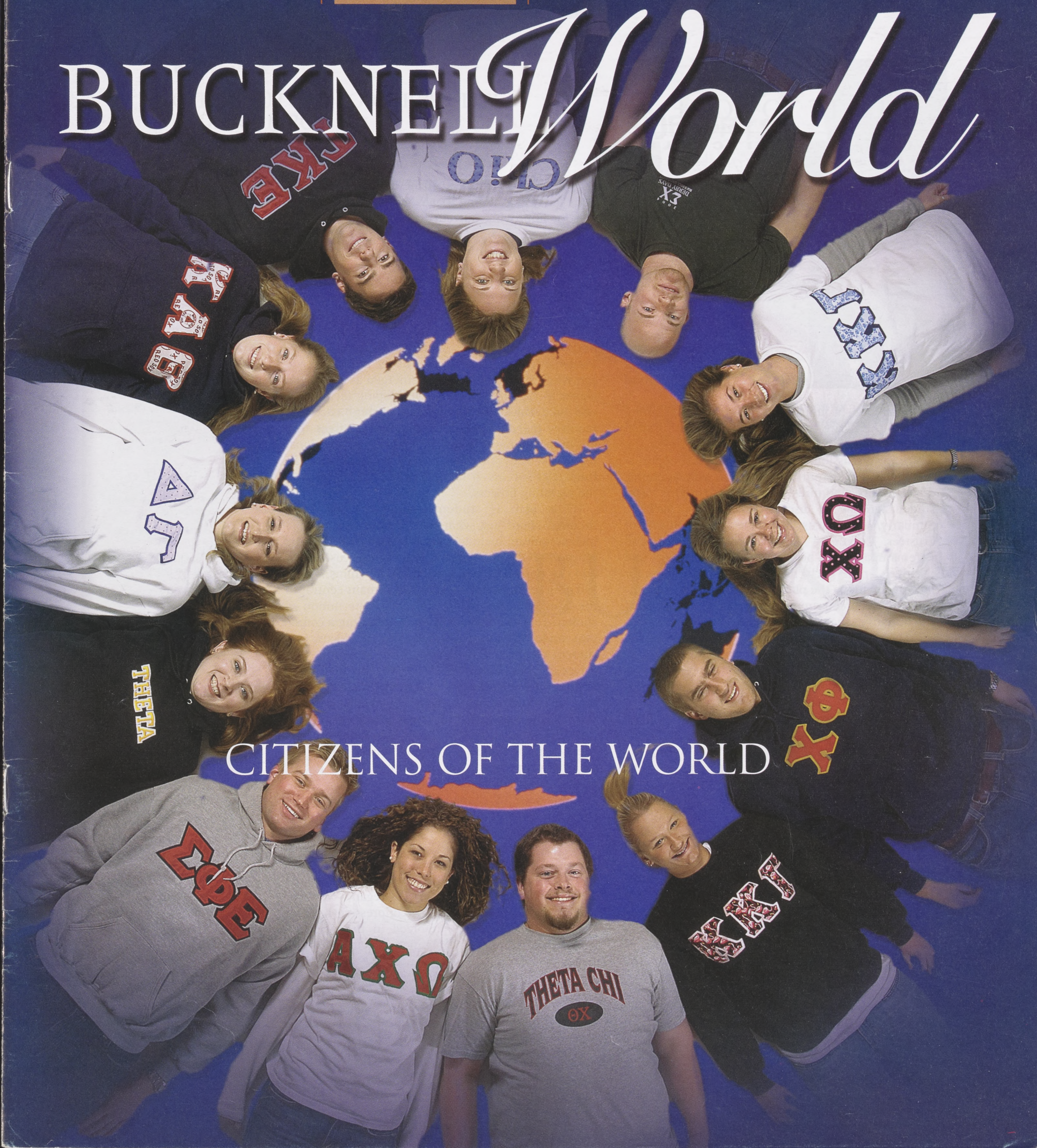


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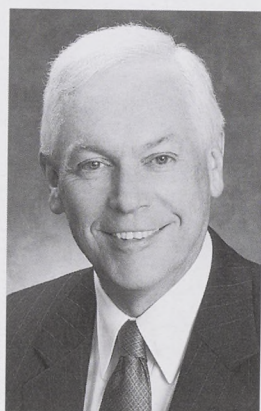
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President's Message

THE BEST IS YET TO COME

BRIAN C. MITCHELL



John Gardner

Because of the production schedule for *Bucknell World*, I am writing this column in November. The leaves have just turned, and daylight savings time has passed. The days are shorter, the skies darken earlier, and the temperature is falling. I'm sure that when you read this message in January, a 60-degree day will sound wonderful.

Since the beginning of the strategic planning process, the desire to build a sense of institutional momentum has been balanced with satisfying the desire for discussion. I have enjoyed each opportunity presented or pursued to meet with academic departments, administrative departments and student groups to discuss *The Plan for Bucknell*. Similarly, the discussions among the Board of Trustees, University Council, Alumni Board, and Parents Board have been productive, energetic, and positive. From each have come suggestions for improvements to the plan. Throughout the community, there is broad support for the five strategies and the initiatives that support them.

The strategic plan that will be presented to the Board of Trustees for approval represents the completion of a *portion* of the planning process. To this point, my focus has been on leading the university to that important milestone. The Board's approval of the plan is by no means the end of the process. The approval of the strategic plan will signal the beginning of the implementation phase. It is during the phase of the evolutionary strategic planning process that the faculty, staff, and students will have enormous input, beyond that which has already been provided. In some cases, the process of identifying tactics has already started. In the 36 academic and administrative departments, student groups, and alumni groups that Provost DeCredico and I have met with together or individually, we have encouraged the faculty, staff, and students to think broadly about what they want to be and to brainstorm now about tactics that will meet their department's or organization's vision and that of the university, as outlined in *The Plan for Bucknell*. Meetings with the alumni have typically been focused more broadly on the appropriateness of the strategies and initiatives included in the Plan and institutional tactics that may be considered in the next phase.

This process will lead to new ideas, to suggestions for strengthening that which is already strong and for improving our curriculum and operations. This process of continual self-renewal is affirming, innovative, and entrepreneurial. The expectations we have for our students are also relevant for the university. Achieving Bucknell's vision will require that the entire university community think inventively about how we do what we do. Because Bucknell already provides an outstanding educational experience, the window of improvement available to us now is much smaller than a decade ago when the university first emerged as a national player in higher education. Developing tactics that will take Bucknell beyond our current successes requires the creativity and fresh perspectives that our broad community can offer. This is an additional reason — beyond the collective ownership in Bucknell's success — to have broad participation in the planning process.

This plan is student-centered. Some have inquired about just what that means. The possible interpretations include that Bucknell will become "corporatized," that students will become customers, and the university will cater to their whims. While listening to our student body will remain central to the administration of the university, the notion of student-centeredness is less about adopting a corporate model and more about keeping our focus. In a student-centered environment the question that drives decision making is "How will this help us to better educate Bucknell's students?" The answer to that question cannot be reached in silos — it is reached by cooperative discussions among faculty, staff and, yes, students. This is the foundation of the system of shared governance under which the university operates. This is, in fact, what distinguishes Bucknell from the corporate world.

The pace of change in higher education has been called many things — fast has not been among them. Universities are known for their deliberative processes, extensive discussions, and efforts at consensus-building. These things take time. Bucknell University has accomplished a great deal in the months since the planning process began — a seeming contradiction. This is most impressive because the majority of people involved in the planning process are not strategic planners. Their dedication to the process is born out of a desire to provide a remarkable education to the students who elect to enroll at Bucknell.

We have achieved much, but the best is yet to come. *W*

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A DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH

I enjoyed the article on Bob Keegan '44. My relationship with Bob dates to 1941, when he ran the dishwasher, and I scrubbed pots and pans in the men's dining room on Sixth Street.

Fast forward to 1992, when Bob and Lois were in a terrible automobile accident near Williamsport, Pa. Lois was hospitalized in serious condition, and we welcomed Bob into our home for a week. Fifty years of no contact vanished, and we spent many hours reminiscing on Bob's baseball career.

Two items relative to the article stand out very clearly in my mind. The year he was an All-Star, his salary was \$16,000. In reference to his nickname "Smiley," he said it happened because he gritted his teeth to get the most out of his pitches, and it upset many batters.

Leon C. Meyers Jr. '44
Lancaster, Pa.

BASEBALL DELIGHTS AND MORE

No one could have been more delighted than myself to read Brian Watson's article on Bob Keegan and his 1957 no-hit, no-run pitching feat for the Chicago White Sox ["Backward Glance," November 2005]. The reason: I was at the game.

There is more to the story.

On the previous Sunday, I had met a most interesting young woman at a picnic. This seemed a relationship worth pursuing. Being an impecunious graduate student at the University of Chicago, I considered how to finance a date. (People "dated" in those days!) As it happened, my father was a team physician for the White Sox, so I borrowed his pass to Comiskey Park. Would the young woman like to go to a ball game? Yes, she said. She had never seen a baseball game; she must have liked me to accept the invitation.

It was a beautiful warm night in late August. We sat in right field. Baseball is a beautiful game: the great expanse of green, the swift ballet of the fielders when the ball is hit. If you were a White Sox fan in those days — and I am obviously a lifelong enthusiast — you expected a well-pitched game but one where the Sox would probably lose by a run or two. My expectations were never more thrillingly upset than by Bob Keegan's no-hitter. I think that the young lady might have thought it boring — nothing happened! For me, it was excitement on every pitch from the seventh inning on.

So, a once-in-a-lifetime event. Little did I know, however, how many lifetime connections related to the game. I could never have imagined in any way, shape,

or manner that I would one day be the president of Bob Keegan's alma mater. Nor that Bob Keegan was a resident of Rochester, N.Y., where I would be president of the University of Rochester after my happy years at Bucknell.

And I married the young woman. Anyone who could bring that sort of luck to the White Sox was a treasure not to be lost. I don't know that I can credit Judith with the fact that the Sox won the World Series in four straight games, but she certainly tolerated my anxiety over the post-season playoffs. Despite Keegan's long-ago victory, Sox fans still expect they will blow it in the ninth!

Dennis O'Brien
Rochester, N.Y.

Editor's Note: Dennis O'Brien served as Bucknell's president from 1976–84.

A GRANDDAUGHTER'S TRIBUTE

I grew up surrounded by the owl, the key, and the fleur-de-lis. My grandma, Jane Sheble Haigh '52, was a devoted Kappa Kappa Gamma and Bucknellian right down to her color schemes and jewelry selection. Visiting her home in Charlottesville, Va., I never quite fancied the owl decorations or understood the collection of iris sweaters, but they were my grandma. She was one of the founders of the Delta Phi chapter at Bucknell, and her devotion was relentless.

It was during my grandma's time at Bucknell that she met and fell in love with my "papa," my grandfather, Robert Haigh '50. Perhaps it was their infectious enthusiasm for their experience that persuaded 10 other family members to become Bucknellians. My parents, Anne Haigh '74 and William Miller '72, met there as well. The orange and blue was contagious.

I cherish my grandma not only for her role as grandma but also for the unforgettable bonds she allowed me to form by being a part of Kappa. Her passion, enthusiasm, and loyalty for Bucknell and Kappa drew me to the university. My own Kappa friendships are unsurpassable. Jobs will come and go, money will lose its luster, but friendship is what keeps you young and able on the journey through life. I will never again have the chance to tell my grandma what effect she had on me, but as I attend weddings of my Kappa friends, visit their new babies, and grow old with them, she will be there sharing in all of the joys and sorrows. She has meant so much to so many Bucknellians and, for that, she will live on in my heart and mind forever — in a fleur-de-lis sweater.

Ashley Miller '02
Washington, D.C.

A BIG BUCKNELL WORLD

I have always considered myself one of Bucknell's biggest fans, but recently even I was impressed with the power of the Bucknell connection. Currently in my second year at George Washington University Law School, I spent my first summer working at the U.S. Sentencing Commission in a position that Kevin Blackwell '85 recommended to me. When I began my search for a '06 summer associate position at a law firm, I barely knew where to start. I sifted through countless big firm websites and quickly became frustrated by what seemed to be indistinguishable "big-firm rhetoric." I also worried about how I would be able to stand out in the highly competitive pool of applicants.

Luckily, I wasn't alone. At nearly every firm that I considered applying to, I was able to find a Bucknellian who worked there. I sent an email to these Bucknellians, asking them for advice on the application process and any insight into their firm. The response was overwhelming. Despite the fact that they had never met me, these distinguished Bucknellian lawyers were unbelievably helpful. They spoke to me on the phone, answered my questions via email, forwarded my resume on to hiring partners, told me about their experiences, and even offered me interviews.

Because of these Bucknellians, my interviews were positive experiences, and I was able to accept an offer at my first-choice firm, Kirkpatrick & Lockhart Nicholson Graham, with confidence that it was a good match for me. I could not be happier.

Thank you, Bucknell and those who took time out of their busy lives to offer me their assistance. I am truly grateful. I finally understand the value of my degree and what it truly means to be a Bucknellian. I look forward to the day when I am in a position to help other Bucknellians — in their careers or otherwise.

Janet M. Serafin '04
Washington, D.C.

PLAYING OPPOSITES

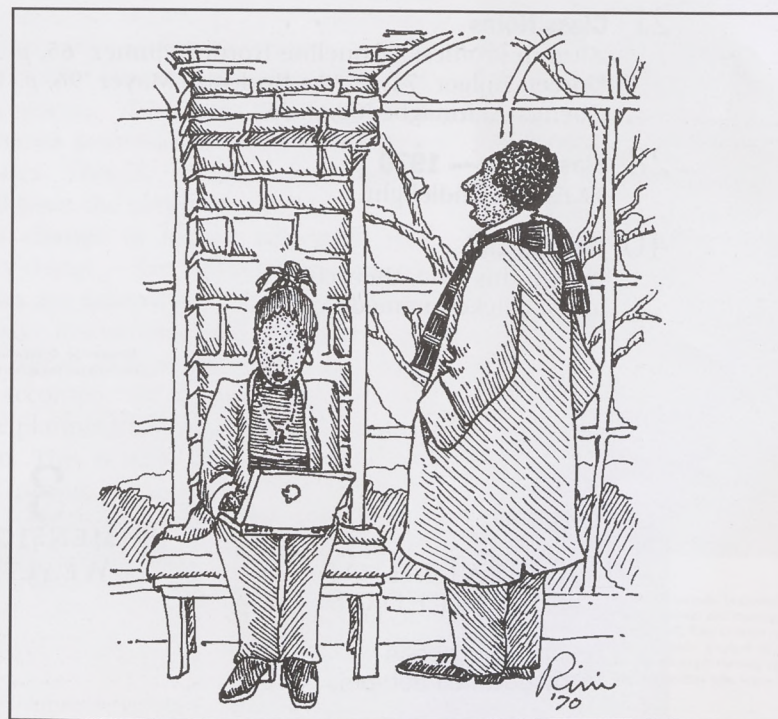
I must write yet another letter about Charley Negron. I played opposite him in *The Pajama Game* in 1960, in what is now the Harvey Powers Theatre. He and I played the second leads in that musical comedy. My character was named Gladys; Charley was Heinzie. This was my first major role at Bucknell. I was nervous. (Surely we can dismiss my earlier role, "streetwalker" in *A Streetcar Named Desire*, in which I was required to simply smoke a cigarette under a street lamp.)

Charley, dear Charley, was so helpful, so reassuring, offering valuable tips on everything from the fine points of choreography, to timing one's lines to produce the biggest laugh, to how to manage stage fright. He was smart, funny, an immensely graceful dancer, and a hugely talented actor. While sitting in the green room waiting to go on, we discussed many things: his love for his wife, for Bucknell, and for what he regarded as the greatest musical ever, *West Side Story*. He told me that when he saw the show, he realized he was hearing music unlike anything he had ever heard. He predicted that the show's score would change the face of musical theatre; he was right. That show, (music by Leonard Bernstein and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim), was especially appealing to him because he, like many characters in it, was Puerto Rican. He listened to the LP of that show every night, so enamored of it was he.

After graduation, I met Charley downtown in the early '60s at a flea market; we promised to get together soon. Unfortunately, the next I heard of him was when I learned of his death. What a loss, to his family, to Bucknell alumni, and to the world.

Linda Garrett Greenberg '63
New York, N.Y.

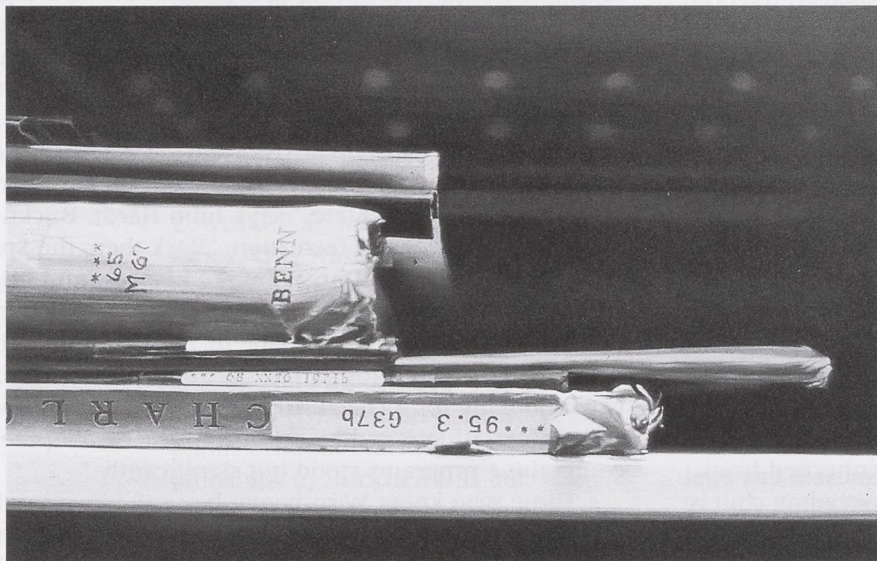
Errata: Captions in the November issue say that Steve Chronowski '08 served in Iraq, which is incorrect. He served in Qatar, Kuwait. Bucknell World apologizes for the error.



"In my day, we had to walk in the snow for a good Internet connection, and there was hardly anywhere worth surfing to."

BUCKNELL Express

World Art Tour



Xiaoze Xie, "The MoMA Library (65-95)," 2005, oil on canvas, 48 x 76 inches.

IN THE LAST YEAR, XIAOZE XIE, ASSISTANT professor of art, has impressed many at home and abroad with his talent for speaking volumes without words. More accurately, Xie paints volumes — of books and periodicals — in his photorealistic style that slices the canvas with dramatic lines and shadow.

"2001–2003: Fragmentary Views," a 2004 solo show of his work at Charles Cowles Gallery in New York City which explored newspaper coverage of events including the Afghan war and the beginning of combat in Iraq, was reviewed in *The New York Times*, *Art in America*, and *Art Asia Pacific*. "Regeneration: Contemporary Chinese Art from China and the U.S.," a traveling group show organized at Bucknell in 2004, has won media attention, including an article in the *Los Angeles Times*.

Xie explains that "Regeneration" grapples with China's breakneck transformation since Tiananmen Square. "How do Chinese artists deal with culture and tradition that is thousands of years old? How do they use traditional content and forms and regenerate something new from that?" he muses. "How do they deal with the fast-changing regeneration of life in China? How do they deal with loss and change?"

Xie co-curated the show with Dan Mills, a fellow artist and director of the Samek Art Gallery. While gathering art in China, the two recognized many parallels between the participating Chinese and American artists, which sparked another collaboration: "Misleading Trails," a group show

that premiered at the China Art Archives and Warehouse in Beijing in 2004 and is touring the U.S. The show's title refers to art that is not what it appears to be at first glance. Xie says, "After closer examination, layers of meaning reveal themselves. It's misleading trails in multiple perspectives." Several pieces share a theme of mapping and documentation as a way of communicating political thoughts.

In Xie's newspaper paintings, he explores the accumulation of documents over history and time and questions the impact of the events they depict. Stacks of newspapers, juxtaposed at intriguing angles and revealing glimpses of provocative photographs and headlines, invite fresh consideration of the news of the day. In his world, headlines are already fading into history, and the fragile blend of ink and newsprint itself seems ripe for decay.

His new work is a group of paintings titled "The MoMA Archives," which can be seen at the Charles Cowles Gallery, Feb. 2–25. The grand scale of Xie's oils, coupled with the simple geometric forms and a reductive approach to color — blacks and grays abound — are stark and powerful. He explains, "It's an homage to modernism that is reinterpreting modernism's style and ideology." To create his art, he visits libraries and photographs the existing accumulation of materials — mostly found images, repositioned minimally, if at all. He paints from the results in his Bucknell studio. In the past year and a half, he has had solo exhibitions in Beijing and Toronto.

Last November, Xie participated in a prestigious print-making program at the Arizona State University Art Museum, in which three of the resulting monoprints were selected for the permanent collection. "It was quite exciting," he says, "a new medium [for me] in a style that's very loose and very expressive." During the same month, he oversaw the installation of a pair of large paintings commissioned for the Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse in Davenport, Iowa.

Xie, who teaches painting and drawing, stresses fundamental skills. "It's important for students to build a solid foundation," he says. "They should be able to use observation and translate that into a two-dimensional vocabulary in drawing or painting." He encourages advanced students to think about what kind of message they want to communicate in their work. "Art is not just to please the eye, but to engage the mind as well." — Christina Masciere Wallace

Coming to Grips

WHEN DAN WIRNSBERGER ACCEPTED the job as head coach of the Bucknell wrestling program in May 2005, he harbored no illusions about the difficulties he faced in rebuilding a varsity-level wrestling team.

"I have considerable experience turning around wrestling programs at Virginia Tech (as an assistant coach) and Bloomsburg University, where in just the last three years, as head coach, I took a team from 1-13 to a 10-win

season and a Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference championship," says Wirnsberger.

"But the situation at Bucknell is different," he explains. "Here, I'm not taking over a program that is down in the dumps. This is a program that has to be completely resurrected. The group of kids I've inherited from the wrestling club is enthusiastic, and

they have a passion for the sport, but they are few in number. And we've just been accepted into the second toughest Division I wrestling conference in the country — the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association (EIWA)."

This year, the Bison will have six or seven wrestlers competing in the 2006 tournament season. "We'll compete in open tournaments or invitational tournaments where we can get experience and which will prepare us for the EIWA Championships the first week in March. It's a tough road ahead for the team and the staff. This is a situation where it's going to take at least two recruiting classes to get

back on solid ground. Then, it's my job to quickly develop their talents."

If anyone can get positive results fast, it's Dan Wirnsberger. "I'm not the kind of individual who is afraid to take on a building project like this," he says. And when he says it, you believe him.

Most of what you need to know about Wirnsberger's background is this: Born and raised in Wisconsin, the heart of America — Norman Rockwell country. Moved with his family to South Carolina, where he excelled as a high school wrestler. Was fortunate enough to land a scholarship at Michigan State University and was a three-time All-American. Began his meteoric rise in the coaching profession after graduation in 1995.

How did he wind up at Bucknell? "I was aware of Dan from my days as serving as an associate director of athletics at Michigan State," says John Hardt, Bucknell's director of athletics and recreation. "Back then, the Spartans' head coach identified Dan as one of his 'best and brightest' and asserted that his coaching future was a bright one."

After the decision was made in 2004 to restart the Bucknell wrestling program at the varsity level, Hardt began looking for a coach. He says, "Dan's commitment to the scholar-athlete and his success in the development of competitive programs stood out significantly."

Those who know Wirnsberger best call him a workaholic who is prepared for every situation. This, plus his impressive wrestling credentials and his competitive intensity convinced Hardt that he was the right choice to lead the reborn Bison program. Wrestling again became a Division I sport at Bucknell in August 2005.

"Recruiting (coaches are prohibited by the NCAA from talking about specifics) is going well," Wirnsberger reports. "Bucknell, with its high academic standing, virtually sells itself nationally. I'm excited at the challenge of getting this program back in the national spotlight, sooner, rather than later." — Rick Dandes



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- The Columbia Scholastic Press Association awarded *The Bucknellian* with a Gold Medal Certificate for its fall 2005 12-issue run, under the leadership of Brent Butler '06, Elisabeth Salemme '06, and Catherine Heverling '07. The weekly student newspaper also won that honor for its spring 2005 run. Although *The Bucknellian* has previously won awards and honors from the Associate Collegiate Press and the CSPA, the Gold Medal Certificate is its highest honor and most prestigious award to date.

- The American Physical Society honored Matt Paoletti '05 with the 2005 LeRoy Apker Award for excellence in undergraduate research at an undergraduate institution — the highest national honor for an undergraduate physics student. Paoletti, who was a physics major at Bucknell and is a physics graduate student at the University of Maryland, will receive the award and give a talk at the March meeting of the American Physical Society. He worked with Tom Solomon, associate professor of physics.

- *The Counterweight*, the publication of the Bucknell University Conservatives Club, has received two prestigious national awards. The Leadership Institute awarded *The Counterweight* its 2004–05 Campus Activist Award for best conservative campus publication in the nation, and the Collegiate Network named *The Counterweight* runner-up paper of the year for the 2004–05 school year. *The Counterweight* edged out outstanding publications like the *Dartmouth Review* and the *Princeton Tory*.

BRIEFS



Sam Alcorn

Baskets of Joy More than 70 Thanksgiving food baskets — complete with all the trimmings and a grocery certificate for a turkey — were donated and assembled by Bucknell students and staff. The baskets were distributed on Nov. 11 to needy residents in Lewisburg and surrounding communities. This was the second year that the Office of the Dean of Students has overseen the community service effort.

Women Win Patriot Titles The Bison women's cross country and soccer teams brought Patriot League championships to Bucknell this fall. The women's cross country team earned its crown at the Patriot League Championships, hosted by Lehigh, on Oct. 29. The soccer team, conference champions, received an automatic bid into the 2005 NCAA Women's Soccer Tournament, where they fell 6-0 to No. 1 seed Penn State.

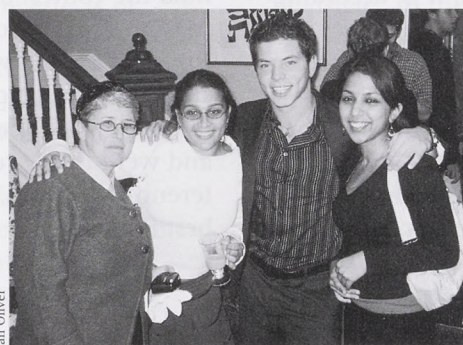


Josh Bowerman

Homage to a Record Season Bucknell fans everywhere rejoiced in the 2004-05 men's basketball season, but the Class of 2005 went one step further, commemorating key moments with an 8' x 37' mural, placed near the main entrance of Sojka Pavilion. The mural is a collage of photos representing memorable highlights from last year's record season as well as the tremendous fan support. David Caribardi, president of the Class of 2005, spearheaded the project.

Distinguished Daughters Each year, the state of Pennsylvania recognizes

outstanding women. In October, Governor Edward G. Rendell named 10 women as Distinguished Daughters of Pennsylvania. Bucknell is proud to have graduated two of them, Susan Crawford '69 and Linda McKenna Boxx '74. Crawford, the chair of Bucknell's Board of Trustees, is a judge for the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces. Boxx, founder of the Allegheny Trail Alliance and chair of the Katherine Mabis McKenna Foundation, is a conservationist. They received medals and citations from Judge Marjorie O. Rendell at the governor's residence on Oct. 18.



Ian Oliver

Jews and Muslims Break-fast It doesn't happen often that Yom Kippur, the Jewish day of atonement, coincides with Ramadan, the Muslim month of fasting — it only happens about once every 30 years. But last year, both Jews and Muslims broke their fasting on Oct. 13, celebrating Yom Kippur and Iftar (the meal served at the end of Ramadan) at the home of President Brian C. and Maryjane Mitchell. From left to right are Rabbi Serena Fujita, Antoinette Klatzky '08, David Ruskin '06, and Naomi Hossain '08.

In Praise of a Stone Carver William Lasansky, professor of art, will retire at the end of this academic year. In honor of his 38-year career at Bucknell, the Samek Art Gallery



is sponsoring an exhibition of his granite sculptures from Jan. 28-March 27. A companion exhibition will feature the work of 10 sculptors, all students of Lasansky, who work as sculptors, teachers, and administrators across the United States. They will join

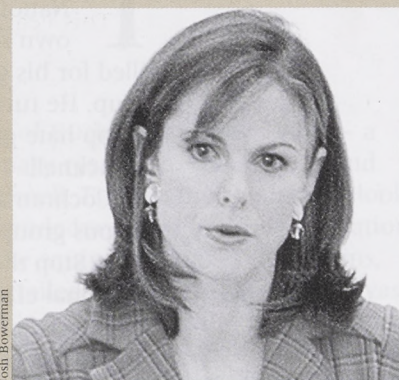
Lasansky in a discussion of their work on Jan. 28. For more information, go to www.bucknell.edu/SamekArtGallery.

Hurricane Help A human chain of student and staff volunteers moved hurricane relief supplies from the Elaine Langone Center to a 53-foot tractor-trailer truck parked at Christy Mathewson-Memorial Stadium during



Homecoming weekend last October. More than 700 personal hygiene kits for hurricane victims were prepared by the members of the Bucknell

community for transport to a hurricane relief center in Mandeville, La. In addition, Bucknell raised \$22,410 for American Red Cross-Katrina Relief Fund and presented the organization with a check in September. The Office of the Dean of Students continues to coordinate relief efforts in the hurricane-ravaged areas.



Josh Bowerman

Constitution Day Campbell Brown, an NBC newswoman, spoke at Bucknell on Nov. 17 as part of the university's celebration of Constitution Day. In her talk titled "The Political Landscape," she said that war in Iraq is defining the political landscape, although she's concerned that people do not give it as much consideration as they should. "We have a short attention span," she said. "Viewers get fatigued, and it's a problem."

Constitution Day, proposed by West Virginia's Sen. Robert Byrd, is a day set aside for students to understand and appreciate the U.S. Constitution. Congress passed a provision in 2004, declaring Sept. 17 as Constitution Day and Citizenship Day. Brown was scheduled to speak on Sept. 15, but her coverage of Hurricane Katrina kept her in New Orleans for an extended time.

Faculty Profile: ARTHUR SHAPIRO



Rakard Studio

High-tech Illusionist Arthur Shapiro, associate professor of psychology, knows better than most that you can't always believe what you see. Shapiro's specific area of research is visual perception. He spends much of his time trying to understand what goes on in the brain from the time your eye sees something until your brain processes it.

Although the act of seeing is something we do without much thought, it is, according to Shapiro, a very intricate process. Light has to reach the object, bounce off the object, and reach your eye. Once it reaches your eye, cells in the back of your eye change the light into neural signals. "The question is," he says, "How does the brain process the

signals in order to let us see what we see?" For Shapiro, optical illusions present the greatest opportunity for understanding how the brain works. "Illusions," he explains, "are compelling to look at and give us insight into the brain's ability to resolve sensory conflicts."

A visual illusion, designed by Shapiro and Justin Charles '03, a Bucknell student at the time, was named "Best Visual Illusion of the Year" at the European Conference on Visual Perception held in Spain last summer. This was the first time the contest was held, and plans are to hold the contest annually. Shapiro's illusion, called Motion-Illusion Building Blocks, was one of 74 submitted to the competition. Ten illusions were selected as finalists and were then presented to the conference attendees, who voted for the best illusion.

"That I was chosen in the top 10 was wonderful and a bit of a surprise," says Shapiro. "The nine other illusions were absolutely fantastic and were submitted by researchers whom I greatly respect. It is hard not to be flattered that an audience of 800–1,000 visual science researchers voted for my illusion as the best among this group."

The winning illusion consists of a series of straight lines placed next to lights that change from light to dark. "The lines are physically stationary but appear to move and distort in different directions. The illusion is compelling because we are able to fool the brain into acting as if motion were actually present," he explains.

Samples of Shapiro's visual illusion creations (including the winning illusion) can be seen at his website, www.shapirolab.net. — Ilene Ladd

Stop The Hate

FLOYD COCHRAN ONCE SERVED AS THE fifth-ranking member of the Idaho-based Aryan Nation. In 1992, when the hate group told him his own son — born with a cleft palate — should be killed for his genetic inferiority, Cochran defected from the group. He turned his life around and began a vigilant protest to stop hate groups across the country, recently stopping at Bucknell.

Cochran addressed the university community — 31 campus groups and 25 local organizations — last September at the Stop the Hate Rally, an event begun in 1999 as part of a national effort by the Fellowship of Reconciliation following a horrific series of hate-inspired attacks in the U.S.

"An ad hoc group of Lewisburgers and Bucknellians

came together to organize a rally and march that year," says Ian Oliver, university chaplain. "The Community Alliance for Respect and Equality, the Chaplains' Office, and the Social Justice College have long played key roles."

Two years ago, the organizing group formed a partnership with the Center for Nonviolent Living and moved the event to a Saturday afternoon to try to bolster town participation and children's activities by joining with a community festival.

This year, due to popular request, the event focused around one speaker: Cochran. His speech allowed town and gown to understand hate issues and come together to discuss what kind of community Lewisburg should be, according to Oliver.

"It's not so much what we learn, but what we re-affirm about our commitments to an open, free, and diverse community," Oliver says. "Sometimes, we just bemoan the relative lack of diversity in the area and don't ask what we can do to demonstrate our concern."

The rally and an accompanying peace and justice festival this year not only gave participants a "reality check," but also enabled them to interact with or join the groups already making a difference in the area, according to Micaela Deming '06, mistress of ceremonies for the rally.

"The Stop the Hate Rally is something we hope there won't be a need for in the future, but the continuing activity of organized hate groups in Pennsylvania shows how much misunderstanding and suspicion still exist in our communities," Oliver says. "Every year, we re-think whether and how to do it, and town and student input and energy really determine whether we will continue."

— Elisabeth Salemmé '06

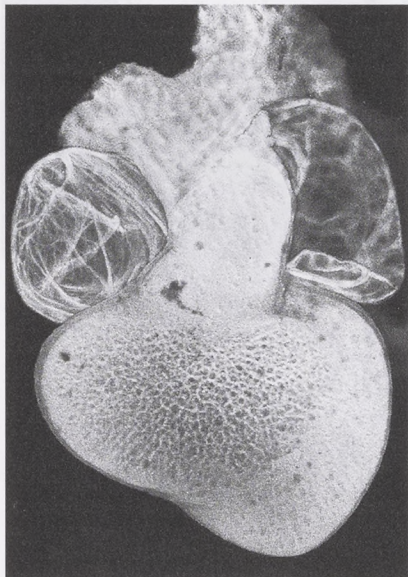


Ian Oliver

The Stop the Hate Rally took place in Lewisburg last September.

The Heart of the Matter

CHRISTINE BUFFINTON IS A RESEARCHER with an ability to see to the heart of things — quite literally. Buffinton, an associate professor of mechanical engineering, has been working with a state-of-the-art technique called confocal imaging, which uses focused light from a laser to see inside an object — in her case, the embryonic heart of a chicken — allowing very detailed views of structures smaller than a cell. More impressively, she, along with her colleagues, has discovered innovative techniques that could one day lead to the development of computerized, 3-D models of the embryonic heart.



Using primarily chicken eggs to study the embryonic heart, Buffinton has worked on this project for about 10 years. She says, "The overall goal has been to look at the effects of mechanical forces on the embryonic heart." She studies how those forces change the strength of the tissue and the shape of the chambers and vessels in the heart.

During the research, embryonic hearts are manipulated through microscopic surgery to create conditions of high blood pressure, low blood pressure, and normal blood pressure. Buffinton studies how the elastic properties of the heart tissue change

depending on blood pressure. She also wants "to look at the whole heart and see how shape changes depending on blood pressure."

In order to achieve the latter objective, Buffinton says, "We want to make a computerized 3-D model of the embryonic heart to match the various experimental conditions." From this model, researchers could study how the heart controls its levels of stress and strain.

The main obstacle to creating the 3-D model was that the heart samples, although just two millimeters wide, were too thick for the available techniques of confocal imaging. The laser light typically dies out after penetrating more than two-tenths of a millimeter.

Buffinton and her colleagues figured out how to extend the depth of view of confocal imaging by changing the optical properties of the heart tissue so that it was more "invisible" to the laser light. The light could then reach all the way across the heart, and the researchers were able to "see" very detailed slices from the entire embryonic heart. The 500–600 optical slices from each heart are then combined with computer graphics software, resulting in a 3-D computer model of the heart. The models are used to measure mechanical stress and strain in the heart.

Buffinton's research has many potential applications in the medical field. By studying embryonic hearts, she says one objective is "to learn what might trigger congenital heart disease and possible ways to correct it." The research in embryonic hearts might also help discover new ways to repair damaged hearts in adults. — Lindsay Hitz '08

Student Profile: LINDSAY SHAMBERGER '06

A Favored Hand Lindsay Shamberger '06 spent her summer boxing lobsters and will spend the remainder of her senior year feeding peanut butter to monkeys.



An animal behavior major who dedicates hours each week to various community service endeavors, Shamberger has also completed research not typically undertaken by undergraduate students.

Last year, she landed a prestigious and highly competitive 10-week internship at the Woods

Hole Marine Science Consortium in Cape Cod, Mass., where she studied the mating behavior of lobsters. She first boxed male lobsters to establish dominant and subordinate males. To determine the winners, after the fight she watched each male for "dominant displays," such as standing high on

the walking legs. The subordinate male would display escape and avoidance behavior. She then tested to see if female lobsters could tell, from a distance, which was the alpha male.

"In nature, we know females choose the dominant male, but no one knows how. I was looking to see if it was chemical or other mechanisms, and I found that it was chemical-mediated communication."

Shamberger discovered this by analyzing pheromones transmitted in the urine. The type and nature of the pheromone, however, remains unknown. Her research helped her grasp scientific research, the scientific method, and the experimentation process.

"It was exciting to have these questions and answer them and actually be doing science," she says. "It inspired me to go to graduate school."

After her internship, Shamberger was motivated to write an honors thesis. She also wanted to take advan-

tage of Bucknell's primate labs — a primary reason she chose to attend Bucknell. For her thesis, she will look at handedness and brain lateralization of the squirrel monkeys, capuchins, lion-tailed macaques, and hamadryas monkeys housed in the lab. This area of research begins with the premise that the two halves of the brain have different functions and that the favored hand (handedness) may correlate to one particular side of the brain. By using an apparatus she created — a tube filled with peanut butter — she will be able to determine strength of handedness in different age classes and to see how handedness develops.

Out of the classroom, Shamberger, a member of Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society, Order of Omega Honor Society, and Mortar Board, spends her nights volunteering with her sorority (Delta Gamma), Habitat for Humanity, and Bison Blankets. — Elisabeth Salemme '06

Bucknell's Plan for Prominence has been a model for other colleges and universities, but some say Bucknell is out to abolish the Greek system.



THE FUTURE FOR GREEK LIFE ON CAMPUS

CHRISTINA MASCIERE WALLACE

IF THE WORD "GREEK" TRIGGERS IMAGES OF BEER BONGS, trash-strewn lawns, and missed classes, meet Scott Breon '06, president of the senior class and the Interfraternity Council (IFC). Breon spearheaded a new IFC committee to address sexuality and gender issues. As former president of Sigma Alpha Mu (Sammy), he

went a step beyond the national fraternity's prohibition of alcohol in the houses, banning alcohol supplied by third-party vendors at off-site events as well. The Sammy brothers, who'd vacated their house for three years during a membership slide, have rebounded and moved back home to 23 University Ave. Last fall, Breon organized a welcome party for Tulane University students displaced by Hurricane Katrina.

"I like to say that Bucknell is no longer frat boys, but fraternity men," says Breon, who's representative of the changing face of the Greek system as it transitions from having a party-hearty credo to taking pride in student responsibility and making choices that challenge stereotypes.

Increased media coverage of incidents involving alcohol, hazing, and sexual assault have raised scrutiny of fraternities and sororities nationwide. More schools are demanding accountability and positive outcomes from the Greeks. At Bucknell, there's a renewed emphasis on Greek founding values of scholarship, service, leadership, and character, which complements the university mission itself and is welcomed by President Brian C.

Mitchell. "We need to encourage a Greek community that sees itself as part of the university's strategic plan and understands what contributions it can make to university life," he says.

Plan for Prominence as Cornerstone

"Historically, the Greeks made things happen at Bucknell, and that's what the university wanted," says Martha Brown, chair of the National Panhellenic Conference. "They expected the Greek organizations to provide the party scene at Bucknell. But the party scene overshadowed the academic scene, the leadership scene, the service scene."

The Board of Trustees, aware of that imbalance, felt that the 1990's Trustee Implementation Plan (TIP) wasn't enough. Alcohol abuse, sexual assault, and hazing — problems that can affect all students, not just Greeks — were on the rise. With a strong Greek tradition that includes 51 percent of current upper-class students, the administration was well positioned to break new ground in Greek management. The cornerstone of the effort is the Plan for Prominence.

Designed with the input of students, administrators, and faculty and implemented in 2001, the "P4P" provides clear expectations in 11 areas for Greeks, as well as incentives for those chapters that exceed performance requirements. Holding Greeks more accountable fits Bucknell's goal to increase individual responsibility, according to Charlie Pollock '70, vice president for student affairs. "The next line of planning at Bucknell has to do with greater and greater self-reliance on the part of students," he says.

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"It gives us credibility on a national level, because so many institutions are aware of what we're doing," says Jennifer Mellon '04, a Kappa Kappa Gamma and former Panhellenic Council president. Indeed, other Northeast colleges have taken notice, among them Gettysburg, Muhlenberg, Lafayette, Lehigh, and Hobart and William Smith, whose representatives recently came to Lewisburg to study Bucknell's Greek system.

The Plan for Prominence has a larger mission than TIP, explains Richard Ferraro, dean of students. "It takes an institution that was purely social and adds emphasis to service aspects to increase the relevance to today's society. It's also a reward system that sets benchmarks, not just punishments." Initial skepticism by some Greeks faded when they saw the benefits of accountability: quantifiable results, along with the possibility for recognition and monetary rewards. By exceeding basic accreditation requirements in all performance areas, chapters can earn "Silver Star" or "Gold Star" status, with an accompanying grant of \$2,500 or \$5,000 for a school-approved use not related to alcohol. They also receive a trophy and the chance to win campuswide recognition as the most improved or most outstanding sorority or fraternity at Bucknell.

Overall, its impact has been positive, says Kim Grunwald '06, a Delta Gamma and current Panhel president. "Improvements are being made to it every year. It holds us to higher standards." Matt Gorney '06, president of Sigma Phi Epsilon, agrees. "Overall, it's great, because it allows us to project an image of the Greek system that's not frat parties. The only problem is it's very difficult for the alumni of our chapters to understand what's going on with the Plan for Prominence."

Some Greek alumni have expressed disapproval of the Plan, citing its requirements as onerous and unwieldy. There have even been rumors that it's the first part of an administrative plot to shut down the Greek system at Bucknell. Not so, President Mitchell says.

"The Plan for Prominence is what stabilized the Greek community," he maintains. "It was the foundation

upon which the relevance of Greek life could be established. It's important for alumni to understand that behaviors of Greek chapters and decisions that impact them reflect national trends as much as university decisions."

Younger Bucknellians offer more support for the Plan. "The deans believe very strongly in Bucknell's fraternity and sorority system," Mellon notes. "We are still a national leader in the Greek system, and that couldn't happen if we didn't have proactive leadership from the administration."

Meredith Cutting '06, president of Delta Gamma, characterizes the Plan as "demanding, but in a good way. It holds the Greeks to a higher standard by requiring us to participate actively in the university and community." That attitude is typical of many current Greek leaders, the oldest of whom pledged during the Plan's first year of full implementation. "It's been in place for a good amount of time now, so that when you become a Greek, you have a clear expectation of what you're getting into," says Sig Ep's Gorney.

If Greek groups meet the Plan standards, they earn their spot in campus life, says Dean Ferraro, adding that even in the "Bucknell bubble," times change. "It's just not like *Animal House* anymore. Otter and those guys could not have achieved the Plan for Prominence."

Communication Breakdown Some Greek alumni see room for improvement in other areas. Cali Williams Yost '87, a former president of Kappa Kappa Gamma, doesn't fault the university for imposing tougher requirements on fraternities and sororities, but she says it needs to do a better job of explaining the reason behind its actions to alumni, 59 percent of whom are Greek. She cites a lack of communication about the recent closings of Delta Delta Delta (which was closed by



The women of Alpha Chi Omega show their Greek pride. From left to right, Lindsay Silverstein '06, Jenny Meitzner '06, Bethany Iero '06, and Caroline Karlberg '06.

the sorority's own national) and Delta Upsilon as particularly distressing. The university, she says, needs to take a "much more direct role in making sure Greek issues, challenges, and victories are communicated to Greek alumni."

President Mitchell concurs that communication could be improved but points out that most recent developments are positive ones. "If you look at the record over the past 14 or 15 months, you will see great attention to Greek life. You should see very clear and tangible signs that the university is supportive of Greek life, as witnessed by the number of chapter houses that are being repaired and the chapters that are opening or about to reopen."

The main threat to the future of fraternities and sororities isn't the university itself, Mitchell stresses. "If Greek chapters close at Bucknell, at least during my years here, it's far more likely that it will be due to national liability issues than anything precipitated by Bucknell's administration or trustees."

Bill Lenker '56, a longtime Bucknell volunteer and president of the Alumni Greek Council (AGC), was personally involved in the decision to close the local chapter of his own fraternity, Kappa Sigma, three years ago. Although difficult for some alumni to accept, it was the right thing to do, he says firmly. Now, Lenker says, the Kappa Sig house may be partially substance-free when it reopens, another sign of the times on fraternity row.

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Hood Johnston '72 is the AGC treasurer and an alumni director for his fraternity, Tau Kappa Epsilon. He says alums should not be surprised by the Greek system's ups and downs over the years. "I can think of three or four currently strong fraternities that have been censured and have come back strong. It's a cycle." Johnston should know. TKE was shut down eight years ago. After a four-year hiatus, the house reopened with a new group of students. "We came back with young men who are leaders," he says. Last July, the chapter was honored with TKE's highest national award, just two years after returning to campus.

House Ownership During TKE's absence from Bucknell, the administration bought and refurbished the group's fraternity house, part of a recent effort to acquire as many houses as possible. Johnston supports that change. "We're able to focus on the students, the young men of the chapter," he explains. "Having your own house 30 years ago was a big thing, but it's just as good an experience for today's students to not have a



The brothers of Tau Kappa Epsilon each ran a leg of a 180-mile relay from Lewisburg to Washington, D.C., in the annual Reagan Run, raising \$17,000 for the Alzheimer's Association.

house to run. These students are so involved in other organizations."

Under school ownership, fraternity properties are official university housing that must be maintained to the Bucknell standard. This ensures uniform quality among school-owned buildings and a safer, more attractive living environment for students. Housemothers are a quaint memory; these days, peer advisers who live on site, plus daily custodian service, help make sure residents keep houses up to par. Now, just three fraternity houses — Phi Gamma Delta (Fiji), Sigma Chi, and Kappa Delta Rho — are not owned by Bucknell.

Sophomore recruitment, begun in 1992, is an innovation widely praised by students and younger alumni. They say the chance to get their bearings and make close friendships with dorm-mates is worth deferring Greek membership. Even more important, says Mitchell, is the time to adapt to the rigors of the academic program: "Making certain that our students can succeed in the classroom is our first priority."

Again, there has been some alumni opposition. TKE adviser Johnston is typical: He was not initially pleased with the switch from first-year recruitment, citing the loss of leadership opportunities and a steeper learning curve for Greek officers. But he says that after his two daughters had a positive experience with sophomore recruitment at Bucknell, he changed his mind after seeing the benefits.

That advantage has staying power, says Chip Marrara, assistant dean of students and director of fraternity and sorority affairs. He points out that although first-year friends may pledge different houses, their friendships transcend Greek affiliation and encourage a

healthy balance among student groups throughout the four-year Bucknell experience.

A Case for Diversity Delaying recruitment a year may have had a positive effect on international students as well. Last fall, four men and four women, who represent nations as diverse as Tanzania, Bangladesh, and Switzerland, joined Greek organizations. They had more time to observe Greek culture and review their options, and their very American decision to “go Greek” is a promising phenomenon that will help create more multicultural learning opportunities for all students — a campuswide goal of the administration.

Increasing diversity at Bucknell will be a gradual process. In the meantime, although traditionally African-American fraternities and sororities here are small in number, they’re large in spirit. Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc., both members of the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), bring their own viewpoint to the Bucknell Greek system and provide insight for diversity affairs and programming.

There are promising signs that the Greek system is becoming more inclusive, says Fran McDaniel, director of the Office of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Awareness. Five of the six sororities on campus have become “safe spaces” for all students, a role the sororities take seriously, she says. Safe spaces are designed for any student, male or female, Greek or independent, who feels threatened or endangered whether because of sexual orientation, ethnic origin, race, etc; the Office of Greek Life is a safe space as well. “This is the first year that some fraternities have been willing to think about becoming safe spaces, but some still seem resistant to the idea,” she notes, adding that there are two exceptions: TKE, whose national policy bars discrimination because of sexual orientation, and SAM, which has recently become a safe space by adding “sexual orientation” to their chapter non-discrimination policy.

McDaniel also reports a great deal of student interest in the IFC’s new committee dealing with sexuality and gender issues at Bucknell. Consisting of both independent students and Greeks, the committee will work to eliminate sexual assault at fraternity parties by setting new guidelines for fraternity events. The committee also hopes to find ways to better educate the Greek system on issues of homophobia, heterosexism, dating violence, and racism.

What Alumni Can Do Because alumni advisers can provide wisdom and insight to help chapters stay strong over time, alumni education is one of the top priorities of both the NIC and the NPC, the governing bodies of fraternities and sororities nationwide. They encourage the formation of alumni “teams,” in which advising responsibilities are shared by several adults.

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Advisers can be alumni members, university faculty or staff, or even parents of undergraduates — and they don’t have to be Greek.

“We have hundreds of local alumni in the area. We have 1,300 employees at Bucknell,” President Mitchell says. “If the Greek chapters make a compelling case, strong advisers can be found. The question I would have for the Greek community is, Are you making the best case?”

You don’t have to live near campus to help, says Frank Arentowicz ’69, a longtime Sigma Chi adviser who lives in Los Angeles. “All you really need to do is travel at least one time a year to see their faces and look into their eyes. After that, you’d be amazed at how much you can do through phone calls and email.”

Alumni can be assured that a strong and positive Greek tradition can continue to be a priority for Bucknell, says President Mitchell. “As long as Bucknell’s Greek system is working toward the seamless integration of student life and academic life, this office will be broadly and warmly supportive of Greek life at Bucknell. The challenge for Greeks is to demonstrate that they want to be a relevant and contributing part of the future here.”

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Over fall break, two Kappas and five Pi Phis traveled to New Orleans to help with relief work. Back row, from left to right, Gina Hall '08, Emma Hall '06, Mariel Fink '08, Meghan Brown '08, Sarah Saunders '06; front row, Kalani Cowles '08 and Chessa Forer '07.

Bucknell's favorite literary son, Philip Roth '54, was recently admitted to the Library of America, an honor given to only two other living writers.

WHY IS THIS MAN SMILING?

CHARLES MCGRATH

PHILIP ROTH DOES NOT LOOK OR ACT LIKE A MAN who has just been canonized. He is still among us, and there is still a gleam in his eye. He still tosses off jokes with a rimshot quickness and gift for mimicry that would have guaranteed him — had the writing career ever fizzled — top billing as a stand-up act in Vegas.

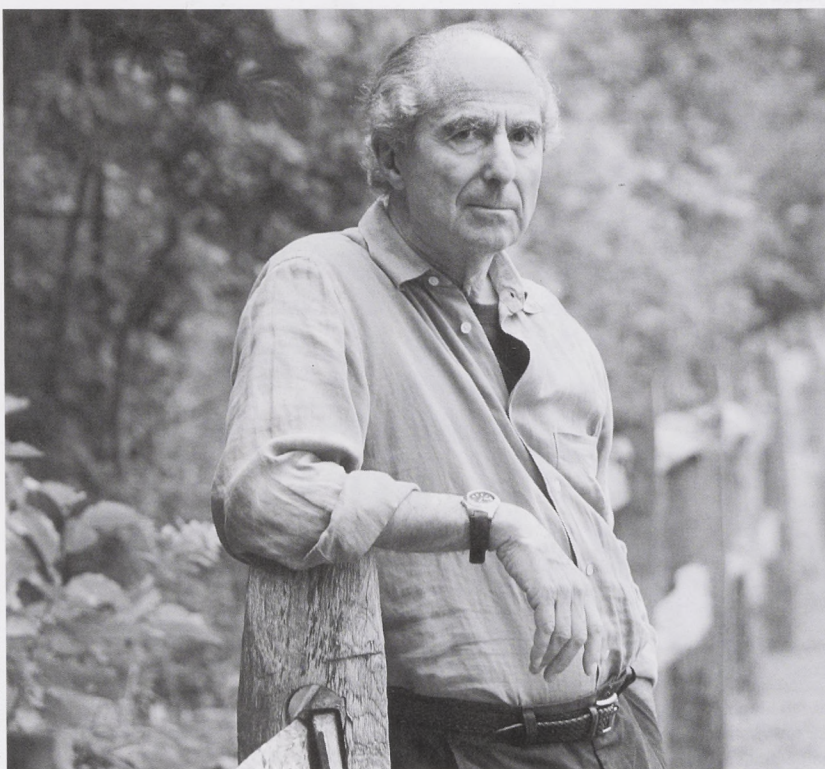
He used to have a great routine, for example, about why Jewish couples keep their sex manuals in the credenza.

Nevertheless, Mr. Roth, who grew up in the Weequahic section of Newark, not exactly a cultural hotbed, and who for a while in the '60s was considered the wisecrack of American letters, has been admitted to this country's most exclusive literary club: the Library

of America, that handsome series of uniform editions with dramatic black jackets, ribboned bookmarks, and Bible-thin, acid-free paper. Even the typeface, crisp 10-point Galliard, confers upon the volumes a kind of memorial dignity. This is an honor usually reserved for the long dead, like Melville and Longfellow, and only two other living writers have been awarded membership: Eudora Welty in 1998 and Saul Bellow in 2003, when they were then 90 and 88, respectively, and had more or less stopped writing. Mr. Roth, now 72, is still reinventing himself.

The first two volumes are just out, *Novels and Stories 1959–1962* (which includes *Goodbye, Columbus* and *Five Short Stories* and *Letting Go*) and *Novels 1967–1972* (*When She Was Good*, *Portnoy's Complaint*, *Our Gang*, and *The Breast*), and the plan calls for six more to be issued, one every year or so, for a total of eight, which will put him second in Library of America shelf space only to Henry James, who has 14. The last volume is scheduled to appear on Roth's 80th birthday in March 2013, at which time Max Rudin, the publisher of the Library of America, has promised to give him a party. On learning of this arrangement, Mr. Roth said, he told Mr. Rudin, "Max, maybe we should have the party sooner."

The volumes have full-size jacket photos of a young and darkly handsome Philip Roth with burning Tyrone Power-like eyes. The publishing plan also calls for the photos to be updated in subsequent volumes, so that Mr. Roth will gradually age, in not quite Dorian Gray fashion, right before his readers' eyes until by Volume 8, presumably, he looks much the way he does today — still handsome, but thinner on top, bushier of brow and



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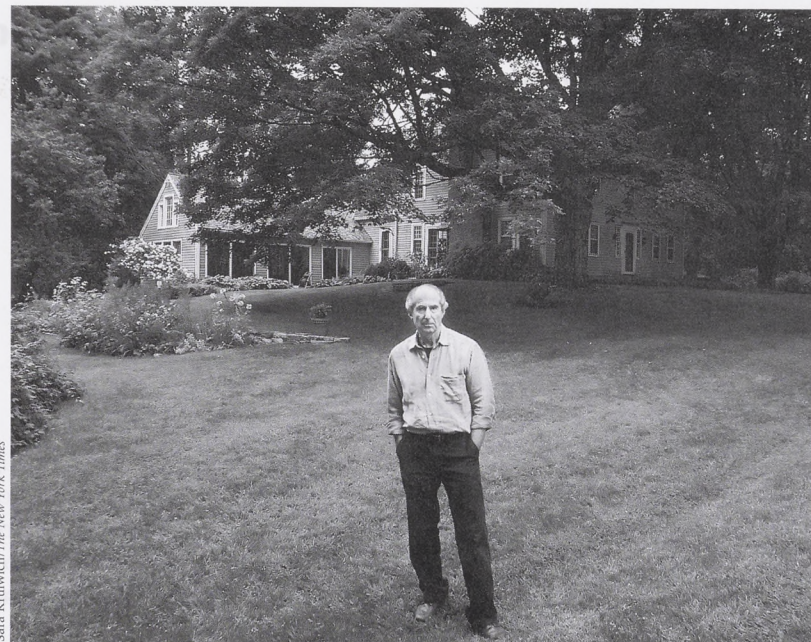
senatorially gray at the temples. He could pass these days for president of Metropolitan Life, where his father toiled for so many years without ever being offered a promotion.

Mr. Roth, who at various times in his life has been a reluctant celebrity — when Claire Bloom published her memoir blaming him for the breakup of their marriage, for example — these days leads a life of Tolstoyan quietness and privacy, devoted to reading and writing. He spends most of his time in an 18th-century Connecticut farmhouse he bought in 1972 — so long ago, he says, that he now almost qualifies as an honorary Yankee. The place is so out of the way that you need G.P.S. to find it, and it includes stone walls, towering ash trees, and a triangular, tree-rimmed clearing that Mr. Roth, a lifelong baseball fan, jokes about turning into a ball field. There is a spare, wood-paneled studio in back where he writes every day, standing up mostly, at a tall computer table.

A Man Canonized Canonization has not carried Mr. Roth away. "The initial delight is wonderful," he says. "But after a while, it's just another edition of a book." On the other hand, the occasion has apparently caused him to take stock. In midcareer — in novels like *The Counterlife* and *Operation Shylock* and the several Zuckerman stories — Mr. Roth specialized in spinning off multiple fictional versions of himself, and in person he was formidable and intense. But the current Roth is more reflective and serene, or at least he was on a recent afternoon when he sat on a little screened porch behind the studio and talked about what he persisted in calling his "apprentice work."

Some apprenticeship. If you think of it in geographical terms, it's a journey that begins (in *Goodbye, Columbus*) in Short Hills, N.J., in the earthly paradise owned by Brenda Patimkin's father, the kitchen and bathroom sink baron, where fruit multiplies in the basement refrigerator and the trees drip sporting goods, and ends in the New York hospital room where poor David Kepesh lies suspended in a special hammock because he has unaccountably turned into an exquisitely sensitive 155-pound female breast. In between there are stops in Iowa City and Chicago (for *Letting Go*), in rural Liberty Center, Ill. (for *When She Was Good*), in the paranoid White House of President Trick E. Dixon, who is conspiring to massacre the Boy Scouts of America, and of course in the second-floor flat on the south side of Newark, where Alexander Portnoy, that raging horndog, has sex with the family supper.

Mr. Roth said he had deliberately not reread these early works. "That would have been a bad idea," he



Philip Roth at home in his 18th-century farmhouse in Connecticut.

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explained, "because I read my own work, or anybody's, with a pencil in my hand and I would have been tempted to make changes. But that part of my life is long gone and closed. Whatever those books are, they are." ...

The Writer, the Reader A few years ago, some critics began to write off Mr. Roth. But starting with *Sabbath's Theater*, in 1995, and continuing through *The Plot Against America*, which came out a year ago, he has experienced an extraordinary burst of second wind. "I think I've gotten better," he said decisively, dismissing the notion that the young writer, the one with the burning eyes staring out from the Library of America jacket, might have been able to do things the older one can't. But he has been thinking lately about writers who weren't so lucky and who petered out — about Hemingway, for example, whose posthumous *Islands in the Stream* he has been rereading.

"Booze," he said. "Booze was the problem with Hemingway, with Faulkner and with so many others. They both died in their early 60's. It's almost inconceivable."

At this time of year, Mr. Roth still reads outside in the early evenings, in a tent of mosquito netting, until the daylight fades, and his main vice is then slipping indoors to check on the Yankees for a couple of hours. "The canonized go on," he said, adding that he has just about finished a new piece, which he called "a very long story, 90 pages or so, and very dark." Pressed to describe it further he said: "That's it — 90 dark pages."

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George Crabbe once wrote, "This, books can do —
not this alone; they give new views to life,
and teach us how to live."

WHAT BOOKS CAN DO

CLAUDIA EBELING

NEW AND VETERAN MEMBERS OF THE ENGLISH faculty lead a list of authors whose recent works tap into the American psyche. Both Robert Rosenberg, assistant professor, and John Wheatcroft, professor emeritus and former director of the Stadler Center for Poetry, explore the impact of global

experience on the individual and, conversely, the significance of the individual in the global scheme.

The protagonist of Rosenberg's acclaimed debut novel, *This Is Not Civilization* (Houghton Mifflin), is attracted to purposeful social service after college. He abruptly leaves his first post at an Apache reservation, feeling ineffectual, and accepts a Peace Corps assignment in Kyrgyzstan just after it has been set adrift by the collapse of the Soviet Union. He is likewise challenged to identify his effect there, but his legacy catches up with him a few years later in Istanbul, where characters out of his past converge on his new life.

From the hilariously unforgettable first line through the dramatic climax, *This Is Not Civilization* rips along, moving seamlessly between comic and harsh realities. Cultural identity, clashing mores, and ambivalent relationships with family and homelands are recurring themes. Rosenberg, whose own volunteering career put him in the places he describes so vividly, has created fully realized characters

and settings that pull a reader in.

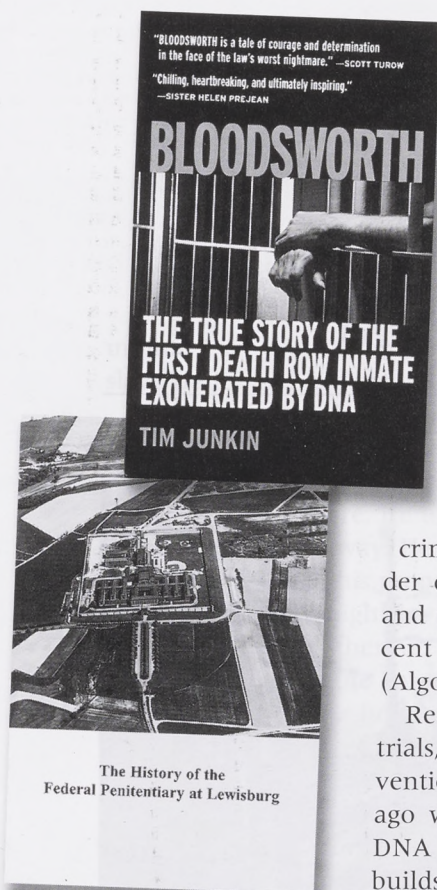
The persistence of the past in the present and the ramifications of war are deeply felt in Wheatcroft's short but eloquent new book, *Answering Fire* (Lunar Offensive Press), an amalgam of the titular story and a reprise of an earlier work, "Kamikaze." In the former, a man who has led a quiet academic life for several decades, takes off for the comfort of an English village as America plunges into war in Iraq. The idyll is interrupted by the presence of a Japanese traveler who unknowingly unleashes haunting memories of the American's service in World War II and the need to resolve them.

"Kamikaze" is the perfect companion piece, portraying war-time sailors aboard a ship in the South Pacific. The isolation and threat of attack set the stage for petty transgressions to erupt into morally irreversible acts.

An alumnus has also delivered a novel this month: Mario Harpel '88 is the author of *Treeing* (Trafford), which traces the rough and tumble life passages of two boyhood friends. Harpel created the cover art as well.

Justice and Jail In 2004, the House of Representatives passed the Kirk Bloodsworth Post-Conviction DNA Testing Program, part of the Innocence



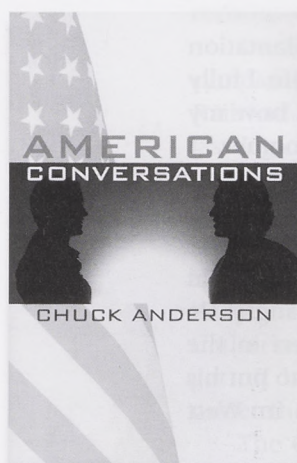


Protection Act, bringing to closure a personal tragedy and ensuring that it will not be repeated in the future. Tim Junkin, father of Isabel '08, investigates what became two crimes: the horrific 1984 murder of a little girl in Baltimore and the conviction of an innocent man in *Bloodsworth* (Algonquin Books).

Recounting the original crime, trials, and eleventh-hour intervention of what not that long ago was the nascent science of DNA fingerprinting, Junkin builds a taut thriller. In Kirk Bloodsworth, he has a character hard to match in fiction, a man

who survives several years in one of America's most brutal prisons. A man of inauspicious beginnings, he reveals extraordinary heart, emerging on the other side of a death sentence to campaign for the eponymous landmark law and become an international advocate for prison reform.

Say "prison" in Lewisburg, and eyes automatically shift westward toward the tower marking the Federal Penitentiary that seems to have been around forever, at least long enough to become part of the local lore. With the publication of *The History of the Penitentiary at Lewisburg* (Union County Historical Society), edited by M. Lois Huffines, associate dean of Academic Affairs and professor of linguistics and German, the history is set right. The volume opens up a place that few have seen and examines its roots in the evolution of the Bureau of Prisons and prison philosophy.



This American Life The suburb of Bellport, Long Island, is home and host to an eclectic parade of famous and not-so-famous people with interesting tales to tell. Resident Chuck Anderson '56, who spent 10 years interviewing them for the local newspaper, collects 45 of his most fascinating encounters in *American Conversations* (PublishAmerica).

Anderson, who among other things teaches English at Hofstra University, has a

gift for drawing his subjects as everyday folks who happen to have risen above the ordinary. Among them, the late Peter Jennings, a disabled veteran known locally as "The Hubcap King," Art Garfunkel, a bounty hunter . . . the variety underscores Anderson's epigram, Thornton Wilder's line, "In our town, we like to know the facts about everybody."

The posthumously published *Joshua Humphreys, His Life and Times* (Vantage), by Richard Eddy M'49, dovetails with the resurgence of interest in the Revolutionary War. A naval history buff, Eddy spent 10 years researching the Philadelphian who was the major force calling for the newly formed Navy to use frigates. Humphreys had to fight to convince colonial leaders of his vision, but in the end he prevailed and was instrumental in establishing an American maritime presence.

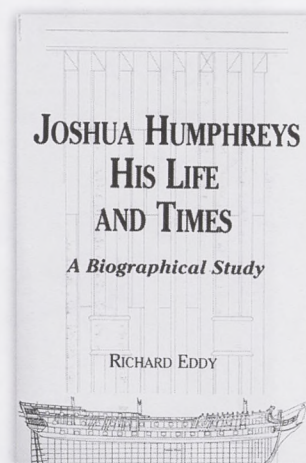
For better and for worse, financial wealth is part and parcel of the American dream. Monroe Diefendorf Jr. '74, an investment analyst, proposes a new way to look at success in *3-Dimensional Wealth* (Greenleaf Book Group), co-authored with Robert Sterling Madden. Informed by faith and family values, Diefendorf believes monetary rewards are just one of three components of wealth, with the most important being personal and social wealth.

The authors offer advice for adjusting priorities in the transition to balanced life accounting. "Spend, save, then give" is the old paradigm, they say. "Give, save, then spend" is the new order.

End Notes Here's a first for "Books": a coloring book. Jacinta Bunnell '93 is co-creator of *Girls Will Be Boys Will Be Girls Will Be . . .* (Soft Skull Press), designed to help children break through gender expectations that can stifle personal expression.

Lastly, the soon-to-be-published *Hatteras Blues: A Story from the Edge of America* (University of North Carolina Press) by Tom Carlson '66 probes the allure of the Outer Banks of North Carolina through a look at its watermen.

Claudia Ebeling regularly reviews books for Bucknell World. *W*



A FLIGHT TO FREEDOM

SAM ALCORN



University Archives

President Justin Loomis hired Charles Bell to top trees on campus in 1867; Bell stayed for 40 years.

BUCKNELL HAS A UNIQUE CONNECTION with America's slave history past. Charles R. Bell, a Bucknell custodian for more than 40 years, died in December 1912, but not before telling the *Orange and Blue*, the student newspaper at the turn of the last century, his dramatic story.

Bell was born a slave in 1827 on a plantation in Romney, W. Va.

"I had never known what it was to be a slave, for my master was very kind to me and treated me just as a servant," he told the newspaper days before his death. "As I grew older, I became very strong and sturdy. I was sent to labor in the fields and on account of my strength was considered very valuable."

He learned to read and write, but as he was reaching manhood, his West Virginia owner, James H. Inship, died. The planter's slaves would be sold to settle the

estate. Bell was appraised at just \$800 because of a broken jaw he received in a field accident. At the auction, though, Bell brought \$1,050.

Bell's new owner brought him to his plantation where, he recounted, "For the first time in my life, I fully realized that I was a slave. I shall never forget how my mother looked when I left her. 'Good-bye, mother,' I said. As she covered her face with her hands, I heard her say, 'My poor boy is gone.' That was the last time I saw her till after the war."

When Bell's new owner discovered that he could read and write, at first he was astonished, then angry. He lived in new fear. He was warned to stay alert in the fields and not give the new owner any reason to put his hands on him. Bell suspected that his days in West Virginia were numbered.

The arrival of a Georgia man was telling. "The

minute I set eyes on him," Bell said, "I knew he was a slave trader and had come to buy me."

Bell had to make a choice, and he went straight to his old master's son, a quiet abolitionist. "He talked to me for a long time about Canada and about my running away and going there. He told me how to get there and what to do on the way. He said my wife could go with me — she was still his property."

On a Sunday night in August 1859, Bell, together with his wife, Catherine, bolted for freedom. They walked 30 miles to the Potomac River. Another newspaper would note that he carried his seven-year-old son, William, while Catherine carried the baggage.

"We made straight for the mountains, never stopping until we reached them," he recounted. "For a week, it rained. We had no shelter nor a way to keep ourselves dry. During the day, we rested as best we could under some thick tree or overhanging rocks. At night, we traveled."

One time, they ventured to a highway, and the first thing they saw was a poster nailed to a tree describing him and offering a reward for his return. "That frightened us so that we never again ventured on the highway in daylight," he said.

They had another close call. Hungry, they braved venturing to a farm to beg for food. Farmers who had been alerted to their presence gave chase, but never overtook them. "That lesson was sufficient. After that, we neither ventured out in the daylight nor spoke to another person," he said.

After four weeks on foot and eating green corn and berries, the Bell family arrived in Pittsburgh at 2 a.m. They were fearful. If caught, they could be taken back. "We had to trust to luck and take our chances," Bell recounted.

Luck was with them that day. They connected with sympathetic hands in the Pennsylvania Underground Railroad. Their final destination was Canada, and the last leg of their journey was 100 miles in the back of a covered wagon.

As they crossed a bridge into Canada, Bell told the student reporter that the stagecoach driver turned to him and said, "'Now, you are in Canada and free as anybody.' The stagecoach carried us through to St. Catherine's, a town perhaps 12 miles from the river. I got off here, at the American House, a free man, safe under the British lion's paw."

The Civil War erupted and ended, and in 1867 Bell traveled south to visit his "mammy" in West Virginia.



Charles Bell, ca. 1897.

Along the way, he noted the bustling lumbering activity in the Williamsport area.

According to the *Centennial History of Bucknell University*, President Justin Loomis saw him walking through the campus with an ax on his shoulder. Bell was hired on the spot to top campus trees. The one-time slave remained until the end of his life.

Lewis Edwin Theiss wrote in the *Centennial History* that Bell's retention as janitor underscored a genuine feeling in the college. A former president and several teachers had helped escaped slaves. Bucknellians had died in the Civil War defending the statement that "all men are created equal." President Loomis, wrote Theiss, "unhesitatingly provided equality of opportunity for this ex-slave."

University archive records indicate Bell was paid \$25 a month until about 1905, when he was stricken with a deteriorating paralysis. In partial recognition for his years of faithful service, the university took the unusual position of retiring him with a pension for life.

Federal census records show that Bell lived on St. George Street near Seventh Street. While illness left him "housed up" the last three years of his life, it was just days before his death that the fading Bell recounted his escape to freedom to the *Orange and Blue*.

The one-time fugitive slave died at age 85, a beloved and respected campus figure. Bell is buried in Lewisburg Cemetery — in the shadow of the university he served for 40 years. The trusty janitor who fled to freedom, as the *Orange and Blue* would headline his story, is in an unmarked grave. *W*

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ALUMNI CAREER SERVICES — HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?

AS THE NEW PROGRAM DIRECTOR FOR Alumni Career Services, I welcome the opportunity to serve you and your specific career needs. You may be a recent graduate searching for your first career, a seasoned alum looking for a change, or someone with a unique set of circumstances. Whatever your situation, I want to make sure that the services and resources available to you address your needs.

Alumni Career Services is a wonderful concept — where else can you get free, lifetime assistance regarding something as important as your career? This type of program is only offered by a handful of universities, and Bucknell's program was prominently featured in *USA Today*. Give your career a boost and take advantage of our extensive services.

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In addition to the services Alumni Career Services offers, alumni also can help each other. In my short time working with Bucknellians, I can tell how eager they are to help other Bucknellians. If you would like to assist fellow alumni, post your available career opportunities on myBucknell. To post a job lead, begin by clicking on myBucknell, which can be found in the upper right corner of any Bucknell webpage. Log in with your username and password, which can be obtained from the Office of Alumni, Parents, and Volunteers. Select the Career Servicestab at the top of the myBucknell for Alumnipage. Complete the required fields, then click on Post this Job.

Should you wish to share your expertise, partner



Catherine McGinnis, on the right, helps Monica McMurrer '06 revise her résumé.

with the Career Development Center and assist current students in finding their career path or alumni as they change careers or jobs. Become an important link in one or more of our CareerConnections programs and enhance a life today. Join CareerNet to talk with students and alums over the phone or via email about your career. Volunteer with a Career Education Program as a panelist or keynote speaker to facilitate job search and career conversations at Bucknell. If your expertise is in the nonprofit sector, the Bucknell Public Interest Program needs you. If you are willing and able to offer internships (both paying and nonpaying) or full-time opportunities to Bucknell students, we can assist you by collecting résumés and inviting qualified candidates onsite for interviews (résumé referrals) or by listing jobs online that instruct the students to contact the employer directly. To sign up for any or all of these programs, visit myBucknell (sign up through Office of Alumni, Parents, and Volunteers). Questions? Email me at cmm033@bucknell.edu. — Catherine McGinnis

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CLASS Notes

Items in Class Notes have been compiled from reports by class reporters or from newspapers, press releases or letters to University Relations.

If you have information to pass along to classmates and friends, send a letter or a postcard to: Class Notes, *Bucknell World*, Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA 17837. If you are moving, please notify *Bucknell World* of your change of address. If you are submitting information on fellow alumni, please include your name and address for verification. Items submitted anonymously will be discarded.

You may email your information to *Bucknell World* at classnotes@bucknell.edu or directly to your class reporter if an email address appears in the address block.

Deadlines

Items submitted to the class reporters between now and Feb. 24 will appear in the June 2006 issue.

Reunion

Classes celebrate Reunion every five years from the date of graduation, but the alumni office reminds everyone that Reunion is open to all Bucknell alumni regardless of graduation year. Special Reunion celebrations for the next year include:

2006 Classes of 1946, 1951, 1956, 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991, 1996, 2001.

2007 Classes of 1947, 1952, 1957, 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997, 2002.

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Ed Williams wrote me some time ago to say he is getting along OK except for a detached retina in his right eye. It's been repaired but not 100 percent. His wife, Dot, does most of the chores like driving, cooking, etc. He reminisces about our having worked together in the back room of the Bucknell library.

Max Demler reports he and his wife, Marie, are well and living in Hopkins, Minn., and Venice, Fla. They are active in their church, and he is taking painting classes. They have twin grandchildren, a boy and a girl. The boy is named Max. Max says, "It has been a great life, and I look forward to as many days/years as the good Lord has in store for me." — F.A.B.

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I received two letters from **Roland Bean** and **Charles Stoeppler**.

Roland says, "Joe, first by your address I see you are in an Erickson-built retirement community. They just opened one here in Lincolnshire, Ill. It is just about two miles from Spring Meadows, the retirement community in which I live. But really why I am writing: I just read **Sanford "Sparky" Barcus'** article you submitted for the September *Bucknell World*. It sure brings back favorite memories. I was on that football squad that defeated Fordham for Coach Carl Snarely's first undefeated season. I was a sub for **Eddie Myers**. It was **Clarke Hinkle's '32** senior year and what a thriller.

Johnnie Kubacki came on to kick the extra point to insure the victory. As many know, Hinkle went on to establish records with the Green Bay Packers. Sparky also mentioned **Jack Dorman**, who was a guard on that team and my good Sigma Chi friend with Eddie Myers. We were the Class of '34, and the team went on to beat Miami in the very first Orange Bowl game. What great memories. I, at 93 as I mentioned, am in a retirement community. I really received plenty of attention when Bucknell went on to beat Kansas in the NCAA game this year. I have been blessed in many ways. My wife passed away in January, just two weeks before our 61st anniversary. Our son just earned his doctorate and is the director of human resources for the Libertyville, Ill., school district. Our one daughter is a special ed. teacher in Woodstock, Ill., and our other daughter in Redlands, Calif., has a wonderful family and is a dental hygienist. We have a condo in Bradenton, Fla., and spent winters there for over 20 years. I used to contact **Jean Bush** in Venice when she was our class reporter. Bucknell remains important to all of us. I truly enjoyed the message of the new president, Brian Mitchell. I also always look forward to your relaying class information. Thank you very much for being our class reporter."

Charles says, "I too was in the Polo Grounds, NYC, in 1931 when we beat Fordham 14-13, and remained the only unbeaten team. For years I kept a piece of their goal post. It was a rough game and a week later, while walking on their campus, their captain, Connie Murphy, dropped dead, they said from a concussion received in the game. Three years later I went to Fordham Law School and was called 'a Bucknell Murderer,' because everyone knew that our men all wore 'knuckle dusters' and wore 'copper armor.' I ridiculed such nonsense and things cooled slowly. In 1931, I roomed in Old Main along with **Tim Delaney '35**, **George McGaughey**, **John Kubacki**, **Dick Selkirk** and other stalwarts. Thereafter Dick and I were TUOs until an old defalcation necessitated our becoming SPEs." — J.E.

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Another report, and not a word from any of you, so I'll just serve up what I can. Homecoming was a beautiful weekend, but how our group has shrunk. The pleasant surprise was seeing **Joe Weightman** who was brought back by his family. Of course **John Weightman '71** was there with his two sisters, and needless to say, Dr. Joe had a great time seeing old friends and his old hometown. Joe, see you next year.

The only other couple from our gang that came back was **Bob '40** and **Annabel Kreider Schnure '40**, and we did have

fun together, but our evening cocktail gathering was not quite the same.

As was reported in the November issue, we lost a dear classmate in the Aug. 25 death of **Tom Richards**. He was truly one of the great Bucknellians, and I will miss our frequent phone visits, regretting that I was unable to see him just one more time before his passing. Ginny and I did attend the funeral in Rochester and were deeply moved by the wonderful tributes given by his children at the service. He will be missed, but remembered. — C.V.

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Claude Phillips, once our reporter for '38, called me to tell me that he is well and likes living in Florida. He encouraged me to communicate with those of our classmates still living. He and I want to hear from you. — J.K.E.

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Two notes from **Doug Fish '40**. He's still playing golf when weather permits, and stays active in affairs of his retirement village. This note was to talk of visits to see children. How I envy his energy.

Manny Pearlman called from the West Coast just to check in and promises to call when he comes east this year.

Letter from **Gigi Marino**, *Bucknell World* editor, explaining the error in identifying the May Queen photo of '39. She tried to get **Marion Stone Wright** on phone to be accurate, but couldn't reach her. What a demanding job Gigi has and what a great job she does.

A nice note from **Kenneth Allen's '38** good friend Bert Quinton, who appreciates my letter of condolence on Red's death and his obituary published in *Bucknell World*.

Received a letter from **Ray Kerner**, part of the band "famous four," who lives in Florida. She asked for **Eleanor Caretta McConville's** new address, which I sent. Eleanor sold her house in Sarasota and moved to a retirement village, also near Sarasota, which she loves.

A note from Eleanor, just received. Earlier, she had written about a bad car accident. On this note, she says she is recovered but still has limited use of her right hand. She escaped the bad storms and attended a birthday party for her given by Tri-Delts in the area.

Keep in touch. — B.H.R.

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From **Ilaria "Larry" Sternuik Zubritzky**, an explanation why she missed our June Reunion. Seems a bug bite on the ankle plus an encounter with a bike pedal put her out of commission. She was back in action and planning for a reunion of her friends at the homecoming in September of what was Bucknell Junior College.

From **Carol Holdeman Curtin**, who I had expected to see at Reunion along with Larry, an explanation as to why she did not

make it. She had planned to return with her sister, who had accompanied her to our 60th. She felt unable to return following her sister's death in 2004. You and Larry were both missed.

From **Elizabeth "Pat" McQuay Parry** a postcard with a photo featuring her rose garden. Pat and Doug both wrote of their concern for Hurricane Katrina victims. I think the concern for many was reflected in the lack of correspondence for our report.

Douglas Fish's note begins: "Wish Bucknell were closer to Knoxville." A sentiment echoed by many who have moved away from easy access to campus. He plans to visit Ron and Sue in New Jersey for Thanksgiving and Barbara and Joe in Sioux Falls for Christmas. He says he is addicted to golfing, getting to the links four to five times a week.

Ruth Cox Kohberger, I owe you one. Back in June I reported I had, as it turned out, misfiled your January letter. Found and now reporting. Like most of us, she finds time zooming by, and wonders if part of it is because, living in a retirement community, life is more structured. If so, her letter indicated that she finds much to enjoy, along with bridge games, exercise classes and being able to have valet service to get to Bucknell for the 2004 Reunion, and another visit to see a grandson swim in a high school meet held at the Bucknell pool. She was delighted to see all the changes on campus since returning for our 55th Reunion.

I am saddened not to have reported her letter in a more timely fashion. She wrote that **Jack** (who died in May) and **Margie Lloyd Kessler '38** came to have lunch with her on a regular basis; and that at the 2004 Reunion she had sat with **Katharine "Kappy" Patterson Weidemann**. The 2005 Alumni Memorial Service paid tribute "in memoriam" to the following classmates: **Katharine Weidemann**, **Carolyn Wallen Allen**, **Charles Auten Jr.**, **Grace Gardner Burpee**, **Helen Balbernie Hubbard**, **Clare Howe Rizzo** and **Leighton Thomas**.

Another report from **Travis Summersgill '39** on life in a retirement home. He decided to participate in a drama-reading group, only to find the King Lear in age wanted to act more youthful roles, such as Romeo. That's a good sign, Travis, witness to a youthful spirit in our older bodies. He's missing some earlier *Bucknell Worlds*, and reminds me to mention that if you are missing copies to check that Alumni House has your latest address.

Letter from **Jeanne Brozman Crawford '39**, just back from an Elderhostel trip to Spokane, related to her interest in the Lewis and Clark expedition, which was followed by a trip to Glacier National Park with daughter Cindy and her husband. How many of our class are Elderhostel trippers? — A.H.W.

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Bucknell World is searching for a reporter for the Class of '41. Please contact us if you are interested.

Bernice Henry Rathmell, Class of '39 reporter, passed along the following letter from **Margaret "Peg" Farrell Smith**: "Dear Bernice, Since the Class of '41 has no class reporter at this time, I hope you don't mind my writing to you. I have moved from Tefuata, Fla., to an assisted-living domain known as Oak Harbor in Vero Beach. It is a truly wonderful place — even has a nine-hole golf course. The food is delicious and

Thank You, Class Reporters

Class reporters compile news from classmates and contribute these columns, the most widely read section of *Bucknell World*. Bucknell is grateful for their commitment and service.

no more cooking lonely dinners for me! My new address is 1520 Oak Harbor Blvd, #202, Vero Beach, FL 27926. All you Bucknellians in the area feel free to call me. My nephew, **George Berlin '65**, is at Vero and I'm pleased about that. Our mutual friend, **Manny Pearlman '39**, stops by to visit with me on his trips to Florida and Vermont. I do enjoy his visits. I do hope you are well, Bernice, and not too lonely now that your dear husband is gone. I miss Bob. We had a great life together. My love and best wishes."

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Here I go again. I haven't heard much news from class members, but I'll try to fill you in on what I've heard on the grapevine.

Harriet Myers Mason '41 called me and we reminisced about our high school days in Vandergrift and our Bucknell days in Lewisburg. There were quite a few Bucknell students from our hometown. The most famous was **Bernice Henry Rathmell '29** and of course **Don Walker '40**, **Jean Steele Townner '41**, **Bob Jones '40**, **Dave Williams '39**, **Andy Mazanek '39**, **Joe O'Brien '44**, **Jane Thompson Unruh '43**, the Luther girls, **J. Paul Shaffer '26** (our high school principal), **Jennie Owens McKinney '30**, **Margaret McGeary Hare '31**, **Harold '21** and **John Bair '55**, **Jay Tanner**, **Charles Fox '31** (school doctor) and his daughter, **Jane Fox Zalenski '58**. I know I've missed some but now that I'm 85, I forget a lot of things!

After talking with Harriet, I decided to call **Ruth Titman Smith '41**, and we talked and talked. Ruth lives in Tunkhannock in the family home. She told me of the death of Jean Steele and **Bill Johnson '41**. "Steck" was a town boy, captain of the golf team, and one of the best looking Sigma Chis — and there were a lot.

I then called **Bud Vanderbilt**. He had been in contact with **Art and Muriel Hansen Denney '45**. Art is feeling much better after a case of shingles. Bud is going to have a hip replacement for an old replacement on Jan. 16.

Bill and I went to the Cat Bar in Safety Harbor — a Bucknell Tampa Club meeting. **Peter Christiano '79** was in charge and it was very well attended, but nobody from our era. Some others were **Bob McClure '73**, **Carol Ann Moon '84**, **Bob and Margie Swigert Kiehl '44**, **Larry Rightmyer '59** and a couple from Lakeland who got master's degrees — I think their name was Johnson, Nora and Dale.

Please send me some news. **Al Beck**, **Ed Glass**, **Dory Green**, **Betty Grim** and all living members — just a note that you are still around. — A.S.

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What to do? Four days till deadline, and I have no news. I wish you would up and send me items for our column!

I phoned **Eleanor Phillips Ives**, Haddon Heights, N.J., and we had a nice chat, though we came up with no news of classmates or other Bucknellians.

Phoned **Luella Hauck Watkins**, Morristown N.J. (with two days to go till my deadline). Luella retired from practicing pediatric dentistry four years ago. She practiced 45 years and her office was in her home, so she never had to send her two sons to daycare. She has a place near Tongue Mountain on Lake George, N.Y. It has been in the family more than 100 years — her grandmother bought it in 1903 — to get there one has to go three miles by boat. It sounds wonderful, with only five other homes nearby.

Another wonderful phone call with **Eleanor Pyle Latta**, West Chester, Pa. In May, she broke her leg, was 3 1/2 months in bed, and now getting around well. Eleanor has five children, 12 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. The shipping business her father started when she was 3 is being run very successfully by her sons, who took over when her husband died 10 years ago. There are 15 terminals all over the Northeast. She mentioned her dogs — she has three Burmese Mountain Dogs. With family next door and the rest nearby, there are 29 when the immediate family gets together. Eleanor tells me that **Bill '46** and **Polly Weist Wilkinson** moved to a retirement community in New Hampshire — they are near their two daughters. Eleanor says she has a happy life. She was married in December 1942 and told Dean Dyer and Dean Rivenburg. Her husband was shipped out to Burma. They let her continue at Bucknell and nothing was to be said. Eleanor says she was just now going through some Bucknell memorabilia and found she still has her freshman cardboard sign in her scrapbook with the string on it. Remember freshman girls wore them on their backs with their name and where they lived spelled out.

It was great to make these phone calls. I should have started sooner. Thank you. — J.B.S.

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Football season started with a night game at home against Georgetown, and it was my good fortune to be there with son **Tim '80**. The team wasn't able to sing its victory song, but we were back for Homecoming and with the win over Marist, the crowd received a very loud serenade then. The 40s decade wasn't too well represented; however, we were joined by **Bob Bartow '43**, **Gene Hubka '47**, **Fitz Walling '46**, **Martha and John Zeller '41**, **Charlie '37** and **Ginny Fisher Vogel '40**, **Betty Hoile List '48**, **Paul '46** and **Jane Henderson '46**, **Jim and Joann Golightly Brown '48** and son **Jeff '79**.

From **Donna Perry Cragg**, "We're so happy our daughter, Michele, is getting married again. It will be in the garden of a lovely old golf course in Clearwater." Michele was widowed three years ago and has a son, Michael, age 12. The wedding took place in October.

Nathaniel Satin did a bit of reminiscing with "I wrote several years ago after the notice of **Estelle Howley Alston's** death. She, **Dorothy Heller** and I graduated from Upper Darby H.S. together in 1940. Wow. That was a long time ago. I was part of the Navy V-12 Unit that arrived in Lewisburg on July 1, 1943, transferring from Drexel. Bucknell was quite an experience for me, as Drexel didn't have a tree or blade of grass when I was there."

From **Burr Williamson**: "Although living in Florida has its perks, not being able to hop in the car and drop in on the kids at a moment's notice is a disadvantage. Alice and I will be flying up in September to my granddaughter's wedding (daughter of

Deirdre Williamson Benson '73, better known as DeeDee) so I will be able to catch up on what's been going on with the family."

Forgive me for not listing all who were in touch after reading of our family's loss in the last *Bucknell World*, but please know your love and thoughtfulness will always be treasured.

It's hoped your holidays were special, and May 2006 bring you the best of everything. Also, may a resolution to send in some news be fruitful. I'll be waiting. Love and peace. — H.R.B.

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Frank Drout shared his story with this class reporter recently, a story that started with the two of us working for Dorothy Grossinger in the kitchen at Larison Hall in 1942. Frank's enlistment in Bucknell's V-12 program led to a degree in electrical engineering, followed by three years of service and another six months decommissioning the famous carrier, *Wasp*. Unlike most of us, Frank left his first civilian employment and returned to Bucknell for a graduate degree in chemistry and found that the chemistry was just right with a coed by the name of **Audrey Coryell '50**. Their marriage of 57 years has led to three children and six grandchildren, some of whom live near the Drouts' home in Lancaster, Pa. Frank put his chemistry into Armstrong's flooring and insulation for 40 years. He and Audrey enjoy their senior activities at church and wonder what it will take, besides voting, to change the world for the better.

Phyllis Costich Schafer, Hamlin, N.Y., enjoys phone visits with classmate **Barbara Dyer Padden**, who lives in Steubenville, Ohio. Both had hoped to return for our class reunion but changed plans for health reasons. Phyllis writes that she and Don decided, for the first time in 24 years, not to go south last winter, and experienced record cold and snow in western New York state.

Thanks to **Bob McLaughlin '48** for sending this reporter a beautiful tribute to our late classmate **Lauretta Jean Hulsizer Bassert**, who died on election night last November. Written by her daughter, Joanna, the tribute portrayed Lauretta as an "American girl" who read *The Feminine Mystique* and watched the mid-century movement unfold as she bore six children, served as president of the Medical Auxiliary at Lower Bucks Hospital and offered her world an excellent example of strength, compassion and intelligence.

After volunteering that I would see many of you at our class reunion in June, I found myself in the role of primary caregiver for Gloria and her new hip instead. We are both doing fine now. Hope you all had a great time at the reunion. As we used to say when our Bison played Penn State football, "Maybe next time!" — W.W.

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Dear classmates: It has been a very busy summer for your reporter. I am late with news, please excuse me, but my mail has had trouble catching me.

I called my roommate, **Carolyn Berkheimer Rosser**, and she told me that **Peggy Baker** passed on in May unexpect-

edly in the hospital. After Peggy transferred to Jefferson Medical College School of Nursing from Bucknell, she married Dr. Robert H. Baker on Sept. 24, 1946. He and their two children, Robert and Barbara, survive.

Note: Peggy Baker's obituary appeared in the September issue.

I wish that I had more news for you all, but none has reached me. Please drop a line or call with good news as well as sad news.

May it be a wonderful Christmas for you all. We have much to be grateful for, don't we? — E.O.A.

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I have heard people say the only certain things in life are death and taxes. Well, I have to add this to my list: that any deadline for news for the 1947 Class Notes will coincide precisely with the date that I have zero news. I am writing this in October 2005 for January 2006 publishing; so much is going on in the world, and it is difficult to put things in proper perspective.

I have been in contact with **Milton Jaques**; he has some great ideas to make you talk. Unfortunately, everything did not get worked out in a timely fashion. Sad to admit it was my fault. However, stay tuned.

I have no news. Well, I have told you the punishment you must endure if you do not send your news to me is that I will send some of my news to you. After 4 1/2 months at the Jersey shore, we headed home to Florida at the end of September, traveling via Asheville, N.C. We visited the Biltmore Estate; this 250-room home truly amazes me. Started in 1889, it was ready for an opening house party on Christmas 1895. George Washington Vanderbilt chose this incredibly beautiful acreage to create Biltmore. A bachelor at the time, Vanderbilt hired over 1,000 workers, artisans and craftsmen from all parts of the world. These talented men lived in a village built just for them and a special railroad was created to transport to and from work. After completion of Biltmore, the railway was torn down, but the charming village remains. Each room is filled with magnificent furnishings, art, wall hangings, including many Flemish tapestries from the 1500s; some very innovative engineering throughout, including a huge heated indoor swimming pool. In an era when not everyone had indoor plumbing, Biltmore had 42 bathrooms. It was really mind boggling for me to imagine life at Biltmore.

Equally mind boggling is imagining life where one of our granddaughters, Lauren Mackenzie, is today. She has signed on with MSF (Doctors Without Borders) for six months as a volunteer nurse/midwife in what was known as Belgian Congo, now called Democratic Republic of Congo. To prepare, Lauren spent two weeks in Brussels for immersion in French language; it was a one-on-one tutoring five hours a day. Then a week in Montreal and off to Walikale, Congo. She seems to be adjusting to her hut home and bucket bathroom. Fortunately, each week she is able to email her husband and he forwards to the rest of our clan. I'm anxious to read the next one as she was going to give a class, in French no less, for maternity nurses to help reach one of her goals of decreasing the high rate of infection in new mothers and their babies.

As I am writing this, daughter Kathi and children are in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii. Kathi's husband is participating in the Hawaii Ironman, which means he must first swim 2.4 miles in the ocean, then bike 112 miles and then do regulation 26.2 miles marathon. There are 1,800 entrants and 17 hours in which to complete the job. Sound like fun to you?

I hope you and yours are well and happy. Do write Jeane, Gene or me. Maybe I should change my name to fit in: Irene, Darlene or something. — G.C.G.

Labor Day weekend 2005 brought sad news from Robert Rosenthal in New York, who advised that his wife, **Meryl "Mickey" Eisenberg**, had lost her valiant battle with cancer on Aug. 23. A quick review of the '47 *L'Agenda* and our class Reunion books through the years clearly show that Mickey Eisenberg was one of the brightest stars in our '47 student-scholar galaxy. Her February graduation honors start with Phi Beta Kappa recognition, plus Honorary Society membership in journalism, English and Spanish. Also, she earned the highest grade point average for February and June graduates. After Bucknell, she studied at Columbia and the University of California, leading to a technical writing stint with the Atomic Energy Commission. Back to New York, while Bob pursued his hematology focus, Mickey combined raising two sons, David and Roger, with community support activities and continued her technical writing expertise with a medical journal.

Two capital "T"s present the two activities much enjoyed by Mickey. The first was tennis, which she avidly pursued both indoor and outdoor through the years, and with hubby Robert; the other joy was travel all over the world's continents.

It would seem here that we as classmates, in reviewing her enthusiasm for life and her collective achievements, might agree that her legacy would provide a wonderful inspiration to any young person beginning their higher education journey at Bucknell. Our sympathy and condolences are extended to her family. — G.M.

Note: Meryl Eisenberg Rosenthal's obituary appears in this issue.

Faith Lief Rathe's husband, Roy, wrote to "The Girls of Honor House" that "Faith passed away on Sept. 17, after a valiant fight with breast cancer. You would all be so proud of the fight she put up." In addition to being wife, mother and grandmother, Faith was bookkeeper for the family heating business, a sailor and a golfer. We maintained contact through the years by the Honor House Round Robin, coordinated by **Ruth Richardson Bullock**. Faith will be sorely missed by all of us who knew her. Notes of sympathy may be sent to Roy Rathe and family, 192 Hazelwood Drive, Westbury, NY 11590.

G.I., Gene and I hope each of you will make a New Year's resolution to write or email us with your news. Many of you are busy making history just by being alive. Please share your stories with us. — J.M.R.

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Our family just came back from Homecoming Weekend. It was so great and excellent weather. We beat Marist, couldn't ask for more. Did run into **Robert Guempel** and his wife, Jeanne. Bob's looking good.

Also, **Jolie La Barr Hardie**, she is full of spirit and very active in all sorts of activities in California.

Betty Hoile List comes back faithfully, said she had a good summer especially down in Cape May, N.J.

Bumped into **Ray Tyler** and his wife, **June Frantz Tyler '47**. They look much as you would remember them, a lovely couple.

Try to come back to Bucknell. Relive great memories.

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The few victories won were against Colgate, Arizona State and Rutgers."

JOE GALLEGHER '52

A really welcome note came from **R.W. Lowrie, P.E.**, who, after graduation with a B.S. in electrical engineering, went to Michigan State, for an M.S. in electrical engineering, and then to many jobs in various states. What a great way to see the States. In 2002, his book, *Life and Afterlife*, was published; there is another accomplishment. He is doing some short stories and can be reached at 19001 Lowrie Lane, Dade City, FL 33523. Thanks for writing me, Dick; I really appreciated hearing about your life after Bucknell.

Happy New Year '48ers; a good health to you all. One thing, make a resolution to write, even if just to say hello. — J.G.B.

Bucknell World is searching for a reporter for the Class of '49. Please contact us if you are interested.

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Roy '49 and Shirley Mathieson Jackman moved from Cape Cod to Glen Allen, Va., near Richmond, last June. The event caused them to miss our 55th Reunion, but they made it back to campus for Homecoming, and found the trip to Lewisburg much easier from the new location. The enticements for the move to Virginia were warmer weather and family living nearby. They found the climate warmer, indeed, due to the hot, dry summer of '05, and they welcomed some fall rains that the lawn of their new home sorely needed. They have found neighbors to be very friendly, and will welcome contacts by Bucknell friends. They are at home at 11570 Greenwood Road, Glen Allen, VA 23059. — D.C.

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Happy New Year '52ers! Do you realize 2006 implies that your 75th birthday is behind you? **Emme Adams Putnam** suggests what fun it would be to read how our class celebrated this diamond jubilee. Emme's three children and their half-sister had a superb family party for her at Wrightsville, N.C., on Sept. 3. The weather was spectacular the entire Labor Day weekend. Kate, age 1, commanded the center of attention as only a new granddaughter can do when she falls in love with the ocean.

The Ruslings celebrated with a bon

vivant dinner at the Crestmont Inn in Eagles Mere, still an unspoiled turn-of-the-century resort. This party for two ended a scenic, history tour through Pennsylvania's Endless Mountains. Route 6 was constructed in 1807 and dubbed a transcontinental highway in 1925. The Sullivan Trail segment of "Warriors Road" commemorates General John Sullivan's march which stopped the raids of Indian tribes and the British during the Revolutionary War. One history marker noted Factoryville as Christy Mathewson's home town and briefly described his life and astonishing athletic accomplishments, ending with the comment that Christy was seen as a "gentleman during a rough and tumble baseball era." Our pace changed upon arrival at the Pennsylvania Grand Canyon in Wellsboro. Countless trails for hiking weave through a forest which rims 50 miles of canyon. This 20,000-year-old wonder has been designated a National Natural Landmark. Route 6 was like a fascinating gateway opening to life beyond 75 years. Now it's your turn! Despite the ravages of last year's hurricanes, Emme and I ask you to please flood us with your stories about birthday No. 75. Go Bison!

Jan and **Joe Gallagher** traveled to Newark, N.J., not for his birthday, but to attend his '46 class reunion at Central High School. Joe, an ardent basketball player, returned to his "ancestral roots" where some classmates seem to never change while others presented a challenge to be recognized. The beautiful stone high school, built in the late 1800s, had no sports fields, showers or lunch room, yet it spawned a state basketball power through the '40s from its tiny gym. Basketball memories not only dominated reunion conversation but continued into the next week when the Galleghers visited Ann and **Connie DeLoca**, and **Marty and Leila Feifer McKibbin '53**. These former teammates were ecstatic about the NCAA Bison victory over highly favored Kansas. Joe reflected, "The teams Bucknell faced in '48-'52 were remembered by the team as fine opponents, but usually were unknown to the fans. The few victories won were against Colgate, Arizona State and Rutgers." Fortunately, the most important points Joe scored as a student athlete are the close friends he made for life.

Jean Lowry Scarr has found a new freedom by moving to a community in Brecksville, Ohio, where home maintenance is just a phone call away. She is active in two music lecture groups that augment her avid interest in opera. Her high school reunion for all graduates in the '40s was combined with a side trip to the Metropolitan Opera and a family gathering in New Jersey with **Jeff '78 and Lynne Scarr Blakemore '79**. The activities of her eight grandchildren — Eagle and Star Scouting, music, sports and holidays — motivate much of her travel. Jean's Bucknellian grandson is a student on the rowing team, a reporter for *The Bucknellian* and a fraternity member. Orange and blue is once more coloring the Lowry family.

It was my good fortune to journey with the Worldwide Ministries Care Team of Lehigh Presbytery as spiritual leader for 12 days in Romania. The goal of the mission team was to strengthen and initiate congregation to congregation partnerships with the Hungarian Reformed Church (HRC) of Romania. The District of

Transylvania has been shuffled back and forth between Romania and Hungary since World War I. The Reformed Church is the glue that binds together these displaced Protestants who struggle to preserve their ethnic identity. The reality of their minority citizenship status is the consequence of harassment and prejudice imposed by an oppressive government and (state) Orthodox Church. A residual communist mindset fosters a static agrarian culture, denies public use of the Hungarian language, limits equal employment, refuses to return confiscated land and schools to the Reformed Church, and ignores the existence of spreading poverty. Awareness of political injustice raised both sadness and admiration for the steadfast courage of the people who keep alive their hope in the face of the ongoing oppression of their religious freedom.

It is the consensus of **Jim '49 and Larice Roseman Burr '50**, **Bob and Fran Locker Tyson, Floyd '50 and Barbara Kaiser Henderson '51**, **Bruce and Marianne Colville Parkinson, Helen "Honey" Baker '44** and her son, **Tim '80**, and the Ruslings, that a sticky bun fix for breakfast at the Country Cupboard is an absolute tradition for Homecoming stammina. There were 60-plus events offered to attract returning alumni with varied personal interests and organizational commitments. The Association of the Arts honored Bucknell's arts legacy with an exhibit of paintings by **David Armstrong '69** and his son, **Chris '89**. Select original works and reproductions by both artists were available for purchase. The Bucknell University Orchestra, with 80 musicians, performed a Concerto Concert on Friday. An outdoor field party of comedy, music, food and campfires entertained for three hours. On Saturday, Chanticleer, a popular men's capella ensemble, included a composition by music professor Jackson Hill. Enthusiasm was evident for the first draft of *The Plan for Bucknell* presented by Vice President **Bob Kallin '78** at the volunteer workshop. Alumni are invited to give feedback to this impressive document with its five major strategies, which is available on myBucknell.bucknell.edu.

Don and Molly Tompkins Manning were equally impressed while watching the human chain to "Load the Trailer," formed by students and alumni. It stretched from the Elaine Langone Center to Mathewson-Memorial Stadium. Boxes collected for victims of hurricanes Katrina and Rita were transported to Louisiana. The Mannings joined us for the indoor tailgate lunch and to cheer the football team to their first 2005 win against Marist College. At the same time, the incredible action-packed Bisonland with inflatable rides and activities engaged future legacies with alternative frolic and fun.

A detour to admire the refurbished Rooke Chapel for its reverent simplicity seemed congruent with walking under an azure blue sky (with no hint of rain all weekend) to the postgame reception in the Terrace Room. The Christy Mathewson Committee of One Thousand, hosted by the Development Office, enjoyed the Bison Chips, a new mixed singing group, and a brief greeting from President Mitchell. This was also the time to connect with **Alice Windeknecht Totten** and hear about **Walt McConnell's '53** exciting plans for his book, *Malignant Decisions*. I hoped to see

Marshall Goulding who had signed in at the Welcome Center, but missed the opportunity. Was anyone else missed?

Joy Davis Edelman and her daughter, **Karen Willem '77**, were missing because of either sailing down the Nile River or floating over Africa in a hot air balloon, or driving a car in Jordan. Their three-prong tour revealed several surprises for Joy. Egypt no longer had beggars on the street, the buildings were new and clean, armed guards were everywhere and two security guards accompanied the tour group at all times. The Valley of the Kings was 117 degrees in the shade. Jordan has four seasons, with snow on the distant mountains. Sightseeing was a tourist's delight for a car was at their service every day with a driver who doubled as guide. The Bedouins were a strong presence in Petra, a city beautiful beyond her expectations. Their dark robes have been discarded and replaced by cell phones and bottled water. The visit to the Bedouin Turkish Bath was kept a mystery, for Joy wrote, "Therein lies a separate tale." Look for her story in April's *Bucknell World*. Have you a tale to tell? — R.C.R.

Marie and **Chuck Mercer** will return to Moscow to serve as the interim pastoral team for the Moscow Protestant Chaplaincy. This is the same position they filled five years ago for eight months; this time they have been asked to commit for up to nine months.

MPC is an international, interracial, ecumenical community of 200 people from 30 different countries serving embassy and business personnel, students, refugees, and anyone who wishes to worship in an English-speaking congregation. This church serves as a haven for students and refugees from Africa, who are subject to persecution because of their color. It also sponsors a soup kitchen that serves 250 mostly elderly pensioners, and distributes food packets to 600 needy students and refugees each month. Bucknellians passing through Moscow are invited to contact Chuck and Marie at their email address: mpc@rol.ru.

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Joan Harris Taylor reports that she and her husband, **William '52**, have moved from their retirement home in Rhode Island to a home in a 55-plus community in Connecticut. Someone else cuts the lawn, rakes the leaves and shovels the snow. This gives them more free time to spend with their family and in their condo in Naples, Fla. The highlight of their summer was the marriage of their granddaughter, **Elizabeth Joy Peters '05**, to **Jonathan Keith Bartholomew '04** on July 9. More than 60 Bucknellians made the trip to Connecticut to share in their celebration. Bucknellians among the bridesmaids were **Liesel Witmer '07**, **Amber Aho '05** and **Heather Schatten '05**. The groomsmen included their grandson, **Stephen Peters '07**; **Jonathan Davis '04**; **Joe Moser '05** and **Andrew Marbach '05**. Andrew is the son of **Beth Hoffman Onofri '78** and **John Marbach '78**. Andrew is also the grandson of **Dorothy Merritt Marbach '48**. The bride is also the great-niece of **Robert '49** and **Barbara Fitzgerald Taylor '47** and **Walter '47** and **Jean Taylor Noll '47**. The wedding was really a great Bucknell party!

Art Lloyd is following his interest in automobiles. I suppose his interest in cars goes back to his days at Bucknell when he had an MG. Remember? He still has a '53 MG just like the '52 MG he had then. He has traveled to Europe to several races, following especially the Ferraris. He has purchased a 1928 Franklin sedan. Art said, "The Franklin is fully restored; however, right now I'm having a little trouble engine-wise, but we'll get there. When I get

her running she runs like a top — just ignition problems, I hope." What will he do with that? Stay tuned.

Women of the class, this is an early warning. I have tentatively set the date for the Philadelphia area spring luncheon for Wednesday, May 10. I say tentatively, so please don't hold me to it. But, if I'm still around and the restaurant where we met last year is still in business, we will gather in Chestnut Hill. Directions are available by train from the city or by car from nearby areas. Please put May 10 on your calendar now — in pencil.

As I write this column in October, I am planning to be on a river cruise in Eastern Europe in the next few days. My roommate will be **Fran Hankinson Hillman**. When we saw the passenger list, we noticed that fellow travelers would be **Bill '52** and **Sue Joos Hendrixson**. Our travel story will be in the next issue along with lots of news from you, I hope. — C.H.K.

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The traditional October pool/ping-pong contest between **Jim and Syd Sherwin Mellinger '52** and **Glen '52** and **Bonnie Mackie Aspinwall** in Naples, Fla., had an additional measure of challenge and suspense provided by Hurricane Wilma. Plans for how to wait out the storm continuously changed. Eventually there was a mandatory evacuation, but not before our games were played. The Mellingers were victorious playing pool, and the Aspinwalls evened the score by winning the ping-pong games.

Original survival plans called for us all to evacuate to Lehigh Acres. Eventually, the Mellingers opted to take their RV to Tampa, and the Aspinwalls hunkered down at home in Lehigh Acres. Happy to report the property damages could have been a lot worse, but we are all safe, resuming our usual routines and looking forward to rematches next year. — B.M.A.

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Happy New Year, classmates. I hope all of you had a grand holiday with all your family and friends and most of all that you were in excellent health. I am still apologizing for missing the September news. A Class Notes editor left and did not send my news on to the new Class Notes editor. I will certainly make every effort to not let that happen again.

I heard from **Jean Carnegie Golightly** that she and **Bill** had been very busy since our 50th Reunion. Big event was 50th anniversary. Their kids planned a surprise trip to New Hampshire — a place Jean's family had visited during her childhood, where she and Bill took their kids and where their children have taken their kids. They rented two houses on a beautiful lake for the 17 of them. What a wonderful week they had. First time all together since she can't remember when. Had a special anniversary dinner, complete with a wedding cake made by a granddaughter, gold-rimmed champagne glasses for the toast

and of course smashed cake so as not to disappoint the kids. And they managed to keep it all a secret.

I hear a little from **Norm Single** since Reunion. At first news, but now just forwarded jokes, which are very funny. Norm and **Ellie** have three sons — one in the Air Force in Minot, N.D.; another in Mobile, Ala.; and another in Atlanta. He stays in close contact with all of them. He and his dog, Dickens, keep busy mowing the lawn and going to the Braves games.

We finally got together this summer with **Dick and Gail Rothenberger Shand**. They are in the Down East Sailing Club and come up to Mt. Desert Island every year. We went over for cocktails on their boat in North East Harbor. The next day, we picked them up and drove to Jordan Pond House in Acadia National Park for lunch. Then we brought them back to Bass Harbor to show them our house. They live in Damariscotta, Maine. Gail went to high school in Cranford, N.J., with **Margaret "Pupsie" Sauer Haviland**. Every year they plan a get-together with three other classmates, and this year it was Chicago. In September they went off to Africa on a tour. In the winter they spend one month in Arizona at the house of their son, who lives in Utah. Then three weeks in Hilton Head, S.C., en route to Columbus, Ga., to visit another son. They stop off in Waynesboro, Va., to visit **Bruce Cloud**. **Ed Mizma** emailed them that he was coming to Reunion but somehow he never made it.

Got a nice email from **Fred Olessi**. He was due to go to Mexico with his youngest grandchild in July, but she stood him up because her uncle, who lives there told her there had been kidnappings in Pueblo, where he lives and where they were going. Fred thinks the real reason was she did not want to leave her mall-hopping friends. Fred spent October in Spain, where he has a house, and January in Italy. In mid-September he spent a few days with **Roy and Rita Jay Gavert** in Beaver.

Got a lovely phone call from **Lydia Hines Rittinger** the other day. She and **Ritt '54** were just back from Greece, having had a wonderful trip. On the trip they met two Bucknellians — **Jane Masters Nase '57**, who lives in Sinking Spring, Pa., and **Joan Henry Kindy '57**. Lydia is keeping busy running around all over the world. The next week she was off to Cancun, Mexico, to have a reunion with her three sisters — something they do every year. Then next month Ritt's brother Roger's son is being married in Barbados. Right on, Lydia and Ritt — stay healthy and enjoy.

As you read this, Christmas has come and gone. This is the first Christmas ever Bill and I have been alone. Bobbie and family are going to Phoenix, Ariz., to be with Douglas' family. Day and Patrick fly in from San Francisco and spend Christmas with his family in Delaware, then come to us later in the week and spend New Year's with us. Bauer must stay in Attleboro, Mass., and do church services, so he and family arrive after Christmas. It had to happen sometime and I am sure we're up to the challenge. Meanwhile, have a Happy Healthy 2006, and don't forget to write to Bobbie. — B.B.E.

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In a late summer email, **Norma Smayda '55** described her wonderful week teaching weaving at the Arrowmont School of the Arts located in Gatlinburg, Tenn. As a teacher, she stayed in the staff house, so her accommodations were not as rustic as those for the students. She described the ambiance as very adequate, with good solid old furniture and a shared bath as well as a wonderful lounge and screened porch for those who had time for relaxing there. Very

good home cooking, lots of it, and lots of variety. The large gallery was a great place to exhibit work from the teachers who taught there during the summer. It was very well displayed and an inspiration to see such good quality work, varied and creative. There were many interesting courses taught and it was so easy to connect with the other faculty, the helpful staff and students during mealtime. The week that she was there, nine teachers and 92 students were on hand. Norma enjoyed the slide and demo presentations led by the faculty, which made her wish that she had the opportunity to take other courses. The library was quiet and inviting but due to her schedule, Norma had little time to spend there. Her classroom was large and well equipped with a teaching assistant who had everything in working order before she arrived.

She delighted in her compatible, enthusiastic class of 10 weavers. They all bonded the first day and were helpful and supportive of each other, which goes a long way towards making a class work well. Her students worked hard all week, from the Sunday evening introductory session until late every evening. No one took any time to explore either Gatlinburg or the mountain trails nearby. Everyone wove all that she had planned for them and took home two woven pieces and samplers for inspiration to weave more at home.

Perhaps some of you will remember an earlier column by your reporter describing my stay at Arrowmont with roommate **Barb Bauer Tanner** and **Jean Wirths Scott** during the spring of '04. I took an intro class in fused glass, Jean enjoyed another repeat in woodturning, and Barb turned photographer, which included hiking the trails near Arrowmont — founded by Pi Beta Phi many years ago.

Last September, **Isle Hoffman Stanton** wrote that she and husband, John, have moved from Weston, Conn., to a suburb of Winchester, Va., to be nearer to their grandchildren, who live in Leesburg. The Stantons plan to be on hand for our grand 50th in June and look forward to catching up with old friends. In the meantime, you may contact them at 135 Caspian Drive, Stephens City, VA 22655.

In our next column, let's share our plans for retirement. Will you be winding up your career or will you be seeking another avenue of inspiration? Will you move to a new location, downsize, upsize, or head to an adult community or life-care facility? Will you be seeking a new life near the grandchildren or do you plan to tuck yourself away in a quiet cozy corner? Snail mail or email me your plans as you prepare to pack up and be on hand for our fabulous 50th in June. — J.R.R.

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Jacqueline "JJ" James Newman reports that "The Tri-Delts and other Bucknell friends met in Philadelphia in mid-September to celebrate our 15th annual reunion. **Libby Estey Butler**, **Ellie Haber Shaw**, **Mary Joyce Woodward Beringer**, **Joanne Wallin O'Brien**, **Sally Botsai** and I stayed at the Park Hyatt at the Bellview and dined at Bridgids in the Fairmont area, which was just right. It was casual, quiet and reasonable and the food was very good. After dinner on Friday we attended the Lights of Liberty show. It was a walking tour of the locations and buildings in which the Founding Fathers lived and worked while the revolution unfolded and the Declaration of Independence was written.

"Saturday we went to the National Constitution Center to see an excellent show on the history of the founding of this country, followed by an exhibit of many of the milestones in the development of the government and the nation. We took the

big bus tour of the city, alighting at Society Hill for a refueling stop for (naturally) Philly cheese steaks and a walking tour, which included Penn's Landing.

"Back on the bus for a quick change before heading out to **Alan Stillman's** Smith and Wollensky restaurant on Rittenhouse Square, where we penned Al a note. Joining us was **Ruth Ann Myers**, who had spent many years in the city. The waiter announced that two men at a nearby table, members of the San Francisco 49ers in town for an Eagles game, had bought us a round of drinks just before they left. We were flattered and delighted by the surprise (we were all celebrating that big birthday ending in 0). Unfortunately, we could not get their names.

"The next morning **Pat Wenk Strachan** and **Billie Jane Boyer Maul** joined us for coffee at the hotel before we all headed out for yet another cholesterol-laden brunch at Rembrandt's near the Art Museum, where Ruth Ann joined us again. Try the Bananas Foster pancakes with brown sugar, bourbon, bacon and sausage. So good!

"All in all a great weekend. Next year we hope to reassemble in the Outer Banks, hurricanes notwithstanding."

John '56 and **Marilyn Edgumbe Grant** took a driving trip from their home in Rowland Heights, Calif., to Yellowstone Park. She writes: "If you have never visited that part of the country (Montana, Wyoming and Idaho), you are in for a treat. It helps to have a cowboy hat and Levis (I don't). The park is a geologist/biologist's wonderland. Too many elk and bison to count. The geysers, springs and mud holes are boiling and toiling. I only wish I had worked out on a stair master or climbed hills before we visited the park. We also checked out Big Sky, Mont., and Jackson Hole, Wyo., ski areas. If you like prop planes you can get there in the winter!"

Gretchen Rohrbach Flurer responded to my plea for news as she was getting ready for a trip to Seattle from her home in Huntington Beach, Calif. The purpose of her trip was to go to the opening of her nephew Jake Heggie's opera, *The End of the Affair*, based on a book by Graham Green. Jake has composed two operas and is a guest artist in the music department of Bucknell every year for about a month at a time. Gretchen's daughter and her family moved to the Seattle area, so Gretchen will get to see them, too, before and after the opera. Jake's first opera, *Dead Man Walking*, opened in San Francisco about five years ago. Gretchen and her husband, **Jack Flurer '55**, attended that premiere. Both operas have received good reviews and are being produced all over the United States and in some foreign countries.

As I write this, I am preparing for my trip to Charleston, S.C., to join the Class of '57 6th Street House reunion. **Nancy Johnson Andrews**, who lived in Charleston for a time, has arranged our lodging and itinerary. **Cary Lefever Roberts**, who hosted a family wedding in Charleston, has booked our dining arrangements. You will, of course, get a report on the event in a future Class of '57 column.

It's not too soon to start planning your trip to Lewisburg for our 50th Reunion in June '07. Please send me news. — D.H.H.

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Shortly after hearing from **Carol Davies Aronis** by phone, she and her husband, Alex, visited us in Lewisburg on their way home to Cincinnati from a fall vacation in New England. Earlier in the year, they had returned home to the U.S. after serving the Union Church of Manila for two years. Family occasions following their arrival home included the marriage of daughter,

Dawn, and the 40th birthday celebration of daughter, Tina.

One week before the Aronises' visit, our daughter, **Carole '97**, was married to Thomas Trainer in Lewisburg. Bucknell friends who were bridesmaids included **Katherine DeiCas '97**, **Jennifer Wang '97**, **Sharon Richardson Kemmlein '97** and **Casey Rumsey '96**. Our daughter, **Julie '84**, was the maid of honor. Everyone enjoyed the beautiful singing voice of **Adele Irving**, the soloist. Classmates in attendance were **Marie Mastorakis** and **Rogers and Jane Scheifele Herwig Frassenei**.

Kitty Seiler Black of Stephens City, Va., reported that, after retiring from her teaching career, she's beginning her eighth year as an elementary substitute teacher. She and her husband, Ken, have three grown children who live with their families in Chicago, Ill.; Bethlehem, Pa.; and Raleigh, N.C. At the time of Kitty's email, she mentioned that Ken was preparing to go to the hurricane area, with the Red Cross, as building inspector. — N.J.R.R.

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Many of the people that I email seem to be changing their email address and not informing me of the change, so I am requesting that you send the change of email address to me. We have about three years before we have our 50th Reunion, and I would like to collect as many email addresses as possible so we may get people involved in finding as many classmates as possible in order to make it the best reunion ever.

David Fickett stated, "On Aug. 14, my wife, Caryl, and I celebrated our 40th anniversary, on a 12-day Alaskan cruise vacation. I can honestly say that our marriage has always been very good. We had a week's beach vacation at Monterey, Calif., with both of our daughters, their husbands and six grandchildren, three of whom were born last November. The youngest daughter and her family have relocated to Fort Campbell, Ky. Her husband is a career officer in our Army, a Cavalry-aviator and executive officer of an aviation brigade deployed to Iraq with the 101st Airborne Division. We are very proud of him and all of our dedicated troops. Five years ago, I discovered the artist inside of me. Fortunately a very fine local artist, a Russian trained at the University at St. Petersburg, Russia, has taken me under his wing. My purpose is to see how good I can get in the time that's left. It's like a new lease on life. This summer, childhood friend, fraternity brother and classmate, **David Nodine '58** and his wife, **Beverly Franz Nodine '60**, visited with us in El Paso on their way from their Arizona extended winter vacation to home in Minnesota. We had a great time catching up. Like us, Dave and Bev have been blessed with a great marriage, happily married daughters and an abundance of grandchildren. None of us have been without problems, some very serious, but by the grace of God, have come through."

Richard Perlman emailed, "Many Sammies from classes of '56-'60 met in The Big Apple on Sept. 11 for a reunion. Those putting the event together included **Jay Citron '58**, **Bob Lederer**, **Dave Block '58**, **Andy Cahn**, **Myron Sugerman**, **Herbie Kallenberg**, myself and many others, too numerous to mention. Most brought their spouses, and unlike yesteryear, were on their best behavior. It is planned to do this again next year. No one was sorry to have attended."

Joan Peregoy Thayer sent this note: "More of the substitute teaching in Latin for me, first for two weeks at a middle

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school and at a high school until Nov. 8. I work every other day from 7:20-2:10; getting up at 5:30 is not my favorite thing, but the students are fun and eager to learn. I'm also tutoring three afternoons a week. On Nov. 26 my husband, Ted, and I began a 12-day cruise to the Southern Caribbean on the *Maasdam*, sailing to and from Norfolk, Va. We have sailed on her before from Acapulco to Fort Lauderdale via the Panama Canal and enjoy the moderate size of the ship. We are looking forward to seeing Barbados for the first time! My 15-year-old grandson plays freshman football at nearby Westfield High School, a rival of the high school where I teach. The freshman, JV and varsity games are well attended by the community as well as students."

Rhoda and **Brad Green** are in San Diego at White Sands of La Jolla for three months until January. They left Telluride Sept. 28 for the Sierras, Mammoth Lakes, Calif., where they hiked with their Swiss Family Group, whom they met in Switzerland nine years ago, and with whom they get together to hike somewhere each year.

Bill and **Mona O'Neill Sharkey** emailed: "Mona and I had a wonderful month-long trip to the Canadian Maritimes and New England. We were in North Jersey for Mona's 50th high school reunion at Leonia High School, Leonia, N.J., in Bergen County. Before the dinner, we had a chance to drive around Leonia and nearby Fort Lee. Visited the hotel where we had our wedding reception, the church we married in, plus our first apartment in Ft. Lee. In the lounge of the Glen Pointe Marriott, we had chance to spend an hour-plus visit with **Al Reubel** and his lovely wife, Sarah. They were dropping their son off for a

hockey game in Hackensack — a great visit. In Lexington, Mass., we had dinner with **Willi Rilling Stahura** and had a lovely time. Willi, who is supremely organized, had some good ideas to share with Mona for our 50th class reunion, plus some great spots to visit in Maine and Nova Scotia, next on our itinerary. I will not make this a travelogue; however, the coastlines of Maine, Nova Scotia and Cape Breton Island are magnificent. The jewel of the Maritimes for us was Prince Edward Island. The end of September brought us to Orleans, Mass., on Cape Cod. We had delightful dinner with **Carol Stevens Adams** and her husband, Win. They were very hospitable and gracious to us. The next day we met at their lovely home, went on a driving tour of the Cape, and lunch at Wellfleet (Bookstore Rest). The first of the month of October found us in Providence, R.I. We were able to have a good time visiting **Miriam Mendelson McRobb** at her home. Mona and I joined Miriam and Bill Hulse for dinner nearby. They also took us for a tour of Providence. Since our last reunion, Mona and I thought we would visit as many classmates as possible whenever it fits in with our itinerary. Life is too short now to be without these friendships."

Dee Pieper Shelley wrote: "The sun shone in Lewisburg on Oct. 1 at Bucknell Homecoming. **Penn '53** and I enjoyed watching the Bison football victory with Steve and **Betsy Kilbury Foster**. We had such a fun weekend that I called **Herb Wright** when we got home and told him I'd make calls for the coming campaign he has inspired! Oct. 8 was my Tenaflly High School 50th reunion weekend. The main event was the Saturday evening cocktail/dinner party at the Knickerbocker Country

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Club. Darcy and **John Verbeyst** of Demarest, N.J., and **Anne Hatfield Knowles** of Easton, Md., and Jupiter, Fla., were among the Class of 1955 graduates attending the festivities. Lastly, I look forward to meeting **Jo Shideler Heuer** for a concert in New York."

Marty Taylor Wright emailed: "Herb and I both had our 50th high school reunions this year and enjoyed them enormously: Westfield, N.J., and Summit, N.J. Everyone was so glad to see each other at these gatherings and there was so much wonderful catching up to do with never enough time to cover all the bases. Everyone was moved by the absence of classmates who had passed on during the past five years, and it certainly drove home how fortunate we were to be there and to be enjoying each day. We traveled in June to Portugal, spending some time on the Algarve which was first brought to my attention in the book, *Five Smooth Stones*, in the 60s. Then we flew to Lisbon to catch a Silverseas cruise along the coast of Portugal, Bordeaux and the northern coast of France to Honfleur. The summer was filled with kids and grandkids living with us all summer to sail, play tennis, and do all the beach and water things that the bay affords. It was incredibly busy and fun. In October we went to the Berkshires with **Doug Grigg** and Bambi Black and **Mike** and **Carol Burrows Hixson**. It was a wonderful get-together despite the horrid downpours that were desperately needed in the Northeast. Wish we'd been able to get

in more golf."

Marge Marquardt Harrison wrote, "Julian and I attended my 50th high school reunion in Sayville, N.Y., this past October. It was fun talking to the 48 classmates whom I had not seen in 50 years. Where does the time go? One of the highlights of the weekend was a chance to visit with a favorite teacher — Lillian Hertlin, who taught math and just celebrated her 91st birthday. The experience made me realize how lucky we are and inspired me to get in touch with other friends whom I've not seen for a very long time."

Ann Hardy Sharp stated, "Chairing the 25-member planning committee which worked for two years to pull together my high school class's 50th reunion, and hosting five of my classmates plus one extra spouse with no ties to our school, for the 3 1/2 day weekend just ended, has left me with wonderful memories and a very tired body! We'd only had two reunions previously, a 10th and a 30th. We were able to locate all but four of our 110 classmates by reunion time, and 63 percent of our survivors came to the festivities. Are these statistics that would be reasonable to hope for at Bucknell in 2009 for the 50th Reunion of our class?"

Barbara Dunning Du Puy and I relished an outstanding Elderhostel trip to the Mediterranean last fall. We were in a group of 34 Elderhostelers aboard the *Pantheon*, a Greek motor sailer, which was both our hotel and transportation. We basked in the colossal ancient relics, history and beautiful

scenery of Malta, Sicily and Aeolian islands.

As I was finishing up this article, **Tom Linton** called me from piers in Portsmouth, Va., so I picked him up and brought him back to our home, so he could clean up before heading back to Annapolis. He had signed on as crew aboard the schooner, *Imagine*, which was one of 35 that participated in the schooner race from Annapolis to Portsmouth, Va. I was informed that the *Imagine* was first to finish the race in its class, so Tom, who in the past had won multiple Shark Class Catamaran National Championships, felt right at home with his shipmates racing down the Chesapeake Bay. — T.E.D.

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Reunion 2006

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Hello to all. After missing a column, I am back. I know you all missed me.

Anyway, I finally received some news after one of those "where were you when" requests. It seems that Brad Tufts was with some Bucknell grads and employees (didn't mention who they were) and some Kansas grads while watching the big upset at the NCAAs. Brad told the Kansas group that he would be incorrigible if Bucknell won, but he has really been very nice. They watched the game at Frank Selvy's home (remember him? He scored 100 points in a basketball game for Furman against Newberry in 1954). Frank was a wonderful host and a great guy. Brad grew up here in Briarcliff Manor and always asks me about the town. He hasn't been back for a long time and he certainly would not recognize it due to the growth factor. Brad was hosted by **Ellis '59** and **Jane Sutherland Harley '60** at Homecoming.

Another great "where were you" came from a lost classmate and ex-next-door-neighbor from the Phi Psi house, **Vic Bellace**, who apologized for not keeping in touch (none needed, Vic) and who appreciates my reporting efforts. Vic and his wife, Anita, along with their son, **John Bellace '89** and his wife (married Sept. '04), were at a Phillies-Yankees exhibition game in Clearwater, Fla., and they kept running back and forth to the tiki bar in left field to check the Bucknell-Kansas game (needless to say, by the end of the game they were a bit unsteady). Vic and Anita spend the month of March every year in Clearwater Beach, "scouting" the major and minor league teams in the area. He recommends it if you've never done it. Later that night they were at dinner and heard people celebrating the Bucknell win. It turned out to be a Bucknell board member and his family. Vic forgets the name, but does remember the round of celebratory drinks that completed a memorable night. After Bucknell lost they happened to be back at the tiki and everyone knew who they were! I guess fame and hopefully, fortune, follows '61 around. Vic has retired to Cherry Hill, N.J., and passes on his email, adbellace@comcast.net.

Homecoming was another huge success as Bucknell won their first football game handily. I was not able to attend, but I put my main cub reporter **Dick "Turk" Carnesale** (aka Jimmy Olson) on the job and he "did good." Funny, his partner, Peggy, had to keep him up to snuff. Peggy is from Canada, though, and she was concerned that she met everyone except Jimmy. I guess Superman is not so big up there.

Also present were Doris and **Jim**

Bannar and their granddaughter, Kyrie, who was looking over the school for consideration; **Dan '64** and **Georgia Gillis Goodman '64**; **Rennie Clements '63** and **Art Evans '62** and his wife, Cathy. The Evans have an extended Bucknell family and, as usual, hosted a fantastic tailgate party. Art's sister donated two huge two-foot sandwiches that were enjoyed by all, especially Turk and Peggy, since they don't make 'em like that in southern Cal. Rennie ran into **Bob Marks '67** and Bob mentioned that he used to watch him play at wide-receiver, which made Rennie feel kind of "aged," let's say.

On Friday the gang played the annual golf match up at White Deer, and believe it or not, Georgia came in with low gross, and that's all anyone would say. Hey, I believe it!

After the game, the crew stopped by the Lambda Chi house, where the boys again regaled the underclassmen with a rendition of the LCA drinking song "Shiney-Miney." Dan says the coeds were looking to tear off some clothes, but Rennie thought he confused tearing shirts off some old fogies with kids throwing beer cups and yelling, "Where's the rock band?"

Staying at the Pine Barn Inn in Danville was a treat, as Saturday night featured a singer and piano player, Larry Smith, who featured a singer named Journey Blue Heaven (honest!). Her number, "Boomerang," was a blast and Dan got to dance with her for three seconds. When Rennie mentioned that he was a physics major, she asked him about quantum mechanics, string theory and metaphysics (can you believe it?). They did "Shiney-Miney" again. No one knows its origin, and Rennie thinks it died after '61.

Art Evans took over the mike for a time and received a standing ovation, although much to his chagrin, not one free beverage. He can really keep a party going with his wit and charm. Turk and Jimmy Bannar missed most of the festivities since it was getting late, and Turk was afraid Jimmy would be up in the middle of the night playing his banjo. I missed a great weekend.

Also heard from **Lou Russo '60** and **Ken Rickett '60**. They were sorry to hear of a couple of more of our contemporaries passing on. **Karl Schaefer '60** and **Bill "Browser" White '58** left us this year — a loss that the brothers of LCA will not forget. We send our condolences to their families and friends. Lou tried to contact Karl and kept missing him, so he wishes us all to "not put anything off" when contacting friends.

(Note: Karl Schaefer's obituary appeared in the November 2005 issue and Bill White's appears in this issue.)

Lou and his wife, Kathy, returned from London and Paris with their sons Michael, who just graduated from Penn, and Chris, who finished his first year at Boston College. Son David has moved to New Jersey, which is close by. Oldest son Jeff lives in West Virginia with his wife and two children. Chris goes down to Ocean City and Lou wonders if Tony Marts or Bayshores are still standing.

This column will get to you after the New Year, so I surely wish you all had a wonderful holiday season and have a happy and healthy New Year. My best. — B.B.

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How is it possible that the summer of '05 has come to an end? Did I sleep through most of July and August? Now we look forward to a clear, crisp fall and, hopefully, an easy winter.

I attended a baby shower for **Beverly Anderson McCausland's** daughter, **Julie, '91**. Julie, a physician in Pittsburgh, and her husband, Sam, are expecting their first

child, a girl, in January. It was such fun being at Beverly's lovely home and seeing **Margie McLean Smink**, who was celebrating the birth of their fifth grandchild, a daughter, Tierney Ellen born to Doug Smink and Kara Tierney on Sept. 2. Doug is finishing his general surgery residency at the Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, while Kara is the women's lacrosse coach at Trinity College in Hartford, Conn. During the time we had together, we discussed the upcoming visit of **Jane Carson Sims**, who will be traveling from her home in Alabama to visit her mother, who resides in Haverford. In advance of her visit, Janie sent me a much-welcomed email, filling me in on her activities.

She has joined many of you who are thoroughly enjoying retirement, but finding yourselves busier than ever. How fortunate you are that there are so many interests, and now you have the time to pursue them. In addition to gardening, Janie knits for charity with a group of ladies, making preemie layettes, as well as blankets for Linus projects for children with cancer. She combines her knitting with quilting and volunteering two half-days per week in two elementary schools helping out with a reading program and giving one-on-one assistance to children who need extra attention. Traveling has been a priority with a trip to England, followed by an Elderhostel program in Roanoke, Va., to study Thomas Jefferson. By the way, Janie strongly recommends the Elderhostel program. It certainly does sound intriguing. A trip to Maine to visit her sister rounded out her summer.

Since Janie lives in Alabama, she shared with me her impressions of the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, which devastated the Gulf Coast. She wrote, "The damage in 3D is nearly unbelievable. In the rubble that was once someone's home, but now looks only like a bad game of 'pick-up-sticks,' furniture and appliances simply disappeared. Boats are on top of cars. It's just unbelievable."

She also shared her pride in Bucknell's immediate response to urgent needs, particularly the speed at which Bucknell opened its doors to 20 Tulane students, who, at this writing, are housed in Lewisburg and going to class. As she pointed out, no one in that area had ever heard of Bucknell. Now they have. "Ray Bucknell!"

During her visit in October, a reunion between Margie, Beverly, Janie and me took place.

I was very pleased and surprised to hear from **Doug Fiero** who, after 23 years, has retired from his internal medicine practice at the Cape Ann Medical Center in Gloucester, Mass. He and his wife, Sharon, have moved into Boston, where he is completing a degree in public health, in preparation for his next career in international health. Their new address is 552 Mass Ave., Suite 5, Boston, MA 02118. They would welcome getting together with any Bucknellians in the Boston area.

Last, but not least, thanks to **Marty James Nichols** for forwarding to me a wonderful newspaper article detailing my son-in-law, Skip, receiving the award of Anne Arundel County Teacher of the Year. In a follow-up email, Marty wrote that she is the proud mother of two fine sons. Douglas, having completed his associate's degree at Harford Community College, is a registered nurse specializing in elder care. Ryan, a graduate of James Madison University, is the production manager and sound engineer for the band Switchfoot. In this position, he travels extensively throughout the United States and to many other countries around the world. Ryan's wife, Penny Deihl, is a trial lawyer and partner specializing in construction law with Morris Polich and Purty LLP in Los Angeles. Marty's career path has been extremely varied, including five years of social work in child protective services and adoption services; 10 years as a full-time mother and active volunteer; eight years as a swimming teacher in a public middle

school; nine years as a programmer analyst for Black and Decker; one year selling Dale Carnegie training and five years in a variety of roles with McCormick and Company. Additionally, for six years, she had the sole responsibility for handling the affairs of her elderly parents.

Before entering the corporate world, she took a year to focus as a full-time student in the Goucher College Management Institute Information Services, an extensive accelerated program for college graduates preparing for positions in business management and computer technology. After being "downsized" from the corporate world, she again became a student to learn about therapeutic recreation and activities for the elderly.

She is working part time as an activity coordinator in the Nursing Care Center of Broadmead Continuing Care Retirement Community. Marty has asked me to list her email address: Marty.Nichols@alum.bucknell.edu, and would welcome any communication from classmates.

Judging from the influx of news for this column, it appears that my "bended knee" plea was quite effective. Thanks to the classmates who wrote. Now, how about the rest of you? — B.K.S.

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It would seem that for the Class of '63 it is raining babies. Our daughter, Laura, gave birth to Jack Thomas on Aug. 23. His claim to fame was that he was born three weeks early and is tracking the 90th percentile plot for height. Shortly after Jack's birth, I called former roommate **Sally Jo Robison Deel**, to find that she, too had a grandchild announcement. Her daughter, Karen, gave birth to the first Deel grandchild, Alexa Lynn, in June. Our class could surely make an impressive list of baby names.

Sally asked about our class's poet laureate, **Pat Menousek Pinegar**, so I dropped her an email. She continues writing poetry with her latest volume, *The Physics of Transmigration*, out last April through Antrim Press. Pat writes under the name of Pit M. Pinegar. When she told me the book had been nominated for a Pulitzer, I thought she jested. I was wrong. I ordered both Pat's book and the one that earned her a Pulitzer nomination and am enjoying both. As she says, it is a long shot, but stranger things have happened. Pat reports that **Dennis '61** and **Andrea Becker Rittenhouse** traveled to Poland with son, David, and his wife, Magda, for the christening of baby Helenka in the presence of her maternal grandparents.

Larry Beck's plan to move his residence and his business north is complete. He and his wife, Danielle, are residing in Thomaston, Maine, and would enjoy hearing from Bucknell friends.

Our annual giving campaign is underway. Your gift committee, led by **Darryl Novak**, hopes you will donate generously when called. Last week, I attended a special event for fundraisers held at the Riverside Yacht Club in the Riverside section of Greenwich. The dinner was hosted by **Dick Pace '66** and his wife, Mary, along with strong support from LuAnn Kerstetter of Bucknell's Office of Giving. We generated numerous ideas, but a central theme is to encourage everyone to give something. Consider who you might like to remember or honor from your past or current Bucknell experience with a gift to Bucknell. It will make a difference.

More news to come. — W.S.B.

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Mother Power

As her young adult son's agonizing battle with cancer stretched on, psychologist **Jacqueline Hornor Plumez '65** began to founder. She had helped so many patients over the years to cope with tragedy. Now, she needed help.

She found it in the Mothers of the Plaza de Mayo, a human rights group formed by grieving Argentine mothers searching for children abducted by the country's military regime. As many as 30,000 Argentines "disappeared" between 1976 and 1983. Almost 30 years later, the mothers' activism continues.



"When I visited Buenos Aires in 1998, I met the Mothers of the Plaza de Mayo. They were the only group who had stood up to the government, and I kept thinking about how brave they were," Plumez recalls.

A year later, she returned to Argentina to learn more. She continued to research "this whole idea of the power that maternal women have" and wrote the book *Mother*

Power (Sourcebooks 2002).

"I was interviewing these really strong women who went through terrible times with grace and strength and who turned it into something positive," she says. "These were the kind of role models I had been searching for."

Mother Power was not the first time that Plumez's experiences inspired her to write a book, but it was the most personal. Early in her career, she counseled children "who were destroyed" by the foster family and group home system. Out of that experience emerged *Successful Adoption: A Guide to Finding a Child and Raising a Family* (Harmony 1982, rev. 1987).

Later, when she opened a private practice and began career counseling, she wrote *Divorcing a Corporation: How to Know When — and If — a Job Change Is Right for You* (Villard 1986). She writes a weekly column, "The Career Doctor," for the online newspaper *Larchmont Gazette* in Westchester County, NY (www.the-careerdoctor.com).

And now Plumez is turning *Mother Power* into an off-Broadway play about mothers who are anti-war activists.

"In so many cases, in so many countries, it is mothers who have led the peace movements," she says. "Mothers in the Solomon Islands walked across the battle lines and talked the (boy) soldiers into laying down their arms. Women have led peace movements in Northern Ireland, Russia, Israel, Rwanda, Burundi, Sierra Leone"

In 2001, Jean Paul Plumez III succumbed to cancer at the age of 29. Jacqueline Plumez dedicated *Mother Power* to him. As her work continues, she herself has become an example of the power of maternal love.

— Theresa Gawlas Medoff '85

Dick Bochinski sent his first-ever alumni update. His early retirement in 2001 lasted almost a whole year! Since then he's been teaching part time at a local community college. His involvement in community activities led to his membership on the town's board of education. He also chairs a committee working to create a conservation education center on 42 acres of 18th-century farmland. Wife **Pam Morrison '63** continues her law practice. They traveled to Ukraine and the Black Sea, which he calls "a fascinating and troubled area."

The Liberty High School reunion in Bethlehem, Pa., included three Bucknellians: **Buck Ewing**, **Elliott Riskin** and **John Matthews '65**.

Condolences to **Ann Reiter Gordon**

who lost her mother, Bucknellian **Edna Schneider Reiter '37**, in April.

Carolyn Thomes Angel reports that our freshman hallmate **Armeda Ferrini** is alive and well and writing the fourth edition of her textbook about senior health, *Health in the Later Years with Powerweb: Aging*. She continues to teach part time at the University of California, Chico. All seven of her grandchildren live in California. Lucky Armeda. As for Carolyn, she is substitute teaching and trying to find time for her various hobbies. She is the only woman I know who still cans tomatoes and makes her own applesauce. Husband Harold turned 80 this year and the Angels celebrated with a 2,000-mile trip to Georgia and Florida. Harold did all the driving! — D.S.K.

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2005 certainly was the year of the hurricane. Each of us was moved by the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina. And each of us was moved by the many instances of bravery and compassion exhibited by volunteers in the months that followed. Caring people reach out to those in need. I'm proud of the many Bucknellians who have done so.

We all are drawn to water. Many of us plan yearly visits to lakes, rivers and the good old Atlantic Ocean. I've been visiting Ocean City, N.J., since the mid 1940s. The Haigh Family Reunion still occurs in the third week of August. My cousin, **Lucille Haigh Esposito '60**, still owns a home on Central Avenue. And the Music Pier and Shriver's Saltwater Taffy still are mainstays on the boardwalk.

On my way to the ocean, a mini-reunion took place in Stanhope, N.J. **Sue Johnson Zellman** and her husband, Doug, hosted a gathering for six of us "Sem Gems" from the Class of 1965. Sue is the executive director for the Housing Partnership of Morris County. **Jean Hammond Zimmerman** is a media specialist in the South River School District. Her husband, **Joe '68**, is retired. They live in New Brunswick, N.J. **Lynn Merkle Meehan** is retired from the Cornwall Consolidated School District. She and her husband, Joe, live in rustic Salisbury, Conn. **Linda Donaldson Kedenburg** is retired from teaching college biology. She and her husband, Rick, are full-time bird watchers. Linda still is a city (NYC) girl. **Bev Dietz Cox** is a substitute teacher in the Bethlehem/Allentown (Pa.) area. Bev and her husband, **John '65**, are enjoying life in eastern Pennsylvania. And your class reporter plans to continue as the director of the Wexford Children's Center until 2009.
— L.H.T.

Julie Ann Kendall Monteith was named president of the Professional

Photographers of America, the oldest and largest organization of professional photographers worldwide. She and her husband, **Jim '63**, own and operate Countryhouse Studios in Annville, Pa.

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Hello, Class of '66. June and I are still waiting to hear from any of you. Since *this* is our reunion year, we would love to hear news about your plans to attend our 40th (gulp) reunion. I attended a volunteer workshop at the home of **Bill '56** and

Carol Wanamaker Lenker '57 and met several members of the Classes of '56 and '86, but was the only representative from our class. We all talked about our hopes that Reunion '06 will be well attended.

Also, we are counting on a large percentage of you to support the Annual Fund in this significant year for us. Since you won't send me news, I am requesting money instead!

Dick '65 and I became grandparents for the second time this past September. Our son, **Douglas '98**, and his wife, **Tracy Sakowski Layman '98**, had a beautiful (of course) baby girl, Elliott Grace, who will be known as Ellie. Tracy and Doug live in Sparta, N.J., so I will be putting a lot more miles on my car as I get to know this baby. Both Dick and I are having lots of fun with these little girls ... a change of pace for us.

I heard from **Caroline McIntyre** who had some good suggestions for Reunion '06. If any of you have thoughts on how you would like to see this occasion celebrated, please contact me or **Dick Pace**.

As you all can tell, I am scrambling for something to write. I hate to see an empty



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TKEs by Candlelight

Bucknell World rarely does a theme issue, but with our cover story on Greek life, we couldn't resist choosing this classic photo for Flashback. If you recognize yourself or anyone else pictured here, please let us know. Email Gigi Marino at gmarino@bucknell.edu, phone 570-577-3611, or write to *Bucknell World*, Judd House, Lewisburg, PA 17837.

FLASHBACK — 1970

Regarding our brass-band photo from the November issue, Hank Fornwald '45 was the first to get on the horn, so to speak. He left a voicemail saying that he is the third horn in the back row: "You can't see my face, but I recognize my cornet." He also said not to bother calling back

because he and his wife were leaving Connecticut for warmer climes for a while.

Ralph Keenan '44, who participated in Bucknell's V-12 program in the '40s, also phoned to let us know that this same photo appeared in the 1942 *L'Agenda*. So did Tom Kinkade '44, who wrote, "I was an avid dancer during the years of the big bands as well as today." He identified two players in the back row on the end as Jack Denholtz '47 and Howard Whitcomb '44. Alex Webb '44, a Kappa Sig, sent an email saying that John Trecartin '43 is the trombonist in the back row.

Howie Whitcomb went to the trouble of photocopying a page from *L'Agenda*, which showed the Bucknellians, of which he was also the conductor (or "maestro," according to the yearbook). In his accompanying letter, he wrote, "Hearing about my friends at Bucknell is one of my happiest pastimes nowadays." And we love hearing from you too. Happy New Year to all who read these pages! *W*



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column, but only you can make this column interesting. Hopefully, we will have a lot more news next time.

Do circle your new calendar for the weekend of June 1-3. It should be a very enjoyable weekend for all of us. That's all folks. See you in June! — C.G.L.

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Happy New Year, classmates! Hope your holidays were fun, healthy and interesting. Isn't it strange how everyone except us is getting older? As we "eagerly" look forward to winter (those of us up north at least) with lots of snow and cold weather, don't we all wonder if it will rival those terrible summer-fall hurricanes. Hope not, and our best wishes and our concern go out to classmates in harm's way. May they be dry and safe.

So, with resolutions in hand, I'm charging hard into this year. If you've resolved anything that may work, let me know and I'll share. OK, so the Washington Nationals baseball team fizzled in the second half and didn't make the playoffs. We still love 'em. Kudos to the Chicago White Sox. Talk about breaking a dry spell!

Back to those resolutions, like eating healthier, exercising more, losing weight, traveling more, staying in touch with family and friends, donating to charities and Bucknell, getting involved and making a difference, and last but not least, sending Mark a note. Talk about breaking a dry spell. Just do it! Write so all can read and smile. I'll be in Houston and San Diego in November-December and Hawaii in January. Let me know if you'd like a visit.

Finally, our 40th Reunion is approaching. Be prepared. Go, Bison! — M.S.

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Here in this column are the answers to the riddles I posed last month. Read on and be enlightened.

In August 2005, 10 AXOs gathered on the West Coast for our second reunion. This time **Marcy Glendening Lagerloef** and **Bobbie Helmcke Garlock** were our hosts. We began our weekend at Marcy's home on Bainbridge Island, off the coast of Seattle, then moved to Bobbie's at nearby Victoria Island, British Columbia. In addition to Marcy and Bobbie, **Connie Adler Andrews**, **Lois Peck Davis**, **Leslie MacDougall**, **Cindy Helgren Skelton**, **Janet Ferguson Weber**, **Pat Trimmer Welsh**, **Cynthia Cox Wilcox** and I laughed and talked and learned. Connie, a physical therapist, helped us explore Feldenkrais — awareness through movement — which was delightfully invigorating and relaxing at the same time. She also brought a video showing her putting the dolphins through their paces at Gulf World Marine Park in Florida, where her daughter works.

Marcy's rooster, Farquardt, has a synopated internal time clock. Day or night we never knew when he might let out with a crow. Marcy and Gary are in the process of downsizing. Their new house is on the water, offering a spectacular view of the sunrise and set, but reducing belongings is never easy. Someone (Bobbie's husband, Gayle?) shared what they'd learned about identifying the Piles of Possibilities stacked around your house and then getting rid of those that are no longer viable. We all resolved to go home and de-clutter. The Lagerloefs took us sailing on the AKKA, their Baba 35 (Flying Dutchman), named

after the goose in a novel written by Gary's grandfather's cousin, Selma Lagerloef. She was the first woman to be awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature.

Marcy's the AXO with the biggest baby: son Lars, delivered naturally, weighed in at 12 pounds. Ouch. Bobbie, a reading specialist, excited all of us when she outlined the steps children go through in their learning process.

Bobbie, like many of us, is caught in the sandwich generation, concerned about her children, scattered around the globe, and elderly parents in the United States. I read out loud some of my short essays about life in China and my growing up years and received much-needed encouragement. The walk through the BC rain forest and our visit to the lush Buhart Gardens were highlights for us, but the best moment had to be when Marcy and Bobbie surprised us with a roomful of retro black cocktail dresses! Some of you will remember that **Lorraine Maire Wolfe** had accidentally brought a trunkload of the same along to Atlanta. We reverted to teenagers as we giggled and posed and shook our booties.

Several absent sisters sent notes, including **Susan Davis Barnes**, who summed up the way all 16 of us feel. She wrote, "I feel lucky to be a part of the lives of such a truly exceptional group of women." Indeed.

In other news, I received a chatty email from **Richard Mauro** (PLT). Rich writes that he has been "experiencing" multiple myeloma, a rare form of bone-marrow cancer, for the past four years. He's approached this challenge as he approaches everything in his life, concentrating his efforts on doing all he can to stay well and thoroughly enjoying each day as a gift. "I have a lot to live for," he writes, "and plan on being around a long time in one form or another." He sold his chiropractic practice but continues to own and direct Eight Stones Yoga Studio which has its own website: www.eightstonesyogastudio.com.

Rich and his wife, Deb, live in York, Pa., and have two children. Nicholas is a freshman at Rice University where he is a viola performance major and member of the ultimate Frisbee team. Daughter Lily is a junior in high school. Rich brags, "She's beautiful, smart, talented and a nice person." Deb continues to enjoy teaching gifted classes in the Eastern York School District. Like many of us, she's torn between her love of her work and the lure of the pleasures of retirement.

The Mauros spent time on St. Lucia, "a very lush and beautiful island in the Lesser Antilles which I recommend." They also visited Nick in Lenox, Mass., in the Berkshires. He writes, "Lenox is a sweet little town with a number of good restaurants, galleries and tourist attractions of worth, including The Mount, the onetime home of Edith Wharton."

He writes, "In 2001 we moved into a fabulous home designed by George Nakashima, famous Japanese architect and furniture designer. I've recuperated here, spending hours in our yard and by the pool, surrounded by nature: tall trees, wild life and a peaceful environment." He concludes by inviting "any and all Bucknellians are welcome to visit — we would enjoy having you." Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Rich. Thanks for writing. You can contact him at eightstones@suscom.net. — L.P.W.

Mark Vetter has assumed the newly created position of chairman of the board of Davis & Kuelthau. He will serve as the chief public representative, marketing officer, advocate and spokesperson for the firm. His new position will also include building and enhancing the firm's image and client base in the community and throughout the state — specifically in the six cities where the



Mark Vetter

Art Advocate

Doreen Bolger '71 did not start out with a "plan" to become director of a major art museum. But following her passion led her to the directorship of the Baltimore Museum of Art.

As a high school student, Bolger was always interested in art, but she traces her fascination with art history to Bucknell professor Gerald Eager. She says, "He is just the most amazing man with the most amazing insight and perspective on works of art." Bolger jokes, "If I hadn't bumped into him, I might have been a corporate lawyer."



A specialist in 19th-century American art, Bolger began her career at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, where she was a member of the curatorial staff for 13 years. She left New York for Fort Worth, Texas, where she curated painting and sculpture at the Amon Carter Museum. Next, she became director of the RISD Museum at the Rhode Island School of Design. She was

named director of the Baltimore Museum of Art in 1998.

From the moment she began her career, Bolger knew she "never wanted to do anything but work in a museum." What she loves about her job is the variety of experiences. She has researched works of art and artists for a catalogue, acquired great masterpieces for museums, and most recently has worked with the holdings of a long-established museum. Baltimore's collection contains more than 90,000 works of art. It's Bolger's job to make sure that these holdings are appreciated, protected, and installed properly and that the people who come to view them are moved by the experience.

The most challenging part of her job is to connect with the next generation. She says, "Younger people have been raised in a generation of popular culture and technology and constant change." It's her goal "to interest them in coming to a museum to stand in front of a great painting and just look at it and think about it for a period of time." In seeking to attract a younger audience, she knows what she won't do: "We won't try to be a theme park. We can't compete with entertainment or popular culture or technology. We have to be what we are and celebrate what's different and unique about being in a museum." For Bolger, "Museums are mirrors of society — they show people what they are. Museums are also windows to different places, like taking a trip in your own hometown."

— Ilene Ladd

firm has offices. Additionally, he will work with firm shareholders and associates to develop, solidify and enhance client relations. He received his law degree from Marquette University.

Brian Boucher '91 informed *Bucknell World* that his father, former class reporter **Bob Boucher**, was diagnosed with a brain tumor in October and is undergoing treatment. Brian says, "We appreciate thoughts and prayers toward a complete recovery. Anyone who would like to contact him can reach him by email at rboucher@telra1.com."

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Richard Koch has retired from Olin Corporation after 28 years of service, and has joined Crane Company in Stamford, Conn., as their investor relations officer. He will continue to reside at 15 Forest Hill Road, Norwalk, CT 06850. His new email is richardkoch@optonline.net. — P.D.

On a recent trip to the Okavango Delta in Botswana, five Bucknell alumni talked and shared their passion and excitement for life and for Africa. The group included **Erica Alpers '87** and her husband, Jamie Allen; **Wade Webster** and his wife, Joan; **Craig '92** and **Julie Webster Hoffman '93**; and **Jim McKee** and his wife, Carole. For a group photo, see the Class Notes section of the *Bucknell World* website. @

Philip and Mary Johnson Kerstetter '71 traveled to Key West, Fla., in November for the wedding of their son, David, to Kathleen Light. They also

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welcomed a new grandson, Duncan Baylor Rooney, on May 24.

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Joan Werner Vokac retired in March after more than 30 years as a planner for San Diego County, and is a full-time travel writer residing in San Diego. She is the co-author of a new travel guidebook, *The Great Towns of Oregon: The Best Getaways for a Vacation or a Lifetime*. More information is available on Joan's website, www.great-towns.com.

J. Staats Brokaw III died Sept. 2. His obituary appears in this issue. — L.H.D.

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Philip '69 (SPE) and I traveled to Key West, Fla., for the wedding of our son, David, to Kathleen Light of Pembroke Pines, Fla., on Nov. 5. David received his Ph.D. in marine science in May 2005 from The Virginia Institute of Marine Sciences at The College of William and Mary, in Williamsburg, Va. Kathleen is a Ph.D. candidate in music education at the University of Miami. They will reside in Pembroke Pines. Guests included Philip's brother, **Stephen '65** (DU), from Vancouver, B.C., and his father, **Harold '41** (SX), who resides in Dover, Del.

We also welcomed a new grandson, Duncan Baylor, on May 24. He joins brother Malcolm Porter, age 3, and his parents, Myles and Jodie Kerstetter Rooney, of Pittsburgh. — M.J.K.

By now most of you have had a call from either a classmate or a student volunteer reminding you about our Reunion in June. I hope you are all planning to attend our 35th, since the planning committee has spent many hours creating our own version of *That 70s Show*. But in this rerun we all get to be the stars, or at least co-stars with Bucknell. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you.

I also hope that you've given some thought to making a gift to our alma mater. It's the only way to make sure that current and future students will be able to enjoy the same advantages that we all do as graduates. Our goal for the class is an ambitious \$175,000, but more importantly, we are trying to increase our class participation.

No doubt all of you looked at the report of Annual Giving last fall and noticed that our 33 percent participation rate was far below every class within 10 years of our graduation year. Our class has been just as successful as other alums, but the record shows that only one-third of us feel an inclination to give to the annual fund.

In case you don't remember, 33 is a failing grade whether you were in the sciences, engineering or in liberal arts. So far the class gift committee has done yeoman's work in calling classmates, but we can't call all 900 classmates and I know there are many more of you who can make a donation.

To those of you who have already made a pledge or sent a check, thank you; to those of you who have not, please take this opportunity to consider a gift.

We try to make it as easy as possible through the website, but if that's too complicated and you can't find the phone, drop me an email and I'll make sure a classmate gets in touch.

Thanks again for your support, and I hope to see you in June. — E.R.

John Maietta, who serves in the D.C. National Guard, wrote that he was activated and sent to Louisiana last fall: "I'm working in the military headquarters responsible for overseeing all National Guard support for the recovery effort in the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. We still have nearly 15,000 guardsmen and women on duty in the state, mostly in and around New Orleans, assisting with security, debris clearing and distribution of relief supplies."

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John Larner and family have moved to Glendale, Calif., after five years in Portland, Ore. He was appointed head of school for the Lycee International de Los Angeles (LILA) as of July 2005. LILA is a pre-K through grade 12 school with more than 700 students operating on four campuses in the Los Angeles area. Students are prepared for either the French baccalaureate or the international baccalaureate. The school offers a bi-lingual, bicultural education combining the best of the French and American education systems. Viviane does substitute teaching at the school, and their daughter, Abigail, is enrolled there in the fourth grade. John can be reached at the school at 4155 Russell Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90027, telephone 323-665-4526, or email john.larner@lilaschool.com. — S.L.C.

Peter Balakian's *The Burning Tigris: The Armenian Genocide and America's Response* has been awarded the 2005 Raphael Lemkin Prize for the best scholarly book in the preceding two years on the subject of genocide, mass killings, gross human rights violations, and the prevention of such crimes. He is the recipient of honors and awards including a Guggenheim Fellowship, a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship, the Anahit Literary Prize and an Ellis Island Medal of Honor. He is the Donald M. and Constance H. Rebar Professor of the Humanities and Professor of English at Colgate University, where he

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Don Labowsky emailed to say that, after completing the sale of his Golf Xpress adaptive golf car business and the turnaround of ArgosyHealth, LLC, a national provider of rehabilitation services, he has moved onto his 12th career since leaving Bucknell, this time in biotechnology. He has licensed two patented nerve repair technologies developed at the University of Pennsylvania and has formed a new company, Neuro-Bridge, to commercialize them. He has also started teaching entrepreneurship at Villanova University on a part-time basis. Don reports that his wife, Bonnie, won awards at two national competitions for her "Black Magic" art quilt, which was also selected to be included in the American Quilter's Society annual calendar. Their son Nick, 16, is in his junior year in high school and is doing great as a student, soccer ref, AAU basketball player, video gamer and new driver. "Best of all, we continue to be blessed with good health." Don can be reached at dplabowsky@comcast.net.

Glenn McLaughlin has been asked by The Free Library of Philadelphia to read his poetry on Feb. 6 as part of the library's Monday Poets series. The program features 12 new and established poets from the mid-Atlantic area. Two poets are featured in each monthly program. After spending the majority of his time in Olin Science and on the track, this is quite a departure for Glenn. Any Bucknellians in the area or passing through willing to try something new are invited to attend. Email him with questions at PEZ349@msn.com.

Monroe Diefendorf is CEO of Diefendorf Capital Planning Associates in Locust Valley, N.Y., the fourth generation of his family in the business. Monroe has co-authored three books, *Wealth: Enhancement & Preservation*, *21st Century Wealth*, and his most recent book, *3 Dimensional Wealth: A Radically Sane Perspective on Wealth Management*. He sent me an autographed copy of his third book. "Dief" resides in Laurel Hollow, N.Y., with his wife, Chris, and four daughters, Ashley, Jennie Monroe, Whitney and Emily. Copies of his book can be obtained through www.3DwealthTheBook.org. — N.C.

Linda McKenna Boxx is one of 10 Distinguished Daughters of Pennsylvania for 2005. She chairs the Katherine Mabis McKenna Foundation and works to conserve resources, protect the state's natural landscapes and sustain environmental quality. As a founder of the Allegheny Trail Alliance, she has worked to negotiate land donations, design the trail, supervise construction and volunteer to remove debris for the Great Allegheny Passage connecting Pittsburgh and Cumberland, Maryland. She joins **Susan Crawford '69**, chair of Bucknell's Board of Trustees, in the honor.

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Warren Leopold shares the following message: "I have had many protégés in my life. All have proven disappointing. Some have been big disappointments, while others have been small disappointments. Some classmates suggested **Paul Bulling** as a suitable protégé, but he is as overqualified to be my protégé as I am underqualified to be his protégé. Clearly drastic corrective measures were in order, so on Nov. 7, 2004, my wife, Lisa, gave birth to our boy Wyatt Stian Takoda Leopold. Young Wyatt has exercised a leavening influence. Purportedly the air contained in the ionosphere is more rarified than the air found in the stratosphere, but I am too coarse to notice." — N.Q.B.

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In anticipation of our 30th Reunion this year (Wow ... is it 2006 already?), I am hoping to get an email address book for any and all class members who would like to get in touch. If you are interested in participating, please email your address to me at msgarrett@verizon.net. At the same time, you are invited to communicate your suggestions for this year's reunion and I will gladly pass them along to the appropriate committee. I look forward to hearing from lots of you. — M.S.G.

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Jeff Kwall has been named the Harry R. Horrow Visiting Professor of Law at Northwestern Law School for the 2006 spring semester. He is the Kathleen and Bernard Beazley Professor of Law at Loyola-Chicago School of Law. He and his wife, Bobbi, have celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. They have three daughters: Shanna, a sophomore at the University of Michigan; Rachel, a high school senior; and Nisa, a high school freshman. He can be reached at jkwall@luc.edu. — E.L.S.

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We regret to report that **Carol Ingald** has resigned as class reporter due to personal obligations. She has made many valuable contributions to these pages in her 23 years as class reporter. *Bucknell World* and the university appreciate her many years of service and dedication.

If any member of the Class of 1978 would like to volunteer to be class reporter,

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All is quiet out there with the Class of '79. If there is something you would like to share/update your classmates on, please write. — M.M.

Steve Bass will become president and CEO of Oregon Public Broadcasting, a statewide network of five public television stations and six public radio stations, early this year. He was previously president and CEO of Nashville Public Television.

Perri Petricca and his family were profiled in the *Berkshire Eagle* (Maine) newspaper article, "Family Ties," which discussed the positive aspects and difficulties that exist in family-run businesses.

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From **Steve Jelinek** comes, "I am pleased to inform you and our classmates of the successful 25th reunion of the DYLR Canoeing and Nature Appreciation Society, held in late June 2005 on the Delaware River. By virtue of exceptional weather, fine fishing and incomparable camaraderie, an excellent time was had by all attendees. **Dan Wilson** and **Mike Colvin** experienced the "Discovery Channel Moment" of the weekend as they watched a majestic bald eagle swoop down and pull a fish out of the river not 50 feet in front of their canoe. As a group, we also admired Mike's supersized charcoal grill as well as his combination litter receptacle and guest book, which truly embodied the DYLR spirit while at the same time somewhat ironically combined environmental stewardship with outreach to the local populace. You may be pleased to hear that long-absent **Alan Sigler '81** blew into camp on Friday night, but got a critter in the eye before returning to his motel room at sunrise. Alan did stay long enough, however, for him and me to dethrone perennial pong champions **Bob Barry** and **Dave Egan**. Also dethroned were previously unbeaten fishing champions **Scott Peterson** and **Fid Speer**, who along with the rest of us, fell victim to **Dwight Griesman '79**. The fish were so attracted to Dwight he likely would have caught them using a cheese puff for bait, the dirty rat. **Mark Sajer** once again received kudos for illumination ingenuity, while **Brad Fortin** and **David Boyd '81** spent a considerable portion of the trip cooling off in the river. As usual, our two days on the water sharing cigars and stories together was a highlight of the year for both my partner, **Chip Frazier**, and me. In particular, with a freight train rumbling over the Lackawaxen River Bridge as a backdrop and our customary Saturday evening sundowner in hand, we marveled at the special place this time-honored tradition has in our lives."

Bravo to Steve and his group for renewing their friendships year after year. You can make your canoeing reservations for the 26th annual by contacting Steve at

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And some fascinating news from halfway around the world from **Perry Peck Flanagan**. "I hope you'll accept my excuse that I was too far away to attend our recent reunion. I live in Poland and the American School of Warsaw, where my three children attend, was still in session. We have lived here a year and have learned so much about Poland: its tragic history and its promising future as it rushes to make up for its lack of economic progress under communism. It was fascinating to live here during the Pope's death. The entire country went into mourning, as if their own family member had died. All theatres, cinemas and restaurants closed for a week and funeral candles were burning at every location even vaguely associated with the pope. Even the Polish equivalent of MTV went off the air for a week. He was seen as the single most important political and religious figure to ever emerge from Poland and the grief, even from non-Catholics, was heavy in the air. I will never forget the deep and heartfelt response of the Polish people and feel lucky to have had the opportunity to be here at such an important time."

No doubt Perry has many more wonderful stories of living in a different culture and language; her email is perryflanigan@netscape.net.

Makes life in Bernardsville seem a bit mundane, but perhaps it also helps us realize that there is much wonder in our world, no matter where we live. All the best. — D.L.H.

BB&T has named **Linda Stein Robeson** business services officer. She holds an MBA in finance from Pace University and is married to **J. David Robeson**.

Chris Kwong writes, "Several of us from the classes of 1980-82 had a luncheon get together in NYC." The group included Chris and his wife, Linda; **Beth Shelly '82**; **Jim O'Donnell**; **Eileen Hirschfeld '81**; **Lisa McComsey '81**; **Cathy Zusy '81**; **Jon Glaser**; **Bill and Cheryl Persing Rideout** and **Steve Gross**. A group photo is available in the Class Notes section of the *Bucknell World* website. ☺

Matthew Bogdanos' article, "The Casualties of War: The Truth About the Iraq Museum," was published in the July issue of *The American Journal of Archaeology*. It is an account of the mission of recovery of antiquities after the capture of Baghdad. He is a colonel in the U.S. Marines, has served in Iraq three times and received a Bronze Star for counterterrorism in Afghanistan.

Jess Oren was recognized by Meditronic for his participation in the SCD-HeFT (Sudden Cardiac Death in Heart Failure Trial) clinical trial on implantable cardioverter defibrillators (ICDs). The study compared the lifesaving benefits of ICDs and amiodarone, a commonly used heart rhythm medication, to patients treated with standard medication.

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Karen Ritch Ward

Karen Ritch Ward, director of development, Boys & Girls Clubs of Northern Westchester, was named Fundraiser of the Year by the Association of Development Officers. The award was presented at the Association of Development Officers' Philanthropy Day Breakfast in November. The Fundraiser of the Year Award is given to an individual who exemplifies dedication and service to the nonprofit sector and professional fundraising community in the Hudson Valley region.

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John Rosenlieb wrote to me this summer with this news. In August, he received an email from **Brian Sisko** that his nephew was on the Newtown, Pa., State Little League championship team, and that they would be in the regional playoffs in Bristol, Conn., the following week. "He knows I live in West Hartford, Conn., and wanted to know if we were in the area. Through some great luck and a lot of skill, their team made it to the regional finals. My wife, Mabelle, and I met him for the final game in Connecticut, which was televised on ESPN. We watched as his nephew, Ben Parker, got the game-winning hit and celebrated with members of the family as they won a berth in the World Series in Williamsport. We did get time to visit over dinner the next night and caught up on our lives and travels. My wife and I also hosted the Connecticut freshman send-off gathering for the Class of 2009. This was our 10th year hosting the future Bison and their parents and we have truly enjoyed the experience. This year **Rob Lowry '09**, son of **Steve and Patty Hattings Lowry '81**, will leave for Bucknell." They also live in West Hartford. John can be reached at JRosenlieb@aol.com.

I spent a weekend in Ludlow, Vt., with six of my freshman hallmates (we left the husbands home to babysit). **Kris Harris Elwell** invited us to her ski condo on Okemo Mountain. Staying in a condo complex off-season is a great way to re-create

mod living — but a lot more luxuriously. It was fun to be able to run between the apartments and not have to worry about locking doors behind you. The last time I lived like that was senior year. We had a great time reconnecting and reminiscing. The only change since the last time we got together (at our 20th reunion at Bucknell) was that our eyesight is going. **Nancy Pultz Blackmore** works part time as the office manager at the Dominican Retreat in McLean, Va. The retreat provides spiritual retreats for women and men, and she provides administrative support: taking and processing reservations, etc. **Lauren Shiffrin Huelsebusch** is working for Orphan Therapeutics, a small pharmaceutical company, as a regulatory assistant. She just sent her oldest son off to Boston College. **Carol Israel Casten** is doing office administration for a local aerospace firm, volunteering a lot at her church and will be spending her year doing the college visit circuit with her son. **Lonnie Jones Pera** is a partner at Zuckert, Scoutt & Rasenberger, a law firm in Washington, D.C., and she celebrated her 15th year there. **Kris Harris Elwell** is teaching marketing at Bentley College in Waltham, Mass. **Martha Gilman Pradhan** has moved back to Rochester with her family and is enjoying being back in her hometown.

As for the Kangos family, this year we are the host family for a Chinese teacher from Shanghai teaching at our high school. It has been a great experience to live with someone from such a different cultural background and to get an insight into the way they think and live.

Becky Turkington Congdon couldn't make our reunion because she was in Venice with her husband for her fifth

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anniversary.

I hope you all had a great holiday and remember to send me your news. — R.G.K.

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Haven't heard any news from my classmates this time around, but I have bumped into a few.

Fall at the Eicks' house is all about football. This past year **Jim '82** and I were very involved with the Gridiron Club at Chattahoochee High School. We oversaw the high school program that J.C. plays for, and we were members of the board of the middle and elementary school program. At one of our first events this year, **Tammi Blossom Harivel '84** recognized Jim. Her son, Daniel, played on the eighth-grade team that our daughter, Sarah, managed. Tammy is very active in the Junior Cougar program, and we saw her every Saturday at the kids' games. Sarah and Daniel attend the same middle school. Daniel actually introduced himself to Sarah one day when she was wearing her Bucknell sweatshirt.

We were delighted to meet Eric and **Nancy Harvey Worrell** when they came to Atlanta for the wedding of one of Nancy's high school friends. We had so much fun meeting them for a too-quick lunch during their jam-packed weekend. Dennis and **Sara Allen Lepkofker** joined us; it was great to hear about everyone's busy summers.

Wishing everyone a peaceful and healthy 2006. — T.T.E.

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Bruce "Rick" Grindrod is taking on the role of president of Erickson HealthSM and operations. He has been with Erickson for 20 years, and served as executive vice president of operations, responsible for leading the operations of both existing and future Erickson communities and for maintaining quality control standards at the communities. He holds an MBA from Loyola College in Maryland.

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Happy New Year! In a few months it will time to celebrate our 20th Reunion from Bucknell. The university will need ideas and help from our class in order to make it a fun weekend for everyone, so please check out the website if you would like to help.

David Lee is in Afghanistan, back with the U.S. Army. He emails: "I was called back to duty after a 10-year separation — a big surprise to me and the family. I am working to rebuild the communications infrastructure in the country. So I am on a one-plus-year hiatus from Motorola and should be returning home to Woodstock, Md., around July '06. I can be reached at david.lee31@us.army.mil."

Will McFarland also emailed, to let us know of a ceremony in memory of **Jim Given '87**, who died of ALS/Lou Gehrig's disease, held at last fall's Villanova/Bucknell football game. He also says: "I'm working at World of Diving, where we specialize in scuba diving travel to places like Palau, Fiji and Tahiti. I saw **John Heuer '87** and **Jamie McCabe** at their daughter's birthday parties this summer. We all live about five miles apart. I also helped celebrate **David "Dino" Ferrara's '87** 40th birthday party this summer. Planning to see **Ted Leshner '85** for Giants vs. Chargers in San Diego this fall. Everybody is doing well. Lastly, played golf at the Bud Ranck alumni golf outing back at Bucknell with **Dave Henry, Brian Callahan, Jay Cosgrove vs. Bob Nesselbush, Don Dimitroff, John Sullivan and Mel Blount '87**. Brian Callahan drained a 12-footer to retain the Pangburn Cup, as goodness triumphed over evil once again."

Will has moved to a new address: 1814B Marshallfield Lane, Redondo Beach, CA 90278. — J.D.C.

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Scott Singer was elected this fall to the Board of Governors of The Museum of Television and Radio (MT&R) in Los Angeles, Calif. He is a principal at Deloitte and leader of its 5,000-person U.S. media and entertainment practice. Scott resides with his family in Manhattan and Washington, Conn. **Leslie Moonves '71** is

a co-chairman of the Los Angeles MT&R board and co-president and co-COO of Viacom Inc.

Brian Nedvin completed his doctor of musical arts degree (with **Lynn Eustis** as his major professor) at University of North Texas in spring 2005, and is an assistant professor of voice at Shorter College in Rome, Ga.

Cherie Stuntz and her husband, Jim Bortolotti, are happy to announce the arrival of Lauren Elizabeth on May 11. She joins big brothers Matthew, 5, and Ryan, 3. After her maternity leave, Cherie plans to resume her business in pharmaceutical market research part time, which has, so far, been a nice balance of work and family. — L.C.H.

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Gary Sorin, vice president of the North Highland Company, has relocated to the company's Philadelphia office, where he



Gary Sorin

will be developing and managing relationships with key clients in the area. Prior to joining North Highland, he worked both as an independent consultant and with Arthur Andersen's Business Consulting practice, and has held Fortune 500 management positions in finance, marketing and manufacturing. He received an MBA from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and served on the board of directors for the American Red Cross of Central Florida.

James Bauernschmidt's article, "New technology turns petrol engines into low compression diesell" was published in *Gizmag*. It is online at www.gizmag.com/go/4695.

Margaret Samek-Smith and her husband, Jan, had a son, Alexander Paul ("Sander") on June 21. He joins brother Christiaan and sister Sophie.

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I am very sorry to report the death of **Peter Hastings**, who died of heatstroke complications after participating in a triathlon in September. Peter was a well-liked pediatrician and is survived by wife Michelle and children Christopher, Erin and Pete. Friends remember Peter's warm personality, high energy and good sense of humor. He was a strong athlete who was considered one of the fastest swimmers and triathletes in Charleston. I'm sure he will be missed by many classmates and friends.

Note: *Peter Hastings' obituary appears in this issue.*

Thanks to **John Lewis**, whose witty remarks in the September issue prompted others to write in and join the fun. Among them were the following:

Tom and **Becky Stauffer Putera** spent a weekend in D.C. and had a blast with classmates **Janet DeChant** and **Pat Moylan**. Janet and Pat have a son and a daughter. Tom and Becky have two daughters, and Becky is a vice president and owner of Stauffer Glove & Safety. Contact Becky at bstauffer@stauffersafety.com.

Kim Moncavage Kondracki is the director of asset management marketing at TIAA-CREF, a financial services firm that specializes in retirement programs for individuals working in higher education. She is working with a team that launched a new institutional asset management business. Husband Mark, a Columbia graduate, is an

audio engineer and has his own business, Outloud Audio, where he writes music and records audio primarily for television and educational programs. They married in 2000 and, after living in London and Princeton, N.J., they are settled in NYC. Kim is hoping to reconnect with old friends **Kim Klein** and **Nancy Rose**. If either of you are reading your names, please contact her at kkondracki@tiaa-cref.org.

Brian McGlinchey flew from San Antonio to Oklahoma City to support the men's basketball team in their historic upset of Kansas. **Forrest Chilton** flew in from D.C., while Patricia and **George Lampl** drove from South Carolina. Brian has a perfect attendance record at Bucknell NCAA basketball championship appearances (men's and women's) and says, "Being present for the upset was the most thrilling experience of my entire lifetime." You can thrill Brian again by emailing him at bmcglinchey@satx.rr.com.

Beth and **Grant Tormey** have moved to the Bridgewater area of New Jersey. Beth is the global business manager for Lumilux, a part of Honeywell. Grant continues to be a busy stay-at-home dad with daughter Kate, 2. He'd love to hear from others in the area, so email him at gtormey@optonline.net. — R.L.B.

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Peter O'Brien won the Virginia Ten Miler in September. The *Lynchburg News and Advance* noted, "O'Brien was running stride for stride with Seth Kuchar and Tara Wojciechowski at the two-mile marker when he made a dramatic move. He had a commanding lead of at least 200 yards at the three-mile marker and never looked back." His time was 57:51, more than a minute ahead of the second-place finisher. He ran track and cross country at Bucknell and attended medical school at the University of Virginia; he works in Lynchburg as a cardiologist.

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A reminder to all that our 15th Reunion is around the corner — June 2006. Please mark your calendars for the big weekend and relive our Bucknell days.

In August, my brother, Darrell, and sister-in-law, Jennifer, had a baby boy, William Everett. So, now I am an aunt!

Tim and **Mindy Shetzline Phelps** sent news that they had a daughter, Anna Rae, on July 29. The Phelps live at 32 Sugar Ridge Lane, Malvern, PA 19355.

Matt and **Patricia Baron Carlson** announce the birth of their son, Jonah Matthew, on Aug. 10. Jonah joins big brother Will, 4, and big sister, Abigail, 2.

George '92 and **Kirsten McAuliffe Raleigh** announce the birth of their son, Jackson, born on July 27. He joins big brother, Carter, 3.

Nicole Cooper Minnichbach sent the following news: "After graduation from Bucknell, I traveled to Montana and lived on the Crow Indian Reservation, where I was a substitute teacher. I was adopted into the tribe through a naming ceremony. I still keep in contact with my Crow family today. After leaving the reservation, I traveled around the West as an archaeological technician, working in North and South Dakota, Montana, Wyoming and Idaho. I decided to go to graduate school in 1996 and attended the University of Montana. After graduate school, I returned to Pennsylvania and took a job as an archaeological field director with a small firm. It

was there that I met my husband, Matthew Minnichbach (who graduated from Juniata College). We both worked at the archaeology firm until 2003, when I was offered a job with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Galveston, Texas. We packed up our life and moved to Galveston, a small barrier island south of Houston, in the Gulf of Mexico. I am working as a staff archaeologist for the Corps of Engineers, caring for the archaeology of the coast of Texas for both federal civil works projects and regulatory permits. As an employee of the Department of Defense, I have been part of the hurricane relief efforts, working as a team leader for emergency roofing in Florida last fall, and I expect to be deployed for efforts due to Hurricane Katrina. Matt and I do not have children, and with our schedules we are not planning to have any soon. We do have a beautiful Australian shepherd/husky mix named Mesa, who fills our lives with unconditional love. We plan on staying in Galveston for a few years, but would like to move closer to home. Thank you for giving me a chance to update — I enjoy reading about the growing and changing lives of my classmates.”

Congrats to all! — J.C.R.

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It's about time that I have some news of my own to report. So here I go: I married Major Richard Brown on Oct. 9 in Key West, Fla. We work at Cornell University. I am an assistant dean of students in the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs, and Rich is a professor of military science in the Army ROTC department. It was a wonderful ceremony and the weather could not have been more perfect (given all of the hurricanes as of late).

In other news, **Matthew Ulterino** and wife, Tracey, write with news of the birth of their son. William Nicholas was born May 8 in Melbourne, Australia, where they have lived for the past two years. They can be reached at m_ultertino@yahoo.com.

Jen Fanelli Murlless wrote me with this report, “Life is crazy but very good. Our twins, Megan and Kelsey, are 6 1/2 and started first grade in the fall. Caitlin turned 4 in April and Will is 18 months old. They are such great kids and we have so much fun with them. It is hard to believe that we have been in Charlotte for 10 years, but it is a great place to be. Craig works for Bank of America and I ‘retired’ as a high school counselor once we started a family. I feel very fortunate that I am still in touch with ‘The Mod.’ I see **Deanna Scinta Lape** and her family often, as she is only 2 1/2 hours away. I keep in touch with, and see once a year or so, **Megan Mitchell Curtiss**, **Christina Baselga Murray '91**, **Sheryl O' Reilly '91**, **Wendy Nyhus Brett '90**, **Bethany Fredericks Cass '91** and **Erika Brody Tindill '91**. I recently saw **Kathy Schulte '91** and her husband and two beautiful children. Our email is Murlless@bellsouth.net.”

Kimberly Lohman Suiters wrote with news that Megan Curtiss gave birth to her second child, Lauren. In addition, **Mike Espenshade** and his wife celebrate the birth of their child. She also reports that she is a published author. Her book, *A Random Act*, chronicles the crime that happened to Dr. Phil's sister-in-law, and her remarkable recovery. Kimberly is a reporter at the ABC station in Oklahoma City and is teaching journalism as an adjunct at the University of Oklahoma.

Karen Gruning married Charley Biggs

in May. Bucknellians in attendance included **Traci Ertley**, **Tara Brozen**, **Jacqui Shue** and **Scott Rabacs**. Karen worked in the music industry in NYC, moved to California where she worked for iTunes. This fall, they moved to Fairfield, Conn. She can be reached at kgruning@hotmail.com.

Christy Barber Newlin gave birth to Paul Fredrick in July. **Austin Faberman** and wife Heather Rossman gave birth to their second son, Shane Tyler. **Kate McAnney Heffernan** and husband, **John '90**, celebrated the birth of their third son, Conor John, on Aug. 23. **Jennifer Jansen Dahl** and husband, **Jason '91**, announce the birth of their daughter, Audrey Anne, on June 2. She joins Jocelyn (5), Bennett (5) and William (2). They can be reached at 65 Hurlbutt St., Wilton, CT 06897 or wiltondahls@optonline.net. **Dave '90** and **Wendy Locke Garrity** welcomed their third child, Lauren Elise, on July 6. Lauren joins big brother Michael, age 4, and big sister Grace, age 2. Wendy continues to work part time as a pediatrician. Email: wgarrity1@comcast.net. **Sharon Chappell Klein** and her husband, Chris welcomed their first child, Caroline Grace, on June 3. She can be reached at sharon.klein@adelphia.net.

Jennifer Moore Aguilar wrote, “My husband, Charles ‘Kai’ and I welcomed our second daughter, Cecilia Kai, on Jan. 17, 2005. She joins her 2-year-old sister, Isabella Rae. In order to spend more time with my growing family, I have ‘retired’ from my pharmaceutical sales position at GlaxoSmithKline, and we are all enjoying life in beautiful Doylestown, Pa. I can be reached at JENNM007@yahoo.com if anyone would like to catch up.”

David Skena dropped a line to inform us of his news: “Our third daughter Amelia was born on April 20, joining sisters Madeline, 4, and Abigail, 2. The whole gang is doing great. I'm working near Chicago at Kraft Foods as brand director for Philadelphia Cream Cheese. Email: dwskena@earthlink.net.”

Matt Rosenfeld reports that he is “happily married for 10 years on Oct. 6. I have three teenagers. All are in high school. If anyone would like to contact me please call 914-204-1941. I work in NYC and am a New York Life representative. New career, new opportunities, helping people plan for the expected and unexpected. Email: rosenfeld@optonline.net.”

Finally, **Curtis Rockwell** reports, “I've returned here to my home in Huntingdon, Pa., and have been working for about five years building and repairing acoustic guitars. I've taken on a formal business partner with my dear friend, Johanna Mutti. She and her family have been lifelong friends of mine. She's a recent graduate of Earlham College in Indiana, and she brings a remarkable set of talents to our business. Our website is www.oriskanyguitars.com.”

Keep the news coming. It is great to hear from all of you! — L.M.B.

Kevin and **Kim Lays McGill** welcomed Tyler on Aug. 2. He joins big sister, Sydney, age 3. The family is still living in Columbia, Md. — L.M.S.

Diana Loughner married Jason Klevansky in July. She is a district sales manager at GE Identicon Systems and they live in Bellefonte, Pa.

Karyn Bushnell Nordstrom and her husband, Todd, welcomed a daughter, Emma, last spring. She joins brother Dylan, age 3.

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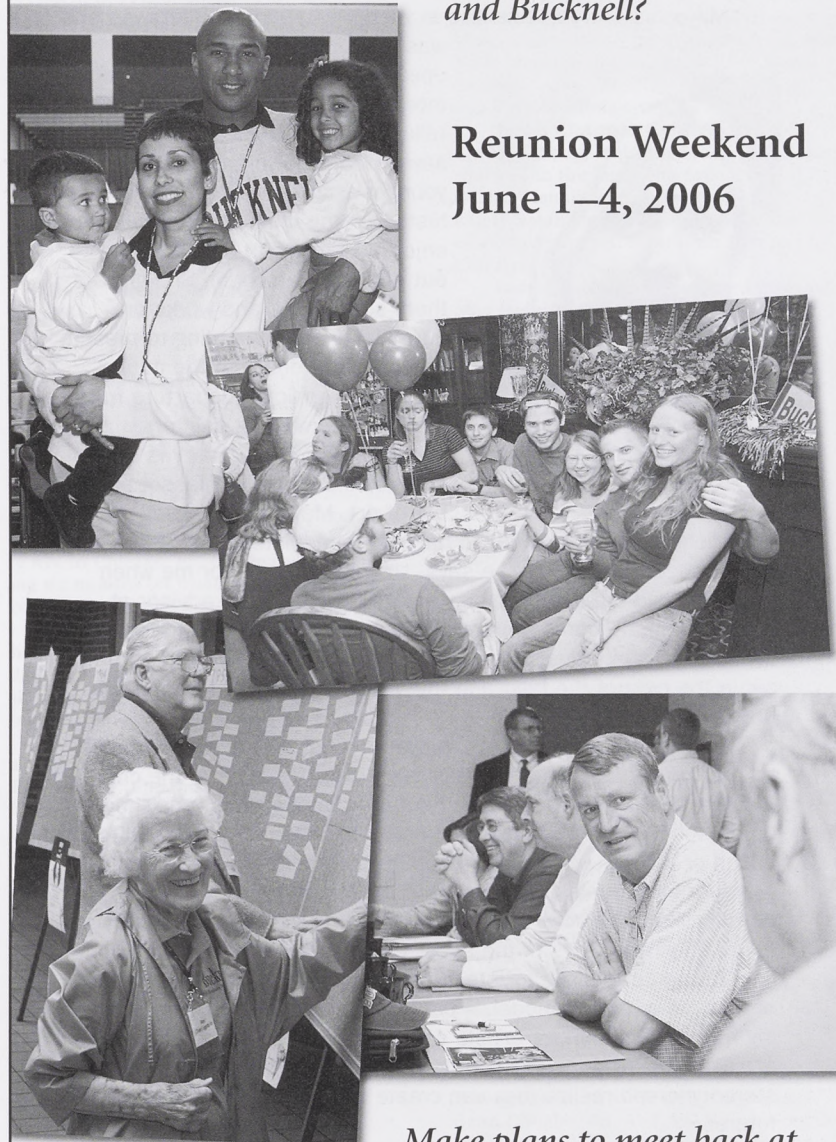
Jason and **Melissa Herr Rubin** joyfully welcomed Anya Josephine on Sept. 6. She weighed 6 pounds, 15 ounces and measured 20 inches long. Everyone is doing great.

Kevin and **Angela Stich Easterwood**

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Gallery Owner

Sometimes that first college job can make an impact on the rest of your life. For **Bridgette Mayer '96**, working at the Center Gallery (now the Samek Art Gallery), as an undergraduate set the wheels in motion for a future that led to opening the Bridgette Mayer Gallery in Philadelphia's historic Washington Square neighborhood in 2001.

Mayer's gallery specializes in young, emerging painters. As she was only 27 when the gallery opened, she felt that she "related more to what younger painters were talking about in their work," she says. Traditionally, galleries wait until younger artists develop and have a history in the marketplace, but she enjoys working with artists straight out of graduate school. She gives them solo shows and works on advertising and marketing to present them professionally to the public.



One significant departure from the young, emerging painters represented by her gallery is Neil Anderson, Bucknell professor emeritus of art. Mayer was looking for an

established painter who would have an immediate impact when she first opened the gallery. She says, "It was an honor for me when Neil accepted the contract; he was my professor and advisor at Bucknell, and I adored his work. Neil represents the ultimate painter — he's shown in museums and is collected nationally. Neil represents the best of the best and this is the foundation I wanted to build my business upon."

In addition to new artists, Mayer is a consultant to many first-time art buyers, which she especially enjoys because of the challenge they represent. "A lot of them are professionals, and there's no reason that they cannot purchase art. They just haven't felt compelled or connected enough to purchase," explains Mayer. She considers it her mission to educate people. When they come to the gallery, she introduces them to the artist, gives them background information and tours of the show, connecting them to the artwork.

Taking care of the artists she represents is an important part of Mayer's business model. A past year's highlight involved organizing a financial panel for artists at the Institute of Contemporary Art. The goal of the panel was to help artists shake the "starving" stereotype and realize they can create and control their financial futures.

While Mayer is the youngest, successful gallery owner in Philadelphia, she isn't resting on her laurels. She hopes to open a second gallery in the Chelsea area of New York sometime in the next two years. — Ilene Ladd

and daughters Emma and Lauren have a new address: 2527 Tumbleweed Way, Frisco, TX 75034.

Chris Zacharda writes, "I moved to Los Angeles with my partner, Jeff, to start a new job with the University of Southern California and finish my doctorate. I work in residential education and teach one course in the counseling department — scary! A few years ago, I started swimming competitively and ran into **Jay Gross** at a U.S. Masters Meet in Ft. Lauderdale; he's still kicking butt in the pool. I also just signed on as the coach of the USC Marathon team, training for the March 2006 LA marathon. What have I gotten myself into? I have also had a chapter published in the recently released book called *Brotherhood: Gay Life in College Fraternities*, sharing my experience in SAE." — A.M.D.



Erica Baittinger

Erica Lieberwirth Baittinger has been promoted to manager at Health Strategies & Solutions, Inc., a leading health care management consulting firm. She will take a lead role in managing emergency department, ambulatory care planning and facility planning consulting engagements. She has a master's in health administration from Ohio State University and is a member of the Society for Healthcare Strategy and Market Development, the American College of Healthcare Executives and the Healthcare Leadership Network of Delaware Valley.

Brian Fetterolf and his wife, Jennifer,

welcomed daughter Hannah Grace on Aug. 18. Brian writes, "Hunter is a great big brother already — continuously giving her kisses and hugs. Jennifer is doing very well — already being the devoted, energetic mother to two children. I am trying to keep up as we move from zone coverage to man-to-man. And for those of you who haven't heard, we moved to Chicago — partly for my new job (LaSalle Bank Real Estate Capital Markets) and partly for the longer hockey season for Hunter. Hannah seems to like it so far. If you are in town, please look us up."

David Litman opened a medical practice in Cumberland, Md., specializing in otolaryngology. He treats disorders of the ear, nose and throat, along with facial trauma, sleep apnea, allergy testing and treatment and pediatric conditions.

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It's babies, babies, and more babies for the Class of '94. Congratulations to everyone on their new arrivals.

Ted and Kristin Froehlich Kane welcomed their second child, Caroline Clark, on Aug. 7. Caroline joins big sister, Elizabeth, who is 2.

Bernie and Jody Stevenson Lenrow welcomed their first child, Sofia Louise, on Sept. 9. She was only 5 lbs., 6 oz., and 19 inches long. They are overjoyed. Jody completed her doctorate in clinical psychology. Seems that the impending arrival of a baby was all the motivation she needed to finish that pesky dissertation she has been putting off for months and months. She works as a therapist in the counseling center at the University of South Carolina, Aiken, and can be reached at jlenrow@bellsouth.net.

Greg '93 and Sharon Harris Martin are excited to announce the arrival of their daughter, Molly Elizabeth, on Aug. 26. Everyone is doing well.

Doug Schultze and his wife, Faith, are happy to announce the birth of their new baby boy. His name is Skyler Mitchell Schultze, and he was born on July 6.

Keith and Deb Zapotocky Rizzi welcomed their second daughter, Marley Ella, on July 29. Their daughter Amelia, 18 months, is thrilled to be a big sister. Things continue to be great and busy as they balance their business with two kids, two dogs and a cat.

Gerry Gordon writes: "On Sept. 16-17, I ran in the Reach the Beach Relay, where teams of up to 12 members run relay legs to complete a 215-mile running race from Bretton Woods to Hampton Beach, N.H. One of my teammates was **Nicki Buck '98**, who completed several key stretches of the race. I've never been to an off-campus event where so many Bucknellians were participants and such a visible presence — there were two all-Bucknell teams that finished first and fifth. In years past, Bucknell teams have regularly finished in the top 10. I guess Bucknellians particularly enjoy 'living' in mini-vans with their sweaty teammates for the 18-35 hour races that don't stop until the team crosses the finish line. In November, my wife, Valerie, 2-year-old son, Noah, and I moved out of New York City to our new home in Riverdale. I continue to practice bankruptcy law for a NYC-based law firm."

Finally, I saw **Jen Leith**, her husband, Mitch Cron, and their adorable 1-year-old son, Finn, at their house in Philadelphia. They are all doing well. Thanks to everyone for sending in news. Keep it coming! — S.A.S.

Brooke Bitner married Greg Unwin on July 2. They reside in Harrisburg, Pa.

Dana Trexler Smith and her husband, Eric, welcomed a daughter, Madison, on Aug. 11.

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Happy New Year! I hope the holidays treated you all well.

Steve and Penny Scarborough Johnson are happy to announce the birth of their son, Thomas Gifford, on April 26. They live in West Chester, Pa. Email: pennyjohnson0524@hotmail.com.

Suzie Boff Stevenson wrote to say how sad she was to miss Reunion; however, she had a good excuse: "My husband, Doug, and I welcomed our second son, Colby David, on June 16. His older brother Tyler is enjoying him so far. I am still enjoying staying home — although it's a little crazier with two. We bought a new home last year, which needed extensive renovations, and that has pretty much occupied our time since last summer. Our new address is 23 Ski Hill Drive, Bedminster, NJ 07922." Email: slstevinson@yahoo.com.

Becky Harlan Shavel also wrote with news of a new little one: "I agree with you so much about the Reunion. It was really fun but what a difference from the five-year reunion with all the babies and pregnant women. It will be interesting to see what happens at 15 years. I wanted to announce that I had my baby, Julia Abigail, born on July 10. She was 6 lbs., 7oz. She joins big brother Nicholas, 3. We are all doing very well and I am looking forward to taking the year off from teaching. It feels weird to be the end of August and not have a classroom to get ready. But I am very excited to have this time off. We plan to travel, and Nick is starting preschool, so I am glad to be around for that." Email: rshavel@comcast.net.

Chad '94 and Rebecca Ross-Bown report that "so far 2005 has been a wonderful year. The first six months were spent in Washington, D.C., where Chad was on leave as the Okun-Model Fellow in Economic Studies at the Brookings Institution and I transferred to my law firm's D.C. office. In May, Chad was promoted from assistant to associate professor of economics (with tenure) at Brandeis University. Two months later, on July 20, we celebrated our ninth wedding anniversary and our 10th year as parents to pups Goebel and Milo. And then, on Aug. 25, we welcomed into the world twin daughters — Ella Ross Bown and Abigail Phillips Bown. Both girls were happy and healthy from birth and are bringing us endless joy. I'm continuing to work as an attorney at the law firm of Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr in Boston, but I'm home with the girls and the dogs for six months. Needless to say, life is good and we feel very lucky in all ways." Email: Rebecca_ross_bown@yahoo.com.

Jay and **Shela Fero Giess** would like to announce the birth of their son, John George Lees Giess III, born Aug. 29. Email: shelagiess@hotmail.com.

Rob and Ellen Stipp Funk are pleased to announce the birth of their son, John Robert, on Nov. 17, 2004. Says Ellen, "I know it's a little late, but we've been busy." Email: ekstipp@msn.com.

Matt and Wendy Schwiager McTammany expanded their family by "two feet" on Sept. 28, when they welcomed Robert Elias. According to Matt, big sister Kassie, 1, is "adjusting to her little brother. She loves him a lot and constantly wants to see and touch him. She's so cute, and Robby doesn't seem to mind, until she smacks his head." They live in Lewisburg, Pa., where Matt is a professor in the biology department at Bucknell. Email: mmc-tamma@bucknell.edu.

Brian and Jennifer Carkeek Ochs welcomed their second child, Anna Jeanne, on Oct. 3. Big brother Benjamin, 1, loves his baby sister and the entire family is doing well. Email: Jennifer@brianochs.com.

Michelle LaBarge got married July 1

in Madrid, Spain, to Samuel Hernandez Moreno. She has two stepchildren, Sami, 13, and Irene, 8. **Kristina Schurr** attended the wedding. Email: labargem@yahoo.com.

Dave and Colleen Taylor Lukens '94 bought a house in Conshohocken, Pa. Colleen was awarded her Ph.D. in psychology from Ohio State University in September. Email: lukensdc@hotmail.com.

Sarah "Sally" Davis Viands was awarded a master's degree in accountancy, with distinction, from Rider University in August: "It was a lot of hard work juggling graduate school with my full-time job for a few years but well worth it. However, I am not putting the degree to use just yet, as I am fortunate enough to be able to stay home with my son Braden, 20 months, for now. My husband, **Ned '96**, and I are also expecting another baby in March, and we've relocated to Wolfeboro, N.H., after 10 years in New Jersey. A bit of a change of lifestyle pace, but we are adjusting just fine and enjoying small town life. Our mailing address is 26 Winnepesaukee Drive, Wolfeboro, NH 03894 and we can always be reached via email." Email: nsbviands@hotmail.com.

Mike Kaczynski wrote, "I had a great time seeing everyone at the 10-year Reunion this summer. Shortly after returning from Reunion, I accepted a job offer with Burt Hill in downtown Pittsburgh. I am working on their international team as a project manager for the site/landscape architecture department. Our international studio in Pittsburgh is responsible for providing support to our new office in Dubai (United Arab Emirates). I just returned from spending two weeks over there; the projects, people, and opportunities are amazing. Finally, after 10 years, I love my job. I attended **Krissy Schurr** and Jon Wolko's wedding in Philadelphia on Oct. 15." Email: michael.kaczynski@burthill.com.

Finally, I received a lovely note in the snail-mail from **Honey Baker '44** containing a wedding announcement for a fellow Bucknellian. According to the clipping, **Jennifer Flax** married Alexander Mamlet at the Knoll Country Club in Parsippany, N.J. Jennifer "is the vice president for fundraising at the Advertising Council, a non-profit organization in New York that produces and distributes public service announcements." Congratulations to the happy couple!

Thank you for all of the great news this time around. I look forward to hearing from you all again soon. — J.B.B.

St. Albans School of Washington, D.C., appointed **Pascale Pritsios** to be director of major gifts. She served most recently as the associate director of development for Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS).

Jill Badolato Williamson sends more news of herself and of some of the Bucknell guests at her July wedding to **Christopher "Booie" Williamson**, "We have relocated from San Francisco to Burlington, Vt. I am a graphic designer, and Chris is a project manager for Agency.com in NYC. **Spike Anderson** is married and living in NYC where he is studying to be a rabbi. **Kristin Moody** is a lawyer, with her law degree from Boston College and her master's in law from NYU. Kristin is living in Boston and engaged to be married next July. **Tom Frangione** is an associate at the Bank of New York; he is married and they are expecting their first child in November. He received his MBA at Georgetown in 2004. **Tom Garaventi** is also living in NYC and works in finance at American Express. He received his MBA from the University of Maryland in 2004. **Todd Turner** is a territory manager/sales representative at MGI Pharma. He was married last February in Maui and he is living in Brooklyn. **Elisse Ercolano Glennon** is the executive director at the Palisades Medical Center Foundation in New Jersey. She and her husband, Brian, have two children and are living in Caldwell, N.J."

Michael and Virginia Douglas DiGuglielmo '97, MA '04 welcomed a son,

Dean Douglas, on. Aug. 15. He joins big sisters Brynn, 2 1/2, and Drew, 15 months. They live in Westchester, N.Y.

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Pamela Forand married Gary McChalicher in Mount Joy, Pa., on Aug. 20. Bucknellians in the wedding party included **Judy Forand '98, Christina Lutz-Doemling and Rebecca Livingston**. Bucknellians in attendance were **Bryan '94 and Jenn Cherry Knauss, Dave and Sue Kramer Barto '95 and Jeremy '95 and Kim McCleskey Patty**. Pamela and Gary honeymooned in Puerto Rico, then took a southern Caribbean cruise. The couple resides in York, Pa.

Raquel Gonzalez Kramer and her husband, Matthew, had their second son, Peter Alvin, on July 8. He joins big brother, Alex.

Kenneth Ayers and Raymond Griffiths were married in a civil ceremony in the Palais de Justice in Montreal, Canada, on July 30 by a judge of the Superior Court. In attendance were a small group of family and friends who came to Montreal in order to share their special day. In November, a reception was held at a vineyard on the north fork of Long Island. Raymond is a well-known children's entertainer who conducts private children's classes and birthday parties in Manhattan, the Hamptons, other parts of Long Island and the NYC metro area, as well as Los Angeles. For parents or those expecting, check out his website at www.raymond-nyc.com. They moved upstairs to a larger apartment in Jersey City (this one with views of downtown Manhattan, the Statue of Liberty and most of NYC harbor). The new address is 225 St. Paul's Ave, No. 11L, Jersey City, NJ 07306. They share the apartment with their "wild kingdom," their pets — which include two chinchillas, two finches and several fish.

Kate Serenbetz Parker and her husband, Matt, are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Jackson Thomas, on Feb. 18. The Parker family resides in Sioux Falls, S.D., where Kate is enjoying being a stay-at-home mom while her husband runs the family business; he is the fourth generation owner-operator of Parker Transfer and Storage.

Sara Fitzgerald Kirmser and her husband welcomed their first daughter, Abigail Lyda Kirmser, on Aug. 25. The Kirmser family will be moving to Kansas City in January.

John Boger and his wife moved to Columbus, Ga., after he was assigned to Ft. Benning as a staff internist. He was deployed to Iraq in Jan '05 with the 3rd Infantry Division as a battalion surgeon on a one-year deployment. He was home for two weeks of R&R in October because his wife delivered their first child, Samuel Nevin, on Sept. 30. Mom and baby are doing great.

Meredith Collini Mulligan and her husband, Terrence, welcomed their son, Charlie, on June 29. He joins his 3-year-old twin sisters, Ellie and Serena.

Monica McDonald Kipp lives in Mechanicsburg, Pa., with her husband, Brian, who owns his own contracting business. Monica earned her master's degree in social work from Temple in 1998 and is a social worker. She and her husband are expecting their first child in January.

Amanda Krug Moll moved to Springfield, N.J., from North Haven, Conn., where she was working at Yale University School of Forestry and Environmental Studies as an assistant director of career development. Her husband, Chris, earned his Ph.D. at Yale and works as a senior scientist at Schering-Plough. Mandy is

enjoying being a stay-at-home mom to their 8-month-old son, Jake.

Holly Wheaton Reynolds lives in southern New Hampshire with her husband, Shawn, a civil engineer. Holly earned her master's degree from Hahnemann University in 1999 and is working as a physical therapist. They have a 2-year-old daughter, Brooke, and are expecting a son in late November. She still keeps in touch with **Mark Petras**, who lives in South Bend, Ind., with his wife, Amber. He is vice president of FPC of South Bend. They have a 3-year-old daughter, Mary, and are expecting baby No. 2 in March. He still enjoys long walks on the beach and snuggling up to cozy fires in the winter.

Christopher "C.J." and Pamela Warner Rhoades '97 had their first child, Logan Warner, on July 15. Although Logan surprised them by arriving four weeks early, Mom and Logan are doing very well. Since having a newborn wasn't enough to keep them busy, they also relocated to York, Pa., in the fall of 2005.

Deana Sonta Simonetti graduated in May 2005 with a master's degree in Library and Information Science from C.W. Post. She has started her new career as the school media specialist at the Packard Middle School in Nassau County, N.Y. She also is working part time in youth services at the Northport Public Library on Long Island. Good-bye, commute to Manhattan.

Kelley McNay and her husband, Jim Mavros, welcomed a son, Kieran James Mavros, on March 13. Kelley and her family live in Chicago, Ill., where she is enjoying six months off from her management consulting job at Booz Allen Hamilton.

Kelley Sheahan Bielewicz and her husband, Paul, welcomed their first child, a daughter named Veronica, on July 19, just six weeks after attending Reunion with friends from the Class of 1996. — S.M.G.

Betsy Leichtfuss sends more news about life following her Dec. 17 wedding to Jim Kunau: "Jim and I both work at Lutheran High School of Orange County in Orange, Calif. I am the director of development and Jim is the head football coach."

Ned Weaver married Sabrina Bernold on Sept. 10. He is CEO of Multivend, LLC. They live in Huntington, N.Y.

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Bryan '95 and Christie Fienemann Engel welcomed their first baby this summer. Anna Schubert was born Aug. 1 and weighed 6 lbs., 9oz. She is absolutely perfect in every way. Anna is also the granddaughter of **Victor '69 and Mary Roberts Engel '68**.

Congratulations to **Brendan and Heather Montaperto Smith** who are the proud new parents of twins, Tyler and Lindsay, born April 12. Heather also wanted to pass on news of the wedding of **Tom Chang** and Jennifer McGovern on July 29 in Cape Cod. In attendance were groomsmen **Brendan Smith, Jay Campbell, Bob Adams and Brian Snider '99**. Many other Bucknellians attended as well.

Jeremiah "Jay" O'Neil and his wife, Molly, welcomed Emma Louise into the world on July 26. They also have a son, Liam, who turned 2 on Sept. 27. The family lives in Ligonier, Pa.

On July 9, **Tammy Nissly** was married to Jay Cougnet in Baltimore, Md. Their wedding was at a local church, followed by reception on a cruise ship that left the Inner Harbor to cruise around the Chesapeake Bay. They reside in Federal Hill in Baltimore and Tammy can be reached at TLN19@aol.com.

Tony and Mary Dagostino Diggan welcomed their second child, Collin James, in February.

Tara Hinkle graduated from Duke University's Fuqua School of Business with

her MBA this past May. While there, she was thrilled to get to know four other Bucknellians: **Pete Pirsch '96, Jeremy Hamblin '96, Cameron Zielinski and George McClanahan '00**. Following graduation, she moved to Dallas, Texas, to start a career in brand management/marketing with Frito-Lay. She has already been lucky enough to have visits from **Liz Maccie and Jill Quinn**. Liz lives in Los Angeles and is pursuing a writing/acting career. She has sold her first movie script and is involved with the production process. Jill is an attorney, clerking for a judge at the Erie County Courthouse in Erie, Pa. Tara caught up with **Nick DiCarlo** too; he has lived in Dallas for three years. Tara can be reached at tara.hinkle@fritolay.com.

Sarah Chauner Cyphers and her husband, Scott, welcomed their son, Colin Andrew, to the family on Sept. 29. The Cyphers family lives in Northbrook, Ill., where Sarah continues to work in real estate investments. Scott is an architect in Chicago.

Jane Manganaro graduated this past May from the University of Maryland's Robert H. Smith School of Business with her MBA. She is working in the U.S. Consumer Insights and Research group at Colgate-Palmolive in NYC. She lives in NYC and can be reached at jemanganaro@gmail.com.

Shala Powell married Ali Hay on June 4 in Atco, N.J. Shala is working for the Department of Defense as a weapons engineer. She received her master's in 2002 from Stevens Institute of Technology in New Jersey. — S.B.

Sarah Glanville Judge writes, "In the last update **Paul** and I realized that we forgot to mention the biggest change in our lives. We have a daughter, Emma Knowles, who was born on Sept. 17, 2004. She has made Paul's second deployment to Iraq a lot easier for me. Unlike the last time he was in Iraq for the war, he did get some leave time. In June, Emma and I met him in Ireland for a two-week vacation. What a beautiful country. After being in the desert, Paul enjoyed the green of Ireland, and, of course, the Guinness. His deployment has gone by relatively quickly, considering, and he will likely be home sometime in February. While he is gone I am continuing to work on my master's at Georgia Southern University and will likely finish in May. If you want to drop either of us a note, our emails are sarah_glanville@hotmail.com and paul.judge@us.army.mil."

Michael '95 and Virginia Douglas DiGuglielmo MA '04 welcomed a son, Dean Douglas, on. Aug. 15. He joins big sisters Brynn, 2 1/2, and Drew, 15 months. Virginia adds, "I plan on staying at home with the kids for a few years before returning to work. We continue to live in Westchester, N.Y., and hope to build a house in the next year. In the meantime, Michael and I are enjoying our expanded family."

Angela Angelova Brubaker writes that she and her husband, Tony, welcomed a son, Michael Anthony, on April 11. He joins older sister, Sophia. Angela is enjoying her time at home with the children.

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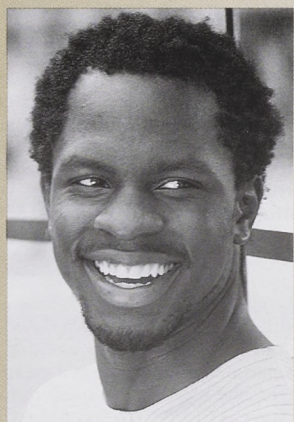
Congratulations to Jeff and **Kristen Coates Warner**, who welcomed their first child, Ryan J., on July 23. Ryan was 7 lbs., 7 oz., and is absolutely adorable. They live outside of Philadelphia and everyone is doing great and are very much enjoying every day. Kristen's email is kwarnar33@yahoo.com.

Congratulations to **Doug and Tracy Sakowski Layman**, who welcomed a beautiful daughter, Elliott Grace, on Sept. 3. Elliott weighed 6 lbs., 11oz., and has

From Bucknell to Barbershop

The story of **Gbenga Akinagbe '00** (Ben-gah Ah-kee-nah-bay) makes becoming a rising star of stage and screen almost sound easy. With a recurring role as assassin Chris Partlow on HBO's series *The Wire* and a starring role as Nigerian barber Yinka in Showtime's new series *Barbershop*, there's no doubt that Akinagbe's acting career has come a very long way in a very short time. "I've been fortunate," he says.

The first American-born child of Nigerian parents, Akinagbe grew up in the Washington, D.C., area. As a restless teen with no positive direction, he decided to participate in an after-school activity. "I'd never seen a wrestling match, but it was wrestling season, so I went out for it." This led to two successful years on the team, with a high school coach who encouraged him to think about attending college. He chose Bucknell University, went to summer wrestling camp, and was recruited by the school. "Wrestling enabled me to go to college and changed my life," he says.



After graduating, Akinagbe worked for the federal Corporation for National Service. An interest in acting led him to "read lots of books about what actors do," and he began auditioning. He soon landed a part in the 2001 Washington, D.C., Shakespeare Theater production of *The Oedipus Plays*. Seizing the opportunity, he resigned from his job and began life as an actor.

After appearing in regional productions of *Romeo and Juliet* and *Cyrano de Bergerac*, among others, he enrolled in a master's of theatre program at the Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers. During his second year in the program, he was called by a casting director to audition for the HBO series *The Wire*. He was offered the role of a drug lieutenant, which he initially turned down because he wanted to finish his master's degree. The producers, however, eventually convinced him to join them as a recurring character, Chris Partlow. Although *The Wire* has temporarily ceased production, Akinagbe can now be seen as the educated, yet naive ladies' man on the Showtime series *Barbershop*.

"My life doesn't seem real," says Akinagbe. But he's enjoying every minute of it.

— Pat Parker

been delighting her parents since her arrival. Tracy's email is tracyalayman@yahoo.com and Doug's email is layman39@yahoo.com.

Congratulations to John and **Tricia Dolnik MacEvoy**, who welcomed their first child, John FitzSimmons, on Oct. 9. Mom, dad and baby are doing great. Tricia can be reached at tadolnik@dolnikmgmt.com.

Jonathan Stoltz completed his Ph.D. in philosophy at the University of Virginia in April 2005. He began teaching as an assistant professor at UVa in August 2005. In addition to completing a dissertation in philosophy, he has, over the past four years, traveled to Tibet four separate times (for a total of 18 months), studying Tibetan language, culture and philosophy. This included a 12-month period during which he conducted research on Tibetan philosophy with the aid of a Fulbright-Hays dissertation research fellowship. Jonathan can be reached at stoltz@virginia.edu.

Carrie Christenson Schwarzbauer and her husband, Sascha, announced the arrival of their baby girl, Anja Kristin, on Aug. 22. They have relocated to Bradenton, Fla., from Fairfax, Va. Carrie is enjoying her new job as a stay-at-home mom and can be reached at carrie@xenson.com.

Judy Forand moved to Coral Springs, Fla., in July 2005. Her new email address is forandj@myacc.net.

Kelly Horton Urgo and her husband, Robert, welcomed a baby boy, Luke Robert, on Aug. 12. Luke was born at Greenwich Hospital, Greenwich, Conn., and weighed 7 lbs., 1 oz. Kelly can be reached via email at Kelly.urgo@lehman.com.

Aaron '00 and Jennifer Delardo Ravenscroft had their second baby on July 27, a little boy named Benjamin James. Big sister Kate (2) is thrilled to be a big sister. The family lives in Allison Park, Pa., where Aaron is working for Wabtec. Jennifer left Novartis in February to stay

home with the kids. She can be emailed at: Jennifer_ravenscroft@yahoo.com.

— H.M.L.

Kelly Horton Urgo and her husband, Robert, welcomed a baby boy, Luke Robert, on Aug. 12. Luke was born at Greenwich Hospital, Greenwich, Conn., and weighed 7 lbs., 1 oz. Kelly can be reached via email at Kelly.urgo@lehman.com. Rob and Kelly live in Norwalk, Conn., and Kelly will be returning to her job at Lehman Brothers in NYC.

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Heather Cunha and Christopher Amato '00 became engaged on May 14, while visiting Bucknell. An August 2006 wedding in New Canaan, Conn., is planned. Heather begins her doctoral internship at the Karen Horney Clinic & Psychoanalytic Institute in Manhattan, N.Y., this September and is working on her doctoral dissertation to complete her Ph.D. in counseling psychology from Fordham University. Email: hacunha76@msn.com.

Jonathan and Charlene Vai Herndon welcomed the arrival of their son, Bradley James, on Sept. 27. He is a happy and healthy baby boy weighing 8 lbs., and was 19.5 inches long. They are all doing well and enjoying the new addition to the family.

Brad Fixman has been teaching ninth- and 10th-grade English at Metro Tech High School in Phoenix, Ariz. He received his master's in education in June. — J.Q.M.

Cara Mickelsen Tevar writes, "My husband, Helio Tevar Vena, and I had a baby on Sept. 20. Her name is Natalia Maria Tevar."

Michael Saccone married Jessica Pratt on May 6. He is a five-year veteran of the NYC Police Department; they reside in Orange County, N.Y.

Edward Joffe Jr. married Kelly Bower on June 4. He is a project manager for the Whiting-Turner Contracting Co.; they live in Baltimore.

Nicole Griffaton married **Jeff Martin '98** on Sept. 17. They met at Bucknell, though they did not start dating until after both had graduated. Nicole writes, "We wouldn't have met without Bucknell."

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Christopher Amato and Heather Cunha '99 became engaged May 14 while visiting Bucknell. They are planning an August 2006 wedding, to be held in New Canaan, Conn.

Michael Rubinstein and Yetunde Daniels were married on June 24 in Somers, N.Y., on a bright, sunny day. The couple resides in Manhattan, where Mike is the South Pacific manager for Absolute Travel, and Yetunde is a guidance counselor for St. Peter's Prep School in Jersey City. Bucknellians in attendance included **Mike Anders '98, Dane Dickler '99, Lou Dickler '99, Martin Gilliard '99, Marcus Hernandez, James Hollins '01** — who fired up the dance floor as DJ — **Christine Iacuzzo '99, DJ Lacresco '99, Professor Linden Lewis** and family, **Cheri Skipworth and Mark Stetina**.

Katey Twombly became engaged to Sean Ryan on Oct. 10. The wedding will be on Aug. 19 in New Canaan, Conn. The couple resides in Nashville, Tenn., where Katey is a marketing associate for Gibson Guitar and Sean is a wholesaler for John Hancock. — M.C.E.

David Carpenter produced the world premiere of *But I'm A Cheerleader: The*

Musical, based on the 1999 movie of the same name, as part of the 2005 New York Musical Theatre Festival. It won praises from *The New York Times*, sold out its limited run and won the 2005 New York Musical Theatre Festival Audience Award. He is also associate producer of the Off-Broadway run of *Dog Sees God: Confessions of a Teenage Blockhead*, the award-winning 2004 FringeNYC take-off of the *Peanuts* characters.

Holly Mann married Matthew Pizzonia on July 3. She teaches at Deer Park High School and they live in East Northport, N.Y.

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Maureen Dias married **Joe Satorius '03** on July 23 in Island Heights, N.J. Bucknellians in the wedding party were **Brian Lewandowski '03, Luke Morris '03, Dan Mazmanian '03, Matt Sandusky '03, Melissa Marzouka Wilkins** and **Kara Pursley**. Other Bucknellians in attendance were **Doug Wilkins, Lauren Manning, Jeannette McKee Catanzaro, Joe Catanzaro '99, Jeanette Williams, Judy Cheng, Christina Hyon, Keri Egan, Andy Burr '05, Pete Tulaney '03, Steve Eberhardt '03, Keenan Lorenz '02, Lindsey Rogers '04, Warren Long '03, Leslie Shevlin '04, Mike Andrieu '03, Katy Gates '04 and Laura Maisel '03**. Maureen and Joe are living in Hoboken, N.J. Maureen is teaching in Demarest, N.J. and Joe is going to law school at Fordham University in N.Y.

Alexis Kaufmann, Krista McCabe, Eileen Kennedy and Kate Marr Jeurgens write in to tell us, "**Molly Brown** is engaged to Michael Richard. They have known each other since grade school in Ohio and live in Los Angeles where Molly teaches first grade at the Curtis School, is starting classes at Pepperdine University and planning a summer '06 wedding. We are all very excited for her."

Courtney Jones and Brian Johnson '03 were married on Sept. 4 in West Orange, N.J., and honeymooned in Kauai and Maui, Hawaii. All of the following Bucknellians were a part of the wedding party: **Jennie Chang and Lauren Abrahamzadeh '03** were bridesmaids; **Jamie Hefelfinger '03, Elliott Maruffi-Cowley '03 and Tom Ryan '03** were groomsmen and **Josh Giesey** was an usher. Other Bucknellians in attendance were **Lanie Pappas, Eva San Pedro, John Ozhuthual, Andy Aurand '02, Michael McDonald '03, Chris Robinson '03, John Frasier '03, Dan Aungst '03, Marty Pfingraff '03, Mark Jenkins '03, Adam Fackler '03, Melina Glynn '03, Greg Buzzell '05 and Alex Far '05**.

Suzanne Bealefeld and Ira Thorpe were married on Sept. 4 at the Gramercy Mansion in Baltimore, Md. **Kim Kaczor** was part of the bridal party. Other Bucknellians in attendance included: **Bob and Cheryl Myers Hepp, Kenneth Kosteva and Zach Mandeville**.

Steve and Kim Luedee Fischer have relocated to Arlington, Va. Kim is working as a senior analyst at MCI and Steve is a consultant for Ventera Corp. Both are training to run the Marine Corps Marathon in the fall. They can be reached at kimberly_a_fischer@yahoo.com or sjfischer@yahoo.com.

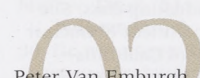
Molly Saghirian and Chris Crellin '00 have moved to Arlington, Mass., where they bought a house. They are happy to announce their engagement and are planning a May 27 wedding in Ocean City, N.J. They enjoy spending time with other Bucknellians in the Boston area. Molly is pursuing her doctorate in French literature at Boston University and Chris is employed

as a software engineer at RSA security in Bedford, Mass. They can be contacted at mollyandchris527@aol.com. — H.D.P.

Scott Revell's company, whitepenny, which he founded with a high-school friend in 2003, was profiled in the *Courier-Post* (Cherry Hill, N.J.) newspaper. The company helps businesses "create a public persona — a brand identity as recognizable as the Campbell soup can." Their clients include SEI Investments of Oaks, Pa., and The Little Tuna, a local restaurant.

Christina Jenckes joined House Speaker Dennis Hastert's office in the Republican cloakroom. She previously worked in the Office of the Clerk as operations assistant and assistant bill clerk on the floor.

Jennifer Sikora married Paul McNeil on July 11.

Shauna Sobers graduated from Azusa Pacific University on May 7 with a master's of education in college student affairs. She is working at Chapman University in California as a resident director. She and **Robert Young '02** were married on June 11 in Wayne, Pa. Bucknellians in the wedding party included **Cheri Skipworth '00**, **Karla Coudriet '00**, **NaKhia Hopkins** and **Ricco Rosini '02**. Other Bucknellians in attendance included **Telara Parham '00**, **Kumba Baryoh** and **Nicole Everhart**. A photo of Shauna and Robert on their wedding day is available in the Class Notes section of the *Bucknell World* website. 

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Laurie Libby married Jonathan Elwell on Feb. 12. Bucknellians attending were **Rodney** and **Lori Fallgren Repko** and **Keely Flaherty**. Laurie teaches second grade in Richmond, Va.

Erica Delsandro MA'05 wrote: "After a summer in England and two more years at Bucknell for my master's degree in English literature, I am in the English Ph.D. program at Washington University in St. Louis (egdelsan@artsci.wustl.edu). The move to St. Louis and the Midwest has been harder than I anticipated; I miss the great community at Bucknell and in Lewisburg. **Todd Seitz** and **Aimee Curry's** wedding will bring me back to Pennsylvania, where I look forward to seeing some of my favorite Bucknellians."

Bill Derence proposed to **Julie Dierker** on July 2 while vacationing in Rocky Mountain National Park. The wedding is scheduled to take place June 10 at Rooke Chapel.

Kelly Korecky wrote: "Congratulations to **Megan Weiss** on her marriage to Dave Schaller on Aug. 5 in New Jersey. Bucknell bridesmaids included **Katie Snyder**, **Mary Beth Kowalski**, **Crissy Megdanis** and **Bethany Sehon** and me. Others in attendance were **Ira Brownstein**, **Amy Marvel '01**, **Jackie Kordiak**, **Scott Sehon '00** and **Ed Joffe '99**. Megan is a third grade teacher in Los Angeles" and can be reached via email at meganweiss17@hotmail.com.

Jackie Kordiak married Phil Goodman on a beautiful beach in Maine on July 10. The couple went on to honeymoon in Thailand and Cambodia. They live in Pasadena, Calif., where Jackie is a math teacher at a local high school.

Brett Shaver proposed to **Jean Goulinopoulos** on June 11 on Point Look Out Beach in Long Island. They celebrated the following day in NYC with many of their closest friends from Bucknell. A July 15 wedding is planned in Garden City, Long Island.

Lori Adamczyk and **Justin Schwarz '01** were married on July 30 near Philadelphia, Pa. Bucknellians in the wedding party included **Jackie Coderre**, **Meredith Clayton** and **Jared Schwarz '04**. Others in attendance were **Kei**

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PAIGE NICOLE JACOBSON '03

Brown, Abby Weaver, Whitney Williams, Mel Kasper, Steve Schwanhauser '03, Mike Harrigan '03, Bill Orendorf '01, Zeryai Hogas '03, Mike Roberg '04, Hannah Daniels '03 and Steph Keller '04. The couple has bought a house in Boston, Mass. Lori can be reached via email at lea2727@hotmail.com.

Leah Theriault wrote: "Morgan Kapp and I would like to congratulate **Lauren Gassman** on her marriage to Ari (Weisfelne) on July 9 in Bedford, N.Y. Lauren will complete an M.S. in Social Work at Columbia University this spring and Ari is an architect at Milo Kleinberg Design Associates in Manhattan. They live on the Upper West Side in Manhattan and can be reached at aweisfelner@hotmail.com."

Caroline Fitzgibbon and **Jay Robertson '01** were married in Philadelphia on Oct. 8. Bucknellians in attendance included **Jake Ferry, Christine Berwager Hughes '99, Jared Hughes '01, Becka Hutchinson, Becky King, Beth Kocay, Colleen Milton, Maureen Oscadel '03, Lee Pearson, Nick Rhodin '03, Molly Russell, Pete White '04 and Kevin Zuenen '03.** The newlyweds honeymooned in Hawaii and reside in Arlington, Va. — P.V.E.

David Todd Seitz writes, "I graduated magna cum laude from the Duquesne University School of Law in Pittsburgh in June, and took and passed the Pennsylvania Bar Examination in July. On Oct. 8, I married **Aimee Curry** (not a Bucknell grad) in Pittsburgh. Bucknellians in the wedding party were **Ian Doebber** and **Dustin White**, and **Brent Timberlake** served as a gift bearer at the ceremony. Other Bucknellians in attendance were **Erica Delsandro, Christen Braun, John Iorio, Monique Leblanc, Steve Stasson** and **Pete Van '03.** We honeymooned in Rocky Mountain National Park."

Rodney Repko Jr. and **Lori Fallgren** celebrated their marriage on July 9. Rodney is a financial advisor for AIG Valic in Maryland. Lori teaches in an elementary classroom while pursuing a master's in reading education. The newlyweds live in Laurel, Md., and are hoping to buy a house next summer. There were many Bucknell alumni in attendance at the wedding. In lieu of listing all the names, you can see the wonderful faces in the picture. Thank you to all who attended and sent their best wishes. The photo is available in the Class Notes section of the *Bucknell World* website. 

Natalie Casp and **Derek Gominger '00** were married June 18 in Orlando, Fla. Bucknellians in the wedding party were **Lauren Hughes, Brian Romano '99, Elo Comfort '99** and best man **Matt Davis '01.** Bucknellians in attendance included **June Glover '43, Ned '47 and Rae Schultz Glover '49, James Ward '99, Rebecca Brody Posnanski '99, Megan Ghiggeri Davis '01, Julie Mason, Rachel Laskow '03 and Justin Schwartz '03.** The couple lived in Florida for the past few years, where both worked for Casmin, Inc.; Derek worked as a process engineer and Natalie as a purchasing manager. They have moved to Durham, N.C., where Derek will pursue his MBA at Duke University's Fuqua School of Business. Natalie will continue to work for Casmin, Inc. from a home office. A photo of Bucknellians at the wedding is in the Class Notes section of the *Bucknell World* website. 

Christopher Reynolds and **Megan Atanasio** were married Sept. 9. He works

for Modern Media and she works for Ortho Biotech Products. They live in Norwalk, Conn.

Mark Tallman married Jessica Moyer on June 3. He is assistant football coach at St. Lawrence University and they live in Canton, N.Y.

Kara Hartman and **Andrew Clugston** were married Sept. 9 in Geneva, Switzerland.

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Here is the news for the new year: **Jon Wozniak** is living in the Lehigh Valley and is working for the Vitraulic Company of Easton, Pa. In the last two years, he has gone on business trips to Germany and Poland. In May, he proposed to his girlfriend, **Marci Yenser**, and they have purchased a home in the Lehigh Valley.

Cara Anderman writes: "I'm living in Somerville, Mass., and serving as an Americorps member at Generations Incorporated, which is an organization that builds intergenerational relationships through literacy programs in elementary schools and boys and girls clubs. Boston is fabulous, though I miss all of my friends from good old Winthrop, Maine, especially **Liz Eno '01.** Come visit whenever you are in the area." Email: carabeen22@yahoo.com. — P.N.J.

David Cohen is completing his final year of law school at Seattle University. He is also volunteering with the University of Washington men's basketball team. He continues to talk to **Boakai Lalugba** on a daily basis and has frequent contact with **Garry Thaniel '04, Lucas Bailey, Ham Petroni, Ron Deorzio, Roland Webber '04, Micah Wright '04 and Stanley Blankenship**, to name a few more. He sends his condolences to the family of the late **Robert Terrible**, one of his Vedder roommates during freshman year. Please email David at cohend@seattleu.edu; he would love to hear from you.

Laurie Purse White writes, "My husband, **Ryan (USNA '03)**, and I welcomed Connor Ryan into the world on July 27. He weighed in at 5 lbs., 6 oz., but quickly acquired a double chin. We are living in Alexandria, Va. I am working at a small private school called Browne Academy as the assistant director of admissions and development, and am still playing soccer in my free time. **Melissa Lawson, Abbey Seaboyer '04, Tara Utchel, Aly Rentrop and Emily Keber** got together at my baby shower in July; all are doing well." Laurie sent a picture of Connor; it is in the Class Notes section of the *Bucknell World* website. 

Lauren McLaughlin married **Sean Johnson-McNutt '04** on March 5. They live in Skippack, Pa.

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Jason Do Yung Kim has just completed his first year of law school at Franklin

Pierce Law Center in Concord, N.H. He spent his summer in Concord as an intern for the New Hampshire Bar Association's Domestic Violence Emergency Project (DOVE) and Pro Bono Referral Program. His email address is jkim@piercelaw.edu.

On July 4, **Amy Curlett '03** and **Travis Martin** met **Nate Clark** and **Corinne Morgan '05** for a fun vacation and reunion in Myrtle Beach, S.C. Nate and Corinne are living in Mobile, Ala. Nate works for Arkema Chemical and Corinne works in real estate sales. Amy is finishing her master's at Bucknell and Travis works for Cytec in Wallingford, Conn.

Michelle Gezo lives in San Francisco and works for Deloitte Consulting. She is training to run the Maui Marathon with The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Team in Training (TNT) and is committed to personally raising \$3,700 for the cause. Visit her website at www.active.com/donate/tntgsf/MGezo for more details. — J.P.

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The Class of 2005 celebrated its Zero-Year Reunion this Homecoming at the Lewisburg Hotel. **Nikki Hollister** reports that more than 130 members of our class attended: "The Hotel was decorated with pictures that classmates had submitted and we drew names to give away Bucknell gear," she writes. "Everyone had a great time, and the wings were especially a hit. It was nice for everyone to be able to get together in one place."

Helen Britz was hired by the United States Environmental Protection Agency in late May and has relocated to Arlington, Va. She began her assignment in July at EPA headquarters in Washington.

Lee Cromwell is enrolled at Westminster Choir College of Rider University in a master of music degree program in choral conducting. He sings in several choirs, along with **Ashi Day '04.** He writes, "Ashi, **Matt Griffin '02, Hollie Barattolo '04, Lacy Gonzales '04** and I met in Princeton to hear playwright Christopher Durang speak at the Princeton Public Library."

Margaret Fairfield is at Northeastern University School of Law in Boston and is "having a blast."

Katie Hartigan writes, "I headed to Lopburi, Thailand, in October and will be there for six months working at a center for multiple handicapped and blind people in the therapy department. I cannot wait!"

Tracy Marszalek writes, "**Jaime Hays, Katharine Nottebohm** and I are living together in Manhattan. Jaime works for Ernst & Young. Katharine works for Christie's, and I work for Bank of America."

Congratulations to **Matthew Paoletti**, who received the 2005 LeRoy Apker Award for recognition of excellence in undergraduate research at an undergraduate institu-

tion. Matt is a physics graduate student at the University of Maryland-College Park.

Joanna Rich attends Wake Forest law school and lives at 721 Summit St., Winston-Salem, NC. "I love the South," she writes, "but am sad to be missing out on the Bucknell Club of North Jersey happy hours in Hoboken." — M.D.

Navy seaman **Jason Del Moore** has completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill., with honors. During the eight-week program, he completed training that included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, fire-fighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis also was placed on physical fitness.

Ilya Bondarenko writes that he, **T.C. Maslin** and **John Wold** "took a road trip this past summer across the entire U.S. for about six weeks. While perhaps this isn't an accomplishment or deed of epic proportions (as so often is the case with our fellow students and alums), it was mind-blowing and bubble-bursting just the same. The trip gave us time to bond, reflect on our four very special years at Bucknell, and mentally prepare for life outside of 'the bubble.' The three of us highly recommend such a trip for any recent grad, or indeed for anyone able in finance and health. Many talk of embarking on such a journey, but so very few actually do. The photo is of us standing at the rim of the Grand Canyon, being humbled by it — yet basking in its beauty. We proceeded to hike the canyon, as well as do a great many other things, including skydiving in San Diego, touring the wine country in the Sonoma and Napa valleys and meeting fellow Bucknellians in Chicago (**John Mantia**, **Jeff Hazlett**, **Joe Ciotti**, **Jeff Puro** and **Brittany Bohne '04**). Best wishes to our fellow Bucknellians, wherever they are, of all ages — that in their job search or retirement, engagement, marriage or otherwise, keep the spirit of curiosity and adventure alive." You can see Ilya's photo in the Class Notes section of the *Bucknell World* website. ☞

Elizabeth Peters Bartholomew, whose marriage to **Jonathan Bartholomew '04** was reported last issue by attendee **Aidan Havener**, sends more news, "There were approximately 60 Bucknellians at the wedding and we were so excited to share the special day with all of our college friends. Bucknellians in the wedding party included groomsmen **Stephen Peters '07**, **Jonathan Davis '04**, **Andrew Marbach '04** and **Joe Moser**, and bridesmaids **Heather Schatten**, **Liesel Wittmer '07** and **Amber Aho**. Jonathan is a senior financial analyst at Prudential Financial and getting his MBA at the University of Connecticut. I am a full-time graduate student in the master's in school counseling program at the University of Connecticut."

Deaths

24 Ruth Weidenhamer Armstrong, Trout Run, Pa., on Sept. 12. She was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority. Her husband, Robert, preceded her in death in 1969. She is survived by four children, 11 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

31 Miriam Groner, New Britain, Pa., on Aug. 10. She earned a doctorate in botany from the University of Michigan and worked as a flower breeder for Burpee Seeds. She joined the botany department at Penn State-Abington in 1958, and taught there until 1969.

32 Margaret Cunningham Phillips, Vineland, N.J., on Sept. 6. She was a member of Kappa Delta sorority. She was head of the math department at Vineland High School for many years. Her husband, William, preceded her in death; three children, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren survive.

D. Rodger Davis, Farmington, N.M., on Sept. 7. He was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity and earned a master's degree from the University of Hawaii. He taught in Hawaii, starting a music program at Baldwin High School in Wailuku, where he composed the school's fight song which is still played today. He later worked as a mechanical engineer at Mills Iron Works. Marguerite, his wife of 52 years, preceded him in death. Their two children and seven grandchildren survive.

Frances Knights Skeath, Williamsport, Pa., on April 28. She was a member of the math and physics honor societies and earned a doctorate from Penn State. She became a professor of mathematics at Lycoming College, from which she retired in 1975. Her brother, **Edward Knights '35**, preceded her in death; sister **Martha Knights Carey '37** and nephews **Marvin Knights '65** and **R. Joseph Barraclough '71** survive.

33 Norman MacKenzie, Downingtown, Pa., on Oct. 10. He played basketball and ran track, serving as captain of both teams, and was also a member of Alpha Chi Sigma chemistry honor society and Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. He earned his doctorate from Temple University Medical School. He served in the Navy in WWII. His brother, **Murdo '25**, preceded him in death; he is survived by three nephews, including **Douglas Buchanan '66**.

36 Daniel Griffith, Wyomissing, Pa., on Sept. 8. He played on the basketball, golf and soccer teams and was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. He worked for Atlantic Richfield Co. for 39 years, until his retirement in 1975. He was a founding member of the Los Angeles Food Bank and on its board of directors. He was a past president of the Bucknell Alumni Association. His wife, **Helen Morgan Griffith '37**; son, **Thomas '62**; daughter, Elizabeth Griffith Hartranft; and sisters **Dorothy Griffith Grimm '28** and **Nancy Griffith Snyder '31** preceded him in death. He is survived by four grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and niece **Nancy Bross '66**.

Harry Smithgall, Bozeman, Mont., on Aug. 25. He was a member of several professional and honor societies, as well as Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity. He was employed for many ears by Sylvania. His wife, Edith; son, David; and sister, **Carrie Smithgall Ebert '25**, preceded him in death. His son, daughter, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren survive.

38 Robert Beers, York, Pa., on Oct. 8. He was a member of Delta Upsilon fraternity and later earned a law degree from Harvard. He served in the Naval Intelligence Division during WWII, then returned to York and worked in the legal department of the York Corporation until 1949, when he opened a private practice. From 1991 until his 2003 retirement, he was of counsel at Blakely, Yost, Bupp and Rausch. His nephew, **John '51**, preceded him in death. Edith, his wife of 64 years, survives; as do their four children, including **John '70** and **Jane Beers Gervais '66**; Jane's husband, **John Gervais '66**; and several grandchildren.

Grace King Dymond, Scranton, Pa., on Aug. 3. She was involved in student government while at Bucknell. She worked as a secretary for the International Salt Co. and the Church of the Epiphany until her retirement. Four children, seven grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and a sister survive.

39 Walter Rohrs, Silver Lake, N.Y., on Sept. 28. He was involved in business, German and journalism honor societies and Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, and received a prize in economics upon his graduation. He served in the Army from 1943-45 in the Adjutant General's Department. He earned an MBA from the

University of Pennsylvania and a doctorate in business administration from New York University. Upon the death of his father, the family business in which he worked was sold and he began his second career as a college professor. He taught undergraduate and graduate courses in economics, marketing and management at Wagner College from 1965 to 1988, and continued on a part-time basis after his retirement. His wife of 60 years, **Helen '40**, preceded him in death five years ago. He is survived by his son, **Richard '69**, and two grandchildren.

William Ottaviani, Glen Lyon, Pa., on Sept. 26. He played baseball and later graduated from the Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa. He served in the Army Air Corps with the 498th Bomb Squadron in the 345th Bomb Group, in the Pacific theater during WWII. He was a practicing chiropractor until his 1988 retirement. He is survived by several nieces and nephews.

40 Ralph Posner, Seattle, Wash., on April 5. He served in the Army Air Corps during WWII and Korea, then rejoined the family paper production business and spent the remainder of his career in that industry. His wife of 59 years, Florence, passed away April 9. They are survived by two children.

41 Eleanor Lindell Sleeth, Bradenton, Fla., on July 18. She was a member of Kappa Delta sorority. She received a master's degree from Syracuse in 1966 and spent many years as a teacher. She is survived by her husband, **Clovis '42**, three children, including son **John '64**, a sister, a brother, six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

William Johnson, Katonah, N.Y., on Sept. 13. He played football, basketball and golf, serving as a team captain in golf. During WWII, he served in the Navy, primarily on the *U.S.S. Milwaukee*, and directed the landing of a hospital ship during the Allied invasion of Hitler's Europe. He received a master's from Columbia in 1946 and had successful careers as a business owner and stock broker. Four Bucknellian siblings preceded him in death: **Albert '25**, **Paul '32**, **VanWirt '52** and **Mary Johnson Peterson '40**. He is survived by his wife, Jean; seven children, including **William Jr. '80**, **Leslie '83** and **Robert Bressler '73**; three siblings, including **Diana Johnson Sigler '55** and **David '48**; nine grandchildren; nieces **Alice Johnson Kelly '89**, **Mary Ann Stanton '89** and **Elizabeth Markevitch '79**; and nephews **J. Van Wirt Johnson '77**, **Richard Johnson '84** and **Alan Sigler '81**.

42 C. Edwin Glass, Laguna Woods, Calif., on July 17. He was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity and the football, basketball and tennis team, choosing the Army Air Corps over offers from professional football teams. He served in India as a B-29 pilot during WWII. He joined the FBI and worked in its San Francisco and Washington offices as a special agent. After the FBI, he worked as a security consultant in private industry and as an investigator for the House Ethics Committee. His late father, **C.E. Glass**, graduated from Bucknell in 1916. He is survived by his wife, Irene; two children, four grandchildren and nephew **Gary '62**.

John Pisano, Hanover, Pa., on Sept. 6. He served in Europe during WWII with the Army Air Corps. He worked for many years as a manager of Pomeroy's Department Store and the Midway Shopping Center. His wife of 55 years, Irene, two children, three grandchildren and two siblings survive.

Robert Conevery, Wellsboro, Pa., on Aug. 5. He was involved in Cap and Dagger, *L'Agenda* and Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. After graduation, he joined the Army Air Corps and served in WWII with the Flying Tigers. He was a part owner and vice president/treasurer of the *Wellsboro Gazette*

and Tioga Printing Corporation, which his grandfather had founded. His wife, Bettie, preceded him in death in 1999; he is survived by two children, a grandson and a sister.

43 Harold Glazier, Bethlehem, Pa., on Aug. 29. He was a member of Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity, Phi Sigma biology honor society and Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity. He received his doctorate from the University of Pennsylvania School of Dentistry and was a dentist for the Navy during WWII. After the war, he opened a dental practice in Bethlehem, which he had for 42 years until his retirement in 1989. His brothers, **Bernard '35** and **Nathaniel '32**, preceded him in death. He is survived by his wife, Betsy, with whom he had celebrated 53 years of marriage in April; three children and seven grandchildren.

44 Donald Shields, Cowgill, Cumbria, England, on Feb. 10, 2005. He was a member of Delta Upsilon fraternity and Phi Beta Kappa. His sister, **Anna Shields Ward '38**, and brothers, **John '31** and **Kelvin '34**, survive.

47 Meryl "Mickey" Eisenberg Rosenthal, Oakland Gardens, N.Y., on Aug. 23. She was a member of several honor societies, including Phi Beta Kappa, and graduated summa cum laude, earning an award for having the highest grade point average of her graduating class. She was an editor in the department of nuclear physics at the University of California-Berkeley from 1947-50. She is survived by her husband, Robert; two sons and four grandchildren.

48 James Stahl Jr., Erie, Pa., on Oct. 11. He was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity and part of the Navy V-12 program; he served four years in the Navy. He worked as a mechanical engineer for General Electric, where he also volunteered in the historical museum. He is survived by his wife, Mary; a son, **James '74**, a daughter and four grandchildren.

L. Robert Spencer Jr., Dallas, Pa., on Oct. 12. He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity and won the 145-pound intramural wrestling title. He worked for General Motors in NYC for several years, then returned to Kingston, Pa., and worked as an accountant for PG&W, where he also founded and edited its award-winning company newsletter. He is survived by Margaret, his wife of 49 years; a daughter; two grandsons; and a brother.

Helen Grosskurth Lowry MA, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., on July 15. She received her bachelor's degree from Adelphi University. She is survived by three children and three grandchildren.

John Spriggs, Naples, Fla., on June 26. He was a member of the football team and served in the Navy during WWII.

49 Ernest "Ernie" Wildfoerster, Hendersonville, N.C., on Oct. 11. He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps during his freshman year, and flew a P-51 fighter plane in the European theater during WWII. After his discharge, he returned to Bucknell to complete his degree. He retired from Allstate Insurance in 1980. He is survived by **Alma '49**, his wife of 53 years, their two daughters and their husbands.

William Clayton, Galveston, Texas, on Sept. 22. He was a member of the physics and math honor societies and Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. He was a fighter pilot in the Royal Canadian Air Force during WWII, serving in both the European and Pacific theaters; he also served in the U.S. Air Force and was appointed a rear admiral in the U.S. Maritime Service. He earned his doctorate at A&M College of Texas, now Texas A&M University. While a visiting professor at the University of Hawaii, he helped found its department of oceanography. Later, he

became the founding president of Texas A&M University at Galveston and served four terms on the city council. His daughter, Jill, predeceased him; he is survived by his wife, Peggy; two sons; two grandchildren and a great-grandson.

Lester Franklin Jr., Bedminster Township, N.J., on Sept. 8. He played football and was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity. He served in the Marine Corps during WWII, on the *USS Puget Sound* as a radar technician. He worked in sales and real estate, retiring from Weichert Realtors in 1985. Jane, his wife of 55 years, survives; as do six children, nine grandchildren and a great-grandson.

Lloyd Furman Jr., Flagstaff, Ariz., on Sept. 26. He was a member of Pi Mu Epsilon math honor society and Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. He served in WWII in the Okinawa campaign and later worked as an engineer and manager at GE/Honeywell. His wife, Maxine, preceded him in death. He is survived by three children, four grandchildren and two brothers.

50 James Poeth Jr. MS '51, Painted Post, N.Y., on Oct. 5. He was a member of Pi Mu Epsilon math honor society. He served in the Army, in England, during WWII. He worked as an engineer and draftsman for Ingersoll Rand, then taught at Corning Community College until 1980. His wife, Mary, preceded him in death. His four children, two grandchildren and brother, **Dean '54**, survive.

Robert Smith, Muncy, Pa., on Aug. 30. He was a member of the American Society of Professional Engineers and Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. During WWII, he served in the Navy. He worked in the engineering department of Sprout-Waldron, now Andritz, for 31 years, retiring in 1985. He served for many years on the Muncy planning commission and zoning board, and was a founding member of the Muncy Pool Association. **Charlotte Breisch Smith '47**, his wife of 52 years, survives him; as do two sons and two granddaughters.

51 D. Scott Hicks, Dublin, N.J., on Aug. 1. He was involved in *L'Agenda* and Kappa Sigma fraternity, and played football. He worked in finance and brokerage, retiring from Tucker Anthony in 1997, and was active in many civic and business groups. He is survived by Nancy, his wife of 54 years, three children, four grandchildren and a brother.

54 Harlan Bliss, Green Pond, N.J., on Oct. 15. He was active in the Outing Club, *L'Agenda*, Interfraternity Council and Lambda Chi Alpha. He received his MBA from Cornell University Business School and owned Landmark Window Fashions in Holbrook, Mass. He is survived by Judy, his wife of 51 years; four children, including son **David '78** and daughter **Carol Bliss Cannon '84**; 12 grandchildren and a brother.

Kihei Koizumi MS, Kashiwa-shi, Chiba-k, Japan, on Aug. 28. He received a doctorate from Ohio State University in 1964 and taught there for several years before returning to his native Japan, where he also taught.

55 Norman Falck MS, Lewisburg, Pa., on Sept. 21. He was a WWII veteran, serving in the Army Air Corps. He spent 35 years teaching in the Upper Mahanoy and Lewisburg school districts, served as president of the Union County PSEA and was a member of the state PSEA. Gladys, his wife of 60 years, survives him, as do three children, 10 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

57 Joyce Dornsife Holmes, Milton, Pa., on Oct. 4. She was involved in WVBU. She worked as a secretary for the CIA in Washington, D.C., and as a legal secretary for an area attorney. She also had her own business doing title searches for area attorneys, and was an adult literacy tutor and instructor of English as a second

language. She is survived by her sister, **Glenda Dornsife Noyes '59**, and two nephews.

Charles Deardorff Jr., Lancaster, Pa., on Aug. 15. He was involved in soccer, intramurals, Chorale, *L'Agenda*, the pre-medical and American Chemical societies and Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. He earned a doctorate from Jefferson Medical College in 1961. A Vietnam War veteran, he served in the Army with the 7th MASH unit and the 24th Evacuation Hospital, then with the Fort Carson Army Hospital in Colorado. He opened a general surgical practice in Lancaster, which he ran for 30 years. He was also chairman of the surgical department at St. Joseph Hospital and member of several medical associations. His wife, Carol, three children and sister survive.

James Krum MS, York, Pa., on Sept. 2. He served in the Army during WWII, earning a Bronze Star and Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster. He was an educator at Harveys Lake and Milton Hershey School, and worked for U.S. Radium and Hanover Brands before retiring in 1989. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Allene; their four children and six grandchildren.

58 Robert Ayres, Ponte Vedra, Fla., on July 8. He was involved in golf, intramurals, *L'Agenda*, student government and Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. He retired as vice president of marketing from Transport Insurance Co., and had been a member of the N.E. Motor Accounting Council, the Motor Truck Association and Maine Motor Transport Association. He was also a founder of the Beaches Cancer Support Group. Survivors include his wife, Barbara; two daughters and several grandchildren.

William White Jr., Sarasota, Fla., on Aug. 1. He was active with *The Bucknellian*, intramurals, politics club and Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. He retired from his banking career with Irving Trust Co., with which he had been a senior vice president, in 1986. He formed and managed an investment advisory firm in Venice, Fla. His parents, **William Sr. '26** and Betty, preceded him in death; he is survived by his son, brother **David '64**, sister **Deborah White Andersen '56**, niece **Elizabeth '93**, and nephews **Arthur '81**, **David '83** and **Matthew Andersen '86**.

60 Lawrence Pauls MS '62, Corning, N.Y., on May 18. He was a member of Tau Beta Pi engineering honor society, and taught undergraduate courses in mechanical engineering while working on his master's. He served in the Navy during the Korean War and spent 30 years at Corning, Inc., as a mechanical engineer in its Process Research Center. He is survived by his wife, Fay; five children, brother **Stanley '50** and a sister.

James Creasy MS, Bloomsburg, Pa., on Aug. 24. He earned his bachelor's degree from Bloomsburg State Teachers College and his doctorate from Penn State. He served in the Navy during the Korean War. He enjoyed a 26-year career at Bloomsburg as a professor, assistant to the president and director of summer sessions and continuing education. His wife, Mary, two children, two grandchildren and a sister survive.

Ian Patrick, Church Hill, Md., on Aug. 2. He was a member of Kappa Delta Rho fraternity and played intramural sports. He served in the Coast Guard until 1964 and was in the North Atlantic during the Cuban Missile Crisis. After his service, he worked as a project manager in the industrial controls division of Honeywell Corp. until his 1998 retirement. He also worked with the boating program at Washington College. He is survived by his wife, Kathleen, and a sister.

William Pepper Jr., Creekside, Pa., on Oct. 8. He was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity. He served in Army Intelligence during the Vietnam War, and was a teacher at East Pike Elementary School until his retirement. He is survived by his wife, June; four children; five grandchildren and two siblings.

64 Wayne Miller MS, Camp Hill, Pa., on Sept. 7. He received his bachelor's from Bloomsburg and a doctorate from Penn State. He worked as a speech therapist and director of psychological services for several school systems, and had a private practice as a consulting psychologist until 2002. His wife, Shirley, two children and three grandchildren survive.

Laurence Spiro, Rock Hill, N.Y., on June 27. He played intramural sports and was a member of Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity. He attended medical school in Belgium, at the Catholic University of Louvain. A urologist, he started a practice in Liberty, N.Y., in 1975. He died in a carbon monoxide accident, in which his wife, Heather, also perished. Their daughter, Victoria, survives.

65 William Knoll, Turbotville, Pa., on Aug. 12. He retired as an electronic design engineer from GTE Sylvania, where he had worked for 25 years. He held 16 patents, mostly in lighting. He received the SAE Award in 1991. He is survived by his wife, Cathy, a daughter, a granddaughter and a sister.

66 Richard Zerfing, Myrtle Beach, S.C., on Sept. 21. He served with the Army in WWII and with the Navy in Korea. He worked for Merck and Co. as a chemist and was a research chemist for the Federal Food and Drug Administration until his 1993 retirement. He is survived by his wife, Arlene, with whom he celebrated 57 years of marriage in April; two children and six grandchildren.

Chester Choplick Sr. MS, Watsontown, Pa., on Aug. 20. He was a Navy veteran and received his bachelor's degree from Bloomsburg University. He taught for 30 years in the Warrior Run School District. He is survived by his wife, Helen, two sons, four grandchildren and three siblings.

69 Marilyn Yatsko Kennedy, Hazleton, Pa., on Sept. 7. She completed her degree at Douglas College (then the women's division of Rutgers University) and did graduate studies at the University of North Carolina. She is survived by her mother, her husband William, a son and a brother.

70 J. Staats Brokaw III MS '72, Clinton Township, N.J., on Sept. 2. He was a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and ROTC. He served in the 102nd Armor Division of the N.J. National Guard as a tank commander and

executive officer from 1971-78. He was president of several engineering firms, including J. Staats Brokaw Associates, and at the time of his death had been vice president and principal at Schoor DePalma for four years. His mother; wife, **Louise Kunkel Brokaw '72**; daughter, **Kaitlin '03**; son, **Colin '00**; two brothers and a sister survive.

71 Howard Worstall, Wales, Pa., on Sept. 22. He participated in baseball and soccer and was a member of Delta Upsilon fraternity. He was owner of the former Worstall Stationery Co. He is survived by his wife, Deborah, two children and a sister.

86 Laurie McLendon, New York, N.Y., on Aug. 1. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority. She studied at the Fashion Institute of Technology and worked as a publicist in the fashion industry. She owned two lower Manhattan stores: Shi, a home furnishing store; and Papivore, which specialized in European stationery and letterpress printing. She is survived by her parents, Heath and **Judith '56**, and four siblings.

87 Barbara Gonzalez Brito, Cedar Grove, N.J., on June 18. She was a vice president at AIG. She is survived by her parents, her husband, J.C., four children and a sister.

89 Peter Hastings, Charleston, S.C., on Sept. 25. An avid triathlete, he died of complications of heatstroke suffered during a triathlon. He was a swimmer, serving as team captain for the 1988-89 season, and also participated in water polo, intramurals and Catholic Campus Ministry. He earned his doctorate from the University of Illinois and became a partner at Palmetto Pediatrics. He served as president of the Dorchester County Medical Society. He is survived by his wife, Michelle, his parents and stepparents, three children and two sisters.

91 Robert Chambers Jr., Baltimore, Md., on Aug. 21. He played football and was a founding member of the Xi Kappa chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity here. He received a juris doctorate from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law in 1995; while a student there, he met his wife, Regina. He established his private law practice in 2001. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his parents, a son, two siblings and a grandmother.

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LIFE WITHOUT SCRATCH

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You could say Scratch was a fairly normal chicken. She poked around in the dirt and grass all day, looking for something to eat, slept at night in her coop, and every day or so, she'd lay an egg.

My wife and I liked Scratch, even though she wasn't an especially affectionate creature. She was just something that came with the house and property when we bought them two years ago. The woman who sold us the place took her horses, dogs, and cats with her. She asked if we cared to keep the chicken. Why not, we figured. After spending most of our lives in cities or suburbs, we suddenly occupied eight acres of rural real estate in central Pennsylvania. Now we had a barn, a pasture, a woodshed, two cats, and a pretty front porch that invited guitar picking and pink lemonade. Really, all that was missing was a chicken.

We never figured out her breed. A few locals took a guess, but no one was really sure. Some breeds are friendly and sociable; some are the opposite. Scratch was an opposite. Some lay white eggs; Scratch lays brown. Some are stout and handsome; Scratch was as dumpy and homely as a hound dog. She had feathers the color of autumn — gold, black, and russet — a sagging red crown, and black glassy eyes. Still, as our homestead's lone chicken, she carried herself regally and went about her solitary business with an air of idle contentment.

About a year ago, my wife and I shattered her idyllic existence when we brought six young Rhode Island Red chickens home to stay. Scratch had lent an undeniable charm to the place. Six more chickens, we figured, would really spice up the joint.

During the first few days of throwing the newcomers in with Scratch, a fascinating turf war evolved that featured a lot of brute aggression and posturing. The chickens were establishing a pecking order. If you have seven chickens, they will establish a precise order among themselves. A leader will emerge, then will come a Number Two, a Number Three, and so forth, to the end of the line — where our suddenly bewildered and embattled Scratch was doomed to reside.

My wife and I were ashamed of the misery we'd wrought on the poor bird. We eased our guilt by reasoning that even if Scratch and the newcomers never got to be the best of friends, the rough stuff would end soon enough.



Illustration by Andrea Cortin

And it did. Through the fall and winter and into this spring and summer, the seven chickens lived peaceably and even harmoniously. In the winter, with snow on the ground, they never left the coop and never fought. When the snow was gone and the air warmed some, they spent their days meandering about the property, always seeking fresh grub. At dusk, they'd wander back into the coop and settle onto their roosts.

One morning, my wife came into the kitchen from the front porch and said Scratch was lying in front of the house, dead. There was no telling why she died. Could've been sickness, old age, or both. In any event, it was sad to see her lying there.

I wasn't sure about funeral arrangements. My plan was to carry the body into the woods behind our house and cover it with branches and leaves. Stacey, however, insisted on a proper burial. I dug a hole in the top corner of our lawn, placed Scratch in a plastic shopping bag, laid her in and covered her up. Atop the dirt, I placed a large, flat rock on which, with red paint, I printed, "Scratch, ?-2005."

When my wife and I moved into our house, there were just two cats, Scratch, and us. By the time Scratch died, two barn cats, six chickens, and one handsome baby boy had been added to that number. My wife stood silently at Scratch's grave with our child in her arms. I stood next to them, thinking about beauty and time and the strangeness of life to be standing in our yard on a hot summer day seriously mourning the death of a chicken. Soon our son grew restless. Meanwhile, the barn cats were off in the woods, and six Rhode Island Reds roamed aimlessly across the lawn.

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