Equity & Inclusion

• Appreciates what everyone at the Academy brings with them.

• Motto: "Do we have everyone's input? Let's not miss an opportunity to be smarter than we are."

• Unconscious at best and intentionally discriminatory at worst; may have a diverse workforce but still only values the majority culture.

• Motto: "This is how we do it around here."

• Views diversity as a problem; is a numbers-based organization.

• Motto: "What do we have to do to stay out of trouble?"

• Has a diverse mix of students, faculty, and staff with differences in race, gender, age, sexual orientation, disabilities, etc.; struggles with the best use of diversity.

• Motto: "Multiculturalism equals food, fashion, and festivals for everyone, but not necessarily equity for all."
When Doug Pirnie '65 returns to campus in June for his 50th Reunion, he’ll be bringing along a very generous celebratory gift: a one-life annuity that will benefit the Douglas D. Pirnie '39 and Douglas D. Pirnie Jr. '65 Scholarship Fund in years to come.

"I want to make it possible for the traditions of PA to continue long into the future and for students to have the opportunity to enjoy all that this school has to offer," says Pirnie. "That’s why my wife, Roxanne, and I have established a charitable gift annuity toward a scholarship fund in my and my father’s names. We are proud to support Andover traditions and the wonderful work of the school."

Pirnie’s generosity also extends to his many roles as a PA volunteer. "I have always wanted to give something back to PA through volunteer work, whether it be as class secretary, co-agent, reunion chair, non sibi agent, or Alumni Council member," he says. Pirnie currently serves on the Class of 1965’s reunion fundraising, planning, and attendance committees. In honor of his many years of volunteer service, he received Andover’s Distinguished Service Award in 2006.

During Non Sibi Weekend 2015, nearly 1,400 students, faculty, staff, parents, and alumni worked with some 30 PA community partners to learn more about how they address community-identified needs every day.

A big thanks goes to Community Service Director Monique Cueto-Potts and her team for organizing this effort!
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Over the past two years as editor of Andover magazine, I’ve had terrific conversations with many alumni. Two in particular stand out. The first, well over a year ago, was with Sara Livermore, a 1945 graduate of Abbot Academy. Sara had called to ask to be removed from the mailing list; she didn’t see herself reflected in the magazine and had lost interest. We started talking, and by the end of our conversation (which was filled with great laughs about her adventures at Abbot) I’d convinced her to write a piece for our Tales Out of School section (spring 2014).

The second—a much more recent conversation—was with Edward Parker ’56, who had a bone to pick with me about the fact that we’d announced Linda Carter Griffith’s new role as assistant head of school for equity and inclusion but hadn’t explained why this role is necessary (see To the Editor). When I called to let him know that the entire spring issue would be dedicated to answering that very question, he softened. We ended up having a fruitful conversation about the fact that working with boys on their psychological and emotional development is as important as working with girls on the same.

This issue of Andover, which explores equity and inclusion at PA, is quite close to my heart. As a teacher, I am always keenly aware of the related issues that arise in a classroom and the great responsibility I have to support each and every student. As a Caucasian mom from the United States with a daughter from Vietnam, I witness, weigh, and respond to how the world interacts with mixed-race families and children of color. My personal investment in equity and inclusion will deepen this summer when my family and I travel to China to adopt our 2-year-old son, who awaits us in Shanxi Province.

In the pages that follow, I hope that Sara, Edward, and all of you see yourselves reflected in this magazine and discover answers as to why “equity and inclusion” has been made one of the three pillars of our Strategic Plan, why we must listen to our students’ powerful voices, and why our head of school, faculty, staff, and administrators are dedicated to a common goal: a truly equitable community. In this issue, we celebrate the work we’ve done, measure the progress we’ve made, share our current challenges, and assess the path ahead. We don’t cover everything, but it’s a worthy start.

On that note, I bid you farewell. After this issue, I will no longer be editor of Andover, but I will carry your stories with me.

Kristin Bair O’Keeffe

P.S. Do not miss the 2015 Thorndike Paper (page 52) that tells the story of Emily Adams Bancroft, who graduated from Abbot in 1831. She was a powerhouse!
Dear Editor,

Andover magazine [winter 2015] arrived yesterday and it is a terrific issue! I loved the theme and reading all of the stories. What a lively, textured, multifaceted view of what Andover means to so many different people! Thank you for including my piece.

—Amy Appleton ’79
Washington, D.C.

Dear Editor,

Excellent piece on the 50th anniversary of Search & Rescue [winter 2015], the legacy of which Andover should be rightfully proud.

—Jack McLean ’66
Fort Lee, New Jersey

Dear Editor,

Please accept my compliments on an inspiring issue [winter 2015]. For those of us who attended long ago, it is thrilling to see the school continue to advance in depth and breadth across the board.

Especially appreciated are your mentions of Andover and the Military, for which I raise money (along with being a co-class agent). From Gen. McCaffrey to Capt. (now Congressman) Moulton to many alumni who served with distinction since the Revolutionary War, Andover has a proud military tradition. While we may not all agree from time to time with the military decisions made by our civilian leadership, we all can applaud the selfless service of our graduates in uniform, living examples of non sibi.

—Don Way ’63
Atherton, California

Dear Editor,

Page 8 (winter 2015) has an article about Linda Carter Griffith being chosen as assistant head of school for equity and inclusion. As a piece of journalism or an essay, this brief note is a failure. I know what the words equity and inclusion mean, but I don’t know what this means for PA. In particular, is there a problem with equity or inclusion for students applying to PA or for those attending PA? How bad is the problem that the school requires an assistant head and a staff? Who is at fault for the lack of equity and inclusion at PA? Students? Faculty? Administration? Maybe there is a problem of equity and inclusion for faculty. Possibly there is no problem of equity and inclusion at PA. Is this simply a new position established to ward off problems concerning equity and inclusion? This would seem to me to be an expensive preventive measure.

I will always have a debt to PA for the opportunity it extended to me. It changed my life completely.

—Edward H. Parker Jr. ’56
Walla Walla, Washington

[Editor’s note: Mr. Parker asks a number of important questions about why and how PA is moving forward on issues related to equity and inclusion. It is my hope that many of his questions are answered in this special themed issue.]

Congratulations to the winners of the winter 2015 Macro Mystery:

Ashley Scott ’16
(first correct answer)

Corissa Hollenbeck ’16

Denise Magnell (parent of Molly Magnell ’14)

This Staffordshire creamer resides in a display case in George Washington Hall’s Steinbach Lobby—along with approximately 60 other ceramic figurines of a similar motif. Ruth and Milton Steinbach ’20, namesakes of the Steinbach Theatre, collected this folk art during their yearly travels to England. Requested to Andover by Ruth, the collection was installed in its current location in 1991.
From America to China:

Connecting Youth through Music

March 2015

Phillips Academy’s “Shanghai Week” provided a vibrant cultural collaboration for all 80-plus Andover students and faculty. Hosted by Datong High School, students and teachers experienced life in Chinese dorms, ate (with chopsticks) in the student dining hall, and experienced morning flag raising and curfew at 10 p.m., when all electricity was shut off. Cultural experiences included classes in martial arts and calligraphy plus visits to some Shanghai sites—the Bund, Old Town, an acrobatic show, and a Buddhist temple. But most important were the joint rehearsals in which Andover and Chinese students learned to sing each other’s songs. Andover’s orchestra joined Datong Western Orchestra and Datong Chinese Orchestra in playing Chinese instruments like the erhu, guzheng, and pipa. The shared language of music and youth overcame any limitation of spoken language.

The final concert was presented as part of the 2015 China Shanghai International Arts Festival at the brand-new, acoustically perfect, 1,200-seat Shanghai Symphony Hall. Eighty young dancers from Minhang County schools joined Andover’s orchestra and singers (including tenor John Palfrey) and 55 choral singers from the Children’s Palace Shanghai Youth Choir in a rousing performance of “Carmina Burana”—a total of 400 young Chinese and American performers in the concert hall.

This sold-out audience included Shanghai government education and cultural officials, Andover parents and supporters, members of Andover’s Asia Council, representatives from partner schools in Beijing and Kunming, as well as Shanghai media. The Shanghai Educational TV Channel filmed the program to be aired at a later date.

For Andover students, working and living together with their Chinese counterparts provided a unique opportunity to expand their global understanding; for Phillips Academy, it provided an opportunity to galvanize their supporters in Asia and create a platform of awareness and recognition for future global outreach in China and beyond.

—Shirley Young ’51
Chair, U.S.-China Cultural Institute, Cultural Associate of the Committee of 100
Among those playing major roles in bringing this cultural exchange to fruition were conductor Christopher Walter (opposite page, top); Holly Barnes, director of performance, and Shirley Young ’51 (opposite page, bottom); and conductor James Orent (top left).

The packed audience at Shanghai Symphony Hall loudly applauded local leaders Young and Jane Huang, P’16, and John Palfrey (top right) “brought down the house,” said Secretary of the Academy Thom Lockerby, “by singing alongside the combined school groups in the finale and for his greeting and thanks expressed partly in Mandarin.”
One of the most dynamic places on the planet right now is Miami. Today’s Miami is an important stop in the arts world; Art Basel in Miami Beach, for instance, is a must-attend event at the center of the contemporary visual arts scene. Miami has world-class ballet, symphony, and modern dance. Its entrepreneurial ecosystem is attracting an influx of sophisticated venture capital and quickly growing companies; the city’s start-up scene is as vibrant as its famous nightlife.

Ask the leaders behind this dynamism in Miami about what is driving this exciting growth and change, and they usually start with a joke about the weather. Then they go on to explain that the most important driver is the diversity of the people coming into the city and making it their own. Miami is a bellwether city. Long a gateway between the United States and Latin America for people, commerce, and culture, Miami today is deeply complex in its ethnic and cultural diversity, and it is finding ways to turn this diversity into undeniable strength.

As I’ve said many times, the world that Andover’s graduates are entering is bigger, more complex, and more interconnected than any before in human history. The importance of being able to find strength in broad diversity, of the sort that is on display in Miami, is growing every year. Andover has had a commitment to recruiting “youth from every quarter” for 237 years. In our new Strategic Plan, we commit to ensuring that our students develop skills associated with thriving in an equitable and inclusive community. Whether they end up in one of the world’s multicultural growth centers—such as Miami or Shanghai, China—or back home in a small town, our graduates will, without doubt, have opportunities during their lives to put these skills to excellent use.

Another place that brings people together on an equitable footing—found within communities of all sizes—is the library, by its nature an inclusive place. At Andover, we are blessed to have the Oliver Wendell Holmes Library at the very heart of our campus and our community. After 14 years at the helm, OWHL Director Elisabeth Tully has decided it is time to retire (see page 21). We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Elisabeth for an extremely successful run in her important role. Together, we also look to the future of our library with the appointment of Mike Barker, who will be responsible for directing the library as well as the Academy’s institutional research. I am excited for all the ways in which the OWHL will continue to play a central part in nearly every aspect of our life at Andover, and only more so as our Strategic Plan is implemented.

Our commitment to equity and inclusion at Andover is fundamentally about keeping our promise to every student who comes here. It is our goal to ensure that everyone is valued equally and has an equal chance to thrive at Phillips Academy and beyond. I couldn’t be more excited about the young people at Andover today nor more pleased with the strength of our faculty. Even as we remain deeply grounded in our founding values of 1778, we are learning and growing as an institution in ways that directly benefit every student.
The primacy of Phillips Academy’s dynamic academic program was evident throughout the Board of Trustees’ winter meetings on February 13 and 14. From immersion in PA classrooms to discussions on design thinking to the recognition of outstanding faculty (see photo, page 8), trustees experienced first-hand the innovation currently influencing the Academy and the broader education landscape.

On Friday afternoon, trustees embraced the opportunity to feel like high school students again as they sat in on classes such as calculus, biology, history, art, physics, law and morality, English, and assorted world languages. After classes, board members dove into design thinking with faculty members and education visionary Kiran Sethi, founder of the progressive Riverside School in India and innovator of Design for Change, a global program that empowers children to take action to reshape their world.

Sethi discussed the need to encourage students to be citizen leaders, the benefits of project-based learning, and the challenge of shifting mindsets from a focus on final grades to the journey of learning. Her visit was sponsored by the Tang Institute, Niswarth program, and Trustee Education Committee.

In Other Business

- Campus Master Plan—Representatives from Beyer Blinder Belle, a New York architecture firm, led trustees in a discussion of campus master planning. They shared early impressions from a number of perspectives, including campus layout, building usage, foot traffic, landscaping, infrastructure, and physical integration with the town of Andover.
- Athletics Facilities Master Plan—The board received the Athletics Facilities Master Plan, an institutional directive of the Strategic Plan, and discussed priority projects, scope, and timeline, as well as potential funding sources. The result was a vote to design Phase One: a new field house/squash center complex to be located north of Phelps Stadium.
- Isham Health Center—With the Rebecca M. Sykes Wellness Center on track for completion in December, the board addressed the future of Isham Health Center. Soon after doors open at Sykes, Isham will begin its transition to residential housing. The board approved a plan to design a 30-bed dorm with three apartments. The adaptive reuse approach will mitigate crowded dorms and improve the quality of residential life.
- Preliminary Budget Approved—Trustees approved the foundational components of the budget for Fiscal Year 2016, which begins July 1, 2015. They set a compensation pool that accounts for inflation as well as market equity for staff and administrators. The budget also maintains and/or reestablishes PA’s leadership position in faculty compensation. In addition, the board approved next year’s tuition of $50,300 (boarders) and $39,100 (day students), which include mandatory fees, as well as financial aid allocation that preserves need-blind admission.
- Mentoring Event—Nearly 30 members of the Girls’ Leadership Project, along with their faculty mentors, enjoyed breakfast on Saturday with female members of the board. The girls talked with trustees about My Year with Eleanor, a funny and inspiring book read by the group, and shared a draft of Boss, a new publication planned for spring that will explore campus events and politics with a feminist lens.
FACULTY HONORS

Five faculty members were praised during Trustee Weekend for their exceptional work as teachers, advisors, mentors, coaches, and more. Recipients of PA’s most recent teaching honors are, from left, Christina Landolt, instructor in music; John H. Porter Jr. Bicentennial Instructorship; Lani Silversides, instructor in math, Lumpkin Family Bicentennial Instructorship; John Bird, instructor in English, Mesics Family Campaign Andover Instructorship; Peter Neissa, instructor in Spanish, Alfred E. Stearns Foundation; and Emmanuel Odjo, instructor in French, Richard J. Sterns Instructorship.

Lunch and Learn at Tang

Tang Institute fellow Noah Rachlin (below) kicked off the Tang Institute’s Lunch & Discussion series this spring with his presentation “Cultivating a Learning Disposition.” Rachlin’s project explores student mindset and motivation. Guided by scholarly research as well as faculty and student feedback, the history and social science instructor’s larger goal is to develop strategies to help students overcome the inevitable challenges and struggles of mastering a complex new skill or concept.

Tang fellow and instructor in physics Caroline Odden (at left) presented her work on “Astro,” a project to develop an astronomy Web portal to facilitate variable star discoveries. Odden is inspired not only to advance the science, but also to share what she and her students have learned with and from others. In addition to variable star discovery, student astronomers have collaborated with professional astronomers in contexts such as exoplanet detection and gravitational lens identification.

Along with showcasing the work of fellows and other PA faculty, the Tang lunch series will feature innovators from a variety of fields that intersect with education. The spring series offers a forum for conversation and idea sharing on a range of creative efforts to spur innovation in teaching and learning.

—Tracy Sweet
Barker Appointed New Library Director

Having served for two years as Phillips Academy’s director of institutional research and assessment, Michael Barker will now also take on the role of director of the Oliver Wendell Holmes Library (OWHL). Prior to coming to Andover, he worked with Head of School John Palfrey in Harvard’s library system.

Barker will succeed Elisabeth Tully, who is retiring in July after serving as library director for 14 years. His official title will be director of Academy research, information, and library services—a title that reflects the way PA plans to restructure its library function to include both academic and institutional information services. Given that so much print content traditionally curated and managed by libraries is now available in digital format, his appointment comes at a time when many are rethinking the role that libraries in general can and should play in their communities.

“The digital era is a fascinating time to think about the many new ways in which a library might support a vibrant learning community such as Phillips Academy,” says Barker. “Creating one research hub that supports the academic interests of students and faculty as well as the research needs of the institution is a unique opportunity. Due to the great work of our librarians and archivists, the Oliver Wendell Holmes Library continues today to function as the intellectual heart of the campus, and I hope this broader definition of what a library can do will only create new connections and strengthen that role on campus.”

In announcing the appointment, Palfrey said, “I expect that the role the OWHL plays at the very center of our community life will continue to grow richer and yet more connected. Mike is just the person to build upon the great tradition of our library—on which Elisabeth Tully and others have built—and to establish great new connections and pathways into the future.”

—Stephen Porter

Springer Named CAMD Director

In late February, LaShawn Springer was appointed director of Community and Multicultural Development (CAMD). Springer, currently associate director of college counseling and faculty advisor to the Af-Lat-Am Society and Sisterhood student groups, will take on many of CAMD Dean Linda Carter Griffith’s responsibilities when Griffith becomes assistant head of school for equity and inclusion on July 1.

“Over the past three years, Andover students have challenged my understanding of what it means to be an educator and ally,” says Springer. “In observing them lead discussions on a range of issues—including but not limited to race, class, gender and gender identity, ableism, orientation, and intersectionality—my own commitment to this work has been bolstered.”

CAMD, notes Springer, provides a space, a platform, and the resources for meaningful conversations about what it means to live, teach, work, and learn in an environment with people who represent a multiplicity of identities. “I am excited to work collaboratively with all community members to keep these good and fruitful conversations going and to enact change in line with PA’s commitment to equity and inclusion,” she says.

Springer also spent two summers as the college counselor for Mathematics and Science for Minority Students—better known as (MS)². Prior to coming to Andover, she was an associate dean of admission at Wesleyan University.

—Jill Clarkin

NEW COPRESIDENTS ELECTED

In late March, with 1,009 total votes tallied, uppers Annette Bell and Theo Perez were elected school copresidents for the 2015–2016 academic year. Current copresidents, seniors Rebecca Somer and David Gutierrez, deemed the 90 percent voter turnout “incredible.”

“Theo and I really want to try to make Andover more inclusive as a whole,” says Bell. “Specifically, we are pushing for day student prefects and a volunteer-based dinner that would spark connections between people who wouldn’t normally meet.”
**Summer at the Addison**

**Alfred Maurer: At the Vanguard of Modernism**  
*April 25–July 31*  
After securing a place as a highly accomplished figurative artist, Alfred Maurer (1868–1932) went on to join the ranks of the avant-garde. From his cross-fertilization of Fauvism between French and American circles to his channeling of abstraction in his late radical works, he proved to be a formidable creative force in expanding the potential for artistic expression in American art. This exhibition—the most comprehensive to date to assess Maurer’s singular contributions to American art in the late 19th and early 20th centuries—traces the painter’s work from fin-de-siècle figure paintings to scenes of contemporary leisure, Fauvist landscapes, and adventurous heads and figures, culminating in the late Cubist still lifes.

*Generous support for this exhibition provided by the Mr. and Mrs. Raymond J. Horowitz Foundation for the Arts, Inc.; the Wyeth Foundation for American Art; the Maurer Family Foundation; Mary L. Craven; The Karen and Kevin Kennedy Foundation; the Keamy Family Foundation in memory of Yvonne and Donald Keamy; and the Sidney R. Knafel Fund.*

**On the Scene: 20th Century Street Photography**  
*May 30–July 31*  
Featuring approximately 100 photographs by such artists as Alfred Stieglitz, Paul Strand, Walker Evans, Helen Levitt, Robert Frank, and Garry Winogrand, *On the Scene* explores how artists have approached the subject of city scenes over time. Capturing the chaotic energy, chance juxtapositions, and fleeting encounters of everyday life in images that are by turns confrontational and tender, gritty and beautiful, each of these masters distills decisive moments into universal images of humanity.

**Searching for the Real**  
*May 30–July 31*  
In 1948, Addison director Bartlett Hayes organized a retrospective exhibition of the work of Hans Hofmann that traced the evolution of this artist from early figurative work to fully conceived abstraction. Accompanying the exhibition was a collection of Hofmann essays, titled *Search for the Real*. Referencing that influential publication and exhibition, this presentation of works from the Addison collection likewise explores the progression in American art from Realism to Abstraction in the late 19th to 20th centuries.

**Light/Dark, White/Black**  
*Continues through July 31*  
*Generous support for this exhibition provided by the Mollie Bennett Lupe & Garland M. Lasater Exhibitions Fund.*

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**Converging Lines: Eva Hesse and Sol LeWitt**

This exhibition celebrates the close friendship between two of the most significant American artists of the post-war era.

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Be sure to visit [www.andover.edu/museums/addison](http://www.andover.edu/museums/addison).
Conference on Gender-Based Harassment and Violence Held in April

More than 100 secondary school educators, some from as far away as South Africa, convened on the Abbot campus for the Brace Center for Gender Studies conference on gender-based harassment and violence. The April 10 event was a forum for strategies and discussions on how to create schools where youth of all genders can thrive, feeling safe, valued, and supported in who they are.

“The conference provided an incredible opportunity to come together as educators to identify the tools and resources we need to develop a comprehensive and systematic approach to combating gender-based harassment and violence at the secondary school level. This issue has become a priority for colleges and universities, but it’s clear that the most important work in terms of education and prevention must start much earlier,” says Tracy Ainsworth, Brace Center director and history and social science instructor.

Faculty and administrator workshops were led by experts such as Soraya Chemaly ’84, a feminist writer and activist; Dr. Aminah Norris, director of education and research at The Representation Project; Rosalind Wiseman and Charlie Kuhn, experts on the role video games play in the social development of many children and adolescents; and Amy Richards, an advisor to MAKERS.com, a digital and storytelling platform for collecting and sharing women’s stories. A panel of current students and young alumni also offered perspectives.

The conference concluded with a screening of The Mask You Live In, a film that follows boys and young men as they struggle to stay true to themselves while negotiating America’s narrow definition of masculinity.

Assorted books, some written by conference presenters, highlight the many forms of gender-based harassment and violence.

—Corrie Martin

Brace Center Welcomes New Codirectors

In fall 2015, Flavia Vidal and Tasha Hawthorne will begin a six-year term as codirectors of the Brace Center for Gender Studies. “As veteran English instructors, Flavia and Tasha have consistently incorporated the themes of equity and inclusion in their curricula,” notes Linda Carter Griffith, incoming assistant head of school for equity and inclusion. “Both are scholars of gender and related studies and strongly believe in educating our students about gender and the intersectionality of identities.” Hawthorne and Vidal succeed history instructor Tracy Ainsworth, who has directed the center for the past two years and is embarking on a yearlong sabbatical in the fall.

For Vidal (pictured above at left), who has served on the Brace Center’s advisory board and as a Brace Scholar advisor, feminism has always been a major part of her personal, academic, and professional identity. The only thing that has really changed over the years, she says, “is that I have thrown caution to the wind in terms of putting gender, race, and class out there on the table for discussion. I no longer care about being subtle.”

Hawthorne (above, right), who was presented with the F.C. Robertson Instructorship this past fall, says, “Through Brace, as in the classroom, I can advocate for social justice even though our culture constantly bombards us with images that influence us to the contrary.”

Still likely the only center of its kind at a secondary school today, the Brace Center is a valuable campus resource, says Vidal, for “teaching the skills students need—like critical thinking, research, and writing—along with the critical concepts regarding gender, race, class, and sexual orientation needed to thrive in the 21st-century world.”

—Corrie Martin
Love in Motion

The dance concert LOVE, ADG was presented by the Department of Theatre and Dance in Tang Theatre in early April. Its four original dance pieces—created around a theme of love—were choreographed by guest artist Donlin Foreman and PA dance instructors Judith Wombwell and Erin Strong and performed by members of the student Andover Dance Group. An Abbot Academy Association grant funded Foreman’s residency.

More than 20 student dancers took part in LOVE, ADG. At right, Jaleel Williams ’15 and Sara Luzuriaga ’16 dance to the iconic music of John Coltrane in “A Love Supreme,” a 30-minute modern dance piece choreographed by Wombwell.

SELF-PORTRAITS BY THE DOZEN

The Essex Art Center in nearby Lawrence, Mass., offered its first teen self-portrait exhibit in late February. Works by 15 students from Phillips Academy and nearby Lawrence and Methuen high schools included mixed media pieces, paintings, and drawings that “explore emotions, express thoughts, voice concerns, and reflect identity,” reported the Andover Townsman.

The six PA seniors whose work was shown are from art department chair Therese Zemlin’s advanced studio art class and art instructor Emily Trespas’s painting class.

Viviane Garth ’15 depicted her various moods in acrylics.
**Ileana Jiménez**  
Feminist, Social Activist, and Educator  
On February 15 and 16, the Brace Center for Gender Studies offered two intersectionality workshops facilitated by Ileana Jiménez. Faculty investigated the intersection of racism, sexism, classism, and homophobia, discussed how this can affect teaching, and explored best practices for creating an inclusive classroom. Students learned to build coalitions with like-minded groups on campus and engage in activism using writing and social media. “I felt inspired by Ms. Jiménez’s work,” says Rosie Poku ’17. “She pushed us as leaders of CAMD clubs and social justice movements to work together to achieve our social activism goals.”  
Recipient of the 2011 Distinguished Fulbright Award in Teaching, Jiménez has been a leader in feminist and social justice education for 18 years. —Tracy Annesworth, Director, Brace Center for Gender Studies

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**Ana Paula Tavares**  
Executive VP, Rainforest Alliance  
The importance of sustainability and the work of the Rainforest Alliance were the subjects of Ana Paula Tavares’s presentation January 7 in Kemper Auditorium.  
Lincoln Herrington ’16 praises Tavares and the New York–based Rainforest Alliance for their mission to preserve biodiversity and ensure livelihoods linked to sustainability by transforming land-use and business practices as well as consumer behavior. “Ms. Tavares and her colleagues have helped preserve the environment by pursuing long-term projects, understanding issues from the viewpoints of farmers, companies, government agencies, and consumers, and then working to accommodate all their needs.”  
Tavares’s visit was funded by Garrett Kirk ’59, the Stearns Lectureship, and the Tang Institute’s Learning in the World program. —Patricia Russell, Dean of Studies

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**Bill Littlefield ‘66**  
Host of NPR’s Only a Game  
American culture takes sports too seriously. That’s the message Bill Littlefield ’66 gave in his Wellness Week speech at All-School Meeting January 28 in Cochran Chapel.  
Since 1993, Littlefield’s Only a Game has provided audiences with a weekly tour through the world of sports. At ASM, Littlefield discussed the dangers of pressuring student athletes to compete and of coaches who place a higher priority on winning than on player development. According to Littlefield, this win-at-all-costs attitude is prevalent in high schools nationwide, to the point where the idea of playing sports purely to play is an anomaly.  
Littlefield’s visit was sponsored by the ASM fund. —Carlos Hoyt, Associate Dean of Students for Personal and Community Education

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**Lorene Cary**  
Author, Educator, and Social Activist  
On January 16, Lorene Cary, one of the first African American females to study at St. Paul’s School in the early 1970s, discussed her struggle to retain her culture at the predominately white New Hampshire boarding school, as well as issues of diversity, equity, and inclusion.  
According to Kayla Thompson ’15, many students of color at PA and peer schools still experience the tokenism and isolation described by Cary. “In general, students from historically disadvantaged backgrounds have more of a struggle academically and socially than their more privileged classmates,” says Thompson, adding that PA’s newly created role of assistant head of school for equity and inclusion is a step in the right direction.  
Cary’s talk in Kemper Auditorium was made possible by the Elizabeth Rogers Fund and John H. Hosch III Memorial Fund. —Linda Carter Griffith, Dean, Office of Community and Multicultural Development (CAMD)

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**Debby Irving**  
Racial Justice Educator and Writer  
Among the events celebrating Martin Luther King Jr. Day on January 19 was the faculty and staff workshop led by Debby Irving in Kemper Auditorium.  
Irving is the author of Waking Up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race. In the workshop, Irving discussed aspects of her book, including her struggle to understand racism and her perspective on bias, stereotypes, manners, and tolerance.  
Physics instructor Clyde Beckwith says many of Irving’s descriptions of racism not only reflected his experiences, but also offered a deeper interpretation of them. He adds that Irving gave him “inspiration to confront avoidance in dealing with race issues.” The offices of the Dean of Faculty and CAMD coordinated Irving’s visit. —Patrick Farrell, Dean of Faculty; Linda Carter Griffith, Dean, CAMD; and Nancy Lang, Associate Dean of Faculty

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**Justin Simien**  
Film Director and Writer  
In celebration of Black Arts and Black Lives, Af-Lat-Am welcomed Justin Simien, the writer and director as well as a producer of Dear White People. Winner of the Special Jury Award for Breakthrough Talent at the 2014 Sundance Film Festival and the Audience Award at the 2014 San Francisco International Film Festival, Dear White People is a social satire that follows the stories of four black students at a fictionalized Ivy League college where controversy erupts over a popular but offensive black-face party thrown by white students.  
February 26 began with a CAMD open house for Simien. That evening, a Dear White People screening was held in Kemper Auditorium, followed by a discussion with Simien. Af-Lat-Am, the Abbot Academy Association, and CAMD sponsored Simien’s visit. —LaShawn Springer, Af-Lat-Am Faculty Advisor

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**Karen Russell**  
Novelist and Short Story Writer  
Featured in The New Yorker’s 20 Under 40 list, Russell has been a Guggenheim Fellow, a fellow at the American Academy of Berlin, and a Pulitzer Prize finalist. She has taught writing and literature at Columbia, Williams, Bard, and Bryn Mawr. Russell’s visit was sponsored by the Elizabeth Rogers Fund. —Kevin O’Connor, Instructor in English
In late February, the Department of Theatre and Dance presented *Twelfth Night*, one of Shakespeare’s greatest comedies. Directed by theatre instructor Kevin Heelan, the Academy’s version of *Twelfth Night* was set in a 1930s nightclub. Against a wild backdrop of jazz, booze, brawls, flappers, cops, and crooks, the sweet and sad tale of misplaced affection unfolded.

The three Steinbach Theatre performances were made possible by the Rosenkranz Shakespeare Fund, established by Nicholas Quinn Rosenkranz ’88. Nearly 25 students participated in the production.

*The crowd at “Club Olivia” dances The Charleston to Benny Goodman’s “Sing, Sing, Sing (With a Swing)”.*

Below: Flappers Mofope Olarinmoye ’16 and Bianca Navarro Bowman ’15.

Right: Vincent Mocco ’15 (as Sir Andrew Aguecheek), Michaela Barczak ’15 (as Maria), and Rob Irvin ’15 (as Sir Toby Belch) plot to leave a fake love letter for Malvolio in hopes of making a fool out of him.

Below right: Niko Skrivanos ’17 (as Malvolio) reads the fake love letter—believing it to be real—while pranksters Theo Perez ’16 (as Fabian), Rob Irvin ’15, and Vincent Mocco ’15 watch with glee.
End-of-Tuition Day—
A Lesson in Gratitude

“Every class, every meal, every practice—it’s all happening thanks to the alumni, parents, grandparents, and friends who generously support the endowment and the Andover Fund,” Head of School John Palfrey announced at the March 25 All-School Meeting.

Phillips Academy tuition covers only 55 percent of the true cost of educating an Andover student each year—a cost estimated at $70,000. March 25 marks the symbolic day when tuition payments theoretically run out and philanthropy kicks in to cover all 1,110 students.

“Today we give thanks for all those who have made philanthropy a big part of their lives,” Palfrey continued. “We acknowledge how important they have been to making Andover what it is today.”

High-Level Work at
the Wellness Center

Though March remained cold, drier weather allowed crews to make progress on the exterior of the Rebecca M. Sykes Wellness Center. Much of the work on the roof has been completed, including the 3,000-sq.-ft. “green” roof. Inside, workers continued insulating walls and installing drywall. The building now has a permanent power supply as well as elevator mechanical systems, dormer windows, and a roof davit system.

“We’re also making progress on the surrounding grounds,” says Project Manager John Galanis. “We’re designing the healing garden, which will be built on the center’s east side. It’ll make great use of the large hemlocks and other existing elements as well as wood and granite we removed from the site last summer.”

For more wellness center photos, visit phillipsacademy.smugmug.com.

Hundreds of students stopped by tables outside Paresky Commons to write words of appreciation to the thousands of donors who help make their Andover education possible.
What makes an Andover student-athlete special?

They are as passionate about their sports as they are about their coursework. They are exceptional students of the game. Even as spectators, they are breaking down a game to see how they can improve themselves. They study film, train in the off-season, and perform at very high levels while working extremely hard in the classroom. There is no such thing as a dumb jock at Andover. Every one, every athlete, is truly a student-athlete.

How do Andover values influence the athletics program?

Team first; that is the ultimate non sibi. And that is why playing and coaching at Andover is so cool. Non sibi has been the credo of every great team that has ever existed. If you are motivated by the concept of placing team before individual—by the idea that you are enhancing community—you will do well in our program.

Where does Andover stand with respect to sports specialization? Has the pressure to excel, especially at the varsity level, become more intense?

Kids are specializing, and not just in sports. They are specializing in things such as academic subjects, music, and theatre. Often, they are specializing long before they come to Andover. Sometimes it is because a parent or student thinks this is their ticket to a better college or a scholarship. The problem with that mindset—in the case of sports, at least—is you are taking a game that originally was played to be fun and making it somewhat of a job. Kids are afraid to disappoint their coaches and parents. We’ve seen cases of burnout and overuse injuries. All this is to say that having a singular focus places a lot of pressure on a 14-, 15-, or 16-year-old child.

Did you specialize during your prime years as an athlete?

I played three sports at Brooklyn’s Poly Prep—football, wrestling, and baseball. I wanted to play center field for the Yankees. I wanted to be a running back for USC. But the reality was, I wasn’t good enough. I played safety for Springfield College and enjoyed every minute of it. Of all the millions of kids who play high school football, only about 5 percent go on to play at any level in college. Absolutely, we want to allow kids their dreams. So we prepare them with the expectation that they may realize their dreams. We also remind them to enjoy the journey.

How are Andover athletics similar to classroom learning?

The philosophy of self-discovery is quite similar. Andover offers 40 different sports and another 30 activities. Coaches are constantly encouraging kids to break away from what is familiar to them. Many of our hockey
players—girls and boys—are doing yoga because they want to become more flexible. Coed ultimate Frisbee attracts all levels of athletes; it takes coordination, endurance, and teamwork. Many football players will also run track to improve their speed, agility, and power. We had a wrestler discover climbing; now he’s hooked on our Outdoor Pursuits program.

**Q** What are some of the results of this encouragement?

We’ve had kids come here from Montana, pick up a lacrosse stick for the first time, and go on to play varsity at UPenn. We’ve had kids who never played football—because they were not from the United States or they were too small—develop into great players. We’ve had kids who never tried squash go on to play in college or just have fun with it. Crew, of course, is the biggest one, with 120 girls and boys, novice to varsity. Very few have ever rowed before Andover, but they learn here with our fantastic coaches. Our student-athletes play at the highest level in college—and even in the Olympics.

**Q** How will the new Sykes Wellness Center benefit the program?

Our wellness philosophy encompasses mind, body, and spirit. We want our students to be involved with activities and habits that give them energy and give them life. Obviously we want them to be vocationally sound, but we also want them to have fit bodies and a balanced emotional perspective. We need that wellness triangle intact to holistically raise a child. Having the new wellness center located next to our athletic facilities makes a tremendous statement about the importance of maintaining the strength of that triangle.

**Q** What is PA doing to address the risk of concussion? This is not just about football, right?

For years Andover has been aware of the risks associated with head injuries, as well as prevention and treatment, always in partnership with coaches and trained medical personnel. Andover is way ahead of the curve on this topic. Our trainers do baseline testing with all new students. Those here four years are tested twice. Football players are tested every year, and we hope to expand that annual protocol to athletes in all helmeted sports, which would include baseball, softball, lacrosse, and hockey.

And yes, this goes way beyond football. We actually see more head injuries caused by kids being kids: horsing around, playing in the snow, or while riding bikes, scooters, or skateboards.

**Q** You oversee a program with more than 340 coaching assignments, nearly 700 student-athletes, and, this year, dozens of scheduling snafus during a winter of epic snowfall. What gives you the most joy as AD?

Knowing that the work we do contributes to the vitality of our students and the entire campus community. The athletics department includes anyone who officiates a game, wraps an ankle, anyone who coaches a team, teaches ballet, leads a group hike, or hosts a team dinner—we are all in it together.

Every single day, I am charged at 3 o’clock when I see our students, our faculty, our staff, traipsing over to the athletics department because they are about to get moving. Andover is about to sweat. And if they’re sweating, they are existing. They are living and I am charged. For me, it never gets old.

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**Girls’ Swimming:** 3rd place at NEPSAC Championship; new school record set by Allyson Ty ’18 in 100-yard breaststroke (56.83)

**Boys’ Swimming:** 3rd place at NEPSAC (defending champions)

**Nordic Skiing:** NEPSAC Championship 6.5K individual title won by Carmen Bango ’16 by a 33-second margin

**Girls’ Squash:** After qualifying for Div. 1 play at the Nationals, finished 13th in the country. Bonus: 7–0 victory over Exeter

**Boys’ Hockey:** Following 5–2 upset of a No. 1 ranked Exeter, team bid farewell to its longtime coach, Dean Boylan. “We were all graced by his presence,” said Athletics Director Leon Modeste. “Hats off to a truly fantastic coach!”

**Girls’ Hockey:** 3–0 victory over Exeter tallied team’s 17th season win

**3 Records, 3 National Titles for Alum Swimmer:** Emory University junior Andrew Wilson ’12 named NCAA Division III Men’s Swimmer of the Year after winning three national championships, each in record time: 200-yard individual medley (1:46.23), 100-yard breaststroke (51.72 seconds), and 200-yard breaststroke (1:52.97)

**PA girls’ hockey dominates at annual Andover-Exeter matchup.**
“Connected learning” at Andover means that we focus on the interconnected learning experience of our students in a vibrant, diverse residential community. We encourage students to learn both from teachers in traditional classroom settings as well as from the many communities with which they engage, online and face-to-face—peers, mentors, sports teams, global communities, those involved in public service—and to draw meaningful connections between and among these experiences.

SKELETON CREW

The Robert S. Peabody Museum has long housed a literal skeleton in a closet. The human bones, dating to the American Revolution, were donated to Abbot Academy in the 19th century; they were used to teach anatomy at Abbot, and many biology students still “meet” the skeleton in class. But until recently, little was known about the individual, sometimes called the “Prussian mercenary,” whose remains have proven so intriguing. Last fall, Sina Golkari ’15 and EJ Kim ’15 were awarded an Abbot Academy Association grant to research the skeleton’s identity. “We decided to study the skeleton so that future biology classes could get a more in-depth analysis of it,” said Golkari.

Mentored by Peabody Director Ryan Wheeler and assisted by biology instructor Jerry Hagler, the students conducted extensive historical research and had DNA tests performed. They determined that the remains belonged to a male, 40 to 44 years old at death, likely from Western Europe, with evidence of various medical conditions and fatal trauma from a gunshot or blunt force. They concluded that the individual could have been an 18th-century mercenary but probably was not Prussian; he may have come from another area of Germany.

Golkari and Kim presented their findings at February’s Massachusetts Archaeological Society meeting at the Peabody and are planning to submit their final paper to a regional journal. They also shared their insights as Biology 580 guest lecturers, which, Golkari says, was “a unique experience…because we got to teach the very lesson taught to us only a year ago.”

—Jane Dornbusch
Climb & Rappel: Professional Development ISEEN-Style

by Mark Cutler

If you happened to glance to the top of the Josh Miner Climbing Wall in late January, you likely saw a half dozen ISEEN Institute attendees peering down at you—just before rappelling confidently to the ground. Though not a typical activity for a gathering of educators, for this crowd it’s the norm.

The Independent Schools Experiential Education Network (ISEEN), founded in 2005, was born of a desire to create a forum specifically for K–12 outdoor educators. While the outdoors and adventure are at the heart of ISEEN, its affiliations range from global education to service learning, sustainability, and youth leadership. At the 2012 NAIS (National Association of Independent Schools) Annual Conference, Pat Basset, recently retired NAIS president, declared ISEEN one of his “Top Ten Innovations.”

Andover is a founding ISEEN school. The January event celebrated the organization’s 10th anniversary and more than 50 years of experiential education at the Academy. “Roots and Wings: The Past, Present, and Future of Experiential Education” drew an unprecedented 130 educators, including classroom teachers, program directors, school administrators, and nonprofit leaders who hail from our peer schools in New England as well as from Hawaii, South Korea, Colombia, and Vancouver, B.C. Nine PA faculty members attended, as did recent alumna Anna Harrison ’13 and PA Board President Peter Currie ’74.

Conference highlights included workshops and presentations by David Streight of the Center for Spiritual and Ethical Education; Grant Lichtman, author of #EdJourney: A Roadmap to the Future of Education and the TED Talk “What 60 Schools Can Tell Us about Teaching 21st Century Skills”; and Eric Hudson of the Global Online Academy, all of whom made a compelling case for experiential connected learning in the 21st century, convincing many skeptics that this is not an oxymoron. A panel discussion facilitated by experiential guru Dan Garvey, which included Currie and several educators, explored the impact that experiential education has had and likely will continue to have on one’s intellectual, personal, and professional development. Interaction with host school students—the living embodiment of experiential education—is perhaps the most cherished portion of the annual institute. Students from Outdoor Pursuits provided a window into the culture of the campus as they led various tours of Academy Hill. Later, students representing Learning in the World programs, community service, and Outdoor Pursuits formed a panel, speaking passionately about the life-changing effects of their engagement in these areas. Harrison reflected on the “type 1” and “type 2” fun that she had in Outdoor Pursuits, sharing that her time in the program brought both “Yee-ha” enjoyment in the moment as well as “Oh, s*it” adventure that produced mega gains in retrospect. Most powerfully, Harrison shared ways in which outdoor experiential education can help a young woman deal with body image and emotional insecurity as she harnesses her body’s strength as a tool and transcends objectification.

This year’s ISEEN Institute was, by many accounts, the best one yet, and Andover has set the bar high for next year’s hosts. Something tells me, though, that the Punahou School in Honolulu has a slight advantage out of the gates.

Mark Cutler is an instructor in Spanish, house counselor in Fuess House, and director of Outdoor Pursuits. He is involved in a number of experiential programs at PA, including academic partnerships with neighboring schools and community agencies; student leadership initiatives through the outdoor and sustainability projects; and global expeditionary learning in Mesoamerica and the Peruvian Andes. As a 2015–2016 Tang Institute fellow, he will develop immersive, interdisciplinary, interscholastic, socially conscious, place-based programming for 9th- and 10th-graders. Cutler was on the founding board of ISEEN and has been active with the organization since its inception. He rejoined the ISEEN board in 2015.

“It is no coincidence that the top practitioners in a field often seek their equally talented counterparts and, in the process, become even stronger. The sharing and curiosity I saw at the ISEEN conference bodes well for the field of experiential education and for the schools and organizations present.”

—A. Watson, Albuquerque Academy, Albuquerque, N.M.
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Josiah Quincy III, a member of PA’s first class, recalls the perception in his day of “charity scholars”: “We, who were real boys, never liked their sanctimonious demeanor. We claimed they were spies.”

Hon. William Phillips Sr. (brother of John and uncle of Samuel Jr.) makes a large gift to educate scholars “of serious and promising capacities, who need pecuniary aid.”

Levi Konkapot, a member of the Stockbridge Munsee Tribe, is Andover’s first Native American student.
Creating an Equitable Community
A Q&A with Linda Carter Griffith

Linda Carter Griffith, current dean of Community and Multicultural Development (CAMD), will become the new assistant head of school for equity and inclusion, effective July 1, 2015. As a member of the Andover community for more than 25 years, Griffith has served, among other roles, as an English instructor, house counselor, dean of Pine Knoll Cluster, and girls’ basketball coach. In early March, Andover editor Kristin Bair O’Keeffe sat down with Griffith to discuss how her new role will help fulfill the goals set forth in Connecting Our Strengths: The Andover Endeavor, the Academy’s new strategic plan.

**KBO** What exactly do equity and inclusion mean?

**LCG** In essence, equity means being invited to the table. Inclusion means helping to plan the menu. These are powerful words, and I want to make sure that people recognize that they are not code words for race. When we use these words, we mean everything and everyone, regardless of gender, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, ability, geographic origin, class, or religion. *(See Diversity Glossary, page 134)*

**KBO** And why are they included as one of the three pillars of PA’s new Strategic Plan?

**LCG** During the strategic planning inquiry process, it became very obvious that the work done by the Access to Success committee—created a few years after PA initiated need-blind admission—had only begun to scratch the surface of our community’s awareness of and needs pertaining to issues of diversity, equity, and inclusion.

**KBO** The Access to Success committee—why was it created?

**LCG** At first, there was a sense on campus that it was enough to open the gates [via need-blind admission]. We said, “OK, the students have arrived. We’re granting full tuition and expenses and now are bringing a parent or guardian to campus for Family Weekend.” We even created additional summer programs and travel opportunities.

But when the scholarship students arrived, we realized that even though they had the intellect, drive, energy, and aspiration that all our students have, many were coming from schools and neighborhoods that hadn’t been able to provide the necessary academic preparation plus cultural and social capital needed to succeed here. We realized that financial resources were not enough to help some of our students fully access Andover’s educational program. We needed to consider ways to enrich their academic preparation, as well as provide cultural and social capital. That’s why Access to Success was formed.

English instructor David Fox and I chaired the committee, and together with some committed colleagues from many different departments, we initiated a number of positive changes for our scholarship students. Overall, we became more thoughtful in our approach to supporting all students. We implemented mandatory study halls when needed, consistent bilingual communication with parents, earlier advisor reports on juniors, pre-junior summer for students who need a longer runway for takeoff, and more. In fact, our academic review system has changed considerably, and each student has a team of adults that meets whenever a concern arises.
Why are we using the terms *equity* and *inclusion* instead of *diversity*?

Diversity encompasses all the differences that make us unique, including but not limited to race, color, ethnicity, language, nationality, sexual orientation, religion, gender, and socioeconomics. Equity denotes an environment in which each individual member of a diverse community feels valued and is able to fully develop their working potential and contribute to the organization’s success. We have a diverse community here at PA; we don’t yet have a community that is entirely equitable and in which everyone feels included. We’re working on it, and we’ve gotten better and better. But we’re not there yet.

Your new role as assistant head of school for equity and inclusion is an exciting and important one, but this is tough stuff. Setting our sights on a more equitable and inclusive community is not as easy as populating our Strategic Plan with, say, two new buildings. How did your new role come about?

In September 2014, Head of School John Palfrey, Trustee Gary Lee ’74, and I spent three days in Washington, D.C., at a diversity symposium with other independent school administrators from around the nation. We went as a team because Gary and John also understand that this work only gets done when the top sees it, gets it, and wants it to happen. Truly, none of this would be possible if John Palfrey hadn’t said, “This is important for everybody. Everybody.”

At the symposium, we were asked to strategize and develop a solid and realistic set of goals related to diversity, equity, and inclusion for our school. We left with several very clear strategic goals about what we needed to do to level the playing field and enhance our commitment to all school contingencies.

Some time after that we began to formalize a new role for me, and today I find myself in a position with a high level of support to meet our goals of equity and inclusion. And I will need to work with all of our constituencies equally in order to be successful in reaching our shared goals. Instead of planning the day-to-day student programming, I will be helping administrators, faculty, trustees, and staff reflect and ask if each area of our school—curriculum, athletics, theatre—is an inclusive, welcoming environment.

As dean of CAMD, you spend a good part of your day working directly with students. Will this change in your new role?
At CAMD, I’m always on the ground: kids, kids, kids. And I love it! In my new role, I get to work at the strategic level and stay connected with the kids. It’s the best of both worlds. I’ll maintain an office in CAMD, as well as a working space in George Washington Hall.

How has multicultural work evolved over the years?

Originally our focus was on the marginalized, the minority. Affirming and providing opportunities for access to those students. The work has evolved as our community has increasingly become more diverse. This year, for example, we received applications from students in 96 different countries. Ninety-six countries! No longer can the conversation be only about the marginalized or the minority; it also must be about the majority and the privileged in our community. We must maintain a global lens. When you’re in an institution that cares about excellence, you’re always asking, “What’s next?” Here we are again, asking, “What’s next?”

The term microaggression is heard often on campus. What does it mean?

Microaggressions are subtle words, cues, or behaviors that insult, invalidate, or exclude traditionally marginalized group members. I like the term because it emphasizes the fact that these are not intentional. They’re micro, and they happen because of unconscious biases we all have.

Can you define unconscious bias?

This refers to our unconscious attitudes or stereotypes that affect how we treat people. These biases are formed by how we’re socialized, our experiences in various communities, and our exposure—or lack of exposure—to views different from our own. Unconscious bias affects how we interact with people, as well as what we say and what we don’t say. It even affects whom we might decide to talk to—or not.

In Strangers to Ourselves: Discovering the Adaptive Unconscious, Professor Tim Wilson of the University of Virginia estimates that our sensory systems take in 11 million bits of information per second and yet conscious awareness processes only about 40 of them. Since the brain cannot process all of that information, we take mental shortcuts that can lead to bias. The bottom line? We must become aware of our own stereotypical biases and blind spots.

Over the past 16 months, we’ve been working on the Assessment of Inclusivity and Multiculturalism (AIM) survey. What is it and how will it inform the steps we take from here?

The AIM survey is a tool used by independent schools to assess the overall climate of an institution as it relates to inclusivity. It was the first step of a two-part comprehensive evaluation of campus climate, and it’s significant because while we had many anecdotal stories of microaggressions, inequities, injustices, and incidents that involve a lack of cultural competency, we didn’t have quantitative data. In spring 2014, Mike Barker, director of institutional research and assessment, initiated and implemented the survey.

The second step was to conduct focus groups with alumni, trustees, students, staff, and others. A full report on the results of the two-part study is being prepared for release and discussion in early fall. The combination of the quantitative and qualitative will allow us to be more precise and more strategic in how we move forward in our goals of equity and inclusivity.

I’ve often heard you refer to the “head/heart/hand.” Can you explain what that means?

One of the challenges in a school that strongly values academic excellence is that people often focus on the scholarship. They might even focus on the data exclusively and think that’s enough to create an engaging, inclusive climate. But it’s not. You also need the stories from the hearts of our experiences and actions to make change. This is why I love the AIM survey. Not only does it support PA’s founding ideal of “goodness and knowledge,” but it also encompasses the head, heart, and hand. The quantitative data is the head. The qualitative is the heart—the stories people share about life on this
campus, living in this community, working in this community. Then you have the hand, which is action—we’re taking action as a school through the Strategic Plan.

KBO What are your priorities in your new role?

LCG One of the first is microaggressions. Not just awareness of microaggressions, but figuring out how to stop them. I’m convinced we do this by educating about unconscious bias and training in how to have courageous conversations about difference.

Social media plays a big part in this because it greatly impacts campuses and creates more challenges in understanding difference. Facebook influences our young folks and their views on race, gender, religion, and more. Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter, and other social media sites are forcing us to think about how we’re educating young people, as well as faculty and staff. No longer can we assume our kids are protected from external factors. The “Andover bubble” has been burst.

KBO Once we are aware of our biases and blind spots, can we get it right every time? Can we ever expect to be perfect?

LCG Absolutely not. It takes practice. You know, I was at this wonderful event where a diversity director told a story about somebody who complained, “Every time I bring in someone to speak on diversity issues, it’s the choir who shows up. We’re always preaching to the choir.” And the diversity director responded, “Well, the choir has to practice too.”

KBO Other priorities?

LCG Hiring and retaining more faculty of color. We need to take a specific look at underrepresented males of color. That’s still our smallest demographic. We also need to embed race, class, gender, and sexual orientation into the curriculum. A faculty implementation committee is currently focused on developing a more inclusive curriculum, and AIM results will inform our next steps more specifically.

KBO What is your vision for PA?

LCG When I began working as dean of CAMD, I was very focused on mentorship and access for those who come to us from underserved communities and schools. I wanted those students to thrive—not just survive—at Andover. Now I will place my attention on moving a school that values diversity and multiculturalism to a school that breathes equity and inclusion into every initiative and endeavor. A school that asks, “Do we have everyone’s input and everyone’s best interest at heart?”

Recently I attended a workshop at which a woman was speaking of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s dream. She said she hadn’t truly understood that Dr. King wasn’t just talking about a dream. When she began to study his vision, she learned he also had a plan.

I have been given the privilege of being in a position to now enact a plan, a plan that places Phillips Academy at the front and center in creating a climate that deserves the platinum star for equity and inclusion.

Definitions

Equity

Equity is the guarantee of fair treatment, access, opportunity, and advancement for all students, faculty, and staff, while at the same time striving to identify and eliminate barriers that have prevented the full participation of some groups.

The principle of equity acknowledges that there are historically underserved and underrepresented populations and that fairness regarding these unbalanced conditions is needed to assist equality in the provision of effective opportunities to all groups.

Inclusion

Inclusion is the act of creating environments in which any individual or group can be and feel welcomed, respected, supported, and valued to fully participate. An inclusive and welcoming climate embraces differences and offers respect in words and actions for all people.

Suggested Reading

Whistling Vivaldi: How Stereotypes Affect Us and What We Can Do by Claude M. Steele

Waking Up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race by Debby Irving

Microaggressions in Everyday Life: Race, Gender, and Sexual Orientation by Derald Wing Sue

Blind Spot: Hidden Biases of Good People by Mahzarin R. Banaji and Anthony G. Greenwald

Abbot Principal Timothy Stone expands the school’s curriculum beyond teaching courses, to educate girls “for the various duties of life.”

The Abolitionist newspaper reports: “We have received a catalogue of [Andover] from some friend, who has inscribed with a pen on its last leaf: ‘Colored men are admitted in the same class as whites.’”

African American student Thomas Paul Smith attends Andover. He later becomes a separatist leader in Boston’s African American community.
Twenty-five years ago, on the morning of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Brian Gittens ’89 sat down on the steps of Samuel Phillips Hall with his boom box. Instead of attending classes, he played a recording of Dr. King’s “I Have a Dream” speech over and over. It was a personal act of civil disobedience motivated by his frustration over Andover’s limited acknowledgment of MLK Day as the national holiday that it was.

As the hours passed, dozens of students—and even some faculty members—joined him. By the end of that day in 1989, Gittens’ message had been received. PA instituted its first full-day MLK Day Celebration the following year.

This year, on January 19, Gittens—now Dr. Gittens—returned to campus as the keynote speaker for the 25th anniversary of the celebratory event that he

**Use of the N Word**

In a well-attended interactive workshop led by French instructor Emmanuel Odjo, students and faculty shared their candid and sometimes surprising thoughts on the uses and abuses of the incendiary “N word.” Whether used as slur or slang, it has the power to stir strong emotion. Madison Pettaway ’16, who assisted Odjo with the presentation, said afterward, “Andover needs to continue conversations about [offensive language], not just ignore or eliminate the words.”
Inspired. Before he stepped to the All-School Meeting mic, Linda Carter Griffith, current dean of CAMD and soon-to-be assistant head of school for equity and inclusion, launched the day, reminding everyone of King’s well-known quote: “We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope.”

“If you remember anything from what I say this morning, remember that,” said Griffith, who then welcomed former associate head of school Rebecca Sykes back to campus and to the Cochran Chapel podium.

Sykes reflected on the recent tragedies involving African American men, including Trayvon Martin and Michael Brown, as well as on her 40 years as a black woman at PA. She then spoke with pride about being able to welcome Gittens back to Andover for such a momentous occasion.

**Catch Me If You Can: Identity Politics and Performances in Socioeconomic “Passing”**

The 2002 film *Catch Me If You Can* is about Frank Abagnale, a man who impersonated many people, including a pilot, a doctor, and a lawyer. His ability to “pass” intrigued Fadzi Gambiza ’16 and Ashley Scott ’16, who used the film as a jumping-off point for a workshop on socioeconomic and racial passing. Attendees examined the pressure to conform at Andover and the on- and off-campus signifiers of class—from language and clothing to Snapchat stories.

**DramaLab Performs Out of the Blue**

Students took *Out of the Blue* from page to stage in a powerful series of monologues focused on their peers’ struggles with issues of identity. One by one, actors shared examples of ignorance and exclusion on a stage set as a classroom. The DramaLab covered the book’s themed chapters about gender, religion, sexual orientation, race/ethnicity, (dis)ability, class, and culture.

**Race Science: 19th- & 20th-Century Justifications of Racism and Eugenics**

A class on Darwin sparked an intriguing workshop on the history of scientifically justified racism, led by CAMD Scholar Carrie Ingerman ’15 and Nikky Navarrete ’15. They explored the evolution of brain science and discussed how it was manipulated to justify racial stereotyping, genetic purification (eugenics), and genocide. “I’m really surprised that people actually considered this science,” said Navarrete. “Societies not unlike ours did this.”
When Gittens talked to students about the journey, motivations, and inspirations that landed him on the steps of Sam Phil, his audience was rapt. “Like many relationships,” he said, “my relationship with Andover was complicated and not without challenges. Like many of you, I struggled with finding a self that could be here and that I could take home.” Andover was certainly focused on admitting more minority students, he said, but the notion of inclusiveness was very much a work in progress. “For me,” said Gittens, “not celebrating Martin Luther King Jr. Day as a national holiday and conducting ‘business as usual’ was symbolic of Andover’s limited commitment to its students of color.” He knew he had to act.

Gittens emphasized the importance of developing a personal value system and an authentic inner voice—and using those to act with confidence and conviction in the world. He challenged students and faculty to examine their own values and the strength of their convictions as they wrestle with issues of social injustice, especially in the wake of recent national events. (Watch Gittens’ full presentation at bit.ly/1bUSFwg.)

Lift Every Voice: Examining the Contemporary Language Around Race and Privilege
Fiona Yonkman ’16, Andrew Wang ’17, and Auguste White ’16 led a diverse group of students in a lively discussion about white privilege. Through a series of exercises (including randomly assigned seating and a recycling bin free-throw contest), participants got hands-on demonstrations of the practical applications of privilege. “I wanted to help educate my white peers on this important issue,” said Yonkman. “After Ferguson, we needed to talk about this.”

Race and Socioeconomic Status in Achievement Gap
The “achievement gap”—between whites and non-whites and between higher and lower income students—has been a focus of education policy in recent years. Workshop leaders David Gutierrez ’15, Ryan Kim ’15, and Carrie Ingerman ’15 led a clever exercise that suggested causes of the gap and why, in most cases, it is beyond the student’s control. “The problem is not just money,” said Kim. “Teachers need to be taught how to teach and how to put available resources to best use.”

Different Strokes for Queer Folks
“Fewer than 4 percent of the regular characters in TV shows and movies are LGBTQ,” said workshop facilitator AJ Augustin ’15. “The media also avoids complicated sexual orientations,” he said, noting Laverne Cox of Netflix’s Orange Is the New Black as an exception. Students discussed LGBTQ culture in white and non-white communities, the Stonewall Riots, and the fact that prominent LGBTQ activists are overwhelmingly white and cisgender. “Progress is difficult when your voice isn’t heard and no one is fighting for you,” said Augustin.

1891
Abbot Principal Emily Means makes “quite a stir” at the spring trustees meeting by suggesting that women should be on the board.

1892
Frances Kimball Harlow, a former Abbot teacher, and Henrietta Sperry, Class of 1888, are elected Abbot’s first female trustees.

1910
PA Headmaster Alfred Stearns arranges for scholarship and full-pay boys to live together in dorms. Then-English instructor Claude Fuess writes, “A wealthy boy may thus live beside one who is absolutely dependent upon his own labor for an education.”
Do You Look Like Captain America? A New Age of Heroes

For decades after the birth of Captain America in the 1940s, comic book heroes were white, straight, and cisgender. But as people became more accepting of one another’s differences in race, ethnicity, gender, and sexual orientation, comic book heroes evolved accordingly. Many workshop participants found this progression surprising, among them Jo Pandji ’16. “I learned that the comic book world is a fluid space, changing with the times,” she said. “It was fascinating to see this progress.”

LGBTQA+ Ally Training

Andover Ally is a pilot training program for PA adults and students committed to providing a safe, affirming environment for everyone, regardless of sexual orientation and/or gender identity. Through discussion and group activities, students explored LGBTQA and questioning issues and practiced being good allies. “I now have a more accurate sense of what it’s like to identify as LGBTQA on campus, and the inequalities LGBTQA people around the world face every day,” said Phoebe Gould ’15.

“No, Where Are You Really From?”
The Asian American Perpetual Immigrant Dilemma

Guest speaker C.N. Le, PhD, a senior lecturer in sociology at the University of Massachusetts, led a discussion about the stereotypes and generalizations faced daily by Asian Americans. Having grown up in Hong Kong, Evelyn Liu ’16 says she arrived in the United States expecting to be treated as a foreigner; she was surprised to discover that her Asian American friends, who were born and raised in the U.S., receive the same “foreigner treatment.”
With service to others as one of the school’s most deeply rooted values, Phillips Academy students, faculty, and staff understand what it means to engage in meaningful outreach. In fact, PA’s outreach programs engage communities as near as neighboring Lawrence, where students serve as mentors to middle-schoolers, and as far as the West Coast and South Africa, where scholars of color who have been supported through PA-based workshops and guidance are now teaching.

“Andover has consistently searched for ways to fulfill its continuing mission as a private school with a public purpose to ‘serve youth from every quarter,’” says Fernando Alonso, director of Outreach and Summer Session. “Our four main programs help Phillips Academy have a positive influence beyond Andover Hill and the students we serve during the academic year.”

Those offerings include the Institute for Recruitment of Teachers (IRT), Andover Bread Loaf (ABL), PALS, and (MS)², each of which serves a different constituency through a singular approach, bringing participants to campus or reaching them where they are. And each is in many ways continually evolving, adding special events or new schools, a refined mission or additional opportunities, only some of which are highlighted here. These are the kinds of programs that are as meaningful to the providers as they are to the beneficiaries—if not more so.

“We do this not from a sense of noblesse oblige but instead with a true recognition, understanding, humility, and appreciation that while we work to have a positive impact on the lives of all of those who come into contact with this marvelous institution, each one of those students and teachers also helps to build the intricate tapestry that is Andover,” says Alonso. “Each student and teacher in Andover Bread Loaf, IRT, PALS, and (MS)² becomes a part of the broad Andover community as they share of themselves and help shape the Academy.”
March 28, 2015, was Visioning Day 2020 for the IRT, and some 50 individuals—a cross section of alumni, IRT board and strategic planning committee members, Andover administrators, and consortium partners—came together to brainstorm a five-year strategic plan for the program. Although it isn’t the first time the IRT has created a five-year plan, this is the first since Executive Director Asabe Poloma and Advisory Board Chair Julia Lloyd Johannsen ’96 have come aboard.

“We’ve talked a lot about our vision for the organization—elevating its visibility and increasing its impact,” says Johannsen, also the chair of the IRT’s strategic planning committee. “And we thought there’s no better way to figure out how to do that than to undertake a strategic plan.” The first step was identification of a core value statement and a rewrite of the mission statement; the next step was Visioning Day.

With the guidance of consultant Christina Drouin, Poloma and Johannsen led the Visioning Day participants—who came to Boston from as far away as Michigan—in small-group sessions in which they were asked to visualize a “successful IRT,” come up with a one-sentence vision statement, and then decide which top six goals and strategies should be prioritized to reach it. The groups presented their vision statements with a consistently high level of energy and enthusiasm—some even danced while doing so—and all then voted to choose one, which will be approved by the board this summer. In addition, several themes emerged through the small-group work, chief among them that the IRT’s model, building strong teachers who are also thought leaders in educational issues, needs to be shared more broadly.

“Andover can’t afford to be modest about the innovation that’s taking place here,” says Poloma. “We have to take a public leadership role in reforming education, and the IRT is one such initiative. Our fellows embark on careers in teaching not to be part of the status quo but to transform it. To do this important work, they state that the support of the IRT and peer networks is essential—not only for the purpose of networking, but to provide opportunities for cutting-edge pedagogical professional development often inaccessible in public education systems.” She says that was reinforced through Visioning Day 2020 and will be revisited going forward.

“It was wonderful to have that variety of actors and perspectives. It made the conversation very rich.”

—Asabe Poloma

Institute for Recruitment of Teachers
The IRT addresses the lack of diversity in the nation’s teaching faculties by recruiting outstanding students of color and other scholars committed to diversity, counseling them through the graduate school application process, and advocating for sufficient funding for advanced study.
Andover Bread Loaf
ABL teaches, inspires, and empowers student and adult writers of all ages, works with public and private school educators to enhance the teaching and learning of writing, and holds school and community events for the sharing of poetry and prose.

For years, Andover Bread Loaf director Lou Bernieri wanted to hang an ABL shingle somewhere in Lawrence to get the word out about the program—and create a gathering place for people interested in writing. With the 2013 opening of El Taller, a community-based café and bookstore owned by ABL teacher Mary Guerrero (also a teacher at two nearby middle schools) and husband Antonio, Bernieri says his dream has in many ways come true.

“It’s an essential site for the Bread Loaf Teacher Network—and an outgrowth of the network,” he says of El Taller. “The network feeds it, as it feeds us.” With ABL youth working as waiters, there’s a forged connection between the two, and the many cultural events, such as a January open mic night called “Speak Your Truth,” only deepen it.

In the wake of the deaths of Eric Garner and Michael Brown, “Speak Your Truth” initially was intended to be an opportunity for participants to voice their feelings about the Black Lives Matter movement. But once the event got under way, says Jamele Adams, the evening’s host, “it evolved into all lives matter, and all voices should be heard.”

Adams, an edu-activist, spoken word poet, and dean of students at Brandeis University, has been affiliated with ABL for several years; he has even conducted ABL workshops in Haiti. Although he had compiled a list of speakers for “Speak Your Truth,” as the evening went on, more people in the crowd of 100-plus wanted a turn at the microphone. El Taller was willing to stay open, so Adams made room on the list for poems and free verse written on the spot. Topics tackled included run-ins with local authorities, relationships with family members and others, what it means to be a person of color, and what speakers see as the world collapsing around them and what can be done to stop it. There also was plenty of reference to Black Lives Matter.

“The most beautiful part of it was that everyone stayed to listen—the house was packed until the end,” says Adams, adding that he’s eager to participate in future ABL-El Taller events. “El Taller and its owners, together with Lou Bernieri and the Andover Bread Loaf family, know how to expand the tentacles of their mission and love throughout the community.”
Since its founding in 1988, PALS has provided fun summer and academic-year learning experiences for well over 1,000 Lawrence, Mass., middle school students. One of the program’s most satisfying aspects is that the learning goes both ways and in circles. High school and college-age teacher-mentors learn skills to “reach and teach” the lively seventh- and eighth-graders—who themselves often return to PALS a few years later as particularly effective teacher-mentors.

Language arts, math, science, music, sports, and chess have been essential program components for many years, but the addition last summer of a distinct visual arts component—ceramics—was something new, wonderfully hands-on, and instantly popular.

Art instructor Elizabeth Wilkin invited PALS seventh-graders to make spirit animals from earthenware clay, with the option of turning their animals into boxes. Creations included a duck with ducklings on its back, a turtle, a mermaid, a dragon, and an eagle with a secret box. Students colored with underglaze and oxides, and Wilkin applied the final clear glaze. The eighth-graders, meanwhile, made lanterns; the only real instruction, says Wilkin, was to “put into them something that gave them joy and what they hoped for.” Those lanterns were lined up and lit during the PALS closing celebration.

Wilkin, wife of PALS Director Gregory Wilkin, will be back this summer and already is planning at least one change: She hopes to have the eighth-graders make their lanterns from porcelain, which, though fragile, is a logical choice because it is translucent. She’d also like to make the projects more integrative with subjects the students are studying, so while the older kids might write poetry based on their hopes and joys, tying in to work they’re doing in English, the seventh-graders’ spirit animals could reflect their biology studies, perhaps including something that inspires them in science.

“It’s always fun to see what they come up with because it’s an expression of something inside them,” says Wilkin. “It adds to their being when they’ve been able to ‘say’ something and have everybody see it.”

The PALS program, which has worked with students from the UP Academy Leonard and Parthum middle schools for many years, recently added a third Lawrence school, UP Academy Oliver. A total of 21 rising seventh-graders and 21 rising eighth-graders—all highly recommended by their teachers—will come to campus by bus each day for five weeks this summer, some for the first time and others for the beginning of their second year. Elizabeth Wilkin hopes that among these smart, motivated, and enthusiastic Lawrence youth also will be some of the city’s most creative.
College counseling has always been part of the (MS)² curriculum, with third-year students learning about applications, financial aid, essay writing, and the art of the interview, but historically that has been limited to their time on campus. Although most have guidance counselors to work with once they’re back at their home schools, (MS)² Director Dianne Cruz was concerned that opportunities were being missed and that some aspects of the process might be falling through the cracks.

“It was hard for me to get follow-up information as to where the students had applied, if they needed any help, and how the college application process was going,” says Cruz. Last summer, as the program was winding down, students were told that (MS)² college counselor LaShawn Springer would be available through the school year to help them on an as-needed basis, gratis. And although not all of the 40 third-year students took her up on the offer, Springer says many were interested in continuing to work with her, on their essays in particular.

“(MS)² is such a time of growth that by the time summer ends, many students are still reflecting on the experiences they’ve just had. Sometimes, at that point, another essay emerges,” says Springer, adding that her familiarity with the program means she can provide more pointed feedback on essays than a school counselor might. In addition, the writing portion of the (MS)² college counseling course is largely focused on the personal statement, so the extra time allows Springer and the students to work together on the larger essays. That’s especially helpful for those who apply to be Gates Millennium Scholars, for which they are required to write some eight essays, and those seeking a college match through Questbridge, which requires different essays altogether.

Regan Allen, an (MS)² student from Chicago, worked with Springer in applying to college through Questbridge this winter—not only on improving his essays, but also in soliciting information on time management, the importance of what to fill out when, and how to find scholarships.

College applications require a lot of organization, says Allen, but the focus paid off. He was accepted by Georgia Tech, the University of Illinois, and Purdue, and will study engineering. Other (MS)² students also fared well, with Brown, Yale, Bates, Smith, and Dartmouth among the schools sending acceptance letters.

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Who Needs Equity?

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It’s a typical Tuesday evening: We—adults and kids—are running from athletics to Paresky Commons to the library, or perhaps to a rehearsal or club meeting. I head to CAMD (Community and Multicultural Development) in Morse Hall. Its inconspicuous door opens to a glowing interior, filled with books, comfy chairs, and excited feminists of all genders, races, and backgrounds.

It’s our weekly meeting of Women’s Forum, or WoFo, a club run by and for students. I became its faculty advisor in 2013 in the immediate aftermath of a student movement called Feminism=Equality (F=E), in which students organized awareness campaigns to bring feminist ideas and social critiques to their peers and teachers. Since that time, WoFo has operated as nothing less than a think tank on issues of equity and inclusion. Students practice complex political discourse, problem solving, and mutual support. Casually seated in a large circle, they discuss issues ranging from women in STEM fields to sexual violence to media misrepresentation of women and people of color. It’s an opportunity to voice one’s lived experience, but also to listen.

Since arriving on campus in 2013, I’ve known an Andover where these issues spill out of buildings, fill the chapel at All-School Meetings, and unfurl online through student-curated Facebook pages. As in any conversation, some voices are louder than others; indeed, some never even make it to the table. Making equity our priority means ensuring the space for all voices in all kinds of discussions. As faculty, our part in this effort involves careful introspection: How do our various identities and sites of privilege—our races, genders, educational backgrounds, and other factors—influence our teaching?

The answer to the question “Who needs equity?” is, of course, “Everybody.”

This past fall, the student LGBTQ community invited Alex Myers to speak during GSA (Gender and Sexuality Alliance) Weekend. A novelist, scholar, and teacher, Myers was also the first openly transgender student at Exeter and Harvard in the late 1990s. As he spoke of the male/female gender binaries that permeated those schools, it dawned on many in the audience that, 15 years later, we still have a long way to go with gender inclusivity and diversity.

Of his high school years, Myers told us: “I wasn’t sure what I wanted more: for myself to change or for the world to change the way it saw me.” This sentiment resonates beyond the realm of gender equity. Arriving on our beautiful campus, many find that they’re both seeing and being seen—making sense of how they fit into a large and infinitely diverse group of “youth from every quarter.”

With these ideas on his mind last spring, Alex Tamkin ’14 created a short film called The Andover Perspective Project. Tamkin asked fellow students about their experiences with identity; the answers revealed some of the work ahead of us. Many students felt that here, assumptions about their backgrounds defined them. Some interviewees shared the stereotypes they heard about race, socioeconomic class, gender, and sexual orientation—stereotypes that made them feel unwelcome and even unsafe on campus. “Why do I have to fit into this little box?” one student wondered, pain in her voice. But talking about it helps. As faculty and students have become more vocal about what a more equitable Andover would look like, one student notes, “These discussions are becoming more natural.”

In the final segment of the film, Tamkin asks his subjects to complete the sentence, “I am....” One student grapples a bit: “I am... I guess... a bunch of different things.” In teaching and learning equity at Andover, we must start by remembering that everybody here is “a bunch of different things,” never just one.

Turn the page to see what others have to say about equity and inclusion.
Following the 2014 launch of the Academy’s strategic plan, *Connecting Our Strengths: The Andover Endeavor*, one of the most often-asked questions has been, “Why the focus on equity and inclusion?” The reasons are many, but some of the best come directly from members of the PA community.

In early April, *Andover* magazine invited students, faculty, and staff to stop by the Oliver Wendell Holmes Library to answer the two questions above. The responses, as you can see, were profound.

—Kristin Bair O’Keeffe

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**Why is equity important at PA?**

**Why does inclusion matter to you?**
PA administration and student Afro-American Society negotiate issues related to the hiring of African American faculty, creation of an African American dorm, and offering of African American history courses.

1970

PA conducts a study of the effect of Andover’s scholarship program from 1952 to 1965. Of surveyed recipients, 35 percent had bettered their occupational class by two to three levels and a majority were positive about their experiences at Andover.
There is a global crisis in the education of girls today. Sixty-two million girls worldwide, half of them adolescents the age of PA students, are not in school. Others bravely attend school under a daily threat of violence and even death. Because educating girls is a human rights issue, as well as a proven path to progress in economic, public health, political, and social sectors, the United States has pledged—through initiatives like Let Girls Learn and the U.N.’s Global Education First—to assist the most distressed communities around the world in finding ways to empower girls to attend and complete school. In many of these areas, prevailing biases against the educational rights and needs of girls are the first of the barriers that need to be addressed.

After Equality: Striving for Equity

Here in the U.S., the “equity earthquake” that rocked our own male-centered policies and institutions of education occurred less than half a century ago with the adoption into law of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. As PA history instructor Kathleen Dalton observed in *A Portrait of a School*, her trenchant 1986 study of the first decade after the merger of Abbot and Phillips academies, the equity earthquake “is still sending aftershocks throughout American education.” Today, more than 40 years into the Title IX era, schools everywhere are challenged by “the difference between surface equality and genuine equity,” observes Soraya Chemaly ’84, now an influential feminist writer, media critic, and activist. “Policies and numbers tell one story and the lived experiences of real people often tell another,” she says. “It’s important to pay attention to both.”

Perhaps that is why the events of spring 2013, a confluence of student-driven activism and actions that Dalton referred to at the time as “Gender Spring,” were so shocking to the PA community—shocking in the sense of taking many by surprise and in the sense of providing a much-needed jolt to the system of a school that had worked hard and long to create a successful coeducational ethos. Clearly, progress has been made on many fronts: In 1994, after two decades of incremental progress, the student body finally achieved a gender
balance, which has been maintained. Girls are excelling academically and in extracurriculars, with notable achievements in athletics, student activities and clubs, community service, and creative arts. Sean Logan, director of College Counseling, notes that girls take AP-level math courses at the same rate as boys and equally aspire to top colleges, including historically male bastions such as MIT (in fact, more PA girls applied to and were accepted by MIT last year than PA boys). Teachers like math instructor Maria Litvin have developed innovations in pedagogy that positively impact students: her AP-level computer science class now enrolls about one-third girls, utterly defying national trends (girls make up less than 20 percent of the nation’s AP computer science exam-takers).

On the faculty front, PA’s historically stubborn disproportion of male to female full-time faculty no longer exists today, including in the traditionally male-dominated subject areas of science and math, and 43 percent of faculty foundations and fellowships are held by women—compared to the 9 percent held by female instructors at the time of Dalton’s study. Beyond improving numbers, Dean of Faculty Patrick Farrell’s mission is to see to it that every current and new faculty member will receive meaningful, substantive training in equity and inclusion for the next 25 to 30 years, it’s vital to positively affect our students and colleagues. “Because every new hire could potentially affect our students and colleagues for the next 25 to 30 years, it’s vital to seek out and hire as diverse a faculty as possible and to prioritize training ourselves constantly and consistently so that we understand and unlearn gender and other forms of bias and stereotyping,” says Farrell.

A Grassroots Movement

While frustrations had been brewing for years, they erupted into a full-out movement in the spring term of 2013. The leaders of the movement, primarily upper active in the Girls’ Leadership Project (GLP)—an initiative championed by former associate head of school Rebecca Sykes—held planning meetings in the living room of Stowe House, their dorm. The girls’ house counselor and GLP advisor, history instructor Jenny Elliott ’94, remembered feeling awed by the discussions they were having and the actions they inspired: “When I was a student, there was so little conversation going on among students about gender.” (Dalton recalls that in the aftermath of the release of her study, a feeling predominated for a while that PA had “pretty much taken care of its equity problem and could move on to other issues.”) Elliott says, “It struck me as an incredibly courageous thing our students were doing, deciding that they needed to speak out and try to effect change.”

The students—mostly girls—created a website (Feminism=Equality) and a private Facebook group that garnered more than 1,000 members to document student, alumni, and faculty experiences with sexism, ranging from casual to blatant. They wrote research papers, testimonials, and letters to The Phillipian sharing how gendered stereotypes and expectations had (mis) shaped their lives at PA. They organized public forums connecting gender issues with race, class, and sexual orientation, and even presented specific recommendations for institutional and curricular change at an all-faculty meeting. The movement caught the attention of Abigail Burman ‘12, who at the time was an ocean away attending Oxford. Burman says she felt an instant affinity for the cause. “I had come to PA from a previous school where women’s leadership was prominent, visible, and totally accepted,” she says, “and here I noticed right away that women and girls weren’t treated as mainstream. PA has a strong school culture, which I appreciated then and now, but girls are kept outside or at the margins of it.” Student activism quickly found support among peers, faculty, and administration, in the surge of Abbot alumnae engagement and a revival of what Blakeman Hazzard Allen ’66 proudly calls Abbot’s “subversive” energy and spirit. Andover’s Gender Spring had come in like a lion.

National news outlets picked up the story, focusing on the lag in girls’ leadership at PA, while on campus Gender Spring opened up a wide range of gender-related issues and evoked larger and deeper questions: Was PA still essentially a boys’ school that had admitted girls? Had PA summarily swallowed up Abbot Academy and its legacy of valuing and empowering girls and women through...
education? Or had PA indeed innovated into something new, the “Superschool” that Beverly Floe ’41, former trustee of Abbot Academy, envisioned in a 1972 letter about the impending merger, urging that “...we must do all we can to ensure that a third school come into being [emphasis author’s]: neither a renewed PA, nor a masculinized Abbot, but another school, hitherto unknown, and as much like the Superschool as we are able to arrange for.” After Gender Spring, could PA rightfully claim to be a national leader and model for gender equity and inclusion?

“...Gender Is With Us Always”

Since that time what has emerged is a history marked by waves of open self-examination and creative, effective leadership by key individuals on critical matters of gender equity and inclusion. In the beginning, the “merger warriors” fought for the academic reputation of Abbot and against initial prejudice toward female faculty and students. Others soon stepped up to change the curriculum and the school’s culture. Faculty approved a proposal to devote the 1990 Headmaster’s Symposium, a noncredit elective spring term course for uppers and seniors, to “Issues of Gender.” Tony Rotundo (history) and Nancy Boutilier (English) created a handout for the symposium reminding the campus that “gender is with us always” in complex ways that call for examination with multiple lenses. Appropriately, PA faculty and students have continued to expand the notion of gender equity to encompass intersections with race and ethnicity, class, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, and more.

One year after Gender Spring, a second group of girls spoke out to bring awareness to the specific experiences of girls of color, for whom the headline-grabbing statistic “4 out of 40” (four girls elected school president out of 40 elections since the merger) obscured a starker reality: 0 out of 40 girls of color. Awareness led to action as girls organized a new group called “The Sisterhood” to provide support, mentorship, and community for underrepresented girls of color at PA through outings, meetings, and opportunities to connect with alumnae of color. The Sisterhood has been active for a year now. “By no mere coincidence or accident, PA’s first female student of color, Annette Bell ’16, has just been elected copresident [with Theo Perez ’16],” notes Linda Carter Griffith, incoming assistant head for equity and inclusion.

Also adding their voices to the discussion are students who identify as transgender, genderqueer, or gender nonconforming. According to Trish Russell, dean of studies and biology instructor, “What the students created by speaking out was not a crisis but the next step in moving forward, particularly in regard to gender fluidity and supporting students who do not identify with predominant notions of masculinity or femininity.” Cluster dean and history instructor Frank Tipton helped usher in the new era: “When I arrived here in 2005, the Gay Straight Alliance [now the Gender and Sexuality Alliance] still felt the need to meet discreetly in a safe space inside a dean’s residence. By 2010, the group was holding big meetings in Paresky Commons or Gelb, and faculty and administration attitudes were changing, too. Tony Rotundo and I delivered an extensive, emotional multimedia presentation at an all-faculty meeting on understanding transgender students, leading to the development of new guidelines and policy changes. People still tell us how transformative that presentation was.’ Students who complicate the boy/girl, heterosexual paradigm are increasingly willing to publicly embrace who they are, seek support, and advocate for institutional change. According to PA’s medical director, Dr. Amy Patel, 9 of 1,125 students identified as transgender and 127 of 1,110 students described themselves as something other than heterosexual in the 2013 health check survey, the last time it was administered.

Addressing “Guyland” Culture

Attending to how rigid gender stereotypes and expectations negatively affect boys and campus culture as a whole has been a major part of PA’s journey toward equity. As Dalton’s study argues, the indisputable intellectual talents and achievements of Abbot students and faculty proved that the aggressive “sink or swim” mentality, characteristic of the “old school” way of doing things, did not have a monopoly on academic and pedagogical rigor. Liberating students from the traditional boys’ school culture had an overall positive impact: “In fact,” Dalton writes, “boys’ overall happiness at PA improved 24 percent the year of the merger. No negative effects
on grades, drug use, or relationships were found.”

Today, as Carol Israel, director of the Graham House Counseling Center, observes, “PA is not immune to the larger culture that teaches boys to objectify girls. The Feminism = Equality movement brought to light that PA has its version of ‘Guyland’ [the predominant culture of hyper-masculinity and boyhood described by scholar Michael Kimmel in his book Guyland: The Perilous World Where Boys Become Men] and in an address to PA faculty at the beginning of the school year].” Israel affirms that, “PA is working hard to establish a culture that requires respect for all, and much continues to be done to educate and model this for boys.”

After nearly seven years as dean of students and many more as a head coach of both boys’ and girls’ sports teams, Paul Murphy has come to understand how deep the need is for education and discussions about gender for all students: “I worry about boys who are doing the right thing but are not heard loudly enough. I worry that they go to college and are not culturally competent on issues of gender. We have made huge strides in these areas and we need to keep doing more.”

The commitment to “keep doing more” to make every member feel equally a part of the school is evident at every level, including at the top, where such issues are often the last to penetrate any organization. Former trustee Corinne T. Field ’83 affirms that Board President Peter Currie ’74 “has done a terrific job focusing trustee attention on issues of inclusion and equity with regard to women, students of color, and those on financial aid. Trustees are considering a range of issues from student leadership to health education and faculty hiring, all with an eye to making PA a more inclusive and equitable community.” Placing gender equity as a priority of the new Strategic Plan was also intentional, says Field, and “leadership from Head of School John Palfrey and Rachel Skiffer, dean of policy and strategic planning, was crucial in focusing attention on gender issues. As work shifts from planning to implementation, faculty, staff, and students will need to continue this effort to ensure that inclusion and equity remain a central pillar of the Strategic Plan.”

“Youth from Every Gender”

There is every reason to feel hopeful about PA’s future, says Soraya Chemaly. “In my experience, most schools are willing to engage at a superficial level about gender and are hostile to fundamental changes to the culture. Clearly, PA is different. We are willing to engage in a deeper approach to these problems.” Leadership when and where it was needed and openness to change were credited in a research paper about coeducation at PA, “Youth from Every Gender,” by then–school president Danny Silk ’07. Dalton also noted these qualities in her study, concluding that after the merger, “It was in the nature of the Andover community to innovate in a new situation...and coeducation could never have evolved as it has without the dedication and flexibility of those people whose attitudes about gender changed over the years.”

One might go further and say that when PA takes gender equity and inclusion into account, it produces some of its most meaningful educational innovations. One cannot look back at the historic merger and simply say that Andover was “a boys’ school that finally let girls in.” What has emerged—what is emerging—is a completely new and exciting school that continues to change and innovate, and to inspire people like Blake Allen, who attributes the integration of Abbot and Andover with fostering the non sibi principles she now teaches to Pakistani educators, primarily women, through her Pakistani Educational Leadership Institute. “My big dream,” Allen shares, “is to create a summer leadership institute that will bring together PA girls and girls from the world’s conflict zones.” Stirring aspirations like these, “Equity and Inclusion” is a central pillar of the Strategic Plan, driving creativity and innovation and profoundly informing values of empathy and balance.

Dalton, too, feels hopeful: “A torch was passed to me and others from the Abbot generation. Now I feel that moment has come again as the next generation works to build a new gender coalition that will continue to make PA a school that belongs to each member equally.”

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2014 Senior Survey
We’re at a critical moment in our nation’s history. We’re in the midst of seismic demographic shifts that have profound implications for the whole range of our social institutions, from our schools to our families to our government and our economy.

By 2030, nearly 20 percent of our population will be over the age of 65.

By 2040, the majority of our nation will be people of color.

By 2050, the total number of individuals needing long-term care and personal assistance is projected to grow from 12 million to 27 million.

Often, when we discuss these imminent societal shifts, we do so with the language of “concern” and crisis. This is understandable. But I believe these changes present us with a unique opportunity. This is a moment not only to address longstanding exclusions, but to learn from the history of those exclusions and to think boldly about a future that is inclusive of the full diversity of who we are and who we’re becoming as a nation.

In 1963, at the March on Washington, before Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. would give his electrifying “I Have a Dream” speech to the several hundred thousand Americans who had gathered before the Lincoln Memorial, a 23-year-old son of a sharecropper addressed the crowd. He challenged the proposed civil rights legislation with a simple question: “What is there in this bill to ensure the equality of a maid who earns $5 a week in the home of a family whose income is $100,000 a year?”

The young man who asked that question, John Lewis—then chair of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, now a U.S. representative for Georgia—still hasn’t received an answer: More than 50 years after the March on Washington, that maid, and millions of other women like her working in homes across America, still lack legal protections that most of us take for granted.

We all know these women. They care for the most precious elements of our lives: our children, parents, and homes. They are our nannies, housekeepers, and home health care workers. They are our mothers, grandmothers, wives, sisters, and daughters. Their life’s work...
is caring for others. Their work makes all other work possible. And yet, they live and work at the bottom of our economy, some still earning $35 per day for a 12-hour work day, working hard and yet still living in poverty.

The explicit exclusion of caregivers from our nation’s most basic labor protections occurred in the 1930s, when Southern lawmakers refused to support the New Deal labor laws until two groups were removed—domestic workers and farm workers—workforces that were almost exclusively African American at the time.

In the 1970s, domestic workers gained inclusion in the Fair Labor Standards Act and won the right to earn the minimum wage. To this day, however, 1.8 million home care workers remain excluded from this measure. All domestic workers remain excluded from the National Labor Relations Act, which guarantees the right to form a union and bargain collectively. And despite the often-grueling physical aspects of their work, they are not included in the Occupational Health and Safety Act. And because private homes are generally not considered workplaces and most only employ one worker, domestic workers are not covered by the parts of the Civil Rights Act that protect employees from harassment and discrimination.

These exclusions have created an environment of extreme vulnerability for domestic workers, out of which the NDWA was formed. Poo serves on the boards of MomsRising, Jobs With Justice, Working America, the National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy, and the National Council on Aging. She is the recipient of a Ms. Foundation Women of Vision Award and the Independent Sector American Express NGen Leadership Award, and was named one of Newsweek’s 150 Fearless Women and Time’s 100 Most Influential People in the World. In 2015, she was listed as #14 on Fortune Magazine’s list of the World’s 50 Greatest Leaders.

Like so many of our nation’s constituencies that have faced exclusion, domestic workers are on the front lines of both an unforgiving economy and the change that we need to strengthen opportunity and democracy for every American. As our nation’s need for care grows, along with the communities that the caregivers have come from, the conditions for domestic workers will increasingly inform and shape the whole of our nation’s future. They are but one example of a group that has been on the margins, both warning of the dangers of inequity and exclusion and helping to light the way forward toward a better future for all American workers. If we can create opportunity for the least visible and historically excluded among us, we have the chance to shape the future in a way that truly recognizes the talents and contributions of all American workers.
Everyday Heroes Shine in Civil Rights Museum Makeover

by Adam Roberts

It took eight years, but flocks of new visitors agree the wait was worth it. On April 5, 2014, the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis, Tenn., reopened to the public following a $27.5 million renovation led by museum design firm Howard+Revis Design Services and its cofounder, Jeff Howard ’73.

This monumental makeover involved the museum’s entire exhibit infrastructure, taking visitors on a journey from the bowels of a slave ship to the balcony of Room 306 of the Lorraine Motel, where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. spent his final hours. Howard and his team helped adapt the space into a 21st-century museum—more than 40 new films, oral histories, and interactive media were added to the museum’s already impressive collection of artifacts.

The grand reopening attracted national attention, resulting in a spike in the museum’s attendance and a revitalization of its Memphis neighborhood. For Howard, the project represented the culmination of a lifetime of civil rights engagement that began in childhood.

**Growing Up Segregated: “Polite Jim Crow” in Northwest DC**

Although Howard was raised in a solidly upper middle class neighborhood in northwest Washington, D.C., his childhood included a keen awareness of the District’s segregation and troubling, often confusing encounters with what he calls “polite Jim Crow.” He first noticed the contrast of worlds when he was out with Rosa Chester, his family’s African American nanny. Whether it was sitting separately from Rosa at a screening of *West Side Story* or the realization that his family members were the only white guests at her wedding, Howard’s exposure to inequality began at an early age.

This education continued as he tagged along to protests, including a Black Panther rally, with his best friend (whose father headed the *Washington Post* editorial page). Howard remembers soldiers guarding stores when riots descended on DC, and white business owners consulting with their black employees on how to avoid being looted.

Andover appealed to Howard because it provided an environment where students could begin to bridge these gaps. “I liked that people weren’t cookie-cutter. They had long hair. They were white and black, from privilege and from inner cities.”

Forty years later, the mission of the National Civil Rights Museum project resonated. “The fact that America’s foremost advocate of equity and inclusion, the Reverend Martin Luther King Jr., was assassinated a mere year before I started my PA career—and at the Lorraine Motel, the site of this museum project—lent a definite poignancy to this assignment,” Howard says. “It was five years...
spent working on the most important project of my professional career.”

**Simple Fix Morphs into Massive Undertaking**

It was supposed to be a simple “refresh” of the existing exhibit halls. It became a reimagining of an institution.

Founded in 1991, the National Civil Rights Museum was already a historic landmark among American cultural institutions. In 2013, a *USA Today* poll ranked it the third “most iconic site in America” (behind Graceland and Mount Rushmore) and one of the “Top 15 places kids should visit by the time they’re 15.” In 2004, *Jeopardy* gave the museum its own category with clues such as, “From 1943 to 1956, Rosa Parks was secretary of her local chapter of this organization.” (Answer: the NAACP)

With the museum’s 20th anniversary on the horizon, Director Beverly Robertson wanted the main exhibit to be modernized. After interviewing some 20 design firms, she narrowed the pool to a final four, and the firms went to Memphis to present their ideas to the museum staff, its board, and the general public. Howard+Revis earned the gig through a unique blend of contextual understanding and design “wow.” “This project clearly meant something special to them,” says Robertson. “Sometimes that’s more important than all the reputation in the world.”

Seven months later, Howard and his team realized their task was far greater than anyone had anticipated. “The research we did in our discovery phase showed that we needed to start over,” says Howard. “We tore out just about everything.”

“People no longer wanted to walk through a museum and read a book on a wall,” agreed Robertson. “We wanted people to be transformed, inspired to take action by the ‘everyday’ people who made this civil rights revolution possible. We needed to update the story, to show the lasting legacy of the movement. Also, we had outgrown our physical space and needed to accommodate the growing numbers of people who were coming to the museum.”

**Assembling a Committed Team**

With their new task before them, Howard+Revis set about assembling a team of African American scholars, architects, landscape architects, and script writers to undertake the hard and detailed work of the transformation. “This core part of our team, more than any other, helped determine the look, feel, content, and tone of the renewed museum,” says Howard. Among the many notable scholars involved were world-renowned non-violence activist Rev. James Lawson and premier Martin Luther King Jr. scholar Clayborne Carson.
Many of the owners of the firms selected were old enough to vividly remember the personal indignities of Jim Crow in the Deep South. Some had themselves participated to varying degrees in the movement to end segregation and oppression. One example that sticks in Howard’s mind is Juan Self, principal of Self Tucker Architects, Inc., and the project’s lead architect. “His father was a highly respected postman in Clarksdale, Mississippi, and was killed most likely for his after-hours activism.”

This inclusivity extended to the contractors and construction workers. “Our electrical contractor was so proud to be on the project that he recruited troubled youth in Memphis and trained them as electricians,” Howard says. He estimates 45 percent of the workers on the project were people of color, an astounding figure in the industry. As the project neared completion, the museum held an open house exclusively for workers and their families, who mingled to admire their work and share in what Howard calls their common “esprit de Tennessee.”

In addition to the professional team, a renovation committee of outside experts was assembled. Among them was fellow PA alum and current museum board member Nnaemeka “Meka” Egwuekwe ’91, a software engineer at a Memphis-based tech firm who served as a technical advisor on the committee. “The museum had a lot of great resources but was heavy on reading and was technologically out of date,” says Egwuekwe. “My job was to help modernize that technology and make sure its maintenance was manageable going forward.”

Egwuekwe marvels at some of the innovations made by Howard’s team. “They made great use of material the museum already had, like adding lighting to a Freedom Ride bus to make it look like it’s actually on fire and projecting newspaper clippings about the 1968 Memphis Sanitation Strike onto an actual truck from the strike.”

Looking back, Egwuekwe credits Andover with sparking his interest in civil rights and history. “I met kids from all over the country and the world who had their own perspectives on civil rights.” He recalls the influence of instructors Ed Quattlebaum ’60, history, Temba Maqubela, chemistry, and Sam Matthews (MS)’, whose presentation to students on African contributions to math and science “changed my worldview.”

Giving a Voice to Heroes —and Ordinary People

If there was one mantra echoed by Howard, the museum staff, and the advisory team, it was a shared commitment to “getting it right.”

“The museum speaks to the fabric and fiber of what makes this country great,” says Robertson. “It’s very daunting to even think about taking something like that and making it better. There was a lot of pressure to get the story right, to honor those who died and those who founded this institution.”

For Howard and his team, “getting it right” meant giving a voice to those who made the civil rights movement and a means of telling the story in their own words. As Howard put it, “Our guiding interpretive aim was to expand the narrative’s scope beyond a few famous heroes to create a more inclusive, compelling journey in which all
visitors could see ordinary people, like themselves, doing extraordinary things to achieve change.”

These “ordinary people” included:

- Claudette Colvin, a 16-year-old who stood up on a bus to protest segregation nine months before Rosa Parks did the same
- Jo Ann Robinson, who stayed up all night and mimeographed more than 50,000 leaflets that led to the Montgomery Bus Boycott
- Diane Nash, who insisted the Freedom Rides continue despite violent protests against them
- Daisy Bates, who arranged for ministers to safely escort nine black students (a.k.a. the Little Rock Nine) past hordes of angry segregationists and into a white Arkansas school
- Amelia Boynton, a key figure in organizing the Selma to Montgomery marches
- Bayard Rustin, a primary organizer of the March on Washington whose role was sidelined because of his sexual orientation

This effort was led by Dr. Hasan Jeffries, associate professor of history at Ohio State University and an expert on civil rights and the Black Power Movement. “We wanted the National Civil Rights Museum experience to be like when you visit the battlefield at Gettysburg,” Jeffries said. “You can step where they stepped, walk where they walked. Jeff and his team understood and worked toward that.”

Jeffries also helped craft a more accurate picture of the civil rights movement’s successes and failures. “This wasn’t a perpetual movement of progress. Success was not guaranteed, and there were many more failures than victories.” As an example, he points to the fact that it took a decades-long legal strategy after the Brown v. Board of Education decision ending school segregation to make significant progress. The museum demonstrates this by taking the visitor from a courtroom to a classroom.

Jeffries also was pleased with how Howard’s team handled more sensitive topics, such as the Black Power Movement. “Many museums won’t discuss it at all. But very early on, Jeff realized that if we gave it the proper context, people would understand the movement not as a radical break but as a logical extension of community organizing and frustration.”

Phillips Academy’s connection to this historic renovation will come full circle in June when a group of 13 students and faculty travel to the National Civil Rights Museum as part of the school’s American Civil Rights Movement Immersion Program tour of the Deep South.

Six years in the making, the new program is the brainchild of Judith Wombwell, instructor and chair of the Department of Theatre and Dance, and is funded by a generous Abbot Academy Association grant. A Memphis native, Wombwell was in the city when Dr. King was assassinated. “It made such a huge impression on me,” she says. “The museum captures King and the movement in such an informative, moving, and comprehensive way. It will be one of the culminating events of our trip.”

Wombwell founded the program to give Andover students historical context for today’s civil rights landscape. “This movement is not over. There will always be injustice to fight. But it can be a call to action, to understand that we still have poverty, income inequality, and racism. It’s crucial to understand why we still have these problems and what we can do to begin solving them.”
It was February 1973 when an alarming headline in The Phillipian identified a “crisis” on campus. The times were ripe with change, to be sure, but it wasn’t the impending switch to coeducation that constituted this particular crisis. Nor was it students’ hair length or dissatisfaction over the Vietnam War or the social malaise that followed the Watergate scandal—though all of those factors may have played a role.

No, the crisis in question was both more abstract and more immediate. Religion instructor Jesse Vaughan was quoted as saying that “PA is currently undergoing a spiritual crisis,” one whose apparent cause (or perhaps first consequence) was the abolishment of compulsory chapel attendance, two years earlier. Then, as now, the Academy found itself grappling with the role of the spiritual and religious in an Andover education.

Since the abandonment of compulsory chapel, said the Phillipian article, “‘religion’ at PA has been limping along, with sparsely attended weekly services and a few extra-curricular groups.” Yet the decision to end mandatory chapel had come to seem inevitable, as students chafed against outmoded strictures. Vincent Avery, former instructor in philosophy and religious studies, who arrived at PA in 1976, says he heard that the services had become “unteenable.”

“The students were acting up and disrespect was huge,” says Avery. “It was not a battle worth fighting, and not a battle [then headmaster] Ted Sizer wanted to fight.”

Instead, after a few years of spiritual drift—the “crisis” years—Sizer convened a committee and instituted the school’s first tripartite chaplaincy, prompted by the changing times and by the death of Andover’s longtime minister, the Reverend James Whyte. For the first time, PA hired a rabbi and a Catholic priest to work with the Protestant chaplain in tending to the spiritual needs of students. Says Avery, who served as the first Catholic chaplain (he left the priesthood a year later but stayed on to teach at PA until 2010), “I think it was essentially a statement that the school itself was no longer affiliated with a particular tradition...a decision that the school was now going to be a secular institution, as far as its allegiance was concerned.”

That decision was in some ways remarkable, given the school’s lengthy association with Protestantism. After all, the era when Andover imposed an unofficial quota on Jewish students was still within living memory. But Rabbi Everett Gendler, who filled the role of Jewish spiritual leader in that first tripartite chaplaincy, says he felt welcomed when he arrived on campus in 1976.

“I had no idea what to expect,” admits Gendler, who was brought in as a six-month fill-in and ended up staying at PA for 19 years. He says he found Andover to be “receptive to a more audible and visible Jewish presence on campus.” There were exceptions—though not, he says, because anyone was specifically unhappy about a “Jewish presence.” Some, says Gendler, were leery of any turn toward religion on campus. “Along with this receptivity, there was a certain wariness on the
part of some faculty that the religious dominance might be in the process of reasserting self,” he says. “There was that wariness because Andover had been founded by religiously committed Christians with a great deal of religious intentionality. And I suppose over the decades, the secularists had had to struggle for freedom from that particular enclosure.” But, he says, though a few “made known their intellectual reservations, overall it was a warmly welcoming atmosphere.”

In a departure from earlier practice, the three chaplains were also called upon to do classroom teaching, which served to integrate them further into the life of the school. Philip Zaeder was the Protestant member of that early tripartite chaplaincy; for the onetime English major, the opportunity to teach was part of what drew him to Andover from Yale, where he had served in the chaplain’s office.

Zaeder sees the 1976 institution of the tripartite ministry and the school’s broader embrace of spiritual traditions as emblematic of the times. “Societal changes were strong. Andover was no longer that monolithic boys’ school.... Coeducation was part of the new vitality of Andover, of which the tripartite chaplaincy was a beneficiary. It was an extraordinary era; I had never been involved in an adventure as ecumenical as that was.”

Perhaps it was a sign of the times, too, that Rabbi Gendler served as advisor to the Muslim student group on campus, organizing Ramadan celebrations and chanting from the Koran. “It was one of the quirks or happenstances, or I’d call it a blessing, of the expanded ecumenical chaplaincy,” says Gendler. The legacy of the tripartite chaplaincy of the ’70s persists today. Their efforts lent a spiritual dimension to the school’s observance of Memorial Day; they instituted the candlelight baccalaureate service held the night before graduation. Zaeder credits Gendler, a longtime supporter of the civil rights movement, with helping create PA’s scope of MLK Day activities.

Spiritual crisis averted, or so it seemed. But flash forward to 2007.

Somewhere along the line, the custom of having chaplains serve as classroom teachers had dwindled. The campus rabbi position had been cut to one-fifth time. The Catholic student group had become just a small social club, says current Catholic chaplain Mary Kantor, who arrived in 2009. And once again, a concerned head of school saw a need to intervene.

As Ted Sizer had before her, Barbara Landis Chase decided to reassess PA’s approach to religion. Students were coming from an ever-broadening range of faith traditions; at the same time, many students—more so than in the
past—did not identify strongly with any religion and lacked a framework for exploring questions of spirituality. Chase and Associate Head of School Becky Sykes created a committee that spent a year in consultation, seeking a new direction for addressing these concerns. The result was an approach that—like the tripartite chaplaincy of 1976—was uniquely consonant with the times.

“My being here is actually a very important and critical lens on how Barbara Chase and Becky Sykes felt about the space and role of religion and belief systems,” says the Reverend Anne Gardner. Arriving in September 2008, Gardner was the first person to hold the newly created position of director of spiritual and religious life. (She also serves as the school’s Protestant chaplain.) “There was a feeling from Becky and Barbara that this needed more focus, more attention, more resources—that the spiritual life of this age group was important enough, and that the world was changing enough, that there needed to be a new vision.”

Today, much of that vision involves meeting students where they are, spiritually, and tending to their needs both inside and outside the structure of organized religion. “Kids who come here and are brought up in a faith—those are the easiest pegs to align,” says Gardner. “But more and more, I find fewer students who come from that structure. What do we do about the students who are outside of that parameter?”

Gardner answers her own question by providing examples of spiritual support and inquiry that take place far from the confines of the chapel. Culture, Politics, and Religion (CPR) is a weekly dinner-time discussion group that tackles thorny questions like free speech, the death penalty, and abortion. Gardner spearheaded an effort, tied to PA’s Veterans Day observance, to break Guinness’s world record for push-ups. For the Hindu festival of Diwali, she strung lights from the columns in front of Samuel Phillips Hall. And, she notes, the school has held an Islamic Awareness Week for many years.

Rabbi Michael Swarttz, PA’s current Jewish chaplain, has also taken a big-tent approach. “To be Jewish is not just a religious phenomenon but an ethnic and cultural one,” he notes, and as such, he and the Jewish student group have mounted a broad array of cultural programming, with speakers, films, and even the occasional comedian. Kantor, the Catholic chaplain, has—with the help of three Abbot Academy Association grants—created a slate of campus events, bringing in international music groups, dancers, and artists to celebrate and highlight the cultural diversity of the Catholic Church.
For all that, though, and for all the support that the chaplaincy both receives and provides, there can still be moments when religion seems a slightly uneasy fit on campus. Can a place that so values intellect also give matters of the spirit their due? For her part, says Gardner, “One of the things I’ve tried to preach and embody is that there needn’t be a divide between those two things. You needn’t be a person of intellect or a person of faith.... We needn’t check our mind at the door when we come to church.”

Kantor says that while she’s pleased with the growth of the active Catholic community in her time on campus, she would like to see the work of the chaplaincy integrated into the broader life of the school. “For me,” she says, “the ideal would be that the religious or spiritual or spiritually seeking aspects of students would be as welcomed and integrated in the school’s life as their ethnic identity, national identity, sexual orientation, and so on…. With the new wellness center and the focus on equity and inclusion, I’m hopeful that this recognition of students’ religious and spiritual interests will not be limited to the time they spend with their religious communities once or twice a week.”

The tensions Gendler once remarked upon—between the secular and the spiritual—may have their present-day counterparts. Equity and inclusion form one pillar of the new Strategic Plan, but what does that mean in relation to religion? Paying attention to the calendar is one important aspect. Gendler recalls a time during his tenure when a crucial student activity was scheduled during Yom Kippur, the most solemn of Jewish holidays. “For the Jewish students, it was a terrible conflict,” says Gendler, though, he adds, “The intensity of the crisis sensitized everyone to the importance of being aware. It was an instructive moment.” Nonetheless, the event wasn’t rescheduled. More than 30 years on, Swartz bookends that with an experience from his time at PA: Again, an important student activity conflicted with Yom Kippur. But this time, he says, students brought it to the attention of the administration, and the date was changed.

When the tripartite chaplaincy was formed, addressing the needs of Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish students was deemed sufficient. But today, many more faiths are represented on campus, and today’s chaplaincy is working toward greater inclusivity. Kantor notes that current chaplaincies have worked together to create interfaith projects, activities, and dialogues. “Students have an eagerness and deep interest in getting to know one another’s religious traditions,” she says.

Equity and inclusion, though, may also mean casting spirituality in much broader terms—more inclusive terms, if you will. Says Gardner, “As director, I’m charged in essence to think anew about how to answer these big questions: Who am I? How do I decide how I’m going to walk in the world? What value system do I follow? What kind of person do I want to grow up to be? These are deeply spiritual questions.... My continuing challenge is to service those people who have a particular practice and, for those who don’t, to keep the conversation going.”

—The Reverend Anne Gardner
In 1828, Emily Adams Bancroft distributed a petition that challenged the favored location for the future Abbot Academy. By circulating the petition, Bancroft challenged the all-male founders of the new women’s school. She rebelled against authority figures that held social power over her through both age and gender. This pattern of rebellion set a precedent for the rest of her childhood and career.

Sixteen years earlier, Emily Jane Adams was born to Elizabeth and John Adams on January 2, 1813. She spent her childhood on Andover Hill under the care of her mother and nanny. One year after circulating the petition, Bancroft enrolled in Abbot Academy, graduating in 1831. The Adams family fell into chaos when John Adams resigned from his position as head of Phillips Academy in 1832. Bancroft studied at Ipswich Female Seminary briefly and then helped her father teach in Elbridge, New York, for three years. In 1837, Bancroft moved to her final destination, Jacksonville, Illinois, with her father and sister in pursuit of a new job for Mr. Adams.

Upon her arrival in Jacksonville, Bancroft became secretary of the Ladies’ Education Society, a position in which she would remain for fifty years. The Society’s goal was to promote religion and educate the “many children [who] were growing up in ignorance.” Specifically, it focused on girls’ education. During Bancroft’s involvement, the Ladies’ Education Society succeeded in “[educating] over nine hundred young ladies.”

On May 8, 1845, Bancroft married Joseph H. Bancroft, a merchant, and eventually had five children with him. Over the next forty years, Bancroft worked for different charitable organizations, including a temperance union and a “Free Reading-room,” eventually becoming president of the Ladies’ Education Society. She died on February 28, 1900, and is buried in Diamond Grove Cemetery in Jacksonville, Illinois.

Emily Adams Bancroft was a “woman who had it all,” or everything a white woman could have in the 1800s. She was a mother, a wife, a missionary, and, most importantly, a devout Christian. Her religion drove her toward a career outside the home and allowed her to help many other young women receive an education. She was a rebel in that she diverged from 19th-century gender expectations and the example set by her early female influences.

Every contact Bancroft had with the world as a child and teenager pushed
her toward the role of a subservient and devout housewife. Her mother, Mrs. Adams, seemed to be happy as a “famous housekeeper” and impressed these same domestic skills onto Bancroft. According to John Adams’s biographers, Betsey Cleveland, the family’s nanny, always happily cared for the children and aided Mrs. Adams in running a smooth household. Both practiced religion in their personal lives, but the men of Andover did not believe that women were fit to hold a leadership position in the church.

Bancroft’s two years at Abbot Academy also helped ingrain the idea of domesticity and piety into her subconscious. In reaction to the “strong [Unitarianism]” of the early 1800s, Andover became “the most important citadel of old fashioned orthodoxy” to “those who believed in...rigid Calvinism.” In accordance with this religious focus, the 1828 Abbot constitution required that all trustees have a religious background. Enforcing traditional gender roles in another sphere, some women’s education activists in the early 1800s wanted schools to stop girls from challenging their future husbands on family decisions. Abbot was founded in this atmosphere.

But Bancroft was always a rebel, never fully absorbing this devout domesticity requirement. From a young age, she had a “fashion of thinking for herself,” challenging Bible stories and refusing to follow the example of her older siblings. In her teenage years, she forged counterfeit money and ran away from Ipswich in an attempt to find medical assistance for her ill sister. As an adult, Bancroft defied her father’s expectations by marrying a merchant instead of a minister.

Bancroft carried this rebellious spirit into her career. By working outside the home, she diverged from the influences of her childhood. As president of the Ladies’ Education Society, Bancroft took on a leadership role in religious work, an action the men of Andover Hill would never have allowed Cleveland or Mrs. Adams to take. Moreover, Bancroft’s decision to lead the Ladies’ Education Society, which was “always...entirely unsectarian,” challenged the strict orthodoxy of her hometown’s parish. Her decision to work in the public sphere stood in contrast to the examples of female roles from her childhood.

Bancroft’s rebellion against domesticity and traditional church leadership culminated in a career that helped empower hundreds of young women, but it began when she challenged schoolteachers, Abbot trustees, and Bible classes. As she grew older, Bancroft continued to rebel by rejecting the traditional gender roles that the men of Andover Hill placed upon her and the women in her family. In contrast to Phillips Academy’s “finis origine pendet,” or “the end depends upon the beginning,” Bancroft represents an alumna’s courage to diverge from the patterns of family and school.

Her life depended less on the messages of her upbringing and more on her own choices.

Sharon Platt ’15 is a two-year senior from Arlington, Virginia. Outside of this project, she enjoys mock trial, community service, running, and debate.

See page 128 for footnote listings.
The Abbot Academy Association (AAA) was created in 1973, at the time of the merger of Abbot Academy and Phillips Academy, to continue Abbot’s tradition of boldness, innovation, and caring through large and small grants to Phillips Academy students and members of the faculty and staff.

The board of directors of the Abbot Academy Association met on campus November 13–14, 2014, for its fall meeting. Twenty-seven grant proposals were awarded full or partial funding.
Genetic Analysis of Anatomical Specimen: The Prussian Mercenary
Eun Jae (Ej) Kim ’15
Sina Golkari ’15
$1,800

Guest Speaker/Technician in the Field of Automated Stage Lighting
Billy Murray (faculty)
$2,000

Andover Baking Club
Angelica Lara ’16
Michaela Hagler ’16
Milena Silva ’16
$1,350

New iGEM Team
Emma Taylor-Brill ’16
$8,185

No Shame in the Name: Celebration of Disabilities
Carrie Ingerman ’15
Patricia Davison & Susanne Torabi (faculty)
$2,525

Social Justice Leadership Institute
Linda Carter Griffith & Susanne Torabi (faculty)
Thea Rossman ’15
$32,257

U.S. Flag Purchase
Rev. Anne Gardner (faculty)
$1,284

STAND Educational Speakers*
Akhil Rajan ’17
Kory Stuer ’15
Rhaima Kim ’15
$1,150

Creativity & Innovation $27,385

Digital Literacies Integration into Instruction Across Disciplines
Erin McCloskey (administrator)
$7,660

Art Music Society Trip to Boston Symphony Orchestra
Bryan McGuiggin ’15
John Gibson ’15
Sergio De Iudicibus ’16
$810

Publish The Loon Humor Magazine
Theodore Lasry ’16
James Flynn ’16
Alex Leibovitz ’16
$1,650
(Also funded by the Craig Thorn Memorial Fund)

Props for LARP (Live Action Roleplaying) Society’s Campus Events
Jordan Swett ’15
Bennett Slibeck ’17
Andrew Lin ’17
$700

Justin Simien Interacting with Students on Race*
Jason Young ’15
Nya Hughes ’15
Camille Little ’16
$12,000

Gender-Inclusive Bathroom Signs
Jair Kornegay ’15
AJ Augustin ’15
Hanover Vale ’15
$4,588

Participation in White Privilege Conference to Further On-Campus Dialogue on Race
Thea Rossman ’15
Alba Disla ’15
Devontae Freeland ’15
$12,900

Eun Jae (Ej) Kim ’15
Sina Golkari ’15
$1,800

STAND Educational Speakers*
Akhil Rajan ’17
Kory Stuer ’15
Rhaima Kim ’15
$1,150

Guest Teacher and Choreographer for Andover Dance Group*
Erin Strong (faculty)
Vivian Liu ’15
Elizabeth McGonagle ’16
$3,230

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You Know You’re Not White, Don’t You?

Allison Picott ’88

Every so often as I’m leaving a parking garage in Boston, the cashier will ask, “Where are you from?” The first couple of times this happened, I was surprised by the question and uncertain of how to respond. This initial question is typically followed by a second question, “Are you Eritrean?” And then a third, “Are you Somalian?” In response, I tell the attendant, “No, I’m African American. I was raised in Massachusetts and don’t know exactly where in Africa my ancestors came from.” My response usually leads to the attendant (who I learn is Eritrean) spending the next few minutes explaining why he/she thinks I’m Eritrean or Somalian.

These curious yet friendly encounters about my ethnic identity can be contrasted to one confrontational exchange I had with an African American law school classmate of mine some 20 years ago. After politely turning him down for a date, he spit back, “You know you’re not white, don’t you?” My immediate and only response was to laugh off what he clearly intended to be a rhetorical question, but I’ve long wished I’d been able to proffer some sort of undisputed evidence to refute his statement.

I’ve always known that I was more than just black or Afro-American. I grew up hearing stories from family members about our ancestral roots. That we were part Native American. That the Picott family came to the United States as free people from France. That the Picotts had roots in the French West Indies. I never had any tangible evidence of my full ethnic background until three years ago when my sister submitted a sample of her DNA to Ancestry.com for genetic testing. The test results confirmed that she and I are 75 percent West African, but also, to our surprise, that we are 11 percent Eastern European, 10 percent Central European, and 4 percent Other. Last year, Ancestry.com provided us with an updated DNA analysis that showed we are 36 percent Nigerian, 22 percent Beninese/Togolese, 8 percent British, and 5 percent Irish, in addition to some dozen other ethnicities. Surprisingly—and contrary to what I’ve believed all my life—I am less than 1 percent Native American and have no direct genetic connection to France or the French West Indies.

So the next time someone asks me, “Where are you from?” I just may decide to pull out a world map and say, “Here, let me show you.”

Allison Picott, a PA trustee, lives in Concord, Mass., with her “modern family,” which includes her Ashkenazi Jewish husband and three stepchildren: two stepdaughters adopted from China and her husband’s biological son, who is part Irish/Italian-American.

Forty-five years ago, I was a 9th-grader at Xavier High School, a Jesuit school near Boston. I was doing well in the classroom and on the playing fields. Father Phil Moriarty, my mentor, once told me I was a “rising star.”

Life at home, in contrast, was out of control. Both Mom and Dad were abusive alcoholics. Dad had gone off the deep end after his small business went bankrupt in the mid-1960s, disappearing for days and weeks on end on some kind of bender, resurfacing only when the Boston police found him in an alley and dropped him off at our front door. Mom worked part-time as a school secretary and went straight for the Manhattans when she got home. Welfare, workfare—whatever they called it—was new to us.

I was the youngest of three boys. My oldest brother, Danny, had recently escaped to college. My other brother, Mark, played in a rock band and was captain of two teams at our public high school. But he was really struggling academically and at home.

I was still an altar boy. I was kind of old for that sort of thing, but church and Xavier were places where goodness and hope reigned. Father Moriarty said Mass every week at my church and was my Latin teacher. He knew all about the broken arms and legs, the black eyes, and the witch’s brew of personalities that terrorized our home almost every night. He knew that I always went to bed with my pillow wrapped tightly around my head.

At our All-School Meeting in March 1970, Xavier’s headmaster announced that the Jesuits had been called to serve needier students somewhere else, or something like that. He shocked us by declaring that our school would close in June.

In April 1970, probably long after Andover’s admissions department had sent out its thin and thick envelopes, I was somehow transported to the movie set that was the Phillips Academy campus and met with Mr. Sides, the director of admissions. He seemed to know everything about me before I spoke. Had Father Moriarty given him a heads-up?

A week later, I received a nifty little envelope in the mail. In it, Mr. Sides wrote simply, “Tom: We would like you to join us in the fall. We hope that Andover will be your cup of tea.” I had never seen anyone drink tea but figured I was in. In a separate, more formal letter to my parents, Mr. Sides informed them that Andover would award me full financial aid.

Free. Free education, free room and board, and free from the craziness.

Like Danny, I made my own escape from home. I arrived at Andover in September 1970 with a backpack stuffed with regular clothes—without fancy logos—and an encouraging note from Father Moriarty.

These days, my best Andover friend likes to say that looking back he thought I was some kind of rich snob because it took months before I looked up and said hello to anyone at PA. Truth is, I really struggled socially and academically as a lower. I kept my head down, simply trying to fit in. I deflected any questions about my background. At night, I eventually stopped wrapping my pillow around my ears.

But I was wracked with guilt about leaving vulnerable Mark behind. Dad appeared a few times on campus, including at my senior-year game against Exeter, when, on a dark November day, he stood watch like a scarecrow. Two months later, the police discovered him, homeless and dead, near Boston’s South Station.

No one could ever replace Father Moriarty, or the sober side of Dad and Mom. But the Andover family gave me invaluable support. Today, a lot of people refer to the Andover of the early ’70s as the “dark days,” but for me, especially after my lower year, those days were very sunny. If I was never a “rising star,” like I was at Xavier, I nonetheless did pretty well. Above all, I became more comfortable with my real identity. And eventually I slept well at night.

Andover gave me stability, support, self-confidence, an incredible education, and an ever-renewing array of friends “from every quarter.”

I’m Blue for life.

Trustee and Alumni Council President Tom Beaton lives in Charlestown, Mass., with his wife of 35 years, Gale. Their two children are pursuing their dreams at start-ups in California. Tom is managing director of Next Step, LLC.
PA’s MacFarlane ’75 Named New Exeter Principal

Further blurring the lines between blue and red, Phillips Exeter Academy recently named Lisa MacFarlane ’75 as its new principal, beginning September 1. John Palfrey (PEA ’90) was named Andover’s head of school in 2012.

“I am honored by the opportunity to contribute to a school for which I already have such deep respect and affection,” said MacFarlane. “My early teaching time at Exeter and my years as a parent of two (PEA) students have inspired my commitment to the Academy’s timeless ideals and values.”

Currently provost and vice president for academic affairs at the University of New Hampshire, MacFarlane is known for her interest in secondary education and a dedication to sustainability. She succeeds Tom Hassan, who announced his impending retirement in July 2014.

Barber ’68 Appointed Ambassador to Iceland

On January 8, Robert C. Barber ’68 was sworn in by Vice President Joe Biden as U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Iceland. The setting was the Treaty Room of the Eisenhower Office Building immediately adjacent to the White House. Biden talked about Barber’s history of service to his country and his community before an audience that included Barber’s family and friends and Massachusetts state senators Elizabeth Warren and Ed Markey. With Barber’s wife, Bonnie, holding the Bible and their sons, Alexander and Nicholas ’03, looking on, it was a very special occasion. Andover ’68 classmates Al Alessi, John Barclay, John Buchanan, Bruce Hearey, and Jim Murph Yule also were on hand to offer their congratulations.

Strong, Smart, and Bold

During Women’s History Month, Donna Brace Ogilvie ’30 (center)—whose generous gift helped establish the Brace Center for Gender Studies on the Abbot campus in 1996—was recognized by Girls Inc. as an advocate for girls everywhere. A longtime supporter of the nonprofit organization, Ogilvie joined her local Connecticut board in 1960 and rose to a seat on the national board. Today, she is distinguished board chair. Girls Inc. hailed Ogilvie in March as “an example of lifelong dedication to inspiring all girls to be strong, smart, and bold.”

Iron Chef Andover

Internationally known chef Ming Tsai ’82, PA parent and owner of the popular Boston-area Blue Ginger and Blue Dragon restaurants, returned to campus in April to speak to students about his journey from PA student to restaurateur and TV personality. The event was part of “CelebrAsian,” PA’s 26th annual recognition and celebration of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

Along with Head of School John Palfrey and Wei Han Lim ’15, Tsai also judged an Iron Chef–style cooking contest for students. Working within a tight budget, 10 teams vied to create the tastiest dish incorporating chicken and ramen noodles. Judges awarded the grand prize to team “Flaming Pterodactyls”—AJ Augustin ’15 and Hanover Vale ’15. “Our dish was arepas with tamarind-mango–glazed pulled chicken topped with a cabbage, green mango, chili, and apple slaw,” says Augustin. “We came up with the recipe literally that morning.”

Iron Chef Andover judges John Palfrey, Wei Han Lim ’15, and Ming Tsai ’82
Alumni Council Sets Sites on Wider Engagement with Alumni Body

The 140-member volunteer governing body of the Andover-Abbot Alumni Association, the Alumni Council was founded in 1946—yet, remarkably, many graduates know very little about it. Within weeks of the fall 2014 launch of the Academy’s strategic plan, Connecting Our Strengths: The Andover Endeavor, the Alumni Council launched its own visionary plan. Among the goals of the new plan is to bolster the council’s relevancy and impact with a clearer vision: To enrich the lives of our alumni by inspiring them to live the values of the Academy and to be a catalyst for lifetime alumni engagement.

Outgoing Alumni Council President and Trustee Tom Beaton ’73 reflects on this vision, his tenure, and the way forward.

Catalyst for Lifetime Engagement is a bold title for the council’s strategic plan. What’s the deeper meaning of that phrase?

I get very excited when talking about the concept of “Andover for Life.” Once you’re admitted to Andover, you join a community—a family—for life. To me, it’s about being engaged in meaningful ways and connecting with a global community of alumni who share similar values and have deep respect for Andover. Our paths in life are as diverse as our experiences at Andover. That’s what makes this such a compelling vision—and what makes serving on the Alumni Council so rewarding. With our commitment to attract “alumni from every quarter,” we want to see more interest in participating in the council.

Speaking on behalf of the Alumni Council, what are you proudest of having accomplished since becoming president in 2012?

I am so proud of the uptick in engagement from alumni over the past several years. Alumni are deeply loyal and passionate, and the Alumni Council continues to find meaningful ways to connect individual passions with Andover activities. For example, we see a growing number of attendees at regional events, individuals contributing as admission interviewers, and alumni offering professional services to the Academy. The numbers speak for themselves:

- We had 111 regional events in 2014, not only in the U.S., but in European cities, China, and Japan.
- This past year, Alumni Admissions Representatives (AARs) conducted 927 interviews around the globe in support of “Youth from Every Quarter.”
- We’ve been the catalyst for dozens of non sibi service projects around the world.

What are some of the ways in which Andover and Abbot’s 25,000 alumni benefit from the council’s work?

Many alumni may be surprised to learn just how integrated the council is in the activities of almost every alumni group, whether it’s the affinity-based Andover and the Military, which now has 870 members; the extraordinary work of nearly 600 AARs; or the personal connections that class secretaries and regional volunteers provide. Eleven Alumni Council committees engage alumni in everything from community service to support for the Annual Fund to opportunities—such as the Andover Alumni Award of Distinction and the Athletics Hall of Honor—to honor our peers.

You’ll be welcoming Misty Muscatel ’01 as the new president this summer. What remains high on the agenda as unfinished business?

Inclusion, diversity, and equity are core values of the Alumni Council. We’re recommitting to reaching out more broadly to “alumni from every quarter.” Non sibi, of course, is another core value. Likewise, we’re recommitting ourselves to finding ways for our alumni to support the Academy’s needs on Andover Hill and to give back to the communities in which they live.

Searching for Andover friends?

The EverTrue app is your direct link to other Andover alums. Available for download on iTunes and Google Play, EverTrue allows you to search the Andover directory and connect to alumni worldwide—all from the palm of your hand.

To get started:

- Go to iTunes or Google Play.
- Download the EverTrue app.
- Select Andover as your community.
- You will have the option to log in via LinkedIn or the e-mail address Andover has on file for you.

Enjoy connecting with nearby alumni, searching for classmates, networking, and more!

Another bit of unfinished business involves communications. We have some extraordinary council members with experience in digital marketing and social media. Those volunteers are working on tools to enhance two-way interaction between the council and our alumni and on ways for alumni to network more easily with one another. The Andover Alumni app is a good example of a tool designed to connect alumni with one another and to stay in touch with what’s happening on campus.

What types of alumni roles are most in need of volunteers?

We welcome all alumni who want to support the Academy by applying their expertise and talents, no matter where they reside. Alumni Council members participate in a variety of activities, from organizing events to engaging with students, faculty, and administrators. The council is committed to supporting PA’s new Strategic Plan (sp2014.andover.edu). Alumni who appreciate the importance of this vision, which is consistent with many of the Academy’s best traditions, will find service on the council as rewarding as I have for so many years.

Those interested in nominating themselves or fellow alumni to serve on the Alumni Council should e-mail Richard Howe at rhowe@andover.edu.

Once you’re admitted to Andover, you join a community—a family—for life.
Sandy Urie ’70, chair and CEO of Cambridge Associates, won the Institutional Investor Lifetime Achievement Award, which recognizes U.S. institutional investors whose innovative strategies and fiduciary savvy resulted in impressive returns in 2014…

In December, Bobby Farnham ’08 was called up from the minor league Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins to play right wing for the Pittsburgh Penguins.

Paula Caballero ’80 was honored with the 2014 Zayed International Prize for the Environment for her work as the director of economic, social, and environmental affairs for Colombia’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

In April, Sam Smith ’54 cycled across Germany and the Czech Republic on a solo tour, which included stops in Treuchtlingen, Regensburg, Trier, Koblenz, Leipzig, Dresden, and Prague.

Hunter College celebrated the career of longtime art history professor William Agee ’55 in April with a symposium in New York City.

Pam Weiler Grayson ’82 wrote the music and lyrics for Urban Momfare, a musical based on a book she cowrote. Three years in development, the musical premiered last summer at the New York International Fringe Festival and won a Fringe Best Musical Award. Pam is now working to bring the show off-Broadway.

Emmett Keeler ’58 sings in Los Angeles’s Angel City Chorale, which reflects the spirit and diversity of the city. In 2014, the chorale recorded a new classical crossover album, The Drop That Contained the Sea by Christopher Tin, premiered the work at Carnegie Hall, and topped the Billboard classical chart for two weeks.

Chuck Chung ’87 won a Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation grant to engineer nanotextured surfaces, which have special applications such as creating extremely water-repellent coatings.

Fashion maven Laura Vinroot Poole ’90 founded the House Account app, which gives exposure to and generates sales for independent boutiques across the country.

Nils Gilman ’89 won the New York Times Sidney Award for his essay, “The Twin Insurgency,” which appeared in the political magazine The American Interest and addresses the squeeze political forces are putting on the middle class.

Atticus Lish ’89’s dark debut novel, Preparation for the Next Life, won the 2015 PEN/Faulkner Award for Fiction, the largest peer-juried award in the country, honoring the best published works of American fiction.

Carl Smit ’90 co-anchored the team that won the SAP 505 World Championships in sailing in Port Elizabeth, South Africa.

MacArthur Genius Ai-jen Poo ’92 was named to Forbes magazine’s list of “The World’s 50 Greatest Leaders” for her work as the foremost advocate for living wages and health care benefits for domestic workers.

Krishna Gupta ’05, cofounding partner at Romulus Capital, and Abigail Seldin ’05, cofounder of College Abacus (the “Kayak for college financial aid”), both were named to Forbes magazine’s 2015 “30 Under 30” list.

Noah Warren ’07 was named the winner of the 2015 Yale Series of Younger Poets competition for his manuscript, “The Destroyer in the Glass.” The competition celebrates the country’s most prominent new poets and its longest-running poetry prize.

In November, Fred Shuman ’57 and wife Stephanie were named a Wall Street Journal “Donor of the Day” for their gift to the Central Park Conservancy to cover repairs and maintenance in perpetuity.

Amy Carr ’93 designed lights for the Fédération Internationale de l’Automobile annual awards gala in Doha, Qatar.

After suffering a season-ending injury to his UCL in 2014 that required Tommy John surgery, Rory Ziomek ’13 fought his way back to the mound to pitch for Tufts baseball this spring.

Kit Smith ’52 placed fourth in the 80-plus age group in the Honolulu Marathon in December.

Please e-mail BUZZ suggestions to andovermagazine@andover.edu.
Phillips Academy Alumni & Parent Events, June–September 2015

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For the most up-to-date listings, visit the Office of Alumni Engagement event calendar at www.andover.edu/alumni.
The Word
by Hubert Crouch ’69
Serpentine Books
When a fringe religious group stages a hateful protest at the funeral of an American servicewoman killed in action, it sets off a legal case that has far-reaching implications. Fort Worth, Texas, attorney Jace Forman, introduced in Crouch’s earlier Cried for No One, has his hands full as he battles the forces of extremism in court. Trial lawyer Crouch has fashioned a taut and suspenseful thriller around a timely topic.

The Age of Dignity: Preparing for the Elder Boom in a Changing America
by Ai-jen Poo ’92
The New Press
Author and 2014 MacArthur Fellow Ai-jen Poo paints a vivid picture of the crisis in elder care, and it isn’t pretty: stressed caregivers pushed to the limit emotionally and financially, elderly people living out their final days in bleak institutional settings. But she also argues persuasively that it doesn’t need to be that way, as she lays out a road map to a saner and more compassionate approach.

Preparation for the Next Life
by Atticus Lish ’89
Tyrant Books
Zou Lei, an ethnic Uighur from Northern China who is in the U.S. illegally, has landed in Queens, N.Y., where she works in a Chinese restaurant. Iraq War veteran Skinner, damaged goods both mentally and physically, spends his days in a basement apartment strewn with pizza boxes and porn magazines. From this unlikely material, and with these two hard-luck protagonists, Lish has spun a spare, challenging love story (winner of the 2015 PEN/Faulkner Award for Fiction) that richly rewards the resolute reader.

Censors at Work: How States Shaped Literature
by Robert Darnton ’57
W.W. Norton & Co.
“What is censorship?” is the first question posed by this insightful study of the practice as it was plied in three times and places—Enlightenment France, India under the British Raj, and Communist East Germany. The answer might seem obvious, but one takeaway is that there are no simple answers, especially as the Internet and the erosion of privacy make the issues surrounding freedom of expression ever more pressing.
Laguna Pueblo: 
A Photographic History
by Lee Marmon and Tom Corbett ’56
University of New Mexico Press

In the 1960s, Lee Marmon, a Native American who became an acclaimed photographer, and Tom Corbett, a PA grad and newly minted doctor, forged a friendship when both were living in New Mexico’s Laguna Pueblo. Back then, Corbett envisioned providing the text for a book of Marmon’s photos documenting the life of the pueblo; now, more than four decades later, that vision has been realized in this striking volume.

Portraits of Purpose: 
A Tribute to Leadership
by Don West and Kenneth J. Cooper ’73
Three Bean Press

Veteran journalist Kenneth Cooper provided the extensive text that accompanies photographer Don West’s portraits of 127 Boston-based African American leaders and their allies. The portraits make up a virtual who’s who in the worlds of activism, education, the arts, politics, and more, stretching from Dick Gregory to Brother Blue, from State Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz to Nina Simone. Their stories, rich in anecdote, are presented with an eye for telling detail.

In ADDITION

The Highland Dragon’s Lady
by Isabel Cooper (Isabel Kunkle) ’01
Sourcebooks

The Assault on International Law
by Jens David Ohlin ’92
Oxford University Press

by John Palfrey
Basic Books

Over the past 25 years or so, dozens of public libraries throughout Massachusetts have been built, renovated, or expanded with help from the state’s Public Library Construction Program (MPLCP). These improvements, however, didn’t come without some community opposition, at least initially. Why renovate, argued the naysayers, when the digital era was fast rendering libraries obsolete?

Fortunately, the naysayers were wrong. Towns across the state report that these updated libraries see more traffic than ever, and library skeptics might consider picking up (at the library, perhaps) Head of School John Palfrey’s spirited, persuasive defense of libraries. These crucial public institutions, he writes, are not only still relevant—they are more necessary and vital to a healthy democracy than ever.

Palfrey acknowledges that libraries are facing a crisis. If they are merely quaint vestiges of the analog era or glorified reading rooms, they will indeed become obsolete; the key, for libraries and those who support, staff, and use them, is to integrate the old and the new to redefine the institution. The success of this redefinition will depend upon political will, creativity, financial support, and a degree of risk-taking, but failure is not an option, for the stakes are huge. Writes Palfrey, “The knowledge that libraries offer and the help that librarians provide are the lifeblood of an informed and engaged republic.” Without them, he says, “Our democracy will be put at unnecessary risk.”
129 years of history
(See page 20)
[Editor’s note: We received the following update from Susann Chase Hochstein, daughter of Clara Holland Chase. “Mom celebrated her 98th birthday on Feb. 1. Presently, she is living in Damariscotta, Maine. She is in good health and enjoys many activities, especially watching the birds at the feeder outside her window and chatting with her friends. She reminisces often about Abbot and Andover, her hometown. Mom’s address is Cove’s Edge, 26 Schooner St., No. 107, Damariscotta, ME 04538.”]

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We generally know who our local mayor is, but how many of us know who our city managers are? Last year, Charlie Henry published Saving a Middle-Class Multiracial American City 1960–2013, describing the ongoing success story of University City, Mo., an inner-ring suburb just west of St. Louis; Charlie worked there for some years as a city manager. The description of the book on Amazon.com says, “For the past 50 years and continuing, the middle-class community of University City, Mo., has been a state-wide leader in successfully preserving all its neighborhoods, which at the same time have been enjoying substantial increases in home real-estate values.” In the early 1960s, this kind of outcome for the city was not a foregone conclusion.

Anybody else in the class of 1938 have a book in progress? [Editor’s note: The Academy has received word that John Legget passed away on Jan. 25, 2015. Please see his obituary in the In Memoriam section.]
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Win Bernhard favored me with another most pleasant phone visit. As you may remember from the last notes, Win graduated from Harvard in three years. After service with the Ninth Air Force, he returned to school for graduate work in early American history. He earned a PhD degree and then began a teaching career at the University of Massachusetts, which lasted until his retirement, several years ago. Win credits Andover and his teachers with stimulating his interest in history. Like most of ours, Win’s recollections are dimmed with age. He does recall his French teacher, James Flournoy. In his early 90s, Win is soft-spoken, obviously quite with age. He does recall his French teacher, James Flournoy, at Andover first. He served in the Signal Section of the Army in Morocco, Italy, France, and Germany. At Andover first. He served in the Signal Section of the Army in Morocco, Italy, France, and Germany. After a year at the Sorbonne, he returned to the U.S. to stay connected...

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This year I’ll travel again to see my families. I’ll go to London for a month, then on to Dubai and to Islamabad, Pakistan, for two months. In April all the Lanes planned to meet in Atlanta for my granddaughter’s wedding. I expected to be home by the middle of April.

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In an earlier column I had lamented that the Class of 1940 had no returnees to the reunion in 2014. Lo, there is Manny Cadenas smiling at us from the pages of the fall issue of the alumni magazine. I have not been able to reach Manny for a reunion report; he and Brad Murphy are our two reunion stalwarts.

Dick Hale and his wife, Janine, have been married almost 50 years. Dick spends time at two historical societies and still maintains ties with forestry and logging groups, having taught forestry at the University of Maine. Dick lives in Bethel, Maine, in the midst of ski country. Asked if he ever comes South for the winter, Dick replied that he came to Florida for a two-week visit to a friend, and that was enough!

Don Forsyth is still living independently, in Webster, N.Y. He reports that life is good, provided one follows two instructions: (1) Play golf at least once a week, using an executive cart, and (2) Play cards with friends at least twice a week. Don also goes three times a week for exercise. He also mentioned that when standing up straight, he has a tendency to fall over backward. This sounds familiar, as your scribe has felt the same sensation.

Bars Barian lives in North Chatham, Mass., on Cape Cod. At 94, Bars is still living independently and still driving. He doesn’t even use a cane! He put an addition on his house so his son could move in after retiring. While Bars does drive, he does not drive far. Happily, he is able to take a bus into Boston when he wants to attend the symphony. (Note: Isn’t it amazing to realize some of us are living so long we see our children retire?)

It is with sorrow that we report the deaths of three more classmates.

Arthur Eno died Aug. 6, 2014. Louie, as we knew him, was a lifelong resident of Lowell, Mass. Except during college and the war, he never lived more than 20 minutes from the city. Louie was accepted into Harvard at age 14 but spent one year at Andover first. He served in the Signal Section of the Army in Morocco, Italy, France, and Germany. After a year at the Sorbonne, he returned to the U.S. to get his law degree from Harvard. He was deeply committed to Lowell, writing histories, and serving various commissions and associations. His wife, Ann, survives him. They were married 56 years.

Tom Barrows died Jan. 25, 2014. Tom served with the Combat Engineers, 106th Infantry Divi- sion, in the Battle of the Bulge. (The 106th took the brunt of the battle.) After returning home, he began working for the Shepard and Morse Lumber Company, and he went on to become president. Tom was a longtime resident of Weston and Marblehead, Mass., and had deep attachments to
those communities, both in his church and his yacht club. His wife, Katherine, survives him.

Jerry Preston died on Sept. 24, 2014, in Damariscotta, Maine. A graduate of Harvard, he served as a second lieutenant in the Army overseas before enrolling in Yale Law School. He then joined the law firm of Foley, Hoag, & Eliot in Boston, where he worked for 50 years. He worked tirelessly for politically progressive causes and served on numerous boards and committees. He was board chair of the Handel and Haydn Society, the second-oldest musical organization in the country, and an active member of the Tavern Club in Boston, often writing hilarious poetry and plays for the members. Jerry had a warm and ever-present smile and usually sported a bow tie. Jerry and wife Dorothy (“Doffy”) were married for 61 years and had traveled the world together. R.I.P.

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It is January as I write this. It is cold, but that is incidental, since I have such exciting and warming news from our talented classmate, known to us as Elizabeth Gorsuch, now called Lisa Figus and known in the acting world for playing Nurse Georgie, a character in the most popular daytime television serial of the day, General Hospital.

That part put her on the Hollywood map, but you will find that to be only the tip of the iceberg after reading her autobiography, The Merry Lives of Lisa, a charming and delightful account of her living, traveling, working, and playing all over the world. She has sent me a copy of her masterpiece, and I cannot put it down.

A reviewer writes, “It has all the requisites. The scintillating scenarios, the charismatic characters, the picturesque settings. All there for the telling. And in a madcap style all her own, Lisa Figus tells all.” Give yourself a treat and order the book from Amazon.com. You will enjoy a merry, merry read.

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Back in October I received an e-mail from John Corse describing a recent swim meet in which he and three friends, including Bill Adams, participated. You may remember that John and Bill were members of the Andover swim team back in 1941 and 1942. The interesting part of his recent activity is that John and his friends are all in their 90s! An accompanying photo and video show all of them in excellent shape.

This activity started me thinking about my own bucket list. Back in 1945, when I was a pilot in the Army Air Forces, I also got my FAA commercial pilot license and continued to fly military and civilian airplanes until 1958, when responsibilities of raising a family took precedence over flying. Now, 57 years later, I’m thinking about taking to the air again. My three daughters think I’m crazy and threaten to appoint a conservator. More about this in the next issue of the alumni magazine.

In an e-mail, Jurgen Honig reports that, though retired, he is still actively working on his fifth book, which deals with a specialty topic at the borderline between physics and chemistry, trying to contribute to two boards, acting as clerk of session at a local Presbyterian church, tutoring at a local elementary school, and attending many events at Purdue University and in town. Following the death of his first wife, Trudy, he remarried. He has been happily wedded to his second wife, Josephine, for 19 years.

Frank A. Thomas Jr. died on July 10, 2014, at his home in Charleston, WV. After graduating from Andover, he served in the Army Air Forces during WWII. After graduating from the University of Virginia, he was employed in his family’s wholesale dry-goods business, Thomas, Field & Co. He later became a CPA and ended his career as city manager for Charleston. He is survived by his sister, Ruth, six children, 10 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Richard Holsten Jr. died on Sept. 20, 2014. Dick attended Princeton and Cornell universities, majoring in mechanical engineering. He served in the Marine Corps in WWII and in Korea as a first lieutenant. After working for five years at General Motors, he joined Pittsburg & Midway Coal Mining Co., from which he retired in 1990 as CEO/chairman. He is survived by son Peter, daughter Jennifer, and six grandchildren.

The fall issue of the alumni magazine noted briefly that Bob Stevens died last May. Bob had an interesting career in teaching, politics, and, especially, the travel business. Living in Montana, he formed his own agency. He had a weekly travel radio program and organized special tours for Europeans in the Western United States and Canada. He and his wife traveled extensively throughout the world. He was a passionate conservationist, and he put his land into a conservation easement for a nature and wildlife preserve. He is survived by his wife, Hope, daughters Sara and Melanie, brothers Whitney ’44 and Thomas, seven grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

I recently learned that David Chavchavadze died on Oct. 5, 2014. Dave was a prince and a descendent of the Romanov czars. He entered Yale in July of ’42, but in February 1943 he was drafted. Fortunately, the Army discovered that he spoke Russian, and he spent the rest of the war with the Soviets in Alaska and later in Berlin. He graduated from Yale in 1950 and spent the next 24 years with the CIA, operating in more than 50 countries. According to a Washington Post obituary, he was married three times and leaves his wife, Eugenie, three daughters, a son, a stepson, and six grandchildren.

While a number of classmates, including myself, are pleased at having reached their 90th birthdays and beyond, our thoughts are filled with memories of good friends from Andover days who have not been as fortunate, including four recent losses whose stories appear later in this column:

Dave Dorn, Gae Mahony, Archie Stevenson, and John Vinsel, all “good guys,” as we used to say. Please join me in extending our sympathy to their families and friends.

Congratulations to Tuck Asbury! The University of Cincinnati has announced it seeks to raise $2 million to establish the T’aylor Asbury Chair in Comprehensive Ophthalmology, to recognize Tuck’s many contributions over the years to the UC College of Medicine’s department of ophthalmology. Besides his long association with UC, Tuck helped establish the Cincinnati Eye Bank, which made it possible for Cincinnati to become a leading center for corneal transplantation. If you’d like to honor Tuck by contributing, please contact Mike Zenz at 513-558-3355.

Jack Lemmon’s son, Chris, appeared last spring in a new play, Jack Lemmon Returns. The show was based on Chris’s book A Twist of Lemmon, a tribute to his father.

A note in October from Ken Davis expressed his sorrow about the loss of Dave Dorn and Bill Pabst and went on to say, “I’m still in Stamford, Conn., and working with others to bring some legislation to Washington to cure the problems in the economy and jobs by eliminating the huge

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trade deficits that are destroying our domestic industries. The White House really isn't interested in listening to outside ideas, but we haven't given up.

Last summer, in spite of a variety of health issues, Jim Munro was clearing roots and bushes from 300 feet of fence on his property. "Work is what I do and can't quit and don't want to," he reported. On turning 90, Jim goes on, "No one turns 90 'in good shape.' Ninety, by definition, is reported. On turning 90, Jim goes on, "No one from 300 feet of fence on his property. "Work services in Guatemala. Archie was a regular fixture traveled with Hearts in Motion to provide medical civic organizations, he was a hospice volunteer and 2000. In addition to serving on several boards and member of the Republican National Committee. Dave is survived by two sons and a daughter, two stepchildren, 13 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

We lost Gael Mahony on Nov. 4, 2014. He graduated from Yale and Harvard Law School, following service in the Air Force during WWII. Gael served a number of civic and legal organizations throughout his career and was a former president of the American College of Trial Lawyers. At age 29, he helped found and became the first president of the Beacon Hill Civic Association, which seeks to preserve the architectural character of the neighborhood. He was a true Bostonian. His wife, Connaught, said, "He once told me we could live anywhere, but if we went beyond Dartmouth Street, the fresh air might kill him." Gael is survived by his wife, two sons, a daughter, and six grandchildren. [Editor's note: Please see Gael Mahony's obituary in the In Memoriam section.]

John 'Archie' Stevenson passed away Nov. 23, 2014. Immediately after graduating from Andover, Archie joined the Army. A paratrooper, he was a member of the 82nd Airborne. He later attended Purdue and the University of Illinois. He was recalled during the Korean conflict, after which he worked for H.M. Harper, and in 1992 he purchased the wire division and reorganized it into the F.P. Smith Wire Cloth Company, retiring in 2000. In addition to serving on several boards and civic organizations, he was a hospice volunteer and traveled with Hearts in Motion to provide medical services in Guatemala. Archie was a regular fixture of our '43 Naples, Fla., get-togethers, always distributing much-appreciated flashlight key rings. Typical Archie, he even sent them one year when he couldn't come. Jim Munro commented, 'Archie was a prize!' Bob Coulson remembered rooming with Archie: 'A true pleasure, due to his high standards and puckish sense of humor. There was plenty to laugh about, and we always seemed to find the same targets.' Archie is survived by two sons, a daughter, and 10 grandchildren.

John Vinsel died Nov. 26, 2014. John graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1948 and served in the Navy until retiring in 1967. He then worked at Sanders Associates until 1984. Following his retirement from Sanders, he earned a master's degree in history and began his third career, teaching history at UNH and Notre Dame College in Manchester, N.H., until 2002. I have special memories of John, whose room was close by Day Hall No. 10, which Cal Burrows and I occupied. Fun loving and friendly, John always enjoyed the camaraderie of our entry and the water fights and competition with the 'SALT Miners' on the other side of Day. John is survived by his wife, Carolyn, three daughters, five sons, two stepsons, and 12 grandchildren.

After these notes were submitted, word reached me that George Sweeney Jr. had died Jan. 15, 2015. He is survived by two children and five grandchildren. There will be more about George in the next issue of my notes.

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[Editor's note: The Academy has received word that Carol Paradise Decker passed away on Feb. 24, 2015. Please see her obituary in the In Memoriam section.]

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Sing, muse, of the two members of the class of 1944 who boarded cruise ships in the late summer of 2014 to sail the wine-dark sea—the same waters Poseidon once ruled and that caused brave Odysseus so much grief on his way home from the ringings plains of windy Troy. With apologies to Homer and Tennyson, this is by way of reporting that Woody Stockwell and his spouse embarked on a two-week cruise of the Aegean and the Black Sea, and that my wife and I followed suit with a cruise in the Adriatic. Both voyages offered daily helpings of fun and sun, not to mention a few rather exhausting stops along the way.

Woody and wife Mimi set sail from Athens on the first leg of their trip aboard the aptly named cruise ship Odyssey. They visited a handful of Greek islands, among them Mykonos—known for its windmills, its nightlife, and its crush of tourists—then continued on to Istanbul, the center of the Ottoman Empire until its collapse in World War I. Their time there, featuring visits to the famous Blue Mosque and Topkapi Palace, with many courtyards and gardens to traverse, proved more than exhilarating for "two octogenarians" (Woody’s words). "We were beginning to sag. Our legs and backs were unable to make the walk that the Ottoman sultans made every day," Woody confessed. "Mimi and I couldn’t go on. We just had to sit down. Our chagrined tour guide led us back the way we’d come." Aboard ship again, they soon entered the exotic Black Sea, where they initially engaged in sightseeing along the Bulgarian and Romanian coasts. Woody and Mimi had really hoped there would be interesting stops in Crimea at Odessa and other such historic sites, particularly Yalta, where Roosevelt and Churchill met Stalin in 1945 to rebuild war-torn Europe. But it was not to be. "The great tour of the Black Sea was seriously diminished by the untoward actions of a pesky Russian named Vladimir Putin," Woody said. "He had taken over Crimea and wasn’t about to welcome us to any Russian ports." So instead, the ship made a daylong crossing of the Black Sea to Sinop, on the northern shore of Anatolia. Finally, it was back to Istanbul, where the cruise wound down in a monster traffic jam ashore. All of this and much more can be found in an amusing book Woody dashed off (his eighth so far), titled The Odyssey on the Black Sea. It can be purchased online at the publisher’s website, www.blurb.com.

My wife, Madlyn, and I discovered the obvious: The hard part is getting to dockside, which can mean a long flight out and back. No matter. In the course of stops in Madrid, Athens, Venice, and Paris we saw, yet again, how backward and depressing New York’s JFK airport can seem by comparison. And we’re supposed to be the richest country of all! We’re the ones that look ‘third world.’ Other observations: Madrid—My first time back in years. Beautiful, lively, laid back. Athens—Graffiti capital of the world; has fallen on painfully hard times and shows it. However, our hotel gave us a room with a spectacular view of the Parthenon, so not complaining. Our 10-day cruise aboard the Windstar Star Pride would have been hard to beat. The late summer weather was glorious, dining was a gourmet treat, and we were pampered day and night. We made stops at fascinating sites in Greece, Albania, Croatia, and Montenegro. There were some challenges: Delphi (where the oracle held forth) involves a long climb up a mountainside, guaranteed to make your heart start pounding. Dubrovnik casts a spell but swarms with tourists. Kotor, in Montenegro, is a lovely ancient port backed by soaring mountains.
A ride up those mountains to see the countryside behind them involves 25 hairpin turns. So 25 hairpin turns up and 25 hairpins back means 50 hairpin turns. We opted out of that one. But the cruise ended on a memorable note—approaching Venice by sea and a return visit to a magical city that defies the odds and never ceases to enchant.

Roger Strong also voyaged, with a trip down memory lane to London and Paris, mostly to visit friends in both cities and to check out some of his favorite restaurants of old, especially in the City of Light. All went well until he took a fall in his hotel room in Paris. A trip to the American Hospital ensued, followed by consultation and treatment back home at New York’s Hospital for Special Surgery. There was no permanent damage, Roger said, ‘only aging, and soft-tissue pain.’ He was using a cane when he sent in his report after all, and he added that he hoped to ‘go solo’ early in the new year. Roger’s message to us all: ‘Don’t fall.’

On a happy note, it’s a pleasure to report that Mort Dunn and his wife, Sylvia, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on Oct. 8, 2014. Almost 100 friends and relatives attended their party in Hartford, Conn., where they live. A lifelong baseball fan, Mort said he had originally considered getting married standing on home plate, beneath crossed baseball bats. But, he added, ‘Common sense prevailed: I wasn’t sure Sylvia would like it.’

On a sad note, our distinguished classmate William Y. Boyd II died peacefully at his home in Panama on Dec. 31, 2014. Bill, long a prominent figure in Panama, was a successful executive and chairman of his family’s shipping company, as well as a philanthropist and leader in cultural and social affairs. In World War II, fresh out of Andover, he served in the Battle of the Bulge and was awarded the Bronze Star and two Purple Hearts. He wrote several books, including The Gentle Infantryman, a fictionalized memoir of his combat experience.

In 2014, the French government awarded Bill the Legion of Honour in recognition of his wartime service. He richly deserved that honor. [Editor’s note: Please see William Boyd's obituary in the In Memoriam section.]

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I have received no messages, so here goes. My Abbot family tree has many branches. My mother was Mary Button Allen ’19, and my daughter, Sandra Waugh Winans, graduated in ’69. She was also granddaughter of Hazel Goodrich Waugh 1913. My sister, Judith Allen, was Class of ’49. My two sisters-in-law, Joan Waugh Campbell and Jeanne Waugh Harney, were 1941 and 1939. Jeanne’s daughters are Joan Harney Wiles ’64 and Susan Harney ’65. This is a great lot of family, don’t you think? Is there any other with more? I hope this will bring some news from my class.

1947

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Here it is, 2015! Can you believe it? Unfortunately, there is not much news.

From Dave and Pat Jaffer Russell: ‘This season has come again. We are well, just getting older—no fun, but we still get around. We went to Queensbury last summer. I’m a great-grandmother, as of August 2014. His name is Tre (for “three”), a lovely young fellow.’

A nice note from Joyce Huntington Knights: “Oh! If we could know peace on earth!”

“We had 20 of us for Thanksgiving, just missing

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Dear PA ’45,

Having prepared one set of class notes and lost them, I am going to have another try. My thanks to Artie Moher, as the content of these notes comes mostly from him. He advises as follows:

Brot Bishop is at home suffering from Parkinson’s. His wife, Mary, is a very fine caregiver. Ed Mead, who is also fortunate to have an excellent caregiver in wife Maurita, also suffers from Parkinson’s and is in the hospital. [Editor’s note: See Jim Lebenthal’s obituary in the In Memoriam section.] I also understand that Ned Williams’ wife is ill.

Thanks to Art Moher and Cy Chitick, we have a roster of probable reunion attendees as follows: Bill Barnum, Brewster Conant, George MacLellan, Walter Morrison, Artie Moher, John Ryan, John Thordikke, Bob Beach, Don Dunbar, Bruce Gelb, Bill Mettler, Dick Couch, Hal McNees, Lee Siskind, Jim Scanlan, Jim Herman, Jack Horner, Marvin Minsky, King Pfeiffer, Henry Hyder, Ace Shealy, Jack Moiffy, and Gardner Stern.

I do hope you will be among them as we look forward to our 70th Reunion this coming June. With all good wishes and hopes that I will see you on the Hill in June, and God bless you.

—Bill Barnum

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At our 50th Reunion dinner, Jack Lynch was giving a witty discourse on PA a half-century prior. He had not gotten far when our classmate Fred Doyle appeared to have a heart attack. Fortunately, we had in attendance Art Asbury, who was a top doctor. Art took charge, and Fred was soon revived. But Jack’s speech never came off. Several months ago, Dick Phelps came across Jack’s edited version of the speech and sent it to me for possible use in the class notes. Jack had made pithy comments about the remarkable faculty that Claude Fues, appointed in 1908, had put together. French with Floyd Humphries, Jack wrote, was like ‘having an encounter with Napoleon.’ He recalled Lenny James’s recurring admonition, ‘If you are the cream of the crop, God help this country.’

Dudley Fitts was in a category all by himself. Here was a high school English teacher whose translation of Orestes became the inspiration for Eugene O’Neill’s Mourning Becomes Electra. Dr. Gallagher’s obituary states that he established a solid reputation as an expert in dealing with young people. He went on to be a professor of pediatrics at both Harvard and Yale medical schools. Look back at the 1946 Pot Pourri to see the resumes of this faculty.

Dick Phelps sent me the results of the Class of 1946 Teaching Foundation, established in 1996 on the occasion of our 50th Reunion. The income is to be used only for a teacher’s salary and benefits for expenditures for educational purposes, at the discretion of the appointee to the foundation. The book value as of June 30, 2014, was $879,894; the market value as of that date was $1,768,889.
work to promote early intervention...and also remodeling and enlarging his house. He has been more than assisted in this last activity by his patient wife. Fred also keeps busy staying in touch with his Japanese associates, connections made through a three-year-plus Navy billet at a supply base in Sasebo and a career of business consulting largely in Japan.

We cannot stop the tolling bell. Alan Calnan has died in Brussels. Alan was a longtime resident of Brussels and was very active in the American Club as president and a board member for many years. He also served the Fullbright Commission as board chairman and member for many years.

Also, we’ve received word that Bill Hickey of Hanover, N.H., died in April 2014.

We extend condolences to their surviving families.

1948

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I’ve just finished watching The Girls of Abbots: A Memoir, a 40-minute documentary, and enjoyed it mightily. So will you. It was shown this past winter at various PA/Abbot gatherings, but if you’d like to watch it online, the link is http://bit.ly/1AFV8Xh.

It’s probably safe to say that I am the only member of our class whose mother is still living. Well, she is, and my sister Shirley ’St, brother-in-law Oscar Tang ’56, and I threw her a 109th birthday party at the Pierre Hotel in Manhattan, where Mom danced with Oscar in her high heels.

Sad news of several Class of ’48 deaths has arrived. Mary Farrar Bonotto died in August 2014. A resident of Princeton, N.J., for most of her life, she was a writer, a teacher, and an enthusiastic skier. She leaves her husband, Sergio Bonotto, and two sons.

Helen Taylor Dodd, who died in February 2014, was a member and past president of the Junior League and an active volunteer in her church and various charitable organizations. She leaves two children and two grandchildren.

Eleanor ‘Muffy’ Wallis Herkness passed away on Sept. 18, 2014. A generous patron of humanitarian and cultural projects, she helped founded and for many years operated the Humane Society of Greenbrier County, WV, and also helped many people who were in need. She is survived by her husband, Wayne Herkness.

Please, please send me some cheerful news in 2015!

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A letter arrived in October from Terry Buchanan to announce that he and wife Fran were on the move again. Along with a group from California made up of senior medical professionals, they were on an ocean cruise from Montreal to New York with stops in Quebec; Halifax; St. John; Bar Harbor, Maine (where he posted his letter); and Boston. In Terry’s eyes, the doctors were there to keep them ‘safe if we start to sputter.” The Buchanans planned to dine with Terry’s PA roommate Phil Buckner in New York and to take in some theatre and the sights. He enclosed photos of their attractive and athletic family and of some travel stops. He says, ‘We’re healthy, but a bit ‘creaky’ with arthritis aches. Medicare and Blue Cross still helping our ‘golden years.’ ”

The Boston Group met for lunch in October and continued to a memorial service for Jim Stockwell at Carleton-Willard Village auditorium. The picture of Jim with his welcoming smile added resonance to the remarks of son William P. Stockwell, who said, “Jim was a gentle man in many ways and could, upon occasion, rise up like a squall moving north, dark and dangerous, out of Marblehead toward Cape Ann. He was a force to be reckoned with, not by intimidation or physical size, but by pure reason of resolve and judgment alone. His themes were excellence, hard work, accountability, trust, execution, forward thinking, integrity, and completion. He loved the extremely complex and adopted the simple pleasures of life and nature. His knowledge was vast on many subjects and his advice and opinion, from the trivial to groundbreaking technologies, were sought by many.” In his last days he blocked out his memorial service and chose the hymns that should be sung. He especially wanted ‘Angels We Have Heard on High.’ When challenged because the song was a Christmas song, Jim waved off the objection, saying that it was his favorite. And we sang “Gloria in excelsis Deo’!

I ran into Betty and Ed O’Connor, who were down from New Hampshire to lunch with their daughter. Signing off from my interruption of their meal, I suggested that Ed choose a date when we might have lunch and continued through the restaurant to join Andy Lorant for a bite and talk on aging. Ed e-mailed a few days later to set a date for the following week and say that his brother, as well as a fellow Ed knew in his early days of the brokerage business, would join us. It was a fun time. Ed is as sharp and witty as ever.

A package arrived from Miami. It was a computer usage guidebook for which Ted Hudson had drawn cartoon illustrations to make any neophyte using the book feel at ease.
The book, in fact, is not too bad. I would have provided a more detailed review, but my wife had taken it for her own use.

Dan Garland brought to my attention another article by Paul McHugh published in the Wall Street Journal. Paul reviewed Being Mortal by Atul Gawande, writing that the author "makes a forceful case for palliative care and hospice services—with their capacity to sustain life's quality out to the end." In separate e-mails, Dan and Allyn Bress called attention to the then-upcoming Andover and the Military days on the Andover campus, with Barry McCaffrey '60, a retired four-star general, serving as keynote speaker. Dan and Allyn, as Annapolis regulars, have followed McCaffrey's remarkable career on the battlefield and as a statesman. I attended the event, and the general was impressive.

I was back on the Hill a week later with the Boston Group; we enjoyed lunch with John Palfrey. The future plans he had touched on in our earlier meetings are beginning to be manifest. His mind, the energy, and the vision are exciting, and Andover beat Exeter 13-12 that weekend. There for the occasion were Philip Aronson, John Bloom, Robert Brate, Norman Henderson, Janice and Roger Hunt, Andrew Lorant, Latie and Roger McLean, Preston Saunders, Maralyn and Bob Segal, Bradford Wellman, and Allen West and significant other Betsy Farber.

One month later, six members of the Boston Group met at the Stage Neck Inn in York, Maine, to enjoy lunch and the company of honorary class member Barbara Landis Chase. She appeared fully recovered from her setback 18 months ago. Articulate and energetic, she is ready for a new horizon. David Chase also joined us.

Linc Cornell wrote on the passing of Mose Smith. "From Andover to the time of his death, Mose and I were best friends. It was hard not to be jealous of Mose, because everyone truly liked him. However, he always made it clear how important you were to him. For many of us, Mose was an important part of our lives that cannot be replaced." Linc was kind enough to write the obituary that appears in the In Memoriam section of this issue of Andover magazine.

In addition, we are sad to add the obituary of William Henry Fenn, Robert McCoubrie, and Robert Sievers Koop, the last from the Hartford Courant and sent in by Harry Davidson. [Editor's note: Please see these obituaries in the In Memoriam section.] E-mail notes in memoriam came in from Jim Carroll, Charlie Maslin, and Terry Buchanan.

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Such a pleasure to have a celebrated New Yorker writer in the class! I thought you might be interested in a recent coloquy with Paul Brodeur. He said about the reunion, "The Class of 1949 was next to last in the reunion parade for our 65th, and a look behind convinced me that even if I should keep on living, it will probably be my final appearance at the event—longevity being no excuse for ignoring my finely tuned French sense of ridicule. I'm spending the winter (as I have for more than 10 years) in the Florida Keys and am still able to get out on my flat boat to fly-cast for redfish and snook. Same old, same old.

So we beat on, as Carraway tells us at the end of Gatsby, boats against the current, bonne ceaselessly into the past."

As I was a bit unclear about the literary reference, I requested some explanation. Paul answered, "I think Carraway's (Fitzgerald's) final sentence stands as a disillusioned coda to the falsely exuberant dream life the characters in the novel have been leading. I sent them to you as a mordant joke about growing old. Charles de Gaulle, a master of irony, once likened old age to a shipwreck. As for predestination, the belief that has always resonated with me (the thing that best explains life) is the myth of Sisyphus that Camus describes. Sisyphus is doomed to push his damn stone to the top of the hill, but, as we know, he never gets it there because it always eludes him and rolls back down to the bottom. He must then trudge back down and start pushing it up to the top again. "Then Camus inserts the stinger: 'One must imagine Sisyphus happy.' OK, everybody got that?

Now to some things more down-to-earth. After a nationwide search and thorough committee vetting, Hank Wood was unanimously elected our class president. I cannot think of anyone more respected and suited for the job than Hank. A round of appreciative applause, please. Peter Grant and his wife were among the early visitors to newly opened Cuba. They found the people welcoming and the art, music, and cuisine delightful. From Ralph Deal, a welcome update: 'Alive and kicking, but I am sometimes in pain. Despite occasional disk problems and developing arthritis in one shoulder, life remains interesting and amusing and sometimes outright fun. I'm playing piano as a volunteer six times a week, mostly oldies and jazz classics. One [volunteer gig] is with a WWII veteran, playing saxophone; another is with a 20-piece swing band of octogenarians, many of whom were professionals. I am learning to use a new, complex, interchangeable-lens Olympus camera. We just acquired a rescue standard poodle (we've had two before) whose behavior is sometimes a challenge. I haven't been to New England for too many years but enjoyed six years in Germany recently. I look forward to news of my dwindling collection of classmates.'

Buzz Tilton writes, 'Still living in Nokomis, Fl. Am fairly healthy, with a few minor problems, which is not too bad at our age. Haven't played golf for a while, hope to try again soon. We do travel to Utah (Park City area) to visit two of my sons a couple of times each year. Beautiful area. Spend Christmas in Rhode Island with my third son and spend a week or two each summer at our family cottage on Lake Sunapee in New Hampshire. Also take a cruise now and then.'

Bill Torrey writes that he is still deeply involved in music, specializing in traditional jazz. On his addenda is sponsorship of a group of international all-stars for the annual jazz festival. Dave Kopko reports, 'I am pretty much housebound, due to last year's fractured hip.' Onward and upward as usual with Wilder Baker, who reports, "I completed my last consulting assignment in November, took down my shingle at the end of the year, and am now fully retired. Continue as a trustee of a NYC charter school; rewarding work. I am getting my second new knee in February in time for golf in June. My family is well (five grandchildren of my own plus four of my wife's), I hope your readers are all well and stay healthy and wealthy in 2015." Bill Fleming writes, 'Though the ravages of time are beginning to leave their mark on my health, I am still able to get around (with the aid of a walker and a scooter) and still doing a bit of traveling in our motorhome. We are heading home (Port St. Lucie, Fl.) after attending the annual RV SuperShow in Tampa, Fl., which was quite nice and well attended. My wife is taking a mini vacation on her own in February, going to China for three weeks to visit a friend and do some sightseeing there. By mid-May, we should be heading up to North Carolina (Blowing Rock/Boone area), where we stay, in the motorhome, until mid-October. It's a great area to visit. Anyone interested in information, let me know!'

Finally, are atque vale for beloved classmates Ross Siragusa, Gil O'Neil, John Cross, and Andy Machain.
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While some of us were just starting to massage those creaky joints to prepare for our 65th Reunion under Andover’s “big tent” June 11–14, two members of our class enjoyed a little reunion of their own, months ahead of time and many miles from the Hill.

When George Beatty and his wife, Noelle ’50, moved to Denver last fall to be closer to their daughter, Julia, and her family, George made a surprise phone call to a longtime Denver denizen, classmate Chris Weatherley-White. Both Chris and George had been English-Speaking Union exchange students back in the day: Chris came to PA our senior year from Harrow, then George spent the following year in England, at Clifton College in Bristol.

“We had a marvelous dinner together,” Chris reported, “and, as you can imagine, had a lot to catch up on after 65 years! The conversation ranged from the immense challenge of arguing a case before the Supreme Court (George, obviously!), writing a novel (George too), mutual experiences with Noelle’s father, Alan Blackmer, and much else.” Chris said he and George were both looking forward to our June reunion, which chairman Tony Herhey has been organizing for months with notable zeal.

As for his own activities, Chris continued, “I am still very involved with Operation Smile and go on three or four missions a year. Not doing primary surgery—I have seen too many surgeons trying to operate beyond their ‘sell-by’ date—but a lot of mentoring younger surgeons, quality assurance, and heavy involvement in research. In fact, I am at present setting up a pretty major cleft palate study in India, which will take me there two or three times next year.” Chris said his three children are doing well in their various fields, from investment banking to state government, and he has five grandchildren, ages 4 to 22. “No complaints, and anticipating seeing many old friends at the reunion,” he added.

Skip Schaum reported he had agreed to take the helm of a new enterprise, International Gateway Group, which will bring Internet services to remote and rural areas of Latin America, Africa, the Middle East, and Southeast Asia. Its satellite transmitting antennas will provide educational programming as well as two-way videoconferencing, linking rural hospitals and clinics overseas with medical facilities in the United States. “I guess that I can’t sit idly by and watch the world turn,” Skip confessed. “I have a compulsion to ‘get into the game.’”

Andy Hall, with his wife, Felicia, and daughter, Cicely, spent three weeks in India this past year. “The three of us found India to be fascinating but elusive, beautiful yet polluted, charming and at the same time uncaring for many of its own people,” Andy wrote.

Last fall, Bruce Kaiser reported, “I traveled for 35 days in Jordan, Israel, Venice, Trieste, Slovenia, Croatia, and Montenegro, ending with five days in Paris to visit friends with whom I had done business. The cultures, history, sights, and people in Jordan and Israel are interesting and complicated—nothing is simple—but I always felt safe and found the people to be friendly and open in sharing ideas. Slovenia is particularly beautiful, and the pace there and in Croatia and Montenegro is much more relaxed—and the Adriatic’s water is so clean along the whole coast.”

This spring, before our reunion, Tom Keefe and his wife, Susan, spent a month in Florence, where Tom was looking forward to taking half-day Italian lessons for four weeks. “I’ve been taking lessons at Rice University for the past 10 years,” Tom explained, “but I think a little bit of total immersion will be a good addition to that.”

Then, right after our reunion wraps up, Will Watson and his wife, Myra, are set to fly to Venice for a 10-day cruise along the Dalmatian coast to Athens, examining, he says, “the various Greek, Roman, Byzantine, and Venetian footprints along the way.” The cruise will be led by Dan Weiss, art historian and current president of Will’s alma mater, Haverford College.

Not all of our classmates, by any means, have become globetrotters. Take Skip Weymouth, who found himself a fulfilling role close to home in Grand Rapids, Mich., with “Musical Memories,” his own sing-along program. “Eighteen years and over 1,500 performances has been a wonderful way for me to spend my retirement,” Skip wrote in the 36th and final issue of the program’s newsletter, which he sent me. Toting his keyboard, microphone, and large-print song books, Skip has been brightening the lives of people in nearby retirement communities, assisted living facilities, memory care units, nursing homes, veterans’ homes, senior centers, senior apartments, and anywhere else seniors gather.

For many years, Manny d’Amonville, at 86...
our most senior classmate, enjoyed exploring his surroundings around Plymouth, Mass., with camera at the ready, searching for ‘nature’s glorious creations’ and tucking prints of the photos he took into notecards to share with family and friends. Recently, hindered by mobility problems and told by doctors to stop driving, Manny wrote that he was reaching into his personal photo archives for more prints so he could at least keep making and sharing his ‘photo cards.’

Farther afield, in Alaska, John Havelock was keeping busy turning out thoughtful news columns commenting on current state and national issues such as responsible vs. irresponsible free speech, legalizing marijuana (but not marketing it), and ‘big money’ influence on political campaign advertising.

Pim Epler, heading back to Florida at the start of the new year after a family visit in Texas, wrote that he was looking forward to racing a Sonar sailboat on the St. Lucie River with friends and the Eplers’ older daughter, Gail. Pim said that Gail was looking around Florida for a place to retire. ‘How’s that?’ he mused. ‘A retired daughter!’ Makes you wonder about the future and his sailing. ‘Epler’s older daughter, Gail’ is way ahead of the curve.

Sadly, I must report that Gil Murray died Jan. 9, 2015 and Don Harris on Jan. 3, 2015; please see their obituaries in the In Memoriam section.

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Penny Whittall Hoadley attended Lydia Eccles Page’s 80th birthday party! Penny saw Lydia perform on the Friday night, ‘singing about birds and birding.’ The birthday party was the next night. Since Penny’s husband, Dave, has retired, they have done a lot of traveling and cruising. They went to New Zealand for their 50th anniversary and traveled last year to Singapore, Hong Kong, Scotland, and Ireland. She and Dave are both well. They have 10 grandchildren, four of them out of college. Penny keeps busy with her garden and local theatre group and plays duplicate bridge three times a week. She has had a knee replacement, which she claims is her only concession to old age. Thanks so much for writing, Penny!

In February, Bill Drayton, Peter Havelle, and Jim Sprague, all Class of ’61, met for brunch and then visited the United States Marine Corps War Memorial (Iwo Jima Memorial) in Arlington, Va.

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By the time you read these notes, the book launch date for The Rogue’s Road To Retirement, Jan. 6, will have come and gone. As I write this, one week before Christmas, with lots of shopping left to do and arranging dates and sites for several book signings and the arrival of advance copies from my publisher, this aging scribe is addled or, as some would say, in a bit of a dither. Each step on the long journey from signing the publishing agreement on Aug. 8, 2013, to now has been a revelation. The process is grueling, but the reward is in knowing that the end is in sight and that somehow I’ve been able to get my work published, with a huge assist from daughter Jenny ’86, Skyhorse Publishing, and my agent and editors. Bob Segal ’48 observed recently that the two people in the world most surprised at my achievement would have been G. G. Benedict and John Kemper. High praise, and enough to make my work on the sequel move along quicker. Somewhere in heaven, Bill Brown will be smiling and Walter Giersch is muttering, ‘Oh my God, can you believe that?’

On Nov. 6, 2014, General Barry McCaffrey ’60 delivered a stirring keynote address at the fifth annual Veterans Day dinner. Cochair Seth Moulton ’97 of our Andover and the Military affinity group, Marine Corps captain and now the newly elected representative from Massachusetts’s Sixth Congressional District, along with alumni council president Tom Beaton ’73, delivered opening remarks in a packed Paresky Commons dining room.

This was the second major 2014 event of Andover and the Military (A/M), following the April events commemorating Lt. Cmdr. Erik Kristensen ’91, killed in Afghanistan in 2005. Forty-five PA alumni are now serving on active duty, including A/M members Navy Captain Rob Patrick ’88, Tom Barron ’04, and Karl Novick ’07. Other highlights of A/M: Our database of Abbot and Andover military veterans now exceeds 900. This summer saw the graduation from Summer Session of the first student to receive funding from a scholarship established in Erik’s honor; the scholarship is awarded to a child of a military veteran. Students now participate in the Adopt a Platoon program, in which they correspond with a deployed platoon.

Co-chairman Army Lt. Col. Charles Dean ’79, editor of A/M’s newsletter, the Blue Guidon, conceived the idea, design, manufacture, and distribution of a lapel pin featuring Andover’s seal and the word ‘veteran,’ to be awarded to and worn by each Andover veteran. The first pin was awarded to Rear Adm. Kristensen, Erik’s dad, at the dinner prior to the showing of Lone Survivor last April. Since then, 250-plus veterans have been “pinned.” JoAnne and Bill Duffy headed down to Lawrenceville School in January to attend a trustees’ retirement dinner in honor of their
daughter Elizabeth, who is stepping down after 12 years as head master. She has also served as an alumni trustee of Princeton University. Liz will assume her new position as president of International Schools Services in July.

Dick Kapelson commented on the joy of making himself miserable trying to keep his golf game together. Norm Allenby called 2014 a “good year,” but said he’s not ready for 2015. “We are keenly aware of ‘time’s winged chariot drawing near.’ Sixty-five years ago, the Constance went down in Nantucket Sound. My brother Gib died this past year, but then again we attended four weddings—on Orcas Island, near Seattle; in Kalispell, Mont.; on Staten Island, NY.; and in Brewster, Mass. The settings were USA gorgeous—water, mountains, each with its particular beauty brand. I was looking for danceable Lester Lanin—not found, but had my first barn dance. And the best, all the grandchildren were here in San Diego for Christmas: Nora from Montpelier, Vt., and locals Elizabeth and Leighton, all lovingly bonding. Had an evening out with my five best friends: my wife, Robin, son Robert ’83 and wife Dawn, and daughter Millicent ’82 and husband Gerard. Skied Steamboat!”

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Peter McIntyre reports a steady recovery from open-heart surgery. He also notes that 2014’s “most miraculous milestone” was his 41st anniversary of sobriety—“an incrementally growing cornucopia disgorging gifts that become more precious with every passing moment. ‘The best revenge is to relish the adventure of remaining extant to explore macro- and micro-universes during yet another emancipated day of being sober but not sober-sided.’”

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there with her mother, father [Ruth’s son Karl], and brother Zak. Zoe finished first in one race and third in another and now ranks sixth in the world. My other good news is that my son Peter became a captain with United Airlines. So I hope my classmates, when they fly United, will look for Captain Fleischmann and say hello!"

Audrey Taylor MacLean admits, “I’ve been lax with news lately so I’ll try to fill you in with happenings in 2014. The most exciting event was a family trip to the Galapagos Islands in July. We took a land tour instead of a cruise, due to the ages of the grandchildren—four who were 4 to 7 years old and one who was 2. We stayed on three of the islands and were able to see most of the exotic animals. We swam, snorkled, kayaked, and hiked, seeing sea lions, marine iguanas, penguins, tortoises, and many kinds of birds, including, of course, the blue-footed booby. I think even the 4-year-old will remember something from the trip. It was a wonderful way to include all the ages, the parents and the kids.

“Our children and grandparents live all over, not close to us, so we spent some time traveling to see them and then four months at our place in New Hampshire. Now we are enjoying being in Houston for the winter, especially when we see the weather you are having.”

I’m sorry to report that Nancy Bailey Riegel’s husband, Bill, has passed away. Nancy writes, “I lost my husband of 44 years last July and have been learning to navigate on my own since then. Not much fun but necessary. Will be spending the winter months in our tiny place in Scottsdale. If any classmates find themselves out there, I hope they’ll call.” I know I speak for all of us in extending our sympathy and best wishes to Nancy.

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John Ratté writes, “My successor’s successor at Loomis—I left the headship in 1996—asked me a few years ago to help lead the centennial planning, and one result was an institutional history and an anthology of writing published last September. . . . Copies, alas, are not available at Amazon. The centennial day was for me very moving, but the great event of the past few years was a week [wife] Lou and I spent in San Anselmo, Calif, with Katherine and John Poppy. Employment, retirement, schools, colleges, national crises, global warming, tyranny and terror, summer and winter, married grandchildren, they all come and go: Poppy endures.”

Fred Fenton and wife Billie sent me a Christmas card with a summary of the past year’s highlights. Fred reported that 2014 witnessed his and Billie’s 60th wedding anniversary, a 10-day trip to Japan with son Mark and daughter-in-law Sanae, and granddaughter Perry’s graduation from high school. Fred was anticipating a visit around New Year’s from son James, daughter-in-law Tanya, and granddaughters Sophia and Stella. Son David and his wife, Cathy, live close to Fred, in Berkeley, Calif. Fred reports that he and Billie and their Tibetan spaniels, Bailey and Brandy, are doing their best to age gracefully.

In December, Neal Robinson’s Facebook page included photos of Joe Mesics and Hank Riggs. Flor Kist e-mailed to report he had stopped receiving this magazine and missed it. This will be remedied.

Bill Kaufmann reports that Fred Guggenheim is planning to move from Providence, R.I., to Denver later this year. Bill and wife Paulette visited son Fred ‘94 and his wife, Danielle, in Florida before New Year’s. The young couple has developed a line of gourmet sausages they are marketing.

Otis Smith and wife Gay are enjoying retirement on Marco Island, Fla. Their daughter has a horse farm in North Carolina. Tom Springall taught computer operation for 15 years at a senior learning center, of which he was the president. He is staying in shape by riding his stationary bike. Al Stears is enjoying retirement playing golf weekly, visiting with his three grandchildren, and traveling with wife Judy most recently for 10 days in Germany.

Bob Strode operates a 120-acre organic farm in upstate New York. Previously, he was a medical systems analyst for Glens Falls (NY.) Hospital and then a consultant in that field. He has been active locally as a town councilman, town judge, member of the historical society, and supporter of a chamber music society.

Elliot Vestner writes that 2014 was “an interesting year. Our home in Kittery, Maine, had been on the market; end of March 2014 we received a good offer and took it. With a May 12 closing date, we immediately flew North to clean out all we had accumulated over the years. We downsized from 3,800 square feet to 800 square feet in a rental cottage that we were lucky to find on Badger’s Island, Kittery; We no longer have the expense of owning, we got rid of a lot of stuff, and we can walk across the bridge into Portsmouth, N.H., which we do every night. . . . But we do miss our old spacious quarters—we were spoiled—and we miss some of the stuff we got rid of, especially books. For those of you thinking of downsizing, you’d better tackle it while you still have the energy. It is 24/7 and exhausting! In September, we went West to see children and friends. Our children and grandchildren are all in good shape: Charlie, MG, Violet (4 years), and newborn Grayson (3 months) in Burlingame, Calif.; Chip, Au, and Alba (18 months) in Howard, Colo. Both Violet and Alba are in school and thriving. Lila Ackley, our 12-year-old granddaughter from Barrington, R.I., came to visit in our ‘cozy’ cottage. Lila is an artist and studied at Rhode Island School of Design during the summer. ‘End of September, we spent three weeks in Europe: flew to Madrid, drove to Lisbon and back, took the fast train to Paris, and spent a couple of nights in London. The purpose: to visit with old friends. Everybody was kind, gracious, and generous, and tried their best to make us feel at home. But it was exhausting. We left Kittery Nov. 6 and arrived Boca Grande, Fla., Nov. 11. We have a way to go before we are really settled down here, but we’re in good health, still on speaking terms, and still in love.’

Bill Walworth, like Otis Smith, is retired on Marco Island but spends summers in Michigan. He lost his wife of 56 years in 2011 but reports that he is blessed with four attentive daughters who have provided him with six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. “Life is good,” he says.

Bill Wiegand reported on his grandchildren: “My eldest granddaughter, an attorney, celebrated her first wedding anniversary two days before I e-mailed me; one grandson is getting married in June; his youngest grandson is going back to school at the University of Southern Mississippi; his oldest grandson is a brewmaster and operates a pub in old downtown Durham, N.C.; his youngest granddaughter has been admitted to the University of Alabama Birmingham’s law school; one grandson is a professional bass fisherman; and the seventh grandchild has graduated from LSU. Bill plans to retire at the end of 2015. He’s going to need the spare time to keep up with all these grandkids.”

Herb Young has been married for 54 years. Herb has four children, four grandchildren, and good health. Who could ask for anything more? He sees Zeus Stevens a lot, as their wives are gym friends.

J. Laurence “Larry” Higgins passed away on Nov. 24, 2014. He is survived by, among others, four children, five grandchildren, and three siblings. Larry lived in Andover for most of his life and worked for Camp Dresser & McKee, an engineering, consulting, and construction firm, for 30 years.

Ray Lamontagne remembers Larry from junior year. Larry was a great athlete, finishing first in a class run around Rabbit Pond. Though he attended for only a year, he made many friends. Our sympathies and condolences go out to his family and friends.

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It is very gratifying to be able to be in contact with many from our class by letter, e-mail, phone calls, or in person. Jane Munro Barrett wrote that, after a busy summer of 2014, she was back to work and enjoying being able to go to the office. Jane continues to speak to groups about her passion for bike riding and the benefit of exercise for folks
diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. I had asked Jane if I could donate her blogs from her three extensive bicycle trips to the Abbot Archives Project. Since she graciously agreed, I sent the blogs to Paige Roberts, director of Archives and Special Collections, with a large packet of my own Abbot memorabilia. Paige was most appreciative and welcomes any material we wish to donate.

Marti Belknap and husband Bill continue to thrive in a lovely seaside town in California near their spiritual community. I always enjoy catching up by phone or e-mail with Judy Prior Blair. Judy continues to enjoy life in Florida, where she is active in the arts community. She spent time last summer in Atlanta to be near family. Judy was able to have a memorable visit to Washington, D.C., last fall with her oldest granddaughter.

Valjeanne Brodeur-Paxton had a temporary chaplaincy position in two regional hospitals in Switzerland that ended in late September. During the past year, Valjeanne’s travels took her to the States, Ireland, the Shetland and Orkney Islands, Iceland, and Ethiopia, where her group was able to bring in hundreds of pounds of clothing and medical and dental supplies. Valjeanne planned to be in the States in January 2015 and graciously invited members of our class in the Boston area to lunch at the Wenham Tea House in Wenham, Mass. As I write these notes, which are due before the luncheon, we have 11 “gals” looking forward to attending, weather permitting. Hopefully, plans will work out, as members of our class always enjoy a gathering and many have not seen Valjeanne for some time.

In August Peggy Moore Roll and husband Jack were thrilled to attend their first grandchild wedding. This past fall they traveled to France, where they spent a week in Alsace with distant cousins and a week in and around Normandy. Peggy continues to be active and to share her leadership and caring skills by volunteering at their church, senior center, and condo association. Doris Niemand Ruedin and I continue to keep in touch by phone usually once a week. Doris is well and is grateful to have her daughter and family living nearby. She enjoys quilting, knitting, and participating in her book group. Doris always has interesting titles for me to pursue.

I had a delightful lunch and visit with Susie Stedman ‘59, who is president of the Abbot Academy Association. Sometime in the near future, Susie (who lives nearby) and I hope to have a gathering for Abbot alumnae who live in our area of Maine. The gathering would be a way to encourage interest in sharing our Abbot memories and to hear about life on the Hill today.

As always, thank you for your continued support. Be well and enjoy the spring weather, a good time for taking an “Abbot walk.” — Nancy

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Happy New Year (or by the time you read this, Memorial Day)! Hard to believe we have celebrated 61 of them since we left the Hill.

I have only heard from a handful of you since our last issue...other than indirectly, via the electronic universe (the VCR), through postings and exchanges generated and provoked by indefatigable Ken MacWilliams.

Ken and wife Natalya have spent the past three months in Munich, Vienna, and other points in between, as he notes a welcome opportunity and change from the many days he has spent in Russia over the past 50 years. Natalya is in Europe working on a project, and he is there in a support role.

Bill Martin writes that he and wife Ann recently spent a lovely evening at the condominium home of Ray Ann and George Shapiro; they live within two miles of each other. Bill and Ann enjoyed seeing Ray Ann’s extensive modern art collection. George and Ray Ann have traveled the world; they spend summers in Sun Valley, Idaho. At this writing, Bill and Ann were preparing to head to Florida and looking forward to catching up with Ann and Ted Probert in Mountain Lakes, Fla. Bill promises to take some pictures and send them along for the next issue of Andover magazine. Bill notes that ‘Ann Probert is quite a senior woman’s golfer, with a low handicap; she has played in several international competitions.’ Bill was a golfer at Andover and has had a low handicap ever since 1954.

Jud Sage has written six novels, his latest being Pitcher: The Life and Loves of an Athlete. All are self-published. He is still looking for a traditional publisher.

Since our last class notes, our beloved American history teacher, Val Willie, passed away, at age 91. Over the months leading up to our 60th Reunion last June and continuing up to the present, many of our classmates have contributed lovely memories of Val, noting how helpful he was to them and how inspiring. Some of us who attended the reunion last June were privileged to be given the opportunity to read a copy of his 50-page war memoirs, including his life as a prisoner in Germany. None of us had any idea of his war record. [Editor’s note: Please see Val Wilkinson’s obituary in the In Memoriam section.]

I wish there were more to report and hope that you will provide news for our next issue of the magazine.

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The Christmas mailbag sadly did not yield much from our class, but fortunately my most loyal correspondent, Christine Maynard, has come through again. Thank you, Christine! She reported on another lovely four months at her cottage on Lake Winnipesaukee (N.H.). However, she admitted to spending most of that time on the porch in the breeze, with fewer forays into the water. That does sound like a super way to spend the summer! However, real life struck when she returned to Andover and had four floors in her house redone, switching from rugs to a fiberglass that looks like wood. Of course, that meant moving lots of furniture out of the way and back in place again, a daunting task. Perhaps because of that renovation, in December Christine went through a cabinet in the back of her living room that was filled with small Christmas ornaments (Santas, angels, snowmen) that she had not used for years and had forgotten—a real treasure trove, which set her up with “new” decorations for this past Christmas.

Her garden club project for the holidays had the members decorating wreaths for themselves, and she used light green ribbon and snowflakes, which must have been lovely. (You can come and decorate my house anytime, Christine!) I sent e-mails to the classmates for whom I have addresses (disappointingly few of you) about a project for the “Tales out of School” column for the winter issue of Andover Magazine. The only person who sent anything to me was Sue Appleton Jowett, and she did have some amusing memories. They may be in the winter issue (which I will not receive until long after this column is due), so I won’t say much about them, but one that I thought was special was about French. Evidently, that was not Sue’s strong point, but when she passed the final, Mlle. Arosa, Sue wrote, “threw her arms around me and exclaimed “We did it!” A lovely moment! A decidedly less academic memory from Sue was crowding together in the day students’ room and poring over the annual Phillips Academy address books (which had pictures of all the students).

The only other classmate on whom I can report is myself, and the most notable happenings in my life in 2014 were 50th anniversary parties. One was at the Eastham biennial reunion, held as always at the Silver Bay Association (YMCA) on Lake George, NY, with 74 family members attending. The first full-fledged reunion, organized
by my parents, was in 1964, so we celebrated the 50th anniversary of that with a special dinner and a super video of photos taken at Silver Bay from 1964 onward. Unbeknownst to [husband] Frank and me, that event morphed into a celebration of our 50th wedding anniversary, with many speeches (including some from our grandchildren), games, and general hilarity. It was a splendid surprise! The second wedding anniversary party (not a surprise) was a dinner here at Frank’s golf club, organized by our kids, on the actual weekend. This included many members of the Iacobucci family from British Columbia, as well as other family and friends, both local and from as far away as England. We were delighted that two Abbot classmates, Kathy Lloyd and Eleanor Easton Flaxen (both of whom we have been fortunate to see often over the years), were with us, as was Nancy Swift Greer ’56, whom I have known since we were about 4 years old. The event was marvellous, with humorous speeches by our kids, musical presentations by our grandkids, a video of our lives, and of course much conversation!

I apologize for going on about my year, but I have warned you that I would do that unless I received news from others. So to avoid a repeat, do send me something about you!

Mike Bell’s retirement project smacks of déjà vu: he has been dictating more than two hours of oral history of folk music on KGNU, Boulder’s community radio station. He founded the then-one-month-old station’s weekly hour of what’s now called ‘Americana’ in May 1978 and hosted it weekly for four years and then less frequently until 2008, when he retired from the Colorado University faculty and from radio.

His show, Highway 322, named after his CU Folklor 322 course and for Highway 322, which ran through his hometown of State College, Penn., is still running and has even spawned a Sunday morning spinoff, Roots and Branches.

Family Thanksgiving, last November, revealed to Dave Harrison the “beats everything” joy of grandfathering, so he is trying to persuade employer Kaiser Permanente to find him a niche somewhere closer to Redondo Beach, Calif., and the ladies who have stolen his heart—6-year-old Courtney and 4-year-old Amanda.

An e-mail from San Diego after my last mass-mailed notes shared the sad news of the death of Luis Santaeu. Luis’s life partner, Dennis McCormack, supplied the details of Luis’s extraordinary life, and the following relies heavily on Dennis’s tribute.

Luis was born in San Juan, Puerto Rico, and attended local schools before entering PA in 1952; at Andover, he was active with the Bridge Club, French Club, Spanish Club, and Phillips Society. He made frequent appearances on the honor roll, graduating cum laude. After Andover, he earned an undergraduate degree at Yale University. He spent his junior year abroad studying at the Sorbonne in Paris, making friends and traveling in France and other countries while gaining a proficiency in the language.

After Yale he received his medical degree from Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia. He subsequently met and married Suzanne Chartrand and enlisted in the U.S. Army. Stationed at the Army Medical Center in Landstuhl, Germany, he specialized in pathology and cared for many of the Vietnam casualties who were sent there.

During the years Luis and Suzanne spent in Germany, they traveled extensively and began their family. By the time he was transferred to El Paso, Texas, where he earned a major award for setting up an Army pathology lab, Luis had attained the rank of lieutenant colonel and was fluent in Spanish, English, French, and German and able to manage in Portuguese and Catalan.

Luis enjoyed the Army and always said he would have stayed, but Suzanne was not interested in being a career military wife, so he retired and established a private practice in Encinitas, Calif. His patient list consisted largely of Spanish-speaking people, legal or illegal—he never asked or cared about their immigration status. An extremely compassionate doctor, he charged very little for office visits, often giving free care or even, occasionally, accepting a chicken or such as payment.

His medical expertise and linguistic prowess attracted to his practice the French staff and owner of the prestigious restaurant Milles Fleurs in Rancho Santa Fe, members of both the local German community and the nearby Self-Realization Fellowship, and the occasional surfer from the nearby “Swami’s surfing spot” at the foot of the Self-Realization Fellowship Temple.

At our 30th Reunion in 1985, Luis confessed to me his profound discontent and frustration with his lifestyle, but this as-yet-closeted class secretary, dazed at that time by the ravages of a new and inexplicable epidemic picking off his friends, could be of little comfort.

In 1989, Luis and Suzanne divorced and Luis’s life began a second chapter, as he decided to be true to his nature as a gay man. In 1994, he met Dennis McCormack, with whom he spent the rest of his life as a registered domestic partner. They were together for almost 20 years and were contemplating marriage when, on Sept. 5, 2013, at the age of 75, Luis died peacefully in his sleep of an apparent heart attack.

Health problems had caused Luis to retire in 2000, and there was much sadness among his patients, by whom he was treasured for his caring nature and generosity. At an early age, Luis was fascinated by nature, particularly birds. He learned taxidermy as a lad and stuffed some bird specimens that are still on display at the natural history museum in San Juan. His passion for birds and birding continued throughout his life. He was fond of travel and especially traveling to bird-watch. He and Dennis birded extensively in South America in the Atacama Desert, the Amazon rainforest, the Andean heights of Machu Picchu, and as far south as Tierra del Fuego.

They also traveled in Europe quite a bit, and Luis was especially fond of Ireland. He possessed an encyclopedic knowledge of birds and even amazed the professional birding guides with his instant recall of the Latin names of birds! He amassed lists of thousands of birds seen, much to the envy of other birders. He was almost never seen on trips without his binoculars hanging from his neck.

He had an engaging personality, a dazzling smile, and a huge range of knowledge and was a great conversationalist—in six languages, no less. He enjoyed fine dining, wine, and conviviality. He was a big fan of opera and musicals and quite a whiz at bridge. Through Dennis, he became adept at blackjack on cruises, daringly “double downing” as often as not.

Luis leaves behind his devoted partner, his younger brother and sister in San Juan, three sons and a daughter all living in the U.S., eight grandchildren, and his former wife. He was cremated and his ashes laid to rest in the Santaella family crypt in Santa Maria Magdalena de Pazzis Cemetery—one of the oldest Christian cemeteries in the New World. Vaya con Dios, Luis...Y.
displaced Midwesterners. Thank you, Boat, for your graciousness and the reminiscences with my first Abbot roommate.

Ellen Welles Linn reports having had “the good fortune to be included on a trip to the Caribbean to the island of Carriacou (part of Grenada) with wonderful friends. It’s a small, lovely, and friendly island with no resort or cruise ships and lots of snorkeling and exploring. Other travels included road trips to Arizona and the Northwest—visiting great friends along the way. It’s been a good real estate year, too!”

“[Husband] Gene Linn spent a busy summer irrigating several pastures and hay fields and playing music for the dinner guests at Linn Canyon Ranch. Together we transported many pack trip guests from the airport to the ranch and on to various trailheads. Then we reversed the trips! One of the highlights for Gene: old friends from Darwin in pursuit of the elusive elk. He is also in the guitar-selling business, looking for homes for some interesting guitars collected by a friend who passed away a couple of years ago.

“Linn Canyon Ranch is as busy as ever! We had many weddings last summer, as well as dinners most nights. Horseback riding was more popular than ever. Rain in August dampened the hay crop, much to Gene’s chagrin, after several months of nurturing the hay to grow. December was busy again with Christmas parties and a slew of private dinners.”

Marjorie Orr Stein wrote, “Paul and I have had a very good year, with travels around the U.S. and Caribbean. Paul is volunteering for several agencies in town and is keeping the books for his guitar-selling business, looking for homes for some interesting guitars collected by a friend who passed away a couple of years ago.

“Tiffin” was. Thank you, Jane!

Our septuagenarian energies, now applied at such a tender age, consistently inspire. To wit: In February, the University of New Mexico Press published Laguna Pueblo: A Photographic History, classmate Tom Corbett’s collaboration with, says his publisher, “the distinguished American Indian [sic] photographer Lee Marmon,” which documents “over 60 years of Laguna history: its people, customs, and cultural changes.” Tom’s masterwork has been in the making for decades. For details, google “Marmon Corbett.” Tom is a retired doctor.

Here’s another example: “The target date for the publication of Doc Bennett’s second novel is sometime in spring 2015. He notes that he is ‘still learning French, doing yoga, suffering at the hands of my personal trainer in a losing battle against the flesh (my flesh), and blogging on the new-revolutionary mess that Mexico has become.’ You might also enjoy Doc’s blog, Bennett’s Bullets, at SterlingBennett.com, which includes an entry on ‘the things I’ve learned about writing from my editor.’

And yet another: Tom Dent weighed in with notice that the Abington Memorial Hospital (in a suburb of Philadelphia), where he spent 1984 through 2001 as chairman of the department of surgery and as program director of the general surgical residency program, recently honored him with a lecture series in his name via an education fund set up specifically for that purpose. Tom’s successor noted that our PA classmate has “long been an inspiring example of passion and excellence in the field of surgery.” The list of Tom’s achievements includes a stint as full professor and associate chairman at the University of Michigan medical center. He has authored, co-authored, and/or contributed to more than 85 books, chapters, and articles. Like Toby Schwartzburg and Ed Darlow, he drives a Tesla!

What’s more: Jesse Barbour, now established in his new ‘digs’ in a retirement community outside of Charlotte, N.C., informs us that he still manages to play his trumpet on a regular basis in two concert bands (50 pieces and 85 pieces, respectively), a 20-piece jazz band, and a 15-piece brass choir that plays classical music. In a fit of economic analysis, Jesse notes that “it is amazing how much work you can get if you are willing to work for nothing.” Oh, yes, there’s more. He serves on two committees in his retirement community and chairs a third, the safety and security committee, a throwback to his engineering management career in power plants.

Indeed, there’s no end: Jeremy Nahum informs us that his close friend Bob Berlind’s artwork resides in Boston’s Museum of Fine Arts. He occasionally sees Sally and Dick Parks when they visit him in West Newton, Mass. Jeremy goes on to say, “All is well here. I’m still working/practicing about half time, writing and publishing on bringing recent insights from developmental research to revising psychoanalytic theory and practice.” Go to changeprocess.org, where you can find out details of his fascinating and groundbreaking work. He’s another doctor!

Furthermore: Bill Huxley continues his community work in New York City — beautification, tree and flower planting, volunteering at the UNICEF gift shop, cultivating the Katharine Hepburn garden, etc. He’s now joined the Community Board 6 Landmarks Committee, which reports to the NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission.

Meanwhile: Last December, John Tederstrom celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the Episcopal priesthood and reminds us that he has five children and four grandchildren. He pays homage to Phil Hirsh’s account, Voices From the Hollow, an affectionate paean to what it was like growing up in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia.

Not to mention: Last November, 25 years after the fall of the Wall, Anne and Ron Simon visited perennial host Julian Herrey in Berlin. They had not seen each other since 1956! Scheduling difficulties prevented Ron from joining our class’s unforgettable mini reunion in May 2013. To share in the delights of the Berlin Extravaganza, visit the photo gallery at www.PAs66berlin.wordpress.com.

Moreover: Stephen Kusian served notice that though he has attempted to avoid athletics and exertion as much as possible, he has had both of his shoulders replaced! The only adverse effect is that he has to forgo lifting up his grandchildren.

As well as: Frank Converse checked in with the usual humorous literary obfuscation. This time, as a frustrated old Shakespearean actor emulating Mark Twain, he elucidated, “My obsequies have been as frustrated old Shakespearean actor emulating Mark Twain, he elucidated, “My obsequies have been as


Of further interest: Filmmaker Kevin Rafferty ’65 has put together a retrospective of the Andover experience, based upon 130 recent interviews of his classmates, plus 23,000 miles’ worth of driving to find them. For $20, he will send you a copy of this worthwhile documentary, which he has named Regular Guys. His ‘coordinates’ are: Kevin Rafferty Productions, 51 MacDougal Street No. 204, New York NY 10012; 917-647-0365; KevinRaf@aol.com.

PA’s 2014 Annual Giving Report lists the 74 of us who gave a total of $4.25 million in 2014. And
of those, 48 have given every year of the past 10 or more. Our participation rate was 49 percent. Feel free to contact either Phil if you would like to share news of yourself with the rest of us. If you would like to receive our infrequent but newsworthy e-mails, send your address to either of us. We promise not to abuse the privilege. And, remember, one other place where you might find out about your classmates is the Internet.
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To judge from Christmas letters we received, neither the progress of years nor the cruel condition of the world appears to have dampened the spirits and wanderlust of classmates.

In his letter, Bob Darnton says that he took a sabbatical from his job as Harvard’s librarian and, as he puts it, “squared it” on travel in Latin America, with ‘rest stops’ in France and England, where he delivered lectures at the British Library in London on efforts to control expression in Bourbon France, the British Raj, and Communist East Germany. He’s written a book on the subject, Censors at Work, available on Amazon. Bob also created a website, www.robertdarnton.org, allowing visitors to rummage through the rich archive of the Société typographique de Neuchâtel, Switzerland, and gain insight into the world of books on the eve of the French Revolution. During the year, and much to his regret, all three of Bob’s children moved to locations distant from his and wife Susan’s Cambridge apartment. “We may have to get a dog after all,” Bob laments.

“It was an interesting year, but a good one,” Diane and Phil Olsson report. They welcomed their first granddaughter in July, and soon afterward Phil had yet another surgery, but one that finally worked, to fix a busted hip. Ensnared in Sanibel, FL, for the winter, he is regaining his normal stride. Vicky and Ron Campbell celebrated Christmas—and their 50th wedding anniversary—in Costa Rica, in the company of their children and grandchildren, 10 in all. “I have thoroughly relished my first year of retirement,” Ron writes.

Given their Buddhist persuasion, Yvonne and Bill Sterling did not celebrate Christmas as a holiday. Bill’s main event was his sister’s 70th birthday, a three-generation family affair in Palm Springs, Calif., including “siblings, children, children-in-law, nieces, nephews, grandchildren” —16 in all for every meal.” Bill penned an amusing description of this adventure in his class letter, which, as usual, you’ll find on the class website.

From Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Austen Zecha dashed off this note: ‘I’ve been flat out starting up my 12th marketing communications agency in the Asia-Pacific region. Unlike all my previous agencies, which I managed to sell to Western multinationals, I’ve become affiliated with Japan’s fourth-largest agency, Daiko. ... My personal life has also been active, as I got engaged to a recently retired Malaysia Airlines chief stewardess, welcomed another daughter-in-law into the family, and became a grandfather for the sixth time. I also managed to get my golf handicap down to 18.”

Lee and Tom Terry marked Christmas with a concert by the Renaissance Revival, the a capella group they founded 38 years ago. After the holidays, Tom packed his string bass and Lee’s mandolin into their car, and they drove off to Florida, hoping to pick up gigs there with their band, the Seldom Heard. “Making music with others adds a dimension that playing by oneself doesn’t reach,” Tom says.

 Gentleman farmer Jim Blackmon, alas, spent the holidays mourning his favorite cow, which died after a difficult birth. “Cows are usually just cows,” Jim writes. “She was special.” This one—407, as she was called—liked classical music and having her head rubbed. Sam Suiit used to send her Christmas cards.

Sam has been traveling to remote areas of China and Myanmar. In Yunnan, China’s most backward province, he writes, “a principal objective for me was mingling with the numerous hill tribes that inhabit those areas. Many wear stunning tribal garb as everyday dress. A major surprise was the widespread improvement in the quality of life. Construction was going on throughout the region. Skylines were virtual forests of high-rise cranes. Myanmar was quite the opposite: an exact economy, but with millennia-old history. There are still areas that are off-limits because of resistance and fighting.”

For his annual opera run-through party, John Austin picked Otto Nicolai’s 1849 classic, The Merry Wives of Windsor. It was also the occasion for a micro class reunion. Jim Cook on the trombone and John, double bass, played in the 50-strong orchestra, while Lee and Tom Terry, Seth Rice, and Brian Pendleton and wife Susan Stein sang in the 35-voice chorus. John McConnell participated as an enthusiastic spectator.

Stephanie and Fred Shuman were the subject of a Wall Street Journal “Donor of the Day” column in November. As a single father early in his career, Fred liked to end his day jogging around the reservoir in New York’s Central Park with his two children. To ensure similar enjoyment for future generations of New Yorkers, Fred and Stephanie made a gift of $5 million to the Central Park Conservancy to cover repairs and maintenance of the track in perpetuity.

Bill Kammerer writes from Saint Augustine that he’s had it with summers in Florida, where he’s remained since retiring from the Mayo Clinic in Ponte Vedra, and is looking for a place “up North.” From Tucson, Gary Hammond says he’s super busy tutoring adult learners in reading and math and, on the side, taking guitar and dancing lessons. From Woodside, Calif., Nappy MacNaughton reports he still dabbles in real estate and invites classmates who find themselves in the vicinity of Stanford University to stop by.

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Sadly, we’ve lost four more class members. **Jim Green** died last August in Middletown, Conn.; he was a clinical psychologist. **Arnie Burke** died in September, of lymphoma; since 1976, Arnie had lived in Boscauwn, Conn., where the family has an orchard. **Wally Phillips** died in February, of complications from heart surgery. After injuries derailed a promising professional baseball career, Wally turned to law and became a prosecutor who shook Philadelphia’s Democratic machine to the core with his zealous pursuit of public corruption. Former Pennsylvania governor Ed Rendell said of Wally, “I have never met, in public or private life, a guy with more integrity.” [Editor’s note: Please see Wally Phillips’s obituary in the In Memoriam section.] Also in February, **Frank Bell** died after a long bout with lung disease; Frank spent most of his career as a consultant and financial planner in NYC and Norfolk, Conn. — G

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Sandra Castle Hull is in her 28th year at Main Street Wooster Inc., fostering the economic redevelopment and preservation of wonderful downtown Wooster, Ohio. It’s not just a job but a passion. She sends kudos to **Jane Christie** for her efforts with the Abbot Academy Association and activities. Sandra says, “It was great fun doing the CD about my memories [the Girls of Abbot video, which can be viewed at http://bit.ly/1AfV8Xb]; others spoke of long-lasting lessons taught. I discussed many of us in the dumbwater in Draper and being caught by the Bondes!”

Sandra heard from **Pat Parrish Everhart** in Hamilton, Ohio, at Christmas as well as **Vickie Kohler**. Sandra wishes all of you the best for 2015.

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I received an interesting note from Emmett Keeler, who is enjoying life in Santa Monica, Calif., working as a part-time mathematician at RAND. When I took geometry as an upper, Mr. Pieters thought I wasn’t even a part-time mathematician.

Emmett’s recent activities have an Andover connection, but you have to follow the ensuing thread carefully to understand the link. Emmett sings in a choral group, the Angel City Chorale (ACC), which reflects the spirit and diversity of LA in its membership, its music, and its outreach activities. Equally committed to good music and good deeds, ACC is dedicated to “Building Community One Song at a Time.” Renowned artistic director Sue Fink founded Angel City Chorale in 1993 with 18 singers at the world-famous McCabe’s Guitar Shop (the Internet reveals that Allen Ginsburg and Dr. Timothy Leary are among the notables who have performed there); ACC has now grown to more than 160 talented and dedicated singers who are admitted by audition. ACC presents a broad and eclectic repertoire to exuberant, standing-room-only audiences. The group’s mastery of a wide range of musical genres—including classical, gospel, jazz, pop, and world music—has become its hallmark.

This year, the Angel City Chorale helped record a new song cycle, *The Drop That Contained the Sea* by Christopher Tin. Christopher Tin is an American composer whose work is primarily classical, with a world-music influence. He is a composer for films, video games, and commercials and has won two Grammy Awards for his classical crossover album, *Calling All Dawns*. Tin is best known for his composition “Baba Yetu,” featured in the 2005 computer game Civilization IV. In the cycle, he puts together several songs, each in the musical style and language of a different country. One of the 10 songs in *Drop* was translated from Longfellows’ “Kéramos” into the South African tonal click language (where the pitch of the syllable is used to differentiate the meaning of words) of Xhosa (one of South Africa’s 11 official languages) by Temba Maqubela. You may recall an article in a prior *Andover* magazine on Mr. Maqubela, who was at Andover for 26 years, rising to the position of assistant head of school for academics and dean of faculty, before becoming the headmaster at Groton.

The Angel City Chorale premiered the work at New York’s Carnegie Hall in April 2014, and the album topped the Billboard classical chart for two weeks (Emmett concedes it may have been due to all the copies he purchased and gave to his friends and family).

What a thrill, to sing at Carnegie Hall! I think I’ll set about to do a column with a music theme. All you 8 ‘n 1-ers and Sour Grapes, prepare for my call. And there will be room to feature what **Frank Hammond** has been doing recently. Stay tuned. Voluntary submissions of musical attainments by other classmates are solicited and will be welcomed.

**Charlie Brennan** attended the funeral of Hale Sturges, a long-serving Andover French instructor and head baseball coach who arrived in the 1960s, retiring in 2004. Charlie and his wife Rosemary had become close to Hale Sturges and his wife, Karen, vacationing with them in France and Croatia. Charlie ran into **Steve Larned** and Steve’s son, F. Stephen Larned Jr., ’80, who were also in attendance at the chapel service. Steve knew Karen Sturges growing up in Michigan.

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**1959**

**AABBOT**

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Two of us — **John Charlton**, who has lived in Hong Kong for many years, and **Kirby Jones**, who has worked closely with Fidel Castro in Cuba for decades — have offered their views on the demonstrations in Hong Kong and rapprochement between the U.S. and Cuba.
First Kirby: “On Dec. 17, 2014, President Obama and President [Raúl] Castro did something that had not been done in more than 50 years: Addressing their respective citizens, they both spoke to and about each other, at the exact same time, in terms other than hostile. The reaction in Cuba has been one of joy and pleasure at the prospect of a new beginning that appears to be in place between the two countries and the two presidents. It may be only the beginning, but what a nice start it has been! The easiest part of all of this, however, may have been the raising of the two flags on the two ‘interests sections,’ to change both to embassies (which they had been in practice, anyway). But a new climate has certainly been set.

“What does it mean for the United States? It means that we will join the community of nations. We have been the outsiders, not Cuba. Most other countries already have normal relations with Cuba. Most countries will ask what took us so long. American companies might be able to trade Cuba. Most countries will ask what took us so long.

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“Make no mistake: The policy announcements of last December 17 could result in a big change, a monumental shift in U.S. policy. But it takes awhile to alter the direction of a huge ship powered by more than 50 years of regulations. In Cuba, they are hopeful and happy that this may mean an improvement in their daily lives. And if it does, how positive that will be!”

And from John: ‘A short comment on the disruptions orations/patriotic movements (choose more than one) in Hong Kong. It’s especially challenging to disentangle anything so promising as truth in a society so separated by degree of sophistication, wealth, provincial or other origin, mother tongue, identification with Hong Kong or another place, and economic and social roles.

“Frankly, the international press has reported events in what appears to most people I know as an unfairly one-sided manner. There’s been insufficient focus on the range of realistically possible outcomes and the manner in which inexperienced young people were, in a widely held opinion, manipulated by ‘democrats’ who have very little following.

“Fortunately, there’s been little physical violence, but there is certain to be a long memory of which-side-were-you-on. Government is not even close to perfect. One could hope that a specific blessing of democracy—the ability to throw the bums out—would become part of Hong Kong’s future. But [the Hong Kong government] and their (unquestioned, on many issues) superiors in Beijing understood from the beginning that no replay of 1989 would be consistent with the needs of either China or Hong Kong.

“It appears the many advantages this place has demonstrated as a financial and commercial center will persist: highly skilled workers at all levels; bilingualism (or, increasingly, trilingualism, with Putonghua); a familiar legal code and reliable courts; and unimprovable international connections.

“So much more to remark, and to debate, and to await.”

My best to all.

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**1960**

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**ABBOT**

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Greetings from frosty Vermont. Your class secretary is a little behind for this contribution due to some medical issues requiring surgery on my left hand and therapy on my right knee. We just came through the blizzard of 2015 with far less damage than neighbors just south of here. Our kids hosted a fantastic surprise 50th anniversary party for me and husband David this past fall, with 60 friends and family here at the house.

There has been some interest in a mini reunion in Santa Fe next fall. Susan Lothrop Koster will be there and has offered to be the POC. They have settled on the weekend of Oct. 17–18 and recommend making reservations ASAP. Sarah von der Heyde Richards would love to attend but needs three months’ advance notice to arrange her work schedule. She says she is looking forward to seeing everyone and would like to share a room. She requests a call to coordinate (781-373-5624). She is planning to retire on Dec. 31.

Cally Sherman Williams checked in from New Mexico, where all is well. She reported some wonderful travels: a cruise and two weeks in Spain. She has done much advance work for the Santa Fe reunion.

Lissa Dexter said she also would enjoy a mini reunion. Joyce Matties reports she had a wonderful Christmas and then went to Paradise Island, Bahamas, for six days of beautiful weather.

Ginny Pratt agar sent her greetings from Scottsdale, Ariz., where she spent a couple months; her number is 207-266-2765.

Hannah Jopling reports that she and husband Bob are enjoying living in NYC. She is looking forward to her book being published this year and is still teaching at Fordham and Hunter. Hannah and Bob have enjoyed travels to Yorkshire and Germany.

Charlotte Palmer Moreno requests that we keep her informed. She has traveled recently to Holland, Belgium, and India.

I’m not sure how much longer I can continue as your secretary, since I have taken on a new full-time job here. Your class secretary is looking for a replacement; please! Any volunteers? Many thanks to all of you who made my job easier; it has been fun. [Editor’s note: The Academy is grateful for Lynne Furneaux Clark’s service. If any member of the Abbots Class of 1960 would like to take over the role of class secretary, please contact Laura MacHugh at lmchugh@andover.edu or 978-749-4289.]

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In November, John Darnton received an Andover Alumni Award of Distinction. The award, which was established in 2012, “recognizes and honors alumni of Phillips Academy and Abbot Academy who have served with distinction in their fields of endeavor.” In addition, it “strives to connect current students with these inspirational role models” through a schoolwide presentation.
and classroom discussions. Previous recipients of the award include the artist Frank Stella ’54, opera and theatre director Peter Sellars ’75, and George H.W. Bush ’42.

As you may recall, John, who was voted “class rebel,” got kicked out toward the end of our senior year, shortly after Harvard had told him he was assured of acceptance if he did not screw up, which he did. In John’s affecting memoir (Almost a Family), he describes how he came to be expelled: “One Saturday night I left campus in a car after signing in to my dormitory; I went to a bar in the nearby town of Lowell and had half a glass of beer. My absence was discovered when my mother tried to phone me and the housemaster couldn’t locate me. The horrible part was who was driving the car: my brother [Robert]. He had come up from Harvard to visit me, along with his girlfriend, and she and I had convinced him on the steps of my dormitory to keep the evening alive. ‘Let’s go somewhere,’ I said. He was reluctant to get me in trouble, but neither did he want to look like a spineless killjoy. In the bar, we had a grand time. There was an open mike, and he and I sang a hillbilly song, ‘As Fer as I’m Concerned,’ until we were practically booted off the stage by the barmen.

“In my dorm my housemaster waited in ambush. He had been alerted to my absence when my mother had phoned. He interrogated me, and I tried to lie my way out of it. I said I had been in the infirmary. He knew I had not been; he had called there. He said he smelled alcohol on my breath. I did a quick calculation. Could I save the situation by making a clean breast of it? Of course. I admitted what I had done and apologized for placing him in the position of having to make such a difficult decision: He could report me, and end my time at Andover, or he could ignore this unfortunate incident, knowing that I had learned my lesson and that I would never do such a thing again. I stopped, my heart racing, waiting for his response. He looked me in the eye. ‘I’m not in a difficult position,’ he said quickly, ‘I have no choice. I must report you.’ Within two hours, Dean Benedict and another faculty member convened a meeting of two and expelled me.”

“When Harvard withdrew its acceptance, John took a year off from school and went to Paris. Upon returning stateside, he attended the University of Wisconsin, then took a job with the New York Times, where his father had worked as a correspondent (and was one of the first American journalists killed in World War II). Beginning as a copy boy, John rose rapidly through the ranks, progressing from city reporter to overseas assignments, including stints in Africa, the Middle East, and Europe. He won a Pulitzer Prize for his coverage of the Solidarity movement in Poland, served as bureau chief in Madrid and London, and eventually became the cultural affairs editor of the Times, a post that he held for six years.

John also wrote several best-selling works of fiction, including Neanderthal, The Experiment, and Mind Catcher. Though he retired from the paper in 2005, he continues to consult there, as editorial director for special projects. In 2009, Long Island University named him curator of the prestigious George Polk Award in Journalism (which he had won twice).

Also in November, Barry McCaffrey delivered the keynote address at PA’s fifth annual Veterans Day dinner. He warned that the “single biggest long-term threat to the American people and our allies is not the Taliban, it’s not ISIS, it’s weapons of mass destruction—and by that, I mean chemical, biological, nuclear, and cyber-warfare.” He deplored the current tendency to underestimate the danger posed by such weapons: “Very few people talk about them. We have no champions in uniform or in Congress about maintaining America’s nuclear deterrence capability.”

Currently, he argued, “We’re in the midst of a period in Washington when people are saying, ‘We’ve seen the end of warfare.’ Foot warfare, tank warfare, warfare at sea—that’s all past [they say], and what we’re going to think about [for the future] is small unit operations, Nation building, Counterterrorism, Counterinsurgency. And I would say that’s shortsighted.”

Attending the event were several veterans, including Massachusetts congressman-elect (and Marine corps captain) Seth Moulton ’97. In 2011, Moulton helped found Andover and the Military, PA’s military affinity alumni group, which hosted the dinner. According to Army Lt. Col. Charles Dean ’79, editor of the newsletter of Andover and the Military, Barry’s visit was emblematic of the progress the Academy has made in reaching out to veterans. “Having him on campus, sharing his insights and experiences with students, faculty, and graduates alike, was a rare and wonderful experience for all,” said Dean.

Jeremy Wood reports that his artist son, Jonas, will have a show at London’s Cagossian Gallery in the fall. In January, Jeremy and his new wife, Catherine, had Nick Kip to dinner. Jeremy reports that Nick “seems well and is in pretty good spirits.” Jeremy also visited with other classmates, including Charlie Bradford, Laird Smith, and Larry Butler.

Jeremy’s neighbor Tony Lee calls attention to John Nield’s daughters, Nerissa and Katryna Nields, who for more than two decades have pursued careers as folk-rock singers. Their 17th (!) album was released in February. Be sure to mark your calendars for our 55th Reunion, June 12–14. See you then!”
feeling about the breadth and diversity of our great United States of America. 'Exceptional' is a very apt word to describe the U.S.A. We embrace and believe it. Good things will come to us and the global family as Americans all strive to individually add value.”

Tony Accetta met Head of School John Palfrey in Denver and said, “I was quite impressed! The future is bright.” I agree wholeheartedly. You have but to step onto the campus to sense the head’s enthusiasm for the school, and vice versa. Speaking of stepping onto the campus, please remember that our 55th Reunion comes up a year from now.

Leslie Stroh reports that his latest insurance company statement says that his medical costs over the past nine months for three brain surgeries, rehab, and numerous ER/ICU visits for seizures amounted to $2 million, of which it appears that less than 20 percent was actually paid out as cash. Leslie expressed more concern with the medical system than with his own health: “There is something very wrong with a system where the uninsured poor are billed full fare and, at this level, made bankrupt. Yes, it is wonderful that they get the care, but their lives are destroyed when everything is gone and they are bankrupt as well.”

Leslie is confined to the city for the time being but says, “We are bringing the country to NYC with a three-panel 5-by-13-foot triptych showing the interior and my wife and myself in situ. Jim Rubin lives across the street but will not be asked for an opinion of the artistic merits of the painting. He will be asked about the agricultural merits of the wine of choice from Alsace.”

Tom Pollock sent me a bunch of memories of our time at Andover. I was very glad to get these and will share them with you from time to time in these notes. Fritz Allis was a major influence on me and my teaching career. Here, Tom remembers: “Mr. Allis once asked his American history class, our senior year, ‘Why did the railroad companies make so much money?’ The way I heard it, he offered a grade of 95 on the next hour exam to anyone who could answer that question. ‘Mr. Allis, I got it right. Answers were all over the map: family dynasties (Rockefellers, Vanderbilts, etc.), no antimonopoly laws, government subsidies, corruption, technology. Mr. Allis kept saying things like, ‘No, not quite. No, not close.’ Then John Young (my source for this story), partly joking, said, ‘The coefficient of friction of rolling steel.’ Mr. Allis stood up and said, ‘You got it exactly right.’ One of my favorite Andover stories.”

An Andover function I ran into Jon Hay ’64, brother of Toby Hay. Jon reported that his brother was well, and together we lamented that Toby and I seem to be unable to communicate with each other. The problem is technology. Toby does not care for the computer, and I hate the telephone. Alas, Toby, if you will e-mail me your phone number, I’ll give you a call. Can’t say fairer than that.

Did any of you ever sneak through the steam tunnels?

**1962**

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Among Caroline Thomas’s acting students is Devin Druid, who appeared as the young version of Frances McDormand’s son in the HBO miniseries Olive Kitteridge. You can see him next in the independent film There Will Be Bombs, which was directed by Joachim Trier. Caroline’s son, David, still lives with his wife and two small boys in the United Arab Emirates, where he is completing a doctorate in technical linguistics while teaching full time. In the winter of 2014, Caroline’s daughter, Elissa, finished her undergraduate degree at Hunter College with honors in English and creative writing. Caroline’s husband, Robert, has made three television commercials, including one for The Gap that ran nationally and was directed by Sofia Coppola.

Karen Grant McWhorter wrote in her 2014 Christmas letter that between several trips to London to visit son Alex and his family, she and husband Jack took a three-week vacation in Alaska. This wonderful trip included, among other things, panning for gold in the Yukon, putting their hands into the nearly frozen Bering Sea in Barrow, and touring Denali National Park. At home, Karen has taken up photography and holds a leadership position in the local women’s group in Hancock, N.H. Son Keith and his new bride live in Harrisburg, Pa., where he is a natural gas consultant with IHS.

I (Karthi Krakauer) am struggling a bit with retirement. Although I feel it was a good decision to stop working, since my brain no longer thrives on the pressure and intensity of my work, I am still trying to establish who I am in this new phase of life. In the snowless months, I spent a lot of time walking in the woods and meditating over a wide variety of ducks on the lake. The winter is an entirely different environment, but still beautiful and very peaceful. Vermont is certainly an idyllic place to live. I also have joined the local women’s club, although solely as a bystander for now. It’s an old-fashioned (though at least now white gloves and hats are necessary in Vermont) but very friendly and well-meaning group. From this experience so far, I can see how Calendar Girls happened and am anxiously waiting for something surprising to occur!

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Time passes so swiftly. Fifty-seven years ago I was a boy in junior high school, wondering if I would be admitted to faraway Phillips Academy in Massachusetts. This fall we will be holding our 53rd reunion on Cape Cod, at the Ocean Edge Resort & Golf Club in Brewster, Mass., starting on the afternoon of Oct. 13 and concluding after breakfast on Oct. 16. There will be first-class golf, ocean fishing, hiking, and bicycling available. We will eat and party together in a separate indoor-outdoor facility on the edge of the golf course, and all of our rooms will be one-bedroom suites in the same area. Our class remains very tightly connected. There is daily chatter amongst ourselves on the “PA Classmates” mailing list, which is conducted through my e-mail address as listed above. The instant communication we have is a great supplement to the official Andover magazine. If there is too much, or something you find offensive, you can always hit the “delete” button. Please shoot me an e-mail after reading this and get a new version of the “daily bulletin.”

Our three-sport phenom Jorge Gonzalez is training for a triathlon this spring in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Gonzalez is indestructible in football, hockey, and baseball. He has played a lot of golf but is now seriously training to compete over 70 miles before he turns 71. This came up in a discussion wherein your scribe warned everybody about driving dangerously on New Year’s Eve. Jorge said that he has surrendered night driving to wife Pinky when he goes out to parties and finds that life is more enjoyable. At the reunion, I learned that most of our classmates and their wives are mainly wine drinkers, but I still strongly endorse good Irish whiskey and frozen good Russian vodka.

Sam Caldwell and Jack Fabiano spent a good time at the reunion fishing, but the water was not as hospitable due to our long-lasting drought. Fortunately, we’ve been receiving rain lately, so fishing should get better, as should life for our farmers. We had a lackadaisical stickball game one afternoon. I particularly remember Dan Jenkins and Mike Davey being more interested in the game than the numerous spectators. The food was very good, and the high point was barbecued steak and a local rock band. I had enough of the aforementioned Irish whiskey to do a little dancing myself; my wonder dog, Lexi, also danced with a great deal of happiness. The Chalet View Lodge people said they’d never had such a fun group; we invited the owners and staff to dance with us, and everybody had a wonderful time. Jeff Hill must have the world’s best collection of ’60s music, and it is all thoroughly categorized in his computer; he
provided music when the band was not playing. The weather was perfect, and I am truly looking forward to our 53rd, next October. There will be a great deal more information about this, which will be appearing sporadically in my e-mails.

In early January, our friend and classmate Tom Gilbert died suddenly. Throughout the day my computer was flooded with e-mails from classmates. There was quite a discussion about the tragedy of Tom’s passing. We’ve lost a lot of our class members, but the ones that really affected me were Ivan Higgins and Pete Watson. This does not minimize the deaths of Rick Russ and Eric Muller in Vietnam; I was just closer to the first two.

Rockwell House has been hard hit, and the loss of Tom Gilbert has made me physically ill. Our Andover was indeed a diverse and egalitarian society of adolescent boys. Neither wealth nor poverty were of any significance. Doing well in school and in sports and getting along in the dorm were the main areas of interest until the time for college applications came up. Tom was a super gentleman with a quiet sense of humor and a great deal of intelligence. God bless you, Tom. May you rest in peace and pave the way for us to the next world. I cherish your memory and will always miss you.

Two weeks after I wrote the above paragraph, our class sustained another surprising and brutal blow. The New York newspapers announced that Tone Grant passed away while finishing the latter part of his term at a federal prison in Duluth, Minn. Apparently, he was sick and had been treated at the Mayo Clinic and then returned to the penitentiary. I refrained from discussing Tone’s situation at his request, but I communicated to him the thought that we were all still friends and that the entire class wished him well. We lived in Bartlet together as seniors, and I had the pleasure of catching up with him as a young lawyer in San Francisco, like me, he married an older woman and adopted her children. I hope that this worked out well for them; I never saw Tone again after he went back East. In college, it was always strange watching Ivy League football, especially Harvard and Yale, and seeing all of my Andover classmates on the gridiron. Tone was an all-around athlete and all-Ivy quarterback at Yale, but I thought that his sport was baseball. In any event, he was a great guy and is certainly missed. However, as with Tom, we will all be together again, and I hope that heavenly fare is better than Baldy Leete’s. Rest in deserved peace, Tone; we are all grateful that Jim Riley and Rick Malone were there to see you off at your services on behalf of your classmates.

Guys, we have an enormous amount in common with one another and are part of a wonderful group. We must hang together as closely as possible as the years go by. The annual reunions and e-mail connection are part of achieving this goal.

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**1963**

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Major life events seem to be part of the scene for several members of our class. First, the weddings. Ann MacCready Northup wrote, “My son, Peter, married Beatriz Viscoso on Oct. 25, 2014, at the top of Twin Peaks in San Francisco. Beatriz will start an evolutionary biology laboratory at a multidisciplinary research facility outside Vienna, Austria. Peter will telecommute. Coincidentally, he is now a four-hour train ride from his sister, who is a physicist in Innsbruck.” Mimi Dean McBride reports a family wedding a week later. “My son, Web, was married in NYC on Nov. 1. It was a great time, even though the weather was less than perfect.”

Now, on to the babies! Anita Miller White wrote, “My daughter and her husband have three daughters, and my older son and his wife have three sons. We always said that my younger son and his wife would be the ones who would get one of each, and indeed, they have a son and are expecting a daughter in April.” Betsy Cadbury is so excited that daughter Cate and her husband, Karim, are expecting their first baby in July. She continues, “Most of you are already grandparents, but this is my first crack at it!” Mary “Maidy” Wilkins Haslinger wrote, “Sometime in January, I am due to become a grandmother for the first time. A little girl is scheduled to arrive to her excited parents, my son Robert and my daughter-in-law Rheinilda Fernandes.” Another baby, a grandson, is due in March.

Barbara Ragen and her husband, Steve, have gone to Namibia for two years through the Peace Corps. Barb wrote, “We’ve made a brief video showing our first Christmas in Namibia. Please see it on YouTube at http://bit.ly/1G3BF5v.”

Mary Jasper Walter reveals that Muthoni Githungo Gitata has returned to Nairobi, Kenya, but “stays in touch through the blog and also answers e-mails. I thoroughly enjoy hearing from her because I so loved my own two years in Kenya. I am just very sad that I didn’t know she was back there when I returned for a visit in 1989.”

Several of our classmates enjoyed a “mini reunion” in Santé Fe last October, under the auspices of Anita Schenck Zednik. Betsy Cadbury summarized the trip: “The highlights were dinner for us at Anita’s house with fabulous Moroccan chicken and a view of the surrounding hills to die for; a viewing of The Girls of Abbott, the video by Charles Stuart ’62, which Debby Murphy ’86 sent to me so I could share it with everyone; a tour of the New Mexico Museum of Art, where Anita is a docent; a tour of the Georgia O’Keeffe Museum; and tours of O’Keeffe’s homes. Most of us stayed at the Old Santa Fe Inn, right in the middle of town and convenient to everything. Anita shepherded us around all day and arranged wonderful group restaurant meals. In the evenings we hung out at ‘party central’ (Marie ‘Re’ Fox Young and husband Bob’s room!) and talked about where we’re going from here, how we feel about turning 70, etc.”

Lucinda Hannon described a great side trip she took while in New Mexico for the gathering. She wrote, “I’d been curious about Biosphere 2 since I’d first read about it in the early ’90s and thought it was a wonderfully imaginative undertaking. I decided to take advantage of its proximity to Santa Fe and see it for myself. It’s in Oracle, Ariz., a little outside of Tucson. Driving out to it, I was scanning the horizon and wondering, each time I saw a white structure on the horizon, if I were getting my first glimpse of it. I figured I’d spend a few hours, take the tour, and come away feeling that my curiosity had been quenched. I hadn’t anticipated how extraordinarily accessible and interesting it would be! After an afternoon of soaking up so much new information, I went back for the historical perspective tour the next day. I lucked into this day, offering a ‘discovery night’ program. The researchers and students were all around us, ready to answer questions, show samples of their subjects, or otherwise explain their work, and I stayed until closing time. I was so impressed with all the displays and interactive learning opportunities, and also with how the staff reached out to young children as well as to adults. I’d go back in an instant, and if I had grandchildren I’d make sure they get to see it, too. If any of you wonder about a good family trip, this truly is one for all ages.” Please keep the news coming!

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The following items are drawn from e-mails received nine months ago, and the output will not be in your mailboxes for another few. Recently, we lost a classmate (Terry Rogers) between a submission and publication. My hope goes out to the submitters that they, and not their survivors, will be reading this in print.

David Bowen offers the following: “I guess I am perhaps missing the dignity part of aging—still working and still running the small company I started in 1998. So, family news: All of our children have grown and left home, all working, only one grandchild so far. Three kids in London, which gives us a good chance to visit the city, now only an hour away by high-speed train. We have been in our new (smaller, well-insulated, solar-paneled) house for almost two years. Have finished the garden landscaping (patio, paths, small pond) and planting. Getting to grips with the need for ongoing maintenance. We have been able to live in our
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in Crimea, including Yalta. A couple of days later, it was interesting to see both the Russian and Ukraini-
ian fleets in different parts of Sevastopol harbor, and I did get to visit the submarine pens tunneled into the mountains. I doubt there will be a lot of Crimean tourist activity this summer.”

Thom also shared stories from his work as an amateur genealogist: ‘Last fall, I researched (gra-
tis) for a friend whose grandfather was deported back to Palermo [Sicily] — an interesting family that I wouldn’t want to make angry. This winter I delved into WWI Bavarian army records and WWII German military cemeteries; this project traced parents through great-grandparents of my brother-in-law (whose parents came from Bavaria in the 1920s). He knew that he had two uncles who had been killed in WWII, but other than names, no other info. I located the cemetery in Crimea where one is buried and found the record listing the day the other went missing in action, just south of Sochi, Russia (interesting to discover that during the Olympics). ‘Those research skills from History 4 are still alive.’ By e-mail dated Dec. 4, Thom and Lyn report being safely back from their third trans-Atlantic cruise of 2014 (and admitting to being “addicted”). I admit to being jealous.

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sions are deeply appreciated.
She has a Capitol Hill row house that’s 100-plus years old and is close to a park, Eastern Market, and so many other things. She loves her job as development director for Woodley House (a nonprofit that provides housing and support services for the mentally ill) and has four grandchildren, ages 7 weeks to 7 years, plus a lovely 14-year-old schnauzer who is not amused by 14-degree weather!

The best news I’ve heard is that Joan Harney Wiles has completed chemotherapy and is nearing the end of her treatment with radiation. Her spirits are good and she reports that she has a much better quality of life and is on the road to recovery.

Kit Jones Prager and her husband, Allan, celebrated their 40th anniversary by returning to Brazil, where they spent their newlywed years. Highlights were reconnecting with former coworkers in São Paulo, visits to Igazu Falls and Brazil’s colonial capital of Salvador, several days of hiking, bird-watching, boating, and horseback riding in Pantanal (the world’s largest seasonal wetland), and visiting old haunts and friends in Rio. Their Portuguese came flowing back, after years of disuse.

Our class continues to produce budding artists, both in the literary field and as musicians. Laura Stevenson also commented on the cold, snow, and ice in Vermont. She has been distracted from the weather by writing a collection of linked short stories. Liar From Vermont will be coming out in May, and she’s having fun writing a period murder mystery.

In addition to taking beautiful photographs (posted on our Facebook page, Abbot Classmates ’64). Lucy Bingham recently penned her first novel. The Talitc House is available in bookstores and on Amazon.com and Barnes and Noble websites. Here’s how the publisher describes it: ‘A modern version of Daphne du Maurier’s Rebecca, The Talitch House is a fast-paced romantic thriller set in the brooding environs of a waterfront mansion where an evil housekeeper plots to sabotage the passionate love of the two main characters, Stuart and Ophelia. Beginning along the glittering waters of the Mekong River in Cambodia then onto the shoreline of Connecticut, this book is lyrical, scary, and heartwarming. An exciting, page-turning read.’ If anyone is interested, they can order the book from Amazon.com or Barnes and Noble.

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Our Pot Pourri was the first to list a student activity that our class launched the fall term 1963—stickball, but radio PA: WPAA 645 AM. WPAA took to the air with the flimp of a switch that was three years in the making. We have Bruce Kaufman to thank for this class notes topic. After reading of Dave Dimlich’s degenerative condition in our reunion book addendum, he wondered about the fate of the radio station. ‘Last I heard, the transmitting tower for WPAA-FM had disappeared with the rest of Evans Hall. The station had been in the basement. Someone might want to pursue that for an Andover magazine item, especially in light of our being our class that brought the medium in.’ Dave Dimlich literally engineered WPAA, starting as a junior, and was at the helm as station manager when it went live. From our Pot Pourri: ‘Mr. Robert Sarnoff, chairman of the board of NBC, PA ’35, was so impressed that he donated a 10-watt FM station valued at $15,000 to be ready for operation in 1965.’

A couple e-mails led to Chris Capano, current director of student activities, who described the circuitous route WPAA has traveled from its primordial beginnings in ’63 to a thoroughly modern online station in ’15. He said, ‘When the station moved from Evans to Morse, the FM antenna came down and the school did not renew the broadcast license. I believe the timing was only half the issue, as I’ve heard that this was also a time when the FCC was cracking down on proficiency; a few students had dropped some curse words into their broadcasts and complaints had been made. Since that time the radio has streamed online, so you can listen over your computer either on or off campus.

Two summers ago, a water leakage issue in Morse led to a complete gutting of the station office and recording studios.... This ended up being a blessing in disguise as OPP [the Office of Physical Plant] fixed things beautifully, and it gave the kids a chance to organize the station in a way that had not been done for what might have been decades. Since then, the station has continued to stream online and has also served as the onsite recording studio for many students.’

If this bit of class history strikes a chord with you, send your reflections to me for the fall issue. Though reported as ‘lost’ in our reunion planning, Vijay Shah has been in regular contact with Conway ‘Doc’ Downing, the latter supplying photo documentation of the two of them sharing holiday cheer at the Yale Club in NYC under a portrait of classmate George W. Bush (see http://1drv.ms/1GRs7VV).

According to Doc, ‘For the past two decades or so we have lived within walking distance of one another in Washington and get together for a proper martini most Fridays. I often rib Vijay about how it was apparent to me, upon arriving at Andover as a junior, that he had attended schools in India since kindergarten that were just as exclusive as PA or more so. We bonded since then at Rockwell.’

Tim Booth regaled us at our reunion about sailing to Guatemala and deciding to pull up his NY stakes and stay. He reported, ‘Hola! From Guatemala. Certainly enjoyed seeing everybody at reunion. It was interesting to see how we have grown together and are now enjoying each other’s company.

‘We continue to build our new home here… living in the boathouse, our first project, see http://1drv.ms/1GRs7VV. … We really love Guatemala, though it’s an adjustment from everything now in the US. We live in a rural fishing community about 45 minutes’ boat ride from the nearest town of any size. I am part of a non solo effort here to provide continuing education grants to locals. Public support of education stops at the 6th grade.

‘We will be cruising in Belize and Honduras when this goes to press, but hope some of you might consider a visit next year. Welcome mat will be out.’

Peter Schandorf was admitted to St. Louis’s Barnes-Jewish Hospital just before Thanksgiving for, in his words, ‘spinal fusion, which is meant to correct problems that have left me in pain and unable to walk any distance. The procedure and rehabilitation will take me out of commission for two or three weeks. Plenty of time to be ready for his legendary April 2015 guided tour in China for PA ’64, right? Nearly seven weeks after the first surgery, Logan ‘L.E.’ Sawyer reported that ‘[Peter] has had infection in the surgical area and had three follow-up collateral surgeries. A fifth is scheduled soon for bone grafting. Since his original surgery was before Thanksgiving, he has had a miserable time of it.’

A call to Peter’s hospital room found him to be the “the smiling Buddha,” as described by L.E. The China trip may not merit a year’s worth of copy in these class notes, but as this piece is being written in January for May publication, you can expect at least a picture and brief copy next fall.

Bart Loomis died in Louisiana on Oct. 26, 2014, just four months after attending our 50th Reunion. In the words of Tony Bryant, ‘Last June I was lucky to spend some time chatting with
him...I was very moved by Bart’s participation in the memorial service at the Chapel on Sunday, when he read out the names of our late classmates. His voice resonated and commanded attention. We listened. Enough said.” Another unique voice of PA ’64 has been lost, now 30 in all. Bart’s obit and pictures from our reunion and from his family are available at http://1drv.ms/1GRs7VW. The 72 percent of our class with published e-mail addresses received this information from me on October 30. If you were not included in this prior announcement and wish to receive more timely notices than these triannual publications, send me your e-mail address and note whether it is to be shared.

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I needed help due to the flu, and I thank those who responded. Anne McDermott wrote, ‘At Ellen Huntington Slade’s behest, I contacted some people about the reunion yearbook, and that was fun! I spoke to Ginger Bertsche Jones at great length and loved our discussion. Ginger and I started out as ‘preps’ together in Sherman House. She is living in Georgia with her husband but keeping her Northern connections alive with a summer house in Boothbay Harbor, Maine. She sent me a lovely picture of herself with her husband and their grandson at his high school graduation. I hope she will come back to Andover for our reunion!’

’Betsy Giblin Jones and I have been exchanging e-mails. Betsy was in the Peace Corps in Uganda in 1971. She is planning to come to the States from her home in England for a Peace Corps reunion in Florida, but will probably not make it back to Andover. She has been living in England since the ’70s. She sent me a picture of her husband and daughters and extended British family. She looks wonderful! I reminded her that my first trip to NYC was with her, her mother (Elizabeth Giblin ’32), Joanne Hyde Stevens, and Jane Sullivan. Jane was head of the Alumnae Office and was a close friend of Betsy’s mother. It was a great adventure, seeing the Rockies at Radio City Music Hall and visiting the Statue of Liberty. Betsy and Joanne and I were just kids in the big city.

“My dear friend Claudia Hall Moore retired Sept. 30 after 26 years as manager of the Paris office of a New York law firm. Claudia and husband John have lived in Paris for 35 years. Their daughter Renata and son-in-law Chris had a baby girl, Cara, in November. Claudia is delighted to be a grandmother. She sounds wonderful and seems very happy to be setting off on this next adventure of retirement.

“Finally, it has been great fun for me to be back in touch with Ellen Huntington Slade, who has been working so hard to put the yearbook together. As for me, both my children have recently become engaged. My daughter Alex’s wedding will be one week after the June reunion, and I am feeling that there is a lot to do! My son, Andrew, and his fiancée are both finishing up PhD programs (unfortunately, on opposite coasts) and will have a wedding when they are both done, probably the summer of 2016. My husband, Andy Higgins, our dog, Alfie, and I are alive and well in Newton, Mass.”

Anne McDermott is one of several who have been involved in preparing for our reunion activities. Sarah Massengale Gregg has also been involved and is enjoying the experience. She writes, ‘How lovely it is to connect with adult women who shared our Abbot experiences. Barb Dow White, Allyson Davies, and I all went on to Goucher, so we actually shared four more years together. I had a nice talk with Allyson, who has moved to North Carolina to be with grandchildren.’

‘I did see Barb Dow White in the late winter. She came to a ‘do’ in Washington, D.C., with her younger sister, Marilyn ’69. We had a great visit and laughed and talked. Lee Mock Ryan was going to join us, but her husband was not well. He died not long after that, in mid-February. I have seen Lee several times since then and really enjoyed reconnecting. Isn’t it interesting how, at this time of life, when so many of the responsibilities we each carried have eased up, it brings great joy to reconnect and spend time with women who shared our girlhoods?’

Anna Thal Reno considers herself semi-retired after 35-plus years of child care. She is enjoying working on projects like the midterm elections and other endeavors. Katherine Abler Harvey has also been working on reunion activities. She and husband Julian are fine, but too busy. As previously reported, they divide their time between Chicago and Antibes, France. They will be flying to France after the reunion.

Kathy Stover Holian spent Thanksgiving on the North Shore of Boston, visiting her younger son and his family, and was in San Francisco visiting her older son and his family for Christmas. She loves being a grandmother to four grandchildren ages 10, 6, 4, and six months. Kathy still lives in Nebraska but travels to the two coasts to visit her grandchildren. As part of my reunion activities, I was excited to locate and hear, briefly, from Alison Dodd, living in Franconia, N.H., and making gorgeous pottery.

Finally, a recurring theme from everyone who has been contacting classmates: It’s a beautiful thing to reconnect. Our 50th Reunion is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

[Editor’s note: The Academy has received word that Ann Bradshaw Barrows passed away on June 30, 2014. Please see her obituary in the In Memoriam section.]
away in March 2014. Although Sam did not graduate with the class of 1965, he was for several years a friend and fellow student. If memory serves, it was Sam who was quoted in the Oct. 26, 1962, issue of *Time* magazine, as follows: “A million kids are dying to get into Andover. A guy who just mopes his way through, boy, that’s almost a sin.” I remember Sam as the always-dapper counterpart to the studiously slovenly look that most of us affected as we skirted the bounds of the PA dress code. Later in life, Dr. Coppage was a professor of information technology at Old Dominion University. He was a community and civic leader in the Norfolk–Virginia Beach–Hampton area and a recipient of the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Distinguished Service Award from Tidewater Community College.

Few of us get the chance to pick the manner in which we depart, something that Jeff Pichler managed to achieve last Nov. 14 when, faced with the inevitable, he did so with grace and humility. A longtime and renowned thoracic surgeon, Jeff knew better than most the signs that tell us our time is even more limited than we had hoped. With perhaps a sense of humor and a touch of irony, Jeff set out to build his own coffin, and he did so publicly, sharing the experience in a *New York Times* column early last year. I remember Jeff as a class leader in every sense of the word. He and I were rivals and teammates on the soccer field, and it was there that I got to observe his spirit and his drive for excellence. He leaves that legacy and many contributions to Andover and to the family that he held so dear. So, friends, I close this chapter of our class history. I hope to see all of you at our 50th Reunion in June.

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Greetings from winter depths in New Hampshire: 20 degrees below zero, but with other worlds just a click away.

For today’s submission, thanks to classmate alerts on Marty Bayles. Links provided information on Marty’s most recent doings: WGBH news aired a segment titled “The Cyber Combat And Culture Clash Surrounding The Interview,” for which she was interviewed (http://bit.ly/1GIUspr).

And an addition from http://bit.ly/1sXy7hO: “Martha Bayles writes and lectures frequently about the arts, music, media, and public diplomacy. Her latest book, *Through a Screen Darkly: Popular Culture, Public Diplomacy, and America’s Image Abroad* (Yale 2014), was described by the Weekly Standard as ‘a brilliant and courageous meditation on the difficulty of communication between modern and traditional societies’ and by American Diplomacy as ‘the freshest and most original treatment of U.S. public diplomacy in many years.’

‘Bayles’s television column for the Wall Street Journal first established her as a significant critical voice. Her book *Hol In Our Soul: The Loss of Beauty and Meaning in American Popular Music* (Free Press 1994) was praised by jazz legend Sonny Rollins as ‘an illuminating look at where American culture is today, and how it got there.’ Former literary editor of the Wilson Quarterly, Bayles has been a frequent contributor to the *New York Times, Washington Post, Atlantic Monthly, New Republic, Chronicle of Higher Education, Newsweek,* and many other publications. Today, she writes regularly for the *Boston Globe* and the *Weekly Standard.* And since 2006 she has written the Shadow Play column on film and television for the *Claremont Review of Books.*

‘A native of Boston, Bayles has been a visiting scholar at the Getty Institute in Los Angeles, a Fulbright lecturer in Poland, and arts correspondent for the PBS program *Religion & Ethics NewsWeekly.* After graduating from Harvard she taught public school in Philadelphia, Boston, and Cambridge, Mass. Between 1997 and 2003 she was professor of humanities at Claremont McKenna College in Claremont, Calif. In 2003 she joined the faculty of the Boston College Arts & Sciences Honor Program, where she is now visiting associate professor of the practice of the humanities. She lives in Newton, Mass., with her husband, Peter Skerry.’

Thanks also to other classmates for enchanting photos and updates at year’s end. As we head into planning for a 2016 50th Reunion—yes, 50 years out!—Abbot ’66 encapsulates rich generational narratives. Thanks to those already bravely offering to be involved. Engagement of Abbot alumnae in PA is part of the discussion at the merged school, more than 40 years out from going coed. Now under consideration as a larger “affinity” group of Abbot and Andover alumnae, and with a dynamic girls’ leadership project under way, a cross section of Abbot voices provides different perspectives on critical issues such as gender and education. Please join in! And in June 2016, let’s get together to celebrate those Abbot roots—however viewed—and come together to share and support.

And in closing, as I shape-shift back to work in a daily Pakistan world, with real-time narratives also unfolding in the daily life of the PA world, we wish to extend our support to those girls’ leadership project under way, a cross section of Abbot voices provides different perspectives on critical issues such as gender and education. Please join in! And in June 2016, let’s get together to celebrate those Abbot roots—however viewed—and come together to share and support.

In closing, as I shape-shift back to work in a daily Pakistan world, with real-time narratives also emblematic of larger global tragedies, a Pakistani colleague recently sent the following: “People are terrified, but we should not lose hope and courage. This is not the war of army only. Now it’s everyone’s. This is the war which will end all the wars!”

Against multiple backdrops, wishing you all every hope, happiness, and good health for 2015. [Editor’s note: The Academy has received word that Mauricia Álvarez passed away on Feb. 27, 2015. Please see her obituary in the In Memoriam section.]
Dear friends,

When you walk into the spacious office of Sam Miller, 20 floors up in an office building on California Street in San Francisco, one of the first things you see on the wall is a thank-you letter from Janet Reno, attorney general, who was expressing her gratitude to Sam for his service to the Justice Department in the Clinton Administration. Sam, who has been a top corporate lawyer in the Bay Area for 40 years—with a specialty in antitrust— took a couple of years off from representing companies like Dell Computer and various Silicon Valley powerhouses to lead the antitrust litigation the Justice Department mounted against Microsoft. Sam won the case, returned to private practice, and wound up at the law firm of Sidney Austin, whose many clients included Microsoft. The powers that be at Sidney asked the powers at Microsoft what they thought of Sam perhaps representing them, and the swift answer was, “Hell, yes—we prefer to have him on our side.”

Sam, who went to Yale and then law school at UC Berkeley, has lived in the Bay Area since college and has resided for 30 years in an elegant house in the hillside town of Piedmont, a quick drive up from Oakland. He and his wife, Maude Pervere, a splendid lady who is a retired lawyer and law professor with a specialty in dispute resolution, have two sons, Eli and Nathaniel. Eli, who went to Brown, was an up-and-coming rock star for about six years with his band, Zoox, an alternative/indie rock group that originally came to fame in San Francisco. Eli was the guitarist and lead vocalist, and three buddies were on violin, bass, and drums. Just when Zoox’s many fans were looking for the next big CD, Eli decided to go to law school, and he’s now a public defender in San Francisco. His brother, Nat, who attended UC Santa Cruz and also went to law school, is now in the first year of a two-year clerkship with a federal judge in San Francisco.

By the way, Maude is a wonderful photographer whose eclectic work—including one stunning picture of Sociology at the University of Chicago. More distinguished service professor in the Department of Sociology at the University of Chicago. More.

By the way, speaking of Sam, and in reference to my original query about the Mickey Mouse Club, Chris Moore revealed that he was present at the creation of this band of pranksters. He wrote, “Sam Miller and I founded the Mickey Mouse Club in our lower year after hearing the story of the Mustang’s installation in the Copley Wing, which looked a lot like a car dealer’s showroom. We made the Mickey Mouse clock face for the Phil Hall tower out of a mattress carton, which we cut to size and painted in our dorm room. We had to outsource the trigonometry necessary to size Mickey’s face to the clock face on the tower. The big ambition was to trump the Mustang prank by putting a car on the roof of the Copley Wing. The plan was to raise it up little by little using planks from a construction project: Lift the car, put in a plank; lift the car, put in another plank. Wiser heads prevailed. For one thing, our math genius calculated that we wouldn’t have enough planks to get the car more than chest high. If memory serves, Plan B was to remove the pay phone (remember them?) from the Andover Inn parking lot and re-install it in GW. Which we did. The power cord was a problem. It’s a miracle we weren’t electrocuted.”

On the last day of my visit with Sam, we drove down the hill to have lunch at the Tribune Tavern in Oakland with Peter Brand. Peter is the founder and CEO of MediaWide Consultants. According to the company’s website, “uses entrepreneurial techniques (established in 1976), a state agency that, according to its website, “uses entrepreneurial techniques to purchase, protect, restore, and enhance coastal resources and to provide access to the shore.” Upon learning of my plans to spend the Christmas holidays in Ojai, Peter noted, “One of my Coastal Conservancy projects in Ventura County was to initiate the Ventura River Parkway—that’s the river through Ojai. Hope you have a chance to hike the River Preserve while you are there. I am proud of saving that area and opening it to the public.”

Following my Bay Area visit, I took the scenic Coast Starlight train down to LA, where I had a terrific lunch with Barr Potter. Barr, who broke into show business in Hollywood as a lawyer and dealmaker, is the founder and CEO of MediaWide Consultants. According to the company’s website, he “has been in the entertainment industry for over 30 years. He is an experienced CEO/COO in the film and new media industries, having established and managed both private and public companies in those sectors.” Barr has produced such classics as the 1997 Affliction, with a riveting and gritty Nick Nolte, as well as John Carpenter’s 1998 Vampires, but my personal favorite is the immortal 1994 Timecop, with Jean-Claude Van Damme. I will never forget walking down the red carpet in NYC with Barr and my wife, Claudia, headed for the screening, and thinking, “Hey, this is very cool.” I’ll have more to say about Barr in the next edition, but you should know that his latest endeavors may be in the realm of virtual reality. Cool.

I’m now in Chicago and in a few days will have the pleasure of dining with Andy Abbott, distinguished service professor in the Department of Sociology at the University of Chicago. More about that next time.


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Happy 2015. Most of us are now or will soon become eligible to collect full Social Security benefits, adding new meaning to our lifelong mission, as PA grads, to realize “the great end and real business of living.”

Designer-inventor Charles Harrison writes from his home outside Santa Fe, N.M., that he and his family are “still here, growing food, rescuing dogs, making things.” Specifically, he’s come up with a newly patented medical device for dogs—one originally used to prolong the life of a beloved Cavalier King Charles Spaniel—which he’s currently adapting for larger animals, i.e., cows. “It’s a lightweight, portable oxygen supply,” Charles explains. “When cows move to higher pasture in the Rockies, they often have trouble breathing during the transition period, and fluids build up...
in their bodies, sink to the low point, called the brisket, and often kill them. I made the dog version to save a favorite spaniel, and every vet who saw it said I had to patent it, so I did.” Well done.

Walt Minteskei, one of several classmates working diligently on environmental and climate issues (bless you all), sent along his annual holiday-year-end summary. In 2014, Walt reported, he completed two multiyear projects for the Nature Conservancy of Oregon (including a one-kilowatt solar power system for the Wildhaven Preserve), celebrated 40 years of marriage to his wife, Vicki, and raced in a masters Laser sailboat regatta in Mexico. Among the couple’s travels were trips to the Florida Everglades and Cuba (on a cultural exchange tour) and a summertime sailing cruise through the eastern Caribbean with Derek Gates and his wife, Susanne, aboard Derick’s 53-foot ketch. Suppose we could book it for a 50th Reunion cocktail cruise?

From Colorado, where everything for which you could have gotten kicked out of PA is now legal, John Swartz e-mails this report: “I’ve been spending the last 40 years fending off the inevitable, with larger-than-healthy doses of exercise to offset larger consumptions of delicious reds. Breckenridge is still home and, yes, workplace, although [wife] Patti and I get down to the Arizona desert on and off from January to May (she winters her horse northeast of Scottsdale) for mountain biking, running, and golf (not necessarily in that order).”

One of their daughters (Durban) got married last year and another (Devon) did so in February; adds John, who ends, “I can’t believe that we’re two years from the 50th, that I’ve been in Breckenridge real estate for 45 years and married to Patti for 34 years. No regrets, just amazed!”

From Maine, Rob Smith writes that he caught up with Van Remsen, our class ornithologist, in Louisiana last fall, where the two of them went on a birding trip. “We capped a day of catching up on life and birding with Van’s discovery of an inconspicuous warbler recorded only twice previously in the state. A good day all around,” Rob reports. Rob and his wife, Peg, who teaches at Bates College and is working on a new book, still live in Portland, Maine. Rob himself “continue[s] to chase down infectious diseases at Maine Medical Center and beyond.”

Derek Rainey updates matters from his home in Portland, Mich., where he retired from school teaching two years ago, capping 35 years of instructing (art, world history) and coaching (track, quiz bowl). “I think I’m finally learning to relax,” says Derek, who now has seven grandkids, all living nearby. “My sculpture keeps me busy, too. I’m working on a sculpture of a local, native Ojibwe chief, Okemos. He fought with Tecumseh in the War of 1812 and is buried by the Grand River just south of my town of Portland.”

Steve Gardner and I whacked around a few tennis balls not long ago and hoped to hit the ski slopes together this past winter. Steve has been finishing up a memoir about his late son, Graham, aiming to publish it (text and photos) in e-book form. A talented photographer and dedicated humanitarian, Steve’s been part of a Boston-based medical team sent to disaster-ravaged places like Haiti and the Philippines. Kudos to you too, pal, and to all ’67ers making a life-affirming difference in this troubled world.

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Here’s to 2015 and your responses to the question “What are your New Year’s resolutions?”

Betsy Handy McCormack was the first to write about this question. She is very busy as a grandparent, and in order to keep up with the young ones she plans to walk four miles a day. (Way to go, Betsy.) Sue Barton wrote that she is very busy as an aunt and a great-aunt — plus work, plus being a landlord — and plans to use her gym membership this year. She also plans to drink a lot of tea (as opposed to?). Julie Crane is working on fitness and health. She put it so well: “This is a year for us to stabilize, so that we can blossom later?” Kathy Dietz described her large family and is enjoying being a grandparent. She wrote with obvious pride about her children and their accomplishments. Kathy and her husband moved from Andover to Boston 10 years ago and just settled in to full-service housing at the Prudential.

The family summers in New Hampshire and winters in Florida. (Now, about that mini reunion in Florida... time to start making plans?)

Daisy Schnepel wrote about her volunteer work for her Providence, R.I., neighborhood association and about being coach for a “club dedicated to the study of pottery and porcelain.” She lines up speakers for lectures on these topics at the Rhode Island School of Design Museum. As mentioned in our previous class notes, she and her husband, Paul Evans, are in the middle of restoring their 1801 Federal house. It is clear to me that they have the skills, talent, and passion for this work.

Sharon Hughes Fiyalka wrote that it was cold in NYC (this was in January) and she was looking forward to April travel in Italy with her husband, visiting Venice, Florence, and Rome. Upon returning, they will summer on Fire Island, NY. Sharon and I share a New Year’s resolution: being more patient with our husbands!

Cary Cleaver wrote that her resolution last year was to be more patient with her husband, and that this paid off. (This is good news for Sharon and me.) This year, Cary plans to focus on becoming a better horsewoman, which for her is a “path to maintain physical strength and mental sharpness and to become a more patient human being with all creatures,” including herself. Karen Urie indicated that 2014 was a very chaotic and traumatic year, and she looks forward to a lot less chaos and trauma in 2015. She and Florence Newcomb Verrill plan an annual trip together, and for 2015, they will visit Santa Fe, N.M. (Good choice!)

Betty Briggs Robinson sent an e-mail, her first contact with us in 45 years. (Welcome back, Betty!) She worked at Johnson & Johnson for 30 years and has been retired for eight years. (Is that a record for us?) She recently bought a summer home on Bald Head Island, N.C., and is immersed in renovation.

When not doing this, she is on a trawler cruising Chesapeake Bay, the Keys, and the Bahamas. Her New Year’s resolution is “to keep living in the moment, next to nature and the sea.” Similarly, Nan Roberts resolves to “live more in the moment and not waste precious time worrying.” She also plans to “enjoy exercising as much as I did when playing tennis, basketball, or whatever at Abbot.”

Cher Lewis began her note by first reminding about 2014: “I fell in love with Miami, explored Puerto Rico, overindulged on chocolates in Paris, and grew mildew with the rainiest summer on record in Tuscany.” Her plans for 2015 are “to find an apartment in Miami, get my Italian driver’s license, and get back in top physical condition through fitness training and yoga, so I can be prepared for another six-month odyssey in South America in 2016; I want to visit all of the countries!”

Judy Dillingham Harold noted that she does not make New Year’s resolutions anymore, but then, “in a wild and crazy moment fortified by New Year’s cocktails, I have vowed to shake ‘guilt’ — quite a waste of time and energy and sleep!” (And what was that cocktail?) Paula Atwood rounded out our conversations with these resolutions: “Since it is a significant birthday year, my plan is to do something special every month, keep in touch with old friends, and keep active both physically and intellectually.”

After writing this, I am left with almost overwhelming warm feelings. Thank you, classmates, so much!

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Duncan Andrews wrote, “I’ve lost my second-to-last close positive personal link to the PA staff of our era with the passing of Hale Sturges. He was my instructor in a few French classes as well as my baseball coach, and in addition, I — along with John Hawkins — was a proctor in the Sturgeses’ Adams South dorm senior year, and I got to know Hale and his wife, Karen, pretty well. He was a great guy all around, and I kept in touch with him periodically through the years (nowhere near as much as I would have liked), seeing him at PA functions and going out to dinner and Red Sox games with him after he retired and lived in Boston.
I know he was very appreciative of the fine work Paul Brown did on his Maine home, and he truly reveled in being a grandfather.

“I had no idea he was so ill, which probably explains why I never heard back from him when I left messages for him over the summer and fall, inviting him to go to a Sox game. I am quite shocked that he is gone so young: only 11 or 12 years older than most of us, a stark reminder of our own mortality. I was at his memorial service last Nov. 15. I treasure my memories of this solid, good man.”

Unfortunately, we have also lost another classmate, Bob Havern, who had a positive impact on state legislation regarding LGBT rights and issues before he passed. Here is his obituary from the Boston Globe in July: http://bit.ly/1FLs3q7.
[Editor's note: Please see Robert Havern’s obituary in the In Memoriam section.]

Gary Meller passes along this tidbit:
Ken Fishman, living in Israel, is returning to his Hollywood past by producing and directing a new movie. An article here, http://bit.ly/1FWPAxh, includes some more background and photos of Ken, now known as Tzvi.

Ward Flad wrote, “I have wrung many a great cocktail tale out of our Oak Island folly, none as good as the real story of the Oak Island Money Pit: www.oakislandmoneypit.com/. Even though we have visited this topic before, good tales may be told again. It was indeed our summer of triumph and discontent. I recall best our mascot, a large and slobbery Newfoundland that belonged to [physics instructor] Peter Beamish, our intrepid leader. I think the dog’s name was Newfie, or at least Fishie. He roused himself each day before dawn so as to be able to scout out the beach and thoroughly roll in the most odoriferous, gelatinous decomposition that had been washed up at low tide. He then would charge back into camp and throw himself upon any one of us who got in his way. We were only allowed off the island once a week, and upon any one of us who got in his way. We were required being scoured raw by the native brush. Cutting the brush into a path was exhausting. Walking the detector was the fun job, with the big payoff potential. We quickly developed our preferences; unfortunately, we all seemed to have the same preference. Altruism played no part.”

“I recall the name of the bivouac island as Frog, not Goat. I make this association because all of our fresh water came from a spring on the island, where the peeper frogs lulled us to sleep at night. When the spring ran dry in August, it spilled the end of our adventure. I invite any of you Kidd’s treasure hunters (a.k.a. Beamishers) to challenge any of my recollections as embellished by time (and the more time elapsed, the more likely embellishment has occurred) and add your own.”

Al Garten shares a reminiscence: “I was raised in a military family. Before I went to Andover, I had lived on Army bases my entire life. My family never had any money, and no one I knew had any money. When I went to Andover, my dad was scheduled to go to Vietnam. Right before he went, not knowing any better and following the example of the well-heeded students, I went down to the Andover Shop and charged home a pair of shoes. My father blew up at the cost. I think it was the first and perhaps last time he yelled at me. And it was literally a week before he went to Vietnam, where he was the first high-ranking officer to be seriously wounded. The experience of my dad yelling was so traumatic that I rarely wore those shoes. Today, 48 years later, they sit in my closet, in the original shoe trees and shoe bags, looking new. They remain today as they did those many years ago, a stark reminder of the many worlds that were merged at Andover.”

And this just in: In December, Rob Barber was confirmed by the U.S. Senate as ambassador to Iceland (see page S8).

“...the reason we were so in dire need of showers was the task at hand: searching for Captain Kidd’s buried treasure. We had three job descriptions: plotting grids across each island we surveyed, then cutting the brush, and finally detecting. Surveying required being scoured raw by the native brush. Cutting the brush into a path was exhausting. Walking the detector was the fun job, with the big payoff potential. We quickly developed our preferences; unfortunately, we all seemed to have the same preference. Altruism played no part...

Katrina Moulton Wollenberg told me, “Life is treating me so well. Took my oldest son and daughter-in-law to Hawaii in August just before he launched his new business: the very first baby carrier designed just for men (www.MissionCriticalLcc). In March I took the youngest son, his wife, and their two little girls on a Disney cruise. The entire crew was here for Christmas for 11 days, so it was a very busy and happy time. But there is something quite special about traveling with your kids separately. Each set has different likes and is at a unique point in their lives. Separate travel allows you to focus on those differences. Of course, I also visited the Boston area to see my sister and mother, which always brings memories of Abbot to the forefront. Am just wishing all my friends a very happy, healthy, and peaceful year.”

Carol Kinzler wrote, “My husband, Tom, retired in June and we left Connecticut after 28 years to move back to NY. I’m still working at Environmental Defense Fund, so now have an easy commute. Family is good, number three grandchild arrived last February, so the little ones keep us amused.”

Jennifer Cecere was thrilled to be included in the Lower Manhattan Cultural Council’s Autumn Art Auction. She sent me the notice with some lovely photos of her work. It happened last October, and there was an exhibition open to the public last November at William Holman Gallery, 65 Ludlow Street, NYC. Some of her work is also being exhibited at the Newport Beach Civic Center Park through 2016. Go to http://bit.ly/1pMe7E1 or http://bit.ly/1OB4PVZ for more information.

And now for my exciting news: I wrapped filming for a week in Baton Rouge, La., on the action-thriller Caged last November. The film stars Loretta Devine (Dreamgirls, Grey’s Anatomy) and Kevin Sorbo (Heracles). In a supporting role, I played the very evil madam of a Greek brothel that houses sex-trafficked girls. Being 100 percent Greek-American, I got to use my fluent Greek in many scenes! It was so fun working with these wonderful people on a film that deals with such an important and frightening subject. We all hope that the movie, which is due out in the summer of 2015, will bring much awareness to the frightening subject of human trafficking. You can read more about it through the following links: http://bit.ly/1D2ucRk, http://bit.ly/1zHgMI, and http://bit.ly/1CeeEHK. And for more, check out some photos on my Facebook page, IMDb page, and my website at http://madeloncurtis.com/news.php. Learn more about Caged at https://www.facebook.com/#!/themoviecaged and on Twitter at @TheMovieCAGED.
LA. My friend Heather and I spent a wonderful November 2014, when I was on a business trip to the Northeast to the Bay Area. All I can say is that we managed to partake in the pleasures of wine and beautiful settings.

One especially pleasant visit occurred back in November 2014, when I was on a business trip to LA. My friend Heather and I spent a wonderful evening with Larry Uhl and his wife, Valerie Casey, in gorgeous San Marino, Calif. Larry and I inevitably recollected the days we were roommates in NYC, as well as New Year’s Eve 1974, which we spent in perhaps excessively vigorous celebration in Times Square. From LA, Heather and I traveled up the Big Sur coast for a few days, and, not finding any classmates along the way, were forced to stay in the rustic Deetjen’s Big Sur Inn, which I highly recommend to anyone looking for lovely, simple lodgings in one of the world’s most beautiful settings.

Fortunately, after leaving Big Sur we were able to find quarters for a couple of nights at the home of Anki and Bill Schink, who is also now living in Greensboro.

One of the classmate visits that I made during my trip was with Pete Olney and his wife, Christina Perez, and Suzanne and Nate Cartmell, all of whom, like Larry, made the clever move from the Northeast to the Bay Area. All I can say is that we managed to partake in the pleasures of wine and friendship very much as if it were still New Year’s Eve 1974. The next day, I was not sure whether to celebrate our continuing ability to party or regret the heady fun.

At the time, the San Franciscans were still celebrating the Giants’ World Series victory. One of those not so happy with last fall’s outcome was Kansas City’s own Crosby Kemper, official class researcher and documentarian. Cartmell had sent along a USA Today article quoting Crosby, who had some insightful things to say about the renaissance of his hometown. Crosby is now the head of the KC Public Library. It’s a man and his job were made for each other, Crosby and libraries are it. It may have been that same year, 1974, that I visited Cross while he worked in the bookstore in Grand Central Station in NYC. His devotion to books has never waned. Also, check out online the fascinating series of interviews he’s conducted with actors portraying prominent historical figures. That series, called “Meet the Past with Crosby Kemper III,” is shown on some PBS outlets.

One who continues to appreciate the charms of New England is devoted cross-country skier Bill Holland. Bill and his family moved from Vermont to Durham, Maine, to be close to both his daughter’s school and his aging mother’s assisted living facility. Bill is working on a film project based on a novel about a village in Indonesia and is interested in speaking with Evan Thomas about CIA history in that part of the world.

I had a recent visit right here in my own hometown at the classy condo of classmate David Tibbetts, who has moved from the nearby countryside back into downtown Newburyport, Mass. Nice digs, Dave! Turns out Dave was in communication with former local Sam Brainerd, now of Maryland, during the Patriots’ run-up to the Super Bowl.

Received a fine e-mail from Dan Peters, of Cincinnati. Dan was recently in San Diego at a conference on high-performing Catholic schools for low-income kids. That’s good and important work. Dan. He regrettfully missed last year’s reunion, since he was in Rome, where his son was doing a summer program at the Vatican Observatory.

From Switzerland, our classmate Phil Santucci wrote to say that he would be coming to the States this summer. I’m hoping he will take advantage of my reciprocity offer regarding home visits. He and his wife, Lisa, will bring along their son and daughter, now of secondary school age. They are thinking about Andover. It’s certainly quite unlike the school we left 45-plus years ago. Still tough and competitive, but it seems a humane decency has replaced the emotional blockheadedness we experienced back when it was not beyond the pale for a faculty member to refer (personal experience) to a student’s comments as ‘stupid.’ (Well, maybe they were stupid.) Happily, this remark did not come from Kelly Wise, whose career we celebrated last year in NYC. Kelly was always amusingly direct yet diplomatic when grading Novel & Drama papers. We are planning a dinner soon, and I steel myself to hear his critique of the novel he spent this year.

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Finally, a reminder. Our 45th (!) Reunion is coming up this June 12–14. Lots more information will be forthcoming. For now, mark the date. I plan to be there and hope that many of you will attend as well. Our Abbots 70@60 was so much fun in 2012, and it will be great to get together again this year.

Please continue to share news about what you are up to. See you in June. —Sandy and Penny
General Hospital. This was not expected at all.

Burr was unfailingly loyal and attentive to his family, friends, classmates, and schools. The *Darien Times* included a terrific summary of Burr’s life. Some debt of use of a search engine should bring it to the surface. After Andover and Yale, he graduated from Boston University Law School. For most of his career he was a staff attorney for the United States Court of Appeals. Comments from those who knew him in the workplace were touching. A colleague praised him “not only for brilliant legal analysis, persuasive reasoning, and clarity of writing, but also for his kindness, charm, and unfailing grace and sense of humor.” Shades of all that were present at PA. We are pretty sure he never missed a reunion.

Chip Boynton mentioned that Burr had a great impact on Chip’s four sons. In the days after Burr’s death, Chip said his sons told him story after story of things Burr had said to the boys or done for them. It was all under the radar. Chip knew they were close to Burr, but he did not know the breadth and depth of Burr’s influence on them.

During the fall, [Frank Herron](mailto:frank.herron@earthlink.net) had a couple of visits with Kip Sheeline at his home in Burlingame, Calif. (On the second visit, my wife, Sandy, joined me.) Kip is recovering from some serious health challenges, and we loved his spirit. Sandy, joined me.) Kip is recovering from some serious health challenges, and we loved his spirit. Sandy, joined me.) Kip is recovering from some serious health challenges, and we loved his spirit.

For example, both majored in literature at Yale. I loved Fred’s self-description, which is tailor-made for a tweet: “Short and barky.” As you know, this has nothing to do with Fred’s stature.

For those who want to know, the article was published on December 28. It takes only a few keystrokes to find it on Ye Olde World Wide Webbe. Surfers will be rewarded with a great color photo of Fred and Clelia, which shows that Fred is keeping the bow-tie look alive.

In addition to Bill’s PDF, the end-of-year mail brought a great holiday card from the Peterson-Woods, still living in the Portland, Maine, area. It included a great shot of Rob Wood celebrating his 36th wedding anniversary by catching six trout in a beautiful spot at the base of Maroon Bells, in the Elk Mountains southwest of Aspen, Colo. (Wife Gay was not in the picture, but Rob assured readers that she was, indeed, celebrating their anniversary at the same time and place.) One exhausting photo showed son Anders on Steamboat Mountain in the first leg of a 100-mile ultra run in September. Daughter Abby, who is teaching middle school, was pictured with a sewing machine, which she uses to churn out beautiful quilts. Another picture offered an activity that any of us can do (even if we’re not into ultra-running, sewing, or fishing): The picture showed Rob relaxing on a bench at the wonderfully named Blow Me Down Provincial Park on the west coast of Newfoundland in August. Rob and Gay noted that their “retirement home” was in the foreground. It has wheels. We should all be so mobile.

Let’s hope many will be mobile enough to get to the great 45th Reunion in June. A bit of a drumbeat and depth of Burr’s influence on them.

Ever the newsboy (definitely a term applied with fondness), Bill Roth forwarded a PDF of a fine *Wall Street Journal* article about Fred Peters, his recently hired daughter Clelia, and changes afoot at their century-old Manhattan residential brokerage firm, Warburg Realty. The headline is “Reinvention, Through Creative Tension.” The key point in the article: “The HS-agent firm is dramatically reinventing itself to boost its competitive edge even as new technology, marketing, and branding tactics shake up the multibillion-dollar industry.” Clelia appears to be vital to that change. Now she is director of strategy and innovation at the firm. She champions the new; Fred safeguards the old.

As Fred put it in the article: “Clelia is more the voice of change, I am more the voice of restraint. We tend to meet in the middle and balance each other out.” That said, they do have a lot in common. Lucy Pope for a road trip through Arizona last spring. In the summer, Carol and her husband bought a lake cottage, sure to be the site of many future family celebrations and fun.

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Not that it’s a contest, but if it were...Carol Kennedy McCarthy must have had one of the most activity-filled years of all. First, Carol got two “new” knees approximately a year ago. There were multiple reasons for this operation, we are sure, but most likely it was in anticipation of a lot of dancing (more on that shortly). Carol then focused on having some fun, joining Abby Johnson and

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over the holidays. Sally’s 93-year-old father was diagnosed with Parkinson’s and now resides in a Hanover, NH, nursing home. Unfortunately, the family’s 13-year-old Keeshond, Toby, passed away this past fall. Sally and Rich have placed a deposit on a Keeshond puppy that will be home and much loved by the time you read this.

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The news this mid-winter week has been saturated with classmates Bill Belichick and Jeb Bush. Deflate-gate has been marginalized by the Super Bowl, which is literally unfolding at this moment. Jeb has been “actively exploring” a run for president and is now among a crowd of Republican contenders competing for Romney’s big donors.

This is the sixth appearance of the Patriots in the Super Bowl since Belichick—supported by collaborator and director of player research Ernie Adams—took over in 2000. Beyond the play-by-play, we’d love to know the strategic interplay between this duo at game time. What is Ernie, the “black ops” specialist for the team, doing at this moment? Is he in headset communication with Bill? Designing the ideal receiver ineligible play?

Game update: Early Patriots momentum has been reversed, putting in doubt Tim Gay’s prediction that “Bill will prevail.”

February also saw an article about Jeb’s years at Andover published in the Boston Globe. Watching this develop was frustrating, to say the least. As Geoff Foisie commented, “Did the story contain some recycled mistruths, exaggerations, and individual perceptions peddled as universal facts? Of course, but…journalism can…be much worse.”

By the time I received the second call from the writer, the methodology was clear: Bait the interviewee into conversation by quoting over-the-top comments about dysfunction at PA, mix in references to Jeb’s allegedly less-than-stellar behavior, gauge the response…then proceed.

I liked Greg Zorhian’s response to a similar line of questioning for the Vanity Fair story a few years back. When asked if it was true that Jeb was on probation for drinking, Greg responded, “I have no idea, but wasn’t everyone?”

Rick Prelinger mirrored my impression and response: “The Globe guy wanted a sensational soundbite, but I couldn’t oblige.”

At its conclusion, the story did capture a significant turnaround for Jeb in Tom Lyon’s Man and Society course. Charlie Keeffe provided insight into this one-of-a-kind class: “An interdisciplinary course…taught for the first time our upper year by Wayne Frederick, Tom Lyons, and teaching fellow Hugh Hill. The academic side of it was an inquiry into the distribution of power and wealth in modern society, using the American inner city and rural Mexico as case studies. But the course went beyond the classroom with the Mexico and Boston community service trips. Not unlike the Search & Rescue and Outward Bound programs of that era, M&S aimed to teach life skills—self-sufficiency, teamwork—by challenging the students to complete real-world projects in the poor communities we had been studying….M&S was an experiment, maybe only half successful in and of itself, but…emblematic of the zeitgeist in 1970.”

Like a number of guys — Heath Allen, Stewart Crone, Alec Chessman, Dick Cashin, John Gillespie, John Schmitz, Peter Halley, and others—Jeb was fortunate enough to take the course. It took him to Mexico, where, among other things, he met his future wife, Columba.

Speaking of turnarounds, the Patriots just won! Grover Burthey sent a note after the game, “Ernie Adams wins another one for Bill,” then excused himself, saying, “I’m actually embalming now.” Later, Grover got back to me with news that he was headed to Detroit shortly to hang out with Deolis Allen at a weekend fraternity party.

From Nebraska, Tim Gay sent more news: “My firstborn is getting married on Pi Day in March (3/14) in Fort Worth, Texas. If we time the best man’s toast to the second, we can get 10 significant figures on that sucker. Fred’s wedding has caused me to think about the cycle of life, but more often about the exorbitant cost of champagne by the case. At least if you want it to be vaguely drinkable.”

Jeff Thermond reports from the Bay Area that he and his wife, Cathie, have made the empty-nest adjustment. Cathie is doing volunteer work, and Jeff is working with and investing in early stage startups. The kids “have good jobs and live on their own, but close enough to visit often.”

Jeff reports seeing Luis Bulher, who has had “multiple CFO roles in startups.” When asked how his career in Silicon Valley developed, Jeff credited, “dumb luck…and a few lucky guesses,” then added, “Reading Heinlein’s The Moon Is a Harsh Mistress, I became converted to the view that computational power behind a great user interface could change and improve human decision making. I went to work for a company doing that in 1979 as a sales guy, and my career and the general computer tech field took off.”

Jim Parker reports that he and his wife, Jane Yokoyama, have recently moved from Alaska, where they lived for 35 years, to Asheville, NC. Starting off as a Vista volunteer in Anchorage, where he met Jane (Rick Prelinger was best man at their wedding), Jim moved through a series of public service and legal jobs, becoming a legal services attorney, a public defender, and head of the Alaska public guardian program. He says, “My legal career was focused on representing the interests of underserved and poor people, starting with representation of Yupik Eskimo and Athabascan Indian clients in the bush. I liked my clients and feel lucky to have had those jobs. I made a living wage and had good benefits, and the jobs suited me.”

Harking back to Andover in 1970–71, Sam Walker writes, “I did not participate in the discussions on Vietnam. I went to class on the days when it was optional. Good days for interaction with [instructors], because we actually talked about what was happening. As you know, many of our professors had served, so they had their take on what was going on. Not all supportive of the war effort. I have to say I enjoyed my time at Andover. I felt very lucky to be there. I actually look at Andover as my college years. West Point was my real preparation for my eventual vocation.”

And from Charlie Keeffe: “So many people think that was a dark time for the school. For myself, I can’t imagine a more exciting time to have been there.” [Editor’s note: The Academy has received word that Joel Tansey passed away on Dec. 28, 2014. Please see his obituary in the In Memoriam section.]
Rick McKallagat attended the memorial for Hale at Cochran Chapel and sent the following account: ‘Hale’s brother, grandson, daughter, and wife, Karen, all spoke. The overriding theme was that Hale Sturges was a man who expected and demanded excellence and was willing to help in all ways possible to achieve the excellence demanded. A standout moment: His daughter stated that Hale did not believe in heaven, but she did, and she felt his presence at her daughter’s birthday as multicolored balloons escaped into the sky. His last words to her were ‘Annie, the tide is coming in.’ Hale was a fixture at PA reunions, always genuinely interested in hearing the once-every-five-years report on the twists and turns of his former students’ journeys. Our condolences to the Sturges family, and a merci beaucoup for four years of inspiration and 40-plus more of friendship.

Congratulations to Bruce Poliquin, newly elected member of Congress from Maine’s Second District. This is the largest congressional district, in geographical area, east of the Mississippi River, covering all of northern and eastern Maine from Lewiston and Bangor to the borders with Quebec and New Brunswick. Bruce ran a tireless campaign, reaching out to voters all across the district. He first had to win a Republican primary in June before facing off against a well-known and respected Democratic state senator in the general election in November. I’m reminded of upper year, when some PA ’72ers participated in the Washington internship program, working in congressional offices in DC, performing such tasks as answering constituent mail, researching issues, and writing speeches. After Bruce’s victory in November, I wrote to PA to ask about the status of that program. I received a nice response from Dean of Studies Patricia Russell explaining that the internship program no longer exists but that there is interest in reviving it. Perhaps a PA student from Maine will have the privilege of learning the ropes of Congress under Bruce’s tutelage. The Class of 1972 wishes Bruce all the best in serving the citizens of northern Maine. Mr. Allis and Mr. Lyons would be very proud.

Checking in from Rocky Mountain country, Javier Baz says, ‘I’ve been in Denver with my wife Colleen and our two boys for the past 10 years. Great town to chill and bring up kids. I still do a little investing but take time to ski and travel. If you are in the area, please let me know.’ Javier caught John Palfrey’s Colorador stop on the PA head of school’s Connecting Our Strengths tour, commenting, ‘It looks like PA is on the right track.’ Chris Herzeca had a similar experience, reporting, ‘Just came back from an Andover event at which Head of School John Palfrey spoke. I was very impressed with him. A rare combination of intelligence, warmth, empathy, insightfulness, and grace. The school is in great hands.’

Doug Billman reports from Brookline, Mass., ‘I have been in Brookline since 2000, having lived in London from 1984 to 2000. I currently have my own business (Sports Solutions International), consulting to tech companies who target the sports and entertainment market. The key categories here are data, video, mobile, social...all in aid of delivering better, more engaging content and experience for the fan. I also work on certain projects with a Cambridge-based investment bank, Progress Partners. Married to Zoe for 33 years and have three great kids: Megan (28 and in an MFA program in graphic design at Yale School of Art), James (25 and working two jobs with ‘activism’ at their core, one in climate change and the other in urban agriculture), and Tyler (19 and a freshman at UChicago).’ ‘That’s all for now. Keep those cards and e-mails coming!’

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In January, Abbot classmates and friends turned out in force to celebrate Connee Petty Young ’73’s 60th birthday in Cambridge. Seated in front, from left, are Elizabeth Hall ’72, Catherine von Klemperer Utzschneider ’73, Jenifer McLean Cooke ’73, and Amanda Cobb ’73. Standing, from left, are Jamie Young (Connee’s husband), Faith Barnes ’74, Anne Weisman Hogeland ’73, Peggy Bliss ’74, Connee Petty Young, Marion Irwin ’73, Diane Agler Cook ’74, Elizabeth Coward Miller ’73, Debra Heifetz Stein ’73, Elizabeth Rollins Mauran ’73, Jane Cashin Demers ’73, Walter Demers (Jane’s husband), and Lucinda Leach ’73.

in Connecticut before heading to Cambridge, Mass., where 15 “rabbits” toasted her at a birthday dinner on January 11. Amanda Cobb and I were there, along with locals Cathy von Klemperer Utzschneider, Jenifer McLean Cooke, Liz Coward Miller, Debra Heifetz Stein, Elizabeth ‘Bets’ Kent, and out-of-towners Anne Weisman Hogeland from Williamstown, Mass., Liz Rollins Mauran from Providence, R.I., Marion Irwin from Binghamton, N.Y., and Lucinda Leach from Takoma Park, Md. Diane Agler Cook ’74, Peggy Bliss ’74, and Faith Barnes ’74 were there, as was Liz Hall ’72. At the last minute, Amy Rogers Dittrich, Kathleen D’Abré, Josie Martin, and Mindy Feldman could not come.

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by Mayor Bill de Blasio, there was noise from Manhattan-centric parties that a man who’d made his mark at the Queens Museum was not up to the job. Of course, a year on, Tom has stepped to the center of the room with assurance, not least because Queens is now the next Brooklyn (which has long eclipsed Manhattan in matters hip).

A recent New York Times article highlighted the stakes Tom is playing for. The mayor introduced a new program to provide municipal identification cards to all New Yorkers, including undocumented immigrants, that will include discounts at many of the city’s leading cultural institutions. According to the Times, when asked if institutions could afford to provide the benefits, Tom said to the reporters present, “In the long run, it’s going to be a proposition that could actually improve the membership quantities at these institutions.” Again according to the Times, Mr. de Blasio quickly took back the microphone and dismissed concerns about what he deemed “narrow economics.” The mayor continued, “I think we have to remember what these institutions are here for,” adding, “From my point of view, this is about the mission to expose this entire city to our cultural assets.”

Steve Miller was honored for his part in creating and running the School of Information Systems at Singapore Management University. He was awarded the Singapore government’s public administration medal (silver) for his 12 years of work there and for his other contributions to national and public service. Steve being Steve, he downplayed the honor with this: “To keep this in context and perspective, about 3,000-plus people each year get some type of mention or commendation as part of the yearly National Day (Day of Independence) celebration—ranging from the really special medals received by only one person a year to some type of mention made for hundreds for various types of community work. This is not one of the really special medals. This is one tier down—still quite prestigious. In this year’s ceremony, 70 people, from across all parts of the Singapore government, received this level of award.” Face it, Steve: You’re really special. Steve being Steve, the Singapore government, received this level of distinction in context and perspective, about 3,000-plus people each year get some type of mention or commendation as part of the yearly National Day (Day of Independence) celebration—ranging from the really special medals received by only one person a year to some type of mention made for hundreds for various types of community work. This is not one of the really special medals. This is one tier down—still quite prestigious. In this year’s ceremony, 70 people, from across all parts of the Singapore government, received this level of award. Face it, Steve: You’re really special.

No column written so close to the conclusion of the holidays would be complete without a mention of an encounter with Jonathan Meath. One night in mid-December I was at home, deep into Frontline on PBS, when the phone rang. Jonathan was in a cab coming from LaGuardia and would be staying a few blocks from my apartment; was I in for a drink at his hotel? A half hour later we were ensconced with cocktails. A crew of young women our daughters’ ages interrupted our conversation demanding “selfies with Santa.” Jonathan was game.

Finally, Bruce Fleming’s annual holiday missive brimmed with wit, gentle prodding of his two sons, and, as usual, a big love hug to his wife of decades, Mary Beth. Speaking of love hugs, the idea of celebrating our 60th birthdays together in about a year is circulating. Sounds fun to me. You?
funded and productive.” Vicki is also managing two companies she started. She happily reported that her daughter, Daphne, a resident in internal medicine at Carolinas HealthCare in Charlotte, planned to marry in April. Her son, Max, lives in the mountains of North Carolina, where he is an emergency veterinarian.

In March, Peter Cohan took 27 students to Paris for a course on startup strategy. He was clearly confident about entrepreneur education but less so about his language skills, saying, “Will I remember any of the French that Andover tried to teach me?”

Lisa Bennett Piersen lives in Jackson Hole, Wyo., with her husband, Scott, and commutes to Idaho, where she is director of flight operations at the Diggins Airport. Lisa reports having traveled to Denver last November with her daughter, Roxy Piersen ’07, to attend an Andover alumni event; she visited with Margot Kent Timbel and enjoyed the opportunity to meet John Palfrey.

Peter Mitchell and Harry Flynn shared a unique and special experience at Andover last May while there for the event honoring Lt. Cmdr. Erik Kristensen ’91, one of the lost heroes of Operation Red Wings (subject of the movie Lone Survivor). Peter, living in Minnesota, flew to New Jersey to drive his Navy-veteran father up to Andover for the ceremony. Harry’s father, Harry Flynn ’48, also a Navy veteran, flew out from L.A and attended as well. Before the main ceremony, which was held in the late afternoon beside the Bell Tower, Peter, Harry, and their fathers, along with George Rider ’51, another Navy vet, all rode together from campus to the new boathouse to gather with Erik’s parents and Navy Seal teammates and show them the new oars, trophy blade, and plaque that bear Erik’s name. En route in the car, as Harry recounted, “Our fathers chatted about their shared Navy experience and alighted by simple chance upon the fact that they had been commissioned out of Newport, R.I., together in the same OCS class back in 1953. They hadn’t seen each other in over half a century, and the pleasant (re)connection was only then and there made! What’s more, George Rider and my father had served together aboard the same destroyer. Andover’s legacy of pulling the world together is a blessing we’ve all enjoyed in one manner or another over the years. And we’re grateful for that.”

Jay Finney, chief marketing officer for the Peabody Essex Museum in Salem, Mass., spent 10 days in China, where he was a featured speaker at an international museum conference. While there, he also consulted with a number of institutions on museum marketing standards and practices. Jay also reports with pride that his son, Howard “Quint” Finney V ’18, entered Phillips Academy this past fall.

Jay adds that Priscilla Perry Danforth, who’s also at the Peabody Essex Museum, has recently been shuttling between Salem, the Netherlands, and Florida as she directs the production of Dutch artist Theo Jansen’s Strandwast exhibition.

While she helps her older brother recover from a traumatic brain injury sustained more than a year ago, Cathy Chapman continues to work at Children’s Hospital. Her daughter graduated from college and is now gainfully employed at a nonprofit; her sons work at a neuroscience research lab.

Last October, Dan Cooper and his lovely wife, Carolyn, hosted me at their house in Palo Alto, Calif., not far from the Stanford campus, where we, along with several of our illustrious PA classmates (Lawrence Kemp, Lewis Butler, Brad Geier, Paul Murray, and Tom Meredith), enjoyed our 35th college reunion. Quite a crew—12, or was it 13 or 14 of us?—descended on Stanford in September ’75!

Carrying forward a tradition started by my stepfather, Steve ‘G’ Goodhue ’47 (and Harvard ’51), Gordie Nelson gathered classmates Mac DeCamp, Paul McNicol, and Rich Pietrafesa, along with their wives, for a festive dinner at Concord’s Colonial Inn the night before the Harvard-Yale game back in November... followed, of course, by tailgating and the football game the next day. This mini reunion was actually supposed to take place last June around the time of their 35th Harvard reunion and was also intended to mark Rich’s receiving a master’s degree from MIT! Rich explained, “I finally grew embarrassed enough by being the only one of our college roommates with just one degree that I did something about it. I think I was the oldest guy to get a diploma that day.” Rich has declared that he’ll be attending our 40th Reunion but expressed concern that we might now be called the “Old Guard.”

No, we haven’t reached Old Guard status just yet, but we’ll soon be marching within sight of them. I’m told, though, that as far as PA reunions go, you tend to feel and act 40 at your 40th! In any case, more good times for us on campus just ahead. See you in June!

[Editor’s note: The Academy has received word that Anthony Sanders passed away on Feb. 11, 2015. Please see his obituary in the In Memoriam section.]

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Having a class notes deadline right after the holidays turns out to be a little bit of a challenge, likely due to a combination of holiday lethargy and the daunting task of returning to work full time.

But several of you heeded my second Facebook request, so here goes.

Pam Schwartz Bruckman continues to practice law in Methuen, Mass., where she concentrates on elder law, real estate, estate planning, and estate administration. Her husband, Ron, is a software engineer, currently programming the Android. Older daughter Nancy is a rights and royalties specialist for a children’s-book publisher in Boston. Younger daughter Molly is a data analyst for an Internet optimization company in Raleigh, N.C. Pam and Ron live in Nashua, N.H., where she sings and acts in community theatre. She recently bumped into Louise Aitel Koutavas at a movie. Louise and her husband live in southern New Hampshire. Pam also sees Dan Malis occasionally in person (and all the time on Facebook).

Speaking of Dan, he reports a busy year in Cambridge and Westport, Mass., where Phil Adams is a new neighbor. Dan has also spent time with fashionista Michael Krumpe, ever-loyal SYAer Pam Eaton, and food blogger Karin Stiemeneker.

Dan hosted Karin’s son Jasper for a couple of weeks of Boston exploration. Dan’s year was additionally marked by his law office’s move to Boston’s North End, where he diligently avoids Modern Pastry on his walk from the T. He still sings in concert performance groups in Boston.

Responding to my pleas (in which I even asked what class members’ animals were up to), Lisa Spiegel Morasch writes, “I have no amazing pets, but I do have amazing children to brag about.” Lisa is two-thirds of the way to an empty nest, with two of her sons in college; Jonathan, graduating from the University of Washington and heading to Boeing’s 777 line as a mechanical engineer, and Noah, at snowy Bates college. Youngest son, Ben, is a junior in high school and an accomplished baker. Lisa has an association-management company, contracting with professional societies for management support of their volunteer organizations. She juggles lots of clients, adventures, and meetings in Mexico and various U.S. locations, including the Pacific Northwest, where she is based. Lisa had a terrific visit with Laura Kramer and Steve Kent on a trip east. Lisa may be moving her office to Casco Bay, Maine, while Laura and Steve are moving west from Winchester, Mass., to Healdsburg, Calif.

Another frequent Facebook contributor is Ted Extein, who continues his excellent European adventure. Ted moved to Germany in July 2012, and his family joined him in July 2013, when his base of operations moved from Heidelberg to Wiesbaden. That year was hectic, getting his teenage son acclimated to Germany and a new school and his wife integrated into the spouses’ community. Their college-age son remained in Virginia. Everyone has adapted brilliantly, and they are taking advantage of all that living in Europe has to offer, including travel. Destinations have included the UK, Italy, France, Poland, Belgium, and the Netherlands. Ted and frau Patti have started running SKs locally, and...
their son is heavily involved in theatre. Anyone traveling through Mitteleuropa is welcome to visit, and Ted will happily act as tour guide.

Also a frequent flyer is Gary Matthews, who took some time while on a plane to send in a note. He is still a partner at Morgan Stanley Private Equity; he has been in the private equity space for more than 15 years. He and his wife, Lisa, have three great sons: Craig is heading to Harvard Business School in the fall; Scott is at Alvarez & Marsal in NYC; and Jake is a Harvard junior. He laments that ‘not a one went to PA’ but adds that there may be hope for the next generation ‘if and when.’

One alum who does have a child at PA is Noel Schwerin ’77, mother of Asa Ackerly ’17. Asa is a lower, living in Stearn. While Noel is not technically a classmate, we are proud of her; she tapped into the PA community to complete a Kickstarter campaign to finance the feature documentary In an Ideal World, which went on the festival circuit early this year. I would encourage you to google her; you will be amazed at her accomplishments in documentary film. Noel wishes to express her great thanks to Andover friends who supported the film: Annette Porter ’77, John Nordell ’77, Cha Cha Hartwell Gesten ’77, Nick Gutfriend ’77, Ed Hill ’79, PA parent Mary Unsworth, and Ann Phelps Jacobs. The film, which looks at the criminal justice system from the perspective of three people from very different backgrounds, is timely, in light of Ferguson and Staten Island.

Finally, Carina Kjellstrom Elgin reports from The Plains, Va., that she has been remarkably boring since last she wrote in for the class notes. Somehow, I doubt it. And Debora Weston writes that she contributed more than her share of words to a recent edition of class notes and only wished to send good wishes from London.

It’s not too early to start thinking about our 40th Reunion (yikes!) in 2016. Let’s start beating the drums for both the reunion and catching up with our less participatory classmates in future class notes and on social media. — Ruben Alvero

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Brief apologies for skipping the last set of notes, but your loyal scribe and classmate has been busy reorganizing his life and managing the chaos that accompanies four adolescent children. My headline event was getting married to Janique Nelson at Thanksgiving: to my delight, Janique agreed to sign on with me and the four aforementioned kids, come what may. It is the second marriage for both of us, which prompted my father to remark that second marriages ‘represent the triumph of hope over experience.’ At this stage of life, I am certain being hopeful is a good thing, and I’ve discovered a number of classmates seem to agree.

Bill Yun, my roommate from years ago, announced his engagement, joining a number of classmates, including John Evans and Bob Benner, who let hope lead them into new marriages. Congratulations are due to Bob and his wife, Susannah, who announced the arrival of a daughter, Jane Dossett Benner, in December, as an early Christmas present for siblings Pete, Nora, Leila, and Ned. Now that is potential chaos, and so whenever my kids have frayed my very last nerve, I think of Bob and carry on.

Cameron Warner responded to the news of John Meehan’s passing with kind words about his former roommate. Cameron reports he is ‘living the dream’ in Richmond, Va., covering (hemorrhaging?) the tuition for his three children at three different colleges. I know the pain, Cam, and I’d bet most of our classmates do as well. The good news is you can pretend you got a big raise when they finish...right before they move back in with you.

Rob Canning sent a note about a visit to Madrid, Spain, to collect his son Krishna ’16, who was studying there. Rob and his family spent a few days with Jorge Virgili, in which they ‘were treated like royalty. Jorge hosted a wonderful typical Madrileño dinner, where the wine and cava flowed endlessly. We saw the art of Picasso, Velasquez, and Goya at the museo Reina Sofia and Prado, followed by an evening including the best of flamenco and more cava.’ Jorge invites any classmates traveling through Madrid to reach out and say hello. His daughter, Adriana ’15, spent the summer at the University of Chicago studying voice and dream theory.

Hallidie Haid sent an update from Seattle and included a clipping from the local paper regarding classmate and fellow Seattle resident Andy McCarthy. Andy has been teaching government and coaching the mock-trial team at Seattle Preparatory School. ‘Turns out he is a bit of a celebrity in the mock-trial-team world, and his team recently claimed the high school national championship in Madison, Wis.’ Andy confirmed this in his Christmas card and added that his younger daughter, Molly, not only competed on the team but ‘doubled’ at states and nationals by arguing opposite sides of the same case. Andy also announced that his eldest daughter, Sarah, is engaged. Much celebration at the McCarthy home, and well deserved!

Hallidie shared news about classmate Susan Jameson, who lives in Baltimore with her husband, Richard. Susan is a labor lawyer with an insurance company. However, according to Hallidie, she only works to fund magnificent hikes in unbelievable places like the Italian Dolomites. Seems Hallidie’s sister is a frequent companion on these adventures. Hallidie also updated me on Chelsea Congdon Brundige, who is living near Aspen, Colo., with her filmmaker husband, James, and their two kids. Chelsea and family spent this past August floating the Yukon River in Alaska, where they avoided getting eaten by the black flies or bears and the scenery was spectacular.

As for herself, Hallidie sold her business several years ago and is now consumed with operating a busy household, some board service, and hands-on participation in the college admission process with her son. I can relate to that as I am under way with my daughter Hope (third child, so this time around I know the landscape), as are many fellow members of the Class of ’77.

Beyond this news (and my heartfelt thanks to the correspondents), I have only rumors and snippets of Internet gossip to relate. Rick Neslo in Ibiza (really?); Ty Tyson photographed in a tie-dyed shirt (of course); Tom Frenche in Stowe, Vt. (it’s cold, he’s been there); Laura Scheerer Whitney looking serene in California (and ageless); Eleanor Piel Womack with a tall, handsome son at his graduation (very tall); Bruce MacWilliams at the beach (naturally). If you can flesh out these snippets, I’d appreciate a note. Please stay in touch, and remember to let hope triumph while enjoying every day to the fullest. Be well.

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Gus Tavares is president of Maritima Dominicana, S.A.S., which provides ocean transport, cargo handling, and warehousing in the Dominican Republic, has 550 employees, and services more than 2,000 ships annually. When Vice President Joe Biden visited the Dominican Republic, he stopped by Gus’s office at Maritima Dominicana, in addition to meeting with the president of the DR and inaugurating the new U.S. embassy there. If you want to ship anything to Big Papi, Albert Pujols, or Robinson Cano in the DR during the off-season, Gus is the guy to talk to.

Merri Crawford Pladsen and her husband, Glenn Pladsen, have taken up dog agility as a hobby with their rescue dogs. Their dog Katie is about halfway to her championships in NADAC, USDAA, and DOCNA and just started competing at the master level in AKC. Merri won her first agility title with Hildie, her special-needs boxer mix. Merri has also rekindled her PA-born passion for photography; she has won an international award and several honorable mentions and has exhibited works in shows across the country. Merri says, “I definitely broke the ‘no pets’ rule at PA with a stray kitten—which led to my passion for working with rescue dogs.”

Pamela Carter reports, “To take writing off the back burner, I quit teaching after 30 years in
the classroom. Now I have no excuses.” She’s had poems published at seattletar.net and wrote Brace Yourself, a survival guide for adults undergoing orthodontia. Her son, Dylan Hirshkowitz, graduated from Northwestern and moved back out to Seattle to work for Microsoft. Her daughter, Malya, is a sophomore at Hamline University in St. Paul, Minn., and made all-conference in soccer. Pamela observes that it helps that the empty nest is a new house and has views of the universe. Pamela’s dad, David Giles Carter ’41, died at age 92 in August. He told many stories over the years about murals he painted at PA, soccer games played, and friendships like that with Gabriele Hagedorn-Schulte’s father.

Mike Cannell’s awesome Formula One car-racing saga, The Limit, should be a pilot on the Sundance Channel by Christmas ’15 (buy the book on Amazon). Mike’s oldest daughter is the same age he was when we arrived at PA, but “far more poised and polished,” according to her dad. Mike (and daughter) will be looking at colleges in the fall. “Let the mass freakout begin!” he says.

Ben Batchelder has been touring in support of the release of his book Borderlands USA (buy it on Amazon), which features a bunch of his photos and musings on being American (”even if you mostly live in Brazil”) post-9/11. He’s wrapping up his next book, which he describes as “a journey into Brazil’s past and culture, while trying to stay out of trouble along the notoriously iffy Belem-Brasilia highway, and more (not a bad primer on Brazil for those interested in the coming Olympics there).”

Richard Bissell and his wife, Elizabeth, have been adjusting to the fact that their children (Isaac, 27, and Mary Clare, 23) are, he says, “quite decidedly out of the nest and on their own. It’s really quite shocking how quickly their childhood has flown by. It seemed like it took me forever to reach those ages. I am still living the life of a custom furniture maker in Vermont (BissellWoodwork-ing.com), which is really quite awesome. I’ve been doing this since taking a year off from Middlebury after my sophomore year. After 34-plus years off, I’m fairly certain I won’t be going back to finish up. Classmates who get up to Vermont are encouraged to stop in. My home and shop in Putney are only two miles off of Exit 4 from I-91, and I’m almost always around. I see Steven Bailey every now and again as he splits his work time between Plattsburgh, NY, and Andover, Mass.”

Stuart Fullerton is succinct and needs no editing, as usual: “Happy, living in Philadelphia, two girls more or less in college. Looking forward to new chapters.”

Bruce MacWilliams ’77 continues directing films, commercials, and PSAs at Buzzsaw Films in Santa Monica, Calif. He recently completed a couple of spots for Jamba Juice (yum) and Mortal Kombat (ask your kids).

Send some news to Jamie Wolf or me (Jeff Strong) at the e-mail addresses above and experience the thrill of seeing your name in print in an actual hard-copy magazine! Your classmates are dying to know about your kids’ college choices, your new career(s), your new body part(s), your latest purchase/investment, and/or your new spouse(s). Or, more seriously, we’d love to connect or reconnect with a truly caring, thoughtful group like you, so please share what you are about these days!

We are very sorry to report that, after the submission of these notes, Laura Viehmann passed away on March 31, 2015. If you have thoughts about Laura you would like to share in our next class notes, please send them along.

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It’s always wonderful to hear from classmates! Did you get an e-mail asking for notes? If not, please contact the alumni office so we can keep in touch. Also, please join our Class of 1979 Facebook page. The more, the merrier!

Robin Rosenberg was nominated by President Obama to become a United States district court judge for the Southern District of Florida. The Senate confirmed her by a vote of 100-0. Robin has been serving as a federal judge since July and had her formal investiture on November 14. Robin’s daughter is a lower at Andover.

Dexter C. Wadsworth has left Westchester, NY, to manage Maanzo, a bar/restaurant/casino in Entebbe, Uganda. The main clientele are United Nations staffers. “If anyone passes through, please look me up,” he writes. Dexter had a 20-year law practice in New York, set up a gold dealership in Tanzania, spent six years helping launch a law faculty in Jamaica, and is now going back to Africa for eight months.

John Vail (still with Nikko Asset Management) transferred from Tokyo to NYC in October and saw Jamie Marks at an alumni event. John says, “Jamie looks great, and it was excellent to catch up and hear about his family. It was a great event with lots of young alumni, as well as a good representation from us old fogyes.”

Fred Leeborn writes, “I saw Tom Rubin in Seattle in March. We ate pizza. I direct writing programs in Europe, Latin America, Virginia, North Carolina, and Pennsylvania.”

Lele Herron Galer and her husband, Brad Galer, are three years into running Galer Estate Vineyard & Winery in Chester County, PA. A spontaneous idea to cultivate acreage into a vineyard eight years ago turned into two vineyards, a winery, and tasting room. Lele shows her art at the winery, and Brad’s band plays there, too. All three sons are out of the house, Simon at Connecticut College, Peter at Vassar, and Alex in LA as a comic book editor. Lele says, “It was great to see Janet Milkman at the winery this year. If you are ever in the Chester County area, please stop by the winery and say hello.”

Bill Schultz writes, “After 10 years abroad (London, Delhi, Manila, Mexico City, and Berlin), we have moved back to our old house in Atlanta.” Bill is still with Coca-Cola. His son Joshua ’06 just got engaged! “All three of our kids went to Andover, so now it’s time to think ‘third generation’! Warm regards as the cold front moves in. (I still clearly recall shoveling out Will Hall during the blizzard of ’78!)”

Sloane Six’s new project is her 100-percent-organic restaurant, Mainland Inn, in Harleysville, Pa. Sloane explains, “Our farm provides most of the protein and produce for the restaurant.” The building, a historic stagecoach inn, has housed dining establishments for more than 200 years.

Says Sloane, “We spent 18 months restoring the building and the eight-acre property. My focus is as a spokesperson for eating clean, healthy food, from my perspective as a farmer and breast cancer survivor.”

Doug Sun is wrapping up a three-year assignment at the U.S. Mission to the U.N. in Geneva this summer and will work at the U.S. Mission to the U.N. in New York for the next three years. Doug says, “Much excitement all around but also a bit of trepidation, over both working in such a high-profile position and living in the big city.”

Gerri Pope Bidwell lives in California. Her daughter Lucy ’09 lives in NYC, and her twins, Brooke and Alex, are PA lower, living in Day North and Johnson! Geri recently had dinner with Cindy Farrelly Gesner ’80 and Kris Timken. She has also seen Jeff Reuben ’78, as well as Bruce MacWilliams ’77 and his wife, Sheila. Recently, she heard from Nick Phillips ’65. Geri says PA’s current head of school, John Pallfrey, “is as wonderful as Ted Sizer.” Geri enjoyed visiting her daughter’s chemistry class in Gelb, the ‘gorgeous science building.” Geri says of present-day Andover, “Frankly, I’m amazed by it—and grateful.”

John Andrews, associate dean for graduate medical education at the University of Minnesota Medical School, lives in Minneapolis with his wife, Beth. They have three children, Lucy, 22, Ellis, 21, and Mavee, 17. Recently, John saw Greg Cleveland in Phoenix. John writes, “We marveled at the fact that our kids are now older than we were when we roomed together in Bailey House.”

Susan Jenkins Warren has reconnected with many old PA friends, including her
roommate Maureen Walsh Hooff Graatland ’78, Drew Guff and wife Jessica, Bill Cohan ’77, and Connie Barrett Dawson ’78. Susan saw Victoria Hull Robey ’78 and Nick Gutreun ’77 in New York last October and reconnected with Geri Pope Bidwell, as well as Briggs Tobin and his wife, Jessica, at Andover Family Weekend. Susan’s daughter, Natalie, and Briggs’s son, Sam, are both juniors. In NYC, Susan saw Tad Flynn, whose son, James, is an upper. Susan attended her daughter’s Drama Lab debut and checked out the alumni hockey game. Susan’s daughter and David Hartzell’s daughter, Katie ’18, are friends.

Kay McCabe, chair of the art department and a dance teacher at Kimball Union Academy in Vermont, wrote about plans to take the school’s musical, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, to India on tour this past March. Kay expected to take 26 high school students from six countries to India, which she described as “a whole new lesson in international diplomacy.” Kay’s daughter, Georgia, will be going to medical school in the fall, and her son, Gus, graduates from Colorado College in May.

Paul Golitz is planning to take his daughter to Andover for a visit. He writes, “It will be great to be on campus again and have a chance to visit with Jimmy Ventre and John Francis.” John’s youngest son is currently at Andover.

Augustus Schoen-Rene is the technical director of the Smith Opera House in Geneva, NY. Augustus takes care of his mother, who has Alzheimer’s. He writes, “I am hoping to get a third book out this year if I can—this one is a sort of self-help/philosophy book.”

Bruce Aylward and family moved from Bend to Portland, Ore., last year. His daughter, Rianna, an economics major and soccer captain at Wellesley, is spending a spring semester in Chile. His son, Cal, a jumper rider, an avid gardener, and a roadie for her musician sons.

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Greetings, Class of 1980, and welcome to our last notes before our 35th Reunion, June 12–14. We look forward to seeing many of you on campus. I am pleased to have Amy Davidsen join me as class secretary. As we work together on ways to make the news-gathering process interesting and interactive, please contact either of us to share news. We are excited to reconnect with all of you.

As previously promised, here is the rest of the news from the 2013 Google Doc, with more recent information sprinkled in.

Lisa Posey Krakowsky wrote that she was a “postulant for holy orders in the Diocese of New York” and expected to be ordained in two or three years. In April 2012, I attended her MDiv thesis quilt show, An Artist’s Trinity, which was breathtaking. Larry Harris and Dianne Hurley also attended. Posey has taught a class at Union Theological Seminary in conjunction with the Metropolitan Museum of Art and exhibited her quilts in a solo show in early 2014. She is currently preaching, teaching, and preparing for ordination.

Rich Goldberg, who remains a principal at the Brattle Group, has been leading a bicoastal life since he and his wife, Marina, sent their son to PA this fall. Alex ’18, is quite an accomplished violinist, and I look forward to hearing him play in person.

In 2013, Jay Glynn wrote from Parkland, Fla., but Facebook tells me that he can frequently be found in Rhode Island. Jay passed along the sad news of John Olcy’s 1992 death, as well as a note that Julian Harris lives in London and Jason Lucero is a film professor at NYU. Perhaps his most intriguing tidbit was that James ‘Jimmy’ Deyo, now known as Rabbi Yaacov Deyo, is the man behind speed dating! (Seriously. Google him.)

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Juarez Hawkins ’80
“A Series of Noble Experiments”

For artist and educator Juarez Hawkins, the human story has always been a pressing concern. “My mother was a portrait painter, I grew up looking at faces,” she explains. Hawkins has followed the thread of this story throughout her career, albeit in her own way.

After graduating from Andover, Hawkins attended Northwestern University, earning a degree in computer studies with a minor in art. Once out of college, she worked in data entry while developing an incubator business producing African American greeting cards. A desire to create a better product soon led Hawkins to earn a second degree in graphic design. A period of teaching graphic design followed, then she transitioned to freelance consulting in the field, spending a decade creating everything from billboards to print campaigns. All the while, she continued to cultivate her own creative side—designing greeting cards as well as drawing, painting, and exhibiting her work, first at craft fairs and later at fine art galleries. “Essentially my career has been a series of noble experiments that are driven by my curiosity coupled with a need to survive,” she explains.

More recently, Hawkins shifted gears again, this time to teaching through arts integration, employing the arts to supplement the curriculum initiatives of public school teachers working with K–12 students. Because she works with a predominantly African American population, Hawkins notes, she also uses art to increase students’ feelings of cultural connectedness, showing them how they fit into a tradition, not only historically but also in contemporary practice.

Hawkins also uses art to explore her own place in the fabric of the community, an interest she says was generated in part by PA instructor Thomas Lyons’s American history classes. “I can’t speak to the periods and historical examples with the facility that he did,” she avers, “but he definitely sparked my interest in the past.”

Hawkins is presently giving voice to her ideas by creating masks, busts, figurative pots, portrait paintings, assemblages, and abstract sculpture she refers to as “perceptuary”—an amalgamation of perception and sanctuary—in an attempt to understand the ways in which art can serve as a tool for community building.

“As I’ve grown older, I’ve become more introspective and my interest has shifted toward the subject of aging and the inevitable changes we all experience over time,” she observes. “I would like to expand the dialogue in this area—I’m an older artist and I want to make art that’s socially relevant. As a society, we tend to stay clear, in art and in culture, of the subject of aging. I’d like to help change that. I have an intense curiosity about the subject and while I’m not sure how my desire to plumb the topic will manifest, I know there’s a need for it.”

—Lori Ferguson

Lori Ferguson is a freelance writer based in southern New Hampshire. She enjoys writing about lifestyle topics as well as all things artistic.
and spared him the suggestion. I'll instead point classmates to it here.

Shortly after that event, I joined Parker for a weekend's sail across Block Island Sound to Point Judith, R.I., aboard Sea Salt, his summer joy. Parker is my kind of sailor, in that his priorities focused on provisioning food, wine, and music in quantities that allowed for very light breezes. We made good time, setting no records but beating the odds, I think, by reporting no casualties.

I glanced toward Nantucket mid-voyage and remembered David Duquette and his circumnavigation of that island in a Sunfish some years ago. I assumed this was on a dare, but with David one can't be sure. This past fall I was pleased to see that he had participated in the Head of the Charles. Pulling an oar is where we remember him from PA days. He rowed in the Andover Alumni eight, where he reports finding a bit less strength among the crew when power was called for than what he remembers from youthful days.

David has had ample opportunities to revisit the campus this year. His son, Culver '15, is there for a post-graduate year, and from what I've heard over the years, I'm sure the boy is making his presence felt in a few sports.

Also back where we remember her from PA days is Pam Weiler Grayson—back in the theatre, in this case. Pam wrote the music and lyrics for Urban Montage, a musical based on a book she cowrote. Three years in development, the musical premiered last summer at the New York International Fringe Festival and won a Fringe Best Musical Award. Pam is now working to bring the show Off-Broadway. Congratulations!

In other media, I caught a glimpse of Peter farm in a report on 60 Minutes this past fall. Peter is a physician and health-policy analyst at Memorial Sloan Kettering; he was helping reporter Leslie Stahl understand the problem of high-priced cancer treatments. I considered it a victory for our entire class that one of our own was on 60 Minutes in a role other than as the subject of that show's characteristic hostile interviews. Well done, Peter!

I was glad to hear from Paul Hochman, retired from his class notes duties but willing to lend a hand with a few reports. Paul's 50th birthday celebration, now more than a year past, sounds no better for having the surviving two-thirds of his family moved from Caracas, Venezuela, her lifelong home, to Munich, Germany, after her husband was kidnapped and her children assaulted at home by four armed men. Fortunately, it seems everyone is all right, and Emily describes Munich (at least by comparison) as 'paradise.' She is getting her medical license there so that she can continue.
practicing functional and anti-aging medicine as she did in Caracas.

Congratulations to Thayer Tolles Rogers! She tied the knot on the Tuesday before Christmas with longtime beau Ted Rogers, a labor attorney. Ted and Thayer live in New York and made up their own wedding rules, which apparently included no flowers but lots of champagne.

This year will also bring big changes for Nancy Trepianer Lang, who, as most of you know, spent the past 22 years at Andover serving in many capacities, most recently as associate dean of faculty. She will be leaving Andover to become the head of Journeys School, an independent school in Jackson Hole, Wyo. We all wish her the best out in the Rockies! To read more about Nancy’s new position, go to http://bit.ly/1FDc4G7.

Deborah Mei is back in Shanghai this year with her 2-year-old son. She is running the Chinese arm of the Raine Group, LLC, a boutique merchant bank focused on the global digital, media, entertainment, and sports sectors, while her husband finishes a four-year government posting in Spain. Deborah says that Andover rules in China! Blaise Zerega reports that after six years as CEO of FORA.tv, a website focused on streamed and on-demand video, he has left to pursue other ventures. In the meantime, he’s coaching his son’s basketball team.

I was delighted to receive so many e-mails from our peers in the Golden State. Andrea Feldman Falcone writes from LA that she spent a great deal of time last fall traveling around the globe visiting art fairs with her clients. She spotted the third World Series win with his two sons, Max and Campbell (6), at the NADA art fair near Miami, and celebrated their 25th anniversary in St. Lucia. Angela Lorenz writes that four members of our class purchased original watercolors that she featured in her book The Mansion of Thought. One of those has been donated to the Addison Gallery from the Class of 1983 in honor of our classmate Greg Simon, who died soon after the painting was completed. Angela reports that our memorial maple tree, planted in honor of our four classmates who are with us now only in spirit, is doing well. You can find it in the corner adjacent to the Gelb Science Center.

Kathy Macoul is living in Tampa, Fla., practicing eye surgery and raising four kids. Her oldest, Sean, has run into Struan Robertson (at the Head of the Charles Regatta) and Sarah Rosenfeld Worley (at Holy Cross, where her daughter is a senior). Kathy welcomes visitors looking for warm weather. Bob Butera reports that his third book, Yoga Therapy for Stress and Anxiety, is coming out in the fall of 2015. Joel Brother and his wife, Betsy, live in Andover with their three sons (one of whom just became a junior at Andover). Joel recently helped Dave Lyons and Bill DiAdamo celebrate their 50th birthdays.

A few news items from our monthly get-togethers in New York: Rufus Jones is building his institutional equity trading business by day and teaching, writing, and performing blues, soul, and folk songs around the area by night. Original songs that Rufus has recorded include I’m From Memphis, Baby and Voices Have No Color. John Floyd serves as chairman of Floyd Capital Management, an investment adviser. John Helmers has made it to several of our gatherings, despite living in Puerto Rico with his wife, Glenn, and three of his five children. John runs Long Focus Capital Management LLC, a firm focused on macro investing. It has been great to have Alexander ‘Sandy’ Kemper join, all the way from his ranch in Kansas City, Mo., as well as Jason Bernhard, John Harpole, Karen Humphries Sallick, Jeffrey Stafford, Chris Thompson, Patricia ‘Tricia’ Finneran, and others. I hope many more of you will stop by—just e-mail me and I’ll add you to the invite list!

board of LandPaths, which fosters a love of the land through people-powered parks, education programs, and conservation-land access programs. He and his wife are adopting their fifth child, a girl, from China!

From Virginia, where he lives with his wife, Lena, Jeff Rossmann reports that he is back teaching history at the University of Virginia, after finishing a sabbatical year. Jeff’s oldest daughter, Phoebe, is applying to high schools now; and his son, Elliot, is in fifth grade. Doug Neff, who moved to Virginia in 2011, is in a graduate program in cyber security management at UVa. His children are both in high school now; and he and his wife, Lynn, celebrated their 25th anniversary in St. Lucia.

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The sharp winter bite of the Iowa prairie winds still carries the fair song of spring.

Adam Simha has gone underground for the season, muttering something about cold metal benders and the spring line. — Alex

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A quick note about these class notes: When you get a request from us for updates and we give you a deadline, it may be reasonable to imagine that your updates will be in the next magazine, but they will actually appear in the issue after the next one. Generally speaking, the sequencing goes something like this: (1) You get a request for updates and you send updates, (2) deadline passes for updates, (3) an issue without your updates arrives, (4) you get another request for updates (and you send more updates because you resist the urge to say to yourself, “Why should I send updates? Mine weren’t even printed!”), (5) deadline passes for those updates, (6) the issue with your first update arrives.

I know. It sounds crazy. But this is how it is, so please keep sending updates!

In order to get these notes in before the deadline, I am writing them from my hotel in Dubai, where my colleagues and I are about to deliver the same course I have delivered at the U.S. Air Force Academy (which is my affiliation). Of all the things I do, leading this course is one of the most rewarding. Last summer I caught up with Chris McCarthy in Singapore, where he took the course.

By now you have no doubt received e-mails regarding our upcoming 30th Reunion in June. If you missed the e-mails, take note: Alison Smith Lord and Dorothea Herrey are planning our reunion. Given Dorothea’s expertise with conferences (she is a vice president and head of conferences at the Wall Street Journal) and Alison’s creative background (at Google Creative Lab), this reunion is not to be missed. I don’t know what they have planned, but I am confident it will be the best one ever! If you’re interested in volunteering or have ideas, please contact Alison at alison@lord.com (note the “S” in the e-mail address).

Last year was a big one for Dorothea. Her son started preschool, and she had a baby girl! (I ran into Dorothea at an Andover event in NYC, and she looks about 29 years old.) It was also a special year for Alison Smith Lord and her husband, who celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary! Alison writes that in celebration, they took a family road trip in Spain (1880 kilometers in 14 days). Alison is not only co-creating our reunion festivities with Dorothea, she is also a member of the Andover Alumni Council. If you have an interest in becoming more involved as an alum, ask Alison about it.

In other class news, Mark Durbin writes that after being married for 18 months, he and his wife, Cherie, finally took their honeymoon in Jamaica. Sarah Heard has a career in education that prompts her to do postgraduate studies. (I hope she writes a book.) Alice Stubbs tells me that she fondly remembers “the trip to Kentucky Fried Chicken with Stowe House girls, and Melissa Falcone in her ski mask” as well as Craig Thorn, Mr. Regan, Mr. Lyons, Mr. Richards, Mr. Lane—all the great teachers who taught us so much young.

Benjamin Schwall had a visit from Yantao Jia in Dongguan, China. He writes, “We first met in Harbin [China] in ’84 before he went to Andover. Since then, he has been to more Thanksgivings at my parents’ house than I have been my entire life. We sort of traded places.” In addition to meeting up with Yantao in China, Ben saw Pete Kleinman in New York. “Will Hall may be gone,” Ben writes, “but we are not! Also, keeping with the Will Hall theme, if any of you still need to learn how to type, check out BrightFingers by Istvan Szent-Miklosy ’86.”

Last summer, Graham Bergh spent a lot of time with Kit Cody, mountain biking, kayaking, and hanging out with their kids in the Columbia River Gorge, where Graham lives. “I caught a glimpse of Charlie Edwards a while back,” Graham writes. “He has two daughters and recently moved to Colorado.” Graham, who loves being a dad, writes that his family consists of his son, Tabor, and his partner, Elizabeth. “Their most recent adventure, he says, was ‘downhill mountain biking in Whistler, B.C. Super fast and super fun.’

After running a publicly traded student-travel company for 17 years, Jeff Thomas decided to do something different “before it was too late.” His new career is as an investor in real estate and small operating businesses (among others). “It is very exhilarating to be doing something new,” he writes. His wife, Peg, who worked with him for most of the 17 years, is helping to coach high school volleyball, doing triathlons, and, he writes, “spending time with our brood.” (You might recall from the last issue that Jeff has a lot of children.)

Alyson Yashar e-mailed me with updates on our impressive friends, about whom she had been recently reading. Brooke Williams ’84 was in the New York Times, on the front of the real estate section, and Tim Timken was on the front of the paper’s business section just a few weeks before that. Alyson also read a Wall Street Journal article about traveling with children that featured our own Melissa Biggs Bradley, and she heard through the grapevine that Liz Ozimek Crowley is a renowned psychiatrist. “It’s making me think about all of the impressive things that [our] classmates do,” she writes. (Although Alyson doesn’t count herself among our “impressive classmates,” I do! She is a board-certified ophthalmologist with special expertise in cosmetic and reconstructive surgery.)

Tony Optican writes that he’s happily ensconced in LA and enjoying life with his wife, Lisa, and their 18-month-old daughter, Devin. “Fatherhood has been a true blessing, in every sense of the word,” he writes. “Except for a few more gray hairs and the occasional cracking in the knees (thank you, NYC Marathon), not too many complaints.” Tony is still in the entertainment business and is looking forward to joining us at reunion.

In closing, please make sure Andover has your contact information, and join our class Facebook page. (Search Facebook for “Phillips Academy Class of ’85” and click the “join” button to be added.)

If you expected to be in the notes and were not, remember the crazy time lag. Keep calm and send notes! See you at reunion!

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It feels like the 11th hour around here—probably because, in fact, it is: In the haze of finishing up one job and moving to another, I totally blew through the deadline for these notes.

It is also the season of death, Persephone in the underworld: The week before I wrote these notes, there was a minor but unexpected snowstorm in Washington that caused hundreds of car accidents on the peripheral roadways.

But hints of the spring to come were also popping up all over the place: The best thing I have heard in months and months is that Aratha “Ray” Johnson is now the mother of gorgeous new baby Georgia Jade—Terri Kopp reported on it on the Class of ’86 Facebook page. (Sounds like Terri has been good help to the new mom. Good on ya, Terri!) And the magnificient Jace Lynch resurfaced from China in my mailbox after a couple of years.
Here's a snippet from his Christmas letter, and, my, his children are growing:

“We haven't figured it out yet. Understanding the meaning of life, that is. But we've had another year blessed with good health, adventures, and help from our friends & family.

“This summer, the kids spent a month on the farm in Sharon [Conn.]. Conrad drove the truck through the fields, Anna-Lee tended the garden, and they both went to soccer camp at my old school. My parents were enormously relieved when we arrived to take them off their hands (without my sister Mybii's help, Anna-Lee may have been left tied to a tree for days...long story). After Sharon, Anna-Lee and [wife] Tiffany flew to France for a girls' holiday with friends and sister, while Conrad and I loaded up on beer for a road trip to moosh off of friends with houses near beaches. Conrad had to navigate using a real map. We had the pleasure of watching 17 members of the Ehrbar family fit into a three-bedroom house on the Cape. We flew kites, biked, and kayaked.” Christian Ehrbar, I'd love to hear your stories from that vacation!

In other great news, my down-the-road neighbor Rafael Lorente was appointed associate dean for academic affairs at the University of Maryland's Merrill College of Journalism, as of January 2015. Here's a short segment from the internal encomium that was forwarded upon his appointment: “Rafael has worked at Merrill College on either a full-time or part-time basis since 2001. In addition to serving as the Washington bureau chief for Capital News Service, Rafael has directed the college's master's program since 2013. He has demonstrated creativity in course design and scheduling, compassionate but exacting teaching skills, and an ability to roll with the punches. I know he will build on the respect and admiration he has already earned from his colleagues and students at Merrill College.”

And New York-based Kimberly Guzowski is getting increasing attention and traction with her Technical Artisans Collaborative. She writes, “I don't know what your New Year's wishes are, but two years ago I got into my head that it would be a good idea to put designers, technicians, and artisans in the schools to help kids learn how to use their academics as tools with which to build, make, and create. Others thought it was a great idea, so we founded a little company called Technical Artisans Collective. Two years later, over 1,000 kids have been taught by more than 50 professional production designers, technicians, and artisans. The work has been hard, joyous, and run almost entirely by volunteers. Now that we know the education we are providing is solid and we are committed, TAC wants to grow into a sustainable endeavor that will consistently put professionals from several disciplines in classrooms working with teachers to provide dynamic hands-on educational experiences that will reinforce academics and arts. We are applying for grants and paid school contracts, but this is going to take time. Meanwhile, we are entirely dependent upon donations, which mostly come from the teachers ourselves.”

Liz Collins reports that she had solo shows at AMP Gallery in Provincetown, Mass., and Heller Gallery in NYC. She's keeping busy doing art and design projects, as well as visiting artist and teaching gigs at art schools Pratt, Maryland Institute College of Art, and School of the Art Institute of Chicago. She dreams of someday having an exhibition at the Addison Gallery.

Last, I am pleased to report that homeschooling mom and Web business owner Robin Crestwell Harris and I had a long, wonderful lunch last summer—the two 1985–1986 Johnson North proctors reunited at last! If that’s not a harbinger of renewal, I can’t think of one! — Caroline

1987

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First, some sad news. In October, Elizabeth Gilmore's and Annie Gatewood's fathers passed away. Both Hale Sturges and Robin Crawford were Andover institutions, and our class was so fortunate to be able to call Elizabeth and Annie classmates. Although I never took French or participated in the debate club, I do know that many of you did, and certainly many more know Annie and Elizabeth well. Please join me in thinking of them and their families—and when you have a moment, please do reach out and reconnect.

In a short e-mail exchange, Annie told me she spent a bittersweet weekend with Elizabeth and her son, Kai, when they came from Portland, Ore., for Robin Crawford's funeral, and that for Annie's dad's memorial service the French House gang, consisting of Kent Johnson, Tony Gellert, Dan Zeff '88, Nick Chermayeff '88, and Hodgson Eckel '88, as well as Caroline Cannon and Toby Rodes, was in attendance.

I really have no idea how to transition from this bit of news, so I'll just encourage you again to reach out to Annie and Elizabeth—and anyone else in the class you have not really talked to in quite some time. Life is short. Make it matter. Transition done. Oh, every one of my teachers who grazed the halls of Bullfinch are rolling eyes, I am sure. I am so sorry, Seth Bardo and Rev. Zaeder in particular.

Annie also let me know that she had a surprise visit from Rett Wallace at her annual pig roast and enjoyed a great dinner back in March with John Roegner and his partner, Simon. I luckily got to hang out with her and husband Bob Gatewood, John Bush, Ruth Webb, and husband Matt Bellows '86, and Dan Medwed and wife Sharissa Jones, as well as all of our kids (there were a lot), at what we hope becomes an annual pre-Thanksgiving party. Perhaps the highlight of the evening for me was when John relayed information from a tiger-training lesson given to him by Gunther Gebel-Williams. Very important to know what to do when the chair does not work.

Cindy Greene and family sent what is perhaps the best holiday card of all time. To quote, “Total silliness.” We should all send such great cards. Cindy also sent me some fantastic news via e-mail about a get-together she had in honor of Liz Kenny Stein '88, who came to Newton, Mass., from N.J. Delphine Mattison Morton, Sara Sullivan '88, and Liza Poinier were there in person, and Lista Lincoln, Suzi Vinciguerra Rosen, Callie Hershey, and Cynthia Pierce attended in spirit. Cindy continues to volunteer and serve on the Andover Bread Loaf advisory board, and she reports that it’s been interesting to get that slant on all that is happening at PA.

I had the good pleasure of hanging out with Travis “El Presidente” Metz, Steve Hopkins, and Jopi Schlep ’88 in upstate NY. A terrific time. Caught more big fish on the Ausable than Barry Creme ‘88 dreams about in his wildest lavender dreams. Plus, Travis got to show off his hand-carved walking stick, complete with detailed Harvard logo and perfect likeness of him at Henley. Who knew that Tony Gellert could whistle? Amazing work, Tony, and such a thoughtful gift. Travis is putting it to good use.

Ian Davis and I had a nice correspondence, in which Ian reported he is ‘still living in Andover and still running Rockstar Games’ New England studio.’ These are the Grand Theft Auto V folks, in case you don’t know your video-game studios.

When not building video games, Ian reports, he plays in the weekly Andover faculty and staff basketball game on the varsity court. Ian writes that he specializes in “being the grumpy old guy who fous a lot” and that the ‘other people in the game don't understand how traumatizing it is to play on that court, where the SAIs and all the final exams and midterms were.’ Brings back memories, doesn't it? Apparently, according to Ian, they don’t give tests in the gym anymore. What a shame and, I must say, a horrible kick in the face to a traumatizing tradition.

Ian asked me to pause for a moment in the notes and shout out an apology to the associate dean of admission. Seems Ian shattered the fellow’s ankle while competing with him for a rebound (sorry, KG, says Ian!).

Last, Ian relayed, “I was much heartened last summer when the summer school teachers arrived and I saw this one old guy with more gray hair than I standing there, and I thought, I’ll guard him.” I jumped in the game and posted up on him and guarded him. Five minutes in, I still hadn’t gotten a good look at his face, but I introduced myself. He said his name was Jon, and
as he said that the name and face came together: Jon Pedicino, who was both '87 at Andover and '91 at Dartmouth with me.”

Saving the best for last, Chuck Chung let me know that he and Doug Henderson were officially wed and that Irene Hsieh '88 was in attendance and celebrating. Congrats to you both!

In totally unrelated news, Chuck also let me know that he won a Gates Foundation grant to engineer nanotextured surfaces, so double congrats are in order. And what he is working on sounds pretty cool—especially when you consider that what he is attempting to improve upon apparently has (1) been in use for about 400 years, yet has undergone very little technological improvement in the past 50 years, (2) has 750 million active users, (3) has a global production rate of 15 billion units per year, and (4) is recognized and available almost everywhere on earth. Curious? Follow the link and scroll down until you find “nanotextured”: http://tinyurl.com/PACurious.

Hard to top that, eh? Peace. —Dave

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Not too long ago, I had lunch with Kristin De Vivo at Skywalker Ranch, in California, which was a blast. Kristin was enjoying her one-year anniversary at the George Lucas Educational Foundation. As the executive director of a new division called Lucas Education Research, she is responsible for building out the research program focused on the identification and evaluation of transformative practices in K–12 education, starting with rigorous project-based learning. She and her family have made a good transition from life in Manhattan to Marin County, and they are loving the fantastic weather and outdoor accessibility!

Also working in education, Jim Dand started a new job last summer as director of educational technology for Walch Education in Portland, Maine. He’d love to hear from any educators in our class to discuss how they use technology to educate our future leaders. Shoot him a note at jim@jimdand.com.

Another Down Easter, Jill McElderry-Maxwell, reports that all is well. She’s still farming alpacas, with more than 50 suris currently on the farm (numbers fluctuate with sales and births). She was recently elected to the board of trustees of the Suri Network, a national breed organization, and it has proven an exciting challenge helping to move the industry forward. She spends a lot of time consulting on alpaca health issues and has had writings on the topic published in Canada, Germany, and Australia, as well as the U.S. The farm also has guardian burros adopted from the Bureau of Land Management, chickens for meat and eggs, heritage breed pigs and turkeys, dairy goats, and calves being raised for the freezer. Jill’s son is a junior at the Maine School of Science and Mathematics, and they will begin the college search this summer. Jill writes, “Between that and lifting hay bales every day, I’m starting to feel my age! Were we really this young when we went off to college?”

Allison Picott was elected to the board of directors of the Hole in the Wall Gang Camp. The board chair is Ray Lamontagne ’53. At on-and-off campus events and activities last fall, Allison saw several classmates, including John Kline, José Diaz Hernández, Aisha Jorge Massengill, Sue Dumas Miller, and Lisa Lopardo Welch, among others. She also ran into Tucker Levy at a coffee shop in their old South End (Boston) neighborhood. Allison reports that Tucker is doing well, hasn’t aged a bit, and is living with his wife, Victoria, and their daughter in Charlestown, Mass.

Dan Koontz is still living out in Sag Harbor, NY, on Long Island, where he bumps into Chris Wiedemann from time to time. Dan gets to make regular trips up to Montreal, where his son Bo is now in his second year at McGill. And this past August, he had the great thrill of playing a short set on the Hammond B-3, warming up for the legendary Booker T. Jones, at the Suffolk Theater in Riverhead, NY.

Chris Sapuppo is still in Austin, Texas, and recently went back to school to study building technology. While in school, he’s interning as a construction coordinator. He’s curious to see where this will take him on his journey.

Cheryl Coutre Kellond relocated her family—husband Steve, kids Ben (15), Grant (13), and Anna (9)—from Manhattan Beach, Calif., to Boulder, Colo., last summer. She went out to Boulder for the very first time on June 1 for work, then called her husband instantly to tell him they were moving. She gave her kids a heads-up by using the hashtag #BoCoRelo on all her social media accounts. To celebrate her 15th wedding anniversary, she had planned a July triathlon road trip from her home in LA to Vineman ’70.3 in Sonoma and then Ironman Canada in Whistler, B.C. Instead of a casual post-race drive back to LA, she hightailed straight down the coast, frantically packed the moving van, and had moved to the base of the Flatirons by August. The first 3-degree day with snow was an educational experience for her family of Californians, but they are all loving it now. Cheryl’s startup, Bia (wwwbia-sport.com), is still moving along. The product has been getting great reviews and has a loyal fan base, but, she says, bootstrapping is exhausting in a competitive market. Cheryl’s oldest son, Corey (Rateau Jr.), is still in Chicago, but she hopes he'll relocate to Denver.

Congratulations to dads Rani Ali-Ahmad and Jed Gore! Rani recently married, and he and his wife, Abby, just welcomed baby boy Dany. Rani runs a secondary venture fund called VenWest Capital, based in LA. Jed and partner Vanessa Avery welcomed a baby daughter, Jacqueline Alexandria, in October. Jacque joins big sibs Ivy and Grady Gore.

Tom Pollock notes that though Thanksgiving isn’t celebrated in Ireland, he pulls his kids from school every year for the holiday. This year, they went to London to have a turkey dinner with Joe Proctor and his family. Tom also met up with Nick Hoigren. Also across the pond was Heather Ross Zuzenak. She met Joe for a drink after work and caught up on the past 25 years or so. Heather reports that Joe is very involved in Earthwatch Institute, to which he was introduced by Roddy Scheer’s mom.

All is well with Sarah Perkins in DC. She still works in the development office at her son Kadim’s Chinese immersion public charter school, Washington Yu Ying PCS. A highlight of the year was a visit from First Lady Michelle Obama before her trip to China. Sarah’s daughter, Sofia, is now in middle school at the newly formed DC International School, which is a joint middle and high school formed by five immersion elementary charter schools and which offers French, Spanish, and Mandarin Chinese. Sarah is busy taking the kids to soccer, volleyball, and basketball. She occasionally runs into Leila Finucane ’89, when their daughters play soccer against each other.

Tory Stewart lives in LA with her husband and children, Silas and Madeline, and she’d love to see any Andover folks living in the area. She has a TV pilot in development at Fox and is polishing up a screenplay about money in politics to go out soon. The big news is that her play Rich Girl is going up at the Old Globe in San Diego May 23 to June 21. (There’s an Andover reference in the play, and Bill Mann gave advice about how to make the main character, a financial guru who resembles Suze Orman, sound more realistic!)

Arthur Bradford has written a short-story collection, Turtleface and Beyond, which will be out by the time you’re reading these notes. Check it out! Love and peace to all. —Laur
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Greetings and salutations!  

As this pours out onto digital paper, it’s early January and it’s 7, I kid you not, 7 degrees outside, which Heather Pottle, Henry Gourdeau, and I are enjoying (not!). But by the time you read this, the Gunga time machine will have sent us all to spring 2015. You’re now “back to the future”? So strap on your self-lacing sneakers and enjoy the latest Class of 1989 news.

David Carnes is happily building his tech-consulting firm, keeping active in a global entrepreneur organization, and spending much time opening his first office in Toronto. Iceland has become a favorite getaway for him and his wife, Oksana, and their three kids. George Webb gives a “Good morning, Rockwell!” shout-out and is soon releasing an open software project called, yup, Bitchen.

Paul Howe and I continue to grapple at Scrabble in the phantom zone (Internet) when he’s not working at Nextdoor, a social network for U.S. neighborhoods. He and his wife, Andrea Newell, are in San Francisco. Paul reports that Rob Schick lives in a little farmhouse in Scotland, is a marine biologist at the University of St Andrews, and takes falconry lessons with his 9-year-old daughter.

Pete Katz is now COO of MoMA PS1 and recently starred in a production of Glengarry Glen Ross. Always be closing, Pete! He also attended the launch party for Ross and I are enjoying (not!). But by the time you read this, the launch party for Mad Men, which is more like Mad Men than she expected (but just the good parts). She is always up for trading work with fellow creative writers.

After many years in NYC, Jennifer Stableford and husband David Finley accepted posts at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Hanover, N.H., and are relocating with their two sons to nearby Vermont. Edenn Sarino Vidrio was part of the team that conceived and opened the Wellness Center in Los Angeles in early 2014, the first of its kind in LA County. Jeff Ferris and his wife, Laura Ballentine Ferris, have two kids: a 3-year-old daughter, Sally, and a 9-month-old son, Brewer. They live in Manhattan, where Jeff is the head of credit asset management Americas for UniCredit Bank.

In the hustle and bustle that is Wisconsin, Molly Foster Keller (one of our newly crowned co-class agents, along with Ariel Anderson Moore) juggles three kids and farm chores, including caring for three Nubian goats, aptly named Pabst, Blue, and Ribbon. If anyone’s interested in taking on three sassy goats, be sure to contact Molly! Her family launched the #SayCheeseChallenge, which, she adds, “needless to say, has not ‘gone’ (viral) anywhere and remains an isolated case of Wisconsin insanity.” Their video is a hilariously epic must-see; search for #SayCheeseChallenge on YouTube.

In November, Molly and Ariel reunited with Christina Weaver Vest at Christina’s home in Wellesley, Mass.

Spending the spring and summer on the Greek island of Kea, Costas Anastasiadis cofounded Kea Family Homes, a boutique property-management business. He and his wife, Myrta Nikolopoulou, also founded Qbox, a contemporary art gallery in Athens. They have a 5-year-old son named Phoebus. Costas keeps in touch with Michael Froschel, a cardiologist based in Ottawa, and Hassan Ahari, who works for the Mubadala Fund in Abu Dhabi. Lee Webster reports that Eric Zinterhofer’s wife, Aerin, has started a home-decor line called, yes, Aerin.

Mike Hearn, his wife, Mary, and their three kids had a great time at the reunion. Mike now has a framed selfie with stage and screen star Sarah Rafferty as proof of attendance. He hosted Josh Bienfang, Jake Appleton, Dave Satterthwaite, Caleb Jacobson-Sive, and their assorted significant others and offspring for dinner and a late night of laughs. He also visited Jake in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in March 2014 and got in four days of lights-out trout fishing in Patagonia. Living in Boston, Mike is an alumni admissions rep, interviewing incredible kids from around the world.

Craig Knight lives in Beverly Hills, Calif., with his lovely wife, Jody, a successful screenwriter, and two sons, Reed, 4, and Lucas, 9. Along with Charlie Kemp, as well as Shian Velti Brisbois and husband Ken Brisbois ’93, Craig hounds me about returning to L.A. I am still acting (when I can get the gigs)—I can get written into Suits, Sarah Rafferty?—and planning a return, but for now I’m still in, as Orin Herskovitz eloquently describes it, an “odd zone: too old to feel as if there are guaranteed to be unlimited possibilities ahead, too young to just phone it in.” But hey—“What, me worry?” I’ll feel that.

So by phone, Internet, telepathy, smoke signal, or other, please keep the 1989 news coming!—Curtis Eames

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Hey everyone! No news to report this quarter because we don’t want any spoilers for (drum roll, please)... our 25th Reunion, in just a few short weeks!

How I wish we could go back to our former selves, from 25 years ago. Since Jim Croce never did figure out how to save that time in a bottle, the next best thing is to haul ourselves to campus and imagine a time when we all had a little more
bounced in our steps, a little less gray in our hair, not so much in the mid-section, and no children.

As of this writing, our planning committee is deep in the throes of preparing the best 25th Reunion ever! Activities begin at noon on Friday and continue through Sunday, so please make your plans accordingly. Jessica Herbst has planned a spectacular dinner Saturday night, finishing with gourmet ice cream from Yuengling provided by our very own Rob Bohorad.

For complete details on the weekend, contact reunion chairs Stacy Metcalf or yours truly (Tom Seeley), or one of our dedicated reunion planning committee members: Regina DeMeo, Jennifer Foss Smyth, Lynne Langlois Hunter, Dan Lennon, Wanda Mann, Erin McCloskey, Weezie Parsons Parry, Carrie Ann Quinn, Ricky Shin, Willie Tate, Kiersten Todt, Gretchen Whittier, and Amy Zimmerman.

Come one and come all, and let’s party like it’s 1990 again. We can’t wait to see everyone!

### 1991

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Nnaemeka Egwuwe writes with lots of news from Memphis, Tenn. His oldest daughter, Elechi, is currently a ninth grader at Groton School, where the wonderful Mr. Maqubela is the headmaster. She is enjoying the school and her cross-country team. Meka, his wife, Pamela, and their younger daughter, Sobenna, visited Groton during parents’ weekend last October. He also spent some time with former Andover French teacher Madame Bayard, who lives in New Hampshire with one of her daughters. In Memphis, Meka leads the local chapter of Black Girls CODE, which has taught more than 500 girls across the city how to build Web pages, games, mobile apps, and robots. He is also on the board of the newly renovated National Civil Rights Museum, built on the site where Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated. Jack McGovern ’15 and his father visited the museum with Meka in October, as part of Jack’s research for a short documentary film he was producing about the origins of Andover’s MLK Day tradition. Also visiting Memphis and the museum last fall were John Kane ’63 and four seniors from KIPP Academy Lynn charter school.

More children of classmates are attending boarding school; Meka let me know that Roxane Williams’s daughter, Grace, is in her first year at Tabor Academy. The two families

James Tilghman ’89

Helping Others Meet Life’s Challenges with Dignity and Style

James Tilghman’s Pot Pourri photo shows the smiling teen leaning on crutches. Tilghman, who sustained frequent injuries in soccer, hockey, and track, says of his PA days, “I was on crutches a lot.” And navigating his way around campus under those circumstances was no easy feat.

That early experience might have been the first step on the path that led Tilghman to his current work. As founder, along with his mother, Jo Ann, of Granny Jo Products, he creates simple adaptive items that make the tasks of daily life easier and more pleasant for the elderly and those with physical disabilities. The company’s flagship product is a two-handled coffee cup whose name—the Dignity Mug—says it all; it’s a simple solution to the challenges faced by those who lack the strength or dexterity to hold a mug with one hand. Other products include a napkin clip that goes around the neck (far more discreet than a bib), functional and fashionable bags designed to hang from walkers and wheelchairs, oxygen tank covers in colorful prints, and more. All address the needs of seniors and others who, whatever their challenges, want to live life on their terms. “Just because you’re older,” Tilghman points out, “doesn’t mean your sense of style and taste has gone out the window.”

Back in 1986, he arrived on campus with a very different goal. Says Tilghman, “I wanted to do business in China someday, and Andover was one of the few high schools that offered Chinese classes.” But for Tilghman, there was one catch: “I was terrible at Chinese. I failed it my first semester.”

Undaunted, after earning BA and MBA degrees at Emory, Tilghman did indeed work for a company that manufactured products in China. As president of Asian operations, he was poised to move with his family to Shanghai in 2003, when he was unexpectedly let go.

Another setback? “It was a great thing,” says Tilghman. “It let me figure out what to do next.”

That next thing turned out to be right in front of him. An elderly family member had needs that weren’t being met by what was then in the marketplace—the only two-handled cup available was a sippy cup. “I didn’t want her to have to drink like her great-grandchild,” says Tilghman. Thus was born the Dignity Mug; other products followed, many created in response to customer requests.

Tilghman’s commitment to helping those with disabilities extends beyond his product line. Many Granny Jo goods are made in Lakeland, Fla., by clients of Alliance for Independence, an organization that provides vocational training for adults with developmental disabilities.

Tilghman returned to PA this past November to address a student group about disabilities and, along with Carrie Ingerman ’15, help raise awareness about accessibility on campus. “It may not seem like a big deal,” he says. “But until you have to get around on crutches—never mind in a wheelchair—you don’t know how difficult it is.”

—Jane Dornbusch
What’s new with you?

Get married?

Move?

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● Call 978-749-4287
● Send a note to:
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Enjoyed spending part of winter break together in the SF Bay Area, where Roxane and her family live. And babies are still being born: In September, Toyni Abose and his wife, Denise, welcomed twin boys Bruce and Roman to the world and to their beautiful life in Hawaii, where Toyni is a pediatrician with the Kapi’olani Medical Center for Women and Children. Also in September, Victor Mejia and his wife, Julia, celebrated the birth of their second son, Oliver, who joins big brother Sebastian and the rest of the family in Connecticut, where Victor is a physician specializing in interventional cardiology.

Matt Fleming also had some news to share. Last fall, he enjoyed seeing a Chicago Blackhawks game with Mike Meiners, who is doing well. The precise details as to where and when the game happened were not divulged, but Matt reports that the two Adams friends went incognito in red body paint and hockey masks.

Writing from Paso Robles, Calif., Jason Haas reports what he hopes to be another good harvest at Tablas Creek Vineyard. Jason and his wife, Meghan Dunn, have two sons, ages 7 and 9. When Jason isn’t busy working as general manager at Tablas Creek, taking breathtaking pictures of the vineyard, writing the award-winning wine blog, or lecturing about and marketing his product, he finds time to coach his sons’ basketball and baseball teams. During his visits to LA, Jason has caught up with Mark Rondiak and his wife, Michelle, who gave birth to their second son, Mika, about a year ago. Jason also sees Steve Matloff and his wife, Susan, Donna Coppola and her husband, John, visited the Haas family last summer. Donna is a chef at Good Eggs, a local food grocery and delivery site in LA. While on the East Coast this summer, the Haas family spent a morning with

Amy Smith Lieb, her husband, John, and their kids, who are exactly the same ages as Jason’s boys. Jason is planning another Andover alumni visit to his vineyard for 2015, building on the fun and successful Andover event he held there two years ago. Sounds like an amazing time, plus a good way to prepare us mentally and physically for our 25th Reunion next year!

Tory O’Connor and her two labs, Bree and Beauregard, are moving to St. Louis, where Tory started in November as senior tax counsel at Anheuser-Busch Companies. This will be a big change after her 16 years at the Washington, D.C., law firm of Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP. Anyone who is visiting the St. Louis area should pay Tory a visit. I don’t know if we can do an Andover alumni tour at those facilities too, but it could be another way to get us ready for that looming reunion...

Congratulations are in order to new Massachusetts state representative Mike Day! Mike had a busy election season, defeating his Democratic rival in the September primary then winning in the November general election. Mike will represent the 31st Middlesex District of Massachusetts, including the towns of Stoneham and Winchester.

Finally, we close our class notes with the sad news that Joe Kamenar passed away in September, after a battle with cancer. Joe lived in McKees Rocks, near Pittsburgh. Our condolences go out to his entire family.

Thanks to all who shared the news of so many classmates around the country. Looking forward to hearing from you again soon! —Hilary

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Molly Wagman has triumphantly returned stateside after a long sojourn in Asia as a rising executive with advertising giant Ogilvy & Mather. Molly writes, “So, after six years abroad, I’ve made the move back to the U.S. It’s been fairly painless, except for the fact that after four years in Singapore, where every day is...90 degrees with a chance of rain, I no longer remember that I need to check the weather before leaving the house. I also didn’t own any socks. But fortunately, I live in NYC, where socks are pretty easy to come by!”

Shanti Crawford’s husband, Jeremy Robins ’93, is directing a project called Echoes of Incarceration, which provides training in filmmaking and advocacy to young people with incarcerated parents, working with them to create documentaries on the impact of incarceration on families. The crew partnered with Sesame Street and Upworthy on its most recent film and was invited to the White House in October to screen work and speak on a panel for lawmakers. You can find more info at echoesofincarceration.org.

In previous notes, we’ve mentioned Billy Kheel, a.k.a. “The Felt Hustler,” and his unique decorative artwork in felt. Many of his pieces recontextualize commercial and strip mall signs—the visual white noise of the city—in felt. As Billy explained to an interviewer, “The materials can evoke a return to handmade-quality goods of yesteryear when used in a traditional manner, such as making pennants or banners. I like to subvert this nostalgic meaning with nontraditional subject matter. I also think there is a more uncomfortable meaning from the material when it’s used for something that it is not really meant for, like making realistic trophy fish or taxidermied animals.” Billy’s work is gaining recognition; besides being shown in gallery spaces around L.A., it has been written up in the LA Times, Los Angeles magazine, LA Weekly, and the webzine Make. Recently, Billy led a very popular felt appliqué workshop at L.A.’s Craft & Folk Art Museum. You can see his work at www.bhkheel.com.

Josh Davis is now not only “Josh Davis, PhD,” he is also “Josh Davis, PhD and noted author!” Josh’s book, Two Awesome Hours: Harness Your Best Time, Get Your Most Important Work Done, was just published by HarperCollins. From the jacket: “Feeling overwhelmed with work and life demands? Rushing, multitasking, or relying on fancy devices and apps won’t help. The answer is to create the conditions for two awesome hours of peak productivity per day. Drawing on cutting-edge neuroscience, Josh Davis, director of research at the NeuroLeadership Institute, explains clearly that our brains and bodies operate according to complex biological needs that, when leveraged intelligently, can make us incredibly effective. From what and when we eat to when we tackle tasks or disengage—how we plan our activities has a huge impact on performance. We are capable of impressive feats of comprehension, motivation, thinking, and performance when our brain and biological systems are functioning optimally. Two Awesome Hours will show you how to be your most productive every day.” Josh’s book is now available on Amazon.com and at other outlets.

Speaking of doctors, Justin Piascik has put his years of training and clinical experience in treating skin cancers to new use, launching a line of skincare products that has been shown in clinical trials to be effective in reducing fine lines and pigment change. Justin formulated these products himself and is donating proceeds from the sales to support nonprofit organizations that promote health, wellness, and child education. So far, he’s been able to help a group that brings art education to schools whose art programs have been cut, another that teaches inner-city schoolchildren how to make smarter nutritional choices, and yet another that is working to combat bullying in schools. Justin is actively seeking other organizations to support, so if you know of one he should look into, or if you are interested in learning more about his skincare line, check out his website, www.piascikmd.com.
For the past 16 years, Ai-Jen Poo has been organizing housekeepers, nannies, and home health aides to expand workplace protections for the estimated 1 to 2 million domestic workers who are excluded from most federal and state labor laws. These workers, who care for the most vulnerable in our society, are themselves among the most vulnerable members of our labor force, lacking the most basic protections the rest of us take for granted. Ai-Jen and others supporting the cause scored a major victory in 2010, when New York enacted the Domestic Workers’ Bill of Rights, which entitles domestic workers to overtime pay, one day of rest per week, protection from discrimination, and three days paid leave per year. Other states have passed or are considering similar legislation, and caregivers for the elderly and disabled are now included in federal minimum wage and overtime protections. As our population ages, the ranks of domestic workers will only grow, and Ai-Jen’s work will become even more important. For her vision, the MacArthur Foundation recognized Ai-Jen with a MacArthur Fellowship in 2014, commonly known as the MacArthur “genius” grant, which will provide her with a five-year, $625,000 stipend, paid out in equal installments. To learn more about Ai-Jen’s work, see the website of the organization she leads, the National Domestic Workers Alliance, at www.domesticworkers.org.

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Class, it is the new year, and so I am reflective. Today has been a day of milestones. I placed my youngest, Henry Arthur Campbell (4 months), into daycare this morning. And opened a bank account for my 5-year-old, George, much to his delight (and request for “hundreds of coins and bucks”). In two weeks, I turn 40, but in my head, I recently graduated from college. (This could explain my laissez-faire parenting style.) If you had told me 20 years ago that I’d be working with startups in Atlanta, I would have asked Willis what he was talking about, and I never thought I’d marry a scientist, though he is the yin to my yang. But then, life is full of surprises. To each of you, happy early/belated 40th birthday. May the next 40 years bring you a bevy of pleasant surprises and new adventures.

Continuing the milestone theme, fellow class secretary Ted Gesing reported that Elizabeth Miller and her husband, Zack, welcomed their daughter, Nicole, into the world this past July. She’s a bundle of joy, and they couldn’t be happier. Also in the baby realm, I caught up with T.K. Baltimore ‘92 while on my own maternity leave. T.K. welcomed a daughter, Tesla Kay, this past fall.

Mark Jaklovsky wrote to share the expansion of his coffee empire. Café José is going into its second supermarket chain shortly, having been approved for three Hannaford stores. The coffee is also available at Market Basket.

Amy Carr wrote from Doha, Qatar, where she was designing lights for the FIA (Fédération Internationale de l’Automobile) annual awards gala. She said, “We are broadcasting live worldwide for the first time this year, and the royal family will be attending. ... After this, I’m taking holiday for a month in SE Asia, specifically Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, and Vietnam.” You may recall that she just finished seeing all 50 U.S. states this past fall. Amy resides in Nashville, Tenn., when not feeding her travel bug.

Dan O’Keefe may have issued the most awesome PA ’93 Facebook post of 2014 with the following note from December: “I love every investment we make, and I don’t use Facebook for lengthy descriptions of our investments, but today is a particularly special day. I’ve known Steven Kokinos since we were 14 years old and have watched him found three very successful companies. In college, when most of us were wondering where we’d find our next party (OK, maybe that was just me), Steve and another friend, Stephen Bronstein, founded an early Web hosting firm called WebYcles, which they successfully sold to Breakaway Solutions. Next, Steve helped found BladeLogic, which went public and then was later acquired for $800 million. Now Steve and Steve are back together again at ThinkingPhones, the leader in bringing unified communications to the mobile-centric enterprise, and today [my fund] led a $56.7 million investment into the company. ... Our cofounder, Rick Kimball ‘74, co-led the deal. Cannot tell you how pumped I am to finally be formally partnered with this team. Go, Blue!” Congratulations to Dan, Steve, and Rick on their venture together.

Nan Vermilyen Thornton wrote fellow secretary Jen Charat to share news of her new gig. After 12 years working as a lawyer, most recently spending eight years in-house at Pearson Education, Nan has returned to her roots in trade publishing. She is excited to bring her love of books and book people together with more than a decade’s experience in copyright law to the Zachary Shuster Harmsworth Agency, based in their New York office. In her new position as a literary agent, Nan will counsel authors (published and aspiring), negotiate book deals and licensing opportunities, and look for new talent. Nan is particularly interested in narrative nonfiction, biography, memoir, general nonfiction in the subjects of history and popular science, and literary fiction. As the mother of boys “whose-to-read-piles rival those of their parents,” she also is interested in children’s literature, especially adventure stories, nonfiction for middle-grade readers, picture books, and young adult titles. Folks can find her at nthornton@zshliterary.com.

Jeremy Robins is looking to connect with other PA alums who work in the film, youth media, or prison reform fields. He runs a project that provides training in filmmaking and advocacy skills to youth with incarcerated parents and works to create films about the impact of incarceration on children. Check out his partnership Sesame Street Presents: Echoes of Incarceration on YouTube. As of press time, Jeremy’s Echoes of Incarceration Kickstarter campaign was about $500 shy of its $45,000 goal, so let’s hope our congratulations aren’t premature.

I checked out Will Darling’s art recently. He has expanded into abstract art. Follow him on Facebook at www.facebook.com/williamdarlingartist.

Finally, I had the pleasure of seeing Jen Charat in San Diego this past December when out there for a wedding. Like Jen herself, her home is warm and inviting. Picture a gigantic twinkling Christmas tree, a raspberry-colored kitchen, books and boys’ toys lying about, and a wagging puppy dog. She and her husband now both work from home as editors and are raising three extraordinarily well-spoken and well-behaved boys. Jen is very involved with their local school, serving on the PT A and school boards. The youngest, Sebastian, favors Jen—they share a similar smile. It was a delight to reconnect.

Share news of your own reconnections and 40th birthday celebrations. Your class secretaries would love to hear from you. —Susannah Campbell

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Another edition of the class notes, another lead fretting over a shortage of news from classmates who are convinced they’re not up to anything interesting, and another description of the weather that will seem anachronistic when you receive this update in your mailbox. About the weather, the early January snow here in Lithuania is brilliant, but I hope it doesn’t threaten my flight tomorrow to Vancouver, where I will be presiding (courtesy of a European Union grant awarded by the Lithuanian government, as mentioned in the last installment) over a panel at the Modern Language Association’s annual convention. Hillary Chute will also be

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Katherine Jollon ’96 married Michael Colsher last November in New York City, with many Andover friends in attendance to share the celebration. Holding the banner in front are Dan Koehler ’96 and Laurence Jollon ’94. In the middle row, from left, are Megan Kultgen ’96, the groom and bride, and Lauren Hacker Roth ’96. In back, from left, are Jane Biondi Munna, Meghan Long Dunbar, Anh Nguyen, Maggie Klarberg Kennedy, Doug Perkowski, Marc Gottesman, Robert Fisher, Jimmy Moore, Jeff Jollon ’92, and Kealy O’Connor Murray, all Class of ’96 except as noted.

in Vancouver, as a presider over one panel and a respondent at another.

A lot of the news coming in has been newborn related. Eden Doniger was the first to send news, informing me of the birth of Ilana Shalon Doniger Tsur, who joins sisters Noa and Orli. Next up was Emily Kalkstein Carville, whose daughter, Eleanor Elizabeth, was born in September. Eleanor’s birth came right after both a visit from Abbie Suberman Chen (recounted in the last edition of the notes) and Emily’s celebrating a decade in marketing with L.L.Bean.

Maria Taft wrote a bit apprehensively, worried that she was repeating news, but I can say she wasn’t. In July, she welcomed into the world Quentin Taff Swanson. “Quentin” is also the name that Rachel Chellappa chose for her first child, who was born in December.

Among those who have no newborns to report but plenty of toddlers, Jessica Clyde wrote to let me know that she started a new job at the International Women’s Health Coalition. She’ll now be working on issues outside of Latin America for the first time, as she will also be covering India and South Africa. Apparently, the toddlers will not be in tow for the longer flights. She also vacationed over the New Year in LA, where she had breakfast with Berk Nelson. Aaron Sharma’s twin toddlers (and older daughter) keep him busy enough at night, while he continues working as an interventional radiologist in Syracuse, NY, by day.

Classmates took to announcing their updates right on our Facebook group’s wall (http://tinyurl.com/pa94hb). Marta Rivera Monclova led the charge by letting us all know that she harvested her own saffron this autumn.

Jessica Lubarsky Wax and her husband, Aaron, moved to San Carlos, Calif., on New Year’s Day and are looking for friends and people who would like to go hiking and biking with them. But signs of trouble emerging from relying on Facebook too much in the future are also bubbling up. Katy Sumberg Langhurst announced that Katherine Wrobel got married, but Katy added that Katherine had quit Facebook, indicating why the news came secondhand. I personally make no secret of the fact that the only reason I still have a Facebook account is so that the Class of 1994 can contact me easily. So I’m waiting for e-mail’s triumphant return. And then, handwritten letters!

Bhak Tanta-Nanta wrote from New York to announce that he now works from the 65th floor of the Empire State Building, meaning he has a wonderful view of both the Freedom Tower and the Statue of Liberty. His work as a volunteer firefighter earned him a commendation for pulling a mother and her 6-year-old son out of an apartment fire. Both were in cardiac arrest when they were rescued, but the son was able to recover.

Finally, I extended the deadline a bit to see if more news trickled in, but only Aaron Hanagan took the bait. He recounted his 2-year-old’s favorite knock-knock joke (not to be reprinted here). Aaron sold his home in Newburyport, Mass, and is looking for a new home; he also got a promotion at Amphenol, a company that manufactures products for aircraft. He closed his Facebook message stream (sent at 5 a.m. Lithuania time) with a recipe for carne guisada.

That’s all I have for now. Please consider joining our class’s page on Facebook: http://tinyurl.com/pa94hb.

Greetings, one and all! This was a particularly slow season for class notes, but with the holidays taking over and our 20th Reunion weekend approaching, it’s quite understandable. Of course, now we expect future issues to be chock-full of tantalizing news and photos, and Margot VBS Maltzahn and I are brainstorming some fun shenanigans to enhance the experience overall. Just you wait.

Luckily we did hear from a few of our ’95ers. Parker Sides and wife Lori Marshall Sides ’00 were thrilled to welcome their first child, Robert W Sides III (“Bobby”), in November. He is named after his great-grandfather Robert W. Sides ’34 and his grandfather Robert W. Sides Jr. 61. Parker’s sister Rebecca Sides Capellan ’97 and husband Henry Capellan welcomed their first child, Wesley Jacob Capellan, the following week. It was exciting to have the two cousins born right before the holidays. Parker is looking forward to seeing everyone at the reunion in June.

I met up with Alicia Robbins and Monica Duda in Seattle for a fun-filled evening. I opened up a Seattle office in fall of 2013 after being in LA for nearly 15 years. I was enjoying life both on the islands in Puget Sound and in Seattle proper, but in the spring I’ll be having a homcoming and spending a great deal more time in Miami, after 22 years on the run since matriculating at PA. Monica is an attorney for Microsoft and recently got engaged. When not enjoying her new home, she travels to exciting and exotic places on behalf of her job. Alicia is still saving the planet, one brilliant idea at a time.

The three of us had ablast talking about old times and new; we learned that Shannon Marvin Brown reports that all is well in Austin, Texas, and that she recently had a wonderful visit with Tiffany Freitas, who is working hard for Disney. The two lovely ladies are planning on being at the 20th Reunion, and I hope all of you reading this are too.

Gibby Greenway (a.k.a. Trey Green) has come out with some stellar new songs and is well under way in his musical performing and recording career.

For details on our upcoming reunion, please visit the Facebook page, to which all of you should have received invitations. If not, please let me know: David Brown, Erik Campano, Mimi Crume Sterling, Margot, and I have all
joined the committee, to make this one we will never forget.

Great ideas are always welcome, and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible. Who knows—this may call for a road trip (plane and train) and a caravan from all corners of the globe. Looking forward to the 1995 "family" reunion...à tout à l’heure!—Lon

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In 2009, a Naperville, Ill., man named Leslie Mayfield was arrested for conspiring to rob a drug stash house. Mayfield was eventually convicted of the crime and sentenced to nearly 27 years in prison, the stiff penalty stemming in part from the quantity of narcotics he believed he’d find at the house. Mayfield had been drawn into the criminal conspiracy by one Jeffrey Potts. Over the course of weeks, Potts pressured Mayfield, a former gang member and ex-con struggling to find work, into joining him for the raid, promising a rich payday and, when that didn’t work, threatening gang retaliation if Mayfield refused to participate. Ultimately, Mayfield acquiesced—at which point he was apprehended by agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. It turned out Potts had been working as a confidential informant; the robbery was in fact an ATF sting operation. Mayfield was convicted of conspiring to rob an imaginary stash house of drugs that didn’t exist.

At trial, Mayfield’s counsel sought to argue that their client had been entrapped, lured by law enforcement into the unlawful acts of which he stood accused. But the prosecution succeeded in preventing Mayfield from making that case, on the grounds that there was insufficient evidence to prove that the ATF had induced the crime. A panel of the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed the district court’s decision to disallow the entrapment argument. But when the Seventh Circuit heard the case en banc, it reversed the panel decision, voting 8-2 in favor of Mayfield, vacating the judgment against him and ordering a new trial. As the Chicago Tribune reported, the ruling was a blow to the ATF, which has made a practice of such dubious sting operations (which, among other things, have overwhelmingly targeted African Americans). Bravo, Jerry Bramwell, who successfully argued Mayfield’s case before the formidable jurisprudential minds on the Seventh Circuit.

A dispatch from U.S. Navy Lt. Cmdr. Jesse Ehrenfeld, another classmate to whom we should tip our caps: ‘I am now deployed at the NATO Role 3 Multinational Medical Unit (MMU) with the U.S. Navy in Kandahar, Afghanistan. The NATO Role 3 MMU is the primary trauma receiving and referral center for all combat casualties in Southern Afghanistan. Our mission is to provide the best possible care to all injured and ill persons brought to the MMU. We are charged with supporting the NATO combatants, allied forces, and partners in accomplishing their missions.

“The hospital is a 70,000-square-foot rocket-resistant state-of-the-art facility with three operating rooms, a procedure room, a fully equipped emergency department, intensive care unit, and two CT scanners. Established in 2005 as part of an International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) mission and originally supported by the UK, Netherlands, Denmark, Australia, Canada, and the U.S., since 2009 the U.S. Navy has served as the lead partner running and staffing the facility. It is inspiring to witness over and over the extraordinary teamwork that ensures each patient receives the highest quality care possible, which has led to a 98 percent overall coalition survival rate since the hospital opened.

“While this mobilization has been quite challenging for me personally, I cannot think of a more fitting way to use my training and skills than to provide care to our injured personnel. I am incredibly grateful to Andover for giving me the courage to serve. Nou shi!”

Back on the home front: Anh Nguyen checks in with news that she’s left the Gates Foundation to join Koru, a for-profit education startup focused on the college-to-career transition. Anh notes that Koru’s funding comes primarily from Seattle and Silicon Valley venture capital firms, plus a New York–based investor named Nasir Jones—you might know him better as Nas. “Our team met with him in October,” Anh writes of her secretary’s hip-hop hero. “He’s awesome.” Anh had her second daughter in October, and in December she traveled to New York for Katherine Jollon Colsher’s wedding, where she saw Doug Perkowski, Jimmy Moore, Marc Gottesman, Megan Kultgen, Rob Fisher, Jane Biondi Munna, and Kealy O’Connor Murray, which makes Katherine’s the Andoverest wedding in recent memory. “I definitely saw some Borden Gym activity is pretending to be an airplane, her favorite dance moves, “Anh reports.

Also married this past autumn was Constantine Farmakidis, who married Leigh Wasserstrom in the bride’s hometown of Kansas City. Constantine and Leigh were introduced by Chris Lee ’98; Chris and Justin Steil were in attendance.

Smina Khilnani is living in Texas, where she is finishing her residency in internal medicine. At press time, she was planning a baby shower for Afua Agyarko, to which Nina Judar had just RSVP’d.

Billy Wilder liked to say that his guiding principle in filmmaking, whether he was shooting a noir like Double Indemnity or one of his comedies with Jack Lemmon ’43, was “Don’t bore people,” a credo that seems as wise for class secretaries as it does directors. But if you’ll permit me one final item, from my personal files: Happy Menocal ’98 and I welcomed a daughter this past October, Daisy Wilder Swansburg. (The middle name is an homage to Billy, on her father’s side, and Laura Ingalls, on her mother’s.) So far Daisy’s favorite activity is pretending to be an airplane, her favorite book is Richard Scarry’s I Am a Bunny, and her favorite comedy routine is when one of her parents pretends to be a coyote. She looks forward to meeting all of you at reunion in 2016.

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As we write to you, faithful of ’97, the holidays have passed and 2014 has come to its close. We enjoyed hearing from and seeing many of you, and receiving some delightful greeting cards from you, on these festive occasions.

We are pleased to announce that both of your class secretaries were nominated to positions on the Alumni Council. In the fall, Jack Quinlan returned to campus to serve at his first meeting, along with classmates and fellow council members Socrates Kakoulides, Shirley Mills, Jed Wartman, Dave Constantine, and freshman congressman Seth Moulton. It was also Andover-Exeter weekend, and a number of us enjoyed cheering Andover on to victory under the lights. Todd Boling was there with his wife, Keena, and very newborn daughter, Margaux Jane Lorene Boling.

That same weekend Erin Keaney Noonan attended the wedding of Tommy Ryan to Kathleen Fitzsimmons in Cohasset, Mass. A great many alumni celebrated with the happy couple, including Owen Tripp, Dave Weiner, Josh Lemaire, Paul Pennelli, Barry Staples, Leah Kalfas LaRose, Rob Holmes, and Todd Pugatch (who got engaged in December).

For this round of notes, in addition to gathering news of your lives, we solicited reflections on the national and worldwide events of the past year, as well as predictions for 2015.

Megan Greene offered this European economic forecast: “Europe will face a Japanese-style lost decade. The only way to avoid this is: (1) Germany accepts that it has to adjust as well by investing more domestically, (2) The European Central
Bank needs to buy all assets not nailed to the floor, and (3) There needs to be a major debt conference in which all the weaker countries in Europe (including France, by that point) reschedule their debt. Of these three options, we may see No. 2 in 2015 but won’t see the other two, unfortunately.

Michael Fortner, known for his heartfelt remembrances, says he is still lamenting the death of Elaine Stritch in 2014: “Her honesty, brashness, and truth inspired a generation of Broadway actors and me.”

Luis Gonzalez shared this perspective on U.S. foreign policy and naval power as it relates to balancing strategic goals in Asia against continuing crises in the Middle East: “In the decades since we left the halls of SamPhil, the geopolitical situation has drastically changed, and the West finds itself confronting a complicated, layered security environment. The 2011 ‘Pacific pivot’, which reoriented American military power to Asia, is still required to deliver reassurance to our local partners in the face of Chinese diplomatic and military force, exemplified by the growing support for a regional free trade pact and bilateral military agreements during the 2014 Asia-Pacific Summit. Both traditional and nontraditional partners are growing concerned at increased tensions in the resource-rich South Pacific; best demonstrated in the Spratly Islands, where Beijing has constructed an artificial island (of questionable legality) to support force deployment and contested territorial claims. However, 2014 saw new threats appear on old borders—from Ukraine, the Islamic State in Syria and Iraq, and the further deterioration of the Sahel—which mandated American force deployment to Europe for assurance and renewal of combat operations in the Middle East. Ultimately, it is in the global commons’ interest to maintain stability and promote commerce, which will require confronting the myriad of threats via a methodology that is both inclusive of regional actors and tools; this is not something that Washington can or should do in a vacuum, nor is it a reason to adopt an isolationist approach. Our allies look to America for reassurance and leadership, and 2015 certainly promises to be a critical period in engaging threats and partners—both new and old.”

Marc Hustvedt addressed the growing entertainment-industry divide between conventional cable and theatre versus in-home, on-demand content: “Once you get past the geopolitical storm around The Interview, the film will end up proving a watershed moment for consumer adoption of a digital-first window for watching movies. It has grossed over $31 million in online sales and rentals so far. Digital is now a viable business model that puts consumer convenience ahead of the legacy models of restrictive holdouts.”

We also received three thought-provoking commentaries on domestic race relations and law enforcement. Gerald Mitchell referred us to his piece for Yes! Magazine, in which he offered both obituary and insight in a single quote: “The late Maya Angelou said: ‘Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better.’ When it comes to injustices like those we saw in Ferguson, we’re all part of the problem—and the solution.”

Faye Golden wrote directly to the PA community at large on this same issue: “Dear Andover, There are not enough pages upon which to voice my anger, disappointment, and resolve as they relate to the murder and complete disregard of the lives of African Americans. Nor is there space enough to convey how underwhelmed I am at the activism emanating from Andover regarding the insidious institution that is racism. The talk of non sibi appears to apply merely to safe international pursuits of introspection that do not actually require taking a risk that extends beyond the mind. As an African American, how can I live non sibi when I am the only one who stands for me? And if we, the collective Andover, are not for self, the most important question is, Whose humanity are we for, and what service shall we render for the sake of that humanity?”

Finally, Hannah Weiner described her own unique experience: “Living in the greater St. Louis area has been difficult over the past year. I think being an adoptive mother of minority children has taught me to try to look at racial situations from a completely different perspective from the one with which I grew up (picture small-town Vermont). Andover certainly started that journey, going to college in Washington, D.C., furthered that journey, but being a mother has cemented it. Racial is something that needs to be acknowledged. People need to understand that society as a whole has not healed from our historical racial divides. With each tragedy, I hope that we can move forward and get closer to healing. But it will only happen if we respect each other and remain civil. Social media and the news media will work against us in this movement. I see this firsthand almost daily. Yet, in a torn city, there are also daily examples of people working together to help dispel the stereotypes that can be so damaging. It gives me hope.”

The past year was certainly turbulent and volatile, but we look forward to 2015 with great hope, confident that the contributions made by the dynamic members of our class will have positive influences in economics, politics, health care, security, and culture. —Jack & Kelly

1999

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By the time you all read this I sincerely hope that spring is upon us and that the snowy skies and frigid temperatures many of us are currently experiencing have bid us adieu for another year. I’ve heard from classmates across the globe recently and am excited to share with you what your fellow ’99ers have been up to.

Charlene Chen joined a startup based in Kenya called BitPesa, which lowers the cost of international money transfers to sub-Saharan Africa by leveraging digital currencies such as bitcoin. She is enjoying spending about 25 percent of her time working in London. Charlene’s recent Andover sightings include staying with Stephanie Wykstra and meeting up with Jasmine Mitchell, Yoko Iwaki, and Bonnie Oliva-Porter ’00, all in NYC. She also ran into Shalu Umapathy at a social entrepreneurship conference in San Francisco. At that time, Shalu was working at IDEO.org and expecting her second baby!

Russell Sticklor lives in Monterrey, Mexico, where he works on climate change adaptation strategies for the International Water Management Institute. He also recently served as a cultural ambassador for the U.S. State Department, participating in a hip-hop diplomacy initiative that used hip-hop music as a tool to promote conflict resolution among youth from Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and other countries of the former Yugoslavia.

Ian Fisher reported that he and his family would be moving from Hong Kong to Bangkok in early 2015. After 10 years in consulting, Ian has moved on to more entrepreneurial ventures. His first focus is on expanding a residential real estate business in the U.S. that he started a few years ago with his own funds. Ian plans for the expansion to be funded by a combination of U.S. and Asian capital, and he also plans to explore angel investment opportunities in Thailand, Burma, Cambodia, and Laos.

Grancis Santana returned safely to the U.S. from a deployment in Europe, supporting our allies during the Ukraine crisis in late July 2014. Grancis currently lives in the Dallas–Fort Worth area with his wife, Sara, and is in command of Army recruiting in the Dallas metro, South Dallas,

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By the time you all read this I sincerely hope that spring is upon us and that the snowy skies and frigid temperatures many of us are currently experiencing have bid us adieu for another year. I’ve heard from classmates across the globe recently and am excited to share with you what your fellow ’99ers have been up to.

Charlene Chen joined a startup based in Kenya called BitPesa, which lowers the cost of international money transfers to sub-Saharan Africa by leveraging digital currencies such as bitcoin. She is enjoying spending about 25 percent of her time working in London. Charlene’s recent Andover sightings include staying with Stephanie Wykstra and meeting up with Jasmine Mitchell, Yoko Iwaki, and Bonnie Oliva-Porter ’00, all in NYC. She also ran into Shalu Umapathy at a social entrepreneurship conference in San Francisco. At that time, Shalu was working at IDEO.org and expecting her second baby!

Russell Sticklor lives in Monterrey, Mexico, where he works on climate change adaptation strategies for the International Water Management Institute. He also recently served as a cultural ambassador for the U.S. State Department, participating in a hip-hop diplomacy initiative that used hip-hop music as a tool to promote conflict resolution among youth from Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and other countries of the former Yugoslavia.

Ian Fisher reported that he and his family would be moving from Hong Kong to Bangkok in early 2015. After 10 years in consulting, Ian has moved on to more entrepreneurial ventures. His first focus is on expanding a residential real estate business in the U.S. that he started a few years ago with his own funds. Ian plans for the expansion to be funded by a combination of U.S. and Asian capital, and he also plans to explore angel investment opportunities in Thailand, Burma, Cambodia, and Laos.

Grancis Santana returned safely to the U.S. from a deployment in Europe, supporting our allies during the Ukraine crisis in late July 2014. Grancis currently lives in the Dallas–Fort Worth area with his wife, Sara, and is in command of Army recruiting in the Dallas metro, South Dallas,
and Mid-Cities area. He was looking forward to linking up with Lindsay Hoopes and Liza Darnell in January. Grancis’s fellow former Bishop Hall resident Nathaniel Fowler became engaged to his girlfriend of the past 2 1/2 years, Alissa Leonard, on New Year’s Eve in Cozumel, Mexico.

Sara Smith recently moved back to her native Manhattan after completing nursing school in Philadelphia. Having passed the boards, she is now a certified nurse practitioner. I had the opportunity to have dinner with Sara and Liza Trafton Ndreu last fall following an Andover event in Greenwich, Conn. It was wonderful to catch up. And I’m looking forward to more get-togethers in 2015!

Liza, along with Tysie Sawyer, also paid a visit to Morgan Madera Baroni in Walpole, Mass., to meet Morgan’s 7-month-old daughter, Isabella. Morgan reports that she was also visited by Fred Flather, who is expecting his fourth child this May!

In more baby news, Jennie Cohen wrote in to say that she and her husband welcomed their son, Gideon, in November 2014; their daughter, Eloise, turned 2 later that month. Jennie also said that Chris Chen and his wife had a baby on the same day Gideon was born. Congratulations to both Jennie and Chris on their new additions!

Though he’s embarrassed to admit that it’s his first submission since graduation, Aaron Sterns wrote in to let us know that he, wife Jillanne, and 18-month-old son, Thomas, recently relocated from NYC to Winter Park, Fla. The winter of 2014 proved to be the family’s last straw with long, cold winters. While the Sternses miss New York’s vibrancy, they are enjoying the change of pace and the absence of coats, gloves, and boots. The move also brought them closer to Jillanne’s family, which is good, as Aaron travels a great deal for the business he founded three years ago, VestarPoint Capital. VestarPoint Capital is a real estate investment firm, and while the business is still in the early stages, it has had some initial success. Aaron relishes the role of entrepreneur and the wide range of responsibilities that accompany the position.

Aaron regrets not keeping in better touch with Andover friends and resolved to make a concerted effort to do so in 2015 and beyond. As a first step, he recently ordered and enjoyed a bottle of cabernet sauvignon from Lindsay Hoope’s vineyard, which he reported was delicious! Let’s hope that reconnecting with classmates will offer many reasons for celebratory toasts.

That optimistic note is where I’ll leave you for now. I hope that each and every one of you is happy and healthy and that you will write in to share your life stories, travels, and successes with your classmates.

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15th REUNION
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Our 15th Reunion is just around the corner. Fifteen years is pretty much the age we were when we began attending PA and more than triple the time we spent there. Gross’ awesome. I know that for some of us, life has remained reassuringly or disappointingly the same for the past five (or 10 or 15) years. For others, life has been dramatically or stunningly or devastatingly different. Either way, I hope to catch up on all things on campus in June.

In the meantime, here are some spoilers.

From Erin Liotta, of buddy o’pal from Latin and calculus and Doherty Middle School before that, who kindly relented to my pursuit of an off-Facebook scoop: ‘In September 2013 I got married to Bren Darrow in a regional park in Berkeley, Calif., where we live. In a year of record drought for California, we were surprised to wake up on our wedding day to a total downpour! But the sun was shining by the day’s end, and family and friends rallied around us, including Andover classmates Emily Griset, Drew Chin, Emily Carter, and Katherine Stirling. Life just got a little bit crazier by the day’s end, and family and friends welcomed our new addition, Thomas, recently relocated from NYC to Winter Park, Fla. The winter of 2014 proved to be the family’s last straw with long, cold winters. While the Sternses miss New York’s vibrancy, they are enjoying the change of pace and the absence of coats, gloves, and boots. The move also brought them closer to Jillanne’s family, which is good, as Aaron travels a great deal for the business he founded three years ago, VestarPoint Capital. VestarPoint Capital is a real estate investment firm, and while the business is still in the early stages, it has had some initial success. Aaron relishes the role of entrepreneur and the wide range of responsibilities that accompany the position.

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And a rather jolting message arrived from Harry Chandler ’71, father of Margot Chandler Cook. He wrote, ‘Unfortunately, in August of last year, Margot nearly drowned at her parents’ pool in L.A. Luckily, she did not succumb to the incident but has been fighting back from very serious brain injuries and other challenges every since. After 96 days in hospitals, she and her husband, Cutler, are now living in an apartment, and she is braving it through daily rehab to regain motor and cognitive skills. Her spirits are up and her sense of humor is back.’ ‘Luckily’ is right. I got gooseflesh reading about such a close call.

At the time of writing, Mr. Chandler felt that Margot might be ready for some cheer from her Andover classmates and friends in the spring (which is now). So just let your class secretary know if you would like to send a heartening message, and I can help get you in touch with Mr. Chandler, who will then relay your consideration to Margot.

Margot, it’s good to know that you are fighting and getting better every day. Remember...you got through Andover.

As the time for our gathering draws nigh, my thoughts and memories can’t help but go to Casey Hill Mercer. I’m sure of a lot of you, including her closest friends and family, are thinking of her, too.

Ah, it is no secret that our class has had some rough breaks, especially for being so young (yes, we are still young). But we’re also out there doing great things and being hard-assed survivors and creators. This reunion, I hope and trust that we will find ourselves—a real tribe—in greater unity than ever, in spite of the trials and losses we might have encountered in the past 15 years.

And to bring the circle back to underscore the hope, love, and new life in store for us all: Teri Moss-Tyler Alexander wrote in to report that she, her husband, Tesfa, and son Nathaniel (age 2) welcomed another baby boy, Nour, last September. Teri says that the crew of four is having an awesome time, having recently moved to Silver Spring, Md., and has enjoyed visits from the PA family, including Linda Griffith, who stopped by while she was in the area, and Bobby Edwards, who lives nearby. Other Andover visitors have included Richelle Lane ’99, Michelle Gittens ’99, Tamika Guishard ’98, and Anthony Morales ’98, with his beautiful family! Teri also recently caught up with Alison Wheeler ’05, a dear friend she met while living in Washington, D.C.

Meanwhile, near my ‘hood, Biana Fay Varga, daughter Maple, and husband Adam Varga welcomed a new addition to the clan: a baby boy named Arlo Moss Varga, born in December. So far, big sis Maple seems to love her baby brother, and Biana calls it a ‘whole new game’ that she’s winning for sure.

What a thing, to hear about both the Andover family and the families that you are beginning to build for yourselves as well! See you all soon, I guess, but those of you with babies and kids—
will ya please do us a favor and bring extra flasks to put the bairns to beddy-bye so that the pack of remaining lone wolves can party proper? Kidding, kidding... Faithfully yours, class secretary.

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Update of the quarter goes to Raquel Leonard Moreno, who is now a cohost on a radio show called The Green Hour on WURD in Philadelphia (www.900amwurd.com). The program airs on Sundays from 11 a.m. to noon. Raquel would love to hear the voices of Andover alums who have thoughts to share about the many elements of sustainability. Folks can feel free to call in to the show, or shoot me an e-mail and I’ll connect you with Raquel if you have topics you would like to share as a guest on the show.

James Kenly kicked off the year with some great updates, including his new job creating an account management department at a software development consultancy startup called Quick Left. It was number 196 on the Inc. 5000 last year! James caught up with Lawson Feltman over some beers at Eventide Brewing while on a business trip earlier this year in Atlanta and also attended a few ’01 weddings. Tim Daniels married Kathryn Kendall in Annapolis, Md., on Halloween weekend. Scott Darci, Gino Rotondi, Scott Ward, Steve Mead, Luke LeSaffre, Isaac Taylor, Tom O’Rourke ’02, Charlie Fuller ’00, and Ethan Liebermann ’00 were all in attendance. Shortly after Tim tied the knot, Scott Darci married Tess Morton in Key West, Fla., and the Andover group was quite similar, with the additions of Eric Chase, Alex Bradley, Ashley Harmeling ’00, and Porter Fraker ’00.

In his international travels, James caught up with Al Dahya while in Istanbul, Turkey, in August and met Ali’s beautiful wife, Roxana, and baby, Sofia. Allison Colbert connected the dots for this reunion. Ali is currently the director of business development for SunEdison (solar energy).

Merri Hudson Johnston ran the NYC Marathon in November and raised more than $4,000 for Team MR8. Rachel Weiner, Sarah Kline, and I got to have dinners with Merri every so often in the city; and they are always such fun reunions. Her two girls, Ellie and Emmy, are absolutely adorable and mini-Merris, already playing and interested in sports.

Gavin McGrath has two beautiful kids, Caroline, 3, and Charlie, 1-1/2, who love their ‘Pease House playdates’ with Martin Fox’s two boys. The families get together every few months, and Martin is now looking forward to the arrival of his third boy! The McGrath kids also got to play with Cora Kimball (Kate Kimball and Greg Kimball’s daughter) a few months back. Gavin has been staying busy traveling the globe in 2014, consulting to an international hotel company as an engagement manager at L.E.K. Consulting. He is happy to report that 2015 will involve less travel, and he will be closer to home.

Also rocking some ’01 playdates is Larisa Vaysman, residing in Cincinnati, where she is working as an attorney. Larisa’s first baby, a beautiful girl named Miriam, turned 1 in January. Vivian Huang Bastos ’02 and her daughter, Parker, get together with Larisa and Miriam, as they all live in Cincinnati.

Also enjoying a new addition are Mara Meyer Epstein and husband Jon, who welcomed their first child, a baby girl named Hannah, in October. The whole family is doing well and is beyond thrilled with the new addition.

Vanessa Nickerson is still living in Denver (though she recently moved) and has resigned from her position with the Office of the Public Defender. She’s taking a few months off, she writes, to ‘explore Denver, snowshoe, summit as many ’14ers as possible, and generally enjoy the great outdoors’ before she finds herself back in the legal profession.

Ian Crop has accepted a position with a sports consulting firm in NYC called GlideSlope. We are beyond thrilled to have him join the NYC Andover crew.

While completing a fellowship at the Villa I Tatti in Florence, Caitlin Henningsen hosted Susie Dickinson, Alida Payson, Ella Hoffman, Sarah Kline, and Nicholas Ma over the course of last fall. She also visited Vienna with Marion Read and husband Alex Saltman before their move to San Francisco.

Amanda Barash got married last summer to Ahmad Odetalla at the Lyman Estate in Waltham, Mass. Several ’01ers were in attendance, including Cynthia Cohen, Adrea Lee, Elka Gruenberg, Diana Malher Spalding, Matteo Natale, Desirae Simmons, and Matt Rotman.

Andrew Tucker’s gorgeous wedding to Lauren Czeizler took place on Sept. 6 at the St. Regis in NYC. Andover alums in attendance were Adam Sklar, Bryan Haughom, Eric Newman, Ramesh Donthamsetty, and Matthew Miller ’00.

My big update is that I got engaged over Thanksgiving to the very fun James Davis, whom many ’01ers have met. James proposed in front of the entire 23-person family dinner, and we will be tying the knot this fall in Boston. Should be a fun but hectic few months ahead!

Keep the updates coming. It’s just a little over a year until our 15th Reunion, 01. Start preparing!
received a PhD degree in epidemiological science from the University of Michigan and started an NIH fellowship in January.

M itch St. Peter got engaged to fellow Andover alum Jeanne LeSaffre ’03. They are now living in San Francisco and planning an October wedding. Congratulations! Drew Comins joined the happy couple in San Francisco to celebrate their engagement. Mitch is working at FutureAdvisor, a financial technology startup.

Ted Sack and Hank Hattemer frolicked barefoot, hand in hand, in the sand in Venice Beach, Calif., with Zach Robbins, who works as the food and beverage coordinator for the Big Apple Circus. Ted, Dmitry Serov, Travis Pantin, Ben Hogan ’01, Jon Lo, Rob MacInnis, and Josh Haney still hang out a lot, says Ted. He did not report where any of the above classmates live or where these magical hangouts take place, but I’m assuming it’s California.

In other Class of 2002 bro-bonding news, Dan Cote, Ben Chang, Eli Flouton, Shuva Chakraborty, Dan Shwartsman, Jack ‘Juddy’ Judson, Matt Roman, Pete Glenn, Andrew Tonelli, and Justin Eberlein have a fantasy football league. This year, Eli won the regular season, and Juddy won the league overall, in his first year in the league. Pete came in second, narrowly losing to Juddy in the finals, and Ben Chang came in last, barely outsticking Roman for the Toilet Bowl. Thank you, Pete Glenn, for the harrowing account of the Class of 2002 fantasy football league outcomes.

2003

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Two thousand fourteen was another good year for our classmates. To kick things off, Danny Dumond celebrated her wedding to Caleb Ward in September with a handful of classmates in attendance. The two married in the Log Cabin on the PA campus, with Katie Dlesk, Erin O’Hern, Kathleen Minahan, Kate Cooper Sawyer, Rachel Rapp, and Anita Taylor joining the festivities.

Anita also got married, to Sridhar Prasad on Dec. 6 in Morristown, NJ. Many of the same group attended the Prasad-Taylor wedding, with Katie Dlesk serving as maid of honor, while Rachel, Kathleen, Danny, and Caleb all cheered along. Sridhar and Anita honeymooned in Hawaii over the holidays before returning home to Cambridge, Mass., in January.

J en Park also tied the knot this past fall, marrying Jonathan Boebinger in October with many Andover pals by her side. Sylvia Zhu and Kimberly Wedderburn served as bridesmaids, while longtime friend Erin O’Hern also attended.

C athy Rampell became an op-ed columnist at the Washington Post, a longtime dream of hers, this past year. In addition to reaching that professional milestone, Cathy also married Chris Conlon last August. Several Andover friends joined the festivities, including Alessandra Colaianni, Kim Henderson, Stephen Zehring, and Chris Hughes ’02. Congrats to Danny, Anita, Jen, and Cathy!

K atie Regner Cannan reported that she and her husband, Matt, planned to move to Hong Kong in late January. Both of them will continue to work with their current companies as they explore a new city. If there are any alumni in HK, reach out to Katie!

Julia Totosy de Zepetnek wrote from McMaster University in Ontario, where she completed a PhD degree this past fall in exercise physiology. In October, she also welcomed a baby boy, Liam!

D rew Ward and his wife, Melena, also welcomed a child to their family this past year: Penelope, their second. Drew and Melena stay in touch with Jo and Dean Boylan and their baby boy, Blake. They also connected with Pam Risseecuw Stroble and Aaron Stroble ’04 when the Strobles brought their daughter, Caroline, to DC in November.

Dan Koh reported from Boston, where he was rounding out his first year as chief of staff to Mayor Marty Walsh. Fellow classmate Shaun Blugh also joined the mayoral administration this winter, serving as the city’s new chief diversity officer.

Nick Barber wrote from NYC, where he has lived for the past three and a half years. While living in SoHo, he has run into classmates Kanyi Maqubela, Coleman Lyons, and Ben Jordan. Nick has started a business called Patina NYC, selling mid-century modern furniture; check it out at patinany.com and @patinany on Instagram. Nick also served as best man to Nick Franchot and Alexa Raducanu when they wed last May.

Fellow NYC resident Matt London wrote from Austin, Texas, where he and his wife, Jordan, visited her family for the holidays. They joined Austin residents Kate Cooper Sawyer and Ryan Sawyer for trivia while in town. Matt recently authored The 8th Continent, the first volume in a children’s book series, now available on Amazon. In addition, he finished teaching his first semester of digital storytelling at Brown University, while moonlighting at NYC high schools SAR Academy and Horace Mann. Brian Karfunkel wrote from Brooklyn, where he moved in July. He caught up with classmates Alex Minhasian in NYC this past fall.

Anne Snyder has moved to Houston, where she has taken a grant from the H.E. Butt Family Foundation to freelance a variety of stories about the immigrant population. She writes that she has enjoyed the change of scenery, including the rodeo, Mexican food, and the culture of Texas.

In the SF Bay Area, our classmate head count continues to expand, adding Jeanne LeSaffre and Tom Oliphant most recently. Several of us, including Jeanne and her fiancé, Mitch St. Peter ’02, Michael Ruderman, Matt Lindsay, Janis Rice, and me, connected at a local Andover event this past fall, where Head of School John Palfrey shared the school’s Strategic Plan. Janis Rice recently moved to the East Bay, where she and her husband, Brandon Rice, have bought a condo. I have also kept up with Margaret Ramsey, who continues to teach at Menlo School in Atherton, Calif.

I made it back to campus and saw a handful of our classmates during Leaders’ Weekend 2014, including Jesse Bardo, Fay Rotenberg, Alex Minhasian, Justine Wardrop, and Sarah Carden. The campus looked fantastic, and ’03 represented well! That’s it from here; stay safe and go Big Blue.

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By the time this goes to print, Amy O’Gorman Block will have given birth to her first child! Amy reports that Baby Block is larger than average and appears to have inherited her long third toe. Baby Block is also especially active, kicking and flipping all the time. Maybe he or she will follow in Mom’s footsteps and join SLAM? Adam Draper and his wife welcomed a daughter in May. Adam runs a startup accelerator called Boost VC. Almost as exciting as these two additions is Derrick Kuan’s latest: He and his girlfriend adopted a dachshund-mix puppy named Penelope. Penelope gets along well with her older brother, Derrick’s bearded dragon, Orlando.

Jess Chernayeff’s film Keihide Wiley: An Economy of Grace was one of eight films short-listed for an Academy Award nomination for best documentary short subject. Although Jess didn’t take home the Oscar this year, I have no doubt that there’s a trophy in her future. Hard at work launching the F Show, Lolita Munos Taub is traveling worldwide to interview millennial entrepreneurs. The show will air in mid-2015 and is meant to inspire the next generation of women in business. Jacqueline Bovaird is now in charge of the West Coast office of Levine/Leavitt. In between a crazy work schedule and planning her wedding, Jacqueline saw Justin Cahlil, also living in LA.

Paul Randt has a finance job in Hong Kong and is looking forward to meeting up with any PA alums who are living in or passing through the city, including Emma Sussex, who will move to Hong Kong in 2015 after trips to South America and Hawaii. Wing-Kit Chu traveled to Charlottesville, Va., last August for Lars Trautman’s wedding, where Pat Callahan, Homan Lee, Taylor Yates, and Jisung Park were guests. Wing-Kit has since moved to Austin, Texas, to start his new job with A IMG and loves it there.

Ariel Gold lives in Washington, D.C., and works for Amazon Web Services. Marjorie Mocco,
Amanda Green Donaldson, and Pooja Sripad attended Ariel’s Halloween party.

Our classmates continue to pursue further education in exciting fields. Jennifer Graham took a break from her studies at the Yale School of Management to visit Jacqueline Bovaird at her new home in Venice Beach, Calif. Seth Stulgis is pursuing a master’s of science degree in energy policy and climate at Johns Hopkins. Amy Lippe is in graduate school in Boston. Alanna Hughes is halfway through an MBA-MPA program at Harvard and occasionally sees Amy, as well as James Feigenbaum and Taylor Yates. Alanna kicked off the new year traveling to Japan, South Korea, Indonesia, Malaysia, and India to run leadership development workshops.

Jamie Bologna had an exciting end to 2014. He got married and got a graduate degree! His wedding to Alex Wolniak was held at Andover’s Cochran Chapel. Guests included Taylor Yates, Travis Green, and Amanda Green Donaldson. After earning a graduate degree from Boston University in broadcast journalism, Jamie took a job at WBUR, Boston’s NPR news station. Laura Kelly lives in Oakland, Calif., with her husband, Dan Adamsky ’06, and their two ‘ridiculous’ cats. She works for environmental NGO Global Green USA on composting and recycling projects.

Jenny Wong celebrated her engagement to Nathan Sharp with a three-week trip to China. The two will wed in June 2015. Emma Sussex is serving as Jenny’s maid of honor and is doing a fantastic job as far as I’m concerned—she planned Jenny’s bachelorette party in LA and scheduled it for one of the few weekends I don’t have a Friday night taping! Let’s hope we’ll have as much fun as Mariah Russell, who recently met up with Saidi Chen, Emily Guerin, McKee Floyd, Sam duPont, Thatcher Clay, Anthony Roldan, Alex Limpaecher, and Matt Garza for dim sum and shuffleboard in NYC. Last fall, Jenny, Emma, Julia Bacon Fabens, Jane Herceva ’05, Loni Edwards’02, and I attended Olivia Oran’s beautiful wedding to Greg Beaton. Julia’s blog is my new favorite place to go for DIY projects.

I saw Jenny Byer Elgin during the holidays. While having a fireside dinner, my LA friends unanimously voted her Christmas card, featuring her son Milo, the cutest in existence. Jenny will move to Michigan next year, but I hope to still see her whenever she visits her in-laws in Orange County. When not catching up with my old Andover pals, I am hard at work writing season two of the sitcom Young & Hungry for ABC Family. As always, it’s great to hear from everyone, and if you’re out in LA, please let me know.

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Thanks to all ’05ers who submitted updates for the first edition of the class notes in 2015.

First things first. Many congratulations are in order: to Meta Weiss, Laylah Mohammed, and Cassie Cornell, all of whom were recently engaged, and to classmates Abigail Seldin and Krishna Gupta, who were named to Forbes’ “30 Under 30” list in December. Krishna is founder of VC firm Romulus Capital. Abby reports that as vice president of innovation, she’s running the Washington, D.C., office for ECMC; the company that acquired her startup, College Abacus, last summer. Cassie spent time with Nicole Amaral, Sam Demetriou, Caityra McGovern, and Sarah Waldo over the holidays in Portsmouth, N.H., and plans to move to Copenhagen with her fiancé this spring.

Natalie Exner Dean started working as a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Florida’s Department of Biostatistics, helping with the design and analysis of the Ebola vaccine trial in Guinea, and hosted Meg Scarborough and Chris Zegel at her house in Gainesville, Fla., over Christmas. (They got the hot tub going for the occasion.) Danny Lee moved to California for his residency in emergency medicine at Stanford, Alison Wheeler visited Leila Adell in Austin, Texas, and Charlie Thornton saw Natasha Midgley perform in a A Very Janky Christmas Spectacular with John C. Reilly at a small theatre in L.A. Charlie and Natasha also saw Andy St. Louis and Anthony Reyes on Halloween. Anthony made the big move out West, leaving his job at the U.S. Department of the Treasury in Washington, D.C., to serve as communications director for the leader of the California state senate.

Laura Sciuto, who’s been spending her time in Philadelphia for work, highly recommends eating at High Street on Market, where Alex Bois is a chef. Laura also had drinks with Chris Donais at the 99 Restaurant in North Andover over Thanksgiving and saw Wes Howe on New Year’s in New York. She hangs out with Chloé Hurley, Chloé’s fiancé, Sam, and their dog.
Ducky, all the time. Sims Witherspoon is still at Google and traveled to Colombia and Brazil for a couple of research projects, including helping the Google Maps team map Rio de Janeiro’s fandas. Dan Hackney lives in Mountain View, Calif., and is working at Google as a software engineer for AdWords. Outside of work, he’s been dancing in two performance groups, in addition to doing social swing dance and training for ballroom competition; he recently ran into Clare Kasemset because her husband is in one of his performance groups.

Melanie Kress moved back to NYC in January 2014 and has been working at the Friends of the High Line as the curatorial fellow for High Line Art, the program of public art presented on and around the park. She is thrilled that Beryl Sinclair recently moved from Seoul to New York and celebrated her return with Kendra Allenby, Vanessa Parkinson de Castro, Brittany Kaiser, and Nick Pappadopoulos ’04, among others. Lindsay Baker is studying interior design at the Rhode Island School of Design and celebrated Christmas with Katie Hunckler and Harry Goldstein in Chicago. Harry plans to remain another year and a half in Singapore, where he recently started a new role at the packaging manufacturer Amcor. He’d love for any Andover folks heading his way to give him a shout. Katie is marketing director for Bucketfeet, a custom sneaker company featuring designs by emerging artists from all over the world.

Ian Schmertzler saw Karl Hirt ’06 rowing in blue down at the Head of the Housatonic, ran into Kelly Stecker at the Head of the Charles, and enjoyed a day of making pumpkin pie with Hector Inirio, Faeez Jafarey ’06, and a small army of college friends. (He also saw Vanessa and Brittany, who “were a social scene unto themselves in New York this fall,” he says.) Ian led a European Banking Authority stress test last summer, spent the fall studying programming at General Assembly, and will be working with brother Ethan ’07 on a startup until the fall of 2015, when he’ll head to Georgia Tech for a master’s degree. In September, John Tincoff caught up with Vic Miller and their onetime proctee Peter McCarthy ’07 in Palo Alto, Calif., over tacos. Vic had recently finished defending his dissertation at Stanford and has been working on a super-cool medical-technology startup. John also celebrated with an ’05 crew—Krishna Gupta, Kelly Stecker, and Henry Manice—at a Romulus holiday party in Boston this past December.

Over the holidays, Matt Brennan had enchiladas in Methuen, Mass., with Sarah Donelan; Chinese food in Andover with Laylah Mohammed and her fiancé, Dave; fancy cocktails in South Boston at the home of Meg Scarborough and Chris Zegel; and steak frites and rye with Nicholas ’16. Duncan Cumming (who was Katie’s sweetie in Homer, Alaska) got married on Aug. 9, 2014, in New Orleans, proud thrower of epic New Year’s Eve parties, and fellow class secretary. Until next time, be well—and hope to see you at our 10th Reunion!

Much love, PA’05. —Matt and Al

A sizable Andover contingent turned out for the July 2014 wedding of Michael Cashman ’02 and Shana Platz. From left are Elliott Wall ’07, Geoff O’Donoghue ’02, Kara Gaughen Smith ’02, Jessi Spradling Russell ’02, the bride, James Platz’07 (father of the bride), the groom, Kathryn Zox ’05, Greg Martin ’02, Christina Kelleher Knoll ’02, and Luke Basta ’02.
The October wedding of Dan Taylor ’06 and Lauren Krzmaric in Sandy Spring, Md., brought out a large PA contingent. In front, from left, are Cornelia Wolcott ’06, Tobey Duble ’06, Emily Chappell ’06, and the bride and groom. In back, from left, are Gordon Murphy ’06, Simon Keyes ’06, Louisa Rockwell ’06, Gabe Worgaftik ’06, Geoff Miller ’05, Chris Magnin ’05, Owen Remeika ’06, and Justin Yi ’06.

Rajeev Saxena ’06 got married last July in Houston, and several classmates were on hand to help celebrate. From left are Paul Engelhardt, Carlisle Engelhardt, Caroline Pires, the groom, Gracia Angulo, Sara McLean, and Mario Noyola.

Peter McCarthy ’07 were present. Also in attendance? Gunga! And during a visit to San Francisco, Justin Yi, Owen Remeika, and Jeni enjoyed tapas in the Mission.

Jevan Jammal ran into Ben Hoerner ’05 at their swearing-in ceremony for admission to the Massachusetts Bar at historic Faneuil Hall. Small world!

John Lipple is still in business school in Boston, expecting to graduate in 2016. He caught up with Parag Khandelwal, Ali Siddiqi, and Matt Kahn at an Andover young alumni gathering. While on the residency interview trail, Kat Chen caught up with Ali Holliday in Boston.

*Emily Pollokoff* and her husband welcomed their second baby girl in October. Congratulations! After her maternity leave, Emily went back to editing for her company, greenlightediting.com. For all those who are writing papers and articles and filing dissertations this year, Emily is available to help. Her goal for this year is to make something crafty every day. Best of luck!

Jeff Bakkensen rang in the New Year with his girlfriend, Jen Bender, Mike Galaburda (and Mike’s fiancée Analise Siciliano), Alex Campbell (and Alex's girlfriend Julie Sickel and her sister, Chelsea Sickel), and Sam Woolford. Along with Mike and Analise, recently engaged are Aaron Weisz and Rachel Wilson. Congratulations!

Tobey, Owen, Justin, Emily, Melissa Chiorzi, Cornelia, Louisa, and Louisa’s fiancé, Adam Drici, continued their winter tradition of their Skiapalooza trip. This year, the group actually managed to go skiing! Tobey graduated with a master’s degree in special education, specifically in autism, from Teachers College, Columbia University.

Kevin Olusola and his band, Pentatonix, had an incredible 2014! They were signed to RCA and released PTX, Vol. III in September, which debuted at No. 5 on the Billboard 200 chart. Their Christmas album, *That’s Christmas to Me*, also did incredibly well. It’s one of only four records to have gone platinum in 2014; with that, Pentatonix joins Taylor Swift, Sam Smith, and the *Frozen* soundtrack! The album hit No. 2 on the Billboard chart. Pentatonix was also nominated for a Grammy for best arrangement (instrumental or a cappella) for their Daft Punk medley. [Editor’s note: They won!] Pentatonix spent the holiday season doing a lot of press, including at the American Music Awards, *Dick Clark’s New Year’s Rockin’ Eve*, Good Morning America, the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade, *Christmas in Rockefeller Center*, and the Kennedy Center Honors, performing for Tom Hanks. This year will be spent writing a pop album and touring—check out tour dates in the U.S. and Europe, as a lot of dates are already sold out. (A note from Jeni: Seriously, if you haven’t checked out Pentatonix live, do it! They are absolutely amazing! I am possibly #obsessed.)

Aside from Pentatonix, Kevin keeps up with his friends and family and is working on his own solo record, to be released this year. He’s excited for people to hear it when it comes out.
Thanks for the updates, 2006! Hope you’ve had a wonderful start to 2015, and we’re looking forward to what’s to come this year.

Love, Jeni and Paul

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First and foremost, there are a number of engagements and weddings to announce.

Betina Evancha recently became engaged to Daniel May and will be getting married in October. Stacey Middlebrook is also recently engaged; coincidentally, her fiancé went to Andover High while we were at PA, but they met after college. Karl Novick was married to the lovely Kate Grumbles this past summer in Richmond, Va. In attendance were Pete Dignard and Chris Adams. Last but not least, Cece Yu got married to Justin Aschenbener in Chicago in September. In attendance were Gina Kim, Colleen Thurman, Nate Flagg, Q Yankees, the groom and bride, Hilda Buss, Fay Gao, Olivia Pei, Chiz Izeogu, Mikaela Sanders ’08, Steve Stapczynski, Rob Sun, and Allen Cai.

When Cece Yu ’07 married Justin Aschenbener at the Art Institute of Chicago last September, several PA classmates joined the festivities. From left are Gina Kim, Colleen Thurman, Nate Flagg, Q Yankees, the groom and bride, Hilda Buss, Fay Gao, Olivia Pei, Chiz Izeogu, Mikaela Sanders ’08, Steve Stapczynski, Rob Sun, and Allen Cai.

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Olivia Pei

All of Clement House ’07 was

represented! Cece and her husband are now living in California, where they rock-climb a lot and where Cece recently started a new job leading product design at a startup called Wealthfront. Congratulations to all the happy lovers!

Nate Flagg is loving his classes and studies at the Yale School of Art, where he has already learned so much and improved greatly from the artist we all knew back at Andover. He is living with Jacqueline Hall ’08, who’s in the architecture school at Yale, and he frequently runs into James Flynn down in New Haven. Catherine Crooke is back home in NYC, where she now works at a small and very feisty international refugee-assistance organization called IRAP. NYC continues to be an Andover hub: This winter, Catherine consumed a lot of whiskey and rich foods at a dinner with Jack Dilday, Tasha Keeney, Becky Greenberg, Lola Dalrymple, Anna Klenkar, Dominic DeJoy, Evan Moore, Dave Mauskop, and Lucy Bidwell ’09. They are all doing extremely well; Evan is working on a novel. In December, Catherine celebrated the winter solstice with tequila and pagan rituals, joined by many of the above-named individuals plus Melanie Kress ’05, Emma Wood, Eddie Diaz, Curtis Holden, Brian Louie, and Jonathan Louie. Emma is having an extremely successful time as a poet at the University of Iowa. Catherine and Emma had lunch with Olivia Pei when Olivia visited the East Coast from San Francisco (Emma and Olivia also saw each other at Emma’s poetry reading last year). Olivia was recently promoted and got her (current) dream job of leading international strategy for Cisco Meraki. She attended a Halloween party hosted by Sarah Guo, which Billy Draper also attended.

We finally heard from Peter McCarthy, who is also in San Francisco, working at a small company called Quid. Last year he visited Eddie Kang in South Korea, at his army post near the North Korean border. Pete climbs a lot of mountains, and sees Olivia Pei, Katharine Matsumoto, Vic Miller ’05, Meg Evans ’06, and William Thompson-Butler ’09 fairly regularly. Ethan Schmertzler is the CEO of a New York tech startup working on secure communications; they’re still in stealth mode but should be launching soon. Danny Silk has made it official: He lives in NYC full time and loves the city life. He hasn’t been running into quite as many fellow grads as everyone above, but he has hosted quite a few as they roll through the city.

Maura Mulroy cannot get enough of life in Florida, even though she recently returned from a trip to Zurich, Switzerland. She completed her first Olympic-length triathlon this past fall, and if she didn’t have it before, has now fully caught race fever. Alex Clifford is still living in Chicago, trading options and working on his app, Entourage. A bit farther afield, Devon Zimmerling is still working in London and will be attending London Business School next fall. She caught up with Stacey Middlebrook, Dawson Joyce-Mendive, Carly O’Leary, and Kit Harris in Boston around Thanksgiving.

Steve Blackman is still alive. He is traveling the U.S. working for Gibson Boards and is happy to get to escape Amish country. Komaki Foster is still working in Congress but plans to leave Washington, D.C., to head to Japan for a few months and then continue on to the U.K.
Hanson Causbie ’08 recently returned home from Afghanistan, where he was deployed with the Army’s 82nd Airborne Division.

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On the job front, Kristy Spiak is now a finance associate at the World Affairs Council of Northern California, while Megan Richards and Nkem Ogbedo are both at Artisan Healthcare Consulting. Jade-Issis Lelefvre is teaching yoga and getting a PhD degree in clinical psychology (en français). Blaine Johnson is in China, writing a thesis on food-waste-sorting programs in Shanghai’s residential communities. And Adam Giancirasusta, a consultant at Monitor Deloitte, is still enjoying the weather in Dubai, where he’s based.

Between the engagement and the log cabin, you wouldn’t think Jen Downing would have time for much of anything else. You’d be wrong. Jen met up with Jake Bean, who was on his way through Boston for Navy training; attended one of Jessica Cole’s famous potlucks; had drinks with Chris Wade and Megumi Ishizuka; saw Lisa Lian at a holiday party; and briefly ran into Thomas Smyth at a Harvard-Yale tailgate.

We don’t know if she saw Jen or not, but Murphy Temple lives in the same apartment complex at Stanford as William Thompson-Butler ’09 and runs into Sebastian Caliri and Will Huncletter fairly frequently. On a break from work, Rajit Malhotra visited Lizzy Chan and Sarah Gordon in New York. Penn dental student Silke Cummings also took a trip to New York to celebrate Paul Hsiao’s birthday and hang out with Nicholas Koh and Steph Teo into the wee hours of the morning—hopefully, with champagne.

Until next time. — Lydia

Hello, all. A bit of a shorter submission this time around. It seems we are all too busy living life to write about it. Here’s what we’ve been up to since we last spoke.

Michael Kaluzny is currently living with Kevin Ofori in Atlanta. He had a great time rock climbing with Jean Fang in Chattanooga, Tenn. Johnny Carmona rang in the New Year with Malik Jenkins at Johnny’s apartment in Williamsburg, Brooklyn. David Luan and Johnny had a farewell dinner with the elusive Hyungtak Kim before he temporarily left NYC to conduct research in Silicon Valley. Tina Kit met up with Johnny, David, Moses Kim, and Andrew Ang for drinks in Brooklyn.

Moses also went ice-skating with Vincent Jow and Christine Choi in Central Park. Vincent writes that it was “really romantic” and that he got to “hold Moses’s hand so he wouldn’t fall.” What a lucky boy!

Jessica Frey flew down from Boston to Washington, D.C., with Salena Casha and Eliza Campbell to visit Marianna Jordan for a long weekend in November. Sophie Shimer also joined in, driving down from Yale, where she is currently attending med school. The girls managed to meet up with Ricky Chen for a few hours and did a bunch of typical touristy things (including taking what Jessica describes as “the world’s most awkward White House selfie”). Jessica lives with Eliza and Megan Farquhar in Brookline, Mass., so, she writes, “Every day is an Andover reunion!” The group tries to get together with Salena, Carolyn Calabrese, and Tori Wilmarth as much as they can.

Eddie Zhang works as a product manager for Facebook. He regularly sees Charlie Dong in San Francisco and managed to catch up with Vincent Jow over the holiday break. He plans to see Conrad Bastable and Tory Marvin soon as well. Stephanie Xu continues to work in Washington,
stay connected...

D.C., for the Republican National Committee. She hung out with Annie McDonough right after the New Year holiday. She writes that she “misses you all terribly” and that “you should all come visit DC!” (Secretary’s note: You really should. DC is the greatest.)

Tiffany Li relocated from San Francisco to LA, continuing her work at Anthos Capital, an early-stage investment firm. She invites anyone on the West Coast to reach out to her for drinks.

As for me (Alex McHale), I seem to see beautiful people all the time! That warms my heart. Lucy Bidwell hosted a housewarming party in NYC’s West Village, where some of my favorite people appeared: Erica Segall, Anna Burgess, Catherine Crooke ’07, Chris Waskom ’08, Foster Jepsen ’08, Dominick Defy ’07, Alex Moss, Eli Grober, Lawrence Dai, Jack Dickey, Sayer Mansfield ’10, Thor Shannon, Marvin Blugh, Graeme Clements, Harrison Hart, and Jack Walker. This was only a week after Jack, Matt Gorski, and Andrew Pohly hosted a black-tie New Year’s Party at the Hudson New York hotel, where I saw many other classmates—including Kiara Brereton, Max Abitbol, Cristina Mommsen, and Malin Adams—and countless non-2009 PA alums. I've hosted Christian Anderson and Carl Jackson at my apartment and I have weekly mapo tofu dates with Vincent Jow. I spend far too much and yet not nearly enough time up at Columbia with Max Abitbol and Marvin Blugh at our favorite haunt, Mel's Burger Bar. Two thousand fourteen was a great year for meeting up with one another! Hope to see the love continue into 2015. Until next time.

—Alex and Desdra

Curtis Hon started medical school at Boston University last fall alongside Nikita Saxena and looks forward to starting research in the field of thoracic surgery. Curtis represented Andover at the Head of the Charles this year, rowing with Shaun Stuer ’09. This past fall, his BU water polo team made history by finishing in second place in the New England CWPA championships, beating out Dartmouth (for the first time ever) in the semis!

Sarah Jacobson stayed for a fifth year at Stanford to earn a master’s degree in management science and engineering. She graduated in March and plans to travel the world before starting work at a startup in San Francisco in July.

Sophia Jia, Rachel Coleman, Adam Tohn, and Sarah attended Emily Hutcheson-Tipton’s September wedding in Colorado. Sophia says, “She is now Emily Bliss!” They all had an amazing time and loved meeting Emily’s husband, Forrest, and daughter, Alice Quinn. Emily reports that she and her husband are expecting their second child this June.

Annie Li met up with Julie Helmers and Julie Xie in NYC for lunch with former theatre instructor Mark Efinger ’74. They also went to see Carrie St. Louis ’08 as Sherrrie in Rock of Ages. Later that night, they joined David Luan ’09 for some food in K-Town.

Will Brooke met up with Courtney King and Emelyn Chew in NYC over the holidays and they had a grand time catching up. Peter Yang was the executive producer on The Kraken by the JHU Octopodes, the first-ever all-original collegiate a cappella album, which has already been selected for inclusion on national compilations. Last summer, Peter sang with a pro a cappella group aboard a Norwegian Cruise Line ship.

This spring, Peter has been singing with the Cat’s Pajamas, a professional a cappella group that appeared on season three of The Sing-Off.

Matt Renner has done 11 tattoos so far since his mentor cleared him to start. Matt says, “It’s the hardest medium I’ve ever worked with; skin is so different from paper, and not only does the tattoo machine vibrate, it’s also very heavy.” If you want to get tattooed by Matt, get in touch at rennergraphics@gmail.com.

Trevor Braun is in his junior year at McGill, doing a double major in history and economics at the honors level. He worked on a campaign for the governor of Maine last summer. Eric Strakian is a senior at Yale. His new play, Ermeni, about the aftermath of the Armenian genocide, was presented by the Yale Dramatic Association at the Yale Repertory Theatre in March. He is also writing the book for a musical planned to go up in April, and he’s been acting—most recently as Lady Bracknell in The Importance of Being Earnest and Prospero in The Tempest. He thinks Shane Bouchard has a great apartment in Boston and loves sleeping on Shane’s couch.

Dayo Adewole is finishing up a master’s degree in robotics this spring at Penn, using tissue engineering to develop a brain-machine interface for better prostheses. He recently started a club for engineers to build prostheses and other rehab devices for kids in and around Philadelphia, and he says “there’s been a huge turnout so far, and we’re excited for this semester.”

Jenn Schaffer has moved from LA to NYC. Nicholas Grace is living in Stanford, Conn., and working in Norwalk, pursuing a career in commercial real estate. He regularly sees fellow alums for squash and dinners and would love to (re)connect with anyone in the Connecticut or NYC area.

Maggie Law spent last summer interning at CNN in Washington, D.C., where she was able to catch up with Liz Lavin. Maggie recently graduated from Amherst College and is now living in NYC, where she entered the NBC Page Program in January.

Marta Misuilaityte graduated from Bowdoin, moved to her favorite city, Berlin, and is currently working for the company Gracenote as a content editor.

Around the holiday season, Duncan Crystal visited Kyle Leahy in Boston, where they made dinner, drank eggnog, and watched The West Wing. Since graduating from Stanford last June, Isabella Urias has been working with a former director of the Los Alamos National Laboratory, Siegfried Hecker, on nuclear security issues, specifically trying to facilitate scientific nuclear exchange and cooperation between the United States and Russia, China, Pakistan, and North Korea. She says, “I’ve been very fortunate to have worked at the Center for International Security and Cooperation surrounded by powerhouses of the national-security-policy world, including our new secretary of defense, Ashton Carter!”

Colleen Hanagan spent last summer WWOOFing and backpacking in Italy, as well as traveling through Spain, Germany, Hungary, and Serbia. Now, she’s working outside of Boston at the Amundsen Group, doing pharmaceutical and healthcare consulting and hoping to learn about the industry before applying to medical school this summer.

Luke Duprey graduated from Duke after helping his team win back-to-back national lacrosse championships and is now living out in San Diego. He says, “I didn’t get to see as many PA friends this summer as I wanted because of knee surgery, but I can’t wait for the reunion with everyone!”

After graduation, Jack Doyle moved to NYC, where he currently shares an apartment with Charlie Walters. He’s doing clinical research at the Hospital for Special Surgery, and he’ll be starting medical school in the fall. He says he’s loved NYC so far and has seen Kyle Franco, Tyler Jennings, Red Colson, Kitten Sherrill, Whitney Ford, and Bryan Satherstrom in the city in the past few months. Will Winkenwerder is living in NYC and working at Goldman Sachs; he has been spending a lot of time with Sebastian Becker and Paul Bloemsm at Southside.
Catherine McLaughlin graduated from the London School of Economics in July and now works at Brown Brothers Harriman in Boston in the client oversight department. Alanna Waldman is doing research on protein synthesis and biosensors at Massachusetts General Hospital in the Center for Computational and Integrative Biology. In June, she’ll complete a five-month stint in the Bahamas, where she’s been researching sustainable fisheries.

Anseley White is at the Marine Corps Basic Officer Course in Quantico, Va., and planned to attend flight school to become a Marine Corps pilot in February. Sam August is currently in a Boston-area band that plays six to eight shows per month, including every Saturday night at West End Johnnie’s, right by the TD Garden.

Mary Polk-Bauman and Amanda Howland enjoyed a great vacation on St. Thomas and reminisced about their trip while traveling back to NYC. Ken Tharp, Aniebiet Abasi, Matt Appleby, and Kristen Faulkner had a drumline reunion and grabbed dinner in Cambridge, Mass., to celebrate the upcoming finals and holiday season. Orie Idah finally visited Natasha Vaz at Vanderbilt. The two spent the weekend exploring Nashville’s honky-tonk culture and reconnecting after years of cross-country separation.

Class of 2011 members had many accomplishments at the end of 2014. Zachary Fine wrote an opinion piece for the New York Times. Haley Scott and Eric Kanter ’09 both worked on the campaign of Congressman Seth Moulton ’97 and celebrated his swearing-in on Jan. 6 in Washington, D.C. They were joined by countless other Andover alumni and parents who supported Seth along the way.

Our class had an exciting end to 2014, and we’re looking forward to even more adventures and opportunities to reconnect in 2015.

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At this writing, many members of the Class of 2011 were preparing for their last few months of college and exciting summer adventures before diving into the ‘real world.’

Albert Magnell is completing his final year at Oxford, earning a master’s degree in biochemistry, and hopes to pursue a PhD degree in the same field. Albert is currently finishing up his thesis, in which he explores the interactions between M2 amphipathic helix and the virion of influenza A.

Kerry Lanzo returned to South Korea for the second time to teach Model United Nations before heading to Normandy this semester to study the D-Day landings. Kellie Walsh is biking across the country this summer with a program called 4K for Cancer. Ken Tharp coincidentally signed up for the same trip!

During the winter holiday, a number of alums were able to catch up. Manwei Chan and Austen Novis spent a wonderful day together in NYC. They got bubble drinks and saw the National September 11 Memorial, had a romantic walk along the West Side, and ended their day at the Standard Biergarten.

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During the summer of 2013, Min Jae Yoo took a leave of absence after finishing his freshman year at Penn to join the Republic of Korea Army’s special forces. He had the opportunity to apply and be subsequently admitted to the United Nations Mission in South Sudan in February 2014. As a UN Blue Beret (or UN peacekeeper), he spent eight months in South Sudan and as of this writing was back in the Special Forces 9th Brigade (Airborne), waiting to be discharged from his service in April.

Ben Krapels spent the summer of 2014 interning in Washington, D.C., for Massachusetts senator Edward Markey. At Cornell, Ben occasionally runs into Alex Smith, Ian Sigal, Greer McBeth, and Demetri Papageorgiou ’13. He plays for Cornell’s men’s rugby team with Jake Howell ’14.

After finishing his sophomore year at Harvard, Andrew Cho enlisted in the Republic of Korea Army last September. At the moment, he is preparing for the annual combined military exercise with the U.S. Army as a private first class in the counterterrorism unit.

Eliana Kwarter declared as a double major in theatre studies and American studies at Yale, moved off campus to a super-cool new apartment, and hung out with Melissa Wattana at the Yale-Army tailgate. Melissa had another mini reunion this past fall in Andover with Lauren Howard, Claudia Shin, Sofia Suarez, Kelsey Jamieson, Collin Benedict, and Celine Kwon ’13.

At Duke, Nick Camarda recently changed his major to quantitative systems biology, a course of study that he designed himself through Duke’s Program II. He also joined a research lab at Duke in the Center for Applied Genomics & Precision Medicine.

Rowland Robinson held a birthday party near Northeastern with Austin Tece, Jonathan Sze, Alex Smith, Ian Sigal, Khalil Blassingame, Colby McBride, Kastle Jones, Chris Blackwood, Elezhan Zhakia, Philipp Giro (who came all the way from Germany to visit!), and Katie Ellinger.

Last October, Tananya .‘Ray’ Thamthieng, Seika Nagao, Madeleine McClintic, and Marie Liu all got together for a weekend in Chicago. Ray hosted them at her apartment, and they toured the city and even took selfies at the ‘Bear’!

William ‘Trey’ Jennings was visited by Uday Singh at Dartmouth over Halloween weekend. Trey also had dinner with Alana Saab in NYC after an adventure-filled day at SantaCon. He also had the pleasure of celebrating Sage Hunt’s 21st birthday in NYC with Julia Quinn, Lydia Azarat, Sarah Freedman, Borkeny Sambou, Tyler ‘Ty’ West, Will Walker ‘11, and Malcolm Mason Rodriguez ‘11. This past winter, Trey interned at Pilzer in the company’s neuroscience research unit in Cambridge, Mass. Hopefully, he had the chance to meet up with some Andover alums who go to school in Boston!

Abigail Burman saw Peter Larner, Tia Baheri, and Katherine Chaviano for “a raucous friendsgiving.” She writes in an e-mail, “We managed both to produce dinner and not burn the place down.” This summer, Abigail will be graduating from Oxford University and is “furiously preparing for exams and looking forward to settling on the East Coast for at least a few years.” Congratulations and good luck to Abigail!
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What have the faculty emeriti been reading lately? Here is the place to find out.

Don and Rosy Barry have been temporarily living in Don’s mother’s house in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where Don came upon a real treasure. He wrote, “I’m loving reading Pioneer Life in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, from 1839 to 1849 and discovered that Mom’s house is on the author’s 1839 farm.” For Rosy’s enjoyment, it has been Susan Vreeland’s Girl in Hyacinth Blue.

Karen Sturges writes, “I found Sonia Sotomayor’s memoir to be fascinating and inspiring.” From Elwin Sykes, this strong recommendation: “Just finished Daniel Deronda; read Middlemarch just before I read Eliot’s last novel. Highly recommend both novels, especially Daniel Deronda, which is one of the three best novels that I have read.” From John Gould: “All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr, which I recommend most heartily.”

Marlys Edwards echoes John and also mentions Laura Hillenbrand’s Unbroken, as well as two books she read for her Massachusets master gardener certification: Botany for Gardeners by Brian Capon and Weeding with Microbes by Lowenfels and Lewis.

Becky Sykes recommends two very different books: Americanah by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie and Dear Life by Alice Munro. Jon Stableford ’63 writes, “I’m currently deep into David Mitchell’s latest, The Bone Clocks, which I love. I selfishly gave it to Cindy for her birthday, but she liked it a lot and gave me a free pass.”


Don Abbott likes “the writing of Kent Haruf, whose sparse and graceful voice illuminates humanity found in the fictional small town of Holt in the high plains of Colorado. Having his most recent novel Benediction, I turned at once to his earlier works—Plainsong, Eventide, The Tie That Binds, and Where You Once Belonged.”

Susan Stott read The Reluctant Fundamentalist by Mohsin Hamid and The Submission by Amy Waldman and “reflected on what it means to be Muslim in the post-9/11 U.S.”

Susan McCasin liked Astonish Me by Maggie Shipstead for showing “ballet’s capacity to astonish and the twists and turns of a ballerina’s life.” She also said that The Teacher Wars: A History of America’s Most Embattled Profession by Dana Goldstein “puts the current arguments about how to improve student learning into historical perspective and offers some useful suggestions on how to do so.”


Vince Avery recommends Michael Gordin’s The Pseudoscience Wars, a “history of the Velikovsky affair, providing an interesting backstory to climate-change debates.” In contrast, and as “a gentle way to learn more about my adopted country,” Vince likes Donis Casey’s mystery series, beginning with The Old Buzzard Had It Coming. Carole Braverman calls Anthony Marra’s A Constellation of Vital Phenomena ‘extraordinary’.

Becky McCann writes, “I loved The Boys in the Boat, which gave me a real appreciation for the sport of crew. Also, Someone Loves My Name by Lawrence Hill, for presenting a glimpse of the slave trade here in the Saint Helena and Charleston [S.C.] area.”

From the western foothills of Maine, Tom Hamilton reports, “I am reading Happy the Land by Louise Dickinson Rich. There are not many books about the Lake Umbagog/ Magalloway River/Upton, Maine, area in the 1940s! This is an area I have visited (hiked, camped, canoed, or kayaked) many times over the past 40 years.”

Cilla Bonney-Smith also enjoyed All the Light We Cannot See and is now “wading through The Wind-Up Bird Chronicle by Haruki Murakami.”

Having heard Karl Ove Knausgaard speak compellingly at Porter Square Books, Natalie Schorr ’62 recommends his My Struggle, Books 1, 2, and 3, as well as Tina Fey’s Bossypants. “Not only funny but very helpful on the subject of bosses,” says Natalie.

Dick Lux writes, “I have recently finished four of Malcolm Gladwell’s books. I first read...”
David and Goliath and was really interested in what he had to say. Then I read The Tipping Point, Blink, and finally Outliers."

Lydia Goetz writes that Ha Jin’s A Map of Betrayal “gives a good (fictional) sense of China today and the dilemma of our relationship to it.” On the local scene, Tony Rotundo reports, “This fall, I read Snow Hunters by Paul Yoon, a former PA writer in residence. It’s a remarkable novel, engaging and written in the quietest prose I’ve ever read.” He also recommends “the excellent audio book version of Tan Tack Eng’s The Garden of Evening Mists, about personal aftermaths of World War II in Malaysia.”

Ed Germain offers a quote from a review of The Circus of Dr. Lao by Charles Finney, published in 1935: “[It] follows no regular conventions, has no chapter breaks, no central character and…brings the rural, rustic Arizona town with its dusty streets to life, then injects the wonders of mythic creatures.”

Neil and Betsey Cullen cast another “wow” for Unbroken and write, “We also recently listened to The Invention of Wings, Sue Monk Kidd’s novel about the Grimké sisters from South Carolina.”

Meredith Price recommends Japan 1941 by Japanese author Eri Hotta, “which illuminates the deep divisions among Japan’s leaders over whether or not to attack the United States and their refusal to surrender after the tide began to turn at the Battle of Midway in 1942.”

And from Joe Wernick: ’52: “I recommend Stephen Greenblatt’s The Swerve. Well researched, beautifully written. A mesmerizing prizewinner about Lucretius’ s 2,000-year-old poem On the Nature of Things (De rerum natura). It’s about how the world became modern!”

We turn from books to two beloved colleagues. On Nov. 15, 2014, Cochran Chapel was filled with family and friends to celebrate the life of Hale Sturges II. Led by Rev. Diana W. Phillips, a very close, longtime family friend, and Rev. Philip Zaeder, the service also included these participants: Hale’s son-in-law Bob Gatewood, former faculty Linda Gregg Nielsen ’67, Hale’s son-in-law Jay McDermott ’80, Hale’s brother, Sheldon, math instructor Jacques Hugon ‘79, faculty emerita Natalie Schorr ’62, Hale’s grandson Jake McDermott, Hale’s daughter Annie Gatewood ’87, and Hale’s wife, Karen. After the service, the family hosted a reception in the Smith Center.

Many Academy friends and family attended the Requiem Eucharist for Robert L. “Robin” Crawford on Dec. 13, 2014, at the Parish of the Good Shepherd in Walban, Mass. Leading the memorial service was Interim Priest Rev. Margaret K. Schwarzer ’81, who also shared memories of her former teacher. Further memories were shared by Robin’s daughter Elizabeth Gilmore ’87 and Rev. Philip Zaeder. A reception for family and friends followed in the Waiban home of Annie Sturges Gatewood.

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21 Ibid., 211-212.
22 Ibid., 126.
Novelist, editor, and teacher John Leggett spent nearly two decades directing the University of Iowa Writers’ Workshop — and was still writing until his death at age 97.

Born in 1917, Leggett had a difficult, lonely childhood. The death of his mother in the 1918 flu epidemic and an absentee father made for little parental direction and an aimless youth (the basis for his book series, *The Elements of Literature.* He is survived by his wife, Edwina Benington Leggett; sons Timothy, John, and Anthony ’72; and three grandchildren, Annalee ’09, Mary-Claire (”Mimi”) ’13, and Antonia ’15.

After graduating from Yale in 1942 (where he wrote for the *Yale Daily News* and where his 1969 novel *Who Took the Gold Away* was set), Leggett was a U.S. Navy lieutenant in the Pacific. When World War II ended, he married Mary Lee Fahnestock, and they raised three sons together while he worked as an editor in Boston (Houghton Mifflin) and New York (Harper & Row).

In 1969, he joined the Iowa Writers’ Workshop, where he attracted a star-studied faculty and launched many successful writers. He also wrote his own acclaimed *Ross & Tom: Two American Tragedies,* the story of Ross Lockridge, author of *Raintree County,* and Thomas Heggen, author of the WWII novel and play *Mr. Roberts.*

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—The Leggett Family

Arlene Teichert Poirier
Tewksbury, Mass.; Dec. 9, 2014

1939

John W. Castles III
Manchester, Vt.; Dec. 8, 2014

1940

Jerome Preston Jr.
Cambridge, Mass.; Sept. 24, 2014

1941

Arthur C. Upton
Santa Fe, N.M.; Feb. 14, 2015

Arthur C. Upton, MD, a renowned pathologist and expert in radiation biology in oncology, died at age 92.

Former director of the National Cancer Institute (NCI), Upton was also former president of the AACR (American Association for Cancer Research) and a member of its board of directors; in 2013 he was elected an inaugural fellow of the AACR Academy. He was an emeritus professor of environmental medicine and clinical professor of environmental and community medicine at the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School.

Appointed NCI director by President Jimmy Carter in 1977, Upton sought to create closer cooperation between the NCI and governmental entities devoted to environmental regulation. An expert in environmental carcinogenesis, he supported antismoking proposals and was a frequent antagonist of the tobacco industry.

Appointed director of the Institute of Environmental Medicine at New York University in 1980, he was instrumental in establishing the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and other such organizations. He worked closely with the NCI to define preventive oncology and make it part of the NCI’s National Cancer Program.

He received both BA (Phi Beta Kappa) and MD degrees from the University of Michigan, where he was an intern and resident in pathology. His numerous honors and awards included Phillips Academy’s Claude Moore Fues Award in 1980; he represented the sixth generation of his family to attend Andover. Upton published nearly 400 articles and textbook chapters and held many positions throughout his career, including chief of the pathology-physiology section at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, professor and chair of the Department of Pathology at the State University of New York at Stony Brook, and dean of its School of Basic Health Sciences.

Upton is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; three children, Rebecca, Melissa, and Bradley ’70; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and brothers Herbert H. Upton Jr. ’45 and John H. Upton ’51.

1942

Lindsay D. Hanna
Carmel, Calif.; Feb. 4, 2015

Donald F. Herbst
Summit, N.J.; Jan. 22, 2015

Charles W. Knapp
Manchester, Vt.; Jan. 20, 2015

Frank A. Thomas Jr.
Charleston, W.Va.; July 8, 2014

1943

Philip S. Kemp
Omaha, Neb.; Feb. 8, 2015

Gael Mahony
Boston, Mass.; Nov. 4, 2014

Not only did Gael Mahony reach the heights of accomplishment as a trial attorney; he also earned the admiration and respect of his colleagues. “He was everything we as lawyers should attempt to be: good, clever, honorable, and decent,” said a fellow attorney. Mr. Mahony, a former partner at Hill & Barlow and later a partner at Holland & Knight, passed away at his Beacon Hill home following a stroke. He was 88.

Among his many legal triumphs were convincing a federal appeals court to reverse a $130 million verdict in a class-action suit against Volvo in the 1990s; convicting four men, in a high-profile corruption case, of stealing hundreds of thousands of dollars during the construction of the Boston Common Garage; and reversing media mogul Mortimer Zuckerman’s claims that shareholders of *The Atlantic* defrauded him when he bought the magazine.

During World War II, Mr. Mahony left Yale University to join the Air Force; he later completed his undergraduate degree and graduated from Harvard Law School in 1952. Mr. Mahony was appointed special assistant attorney general in Massachusetts in 1963 and, as a protégé of former U.S. senator Edward Brooke (R-Mass.), was
courted to run for attorney general when Brooke left that office. But Mr. Mahony loved the practice of law and the courtroom too much to go into politics, said his wife, Connaught.

A longtime hero of the Beacon Hill Civic Association—he was the association’s first president, at age 29—Mr. Mahony was devoted to his neighborhood and his work on historic preservation issues. He was a real family man, who, according to daughter Medb Mahony Sichko, came home for dinner each evening before returning to work. He loved sailing, playing tennis, and living in the city.

In addition to his wife and daughter, he is survived by two sons, Lea-Gael ’78 and Eoghan-Ruadh; and six grandchildren, including Stassja Gaelya Sichko ’10.

Richard S. Meryman Jr.
New York, NY.; Feb. 5, 2015

John A. Stevenson Sr.
Lake Forest, Ill.; Nov. 23, 2014

George C. Sweeney Jr.
Spencer, Mass.; Jan. 15, 2015

John E. Vinsel
Mount Vernon, N.H.; Nov. 26, 2014

1944

John Bourne
Brooklyn, NY.; Jan. 9, 2015

William Y. Boyd II
Panama City, Republic of Panama; Dec. 31, 2014

After graduating from Andover, William Boyd was drafted into the U.S. Army. Considering the amount of combat he saw in the European Theater from January 1945 through the end of the war in May, he was fortunate to have returned home safely.

As part of the distinguished 242nd Infantry Regiment of the Rainbow Division, he participated in the Battle of the Bulge and fought in Alsace, the Ardennes, the Rhineland, and Central Europe, earning the Combat Infantryman’s Badge, the Bronze Star for exemplary conduct under enemy fire, and three campaign stars. He was part of the force that liberated the Dachau concentration camp. His Antitank Division earned a Presidential Unit Citation for its heroic and successful stand against overwhelming odds during the German winter offensive in January 1945. Mr. Boyd received a Purple Heart for wounds sustained in battle. Last year, on the 70th anniversary of D-Day, he was awarded the French Legion of Honor at the French Embassy in Panama City, the city of his birth and where he died. He was 88.

After graduating from Yale in 1950, he returned to Panama and joined the family firm of Boyd Brothers, Inc., where he ultimately became chairman of the board of its shipping, insurance, banking, and importing companies. He served for nearly six decades as board chair of Boyd Steamship Corporation, the oldest and largest shipping agency in Panama.

Mr. Boyd was the author of five published novels, including three about World War II: The Gentle Infantryman, A Fight for Love and Glory, and A rendezvous with Death. He also wrote articles for the Wall Street Journal.

He is survived by his second wife, Victoria Phillips Boyd; a daughter, Virginia Boyd Lockhart; three stepchildren; and two grandchildren.

Carol Paradise Decker
Santa Fe, N.M.; Feb. 24, 2015

Carol Paradise Decker—daughter of Scott H. Paradise (Class of 1910), a popular Phillips Academy English teacher and football coach from 1925 to 1956, and Alma Eaton Paradise—passed away unexpectedly of natural causes at age 87. She was raised with her brother and sister on the Academy campus, where the rich resources available were formative influences in her life.

A 1948 graduate of Connecticut College, she received an MA degree in Spanish from Columbia University in 1950. She spent several years working on community development projects in Mexico and worked in settlement houses in England and with migrant workers throughout the United States.

She met her future husband, Fred Decker, while teaching at the Verde Valley School in Sedona, Ariz. They moved to Norwalk, Conn., where they raised their family and where she initiated numerous community programs. Graduating from Yale Divinity School in 1977, she worked in campus ministry before moving to Santa Fe, N.M., in 1980.

Over the next 35 years, she traveled the world, striving to resolve regional intercultural and interfaith issues, worked with Andover’s Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology, and wrote extensively, combining the most meaningful aspects of her life’s work.

‘Carol Decker was described as one of the 100 living treasures of New Mexican history, art, and culture,’ said Peabody Museum Director Ryan Wheeler. ‘That is certainly true. In the late 1990s, on the heels of the joint Harvard-Andover repatriation of ancestral remains and funerary objects to Jemez Pueblo, Carol helped forge our lasting connection with the tribe. She was instrumental in launching the long-running Pecos Pathways program, which was one of the first museum-tribe collaborations that emerged from federal repatriation requirements. That bond is stronger than ever, and something commemorated in Carol’s two recent books on Pecos Pueblo.’

Her survivors include a son, Scott Decker; a daughter, Anne Lee; a brother, Scott Paradise ’46; and three grandchildren. She was predeceased by her sister, Polly Paradise Russell ’51.

Frank M. Magee Jr.
New Bloomfield, Penn.; Jan. 1, 2015

1945

Jean L. Jones
Rockville, Md.; Oct. 31, 2013

James A. Lebenthal
New York, NY.; Nov. 14, 2014

Widely regarded as the spokesperson for the $3.7 trillion municipal bond industry, both as pitchman and lobbyist, James Lebenthal died following a heart attack. He was 86.

For decades, he was America’s best-known municipal bond salesman and considered a financial wizard. Beginning in the 1970s, the former ad man wrote and starred in quirky radio and television commercials. He was filmed posing in front of incinerators, water tunnels, subways, and sewers to make his pitch for rebuilding America’s infrastructure through public works financed by municipal bonds. His 2006 book, Confessions of a Municipal Bond Salesman, recounted his many exploits.

After graduating from Princeton in 1949, his first job was covering the movies for Life magazine; his beat was Hollywood. He later wrote advertising copy for New York ad agencies Ogilvy & Mather and Young & Rubicam.

In 1963, he joined the family municipal bond business, Lebenthal & Company, founded in 1925 by his parents. He threw himself into selling bonds and became a crusader against federal regulation of municipal securities. In 1975, he fought successfully against federal legislation that would have removed municipal bonds from their tax-exempt status. The company was sold in 2001, but he and daughter Alexandra continued at the company until 2007, when Merrill Lynch took over.

“The best memory we have of Dad’s time at Andover is that he got an F in Latin from Horace Poynter—but an A for effort,” said Alexandra.

Bruce Gelb ’45 remembered his lifelong friend as “a dynamic little powerhouse” who took some unforgettable photos for the Petit Poulet.

Mr. Lebenthal is survived by his wife, Betty Wright Landreth; three children, Alexandra Diamond, Claudia Lebenthal, and James Lebenthal; and five grandchildren. He was predeceased by his first wife, Jacqueline Beymer, in 2010.

Edward M. Mead
Erie, Penn.; March 11, 2015

Sally Spear Morse
Cincinnati, Ohio; Nov. 18, 2014

1946

Katharine Johnson Cruger

1948

William H. Fenn
Brooklin, Maine; Aug. 21, 2014

Bill Fenn died following a courageous battle with cancer. Born in Bangor, Maine, he grew up in Wilmington, Del., where he was co-captain of the track team. After graduating from Andover, he matriculated at Yale but instead joined the Marines for two years. He then returned to Yale and graduated in 1954. Bill married Jane Miller and began his career with General Electric in Florida.
The family eventually moved to his farm in Dover, N.H., and Bill retired from GE. Following a divorce, he moved to Ellsworth, Maine, to manage the family property. He married Marcia Beebe, and they lived on Blue Hill Bay in Brooklin for 35 years.

Bill loved hunting, fishing, skiing, and sailing and ranged in his beautiful Hinckley Sou’wester 42, *Blue Moon*, from the Bahamas to Nova Scotia. He was active in state conservation efforts, supported many local organizations, and was commodore of the Kollegewidgwok Yacht Club in Blue Hill. Bill is survived by his wife, a son, three daughters, and several grandchildren, including Eleanor Shepley ’08.

---Robert Segal ’48

Eleanor Wallis Herkness Lewisburg, W.Va.; Sept. 18, 2014

Robert S. Koop Venice, Fla.; Nov. 29, 2014

Bob Koop spent his senior year at Andover before heading to the University of Connecticut, where he majored in business and played football. He went on to play semi-pro ball before joining the Army and serving in the Korean War as a member of the U.S. Army Medical Corps.

Bob spent his working career in the liquor business. He began in beer sales for Hartford Distributors, a company co-owned by his father, and then held a variety of sales and management positions, including that of vice president of sales and marketing for Crown Distributors. Upon retirement, he moved to Venice, Fla., and was a consultant for several West Coast and Tuscan wineries.

He is survived by his wife, Jean; a son; and two daughters. His ashes were scattered in the Gulf of Mexico.

---Robert Segal ’48


Robert J. McCoubrie Jr. passed away at the age of 85 as the result of a serious fall. He had battled Parkinson’s disease for more than 18 years.

A high school math and science teacher for 30 years, Robert also was a skilled canoeist who enjoyed paddling the Canadian Far North. He is survived by his wife, Susan; daughter, Mary Elise; and son-in-law, Scott.

---Susan McCoubrie

Mose Smith III Little Rock, Ark.; Aug. 19, 2014

Dr. Mose Smith III died at age 84. During his two years at Andover, he served as president of FLD and manager of the baseball team and was one of the most popular and respected members of his class. At Yale, he roomed with Andover classmates Lincoln Cornell, Richard Coulson, and John McDonald for all four years, creating friendships that lasted a lifetime. His senior year, he was chosen as a member of the Whiffenpoofs; members of the a cappella group traveled to Little Rock from across the U.S. to help Mose celebrate his 50th and 60th birthdays.

Mose attended the University of Arkansas School of Medicine, later completing his residency in obstetrics and gynecology. After his internship year, he served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy Medical Corps. He entered into private practice in Little Rock in 1962. Appointed associate clinical professor in the University of Arkansas Medical Center’s OB/GYN department, he also was a diplomate of the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Mose and Sarah Jane, his devoted wife of 44 years, loved to dance and to travel with their family and many friends. He is survived by Sarah Jane; their son, Lincoln Mose Smith; his daughters, Susan Schallhorn, Quinton Smith, and Lucille Leach; his sons, Reid Smith and Mose Smith; and eight grandchildren.

---Lincoln Cornell ’48

1949

Frederick Flather III

Andover, Mass.; April 16, 2012

Andre D. Machain

Savannah, Ga.; Nov. 27, 2014

Gilbert W. O’Neil

Beverly Farms, Mass.; Nov. 16, 2014

Paula Flowers Schopps

Flat Rock, N.C.; Dec. 3, 2014

Louis B. Savard

Ooltewah, Tenn.; Dec. 18, 2014

Ross D. Siragusa Jr.

Fort Payne, Ala.; Nov. 27, 2014

1950

H. Donald Harris Jr.

Albuquerque, N.M.; Jan. 3, 2015

A graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School and a lifelong litigator, Don Harris cofounded the nonprofit Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund in 1971 with two fellow attorneys in San Francisco.

As board chair from 1971 to 1989 and ongoing board member until 2006, Don led the organization’s efforts to protect the natural environment as it expanded nationwide to include a Washington, D.C., office and several regional offices. It was renamed Earthjustice in 1997.

Supported by individual donors and foundations, Earthjustice provides pro bono legal services to hundreds of local, regional, national, and international organizations.

Don is survived by his wife, Janet; children Jonathan ’78 and Catherine ’84; and five grandchildren.

---Eric Wentworth ’50

1951

James L. Sagebiel Jr.

Andover, Mass.; Nov. 24, 2014

Martin A. Purcell

West Palm Beach, Fla.; Feb. 12, 2015

1955

Richard M. Bergmann

Milling Valley, Calif.; Feb. 6, 2015

Louis R. Santaella

Ocean Beach, Calif.; Sept. 5, 2013

James L. Schulz

Victor, Idaho; Feb. 9, 2015

1956

George A.G. Darlow

Evanston, Ill.; Oct. 29, 2014

1957

Frank B. Bell II

Norfolk, Conn.; March 6, 2011

James R. Green Jr.

Cromwell, Conn.; Aug. 1, 2014

Walter M. Phillips Jr.


A varsity soccer, basketball, and baseball player, Wally Phillips was voted the Class of 1957’s most outstanding athlete. “He was very popular at PA, and I recall many gatherings in his room over the
years,” said classmate, teammate, and lifelong friend Ben Field. “When I saw him at our 50th, we picked up right where we left off. One wonderful and dear friend!”

Wally became a star pitcher at Princeton and later signed with the Colt .45s (now known as the Houston Astros). After a shoulder injury ended his pro career, Wally earned a law degree at Hastings College and joined D.A. Arlen Specter in Philadelphia to pursue public corruption cases; in Manhattan, he worked alongside a young Rudy Giuliani, prosecuting mob bosses. After returning to Philadelphia to investigate corruption among the city’s police and public officials, he went into private practice.

“Wally just thought that the privilege of public service required that you serve with total and complete integrity,” said a longtime colleague. “In his mind, when people violated that public trust, you had to go after them.” Wally lived a true non sibi life.

In addition to his wife, Valerie Ogden ’57, Wally is survived by son Graham Phillips, daughter Serena Sterling, and three grandchildren.

—Ben Field ’57 & Gerrit Keator ’57

Judith Medwed Stahl
McLean, Va.; March 4, 2015

1958

William R. Jenkins
Millinocket, Maine; March 4, 2015

1959

David T. Warden

1960

Peter K. Beck
Louisville, Ky.; Jan. 11, 2015

1961

Cynthia Eaton Bing
New York, NY.; Dec. 12, 2014

Cynthia Eaton Bing, one of the most committed, dedicated, and devoted volunteers in Academy history, passed away peacefully at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York after a long illness.

Born in Belfast, Maine, in 1942, she came to Abbot Academy for her high school education and then matriculated at Connecticut College for Women (now Connecticut College). She later worked for Holland America Line in New York as head of group sales and, in 1972, married Alexander Bing III, a partner at L.F. Rothschild & Co. She balanced raising three young children with a career as a philanthropist in the fields of education and environmental protection.

As a volunteer for Phillips Academy, she took on a wide variety of responsibilities over the course of 25 years. Among her many roles were those of Alumni Council member, Alumni Council president, alumni trustee, class agent, and member of the governing board of the Addison Gallery. She was elected a charter trustee in 1991 and served until 2007. She also served on the Head of School Search Committee that brought former head of school Barbara Landis Chase to Andover in 1994.

“Throughout her tenure on the Board of Trustees, Cynthia proved herself to be an expert on the role of the trustee, an expertise she used to Andover’s great advantage as chair of the Committee on Trustees,” said Chase. “Cynthia loved Abbot, she loved Andover, and she blended gracefully the ethos and sensibilities of each for the benefit of the new coeducational Andover.”

Mrs. Bing functioned in leadership positions on a number of other boards, including those of Connecticut College, Trevor Day School, The Parents League of New York, Prep for Prep, Early Steps, Search and Care, New York State Association of Independent Schools, New York League of Conservation Voters, and Environmental Advocates.

“Cynthia brought a great positive spark to Andover’s board,” said her friend, Trustee Emerita Elizabeth Parker Powell ’56. “She also brought valuable insight from other boards she was serving on or had served on. She was valued in her New York educational circles as someone who brought people together to solve problems. Cynthia helped to raise the money for the Abbot Entrance to the Oliver Wendell Holmes Library and generously gave art and significant gifts to the Addisons.”

Mrs. Bing spent summers with her family in Montana, where she enjoyed the mountains and cross-country horseback riding. She is survived by her husband; daughter Cynthia K. Bing ’91, son Alexander M. Bing, and stepdaughter Virginia G. Bing; a granddaughter; and a brother, Eben Eaton.

She was predeceased by daughter Abigail Bing ’93 in 2012.

1962

Thomas S. Gilbert
New York, NY.; Jan. 4, 2015

Tone N. Grant
Evanston, Ill.; Jan. 13, 2015

1965

Ann Bradshaw Barrows
Stonington, Maine; June 30, 2014

After a more than four-year battle with breast cancer, Ann Bradshaw Barrows died at home surrounded by family at the age of 66. She graduated from Case Western Reserve University and went on to earn a BS degree in nursing at Columbia University.

Ann worked as an RN, FNP, school nurse, and childbirth educator. But her family—and the joy of working with them on the family land—was much more important to her than her career. She was the chief gardener and sometimes a vet for the farm animals and the many rescue dogs her family took in over the decades. Her children’s educations and careers took them all over the world, and she and her husband would often travel to be with them.

Music was also a large part of Ann’s life. Abbot, remember her as the tallest Sherry Sipper? Trained as a classical pianist, she performed when younger and played throughout her life. In recent years she learned to play steel drums and performed with a local steel band.

She is survived by her husband of 36 years, Nathaniel; four children, Benjamin, Hannah, Abigail, and Lydia; and three grandchildren.

—Nathaniel Barrows & Rebecca Reynolds Zielinski ’65

Samuel F. Coppage Jr.
Norfolk, Va.; March 10, 2014

Jeffrey M. Piehler
Prairie Village, Kan.; Nov. 14, 2014

1966

Mauricia Alvarez
Conway, Mass.; Feb. 27, 2015

Our beloved Maury—mother, sister, friend—passed away in her Conway home. Noble-hearted, generous to a fault, larger than life, she cast her bread upon the waters and kept us all in the steady supply of her affection, her attention, her gifts, her warmth, her zany humor, and her sense of fun. For many years she worked in community health, including spearheading programs in Latino mental health in Boston, where she spent most of her professional life. She taught at Harvard Medical School and was a senior staff psychologist at Cambridge Hospital, specializing in services for immigrants and refugees.

After her parents’ return to their native Dominican Republic, she moved there to provide loving, devoted care to them in their last years. Friendship and abounding compassion were always her guiding stars—she never held back when a friend needed her, and when there was someone in need they instantly found a friend in Maury. Tellingly, the subject of her doctoral dissertation was “The Constructing of Friendship in Adulthood.” But Maury needed no institution to teach her this deep-seated gift in her nature or degree to certify she was a genuine friend. We ask that those who want to preserve
Growing up in the midst of the civil rights movement, the mobilization of farm workers, and the San Francisco and San Jose State professors’ strike instilled in him a great sense of responsibility for democracy and justice.

After several years as a celebrated bartender, jazz pianist, and emcee for poetry readings, Joel earned a BA degree at UC Berkeley, an MA in library science from the University of Pittsburgh, and a PhD in French literature from UC Davis. He became a beloved college professor in California, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, and Geneva, Switzerland. Joel published books, translations, and numerous articles on such topics as Montaigne and the Renaissance and 17th-century French and English literature, and presented his work at conferences around the world.

Joel is survived by his wife of 28 years, Kiki Gounaridou; brothers Michael ’66, Mark, and Charles ’69; and seven nieces and nephews.

—The Tansey Family

1973

Matthew D. Barry
Southport, Conn.; Jan. 7, 2015

Matthew Barry passed away suddenly from complications following eye surgery. He was 60.

A graduate of Princeton University, he earned a master’s degree at UMass Amherst. A landscape architect passionate about his calling, Matthew beautified landscapes from Greenwich to Fairfield, Conn., and from Florida to Rhode Island.

In every conversation, Matthew called to our attention the natural beauty that surrounds us. He designed gardens and landscapes that in each case bore his unique signature: respect for tradition, use of indigenous plants and flowers, and minimalist reconstruction of what he found and inherited.

“Uncle Matt” brought to others a daily sunshine and infectious intensity about the most important things in life. His truest signature was his constant devotion to others. Above all, he devoted himself to his family, especially his mother and father. He is sorely missed by those who love him, including his eight brothers and sisters and 27 nieces and nephews.

—Leslie Hendrix ’73

1975

Anthony R. Sanders
New York, NY; Feb. 11, 2015

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For those who knew Tony, the loss of such an original, passionate, and talented friend at such a young age is sad and painful. A sports fan, Tony was a playful intellect who loved to solve the Times crossword and was passionate about his beloved New York City. He also was a wildly exacting poet who wrote of innocence, love, memory, and the profound pleasure of life’s small but exciting observations.

Born in New York City, Tony attended St. Bernard’s School. After graduating from Phillips Academy, he matriculated at Yale and earned a BA degree in English in 1983. He attended the Iowa Writers’ Workshop and then attended the PhD program in creative writing at the University of Houston. He taught creative writing for several years in the 1990s at Fairfield University. A steadfast friend to many, Tony is dearly missed.

—Daniel Durst ’75

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Walter Ripley Devine
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—Anne J. Brownstein ’81

2008

Russell T. Cook
Eden Prairie, Minn.; Aug. 31, 2014

I. Stuart Outerbridge III
Pembroke, Bermuda; Jan. 6, 2015

1970

Elisabeth L. Andrews
Acton, Mass.; Sept. 23, 2014

Richard Tweedy
Cambridge, Mass.; Nov. 4, 2014

1971

Joel G. Tansey

A gentleman, scholar, teacher, and world traveler, Joel Tansey passed away peacefully at his home after a yearlong illness. Joel was born in San Jose, Calif., before it became known as Silicon Valley.

her legacy cast their bread upon the waters, wherever they find themselves. That will be her true legacy to those who mourn her and admire her.

—Julia Alvarez ’67

1967

Dory L. Van Duzer
Durham, N.C.; Oct. 13, 2014

Robert A. Havern III
Arlington, Mass.; July 19, 2014

Longtime Massachusetts state senator and state representative Robert A. Havern, a key proponent of 2004 legislation that gave same-sex couples the right to marry in Massachusetts, died of brain cancer at age 65. He lived in Arlington his entire life.

Although Mr. Havern’s wife, Maureen, noted that “winning the fight for gay marriage was probably his most public moment of pride” during his State House years, he had a hand in a range of legislation during his more than two decades of service to the Commonwealth. He served as Senate assistant majority whip and, as that chamber’s chair of the Joint Committee on Transportation, he was responsible for oversight of Boston’s multibillion-dollar Big Dig central artery and tunnel project.

In 2007, Mr. Havern resigned from the Senate mid-term to become president of government relations for ML Strategies, a lobbying firm in Boston.

A star of Arlington (Mass.) High School’s hockey team, Mr. Havern, playing center, scored seven goals in his final regular-season game in 1967, becoming the highest single-season scorer in the history of the Greater Boston Interscholastic Hockey League. He also played football and baseball, leading the league in stolen bases his 11th-grade year. During his postgraduate year at Andover, he continued to be a hockey standout.

After graduating from Harvard and then Suffolk University Law School, he started a private practice in Arlington. After winning the first of two state representative races in 1986, he was elected to eight and a half terms in the Massachusetts State Senate.

Mr. Havern is survived by his wife; two sons, Ned and Timothy; and four sisters.

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In Memoriam Protocol

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Andover welcomes obituaries written by family members or classmates. Submissions should be no longer than 150 words and will be edited.

Please e-mail questions or submissions to Jill Clerkin at jclerkin@andover.edu or call 978-749-4295.
Ableism: The system of oppression based on ability. Assumes people with disabilities as flawed, insufficient, and inferior. Includes assumptions about what is “normal” and results in the marginalization of people with disabilities.

Class: As in upper, middle, lower class, working class; refers to people’s socioeconomic status based on factors such as wealth, occupation, education, income, and assets.

Classism: Prejudice or discrimination on the basis of social class. Includes individual attitudes and behaviors, as well as systems of policies and practices that are set up to benefit the upper classes at the expense of the lower classes.

Cultural Competence: The ability to interact effectively with people of different cultures and ethnic backgrounds.

Disability: A condition or function judged to be significantly impaired relative to the usual standard of an individual or group. The term is used to refer to individual functioning, including physical impairment, sensory impairment, cognitive impairment, intellectual impairment, mental illness, and various types of chronic diseases.

Discrimination: Actions, based on conscious or unconscious prejudice, that favor one group over others in the provision of goods, services, or opportunities; unfavorable or unfair treatment toward an individual or group based on race, sex, color, religion, national origin, age, physical/mental abilities, or sexual orientation.

Diversity: The recognition of differences among people. These differences include but are not limited to ethnicity, religion, age, gender, class, culture, cognitive ability, physical ability, life experiences, family situations, and sexual orientation.

Equity: The guarantee of fair treatment, access, opportunity, and advancement for all students, faculty, and staff, while at the same time striving to identify and eliminate barriers that have prevented the full participation of some groups.

The principle of equity acknowledges that there are historically underserved and underrepresented populations and that fairness regarding these unbalanced conditions is needed to assist equality in the provision of effective opportunities to all groups.

Ethnicity: A social construct that divides people into groups based on characteristics such as a shared sense of group identity, values, culture, language, history, ancestry, and geography.

Feminism: A movement to end sexism and oppression based on gender and gender identity; the belief that men and women should have equal rights and opportunities.

Gay/Lesbian: Words used to describe people who are emotionally, romantically, and/or physically attracted to some members of the same sex and/or gender.

Gender: A noun that can be usefully divided into two separate concepts. First, gender identity describes a person’s own internal—and often deeply held—sense of their gender. Many people have a gender identity of “man” or “woman” (or “boy” or “girl”), but for many others their gender identity does not fit neatly into one of those two categories. Second, gender expression describes external manifestations of gender, including behavior, name, preferred pronouns, clothing, hairstyle, voice, and/or body characteristics. Society identifies these cues as masculine and feminine, although what is considered masculine and feminine changes over time and varies by culture. Gender expression should not be viewed as an indication of sexual orientation.

Heteronormative: Denoting or relating to a worldview that naturalizes heterosexuality as the normal or preferred sexual orientation.

Inclusion: The act of creating environments in which any individual or group can be and feel welcomed, respected, supported, and valued to fully participate. An inclusive and welcoming climate embraces differences and offers respect in words and actions for all people.

Intersectionality: The idea that classifications such as gender, race, and class—and others—cannot be examined in isolation from one another; they interact and intersect in individuals’ lives and in social systems and are mutually constitutive.

LGBTQIA+: An acronym that strives to include all non-(hetero)normative sexual and/or gender identities, including lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex, asexual, agender, and more.

Microaggressions: Subtle words, cues, and/or behaviors that insult, invalidate, or exclude traditionally marginalized group members. The long-term effect of microaggressions can have a significant negative impact on one’s health.

Privilege: Systematic favoring, enriching, valuing, validating, and including of certain social identities over others. Individuals cannot “opt out” of systems of privilege; these systems are inherent to the society in which we live.

Race: A social construct that divides people in groups based on factors such as physical appearance, ancestry, culture, history, etc.; a social, historical, and political classification system.

Sexism: A system of sex oppression that privileges men, subordinates women, and denigrates women-identified value. This subordination occurs at the individual, cultural, and institutional levels.

Sexual Orientation: A noun that describes an individual’s enduring physical, romantic, and/or emotional attractions. Some people experience their sexual orientation as static throughout life, while others experience it as changing or even fluid. Sexual orientation is different from gender identity and gender expression.

Transgender: An adjective used as an umbrella term to describe people whose gender identity and/or gender expression differs from what is typically associated with the sex they were assigned at birth. Being transgender does not indicate one’s sexual orientation.

Unconscious/Implicit Bias: A positive or negative mental attitude, held at an unconscious level, toward a person, thing, or group.
Making “Giving Back” Meaningful

When Doug Pirnie ’65 returns to campus in June for his 50th Reunion, he’ll be bringing along a very generous celebratory gift: a one-life annuity that will benefit the Douglas D. Pirnie ’39 and Douglas D. Pirnie Jr. ’65 Scholarship Fund in years to come.

“I want to make it possible for the traditions of PA to continue long into the future and for students to have the opportunity to enjoy all that this school has to offer,” says Pirnie. “That’s why my wife, Roxanne, and I have established a charitable gift annuity toward a scholarship fund in my and my father’s names. We are proud to support Andover traditions and the wonderful work of the school.

“Growing up, my father was an international oil company executive, and his job took him from one country to another—not a life conducive to developing close childhood ties. Coming to Andover gave me a stable ‘home’ and wonderful friendships for four years and beyond.”

Pirnie’s generosity also extends to his many roles as a PA volunteer. “I have always wanted to give something back to PA through volunteer work, whether it be as class secretary, co-agent, reunion chair, non sibi agent, or Alumni Council member,” he says. Pirnie currently serves on the Class of 1965’s reunion fundraising, planning, and attendance committees. In honor of his many years of volunteer service, he received Andover’s Distinguished Service Award in 2006.

To learn more about how you can join the Samuel Phillips & Sarah Abbot Society, contact Connie Pawelczak, associate director of Gift Planning, at 978-749-4529 or cpawelczak@andover.edu.
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