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spectacles bring
warmth to the
season's chill.*

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History teacher **Drew Inzer** heads for the shore of the School Pond in an 1803-style canoe built by students in the "Lewis & Clark" class he taught with science teacher **Johnny Clore H'02**. The boat – "Western Red" – was just a small part of the fascinating interdisciplinary class. Learn more on page 10.



FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL



'WHAT WE DO HERE IS IMPORTANT'

To say that we are living through divisive times is an understatement – I am not sure I have ever seen such a fractured political and ideological landscape. Even higher education seems mired in endless, intractable debates, where the open exchange of ideas is challenged, speakers with unpopular views are “canceled,” and support for something as basic as a commitment to free speech is seen as controversial.

I receive periodic inquiries from members of our broader community, wondering if or how the polemics on the national level impact life at Lawrenceville. People ask if we are still committed to what I would call “the democracy of voices” around a Harkness table; if we emphasize the basics like critical reading, persuasive writing, and analytical thinking; and if we still read “the classics.” I try to respond to every one of these inquiries with reassurance that, indeed, we remain focused on these foundational skill sets and habits of mind, along with quite a few other enduring elements that have long characterized a Lawrenceville education.

As in the past, we continue to read Homer, Shakespeare, Descartes, and Melville, though our literary canon has broadened considerably to include Langston Hughes, Eudora Welty, James Baldwin, Toni Morrison, and Maya Angelou. We study the formative elements of the Constitution that give shape to our government and learn the guiding principles of our legal system to instill informed civic pride, but also to recognize when our institutions fall short.

We still study the rise of American economic power, but we also examine the history of organized labor, and we study poverty in America. The history of the British Empire, World War II, and The Cold War remain critically important to understanding the world today, but as we prepare our students for what lies ahead, modern India and the rise of China as a superpower are also vitally important. Our students still study the basics of biology, chemistry, and physics, but we have added environmental science and engineering, they learn how to run a CNC router and a 3-D printer in our Gruss Center for Art and Design, and there are opportunities to do field biology in Ecuadorian rain forests and molecular genetic research in collaboration with the Seung Kim Laboratory at Stanford.

One concern I sometimes hear has to do with critical thinking and training our students to form their own opinions. The example I give in response is a recent assignment in a U.S. history class, where students were asked to read one of the primary

framing essays for The 1619 Project, a journalistic framework developed by writer Nikole Hannah-Jones of *The New York Times*. Then they read a sharp critique by Princeton historian Sean Wilentz, and the assignment is to decide whose perspective has more validity and to explain why – teaching our students how to think, not what to think.

I'll close with excerpts from a letter I received from a young alumnus, **Injil Muhammad '17**, who just graduated *cum laude* from one of the nation's premier universities, majoring in applied mathematics. He conveyed deep gratitude and appreciation for the preparation he received during his time here: “As I reflect on my past four years,” he wrote, “I cannot overstate the impact that Lawrenceville had on my ability to succeed in college.”

He focused on a few simple aspects, beginning with clear and persuasive speaking and writing: When it came to having a confident voice, “...the Harkness method gave me a tremendous leg up on my peers, and as for writing, Lawrenceville's English department even made a math major like me able to hang with the pure humanities students in writing classes.”

He spoke about the “habit of studying” and the importance of getting comfortable connecting with teachers: “...an absolutely vital skill for academic success in college.”

And finally, he spoke about relationships formed here, a network of trusted, supportive friends who kept him “...steady throughout the highs and lows of college.”

With Injil's message on my mind, I welcomed our students back to school this fall by reminding them in my Convocation remarks that “[w]e are here in one of the very great schools, preserved as a place of enduring beauty and strength because what we do here is important. We have here some of the very best teachers anywhere, who work tirelessly to develop some of the very brightest, most promising hearts and minds that can be gathered in one place. And I see this as our purpose: to equip our young people to go off into the world with a clear-eyed sense of hope, and the tools of empathy, compassion, and understanding in order to make it a better place.” We've been doing this for quite some time, and will continue to do so for a long time to come.

Sincerely,

Stephen S. Murray H'54 '55 '65 '16 P'16 '21
The Shelby Cullom Davis '26 Head of School

On the Cover:

Brava!
Isabel Sweeney '20 was one recent star of the Performing Arts department's WinterFest, which marks twenty years of student-run theatre this February.

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Paloma Torres

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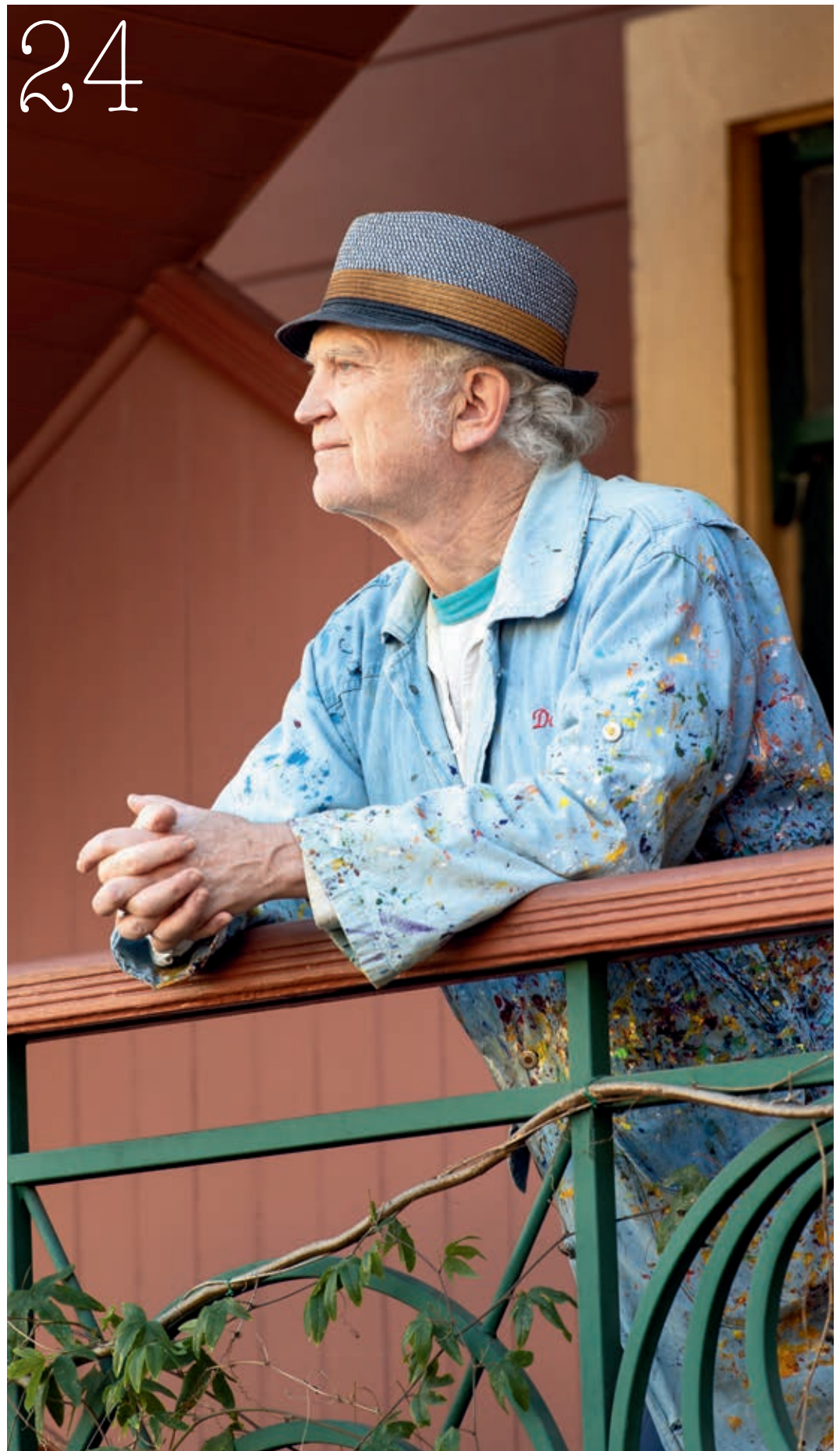
For two decades, WinterFest has given Lawrenceville students creative ownership of what appears on the stage of the Kirby Arts Center, from writing to casting to production.

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Longtime Spanish teacher José L. Martí H'84 '87 '95 P'91 '95 '01 interviewed Head of School Steve Murray H'55 '65 '16 P'16 '21 as part of a book project to learn more about notable personalities, as opposed to the cultivated personas inextricably linked to their public professional profiles.

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FROM THE BASEMENT OF POP HALL

It's good to be back.

Typically, the last thing I write in each issue of *The Lawrentian* is this page, which gives me a chance to reflect on some aspect of the magazine or where we stand as a school. But the previous five installments of this letter weren't written, as the title suggests, in the basement of Pop Hall. They were written in a mostly theretofore unused bedroom of my home, just across the Delaware River in Bucks County, Pa. My house is a bit older and made entirely of red brick, so if you squint just enough ...

no, it still doesn't look like the Fathers Building. But it doesn't need to approximate this venerable old hall anymore, because I'm back working in my office, to which I returned on August 23, just before the start of the academic year. For a number of reasons, COVID-19 – the reason my non-teaching colleagues and I were working from home in the first place – has proven to be a stubborn foe on a national and global scale. However, because of the School's incredibly high vaccination rates – 99 percent of faculty, 98 percent of students, and 91 percent of full-time staff – coupled with our community's dedicated adherence to the School's "Best for All" mitigation strategy, the disease has proven to be little match for a united Lawrenceville.

So it's good to be back. It's good to talk face to face with colleagues, or even interview them in person again. It's good to see – and hear – our students being students, having real moments among themselves, yelling to each other down the hall or across the Bowl, just being kids. It's good to have sports competing, and it's good to see the stage of the Kirby Arts Center ready to host performances again. Everyone is still wearing masks inside, and the temporary dining tents still dot various sites on campus, but it's been interesting to learn that many students see these spaces as a perk and not a concession. Who knew? I think we're still learning quite a bit about the ways large-scale ruptures in the fabric of "normal" bring about unexpected benefits, and we'll be observing that closely on campus. Because we can. Because we're back.

And that's good.

All the best,



Sean Ramsden

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Setting the Record Straight

In the winter 2021 cover story, "Beds, Math & Beyond," our story about **Natalie Tung '14** and her HomeWorks Trenton school program revealed many connections to and support from various members of the Lawrenceville community. One such valuable means of support not reported in the original story was a generous \$30,000 fellowship HomeWorks received in its early stages from **Ken Snedeker '52** and the Princeton Reachout '56 program, on whose selection committee Ken serves. This omission was certainly not intentional. As HomeWorks has found a temporary home on the Lawrenceville campus for this school year, we are grateful for all such shows of support for Natalie's wonderfully meaningful project.

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A large crowd of young men, likely students, are gathered together, many with blue face paint and wearing white shirts. They are cheering and holding a large blue and white flag. The scene is energetic and celebratory.

A
THOUSAND
WORDS



Oh, K!

The School's return to full in-person instruction lifted spirits for all across the Circle and the Crescent, but only Kennedy House emerged on top, edging Griswold and Stanley in what Head of School **Steve Murray H'54 '55 '65 '16 P'16 '21** called "the most spirited House Olympics ever in Lawrenceville history." See all the color, competition, and excitement on Pages 14 and 15.

PARK PRESENTS CLASSICS RESEARCH



Victor Park '22 presented his original research at the Classical Association of the Atlantic States (CAAS) in October in New Brunswick, N.J. His paper is titled "Virgil: A Second Laocoön" and examines the language that Virgil employs to describe Aeneas and his comrades and, by extension, Augustus, the emperor of Rome in the time period Virgil was writing. Park is the third Lawrentian to present at this prestigious conference in the past three years.

"It is the kind of work that has the potential to continue expanding in new and surprising directions," said language teacher **Scott Barnard**, "and I'll be curious to see his vision for what the next iteration might be."

WELCOME NEW FACULTY

Lawrenceville is pleased to welcome the newest members of its faculty and Admission Department to the School for the 2021-22 academic year. They are:

ZAHEER ALI

■ Executive Director, The Hutchins Center for Race and Social Justice
M.A., M.Phil. in History, Columbia University; B.A. in Afro-American Studies, Harvard University

AJANAE BENNETT

■ Mathematics Department
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CAMERON BRICKHOUSE

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CHRISTOPHER M.A. WHALEN

■ English Department
B.A. in English, Kenyon College

Delaney Musgrave '22 earned the right to compete for the 2021-22 Miss Teen USA title on November 27. (Credit: Delaney M. Photo)

A CROWNING ACHIEVEMENT



It was an eventful summer for **Delaney Musgrave '22**, who recently won the 2021-22 Miss New Jersey Teen USA title. In doing so, Musgrave earned the right to compete for the 2021-22 Miss Teen USA title in Tulsa, Okla., on November 27.

"I'm from Atlanta, so pageants are pretty big down here," explained Musgrave, who previously competed twice for Miss Teen Georgia, placing in the top 15, then top five. "I finally took it home competing for New Jersey."

Musgrave, Lawrenceville's student council social representative who was also a finalist for School president, said she's learned a great deal at the School that contributed to her pageant success.

"I think I've gained a lot of confidence being at Lawrenceville, especially [during] that 30-minute [admission] interview and running for student council," she said. "All of those things have helped me a lot with being articulate, being able to speak in [the pageant] interview room, and just overall self-confidence."

That sense of assurance spurred Musgrave to her title.

"That is the biggest piece of advice I could ever give, as cliché as it sounds, simply because I've gone to other pageants where I have strived to be so perfect," she said. "I went to Miss New Jersey Teen USA knowing that I was going to go have fun. And the one time I did that, I won, and I was completely and utterly myself."

KENNEDY TOPS 2021 HOUSE OLYMPICS

It was, according to Head of School **Steve Murray H'54 '55 '65 '16 P'16 '21**, "the most spirited House Olympics ever in Lawrenceville history." The School's return to full in-person instruction lifted spirits for all across the Circle and the Crescent, but Kennedy House emerged on top, edging Griswold and Stanley.

The 2021 Olympics featured new events (rock, paper, scissors and a hula hoop run) along with traditional favorites, such as the three-legged and hippity-hop races), and culminated with the hotly contested tricycle battle around the Bowl. Fifth Formers also got in to the swing of things, seeing who could keep a hula hoop spinning the longest, scoring points for their former Houses.

SWEET TREATS FOR HEALTH CARE HEROES

When **Annabelle Owusu '22** was looking for a sweet and simple way to give back to health care workers this summer, she came up with Project Thank You. Owusu baked more than 100 chocolate chip cookies then packed and delivered them to employees at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia.



ALI WILL LEAD HUTCHINS CENTER FOR RACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE



Renowned researcher and public-programming educator brings instant credibility to the innovative interdisciplinary hub.

ZAHEER ALI

Professional

■ **Adjunct Instructor**, U.S. History, New York University, 2008-21

■ **Senior Fellow**, Pillars Fund, 2019-20

■ **Oral Historian**, Brooklyn Historical Society, 2015-20

■ **Adjunct Instructor**, Black Studies, City College of New York, 2011-15

■ **Project Manager/Lead researcher**, Malcolm X Project, Columbia University, 2000-08

Education

■ **M.A., M.Phil. in History**, Columbia University

■ **B.A. in Afro-American Studies**, Harvard University

Zaheer Ali was named the inaugural executive director of Lawrenceville's Hutchins Center for Race and Social Justice in August. An educator and humanities professional with more than a decade of experience directing nationally recognized public history and cultural heritage initiatives, Ali trained in African American studies under Henry Louis Gates Jr. at Harvard and worked at Columbia University's Institute for Research in African American Studies under the late Malcolm X biographer Manning Marable. Ali also brings experiential knowledge in launching and directing social justice-oriented research initiatives that serve students, faculty, and the wider community.

"It is hard to imagine that we could find a more experienced professional to launch the Hutchins Center for Race and Social Justice at Lawrenceville," said Head of School **Stephen S. Murray H'54 '55 '65 '16 P'16 '21**, who announced Ali's appointment. "Zaheer's education

and scholarly background provide a deep foundation for this work, and his equally important efforts to bring stories alive through documentary film and oral histories offers an element of creative initiative that will draw students and colleagues alike to the Center."

The newly established Hutchins Center for Race and Social Justice, an outgrowth of the School's diversity, equity, and inclusion strategic plan, is an innovation in secondary education, providing an interdisciplinary hub for transformational, real-world experiences for the Lawrenceville community and beyond. It will advance the School's vision of applied, experiential learning and will empower students to pursue original research and writing, actively seeking solutions to some of the greatest societal

challenges of our time. The Hutchins Center will offer direct access to scholars and leaders at highly respected national organizations, as well as opportunities for guided student research, faculty and staff fellowships, and summer studies.

"The Hutchins Center for Race and Social Justice represents a unique, bold, and innovative approach by The Lawrenceville School in tackling the problems of racism and injustice," Ali said. "By supporting scholarship, programming, and experiential learning, the Center will enable students and faculty to deepen our thinking about race, listen to and learn from each other, and engage in community-centered and impact-focused action."

Ali was the project manager and lead researcher of Columbia University's Malcolm X Project, and his oral history interviews informed Marable's Pulitzer Prize-winning biography *Malcolm X: A Life of Reinvention*. As oral historian at what is now the Center for Brooklyn History, he directed "Muslims in Brooklyn," a public history and arts initiative that inspired a critically acclaimed exhibition and a viral video on the Muslim bean pie for Slate.com's "Who's Afraid of Aymann Ismail?" The "Muslims in Brooklyn" website received a 2021 Special Jury Social Justice prize from the GLAMi (Galleries, Libraries, Archives, and Museums Innovation) Awards and a 2021 MUSE Award from the American Alliance of Museums.

"Highly regarded as a leader, educator, and oral historian, Zaheer Ali continually impressed the search committee with his commitment to race and social justice and ability to articulate a robust vision with clarity and ambition," said **Marquis Scott**, assistant head of school for strategic initiatives. "Zaheer will be a great asset to the Hutchins Center for Race and Social Justice and The Lawrenceville School."

Ali has been a senior fellow of the Pillars Fund Muslim Narrative Change Cohort and is a recipient of the Open Society Foundation's Soros Equality Fellowship for his work on leveraging the power of storytelling and listening for social change. He has written for both scholarly and general publics and has been a featured narrator in several documentaries, including CNN's *Witnessed: The Assassination of Malcolm X*, and Netflix's *Who Killed Malcolm X?* and *Blood Brothers: Malcolm X & Muhammad Ali*. Ali also serves as an executive producer of American Muslims: A History Revealed, a National Endowment for the Humanities-funded digital film series and feature-length broadcast documentary currently in production.

Primary financial support for the Hutchins Center is provided by trustee emeritus **Glenn Hutchins '73**, who also was highly influential in developing the vision that focuses on both scholarship and social activism. In concert with the Hutchins Family Foundation, Hutchins has made enduring contributions to the School through initiatives like the Hutchins Scholars Program, which provides enriching research experiences for Lawrenceville's most committed student scientists and prepares them for leading university science programs and related careers. The Hutchins Galleries at Lawrenceville offer rotating exhibitions, integrating art into campus life and inspiring individual reflection and community dialogue.

Hutchins is also a benefactor of both the Obama Foundation

and the Hutchins Center for Africa and African American Research at Harvard University, as well as organizations such as Brookings and CARE, both of which seek both to promote justice and to take concerted action.

“Zaheer’s work within the Hutchins Center will touch everyone in our community and expand the aperture of our collective lenses,” said **Mary Kate Barnes H’59 ’77 P’11 ’13 ’19**, assistant head of school and director of advancement, who spearheaded fundraising for the Hutchins Center for Race and Social Justice. “The generosity of Glenn Hutchins and trustee emeritus **David Ottaway ’57** and his wife, **Marina P’86 ’91 GP’24**, demonstrate a strong investment in our mission.”

BRICKHOUSE WILL ENHANCE INCLUSIVE CAMPUS COMMUNITY



Connection to the School’s mission, values, and beliefs was key for the experienced educator.

Cameron Brickhouse was named the new dean of diversity, inclusion, and community engagement in August. In this senior staff role, Brickhouse works to enhance Lawrenceville’s inclusive campus community, operating closely with **Marquis Scott**, assistant head of school for strategic initiatives, to advance Lawrenceville’s strategic plan for diversity, equity, and inclusion, *Belonging. Building. Becoming*.

In her role, Brickhouse directs Lawrenceville’s Office of Multicultural Affairs, including four diversity coordinators who oversee campus programming and the student-led Diversity Council. She will also collaborate with campus leaders, as well as parent and alumni affinity groups, to support their collective efforts to integrate diversity, equity, and inclusion into all aspects of School life.

“Cameron’s extensive scholarly background, her commitment to teaching, and her clear focus on DEI work are impressive. Her self-described secret to teaching – a ‘balance of warmth and rigor’ – aligns strongly with Lawrenceville’s values,” said Head of School **Stephen S. Murray H’54 ’55 ’65 ’16 P’16 ’21**. “Cameron’s strong voice in the community, her ability to connect with adolescents, and her understanding of the importance of a shared community commitment to equity will set her up for success.”

Over the past decade and a half, Brickhouse has built a career in education with a concentration on the development of different

diversity, equity, and inclusion curricula, activities, and programs. She is passionate about teaching students to communicate effectively and respectfully about inequities and representations of diversity both in and outside of the classroom.

“Cameron’s vision for diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging, and her ability to connect with our mission, values, and beliefs, align with the leadership characteristics and qualities that are paramount for this role,” said Scott, who oversees the implementation of key strategic initiatives at the School.

At Phillips Andover Academy, where she was a history and social science instructor, Brickhouse served on the school’s Anti-Racist U.S. History Department Syllabus Committee and the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice History Department Statement Committee. She also consulted with the Academy’s librarians to identify and address gaps in the collection with regard to Black and African Diasporic peoples.

Prior to her time at Andover, Brickhouse directed the Phillips Exeter Academy’s Washington Internship Program, placing and guiding students through congressional internships. At Exeter, she was a faculty advisor to two student groups: WOKE, exploring topics and issues centered in the experiences of women of color, and the Afro-Latinx Exonian Society, creating programming, offering discussions, and advocating for Latinx and/or Black students.

“Lawrenceville is a thought leader in its strategic plan for diversity, equity, and inclusion. I’m honored and excited to partner with a wide array of community members to ensure that we strive to truly live and execute this vision of *Building. Belonging. Becoming*. daily,” Brickhouse said.

Brickhouse notes that building mutual respect is vital to the success of her efforts.

“I’m clear that in order to do this work that trust is key. I’m looking forward to not only earning trust from the community but partnering in the advancement of a community where trust is earned through transparency and action,” she said. “I am also looking forward to continuing my educational philosophy of taking histories and experiences from the margins and centering them to empower students to become global citizens committed to not only inclusion and justice but ‘to inspire the best in each to seek the best for all.’”

CAMERON BRICKHOUSE

Professional

■ **History and Social Science instructor**, Phillips Andover Academy, 2020-21

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WELCOMING FIRST ORION MILITARY SCHOLARS



Lawrenceville is pleased to welcome its first class of Orion Military Scholars, **Rachel Deoki '25** and **Ben McCormick '24**. The School is among the founding partners of the Orion Military Scholarship Fund (OMSF), teaming with select boarding schools to provide merit-based scholarships to children of active-duty U.S. service members. Deoki's and McCormick's fathers serve in the Army and Navy, respectively.

Greg Buckles, dean of enrollment management, has worked closely with OMSF, which he called "an incredible resource. ... We're leveraging their expertise to help us find outstanding students we know will be a good match for Lawrenceville," he said.

Aside from quantifiables like good grades and test scores, Buckles says the Admission Office looks for self-aware prospective students.

"I find that military kids often have a particular level of maturity and perspective through their exposure to multiple cultures and communities," he said. "Ben and Rachel will not only benefit from the School, but also contribute to it."

A NEW VIEW OF LEWIS & CLARK

Army Captain Meriwether Lewis and Second Lieutenant William Clark famously explored what is now the western United States from 1803-06 under orders of President Thomas Jefferson. Their goals were political, scientific, and economic – and could not have been accomplished without the historically overlooked aid and expertise of the indigenous peoples they met along the way.

Led by history teacher **Drew Inzer** and science teacher **Johnny Clore H'02**, students in the "Lewis & Clark" class last winter and spring examined the communal experiences of the explorers and Native Americans through the nearly 5,000 pages of journals kept during this epic journey. They also explored the latest scholarship that gives voice and perspective to the Native American experience with the Corps of Discovery while building the context for these interactions. According to Inzer, American history taught in the past was "very nationalistic: Lewis and Clark conquering the West. And that's not the story we're building."

Instead, the course looks at Lewis and Clark engaging and interacting with the indigenous communities, as well as their perceptions of the native people. Using the journals, as well as a wealth of other resources, students examine how the explorers' perceptions of the people they encountered varied as they moved west, from the Mandan and Hidatsa peoples in the Northern Plains, to the Shoshones in the Rockies, to the Nez Perce in the Pacific Northwest, to the Clatsop and Chinooks on the Pacific coast.

The class also has an innovative, hands-on component: constructing a period-appropriate canoe using the resources in the Gruss Center for Art and Design. In the spring, the class built a custom, 17.5-foot Atkinson Traveler canoe using plans and materials from the Northwoods Canoe Company.

"Among Native peoples, canoes are an expression of community, identity and culture," Inzer said. "They are pieces of art – they were very sacred"

The class ultimately decided to build their canoe from northern cedar and poplar (which both grow on campus) along with red cedar. Simply using hand tools was a new experience for some students.

"A couple kids have never used a hammer, so we taught them how to do that," Inzer



said. "Another one tried to nail in a screw, but that's all right. It's awesome that they learned."

Throughout the spring, students also kept journals in the style of Lewis and Clark.

The "Western Red" made its successful launch on the School Pond in May but, according to Inzer, the project really wasn't about the boat.

"It was about the process of creating and being together. We needed that, especially during a year when we were separated by COVID all winter. We were just thirsting for human interaction. Just to have the kids, myself, and Johnny sit around the boat, work on it, problem-solve – that was the best thing that could have happened," he said. "We're really proud of the kids. They did an awesome job."

Inzer hopes the students left with a better understanding of the culture of native peoples and are better able to place Lewis and Clark in the context of history, particularly "those real problematic issues that kind of overlay American history in terms of engagement with native peoples," he said.

When conditions allow, Inzer hopes he can take future students out to the American west, traveling in the footsteps of Lewis and Clark, and interacting with descendants of people that the original expedition encountered.

"I've learned much more about American history and Native peoples – it's a whole other world and viewpoint that it just is not common," he noted. "I love teaching. I've always loved teaching, but this class was a shot in the arm of passion and intellectual energy, especially during the pandemic. The kids fueled me, I fueled the kids – it was just a wonderful experience."

History teacher Drew Inzer and science teacher Johnny Clore H'02, along with Johnny's son, tested the 17.5-foot Atkinson Traveler canoe their students built in their interdisciplinary Lewis & Clark class in the spring.

HUTCHINS SCHOLARS RESEARCH PLANT SYSTEMATICS IN FLORIDA



Hutchins Scholars **Bryan Fan**, **Ben Gubbay**, **Nikita Coppisetti**, and **Nicole Cheng** participated in a four-week resident research initiative at Marie Selby Botanical Gardens in Sarasota, Fla., this past summer. The project provided original DNA-sequence data to understand the evolutionary history of members from the flowering plant family Gesneriaceae in Latin America. Its collection of museum specimens, live horticultural collections, and expertise of resident scientists made Selby Gardens an ideal institution to bring together this group of researchers and students under the tutelage of science teacher **John L. Clark P'20 '22**.

The Fifth Formers participated in this collaborative summer research through Lawrenceville's Hutchins Scholars Program, which recognizes and supports some of the School's most outstanding science students. This initiative provides Scholars substantive research experiences, prepares them for leading university science programs, and ultimately inspires them to pursue science-related careers.

Four Chosen for Under Armour All-American Lacrosse

Four Lawrentians represented Big Red and New Jersey at the 2021 girls' Under Armour Underclass All-American Lacrosse Tournament, the most prestigious high school tournament of the summer, in Maryland. **Chloe Babich '24**, **Maddie Brogan '24**, and **Augusta Sagebien '24** were selected to the Command Division, while **Mel Josephson '22** played in the Highlight Division.

PENN TEACHING FELLOWS JOIN FACULTY



Jill Mankoff



Sakthi Ponnuswamy



Maddy Smith

Three new Penn Boarding School Teaching Residency (BSTR) Fellows joined the Lawrenceville faculty this fall.

The BSTR students are part of an innovative, two-year fellowship program involving the University of Pennsylvania's Graduate School of Education (GSE) and The Lawrenceville School, Deerfield Academy, Hotchkiss School, Loomis Chaffee School, Milton Academy, Miss Porter's School, Northfield Mount Hermon, St. Paul's School, and the Taft School.

These novice teachers, who work under the direction of an experienced faculty mentor, are completing the master's program in teaching and learning at the Penn GSE. They join the faculty for two years as teachers, as well as coaches or assistants in the School's Community Service Program. Each Fellow receives a House assignment, where he or she learns about (and becomes an important part of) Lawrenceville's dynamic residential life curriculum. In addition to their Lawrenceville duties, the Fellows are learning – and bringing back to campus – the most current research on best educational practices through their studies at Penn.

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DRESSED TO THE (CA)NINES



By outfitting them in his bespoke bow ties, **Darius Brown '25** helps dapper dogs – and cats – find forever homes.

by Lisa M. Gillard Hanson • photography by Paloma Torres

A bow tie attracts attention – and usually a smile. Whether it's a conservative stripe or traditional plaid, a bold paisley or polka dots, a bow tie makes a memorable sartorial statement.

And if the wearer happens to be a shelter animal looking for a forever home, so much the better.

Moved by the plight of pets abandoned in the wake of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma in 2017, **Darius Brown '25** decided to put his sewing talents to work for those homeless canines and felines, helping them to be noticed.

"On the news, I saw people being helped," Brown said of displaced hurricane victims, "but I wondered what was happening to the dogs and cats. How come they aren't being helped, too?"

Brown had already created a bespoke bow tie business (sirdariusbrown.com) so he decided to start donating his custom neckwear to animal shelters, hoping to give dogs an edge in the adoption process.

"When I learned that many animals are euthanized because they can't find homes, I was very hurt," he said. "Now I'm on a

mission to save as many dogs and cats as I possibly can."

Brown has made more than a thousand ties for animals, mostly dogs, all over the United States and as far away as the United Kingdom. Although Brown uses fabrics of all colors and patterns, his ties have one thing in common: They attract attention.

"I focus on making bow ties that have a lot of bling – I want to make sure the animal has a little something extra that makes them stand out and get adopted faster," he explained. Visitors to the Sir Darius's PAW-SOME Mission GoFundMe page can help offset the cost of materials. Brown donates all surplus funds to the ASPCA.

"It's just an amazing feeling," he said. "The dogs, especially, are super happy and love the bow ties. It's a lot of fun to get an amazing GQ-type photo of the dog wearing his or her tie."

Brown has nearly 100,000 followers on social media, through which he shares photos of adoptable dogs and cats, as well the hundreds that have found homes after sporting his neckwear. His story has been featured by dozens of media outlets,

including ABC, BBC, BET, CBS, CNN, NBC, and Fox, as well as *People* magazine, *Teen Vogue*, and *The Washington Post*.

Brown was also part of the 2020 U.S. presidential inauguration festivities, appearing on the "Indoguration," a nationally televised event to benefit the Delaware Humane Society, or DHS. President Joe Biden adopted his dogs, Major and the late Champ, through DHS, and Brown shared two bow ties for the Biden's German shepherds.

"I'm so happy there's a dog rocking the White House with my bow ties," Brown said. Brown notes that although the media coverage of his efforts is flattering, it's also vital to help promote his mission of helping shelter animals find forever homes.

"It's just an amazing thing that people not just in America know about my project," he says. "I never would have expected in a million years that people around the world would know about me."

And people do know him, from Kim Kardashian, whom he met on *LIVE with Kelly and Ryan*, to President Barack Obama, who sent Brown a letter of commendation.

"As long as you stay engaged in the world around you, and continue looking for ways to help others, and never give up on yourself, I'm confident our future will be bright," Obama wrote to Brown, who said the letter "gave me a lot of courage and motivation to continue what I'm doing."

The teenage philanthropist has been widely honored for his work, including the President's Volunteer Award, the Daily Points of Light Award, the PETA Hero to Animals Award, and the Prudential Spirit of Community Honoree in his home state of New Jersey.

Brown hopes his work will have a butterfly effect, with his small efforts inspiring an increasing number of others to enact larger change. Anyone, he believes, can make a positive difference.

"Who would have thought that a bow tie could have made thousands of dogs get adopted? Nobody in the world would have expected that," he said. "Use your mind, use your creativity, and really think of something. I bet you are going to do something great."



UNFLAGGING HOUSE PRIDE



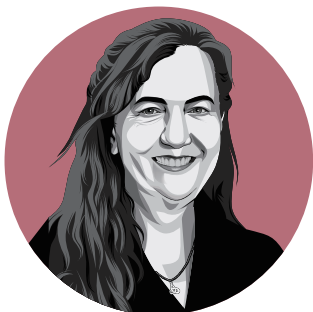


House competitions always promote a sense of belonging and spirit, but the colorful camaraderie bursts to life at the start of each school year during House Olympics. This year's event signaled the return not only of full in-person instruction, but more typical House life, and across the Circle and the Crescent, Lawrentians were out to inspire the best in each other.



INSIDE THE GATES

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questions for **Jennifer Parnell**, who joined the History Department this year from Alaska, where she saw her son fight a fish, and was recognized in 2018 as the state's Teacher of the Year.

If you could be part of a Harkness discussion with any three figures from history, who would you choose?

Initially, I was tempted to choose well-known individuals. But, upon reflection, I would choose my father, Lawrence Loporcaro; my paternal grandfather, Angelo Antonio Loporcaro; and my maternal grandmother, Bridget Corrigan. All three defined my family history, and I wish it were possible to reach across the years and talk again.

What never fails to make you laugh?

The Princess Bride always makes me smile, but there is a short 2010 video of my son, Stephen, getting slapped in the face by a salmon that is hilarious. We call it Stephen v. Pink Salmon, score 0-1.

What book inspired you to think differently or do something out of your

comfort zone?

Into the Wild by Jon Krakauer. I was living in Alaska and spending time in the mountains, but meeting Krakauer and reading his book were inspirational in that he encouraged connections and forgiveness from within a framework of independence and isolation. My favorite quote from the book is, "Happiness is only real when shared."

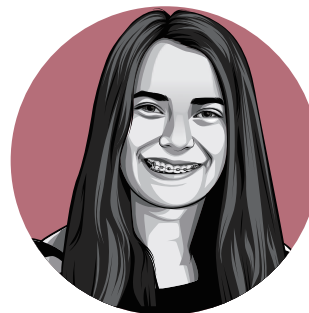
Which Lawrenceville class would you most like to take?

It's a three-way tie between Lincoln, The American Presidency, and Reporting Vietnam.

What did you want to do with your life at age 12?

I wanted to be a teacher! I was inspired by my third-grade teacher, Mrs. Beardsley, and my sixth-grade social studies teacher, Mr. Lomnitzer. Other jobs have been fascinating, but teaching gives me joy.

ONE TO WATCH



Language Shouldn't Languish Carina Beritela '22

- Carina was curious: How was online learning, necessitated by the pandemic, affecting language classes for students accustomed to collaborating around a Harkness table?
- She learned that there are three major requirements for successful language learning: high motivation, high self-esteem, and low anxiety.
- Looking at ways to reduce the social anxiety caused by online learning, Carina asked students in the French I class (she served as a teaching assistant) to turn their cameras off for one period.
- Surveying them afterward, Carina learned that some felt it was easier to focus with cameras off; others found it harder.
- Although firm conclusions require more research, Carina's early recommendation is greater camera-policy flexibility during class, though she concedes that no more Zoom classes "would be the ideal situation."

OFTEN OVERLOOKED



Nestled in a corner case near the apse of Edith Memorial Chapel is the War Memorial Book, in which the names of all Lawrentians lost in World War II were lovingly inscribed by **Frances Thompson "Pattie" Heely H'55**, the wife of Head Master **Allan V. Heely**

H'27. Using illuminating and manuscript-writing techniques she acquired while studying at Oxford in 1929, Mrs. Heely – who frequently corresponded with alumni servicemen during the war – was struck by the idea one night in February 1944. The beautifully colored and lettered tome took five years to complete, "So that," in the words with which she ends the book, "we should be ever mindful of those Lawrentians who died to attain peace..."

THEY SAID IT

“All in all, the Lawrenceville community should be grateful for all of the positive steps forward concerning the pandemic that have allowed us to repopulate campus and begin this school year together. This School is at a turning point in its history; our community has the incredible opportunity to redefine what the Lawrenceville experience is, bringing back all of the aspects we have missed while also ingraining the positive changes we have made into our school’s future culture.”

— From the editorial “Is Normalcy Necessary?,” which appeared in the September 17, 2021, issue of *The Lawrence*, representing the majority view of its board.

CLUB HOPPING



SNLville
Founded: 2018
Current Membership: 10 executive board members
Purpose: Creating funny sketches and providing laughter to the Lawrenceville community.

Saturday Night Live may be the standard for late-night sketch comedy, but SNLville, now entering its fifth season on the School’s YouTube channel, is the show making Lawrenceville laugh. Executive producer **Quinn Thierfelder ’22** oversees the skit-based program, which last year included 18 actors, 15 writers, seven editors, and four publicists. The writers’ meetings are the show’s soul, the place where sketches are born. “These [are] absolutely hilarious, a time to discuss all the wacky, funny, and odd things that we notice at Lawrenceville or in life,” she says. Ideas arise from situations like remote-learning foibles, leading to subsequent casting, filming, and editing before each episode’s 11 p.m. release on scheduled Saturday nights. Thierfelder says although making SNLville is harder than it looks, “I have never heard a more gratifying sentence than, ‘That episode made me laugh so hard.’”

3 Things we learned producing this issue of *The Lawrentian*

1. With WinterFest forced to perform via Zoom last year, one trouper – **Russell Clark ’22** – walked three blocks during a power outage to find internet access and participate in remote rehearsals.

2. More than a century before young Lawrentians crossed Main Street for some sustenance at TJ’s Pizza & Pasta, they filled the same building when it housed the original Jigger Shop.

3. Known to pro football fans as the founder of the NFL’s Dallas Cowboys, **Clint W. Murchison ’41** was also a “star” at Lawrenceville, selected to the honor of “Head Boy” for having the highest grade point average in his class.

ROECKLE BRUSHES UP ON A NEW MEDIUM



"Homestead," by Keith Roeckle, appeared in the Ellarslie Open, a juried exhibition at the Trenton (N.J.) City Museum at Ellarslie Mansion.

A painting by the performing arts chair was shown in the Trenton City Museum.

When he isn't teaching music or conducting the School Orchestra in his role as chair of the Performing Arts department, **Keith Roeckle** often explores a different artistic medium – painting.

Roeckle's work, "Homestead," appeared in the Ellarslie Open 37/38, an exhibition at the Trenton City Museum at Ellarslie Mansion in the center of historic Cadwalader Park in nearby Trenton, from July to October. Showcasing artwork by established and emerging artists, the Ellarslie Open has grown into the Delaware Valley's premier annual juried exhibition since its inception in 1983. The painting is based on a photo Roeckle shot at the Daniel Boone Homestead in Exeter, Pa. He created the work using egg tempera, a process in which he created his own paint by combining egg yolk, distilled water, and powdered pigment.

"It lets you get *very* detailed results and results in a luminous yet matted quality that I've always liked," he says, adding that the Ellarslie Open is his first exhibition.

A GOLDEN SOPRANO



It's been a year of plaudits for vocalist **Alistair Lam '23**, who earned two prestigious honors. Competing against other soloists with advanced high school musical experience, Lam was rated Gold I in the New Jersey Spring Solo & Ensemble Festival 2021, Soprano Solo Voice division. The "I" rating denotes "an exceptional performance in all areas," according to Arts Ed NJ, which sponsors the event.

Lam also placed second in the national finals of the American Prize in Voice – Friedrich & Virginia Schorr Memorial Award for art song/oratorio in the high school division.

Lam performed "An die Musik" by Franz Schubert in both competitions, adding "Music for a While" by Henry Purcell in the New Jersey event.

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GETTING SCRAPPY

Taking nothing for granted, having gratitude for every opportunity, and being able to depend on your brother are the keys to success for “Coach Poe.”

Napoleon Sykes Jr. isn't yet 40 years old, but he has lived a full football life, coaching everywhere from independent schools to the NFL, and all levels in between. Sykes also played the game at Wake Forest and before that, the Gilman School in Baltimore, where he realized something vital to his future.

“I went to a private school where they wash your laundry; you've got [beautiful] fields, you've got all the equipment you can possibly think of,” explains Sykes, who was named head football coach at Lawrenceville in July. “Sometimes your environment gives you the illusion that you don't need to be scrappy.”

To Sykes, known colloquially as “Poe,” that tenacity – an insistence at taking nothing for granted – creates the building blocks not only for successful football players, but for young men who truly seek the best for all. The latter aim is what has fueled Sykes' fifteen-year career on the sidelines.



Napoleon Sykes Jr. has coached football at the prep, collegiate, and professional levels, including Bill Walsh Fellowships with the Chicago Bears and the Washington Football Team, and one season with the XFL's DC Defenders.

"I say it a lot: Football is not my thing. It's just what I do," he reveals, stating the underpinnings of his coaching philosophy. "We break everything down on T.C.B. – that is, take care of business, take care of your brother."

Sykes explains how his days at Gilman were shaped by coaches like his defensive coordinator Joe Ehrmann, who prepared the young linebacker for the rigors not only of Division-I football, but for the challenges of life.

"His philosophy was really building men for others," Sykes says. "It was using football as a way to build young men of character and integrity who are going to go out in the world and change it. Football was never the focus."

AFTER THE 2020 SEASON WAS LOST TO PANDEMIC RESTRICTIONS, SYKES' BIG RED TEAM IS DIVING HEAD-FIRST BACK INTO INTERSCHOLASTIC COMPETITION.

In some respects, the stakes were raised this season with Lawrenceville opting out of Mid-Atlantic Prep League play in order to play a schedule a bit closer to its roots. After hosting Deerfield to open the season, Big Red traveled to Choate Rosemary Hall and Exeter in consecutive weeks before returning to campus to take on Penn Charter and Peddie. After games against Kent and at Hotchkiss, a trip to rival Hill on November 6 beckoned with a chance to even its record at 4-4. In all, it's a tall order, but Sykes said his players were working hard to change the habit of "expecting to not get what you want," something he says begins with accountability to each other.

"The other day, I told them, 'Guys, there are going to be times where things don't go your way, but there's still going to be somebody who's counting on you to be your best,'" he says. "When you're a husband, your wife or your partner is always going to be counting on you. It doesn't matter how your day went; they're counting on you to be there."

Sykes has absorbed this lesson at every coaching stop, including two stints at the U.S. Naval Academy, where he helped lead the Midshipmen to the American Athletic Conference championship game in 2016. The Academy exists to develop officers capable of leading the men and women of the fleet. Good football simply follows – the product, Sykes believes, of players' being attentive to details, treating people with respect, and having gratitude for what they have, be it granted or earned.

"If we were really detailed and had functioning guys in that arena," Sykes says, "the football stuff comes with it."

Doing the little things the right way becomes a habit, and those habits become the cornerstones for bigger goals on the gridiron, says Sykes, who is confident his team will show progress this season. More than that, though, he insists the most important aim is that they are picking up the pace to make a steady climb throughout the season and into the future.

"We're not just trying to get there to the end. We're trying to be at full speed once we get to the end of the season," he says. "It's the same thing I told them in the weight room: Some places lift during the season to sustain and survive. We're trying to build. Build and get stronger."

Sykes is busy trying to build numbers, too – and not just the number of victories. He wants Lawrentians to come out for his team to absorb lessons that will carry them well beyond the sport.

"I'll walk around campus and say, 'Hey, come on and play football.' They think of it as, *Oh, he wants me to play football*, and I'm like, 'No, dude. I want you to come in this locker room and learn what it's like to depend on somebody, fail with somebody, pick somebody up,'" he explains. "That's what football allows you to do. You may never play a down. You may never score a touchdown. You might never have an interception. But if you can grasp those things, and the way that we're trying to do it as a coaching staff, you're going to come out the other side better as a person."



GOLDENBERG: A 'SUPERSTAR'

Athletic trainer **Mike "G"**

Goldenberg H'96 '97 P'05 '10

was named the 2021 Cvent Superstar: Advocate of the Year Award for his work on the 2021 Eastern Athletic Trainers' Association (EATA) virtual conference, which experienced a 40 percent increase in registration and a three-fold increase in revenue. This "People's Choice" award recognizes a Cvent user who is passionate about event technology and is recognized as thought leaders and industry experts by their peers. Cvent is a leading provider of meetings- and event-registration software technology.

"I am truly honored and humbled to receive such a prestigious award, especially since this award was voted on by the community," said Goldenberg, who also noted his pride in being recognized by a profession outside athletic training.

In 2018, Goldenberg became the first athletic trainer inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame at his alma mater, Plymouth State University.



HARKNESS TO GO!

As comfortable in hiking shoes as in his own skin, history teacher **Michael Hanewald '90 P'22** savors the idea of putting a Harkness table anywhere on the globe, and as the assistant director of Lawrenceville's Harkness Travel program, he gets to do just that. Hanewald told *The Lawrentian* how a study-abroad trip as a student planted the seeds of his passion for experiential education, which has allowed him to share once-in-a-lifetime discoveries with students.

You are the middle of three generations of Lawrentians. How did you wind up here as a student?

I came to Lawrenceville after what would've been my junior year in high school, but I did two years in a public high school, and then I was a Rotary Youth Exchange student in Austria for a year.

And then you eventually found your way back to campus in 2008. What was behind that?

I always knew I wanted to come back here. That was always a goal, to be able to teach at Lawrenceville, where it meant something for me.

You're a big outdoors enthusiast who might be known as much for the teaching you do outside as around the Harkness table.

I was selected as a Ropes Course instructor my junior year in the spring. I only had the opportunity to do that one year on campus, but I got a job immediately with the company that built our ropes course, and I managed it with the School. Right away, from my two summers working for that company, building and facilitating,

people said, "You should teach. You've got something going on in your interactions."

Sounds like there was already a teacher inside, trying to find its way out.

I'm the third child of four, the middle compromiser, listener, empath, so experiential education started to kick in in terms of me thinking, *This is a path for me*. Without knowing it, the year abroad in Austria had primed my engine for further experiential education.

Lawrenceville had long done summer abroad, but it was you who really developed this idea of international Harkness travel, correct?

I had the opportunity to create an international travel program, and so that just tacked onto who I was, what I was building, and how I had been learning.

How do you explain to people what the true educational value is in a Harkness Travel experience?

Harkness Travel puts the idea of people gathering in a circle to get into deeper conversations, wherever you travel. You

have curriculum, you have preparation, and you're going to spend the time to engage something meaningful. That's how we design our lessons in our class, so we transfer that model into a location and ask the same questions.

That's no mere sightseeing tour.

Are we doing the Chevy Chase *European Vacation*? No. What we're trying to do is find the opportunity to engage the people and the place, and meaningfully honor subjects with purpose. We might not go to the biggest attraction in the city, because our focus is something different.

So you're placing the emphasis on exploring concepts as much as on the location itself.

Yes, and this is a wonderful way to steward leadership. What **John Hughes** [director of experiential education] and I have designed is a program that has the educational purpose with kids meeting beforehand, but they are also going to be a teacher, leading a discussion.

How far does that student-as-leader model extend?

When possible, the program leaders are going to hang back, and students lead. You're going to lead the discussions, you're going to, for example, get us on the trains and organize us.

Wow. That's a lot of responsibility.

We have a rotation of leadership-role scheduling and leaders of the day – an assistant leader, the record-keeper/journalist, and the documentary person – and we rotate these positions. We start with daily meetings, led by students, and at the end of the day, shift leaders meet with the next leader and co-leader of the day and say, "Hey, what are we talking about? How should you prepare your group for tomorrow? What's the weather going to be?"

And it comes off all right?

Our School is always doing that on different levels. John and I are practitioners in that, and we'll say, "Let them make mistakes, because that's the experiential learning."

What classes do you teach as part of the history faculty?

I'm part of the Forces that Shape the Modern World – that's our world history, Third Form year. I teach a two-term elective on African history, Africa Then and Now, and I have taught an interdisciplinary class on Mayan archeology called History Through the Lens.

"History Through the Lens" has the sound of an interdisciplinary class.

How do you portray and convey history through film? As a filmmaker, how do you convey history as a historian in a paper? We're studying the subject through an interdisciplinary lens. They'll learn about the ancient Maya, but then we start watching these documentary films, and **Gil Domb** [P'17, Visual Arts teacher and School videographer] talks about technique.

Is there a travel component to this?

Yes. Before we go on our program, students focus on a topic – warfare, kingship, and what does this mean? They have the itinerary in front of them, so now they know they're going to Palenque, Bonampak, Yaxchilan, Tikal, Kopán, and Quiriguá, and some of the people who have appeared in the PBS *Nova* documentaries have been our tour guides.

That's got to be an advantage – their local expertise.

In Palenque, the park closes at 5 o'clock. Our guide, José, says, "Well, we're not leaving, we get 'til 7 or whenever we want." Everyone exits, we have the conversation with a guard and then get to hear the howler monkeys enter the ruins because the people were gone. They wouldn't normally come until the people had cleared out.

So right away, José's connections are paying off.

Later that evening, we go down for dinner and he says, "Would you like to go to my office? I think you may be interested in something." In the office, he opens up a transcript book, an art book with just ... I mean, this makes me shake, how special it was.

Do tell...

Linda Schele was the key artist from one of the Texas universities who cracked the Mayan code in the '70s – well, they did it at Palenque, at the Palenque Round Table of 1970. These meetings, with the historians and everyone coming together and cracking the code – this was the book!

Amazing. How did José come to possess this vital document?

Linda Schele had given it to his father, who was the only Mexican archeologist on the group, and his father gave it to him – the evolution of symbols and shields for Pacal the Great, the first king, and what that looked like. Our students left saying, "We're not worthy!"

It's incredible to have that kind of access. That's like a Rosetta Stone, really.

It's the Dead Sea Scrolls, it's the Rosetta Stone, it's everything. You're right, as far as a primary source, they're likely never to come across something as unique or significant as that.



The Grand Canyon is just one Harkness Travel destination led by Michael Hanewald '90 P'22.

FROM ON HIGH

Dan Cooper '66 found his artistic calling on a mountaintop.



he life of an artist doesn't read like a résumé or a LinkedIn profile. It isn't always linear, nor does it feature one success built atop another. Modes of expression vary and evolve, and sometimes the path is circular. Origins

can become the destination.

"On the Christmas break, my family and I went to Vermont to ski, and I went up to the very top of the mountain," says **Dan Cooper '66**, recalling a trip he took as a Fourth Former. "I was up there by myself, and I just stopped – I was looking out over all of the mountains, all covered with snow, and it was so beautiful that it just stuck with me."

A seed was planted.

"When I got back to Lawrenceville, I just couldn't stop visualizing it. And I thought, 'Well, I'm going to see if I can paint it,'" he says of the snowy vista. "So I bought paint, went back to my room, and just started painting."

The moment launched Cooper's fifty-five-year odyssey into art. It also resulted in his first critical rejection, a tongue-in-cheek rebuff from his roommate.

"Even though I had no experience," Cooper recalls, "I said, 'Yeah, well, you know what? I think I *can* paint.'"

The years between that moment in Dickinson House and today have witnessed Cooper rendering art through various media, including strategically arranged geometric shapes and even electronically, through programs written in Basic on a primitive Apple II home computer in the late 1970s. But the landscapes that first inspired him as a teenager have once again become his primary subjects.

"With every painting, I want there to be something in it that I don't know how to do," Cooper says. "A painting is like a discovery. I kind of know where I want to go, not so much in terms of what the painting looks like, but in terms of what the painting *feels* like."

Landscapes come from his visceral reactions, perhaps to a hike near his home in northern California.

"When I'm working on a painting," he says, "I'm trying to make the painting get to a point where it meets the feeling that I have inside."

Painting is not like photography, where the image can be captured in an instant. The process takes time, but Cooper says the feeling remains inside him forever, an emotional blueprint he can summon anytime.

"There are things that I can think back on," he says, "things I never got around to painting, but that I can still *feel*."

Cooper does often take photographs of

his subjects to record details for reference before he takes brush in hand to render the *essence* of what he's seen. His landscapes are realistic in scale and light, but a closer examination shows that his brushstrokes are actually rather interpretive. In one, titled "Glimmer," the sun peaks over the hills on the horizon, its light dappled by the leaves of the oak trees in the foreground. The viewer can feel the warmth on their face, but a closer inspection of the work reveals that the brushwork is not precise at all in the way that a photorealistic artist might require to achieve his or her desired effect. Up close, it feels slightly... abstract?

"For many years I was an abstract painter, and I still love abstract painting," he says. "But I was hiking around in the woods a lot, and I started realizing that realism is actually the most complicated form of abstraction. I look at all my most realistic paintings, and I still see them as abstract."

A talented student who earned multiple mathematics prizes during his Lawrenceville days, Cooper once intended to study the subject at Harvard.

"Meanwhile, I became more and more of an art fanatic," Cooper recalls of the time between his acceptance and his enrollment. "So I thought, 'Well, Harvard is supposed to be the best college in the world, so they must have a really great art program.'"

Disappointed to learn upon his arrival that there was, in fact, no art department, Cooper

bounced around the curriculum while looking for opportunities to paint. He rented a makeshift studio space in Somerville, on the outskirts of Cambridge, with a poet he befriended.

“Somehow we got the idea of, ‘let’s go find some old storefront somewhere I can paint and you can write poetry,’” he says.

Dennis Nurkse ‘66 would rise to international prominence as a poet, but at the

time, the two were content to discuss life over cigars while practicing their respective crafts.

“I was going to my studio there and painting all the time,” Cooper says.

“Basically, I was painting and going to Harvard on the side.”

He would still attend the occasional lecture, but Cooper knew it wasn’t for him.

“I’d had it,” he says. “So I got myself a Volkswagen van, and I just started traveling around the country.”

Along the way, Cooper might drive to the woods, where he would do some watercolors. “Eventually I came out to San Francisco, and within about 10 minutes, I said, ‘This is where I belong.’”

Over the years, Cooper moved between methods and media. He painted as an abstractionist and was invited to exhibit his early work at a show, which was panned by *Art Week*, an area periodical. Later, he drew on his math skills to create another form of abstract art through a highly complex technical method that involved programming on an early home computer – a progenitor of what would become digital painting. And this time, *Art Week* raved.

“That was really a nice sign,” he says, “but also, amusing.”

Advances in that technology didn’t interest Cooper, so he looked to his past to inform his future.

“I started thinking how I was originally inspired by landscape,” he says. “I started painting, and I realized that I really didn’t know anything about it.”

It was 1990, and Cooper imposed a timeline to pick up the style, learning light and shadows and differences in color harmonies.

“I thought, I’m not going to show my paintings to anybody; I’m just going to paint for five years,” he says. Cooper worked seven days a week over that time, “getting better and better and better, and knowing more what I’m trying to do.

“After that five years, I thought, ‘OK, I’ve got some good paintings here,’” he recalls, confident enough to offer them to the public. “And that’s when I then started to get them out there.”



Sundae School

THROUGHOUT A CENTURY'S WORTH OF DIFFERENT OWNERS AND LOCATIONS, TRIUMPHS AND HEARTBREAKS, LAWRENCEVILLE'S ICONIC JIGGER SHOP HAS BEEN PART OF THE SCHOOL'S ALLURE – AND LORE.

It's always been about the snacks. What would come to be known as the Jigger Shop started out on the southern corner of the village's Phillips Avenue and Main Street in a large, white frame house that served as the home, office, and drugstore of Dr. Edmund DeWitt. In the late 1880s, DeWitt set aside a portion of the pharmacy to serve as an ice cream counter, delegating the running of this part of the business to Alfred "Al" Bogart.

According to historian Roland Mulford's 1935 history of the School, the ice cream sundaes served in DeWitt's drug store came to be known as "jiggers" after **Winslow Mallery** of the Class of 1890, "wishing a hurried helping of ice cream called out, 'Hey, Al! Gimme a couple of those, er – what-do-you-call-'ems? That jigger you have in your hand!'" DeWitt's "jigger" referred to the then-newfangled conical ice cream scoop, which had only recently replaced a large spoon as the usual way to dispense ice cream. The name caught on, and a Lawrenceville legend was born.

The jiggers themselves could be extravagant in their preparation. A 1910

Scribner's Magazine article described them as "a tall soda-water glass half full of marshmallows. Over this [the server] poured a thick chocolate syrup. He put ice cream on top of this, an inch or two of whipped cream on top of the ice cream, gave a stir, and the

'jigger' was ready. The counter was lined with glass bowls filled with chopped nuts and syrup, breakfast foods, chopped bananas and syrup, chopped oranges, pineapples, etc., which, mixed in various combinations, are daily devoured by the young Laurentians [*sic*]."



Students in search of snacks in 1943 bellied up to the counter at the second Jigger Shop, located in today's law offices across Phillips Avenue from TJ's.



Above: In 1955, students could enjoy a delicious chocolate pecan nut jigger special for just 25 cents. Top right: Al Bogart, the original Jigger-meister, around 1890.

The name “jigger” might have remained known only to Lawrentians but for **Owen Johnson**, Class of 1895, and his *Lawrenceville Stories*. He immortalized the sundaes and their real-life server, Al, in the fictional story of Hungry Smeed, who first demonstrated his unusual gastric flexibility by consuming ten double jiggers before going on to make a name for himself as a champion in pancake eating.

When an aged DeWitt sold his drug store in 1907, faith in the marketability of the venerable Jigger name inspired two local businessmen, Warren Golding and Dana Kafer, to continue the store in a new location in the Kafer Flats building, which today houses TJ’s Pizza & Pasta. Although jiggers remained popular with students – a reputed 1,800 were sold each week in 1913 – Golding and Kafer succumbed to bankruptcy only a few years later. Frank “Pop” Bussom bought the store at auction in 1916, using funds he had borrowed from Lawrenceville School comptroller **James Brinkerhoff Dayton**. According to

a 1972 *Trenton Times* article, Bussom had conveniently neglected to mention his plans for the borrowed monies to Dayton because Dayton was one of the other bidders at the auction.

Pop Bussom was more successful than his predecessors, so much so that by 1927, the Jigger Shop, now a general store as well as ice cream parlor, needed a bigger space. Bussom moved the store back across Phillips Avenue to a long, low building at 2651 Main Street (which today houses law offices), where it would remain for more than sixty years.

Under a succession of owners following Bussom’s retirement in 1948, the store’s services became even broader. By the 1960s, students could book airline reservations, send and receive telegrams, place flower orders, and get help in shipping luggage – as well as order from a menu of hot dogs, hamburgers, soda, and candy. Athletes arriving late for dinner could also order a standard “training meal” of rare roast beef, a baked Idaho potato,

green beans, toast, and tea.

When the last proprietor, Joe Bresner, retired in 1972, the School, fearful that the landmark would disappear forever, intervened and purchased the Jigger Shop. Day-to-day running of the store was turned over to the Princeton University Store, which modeled the shop on its other properties, adding the sale of textbooks.

On August 10, 1990, a suspected frayed plug in a refrigeration unit set the century-old Jigger Shop ablaze, destroying \$300,000 worth of textbooks for the new school year as well as a half-million dollars of other merchandise. The store was given a temporary home in Old Lower, but it soon became clear that it could not return to the Main Street property due to the expense of reconstruction.

With the demolition of Old Lower in 1992, the Jigger found a new home on the first floor of the Irwin Dining Center and, later, in Noyes History Center after the building was remodeled in 1999. The Jigger Shop returned to Irwin in 2011, this time under the care of Sustainable Fare, the food service company run by **Gary Giberson H’11 ’18 P’10**, director of dining services.

Once the first phase of Tsai Field House is completed in 2022, the Jigger Shop will once again be on the move, relocating to the dazzling new space to usher in the latest iteration of a seemingly timeless tradition. The store has long since swapped textbooks for stylish Big Red apparel, but continues to offer snacks and treats, including a range of wholesome (but tasty) alternatives in keeping with Sustainable Fare’s commitment to nutritious eating and the desires of today’s health-conscious – but still hungry – students.

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PLENTY OVER

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FOR TWO DECADES,
WINTERFEST HAS GIVEN
LAWRENCEVILLE STUDENTS
CREATIVE OWNERSHIP OF
THE KIRBY ARTS CENTER
STAGE, FROM WRITING TO
CASTING TO PRODUCTION.



For a number of years, dance routines such as 2009's "Drought" were a prominent part of WinterFest. Inset: "The Fantasticks," 2006

By Sean Ramsden

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Student directors help bring scripts to life on stage.

“My favorite things about Lawrenceville were the ones that just *popped* out in front of you,” says **P.J. Scott '05**, his voice rising with a delight he still feels almost two decades later.

Scott recalls how energized he was, as a new student, by the sudden and unexpected chance to take ownership of something creative and original. “It’s like, ‘Here’s an opportunity!’”

Imagine being 15 and being handed the keys to the car. But instead of becoming an insurance liability, Scott and his Second Form cohort were the first group given creative license to bring WinterFest to the stage at Lawrenceville.

“We realized, *Hey, we’re allowed to do this,*

so we went for it,” says Scott of WinterFest, the annual student-run, midyear performing arts showcase that celebrates its 20th anniversary this January and February.

The shape of WinterFest has evolved over the past two decades, but at its heart, it’s always been about giving students ownership of their own onstage – and backstage – experience. They cast, direct, and often write their own dramatic or comedic productions, taking charge of entire stage crews to bring their artistic vision from script to the stage.

“And we did the whole thing, top to bottom,” says Scott of his first theatre foray in the waning days of 2001. “We wrote our own little play, casted it, costumed it, did the whole thing.”

Scott and the pioneering freedom given to him and creative partners **J.C. Calcerano '05** and **Brookes Moody '05**, who wrote and staged what he calls a “*Pirates of Penzance* ripoff,” helped set the tone for WinterFests to come.

“We really were just a ragtag bunch of freshmen. The older kids were getting the attention at that point,” he recalls. “It was such a great Lawrenceville moment in that we were

given this open book and it was like, *You can do this. Make it happen.*”

Former director of theatre **Christopher Cull P'20** brought the WinterFest concept to the School “looking for an opportunity for more students to become involved in smaller ways, in a way that that requires less time,” according to **Jamie Cuthrell**, theatre teacher and technical director of the Kirby Arts Center. The Periwig Club and its annual musicals and dramas had long been the standard at the School, but the amount of time and experience required to earn leadership roles in Periwig productions could be a barrier to students who wanted to dip their toe into the performing arts pool. WinterFest cleared the way to more student exploration and experimentation.

“It didn’t have the bureaucracy that comes with the main stage,” Scott says, adding that Periwig veterans known for their well-honed acting or singing chops predictably landed coveted starring roles, leaving little room for beginners.

“With WinterFest, you could get a play with three football players and it turns out one of them could sing,” he says. “It was such a cool, surprising way to go about it. It’s so grass-roots.”

Students penned shorter, one-act plays or produced acts of existing works, which remain a WinterFest staple today. Cuthrell says that when he arrived at Lawrenceville, WinterFest resembled a cabaret, with dance pieces and vocal performances included.

“It was more a variety show, in addition to scene work and short plays,” he says. “And then that evolved into just plays.”

Plays, or at least single acts chosen from a library of WinterFest-friendly stock, make up much of the event’s lineup today. WinterFest is also once again witnessing an increasingly greater emphasis on original works written by students, a trend that pleases **Calli Colvin '22**, this year’s head of WinterFest.

“I love it when students come and write their own works,” says Colvin, who along with Cuthrell will field applications, choose directors, hold auditions, work with directors to cast their shows, and coordinate rehearsal spaces. “My freshman year, we didn’t really see it a lot, nor in my sophomore year. But in the past year, **Emily Hammond [’23]**, who is an upcoming playwright, has written some phenomenal work.”

Hammond’s original play, *The Space Cough*, saw the WinterFest stage last year, and an





updated version earned an honorable mention in the 19th Annual Young Playwrights Competition, sponsored by The Theatre Project. The contest, a leading incubator for rising talent and a showcase for New Jersey artists, featured high school students from throughout the Garden State.

"I believe that there are quite a few avid writers on campus," Colvin says, "and I would

love to support them if they wanted to put on their productions."

Like many students who have led WinterFest before her, Colvin prepped for her role not by acting beneath the bright lights, but by toiling backstage. A stage manager as a Second Former, she has continued to work on tech crews, as a stage supervisor, and as a maestro

liaison. Last year, Colvin directed a show for the first time, but many students who participate in WinterFest toggle from directing to tech crew to acting. It's all part of the show.

"Theatre, for me, was the one thing I was doing in school that even on the days when I didn't want to do it, I could still find something in me to motivate me," says **Andrea Leonard '12**,



who now works in Los Angeles as a field coordinator in the film and television industry. She first got involved in theatre at Lawrenceville hoping to appear on stage – which she did – but found surprising gratification working behind the scenes.

“And then, I was like, *Oh, I like it,*” says Leonard, who went on to major in production

and design at Barnard College with a concentration on lighting and sound. “Jamie and **Matt [Campbell]**, current director of theatre] were very open to having us be hands-on, so I took a shine to it. I felt a lot more fulfilled having physically built a set.”

Cuthrell says this diversity of options is something he touts to prospective students.

“When I meet them, I talk about WinterFest as a celebration of students’ exploration of the arts, because it gives lots of students so many opportunities,” he says. “For the musical, we have one stage manager, one assistant director, one dance captain. But for WinterFest, we have twelve to fourteen directors, three or four stage managers, and crews for both weekend sessions.”

Anushka Agarwala '20 also had her trajectory shaped by the production side of WinterFest. Now a theatre major at Northwestern with a focus on stage management, Agarwala had done plenty of acting in elementary and middle school and figured to do more of it at Lawrenceville. Like Colvin, she worked a variety of roles, stage-managing as a Third Former before directing two WinterFest productions. While co-directing as a Fourth Former, Agarwala learned firsthand that “the show must go on” after one of her actors was forced to drop out just three days before the curtain was to rise.

“We had to scramble and find another actor, so we pulled one of my friends who was already in WinterFest, doing another show,” she recalls of **Casey Rogerson '20** stepping in to save the day.

“I worked with him for a couple of hours. He learned all his lines, started all the blocking, and

he pulled it off amazingly,” Agarwala says. “But I will never forget that moment when I was like, ‘What the heck am I supposed to do three days before the show?’ It all worked out, but that’s definitely something I’m never going to forget.”

Just as unforgettable was last year’s iteration of WinterFest, which brought with it an unprecedented challenge: remote learning and virtual performances. With the COVID-19 pandemic forcing all students home for the winter term, WinterFest performances were presented not on stage, but via Zoom. Colvin directed one of last year’s shows and embraced the trying circumstances. Now, she believes the *esprit de corps* that developed among students then will help fuel this year’s productions.

“That was my one chance to be with people who all came together around this one thing,”

says Colvin, who had one actor walk three blocks from his home to find the internet access needed to rehearse with his cast mates after his home suffered a power outage. “I want to bring that same energy, where everyone’s coming together around this one art form.”

Just as with so many aspects of pre-pandemic life that many took for granted, having WinterFest return to normal casts it, like so many school-year rituals and routines, in a new light. This being the 20th anniversary of WinterFest makes it that much more special.

“Even though we’re in different shows, even though we may be day students and boarders and we’re from different places,” Colvin says, “we are all doing this one thing together, and it’s something awesome.”

Cuthrell, a veteran of more than half the WinterFest productions, raves about what students accomplished last year despite the adversity.

“They were coming together in completely different time zones, but the directors and the team felt that it was so important to make this happen that they took care of one another to make it happen,” he says. “And it was really a remarkable WinterFest, so nothing will stop us. We’re Lawrentians. We never say ‘no.’”



‘THE OTHER ONE’

Inspired by the writer Jorge Luis Borges, longtime language teacher José L. Martí distinguishes the head of school from the man behind the mustache.

After retiring from Lawrenceville in 2008, longtime Spanish language and literature teacher **José L. Martí H'84 '87 '95 P'91 '95 '01** turned his curiosity to the intriguing lives of others. Now, as part of a book project, Martí is interviewing a series of notable subjects in order to learn more about *them*, as opposed to the cultivated personas inextricably linked to their public professional profiles. The following is excerpted from Martí's interview with Head of School **Steve Murray H'55 '65 '16 P'16 '21**, conducted in 2019, which will appear in *The Borges and I & [] Project*.

"Borges and I"

By Jorge Luis Borges

"It's Borges, the other one, that things happen to. I walk through Buenos Aires and I pause – mechanically now, perhaps – to gaze at the arch of an entryway and its inner door; news of Borges reaches me by mail, or I see his name on a list of academics or in some biographical dictionary. My taste runs to hourglasses, maps, eighteenth-century typefaces, etymologies, the taste of coffee, and the prose of Robert Louis Stevenson; Borges shares those preferences, but in a vain sort of way that turns them into the accoutrements of an actor. It would be an exaggeration to say that our relationship is hostile – I live, I allow myself to live, so that Borges can spin out his literature and that literature is my justification. I willingly admit that he has written a number of sound pages, but those pages will not save me, perhaps because the good in them no longer belongs to any individual, not even to that other man, but rather to language itself, or to tradition. Beyond that, I am doomed – utterly and inevitably – to oblivion, and fleeting moments will be all of me that survives in the other man. Little by little, I have been turning everything over to him, though I know the perverse way he has of distorting and magnifying everything.

"Spinoza believed that all things wish to go on being what they are – stone wishes eternally to be stone, and tiger to be tiger. I shall endure in Borges, not in myself (if, indeed, I am anybody at all), but I recognize myself less in his books than in many others; or in the tedious strumming of a guitar. Years ago I tried to free myself from him, and I moved on from the mythologies of the slums and outskirts of the city to games with time and infinity, but those games belong to Borges now, and I shall have to think up other things. So my life is a point-counterpoint, a kind of fugue, and a falling away – and everything winds up being lost to me, and everything falls into oblivion, or into the hands of the other man.

"I am not sure which of us it is that's writing this page."

- Jorge Luis Borges (1899-1986)

Translation by Andrew Hurley

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I have always felt a great curiosity for the lives of others – maybe that was the reason for me becoming a teacher of Spanish language and literature. During the last few years, I have been thinking on interviewing some famous characters who, in spite of their major or minor popularity, intrigue me very deeply. The first of them, from the day I read *Borges and I* and after forty years of studying him, enjoying his writings, and sharing that privilege with my students, was Borges. The second, Gabriel Garcia Márquez. Others on my list are Noam Chomsky, Javier Bardem, Jimmy Carter, Maria Kodama, **Steve Murray H'55 '65 '16 P'16 '21**, Meryl Streep, José Tomás, Toni Morrison, Martha Ryan, Stathis Giallelis, John Waters, Jaime Botin, Oliver Stone, Joaquin Sabina, Taiye Salasi, Miguel Ángel Martín-Delgado, Christine Halquist, Isabel Allende, and some other famous but unknown individuals.

I believe that they have been disfigured by fame; that is why I would try to talk to each one of them about any imaginable theme not related to their profession, which is, many times, the cause of their deceiving fame. I would ask my questions – most of them related to Borges and I – to Meryl, Javier, and Oliver ignoring films, Oscars, and other irrelevant topics; to José without bulls; to John without his thin mustache behind which he could hide; to Stathis without *America America*; to Miguel Angel without the Royal Academy of Sciences. I would love to talk to all of them as I would have done with Borges, Garcia Márquez, and Toni Morrison: speaking with them to learn something else about those special human beings being disfigured and almost annulled by fame. The title of my next interview is "Borges and I and Steve Murray."



José L. Martí: Let's interfere in *Borges and I* and you right away. In my classes, when we were studying his short masterpiece – trying to help my students to distinguish between the apparent narrator in the first person and Borges the writer – I called the former “Jorge Luis” and the other, “Borges.” If you allow me to do the same thing, from now on I'll call you “Steve” and the other, “Head of School Murray.”

Steve Murray: Very good. Absolutely.

Martí: Then let's begin. Borges starts his perfect essay – I believe he called it a “poem” – emphasizing the difference between his public persona, imagined by his readers – limited by its original nature because it is based in an accumulation of different interpretations – and his inner self, the one we all hold inside. The narrator of *Borges and I* says: “The other one, the one called Borges, is the one things happen to. In your case, who is the one more things happen to, you or Head of School Murray?”

Murray: I am frequently struck as I am in this position, as I play the role of head of school, that I am defined by that role. I have slowly come to terms with this. I used to take things more personally in my role. I now understand that people have needs from the position, from the head of school, and part of my job is to try to meet those needs. But I am in a role and I am usually not Steve. I am typically the head of school. People want me to stay in that role. I would say that more often, things are happening to the head of school and less frequently happening to Steve.

Martí: According to *Borges and I*, Jorge Luis walks “through the streets of Buenos Aires and stops for a moment, perhaps mechanically now, to look at the arch of an entrance hall and the grillwork on the gate,” and about the other, about Borges, he has “news from the mail and sees his name on a list of professors or in a biographical dictionary.” When you walk alone through New York or any other place, what do you like to do?

Murray: Because I am frequently in a public position, if I am in New York, for example, or Paris or Madrid, I like to be anonymous so I can walk and don't have to play a role. I am just a citizen, and I like that feeling. Separately from that, or in addition to that, I am often struck that in a city, even though it could be very crowded, it is very depersonalized and disconnected. We're very atomized, and we are moving in our own little world, so I do enjoy making small connections with people – like touching someone else's humanity, if you know what I mean.



Argentine author Jorge Luis Borges in October 1977 (Sophie Bassouls/Syigma via Getty Images)

When I was much younger, in Paris, I developed a kind of superstition: If I saw a musician in the Metro, or a street performer, I always gave them some money. They were human beings living on the margins, and I wanted to acknowledge their humanity.

Martí: Who receives more mail – here we can include email, you or Head of School Murray?

Murray (laughing): Head of School Murray.

Martí: Do you have somebody who helps you to scrutinize that mail? Who answers more mail, you or “the other”?



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Murray: Actually, on that question, I would say we try to answer together. I try not to just be Head of School Murray when I answer emails. I try to have it be in my own voice as well. And I write from my heart. I try to.

Marti: Among his personal preferences, Borges' inner self, Jorge Luis, says that he likes "hourglasses, maps, eighteenth-century typography, the taste of coffee, and the prose of Stephenson; the other shares these preferences, but in a vain way that turns them into the attributes of an actor." Would you mind sharing with us which are your personal preferences?

Murray: I share that with Borges; I love maps. I love coffee. I would say about my personal preferences that I love to exercise because I can think freely. When I go running, my mind can wander and I think the exercise helps that happen. That's a state I enjoy. The other preference, where I'm also very much in touch with myself, is on the water, in a boat. I like to do almost any kind of activity on the water, partly because the water is always changing. It's a landscape, or perhaps a waterscape, but it shifts and evolves constantly. One hour to the next, the aspect of the water can totally change. If the tide shifts, if the current shifts, if the winds shift a little bit – increase or decrease – the sky color changes because clouds come in, the water can be completely different and you can't imagine it's the same body of water. I think that's mesmerizing. Just like with exercise, it's a way to kind of lose myself and just let my mind wander freely. Time spent on the water I find very soothing and contemplative.

Marti: What are your preferences of film, television program, movie director, actress, actor, author, novel, play, poem, and music?

Murray: I have several favorite films. Probably my all-time favorite movie is *Les Quatre Cents Coups (The 400 Blows)* by Truffaut. Love that movie.

One of my favorite movie directors is probably Truffaut but also a little bit later than Truffaut, a French film director, Jean-Jacques Beineix, who made *Diva*, a film from the '70s. A beautiful film – visually very beautiful film.

My favorite actress might be Jeanne Moreau, the French actress; I like her very much. For actors, I love Paul Newman. One of my favorite American movies is Paul Newman's *Cool Hand Luke*, from the 1960s. It's a great movie.

For authors, I love Samuel Beckett, *Waiting for Godot*. Beckett

helps us understand man's condition in the 20th century. I love Victor Hugo, of course. He is brilliant. I love Tolkien, J.R.R. Tolkien, *The Lord of the Rings*. It's a novel about a journey, about faith, about friendship.

For novels, I have many favorite novels. I think one of the most important novels of the 20th century is *Night* by Elie Wiesel. Auschwitz. How can we love humanity and also explain Auschwitz? I think that's a very important question.

My favorite play? Probably Shakespeare's *King Lear*. Shakespeare strips away the layers to show the essence of a man. I also love Eugene O'Neill, the American playwright, *Long Day's Journey into Night* – dark, bleak story of family dysfunction.

I love Robert Frost and one of my favorite Robert Frost poems is *The Death of a Hired Man*. It's a long poem; it's a beautiful poem.

I'll finish with music. I love *Clair de Lune* by Debussy. Haunting and beautiful.

Marti: Now, upon talking about your preferences, knowing that others are going to read what you say, do you do it "in a vain way that turns to the attributes of an actor"? In other words, who is talking, you or Head of School Murray?

Murray: Well, that's a great question because asking the question and knowing people were going to read it makes me think that I am answering it as Head of School Murray because it's my public persona. On the other hand, this whole interview is intriguing to me, because I think you are trying to identify my personal self and let that come through, mainly. That's why I'm intrigued. It's an opportunity to be human.

There's a book by Louis Auchincloss called *The Rector of Justin*. It's about a headmaster, though they call him the rector. It's written in the 1950s, and throughout the book you rarely get the perspective of the headmaster. You read letters that are written to him. You read journal entries about him. You read other kinds of correspondence, but it is always about what people around him are projecting upon him. That's the point of the book – his own self is rarely recognized. It's all the needs that people have: his children, his spouse, his board of trustees, all the people in his orbit. I am intrigued by the book because I understand that very well. While I think, in a way, it's hard for me to answer the question about preferences "In a vain way that turns them into the attributes of an actor," I hope that we were successful and the other side of me comes through. I hope.

Marti: What are some things that Head of School Murray loves, but you not so much?

Murray: I would say public speaking. I am actually a rather private person and somewhat introverted, but as head of school I don't play that role, and it has taken time for me to be comfortable speaking in public. I've learned to step into the persona. I'm always a little bit nervous before I speak, but that is normal. When I am feeling like the head of school, I can get up and do it. I play a role.

Martí: Because I can tell you have a good sense of humor, I am going to ask you two totally different questions: Who tells more jokes, you or Head of School Murray?

Murray (chuckling): I would say I tell more jokes ... mostly to my children.

Martí: In my introduction, I say that I would ask questions to John Waters "without his thin mustache behind which he could hide." Are you – Steve or Head of School Murray – hiding anything behind your mustache?

Murray: Of course I am. It is part of the persona; part of the mask I wear. It gives me a hint of swagger that I otherwise do not have naturally.

Martí: In other text I have read – according to my unreliable memory – someone says that when Borges was a boy, going for a walk with his father through Buenos Aires, they stopped in front of three contiguous buildings. On the first one, the Argentinian flag waved. The next one was a church, and the third, a butcher's shop. It looks like his father told him, "Pay attention to those three things because in a not-too-distant future, the three of them will not exist." What is your opinion about that?

Murray: *No estoy de acuerdo.* I don't think I agree. I think the butcher shop, yes; it is finished. Apparently, we will soon be able to order from Amazon. Apparently ... so I think the butcher shop, sadly, will disappear.

The church and the flag, on the one hand ... I think that organized religion is something of an anachronism, in a way. I think the organized religion of today came to be in the distant past and they have not adapted well to modern life and that's true, except I think that people will have a desperate need for organized religion so I don't think we will abandon that easily ... [as well as] the flag and nationalism, I think, in a similar way. We are very tribal. We like to feel connected, we want affiliations, and I think nationalism and the idea of "loyalty to a flag" is not likely to disappear. Countries will come and go, but the idea will persist.



Perhaps the danger is that the blind, evangelical religion will sweep over us. That, or hypernationalism, this blind devotion to the flag. It's equally dangerous.

Martí: Let's go back to *Borges and I*. The narrator tells us: "I live, let myself go on living, so that Borges may contrive his literature, and this literature justified me. It is not effort for me to confess that he has achieved some valid pages, but those pages cannot save me, perhaps because what is good belongs to no one, not even to him, but rather to the language and to tradition. Besides, I am destined to perish, definitively, and only some instant of myself can survive



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in him.” Do you believe that your professional achievements, motive of your success, justifies your life?

Murray: I love Borges’ comment. Frequently we look at authors, and sometimes we think it is their vanity that causes them to write because they want to be immortal, and I think what Borges is saying is the writing that is produced does not make him immortal. The words may last and perhaps they can serve people, but that does not make him immortal.

He separates himself from his writing. The writing is independent. I think that’s a very humble thing to say – and realistic. I hope I have a similar humility. I love what I do. I love the School. I think what we do here is fundamentally important. I think we shape young people in very positive ways and send them out into the world. That is meaningful to me, but I don’t think of my own legacy as important. I hope this School is a better place when I leave than when I found it, because I believe in the School, not because I want to have a legacy.

Martí: Are you, little by little, as Jorge Luis seems to be doing with Borges, giving everything to Head of School Murray, or is there something that you will never cede?

Murray: I think there are things I will never cede. In other words, it is a consuming job. It consumes me. If my wife were here, she would say, “Yes, it consumes you,” but there are certain things that are very important to me, like my relationship with my wife. That is more important than anything to me, and I look past my job sometimes and think about life after working here and time I can spend with her, and that’s more important and that will always be separate. That will always be something private for me.

Martí: The narrator continues talking: “Spinoza believed that all things wish to go on being what they are – stone wishes eternally to be stone, and tiger to be tiger. I shall endure in Borges, (if, indeed, I am anybody at all), but I recognize myself less in his books than in many others; or in the tedious strumming of a guitar.”

Here, Jorge Luis seems to indicate that he doesn’t believe in another life and he thinks that his possible survival is limited by the few things that Borges’ followers will remember. What do you think is going to happen after Steve and Head of School Murray’s death?

Murray: I do think people live on in our hearts and in our memories. I think people do that as a way of thinking about the

afterlife. I don’t have a strictly Christian belief in the afterlife at all, but nor do I have an atheist view of nothingness and oblivion. I believe there are things I can’t know or don’t know and so I am intrigued. I have a hard time believing that the energy of human life evaporates into nothingness, into the ether. That doesn’t make sense to me. I think there is a kind of beauty and mystery to our whole existence that is intriguing to me, so I don’t know how to conceive of God exactly, but I have a hard time believing that God is absent from the universe. The whole world is too beautiful and too well done. Much of it is unknowable, but I think there are many things I can’t know yet and will discover when I die.

Martí: Borges confesses in his sonnet *Remorse* that he has committed the worst of sins that a man can commit: not being happy. For the worst of sins, he demands to be castigated with the worst of the punishments for a writer: that the glaciers of oblivion drag him without compassion. He also says that his parents bore him hoping that he will play the risky but beautiful game of life. But he failed them because he wasn’t happy. Which is for you the worst of the sins one can commit?

Murray: I would say cruelty is one; I’ll give you two. To knowingly inflict pain on someone else. I’ve always hated bullies. I’ve always hated people who pick on the vulnerable. Cruelty repels me. I think another one, maybe close to what Borges is saying, is failure to have an optimistic view of the world. I think we run into great difficulty when we fail to embrace optimism. Which is not to say with blind faith things will always get better, but it is to embrace the hope that things can get better if we are willing to work at it. Failing to do so is a sin.

Martí: After his confession, Borges demands the worst of punishments for a writer: that the glaciers of oblivion drag him without compassion. What would be the worst of punishments for those guilty of sin that you have just mentioned?

Murray: Solitude. To be condemned to solitude for betraying a weaker person or failing to work to make the world a better place. Unforgivable.

Martí: Who plays better “the risky and beautiful game of life,” you or Head of School Murray?

Murray: Well, the head of school is certainly playing the game. I would say personally, I think I am all in with life. I have no regrets. I work hard. I love my wife. We have five children. We are blessed.



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Any misfortunes that befall us are part of life, and I accept the risk and the misfortunes that come ... try to, anyway. So, I think as head of school, I am playing the game; that's kind of his role – a different game.

Martí: In the interview I had with Miguel Ángel Martín-Delgado, a member of the Spanish Royal Academy of Sciences, professor of theoretical physics at the Universidad Complutense de Madrid, and Visiting Research Fellow at Princeton University from 1991-93, upon touching slightly the always slippery and elusive theme of happiness, he said that for him, "happiness consists of not having any kind of problems. But that doesn't lead to happiness but to death in life. Happiness is something dynamic, not static. When one resolves a problem, he feels happiness. Until then, he is unhappy. It is a permanent process of tension and distension ... as music is." How would you define happiness?

Murray: Happiness is, for me, the feeling that I made the most of this opportunity on earth, that I did not waste a second, that someone is better off because I was here.

Martí: This is the last line of *Borges and I*: "I am not sure which of us it is that's writing this page." Who do you think wrote it, Jorge Luis or Borges?

Murray: I think Jorge Luis, in a way, wrote it because he separates himself out from Borges in order to write it. He makes the distinction. On the other hand, if he is writing it because it's a few pages that will survive, perhaps it's the vanity of the writer who is writing it. I think Jorge Luis wrote it because ultimately in separating himself – his inner self – from the external Borges the writer, he is trying to dismantle the vanity of a writer. Jorge Luis. *Yo creo eso.*

Martí: If you were in my position, do you have someone you would like to interview?

Murray: Jean Valjean from Hugo's *Les Miserables*.

Martí: Now, finally, we are going to abandon Borges. When you go to a Spanish restaurant to share conversation, food, and sangria with friends related to The Lawrenceville School, who enjoys it more, Steve or Head of School Murray?

Murray: Steve.

Martí: Many thanks for your patience and kindness and for sharing your ideas with all of us.



A note for readers: I would recommend that you reread these questions and try to answer them yourself. Several people I interviewed told me that while reflecting on their answers, they came across many situations and ideas they had not considered in a long time. Right away, I remembered what Antonio Machado had said to us: "I give advice because I am an old man; never follow my advice." I warn you that if you don't follow my advice, you are following my advice. So, think about it and do as you wish.

– José L. Martí

José L. Martí H'84 '87 '95 P'91 '95 '01 taught Spanish at Lawrenceville from 1974 to 2008, where he earned the Harkness Award in 2009 and chaired the Languages Department from 1986 until his retirement. He began interviewing intriguing subjects for the "Borges and I & [...]" project in 2018.

We'd love to thank you.



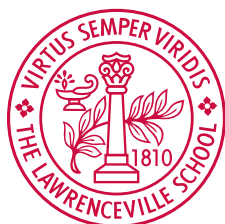
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FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

With students back on campus, the Lawrenceville experience is once again in full swing, giving the next generation the opportunity to fully experience all the School has to offer. Like those who came before them, today's student body is participating in intramural athletics, performing in Periwig, creating new artistic endeavors, and completing a rigorous academic course load to prepare them for the future.

Alumni around the world also have exciting opportunities to engage with the School and its current students. A new feature that started this fall is the *Big Red Times*, a monthly email from the Alumni Office that offers a quick and easy way for alumni to get up to speed about the latest news from campus. Whether it is an update about sporting event results, the highlights of Convocation, profiling an alum who is making a difference in the world, or letting people know about upcoming alumni events, the *Big Red Times* is a one-stop shop for all your alumni news.

Another way to get an in-depth look at the lives of students on campus today is to watch the School's version of a campus television program, *L10* News on Lawrenceville's YouTube channel. Each episode looks at several topical events on campus, including segments like how the School conducts its recycling program, an interview with famous alumni like sportswriter **Bob Ryan '64**, profiles of a House basketball team, or an in depth look at the faculty yoga instructors. With topics like these, *L10* has it all!

Re-engaging with our communities also provides opportunities for alumni to attend virtual and regional events to gather with friends and classmates from Lawrenceville. The School offers several dozen affinity groups, regional clubs across the country, and some even internationally, to help facilitate the sharing of the Lawrenceville experience after your time on campus is complete. If you, or someone you know, is interested in serving in a leadership position on one of our regional groups, please reach out to the Alumni Office. We are always looking for the next generation of volunteer leaders to help support the School's activities!

Lawrenceville in 2021 offers so many opportunities for students that did not exist a generation ago, let alone two hundred years ago. As alumni, our ability to stay engaged with the School has never been easier, with more and more ways to remain connected with campus life and the great things happening at Lawrenceville. I know the School will continue to produce high-quality and appealing opportunities for all alumni to maintain their connection to Lawrenceville, and hope that everyone enjoys the exciting things happening around the world today from our fellow Lawrenceville alumni.

Kind regards,

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STAR APPEAL

Commemorating the longtime home of the Dallas Cowboys was a very Lawrenceville affair.

Thumbing through the Class Notes section of *The Lawrentian* a couple of years ago, **Burk Murchison '67 P'94** noticed several images of paintings shared by artist **Dan Cooper '66**. (See more about Dan Cooper's work on page 24.) Intrigued, Murchison visited Cooper's website, dancooperart.com, which displays his entire catalogue of works for sale. Among his many California landscapes, one image – "Pac Bell Nocturne" – got Murchison thinking.

The acrylic-on-paper painting shows the home ballpark of baseball's San Francisco Giants as seen from the city's eponymous bay, light towers illuminating the unseen field inside, their glow reflected on the water. Murchison – the son of Dallas Cowboys founding owner **Clint W. Murchison Jr. '41 P'65 '67 '71 GP'03** – reached out to see if Cooper would be interested in immortalizing Texas Stadium, the team's home from 1971 through 2008.

"We decided on an aerial view at night, which would show the field under the lights and as many details as possible," Cooper says. The pair agreed they wanted to highlight the team's iconic star emblem on the 50-yard line through the stadium's signature feature – the massive opening on the roof that covered all seating yet left the field open to the elements. However, this presented an artistic hurdle for Cooper.

"There were lots of photos online, and Burk sent me additional pictures," he says, "but there was no photo that showed the proper angle."

So Cooper, who also builds 3D computer



Dan Cooper's painting of Texas Stadium looks through its distinctive roof to reveal the Cowboys' iconic star logo at midfield.

models from blueprints for architects to create realistic renderings of their construction projects, created a 3D model of the stadium, including the field and stands.

"Once I had the model, I rotated it until it showed the scene you see," he says.

Cooper spent more than a week painting the 4,000-plus cars that ring the stadium, and although the entire painting is 24-by-36 inches, the distance between the yard lines is only three-eighths of an inch. Along the way, Cooper sent Murchison photos of his progress, and Murchison provided direction on small details he recalled from

the stadium.

Though Texas Stadium was demolished in 2010 after the Cowboys' move to nearby Arlington, Clint Murchison's groundbreaking structure was for many years the gold standard for NFL home fields, no less in the minds of their fans and players. "Texas Stadium has a hole in its roof so God can watch His favorite team play," longtime Cowboys linebacker D. D. Lewis once said.

"So it had some historical importance," Cooper says, "and Burk wanted to try to preserve that."

— Sean Ramsden

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NOTES



“As I type this email the wind is probably gusting at 100 mph. **We’ve weathered many storms here and feel safe.** Of course, when [my mother] got the whole-house generator, it made hunkering a lot more comfortable.”

— The intrepid **Lou Lauricella '74**, who answered the call for Class Notes while Hurricane Ida’s winds lashed his childhood home in New Orleans. (Page 57)

“One night we played Max’s Kansas City and I noticed Sid Vicious of the Sex Pistols was at the bar. **With the band, I schemed that if we played as hot as we could, Sid would tell someone who would tell someone and – presto! – we’d land a recording contract.** [...] We rocked the joint and after the applause died and we started to unplug, I glanced over at the bar to see how our ticket to fame was doing. And there was Sid, passed out on the bar counter, head cradled in his arms.”

— Reformed glam rocker **Bruce Hager '72** on their big break that never broke for his New York City band. (Page 57)

“Golf with Wiggle is quite interesting as he is more of a ‘birder’ than a golfer. **I would be ready to make a putt when a bird would chirp and Wiggle would shout, ‘That’s a Carolina Wren!’ or ‘That’s a Painted Bunting!’** I was trying to make birdies while he was identifying them. Most unsettling.”

— Putter in hand, a slightly shaken **Bob Froeber '69** (Page 55)

1942

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"We won't wash the shirt!" Stalwarts of the Great Class of 1948 will recall this phrase – expressed as a loud cheer during the week prior to and at the annual L'ville-Hill football game. The outcome of the game was very important to us as Rhinies, since a Big Red victory meant we could discard the despised Rhinie 'dink' forever. This aspect of the game was very clear to us, but the meaning and origin of the phrase regarding the shirt itself was never explained ... until now.

Who better to tell the tale of the Red Shirt other than author Owen Johnson, Lawrenceville Class of 1895, himself! Speaking to a newspaper reporter in 1931 at his 35th Lawrenceville reunion, he declared:

"Garry [Garrett Cochran L'1894, aka

Garry Cockrell] used to wear a Red Shirt before all the games. He said it was the luckiest shirt in the world. He said ... that he handed it down to Max Righter [L'96, aka Turkey Reiter], who was the next game's captain, and he made Max swear to leave it here..." Johnson explained that Bill Dibble [L'96, aka Flash Condit] inherited the shirt, as the following game's captain, and although he handed it back to Max Righter, it disappeared – because Max left the School. "And the shirt was packed away with some school supplies and only recently came to light. It's been in Turkey's attic for 34 years. It has never been washed since Garry handed it down." Johnson advised that the current captain [i.e., the captain for 1931] "has it now."

The whereabouts of the famous Red Shirt, previously worn in 1896 and returned to the School in 1931, are not presently known. However, the tradition of the Red Shirt continued through 1948 and for many years beyond. Now? We have no current information on this subject ... is it still around, lying unwashed for more than 125 years? And do the current students still shout *"We won't wash the shirt!"*

The Chapel Bell Will Toll during the Service of Remembrance on Alumni Weekend next May for **Rafael Enrique Carmoega Jr.**, who passed away in Dayton, Ohio, on July 31, 2021. At L'ville Ralph captained the Hamill House soccer team and played varsity baseball and soccer. Thereafter, he graduated from the University of Dayton and spent his business career as a senior bilingual copywriter for NCR. When his wife died in 2013, Ralph moved to an assisted living facility. The Class offers its sincere condolences to his children and grandchildren.

Warren Schneider adds: I telephoned Ralph in late 2019, and he recalled that he had taught me and a few other classmates to sing (in Spanish) *La Ultima Noche*, his favorite song. So, we sang it together, and amazingly I still remembered the words. A great memory of a very nice guy.

1949

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The Lawrentian is glad to welcome **Robert Sobel** as the new class secretary for the Class of 1949, and also extends its gratitude to **Alan Marsh GP'15** for serving in that same capacity since the passing of **Philip Hummer GP '07 '08** last December.

Robert is the chairman emeritus of Emery Roth & Associates and is known well to members of this class for his active volunteering and gracious hosting of several mini-class reunions. Please contact him at the email provided above to share your news and updates.

1950

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Unfortunately, we continue to lose classmates. Our surviving cohort is now down to 39. This past March we lost **Dave Sloan P'84**. I received his obit from his son, Dave '84. Both Dave and his son sang in The Lawrentians at Lawrenceville and both sang in the Jabberwocks, the *a capella* group at Brown. I believe **Nate Horton** joined our classmate, Dave, in both singing groups.

The loss of a classmate always brings back memories for me, in this case of Old Lower. Both Dave and I came to Lawrenceville in September of 1944. He was in Cromwell and I in Perry Ross. Old Lower had a print shop in the basement as well as a charming small theater. I can picture the Lower School common room with Mrs. Nicholson serving coffee from a samovar, and I see, at separate times, **Fred Stewart** and **Lindsey Parsons** playing the piano there, **Charlie Robinson** doing magic tricks, and **Herb Hillman** playing an accordion concert. Only yesterday.

Cheers to each of you and stay well.

1951

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At the reunion last May three members of the Class of 1951 had a virtual meeting: **Doug Carpenter**, **Bob Shoemaker** and **Jeff Traenkle**. I, your tireless class secretary, missed the electronic boat (not for the first time). My wife, Louise, is a digital master, but even with her help I could not get into the conversion, which I regret very much. Doug has been heard from often during these past years; Bob I remember best from the 1947 Davidson House photo where he is seated, with one arm in a sling; and Jeff was a hockey player and all-round activities man. I wish I had known him better.

This was our 70th reunion. Most of us were born during the Great Depression, came of age in the early 1950s, and began careers during the Eisenhower years: a great time, it seems now, to launch a career. Then came the deluge of the Sixties; anyone who says his mind was not bogged by those years is not being candid. The view from the heights we now occupy is spectacular. But nobody asks us much!

What I remember best of our senior year – aside from the realization that being a senior is no big deal – is the Hill game at Pottstown (a mild, sunny day) followed by Thanksgiving two weeks later. Then, on the day after, the Chinese coming into the Korean war, and the deathly cold, the fighting around Chosin reservoir, the retreat from the Yalu. Perhaps we entered history

at this point. We began thinking about the draft. Truman fired MacArthur the following April. We talked about it in Jim Howard's H'49 history class.

And here we are. The future is daunting, but my main regret is that I probably won't see that much of it. Think of what we'll miss! Write and let's hear what you are doing and thinking.

As for news, **Steve Murray P'85**, M.D., sends us good advice. "Drink a glass of water – about eight ounces – every two hours or so. You may not feel thirsty, but that's the effect of age. Drink up!" This reminds me of what an ROTC officer told us at college: The desert is not sand, it's mostly rock. "If you have water, drink it; get it inside of you!"

John Howard reports that the school he founded with my old colleague Duncan Alling, The Tandem School near Charlottesville, Va., recently celebrated its 50th year. Also known as the Tandem Friends School, it is a coeducational day school with about 240 students in its middle and upper divisions.

Bill Strong GP'25 reports from New Jersey that he and Beverly are well, that he plays bad golf, cheats at it, that everybody knows it, and that he has a granddaughter at Lawrenceville in the Perry Ross House that is now in the old Dawes building. The world has turned upside down! But not for everybody: "Nothing much has changed," says **Clint Curtis**, "except another birthday!"

1952

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This COVID pandemic has really been a monster, with all its variants, the latest being the Delta variant, springing up around the country! It's certainly quarantined a lot of us and isolated so many from the rest of society. And the medical harm, with sickness and even death, as the numbers keep mounting!

I did, however, get in touch with my old pal, **Jim McCarthy!** Jim and wife, Winx, are enjoying life in the land of Dixie. He's retired now from Reilly Foods, but he still functions as CEO. (I'm not sure I would call that actual retirement, but he's doing it!) They divide their time between New Orleans and a home in the mountains of North Carolina. He says **Tony Benjamin P'77** is doing fine.

I received a note with a picture from **Jon Barrett** that shows Yee and **Ed Barlow**, along with **Sabin "Robbie" Robbins**, lounging in a bar in NYC and it's dated 1954! It's amazing how much they look as they do today! Maybe we're not so old after all!

Not much else to report this month. Please don't let this COVID keep you all from communicating with yours truly, as I need stuff for the column!

CLASS NOTES

1953

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We were saddened to learn of the death of our friend and classmate **Norman Powell**. Norman died on June 16 of acute respiratory failure. He was born as Norma S. Barnes, the son of cinematographer George Baines and actress Joan Blondell. When they divorced, he was adopted by his mother's second husband, actor Dick Powell. Norman had quite a career in the film business starting in the late 1950s as a production manager on such TV westerns as *Wanted: Dead or Alive*, *Gunsmoke*, and *The Rifleman*. Other producing credits included such series as CBS' *The New Dick Van Dyke Show*; TNT's *The Lazarus Man*, starring Robert Ulrich; CBS' *Orleans*, starring Larry Hagman; and AMC's *The Lot*, starring Holland Taylor; and telefilms like 1978's *More Than Friends*, starring Rob Reiner and Penny Marshall; 1995's *Convict Cowboy*, starring Jon Voight; and 1995's *Black Fox*, starring Christopher Reeve.

Norman also executive-produced and directed the feature-length 2003 documentary *American Valor*, a look at the heroes who have received the Medal of Honor. At the time of his death, he was working on a sequel to his 2009 Samuel Goldwyn-Showtime documentary *Brothers at War* with partner Jake Rademacher and executive producers Gary Sinise and Phil Gurin.

He was also writing a memoir. Norman was a longtime member of the Directors Guild of America and an active member of the Caucus for Producers, Writers &

Directors, for whom he served two terms as chair. He was the recipient of the Caucus' Distinguished Service Award and Lifetime Achievement Award. Survivors include his wife, Ellen Levine, and their son Matthew; his children by his first marriage, Sandra and Scott and two grand-grandchildren.

We were also saddened to learn of the death of our classmate **Charlie Bernheim** on July 20, 2021. After graduating from Princeton, Charlie served as an officer in the U.S. Navy and later joined his father and brother in the family brokerage business, Stern Lauer. He later moved to Bear Stearns and finished his career at JP Morgan Chase. Charlie is survived by his wife, Rachel, two daughters, and a grandson. Charlie was an avid golfer, a gourmet, a devout collector of fine art and music, and a philanthropist who supported multiple charities and served on many boards. He called both New York and Salisbury, N.C., home and served on the board of the Salisbury Symphony. Contributions in Charlie's name can be made to Novant Health Rowan Medical Center, Rowan Helping Ministries, or The Salisbury Symphony, all in Salisbury, N.C.

Sadly, our good friend **George White** passed away on August 25, 2021, in Carmel, Calif. After graduating from Lawrenceville, George went to Princeton where he was a member of Cottage Club. He spent the four years after graduating from Princeton in the U.S. Army, graduating from the Officer Candidate, Airborne and Ranger Schools. He served at Ford Ord, Calif., where he commanded an Airmobile Rifle Company and first got involved in sport parachuting. George spent ten years of his business career with Stone

& Webster and later Drexel in institutional security sales and, in 1970, moved to California to join his father in the start-up of a nuclear fuel brokering, trading, and consulting company, NUEXO.

He spent much of his leisure time as an active skydiver, amassing almost 2,000 jumps, and was proud of his participation in a number of world records set by two senior groups.

George is survived by his wife of 61 years, Jo, and their relationship goes back to before either one could drive a car. He is also survived by his sister Mary Carolyn Chandor, his daughter Lindsay, son Walker, and seven grandchildren. Donations can be sent in his memory to the Carmel Public Library Foundation or the Carmel Manor Foundation.

We were deeply saddened to learn of the death of our good friend and classmate **Vern Loucks P'84 '93 GP'12 '18** in Sewickley, Pa., on August 8, 2021. Vern went to Yale after Lawrenceville and was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon, played varsity football, and was a member of the Skull & Bones Society. He served as a U.S. Marine Corps officer from 1957 to 1960 and then attended Harvard Business School, graduating in 1962.

He worked for George Fry Associates until 1966 when he was recruited by Baxter International where he worked for the rest of his career. He served as CEO from 1980-88 and chairman from 1987 until retiring in 2000. In addition to his career at Baxter, Vern served on numerous boards, including Anheuser-Busch, Edwards Lifesciences, Dun & Bradstreet, Emerson Electric, and Quaker Oats. He also served on numerous key healthcare industry

boards and was formerly Senior Fellow of the Yale Corporation. His awards and honors were many, including the Marine Corps Semper Fidelis Award, the George H.W. Bush Lifetime Leadership Award at Yale, and the 2018 AdvaMed Lifetime Achievement Award.

Vern is survived by his wife Barbara "Bunny" Loucks and numerous grandchildren. Vern's generosity extended to Lawrenceville where he built the Loucks Ice Arena addition to the Lavino Field House and served on the Board of Trustees. Memorial contributions can be sent to Christ Church at Grove Farm in Sewickley, Pa.

1954

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When I told **Fritz Smith** (fredericsmith@comcast.net) about my scheduled total knee replacement on October 21 he replied: "Wife Sharon was not happy when she found out my operation was outpatient surgery and home the same day – she was a terrific nurse.

"I have heard from **Woody Woodhouse** (awwood59@aol.com) in Nevada. Both he and Sybil are in good health and are being careful like the rest of us. We celebrated our 60th anniversary with our kids and grandkids in February."

Fun exchange between **Fred Pettit P'87 '06** (fdpettit@mac.com) and John Keyser '55. John writes: "I was a year behind you at L'ville. While we did not know one another then, I surely remember your jump shots and was pals with some great classmates of yours from Griswold; E.g., **Trimble, Coker, Ingham, Cooper**. My sister, Carol, was a Broadway dancer and actress and was in the original *Oklahoma*. By the way, while at Georgetown, I had a weekly hour radio program, 'Broadway Panorama.' I'd focus on one show each program, sharing what I knew about the actors. Between songs, I would speak with Carol for info and stories she knew. Fun!"

Earl Cilley (ecilley@stanford.edu) wrote several months ago: "No news, Grant. Only news is I'm still alive at year 87 – that's news! Home recovering from pneumonia and the sun is out."

Pat and **Dave Grubb** (gramgrubb@earthlink.net) made a big trip to Sicily this summer with 34 family members. Talk about a family outing. Can't wait to hear about it.

Jeff Wiese (jeffwiese@mygate.com) wrote some nice comments about our classmate **Allen Johnson** when he learned of his passing. Allen wrote numerous books for children. Jeff's wife, Christiane, illustrated three books with him.

My news centers around grandchildren.



Mason Hellar, grandson of Grant Hellar '54 P'87 and son of Scott Hellar '87, low-fived his third-base coach after homering in an elimination game in Cooperstown, N.Y., in August.



He's Still Got It: Sixty-five years may have passed but his Georgetown letter sweater still fits John Keyser '55 like he just earned it.

Eric's children Sydney and Cameron competed in the Junior Olympics water polo event in July down in Irvine, Calif., and then went south with their parents for a week in Cabo. Scott's (L'ville '87) son, Mason, competed in the annual baseball Hall of Fame tournament in Cooperstown, N.Y. We have a video of him hitting a home run over the center field wall – good stuff!

Regardless of age, always keep love alive. Love your partner, love life, love your family, love your friends, love your neighbor and remember: "A man is not old as long as he has intelligence and affection." Never use the phrase, "In my time." Our time is now!

1955

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The fine work of **Bob Hillier P'11** caught the eye of *NJBiz* magazine, which named Bob an "Icon" in New Jersey business. "This is after you are over the age of 60," Bob quipped. "Somehow they found out my age was not 39!"

NJBiz lauded Bob for his 50-plus year in architecture, noting that he built the third-largest strictly architecture firm in the United States before merging it with a Scottish outfit to create the third-largest such venture in the world. Whew! Later, he joined forces with his wife, Barbara P'11 – a talented architect in her own right – to establish Studio Hillier.

The item also called out Bob for his dedication to his community, with his firm using 3D printers to create more than 2,800 face masks in response to the COVID-19 crisis, as well as opening his offices for use as a food-distribution center.

Aside from his good works, Bob continues "to practice architecture, which I love doing," he says. "With almost \$400 million in projects now under design and a great staff, there is a lot to keep me going."

Here's something you might not have known about Bob: He told *NJBiz* he got his "basic training" in running a business by selling tropical fish as a teenager. "I made \$3,400 my first year in business at age 13," he says. "That was 70 years ago."

He's still got the knack!

Ours is a great class, consistently

ranking at the top, or close by, for percentage of classmates who contribute financially to keep Lawrenceville, the very best private school in the U.S. **Doug Carver** continually marvels (from Germany and Spain) at how special our class was and is. And bless his soul, Doug remains a Red Sox fan.

I hear periodically from **Chico Ferro**. Aside from being like the best shortstop ever, and I mean that, Chico may well be the most patriotic citizen in the United States, and I also mean that.

Larry McGivney is still going strong in Point Lookout, on Long Island, which is amazing since he terrorized the community when he was younger.

Bob Milward P'87 has successfully headed his family funeral business in Lexington, Ky., for 50 years, which is no surprise knowing Bob. He is married 62 years, has three children and four grandchildren. He winters in Naples and has transferred his athletic prowess from basketball to golf. Bob carries a 16 handicap and can shoot his age, which I assure you, is awesome!

Charlie Broll, well maybe the best third

baseman ever, is still running the bases, now most of the year in Florida, and during the summer months he and Turner are back in Wilmington, Del.

Me, **John Keyser**, still working – leadership and life coaching and writing – and chasing my wife around our cottage in Charlevoix, way up north in Michigan, for about 10 months and the other two months in Glen Ellyn, Ill. Who doesn't "winter" in Chicago?

1956

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We lost three classmates recently: **Bruce Berger**, **Fred Cooley**, and **Hugh Nesbitt**.

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Bruce Berger, the acclaimed writer and poet and longtime Aspen local, died on February 10, 2021, from complications of lung disease. "Bruce was the unofficial dean of Aspen arts and letters and his Aspen cabin was a legendary gathering place for writers, physicists and musicians for more than 50 years" said James Anderson, Bruce's publisher.

Bruce was born in the Chicago suburbs and in a letter to John Humason H'48, aka "Hummer," stated, "your nostalgia for Lawrenceville exceeds my own, having been merely a Fifth Former sent there for the sole reason that my father thought I should have something in common with my generation-older half-brother, who was sent there for five years in the wake of his parents' divorce. Since we had diverging takes on L'ville, it only divided us further, an irony I never brought up within the family. Besides the spring show, the highlights for me were the Music House and our own too brief friendship, overlapping phenomena."

Bruce started visiting Aspen in the early 1950s and became the owner of a Fritz Benedict-designed log cabin he dubbed the "Fritz Carlton," where he lived the rest of his days.

Considered a "wry observer of Aspen's iconoclasts and idiosyncrasies; an advocate for wild rivers and remote deserts, he was not a fan of snow and cold and would leave Aspen for Baja California Sur for six months." He launched a yearly party for Aspen's Writer's Workshop every June and his Third of July festivities that were held for 50 consecutive years.

According to the publisher, "He trained his wit on aspen notables and lesser known personalities, many the black sheep of the best families in America.

"A devoted and accomplished pianist, Berger faithfully attended the aspen Music Festival each summer and recounted the festival's first 50 years in 'Music in the Mountains.'

"*A Desert Harvest*, a compilation of Berger's new and selected essays, was published in 2019 by Farrar, Straus & Giroux. At the time, Berger joked that he was "An overnight success after 50 years."

Fred Cooley passed away in his Buffalo home listening to music with Val, the light of life for 56 years. He struggled with multiple medical issues irrevocable complicated by COVID-19. After Lawrenceville, he received a B.A. in history from Harvard. During his years in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, Fred crashed a coming-out party for one Valerie Comstock, the best thing that ever happened to him, much to the lasting chagrin of her father. In fact, Fred's mother has called Val's mother in advance to ensure approval, but per family tradition one should "never spoil the story for sake of the truth!"

After brief stints as a salesman and software entrepreneur and the birth of

three children, Fred discovered his true calling and received his Ph.D. in clinical psychology from SUNY.

Fred's compassion and loving advice for everyone he encountered left lasting impressions on friends and family. His constant jokes kept everyone going. He had boundless energy, insatiable curiosity, and a passion for music, especially jam sessions with banjos and a tambourine. His love of learning was lifelong. In retirement he mastered working to build boats, studied watercolor to paint portraits and landscapes and sailed every chance he got while studying nautical instrumentation in pursuit of a captain's license. Fred found ways to help just about everyone he met including mentoring formerly incarcerated people.

Hugh Nesbitt died on January 27, 2021, in Saegertown, Pa. After Lawrenceville, Hugh received a mechanical engineering degree from Swarthmore College and subsequently an M.B.A. from Harvard. He had a varied professional career combining entrepreneurial businesses with helping others. He was predeceased by the love of his life, Linda. He was very appreciative that three of our classmates wrote notes to him.

Our 65th class reunion will be this coming May 6-8. The Reunion Committee is: **Bill Bardel P'93, Ken Beall P'94 '96 GP'24, Bill Haddad, Ted Kurz, Steve Leone, Jay McGowan, Don Mills, Dave Ottaway P'86 '91 GP'24, Chris Perry, Charlie Rippin, Austie Sullivan P'96, and Carol Wojciechowicz P'78 GP'06 '10 '12.** A golf outing is being organized by Ted Kurz for Friday morning and there will be a Friday night dinner party at Carol Wojciechowicz's house in Princeton. Please plan to attend and contact anybody on the Committee with ideas for a festive weekend with *olde* friends.

1958

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The word from **George Kuper**, one of our three exchange students we sent to Great Britain after they graduated from Lawrenceville in 1958: "We are now living on the shores of the Rappahannock River and Chesapeake Bay in the northern neck of Virginia, having sold our house in Ann Arbor, Mich., in 2013. We miss our Michigan friends, many of whom have visited with us, but are enjoying life with sailing, working in the yard, etc., in a gentler climate.

"I do enjoy reading your occasional newsletter and its wonderful insight on Michigan politics, which I have never understood! We have two new grandchildren in Brisbane, Australia. Oz is a little frustrating as our relationship is



Lynda Hurley, Ed Lowe '58, Bob Wyatt '58, Alice Lowe, and Pearce Hurley '58 enjoyed a dinner party hosted by the Hurleys, highlighted by a 1999 Mazis-Chambertin Grand Cru and this 2009 Chateau Climens Sauternes, thoughtfully supplied by Bob.

dependent on FaceTime due to COVID. And our son had depended on Danielle for babysitting.

"Prior to this pandemic we usually spent a couple of months in Australia and a couple of weeks on Danielle's family cattle farm in Namibia. Another son, a psychologist in Portland, Maine, affords good excuse to escape heat in the summer.

"Two years ago, I stepped down as the chairman of the Council of Great Lakes Industries, and its member companies have subsequently closed the organization. Being on a fixed retirement income is a bit sobering in this world, but life has been very good to us. It would be great to host any Lawrenceville friends should you be travelling nearby."

We've got winners! The inaugural Charles M. Dickson '58 Class Agent of the Year Award for the class agent (or agents) who exemplify the role's purpose of raising funds and engagement from their classmates for the School has been awarded to Erhan Bedestani '98 and Bill Jump '73. Erhan and Bill worked tirelessly to engage and solicit their respective classes during FY21. Remember, this award was named after *our* "eternal" class president (62 years, nearly a record) and, for the last two decades-plus, class agent, **Charlie Dickson**.

The School could have picked a lot of others for whom to name this award, but they chose our Charlie.

What does a class agent actually do, anyway? It's the point person for raising funds for the School, and I'm pleased to report that, in Charlie's honor, we picked up the slack and raised \$59,991 for the FY 2020-21 fiscal year. The goal was \$45K, so

bravo! Total "Other Giving" by the Class of 1958 (capital, endowment) was \$67,518. Total Class Gift: \$127,509. Exactly 52 of our classmates made gifts (our goal was 52 donors, so again, bravo!

These are incredible results for Lawrenceville and "Great '58." I should also note that our class *increased* its donors by 17 (!) over last year. This is unusual to see in non-reunion years. All told, through the collective support of alumni, parents, faculty, staff, and friends of the School, Lawrenceville raised an astounding \$9.75 million for The Lawrenceville Fund during the past fiscal year. This result far surpassed all the School's expectations.

Let's give **Stuart Dow** some love! Stu has rarely met a book he didn't like. He claims to read a whole book every two or three days (I wish I could do that). He's a lifelong "vociferous reader." Because of this, and his passion for children and education, he was awarded the Grosse Pointe (Mich.) Library's Literacy Chair Award last June. A retired financial consultant and investment banker, Stu noted in his acceptance speech "the racial and economic injustice of illiteracy on an individual level." Stu noted that, "If kids don't graduate, their economic prospect is not good at all. It makes a huge difference in the world to get them reading at their grade level, so they can graduate and be an economic contributor and have a good life." Amen!

Another Dickinson House man has passed away. **Brackett David "Beau" Clark P'83** died on May 12 at the age of 81. Beau was a native of Rochester, N.Y., and had lived in Truro, Mass., for 25-plus years. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 44 years, Jennifer Bradford Clark.

Survivors include his three sons, Kitt Clark '83, Brett Clark, and Bryan Clark; stepson Lee Tompkins and stepdaughter Wendy Tompkins; and ten grandchildren.

After Lawrenceville, Beau graduated from Colgate University with a B.A. in English. During his career he worked as a public school teacher and as president and CEO of Rapidac Machine Corporation. His love of trains also led him to become a major stock holder and president of the Board of Directors of Livonia, Avon and Lakeville Railroad.

Finally, I must report that my beloved Susan Steiner Bolhouse died suddenly and unexpectedly during the night of Aug. 5-6, in our home in Flint, Mich. She was only 72. Susan was a fixture at our 50th, 55th, and 60th reunions, and many of you may remember her announcing the results of our traditional Kentucky Derby sweepstakes in 2018. Her death was a shock to all who knew her. As a civic leader in Flint (and elsewhere in Michigan), she has been honored by numerous organizations with memorials in her honor. She grew to love Lawrenceville and our classmates, many of whom have sent me consoling messages of remorse. Thank you.

1959

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1960

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Dan Harris' final installment, *Strike* in his Russell Riley book trilogy. The report from Kirkus Review: "... again ... an energetic, high stakes yarn of greed and betrayal ... by quirky Russell Riley, a satisfying blend of intrigue and mayhem..."

Go, Dan!

For most, Facebook is the way to communicate among senders who know each other. **Bob Dorf P'90** is by far the most clever and entertaining, by far, for me and the other classmates who follow him.

A quick report on other classmates: Sandy and **Phil Ringo P'88** are off on their trip to Croatia.

John Bailey and Grace Harvey are headed to Italy for bicycling.

As Sue and I unwind from COVID-19 into Delta and our third Moderna shots on August 31, we wonder how much longer it will affect our lives and the environment we continue to face. We look forward to the completion of the transformed Lawrenceville campus by next year and to our 65th in 2025.

1961

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John Clark P'97 '98 writes: "I am planning a family gathering in NYC in mid-October but hope to get to a class reunion if there is one.

"I sold my house in Florida in May (my wife died there in May 2020), and I am back as a full-time resident of Richmond, Va. I sold our house in Richmond in April 2020, and now have a 2,900-square-foot condo here – more than I need. I have no plans to remarry, or even getting a dog, but I have a woman traveling companion who can pay her own way. I am trying to travel as much as I can before I am hooked up to an oxygen tank.

My daughter-in-law in Columbus, Ohio, is my health care surrogate. I told her that all she needs to know is 'DNR.'"

We lost **Bob Greenstein** to COVID-19 on September 13 at the Royal Devon & Exeter Hospital in the United Kingdom. Bob's wife, Christine, informed us of this tragic news, which came about despite Bob's being vaccinated. "He loved the school, his sports including All-American swimmer, often speaking so very fondly of it, its academic prowess, classmates and tutors," Christine wrote. "Additionally, we both always enjoyed our campus visits and meeting up/speaking to former classmates, of course. It has all been such a shock, and I will miss him dearly."

Upon receiving the news, Frank Williams said, "This is tough. We've lost our three Belknap swimmers, **Mike Alcivar**, **Dave Pohndorf**, and now Bob Greenstein, he of sparkling enthusiasm. Our Fifth Form year off-campus at Belknap House with **Ben Briggs H'63 '69** as our housemaster was a delight, with the highest grade average in the School, and the most fun. Belknap was there in the Revolutionary War, and it was mentioned that George Washington slept there, twice, although he found it uncomfortable, not least because of the low doorways which clocked us tall guys more often than you would think.

"Greenie' was a young man of irrepressible hustle and enthusiasm, alive more than most to the privilege of being at Lawrenceville, with his friend Dave Pohndorf from Champaign, Ill. I'm filled with sorrow that we will not see him again, another reminder that we need to assemble our brothers and friends while we still can."

In an email to Christine, **Jim Schloss P'95** expressed his sorrow and recalled the origins of his friendship with Bob. In part, he wrote: "It is hard for me to believe that he is gone. Beginning in 1958, Bob and I met for the first time. We lived on an intimate campus, shared classroom experiences, and swam on the same team.



David Preefer '61 shot this photo of the late Bob Greenstein '61 and David Pohndorf '61, who both passed this year, in front of Belknap House during their Fifth Form year.

I feel as though we continued to swim together through life.

"Like many of us, we drifted apart while we were building our respective careers. But around 1981, I began to attend L'ville reunions and rekindled a friendship with our Bob. As you know, we spoke on the phone on each other's respective birthdays. But it wasn't just that. I have considered Bob to be one of my very best friends; I could tell him anything and not feel uncomfortable. We were kindred spirits, and now he is gone. Like virtually all of us in our age bracket, we have lost our parents and some of our friends, most due to natural causes, but now some to COVID. Bob was perhaps the nicest, kindest, most forgiving person I have ever met. The world was a better place because he was in it for 77 years, and I grieve for your deep, personal loss."

David Preefer also wrote, in part, to Christine: "Bob was a great friend at Lawrenceville. He and **David Pohndorf** were friends in Minnesota (?) before they both came to Lawrenceville together, and they both were outstanding members of the varsity swim team. Both of them were housemates senior year in Belknap House.

"The fact that David passed away just several months ago, and now Bob follows him, makes our world so much smaller. I will miss them both when we are able to hold another Alumni Day meet-up."

Christine replied with a reminder that Bob and Dave actually knew each other well before they enrolled at Lawrenceville: "Bob and Dave Pohndorf were both from



John Clark '61 P'97 '98 sent this photo of his son, Wylie Clark '98, and daughter-in-law Penni Malakates '98, who are currently in Maine with their two children.

Champaign, Ill. Bob's father was a doctor (ob/gyn) in Champaign, and Dave's father a professor at the university there, and knew each other from the age of 7. So strange they should pass away in the same year! I will deeply miss my dearest Bob so very much, having known him for 46 years."

More sad news with the passing of **Britton White** in August. Britton attended Stanford before graduating from Colorado College and earning a law degree from the University of Colorado Law School. He was a formidable litigator as a partner at Holland & Hart and later General Counsel for El Paso Corp. In addition to his two children, Britton is survived by his wife of 46 years, Sherry Odenthal.

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Gregg Miller '62, Champ Atlee H'74 '75 '79 '80 '83 '84 '87 '89 '06 P'92, and Ted Lyons P'86 met for golf and dinner at St. Davids Golf Club in suburban Philadelphia in August.

1962

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Sandy Lenhart was in Sarasota at the beginning of September. He and his partner, Jean, sold their houses on Siesta Key and Longboat Key and moved to the Ritz Tower, where they have great sunset views of the bay and sunrise views of the gulf. A year ago, Jean stepped down as chair at Ringling College of Art and Design, but she remains active in college affairs.

A few years ago, Sandy started a classic car show at the Field Club in Sarasota, where he enjoys showing his '95 Porsche 911 Cabriolet, '73 Mercedes sedan and '71 Mercedes four-seater convertible. Due to shoulder issues, Sandy has not played golf for a while.

Sandy's daughter Lexie, her husband Michael, and their baby Brooks remained healthy in London during the pandemic. Michael grew up in the States, graduated from Penn, and is with a private equity firm in London. They recently bought a house in Sarasota. Young Brooks is not yet enrolled at Lawrenceville, but he attends a nursery school in London where they serve tea to the youngsters at 4 p.m. each day.

Don Friedman lives in downtown Philadelphia and teaches first- and second-year medical students at Sidney Kimmel Medical College of Thomas Jefferson University and Drexel University College of Medicine.

Don retired from his rheumatology practice in 2004. He was chief of the section of rheumatology at Crozer-Chester Medical Center, a large community

teaching hospital outside of Philadelphia, from 1976 to 2004. He found that medicine was changing, and there was less and less time to spend with patients. So, he retired and decided to teach clinical medicine, emphasizing the humanistic side of medical practice and focusing on the patient as a person. He took courses at Harvard Medical School, The George Washington Institute for Spirituality and Health, Omega Institute, Center for Mindful Self-Compassion, The Remen Institute for the Study of Health and Illness, Animas Valley Institute, Garrison Institute, and Copper Beech Institute and incorporated what he learned into his teaching at Jefferson and Drexel.

For the last four years, Don has also taught case-based learning at Jefferson, facilitating a different case discussion for first- and also second-year med students in small groups each week covering all the internal medicine specialties over the academic year. Since this requires relearning medicine and learning the newer aspects of the field that have developed since his retirement, Don spends a fair amount of time preparing for these classes.

At Jefferson, in June 2021, Don taught a five-session class titled "The Human Side of Healthcare" exploring the benefits of mindful self-compassion (which Don wasn't taught when he was in med school); the role spirituality has in patient care (how do you take a spiritual history on a patient?); characteristics of effective practitioners (careful listening is one); perfectionism, shame and the inner critic (and how to confront their negative and inhibiting effects); and medicine as soul work (how doctors can find meaning and purpose in their work). He is also co-director at Jefferson of the Remen Institute course, "The Healer's Art," which helps medical students explore the emotional

side of being a physician and the nature of medicine as service.

At Drexel's medical school, Don teaches sessions on bioethics and on professionalism. He has also co-developed an elective course "At the Bedside," which discusses empathy, compassion, gratitude, self-compassion, and mindfulness. The focus of the course is how physicians can be more present to their patients.

Laudably, Don continues to contribute to medicine by teaching and he is looking forward to our 60th reunion in May 2022.

On August 6, **Champ Atlee H'74 '75 '79 '80 '83 '84 '87 '89 '06 P'92**, **Ted Lyons P'86**, and **Gregg Miller** met for golf and dinner at St. Davids Golf Club in suburban Philadelphia. Ordinarily, **Jock Hannum P'88 '94** would have joined them for their annual foursome, but he was detained at the last minute by urgent business at his farm in Unionville, Pa.

1963

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Ron Rolfe P'21 wrote that his "older son got married last August 24 and he and his wife moved to Ann Arbor, Mich., where he is now in business school. My younger son will attend St. Andrews college this September, and my wife and I are splitting our time between NYC and Water Mill on Long Island. My wife has started a business with three of her friends advising on sexual harassment. Hope all is well with you."

Ray Viault P'96 says that he "still can't get over the passing of **Al Hunker P'96**. A huge loss to the Class.

"Well, we cancelled our summer travel to Europe," Ray continues. "No surprise given the deteriorating COVID situation. Lucille spent the entire last year going through chemo followed by a mastectomy due to an aggressive breast cancer diagnosis. She has now survived four bouts of cancer and, at this moment, seems to be cancer free. We are lucky to have today's medicine/care available. You can imagine the challenge of her treatments/surgery in the middle of the COVID pandemic!

"We are up in Vermont now (August) where we play golf and tennis at the Dorset Field Club. In September, we are taking a small cruise following the Lewis and Clark trail on the Columbia River in Oregon and Washington. Then, stopping in L.A. to visit friends, etc. Then, on to La Jolla for some golf at Torrey Pines before heading back to Florida for the winter. Taking the family (our three children, their spouses, and five grandchildren) to the Turks and Caicos for Thanksgiving week. Ages 77 (us), 50s, 40's, 20s, teens and twin 9-year-old boys. Hard to get the family together unless we

provide an 'incentive.' Hope we can all get together someday soon at the School. It's been a long time!"

Scott Bradley reports from his home in Ocracoke Island that tourism has rebounded there both last summer and so far (August) of this season as people seek destinations where there are fewer crowds of people. The island is still rebounding from Hurricane Dorian in 2019, which destroyed 100 residences and has resulted in 100-150 homes being raised up and repaired in preparation for any future storms.

Scott keeps busy on a volunteer basis as chairman of the local sanitary commission and is also involved with the restoration of the five historic buildings in the center of town that were damaged, with the last two buildings in final stages of repair. We naturally commented on the current Delta variant crisis and came to find that, coincidentally, we both had received our second vaccinations on February 10. We're looking forward to booster shots in September or October as conditions permit.

He sees Bob Poitras Jr. '90 on occasion in Chapel Hill where Scott's partner's daughter is in school. Bob Jr. founded one of the first microbreweries, Carolina Brewery, in North Carolina early on, and according to Scott he is doing very well.

Thad Moore reports that he "was recently in Charleston, S.C., and got to have lunch with **Johnny Loud P'93** – he is healthy and doing well. Also headed up to Tulsa this weekend for another visit with **David Whitehill** – photos from that visit will have to go in the next issue. The photos in this issue are from our last visit, pre-COVID.

"In September we are going to New York to celebrate the Bat Mitzvahs for two of our granddaughters. We will also spend a couple of days with Peggy Laddey and use that occasion to visit **Brian's** gravesite – sure miss him. Also made the decision to sell my beloved 1966 Corvette Coupe – very fast with the 427/425 horsepower motor, but too hot in Texas to enjoy without air conditioning. Now looking for a 1964-65 big block Chevelle – this time with A/C!

"So grateful we survived COVID – Ellen and I just got our booster shots. Best wishes to all classmates – looking forward to our 55th reunion!"

John Allen reports that he and his family are well in Berkeley and waiting for conditions to improve so they can begin to travel a bit.

Bob Shannon P'82 writes that his son, Tom '82, who attended L'ville for one year, "is the CEO of the largest bowling alley conglomerate in America, living in Surfside, Fla. My granddaughter, who is 8 and lives in Kiev, was in Florida for a few weeks visit. Tom sent a jet to Rutland, Vt., to pick me up and take me to Miami – just me, my bad, and two pilots. There were six seats for passengers. The weekend was lived in



Thad Moore '63 reluctantly parted with his beloved 1966 Corvette Coupe – “too hot in Texas to enjoy without air conditioning,” he says.



Bob Shannon '63 heads the Fourth Corner Foundation a nonprofit he launched 25 years ago to improve the understanding of the interconnectedness of man and nature. This is one of Fourth Corner's projects.



Todd Orvald '63 P'89 '95 and wife Donna with their granddaughter, Molly, visited scenic southern Chile.



Todd Orvald '63 P'89 '95 maintains his 1966 Volvo to perfection with some TLC and a little gas and oil.

a bubble of exuberant excess. Too bad for L'ville that the school jettisoned him for not enough studying.

“I am still working as the president of the foundation nonprofit I started 25 years ago. The last two summers have infrastructure periods, as gatherings are and have been out of the question.” You can see some of their work at thefourthcornerfoundation.org or on the organization's YouTube channel.

Dick Quintal advises of major events in his life: “My wife, Catherine, and daughter, Katy, and I continue to live and do well here in Darien, Conn., with a few weeks every summer vacationing for a change of scene in Martha's Vineyard. We just had our 50th wedding anniversary and loved it! Our son, Christopher, and his wife, Sara, live up in Westport, Mass., and have just given us our first grandchild – Matthias Quintal – and we are so thrilled to be grandparents!

“COVID became my very overdue excuse to say goodbye to my banking and more recently consulting business for good and all. So, no more driving back and forth to NYC at odd hours. Am enjoying my life now of family activities and more leisure, along with some home chores and updates. We've been basically stay at home since the beginnings of the virus but trying to get out more now and revisit some of our favorite places. My only active contact in our class has been **Bob McGrath** – we enjoy talking and corresponding back and forth about anything and everything. Would be very happy to hear from anyone else! Best to all.”

I enjoyed a long talk with **Todd Orvald P'89 '95**, who is still doing orthopedic surgery at his Yakima, Wash., practice, but he advises that he will give up operating in January of next year and work only three

days a week doing consultations at the office. He commutes to Yakima from his other home in Bellingham that he shares with his wife of 33 years, Donna, and their 13-year-old granddaughter, Molly, who lives with them. Donna has a son, Carter, from her first marriage who lives in Bellingham and is also an orthopedic surgeon.

They enjoy taking boat trips up the west coast of Canada to Alaska in their 43-foot boat, and also vacation a couple of weeks every summer in Stone Harbor, N.J., from which Donna hails. They have also travelled to Germany to visit the family of an exchange student from years ago who “adopted” Todd and Donna as his family when he lived with them and with whom they have stayed in touch. From his first marriage, Todd has a son, Tommy '89, who attended Lawrenceville and is an attorney who lives in Arlington, Va., and a self-taught

guitar player. In all, Todd and Donna have 18 grandkids.

Dick LeSchander P'89 '92 says that “life here on the island (Long Beach Island, N.J.) has gone well in spite of COVID – we stick for the most part to our small neighborhood of people about our age who had the good sense to be vaccinated. Only sad news here is that we had to put our basset hound down this past June, and our cat misses her, as do we.

“We did tour Israel with a church group in February of last year, which was a great experience; fortunately, we left 12 hours before the country was locked down. Haven't had occasion to visit the campus since our 55th but am curious to see the new field house. Any tourists to the Jersey Shore should call and come by, we'd love a visit!”

Kirk Wade reports that he and his wife,

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Laura, “are vacationing in Switzerland and Italy and won’t be back in the States for a more fulsome report until after the 29th of August. All is good.”

Bob Moore is back in Maine for the summer and will hopefully return to Florida this winter. He said he is “so proud, impressed and supportive of the tremendous progress in diversity at L’ville. Warms my heart.”

Your **Class Secretary** had planned a 10-day vacation in mid-August at Siesta Key on the west coast of Florida along with my brother, who lives in Calgary, as well his oldest son and his wife who reside in Kelowna, B.C. Unfortunately, the trip was cancelled due to the appearance of Red Tide along Siesta Key, which emits a toxin that kills fish in droves. This makes it practically impossible to go to the beach due to the strong odor of dead fish as well as irritation of the bronchial passages. In addition, the appearance of the Delta variant of COVID that has hit Florida very hard meant that alternative vacation activities such as restaurants, movies, etc., when you can’t go to the beach were also nixed, resulting in the decision to cancel altogether. Fortunately, we were able to get our money back, so maybe next year...

Stay safe everyone and let me hear from you when you get a chance.

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Joe Felcone P’93 ’96 has *not* retired as an antiquarian book dealer! He’s just published a concise, valuable book: *New Jersey in Print, 1693-1855*. It’s a guide to the oldest materials printed in or about New Jersey.

Joe Hurwich relates that he and his 1931 Aston Martin competed in this year’s Mille Miglia in Italy and he has a photo to prove it.

Charlie Whitehead also furnished photographic proof: He was part of a hockey team in the U.S. National 75-plus Division championship tournament this year. He also furnished photographic evidence that he and Lydia visited Cathy and **Ward Anderson** at their boat, *Skylark*, in Annapolis last spring. He recommends that we all read Ward’s second historical novel, just published.

Ginnie Chambers H’54 ’58 ’59 ’60 ’61 ’62 ’66 ’71 ’73 ’80 ’89 P’77 tells us that she just moved to Nantucket where her son, “young Marsh,” and several grandchildren also live. At 94, she’s still “showing us how!”

Scott King implored that rain be sent to California after its dry summer, as did Ginnie on behalf of Nantucket!

A. Graham Down H’60 ’63 ’67, who would now be 92 but passed earlier on a birthday,



On a visit to Charleston, S.C., Thad Moore enjoyed lunch with classmate John Loud P’93.

had a classmate observe his birthday this year. Fred Gerstell H’68 ’72 is still in correspondence with us, specifically by stamped written letters with **Ron Schnur**.

Debbie and **George Schulz** have, after 38 years in Lake Forest, Ill., moved to Montclair, N.J. – to keep a closer eye on the School?

1965

Leigh Lockwood P’97 ’02

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Greetings. Your classmates Pam and **John Kelsey GP’25**, **Rob McClellan H’78 P’10**, **Andy Stanhope**, **Joanne Rafferty H’81 ’03 P’93**, **John Gore H’61 ’64**, **Bill Hamill P’96 ’99**, **Shih Hsiung Chen**, and your secretary **Leigh Lockwood P’97 ’02** enjoyed an enlightening visit to the Tsai Field House, construction of which remains in progress, and the Gruss Center for Art and Design, or GCAD.

Pete DeVine P’22, chief operations officer, generously donated his time to be our guide and walked us from the Tsai Field House into the GCAD, giving insights along the way. (Hidden behind Pete’s title are the vast responsibilities of Buildings & Grounds, Security, and as Kelsey so aptly described, General Contractor of General Contractors – of projects that exceed an investment of \$200,000,000.) Thank you, Pete. Afterward we had a delightful lunch at Vidalia Restaurant.

I previously mentioned **Reid Byers** recently released *The Private Library: The History of the Architecture and Furnishing of the Domestic Bookroom*, and am delighted his book continues to receive smashing reviews, the latest in the *Times Literary Supplement*.

Buzz Saner comments the following about Reid’s *Private Library*: “Libraries have



Thad Moore ’63 snapped this shot of his wife, Ellen, with Dave Whitehill ’63 during a visit to Tulsa, Okla.



Linda and Howard Kelsey ’64, Phoebe and Dee Megna ’64, and Lynne and John Benson ’64 enjoyed a meal at the Causeway restaurant in Spruce Head, Maine, in August.



Joe Hurwich ’64 drove his 1931 Aston Martin in Italy’s Mille Miglia this year.



After touring the soon-to-be Tsai Field House and the Gruss Center for Art and Design, Andy Stanhope '65, Rob McClellan H'65 '78 P'10, John Kelsey '65 GP'25, Shih Hsiung Chen '65, John Gore H'61 '64 '65, Bill Hamill '65 P'96 '99, Pam Kelsey, and Joanne Rafferty H'65 '81 '03 P'93 were among a group who enjoyed lunch at Vidalia, across Main Street from the School.



"Digging," an acrylic on canvas by Dan Cooper '66, depicts a trio of children totally absorbed in their moment on the beach.

always fascinated me, as have people who invest the time and effort to create special private libraries. In my next life, I plan to do just that." **John Welborne** also comments, "It is a beautiful book that I have been enjoying ever since *my* pre-ordered copy arrived right after publication!"

Is **John Burrell** the healthiest of us? "...I catch up with **JP Rodell** in Oregon regularly. Lately we talk about natural disasters (like fires) on the West Coast.

"I know I told you I took advantage of the pandemic to replace my shoulder last year. This year we worked on my heart. After a particularly hard virtual bike training session in March my heart went into a fibrillation.

"In May I walked to our local hospital and underwent an ablation. The AFib disappeared and I was home by 3 p.m.

After eight weeks my cardiologist said I could do anything I wanted. So, I did a bike race two weeks ago. But I still think my wife, Cindy, will outlive me!

"I may have mentioned our youngest son is a recently retired Army Reserve Master Sergeant. He has a Bronze Star and Combat Badge from Afghanistan. He now works for the State Department in India. He will be joining us Cindy and me in Marbella, Spain, next week. He promises to give us his thoughts on Afghanistan both as a soldier and diplomat. But first he wants me to go scuba diving with him!

"I would love to hear from any classmates still in the Chicago area."

I correspond with **Steve Mathews**, who lives in Nashville, one of my favorite cities. Everyone may recall Carol Ann P'97 '02 and I attended **Howard Myers'** son's wedding

there in 2018 when Michael was in the 101st Airborne at Fort Campbell. Speaking of Howard, we also stay in touch and the four of us will get together for dinner soon.

Randy Woods checks in from the high seas, "Fiona and I, piloting our exploration vessel, *Jupiter*, recently crossed south into British Columbia after four months probing secrets in Southeastern Alaska. Our spring journey northward through Canada was a fast and contactless "innocent passage" through the province, but Canada is now permitting vaccinated Americans to move around and hang out."

Chip Stewart's current report is longer than all his previous reports combined (!): "In July, Marylu and I had a fabulous overnight in New Haven, having a Hubbard family reunion, lobster on the Sound, and visits to the gorgeous St. Mary's Church and the Yale Divinity School."

Terry Blood advises, "Since the pandemic started in March of 2020, I have done little of note. I did see **Karl Ennenga** early in the pandemic. His wife was running for the New Mexico state legislature. Haven't seen him since and he lives only about five miles from me. All our travel plans were canceled until June of this year when we made short trip to Colorado. Looks like our fall travel may be postponed again."

Carol Ann and I have been fortunate to see our son, Ryan '02, and family in California, Doylestown, and Las Vegas. I think we may be too adventurous, but man, do we miss those grandkids. Distracting me from missing them was a golf invitation from **John Kelsey GP'25**, always the consummate host and delightful raconteur. As I mentioned in previous notes, his granddaughter Kelsey '25 started in Second Form this September.

Let's finish with some upbeat thoughts from **Matt Dominy**: "Day and I ventured to Kauai for 10 days in August, just to 'blow the rust off.' We'll be on the Mississippi from Minneapolis to New Orleans in October. Hoping to get back to Europe (Douro River, Rhine and Santorini) in May. Who knows??"

"As usual '65 showed fabulous, continued support for The Lawrenceville Fund this year. Thanks!" And thank *you*, Matt, for your tireless efforts on behalf of Lawrenceville.

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Hoping that our classmates are dealing successfully with COVID-19 and its Delta variant and that no one has been harmed by either. On top of that the fires in California and Nevada might be impacting some of our classmates. In particular, I am thinking of **Bob White** who has a home at

Lake Tahoe and as I write this column parts of the Tahoe community have been asked to evacuated.

John Preefer P'07 writes that his son, Stephen '07, has been accepted for membership in the Union Club in Manhattan and his interview was conducted by Ernesto Mejer '67, a Thomas House housemate of John's. Other alumni members include **Bill Priester**, Alex Swistel '67, and Bill Leh '69. To show what a small world we live in, Stephen and his wife were invited for dinner at Ernesto's apartment. The very same co-op where Stephen's father-in-law grew up. Turns out Ernesto's wife was interviewed for approval to buy her apartment by Stephen's wife's grandfather, who was president of the co-op.

Ted Conklin seems to be bouncing back and forth between Palm Beach and Sag Harbor according to Facebook. Ted sports a very attractive, well-groomed beard.

I am fortunate to receive on a regular basis emails of **Dan Cooper's** artwork. My Dickinson housemate is quite talented in capturing the subjects in his pieces. The one attached to this column is entitled "Digging" and probably resembles how our grandkids look during a day at the beach. [Ed. Note: Read more about Dan and his life in art on page 24 of this issue. – S.R.]

I have also been fortunate to participate in several skeet shoots with some success. In two weeks I head to the Virginia state championship and hopefully will find some success. In October Sue and I will spend two weeks in San Diego with the grandkids and I am looking forward to having coffee with **Steve Worcester** at the San Diego Yacht Club.

Happy holidays.

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Rick Merkt beams in with some academic news: "Along with a group of civic leaders, my wife Suzanne and I are co-founders of a new public charter school in New Hampshire that will offer a classical education reminiscent of what students received at Lawrenceville many years ago. Lionheart Classical Academy has applied for a state charter, which we expect to be approved late this year. We will start with grades kindergarten through 5, then gradually expand to 12th grade over the next few years. The school will be located in Peterborough, N.H.

"One of the key elements of our new

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school is that it will afford every student in our Monadnock region an opportunity to receive the benefits of a classical education on a tuition-free basis. This, plus recent school-choice legislation in New Hampshire, will expand the range of educational options for families, regardless of ability to pay.

"We recognize that survival of a free and responsible society depends upon a sound educational system to produce well-rounded citizens accustomed to critical thinking. It is our aspiration that Lionheart Classical Academy will not only provide such education to young people, but also serve as a model of educational reform for others throughout New Hampshire and all of New England."

Rolf Reinolda remembers that "Way back when, a fellow lifeguard earned the nickname 'Gonna' because he was always gonna do this or gonna go there. Well, this has been a 'gonna' summer. A handful of us were gonna take a trip to Montana until drifting smoke from the West Coast wildfires made the normally pure air, at best, unpleasant. A larger bunch of us were to have reunited for a party on the Jersey Shore until the new COVID variant posed risks to 'elderly people. Damn ... there's that word again.

"So, Gents, here we are caught between School memories and hopes for future gatherings. Past memory? Well, a strange one popped into my elderly noggin the other day. Science master Bruce Presley offered a challenge to the class: If anyone could explain Archimedes' Principle we could all vacate the class. As fate would have it, I took (or was assigned) the challenge. Nailed it. Cue the applause track."

Dave Barclay writes in to say "I thoroughly enjoyed Rolf's "A Lower School Perspective" in the winter 2021 issue of *The Lawrentian* (page 39). That certainly brought back a flood of memories about that first year at Lawrenceville School. My cube in Thomas was at the end of the line with one side being the whole wall of the building. The advantage of this arrangement was having a bit more privacy but the downside was that, during a soggy fight, many were stopped by that wall and landed on the bed. If I remember correctly, I did mail a pancake. Maybe I was secretly trying to get rid of it. Nevertheless, it was correctly addressed, stamped properly and marked '1st Class Mail.' Unfortunately, it was returned to me re-stamped '3rd Class Mail.' I guess it wasn't so good! Maybe Jo would remember that one. Fred Gerstell H'68 '77 was not amused at a House meeting as mutiny ensued regarding rules about lights-out time. He thought I was the ringleader and I received a frown and closed eyes. I think my parents got a nasty-gram for that performance. I quickly learned to not try that tactic in Von Schuching's German class!

"Otherwise, things are going my way. I'm always busy with my farm. We try to stay above the tide of the challenges and changes in agriculture. COVID has thrown us a curve but we, surprisingly, had a great year in 2020 with our retail and agritainment approach and which seems to support a farm business in New Jersey."

Spencer Tandy sends in more news from St. Michaels, Md.: "I've just finished Michener's engrossing book, *Chesapeake*, which also makes a good door stop at a thousand pages. Though Michener seems to have been paid by the word, he successfully embeds the reader in the minutia of everyday life on the Eastern Shore over the last 400 years. I found it utterly fascinating and was amazed to realize that 90 percent of the novel takes place within 25 miles of my house.

"Easton, Md., is about 12 minutes away and features the fabled Amish Market. Every Thursday the Amish Circus Train rolls into town from Pennsylvania and for three days offers up an astounding array of meats, pastries, straw hats and beards. I recently saw a sign proudly proclaiming that The Market sold over 75,000 sausages last year. There seems to be some kind of implicit plea to break the record in 2021, though I don't think I personally can eat more than five per week. I'm doing my best to support these young women in their bonnets – I fry up one of the many different sausages with some onions and peppers then bring forth some images from the movie *Witness* as I wash down the sandwich with some freshly squeezed grapefruit juice. For some reason red grapefruit are ubiquitous around here. Everywhere you go people are drinking red grapefruit juice mixed with all manner of spirits. I squeeze the liquid out of two of our yellow friends, pour in a few ounces of rum, then stir it all up in a pitcher with an entire tray of ice. Do yourself a favor. Go buy some red grapefruit, some rum, and an ice tray. You'll thank me."

Tom Gallagher P'07 '12 reports that "Lindy and I don't get north from Florida very often in these COVID times. I've been over to Austin to see our oldest son and his wife several times and my younger brother had a serious accident three months ago and I visit him in his rehab center in Tampa. But no other travel. I see there's a reunion committee for our 55th. How many past classes have made it to 55?"

"Saw news of **Spencer's** move to the Eastern Shore in the previous *Lawrentian*. Congrats! Nice place to live. My brother had a home down there when he lived in Philadelphia. I've thought about it too when the Florida sun gets too hot. Used to sail out of there in my youth and until recently never missed goose hunting season. If pandemic conditions improve I will try to make the Annapolis boat show in October."

Bill Ehret P'94 '98 writes that "Taking



On the mend after surgery, reporter Peter D'Oench '68 returned to work at WFOR-TV, the CBS affiliate in Miami.

advantage of a lull in COVID explosions, Ana P'01 and **Will Wauters H'03 P'01** visited the East Coast this summer. Along with stops in New England and New York City, their itinerary included several days at the Jersey Shore. During this stay the Ehret family got a chance to spend some time with them and catch up on all the family news. Will and Ana's children live in Texas and San Francisco, so quite understandably their travel plans focus on visiting the kids and grandkids rather than returning to Will's home state of New Jersey for annual visits. Our loss! They headed back home to San Antonio in early August, thus missing the arrival of Hurricane Henri. Who would have thought they would have to go to Texas in order to avoid a hurricane and tornadoes in New Jersey?"

Bill continues: "Late this summer I traveled to Buckley's Tavern in Centreville, Del., to meet a group of fraternity brothers for lunch. Imagine my surprise and confusion when the first person I ran into upon entering the building was our own **Coley du Pont P'03!** In a brief conversation in the busy restaurant foyer, Coley told me he is a part owner of the establishment, devoting time to helping run the business rather than relaxing in retirement. Any classmates who plan on visiting nearby attractions, such as Longwood Gardens or the Winterthur Museum, should stop by Buckley's for an enjoyable meal with the added bonus of seeing Coley.

"Kudos to **Paul Fitzgerald P'03**, who was recently named a member of the School's Alumni Executive Committee. We're sure Paul will provide sage advice to the Committee as he always has to our class members. A well-deserved honor!"

Before reading this column, you will have received a "save the date" notice for Alumni Weekend, set for May 6-8, 2022.

Following the tremendous turnout and success of our 50th, at the reunion we will officially become "Lawrenceville Legends," a sure indicator that old age is truly upon us! Plan to be there to share in the good time with classmates and honorees. Speaking of which, if you would like to nominate someone as an honorary class member, please reach out to one of our reunion committee members.

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As those of you who read our notes on the class website or read the emails sent out to those we have email addresses for already know, these last few months have been particularly difficult for all of us as a class and as friends. Quickly approaching our 55th anniversary year, we are all ever mindful that, along with this issue of *The Lawrentian*, we are now entering the autumn of our lives. With those passing years comes the inevitable losses that we all face in many relationships that have touched us on individual levels over these many years. While we all fully expect the passing of loved ones and friends from time to time, when it becomes harsh reality, we never seem quite prepared. But rather than mourn for those who have left us, we instead celebrate their lives as we will always do and remember the good times that can always be shared and never taken away.

While philosophers and theologians have opined on death and dying ad infinitum, from the dawn of civilization and thought through to this very day, it seems no one has been able to define the true

ramifications of what such loss does to those of us who remain. Death is a part of life, and we will continue to cherish those who are no longer among us until the last of us joins the others. Quoting the Indian poet Rabindranath Tagore, "Death is not extinguishing the light; it is putting out the lamp because a new dawn has come."

With that, it is my sad duty to report to all of you that we lost three of our classmates in the short space of little more than one month, **Jonathan Fox**, **George Geeslin**, and **Dale Snodgrass**. Many of the class members are already aware of these losses, and the best place to view their comments and thoughts is on our class website, lawrenceville68.org. Please take a few moments to go to the site to read details about each one. A Zoom call conducted for our class president, George Geeslin, is also available for viewing there.

From **Jonathan Fox's** obituary in *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, he passed away June 19 after a long battle with COPD. He is survived by his wife, Marion Konz Lake, son Eric Joseph, his mother, Jane Jarrett Fox, his brother, Howard Gregory Fox, and his sister, Karen Fox. Jonathan was an architect and communicated with a number of our classmates on that subject frequently, particularly with **Mark Hertzberg**, discussing their admiration for Frank Lloyd Wright and his works.

George Geeslin, our class president, passed away July 10 after battling a brain tumor. Having been the president of our class, George was widely known by all of us, and his loss is particularly painful having occurred along with the passing of two other classmates in the space of a single month. While many of us were aware of George's illness, our sadness was not diminished. He was held in the highest admiration by the members of the class, and the many comments on the website are a testament of just how much he will be missed.

A memorial Zoom service was held on July 25. Classmates in attendance included **Chris Cella**, **Bernie Metzger**, **Spencer Wiedemann**, **Gary Gilpin**, George's brother Larry Geeslin '66, **Dod Fraser P'98 '01**, **Biff Cahill P'09**, **Jay Miller**, **Ron Cohen**, **Charlie Hughes**, **Hollis McLoughlin**, George's son Bayard Geeslin, **Eric Winter P'04**, and **Robin Mattern**. Many others expressed their desire to join in the service but had otherwise previously committed to other obligations, sending in their regrets and respect. Please visit the website for details along with the video of the Zoom service.

Dale Snodgrass, a world-renowned aviator, tragically lost his life in an aviation accident in Idaho on July 24. Dale was only with us for one year as a PG but became one of the most famous of our class members. Simply do an internet search of his name and an extensive array of articles on his career will appear about the

"real Top Gun" of Hollywood fame. He is legendarily known for being the pilot in the photograph of a Navy F-14 "Tomcat" flying vertically adjacent to the aircraft carrier the USS *America* in 1989. **Ron Mangravite P'18** provided this letter and picture Dale sent to him in 2014:

"Hi Ron, Good hearing from you. I am currently living in Virginia Beach and Lakeland, Fla. Helped start a commercial contract air services company a couple years ago. We provide supplemental tactical jet support to Navy/Air Force and Marines. I am chief pilot and VP for deployed operations. Max fun. Back being a fighter pilot after 15 years as an air show pilot.

Company website is www.drakenintl.com. Bio is under executive team.

"All the best, Dale"

We rarely heard from Dale, so here is one of our few insights of him. Again, check the website for details, comments and especially for **Ernie Norris'** remarkable story about Dale in a surfing competition!

Needless to say, I was immensely pleased to hear from **Ed Vine** with some good news. Ed graciously answered my call for news with, "So, besides the bad news, is this column going to be 'what I did on my vacation?' If so, I can contribute. Ellen and I had a great two-week vacation in Southern California, visiting family in Los Angeles and Encinitas and two great parks that I have not visited before: Joshua Tree National Park and Anza Borrego State Park. Put both on your 'to visit' list.

"Also, Ellen and I just returned from Alaska: the first time that I have visited this state, and the last of the 50 states in the U.S. to visit! We flew to Anchorage, drove to Seward, and later drove to Denali National Park (another great park). In Seward, I took a boat trip and saw some 'life birds' as well as three whales (Orcas, Humpback and Fin) – the last one is the second largest whale in the world. I was also able to get right next to the Northwestern Glacier, which has been melting and will probably be gone in 20 years. Let's all stay safe and enjoy each day at a time."

From **Gene Brissie P'13**: "Life continues apace in New Canaan, Conn. My younger daughter, Elizabeth '13, started at Harvard Business School this fall. My elder daughter, Anna, is an associate for the risk management team at Marathon Asset Management in New York City. I'm still co-editorial director at Lyons Press in Guilford, Conn., where I publish fly fishing, American history, military history, and sports books – basically, books for middle-aged men. My wife, Lisa, edits photos for a professional photographer in Darien. All of us are staying very busy, which is not a bad thing. I'm looking forward to our 55th reunion in spring 2023, which will be upon us before you know it. Cheers to all classmates!"

Bob Maguire P'96 '00 and wife Fran



Jack Barclay '68 makes cork-based duck decoys in his Washington workshop.



Jack Barclay '68 has been tending to his collection of 425 dwarf conifers in Washington State.



Ernie Norris '68 and wife Jane escorted their daughter, Mackenzie, down the aisle before her August wedding.

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“say hello from their new home on Amelia Island, Fla. We have just returned from a three-week visit to New York and New Jersey to visit with our daughter, Marcy '96, and son, Kevin '00, and grandchildren Ellie, Logan '39 and Rory '41.”

It was really great hearing from **Peter D'Oench**, who included a great picture of his return to work after recovering from surgery. “This is me returning to WFOR-TV CBS after my open-heart surgery. It feels like March of 2020 in some respects here in south Florida. Like then, I have been very busy covering medical stories about the coronavirus while staying safe in public. Have interviewed numerous doctors and nurses and authorities. All is going well since the surgery.

“When off work, continue to make series of road trips with my wife Connie around the state from the Keys to downtown Delray Beach not far from **Mike Tiernan P'01 '05 '09**. My middle daughter, Dana, runs a very successful hair salon in Fort Lauderdale. My oldest daughter, Jennifer, is a nurse and assistant to the pastor at her church in Gloucester, Va., where she lives with her husband, Tracy, and daughters Zoey and Taylor, a senior at Old Dominion University. My youngest daughter, Holly, is an artist and wildlife biologist near Denver where she lives with her husband, Neil. So far, no plans on retiring just yet.”

Nick Whitcraft let us know that, “For what it's worth, my wife Donna has accepted a great job as director of laboratories for Kaiser Permanente in northern Maryland and we're now in the town of White Marsh after about three years in Aberdeen, Wash. You may recall she had a five-year position at the University of Miami where we met **Ron Mangravite** and his wife Sandra P'18, and **Bob Owen** and his wife Betty who now live in Jacksonville, Fla., our headquarters; Bob and Betty spend their summer north of Montreal on Owen Lake.

“The great news is it takes about three-plus hours to go door to door from Jacksonville vs. 12-plus to Aberdeen and we're in the same time zone. So, all is well with us and having another new adventure. Sure hope so for our classmates and thanks for looking after us. Stay well.”

Bernie Metzger, now one of our class resident computer experts, sent in the wonderful news that “My first grandchild, Zander Vernon Johnston, was born today (August 25, 2021) to my daughter, Victoria, and her husband, Doug.” In another one of his many accomplishments, he also mentioned “The premier recording session for my first piano composition took place August 24 with Boston pianist Jonathan Bass. The piece, 13 minutes long, is called “Ramblings an FTD Journey” and is a four-movement piece that attempts to show the emotions associated with the FTD (Frontotemporal Degeneration) journey. FTD, as most of you know, is what killed my



A bold and renowned airman, Dale Snodgrass '68 was lost in an aviation accident in Idaho in July. He's seen here in 2014 before a flight from Mojave, Calif.

wife of 44 years, Karen. The piece will be used as part of a fund raiser for the FTD research unit of Mass General Hospital and will be streamed as part of a larger program on September 10.”

Our Renaissance Man classmate, **Jack Barclay**, sent in his note and pictures just under the deadline but reminded me that the time difference between the East and West coasts meant that he was solidly on time! Kudos Jack! He writes: “It sounded like you were desperately looking for some class notes so I decided to send you a few words and some photos. I don't have anything exciting to report – just living life. Feel free to do with this whatever you see fit. I continue to live a monastic-like lifestyle during these COVID-19 times and only leave my 20-acre property about once a week for necessities or to go birding around the Olympic Peninsula.

“During the warm months I tend to my collection of dwarf conifers. I got interested in dwarf conifers a few years ago and have become a collector (a ‘conehead’) and now have a collection of 425 dwarf conifers in my gardens. I also spend a lot of time to put up 6-plus cords of wood to heat my workshop where I spend most of my time during the winter. I always have woodworking projects that I'm working on and my geezer hobby of making cork-bodied working duck decoys.”

Ernie Norris is always great about sending in notes, but he has a very special reason to be pleased of his most recent submission! “Here's an addition to our fall Class Notes I'm only too proud to contribute. On August 14, Jane and I walked our younger daughter, Mackenzie, down the aisle at rustic, beautiful Reading Farms in Woodstock, Vt., to be married to

the guy she's been dating since they met at Tulane nine years ago. There weren't enough hankies to go around mainly because I used most of them myself. It was as perfect a day as could possibly be. I bet a lot of my classmates can relate.”

We all know that **Jay Miller** never minces words and his message, as always, was short and sweet (but not overly sweet): “We hope all is well with you. We still are battling 100-117 heat!” Jay and his wife, Babe, are happily living the retired life in Utah about a two-hour drive north of Las Vegas.

Bob Owen writes that he and wife Betty are “happy to be at our cottage in the Laurentians (Canada). The news from our southern way, Jacksonville, Fla., is not good. We are due to be back there by mid-October. My two sisters and their families came to the Owen Hill, as did my cousins from New Hampshire and New York City. Unfortunately, our grandchildren, Allison and Christopher, were not able to travel to be with us this summer. I wish my classmates health in this evolution of our seventh decade. We are very happy to wake up and realize we are *alive*. Keep well.”

John Heron says that he is “in regular contact with **Armand Cerami**, who lives near Los Angeles but due to a minor stroke doesn't get around much. As for myself, I live the good life in Bluffton, S.C. I still work a bit and help out the Friends of the National World War II Memorial where Si Bunting H'37 '59 '88 '91 '95 P'88 '97 is the board chair. The memorial is a spectacular place. I don't think I have ever gone there and listened to stories of the veterans where I don't end up with tears in my eyes. I will be going on a trip sponsored by The Friends to Normandy next June with author Alex Kershaw, who I have gotten to know



Class President George Geeslin '68, who passed away in July after a three-year illness, was fondly remembered by his classmates and family during a memorial service on Zoom later that month.



Armand Cerami '68 enjoyed a day at the beach near his California home.

very well. Alex is a truly great guy and writer. It would be fun to have classmates join us. If anybody is interested, please just send me an email.

“My first time at the beach (July 4 weekend) in almost four years. We were at Camp Pendleton beach where only people in the U.S. armed forces are allowed. My friend who took me is a retired captain in the Naval Reserve, and his wife who was also there, is a retired executive in the USO, thus we were allowed to be there. Since it was July 4, there was also 35,000 marines and their families. Great time was had even though I was romping around on my cane. All the best.”

As for me, it looks like my inability to use the word “no” has led me to reenter the workforce. I had been sitting around

after technically retiring last June, feeling bored and rather useless after having been gainfully employed (in one way or another) since I was 15 years old, and was convinced by some very good friends that I should return to West Virginia (are you listening **Henry Glenn?**) and take over the position of executive director of the West Virginia Dental Association. I will be replacing a legend who ran the organization for 48 years, but I've made it clear that my preference will be to do most of my work virtually from my home in Massachusetts and for a limited time of maybe a year or two. I do enjoy a challenge and this position certainly will be that! As an old friend once told me, "I'd rather wear out than rust out!"

I must also mention that my position of secretary of our class has brought me unexpected but most welcomed deep satisfaction in that it has allowed me to be in contact with all of you, and I believe I know many of you better now more than I did those many years ago. Email conversations with **Robin Coleman** and **Tom McAuliffe** have proven that the world is indeed a very small place, especially through our Massachusetts connections. We have shared many funny and nostalgic emails about Cape Cod and the environs of greater Boston of the late 1960s and 1970s, and the memories just keep on flooding back.

Ernie Norris has been a great friend to share ideas with and to find that we have so much in common. Also, **Spencer Wiedemann** and I have exchanged some great thoughts over the last months (I'm the negligent one in not responding in a timely manner to him) about our journeys to and through the School, among other things. Spencer has the most marvelous writing style, and he never ceases to amaze me with his stories and his prose, and I always look forward to hearing from him! And last but not least are **Ron Mangravite**, **Robin Mattern**, **Ron Horvath**, and **Bernie Metzger**, the real driving forces behind getting our class together again, through their expertise, dedication, and hard work. Robin, Tom, Spencer, Ernie, Ron and Ron, Bernie, and Robin, you and many others have made it all worthwhile!

1969

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It has been over a year since I moved from Shaker Heights, Ohio, to San Diego. I am getting used to the constant great weather, lack of rain and especially the lack of snow. It is great to be with my daughter and my grandchildren. I was pleased to get a really good response to my request for Class Notes.

From **David Little**: "My younger brother,

Carl, is retiring August 31 from the Maine Community Foundation. He has served for 20 years as director of marketing and communications. Carl sent news that he is receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award from that organization. I am so proud of him!

"We are awaiting a book contract (fingers crossed) for a new collaboration. It is an art book project on the subject of Paintings of Penobscot Bay!"

Brent Hyder had some great news to share with the class. He wrote, "Two years ago I attended the reunion and brought with me my girlfriend, Elisabeth Bishop. I know she really enjoyed meeting the attending members of our class. Anyway, we would like to announce that we tied the knot two weeks ago at our house in Mexico. Now back home in Fort Worth, Tex., we are trying to decide in which of our two houses we are going to live or are we going to have to sell them and buy a third. Either way our doors are always open to anyone travelling through Dallas and Fort Worth.

"I had a nice conversation with my ex-housemaster, Ted H'65 '66 '68 '72 P'85 and his wife Barbara Graham H'72 P'85, who live in Vermont. We are hoping to pop in on them sometime this October. They sound so good and I hope others have reached out to them."

Tim Doyle H'79 '99 '09 P'99 wrote, "Kathy and I spent a quiet travel-free summer on Cape Cod enjoying the beach and water as much as possible."

William Leh sent along these notes: "Interesting times! I am delighted to be able to travel again. I visited Cartagena in June. Although vaccinated in December and January (AstraZeneca trial) I got a breakthrough COVID infection and had to extend my stay for 10 days until testing negative and being allowed to re-enter the states. Almost totally asymptomatic, but very nerve-wracking. Nonetheless, the vaccine did what was needed – no serious illness, hospitalization, or death."

Bob Froeber sent this: "**Wiggie** and I have chatted about golf but we haven't had a rematch yet. Golf with **Wiggie** is quite interesting as he is more of a 'birder' than a golfer. I would be ready to make a putt when a bird would chirp and **Wiggie** would shout, 'That's a Carolina Wren!' or 'That's a Painted Bunting!' I was trying to make birdies while he was identifying them. Most unsettling.

"As I've said, I live in Pawleys Island, S.C., now and I've been trying to get **Skinny** to move south so he's closer to me. No luck so far, but I continue to send him information about various locales that might be right for him.

"I miss you and so many from our class. You do such a wonderful service, Walter. I hope to hear from some of 'the silent majority' that make up our class."

Charlie Baker had some cataract surgery



In Seward, Alaska, Ed Vine '68 got right next to the Northwestern Glacier.

done. He wrote, "Just had the left eye done. The right eye is still good.

"Pretty much the same old same old for me. Captaining the tiki boat is fun even though the women get too crazy sometimes. I hide my eyes.

"I just made my own refried beans and Mexican shredded beef tonight. Yum! I created a children's book. Almost perfect. Going to final print next week. It will be available on Amazon and my website."

From **Chris Anderson**: "I am enjoying the winter weather here in Oz, the best time of year with cool nights and sunny days. I've been busy, and what other way to be when one has retired?"

"An amazing six-day live-aboard dive trip with Vicky to see the annual migration of the Minke whales this past July. You jump in the water with snorkeling gear and hang on to a rope fixed to the boat. The whales are curious and come to check you out!

"The farm, looking better all the time after being overgrown for 30-plus years. Persistence is the key. Progress continues on the new cabin on the farm, and I was so lucky to find two great builders working in the area. Weatherboard siding will be on in the next few weeks.

"Finally, I still count myself fortunate to live in North Queensland, virtually virus free. And in a country where every case is tracked and all contacts are isolated for two weeks. It's a pain, but we're alive, less than

a thousand deaths. Wishing you all well."

I mentioned in my request for notes that I thought only **Tim Doyle** and myself were amateur radio operators. **Rocky Barber P'08** wrote, "Before I forget, I too have my ham radio license. I just have not been active. Too busy with other things. But I got the license because if we had an earthquake, even in Bel Air, we would essentially be cut off. There are only two ways for me (and hundreds of others) to get in or out of the area. One has a steep hill above it and has already slid once in a heavy rain storm. So roads could easily be blocked for days or even weeks if it was a bad quake. Also cell phone coverage is poor to begin with and cell towers would likely be out of commission in anything over a 6.0. Having a ham license was an effort to help the community.

"We are settling down in Jackson, Wyo. It has been everything we expected and a little more. The 'little more' is the smoke from the fires in Oregon and Northern California. Air Quality Index here has not been below 75 in several weeks.

"I have started to play tennis again. It is something that I didn't do in L.A. for the last 15-plus years. Also continue to play soccer, although mostly as goalie now. Even though we live on the 14th fairway of the Jackson Hole Golf and Tennis Club, I have not taken up golf – yet. Haven't really played since spring quarters at L'ville when I would slip out the back door of Gris and get in five or

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six holes before it became too dark. So I might as well be starting from scratch (golf pun intended).

“Glad to hear that West Coast weather has suited you. When we came up to Jackson this year for the first extended period of time, it rained only once in the first month. So it was easy to fall into the same assumptions as in SoCal. Never need to have rain gear in the car; can always assume trips to town will be easy and dry. Then several weeks ago, the weather broke here, and there has been frequent rain and even thunder and lightning storms. Has been delightful! And we need the rain even up here. The mountains have no snow (except for ‘The Grand’ Teton) for the first time in a decade.

Nancy, my wife, is busy ordering new furniture for the house. The delivery times are six months or more, so we won’t be fully settled in until next year. But I am excited to be staying here until Thanksgiving and experiencing snow for the first time since I was living in Chicago from 1977 to 2005.

“We are going on our first vacation in two years to Switzerland and Lake Como in September. We will stop in NYC on the way to see my son, daughter-in-law, and 1-year-old granddaughter in White Plains. First grandchild. First time seeing her. Also will see my sister, Perry Lee, who some classmates might remember. She still has the same apartment that we grew up in on 72nd St. in the city. She is being inducted into the New York State Baseball Hall of Fame (she has been an umpire for over 40 years) later this year.”

Michael Constant did not send any notes, but it is good to hear that he is alive and well.

Charlie Terry wrote about rugby, “I’ll get an update to you. No broken bones though. But on your note about ham radio, in the ‘60s I did a lot of SW radio listening and collecting QSL cards. I had a Heath Kit for a transmitter too, but I never could get the Morse code. My ear just didn’t ‘get it.’ But Radio Moscow was fascinating, particularly during the Cuban missile crisis. Cheers.”

1970

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1971

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Andy Holcombe writes, “Wow, more of the same! Fires burning near and far, smoky days, high temperatures, and local homeless battles continue. For those interested in that sort of stuff, check out:

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

No. 2:21-CV-00640-MCE-DMC
MEMORANDUM AND ORDER
BOBBY WARREN, et al.,
Plaintiffs,
v.

CITY OF CHICO, et al.,

“In the foregoing case, the Court issued an Injunction against the city of Chico, Calif., barring it from enforcing its local ordinances that had the effect of ‘criminalizing’ homelessness. (e.g., arresting someone for sleeping in park when there are no available shelter beds.) An interesting twist to all this personally is that in 2006, when I was mayor in Chico, I pushed for a ‘homeless campground,’ but without success.

“On the non-profit side I was able to help found, get built, and begin operating the Torres Shelter; approximately 120 beds. Legal Services of Northern California (LSNC), where I used to work, is now representing the unsheltered community members suing the city. Per the facts of the case, there are a minimum of 545 unsheltered individuals, but the reality on the streets, and in our parks, is many more.

“On a brighter note, my wife, Ann Schulte, retired from CSU Chico, which means she is now only working half time. I am still handling a few LSNC cases on a pro bono basis, mostly COVID eviction moratorium issues. I am re-learning how to read for pleasure, and refining the art of looking out the window and going places.

“Definite bummer regarding no on-campus, in-person 50th event. I still have not figured out if my time there was more opportunities lost or gained. Or perhaps better put, more opportunities taken advantage of or foregone. But I have figured out that our class, and what I learn from them, is to be treasured.”

1972

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Thought it might be time to trim the buffet of Class Notes I’ve been feeding you in order to whet your appetite and curiosity for what promises to be the splendid main course: Our 50th reunion hoopla during the weekend of May 6-8, 2022. Yes, the date is now etched in, uh, paper since COVID is still circling the globe, so we’ll keep watch on news as we draw closer to next spring.

Here’s hoping that we do get to gather, break bread, clink glasses, and marvel at how young we still look since we stepped off campus in 1972 on the way to doing bigger and better things to save humanity or take care of more personal business. In the meantime, I hope this continues to

find everyone healthy and continuing to do good things, even if it means chasing a little white dimpled ball around the greensward.

Now for some news...

Elton Hyder writes “Who knew history repeats itself exactly 24 years later? I did not. In 1996, we signed up for a World Monument Fund group trip in Sicily for a week in May 1997. The WMF raises funds to support art and other significant works that national governments cannot preserve or restore. It is one great organization and operates all over the world. Sometime in 1996 the school announced the dates for our 25th reunion that very same week in late May. Those three days were right in the very middle of our being in Sicily. I *hated* to miss my first and a very significant reunion. Last year, I had rented a villa in Lucca, Italy for the months of April, May, and June 2021.

“Of course, the pandemic blew those plans up. So, I rolled my reservation over to next year, 2022. And yes, I knew the dates would be right in the middle of our 50th reunion next year. However, for many reasons, those were the best three months for us to be in Italy. So once more, I am again conflicted. However, I am closely looking at flying back from Rome to NYC for our weekend. I am going to check in with a lot of the classmates I would *really* like to see. **Hank Clifford** has already written me and is being so helpful. In any event, who knows what situation the world will be in next spring? While I hope for world travel to be open, for all nations and their citizens, it may be U.S. citizens cannot travel abroad elsewhere, or Italy, having before been seriously infected, may be again and closes its borders.

“I have been immensely interested in learning more about, in a very adult and open-minded way, several of my classmates post-college. I have made the effort to see several at random times around the country and am *truly* amazed at the quality of individuals, now men – boys at first – and how many have done so well, in whatever description they define.

“For example, I see **Steve Tobolsky** in Asheville. Steve is so talented, fun, relaxed, and has been one of my closest L’ville classmates through all these past 49 years. He is *so* interesting. I truly will make significant effort to attend the reunion. The 50th is such a momentous occasion and if ever anyone wants to visit with former classmates, this is the really last big one. I hope all my classmates are doing well and I really do hope to attend. From Fort Worth, Texas, and Blowing Rock, North Carolina, warmest regards to all.”

Robert Tse reports: “I am senior policy advisor in the Office of Telecommunications in the Rural Utilities Service at Rural Development at the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Does not fit on a business card (when we still handed them out). I have been doing this for a decade. Actually,

my core expertise is international trade. I started at the Foreign Agricultural Service analyzing export markets and developing strategies of exporting U.S. consumer foods; i.e., everything you see in the Supermarket from beef to dog food to pizza.

“I went to California to become deputy secretary for the California Department of Food and Agriculture. Then transitioned back to USDA Rural Development. I was asked to represent USDA on President Obama’s White House initiative called Strong Cities Strong Communities in Fresno. My assessment of the challenges and solutions led me to broadband as the platform for rural urban connectivity, rural prosperity, and essential connector for adoption of rapidly developing agriculture technology that is the driver for continued food production in a harsher climate change environment. This is also how by chance I ran into **Mike Kasperzak** at a broadband meeting. Not that we would have recognized each other after 40 years, but someone mentioned Lawrenceville in a conversation. I said, ‘Hey, I went to Lawrenceville.’ Never expected to meet another Lawrentian in California or from ‘72. That is total Kevin Bacon game.”

Ted Harrington, who wrote last spring about retiring from teaching and coaching lacrosse, muses on what came next: “I am doing fine, and it’s been a strange time to retire (June 2020) due to COVID weirdness, but I think it’s been a weird time for everybody. I have titled the last four or five years *The Time of Broken Things*. There may be a book in that, or at least a good ranting essay.

“Having gotten a later start on parenting, I am off to Denver in September, driving my daughter and her beater car to Denver University where she has transferred from Dickinson as a sophomore. She took a COVID year off and lived and worked in Dillon. ‘Well, Dad, you were a ski bum for six years, so what’s a year?’ Harrumph ... but she’s re-immersing so it’s fine with me, and her brother, 27, lives and works in Denver, so he can be *in loco parentis* on occasion.

“As I launch my youngest off on Round 2 of college, I hope to have a fall of problem-free parenting so I can focus only on my wife’s and my problems of finding our north and south residential anchors; we are on a quest to be snowbirds and not run out of money before we croak!”

Tucker Boynton says “COVID has put a damper on most enjoyable activities (except drinking wine), but we were able to play an extended paddle season on a competitive basis with regular team matches. I have played in the league for 42 years now. My thoughts are tending to golf and tennis on the grass and perhaps a little pickle ball. Pickle ball, very social and little movement required, but substantial stretching. Racquet skills less than tennis,

paddle tennis and racquet ball but a great deal of net play (volleying) involved and quick reactions a plus.

"We have a small interest in a vineyard in California and hope to visit over Memorial Day, our first real trip in almost two years. The vineyard is called Calluna and you may order at Callunavineyards.com. We make an excellent Cabernet Sauvignon under the label Calluna Vineyards, Colonel's vineyard, which received a 93 from Parker back in 2013 and put us on the map as the then-best Cabernet in California at the price it's more expensive now. Our output of approximately 4,000 cases except for 2020 where fires destroyed 15 percent of our vines, limiting output to expected 2,000 cases. 2015 and 2017 very good years for Colonel's vineyard, so named for one of our more illustrious investors. Hope you enjoy. Happy to supply a couple of cases for our 50th reunion.

John F. Mann wrote to remind us that his L'ville book project that he was preparing for our 50th has morphed into something else. Best to let him explain it. "When I was figuring book would be completed 'soon'... well, that was way off since still working on *War Is Peace*. Pages and pages of data on alumni. I focused on classes with WWII vets for whom Memorials were never published. It's fascinating to track down details of life stories. However, it appears that several remain living at advanced ages. Whether any of this will actually interest anyone else is yet to be proven! Of course, you have seen preliminary list of longest-serving class secretaries, which has been enhanced. Other long-running tables of similar nature have been developed. Form of publication has not yet been finalized, though I'm hoping to issue online via license, as well as at least some hardcopies." In his spare time, John says he still plays golf and quite well, since he is club champion of his "small par-60 golf club here where I reside between 2nd green and 3rd tee."

Finally, after many, many years, we hear the following from Dr. **Mark Pandapas**: "I'm within two to three years of retiring from my anesthesiology practice. I've been married to Laura coming up to 20 years! Holy cow, how the time slips by. Always interested in music, I finally got serious and have been learning bass guitar, electric and upright. Man, I wish I'd have done this way sooner. Currently, I'm in a little bluegrass band, verging on morphing into a rock band. Way fun. Learning music will help ward off dementia, I hope.

"By the way, speaking of music, did anyone go to the Grateful Dead concert in Dillon Gym at Princeton? Kind of a watershed L'ville event. I think 38 of us were there. When **Rick Farr** and I finally got back to Dawes, Ainspac was waiting to grill us. Kind of scary, as blitzed as we were. Ah, the good old days. My nephew,

Christopher Pandapas '21, is a 'villie. Way better student than I or (brother) Kim '73. Drama, sports, you name it. I kind of regret not fully taking advantage of the options Lawrenceville offered."

Mark's midlife bass-to-band story reminded me of a moment in my own post-L'ville youth when I desperately yearned to be a rock star (or something). During college, I bought an acoustic guitar and moved over to electric, playing badly and loudly enough to drive the mice out of my apartment in New London, Conn., where I was finishing college. I subsequently moved to NYC in the late '70s, where regular practice made me good enough to land a spot with a weird New Wave band called Baby Bones that performed gigs at some of the city's better-known rock and punk venues such as Hurrah, GG's Barnum Room, Great Gildersleeves, Max's Kansas City, and CBGBs, whose "facilities" were so foul that it was safer to relieve yourself in a trash-strewn vacant lot next door. We weren't that good, but we were flashy, which got us a blurb in *Variety* and brought to mind that age-old show biz truism, "It's not what you do but how you do it."

One the night we played Max's and I noticed Sid Vicious of the Sex Pistols was at the bar. With the band, I schemed that if we played as hot as we could, Sid would tell someone who would tell someone and – presto! – we'd land a recording contract. I mean, why limit yourself to thinking small when the moon's the limit? At that time, I was whippet thin and performed in a gold lamé jumpsuit in three-inch heels topped by a glitter beret. To explain our wardrobe, the lead singer and keyboardist, a gay duo into glam, dressed the band, which included "eye candy" – a buxom female drummer named Michelle from Queens who wore pearls, a short black mini skirt, fishnet stockings, and enough bad attitude to drive testosterone-fueled youth wild. We rocked the joint and after the applause died and we started to unplug, I glanced over at the bar to see how our ticket to fame was doing. And there was Sid, passed out on the bar counter, head cradled in his arms.

Hope Mark has better luck. In the meantime, I truly hope to see y'all next May. There'll be fun, surprises, and many people you haven't seen for years.

1973

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Gentlemen, our 50th reunion will soon be upon us – can you believe it!? During this quiet period leading up to our reunion (hopefully a COVID-less May 2023), a 50th Reunion Committee is being organized. **Rick Grasse**y, **Phil Hughes**, and **your scribe** have agreed to take on leadership roles.



Eric Tucker '74 fulfilled a dream he's had since his Lawrenceville days: Owning a Rolls Royce.

Jean-Yves Baudoin, **Jimmie Tucker**, and **Dean Van Nest** have signed on as members of the Reunion Committee. **Bill Jump** and **Steve Carson** will be the 50th Reunion Class Gift co-chairs. We are looking for others who would like to join in the planning of the reunion, so, don't be shy and please do raise your hand.

Ideally, we need at least one representative from each of the Circle Houses (including the Bowl Houses) and Fifth Form Houses. There is no concern about overlaps as the more representative the committee, the better.

This might be our last Big Hurrah, so let's get serious.

1974

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Mark Wallace writes: "My daughter, adopted from China, graduated from the University of Notre Dame, my alma mater, in 2020 and is currently employed at Citibank in NYC. Family is healthy, coping with Delta in NYC and hoping to retire in a year or two."

Arch Elving is glad to be where he is: "Susan and I are still staying close to home. Very content, healthy, and thankful to be living in a beautiful part of our country. Today it is ten years since we repatriated to the Poconos in Pennsylvania after a lifetime of living overseas and we love it more each day. How lucky we are."

Bob Walker, who was the editor of the 1974 *Olla Podrida*, checked in, too: "I hope all is going well with you. One daughter, Amy, at Florida State pursuing undergrad to become a physician assistant. Katie is in



Brian Hill '74 is enjoying his new beach house.

grad school at FSU for entrepreneurship/hospitality. Kathy and I still reside in Winter Park, Fla."

Les Hayling and a bunch of Lawrentians hit the links up the street from the School. "On July 30, **David Ballard**, **Jeff Posta**, **Bruce Stern P'06 '09**, and I had a fun day of golf at Jasna Polana and a great dinner at Ruth's Chris in Princeton afterwards. Champ Atlee '62 H'74 '75 '79 '80 '83 '84 '87 '89 '06 P'92, **Bill Blair** and Dave's son, Alessandro, joined us for dinner. Dave has invited us to hang out in Italy with him if we give him some time working on his farm! Everyone is doing well."

Incredibly, **Lou Lauricella** wrote to us while Hurricane Ida's winds lashed his childhood home. "We're hunkered down with my mom in the house in which I grew up in New Orleans. Thankfully, it's located near the Mississippi River on a high ridge so flooding has never been a concern. As I type this email the wind is probably gusting at 100 mph. We've weathered many storms here and feel safe. Of course, when she got the whole-house generator, it made hunkering a lot more comfortable.

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"I evacuated New Orleans for Katrina so I can't compare hunkering experiences. Of course, its aftermath was tragic, not because of the intensity of the storm but because of the levee breaches due to shoddy levee construction overseen by the Corps of Engineers. Actually, Ida was more powerful than Katrina but I trust the levees will hold this go around."

For the first time in 50 years, we heard from old friend **Allen Organick**, who is also living in from Louisiana. "Hello, Class of '74. I'm reporting for the first time since leaving Lawrenceville in the middle of tenth grade. I have lived in Shreveport, La., since graduating college. I own and manage a manufacturing company serving the oilfield. We are 20 people who all want to be the best. It has been a satisfying experience. I live with my wife of 33 years, Ellen Soffer, a painter. Her 97-year-old mother has been living with us since January. I am on the management team at my synagogue. I enjoy off-trail hiking in the nearby Kisatchie National Forest, using the blue dot on my phone to find my way. I know all about poison ivy and chiggers, long sleeves and leather gloves, and unrelatedly, art museums. Old friends, please reach out at allenorganick@infernomfg.com!"

Eric Tucker is checking things off his list of goals: "Yes, fulfilling a dream I acquired at Lawrenceville with this acquisition," he says of his newly purchased Rolls Royce. "As the weight of days gone by overwhelmed those to come, my bucket list is also getting lighter."

Mark Belli has a new home: "I just relocated to Hobe Sound, Fla. Enjoying retirement on the Treasure Coast. I would enjoy hearing from classmates if they're in the area."

Ben Willis says, "It seems like yesterday that we were graduating from Lawrenceville. Living in Raleigh, N.C., with my wife, Cheri, sons, Chris and Jonathan, and four grandchildren who we adore. Love going to our beach house on Oak Island and hopefully we will be able to fully retire there soon. Look me up next time you are in Raleigh or on the N.C. coast."

Things have been eventful for **Andrew Mainardi P'03**: "I had a nice lunch with **Gary Snyder** in early August. Gary was back east from Bozeman, Mont., where he now lives and it was great catching up with him."

"My wife and I also became grandparents twice within the past several months. My eldest daughter, Wendy, gave birth to Alastair Day Willis late last year and my middle daughter Anne '03 brought forth Nina Barnett Pumilia in February. Both are a joy."

Len Deutchman is feeling gratitude. "Life has been good to my family and me. I have been retired for a couple of years now, and am just getting to understand how to do it; 40-plus years of having to work, work, work, in grad school, in law school,

as a prosecutor and as a drug distribution, economic crime and digital forensics and eDiscovery expert and counsel made it such that I was always rushing to relax, working to have fun.

"Thankfully, I have been able to retire into a wonderful life (putting aside COVID and all of the problems throughout the world). I have a remarkable, wonderful wife, three incredible children, and a four-legged best friend – a beagle mix.

"Our oldest 'child' has three perfect children, ages 7, 5, and 2, the two oldest of which call me 'zeyde.' Our son-in-law is a great person, with but one flaw – he, too, is an attorney (ha ha). His family is wonderful, and my wife and I have become close friends with his folks. Our oldest daughter became, in her early 30s, the COO of a company that provides drug and alcohol inpatient and out-patient treatment; it is an important job which she does marvelously, and quite an accomplishment for someone so young.

"Our middle daughter is far more of a computer geek than I, and teaches it at the high school level, which is exactly what she always wanted to do.

"Our youngest, our son, got his Ph.D. in chemistry and then decided to lead physical training for college athletes (he is in incredibly great physical condition).

"Finally, after 20 years of working for the government, my time in the private sector, combined with my wife's savings and other resources, have allowed us to retire in a comfort I never imagined.

"Last summer illustrates this comfort. We rented a huge, wonderful home in Avalon, N.J., for a week. All of the children, their partners, the grandchildren, our son-in-law's family and some of his friends, my cousin from Jersey City, longtime friends and a few canine friends stayed in the house for all or part of the week. Every day and night we did something fun and relaxing.

"One day my son and I went to Cape May National Golf Course and played an incredible round – fun, pretty good scores, and on a course so beautiful that had we simply rode or walked the cart paths through the course we would have had an incredible time admiring and being a part of the natural world surrounding us.

"So, while we, like everyone else, have had to put up with the pandemic and the restrictions imposed to fight it, and have tried to work through large scale and personal issues, we have been living a wonderful life."

It was also good to hear from **Sundeep Khosla**: "Greetings to my classmates from Rochester, Minn. I have been at the Mayo Clinic now for over 33 years in the Division of Endocrinology. In the past year, I phased down my clinical and administrative roles and am focusing on my basic and clinical research program on mechanisms of age-



Phil Yuchmow '76, Rick Stys '76 P'14, and Seth Waugh '76 P'19 '21, CEO of PGA America, at the PGA Championship in May.



Helene Rowland, Ed Rowland '76, and Tom Armington '76 atop Mount Isolation in New Hampshire, one of the 115 peaks in New York, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine over 4,000 feet Ed is climbing.

related bone loss. Keeping up with my research and mentoring young trainees is extremely gratifying at this stage of my career – helps keep me young at heart and always learning. My best wishes to all in these difficult times."

John Arensmeyer reports: "After 33 years in the Bay Area, I have moved to Washington, D.C., to continue my work running the small business advocacy organization I founded 15 years ago, Small Business Majority. Lots happening in the nation's capital including pushing for more policies to help small businesses get back on their feet. But with Delta on the loose, in-person meetings haven't picked up yet. When they do I'll be happy not to resume my pre-pandemic twice-a-month cross-country travel. My partner,

Monica, has landed a job teaching English and history in the D.C. public schools. My son, Will, is starting his junior year at Texas Tech University."

Things have been good for **J.T. Walsh**: "Nothing really exciting that has happened in my life. Over the last year, I finally retired from my self-owned business, Coating Solutions, which was painting yachts. It took me around the world. I spent three trips to Australia working on some massive boats. I spent two weeks painting two solo around-the-world sailing boats in Sochi, Russia. Was employed with Bill Koch's winning America's Cup races in San Diego. I painted a total of 10 America's Cup yachts. It was the most strenuous and dirty work you could endure, but looking back, it gave me great pride knowing that I was one

of the best in my field around the world.

"My wife and I raised three successful children. We sold out house in Rhode Island and moved to a small little town in Ozark, Ala., where the sun shines, golf year round, affordable property, very little taxes, and best of all, a Bible area where everyone is polite, friendly, and wishes you a blessed day.

"Hope all is well with you, and may God be with you during these very difficult times in our country."

Stephen Feid P'07 '08 says, "I moved from NYC to Miami, like half of NYC, but still have all my friends and my three kids (two at L'ville, one at Millbrook) there so I return often. I'd love to meet up with any L'ville alums here in Miami! Next week I'm heading to see my pal **Buff Burchfield P'07 '08 '10** in Long Island. Hope everyone is well and safe."

1975

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Will Clinger alleges: "Third season of *Wild Travels* will begin airing nationwide on PBS in January 2022, and as of August 2, 2021, our show can be streamed on GoTraveler.com, though right now they only have our 'America's Oldest Museums' special."

Doug Ehrenworth, Esq., kindly points out that **Jonathan G. Weiss** has been coronated the new president of the Board of Trustees of The Lawrenceville School (which I would have known had I bothered to open the last *Lawrentian*). "Congratulations," as my Danish great-grandfather would say, Jon. I guess Class of '75 is "The Man" now. Not sure how I feel about that. Does this mean I shake my fist at myself now? Guidance, please.

John Glass would have you know: "I've been a church-planter (person who starts Evangelical Bible churches from scratch) in Paris and Geneva for the last 35 years. Recently I founded a company, Calvin Tours, offering thrilling historical tours of Geneva linked to the life and times of the famous Reformer, John Calvin (1509-1564). Calvin lived and ministered in Geneva for 25 years. Check out calvintours.com.

"My new book, *A Walking Guide to John Calvin's Geneva* – available on Amazon, just came out. It's a beautiful, comprehensive travel guide, complete with detailed maps, charts and incredible pictures, that not only gives a brief-yet-thorough overview of the history of the Reformation in Geneva, but will transport the reader to each site in Geneva's majestic old town related to John Calvin. It's a great travel guide for those able

to travel. It is also a great armchair guide for anyone not able to travel to Geneva. Johnglassingeneva@gmail.com."

Bob McKenry reports: "I delivered by freshman daughter to Centre College in Kentucky. School reminded me of L'ville except younger."

From the desk of **Preston Sargent**: "Forty-six years go by quickly! Saw **Mike Kamm** and his wonderful wife Cindy in mid-August up here in Ketchum, Idaho."

James B. Speed remarked: "Yes you are."

Either the gin or **John V. Trubee** spake: "I stay busy playing my lovely white Les Paul electric guitar with the sweetest tone. It sings and cries and gurgles and moans! I still voraciously read good books to pare back the abiding ignorance which even my wonder Lawrenceville years only somewhat ameliorated. I encourage all my class pals to email me at johntrb09@gmail.com to have their fortunes read or just to say, 'hi! Be happy, people!'"

Rudi von Meister wrote: "WOOF WOOF."

1976

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Ed Rowland writes: "I have been living in northern N.J. since 2000 after wandering the globe. All three daughters have graduated (Brown, Middlebury, and Oberlin) and are successfully launched in their various and varied careers. We are mostly empty-nesters and I have had my own consultancy since 2013 focusing on helping companies achieve global growth.

"I returned to hiking in the northeast during and after my 25th Dartmouth reunion after visiting with Betsy P'87 '89 and Sam Harding H'85 '86 P'87 '89, who had retired to Jackson, N.H. We climbed a beautiful 4,000-footer mountain in New Hampshire, and an idea was born. As a day student, I had been active in Boy Scouts and had climbed most of the Adirondack 46er 4,000-footers and that visit to New Hampshire ignited an even bigger quest: climbing the 115 peaks in New York, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine over 4,000 feet.

"With the ADK base, I still had a long way to go and have, for the last 17 years (only interrupted by COVID), organized an annual long weekend trip to slowly but surely peak bag the list. Most of the time, I have been joined by fellow day student **Tom Armington**. Through the Hardings, we have added Don Ross '82 P'11 and his sons Steven and Will '11 on several trips. Werner Haag '73 has also been along on a few of the hikes.

"By the time this is published, I hope to



John Schluter '79 and Kip Sparrow '79 caught up on old times near Salters Point, Mass.

be on the verge of completion with only the northern Presidentials – Madison, Adams, Jefferson, and Washington – remaining. We are already locked into an August 2022 finish on Mt. Washington and given there's a road and cog railroad that takes people to the top, there's a celebration committee already formed."

Rick Stys P'14 also sent in a quick update: "I have been in Connecticut for 12 years as the treasurer of a \$5 billion health system, so this pandemic period has kept me quite busy," Rick says. "I moved here after 25 years in Philly. I got divorced about nine years ago, but have met a truly wonderful woman. Over the years I have had varied professional positions from being an engineer, to an accountant valuing companies, to an investment banker, to now a treasurer. I have two daughters; one is a 2014 L'ville alumnae who is in San Francisco working for JPMorgan, the other is an elementary school teacher living with her Air Force boyfriend in Pensacola, Fla.

"I have had a place on Kiawah Island, S.C., for 17 years and recently volunteered during the PGA Championship there. (I witnessed Phil Mickelson's final putts on the 18th green!) While at the PGA Championship, I connected several times with **Seth Waugh P'19 '21**, the current PGA CEO, and his wife, and **Phil Yuchmow** and his wife, who live in Charleston. I missed the 45th virtual reunion, but I'm looking forward to the 50th! Hope everyone is well and safe!"

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John Schluter reports meeting up with **Christopher "Kippy" Sparrow** at the home of Kippy's brother, Will Sparrow '77, near Salters Point, Mass., where they caught up on old times. John's wife, Jean, grew up in South Dartmouth, Mass., nearby and they have a beach house in Mattapoissett.

Jon Baumunk reports he's doing well and enjoys "giving back to the business world" as a lecturer at University of Idaho School of Law in Moscow, Idaho. Jon specializes in the legal aspects of finance since graduating from law school in the early 2000s after a very successful career in finance and public service in East Windsor, N.J.

1980

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Greetings gents,

You can't expect Class Notes from '80 unless you send news. The alternative to "no news" – making up embarrassing things you did not do – is always an option. We're not there yet, so please send me an email.

Here's the latest from **Terry Cryan**: "You know you did something right as a parent when your youngest child texts the whole family with the sad news about Rolling

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Stones drummer Charlie Watts passing and everyone stops what they are doing to absorb and discuss the news. After more than three decades of marriage, Mary and I feel that raising two strong independent daughters who are out of graduate school, gainfully employed, and doing amazing things with their lives, ranks really high on our list of life accomplishments. While the pandemic reduced the size of our little universe, we are just fine with that. All in our tribe are COVID-free and vaccinated. The silver lining of the pandemic for us has been increased opportunities to be together as a family.

“On the ‘80 front, I speak regularly with a good number of classmates and follow the adventures of a wider number via Facebook. I was invited to join **Charlie Wellso** and **Ed Allinson** fly fishing in Estes, Colo. While I was unable to make the trip, I can report that the trip was a great success and Charlie even sent a pic of him holding a fine looking trout – probably caught by Allinson. Best wishes to all and I extend an open invite for coffee or a glass of wine if and when you’re in New York.”

Some sad news to report. **Chris Bentley** passed away on August 6 after a five-month battle with acute myeloid leukemia. His obituary can be found in the Memorials section of this publication.

My wife Alex and I are having a good summer here in Watch Hill, R.I. The golf is good, but the fishing is even better; the fish are everywhere now in late August and September is sure to be even better. Delray Beach, Fla., longtime home to **Jeff Schlein** and family, is where you’ll find me in the winter and spring. Let’s go fishing, or play some golf? Better yet, come look for a place down there. I never thought I’d say these words but Florida is great in the winter.

Send news friends.

1981

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Rick Kraemer “Celebrated COVID-delayed 30th anniversary in St. John’s, played mid-summer golf in N.C., and a late summer week with family on Seneca Lake. Older daughter married in Oct 2020 in Temecula, Calif., and younger daughter now a practicing physician assistant in North Jersey – plastics/reconstruction. I’m in my ninth season volunteering with local high school soccer team. Spending lots of time with my tutoring business and not enough time working on my index.”

Barry Lass took road trips to Nashville, Montauk, and played golf in AC and at

Colgate. Went hiking in the Catskills. Visited Saratoga for the Travers Stakes and The Dead and weekends exploring Jersey’s trails on his new mountain bike.

For **Todd Hamilton**, “It was a big live music summer: Brothers Osborn, Rancid, Southside Johnny, Guns ‘n’ Roses, David Byrne, and Ziggy; I’m too old for all of that. Oldest daughter went off to her freshman year of college and youngest is entering her junior year of high school. Dropped two strokes off my handicap; and that’s called burying what should be the lead story.”

Bob Schwartz P’17 took empty-nest trips to Austin to visit taxpaying older son and to N.C. to visit cash-draining college son. Golf trek to Whistling Straits and hiking treks to Sedona Ariz., and Sun Valley, Idaho.

Jeff Levy P’20 enjoyed another amazing summer on Martha’s Vineyard and finally became property owners – now hoping global supply chain allows us to build our house before we are eligible for Social Security.

Eliot Heher P’16 spent a week and a bunch of weekends in July on Fishers Island making sand castles, watching osprey, and eating ice cream. Enjoyed a few Mt. Gay tonics. Back in Newton, got a tennis lesson from **Goody** on the red clay at his local club.

Kinsey Dyckman P’17 ’20 reports: “Visited Iceland with my daughter after her graduation from Wake Forest, enjoyed mostly maskless month on Fire Island, moved two daughters to New York and son off to Wake, and brought home new Vizsla puppy to celebrate being empty nesters (again).”

Russ Gibson writes: “Taking a big leap: Buying property and building a house on Corfu, Greece.”

Carl Wegner mentioned that he’s been on a 51-week business trip during COVID.

David Hayden says during COVID, there’s no place like home.

Mark Goodman reports that in the past 90 days he visited the Galapagos, went paddle surfing in York, Maine, and watched his ability to hit a yellow fuzzy ball slowly decline.

In California, amid the wildfires, **Buck Collier** couldn’t help but think of some lyrics from some years ago. “Midnight Oil quote just came to me – ‘How can we sleep when our beds are burning?’ metaphorically suggests that we are able to sleep and ignore our problems when there are major issues affecting us – the pandemic, politics, climate, you name it.

“Welcome to the Hotel California’ ... you know the rest of the lyrics. ‘You can check out any time you like, but you can never leave’ ... it’s a crazy place here with the fires, earthquakes, etc., though no hurricanes like Ida.

“Last year we evacuated twice because of fire threats. This year, not yet, but two days ago a dry lightning thunderstorm



Thomson Chew '81 and his children, Sarah and Max, enjoyed some cold after a hot day of rafting down the Grand Canyon of the East, Letchworth State Park and the Genesee River.



David Cohen '81 and wife Laurie enjoying the beach in Malibu.



Phil Corwin '81 and his family enjoyed Bonnaroo in 2019.



Steven Lee '81 and son Rudy took their ninth annual backpacking trip, stopping here atop Hurricane Pass on the Teton Crest Trail in Grand Teton National Park.



Class of 1982 friends Kevin Conover, Bob Zochowski P'13, Don Ross P'11, Trey Kraus, John Bettex, Noah Kauff, Jim Gidicsin P'17, Andrew Weinberg P'22, Paul Sweeney, and Barry Gonzalez enjoyed dinner and laughter in New York.



Jim Gidicsin '82 P'17 met Barry Gonzalez '82 in New York City in May.

caused a red alert for potential fires. In the Northeast, a thunderstorm means rain and basement flooding. Out here, it means fear of fire. Crazy. I hope you all fared ok with Hurricane Ida."

Greg Evans reflects on sending Ainsley and Olivia off to college: "Summer months not terribly memorable – no international travel or really travel of any kind. Send No. 1 and No. 2 (twins) off to college. Nest is empty but TV remote is all mine! Heaven."

Chris McLernon started a nonprofit that donates rebuilt guitars.

Jamie Cornell writes that he's been a family wedding planner (x4) and a major party crasher.

Rob Lettieri opines: "Don't let the past remind us of what we are not now."

And **Alan Brown** sent in a quote from Henry James: "Summer afternoon – summer afternoon; to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language."

1982

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Greg Loomar joined a Zoom call in the spring and offered this update to the group. His oldest daughter is living and working in New York, while his youngest is a senior at the University of Florida. He's been traveling back and forth from the Dominican Republic but lives about 45 minutes from Miami, 20 minutes north of Boca, where he practices law. It was Great to see Greg on the call and learn what he's been up to. It seems like each Zoom call features somebody new and enlivens the discussion. Thanks, Greg!

Chris Niblock P'13 was in Dover, Del., for a field hockey tournament in which he officiated. He was close enough to stop in and visit with **Trey Kraus** at Trey's store, Carlton's, in Rehoboth Beach. They were kind enough to snap a photo and send it in. Trey wrote that Chris is in fantastic shape. He also said he felt sorry for him. The weekend of the tournament, temps and humidity were both in the 90s, and Chris worked multiple games each day. In fact, his fitness tracker showed he ran nearly 20 miles over the weekend tournament. [Ed Note: For the record, **Jim Gidicsin** included a "wow!" emoji with the challenge to print it. Alas, we cannot, but couldn't agree more with its sentiment about Chris' efforts." – S.R.]

On Memorial Day weekend, I was in NYC to watch both baseball teams play. Unfortunately, my Mets were rained out on Sunday night, but I stayed over with a buddy who lives in Stuyvesant Town (better known as "Stuy Town"), a neighborhood on the east side of Manhattan stretching from

14th to 20th Streets. I have another buddy who lives there, too, and I was fortunate enough to spend a little time hanging out with **Barry Gonzalez** before heading to the Bronx to watch the Yankees lose to Tampa Bay.

On a Zoom call in June, **John Bettex** shared that his son graduated from Xavier High School in NYC and will be attending University of Miami on a full academic scholarship in their engineering program. Congratulations! And good luck to him trying to walk on to the baseball team!

Thanks to **Reza Vishkai**, who connected me with **Thurston Towle** after one of our Zoom calls in the spring. Thurston writes that he's living in Boston with two daughters who are "rapidly growing up." He also noted that he hasn't returned to campus in at least 20 years, when he attended a reunion. He's looking forward to hopefully joining us in May for our 40th reunion!

Christian Crumlish wrote that he's now working as a contractor on the covid19.ca.gov website (for the state of California's Office of Digital Innovation). He continued: "I can't tell if it's 'the real thing' but it's pretty sweet for now, in that it's a steady contract through next year with the freedom to swap in better-paying consulting gigs when they pop up."

"I also just finished revising a book I've been working on since last year, so feeling like I'm in a solid place, workwise. I'm also seriously considering leaning into the gov't work and riding it into my golden years."

Christian shared that he's also been playing and recording original music. One song he wrote called "Carnegie Hill" is about being a pre-teen in New York just before going away to school. Search "Carnegie Hill Layers of Meta" in SoundCloud to find it. I found it immediately reminded me of a popular band from the '70s and '80s, as did some of the other tracks he laid down in SoundCloud.

While COVID may not be behind us, many of us are starting to resume pre-pandemic activities post-vaccination. One of the things resumed was our New York dinner crew. For the first time in more than a year, we had quite a gathering! **Kevin Conover** came in from New Jersey and biked around Central Park to work up an appetite. **Trey Kraus**, in town scouting out clothing for his store joined us, too. **Don Ross P'11** made reservations. And **Paul Sweeney**, **Barry Gonzalez**, **Bob Zochowski P'13**, **John Bettex**, **Noah Kauff** and **Andrew Weinberg P'22** filled out the table, the conversation, and the laughs. I'm typing this the morning after our dinner, and I'm literally still smiling remembering the good time we all enjoyed last evening! Guys, I can't wait to do it again!

Finally, **John Erath** organized a local gathering in Washington, D.C., around a Nationals baseball game against the Phillies on August 4. I backed out at the

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Mike Jackonis '82, Bret Berlinger '82, Trey Kraus '82, Mike Hansler '82, Barry Gonzalez '82, and John Erath '82 got together in Washington, D.C., in August to see the Phillies defeat the hometown Nationals.



Chris Niblock '82 and Trey Kraus '82 caught up in Rehoboth Beach, Del., in May.

last minute, but given the number of texts and pictures I received before, during and after the game, I realize I missed a fun time. You'll notice **Barry Gonzalez** in the picture, too. Yup, he made the Amtrak trip down to the area and stayed at *Chez Erath* before returning to New York the next morning. He wasn't the only one who traveled to the event, though. **Bret Berlinger** took a day off from flying critically ill patients in his LifeStar helicopter to join the group, and **Trey Kraus** drove in from Delaware to join John and locals **Mike Jackonis**, **Kevin Fitzpatrick**, and **Mike Hansler**. Oh, and the Nats lost, 8-4.

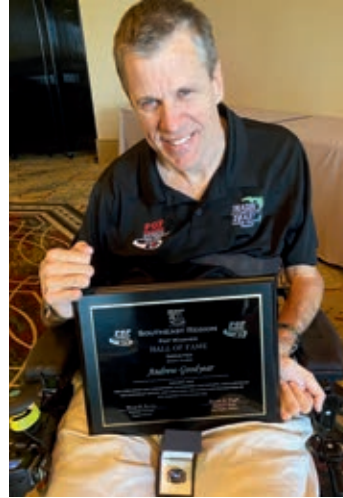
Before I sign off, I just want to remind everybody to mark their calendars for our 40th reunion weekend, May 6-8, 2022. A

small group of guys is working to make it a memorable weekend on and off campus. I sincerely hope you can all make it!

1983

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Hello, Class of 1983! Hope you all have been finding peace and happiness. As I write this in August perhaps we are on the precipice of calmer times even with the Delta variant. We'll have get back to the office at some point and at that time we'll wish we had done even more with the family! In any event, enough about that.



Andrew Goodyear '83 was enshrined in the Southeast Region Pop Warner Hall of Fame, whose inductees must have a minimum of 25 years of service at multiple levels within the youth football organization.

Let's hear how people are doing!

John Alsbrook's oldest son, Henry, is starting his senior year at Rhodes College in Memphis, Tenn. "He is going to apply to law schools," John says. "Our other son, Will, just started his freshman year at University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg. He wants to major in psychology. Our oldest daughter starts her freshman year in high school and our youngest child is starting eighth grade.

"I recently spoke with **Steve Cummins**, **Rob Danzig**, and **Kevin Kostelnik**. They are all doing well, and we had some great laughs and discussion about kids, life, and old Lawrenceville stories. Hope to see everyone on the Zoom '83 class conference."

Fritz Thomas P'18 '19 reports that he recently had drinks in NYC with **Tom Frater**, who was in the U.S. with his family. Tom lives in Vienna and hadn't been in the U.S. for some time due to COVID. "Was great to catch up," Fritz says.

Michael O'Callaghan writes, "Hope the great Class of '83 is doing well and that everyone is navigating the pandemic as best they can. O'Cs have been fine. Our eldest son, Finn, a senior at John Jay High School, recently committed to Trinity College to play lacrosse. Some good news coming out of an otherwise challenging year. Our younger son, Blake, just started his first year of contact football, and may be playing tailback and some blocking back! Dr. K is smiling down. I recently reconnected with **Erich Marx**, who seems to be thriving in Nashville. I am also in contact with the usual suspects – **Jeff Spano**, **Jeff Dishner P'15**, **Tom Frater**, **Burgess Carey**, **Paul Devlin**, **Scott Dempsey**, and **PJ Schwarz P'19 '20**. Big reunion coming up soon!

Lucas Drake says all is well in Charleston!

"It has been a great summer with lots of time spent out on the water! We are looking forward to a busy fall season in the field and at the desk. I have enjoyed staying in touch with the Upper West crowd and as always best to all!"

Jeffrey Durmer writes "For the past three years, I have been serving as the sleep and performance physician for USA Weightlifting (USAW) and the U.S. Olympic Weightlifting team. One month prior to the Tokyo Games, we created a circadian delay training camp in Honolulu that served our water polo, swimming, and weightlifting teams to adjust their circadian rhythms and sleep to Japan's time zone. This was the first time the United States has used sleep and circadian science to prepare teams for the Olympic Games. The result was the most medals by U.S. Olympic weightlifters – two – in over 20 years and one of the highest finishes for the team in modern times."

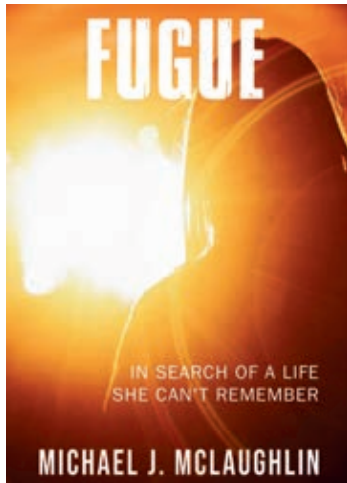
David Cox has had a great summer with the Cox clan in Stone Harbor and Park City. "Cate, at Georgetown for her junior year... on campus, thankfully! Drew heading to Wisconsin as a freshman in biz school. Kessler, sophomore at Radnor High School. I connect with **Dan Janney**, who has a daughter at G'town, **Chris Burt**, who moved to Florida, and just connected with Jeff Nason '82."

Andrew Goodyear writes "This past March I was inducted into the Southeast Region Pop Warner Hall of Fame. Inductees must have a minimum of 25 years of service at multiple levels within the organization (coaching and league administration). What an amazing honor to receive after so many years of coaching youth tackle football here in South Florida. I hope all is well up your way."

Mike McLaughlin has transitioned to full-time suspense novel writing in 2020 and just finished his fifth book, *Fugue*. Check out McLaughlinBooks.com, follow everywhere @mclaughlinbooks, and look for the novels on Amazon. Mikes says: "I've also been enjoying the pandemic silver lining of fun family time and always look forward to the Zoom get-togethers with classmates organized by **Phil Lam** and others. Hope everyone is doing well."

Gordon Newell writes in: "Our middle son, Charlie graduated from Purdue with a degree in computer science in May and will begin his career in Cleveland with software company MRI. We're excited to have him around for the near future. Our youngest son, Henry, graduated from Miami of Ohio's Farmer School of Business in May with a degree in finance and is currently networking and looking for his first opportunity in 'the real world.' He would love to be away from Ohio (and likely his parents, I think!) and is hoping to land in Boston or NYC.

"I made a career change in 2020 and



Mike McLaughlin '83 published his fifth book, *Fugue*, a suspense novel available at McLaughlinBooks.com or Amazon.

started working for Ohio CAT in early 2021. I am managing their climate control rental business across the state of Ohio. Our whole family had a great stay on Nantucket for about ten days at the end of July. That's never a bad thing. And I just returned from a long weekend there yesterday. I'm keeping active with tennis games at least once or twice a week and occasionally whacking the golf ball around too. Stay well. Here's hoping there is light at the end of this long COVID tunnel. Go Browns!"

From yours truly, we had a great summer here in New York. My eldest son, Van Schwarz '19 is now a junior at Bucknell and we just returned from Nashville after dropping off my eldest daughter Ally Schwarz '20 at Vanderbilt. Our youngest girls (twins) are starting 11th grade. Great to receive all the notes and sending my best wishes to the Class of 1983!

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John Devine (jgdevine@gmail.com) did the French Creek 5K swim in August. John swam and played water polo at school. He

writes: "Imagine a runner who is only ever able to run back and forth in a basketball court, never able to just 'go for a run' outside. That's the situation for swimmers as so many public waterways are not safe for swimming. Thank you to John Kenny and French Creek Racing for making a difference. What a gift to 'go for a swim' this morning on the upper Schuylkill River. The 5K race had 33 swimmers. Yours truly was sixth overall with a time of 88.2 minutes. Wish this was possible every day."

Will Allen (willwoodallen@gmail.com) wrote: "I'm doing well. A newly minted empty-nester; Gwen is a junior at Amherst College and Hunter is a freshman at Hamilton."

Alan Eisner (aeisner@gmail.com) checked in. He's now dean of the School of Management at Clark University and enjoying work after some pandemic restrictions were eased. "I actually have met the folks I work with in person now! It is a lot easier than to Zoom all day long. We sold the house and are downsizing to Manhattan. I was digging through old photos and found a college graduation picture of four '85ers: **Andrew Huang, Tommy Lee P'16 '18, Steve Wong,** and me."

Anil Mammen (amammen@mammengroupinc.com) chimed in, "I'm still working for Democrats trying to heal the country after the Trump era. I always feel so privileged, in no small part because of what my Lawrenceville experience prepared me for. We're the lucky ones and are blessed in so many ways."

Gary Schotland (gschotland@gmail.com) says: "With the onset of the pandemic I decided to wind down my technical conference business to focus on real-estate development and management, which I've been involved with for 20-plus years. My architect brother Doug '87 (drsarchitect.com) and I are working on the redevelopment of two small historic buildings into six apartments and commercial space in Flemington, N.J., close to where I live. We'll be following the Passive House design standard, which lowers heating and cooling costs by 80-90 percent versus regular construction. A large grid connected solar PV array and solar thermal hot water system should supply all the energy required, getting us to Net Zero with no fossil fuel consumption on site. This will be an excellent test bed for larger future projects and a great learning experience for me as the general contractor. We believe this is how development and redevelopment will need to be done to help address climate change. And as more renters make the choice to live green I anticipate Net Zero being a competitive advantage in the market."

Jim Strader (jstrader@quattromedia.com) had a chance to catch up over Thai food with **Sam Sloane** (swsloane@gmail.com) on his recent trip to Los Angeles

for work. Sam is now in regional sales for a high-end wooden kitchen counter company. He still crosses paths with **Rodney Yap** (sidein@aol.com), who also lives in L.A., from time to time. **Joe Sola** (joesola08@gmail.com) mentioned he still resides on the east side of L.A.

Please send any and all notes to me and **Sean Kisner**. If you don't want to write about yourselves, celebrate the successes of your kids and family. Brag about trips so we can all live vicariously through your many adventures.

Best, **Jim Strader**.

1986

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It's been quite an 11 months since our last published notes. As **Peter Thauer** liked to say back in the day, there's been more crazy ... er, stuff ... in the past year than you can shake a stick at.

Incredible that the presidential election was still five weeks ahead of us then [*Ed. Note: The 1986 column appeared in the Winter 2021 issue, but were submitted in October 2020 - S.R.*], and that neither the vaccines nor dog money had yet burst onto the scene.

Anyhoo, many of us have been surfing this tidal wave pretty well, and it is my pleasure to present some proof of that here, with a virtual surfin' safari of news from all over the place:

JC Keeler: By the time you read this, Amy and I will have been living for six months in our new place in New York City! We've been here since September 1, and it's just been great. Come visit: We have room! I saw **Mike Glen** at his beach club in Quogue on July 4. He is just as cuddly as ever. **Grasshopper** is a North American again and I hope to visit him in B.C.

"In a pathetic concession to middle age, I bought a Porsche and am driving in track events throughout the northeast. Great fun! Let me know if anyone else is into it.

Dave Dodge: "I am going to be in Scottsdale February 12-16 and look forward to being fêted. **Adam Collis** and I speak (fairly) regularly. He is running ASU's film program in L.A. I've spoken with **Dan Tapiero P'20'22** a couple of times: He has become a (very impressive) thought leader in crypto. And some tragedy: My bestie from Colorado was killed in an avalanche in December. Make the most of it fellas. You can lose it in a heartbeat."

Griff Jones: "It's been forever... I have been in touch with **John Lin** and **Dan Tapiero** lately, occasionally talk/text with **Rob Bergman**, had a visit at our house a couple of years ago with **James Loutit**, but otherwise, haven't seen or heard from anyone else for years. **Nicholas Woodfield**

was kind enough to visit my parents on one of his L.A. business trips (pre-COVID), but apart from those events, no other 1986 L'ville grads have crossed my path. I always, always remember **Keith Coleman** around the time of September 11, and am reminded of how precious life is. Miss you, Kinnan brother!

"My kids are 10 and 15 now. My oldest is at Punahou playing water polo and is almost as shredded as I am. My 10-year-old is in his fifth grade at Sunset Beach Elementary on the North Shore of Oahu, and will probably not be a pro surfer (thank God). Today my wife and I are celebrating our 21st wedding anniversary, and are enjoying our time on earth with our beautiful boys. We are lucky bastards!"

"I'm starting to step out of driving harbor tugs and offshore support vessels for two Navy contracts in Pearl Harbor, and jumping back into sole proprietorship running my own boat doing research, survey, and other offshore charters (my retirement). Anyway, hope all is well with my '86 brothers, and wish the best to all."

Arjun Kaji: "Beginning my 24th year as a neuroradiologist in Tallahassee, Fla., with the same group. Still find my work interesting and couldn't imagine doing anything else. Definitely right in the heart of all the Florida craziness. Pandemic affected us as it did so many with my father passing from COVID-19 in April 2020 and losing my mother three months later.

"On a positive note, my oldest daughter is working as a producer for ABC in NYC and is expecting our first grandchild in March. Time flies. Second daughter applying to medical school soon after graduating from George Washington University and getting a M.S. from USF in Tampa. Daughter No. 3 is a freshman at NYU and our son is a sophomore in high school! I keep up with a few fellow Lawrentians on social media from our class and the Class of 1987."

Lee Underwood: "Some fun news on my side. We (my wife Christine and our 5-year-old son Kalani and 2-year-old daughter Kaia) have moved full time to Dorado, Puerto Rico. Thankfully no hurricanes or earthquakes so far. The surfing and kiteboarding has really been fantastic. There are some amazing TPC golf courses here as well.

"I recently saw John Moore-Jones '87 ("Mo-Jo") and his brother for lunch in Dorado Beach over the Labor Day holiday. Also had dinner with Amanda and **Dan Tapiero**, who are spending a lot of time in Dorado as well. There are direct nonstop flights to San Juan from JFK, Newark, Boston, D.C., Philly, Austin, Houston, Dallas, Chicago, Charlotte, Pittsburgh, Atlanta, Tampa, Miami, etc. So no excuses from the great Class of '86 - Come visit us!"

Kirk Wright: "Hi, Class of '86. It was great to see and chat with some of you

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during our Zoom reunion last spring. I just passed the 19-year mark in Austin, Tex. Quite a few classmates are here now. Actually got to grab lunch in person with **Harley Walsh** and **James Loutit** once we were all vaccinated and venturing out prior to this Delta wave. Having waited until I was 41 to have our son, I'm now living that interesting time period of parenting my seventh grader and helping 'parent' my in-laws with health issues and dementia. One end of the spectrum seems to be getting easier while the other becomes more difficult. Thankfully my parents are still in good health as I'm not sure how couples manage if both sets of parents were having similar issues.

"Fitness has become one of my big hobbies – gotta be able to keep up with my kid. Actually earned my certification in personal training during COVID. (Highly recommend F45 for anyone looking for help getting back in shape.) Still enjoy going to see live music. October will be my 18th Austin City Limits Music Festival. And pre-COVID I was definitely supporting all the 'old dude' reunion tours. I saw the B-52s, OMD, Berlin, Paula Abdul and Billy Idol in late 2019. All still sound great and put on a good show, but like us, don't get too close or you'll realize how old we really look. Look me up if you're in Austin and want to grab coffee or a beer."

Hunt Fisher: "My wife and I both retired from medicine this spring. I had a productive and rewarding chapter as a private practice Mohs micrographic surgeon. I've retired to focus more time on family and fun. We live in Richmond, Va., with our three boys. We like to ski, bike, swim, boat, and fish on the Chesapeake. Haven't seen any Lawrentians since our 20th reunion. If any classmates are passing through just send a note to galenjoi@yahoo.com. Hope all are well and finding sanity in this ever changing world."

John Lin: "The last year and a half seems almost like a dream. Singapore changes its stripes when you cannot travel and the last year of lockdown hatched a plan to move. So this month the family nucleus (which was all gathered back in Singapore during COVID) scattered. Montana (one son), Connecticut (another son), and us (plus two youngest kids) to Victoria, British Columbia. Huge change of scene from an Asian metropolis, but Victoria is a cool, small city. I have no idea what I am gonna do – and I like that."

"In May we did manage a pretty good turnout of about 40 or 50 for our virtual 35th reunion, the software for which was – surprising to me – very effective and allowed for some great conversations. It was pretty cool. If we wind up doing that again, I hope the rest of you (100-plus) opt to join in."

Thank you, Grasshopper, Hunt, Kirk, Lee, Arjun, Griff, and JC for chiming in.

Anyone who has not been receiving my emails please contact me at mglenn6@yahoo.com. May waves of peace and prosperity never stop rolling in. Cheers to all – Mike.

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Dan Rose submits the Class of '88 column for this issue:

Hope you had a great summer. I don't have a ton to report, as most of the summer was spent enjoying that momentary sense of freedom, and we traveled as much as we could. One trip, delayed from 2020, was to the beautiful country of Italy. But this time we planned our trip so that I could reconnect with a classmate that I have not seen since graduation. I've been in touch via email with **David Jones** for the past 5-10 years and we've tried to find a way to connect in person. Granted, I didn't really want to visit David on one of his many trips to Afghanistan and Iraq, and then his "this will be a fun job" sojourn to the Sinai as the commander of the peacekeepers. Nothing like landing during a shootout.

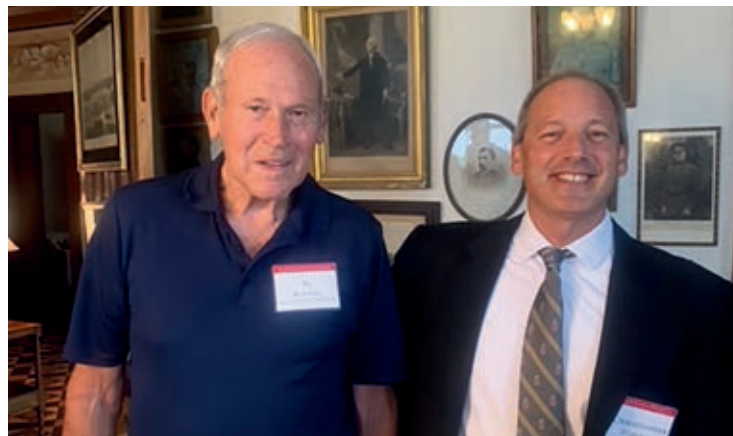
As you know from my past notes, David was an accomplished Army colonel who has given his all for our country. He finally decided to hang up his Army uniform, opting to transition to a civilian job, in the military. The first decision David made as a civilian was to grow his hair out, and, much to my chagrin, his hair is the same as in high school.

Like **Flip**, during his stint in Germany, he's got one of these jobs I can't explain or fully understand. Officially, he's the DCOS-SETAF-AF. Reading through that I thought I understood "AF," but that's not the same as the TikTok vernacular. Essentially, he's the deputy chief of staff of the Southern European Task Force, based in the beautiful city of Vicenza. So I planned our trip to Italy to make sure that we could see David, not once but twice.

During our first stop, David gave us the first-class treatment, he picked us up from the train station, dropped us off at our



Mark Heckel '88 P'20 captaining his sailboat in the Transpacific 2021 race.



Christopher D'Arcy '88 and former Head Master Si Bunting H'37 '59 '88 '91 '95 P'88 '97 at the Head of School reception in Rhode Island in August.



Four Generations: new mother Gretchen Mario Sinkovitz '16, Ernest Mario P'88 GP '14 '16 '20, Jeremy Mario '88, and future Lawrentian Matthias James Sinkovitz, who was born on August 30.



Mark Heckel '88 P'20 extended the laughter with comedian Bron Jones '88 after Bron's set in Los Angeles.



Alex Suh '88, Mark Heckel '88 P'20, and Victoria Wei '89 got together in Hawaii.



Stephen Salerno '86, Dan Rose '88, and David Jones '88 were reunited in Italy.

hotel, and then came back to pick us up for drinks at his house. Mind you, David and his amazing wife, Donna, had just moved into the house, after months of renovations, and put off their move in to greet us in class. The house is a beautiful Italian Villa from the early 20th century, and the Joneses did an amazing and meticulous job renovating. At our arrival we were greeted with full regalia by a group of men bedecked in Austrian uniforms from 1848. They were on hand to provide us with a slight reenactment of the battles of 1848, and to give us a fascinating overview of the history of the region.

As an added surprise, David invited another Cleve to the party, Stephen Salerno '86. Stephen and David met on the job, and only after talking about their past lives did they connect that they are both Lawrentians and Cleves. Stephen is an attorney on the base, and joined us with his lovely wife and two sons. We ended the night by going to the center of Vicenza and enjoying an amazing meal by sunset.

Later on that week I coaxed David and Donna and their good friend, Lorena, to join us in Venice. We played the tourists and had a memorable gondola ride, a bit of a guided tour and a quick dinner on San Marco. (If you're going to play the tourist you should at least get ripped off like a tourist.) After David cleaned Venice out of its last strawberry, they made their way back to Vicenza, where they still had a lot to unpack.

Seeing David was certainly one of the highlights of my vacation, and we will endeavor to try and meet up again by next summer. If any of you are in Italy, make sure to reach out to David. The best way to find him is on LinkedIn (look for DJ Jones).

David and I spent a lot of time reminiscing and sharing anecdotes of years gone by, but one of his stories needs to be shared. Sometime after West Point, David was overseeing field maneuvers, in the middle of the maneuvers he noticed a tank that stopped in the wrong place at the wrong time. Upset, David made his way to the tank, climbed up and banged on the hatch. His anger melted away when the hatch opened to reveal **David Schuster**, who, prior to running an Alpaca farm, was a captain in the Army. Certainly one of the odder Class of 1988 mini-reunions, although I'm sure **Burgess, Semmes, Romanelli, Hwong**, and others may be able to top this one.

The only other news I have to report (and stolen from Facebook, and keeping with the goalie trend) is that **Mark Heckel P'20** made his way to L.A., caught a **Bron Jones** show and then decided to jump on a sailboat to Hawaii (no, Bron didn't make him do it) to race in the Transpac 2021. It took nine days, 15 hours, and six minutes to finish. Well done, Mark.

He also took time in Honolulu to meet

up with Victoria Wei '89 (she posts the best rainbow pictures) and **Alex Suh**, who seemingly left NYC, moved to Hawaii, and as **Ari Klingman** noted, is beginning to look like Bron, with both sporting long manes. It's certain that unless I go to Bosley, I will not follow the trend. Anyway, I hope everyone else had a good summer. Please reach out if you want to provide any updates.

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Dear Class,

We have made it through another season. For me (**O.J.**) it was a long summer working on opening an amazing casino and resort called Resorts World. ¡VIVA! by Ray Garcia, our Mexican restaurant inside, has been well received and has great margaritas – viva-ritas! We also finally decided that one day we will need a place near real water, so we have taken on a fun house project in Charlevoix, Mich.! Not all of us can chill on an island ... but this could be close. Now that most of us have crossed into the second half of our century, there was a lot of old-boy banter!

One of best surprises is an update by my fellow Second Form Perry Ross floor mate – **Brad Haque!** He says: "From context I am going to assume this is O.J. – if so, good to hear from you. Ironically, I was supposed to be landing in Vegas right about now – almost to the hour – to celebrate my 50th tomorrow. However, that trip was cancelled due to COVID concerns and instead of a big dinner at a fancy restaurant (perhaps even one of yours), I am cooking chicken and steamed broccoli in my kitchen. So that's not much of a funny story. Instead I'm sending a picture of **Jack Lloyd** and I from a few weeks ago on our #hotvaxsummer. We were in Bend, Ore., where I spent a good deal of the pandemic hiding out with my family. Jack ended up getting a breakthrough case of COVID on that trip (he's fine), so that's also not a good story.

"But that pretty much sums up the past 20 months – canceled plans, COVID scares, and fleeting moments of normalcy with friends. Oh, Jack will likely be annoyed with me that I am sending this, which is all the more reason you should publish it. Hope you and yours are healthy and safe."

I can only smile thinking of House football rivals, extracurricular activities, and many laughs with Brad!

Another friend and great Hamill dorm mate sent us an update. We want to waive all liability as it highlights his awesome career at Hill, another name that just

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Baby Kelly Nevin, Lawrenceville Class of 2039 and daughter of Scott Nevin '89 P'25.



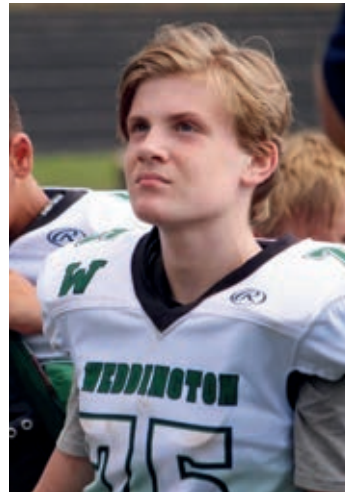
Jerome Moore '89 dropped his daughter off at college.



Chip Crowther '89 and William Leighton '89 hit the links at Prairie Dunes CC in Hutchinson, Kan., this summer.



Brad Haque '89 and Jack Lloyd '89 got together in Bend, Ore., over the summer.



David Sheronas' '89 son is ready to play some ball.



Scott Nevin P'25, Rachel Shore Farrington '89, and Mike Russell '89 met up in Princeton.



Cabell Maddux '89 and John Atherton '89 (and No. 20) had their usual good time together.

brings on smiles. I can still hear his voice from his days on the second floor and stud leg water polo days. He is **Doug "Fresh" Jones**, who writes: "Beginning my 16th year at the Hill School, teaching psychology, well-being, and health classes. I have completed a couple of certifications in positive psychology. Been coaching water polo for 25 years now, including the last 15 as the head boys' coach at Hill. We won Easterns in 2018 but have quite a young team this fall. We hope to give a deep L'ville team a run for their money – a program that includes sons of **Scott Nevin P'25** and **Nancy Werner P'22**, I believe. I see **Hans Kim** and **Tony B** regularly."

Will "W.T." Curry promises a response, but you know how those flaky Harvard, multi-paper-published brain surgeons are...

Lots of great updates from the usual crew. **Mike Russell**, like many of us has celebrated the milestone of 50!

John "Apple" Atherton, No. 20, confirms that apples do not fall far from the tree – *again!* In a humble-yet-PPM (proud papa moment), he told us and we have to share: "Adele (his daughter) was contacted by 16 Division I schools at midnight on September 1. Quite a wide range of school types and lacrosse program maturity levels. So, she's off to a good start! We'll see, and I'll keep you posted."

"We will be in Sparks, Md., in October for the USA vs. Canada vs. Iroquois Nation round robin. If you're around, come join us!"

We also received our annual photo from the summer of **Cabell** and **Atherton**. Our spy on the island reported: "Dude rolled in with a surfboard under arm at like 12 p.m. Elite-level stuff. Hilarious. He took the party by storm!"

Scott Nevin, **Rachel**, and Russell and all met up in Princeton. Rachel is doing great and is one of the best pediatricians in the area! She's been in the Princeton area for

about five years. She also plays a good bit of tennis and paddle with Russell's wife. Small universe!

Scott has also been busy – he has two amazing PPM (proud papa moments), the first being the absolutely adorable Kelly! His daughter! I don't know if we can do the math on that, but we're thinking Class of 2039? Scott also had the good fortune of dropping off his son, Thomas '25, at Lawrenceville, where they ran into **Peter Phelan's** daughter, Malin '23. The Lawrenceville universe is so great!

A funny and short update from **Ethan Stanley**: "At 51, I'm now at the 'You kids have no idea,' 'Back in my day,' 'Get off my lawn' stage. But it's all good."

Chip Crowther and **William Leighton** met up for a weekend of golf and adult beverages at Prairie Dunes CC in Hutchinson, Kan., at the end of August. Many laughs and stories were shared.

Peter Knight has a new show he's been working on for Amazon, titled *Fairfax*, coming out October 29.

David Sheronas shared that his son has crossed over to football after many years of baseball. The photo he sent brings back memories of watching the hard-hitting football Istud David senior year!

A few college drop-offs showed the difference between leaving daughters in their beautiful dorms and the boys. Thacher and Jerome both shared pictures of them and their beautiful daughters ... as did Chip. (We think four of his six or seven kids have been dropped off!) Both **J.P.** and I can't wait to share that drop-off moment. Just saying!

Hope to hear from more of you, or see you soon in Vegas!

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Molly Hover McCooley says, "The new normal has set in and I'm happy to report that life is going well despite the challenges we are all still facing. This spring I was in Sea Island, Ga., and had a blast reliving our high school days with classmates **Chris**

Nugent, Victor Hsu, and Jamie Shoup, who got together to play some golf. I also got to squeeze in a short visit to Charleston to spend time with the one and only **Ali Fox** in her fabulous new hometown. Then, summer was filled with day camp for our children, Caroline, 9, and Jack, 7, and some much needed getaways. We also brought two puppies (yes, two!) into our family, and they have filled our days with lots of puppy love ... and exhaustion. My best to all and I really hope we can get together on campus in the not-too-distant future.

Angier Johnston Miller says: "We've moved to Raleigh. After 18 years with Raymond James Financial, my husband, Robert, has accepted the role of CFO for CapTrust."

Gabriela Martí writes that, "Although I ping-pong a lot to the U.S., I'm still based in Madrid running a film festival that I started there (rizomafestival.com) and doing other film/television work. Please look me up if any of you head that way! I'm spending all of summer 2021 in the U.S. and so far I've had the joy of hanging out with **Tricia Boczkowski, Emily Abernathy-Jones, Manoush Zomorodi,** and Amanda Rowley '92, who are all doing great. Sending my best to all."

Bob Simonds was "Just back from the Wyoming wilderness with the kids."

Meghan Holloway Fort writes that, "After 25 years in NYC we've just moved to Tucker's hometown of Rye Beach, N.H. Phoebe is starting ninth grade at St. George's in Newport in September and is super excited. Roger is going into sixth and Hannah is starting preschool here in N.H. Wish us luck!"

Marion Henry says, "We relocated from Tucson to Chicago in the beginning of May. I am now a professor of surgery in the Division of Pediatric Surgery at the University of Chicago. My husband is starting a new office here for his firm, the Ithaca Group, and my three children will be attending the University of Chicago Lab School."

"I cannot believe my oldest is now the same age I was when I started at Lawrenceville! Jack has already started practices with the golf team for the fall and looks forward to sailing this spring! Maggie is looking forward to middle school and Katherine will be in the lower school. We look forward to connecting with Lawrentians in or coming to the Windy City!"

Adam Horvath is "Still in the D.C. area and loving it. After 20-plus years with tech consulting firm Acumen Solutions, we were excited to get acquired by Salesforce. My wife, Christina, continues to enjoy working at Hamilton Place Strategies. Kids are growing like weeds, doing karate, field hockey and archery for Julia, 13, and karate and flag football for Wiley, 10. Wishing you all great happiness, health, and prosperity



Jack, Maggie, and Katherine, the three children of Marion Henry '91, at the Cloud Gate sculpture in Chicago.



Adam Horvath '91 and family took an RV quarantine road trip through Wyoming and Utah last summer.



Molly Hover McCooley '91 Ali Fox '91 got together in Charleston, S.C.

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Bob Waldner '91, James Newsom '91, and Jonny Levy '91 enjoyed a day of golf.



Angier Johnston Miller '91, husband Robert, and 8-year-old Alexander have relocated to Raleigh, N.C.

in the coming years! Look us up whenever you pass through the D.C. area."

Whitney Hailand Brown P'23 '25 "loved seeing everyone virtually at our 30th reunion Zoom and cannot wait to finally all be back together in person. I am very excited as Lee '92 and I now have two of our kids at Lawrenceville – Hale is a Fourth Former in Cleve and Henry starts as Second Former. This summer was filled with lots of great visits with Lawrentians. One of the most special was an afternoon spent with Betsy P'06 '08 and Rusty Hlavacek H'95 '17 P'06 '08 at their amazing place in Lake Placid while Henry and I were in town for a lacrosse tournament. Also had the chance to get quality time with **Heather Elliott**

Hoover P'20 '23 '24, Emily Abernathy-Jones, Heather Woods Rodbell, Julia Cuddihy Van Nice '90, and Emilie MacLean Delehanty '94 this summer. Nothing better!"

Oakley Dominick Cobb says, "I have really enjoyed visiting with our L'ville crew over Zoom this past year and sharing how COVID-19 is affecting everyone differently across the country. It was a special treat though to visit with **Lisa Shrigley Kent** and **Ali Fox** in person in Massachusetts while on a quick vacation. They are both as funny, smart, and gorgeous as ever. I've really developed an appreciation for these old friendships and for the incredible people in the Class of '91.

"I am still working as the director of



Anne Bunn '93 and her 11-year-old son, Hayes, bumped into former Head Master Si Bunting H'37 '59 '88 '91 '95 P'88 '97 and Diana Bunting H'37 '59 '88 P'88 '97 in Newport, R.I.



Becca Parsons Bartels (second from left) hosted a reunion of 1996 classmates in Fisher's Island this summer that included Morgan LeConey, Carolyn Levine Lanzetta, Amy Pyne Sykes, and Mike Santini.

nursing at a large pediatric facility in Denver and I'm married to a head of a local school so navigating the pandemic and supporting children has been the primary focus in our household. While the work has been exhausting, it continues to feel important and rewarding.

"I also have two teenagers keeping me on my toes. Our son will start as a freshman at UCLA shortly and our daughter is a rising junior. The empty nest is on our horizon so we are savoring this time with our children and also dreaming about future adventure.

"If anyone is traveling through Denver, I would love a visitor. I hope everyone stays healthy, happy and sane."

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Based in Richmond, Va., **Mason New** started a podcast called *I Got One for Ya* (igotoneforya.com) with a longtime friend, Courtney Ferrell. He writes: "During 2020 we decided to fight back against the forces

of cynicism and negativity. We launched our podcast to share stories to make people laugh, think, and be excited about the world we are creating together. It's all spontaneous, unscripted conversation where we try to surprise and delight each other and our audience. Please join us wherever you listen to podcasts."

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Summer is winding down and as schools start around the country, **Rob Miles** writes in that "4 teenagers. That's the update. Oh, and all in high school at same time!" Rob, I sympathize with you and can't even imagine! Good luck to you and your wife!

John Hollan reports that "summer was pretty low key in most respects, and as time marches on, the school year has once again started. Back into the routine." But John, you didn't mention all the delicious goodies you've been baking up in your kitchen! If you don't already follow him, check out @john.tries.to.bake on Instagram.

Anne Bunn was recently in Newport and ran into the Buntings! That's her biggest news. It truly is a small world!

I am grateful for generous friends and have been taking short trips down the shore for a change of pace and scenery. On my last trip, I got to meet up with **Rebecca Blackwell** in LBI and we caught up on her life in Miami. It was great to also see Mrs. Blackwell and Jess Blackwell '04. Unfortunately, I didn't get to see Morgan B '95, who I heard was also in residence. I can't tell you how lovely it was to be around Becky and her family. Almost as if the world was normal (in our little LBI bubble)?

I hope the rest of you have enjoyed the summer and have gotten off to a good start this fall. Big hugs! – **Chaffee**

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Lt. Oliver Sissman '96 of the New Jersey State Police was promoted to the rank in June.

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As you'll see at the top of the column, **Christopher Loutit** returns as a co-class secretary, so please keep sending your updates to **Paige Kollock** or to Chris.

Oliver "Ollie" Sissman is living in Ewing, N.J., one town over from Lawrenceville. He writes: "I'm not married and chose not to have any kids, but I live with my girlfriend, Deb, as well as our one pit bull and two shih tzus. We have spent the pandemic fostering dogs. We have had eight different puppies – one at a time, ranging from Chihuahua to pit bull – and have loved getting to know all of them.

"Professionally, I am still with the New Jersey State Police, and I was just promoted to lieutenant in June. I'm in command of over 120 people, both state troopers and civilian guards, and am responsible for physical security for over 40 state buildings in and around Trenton. It's new and exciting, and I'm learning every day. Previously in my career, I have worked patrol, investigations, administration, and personal security for the governor and attorney general.

"I'm in regular contact with **Matt Schneider**, who is an entertainment lawyer in NYC, **Ashley Pace Purohit**, who still lives in Jersey and is married with two beautiful kids, and **Aparna Kesarwala**, who is a radiation oncologist at Emory in Atlanta. All are doing well!

"I'm still playing hockey as much as my knees will allow – once a week, usually – and trying to stay active. Hope everyone is safe in this crazy world!"



Family Man: Michael "G" Goldenberg H'96 '97 P'05 '10 spent a lot of time this summer with his children and their growing families, including the next generation of Lawrentians.



Chris Loutit '96 has been keeping active.

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Katie Saltstein Bentley '98, husband Alfred, and children Elliott and Annabelle, enjoyed some fun in the sun.



Peter Fishman '98 and his fiancée, Melanie.

Becca Parsons Bartels hosted a reunion of '96ers in Fisher's Island this summer attended by **Morgan LeConey, Carolyn Levine Lanzetta, Amy Pyne Sykes, and Mike Santini.**

Honorary classmate **Michael "G" Goldenberg H'97 P'05 '10** shares his latest: "It was great to catch up with those of you who attended the 25-year reunion Zoom call. I cannot wait until we have an in-person get together! This past summer I had one of the best summers ever! My daughter and her family came in from Israel and then we all went south to Nashville to hang at my other daughter's house with her family. My son, Jared, and his very pregnant wife came in from N.C. for a few days, as well. So we had some real family

time with the kids and grandkids! Needless to say we took a million photos!"

Tyler Wean enjoyed seeing and connecting with classmates at the virtual 25th reunion.

The big news from Tyler's household is that he and his wife Kristi just celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary at High Hampton Inn in Cashiers, N.C., the same location where their wedding ceremony was held!

Dan Popkin recently visited **Chris Loutin** in Raleigh while Dan was on a business trip to Chapel Hill. Chris tried to show him the highlights of the triangle in a short timeframe, capped off by dinner at the Angus Barn.



Erhan Bedestani '98 and his 12-year-old son Brandon enjoyed their trip to Turkey in August.



Alfie Bentley, the 13-year-old son of Katie Saltstein Bentley '98, was a Summer Scholars participant this year.



Classmates Billie Goldman Buck '98, Cary Hughes Weekes '98 S'93, Milano Buckley '98 S'99, Candace Fisch Hewit '98, Annabel Bakke Culley '98, and Lauren Nugent Spencer '98 enjoyed the outdoors together in North Carolina.

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Katie Saltstein Bentley writes, "Alfie did Summer Scholars and he loved it. I enjoyed driving him back and forth and hearing about his day. Things at work have been busy trying to ensure children with special health care needs get their needs met during a pandemic that seems never ending. I encourage all who are eligible to get the vaccine. My Alfie who just turned 13 was so excited to get his.

"Our Elliott is doing well. He loves swimming and trucks. He is 8 and has a rare form of severe epilepsy and has been eating a ketogenic diet to help treat his epilepsy for 7 years! He is a trouper for sure and had an amazing summer.

"Annabelle is 4. She is our 'icing on the cake.' She loves to move. She learned to ride her bikes and is speaking Spanish!"

Pete Fishman writes: "Big news on my end is that I got engaged this summer. I've gotten a lot of congrats from '98ers on our numerous posts on social, and Perry Kalmus '99 took some photos on our surprise trip to L.A. Because of COVID, Melanie, who is a TV news reporter, hasn't had a chance to meet many of my lifelong friends in person, but she has already heard way too many Lawrenceville stories. Once when we were stumped on a tricky pronunciation for a piece she was doing, I got resourceful and pinged **Yuni Kim** and **Kenny Easwaran**, who of course know the right answer."

As for me (**Erhan**), Team 98 had a great

summer trip with my 12-year-old son Brandon to Turkey. Spent the days hiking, mountain biking and swimming. I have also enjoyed reconnecting with our class through the Class of '98 feature series. Just wrapped up a great interview with classmate Dr. **David Fingerhut**. Keep the requests for interviews coming!

1999

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Simone Sobel has joined **Debon Lewis** and **me** on team AKALA, which makes it now three Lawrentians trying to fix our education system! She has joined as our COO and made a massive impact on Day One! Simone's son just turned 3 and is taking over Los Angeles one toy truck at a time.

Kenny Greer writes, "Palmer and I have been on the move really since getting vaxxed in the spring, spending time at home in La Jolla and Denver/Vail, and visiting family back east in Virginia, NYC,

and Florida. This summer I started a renewable energy company, New Grass Power, to supply sustainable electricity fueled by biomethane gas from local dairy farms to the largest multi-tenant cannabis facility in California, which is in Oakland. We're going off-grid, and if anyone in our class or L'ville alumni who might be interested or want to help, let me know.

"Aside from working and traveling a lot, I'm looking forward to ski season in Vail and spending time in the Bay Area and La Jolla in the fall, and I'd love to see our classmates and reconnect, so hit me up!"

Catharine Clarke Ingersoll writes, "A big 2021 for me: I got tenure (am now a lieutenant colonel in the Virginia Militia, as if that means anything in reality, but more importantly I'm now an associate professor of art history), bought a new house, spent Memorial Day with **Courtney Thompson Friel** and her husband Patrick. Otherwise I'm just glad my daughter's school is back in person because online kindergarten last year was *not* it."

Meanwhile, **Alex de Bie** is a dad ... again! And for the last time! Halsey du Pont de Bie was born on February 21. As Alex

notes, she is the "second and final" child of A.I. and Tara de Bie, who relocated from NYC to Palm Beach not as trendy COVID escapees but six months before it all began. The proud godfather is classmate **Brue Baker!**

Brian Doyle writes, "This summer we were finally able to make a few trips from Montreal to the U.S. to see family, which was great and well worth the dozens of COVID tests that were required at various stages. My dad (**Mr. Doyle '69 H'79 '09 P'99!**) has settled into retired life on Cape Cod quite easily, although I'm sure he still misses Lawrenceville."

Leita Hamill H'69 '88 P'96 '99 writes, "It is shocking to me to know that you all are 40 or about to be. But at least now we are the same age. Hoping you have all evaded COVID so far and are triple-vaxxed going into this winter, which thanks to Delta promises to be another bummer. Be good for all the children. Their vaccine must be just around the corner."

The **Crawford Jones** family moved from Birmingham to Atlanta in June. "I'm still with Coca-Cola United and have taken a Georgia assignment, which is interesting

with Atlanta being the home of The Coca-Cola Company. Our three girls have started school here and are doing great. So far it's been a great experience with more to come. I'd love to see any of you as you pass through Atlanta.

Rena Paul's new law firm is off to the races at a record pace. Alcalaw is a trauma-informed law firm that conducts internal investigations and represents companies, nonprofits, schools and individuals in crisis, particularly those related to sexual misconduct. Such important work, Rena!

Smerjit Limlikit writes, "I just wish to send the news that I have completed my diplomatic posting in Madrid and am now posted back to work at Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand for about three years. Anybody passing by Thailand please feel free to let me know. If there is anything I can do, please do not hesitate to contact me."

Phil Trout writes, "Last I wrote we were about to have the baby. Well, it happened. We had a third boy, Casey Cotton Trout, on May 18. He's been a relatively good baby and his big brothers, Tyler and Ethan, are excited to have him in the mix. Casey's

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Justin Massimo '99 celebrated his 40th birthday fly fishing in Iceland with Caleb Oberst '99.

arrival has meant that we had to buy a different house and get a minivan, the latter of which I thought I'd never do but I'm loving it. You can never have enough cup holders." Congrats, Phil!

Justin Massimo writes, "Despite having a 3-month-old baby to care for and two other little kids, my saint of a wife gifted me a week long fly-fishing trip to Iceland for my 40th birthday. **Caleb Oberst** made the trip with me on his way to visit his new nephew and brother Jesse Oberst '00 in London. We fished the 'Big Laxa' outside Husvik on the north side of the island. It was an amazing trip and we both caught some awesome Atlantic Salmon."

Yngrid Gonzalez Feeny writes, "We had our daughter Ysabel on April 5. She was almost born in the car which is absolutely crazy, but she came into the world bright eyed and full of energy. She's such a hoy and big brother Bryan is doing an amazing job."

"I'm back to teaching part-time at a local private school and also staying busy with private tutoring. We spent the summer helping our son become more of a grom and hope to get back on our boat for some family sailing trips soon."

I'm exhausted in the best kind of way and grateful that we're all healthy. We have high hopes of a holiday trip to NYC with the whole crew, but are waiting to see how things progress with COVID. I hope everyone is staying safe and finding moments of bliss!" Congrats on the baby, Yngrid!

Melanie Debrosse writes, "So many changes these last few months. We moved out of New York City and are now in Summit, N.J. On June 20, my husband and I welcomed our son, Breton William Urbain Francis. Big sister, Hadley will be starting school in September." Congrats, Melanie!

Rudy Lewis writes, "After a year of quarantining hard and being cooped up at

home in L.A., we decided to take advantage of the remote working situation and we moved to Greece for the summer. Athens is super underrated and the Cyclades simply magical. Milos and Sifnos are my favorites, but really they're all amazing. We're heading to Italy for most of September before heading back to the West Coast."

"I also caught up with Alec Kleinschmidt '00 and Ashley Brennan Kleinschmidt '00 when we were in New York. It was so nice seeing some old Lawrenceville friends. I hope everyone and their loved ones are staying safe and healthy!"

Meanwhile, **Laura Kornhauser**, aka "Momma K" now, was not just surprised, but completely shocked – twice! – for her 40th birthday. Her beau, Dane Almassy '98, put together what can only be described as a logistical masterpiece of a weekend. It was his *piece de resistance*. It may never be topped. It all started with what Laura thought was a "staycation."

Dane booked her a room just a few blocks away at the new Equinox Hotel. Laura thought it was a weekend break from the newest love her life, her son Axel, but boy was she wrong. On Friday night, Laura showed up to a restaurant right by the hotel, thinking it was a romantic dinner for two. But when she walked into the private room, standing there was the one-and-only **Jane Lynch Crain**, the incredible **Gillian Hearst**, the indomitable **Debra Fisher**, the renowned **Debon Lewis**, the perfect **Annie Whitaker**, and me! It was a surprise Lawrenceville dinner to celebrate Laura and Debon's 40th birthdays. And Jane Lynch, who organized the evening, truly put together something extraordinary. Every seat had a cookie in front of it with our Lawrenceville Facebook headshots printed on them! There may or may not have been a very serious debate about my high school era ears!

Naseem Salamah canceled last second and let's just say his absence was felt.

It was one of the most fun nights I can remember to reminisce and be nostalgic and relish in the amazing friendships that L'ville gave us.

But the celebrating was not over. The next day, Laura did a spa day with her female L'ville classmates from the night before and then thought she was going to an '80s bar with them to celebrate for another night. But they stopped at her home to "grab something," at which point Laura walked into *another* surprise – 150 of her closest friends, all vaccinated and COVID-tested, waiting to celebrate her! Included in that group were a slew of Lawrentians: **John Walsh** and his incredible wife, Lindsey. Laura's brother Michael Kornhauser '96, Dan Shaefer '96 and his wife Vanessa, one of the coolest people on planet earth. **Courtney Thompson Friel** and her husband Patrick. And last but not least, our honorary classmate, **Kitty Kornhauser P'96 '99!** To call the party epic would be an understatement. The costumes were on point. The music was pumping. The drinks were flowing, the cartoonist was drawing, and the photographer was photographing. Dane and Jane Lynch were gods amongst mere mortals that weekend. And Laura was a star!

Chelsea Hamilton writes, "Very little really exciting although after we got our jabs in April we did start to rejoin the land of the living. Heading to Bordeaux/Paris later this week for the first 'real' vacation since COVID (assuming that travel cooperates). Otherwise nothing much to report. Hope you all are well!"

Stu Lord is getting mrrrrrrried! He found what can only be described as the perfect girl in Hannah. She is the best. By the time you read this, **David Pryor**, **Naseem Salamah** and **Reed Simonds** will all have joined me in celebrating Stuart in a very intimate wedding in Santa Barbara. And I'm proud to report that after 44 trips from Santa Barbara to L.A., Stu Lord finally popped in and said "hi" to his best friend. Sadly, of course, he didn't bring that perfect woman or his perfect dog, London. Guys, take me seriously, London is a rare find.

Speaking of rare finds, **Audrey Robertson Kinsman** was interviewed on national TV for her incredible work in the energy field. I am going to see her in October in Denver!

Move over Marie Kondo; **John Walsh** might just become the biggest downsizer in America! See what I did right there? Right now he is conquering very specific geographic locations in N.J. and Southeastern Pennsylvania, but in due time, Walsh Senior Solutions will be global, maybe even galactic. John is also a local pickle ball champion. His wife Lindsey has been providing sliced oranges (White Claws) for half time.

Courtney Crimmins Maurer is enjoying her maternity leave from Netflix and loving being a mom of three!

David Pryor is very proud that his beloved Chicago was named "most beautiful city in North America." Forget that it was by a useless organization and that the voters had "never been to Chicago in winter, and therefore were not able to see how uninhabitable the city is." David's wife Stephanie continues to dominate David on the Peloton. She usually does five sessions a week to David's five sessions a month. And while she is in the top 10 percent of performers, David is in the bottom 10 percent. Do better, David!

Speaking of Pryors, we did a giant Zoom celebration for David's brother Chris Pryor '96. It was a birthday bonanza chock full of trivia, and a special 12-minute montage video put together by **Adam Fein**. When asked why he didn't put together a montage for David, Adam responded, "I've grown closer with Chris since we live in the same town. Our kids are the same age. We're going to grow old together!"

Speaking of Adam, he loves family reunions!

Devon Farrell sends his love to all. If anyone is in Denver, he would be happy to cook cinnamon buns for you!

And finally ... *Sigh*... it has been a good run. But as of typing this sentence, I will be a dad in 16 days. By the time you read this, I will be knee deep in fatherhood. See you all on the flip side!

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It's been a tough year (or two) for everyone. Even in the midst of a worldwide pandemic, however, there have been some rays of sunshine for our classmates.

Will Riffelmacher has been living in San Francisco for over years with his wife, Sara, and their 6-year-old son, Clark. Will works as associate general counsel at Gap Inc.; Sara is partner at an environmental and land use law firm. Outside work and parenting, Will spends most of his time riding/racing his bike and he won the state championships for 40-plus (we're old – thanks, Will) a couple of weeks ago. Will is fortunate to live near his brother, Isaac Riffelmacher '03 and his wife and new baby, Joyce, and they get together often.

If you'll recall from the last episode, **Mike Sacks** had been storing his great-uncle's taxidermed sailfish in **Tim Matlack's** basement in Pennsylvania, and **Jon Rank** had just moved to Mike's town in New York. Well, Mike totally dropped the ball on U-Hauling Leilani the Fish up from Yardley, but he did host Jon and **Ray Strecker** (and their families) at his house in Croton-on-



Will Riffelmacher '00 with his wife, Sara, and son, Clark.



Will Riffelmacher '00 won the California State Bicycle Championship this year.



Mike Sacks '00, Raymond Strecker '00, and Jon Rank '00 with their families in Croton-on-Hudson, N.Y.



Lucy Halpern '00 and Katie Tricot's '00 kids played together in Vermont.

Hudson. He submitted a photo of them and their kids for proof. Hopefully next episode you'll get a picture of Mike, Tim, and the Fish ... but probably not.

Adam Spector and his wife, Molly, and son, Max, welcomed a fourth member of their family, Jonas. Everyone is happy and healthy despite the sadness around the virus and how solutions to it have become so politicized.

Vanessa Chau did a Zoom catch-up with **Megan Drucker Genkin**, **Lucy Blumenfeld**, **Elena Elster Strasser**, and **Kate MacGregor** two months ago. It was a true international call with Germany, New York, Pennsylvania, Florida, Hong Kong representing! On the personal front, Vanessa got engaged earlier this year but hasn't gotten around to planning the wedding yet in light of the environment. **L.G. Mentz** and Vanessa work at the same company, Two Sigma, though in different locations, but it's still nice to have a familiar face at work!

Lucy Blumenthal Halpern returned from a long stay in Vermont where she was thrilled to spend a week with **Katie Larkin Tricot** and her adorable family. Lucy's children, Olivia and Grace, begin kindergarten and preschool respectively this fall! Other Lawrenceville highlights of the past months include: seeing **Lucien Pleasants** in Chapel Hill this spring (Lucy's sister **Adare** has just moved there with her three children!); Zooming with **Megan Drucker Genkin**, **Kate MacGregor**, **Elena Elster Strasser**, and a glowing, newly engaged **Vanessa Chau**; catching up with **Shannon Cusick** IRL for the first time in two years. She also loves crossing paths with fellow class secretary **Gena Ciccone Reisig** in the neighborhood! And it was so special to have L'ville graduate Sydney McCormack '21, as a summer intern with Lucinda Literary.

Lucy also sends her love to **Taylor Wallick** with his new baby on the way, and to **Nancy Carlson Bailey** and **Steph**

Hall Coffin, best McClellan friends she misses dearly!

Thank you to everyone who wrote in on short notice. It was so nice to hear from you (and others who just wrote to say "hi!"). My (**Gena's**) family and I remain in NYC right now. My husband, Chris, is an ER doctor and worked through the pandemic, while I tried to hold the fort down with the kids and also teaching half in person and half on Zoom. As I imagine most of you know, it's a serious challenge! We spent the summer down the Jersey Shore, which was an amazing break after such a long slog of a year. If any of you are visiting NYC or the Jersey shore, drop me a line. I'd love to say hi and catch up with you!

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Tricia Gadsden Hill and her husband, Jason, welcomed their third child, Katharine Philip Hill, on August 30. Her big sister, Elliott and big brother, Henry, are very excited about her arrival!

[Ed Note: The remainder of the 2001 column was submitted in mid-May but inadvertently omitted from the summer issue. The editor apologizes for the oversight. –S.R.]

Constance Victory Small shares "this weekend I got to enjoy the virtual 20th reunion, where the legendary **Mrs. Rabin**, and all-star **Mr. Maxwell** were made honorary members of the Class of '01. And what a delight it was for me, as Mrs. Rabin

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Big sister Elliott and big brother Henry are very excited about Katharine Philip Hill, daughter of Tricia Gadsden Hill '01 and Jason Hill.



Proud papa Tony DeLisi '01 with his son Agostino "Gus" Owen DeLisi, who was born in February.



A bag from the Victoire Focx collection by Constance Victory Small '01.

has long inspired my own stride, especially as a student at Lawrenceville. Moreover, it was a pleasure to see classmates from 20 years ago (!), and hear how everyone else is doing

"Lately, my days are mostly spent working from home, where I'm designing new product ranges for my brand, Victoire Focx, or interviewing Netflix series' stars for some of the British arts and culture magazines to which I contribute. As an artist, this time in semi-isolation has allowed me to realize new projects and unexpected collaborations – some of which include film and television appearances for the brand. Check out Victoire Focx custom leather bags at victoیرهfocx.com."

Josiah Pertz writes that he is living in Manhattan and working as an assistant U.S. attorney in the Southern District of New York.

Tony DeLisi shares "the biggest thing to report over here is the birth of our first child, Agostino 'Gus' Owen DeLisi on February 23, 2021 here in Austin, Tex.! He and his mom, Natalie, are doing great, and pandemic aside, all is well here in Austin.

"I'm a year and a month into a new role as a leader in Ernst & Young's economic development practice, still working with communities all across the country."

Nolan Shenai left Waymo to become a deputy general counsel at Aurora Innovation, a leader in autonomous vehicle technology. As an added perk of the career move, Nolan was able to return back to the east coast from California with his wife, Elizabeth, his daughter, Meera, and their puppy, Ajax.

I, **Julie Gravener Davis**, enjoyed getting to catch up with several alumni during the planning phase of our recent 20-year



Natalia Obolensky '03 is living in Hong Kong with her husband and two daughters, ages 2 and 3.

reunion. I heard that our class event went really well and we had a good turnout. I had the last-minute opportunity to travel to meet my brand new niece that weekend (which was amazing). I'm sorry that I missed catching up with those of you that attended. As for me, my 3-year-old twin boys and my private practice as a psychologist keep me busy. We are excited to bring a new puppy into our family this July!

I hope you all have a wonderful summer.

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Simon Au has successfully kept his son alive, kicking, and barfing for more than six months.

Mike Igoe and his wife, Carolyn, welcomed their first child, Ruth Marigold, in May. They are loving life in Burlington, Vt.

Raquel Vélez is now living in Denver, enjoying the mile-high life! She recently started a new company, Alpine Parrot, which is an outdoor apparel company that caters specifically to women's sizes 14-24. She would love to go for a hike or ski with other Lawrentians in the area.

From **Stephen Crump**: "The craziness of the pandemic and new career opportunities has allowed us to move back to Texas – Austin to be exact! As the kids get used to using the word 'y'all we have been busy getting settled in to our new house, doing day excursions to see Central Texas and learning about our new home in Austin. Will be meeting up with **Anoop Rathod** later this week (Bowie ... get ready for a Houston trip in the fall). For anyone else in ATX, reach out, would love to say hello!"

Natalia Obolensky is still living in Hong Kong with her husband and two daughters who are now 2 and 3 years old – time flies! Natalia started a new job in early 2021 as the Asia Pacific general manager for an American sunscreen brand called Supergoop. She hopes that this role will allow her to visit the United States more frequently (once COVID travel restrictions ease) and catch up with fellow Lawrentians again soon!

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Lauren Deal '05 and her husband, Miguel, welcomed Helen Inés on July 15, joining their son, Nicanor.



Born in July, Loyal James Elipas is the son of Emily Wilson Elipas '05 and the grandson of Loyal Wilson '66 P'05 '12.

2005

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Noelle Clarke Johnston and husband Paul welcomed their son, Max Kennedy Johnston, on June 10. They look forward to a mini-McClellan House reunion in the fall.

She's stateside! **Emily Doyle Koch** has moved back to the USA from London, settling in Darien, Conn., with her husband David, two sons Charlie, 7, and William, 3, and their cat Riccio. If anyone is nearby, please reach out to Emilyvkoch@gmail.com as they would love to reconnect!

Lauren Deal and her husband, Miguel, welcomed their second child, Helen Inés, on July 15. Helen joins their son, Nicanor.

Emily Wilson Elipas and her husband, Chris, welcomed Loyal James into the world on lucky 7/21. The Elipas family, including big (puppy) brother Zeus, is tired but so in love.

Shea Kelly has self-published two novels via Amazon and Google Books. The first, *The Brotherhood of the Black Squirrel*, is a black comedy about a man navigating his way through hell. The second, *Thunderbird Sabermetrics*, is a semi-autobiographical story reminiscent of the movie *The Sandlot*. He is currently working on his third novel, tentatively titled *Pweza*, about a Philadelphia vigilante who is a combination of Batman, Denzel Washington from *The Equalizer*, and Omar from *The Wire*. Shea is entering his first year as a full-time English teacher at Parkdale High School in Riverdale Park, Md.

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Congrats to **Addison DiSesa**, who started a new role as an associate attorney at Sacks Glazier Franklin & Lodise, LLP, in Los Angeles, where he practices trust and estate litigation. "I live in Echo Park with my dog Bean, and make frequent sojourns up north to Tahoe for skiing and hiking, and back east to see friends and family and enjoy some time in the woods of Pennsylvania."

Mackey Violich is continuing her education at Haas UC Berkeley and is busy balancing work and school in San Francisco. Her nephew is starting as a freshman this fall at Lawrenceville. She notes, "He is getting nervous! He has all his classes, and started by buying a lot of polo shirts for class..."

The Bay Area also welcomes **Curtis Schickner**, who recently moved across the country from Baltimore and settled in San Francisco. He started a new job with OGCI Climate Investments and is looking forward to reconnecting with alumni on the West Coast.

Vidhya Kumar graduated from residency

LAWRENTIAN LAURELS: KELLY CURTIS '08

The Skeleton Key



Kelly Curtis '08 hopes to compete for the United States – and the Air Force – at the 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing. (Photo: Molly Choma)

Kelly Curtis '08 had a lot of explaining to do when she arrived at the Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio in July for eight weeks of basic military training. Not the typical airman, Curtis had to explain to fellow recruits that she's a world-class racer in the skeleton, which is like the luge, except competitors slide head-first and face down around the ice track at speeds up to 90 miles per hour.

She also told them that her job in the Air Force, at least at first, will be to train for the 2022 Olympic Winter Games in Beijing.

"I respected the women I was going through basic training with right away," she said., adding, "If you tell anybody you're training for the Olympics, then all of a sudden they have a lot of respect for you as well."

Curtis graduated from basic military training last year and the Air Force is training her for a job in cyber surety to ensure the security of computer networks and online communications. For now, though, Curtis is focused on representing the Air Force and Team USA at the same time.

Curtis is the first civilian to be recruited for the Air Force World Class Athlete Program, which allows elite American athletes to enlist in the Air Force and then continue training full-time in their respective sports. The U.S. Army has a similar program.

"To be able to represent the Air Force as well [in the Olympics], I mean that would just be a cherry on top," said Curtis, who signed a four-year contract with the Air Force.

Successful on the development circuits, Curtis won the IBSF North American Cup season titles in 2017-18 and 2018-19, and in February 2020, was crowned the overall winner of the IBSF Intercontinental Cup.

After competing in her first World Cup tour for USA Bobsled & Skeleton this upcoming Olympic season, Curtis will be racing in China, Germany, Latvia, and Switzerland from October through January to compete for a spot in skeleton at the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympic Games.

– Alex Abrams for TeamUSA.org

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Henry Towbin '09, Mara Feingold-Link '09, Liz Katen-Narvell '09, and John Temple '09 enjoyed the apple cider donuts at Terhune Orchards in August.



Alistair Berven '13, George Giannos '13, Stowe Faircloth '13, and Grayson Helm '13 enjoyed a moment at Stowe's wedding rehearsal dinner in Evergreen, Colo., in July.



Charlotte Mitchell '09, who married Blake Riley last year during the pandemic, celebrated the occasion in Vail, Colo., in July with many Lawrentians, including Becca Smith '09, Alison Rooney '09, Georgia Dean '10, Paulina Dean '07, Lucy Dean '09, Laura McNamara '09, McKenna Vanderbeek '09, Emily Stern '09, and Warren Dean '75.



Grace Faircloth '20, Stowe Faircloth '13, his new wife Kelly Wolf, Heather Ehret Faircloth P'11 '13 '20, Ehret "Rhett" Faircloth '11, and his wife Kiki, with son Boone (another son, Thatcher, is on the way) at Stowe and Kelly's wedding in Colorado.

and has moved to Richmond, Va., where she enjoys gardening and the concept of weekends. She stopped by New Jersey to meet up with **Mythili Iyer**, who had a chance this summer to catch up with **Kevin Yeh** (who is abandoning her), **John Masters**, and **Tiffany Lee** while staying in NYC with **Lindsay Dow**.

Emily Liggett Philpot shares: "My husband and I welcomed our second son, Zachary Robert Philpot, in May. I am happily anticipating the marriage of my sister, Marjorie Liggett '09, to John Slocum '10 this coming November (postponed from May '20). Hoping to see many Lawrentians at the celebration!"

It's a small world: **Kelly Curtis** ran into **Melvis Langyintuo** at a conference in Miami in June! She also met Luca, the son of **Helen Lopez Gonzalez** and Matt Gonzalez '09. She's currently competing in her first World Cup tour for USA Bobsled & Skeleton this upcoming Olympic season, and will be racing in China, Germany, Latvia, and Switzerland from October through January to compete for a spot in Skeleton at the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympic Games – best of luck! We'll be cheering you on!

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Samuel Starkey is living in Philly and recently became a dad. Congratulations! His baby boy, Garrett "Rett" Stover Starkey, was born on May 1, 2021.

John Temple wrote that a few New York-area Lawrentians met up in August for a Princeton mini-reunion. **Mara Feingold-Link**, **Liz Katen-Narvell**, **Henry Towbin**, and **John** stopped by Lawrenceville and of

course Terhune Orchards for apple cider donuts and summer fruit!

Caitlin Bolnick married James Cory Rellas on June 26 in Big Sky, Mont. Lawrentians **Abigail Andrews**, **Lizzie Stewart**, and **Lindsay Walker** were in attendance.

Charlotte Mitchell had a "wedding celebration" with her husband Blake Riley in Vail, Colo., in July 2021. The couple got married the previous July during the pandemic. Many Lawrentians were in attendance, including **Becca Smith**, **Alison Rooney**, Georgia Dean '10, Paulina Dean '07, **Lucy Dean**, **Laura McNamara**, **McKenna Vanderbeek**, **Emily Stern**, and Warren Dean '75.

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Kirstin Carter '14 and Blake Hamerslag welcomed Emma Leigh Hamerslag in late June.

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Stowe Faircloth married Kelly Wolf in July in Evergreen, Colo., with a good number of Lawrentians in attendance, including Ehret "Rhett" Faircloth '11, Grace Faircloth '20, **Alistair Berven**, **George Giannos**, and **Grayson Helm**.

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With the easing of lockdown restrictions in the late spring and early summer months, the class is back on the move! Thanks, everyone, for reaching out with updates as you get back into the swing of things.

Warm congratulations to **Kirstin Carter** and her husband, Blake Hamerslag, on the birth of their daughter, Emma Leigh Hamerslag, on June 24, 2021. Emma was born a healthy 8.5 pounds – Kirstin writes that she and her husband are totally in love with her and of course looking forward to her joining Lawrenceville's Class of 2040.

Big news from **James Woodley**, who proposed to his longtime girlfriend, Margaret La Nasa, in Princeton in early July. Margaret and James are enjoying living in Manhattan's Upper East Side with their Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, Arthur. Congrats to **Izzy Steiner** on her engagement to Jack Organ in London, and to **Taner Abadan** on his engagement to Cara Vitale.

Coco Doll and Grant Newsome '15 tied the knot in upstate New York over the summer – **Alexis Lazarus**, **Marina Hyson**, **Annam Iyer**, **Libby Cunningham**, and **Natalie Tung** helped Coco and Grant celebrate their big day alongside others in the Lawrenceville family.

Joe Slawek and I caught up in Amagansett over Memorial Day weekend – Joe is heading to the University of Chicago's Booth School of Business this fall to pursue his M.B.A.

Christian Belardi has enjoyed spending the summer in New York after a couple of years in San Francisco working in artificial intelligence, and starts graduate school at Cornell in August where he's pursuing a Master's in Computer Science. **Mary Larkin** is living in Dallas, where she's pursuing her M.B.A. at Southern Methodist University.

Kate Gulbrandsen, **Carla Tuan**, **Kyle D'Souza**, **Steve Nociti**, John Salemi '13, and I enjoyed celebrating **Jess Castelo's** birthday in SoHo in late May. **Megan Norris** visited New York during her summer break from studying law at the University of Miami, enjoying time with Kate and Carla in the city. **Kyle D'Souza** checked in from Eastern Europe, a base from where he's spent the better part of the summer traveling throughout Armenia, Ukraine, Egypt, and Kenya, with a few days in Iceland with his family.



Kyle D'Souza '14, Kate Gulbrandsen '14, John Salemi '13, Carla Tuan '14, Carter Cikovic '14, and Steve Nociti '14 celebrated the birthday of Jess Castelo '14 in SoHo in late May.



Big Red Wedding: Coco Doll '14 and Grant Newsome '15 were married in upstate New York over the summer with many Lawrentians on hand to celebrate the couple's happiness.

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Ben Woodley '14 and his fiancée, Margaret La Nasa, toast their engagement.



Lawrenceville and Dartmouth classmates Dev Chhokra '19 and Meg Barnes '19 were in Hanover, N.H., this summer.



Kyle D'Souza '14 hit the Great Pyramid of Giza during his travels this summer.



Mark Heckel '88 P'20 with son Chris Heckel '20, Kate Deskey '21, and Will Deskey '20 after the Transpacific 2021 race in July.



Charlie Mario, Reid Mario '20, new dad Peter Sinkovitz, new mom Gretchen Mario Sinkovitz '16, Jennifer Mario P'16 '20, and Jeremy Mario '88 P'16 '20 welcomes the arrival of baby Matthias Sinkovitz this summer.

2015

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Grant Newsome and Caroline "Coco" Doll '14 were married on Saturday, July 24, at Gilbertville Farmhouse in South New Berlin, N.Y. Many fellow Lawrentians attended the celebration on the weekend of Friday, July 23, to Sunday July 25. Congratulations Grant and Coco!

2016

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2018

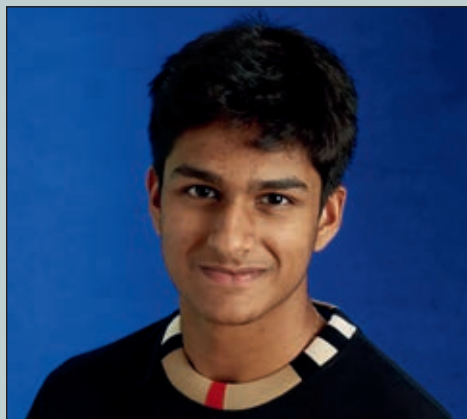
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He's Got the MIDAS Touch



Sid Ramachandran '21 leveraged his tech skills to help a major local nonprofit track and process its donations.

Sid Ramachandran '21 began volunteering at the local nonprofit Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (TASK) when he was in seventh grade. While he was familiar with the organization's mission to feed the hungry in the Trenton area and had spent many years serving food, raising awareness and donations, the COVID-19 pandemic presented him with a new way to help.

Ramachandran observed that the nonprofit was blessed with generous donations – so many that they had trouble tracking and processing everything. Because of pandemic restrictions, donations needed to be no-contact, so it became challenging for the TASK staff to figure out to whom to send tax receipts and how to properly thank donors.

Ramachandran tapped his programming expertise and developed a cloud-based application called MIDAS to help solve TASK's challenge. The app allows donors to fill, print, label, and track their in-kind donations and receive online receipts as soon as the items are scanned.

"The appeal for donors included touch-free delivery, tax deductions, and lower disposal costs," says Ramachandran, who now studies at the University of St Andrews in Scotland.

He got hands-on experience in a programming class taught by math teacher **Miguel Bayona P'12 '18** when Ramachandran was a Lawrenceville Summer Scholar heading into middle school. He continued learning programming techniques and stretched his expertise through the MIDAS project.

With TASK on board, Ramachandran says he's working on expanding the donor base to include local grocery stores, farms, and restaurants to donate their surplus, unplayed, expired "sell-by," and cosmetically damaged items through this app.

"With the network of volunteers already in place to safely pack and ship the items that are within the guidelines of the FDA and the Good Samaritan Food Donation Act, the volume of food donated through the app is rapidly growing."

Ramachandran says developing the app "made me fall in love with the process of solving problems."

2019

Brittany Sun

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Harrison Lee writes: "During these summer months, I've been reminiscing a lot about fall semesters at Lawrenceville. My favorite memory has to be when the house community service reps were setting up for the fall festival L'ville runs every year, and my friend Lily said she'd give me '100 bucks' to swim in one of those inflatable kiddie pools while wearing an all-cotton outfit. After I was drenched and shivering, she proceeded to punch me (lightly) in the arm 100 times. It was the perfect blend of dad jokes and slapstick comedy. And Lily – if you're reading this – you still owe me \$100. I will be waiting for your response and compensation with unbridled anticipation."

2020

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2021

Brian Ruan

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Marriages and Commitment Ceremonies

1969

Brent Hyder to Elisabeth Bishop, Mexico, August 2021

2009

Caitlin Bolnick to James Cory Rellas, Big Sky, Mont., June 26, 2021

Charlotte Mitchell to Blake Riley, Vail, Colo., July 2020

2013

Stowe Faircloth to Kelly Wolf, Hiwan Golf Club, Evergreen, Colo., July 17, 2021

2014

Caroline Doll to Grant Newsome '15, Gilbertsville Farmhouse, South New Berlin, N.Y., July 24, 2021

Births

1989

Scott Nevin and his wife, Cate Fahey, a daughter, Kelly

1999

Alex de Bie, and his wife, Tara, a daughter, Halsey du Pont de Bie, February 21, 2021

Melanie Debrosse, and her husband, a son, Breton William Urbain Francis, June 20, 2021

Phil Trout, and his wife, a son, Casey Cotton Trout, May 18, 2021

2000

Adam Spector and his wife, Molly, a son, Jonas

2001

Tony DeLisi and his wife, Natalie, a son, Agostino "Gus" Owen DeLisi, February 23, 2021

Tricia Gadsden Hill and her husband, Jason, a daughter, Katharine Philip Hill, August 30, 2021

2003

Mike Igoe and his wife, Carolyn, a daughter, Ruth Marigold, May 2021

Isaac Riffelmacher and his wife, a daughter, Joyce

Anne Mainardi and her husband, Nick Pumilia, a daughter, Nina Barnett Pumilia, February 2021

2005

Lauren Deal and her husband, Miguel, a daughter, Helen Inés, July 15, 2021

Emily Wilson Elipas and her husband, Chris, a son, Loyal James, July 21, 2021

Noelle Clarke Johnston and her husband, Paul, a son, Max Kennedy Johnston, June 10, 2021

2008

Emily Liggett Philpot and her husband, Nicholas, a son, Zachary Robert Philpot, May 2021

2009

Samuel Starkey and his wife, Anna Hayne, a son, Garrett "Rett" Stover Starkey, May 1, 2021

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2014

Kirstin Carter and her husband, Blake Hamerslag, a daughter, Emma Leigh Hamerslag, June 24, 2021

2016

Gretchen Mario Sinkovitz and her husband, Peter Sinkovitz, a son, Matthias James Sinkovitz, August 30, 2021

Deaths

Alfred Vogel '45

Rafael Enrique Carmoega '48

Craig Gambee '49

James L. Britton III '53

George White Jr. '53

Ralph Goldman '56

Thomas F. Urbaniak '56

Newell Flather '57

John F. White '57

Robert C. Greenstein '61

Britton White Jr. '61

Memorials

Frederic W. Lathrop Jr. '44

Frederic W. "Fred" Lathrop Jr. passed away August 3, 2021. Born in Baltimore, he was 95 years old.

At Lawrenceville, Fred lived in Dickinson House, serving on the House Council. He was a member of *The Lawrence* and Periwig, and played tennis and swam. He attended Cornell University and then enlisted in the army from 1944-46. After World War II, Fred returned to the Weill Cornell Medical School and finished his medical studies in New York, graduating in 1952.

Fred and Dorothy June Mathewson were married in 1952 and began their life together in Camden, N.J., while he worked at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia for two years. Fred then joined his father in their pediatric practice in Plainfield, N.J., and was a leading pediatrician in the city until he retired in 1993.

Despite his busy medical practice, Fred made time for his children, taking them camping and making a trip to California and back in an RV. He loved to ski and used the RV to take his children and their friends skiing as well.

Upon his retirement, Fred and his wife moved to Readington Township, N.J., and became members of Calvary Bible Church of Whitehouse Station. They loved to host Bible studies and help with Vacation Bible School before June passed in 2004. He was very active into his 90s – driving, swimming in the pool, hosting family reunions and serving in church.

Fred is survived by his children, Barbara,

Marjorie, twins Beatrice and Elizabeth, Frederic III, and Mary; 14 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

William M. Davis '49

William Maxwell "Bill" Davis passed away July 2, 2021. Born in Charleston, W.Va., he was 89 years old.

At Lawrenceville, Bill lived in Raymond House and Belknap House. He was involved with *The Lawrence*, *Olla Podrida*, and Periwig, and competed on the swimming team. As an alumnus, Bill remained very active with the School, serving as a class agent and as a member of the Alumni Association Executive Committee, including a term as a selector, as well as a member of the Head Master Council and the John Cleve Green Society.

After earning his bachelor's degree from Princeton University in 1953, Bill spent his entire business career with the Bank of West Virginia before stepping down as president in 1979.

A passionate automobile enthusiast from his very early days, Bill often recalled events throughout his life by the car that was involved, and was especially active with the Classic Car Club, the Classic Car Club of America Museum, and the Rolls Royce Owners Club and Foundation. He served as national president of all and judged the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance for over thirty years. Bill was the oldest continuous American member of the U.K.-based 20-Ghost Club, the oldest Rolls Royce auto club in the world, and his cars often won best in class.

Bill twice served as the head of the West Virginia Commission on the Arts, appointed by the governor in 1968 a year after the commission's founding; he remained on through 2004. He also served on the foundation board of the Kanawha County Public Library. His vast philanthropic interests included the Clay Center for Arts and Education and various music organizations.

Michael E. A. Gellert '49

Michael E. A. Gellert passed away August 17, 2021. Born in Prague, Czechoslovakia, he was 90 years old.

At Lawrenceville, Michael lived in Kennedy House and played soccer. Afterward, he graduated from Harvard College, served in the U.S. Army, and received his M.B.A. from the Wharton School.

Michael's business career began at Burnham and Company and he remained a partner of successor Drexel Burnham Lambert for over four decades. He founded Windcrest Partners in 1967 as a private investment vehicle. Through his career he served on the boards of Humana, Devon Energy, Seacor Holdings, Six Flags, Regal

Cinemas, and many private companies.

A dedicated philanthropist, Michael's board involvements included the Carnegie Institution for Science, Human Rights Watch, The New School for Social Research, Caramoor, Brunswick School, and several others. He participated actively in alumni affairs at Harvard University, from which he was awarded the Harvard Medal in 2015. In 2000 he was inducted into the American Academy of Arts and Sciences; he was a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

He will forever be remembered for his intellect, wit, generosity, and ever present smile; his commitment to a just and humane world at peace will continue to inspire us.

Michael is survived by his wife of 52 years, Mary Crombie Gellert; son John Gellert; daughter Catherine Gellert; and three grandchildren.

Arthur T. Birsh '50

Arthur T. Birsh passed away April 14, 2021. Born in Englewood, N.J., he was 88 years old.

At Lawrenceville, Arthur lived in Hamill House and Upper House. He earned a bachelor's degree from Yale University in 1954.

During his 50-year career at *Playbill*, the nation's most recognizable theater program, Arthur's titles included publisher, president, chairman, and most recently, chairman emeritus. Over that time, an estimated half-billion *Playbills* were handed to theater patrons by Broadway ushers.

Arthur started work for the company in 1961, first as manager of its Manhattan printing plant. He was soon promoted to overseeing all aspects of publishing. After a brief ownership of the company by Metromedia, he remained with *Playbill* as its sole proprietor in 1973.

Although his own theatre career was limited to summer-stock operettas in his youth, at *Playbill* Arthur became a respected and beloved citizen of the theatre community, not least for his generous, witty, diplomatic way of doing business and his tenacious belief that *Playbill* could be available to serve all shows and audiences, some of the proof being that press-shy stars on Broadway, including Elizabeth Taylor, would happily consent to an interview for *Playbill*.

Arthur is survived by his wife, Joan; sons Andrew and Philip, daughter Joanne; stepsons Tom and Andrew Rubin; six grandchildren; and four step-grandchildren.

Edward Campbell Lawson Jr. '52

Edward C. "Chief" Lawson Jr. passed away August 7, 2020. Born in Tulsa, Okla., he was 86 years old.

At Lawrenceville, Edward lived in Hamill House, captained the golf team, wrestled, and played football. His athletic prowess earned him a Major L. Later, as an alumnus, Edward served the School as an admission interviewer. After graduating from Cornell University, where he also captained the golf team. Edward made his mark in tennis at the state, regional, and national level, and was ranked 38th in the nation in men's over-35 singles.

Edward started his oil career with Amoco and then joined the Lawson Petroleum Company in 1960 to become its president. A longtime director of First National Bank of Tulsa, Edward served on five other bank boards during his career.

Edward was deeply involved in the Tulsa community and was an active board member and fundraiser for several community organizations. He served as president of the Tulsa Historical Society, and as a trustee and president of the Board of Holland Hall School. He also served as a trustee for the Salvation Army, the Gilcrease Museum, the Tulsa Psychiatric Foundation, and the Philbrook Museum of Art.

As a skilled political adviser and fundraiser, Edward helped leaders find bipartisan solutions to challenges. It was not uncommon for mayors, governors, members of Congress, and senators to seek his advice and support, including one of his longtime friends, President George H.W. Bush. During the Bush Administration, Edward served on the President's Advisory Board of the Kennedy Center and was appointed to the Dallas Regional Panel of White House Fellows.

Edward is survived by his wife, Jay Bird Lawson; children Bill and Lawson, Holbrook Lawson, and Elizabeth Linehan; and ten grandchildren.

Charles A. Bernheim '53

Charles A. "Charlie" Bernheim passed away July 20, 2021. Born in New York City, he was 86 years old.

At Lawrenceville, Charlie lived in Dawes House and the Lodge. He was a member of the choir, Glee Club, The Lawrentians, the *Olla Podrida*, the Open Door Society, and the Press Club. Afterward, Charlie earned his bachelor's degree from Princeton University in 1957.

Charlie served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy, where he was trained in intelligence service. After serving, he joined his father and brother in the family brokerage business, Stern Lauer. He later moved to Bear Stearns, and finished out his career at JP Morgan Chase.

An avid golfer, a gourmet, a lover of the good life, and a devout collector of fine art and music, Charlie was also a true philanthropist who supported multiple charities and served on many boards, including the Salisbury Symphony. He

loved numbers and could sit and look at a stock market ticker all day long. He traveled the world and lived a great life.

Charlie is survived by his loving wife, Rachel Wallace Oestreicher Bernheim; daughters Samantha Haspel Ring and Ashley Haspel; and a grandson.

Vernon R. Loucks Jr. '53 P'84 '93 GP'12 '18

Vernon Reece “Vern” Loucks Jr. passed away August 8, 2021. Born in Chicago, he was 86 years old.

At Lawrenceville, Vern lived in Raymond House, played baseball, football, and swam, and was a member of the Student Council, House Council, and the Glee Club. It was as an alumnus when Vern gave his greatest efforts to the School, as a member of the Board of Trustees and a trustee emeritus, a member of the Alumni Association Executive Committee, Campaign Steering Committee, and the Reunion Committee. He was also a generous benefactor of the School, particularly athletics. The Loucks Ice Arena bears Vern's name and he was enshrined in the Athletic Hall of Fame.

Vern was a 1957 graduate of Yale University, where he was a distinguished member of the varsity football team. Following Yale, he served as a first lieutenant with the U.S. Marine Corps from 1957-60. Upon his discharge, he attended Harvard Business School and graduated in 1962.

Vern returned to Chicago and worked for George Fry Associates until he was recruited to Baxter International in 1966. He worked for the remainder of his career, serving as CEO from 1980-88 and chair from 1987 until his retirement in January 2000. At Baxter, Vern was most proud of the people he developed and mentored, the profound friendships he nurtured and lifelong associations he developed.

In addition to his career at Baxter, Vern served as a director of Anheuser-Busch, Edwards Lifesciences, Dun & Bradstreet, Emerson Electric, Segway and the Quaker Oats Company. He was a co-founder and chair of the Healthcare Leadership Council, former chair of the Health Industry Manufacturers Association, and member of the Council of Retired Chief Executives.

Vern played an active role in many civic and philanthropic organizations, including serving as a trustee of Rush University Medical Center in Chicago, a member of the Board of Directors of FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology), and former Senior Fellow of the Yale Corporation. In 2000, he was part of the group that founded Millennium Park in Chicago. His awards and honors were many, including the Marine Corps Semper Fidelis Award in 1989, the George H.W. Bush Lifetime Leadership Award at Yale University, and the 2018 Advamed Lifetime

Achievement Award.

Beyond his professional pursuits, Vern was an avid sportsman throughout his life, sharing many happy times with his family, friends, children and grandchildren enjoying skiing, fishing and playing golf. Most of all, Vern was revered as a friend. He will be remembered for his thoughtfulness, leadership, approachability, sense of humor, informed perspectives, creative insights, and incredible generosity. Always willing to lend a hand, offer support, and work to solve a problem, Vern was grateful for and humbled by the amazing friendships he forged, around the world and across all walks of life.

Vern is survived by his wife, Barbara “Bunny” Linfoot Hoffman Loucks; children Charles Loucks, Gregory Srodon, Susan Adams, David Loucks, Eric Loucks, Kristi Loucks, Trip Hoffman, and Wendy Burchfield; and 13 grandchildren.

Norman S. Powell '53

Norman S. Powell passed away June 16, 2021. Born in Hollywood, Calif., he was 86 years old.

At Lawrenceville, Norman lived in Raymond House. Afterward, he graduated from Cornell University before working as a production manager starting in the late 1950s on such TV Westerns as *Wanted: Dead or Alive*, *Gunsmoke* and *The Rifleman*.

A two-time Emmy-nominated producer, Norman was born into the entertainment community, the son of actors Joan Blondell and eight-time Oscar-nominated cinematographer George Barnes before being adopted by actor Dick Powell, Blondell's second husband.

Norman earned his Emmy nominations for producing the 1977 ABC miniseries *Washington Behind Closed Doors* and for guiding the second season of the Fox drama *24*, starring Kiefer Sutherland. During his 13-year tenure as an executive with CBS, Norman advanced to senior vice president of the network's Entertainment Productions division and supervised development and production of more than 80 telefilms and 11 series.

Among the shows and TV movies made under his watch included the 1981 pilot for *Cagney & Lacey*; the 1989-96 reality show *Rescue 911*; and a rebooted *Twilight Zone* in 1985.

Norman's other producing credits included such series as CBS' *The New Dick Van Dyke Show*; and telefilms like 1978's *More Than Friends*, starring Rob Reiner and Penny Marshall; 1995's *Convict Cowboy*, starring Jon Voight; and 1995's *Black Fox*, starring Christopher Reeve.

Norman is survived by his wife, Ellen Levine; children Matthew, Sandra, and Scott; and two great-grandchildren.

Robert K. Torrey '53

Robert K. “Bob” Torrey passed away May 26, 2021. He was 87 years old.

At Lawrenceville, Bob lived in Dickinson House, played football and hockey, and was a member of the House Council. He earned his bachelor's degree from Princeton University in 1957, and later, degrees at Stanford and Harvard.

While still at Princeton, Bob was recruited by the president of the Punahou School in Honolulu, where he worked for two years before winning a U.S.-Cuban government grant to study in Cuba. Barred from going by the insurgent Castro regime, Bob landed at Blair Academy before beginning graduate school at Stanford.

Bob worked in advertising with J. Walter Thompson and Young & Rubicam before returning to Punahou in 1967. Until retiring in 1998, he enjoyed highly productive years at Punahou, teaching all history courses except Russian. He nurtured many Advanced Placement students while creating courses in African, Latin American and Middle Eastern history.

In 1982, Bob earned a master's degree from the Harvard Graduate School of Education and in 1994, studied in Israel and Egypt as a Fulbright Scholar. In 1996, he became co-director of the Wo International Center, organizing summer programs for students from Asia and directing European study abroad for Punahou students. He often said teaching at Punahou was the best job. He learned as much from students as they from him, and every day was a different challenge.

Bob is survived by his wife Joyce, son Kent; and daughter Nia.

Francis B. Gilbert Jr. '55 P'78

Francis Bacon “Frank” Gilbert Jr. passed away August 27, 2021. Born in New York City, he was 85 years old.

At Lawrenceville, Frank lived in Hamill House, and was a member of the choir, Glee Club, The Lawrentians, and the Open Door Society. Later, he earned a bachelor's degree from Brown University, where he studied finance and chemical engineering.

Frank was an investment banker with The Bank of New York and Chemical Bank working in New York and Hong Kong. He was a member of the United States 6-Meter Sailing Team competing in four World Championships. As a longtime member of The Seawanhaka Yacht Club of Centre Island, N.Y., Frank also sailed the Bermuda-to-Spain and Newport-to-Bermuda races, among others.

An accomplished pilot, Frank enjoyed flying friends and family up and down the East Coast in his Cessna 182. Frank was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend.

Frank is survived by his daughter,

Margaret Suzanne “Suzie” Gilbert; son, Francis B. “Skip” Gilbert III '78; and five grandchildren.

Daniel T. McFadden Jr. '56 P'94 '97

Daniel T. McFadden Jr. passed passed away July 18, 2021. He was 83 years old.

At Lawrenceville, Daniel lived in Raymond House, was a member of the Open Door Society, and excelled in baseball, basketball, and football. He served as co-captain of the undefeated 1955-56 basketball team, often acknowledged as one of the greatest squads ever to compete for Big Red, and was later inducted into the Alumni Athletic Hall of Fame.

Daniel earned his bachelor's degree from Yale, where he again captained the basketball team, before receiving a master's degree in business management from the Wharton School of Business in 1964.

He spent nearly four decades in education, as a teacher, a coach, and finally, as an administrator. Daniel later returned to the School as a member of the faculty before serving as the director of alumni relations from 1992-97. His passion was imparting knowledge to young men, something that he never stopped doing, particularly in regards to his two loving sons.

Daniel spent his waning days at home in Estero, Fla., before succumbing to complications from Alzheimer's disease. His son, Kevin McFadden '97, says that Daniel spoke often about Lawrenceville. “Even as his mind declined severely over the past several years,” Kevin wrote, “he usually still recognized the picture of Edith Memorial Chapel hanging on the wall opposite his bed, and often it brought him a smile.”

Daniel is survived by sons Daniel R. McFadden '94 and Kevin L. McFadden '97.

Brackett David Clark '58 P'83

Bracket David “Beau” Clark passed away May 12, 2021. Born in Rochester, N.Y., he was 81 years old.

At Lawrenceville, Beau lived in Dickinson House, competed on the track team, and was a member of the choir, the Glee Club, *The Lawrence*, the *Olla Podrida*, The Lawrentians, and House Council. Afterward, he earned a Bachelor of Arts in English at Colgate University in 1962. While at Colgate he was member of the Colgate 13 and involved in various choirs and musical events.

During his career, Beau worked as a public school teacher and as president and CEO of Rapidac Machine Corporation. His love of trains also led him to become a major stock holder and president of the Board of Directors of Livonia, Avon and Lakeville Railroad. Beau was a member

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of St. Mary's of the Harbor Church in Provincetown, Mass., near his home in Truro, where he lived for 25 years, and was an active member of The Outer Cape Chorale.

Beau is survived by sons Bracket H. "Kitt" Clark '83, Brett Clark, and Bryan Clark; stepson Lee Tompkins and stepdaughter Wendy Tompkins; and ten grandchildren.

Joseph Schrade II '59

Joseph Schrade II passed away May 7, 2021. Born in Middletown, N.Y., he was 79 years old.

At Lawrenceville, Joseph lived in Kenney House and Kinnan House. An All-America swimmer, Joseph was awarded the School's math award during as a Fourth Former. Afterward, he earned his Bachelor of Science in metallurgy from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1963.

Joseph married the love of his life, Susan Damrell, in 1963 at Christ Church in Plymouth, Mass. That same year, entered the Navy in 1963, and became a naval flight officer for Vietnam, proudly serving until 1970. After being honorably discharged from the Navy, Joseph attended Northeastern University Law School where he earned a Juris Doctorate in 1974. He then went home to work for the family business at Clemson Brothers Saw Manufacturing Company as a metallurgist and company treasurer.

Joseph had an affinity for trains and planes. He loved riding trains and knew all about the railroad system, and where all lines lead to. In his free time, he was a private pilot who owned four planes during his lifetime. Above all, he was a loving husband and father.

Joseph is survived by his children, Charlotte Beaudry and William A. Schrade; and four grandchildren.

W. Prescott Seckel '59

William Prescott "Pres" Seckel passed away June 8, 2021. Born in Peoria, Ill., he was 80 years old.

At Lawrenceville, Pres lived in Kennedy House, played basketball and captained the golf team, was a member of the House Council, and served as a House president and class president. Later, as an active alumnus, Pres served on his Reunion Committee. Later, he graduated from Princeton University, playing basketball as a freshman and golf all four years. He was the team captain his senior year.

After graduating with a degree in political science in 1963, Pres entered the Air Force and served as an officer in the Peoria Illinois Air National Guard, resigning his commission as captain in 1969. Pres began his financial services career at Hornblower and Weeks' Peoria office in

1964 and became a manager at 29. He left to establish and manage a Peoria office for Loewi and Co., which became Blunt Ellis and Loewi and then part of Kemper Securities. He also served on the Board of Directors of Jefferson Bank.

In 1987, Pres established and managed a new office for Kemper in Clearwater, Fla., and later opened a new office for Robert W. Baird in Palm Harbor before retiring in 2009.

Pres was a charismatic and caring person who loved to share a laugh by delivering memorable one-liners with a mischievous smile. He cultivated close and long-lasting friendships with people of all walks of life and showed generosity to, and genuine concern for, individuals in need.

Pres is survived by his wife, Sandy; son Sean Seckel; daughter Sheryl Hunter; and four grandchildren.

John S. Anderson '64

John S. Anderson passed away June 22, 2021. Born in Houston, he was 74 years old.

At Lawrenceville, John lived in Kennedy House and played football and lacrosse, earning a Major L. He was also a member of *The Lawrence* and Periwig. Afterward, John earned his Bachelor of Arts from Washington and Lee University in 1968 and a law degree from the University of Texas in 1971.

While in law school, he was a member of the 71st Brigade (Airborne), Texas National Guard. He also was a member of the U.S. Army Reserve and was honorably discharged in 1974. John then moved to Washington, D.C., to work as a trial attorney for the Federal Power Commission. This prepared him well for a career in the growing energy sector in Houston, where he returned in 1974 to work as an attorney for Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, then Panhandle Eastern Pipeline Company, United Energy Company and Enron Corporation.

John left the energy business in 1989 to join Anderson, Brown and Jones, where he practiced law with his father, representing both plaintiffs and defendants. During this time in private practice, he ran successfully for a position on the Fourteenth Court of Appeals and was sworn in on January 1, 1995, and served for 17 years.

John was a devout member of St. John the Divine Episcopal Church, the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center Board of Visitors, and a fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation.

John is survived by his wife of 32 years, Holly Teas Anderson; and children John James Clayton Anderson, Alexis Dunaway Anderson, and Bryan Sharp Anderson.

C. William Giese '65

Carr William "Bill" Giese passed away May 31, 2021. He was 74 years old.

After attending St. Albans School in Washington, D.C., Bill came to Lawrenceville, where lived in Cleve House. Afterward, he attended Boston University from 1965-67 and graduated from Columbia University in 1971.

Bill was a consummate journalist, starting his career at the *Nantucket Inquirer and Mirror* before becoming an early columnist at *USA Today* and starting his "Lamb Among the Lions" column for *Kiplinger's Personal Finance*.

His fiery spirit, generously given love and endless streams of ideas made Bill a captivating, charming, and frankly magical individual who inspired both adoration and indignation, often simultaneously.

Bill is survived by his wife, Ingrid Mather; daughter Jessie Glenn; and six grandchildren.

John L. Burnaby '66

John Laurie Burnaby passed away April 29, 2021. Born in Los Angeles, he was 73 years old.

At Lawrenceville, John lived in Dawes House. Afterward, he graduated from the University of California at Santa Barbara.

Life was John's ultimate teacher. He constantly explored the world: sailing the Maldiv Islands, roaming Bali and Italy, and surfing the hidden beaches of the California Coast. John was a seeker of places unsullied by development and modern convenience. He built houses, fine furniture, and experimental aircraft.

John was kind. He could fix anything. He raised his stepchildren as his own, thought words and grammar were important. He was honest, had lifelong friendships, did not run from difficult things, worked to protect the natural world, quietly cared for his mother throughout her final years, always had a dog, and loved his wife with his whole heart.

John was also a loving uncle, abhorred violence, apologized when he was wrong, was the one many came to for counsel, and was a magician in the kitchen. He always found a way to improve upon things, loved solitude, sitting in the sun, and jumping in the ocean. John rarely believed the rules applied to him, and he left his corner of the world better than he found it.

John is survived by his wife, Laurie Burnaby; children Gioia and Nick Marchese; and a grandson.

R. Jack Garver H'67 '71

R. Jack Garver passed away August 2, 2021. Born in Cumberland, Md., he was 96 years old.

In August 1944, at the age of 19, Jack was sent to Europe as a member of the 318th Infantry regiment, 80th Division, and came ashore on Omaha Beach. He became known as "Bazookaman" in his unit. Jack

fought in three campaigns: Normandy, Northern France, and the Ardennes, where he was wounded on December 23, 1944. Honors bestowed on him include the Purple Heart, the Combat Infantry Badge, and three Battle Stars.

Jack attended Carnegie Tech on the GI Bill, graduating with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in 1950. He always thought of himself as "an artist who teaches." His teaching career spanned 40 years. He was chairman of the art departments at the Gilman School in Baltimore and at Lawrenceville, where he was named faculty emeritus, and taught set design at Goucher College.

Jack also taught many adult workshops and classes, including locally at Chatham's Creative Arts Center and the Cape Cod Museum of Art. The lasting impression Jack made on his students was what he considered one of his greatest accomplishments. Many former students called, wrote, and sent him holiday cards for years. A number of those students went on to become professional artists thanks to their time with Jack, and that was a great source of pride for him.

Galleries throughout the country represented Jack, including Smithy Pioneer Gallery in Cooperstown, New York, Hughes Gallery in Boca Grande, Florida and The Maritime Gallery at Mystic Seaport Museum. The Stage Harbor lighthouse was Jack's signature subject; no one will ever capture it as beautifully.

Jack is survived by his wife, Shirley; and daughters Kristen and Jan.

Jonathan R. Fox '68

Jonathan R. "Jon" Fox passed away June 19, 2021. Born in Spokane, Wash., he was 70 years old.

At Lawrenceville, Jon lived in Griswold House. Afterward, he graduated from the University of Delaware and the Rhode Island School of Design.

Jon's life journey was filled with his love of art, architecture, and sports. As a young baseball player, he became his team's pitcher, winning the major league championship. In later years he became a tennis player and an instructor at the Rehoboth Tennis and Sailing Club. He enjoyed listening to both Classical and Jazz music, and spending summer vacation time at Rehoboth Beach, Del.

Though a transplant to Philadelphia, Jon developed a fierce loyalty to both the Phillies and the Eagles.

Jon is survived by his wife, Marion Konz Lake; son Eric Joseph Fox; and his mother, Jane Jarrett Fox.

George M. Geeslin '68

George M. Geeslin passed away July 10, 2021. Born in Jacksonville, Fla., he was 71 years old.

At Lawrenceville, George served as School president and as a House president. He lived in Hamill House and played football and lacrosse. Later, as an active alumnus, George was a class agent and served on his Reunion Committee. He went to the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, earning his Bachelor of Arts in American history and art history, the University of Maryland, earning his Master of Arts in American history, and Emory University for his Juris Doctorate.

After graduating from Chapel Hill, George lived in Paris for a year where he studied French and restricted himself to one daily croissant and espresso so that he could afford nightly concert tickets. He practiced primarily bankruptcy law in Atlanta for over 30 years and received awards from the Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation for commitment to the legal needs of the poor and the Guardian ad Litem program.

George's favorite things in life were coaching and watching his son compete in sports, reveling in a Wagnerian epic or Verdi opera, belting out "You'll Never Walk Alone" for Liverpool Football Club at Anfield, preaching the significance of Western art between the World Wars, and exploring art from Indigenous Haida works in Vancouver to the 5,200-year-old Irish tomb in Newgrange to Giotto frescos in the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi.

George is survived by his wife, Barbara Kane Mills; son Bayard Drexel Geeslin; and a brother, Lawrence S. Geeslin '66.

Dale O. Snodgrass '68

Dale O. Snodgrass passed away July 24, 2021. Born in Lake Ronkonkoma, N.Y., he was 72 years old.

At Lawrenceville, Dale lived in Upper House. He attended the University of Minnesota as an NROTC Midshipman, setting records as an All-American swimmer. He graduated in 1972 and was commissioned an ensign.

Selected for jets, Dale completed his Navy flight training in December 1973 and was one of the first fighter pilots to fly the F-14 Tomcat. Dale went on to complete numerous training and certification programs including the prestigious Navy Fighter Weapons School (TOPGUN). He was a remarkable airman and awarded the coveted Fighter Pilot of the Year in 1985 and Grumman Aerospace TOPCAT of the year in 1986.

Retiring from the Navy in 1999 as a captain, Dale was awarded two Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, two Air Medals, three Strike/Flight Air Medals, two Meritorious Service Medals, two Navy Commendation Medals with Combat V, three Navy Commendation Medals, and two Navy Achievement Medals during his tenure.

After military retirement, Dale founded

DS Airshows Inc. and was also notably recognized as one of only ten authorized U.S. Air Force Heritage Flight Pilots. A talented demonstration pilot and dedicated chief pilot, Dale died tragically in his SIAI-Marchetti taking off from the Lewiston-Nez Perce County Airport in Idaho. He accumulated over 13,000 hours in tactical aircraft during his career and is amongst the greatest fighter pilots of all time.

Dale is survived by his wife Cynthia; daughters Danby and Morgan; stepchildren Holly and Jeffrey; and four granddaughters.

Benjamin R. Britt III '69

Benjamin R. "Ben" Britt passed away June 23, 2021. Born in Cincinnati, he was 70 years old.

At Lawrenceville, Ben lived in Kennedy House.

He retired in 2016 with over 27 years of service as a shipping and receiving foreman with Princeton Gamma Tech. Ben was the former president of the Princeton Mac users group, a member of the Washington Crossing United Methodist Church and the worship ministry, and a lifelong guitarist and bass player who enjoyed mentoring others. He was also an avid fisherman.

Ben is survived by his wife of 41 years Susan Geist Britt; sons Jonathan and Michael; daughter Naomi Galman; and six grandchildren.

Mark R. Stebbins '72

Mark R. Stebbins passed away June 17, 2021. Born in Manchester, N.H., he was 67 years old.

At Lawrenceville, Mark lived in Kennedy House and played water polo. In 1976, he earned a bachelor's degree in economics from Dartmouth College, where he held longstanding records in the 50 and 100 freestyle, and was honored as an All-America selection.

In order to gain experience in real estate and finance, Mark took a job at Chase Manhattan Bank in New York City. In 1979, he returned home to New Hampshire to work alongside his father at PROCON and begin what would become a long career and lifelong passion for developing real estate.

Mark loved real estate so much that he made it his job and did it for fun too. At age 19, he and his brother put an offer in on a house in Bailey Island, Maine. Over the years, he envisioned and created an extended compound for friends and family to gather there together.

Professionally, Mark was a visionary and consummate entrepreneur. He was confident, decisive, and ready to outwork anyone, growing PROCON to the largest design-build construction company in New Hampshire.

He found a spiritual calm when on the

island. His happiest days started with his grandchildren, who lovingly called him "Bubba." Mark's heaven was sitting with family and friends on the Bailey Island decks to watch the sun slip slowly into the slot of tomorrow.

Mark is survived by his wife of 42 years, Sally; children John Stebbins, Jennifer Thomas, and Lisa Geoghegan; six grandchildren; and his mother, Katherine R. Stebbins.

Christopher Rittenhouse Bentley '80

Christopher Rittenhouse "Chris" Bentley passed away August 6, 2021. He was 59 years old.

At Lawrenceville, Chris lived in Dickinson House and wrote for *The Lit*. Later, he graduated from the University of Vermont with a Bachelor of Arts in political science and from the Maine Photographic Workshop.

Chris was described as a polymath – a multitasking sailor, environmentalist, professional photographer and portraitist, licensed real estate agent (for Eichler & Moffly in Chestnut Hill), arborist, family historian, Impressionist painter, chef, supporter of progressive causes and gardener extraordinaire.

He was a member of Les Cheneaux Yacht Club in Michigan and was on the boards of Friends of the Wissahickon and Rittenhouse Town. Chris was particularly proud of the fact that he was a direct descendant of David Rittenhouse (1732-1796), for whom Rittenhouse Square in Center City Philadelphia and Rittenhouse Street in Germantown were named.

Chris is survived by his wife of 31 years, Wendy Wurtzburger Bentley; and children Charles and Reuben Bentley.

Thomas McGinty '85

Thomas "Tom" McGinty passed away August 8, 2021. Born in Dearborn, Mich., he was 55 years old.

At Lawrenceville, Tom lived in Upper House, and played football and rugby. Later, he graduated from the University of Rochester in 1989 and earned his M.B.A. from Fairleigh Dickinson University in 1992.

Tom worked at AT&T for almost two decades, starting in sales and soon moving to marketing. In 2005, Tom was on the team that relaunched the prepaid wireless business under the GoPhone brand and was instrumental to growing that part of the wireless business for over 10 years. Most recently, Tom was the lead industry analyst in the wireless marketing group, where forecasts and analyses drove many decisions and lively discussions among the leadership team. However, Tom's greatest work accomplishment will always be the many friendships he made and maintained

throughout his career.

Tom is survived by his children, Margaret K. McGinty, Sean L. McGinty, and Maeve V. McGinty.

Joshua B. Sowden '82

Joshua B. "Josh" Sowden passed away August 29, 2021. Born in Doylestown, Pa., he was 57 years old.

At Lawrenceville, Josh lived in Kennedy House. He studied at UCLA before returning to Philadelphia. He wore many hats in the food industry, and later found a passion for landscaping and gardening, eventually starting his own gardening business focusing on perennials.

A talented musician, Josh played bass in several local bands. He shared this love of music with his two best creations, his daughters Juniper and Emilia. He was the DJ for many in-home dance parties, a reader of bedtime stories, and a canvas for face paint and nail polish. His passion for the Phillies and the Eagles was passed along to Junie, with whom he watched the games, often beating the commentators to their remarks. To Emie, Josh gave his love of animals, his curls, and his argumentative prowess.

Josh was a wordsmith and enjoyed engaging in friendly debate over a pint of pilsner or on social media. His happy place was the beach, particularly Long Beach Island, where he spent time as a child and as an adult.

Josh is survived by his devoted partner, Jessica Williams; and their two daughters, Juniper Margaret and Emilia Grace.

Daniel E. Treitel '03

Daniel Austin Ephraim Treitel passed away June 3, 2021. Born in Nashua, N.H., he was 36 years old.

Daniel attended Lawrenceville before graduating from Massanutten Military Academy in Woodstock, Va. He then earned his Bachelor of Business Administration from Southern New Hampshire University.

Daniel was most recently one of the top new vacuum sales representatives for Kirby Vacuum, winning several awards for his accelerated performance. Previously, he was the founder and owner of six Verizon Wireless franchise locations and seven We Fix Wireless franchise locations in the New England area. Daniel also managed several successful AirBnB locations in Boston.

He enjoyed a variety of outdoor sports, including snowboarding, wakeboarding, and motorcycle road racing and touring. Daniel had a vibrant network of friends across the country and was an avid traveler in many foreign countries.

Daniel is survived by his daughter, Ella Treitel-Poore; and parents, Robert Treitel and Chong-Cha Kang Treitel.

65 years ago in *The Lawrentian* | FALL 1956

A NEIGHBOR – TO BE

A new neighbor will soon be welcomed. On the road toward Trenton, less than a half-mile from the School property, ground totaling 140 acres has been secured by Rider College of Trenton, and there its campus will be in the years to come. The number of students, now 1,500, will be doubled in the next decade, and dormitory facilities will be provided for half of them. At least ten million dollars will be required to carry out the program. Rider has maintained a high quality in its specialized field of business education. It now plans to broaden its liberal arts program sufficiently to enable it to grant the Bachelor of Arts degree.

For several years, the college has been searching for the proper site on which to locate. The School welcomes Rider as a neighbor.

— From “Echoes of the Campus” by editor Alden D. Groff, Class of 1909.



Rider College officials scanned their new property in 1958 to imagine the university campus that occupies the site today just across Interstate 295.



At age 98, Halstead “Jiggs” Little, Class of 1897, was the oldest alumnus in the stands when Lawrenceville celebrated its centennial football season on October 16, 1976, with a 16-14 victory over Andover. This image of Little graced the cover of that December’s *Lawrentian*.

45 years ago in *The Lawrentian* | DECEMBER 1976

A LOOK BACK OVER THE SHOULDER

Today we celebrate 100 years of football at Lawrenceville, or to put it more accurately, 100 years of something like football. In 1877 when Lawrenceville played its first game, against the Pennington School, the game was rugby. Pennington emerged the victor.

[...] In a sense, we must qualify, too, that claim to “100 years” of football. Although 1976 is Lawrenceville’s 100th season of scheduled varsity competition, it is the 99th year of actual play. In 1906 the captain, **John P. Kennedy**, suffered a fatal blow on the head in a preseason scrimmage. Consequently, the season was canceled. Three of the Houses, however, elected to carry on with their schedules. Football, therefore, is in its 100th season at Lawrenceville, though varsity football is not.



RAISE THE ROOF!

Construction on Tsai Field House continues, with the structure's signature curvilinear roofline now visible high over what will be the new swimming pool.

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