, the titular hobbit, on an adventure. In that hotel last January, **Bob Gastaldo '72**—sandaled, bespectacled, white-haired, and wizened—strolled briskly through the front door, out from the hot summer sunlight, followed by a team of geologists.

Gastaldo, a biology major at Gettysburg College, is a professor of geology at Colby College in Maine, and he was in South Africa to study rocks near the small town of Bethulie, which is about a two-hour drive south of Bloemfontein in South Africa's semi-desert Karoo region. The rocks he studies there are special, as they bear fossils that record the largest mass extinction to ever hit life. Known as the Permian-Triassic (PT) mass extinction, or the "Great Dying," it is the biggest of the "Big Five" mass extinctions that interrupted the history of life on Earth. It happened about a quarter-billion years ago when about 96 percent of all marine life and 70 percent of all land life vanished forever.

Along with his team, Gastaldo brought an undergraduate student with him, Ruofei Jia, so he could teach her about the cataclysm and about how scientific research actually happens. As a mentor, he has taken about 30 undergraduate students with him to South Africa over the years.

"Even if they don't become geoscientists, they learn how to do science, and they learn how to undertake a project—get their hands dirty," he said.

He does this for his students because when he was a student at Gettysburg, he, too, had a mentor who guided him and who sent him on his own journey. That mentor was biology **Prof. William "Bill" Darrah**. "He had a dynamic enthusiasm for what he did," Gastaldo recalled.

Back then, for his senior project, Darrah took Gastaldo into the snow and the cold of Berwick, Pennsylvania, to collect and study the fossils of ancient ferns. There, Gastaldo felt the pull of what he called the "mystery of the ancient," and he knew he wanted to learn more. Darrah was at his side the whole time, giving close one-on-one mentoring that helped mold Gastaldo's professional future. "Going to Gettysburg gave me the opportunity, in a liberal arts setting, to discover a passion," he said.



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These days, Gastaldo is still on the path that Darrah revealed to him all those years ago, both as a teacher and as a scientist. In the classroom at Colby, he encourages undergraduates to get involved in research, and he meets with his students whose research he supervises every week to check in on their progress.

In the field, the mystery of the ancient still draws him to places like the Karoo. There, he wore a broad sun hat and used trekking poles to traverse the rocky landscape, where the sun beat down on rocks of browns, purples, reds, and blues, located in hills covered in brown grass and wild olive trees. He zipped about the field site, hunting for clues in rocks that might reveal secrets to how the PT extinction happened.



Between the extinction of animals on land and the extinction of animals in the oceans, the latter is much better understood than the former. For instance, it is known that the cause of the marine die-offs was probably massive volcanism in what is today Siberia, which released about 3 million cubic kilometers of basaltic lava and also gases including carbon dioxide. In high enough concentrations, carbon dioxide can warm the planet, and one fallout effect of that was that the oceans likely became devoid of oxygen—something that would have suffocated life there.

But the story of how the land extinction happened is not so well-known. That's because it is not clear to scientists like Gastaldo whether or not the land extinction even happened at the same time as the extinction in the oceans. If it did, then climate-changing volcanism is likely to blame for the event. Otherwise, some other cause could be behind it all.

What happened is important, as many paleontologists think that humans are triggering another, sixth mass extinction of life by driving global warming via pumping carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. If global warming is part of what drove the PT extinction on land, then the PT extinction could serve as an ancient analogue for what we might expect to happen on land in the future. However, the verdict is still out on when the extinction happened, which is why Gastaldo continues to study rocks in South Africa.

This year, Gastaldo worked with his team and Jia to solve the mystery. Jia explained that she had become a geology major, and had traveled out to the Karoo, in large part because of the enthusiasm of professors like Gastaldo.



Recalling the two of them at work, it is not hard to see the teaching legacy that began with Bill Darrah at Gettysburg and which continues through Gastaldo and his mentorship of students. Perhaps one day Jia will beckon others on similar such adventures, and a tradition that began at Gettysburg will continue. ■

—Lucas Joel

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What students



Interested in the field of peace and conflict, **Christina Noto '19** studied in Serbia, Bosnia, and Kosovo. As a volunteer at the War Childhood Museum in Sarajevo, she was tasked with telling the stories of children affected by conflict through explaining the significance of everyday objects donated to the museum.

"White ballet slippers symbolize childhood for Mela Softic," wrote Noto in a feature story for the museum. "She grew up during the siege of Sarajevo in the 1990s. Her memories of youth are those of war."

As a history major, Noto said working in Sarajevo helped her understand the ways in which people are affected both during, and years after, a conflict.

Recently, Noto traveled to Namibia through a fellowship with the Center for Public Service to work on youth development. "Of course, Namibia's conflict and culture are very different compared to the Balkans, but I am so excited to further develop the skills I gained while abroad," she said. ■

Gettysburg College graduates give fully of themselves to advance the greater good—in their careers, in their communities, and in the world.

At Commencement, the Board of Trustees presented the Lavern H. Brenneman '36 Award for Exemplary Service to Gettysburg College to Trustee Emeritus **Robert H. Joseph Jr '69**.

The Alumni Association recognized 10 other Gettysburgians: **Dick Boak '72**, **Carol Hirst Clark '61**, **Bob Ortenzio '79**, and **Dr. John Perdew '65** received Distinguished Alumni Awards, the Alumni Association's foremost honor.

Don Burden '63, P'00 and **Roy Fairman '68, P'02** were recognized with Meritorious Service Awards.

Young Alumni Achievement Awards for Service were awarded to **Louisa Polos '08** and **Kyle Rhoad '08**, while **Jonathan Messier '03** and **Justin Hoover '03** received honors for Career Development. ■

Biographies and photo galleries from Commencement and Reunion are online.

Work

that makes a difference



What makes **Gettysburg** Great

Computer Science **Prof. Todd W. Neller** was named the recipient of the 2018 Outstanding Educator by the Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence (AAAI) and Educational Advances in Artificial Intelligence. The award is given based on contributions to AI education—including innovative teaching methods, the creation of pedagogical resources, curricula design, and general AI education outside of the classroom.

Neller earned a Bachelor of Science in computer science from Cornell University and a doctorate from Stanford University, where he was awarded a Stanford University Gerald J. Lieberman Fellowship and the George E. Forsythe Memorial Award for excellence in teaching. A game enthusiast, Neller has in recent years enjoyed pursuing game AI challenges—computing optimal play for games such as “Pass the Pigs” and “Dudo”, creating new reasoning algorithms for “Clue/Cluedo”, analyzing optimal “Risk” attack and defense policies, and designing logic mazes.

Neller currently serves on the AAAI Executive Council Committee on Education, and is an editor and columnist for the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) SIGAI “AI Education Matters,” as well as the Model AI assignments chair and webmaster. ■





SAVE THE DATES

OCTOBER 19–21
Family Weekend

NOVEMBER 10
Vietnam Memorial Dedication

JANUARY 25
Twilight Hour



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NEWS OF NOTE

In addition to the honors reported on page 28, the Alumni Association announced the following:

CLUB AWARDS

Bob Smith Alumni Club of the Year
New York City Club

Special/Outstanding Achievement Recognition (SOAR)
Seattle Club

NEW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD DIRECTORS

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Alumni Association Awards
The Alumni Association invites alumni to identify candidates for awards by November 9. Complete the form online (www.gettysburg.edu/alumniawards) or contact alumni@gettysburg.edu or 717-337-6518.

Candidates for Honorary Degree
Recipients of the College’s highest honor may be artists, scholars, clergy, humanitarians, and other distinguished leaders. The Office of the Provost is accepting nominations for honorary degrees to be awarded at Commencement 2020. The nomination form and guidelines are available online. Nominations and questions may be directed to **Maureen Forrestal** at honorarydegree nominations@gettysburg.edu or 717-337-6820.



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75th Reunion Year

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70th Reunion Year

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As many of you remember, the Gettysburg Class of 1950 was a weird one in many ways. Freshmen men who were not WWII veterans were greeted with the news that they would be housed in the barracks, hastily set up in the old gymnasium with bunks and foot lockers. Not many accepted, thank you very much, and all kinds of arrangements were found in a big hurry. **Neiman Craley** hightailed it to Joe Wolfinger's on Washington Street. **Sid Ehrhardt** and **Al Rudisill** ended up in the Gettysburg Seminary's dorm. If my memory serves me correctly, 425 men and 13 women made up the entering class. Those veterans were not going to hang around college any longer than necessary, so the final number graduating was more like 200 men and 30 women. All of the women commuted daily.

Liz Lott Bair and **Jeanne Hankins Dufour** drove in from Biglerville. We met in the registration line in Glatfelter Hall and became instant friends. They moved onto campus the next year, and the number of women making up our class increased each year. I moved into Stevens Hall the second half of my junior year and roomed with Liz and Jeanne for our final year. Why am I telling you this? Well, thanks to her Atlanta family, Liz was able to come to Gettysburg in May and then we traveled to the Exton area to visit Jeanne. So all three roommates had a grand time together. Still all "vertical," as Liz says, and of reasonably sound mind! This wonderful visit brought out the yearbooks, and I hope you readers will do the same. If you haven't been on campus, much looks familiar, but there are many lovely and exciting changes.

One of which is a tree directly in front of Glatfelter Hall in honor of the Class of 1950 and all its happy, shared memories. Remember, wherever those loyal sons gather...

1951

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Dear College friends: I knew I was optimistic in my last message to the class. And this note will arrive after Homecoming. All of which reminds me that 67 years makes ordinary life somewhat difficult. I would still appreciate hearing from any of you with at least a reminder that you are still a member of a quite remarkable G'burg class. I am reluctant to burden our magazine with casual messages about us, but if you send me any note, brief or elaborate, I'll see to it that it is passed on to our classmates. Just use some judgment about what might interest us: at least a phone number or an email (if you have one). Or surely some of us could tell recent stories of what we are up to—that would spark interest. But I assure you: I will relay anything that seems interesting enough to warrant a bunch of postage stamps—or maybe a note in the College's magazine.



Send news!

Have something special to share? We want to hear from you. Contact your class correspondent by these deadlines:

Winter issue, Oct. 15

Spring issue, Jan. 15

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1952

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Is no news good news? I surely hope so!
But how about writing a note telling
me and us what you're up to these days—
traveling, visiting, a planned return
to campus? Let's have some news
for our next class notes! Thanks!

1953

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Our 65th Reunion was attended by six stalwart classmates—**Charles Sanders** and **Harold Carr** and their wives **Harry "Red" Hamer**, **Bill Keers** and wife Marnie, **Gladys Hicks Nigro** and husband Joe; and **Barbara** and Larry '50 **King**. We all enjoyed our time together and seeing the new buildings on campus. Bill Keers, "apparent president for life since the 50th Reunion—his words—was amazed as we all were at the Presidential Address and Alumni Awards Ceremony. The Class of '53 received two of the awards—The Verna A. Schwartz '13 Reunion Fund Trophy for the largest Annual Fund gift and The Charles W. Beachem '25 Reunion Fund Trophy for the most improved class. We congratulate all of you who gave, because none of us thought we were responsible to that degree. This really was quite an honor, and we were able to hold and have our picture taken with the silver plates and trophies. Our festivities continued with dinner at the Inn at Herr Ridge. Those present were asked to write or promise to write something for these notes. So, in the future, you will hear from them. Before the Reunion, I heard from **Ron Kick** who was at the 50th but not able to attend now as his wife, Joanne Reese '55, is unable to travel. They have been back to G'burg since to visit the College and battlefield. Ron said his great-grandfather survived Chancellorsville and Gettysburg with the 68th NY. He mentioned how important his four years were at G'burg and the ATO house, where most of the seniors were WWII veterans. Also, the ROTC. Their retirement plans ruled out G'burg as it is too cold. They settled in the warmer subtropics of southwest FL, Estero north of Naples. I also had a note from **Dr. Joseph Hess** who, after graduation, went on to Jefferson Medical College and interned at Lancaster General. He married Shirley and had three children. He spent

two years with the USPHS in Gallup, NM, treating the Indian tribes Hopis, Zunis, etc., and then had 38 years in family medicine in Lancaster where he retired. He also commented on the College choir, which he loved to hear, and that he had been in the band. A big thanks to those who made writing these notes easy this time. Remember the rest of you can do this also!

1954 65th Reunion Year

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Nancy Penniman Young has traveled a good bit of the world. Recently, she visited Southeast Asia, and I heard about some of her trip when we had lunch in May. I asked her to send her "impressions" to share with classmates. She writes, "A trip abroad often gives you more insight into your own country as you are able to compare a different way of life to your own. And so it was with a recent trip I took with my daughter to Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, and Thailand. The war we were involved in 40 years ago is now history, and the front-page incidents are now tourist attractions. We visited the prison where John McCain was held, saw the preserved body of Ho Chi Minh, and the explosive population of Hanoi, where mopeds dominate the streets. There is little room for cars. The people are all petite compared to us. They had to make the tunnels bigger to accommodate the tourist industry that is flourishing. Some unusual things included a monk in a saffron robe pulled out a cell phone after blessing us; the tribal women in Chiang Mai now wear the brass rings around their neck more for historical interest than for tribal identity. Angkor Wat, the recently discovered temple in the jungle, is now overrun with millions of tourists a year. The people who live on the Mekong River in floating villages seem healthy and happy. It seemed impossible that a war could have taken place there at all, and yet the countryside in Cambodia is still riddled with land mines. Visiting Asia as an 86 year-old was a challenge and a privilege. I was fortunate to have the chance." **Buzz Hanson** writes that during June he and his wife Denise visited her family who live just across the Mississippi River from St. Louis. While there, they toured President Lincoln's birthplace in Springfield, IL, which Buzz comments "was neat." Buzz continues with his hospice and USO volunteer work. **Henry "Hank" Lush** writes from the mountains of Galeton, PA, that he and Jean are well and busy with

church and community activities. Jean had successful heart valve replacement surgery in Feb. In June, Hank celebrated his 50th year as the National Weather Service observer for the Galeton area of PA. During the summer, they headed to New England to visit their eight great-grandchildren and nine grandchildren, along with some of their favorite places. **Bob** and **Denise "Dinny" Haldt Brubaker** sold their Fort Collins, CO, home and moved into the Army Residence Community in San Antonio, TX, which is about 70 percent U.S. Air Force retired officers and spouses. It is a full-service high-rise with meals provided. They regret, however, that they can no longer get together occasionally with **Rod "Rocky" Fisher**, also of "the Fort." **John Stewart** sends greetings from Spain. He is enjoying retirement and feels that Spain is the best possible place to live in retirement. "Every day is lovely—all sun, no clouds, no rain—the best weather in the world."

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There is not much news this time after receiving nothing for the last issue. I hope everyone is off doing something exciting for the summer and will write and share their adventures for the next time around! I spoke briefly with **Alan Ruby** who continues to amaze me with all the things he does. He continues to do tours in the area and has now added the Hershey Hotel and the Gettysburg battlefield to his journeys. Sounds like fun! I received a nice letter and booklet from **John Weaver** letting us know of his activities over the years. He is most thankful for the broad education he received at G'burg, which he has used in many ways to support his activities. He started an "antique consultant" business, which is how his history background and research has helped him broker items for his clients. John and his wife, Judy, live in Wall, NJ, and enjoy traveling, gardening, and living at the Jersey Shore. They have five grandchildren and one great-grandchild to enjoy and keep them busy. I hope

everyone has had a great summer and got to do lots of things worth writing about. I am looking forward to hearing from you so I have something to write about in the next column.

1957

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I was happy to get back to G'burg again and attend the '58 Reunion activities with my wife, Phyllis Ball Helfrich '58. After dinner, I was able to catch up with **Franklin Goodyear**. Many years ago, I chatted with "Linn" and inquired about his work, but he was reluctant to share anything about his government career. In jest, he even said he might have to arrange my personal demise if he disclosed anything. But, now retired, Linn was able to share some information about his career. After graduation, as a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army, he went to work for the National Security Administration. He was hired as a mathematician to help the agency use room sized machines called computers. He spent six months in training as a cryptologic officer at Fort Devens, MA. His military service was reduced to six months active duty when President Eisenhower vetoed the Department of Defense budget. In 1961, he left the NSA and worked for an engineering firm that had several Navy contracts in HI. Later, back home in Bethesda, MD, he became director of data processing for the Metropolitan Council of Governments for many years. He then joined another engineering firm that held FAA contracts until his retirement in 2004. Linn and his wife, Margie Myers '58, have a son, daughter, and four grandchildren who all live in their general proximity in MD. The college fraternity is not just for college years alone. So it was taught by each of them, and **Robert Sickel** has followed that teaching very well. Recently, Bob became the recipient of three awards by the SAE national and state organizations. In recognition for his some 30 years of service, he was given a merit award by the Supreme Council, the Order of the Lion, and the Order of Minerva by the PA Delta Corporation. The accompanying tribute reads, "In recognition of outstanding leadership, dedication, and exemplary service to the fraternity in the name of brotherhood that truly symbolizes the bonds of fidelity and friendship." Congratulations, Bob! The ever-flowing stream that bears us all away claimed **Richard O. Wexo** on May 23. Dick was

president of his fraternity, Theta Chi, and listed in "Who's Who." He married upon graduation, and he and his wife Joan enjoyed years in Germany while he served in the Army. Following his service, they lived in Brooklyn, New Orleans, and Miami. In the latter location, he worked in the television industry. In retirement, he enjoyed working with his son, Glenn, at the South FL Rehearsal Studios, which they owned. Dick was pleased to work with many young musicians who liked to call him "Pop." Joan died in 2016. Dick is survived by his son, a niece and nephews, and cousins, among them Elaine Bonnet Molnar '58, whom he called "Cuz." We extend our condolences to all. Gettysburg residents **Bob** and Carol **Sieck** were surprised by a 60th wedding anniversary party while visiting family in Phenix City, AL. Among the celebrants was 9-month old, Louis Brian Sieck. Other classmates marking 60th wedding anniversaries are **Franklin** and Margie **Myers** '58 **Goodyear** and **Don** and Phyllis Ball '58 **Helfrich**. I'm sure there are others. Please let me know, and I'll name and list them in the next edition of the College magazine.

1958

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We had a great time reminiscing and catching up on 60 years of events at our Reunion. Some people who emailed and were sorry they couldn't come were **Abbie Pingatore**, **John Benjamin**, **Pat Mills Soderholm**, **Carolyn Clausen**, and **Jerry Harrell**. Abbie lives in FL, as does Pat. Pat keeps busy recording Books for the Blind for the Library of Congress and has a daughter who is a stained glass artist. She doesn't have a computer or cell phone, but invited anyone coming near Davie, FL, to call and stop by. Carolyn keeps in touch via email with **Carolyn Doehe Duckworth**, **Alice Klewer Williams**, **Chike** and Janet **Heverly**, and **Ken Purdy**, but Gettysburg was too far a drive from Long Island where they still live. John lives in MD and sent his "hello" to all, as did **Joan Doyle Ulrich**, who has had a hard time recovering from cataract operations. Thanks to Joe Lynch '85 and the alumni office, we had 37 classmates return and were extremely close to getting an award for the highest percentage of classmates making a gift. **Bob Barkley** officiated, and his latest report is his grandson was selected to the collegiate baseball freshman All-American Team. Bob retired as the

executive director of Education Assoc., devoting his career to improving education. Several couples celebrate 60 years of marriage, doctors **Beth Brown** and **Dick Lilly** being one couple. Beth's profession is practicing child, adolescent, and adult psychiatry (48 years), and Dick's is in general practice in Prince George's County, MD. They have two children and five grandchildren. Lin '57 and **Margie Myers Goodyear**, married 60 years and loyal grads returning each Reunion, enjoyed the Alumni College sessions previous to our Reunion activities. **Barry** and Cindy **Kunkel** (61 years) have had a wonderful life: Navy pilot, seminary, traveling, three children, six grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. **Rich** and Cindy **Brunner** and Sharon and **Joe Gonzalez** were two of the first couples to respond for the Reunion. Quizzing Cindy on a description of Rich over the years—he is the "provisioner" for her culinary talents. Joe was the first student from G'burg to be part of the Washington Semester at American U. Thanks to Millie Hartzell, his grades got transferred instead of just as credits. Tributes after dinner were given to several faculty and staff who are memorable in our education at G'burg. We appreciated President Janet Morgan Riggs '77 coming by during our Friday evening social. Joe '55 and **Elaine Bonnett Molnar**, married almost 60 years, have three children. She taught five years, earned her MA in counseling, and had a career as coordinator of displaced homemaker program for 10 years. She enjoys retirement, being the wife of Rev., and they now own their own home after living in parsonages many years. Campbell and **Joy Steidle Graeub** have lived in their home in Chevy Chase, MD, for 55 years with two children and four grandchildren nearby. Joy spent many years as a volunteer at Sibley Memorial Hospital and continues doing garden work and flower arranging at Hillwood Estate Museum & Gardens while being active in church and a quilt guild. Louis '56 and **Nancy Ortell Mehl** didn't come to dinner, but it was nice to see them at the Heritage Lunch. Our condolences to the families of **Ted Brenneeman**, **Donna Rahn VanHouten**, and **Betty Ryder Wolfe**, who passed away. Donna lived in TX with her daughter and son-in-law. I have a lot more news. I'll continue this Reunion news in the next edition.

1959

60th Reunion Year

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Bruce and I were able to return to the Campus for the 1832 Society dinner at the end of Apr. After the dinner, we enjoyed music by the College's jazz band in the beautiful Majestic Theater. If you have not been back to Gettysburg recently and have a chance to visit, you will want to see the Majestic Theater, now operated by the College. At the dinner, a student spoke to the gathering and thanked the alum for the scholarship his family endowed that she received. What poise and what a good message this young lady gave. President Janet Morgan Riggs '77 said she was always nervous following such a well-spoken student. It is always great to see the kind of students the College is sending out into the world. A special treat for me was meeting **Ellen Buchanan Wilcox** at dinner. Ellen was one of the foursome who shared the room with me, **Marge Mills Carpenter**, and **Florence Ann Duckworth Wilson** on the first floor of Stevens Hall in 1955. Ellen now resides in FL and often sees other G'burg folks who are at The Villages in FL. I just received a note from **Warren J. Poysher**. Warren said this was his first time communicating with me, and I hope he will be in touch again. He said he had retired and was glad his good days were in the "glorious '50s." Warren, we would like to know what you did over the past years and what career you retired from. Bruce and I are just delighted that our youngest granddaughter will be a member of the Class of 2022. I am sure tucking a beautiful College calendar in her Christmas stocking these last two years had nothing to do with it. Please send me some news for our next column.

1960

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Dan Selak writes from TX: "Austin is a very progressive town, the blueberry in a bowl of red soup. Working to help elect Beto for Senate to kick Cruz out... Still playing a little golf, still volunteering to drive old folks to their medical appointments, still taking classes at UT, and traveling. I have two grandkids entering college and a 2-year-old by son Mark who got to things at age 54, yikes! Got hooked on astronomy a few years back which I work on every day, even took an online chemistry class to fill in my lack of understanding." **Marian Davis** sent news that **Flossie Heckman** died in Mar. Flossie sang alto in the Chapel Choir, played intramural basketball (where she zipped under the taller players toward the basket), and served as president

of Sigma Kappa. Flossie worked at the Library of Congress as a cataloger in the Spanish language collections, eventually earning a master's degree in library science from Catholic U in Washington. She finished her library career at the National Science Foundation. As a member of the Lutheran Church of the Reformation, she sang in the choir, volunteered in the church office, served on the Altar Guild, and after her retirement, opened the church at 6:30 a.m. and worked until 4 p.m. Flossie and good friends **Beverly Mears Stang**, **Anne Heckler Kline**, **Joan Wachob Norris**, and Marian often got together for lunch and to share stories, memories, and laughs. Marian still uses a walker after her serious accident and has folks who come two times a week to help her "run" (pun intended) errands. My two favorite hangouts are the Adams County Public Library and the Adams County SPCA. Prayers, music, laughter, and pets require no prescriptions!"

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Thanks to all for the exciting news for this issue. Please keep the info coming! Classmates check here first when the magazine arrives. A letter arrived with a colorful insert announcing that a book entitled, *Alias Emperor Rogers: A Majestic Memoir by Baltimore's Emperor of Insanity in the Crazy Daze of '60s Top 40 Radio*. The illustrious author is none other than our own **Paul H.D. Rothfuss**. Paul wanted us to know that the book, published by RL Publishers, is available on Amazon and is a "light-summer" read about his 17 years on the air during the heyday of Top 40 radio. While it is Baltimore-oriented, it is also reflective of the kind of wacky stuff that was going on in Top 40 radio stations all over the U.S. The audiobook awaits approval from Audible. Paul thought that the many Phi Delt brothers who visited him when he was on WSBA would be interested. Congrats to Paul! Getting a book published is no easy feat. **Betsy Wenger Snipe** is enjoying retirement—reading, visiting friends, and generally doing whatever she likes. Betsy is especially proud of her grandson who is a West Point graduate and serving as an Army Ranger. While visiting a friend in the Masonic Village in Elizabethtown, she saw a G'burg banner and a **Lance Butler** nameplate on the door. Poking her head in the door, she said, "Are you the Lance Butler I know?" It sure was.

He and **Eleanor Schoeller Butler** are residents there. Lance and Ellie are found! My apologies to **Clark Billie** and **Eddie Lucas**. I can't find the article that you gave me about the SAE tribute on Reunion Weekend 2017. May I please have it again? Thanks. Until next time.

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Dear Classmates. Our Reunion was really wonderful! We had about 40 classmates, plus significant others present, and we loved catching up, laughing, drinking, eating great cuisine, and touring the beautiful and newly renovated campus. Not only did we discuss our own life goings-on, but we also solved most of the world's problems! And, we are planning on a 60th Reunion, so don't put away your dancing shoes quite yet! The most moving part of the four days for me was the memorial service on Saturday afternoon to honor Vietnam veterans (**Joe Murphy** and others). **Fred Butler**, who was Joe's roommate, delivered a very moving eulogy. Thank you, Fred. Also present were **Carol Menges Gates** and Joe's son and daughter. Several other Gettysburg graduates were honored, as well. A big "thank you" to Don, Oz, the rest of the committee, and the College who helped plan a wonderful weekend. A special thanks also to **Ron Couchman** for setting up the display of the Class of '63 memorial collection in the library. It should be noted that the President of the College, Janet Morgan Riggs '77, made a special visit to our class to thank us for our many contributions to the College. We couldn't have asked for a more organized and memorable four days! And congratulations to **Don Burden** who was awarded the Meritorious Service Award for his 12-year term on the Board of Trustees of Gettysburg College. Don served two years as president, was involved in numerous Class of '63 Reunions, as well as serving on the conservatory oversight board and the magazine advisory board. In addition, during his term on the board, Don initiated the Stole of Gratitude tradition at Commencement. Congratulations, Don,

and thank you for all you have done for Gettysburg College! I received a note from Doug Craig '64 who said in April he was on a transatlantic cruise on the Quest and met **Jim Vinson** in an elevator! Craig said Jim was decked out in his G'burg shirt and was hard to miss—so they had a couple of meals together and marveled over the fact that two Gettysburgians met in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean! Serendipity, for sure! I also received a note that **Peter W. Wright**, USAF Lt. Col. retired, has passed away. Pete received his master's degree from SUNY Plattsburgh in 1975 and was a career Air Force officer. He is survived by his wife Ann Barry Wright; a son, James, and his wife, Chris; and his grandchildren. This Nov. on Veterans Day weekend, Gettysburg College will celebrate the completion of the new student union building with a dedication to the Vietnam War. There will be a ceremony on campus, so make plans to attend; some of us already have. More information will be sent by the College later this summer. Hope to see you there!

1964 55th Reunion Year

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Sue Smitten sends along this message to the alumni office: "Just writing to say I really enjoyed your article on Maria Sibylla Merian. I'm a G'burg Class of 1964 history major. When I spotted the original *New York Times* article, : "A Pioneering Woman," I emailed it to my counterpart in Suriname. I was a Peace Corps volunteer in Suriname 2002-2003 with my husband, and we have many great memories of our time there. Now I have this G'burg connection and wish Professor Kay Etheridge much success with her future research." In Apr., Susan Robinson and **Doug Craig** were on a transatlantic cruise on the Azamara Club Cruises ship Quest and met Jim Vinson '63 in an elevator. Jim was decked out in his G'burg shirt, making him hard to miss. They had a couple of meals together and enjoyed their time, reveling in the fact that they had met a fellow Gettysburgian in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean. Attending the funeral of **Paul Andrews** in Dec. 2017 in Bethesda, MD, were **Jim Hammerstone**, **Nick Nichols**, **Bob Hooper**, and **Tim Parsons**, all brothers of Sigma Chi fraternity. Also in attendance were John Jaeger '65, Howard Livingston '65, **Ozzie Zagars**, and Joe Lynch '85, executive director of alumni relations at G'burg. **Warren Muth** earned his medical degree

from George Washington U, School of Medicine, and completed surgery residency from Tripler Army Medical Center. He just retired after 47 years of general and vascular surgery and is now involved in philanthropy working for the Kettering Medical Center Foundation and two other foundations in Dayton, OH. He and his wife of 49 years, Carol, have two children who have an independent ministry and commute regularly between Dayton and Jerusalem. **Beth Headley Paul**, who lived in Fairfield, CT, for many years with her husband Richard "Dick" Paul, a retired senior VP and general counsel for Xerox, died unexpectedly Aug. 23, 2017, about a week after her 75th birthday. She is sorely missed by two of her longtime friends from G'burg, **Sue Miller Robinson** and **Susan Eymann**. Over the past number of years, they would meet at various locations in the U.S. and Canada for wonderful get-togethers. Sue Miller Robinson, who lives in Vienna, VA, is retired from being chief assistant librarian at the CIA in Langley, VA. She worked in community libraries part time for several years after her retirement. Susan Eymann lived in Ithaca, NY, for the past 30 years and is still a medical and scientific writer for a biomedical company. **Dorothy "DJ" Samuel Davis** has died. She was one of the 16 Center Cottage girls. After Gettysburg, she received a master's degree from Penn State. She began her career as a teacher in both York, PA, and Bristol, RI. After raising her children, she worked for many years with the Women's Resource Centers in Newport, RI and Wakefield, RI, as a victim's advocate. She is survived by her husband, Thomas Davis; her daughter, Joanna Davis-Swing; and three grandchildren.

1965

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The only thing wrong with this column is the long delay between what you send me and when it appears. Some of what follows may not be new (or news) to you. I hope that many of you were able to watch the *48 Hours* television presentation on the life and death of **Andrew Muns**. It was great to review his vindication, which all his friends knew would come. **Jim Gelbert** sent word that the Parkland shooting had very personal connections. His granddaughter and grandson (hospitalized, evacuated, and now being counseled) are students at the school and witness to all that happened very close to their home. Two of the killed

students were members of Jim's church. While the women's lacrosse team's wonderful victories were being celebrated, **Betsy Slaybaugh Reed**, **Linda Gatty Lovette**, and **Carol Ganoe Frederick** remembered the days when it wasn't possible. **Ginny Morgan** says that when she tried to start a lacrosse team in 1961, the administration said it was too rough for "girls." Congratulations to **John Perdew** who received a Distinguished Alumni Award from the College. As a theoretical condensed matter physicist known for his research in density functional theory of both materials and molecules, he has taught at Temple U since 2013. With a long and illustrious career, he was elected to the National Academy of Sciences in 2011. Sometimes, I receive the news about deceased classmates after the magazine is printed and mailed. We last saw **Kurt Kaltreider** at our 2015 Reunion. He was so noted for his expertise in finance, and his books on Native Americans were consistently at the top of that Amazon category. A long obituary is online. **Larry Lees**, his wife, and younger son are back from a 14-day fifth cruise to AK. By the time you read this, they'll be travelling to the Canadian Maritimes. Still living in Valrico, FL, they travel at least to bypass FL's heat and mosquitoes. He keeps up with classmates. Do you? **Joe Kelley** phoned with news of several KDR friends. He met Dick Merryman '67 and his wife while all were on a HI cruise! Every column seems to give news of similar meetings. Pay attention to who is around you. **Bill Bush** loves living 5,300 feet up in the San Bernardino Mountains of CA with Martha (a former elementary school teacher) and their three cats. For 12 years in the late 1990s through 2009, he enjoyed a part-time instructor position teaching creative writing at UCLA. His love of genealogy led him to chronicle 500 years of his family's ancestry from the 16th century with stories, anecdotes, legends, photos, and facts. Bill was kind enough to share pictures of his kids and grandkids, of whom he is justly proud. Again this year, thanks are in order for our class's financial response. Some are able to give large amounts (we know who you are and say thank you) and others give at their own ability, continuing to keep our College strong. Every gift helps. **Muriel Sabo** has had a rough period of illness, but is now mending well. And the rest of you? Are you now bionic or still at the same level of health as 50 years ago? Remember what I said before our last Reunion—I don't care what you look like. I just want to see you again. Really!

1966

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Dr. Nolan R. Walborn passed away on Feb. 22. After graduating with high honors from G'burg, Nolan attended the U of Chicago where he received his PhD in astronomy. He spent most of his career at the Hubble Space Telescope Science Institute. The International Astronomical Union has approved naming a recently discovered asteroid as Walborn 25942. He was a well-known stellar spectroscopist specializing in the optical and ultraviolet spectra of hot, massive (O- and B- type) stars. Nolan returned to G'burg for our 40th Reunion and gave a fascinating after-dinner talk about outer space. He also presented many spectacular color photos taken by the Hubble Telescope.

Pat Shaffer Petiet wrote to let us know she is still doing theatre. She and her husband run the Comic Opera Guild and just finished taping a show he wrote called *Chapter and Worse*, for broadcasting on PBS (hopefully). Anyone can access the work on YouTube or by going to the Comic Opera Guild website. The show is a musical, comedy skit and very funny. She is still tutoring science and math in retirement from middle school teaching. She was sorry to have missed our 50th, but she was recovering from hip surgery. "Hello to all." Several members of our class returned to Reunion Weekend this past June to attend or take part in the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Ceremony. Those present were **Dick Mole Myers, Rich Sawyer, Craig Disher, Kathie Smith de la Vergne, Tom McCracken, Bill Bock, Steve Tracy, Gordy Rowe, Ken Snowe, and Dale Boyd.**

1967

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Let me introduce myself. I'm Larry Luessen, your new class correspondent. I'm replacing **Dick Matthews** whom we unfortunately lost on Jan. 26, 2017. I was a physics major at Gettysburg and obtained my Master of Science in electrical engineering in 1970 from Duke U. I spent 34 years working for the Department of Defense and another 10 years with two defense contractors. I retired in 2010 and live with my wife, Lynn, in Wintergreen, VA.

My very first correspondence deals with a very close friend and Phi Delta Theta fraternity brother, **Charles "Chuck" Widger**. Chuck is founder and executive chairman at Brinker Capital, Inc. and has been announced as a winner for this year's EY Entrepreneur of the Year 2018 award for the Greater Philadelphia Region. As a regional winner, Chuck is now eligible for awards in several national categories, as well as the EY Entrepreneur of the Year overall national award, which will be announced on Nov. 10. Congratulations, Chuck! Please send me any updates on your lives or those of your 1967 classmates. I look forward to hearing from you.

1968

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 Gettysburg College Class of 1968

They came from near. They came from far. They came for the first time in 50 years. They have been at every five-year Reunion. They have kids, grandkids, and no kids. They are working. They are retired. They have moved. They have stayed planted where they started. What the heck am I talking about? Why our 50th "reunionees" in June! We had a great group of people for all the activities, and each of us received a ton of information about classmates from the College. I refuse to repeat all of that, but if you did not get one, I'd be happy to look someone up for you. That leaves you with a responsibility. Send me or the College some information about what you are doing. People really do want to know, as many said that they were so sorry that so and so, or someone else, didn't come. Was that you? It's only five years to the next Reunion!

1969

50th Reunion Year

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Katie Brown is always on the move. Last summer, she and her husband Denny went on a photo safari to Africa (Kenya and Zimbabwe); that was the seventh continent on their travels. They have now visited all 50 states, all states and territories of Australia, and all continents. They also lived in Australia for a year. Now they live in a retirement community in Elizabethtown, PA, where they don't

have to mow lawns or worry about home repairs. Katie gets together with roomie **Sue Knauer Webster, Elena White, and Helen Woods Wilson** for lunch every three weeks or so. She and Denny are planning a trip to some baseball stadiums they haven't seen this summer and also play golf now that the weather is conducive. They also plan a week in NYC in June and various trips to their condo in NH. **Sam Laudenslager** writes that he was selected to the crew of volunteers who worked at the fan fest and all-star game activities during the Major League Baseball All-Star weekend in July, hosted by the Washington Nationals. His assignment was likely as escort detail for some of the former Major Leaguers who returned for the "Old Timers" game played Sunday afternoon, July 15. **Terry Ludlow** tells us that retirement continues to be very good, with quality time spent with his children and grandchildren. He is passionate about woodworking, building many classic furniture projects for family and some custom work for clients. Living in VA has also been important to pursuing his interest in the Civil War. Terry recently completed an article entitled, "English Revolvers for Southrons (sic)", for the *North South Trader's Civil War* magazine that has received very positive reviews. He hopes to be doing more with his other avocation, archaeology, in the near future. Thanks to these classmates for telling us what's happening in their lives. I'd love to hear from more of you in the future. Save the dates, May 31-June 2, for the 50th Reunion of our class. Activities will begin with the Alumni College on Thursday afternoon, an informal reception Thursday evening, a social on Friday evening, and class activities on Saturday morning and afternoon, followed by a dinner and program on Saturday evening. The Reunion Committee of **Jesse Diner, Carol Bryant Emrich, Gregory Gibson, Bob Joseph, Tom Kull, Bill Lindsay, Gail Van Norstrand MacFarland, Kenneth Maskell, Stephen Nelson, Henry Nicholson, Fred Schumacher, Jean Deimler Seibert, Joel Springer, Barbara Wold Vogel, Fred Vogel, and Francie Erickson Zimmerman** have started planning for this event. If you have specific recommendations on activities, please contact one of the committee members. Hope to see everyone in June.

1970

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 Gettysburg '70

I hope everyone had a good summer! MD had a rather wet spring and early summer. The corn crops look good at this point—I sound like a farmer! No one wrote again. I'm going to have to rely on what some folks had written in last year's Christmas cards. **Carol Infusino Tokar** is a grandmother. Congratulations! Carol's son and his wife had a baby boy in July 2017. **Kathie Klemmer Holliday** and husband Barry spent last Christmas in Oklahoma City with Barry's son and family, and they enjoyed exploring the restaurants and museums in the area. Kathie had planned to retire from her finance position at a high school in Fredericksburg, VA, at the end of the 2018 school year. Congratulations, Kathie! She said she has quite the "to-do" list to keep herself busy. **Donna Springer** wrote that she works out in the water and on a treadmill. She teaches aquasize at the local YMCA in St. Louis, MO, and facilitates the adult Asperger's group at Easter Seals Midwest. She is also furthering her nursing education. Our 50th Reunion will be coming up in 2020. How is that possible?! Please start to consider attending. You have two years to prepare! If you've never attended, please try to come. Everyone would love to see you. And for you Reunion "regulars," it's always good to see you folks. Let's make this our most-attended Reunion yet. As always, please write. Thanks so much!

1971

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 Gettysburg College Class of 1971 Reunion

Greetings and salutations! The class correspondent baton has been passed to me from the esteemed **Beth Parr-White**. Dear woman, thank you so much for all that you covered and connected throughout your tenure! I intend to badger and plead more completely than Beth did. There are so many good networks via social media, but I'm sure there are more stories to be shared. So many of us have found new opportunities and new passions to celebrate. Some of us travel; some of us excel in theatre arts, music, or photography. Some of us have turned avocations into new job opportunities. Some of us share our skills with new generations of family members. Some of us continue working at jobs or for causes we love! Some of us have relinked through new friends. I found a classmate through a friend at the Columbia Dog Park! It is a small world, and I want to hear

about you, and so do your classmates. Please write, call, or email. Also join our class Facebook page (waving to **Val Toombs Hamilton**). Let's start reuniting so we have a great turnout for our 50th Reunion in 2021! To my Facebook friends, I will ask your permission to share something from there to here.

1972

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As I write, the hazy, hot, humid days of summer are upon us in the Northeast. Back in Feb., too late for the previous issue, **Pam Werner Davey** let me know that in 2017 she retired from Buyers, Products in Cleveland, OH, after 16 years as IT manager and moved to the Pensacola, FL area with her husband Bill. She loves retirement and living in FL. She is also involved with the American Wine Society and now singing with the Pensacola Choral Society. Also, back in late Feb., **Tom Lerch** was kind enough to send me an article on **Dick Boak's** retirement from Martin Guitar. It was quite a celebration, "Boak's Bash," thrown by the C.F. Martin Co. at a sold-out State Theater in Easton. The performers were all people with whom Dick had worked over his 41-year career at Martin. There to serenade Dick were John Mayer, Steve Miller, Marty Stuart & His Fabulous Superlatives, Laurence Juber, Jorma Kaukonen, David Bromberg, Craig Thatcher, and Trevor Gordon Hall. Others Dick worked with included Eric Clapton, Willie Nelson, and Glen Campbell—a spectacular send-off. **Jim Cooke** lives in Gettysburg and enjoys being a Licensed Battlefield Guide for Gettysburg National Military Park. Sadly, he wrote to report the passing of **Sue Bollinger Hoffman**. Sue lost her battle with pancreatic cancer on May 16. She retired after more than 20 years of service as director of adult education at the York County School of Technology. My wonderful predecessor, **Patty Mack Groer**, was kind enough to send an update on **Bill** and **Lynne Santee Ferguson**. Lynne died eight years ago, and as the anniversary of her passing approached, Bill's son, remembering Lynne playing the piano when he was young, decided to establish the Lynne D. Ferguson Award, along with his father (whom you likely remember as "Ferg"). This will be an annual scholarship for piano and wind instrument performance at Penn State, young Bill's alma mater. And so the Fergusons pay it forward in honor of a loved one we all will miss.

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 Gettysburg College Class of 1973

Cynthia Wilcox reported the following: "The Class of 1973 Reunion was a great success and a wonderful time was had by all! **Kathy Frederick** traveled all the way from AK with her husband. Former Stevens Hall residents **Ann Marie "Campy" Brown**, **Sheryl Stokes**, **Kathy Henck**, and **Debra Wallet** also made the trip. The JC Superstar Presentation was informative, memory enhancing, and fun! The Alumni College classes were fun and low pressure. The Class Social on Friday night was fun and nicely attended. We had a great time at the Saturday night dinner. Campy Brown, Bill Tyree, and I provided entertainment in the Patron's Lounge in the Majestic Theater. We performed our Gettysburg version of the NPR Show "Wait, Wait." On Sunday night, we were treated to performances by David Crosby from Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young." To say the least, Reunion Weekend was a great success! On a non-Reunion note, **Carol Hegeman** was recently named executive director of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Society in Gettysburg. I occasionally run into **Dana Hudson Wilt**, **Jane Whitfield Strickland**, **Jean LeGros**, **Carol Hegeman**, and **Dean Nancy Locher** who still live locally, as well as **Charlotte Reichert** and **Russ Hanson**. Keep sending your updates, and I will include your news in the next issue!

1974

45th Reunion Year

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Seven Sigma Chi brothers traveled to MT in late May for a stay at Mountain Sky Ranch: **Barry Letts**, **Dave Restrepo**, **Dale Eichelman**, **Kirby Beshore**, **Gary Boguski**, **Michael Young**, and Barry's brother, Jeff, who was a Sig at Bucknell. In addition to visiting Yellowstone, these "city slickers" enjoyed fly-fishing, skeet shooting, playing golf, and horseback riding. I hear their riding culminated with a somewhat rough rendition of the Sweetheart of Sigma Chi, sung to the gal wrangler who seemed touched despite the rather off-tune effort. **Bob Maiocco** reports that the recurrent five-year Phi Delt reunion was a blast! It was held in Apr. with **Bill Heyman** and

Scott Kintzing attending, plus other Phi Deltas from '72-'78. Other friends attended including **Barry Letts**, **Ed Vonderschmidt**, **Jeff Cook**, and Nancy Lorensen Cook '75. Bob says, "If a brother comes to one of these reunions, he will not miss another one." Great fun, great camaraderie, some golf, and distance doesn't seem to deter people from attending. Look for the next gathering in the spring of 2021 (now every three years!), and contact Bob at rclarkemaiooco@yahoo.com or visit him in downtown Denver. **Tom and Sandy James Smart** live in Leesburg, VA, not far from Sandy's hometown of Waterford. They have lived there since 1994 when they returned from Heidelberg, Germany, and Tom was assigned to the Pentagon. After 23 years, Tom retired from the Army in 1997 and then did contract work for the Army until last year. Sandy is a master gardener. She and Tom are busy with traveling (MN, Boston, FL, Sedona, Germany, England—all this year!), two grandchildren, and the 2018 wedding of their daughter. **Ritch Shidner** still performs stand-up comedy and writes. He has a book available on Amazon, *Kicking Through the Ashes: My Life as a Stand-Up in the 1980s Comedy Boom*. **Barb White McInerney** and her husband Mike are celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary. They love being grandparents to their five grandchildren—all age 5 and younger! Barb continues as the director of the Child Development Center at her church, and she has a small baking business. Decorated cookies are her specialty. I know because I saw pictures of Barb's creations when we met a few years ago in Greenville, SC, while both of our daughters were at Clemson. Barb, **Jan Lansinger**, and I reminisced about our 1972 J-term trip to Austria when I texted pictures to them during my recent visit to Vienna. **Alison Raab Ruth** lives in York, PA, and has two grandchildren: a baby boy and a 2-year-old girl. While on an annual fishing trip to Bob's Lake in Ontario, Barry Letts visited fellow Sigma Chi Tom Peter '75 and his wife Karen Eakin Peter '77 at their cottage on another beautiful Canadian lake in lower Ontario, nearby Newboro Lake. They had the opportunity to exchange fishing stories, mostly about the big ones that got away! Please be sure to save the date for our 45th Reunion next year: May 30–June 2, 2019. Don't miss it!

1975

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Bret and Joan Weinheimer Altemose celebrated the birth of their third grandchild, Penelope Rose Coccia, on Mar. 6. Penny joins big sister Claire and big brother Matthew, both age 8. Bret and Joanie enjoy visiting their daughter Karen and son-in-law Matt who still live in Morris Plains, NJ, close to their old neighborhood so they can combine grandkid time with visits to old friends. Their son Craig is married and living outside of Boston. Both he and his wife Rouwenna are involved with nonprofits focused on government policies around climate change, lessening our reliance on non-clean energy, and dealing with any catastrophes that occur due to the change in climate. Joan still works on a project-related basis, but is winding down toward retirement, which Bret has enjoyed in Jacksonville since 2010. They keep busy with friends and various church activities and look forward to even more travel. Recently, it has included time in Cayucos and Morro Bay, CA; Sequoia Kings Canyon National Park and Yosemite. Acadia National Park, MN, is up next on the bucket list. If you are like me, you are wondering how we've gotten to the age where grandchildren and great nieces and nephews are a main topic of conversation. Then again, I happily spend most of my free time with my 6-month-old grandson Jackson, so you may agree with me that this generation is one of the true blessings in life. I hope to hear from more classmates soon! Perhaps more fun stories about travel and grandkids!

1976

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Hello classmates. Barb Myhre Koch '79 writes that her husband, **Rob Koch**, is a consultant for the Port Authority of NY and NJ. They welcomed their first grandchild, Graham, on Apr. 30, born to daughter Krista. I heard from **Sue Reith Dippel**. She writes, "In mid-Feb. of this year, a bunch of Gettysburgians gathered together at St. Pete's Beach, FL, at the winter residence of **Carol Brown Murray** and husband Jim. Those in the group were **John and Rosie Pawlak Santulli**, **Bill and Sue Reith Dippel**, **Bill and Cyn (Gelay) Van Order**, and **Jodee Hetzer Hechler** and husband Bruce." I was sent the following notification about **Polly Phillippi**: Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP welcomed Polly N. Phillippi as a partner in the litigation services department, resident in the

firm's Cherry Hill, NJ, and Philadelphia, PA, offices. Phillippi's practice focuses on premises liability, breach of warranty, product liability, personal injury defense, toxic torts, and employment litigation. She represents national corporations in manufacturing and retail industries. She has significant experience defending automobile manufacturers in lemon law, breach of warranty, and consumer fraud claims. Phillippi has tried many cases to verdict and has successfully won hundreds of arbitrations in federal and state courts. Polly and I communicated directly. She shared that previous to this move, she had her own firm with a partner for 20 years. Her 17-year-old son is a senior this coming year and looking at colleges. Her husband is in his second career as a physician's assistant working at Temple U in the abdominal transplant department. On a sad note, I received the following from **Lynn Purnell Leibig**. **Dann Cameron Leibig**, age 63, passed away at his home in Easton, MD, on Mar. 21. The cause of death was pancreatic cancer. He was born Jan. 1955 in Lancaster, PA, and graduated from Cedar Crest High School, Lebanon, PA, in 1972. He received a BS in biology at Gettysburg, where he was a member of the Honor Council and president of Sigma Chi fraternity. Dann earned MA in international relations at UPenn in 1978 and joined the Central Intelligence Agency in 1980. He served in the CIA's Clandestine Service with honor and integrity in Langley, VA, and spent over 20 years abroad in Europe, Central Europe, and the Middle East. Dann's service of over 33 years included positions as a line officer, division manager, chief of station, and senior intelligence executive officer. He was awarded the CIA Distinguished Career Intelligence Medal in Mar. 2011. For the past five years, he provided lectures on intelligence matters to UPenn, Duke, the Naval Academy, Gettysburg College, and others. Dann is survived by his wife of 40 years, Lynn Purnell, and two children, Caitlin '10 and husband Joshua Franklin of Sterling, VA, and Brent (Bucknell '08) of Easton, MD. He has two brothers, David of Havertown, PA, and Doug of Cross River, NY, and was preceded in death by his parents, Herman and Phyllis Leibig.

1977

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Jeff White is a professor of earth and atmospheric sciences in the College

of Arts and Sciences at IN U-Bloomington. This past Apr., he was their 2018 Distinguished Faculty Research Lecturer. He talked about his research experiences and findings from his work on the Arctic tundra. Jeff focuses his research on understanding human impacts on environmental systems and has worked in northern landscapes since 1990 and in the remote Arctic for the past six years on several projects, including work sponsored by NASA. He is also the founding director of IU's integrated program in the environment. We would love to hear what you are up to these days!

1978

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I used to make fun of my parents who returned for every Reunion at G'burg. Not only did they return, but they often wore orange and blue and their dinks while leading the parade of the Class of 1948. After I attended our 40th Reunion in June, I've become my parents, especially when I was back at G'burg wearing my favorite orange and blue outfit. (On the other hand, my dink has not survived, and I don't think they do class parades anymore.) This year's Reunion was especially fun because I also attended the Alumni College classes beforehand. I didn't know what to expect but was pleasantly surprised by the quality of the speakers and the timeliness of some of the subjects. I encourage you to include it in your future plans if at all possible. It was great to see the familiar faces who generally return every five years and some other classmates who haven't been back on a regular basis. It seemed like "the Pit" had an extra strong showing. I counted 13 Pit girls, including **Ginny Waldkoenig Blackwell, Alison Day Neu, Patti Bannon Burniston, Nancy David Stewart, Nancy Going Loudy, Debbie Lush Whiting, Anne Pulliam Perry, Anne Somber Riley, Laurie Moore Walsh, Libby Faron Mell, Alison Echard Vallejo, Beth Macneil Hesmer, and Pam Iovino**. Please correct me, ladies, if I missed anyone. Missing from the Pit was **Erica Fisher Anello** who was in FL preparing to donate her kidney to her husband Nick. As of the deadline, both Erica and her husband were doing great and on the road to recovery. We missed you, Erica! Friday night was the informal gathering where we were entertained by Pennington Station which included band members **Mike Kirby** and

George White '79. For those of you who don't remember, they were known as Prime Time in college and were the original Bruce Springsteen cover band! Who can remember listening to them play "Rosalita" in the Huber Hall lobby? Saturday's forecast was to be a rainy G'burg type of day, but the gods smiled down on us and brought sunshine, thus allowing us to take the class photo in front of Pennsylvania Hall. It is always a highlight watching everyone figure out where they want to stand. Sorry, **Scott Lange**, but the photographer made you move because you were too tall. Next time, we'll make you our mascot and have you lie down in the front row. Saturday night was the infamous class dinner where we "wined" and "dined" in the Dining Hall, reminiscing about the tasty steak nights of our youth and listened to Frank Williams's famous 1974 welcome speech, in which he incorporated many of the last names of the incoming Class of 1978. The Lincoln Diner was the informal reunion spot for breakfast on Sunday morning as we saw multiple groups of '78ers eating there before heading home. If this doesn't make you want to come back in five years, it will be the goal of the next Reunion Planning Committee to tempt you with reasons to return. There is truly a special bond that we all share being members of the same class in the same small liberal arts school in a small central PA town over 40 years ago. Please don't forget to write or email me with the latest in your life.

1979

40th Reunion Year

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Our 40th Reunion is less than one year away, folks! How can that be? I heard from **Phil Holbert** who lives outside of Denver with his wife Karen and their daughter, a high school senior. They moved there in 1995 for the mountains and skiing and stayed for the summers. They travel all over the country following their daughter, who is a competitive rock climber. Phil has worked as a financial advisor in the private wealth management field for over 25 years. **Jeff Schiffman** marked his fifth year at WVYC radio station, The Voice of York College, and he continues to teach at York College as well. Two of his former students were recently appointed to positions at WHTM in Harrisburg, a testament to Jeff's influence. His wife, **Lynn Morrison**, is now community engagement manager for Lancaster

County Solid Waste Management Authority. Previously, she served for nearly 30 years as executive director of Hands on House, a well-known children's museum in Lancaster, PA. **Charlotte Heverly Luy** retired in Dec. and enjoys volunteering part time for Habitat for Humanity. She and Dale Luy '78 welcomed their second grandson in Apr. They reside in PA and visit immediate family in five other states: CO, TX, FL, NC, and SC. **Chuck Shively** retired from McCormick and relocated to Gettysburg. He works for The Wildlife Society "to give something back after all those corporate years." On weekends, he enjoys sporting around in his '47 Ford Coupe. **Betsy Coombe Gehm** lives in the Buckeye State (OH) working as an entrepreneur. Her husband David will retire soon from UPS and move on to something new. Their grown children live in Columbia, SC, where they plan eventually to relocate. Betsy still sings, and she composes music for and directs a church children's choir that she began about 10 years ago. She hopes to find an arranger for her anthems and publish them. Married since 1983 and also empty nesters, **Becky Wilson Choiniere** and her husband Steve live in upstate NY. Becky owned and sold her own CO business, raised their three children, and then went to work for Home Depot in 2001. Retirement and travel are on her horizon. **Terri Stull** just retired after 34 years of teaching Spanish in Ocean City, NJ. She also served as World Languages Team Leader for the Ocean City Board of Education. Terri is happily remarried, and her new last name is Lashley. She also looks forward to traveling and renewing friendships. Several Phi Sigma Kappa brothers who graduated in the years spanning 1975–1980 had their own mini-reunion in early June that coincided with Alumni Weekend. Representing 1979 were **Ken Aungst, Dave Boynton, and Bob Cole**. Unfortunately, the frat is no longer active, but Ken reports that ambitious alumni have fixed up their frat house and hope to one day recolonize. He said the campus looked and felt familiar and comforting.

1980

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It's July 1, the 155th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg. As history maven **Beth Ann Riley Griesser** always taught me, "Take and hold the high ground at Cemetery Ridge, and the battle is ours."

Three quick notes for the day. In Feb., **Stephen Morro** wrote, "I traveled to Antarctica and celebrated retirement with a polar plunge south of the Antarctic Circle. I have now traveled to all seven continents." Steve sent me stunning pictures with 157 penguins by his side (I counted them). The photos and his adventure looked so cool as he has traveled more miles than my 4,000 commutes to Stamford, CT. In June, **Pete Carleson** participated in his annual Swim Across America fundraiser. He wrote, "I am swimming 3 miles in the cold water of Long Island Sound in the Greenwich-Stamford Open Water Swim for the benefit of Swim Across America and the Alliance for Cancer Gene Therapy." To date, Pete has raised almost \$25,000. Amazing! Finally, I heard from fellow economics major **William Van Lear**. William has worked at Belmont Abbey College as an economics professor for over 33 years. As a fun fact, he still runs into his 1980 mentor, Dr. Ann Fender. Dr. Fender was a G'burg professor in the economics department from 1979–2009 and lives close to Will in NC. After some research, I noticed Dr. Van Lear has 30 journal publications, three book publications, and three teaching awards, as well as a PhD from the U of Pittsburgh in 1986. It's incredible what our class has accomplished!

1981

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 Gettysburg College—Class of 1981

It was a very slow news cycle this time around. Almost everyone I know is busy with graduations and weddings this time of year. But I did hear from one classmate. On June 1, **Peter Dunbar** and **Jeff Oak** joined Bob Garthwait '82 at the Orange & Blue Golf Classic at the Hanover Country Club. Filling out the foursome was Andy Hughes, director of the Garthwait Leadership Center. Although the team barely missed out on shooting the low score, a great time was had by all. It's been my pleasure to serve as our class correspondent for the past five years, but the time has come for me to move onto other endeavors. If you are interested in assuming this responsibility, email **Joe Lynch '85** at jlynch@gettysburg.edu. I'm always surprised about the reach that G'burg has today. Back in "the day," when I told people I graduated from G'burg, they would say, "where?" Today, I run into people all the time who know about the College and have wonderful things to say about it. I'm always proud to tell people I'm a graduate!

1982

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 Gettysburg College Class of 1982

Hello! I hope this finds you well. Here's the latest: We have another children's author (in addition to **Jen Fisher Bryant**) in the class! **Eric Jacobson** recently published two children's books—*Ella Purrs: Case of the Missing Princess* and *A Snail of Two Cities*. You can check them out on Amazon! In June, I ran into several '82ers at Reunion Weekend, including **Brian Boland**, **Linda Weaver Towe**, **Karen Bunke Lehman**, **Becky Cooke Goodrich**, **Ben Howell**, and **Bob Garthwait** to name just a few! Wedding bells brought **Beth Martin** and **John Critchley** together with **Scott** and **Terri Woodcock** on several recent occasions: the wedding of Douglas Woodcock in TX, then Sarah Critchley in Cambridge, MA, and again this fall for Eric Woodcock's wedding in TX. Speaking of offspring, this fall **Frankie** and **Kathy Nieves**'s daughter Isabel '22 will join older brother Francisco '19 as a G'burg student and future alum! Who else has kids on campus? Be sure to let me know! This past spring, over 30 Chi Os gathered in Center City Philadelphia for a laughter- and story-filled dinner and overnight, with graduation years spanning the late '70s through the mid-'80s. From our class, we had **Linda Weaver Towe** and **Brenda Brodt Alek** (the masterminds behind the event), **Kristin Jones Shields**, **Karen Spellman Cachion**, **Eileen McCabe**, **Kim Hollander Shrader**, and **Missy Kerwien Merkel**. Let's just say that our table for 30 at (the aptly named) La Famiglia had a pretty amazing time! Speaking of restaurants, "fans" will be excited to know that Taco Bell has opened in G'burg, in a new shopping center where Route 15 and Route 30 meet. So, if you can't get a reservation downtown next time you're here... Also, as of this summer, Starbucks can be found at 6 York Street, just off the square—walkable from campus! It's in a building that is owned by the College, as part of the Gettysburg Hotel block. So, for those who've been asking me about that for years, I can finally say yes. That's it for now! Don't forget to check out our Facebook group—search Gettysburg College Class of 1982. And, finally, a special thanks to those who helped me out in my quest for class notes information. Next time, let it be you!

1983

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 Gettysburg College Class of 1983

Hello, my friends. It was terrific to see so many of you at our 35th Reunion! We had a better turnout than many other classes, as we saw in our hot (not us, the weather!) class photo shoot on the steps of Penn Hall. Thank you to **John Miller**, our reunion chairperson, and the entire reunion committee for their hard work that made the weekend a success. **Seth Statler** kindly wrote that he's wrapped up his long federal career after serving as NASA's associate administrator for legislative and intergovernmental affairs under the Obama Administration. He now leads the government relations office of the National Fire Protection Association, a perfect fit given his long-standing interest in fire and firefighter safety issues. It seems as if the quantity of severe fires grows each year, and I'm sure we'll all benefit from Seth's leadership in this important position. **Ann Guffey Stone** and husband Randy '82 visited Gettysburg last Nov. to see Coach Streeter before he retired. They ran into some fellow football teammates of Randy's including Kevin Kiesel '81, Don Towe '81, Al Schader '81, Jon Scott '81, and Ann's fellow Gamma Phi sister and cheerleader, Marcia Stahl Scott '81. Check out our class Facebook page to see the photo. Ann and Randy have lived in Orlando, FL, since 1985. Their five children have all graduated from college and are well on their way to establishing themselves in the world. Ann and Randy spend their free time visiting them. Michael (Louisa) are in Mountain Brook, AL; Thomas (Lauren) are in Columbus, OH; and daughters Jacqueline and Nicole (Mark Kresowik) are in Washington D.C., Their son **Kenny '09**, a Gettysburg alum, lives in Orlando and works for RM2 as the director of logistics. Randy is with Gomez Construction, and Ann is a swim coach. They've owned a USA swimming team, the Stone Crabs Swim Team, since 1991. They have three grandchildren, with a fourth due any day, and say life is always very exciting! Ann has many fond memories of **Chris Edwards**, **Stuart Terry**, and **Jenny Sheehan** living on the first floor of Apple Hall, making their way through their freshman year. It was wonderful to see Stuart and Jenny at the Reunion. I only wish there was more time to talk to everyone! I hope you all had a nice summer. Enjoy the fall!

1984

35th Reunion Year

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As I'm writing this update, many of you are braving flooding and heat waves as we enter the dog days of summer. As we enter a new age bracket, new things open up to us. For tennis players, we get to play at the 55 and over level, which means we don't have to compete against the 18-year-olds—yay! Some classmates are beginning to join the ranks of the retired. As many of you may have noticed from Facebook pictures, **Rich VanAntwerp** has retired and is dedicating his time to hiking the mountain peaks in the U.S., as well as finding places to ski well into the spring. **Robin Ciraolo Sherlock** is an empty nester and now semi-retired and working as a substitute teacher in the Chicago area. I heard from **Chris Snow** who lives in MN and doesn't run into many fellow classmates. I missed seeing him when he was in town to visit U of Richmond with his son. Chris lives in a small town helping people appeal real estate tax assessments among other things. **AJ Russo** reported in from the shore in Ventnor, NJ, where he and his wife Rhonda will soon be empty nesters and celebrating their 25th anniversary in Sept. AJ also retired after 25 years as an IT director for Atlantic County Government. He is living the life as the head football coach and IT director for his alma mater, Holy Spirit High School. Be sure to keep us all posted on your plans to wind down or keep going in the workforce. There is still time for a second career! I also received news from **June Essis**, partner in the Philadelphia-based law firm of Fineman Krekstein & Harris, P.C., who recently spoke as part of a panel at the National DRI (Defense Research Institute) Trucking Law Conference in Chicago. The conference was attended by more than 550 defense attorneys and in-house counsel. Essis spoke with a panel of in-house counsel and trucking professionals on the future of the trucking industry with the implementation of new technological advancements including collision mitigation

systems, how the advancement of technology is changing the role of counsel, and its effects on the insurance industry. Be sure to keep the news coming!

1986

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 Gettysburg College Class of '86—Class Page

Greetings, Class of '86! Summer has flown by too quickly, and for me it has been very active as I spent time visiting with friends and family all over the country! It was wonderful to hear from

Meg Roedel Mueller. Meg has two children, Allie and Sam. Allie graduated in the spring from G'burg with a BS in environmental studies. While at G'burg, she was a swimmer and loved her entire G'burg experience from beginning to end. Meg's son Sam is a senior in high school and is entrenched in the college search process. Thanks for the update, Meg!

Mary Dougherty also wrote in to announce that she has joined American Academic Health System as their VP of talent management where she will be able to focus on two things for which she has had a lifelong passion: building organizations where people's talents thrive and bringing superior health care to all communities. Mary will be based in Philadelphia where she is still gloating about the Super Bowl! Congrats, Mary! There was a summer meet up at the Inner Harbor this past July of friends since Apple freshman year: **Amy Simmons Chomsky, Robin Harling, Lisa Nawrocki, Maria Constantine Vecchione**, and **Melissa Zamboldi Young**. "We fell right back into such a great place together as though it were 1982!" Lots of wine and catching up: family, kids, college, and careers. **Amy Chomsky**, MD, lives in Nashville with her three children and husband Don. Amy is busy traveling for global health around the world. Chomsky is a professor of ophthalmology at Vanderbilt Eye Institute and chief of ophthalmology at VA Tennessee Valley Healthcare System.

Robin Harling, married to **Pat Hanratty**, has three strapping young men and is an acupuncturist at Stillwater Acupuncture Clinic in Severna Park, MD. **Lisa Nawrocki** resides with her husband Allen in Burlington, VT; "girl genius" is a RDH but most notably an author on the verge of publishing, so look out for her! **Maria Constantine Vecchione** has been in real estate for nearly 20 years and recently partnered up to open her own brokerage,

West of Hudson Realty Group, in Montclair, NJ. Maria and her husband, Matt Vecchione '87, live in Glen Ridge, NJ, with their two sons. **Melissa Zamboldi Young** lives in Allentown, PA, with her husband Gordon and two children. Melissa is a realtor with BHHS Fox & Roach in Macungie, PA. All agreed way too much time had passed and another meet-up will be in the works for the same time next year! Way to go and well deserved! Well, that's a wrap. So until next time, and please send me more news. I hope to hear from more of you so I have lots to report in the next edition!

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 Gettysburg College Class of '90

Hi, everyone! Please note my change of address as we've recently moved. If anyone is traveling near the beautiful NC coastline, come by for a visit.

Erin Francy Hazen writes from IA, "the improbable place she's called home" since 1994. She and husband Tim live on a lively farm. Erin works in the renewable energy field. After 10 years in the utility-scale wind and solar industry, she's currently helping the U of IA transition their large power plant from coal to renewable biomass fuels. Erin has picked up the sport of distance running; she has impressively qualified for the

Boston Marathon five times, with her finish time at this year's Boston guaranteeing her a spot in the 2018 NYC Marathon. She also just completed IowaRelay, the world's longest team relay run.

With a 12-person team, they ran 339 miles from one end of IA to the other in under 49 hours. Good for you, Erin! **Dawn D'Orsaneo Morgan** and her husband Sam enjoyed Miami with **Abby Titus Johnson** and her husband Ed in Feb. to celebrate the big 50. She visited with Abby again along with **Lucy Ibanez Hamilton** and **Amy Gleason Goodrich** in May. Dawn's son Mack will be a junior at the U of MD; her daughter Hannah will be a freshman at Providence College in the fall. Their youngest, Julia, will be in 10th grade next year, attending the high school in Dawn's hometown of Berwyn, PA. Dawn works part-time at Kramer Drive, a wholesale stationery company, and is very involved as class chairperson at her kids' high school.

Angela Carbone Sontheimer continues her great work at the Lincoln Leadership Institute at G'burg, working alongside two other alums, Steve Wiley '73 and Jared Peatman '02, and doing experiential leadership development programs for corporate executives. They use the battlefield as a metaphor to address modern business issues. They've recently expanded their offerings to include programs at the Alamo, Pearl Harbor, and Normandy. Her younger daughter, Sophie, will join big sister Tessa at Penn State. Angela and her husband Peter recently traveled to Iceland to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary, to hike, and to cheer on their adopted World Cup team. She is also planning a fall trip to CO with **Irene Magish Bassock**. Angela often sees Nicole Amend King '91, who lives in the Gettysburg area. **Debbie Dent Young** was hugely surprised by husband Bryan for her 50th birthday with Bruce Springsteen Live tickets and a surprise weekend in NYC. Showing up the next day to join in on the surprise were **Sarah Wendt**, **Becca Link**, **Tracy Baker Johnson**, and **Jessica Desmond Trenti**. I wish I could have been there, too! Fortunately, I was able to see all of these lovely women when they came down for a girls' weekend to Carolina Beach, NC, in early Apr. As always, send in your news, and let us know how you all are doing!

1991

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Michelle Lynette Hughes P'18 is proud to announce that her daughter, **Andeulazia Hughes-Murdock '18**,

has joined the alumni ranks of Gettysburg College and plans to work in Brazil as a Fulbright Scholar in 2019.

1992

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 Gettysburg College Class of 1992

Big move news from two of our classmates. At the last installment of our quarterly NYC lunch, **Kevin Larsen** shared with me **Erin McAvoy**, and **Marshall Brown** that he and his family have decided to relocate to Denver, CO, after nearly 25 years in and around NYC. Following a few weeks of sun and fun in Avalon, NJ, the Larsens will drive cross country in Aug., stopping off along the way to see **Nick Denby** in Columbus, OH. And, it turns out, fellow classmates **Katrina Weidknecht** and **Kristen Prah** live in Denver as well. Perhaps a mini reunion is in the making! **Judy Ostronic** wrote to let me know that she and her boyfriend Geoff are moving from Hong Kong to New Zealand this fall. She also recently met up with "Chief" (aka Chris O'Connor '91) over a few drinks. Chief lives in Singapore and was passing through for work. Congrats and best wishes on your exciting next chapter, Kevin and Judy!

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 Gettysburg College Class of 1993

Hello, Class of 1993! We had a wonderful time back on campus for our 25th Reunion, June 1-3. A huge thanks to **Jennifer Carleo Grootenboer** and **Thomas Desiderio** for co-chairing this year's Reunion. As a class we raised over \$50,000 for G'burg, and made amazing memories in the process. Although the weather did not cooperate for our Saturday night dinner, we still had fun at Servo and afterwards at JD's (The Pub) and Townie (Flying Bull, Inc.)! Congratulations to **Jennifer Pontz Slocum** for her new job as a nurse practitioner at an addiction clinic. Jennifer worked the past seven years as a nurse practitioner at Planned Parenthood. Jennifer and her husband Brian live in Sacramento, CA, and have two children, Everett (8) and Gavin (11). **Todd Frye** wrote about his cross-continent Gettysburg connection! Todd was a member of the lacrosse team and played under Coach Janczyk, but today Todd lives in Menlo Park, CA. His son's

lacrosse coach is JT McCook '13, who also played lacrosse for Coach Janczyk! What are the odds that two former Gettysburg lacrosse players would end up in the same northern CA town? It was great to see **Dion Liverpool** at the Reunion! Dion came up from Atlanta where he resides. Most of us know that Dion is a DJ (DJ Rasta Root), in addition to many other hats he wears. Dion works with a group called the Redlands who were invited by the USA to travel to different U.S. bases around the world and perform for the troops. This past year, Dion traveled to Qatar and Jordan to play for the troops. When asked about the experience, Dion's response was, "It's the least I can do." Thank you, Dion, for doing what you do! Please don't forget to send me an update. I hate having empty columns!

1994

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 Gettysburg College Class of 1994

Congratulations to **Matt Haag** who has been named vice president of development and alumni relations for Dartmouth's Geisel School of Medicine and Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health! He will lead efforts to provide philanthropic support to help advance patient care, medical education and research, as well as the creation of a national model for how to accelerate scientific discovery and transform health care both in the U.S. and internationally. Matt also plays an active role in a number of boards and civic committees, including as a member of the board of trustees for Rochester Historical Society, the NY State Procurement Council, Equality NY, a member of the Technology Commercialization Affiliates Committee, and has served as a member of the Monroe County Board of Health. Please email with updates you'd like to see in this column. Thanks.

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OK classmates, please save the date for our 20th Reunion! Ahhh! Not sure how that happened, but please save May 28–31, 2020! Most likely, this will also be our new president's first Reunion, so a special weekend all around. Save the date! In other news, **Aniela Hoffman** was named the Santa Barbara County Performing Arts Teacher of the Year for 2019. Congratulations, Aniela! **Christine Sedlacko Biggins** wrote, "I did start as a lab instructor for Bio 112 at Gettysburg this past spring! It felt great being back in McCreary Hall!" **Ian Isherwood**, a professor at Gettysburg, and **Amy Lucadamo**, an archivist at Gettysburg, led a team of students to conduct field research in northern France and Belgium in Mar. during the centennial of the First World War. See their project at www.jackpeirs.org. **Caitlin Howard Kirby** recently joined the Greater Catonsville Chamber of Commerce in MD as assistant to the executive director, dealing mostly with membership and events. Joining Caitlin in chamber work, after 16 years in higher education, I transitioned into a new role at the Capital Region Chamber of Commerce as its VP of member services, overseeing all our marketing, PR, communications, sponsorships, and Women's Business Council.

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If anyone is interested in taking over the class correspondent position, please contact **Joe Lynch '85** at jlynch@gettysburg.edu or 717-337-6522.

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 Gettysburg College Class of 2002

There is sad news to share with you. **Craig Wilson** passed away on May 1 due to cardiac arrest. The event was sudden, and he never regained consciousness and died shortly thereafter. Craig was 38 years old and survived by his wife, Christina, and two young children, Madelyn (6) and Dylan (2). Craig lived in Apex, NC, where he worked for Marriott International. His father, Walter Wilson, shared the news with the school and can be reached at walterwilson@mindspring.com. He welcomes any emails and memories that any of our classmates would like to share. Craig thoroughly enjoyed his time at Gettysburg, where he was active in sports and enjoyed swimming. His obituary can be found at the following website: www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/apex-nc/craig-wilson-7839255. His dad also reports that on June 3, a memorial celebration of Craig's life took place, which emphasized the many good things he was able to do with his family, wife, children, many friends, and classmates. It was a very positive experience for all who attended.

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15th Reunion Year

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 Gettysburg College Class of 2004

Hello Class of 2004! **Darcy Bates**

Pooler and husband Scot welcomed their second daughter, Elyanna Quinn, on Mother's Day, May 13. Her big sister Evelyn is over the moon about her.

Todd Kohlhepp and wife Katie had a second child, Natalie Joan Kohlhepp. She was born on Apr. 22 in Somerville, NJ. Katie and Todd now live in nearby Bridgewater, NJ. **Justin Parker** and wife Shannon Sheehan had a son, Jameson Westley Parker, on Jan. 23. He weighed 8 lbs. 9 oz. and is a future member of the Gettysburg Class of '40! **Janet Teske Cassarino** and husband Steve '02 welcomed their fourth child on May 4. James Anthony Cassarino is already immensely loved by his older siblings Paul, Elena, and Veronica.

John Fegley married Carissa Saliby on June 30. **Matthew Hosterman** was the best man, and Kyle Marshall '03 was a groomsman. John's sister Miranda Fegley Sisolak '00, **Rachel Ferer Hosterman**, **Pamela Cunningham**, **John Potter**, **Matt Dorman**, **Douglas "JD" Walo** '03, **Katie Greenwood Walo**, Jason Patton '05, Julia Grover Patton '06, Laurie Rubio '02, and Tina Saliby Yunis '00 were in attendance. **Shannon Maria Sweitzer** married Thomas J. Brower of Springfield, PA, on New Year's Eve 2017. The two own Cuisine365, a catering company in the greater Philadelphia area, with a focus on both professional sports catering (from Division 1 to NHL and NBA) and a dietitian-backed nutrition catering company called Nutritious365. **Kathryn Chongpinitchai** was in attendance. The couple resides in Collingdale, PA.

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 Gettysburg College Class of 2005

Katharine Newberg married Josh Israels in Cape Cod, MA, on Oct. 15, 2017. Gettysburg alumni in attendance were **Elyse Panlillio** and **Liz Debarr**. **Molly Gale**, an eighth-grade social studies teacher at the middle school visual and performing arts program at the Butcher Educational Center, Warren Consolidated Schools in MI, was named the 2018 Macomb County Outstanding Teacher of the Year for the middle school level. Previously, Molly was recognized for a second year as Teacher of the Year for the Macomb Intermediate School District. Teachers are nominated for their dedication to excellence and professionalism by their peers, parents, and students. Molly cited four former

teachers as inspirations, including two education professors at G'burg, Profs. Judy Brough and Jonelle Pool. I hope everyone had a fun summer this year!

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I haven't heard from many classmates lately. Don't forget to send in any updates you have to let the class know how you're doing. **Korin Faulkner Martin** is the associate director of clinical research with Merck. **Alisha Turner Rodriguez** and spouse Neftalie Rodriguez welcomed their first child, Julien Avery Rodriguez, on Feb. 28, 2017. **Sarah Flood Cymbolin** and her husband Brian welcomed their first child, Mary Christine, on Feb. 19, 2018. They live in Redondo Beach, CA, and baby Mary enjoys being a beach babe, with her four-legged brother Beaux.

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 Gettysburg Class of 2007

Congratulations to **Jessica Haines Rudy** who earned her Master of Arts in applied history from Shippensburg U in Dec. 2017. She has since returned to G'burg, where she is a member of the Majestic Theater team, serving as office manager. **Scott** and Dulcy Gregory '06 **Kenner** welcomed a baby girl (and future Bullet!), Annalee Agnes, on Feb. 6 in Aspen, CO. **Wesley** and Christine Nemetz '08 **Heyser** welcomed a daughter, Eleanor Elizabeth, on Mar. 6. The family resides adjacent to campus in Gettysburg. **Michelle Veresink Richmond** and her husband Derek welcomed their first child, a son named Wyatt Laurence, on May 8. Wyatt arrived a month early, but weighed in at a healthy 6 lbs. 14 oz. and was 19.5 in. long. **Bethanne Mascio Connolly** and her husband John are thrilled to share the birth of their daughter, Mary Claire, on Apr. 13. The Connollys reside in the Chestnut Hill section of Philadelphia. **Andrew** and Katharine Brecht '09 **Sylvester** celebrated the birth of their son, Theodore "Teddy" Quincy Sylvester, on May 10. **Sarah West** and her husband, Jeff Chang, welcomed their first child, Simon Chang, on May 21. **Andrew**

Stinson and Stephanie Bonnes '08 welcomed their daughter, Eloise Stinson Bonnes, on Mar. 6, weighing 8 lbs. 6 oz. **Robert** and **Lauren Scott Brassell** welcomed their first son, Robert Francis "Tripp" Brassell III, on June 24. And finally, there must have been something in the Quarry water during our senior year—two sets of twins born to '07 graduates this spring! **Karen Hendershot Doshi** and her husband Rahul welcomed their first children, boy and girl twins named Jasper Grey and Zora May, on June 1 and June 2. Yes, you read that correctly, twins with different birthdays! They were born 13 hours apart. **Stephanie Hafer Shaak** and her husband Tyler welcomed twins, Kenton Michael and Tenley Scott, on Mar. 29, each weighing in at 5 lbs. 8oz. The twins were an unexpected, but sweet surprise, and are happy, healthy, and super loveable babies! Tenley's middle name memorializes Steph's father who passed away in early 2012.

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Leah Sigle Holz writes that she received a PhD in French literature from the U of CO-Boulder this spring and that she started a position at Franklin & Marshall College this fall. **Stephanie Bonnes** wrote to share that she and husband Andrew Stinson '07 welcomed Eloise Stinson Bonnes on Mar. 6. Stephanie and Andrew love their new daughter. Their cat Simone is not so sure.

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Andrus Must married Amanda McCamey Must in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, in Oct. 2017. In attendance were **Nick Wiley**, **Brian Vitrano**, and **Danno Lynch**. **Mike Stocker** was there

in spirit. Andrus was admitted as a lawyer in Sydney NSW Australia in 2017 and works as a solicitor with Colin Biggers & Paisley. **A.J. Nappo** and **Sarah Kenney** were married on Sept. 16, 2017 at the Shrine of St. Anthony in Ellicott City, MD. **Kurt Hagemann**, **Lee Gatto**, and **Frank Stroker** all participated in the ceremony with pianist Alex Posmontier '11. **Molly Beyer**, **Drew Carlson '09**, professor Gretchen Carlson '09, **Michael Catalano**, **Jaclyn Clevenger**, Robert Finch '09, **Meredith Havard**, **Meghan Kelly**, Natasha Maskaly '12, **James Merrifield**, **C.J. Rauch**, Audrey Schwinn '11, **Alex "Dale" Stockdale**, **Kerry Foley Stockdale**, **Frank Stroker**, and Dean Vlahos '09 also joined in the celebrations at Rolling Road Golf Club in Baltimore, MD. Sarah works for the federal government, and A.J. teaches social studies for Montgomery County Public Schools in MD. The couple lives in VA.

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On May 20, **Elizabeth Frey** graduated from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago with her Masters of Divinity. She has been called as associate pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Camp Hill, PA. In July 2016, **Alex Posmontier** left his corporate job at Vanguard, where he worked in IT, to pursue music full time. Since then, he has taught, performed, and recorded music. He released two albums in May—*Coast to Coast* and *Bridges*. More information is on his website, alexposmontier.com

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Cara Dochat is pursuing a PhD in clinical psychology with a focus in behavioral medicine at the joint doctoral program in clinical psychology at San Diego State U and U of San Diego. **Elizabeth Elliott** and **Joshua Poorman** were married in Reading, PA, along with bridesmaids **Mariah HallBilsback**, **Kavya Kumar**, **Liz Williams**, **Ashleigh Zicker**, and

groomsmen **Johnny Nelson** and **Alex Skufca**. Also in attendance were **Joshua Carmel**, **Dave Debor**, **Amelia Grabowski**, **Casina Malinchak**, **Shruti Naik**, and **Rebekah Oakes**. Shruti Naik is an assistant director of academic success at Purdue U. **Riccardo Purita** is an assistant director of residential education at Dartmouth College.

Meaghan Sheehan is an administrative manager at Merrill Lynch. **Shane Swink** graduated from medical school and is doing his residency in dermatology at Lehigh Valley Health Network in Allentown, PA. Liz Williams is a manager in donor relations at the U of Melbourne.

2014

5th Reunion Year

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Melissa Rich, DVM got married at the end of Dec. to an American U alum, Benjamin Litwack. Continuing their celebrations, they both graduated from VA MD College of Veterinary Medicine in May as husband and wife. Dr. **Leah Grandi** graduated from Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple U on May 16 and was granted a residency at Temple U Hospital. **Gloria Mendoza** was featured in a segment on CBS about initiatives in tech companies that help people on the autism spectrum to get their foot in the door. Gloria was interviewed about her role at SAP in their digital business services department and their progressive training and mentorship program that creates a welcoming community for her and her autistic co-workers. I am always glad to hear so many stories of my classmates doing great work around the world! After four years with the PA College Advising Corps, **Greyson Norcross** moved to Raleigh, NC, to begin his master's degree in higher education administration at NC State U. He will also work as a graduate assistant for student success as part of NC State Student Centers.

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Hello from Music City! Time sure has flown since graduation last May, and the Class of 2017 is all over the world, continuing to #DoGreatWork. I'm in the final year of my master's program at Vanderbilt, and many of my classmates are also back in the classroom, pursuing advanced degrees.

Leah Pinkney started a master's degree in global health epidemiology at MI.

Kelly Ashnault is pursuing her Doctor of Physical Therapy at Franklin Pierce U.

Julia Harper started her MD/PhD program at the Donald and Barbara Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell.

Erin Morin started her master's degree in environmental health at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Charlotte Triebl is at UPenn, pursuing an MEd. **Ember Parker** is moving to Boston to start her master's degree in school counseling at Boston College, and **Emily Patterson** is working toward her master's degree in early childhood special education at U of TX. On the other side of the globe, **Piper O'Keefe** is living the dream as a Peace Corps volunteer in Sierra Leone, where she just finished her first year of teaching. **Sarah Hansen** is in the U.S. Navy, currently stationed in Everett, WA. Closer to home, **Eva Karkuff** lives in Gettysburg, teaching at New Oxford Middle School and serving as the assistant coach for the high school cross-country team. **Lizzy Butler** teaches high school math in Hanover, PA.

Kelly Palmer is the chief of staff at the U.S. Geospatial Intelligence Foundation. **Madison LaCroce** continues to work for Booz Allen Hamilton in Aberdeen, MD. If you have any updates, please send them to me! I also now serve as a representative on the BOLD Council, Gettysburg's advisory group to the young alumni program. If you have suggestions on how the College can further engage young alumni, please send those suggestions my way!

So many ways to connect

We love to read your news in class notes (see page 31), so keep them coming. Use *myGettysburg* to search the alumni directory, update your profile, see more class news or photos or share your own, and stay on top of your annual giving. Subscribe to Bullet Points. If you aren't getting the monthly e-newsletter, you're missing out on news, wit, and wisdom in the words of **Joe Lynch '85**, executive director of alumni relations.

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Class of 1968 50th Reunion



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Second Row: Pen Hoover, Jim Jenkins, Betty Schadel Steil, Dawn Wanamaker Timm, Diane Lewis Button, Rebecca Hopkins Smith, Marcia Walker Boote, Diana Beachley Parton, Betsy Bender Griffiths, Liz Marks, Judy Hutchinson Hershey, Rick Hershey

Third Row: Peter MacLeod, Samuel Isenberger, Steve Homack, Roger Hultgren, Kris Hughey, Rosemary Morel Lovelace, Sandra McCloy, Judy Williams Kip

Fourth Row: Betsy Haave Dougherty, Laurel Wolfe McClurken, Joel Seckar, Peter Gaess, Sylvia Dix Kremp, Dunham Smith, Paul Luka, Joe Records, Jeanne Draper Embree

Fifth Row: Peggy Chittick, Bob Ekman, Jim Mattucci, Bob Williams, Rich Erdmann

Sixth Row: Otilie Jones Grim, Susan Wakeley Andrews, David Andrews, John Fisher, Vernon Paulson, Douglas Ruby, John Schiller

Seventh Row: Bill Stillgebauer, Doug Olsen, George Gilmour, Mike Mercer, Al Strunk, John Esterhai, Audrey McCarthy Forrer, Jack Freeston

Eighth Row: Jay Neel, Kent Berthold, Bob Nothstein, Lou Bruchey, Phil Klemmer

Ninth Row: Doug Goodfellow, Richard Gong, Bob Beynon, Hank Mountain, Rick Fortenbaugh, Mark Durham, Richard Imperatore, John Schrader, Christopher Falcon

Tenth Row: Glenn Kershaw, Dave Fischer, Bob Harbeson, Dale Miller, James Sutherland, Stu O'Neal, Jr., George Thomson, Raymond Doviak, Martin Brubaker, Fred Hawkins, Keith Ahlgren, Bill Tingle

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John B. Zinn, June 21 | '54 Sarah Newcomer Henneberger, Feb. 25
William H. Nulty, Mar. 23
Anita Holmsten Samuelsen, Mar. 24 | William C. Kirschner, Feb. 16 |
| '42 Kenneth A. Schaeffer, Mar. 12 | '55 Raymond Kalil, Feb. 11
Bruno G. Niemann, Mar. 24 | '66 Wayne G. Lindquist, May 6
William A. Smith, June 11
Nolan R. Walborn, Feb. 22 |
| '44 Charles W. Aurand, June 1
H. Jean Diefenderfer Parnell,
Aug. 25, 2017 | '56 Donzel S. Loker, May 8
Abigail Irvin Radey, June 10
Richard O. Wexo, May 23 | '67 David L. Hess, Feb. 9
'68 Diane Alleman Keister, Mar. 21
'69 William F. Kaminski, June 8
Michael B. Schwartz, Feb. 16
Susan E. Smith, May 10
J. Drew Somerford, Feb. 21 |
| '46 Donald C. Singer, Feb. 17, 2017 | '57 Richard O. Wexo, May 23 | '70 Jane Lambertson Jones, Apr. 15 |
| '48 Margaret Graefe Berg, Feb. 21
Dunning Idle IV, June 8 | '58 Glenn W. Kauffman, Sept. 20, 2017
Roy D. Miller Jr., May 10 | '71 Thomas B. Stoughton, Apr. 30
James C. Thea, June 23 |
| '49 Rosita Gaines Ray, May 20
August F. Schmitthenner, May 1 | '59 Matthew A. Pushkar, Mar. 3, 2017
Kae Meyer Spoerl, Mar. 11
Dietrich F. Wahlers Jr., Feb. 20 | '72 Sue Bollinger Hoffman, May 16 |
| '50 James E. Long, May 17
Alvin S. Rudisill, Feb. 21
Wesley R. Stancombe, May 7
Palmer R. Watkins, Dec. 4, 2017 | '60 Florence E. Heckman, Mar. 12
John J. Howard Jr., Apr. 22
Nancy Ottmann Nightingale, Apr. 22 | '76 Jerry A. Krone, June 15
Dann C. Leibig, Mar. 21 |
| '51 George Auxt Jr., June 2
William L. Becker, May 20
Shirley Martin Naugle, May 12 | '61 Kenneth A. Bluett, Jan. 24
Edward J. Monaghan, Apr. 5
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| '53 Charles E. Close, Mar. 13
William A. Deisroth, Feb. 27
Richard J. Kenyon, May 27 | '64 Dorothy S. Davis, May 19
James M. Weaver, May 23
'65 Larry Joseph Grier, Mar. 16 | |

John B. Zinn '41

Lt. Colonel John B. Zinn Jr., 99, died Thursday, June 21, at his home in Gettysburg, PA. Born in Worcester, MA, he was the son of the late **John B. Zinn 1909** and Effie Miller Zinn. After the family returned to Gettysburg in 1925, John graduated from Gettysburg High School and Gettysburg College where he studied chemistry and met his wife **Frances Koenig Zinn '41**. They wed in 1943 before he left for Europe during World War II and were married for 63 years until her death in 2006.

With an ROTC commission, John entered active duty in May 1943 as an Infantry Unit Commander in the U.S. Army, departing for France in 1944 with the 100th Division 399th Infantry 1st Battalion. Lt. Col. Zinn was awarded the World War II Victory Medal, the American Campaign Medal, The European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with two Battle Stars; the Combat Infantryman Badge; Distinguished Unit Badge, the Bronze Star Medal with Cluster, National Defense Service Medal w/Oak Leaf Cluster; Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Army Commendation Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters. After the war, John stayed in the Army Reserve, and in December 1951, he was called back to active duty for the next 17 years.

After retiring and returning to Gettysburg, John was involved with Meals-on-Wheels and was a board member for the Apple Line Bus Line. He also taught mathematics in the Gettysburg School District for four years in the late 70s. From 1980 until 1983, he was president of Gettysburg College Alumni Association; he was a class officer and was the Class of 1941 Class Correspondent. For over 20 years he was the house manager for the ATO fraternity. John's service to the College was noted when he received the Alumni Meritorious Service Award in 1984. John was a member of Christ Lutheran Church where he was an altar boy in the 1930s and recently served on the finance committee. He also delivered the altar flowers to shut-ins well into his 90s.

John loved to travel and was happy to say he had been to all 50 states. He loved to visit with family and friends, attend local events, and host dinner parties. He was an active member of the Gettysburg community.

Lt. Col. Zinn is survived by a daughter, **Joanne Z. Lewis '67**; a son, John B. Zinn, III, six grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; and a niece. John was predeceased by a sister, **Margaret Elizabeth Zinn Sheely '33**.

James Weaver '64

James Mark Weaver, age 76, of Gwynedd Valley, PA, husband of 44 years to wife Karen Tiedemann Weaver, passed away peacefully on May 23. He was born in Philadelphia, PA, to the late James W. and Harriet Kitchen Weaver.

Jim was a graduate of Gettysburg College, where he was a lifetime Cupola member. Following his graduation from Gettysburg, Jim began his career in commercial banking. He then received an MBA in finance in 1967 and MA in economics in 1971 from Temple University. Subsequently, he taught both graduate and undergraduate courses for Temple University. He was one of the three founding partners of Dearden, Maguire, Weaver and Barrett, LLC (DMWB) in 1980, an investment counseling firm. Jim specialized in bank and thrift equities. He served as president of DMWB from 1998 to 2005 and was a chief economist. He was an exceptional, well-known speaker on the U.S. capital markets and was requested by many. Jim relinquished the role of president in 2006 and started his own consulting business, Weaver Consulting & Asset Management, LLC.

Jim served on the Gettysburg College Board of Fellows for two years prior to being named to the Board of Trustees of the College in 2000 and served until 2010 when he was named a Trustee Emeritus. He was chair of the Board of Trustees from 2006 to 2010. He established the James M. Weaver '64 Fund for Creative Teaching in 2005. His passion and lifelong commitment to his beloved Gettysburg College led him to an appointment to the Board of Directors of The Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges (AGB). Jim served on the AGB Board from 2005-2014, enabling him to advocate on behalf of higher education and its effective governance at a national level. Jim's steady hand helped successfully guide the association through the challenges associated with the nation's financial crisis. He served as the Chair of the AGB Board between 2010 and 2012, during which he led AGB through a transformative strategic planning process as well as the launch of AGB Search—the association's first subsidiary organization. He will forever hold a special place in the annals of AGB's history. Jim was a very kind, compassionate, loyal, and distinguished man who enjoyed boating, fishing, and long walks with his wife. He loved spending time at their shore house in Avalon, NJ. There, Jim enjoyed long

bike rides and times shared with his family and friends. He also enjoyed traveling with his wife. Jim gave freely of his time to help others and was a mentor to many.

Jim is survived by his beloved wife, Karen Weaver; daughter, Kelly Wood; son, **Brent Weaver '04**, and their families. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, John Weaver, and daughter, Brooke Weaver.

Dann Leibig '76

Dann Cameron Leibig, age 63, passed away at his home in Easton, MD, on March 21 after a battle with pancreatic cancer. Born in January 1955 in Lancaster, PA, Dann graduated from Cedar Crest High School in Lebanon, PA, and received a BS in biology at Gettysburg College in 1976.

At Gettysburg, Dann was a member of the Honor Counsel and President of Sigma Chi fraternity. Dann earned an MA in International Relations at University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia in 1978, and joined the Central Intelligence Agency in 1980. He served the Clandestine Service with honor and integrity in Langley, VA, and over 20 years abroad in postings in Europe, Central Europe, and the Middle East. His service of over 33 years included positions as line officer, Division Manager, Chief of Station, and Senior Intelligence Executive Officer. He was awarded the CIA Distinguished Career Intelligence Medal in March 2011. For the past five years, he lectured on intelligence matters at University of Pennsylvania, Duke, Naval Academy, Gettysburg College, and others, and worked as a contract officer for the CIA on counterintelligence matters.

Dann is survived by his wife of 40 years, **Lynn Purnell Leibig '76**, and two children, daughter **Caitlin '10** and her husband Joshua Franklin, and son Brent. He has two brothers, David and Doug, and was preceded in death by his parents, Herman and Phyllis Leibig.

“It’s your time to move into legend and lore.”

Excerpts from physics
Prof. Sharon Stephenson’s
2018 Special Commencement
Ceremony remarks to men’s
and women’s lacrosse



I hoped 20 years ago to delay the day I’d have to teach a lacrosse player because I had been told—and I believed—that you were fierce mythical beasts who did things most of us will never do.

I was 10 years at Gettysburg College when you first showed up in one of my classes. My husband and I would bring our two toddlers to hoot and holler for **Jimmy Gates ’07, #29**. He was indeed a fierce mythical beast.

What happens to us—as observers—when we watch you fierce mythical beasts do your thing on Shirk and Clark Field?

Scientists believe that humans have what are called “mirror neurons” in our brains. They fire up the same way regardless of whether we are moving our bodies or just watching someone else move their bodies. This phenomenon is called kinesthetic empathy.

We are more than just observers of your mythology, of your hero’s walk. In a minor way, we walk the path, too.

Soon you will no longer be on Clark or Shirk Field. You will be in the stands with us, the mortals.

There is melancholy and longing when a typical student graduates from college. But a fierce mythical beast is not typical. You will leave fire and ash in your wake. I do not envy the sadness you will feel in the coming months. But I respect the many things you have done to earn the right to feel such a heavy loss.

I assume, 11 years ago, a similar sense of finality was felt by midfielder Jimmy Gates. Jimmy now goes by James and he is an oral surgeon in Philadelphia. You are about to become the athletic ancestry for others to follow, others like my most recent lacrosse student, defender **Joe Sokolowski ’20, #32**.

But this is not his story because it is not his time. It is your time, the time for this group of fierce mythical beasts to move into legend and lore. ■

***Prof. Sharon Stephenson** is the W. K. T. Sahm Professor of Physics and chair of the physics department at Gettysburg College. Special Commencement honors graduating student athletes whose successful postseason sports schedule prevents them from attending regular Commencement.*

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Today's PLANS

Hundreds of alumni and friends have let us know about their plans to make an impact on our College in the future. Here are just a few examples:

The **Brogan Fund in Statistics** will support teaching and learning while the **Brogan Fund for Women's Issues** will support activities of interest to the broader college and town community, thanks to provisions in **Donna Brogan '60's** retirement plans.

The **Robert H. Busch '56 Endowed Music Scholarship**, with preference for students studying pipe organ or classical piano repertoire, will be awarded for the first time next year, and enhanced in the future with additional gifts from Bob.

A generous revocable trust provision will fund the **Geoffrey '85 and Susan Roome '84 Nelson Endowed Scholarship**, to support students with demonstrated need and a history of community service.

Today's IMPACT

Those plans build on a great legacy of generosity that touches every corner of our campus. For example:

The **John N. Adams '70 Professorship in Theatre Arts**, established through trust and will provisions, is in its inaugural year, held by Dr. Susan F. Russell.

For nearly 20 years, chemistry students have benefitted from the **Mary Albaugh '54 Chemistry Fund for Student Research**, perpetual support established through a generous will provision.

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