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My column is limited to one item this month, another death notice.

John Stefan Belko died Jan. 30 in New London, N.H., due to illness. He was born March 28, 1920, in Sambron, Czechoslovakia, which is now eastern Slovakia. John immigrated with his parents through Ellis Island in 1922. The Belkos settled in Bridgeport, Conn., and became restaurateurs and property owners.

The day after Pearl Harbor, John enlisted in the Army and served four years in the Pacific. After the war, he entered graduate studies in biochemistry at the University of Vermont in Burlington. It was there that he met and married his English professor, Vivian Amos.

John and Vivian lived in various places in Massachusetts. He worked at the Veterans Administration Hospital in West Roxbury as the director of research. He and a team from Harvard Medical School worked on the development of several important drugs, including the well-known anticoagulant Coumadin. John conducted nearly all of the early clotting studies for that drug.

After retirement, he and Vivian moved to Wellfleet on Cape Cod, where they were active in the historical society and Cape Cod preservation for 10 years. They then moved to Duxbury and lived there briefly before finding the village of Adamsville in Little Compton, R.I. The couple showed a passion for buying and collecting a wide variety of early American antiques. They also restored an antique cape. Additionally, they loved to garden. John graduated from the Master Gardener Program and volunteered for 10 years at the University of Rhode Island horticultural lab. He became an excellent home gardener and an accomplished arborist as well.

Following Vivian’s death in 2005, John moved first to Hill, N.H., and finally to New London. He was able to take two trips back to his native Slovakia, as well as taking a cruise through the Panama Canal. He is survived by daughter Kathleen Belko; grandson Stefan Timbrell and great-grandchildren Connor and Makenzie, all of New London; daughter Karen Polk and her son, Lucius, of Washington, D.C.; and daughters Kristin Belko of Lander, Wyo., and Amy Belko and her two daughters, Kate and Lily Marra of Tumwater, Wash. John was eagerly awaiting the birth of twin great-grandsons, who will also be in New London. In May, he was buried with his wife in Tiverton, R.I.

If you want to see more than death notices, please send me information.

*(Editor's note: Harold Bellis passed away June 20 just prior to press time. An obituary will be published in the next class column.)*

1941
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I begin with sadness. Three more of our classmates have passed away: Sharps Lamonte Shipman, Russell B. Cornell, and W. Craig Kennedy.

Shipman, 90, died Jan. 3, in a Lopatcong Township, N.J., care center. A graduate of Phillipsburg High School, Lamonte earned a bachelor’s in administrative engineering. He was a member of Kappa Delta Rho and was a talented trumpeter with the College band. Our Melange described him as one of the best-dressed men on campus.

Lamonte’s work assignments included stints in Michigan, West Germany, New Jersey, and Arizona. He retired in 1988 as owner of The Helpmate Equipment Co., in Baroda, Mich.

Lamonte’s wife, Marguerite, and a daughter, Greta, predeceased him. He is survived by a son, three daughters, and a grandson. Our condolences to all of Lamonte’s survivors.

Cornell, 91, died Feb. 23, in Hannibal, Mo. A resident of Scarsdale, N.Y., Russ graduated from Phillips Academy in Andover, Mass., before enrolling at Lafayette. He was a member of Zeta Psi, serving as its president his senior year. He earned a bachelor’s in mining engineering.

Russ was an engineer for a copper company in Chile and a lead company in Argentina. He then returned to the States to begin a 38-year career with Mobil Oil Corp. He retired in 1983.

Russ was honored by the University of Texas Institute for Geophysics as Mobil Oil Corp.’s representative to the industrial associates program in 1983. He also played a key role in Mobil’s gift to the university of a seismographic ship, which was used in the Gulf of Mexico.

Russ is survived by Mary, his wife of 60 years, a daughter, and two grandchildren. To all of them we extend our sympathies.

Lillian Kennedy notified me that her husband, Craig, died March 21, five days shy of his 92nd birthday. He had been in fragile health, having undergone hip and knee surgery that limited his mobility.
Want to get involved with the Alumni Association but don’t know how? Please contact Sherri Jones or Pamela Gaary Holran.
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Also via the alumni web site, join the Alumni Online Community to read or post online class notes, sign up for email forwarding, access an alumni directory, post your résumé and view others’, learn about and register for alumni activities through the events calendar, and provide updated contact information to the College.

Visit www.lafayette.edu and choose “Headlines” to sign up for a daily email containing links to the stories of the previous day and events information. Download a screensaver program that provides photos and brief summaries of Lafayette news.
At Lafayette, Craig, of Montclair, N.J., earned a bachelor’s in administrative engineering. He was a member (and president his junior year) of Kappa Delta Rho. He also served as vice president of his sophomore class and was a four-year member of the College band. For many years he served as fund manager of our class.

Craig served in the Navy during World War II. He was a self-employed sales rep with Kennedy Associates, Upper Saddle River, N.J., a supplier of industrial fasteners.

During his retirement years, Craig was a member of a dance band that played gigs in his home area of Manchester, N.J. He was a talented musician.

According to the March 1996 Lafayette Magazine, Craig’s brother, Lester ’44, died in September 1995. A sister, Caroline Sims, survives them. Craig is also survived by a daughter, Carole Langyei, and a son, Alan Craig Kennedy, both by his late first wife, Dorothy.

Our sincere sympathies to Lillian and all of her and Craig’s loved ones.

Early this year, I received a letter from Harold Reichard. He resides in Heatherwood Senior Center in Yarmouth Park, Mass. His wife, Miriam, passed away several years ago. As residents now own their apartments, Hal keeps busy serving on Heatherwood’s board of trustees, with, as he put it, “zero pay.” Also keeping him busy are his three children, seven grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Hal was looking forward, with the help of pharmaceuticals, to being 90 in April. By coincidence, Hal, your letter reached me on Jan. 28, the day I turned 90. The photo (see online) shows Hal with a lady friend, who is also a Heatherwood resident. Together with other residents, Hal enjoys parties and pro entertainers who, in Hal’s own words, “try to enliven us old coots.” Thanks for writing, Hal.

As for me, my vision is poorer now than it was a year ago. My ophthalmologist could not assure me that removing a cataract from my right eye would enable me to see well or to read. The macular degeneration in both eyes would remain.

How do I manage to submit my class column? I scribble it and dictate it to my wife to type.

By the time anyone reads these words, it will be July, 69 years after we graduated. I’m reminded of the words of a long-ago tune: “Time waits for no one. It passes you by, just like a river flowing out to the sea.” Aloha until next time.

1942

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Greetings to the survivors of the class of 1942, as we are at or moving into our 90s.

Dr. Paul H. Stillman passed away Oct. 24, 2008, in Boynton Beach, Fla. Paul was active in the Marquis Association and lacrosse at Lafayette.

Archie Ackroyd died Jan. 26, 2008. For 44 years, Archie was a chemical engineer at C.F. Braun, Alhambra, Calif. He graduated Phi Beta Kappa and Tau Beta Pi.

If any of you have an opportunity to visit the College or a classmate, please send to me a photo that can be published on the Lafayette web site.

1943

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A classmate from Pen Argyl (Pa.) High School sparked my imagination and activated my efforts to share the bits and pieces I have gathered. He sent a clipping from the March 20 Express Almanac that quoted from a sermon I preached at College Hill Presbyterian Church 50 years ago. What a joy to be remembered.

Many of you have encouraged me in the struggle to stay healthy. Walt Goetz had a hip replacement in November and is playing better golf. He is a firm believer in retirement communities in Florida. Richard “Rex” Kuhn called to reassure me about the benefits of cataract surgery—just before my efforts to follow the golf ball.

Glenn Landis reported on his singing support to Presbyterians in Overbrook, Pa., and that Lorraine (Basil) McCabe is in a retirement home in Bath, Pa. Barry Keen has continued to give vocal support to the Leopards at home games and still finds time to enjoy Paul Tillich’s thoughts on the Eternal Now.

You may have heard the news from other sources, but part of any report from 65 years of membership in the Class of ’44 includes obituaries. Todd Cochran’s family has notified the College that he died May 1, 2009. Jim Mahon of Camden, N.Y., who served Phi Gamma Delta ably and joyfully, died Aug. 12. Reggie Hemingway, who enjoyed his years in Pennsylvania at Lafayette and Green Pond Country Club, ended his career in Walnut Creek, Calif., Feb. 10. Robert Sherman, Alpharetta, Ga., died Oct. 10, 2007. Each one made a contribution to our education at Lafayette and to the nation we served in World War II.

1946 & 1947

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Had an email from Fred Magley ’46, who now lives in Canandaigua, N.Y. Under the wartime accelerated program, Fred says he actually graduated in early 1945. He went on to Princeton Theological Seminary, earning an M.Div. three years later. In his career in the ministry, he has had three pastorates, first in Ohio and the
last two in upstate New York. He also spent two years as an exchange pastor in New Zealand and Australia. Fred reports he has done a lot of traveling all over the world. He still enjoys traveling, sailing, cross-country skiing, and swimming. He has four daughters, seven grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. Great to hear from you, Fred.

**Bob Magee ’47** responded to an info request the alumni office sent but didn’t give us any recent news of his doings.

**Daniel S. “Dennis” Finelli ’46** passed away Jan. 18 in Whitehall Manor, Whitehall, Pa. Daniel taught French at Phillipsburg High School until he retired in 1985. During World War II, Daniel served as a sergeant in Patton’s Third Army in the European Theater. He earned five battle stars for combat in Belgium, France, and Luxemburg, including the Battle of the Bulge. In later years, Daniel was an avid sports fan who enjoyed the Phillies and the Eagles. He treasured his family, especially his children and grandchildren. His wife preceded him in death.

We also received a belated notice of the Aug. 11, 2008, death of **Herbert Malos ’46.** He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Betty, but no other details were given.

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Our class continues to shrink. **George Braun** of Ocean View, Del., passed away Feb. 17. After military service in...
World War II, he attended Lafayette and graduated with a bachelor’s in geology. He devoted his entire professional life to serving his country, first in the Army in Europe and later analyzing photographic intelligence for the Department of Defense. After retiring, he directed his energy to fishing, tennis, and golf. He is survived by his wife of nearly 60 years, Bernice; sons Kevin, Rick, and Jim; a brother, and three grandchildren.

Another loss was Vahe Akashian; he died Feb. 12 in San Diego. He grew up in Resht, Iran, and at age 17 went with his brother to study at American University in Beirut, Lebanon. In 1948, he came to the U.S. and earned a bachelor’s in chemistry at Lafayette then a master’s degree in chemistry at Ohio State University. He had a long and successful tenure as a professor at Mesa College. He officially retired in 1989 but continued to teach part time until 2009. He loved traveling and made many trips to Armenia, Lebanon, the Soviet Union, and Europe. He leaves his wife of 56 years, Connie, two children, and a grandson.

On Feb. 28, William Rohland passed away in Plymouth, Minn. After graduating with a bachelor’s in electrical engineering, he did graduate work at Syracuse University and the University of Minnesota. He worked in research and development for IBM in several locations, including Uithoorn, The Netherlands. He earned 20 patents, working in such areas as electronic accounting systems, optical test scanners, character recognition scanners, and smart cards. He was a builder, gardener, outdoorsman, and mentor. His wife, Eileen, survives him, along with three daughters, three sons, and a grandson.

In Ventnor, N.J., Walter Hauck left us Feb. 28. He was predeceased by his wife, Virginia. Prior to attending Lafayette, Walter joined the Army and served in France, Belgium, Germany, and England as an infantry squad leader. After receiving a bachelor’s in metallurgical engineering, he worked for Budd Co. in Philadelphia and later for Republic Steel. He taught metallurgical engineering at Temple University for 20 years. He loved being near the water, both the ocean and back bays. In later years, his interests turned to bicycle racing. Surviving are six children, seven grandchildren, and a brother.

Michael Azzara of Louisville, Ky., died Jan. 15. Another World War II veteran, he joined the Army in 1943 at age 18 and served in the European Theatre. He fought in the campaigns of northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe. He earned a bachelor’s in chemical engineering and then joined B.F. Goodrich Chemical Co. in Louisville. He retired after 39 years of service. His daughter, Kathy, wrote that “Lafayette provided an excellent education in electrical engineering. The College gave him great pride and many lifelong friendships. Dad appreciated everyone involved in the many reunions held for his class. He was saddened as their numbers dwindled.” Michael is survived by sons Michael and John, nine grandchildren, and a brother.

I received a note from Susan Mayhall saying that her father, William Relick, passed away last Aug. 2. Bill graduated with a bachelor’s in electrical engineering. He retired from a career in sales and management with Esterline Corp. He was a World War II veteran and loved to tell stories about the mix of veterans and the younger students fresh out of high school. He was a member and president of Kappa Delta Rho. He loved Lafayette football and cherished homecomings and other football weekends. In addition to his daughter, he is survived by his wife of 57 years, Helen, a son, and two grandsons.

And, finally, just a notice—no other information—about the Aug. 25, 2008, passing of Edward Matthews.

We extend condolences to all of these families and friends. It is painful to lose even one, and especially so many, within such a short span of time.
consultant and secretary with RMX Inc., a rotating machine specialist company. His jobs involved extensive travel in the U.S. and to many other countries. He states that Lafayette prepared him well!

Robert Adams Goodfellow reports from Arlington, Va., that he wrote a coffee table book about his father-in-law, Mead Schaeffer, who was an illustrator of classic books such as Moby Dick, Saturday Evening Post covers, and a series on World War II. Tentatively titled Mead Schaeffer, Illustrator of the Classics, the book is being shopped to publishers. Bob is a Navy vet of World War II and the Korean War. He and wife Lee, who served as president, had a greeting card company. Bob’s career consisted of numerous marketing, management, and consulting positions. They enjoyed extensive RV travel for years.

Don Estler and Lois “Beansie” celebrated 60 years of bliss April 5! Beansie recovered from a severe pedestrian injury three years ago. After long rehab, she is a living miracle! Don had a bout with his prostate, but with it now under control, he can play tennis and exercise at the YMCA. He is a ruling elder and choir member of First United Presbyterian Church of Boonton, N.J. He directs a group of about 30 singers, The Presbyaires, representing 13 different churches and eight denominations. As an outreach ministry to rehab centers and nursing homes within the local area, they perform an hour-long program of oldies, jazzes, and resident participation. Summer is slated for rehearsing, while October is “on the road” with a new show.

Henley Smith sends greetings from Holland, Mich., with an invitation to ’51ers to come visit and enjoy a great view of Lake Michigan. A Gallup poll claims Holland to be number two on the list of “Most Happy Towns” in the U.S. Hope College offers dance, theatre, music, and good NCAA athletic teams—always a program to attend. A great place for retirement living.

Allan Woods boasts that his daughter, Amanda, presented him with his first grandson, William Wasserstrom, Feb. 20. At the New York Amateur Sports Alliance (NYASA) annual Sports Hero Awards, Allan will be paid a special tribute as a past NYASA president who has contributed to the enduring vitality of sports in New York City.

Bob Becker reports from Medford, N.J., that his retirement community, Medford Leas, has some 700 residents, many of whom are Lafayette grads. The 168-acre campus has a beautiful arboretum. He keeps track of the ’Pards lacrosse teams and has four granddaughters, three of whom play lacrosse.

Robert Blackwell and wife Beverly enjoyed springtime in Columbus, Ga. They hope early planting will produce a bountiful harvest. Bob serves Fort Jackson Lodge 374 as worshipful master. He was installed as the eminent grand prelate of Knights Templar in South Carolina in late March. Churches continue to request the Rev. Bob to fill their pulpits. Beverly is a member of the Prayer Shawl group at church.

Ed Whiby informed me of the passing of Richard “Dick” Manuel but didn’t relay any of his own activities.

Dick passed away Feb. 1 after a struggle with lymphoma. He grew up in Sea Cliff, Long Island, N.Y. He developed a love of sailing that he pursued his entire life. He enlisted in the Merchant Marine in 1945 and became a chief warrant officer. The war ended, and he joined Grace Line’s War Shipping Administration and sailed to the eastern coast of South America. At Lafayette, he obtained a degree in chemical engineering and was active in track, soccer, sailing, and his fraternity, Delta Tau Delta. He married Marjorie soon after graduation and joined Colgate Palmolive’s international division for a career that lasted into the 1980s. The Army recalled him in 1954 to the Army Chemical Center at Edgewood, Md. When Dick returned to Colgate, he was assigned to Lima, Peru, as plant manager. Traveling throughout South America, he and his family absorbed the culture and pursued sailing at the local yacht club. In 1962, he became general manager of the Tokyo branch. For 12 years he expanded sales in Japan. His family adapted well, and he became commodore of the Yokohama Yacht Club and was active in the West Tokyo Union Church. In 1974, he and the family returned stateside and settled in Ridgewood, N.J. Dick was named director of the Colgate engineering group and played a key role in divesting Colgate assets. Retiring in 1986, he and Marjorie moved to Shelter Island, N.Y., a special place in his life. They enjoyed friends old and new and entertained on their sailboat, Mermaid. He was active in the local yacht clubs, served on the Waterways Management Advisory Council, and was an elder in the Presbyterian Church. In 2005, they moved cross-country to Bainbridge Island, Wash., to be near their children.

E. Thomas Flood II of West Grove, Pa., died Nov. 2. He shared 39 years of marriage with Margaret. Born in Philadelphia, Tom served in the Marine Corps in World War II. He owned and operated a land development company, which he started in 1950. An avid fox hunter, Tom belonged to Radnor Hunt, Andrews Bridge, and Cheshire Hunt. He was also a member of First Troop Philadelphia City Cavalry. Tom is survived by his wife, son David of Massachusetts, grandchildren Nicholas and Sophia, and two nephews. His son Tom predeceased him in 1979.

William E. Pister of Lopatcong, N.J., passed away Feb. 21. He lived in Phillipsburg nearly his whole life. He graduated from Phillipsburg High School, received a bachelor’s in English, and got his master’s in education from Temple University in Philadelphia. He taught gifted students at Highland School in Jamaica, N.Y., and high school English at Garden School in Jackson Heights, N.Y. He was a member of Kappa Phi Kappa honorary education fraternity, the Association for Childhood Education, the National Association of English Teachers, and the United Federation of Teachers. He was a senior training associate for Day-Timers Inc. in Allentown, Pa., and developed the Jumpstart program in partnership with Lehigh Career & Technical Institute. He was working with Kitchen Magic in Phillipsburg and was active with the Jaycees’ annual Halloween parade.

Robert Henry Harbers Jr. died March 20 at his home in Albermarle,
N.C. He is survived by his wife, son, and eight daughters. He enjoyed his 16 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He attended Lafayette on a basketball scholarship, received a degree in economics, and was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity. Shortly after graduation, he married Josephine Eakins at the Albemarle Annunciation Catholic Church. He was a manufacturer’s agent in the children’s apparel industry, and in 1978 was honored with a “Million Dollar Club” award for outstanding sales performance. He enjoyed playing basketball and spending time at the beach. His grandchildren were his joy, as he played trucks with some and poker with others!

1952

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May 10, 2010...the day our class said goodbye to Cyrus S. Fleck Jr. (see pages 4 and 33). Cy, in a class by himself—the heart, soul, and memory of ’52.

The Fleck Continuous Giving Society epitomizes Loyalty, Commitment, and Generosity, so that the first two Honor Stones on the path to Skillman Library are father and son, Cy Fleck Sr. ’20 and Cy Fleck Jr. ’52—what better leadership? Lafayette legends leading the way....

Incorporating the Fleck Century Club: Uncle John, 101, and father Cy, 100, and son Cy representing two other centuries. A Leopard hat trick of longevity and three centuries. Cy has been a significant, legendary Leopard.

In June 2000, Jane, Cy, and I traveled to St. Patrick’s Cathedral, New York City, to participate in Bill Simon’s 52 Celebration of Life, the theme of which was “Friends, family, freedom, and faith.” How very fortunate we are!

Mahalo and aloha, Cy.

The Class of ’52 continues to add to the losses of the Greatest Generation:

Stanley Joseph Harris Jr. (Gov/Law), was an Easton native, who went on from Lafayette to Columbia Law School, receiving his law degree in 1955 from American University. For 30 years he worked for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Stan loved opera, bridge, and reading the newspaper, and he was dedicated to his church. His family and friends note his humor, smile, opinions, generosity, and zest for life.

Alex Pajak (EE), Soles Hall, was a waist gunner in a World War II B-29 out of Brooklyn (along with Frank Downing ’51 #10 and Art Rothkopf ’55, among others). He was a family man who also served in NASA’s Johnson Space Center in the Mercury, Gemini, Apollo, and Skylab programs.

Dick Lieberman (ChE), Watson Hall, was a retired manager of the engineering division of Westinghouse’s Bettis Lab. Lafayette was his family, and he was extremely and continually generous as a Leopard. He deserves our gratitude and thanks for his many gifts to our college’s future.

Bill McLaughlin (EE) of Meyner Drive (named after former New Jersey Governor Robert B. Meyner ’30) lived in Bellmawr, N.J. We marched together June 6, 1952, and sat on the lawn outside of South College to listen to the Commencement address of the CEO of Time, Life, and Fortune, along with Bob Nishiyama, a former Japanese kamikaze pilot, who had been a featured story in Life magazine.

All our news is not sad, though...

Eccenstist: Bill Price, my three-year roomie and fellow charter member of Soles Hall at a Presbyterian college. He was president of our Newman Association (Roman Catholic) and since retiring has lived at St. Barnabas (Episcopal) in Gibsonia, Pa. He later moved to Chateau Perry on Perry Highway near Pittsburgh.

Had a long talk with the Rev. George Bonnell ’50 of 203 Soles Hall. He and his wife, Lois, now live north of Princeton, N.J.

“On Olympus set—Hail to Lafayette!”

1953

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I was very busy watching our basketball team get to the Patriot League playoffs. Lois and I enjoyed a family vacation in Jamaica in December, which included our grandson, Eric Goldwein ’12, and then a vacation just for the two of us in Aruba in February, where we bumped into Frank Koons Jr. ’57 and Ellen on the beach. Frank reports that his son John ’84 resides in Japan.

Peter Escherick reports that he and Helen moved to The Lutheran Home at Tipton (Pa.). He is still independent, and the move was precipitated by Helen’s health. Peter is active at the Wharton Escherick Museum near Valley Forge, Pa., and has extended an invitation to visit there.

Larry and Marge Scharff had dinner with Bruce Becker and his wife, Harriet, last winter. They live in different communities in Boynton Beach, Fl. Bruce and Harriet are snowbirds and return to the Binghamton, N.Y., area in the summer, where Bruce does some lawyering when he is there. The Scharffs report that they were awaiting some Florida weather, as it had been a cold winter. They were trying to decide where to go to celebrate their 55th anniversary and Marge’s special birthday.

Dr. Eugene Pirog has been a retired surgeon for four years. He lives in Hillsborough, N.J., and has six sons and two daughters.

James Shepherd writes that he and Janet are fine and enjoy retirement. After college, he had two years in the Army, 16 years with Procter & Gamble, four years with Francois L. Schwarz Inc., and 15 years with Merrill Lynch, from which he retired in 1990. He does a lot of hunting and fishing in New Mexico, Montana, and Alaska, and he recently became interested in saltwater fishing. He has now decided that getting up
at 5 a.m. to fish is not his “cup of tea,” so he sold his boat and now occupies his time with gardening and photography. He has a blog (sheepherder-my-lifetime-reflections.blogspot.com), which is a collection of his favorite 35 pictures of the past 78 years. His children—Diane, David, and Gail—live within an hour’s distance, so he and Janet frequently see them and the three grandchildren. James reports that it took 55 years to get this message off to all his friends from the Hill, but he will try to do better in the future.

Bill Jacob reports that he and his wife expected to become great-grandparents to identical twin girls in April. They planned to attend a granddaughter’s graduation from St. Norbert College in Green Bay, Wis., May 3, and a grandson’s wedding in Raleigh, N.C., in July. This grandson will then be going off to medical school in August. Bill says that all of this keeps him and his wife very busy.

Chuck Flanagan writes that he and Jane celebrated their 50th anniversary by spending eight days over Christmas and New Year’s in Costa Rica with their grown kids, Cathy and Bill, their spouses, and the four grandkids. They had a great time doing mostly outdoor adventures, like whitewater rafting, zip lines, river raft trips, and hiking in the rainforest. It was one of their best holiday vacations with the family. They are now trying to determine where and when to go on another family vacation.

George Cashau reports that he and Claire moved to the Carolina Mountains in Columbus, N.C. They have three children, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. They keep busy with golf, bridge, and fishing.

We extend our condolences to the family of Harry Willson, who died March 9. He and his wife, Adela Amador, were co-founders of Amador Publishers in Albuquerque, N.M. Harry was a prolific writer of novels, satire, social commentary, and philosophy. He and his family moved to New Mexico in the late 1950s, where he served as a bilingual missionary pastor in Bernalillo, Alameda, and Placitas. After leaving the clergy, he taught for 10 years at Albuquerque Academy and Sandia Prep before retiring and devoting his time to writing.

Our sincere condolences go to the family of George K. Layden Jr., who died March 19 in West Hartford, Conn. He was employed for 26 years with United Technologies Corp. in East Hartford, where he received numerous patents for his work. A true Renaissance man, he was an avid sailor, painter, and skilled clarinetist. He performed in the Manchester (Conn.) Symphony Orchestra. George is survived by his wife, Doris; brothers Lawrence and Edward; sons Matthew, Andrew, and Stephen; stepchildren David, Ellen, and Tamara; and five grandchildren.

1954

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Received an email from Ron McCullough, who reminded me that Hubert T. Marshall II, 77 years old, a longtime area resident, died March 30, 2009. Ron went on to say: “Of my years from ’54 to now, I’ll share a brief synopsis. Married a gal I met at the Interfraternity Ball of 1953. We had two sons and one daughter and were married for 49 years, 11 months, and 349 days until her death. During our time together, we watched one son and the daughter marry and begin their own families; one son remains till this date unmarried. We lived for 29 years in New Jersey, moved to Virginia, and spent 20 years living in what is known as the Tidewater area. My daughter’s marriage resulted in my becoming a grandfather to two girls, the eldest of which married one year ago, and in early April, I expected to be a great-grandfather to another young lady. I remarried four years ago, retired two years ago, and moved to a city west of Cleveland to be closer to the wife’s family. That’s about it.”

Ray Howe sent me notice that John D’Huyvetters died Feb. 20, “So his long struggle is over.” Also received similar information from Ron Phillipp, Hugh R. Heisler (Lehigh ’54), and Faye J. Heisler ’79, M.D. John had taken himself off dialysis before he died. He told Ray that he could not stand it anymore and was prepared to go. Additionally, his scleroderma became extremely painful toward the end. Ray last saw him to say goodbye just before he died. He adds: “John had fought the dialysis problem since we were on a three-rivers cruise in Europe in 2002. So say a prayer for Johnny. He was a wonderful friend and Easton High School and Lafayette classmate!!”

Ray deserves much appreciation for his attentiveness to and care of John during his long struggle.

John, 77, of Palmer Township, passed away at his home. He was born May 18, 1932, in Ecklo, Belgium. His wife, the former Susan M. Guffy, died May 1, 1989. John received his bachelor’s in geology from Lafayette and was in the Maroon Key, Newman Association, College Choir, marching band, and geology club and wrestled for four years, earning a varsity letter. He was class reunion chairman for the 30th reunion in 1984 and again for the 45th reunion with Gene Harrison. John was second vice president of our class after the 45th reunion and for the 50th in 2004. He served with the Army during the Korean War. He retired in 1993 from Metropolitan Life Insurance. John was a founder and president of the former Quaker State Dyeing and Finishing Inc. in Wilson Borough, Pa. He enjoyed gardening, fishing, metalworking, and oil and watercolor painting. He was a huge fan of Easton wrestling, the New York Giants, and Penn State and Easton football. John was active in the alumni associations and reunion committees of Easton High School and Lafayette. Survivors: a son, John A. Jr., of Port St. Lucie, Fla.; two daughters, Nancy Anne Hall, and her husband James R., of Skippack, Pa., and Linda Marie, at home; five grandchildren, Susan Ann and Dana Rose Hall, Daniel Jacob, and John August III and Alexander Louis D’Huyvetters. Hugh Heisler said of John, “He will be greatly missed, especially by those of us who grew up with him on College Hill.”
James A. Ferguson Jr., 77, died Feb. 3 with his family by his side. James was born on Dec. 24, 1932, in Schenectady, N.Y. He graduated from Nott Terrace High School in Schenectady in 1950 and received his bachelor’s in economics. He was a member of Phi Kappa Psi. James was a member of Calumet and played on the golf team for four years, serving as team captain his senior year. After graduation, James was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army, serving until 1956, when he discharged as a first lieutenant. James retired in 1984 from Mobil Oil Corp., where he was an executive in its home heating fuel division. An avid golfer, James was a longtime member of the Mohawk Golf Club, where he carded several holes-in-one. James is survived by his wife of 54 years, Patricia; his sister, Faith Lamplugh, and her husband, George, of Smyrna, Ga.; children Elizabeth F. Grosso and her husband, William, of Niskayuna, N.Y.; and Richard James Ferguson and his wife, Mary, of Saratoga Springs, N.Y.; and grandchildren Matthew Grosso and his wife, Corrie, and Alyssa Bielawski and her husband, Daniel, all of Niskayuna. In addition, he is survived by an extended family and many loving friends.

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Gerry Sigal and wife Norma have moved to the quaint island of Ocracoke, N.C., among the Outer Banks. Gerry retired as a lawyer in December 2008, pulling up stakes from Reading, Pa. According to his note, he is “happy to be alive.”

Fred Gehle is still active in the Veterans History Project in the Aiken, S.C., area. The group collects the experiences of World War II vets by interviewing them on both the South Carolina and Georgia sides of the Savannah River. The interviews are videotaped and then filed. Fred is listed as project coordinator.

Robert G. Johnson of Hendersonville, N.C., 77, passed away Christmas Day. After serving as a first lieutenant in Korea, he worked for more than 40 years in the securities industry and as a private investor. He leaves his wife of 44 years, three children, and five grandchildren. He was originally from Rockaway, N.J.

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This will be a shorter column than usual and must unfortunately begin with news of two classmates who have died since my last submission.

Martin F. Cohen, 74, died Nov. 20 in Hollywood, Fla. An Easton native, Martin, like several other “townies” in our class, graduated with honors and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He completed his career as a CPA. After Lafayette, Martin served in the Navy until 1960, followed by 18 years in the Navy Reserve, attaining the rank of commander. He is survived by his wife, Barbara, a daughter, a son, and three grandchildren. I remember Martin’s quiet manner and his wry sense of humor. This very good man will be missed. Our sympathies to Barbara and the family.

Dr. Lowell P. Romano, M.D., passed away Jan. 31 in Easton Hospital. Born in Roseto, Pa., in 1935, he and his wife, Nancy, lived most of their married years in Palmer Township, Pa. They celebrated their 44th anniversary June 29, 2009. Also a Phi Beta Kappa graduate with honors in English, Lowell went on to receive M.D. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Pennsylvania. He retired as a research chemist. He was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, serving at one time as choir director. He was deeply devoted to his family and profession. In addition to his wife, he is survived by two daughters, three grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Our condolences to Lowell’s wife and family. His daughter, Kristen Gardiner, requests copies of any pictures or classmate recollections of her father be sent to her at gardiner.kristen@gmail.com.

One of the happier benefits of writing this column is catching up with friends one never expected to hear from again. One such did not graduate with us but was well known to many of us, namely Bruce E. Tjaden. Bruce was a Delta Upsilon brother who left Lafayette after our sophomore year. He headed west and graduated from San Jose State, later enrolling in San Anselmo Theological Seminary in California. His ministry in the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. was recently marked by the celebration of 50 years of ordination. Following a master’s degree in family studies and child development from Cal Poly and a Ph.D. from Brigham Young University, he combined his calling as a minister with his training as a therapist and for 40 years served churches and taught in higher education. Then, several years ago, when the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. moved its administrative offices from NYC to Louisville, Ky., he and wife Nancy hit the road for Louisville, where Bruce assumed a new position. At the age of 50, Nancy enrolled as a student in Louisville Presbyterian Seminary and was subsequently ordained. They are proud parents of three children. As a follow-up to our phone talk, Bruce sent a letter from which I quote: “I am familiar with the origins of the Lafayette tradition that you do not need to graduate in order to be forever counted with your entering class. I have always felt that I was a person of Lafayette (‘for on the Hill she grew from 1832’) and have visited the campus several times since June 1954.” Bruce’s and Nancy’s email address is TroyTjaden@gmail.com for those who want to connect with them.

While I’m mentioning DU’s and Presbyterians, I should mention a brief and accidental phone conversation with George Watts. Since 1998, George
enjoys retirement with wife Paula near Southport, N.C. After carrying away a diploma in metallurgy from the Hill, George spent three years in the Army before taking up his career with U.S. Steel. I don’t know how often he donned a baseball uniform since the College World Series in Omaha, Neb., but he obviously didn’t give up the sport, since he has coached both American Legion and Little League teams. It’s hard to imagine that his four sons Christopher ’81, Jeffrey, David, and Stephen didn’t play on any of those teams. George and Paula also boast modestly about no less than 11 grandchildren, four girls and seven boys. If the girls are fast of foot and the boys strong, George could field a football team. And, lest I forget, George is also an elder in the Presbyterian Church.

Another ’56er who was kind enough to respond to my call was Henry Wallach. Henry invested his considerable intellect in Harvard Law School after Lafayette and enjoyed a successful practice in NYC until his retirement in 2000. He still works three days a week for his former law firm, Torre Lentz Gamell Gary & Rittmaster LLP, which relocated to Jericho, N.Y. Many mutual friends will remember that Henry’s wife passed away eight years ago. Among his favorite preoccupations are his two children and three grandchildren, with anticipation of a fourth soon. Henry enjoys good health and traveling abroad or taking in the life of NYC with a new friend. But there’s another part of the story of Henry Wallach. In a conversation with Al Ehrlich a few years ago, I was not surprised to learn of Henry’s devotion to the law and his generous assurance that the less fortunate among us have legal representation. What else from one of the brightest lights in the Class of ’56? Henry continues to be in touch with other dear friends, especially Alan Pesky and roommate Joel Weidman.

Another retired lawyer, John Devlin, tells me that he occasionally goes to the family law offices, now overseen by his two sons, but does nothing while there. I’m doing my best to believe John, but it does stretch credulity to imagine a lawyer father who has no advice or counsel for his lawyer sons, John and Paul. But I suppose we should give him the benefit of the doubt. In any case he’s a true blue ‘Pard, frequently visiting the College for football and basketball games, where he usually runs across Ed Landis, Kit Green, and Lee Kane. John has managed to direct a granddaughter to the Hill, Megan Devlin ’12, a junior who excels on the lacrosse field, and will have a grandson, John Devlin, entering the Class of 2014. Other grandchildren have distinguished themselves at Bucknell and Cornell. We should not forget that John held forth as class correspondent for a quarter century. He also reported that he keeps in touch with Betty (Ed) Bernhard, our late class correspondent’s widow. Since John has so little to do at the law office, I hope he’s not going to campaign to take this job back. I’m having too much fun.

One of my freshman roommates, Jay Batley, is retired in Laporte, Pa., after an interesting and successful career. Jay served in the 3rd Armored Division in Germany and retired from the Army Reserve as a captain. He also dignified Lehigh University by earning an MBA there, followed by a stint with Alcoa Inc. in personnel labor relations. Simultaneously, he was director of the evening program at the New Kensington Center of Penn State University. For many years he was business manager for the Westtown School and its beautiful, sprawling campus in West Chester, Pa. He is a volunteer in several organizations, including United Way and his church’s vestry, and he served as past president of Rotary, in which he is an honorary life member. He and wife Anne have three children, Deborah Anne, Robert, and John ’84, and three grandchildren. Good to talk with you, Jay!

Another roomie, Doug Horst, and I talked after the Christmas holiday. The cutting-edge surgery he underwent at Sloan-Kettering to remove the malignant half of his liver has resulted in a very encouraging prognosis. As of our conversation, Doug said the liver had completely regenerated itself, and, while continuing a preventative regimen of oral chemo, he is resuming near-normal activities. He and Lennis have been traveling and anticipated being outside for spring plantings and lawn care.

Another New Jersey voice I heard recently was roomie Charley Myers’. He tells me he is doing well physically but continues to visit the doctor for a few ailments typical for our age. His wife, Donna, has been laid low with a debilitating problem the doctors are hard pressed to diagnose. Despite the pain, she continues to head her successful marketing and consulting business, DHM Group. Charley says their grandson, Dylan, is their best medicine, keeping up their spirits in the face of their discomforts.

Ernie Seiter was in touch, looking for news and email addresses for Angelos Paleologos and Bob “Fish” Tunnessen, allowing me a chance to pick up some news about his life after retiring as an emergency room physician. He lives in Rising Sun, Md., near Maryland’s Eastern Shore and a lot of water. I neglected to ask if he was doing any diving or swimming these days. Remember, Ang, Ernie, and Fish competed together on the swim team. Ernie was Middle Atlantic College Diving Champion ’55 and ’56, and Fish set the Lafayette freestyle record. The three were team captains: Ang in ’54–’55; Ernie and ‘Fish’ co-captains in ’55–’56.

As for myself, I’m still a half-time minister at a Presbyterian church near Gettysburg, Pa. It will be 10 years in September. One thing the summer holds for Marion and me is a trip to England and Ireland in July on the Queen Mary 2. If and when I get to kiss the Blarney Stone, I’ll think of all those weekend nights in beer rooms at Lafayette, when the barren was as abundant as the suds.

In closing, let me appeal to you to be in touch. In the past few weeks I have placed telephone calls to several classmates in an effort to get news and updates. Only a couple responded. I’ll continue to take initiatives to seek you out, but don’t hesitate to contact me. If you consult the Class Notes page on the Lafayette web site, you can also send pictures, or you can do Facebook. My old email address has not yet been corrected on the alumni web page, so please use dmitchell365@comcast.net as it appears at the head of this column. Peace to all, and thanks!
I continued to talk with Vic Garber regarding his grandson’s application to Lafayette. My experiences as a college placement guidance counselor and a Lafayette alumni admissions representative continue to be valuable to others. I hope that I will someday be able to assist in the admissions process for a great-grandchild, either mine or one of my classmates’.

I sent a donation to the Dean Frank R. Hunt Emergency Scholarship Fund established by Jerry Turnauer ’59 and included anecdotes about Dean Hunt’s influence on my life at Lafayette: my admission and experiences as a Ford Foundation early admissions student and his approach to the curtailment of an impending keg party at Delta Tau Delta fraternity. President Daniel Weiss sent me a personal note, in which he wrote: “I truly appreciate hearing these stories about life at Lafayette in earlier years. It affirms that some of the particular characteristics of Lafayette’s culture have a long tradition, particularly individualized attention. Hunt would no doubt be proud to know that the example he set so many years ago continues to matter to those whose lives he touched.”

Charles Rees Vaughn died in his sleep Feb. 6. A stage and television actor with credits that absolutely astound anyone who reads them (e.g., Gunsmoke, The Virginian, and Star Trek), he was also a polished Shakespearean actor. Taking a break from his acting career, he received his certification as a teacher and briefly taught school in Maryland. Eventually, he returned to the stage in a variety of roles.

As I wrote in my previous column, I am beginning to wear down after writing this column for the past 37 years. I would appreciate one or two volunteers who would write one column every year or so as a guest columnist for the Class of 1957. Of special importance will be the opportunity for the guest columnist to share information about classmates that I do not regularly hear from or see. Call or email me to volunteer and get additional information about gathering information and writing the column.
I have been involved in several charity events and the best one was a Night at the Stork Club, where we recreated the legendary club and had a big band dance to raise money for scholarships for culinary students in our area. This was planned by the Chaîne des Rôtisseurs, of which I am the head man in our area. If any of you belong to the Chaîne, please let me know.

When Lafayette played Lehigh for the Patriot League championship, I sent an email to all classmates that I had the address for. I was pleasantly surprised by the number of responses; they form most of the information for this column.

Al Karetsky had some comments on the basketball game. He states that the ’57 team would have beaten either team easily. Seriously, his new kidney is doing fine. He still works a couple of days a week and enjoys semi-retirement. His grandson was the roommate of one of the suicides at Cornell. Fortunately, the grandson had some comments when they are together.

Bob Felsenheld had a knee replacement in January.

Charley Rose still travels a lot. He was in Cambodia for a church mission. The group supports a system of 61 villages along the Mekong River; they show their support by helping to distribute blankets, mosquito netting, and clothes for the kids. He visited the Killing Fields, the Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum, and the Buddhist temple historical sites at Angkor Wat. Charley planned to go to Europe for another riverboat trip, then to Chicago in May, and then family events during the summer. His grandsons are competing in big mountain freestyle skiing in Utah and the West. He was in touch with Bob Lotz, Mike Houldin, Al Caesar, and Bob Hoffman during the Christmas holidays. All are doing well but “getting older.” He had a call from Dave Hutchison, who told him his wife, Diane, had some preventive surgery for breast cancer but seems to be doing OK. Bill Benger has dropped off the radar with continuing health issues. Charley’s son Steve turns 50. Charley still contends that he had Steve when he was 12. “Where have the years gone?” Good thing we are all still here to talk about it.

Bob Pulcifer asked my wife to go fishing with him. Good luck! Bob is an avid fisherman, and he bonded with Beth during our 50th. I think they have exchanged some pictures—but not in a chat room. He has seen the Hutchisons and planned to watch the big basketball game with them.

Jerry Flanzbaum sent me an email from Israel. Jerry is the chair of American Friends of the Technoda, which does fabulous work in science and technology but had major financial problems when Bernie Madoff wiped out a few large foundation grants. Jerry and his wife, Marilyn, are personally handling all of the funds that the federation has amassed back in New Jersey. They work with 200 borrowers in the Negev. They deal with items that only grow in the ground, like cherry tomatoes, peppers, and melons. Jim and Diane Kauders visited Jerry in Israel on the occasion of their eldest granddaughter’s marriage. I found out that Jerry visits Maine with some friends and sees Bob Beane. I will try to meet up with the two of them during the summer when they are together.

Bucky DeVries didn’t graduate with us because he left early to become a jet pilot, but we have corresponded over the years. We swam together in the YMCA league during high school and have always stayed in touch. He connects with Dave Raskin by email and telephone. He also talks to Stu Murray ’57 several times during the year. If any of you want to contact him, Bucky is on the West Coast.

Ed Feather ’59, the recent purveyor of our class uniforms, sent me a note thanking me for introductions to people who can also use his goodies. If any of you plan to throw big parties, let me know, and I’ll put you in touch with Ed so you can have personalized items to give to your guests. People remember them better than the scotch they drank.

Dr. George Jarden, our class cardiologist, gives nuclear stress tests in Las Cruces, N.M. However, his main focus for the past several years has been the production of the best of Gilbert and Sullivan, entitled Gee ’n Ees & “I.” George plays the part of I, the original one-man show—lots of long hours doing soundtracks, cartoons, and video presentations of George in 30 different costumes. It’s a very involved production, and you can write directly to George to find out about it. Maybe he could send a few DVDs to be distributed. He suggests some type of reunion in Las Cruces. Any takers? George, a Phi Gam, has been in touch with many of his fraternity brothers, but his time constraints make it tough to keep up to date.

Bill Kurtz, our past class president, wrote me. He has been in Florida but too far away to get together. I hope when I head north he will set up a luncheon in his area, and I’ll drive out from the city to join them. All kids and 15 grandchildren are doing well. He is still selling insurance, but his boys run the business and he needs an excuse to get out of the house. His comment is “Love Lou too much to retire—don’t want to see her go to jail after she kills me.”

Russell D'Aliello passed away last November. He was a lieutenant in the Army and was stationed in Germany. He served in the Army Reserve and reached the rank of lieutenant colonel. He was an engineer and retired as a vice president of STV Inc., a consulting engineering firm in...
Douglassville, Pa. One of his survivors is his brother, Cosimo Daiello ’49. Hope everyone has a happy and healthy summer. We are all getting older, so take care of yourselves. Economically, it has been a tough year for all, but don’t forget who put you where you are: Lafayette. Do what you can to support the academic programs. President Dan Weiss is very realistic, is in touch with the real world, and tells it like it is. If you get his mail, please take heed. We have to keep the academic and athletic standards of our college at a high level. We all need to help.

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Greetings once again to all of our classmates, wherever you may be! As always, thanks to each and every classmate for your contributions to our column. Your updates make our class notes interesting, informative, and help keep us connected. Also, limitations on column length no longer enable me to thank each of you for submitting your update or to provide comments, but please know that I greatly appreciate hearing from each of you, and I’m certain our classmates do as well!

First off, Bruce Forbes will be putting together a ’59er weekend for us to attend one of the Leopards’ 2010 home football games. Please contact him at mtawk5@yahoo.com if you’re interested so he can order the tickets. Or write 367 Main Street Unit 31, Old Saybrook, CT 06475-2360, or call him at (860) 388-2323.

Here are the steps to access your photos submitted to the College. Go to the Lafayette web site, click on the Alumni link on the home page, then on the latest edition of Lafayette Magazine online in the right sidebar, then on Class Notes in the left sidebar. When this drops down a list of links to pictures, click on the desired link. Once you’ve done it a few times, it’s pretty easy!

Len Achey, who now resides in Spokane, Wash., with the love of his life, Marlys, writes: “The past winter here in the state of Washington was just fine. It was warmer than usual and very little snow compared with last year’s 100 inches. My wife plans to retire this year, and we plan to attend the Lafayette–Lehigh football game in November. Although Marlys has watched the game on TV with the Lafayette alums in Washington, D.C., she has never seen one in person. So, we look forward to seeing many Phi Psi’s and friends at that time. Hope to see you then. We dance about twice a week now, and I play bridge three or four times a week—learned the game at Phi Psi.” Len’s email is lenachey@comcast.net, and his phone is (509) 928-2126.

The College has been informed of the death of Rodger J. Blake, who was in our freshman and sophomore class. He was born in Easton, graduated from Easton High School, attended East Stroudsburg University, and was a veteran of the Korean War. Rodger lived in the Lehigh Valley most of his life and worked for several of the major insurance companies before starting his own business, Insurance Brokers of the Lehigh Valley. He was also a prolific writer and published books, poems, and songs. Rodger is survived by his wife, Barbara, a son, Evan, and a daughter, Julia.

In March, I received an exciting update regarding two of our great ’59 basketball players and also of a centennial celebration that most of us probably didn’t realize! Gerry Cream sent the following note: “I flew from Florida to Philadelphia to visit Dick Kohler, and we attended the celebration at Kirby Field House of the 100th anniversary of Lafayette basketball. We met Stu Murray ’57 and his brother. After brunch, we attended the Lafayette–Lehigh basketball game, which the Leopards won 90–75. In attendance were about 60 former Lafayette basketball players, and at halftime, we were introduced individually and paraded onto the court. We had a group picture taken at center court. It was a great time, and we had a lot of laughs. I met the Honorable Jack Kingfield, and it was nice to see him. After the game, we had dinner at the College. Dick then flew down to visit us at Amelia Island, Fla., and I went and I went to the first round of the 2010 NCAA basketball tournament in Jacksonville. After his stay with us, Rich went to the Florida Keys and then on to Venice, Fla., to play golf. Kathleen and I formed a committee to have a St. Patrick’s Day blast at the Surf Restaurant in Amelia March 17. We hope we both survive!’” Gerry’s email is gptcjr1212@aol.com, and his phone is (860) 621-3543.

Bruce and Bette Forbes celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Oct. 31, and we can certainly say they have been “good sports” to each other ever since! They met when Bruce was a sophomore at Lafayette, playing on our varsity lacrosse and soccer teams, and Bette was a sophomore at Hillyer College, now the University of Hartford. They dated throughout college, and upon Bruce’s graduation, they tied the knot Halloween 1959. Their honeymoon was a two-day trip to New York City, and true to form, Bruce took Bette to Yankee Stadium to see the New York Giants play the Green Bay Packers! They have been good sports, both in their marriage and in following their favorite teams: University of Connecticut basketball, the Boston Bruins, and the Boston Red Sox. They vacation every year from January to April in Fort Pierce, Fla. Everyone who has had the pleasure of knowing Bruce and Bette can certainly attest that humor is the key to their very successful marriage! Bruce’s email is mtawk5@yahoo.com, and his phone is (860) 388-2323.

Dick Harding had a very fulfilling career saving countless lives and making the world a better place to live as a medical missionary for the Presbyterian Church. Dick reports that he is now retired and that he and Suzanne moved to a Presbyterian retirement home in March 2008. “We had a great time at our 50th reunion!” Dick’s contact info is River Landing at Sandy Ridge, 1575 John
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In our last column, Warren Hogan provided a wonderful update on the humanitarian work he does in support of a new venture to create and make available ultra-low-cost housing shelters for humanitarian and disaster relief. An update: “I have made a modest investment in the enterprise called IADDIC Shelters LLC, and now I am active in bringing about the final investments needed to move forward and establish a manufacturing capability that can scale up rapidly to meet the high demand. For example, between January 13 and March 28, we have had 23 inquiries totaling 133,000 units worth $199 million, with much of the demand created by the devastating earthquakes in Haiti and Chile. If you want to know more details about the products, you can check out www.sheltertheworld.com and www.iaddicshelters.com.” Warren’s email is warren@hogancenter.com, and his phone is (469) 241-0751.

From Allan Johnson: “Just a note to let you know that I am now the chair for the Friends of Lafayette Golf and would appreciate any support our classmates could give to that effort. Thanks, and stay in good health.” Allan’s contact info is 710 Quaker Ridge Terrace, Easton, PA 18042-7102, (610) 253-6570, awjchart@aol.com.

Don Kein, one of our most loyal column contributors, sent two great updates: “Greetings from wet, cold Sarasota, Fla. We did have a nice day yesterday, and Janecn and I played at a private club called Misty Creek, which is inland about 15 miles. Interestingly, the temperature rises as one goes inland. We teamed up with two guys from the Midwest and had a congenial round. However, you could see that when we started out our partners were not happy about playing with a woman, especially a half-blind one, as they later found out. Well, Janecn has a new Taylormade driver that suits her swing. She stepped up to the first tee and WHAM!—she bangs a 150-yard drive down the middle. By the turn, they were joking around with her, coaching her shots, and generally having a good time playing with us. When we shook hands at the 18th, they opined that it was too bad we couldn’t have played another round, as they were leaving the next day. You never know how things will end up, but it went very well.

“Janecn and I are in Aiken, S.C., visiting with Jad and Marian Sortore before we head north. As you know, it’s always a treat to visit here, especially to savor Marian’s cooking. Last evening, she served her signature dish: English-styled roast leg of lamb with all the trimmings. It was wonderful! Jad and I got a round in yesterday on his home course, and today we hope to play mixed doubles with the girls. Life is tough, but somebody has got to do it.” Don’s email is kpflow.dgk@verizon.net.

I received a great update from the Honorable Jack Kingfield: “Since we live near the campus, Kathie and I enjoyed attending most of the Lafayette home basketball games this year.... The last home game was a satisfying win over Lehigh. At that game, the College celebrated 100 years of Lafayette basketball. Many former players were recognized at halftime, including Gerry Crean and Rich Kohler, and I enjoyed meeting with them at the reception after the game. My meditation practice has slowed down, but that leaves more time for reading, travel, and exercise, which naturally includes tennis and golf.” Jack’s email is kingfield@enter.net.

Bill Lee, a world traveler, is—guess what—traveling again! “You caught me just in time, as Kathryn and I leave in a few days for a photo safari in southern Africa (i.e., Botswana, Namibia, and Zimbabwe) and some time at Victoria Falls. We will be gone for 25 days, including five nights in Cape Town and then back to the U.S. on April 3. This is the Ultimate Africa Tour with Overseas Adventures Travel, www.oattravel.com. We are a group of 16 friends who were all rounded up by Kathryn, and so off we go with our malaria pills, DEET, cameras, and pants with zip-off legs—but no spears. There will be updates later.” Bill’s email is knbllee@mindspring.com.

I have the very sad duty to report the untimely loss of Henry E. Miller, our outstanding classmate and friend, who suffered a fatal heart attack in late January. He was the son of Lester Miller ’30, was raised in Wynnewfield, Pa., and Narberth, Pa., and attended Germantown Academy in Fort Washington, Pa. Henry was a member of Pi Lambda Phi fraternity, the Kirby Government and Law Society, the Athletic Council, and was the advertising manager of The Marquis and a cheerleader. Henry, who will always be remembered as one our class’ finest athletes, was captain of the swim team, a member of the track team, and achieved a varsity letter. He received a bachelor’s in government and law. His law degree was from the University of Pennsylvania Law School. He also served his country in the Army Reserve. Henry was an athlete his entire life. He was an active cyclist and loved to accompany friends on long bicycle trips across the Delaware Valley. In 2006, he completed a 660-mile cycling trip of three days in Oregon, from Eugene to Crater Lake. In summer 2009, Henry spent a week cycling 50 miles a day in the mountains of Vermont.

Henry had a most distinguished career in law, first serving as a law clerk to a judge in the U.S. District Court in Delaware. He then practiced real estate law for the WolfBlock law firm in Philadelphia, Pa., for 45 years, where he served for several years on its executive committee and for 10 years was chairman of the firm’s real estate practice division. Upon WolfBlock’s closure, Henry had been with the law firm of Cozen O’Connor. He particularly enjoyed mentoring young lawyers. During his long career, Henry represented developers and real estate brokers of several multimillion-dollar high-rise office buildings, shopping centers, and industrial parks. He was one of the most respected real estate lawyers in the country and was elected a fellow of the American College of Real Estate Lawyers. Chambers USA Guide to America’s Leading Lawyers for Business listed Henry in the exclusive category of “Senior Statesman” after years of listing him in the first tier.
Henry’s contributions to his community and to his fellow citizens were extensive. He was served as a big brother and later president of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Philadelphia in the 1980s. In 1988, Henry and his father received public service awards from the organization. Henry also served several terms as president of the Jewish Family and Children’s Services of Greater Philadelphia and served on the board and as solicitor for the Association of Jewish Family and Children’s Agencies. He was also president of Society Hill Synagogue.

Henry is survived by his wife of 47 years, Barbara, his son, Andrew, his daughter, Alexa, and three grandchildren. Our heartfelt condolences go out to Barbara and to Henry’s family. Barbara’s address and phone number are 200 W. Washington Square, Apt. 1404, Philadelphia, PA 19106-3534, (215) 925-6408.

In tribute to Henry, his fraternity brother/roommate and lifelong friend Michael Moskov sent the following eulogy: “Norb, this was an enormous shock. Henry was in good physical condition. He regularly went on bike trips over 50 miles. In fact, the day he died, he had just come from a spinning session. From my standpoint the timing was also a shock. As you know, I live in Chicago but was attending a two-day Lafayette Board of Trustees meeting in Easton when I received word last Friday from my office in Chicago about Henry’s death. I drove to Philadelphia Friday evening to see Barbara and the family and returned to Easton later that night so that I could attend the trustees meeting on Saturday morning. Friday night, I stayed at the Lafayette Inn, which as you know was the Pi Lam house in our senior year. Henry and I roomed together back in 1958–59 in the same building that I slept in Friday night. The following day, Mack Emanuel and I attended Henry’s funeral in Philadelphia. I have still not gotten over the shock. We were very close friends, having met in our freshman year at Lafayette. We worked together in a summer camp for three summers and roomed together at Fort Benning when we were in the Army shortly after graduation. By the way, Henry was one of the only six-month officers to go airborne. Henry went to Penn law school at the same time I was in the graduate school of economics at Penn, so we continued to see a lot of each other in the 1960s. Barbara was a good friend of my first wife, and Henry and Barbara met through us. After leaving Philadelphia, we continued to stay in touch over the years, attending each other’s family events, etc. His daughter, Alexa, and my son Eliot were both born Oct. 7, 1969. We will miss Henry very much. If there is a lesson to be learned from this, it is the old adage ‘live every day.’” Michael’s email address is mm@thechicagocouncil.org.

Dick Poey, one of our most active “retirees,” has once again been recognized for his magnificent talents! “I showed my work at Arts in Harmony National Juried Show in Elk River, Minn., and also at Spring for Sculpture, the Society of Minnesota Sculptors’ annual exhibition at the Minnesota Center for the Arts. At the latter, I received a lifetime achievement award: ‘This award is in recognition of Dick’s dedication to the development of sculptural arts in Minnesota and for his relentless drive to encourage participation of all sculptors to exhibit their work. Over the past 10 years, Dick has been invaluable in seeking out new venues for shows, developing communications programs, and enhancing camaraderie among the membership.’ Heidi and I have pieces displayed at the Minnesota Institute of Art’s Foot in the Door exhibition. Heidi and I plan to be a part of several arts events this spring, including the Spiritual Arts Exhibition in Minneapolis, Primavera in Plymouth, Minn., and the Lake Minnetonka (Minn.) Arts Tour. Last December, before the massive earthquake in Chile, we spent time in Santiago and then set sail around Cape Horn for Buenos Aires.” Dick’s email is poeyart@comcast.net.

I received a wonderful note from Dr. Allan “Al” Rosenbluth, who lives in the San Fernando Valley in Southern California. “It’s been refreshing to discover life beyond the practice of cardiology. Margy and I are busy keeping up with our five grandchildren; two live in Salt Lake City, three in Denver, and there are future prospects in Iowa City, Iowa. Recent travels to Patagonia, Southeast Asia, and Eastern Europe have been very fulfilling. When we’re home, we’re into tennis, hiking, exploring our national parks, and the beach in Malibu. Always a warm spot in my heart for Lafayette.” Al’s email is arosenbluth@yahoo.com.

Here’s definitely a “teachable moment” from Walt Scott: “Yours truly had a serious crash while skiing some of our famous Vermont powder at speed last January, and I wouldn’t be writing this had it not been for the helmet that I was wearing. The crash ended my ski season, but I will be back next year.” When I asked Walt how his cider business was doing, he wrote: “Last year was the best year ever for the cider business, though not true for the financial guaranty business, my other pastime. I guess when people get depressed they drink more. Seriously, we were up more than the microbrews, while the majors were down. There is a real consumer trend toward handcrafted niche brews, and away from the mass marketed products.” Walt’s email is wascott@sover.net.

I have the sad news to report that Norm Sensinger’s wife, June, passed away in March of complications from her neurological disease, progressive supranuclear palsy (www.CurePSP.org). Norm writes: “She was at home and had battled the disease for almost 10 years, and as you know, I was her caregiver. We were married for almost 42 years.” June graduated from Murray State University, Murray, Ky., in 1966, and she taught art at Berea College in Berea, Ky., and in Baltimore City and Howard County, Md., public schools. She became co-owner and founder of Portobello Square in Towson, Md., specializing in antique jewelry for 10 years prior to her illness. We send our sincere condolences, Norm, on June’s passing. Norm’s email is ns@comcast.net.

Another of our consistent column contributors, Jad Sortore, sent the following: “On March 13, I completed my two-year term as
regent of the South Carolina Magna Carta Society. Members are direct descendants of the English barons who signed this historic document at Runnymede on the River Thames in the year 1215. There are approximately 400 members in South Carolina and 17,000 nationally. ‘Baron Jad’ will return to the golf course for the remainder of the season. Don and Janeen Kein arrived in March for a two-day visit to Aiken on their way north from several weeks in Florida. Don and I played golf here at The Reserve. Between shots, we recounted tales of Lafayette and the Kappa Sigma house.” Jad’s shots, we recounted tales of Lafayette golf here at The Reserve. Between shots, we recounted tales of Lafayette and the Kappa Sigma house.” Jad’s email is souders5@aol.com.

Our great classmate Dick Souders sent the following update: “Barbara and I are on a parent committee at Lafayette, and we had a luncheon where I was seated next to Bob Massa, vice president for communications for Lafayette…. My eldest son, Brent ’11, is completing his junior year as a government and law major and has been president of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity…. My youngest son, Todd, completed a very successful academic year as a first-year student at Monmouth University. However, he now sees the potential of joining our third generation in the Lafayette family. He is completing the transfer process to begin his sophomore year in September on the Hill. He plans to major in civil engineering. With two at Lafayette, I continue strong motivation to spend considerable time with my international employee benefits consulting company. Have a great summer, and I hope to see you socialize for a while. Bill and Anne Campbell, Gavin and Carolyn Jenney, Bruce Locklin and Barbara Hoffman, and Bob and Terree Hays from Alpha Chi Rho also joined us.” Kurt’s email is KSteckley@verizon.net.

Jerry Turnauer, another of our consistent column contributors and one of ’59’s distinguished benefactors to the College, sent another great update: “Greetings from Israel. We’re returning to the States after a wonderful three-week visit with Esti and family. We got to tour part of the country from Be’er Sheva in the Negev Desert to Sderot, which is a city just outside Gaza that’s been the target of thousands of rockets since Israel pulled out a couple years ago. We’ve toured Be’er Sheva each of the last three years we’ve been here to see the progress being made to make it the fourth largest population center in Israel, after Haifa, Tel Aviv, and Jerusalem…. “One new item is celebrating Sandye’s special birthday, her 70th on April 1. We’re going on a seven-day cruise to Bermuda with our whole family of 19: our three kids with their two spouses, 10 grandkids, and Sandye’s two older sisters from Allentown and Harrisburg, Pa. The cruise is in August, which is the only month we can get everyone’s schedule cleared. Sandye will learn about the surprise cruise on her birthday!” Jerry’s email is jturnauer@bayshoreford.com.

I received a great update from Dr. Russ Wells: “Just back from the Galapagos Islands. As a retired biology pro, I had to make the trip to the biologist’s Mecca. Great 11-day tour of the islands on one of the smaller boats that took only 16 touristas. Enjoyed the tortoises; blue- and red-footed boobies; land, marine, and Christmas (red and green) iguanas; lava lizards; and a myriad other land and air creatures. Swam with the sea lions, sea turtles (getting photos of them), sharks, a variety of fish, and many sessile creatures. My duffle was lost on the way down, and I had to survive on bought, borrowed, and essential items donated by compassionate newly made friends, until the duffle caught up with me five days later. Not easy to deliver found luggage in the middle of an archipelago. Biologist or not, the Galapagos is a fascinating area, with something for everyone.

“Had a day in Quito, Ecuador, before heading to the islands. That was supposed to be a buffer day in the event there were travel or luggage delays. No travel delays, and not long enough for the luggage delay that happened. Took a day trip to the cloud forest at Bella Vista (a beautiful area with a hike in the forest), and then visited another garden to view the many varieties of hummingbirds. Spectacular. Also had a day after the islands, I called it my decompression day, to get caught up after 11 days on a boat, before heading home. The evening we returned to Quito, we had our tour farewell dinner up at Pim’s Restaurant on the hill just at the foot of the Virgin of Quito statue. Spectacular view of the city and a tour of Old Town as we traveled to and from the restaurant. High security around the President’s Palace, as Hugo Chavez was in town. That following day I walked out from the hotel, Mercure Alameda, to the handicraft market and on to the park. That evening, a tour friend and I found Le Petit Pigalle restaurant and had the best meal that I’ve ever experienced in a restaurant…. Happy to be home again.” Russ’s email is wellruss@verizon.net.

Here’s an enlightening update from the Very Reverend George Werner: “Our only news item is the birth of granddaughter Tia Andria Werner to our son Ted and wife Delia down in Deerfield Beach, Fla. Tia is our 13th grandchild. All of them and their parents planned to be with us in mid-May for our 50th wedding anniversary. Rumor has it Audrey will be presented with a Croix De Guerre with many Oak Leaf Clusters.” When I asked George if he were renting Forbes Field in Pittsburgh for the occasion, he responded: “Actually, one of the new corporate cottages at Oglesby Resort in Wheeling, W.Va., where they bring you food and cook it for you, so no one has to leave the party—eight bedrooms, six and one-half baths, and less than an hour from the Pittsburgh airport.” George also
reported in a separate email that James Gold, associate director of estate planned giving, had taken him to lunch—“a fascinating young member of Lafayette’s staff!” George’s email is g1gw17@gmail.com.

Dick Wright sent a nice update: “Our local Bucks County (Pa.) Lafayette Alumni Chapter met to plan some great events for 2010. I would urge other class mates to become active in an alumni chapter that represents their geographic area. It will afford them an excellent opportunity to meet Lafayette graduates from classes both recent and ancient, such as ours. Frank Tavani, our football coach, will attend and speak at an upcoming semi-pro baseball game in Trenton, N.J.

“I will be getting together with Phi Psi brothers Mike Wilson, Fritz Muench, Jim Haering, and Rich Kohler at John Ziegler’s beautiful home in Bay Head, N.J., in June. The wives will also be there, although they may end up wishing that they had made other plans.

I look forward to our 55th class reunion coming up in a few years. It has never been done before, and we will try to make it even better than the 50th.” Dick’s email is cdrcrw@verizon.net.

As far as information from yours truly is concerned, Maryellen and I stay busily engaged in all our local activities. I did make one trip. For the past three years, I have traveled by train from Williamsburg, Va., to Southern California in late January to attend Grandparents Day at my grandson’s school. My grandfather reported the details of his trip to South Africa with the Vujeviches and the Siegels. The Siegels just missed a vacation stop to Santiago, Chile, prior to that city’s major earthquake.

Bob Haigh visited my Florida home in The Villages back in mid-February, and he was quite impressed with my Lafayette Room. My “wall of fame” features my Bachelor of Arts diploma and my Delta Tau Delta initiation certificate. As he sat in my deck chair with the Marquis logo etched thereon, we chatted extensively before heading out to lunch at the Arnold Palmer Country Club nearby. Bob was on a tour of his friends in Florida, a vacation from his home in Littleton, Colo. About a week later, Alden and Doll Siegel also stopped by en route to their Florida residence in Naples. They talked about their ride on the auto train connecting Sanford, Fla., with Lawton, Va.

Dave Greenbaum and his wife, Ro, reported from their home in White Stone, Va., a town just west of Richmond on Carter’s Creek, which empties into the Chesapeake Bay. He writes: “We enjoy retirement—playing some golf, doing some boating and traveling. Not a whole lot exciting. One of our yearly highlights is spending time at the Jersey Shore with the entire family.”

Reporting from the Great State of Maine, Gary Schulz boasted about his home state’s beautiful scenery and perfect weather during the havoc that rocked most of the East Coast in March 2010 when he wrote: “Right now, we don’t have a stitch of snow showing anywhere. Let us know when all of your shoveling is done!”

Dr. Greg Culley still works as a health care consultant, traveling all over the country. When not on the road, Greg lives with his wife, Donna, in Chilmark, Mass. (a section of Martha’s Vineyard). Otherwise, they maintain a condo in the Back Bay section of Boston. She works at Massachusetts General Hospital and spends a lot of time on medical missions, most recently in Mexico and Haiti. Their daughter, Jennifer, is a physician in Atlanta, and their son, Todd, does medical computer work in Lexington, Mass. Greg invites all classmates who are vacationing in Martha’s Vineyard to drop by.

Ed Bantlow divides his time between Philadelphia and East Oakland. This arrangement allows him time to see his daughter, Hilary, as well as his son, Bob. He has been counseling his son in starting a catering business. Ed says his executive coaching business at Executive Advisors is still going along. He is strong on Facebook as a means of communicating.

Bruce Boyd of New Mexico writes: “Not much news here.... No long distance walks yet. I try to walk five times a day, four or five days a week. I am still thinking of doing a long walk but have yet to get a fire in my belly.” Also, he says he has been doing yard work at the local community center for three years.

Pete Veruki has worked the last 20 years for the business schools at Rice (the Rice Institute) and most recently at Vanderbilt University, and he looked forward to our 50th class reunion.

When I sent out the email blast in late March, class president Bob Brodie responded with news items about several classmates. He writes that after a career spanning 34 years,
during which he traveled extensively, Jim Hurst retired from the Woolworth Corp. in 1995.

Ten years after retiring, Jim and his wife moved from their home near Princeton, N.J., to Ocean View, Del. They are the proud parents of four sons (Jim, Michael, Tom, and Paul) and 11 grandchildren.

Ted Matsumoto and his wife, Carol, opened Captain Grant’s 1754 Inn, a bed and breakfast in Poquettanuck Village, Conn., close to Foxwoods, Mohegan Sun, and Mystic Seaport. Because of this new venture, Ted regretted that he would not be able to attend our 50th. Brodie mentioned that he used to run into Ted at New York State School Boards Association meetings.

Steve Blecher retired from Martin Marietta and lives in Littleton, Colo. He enjoyed watching the televised Lafayette–Lehigh game with the local Denver Alumni Chapter, where he frequently ran into Bob Haigh. Steve planned to work his way to the 50th.

Bob and Sheila Brodie met with John Miller and his wife, Edie, earlier this year at a restaurant near Albany, N.Y. Attracted by the proximity to his boyhood hometown of Kingston, N.Y., John has been refurbishing their newly purchased house near Woodstock. The Millers have retained their Huntington Beach, Calif., home to visit with their grandchildren.

Tom Rennert has been working on his golf game. Ed Bantlow says Tom plays so often to manufacture a better handicap for the class golf tourney.

On Feb. 9, I ran into Wayne and Gloria Wavrek at the speech delivered by President Dan Weiss before an alumni group at the Hyatt Regency in Sarasota, Fla. The snow bird Wavreks were on the southern extension of their alternating residential status, and this entailed watching many spring training baseball games.

George Gick has been selling convention and meeting space at Cypress Bend Resort, a property of the company for whom he worked 13 years ago as the hotel general manager. George is president of the Greater Houston Area Alumni Chapter. He participated in the chapter’s sponsorship of the program entitled Sophomore Surge, designed to familiarize second-year students with opportunities beyond college. George and his wife, Stephanie, are indeed proud of their first granddaughter, Tristan. George envisioned registering her in the Class of 2022. George anticipated attending our 50th Reunion.

Bob Quig leaned on me to help him construct his “memory book biography” to be distributed at the reunion. We continued with a nostalgic conversation, recalling his courtship with his wife, Margie, and her selection as the Sweetheart of Sigma Chi and the Interfraternity Queen in 1959. Their son, Mike ’86, operates Marge’s Bar in Chicago, site of the local Lafayette–Lehigh football game telecast. Bob maintains a Florida residence in North Palm Beach. He planned to attend the 50th with fraternity brothers Dave Garrabrandt and Jim Rauch.

It saddens me to report the March 11 death of classmate Stephen Bartlett. After a two-year fight against an aggressive form of cancer, he died at his home in Bellingham, Wash. He had recently completed his four-year tour of duty at Watchung Hills (N.J.) Regional High School as the social studies and history department supervisor. Steve loved to travel and spend time with family and friends, and he frequently moved in search of new adventures and experiences, teaching at schools in New Jersey, Japan, Belgium, Colorado, and Maryland. While at Lafayette, Steve played four years of freshman and then varsity football. He wore number 51.

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It is now less than a year to our 50th reunion and some of you are actually getting serious about attending. Believe it or not, I think we are going to have a fine turnout. I am basing this assessment on feedback received from our class agents as well as news sent to me directly from many of you. I assume you have received your refrigerator magnet—intended to serve as a reminder of the event. Of course you have it proudly displayed on your fridge! Ed Auble, our reunion chair, likes to think that the magnets will help pull you guys in. You will have to forgive Ed for his enthusiasm, since the magnets were his idea. Much to the amazement of the other members of the class leadership committee, his idea is actually considered a good one!

Some of you may be a little intimidated by the requirements for submitting bio information and pictures for our reunion yearbook. Each 50th reunion class, with help from the College staff, is provided with a yearbook that serves as a memento of the occasion. The yearbook is only as good as the effort put into it by the class. We are fortunate to have Dick Webster serving as our yearbook chair, but he needs your help! If you haven’t already done so, here is what you need to do for the reunion yearbook: Write something about yourself that you feel will be of interest to your classmates. It can be a brief bio from the time you graduated or simply an update of what you have been doing the past few years. You could include your hobbies and interests or your thoughts on life. Brag about your grandkids. It’s up to you—but please keep it to 400–600 words. Don’t worry about misspellings or awkward sentences; Dick will edit and condense, if necessary. Send the completed work, along with any pictures you want to share, to Dick by email (richardjwebster@comcast.net), or snail mail it to him at 1249 Surrey Road, West Chester, PA 19382. Please get this done as soon as possible.

Before I go any further, I owe an apology to Ben Sack. In the last column, I failed to mention that Ben was in attendance at Bob Howard’s Hall of Fame induction ceremony in November. More importantly, it was Ben who was responsible for gathering several dozen of Bob’s DU brothers and fellow footballers for the event. It was a great night for ’61ers, and Ben was largely responsible for its success.
Ron Hargreaves was one of the first classmates to submit a write-up for the reunion yearbook. Ron is retired from IBM after 30 years of service and lives in North Carolina. In the winter, he is a Florida snow bird. Since retiring, he has pursued several interests, including boating, fishing, tennis, motor scooting, and personal computing. His major interest has become photography. He has received professional training in the art and uses that skill to donate photography services at special events. Ron and wife Anita have three children, all college grads. Daughter Nanci Hargreaves Ziegler ’85 has also blessed them with two grandchildren. (Editor's note: Ron Hargreaves passed away June 9 just prior to press time. An obituary will be published in the next class column.)

Fred Bailine and wife Annette are happily retired, in good health, and living in Seneca, S.C. Fred was with the carbon division of Union Carbide, and Annette was an RN for 40 years. Both are active volunteers. They live on a lake, so boating is a big part of their lives. They also enjoy golf, bowling, and travel. Recent trips include Mexico and Alaska, with an Italian cruise planned. The Bailines have three children and seven grandchildren. Further good news is that they expect to attend the 50th.

Adam Kratochwill lives in Ft. Lauderdale with his partner, Bill Thornton. Adam retired 11 years ago but still does some occasional consulting. He spends most of his time volunteering for charities, traveling, and living the good life.

I heard from Joe Blakaitis, who figures I must be near broke by now since I live in New Jersey. He's awfully close to being correct! Joe lives in Duck, N.C., not far from Kitty Hawk. He has been flying for over 30 years, most recently a Piper Aztec, and he has all of the required fixed-wing ratings. Joe often flies to New Jersey, and I am hoping to have lunch with him on his next visit. Joe and wife Sally have two grown children. He hopes to be at the 50th.

Dick Crewsdon sent me an enjoyable read of his post-Lafayette activities. He jokingly considers his main accomplishment over the years to be his contribution to the population. Dick, with wife Nancy, has seven kids, 13 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Three of his kids are on the East Coast, while the rest have stayed out west near where they grew up in Palo Alto, Calif. Dick tells an interesting story of how he and Richard Wolf drove to California after graduation. He was dropped off at Cal Tech, where he spent five years and earned a Ph.D. in physics, while Rich continued on to Stanford. Dick later headed up the physics department at the Stanford Research Institute and wrote some books that, he claims, nobody read.

Dick and Nancy own a small software company that has an office in the Philippines. Though it's a struggle to meet payroll, Dick claims he loves the work and has no plans to retire. In fact, after his youngest daughter graduates from high school, he and Nancy are considering running their company from the Philippines for a while. Dick noted that he sees Lance Davis every few years at high school reunions, and he keeps hoping that Halsey House will show up someday.

Another most interesting note came from Jack Butler. He retired from the Marine Corps as a colonel and now lives near Camp Lejeune in North Carolina. Jack keeps fit and busy as a part-time trainer and exercise leader at a nearby wellness center. He is also a physical therapist assistant. But it is his avocation that he says pays the best: soccer refereeing, which also provides a reason for him to stay in shape. Jack figures no woman could put up with an animal like him, which is why he is now single. However, he is blessed with three grandkids, two of whom live in Brazil and the other near Tampa Bay. Jack says he really has two families: the wellness crowd and his church family. The church is his real focus, where he serves God as his church family. The church is his main accomplishment over the years. In 2007, Mel went to his 50th high school reunion in Union, N.J. Part of the fun was seeing several of his fellow Lafayette ’61ers (Frank Schlager, Bob Mayer, Norm Gauss, and Ron Graf) who also attended the same high school. Mel indicated that he is considering attending the 50th.

Bob Buchanan reported that not too much has changed with him the past several years except for the addition of a few more grandchildren. He and wife Constance still live in Berkeley Heights, N.J. Their son and daughter each have two children. After sharing an office with two other CPAs for over 16 years, Bob was hoping to retire and spend much of his time at the lake house he had built in 2002 in northeastern Pennsylvania. His clients, however, had different ideas, and many of them have refused to allow him to stop working. Thus, Bob is still doing tax returns early in the year before escaping to his lake home.

Bob brought to my attention an interesting hobby that he acquired. He carves and paints ducks, birds of prey, and songbirds out of wood. He claims it is a great way to relax. A neighbor got him started about 20 years ago. He eventually mastered the craft through a self taught process that included help from books and attending classes taught by other wood carvers. His grandkids, family members, and close friends are usually the beneficiaries of his handiwork. Bob hopes to be at the 50th.

Writing from Tehachapi, Calif., Stephen Smith says he retired after 30 years at the Air Force Flight Test Center at Edwards Air Force Base. He was an aeronautical engineering manager responsible for flight testing combat aircraft. He has been married for 30 years. Stephen enjoys sailing, fly fishing, hiking, and his church.

This past winter, I attended several Lafayette basketball games with George Benson. We usually met before a game at Big Woody’s Sports Bar in Forks Township, Pa., to enjoy some suds and ‘scenery.’ (See photo online.) George has become a regular
at Woody’s. He figures that if he goes there enough times now, he might still remember how to get there when he reaches the age of 80.

I was able to gather some tidbits about some other classmates. Don Wiltshire has been busy reactivating the Phoenix Alumni Chapter. Elliot Marcus attended the luncheon held for President Dan Weiss in Sarasota, Fl., last January. Dick Toro recently returned from a business trip to mainland China. He is planning a one-month, cross-country trip in July. Dick plans to be at the 50th.

Marty Newmark reports that he expects a good reunion turnout from his Pi Lam fraternity brothers. By now you are probably a little tired of my quizzes, which were intended to stir up memories of our College days and create some reunion interest. I heard that some of you did not do very well on them. So, no quiz, just remembrances:

• The pregame Lafayette-Lehigh bonfires
• Pop’s deli sandwiches
• Playing Frisbee with beer trays
• The Deke House fire
• The great basement bars in many of the fraternity houses
• Interfraternity weekend dances with the likes of Count Basie and Stan Kenton
• Basketball games at the old Alumni Gym

They say that at our age the reporting of the death of some classmates each issue must be expected. A few people have even suggested that I simply note that they died and leave it at that. Sorry, not my style. This time I am especially saddened because one of the deaths involves a particularly well-liked fraternity brother, Bill Hulsizer. Bill died in March after a lengthy battle with diabetes. He was living in Boca Raton, Fl., where he had retired after many years as a manager for the International Nickel Co. in NYC. Bill graduated as a metallurgical engineer, was a member of Theta Xi fraternity, and played some lacrosse at Lafayette. He leaves behind a wife, Carol, two children, and four grandchildren. A brother, Ernie ’63, also survives.

Bob Weaver died in January 2009. I was surprised to find that the College was not notified of his death for over a year, since Bob was a popular member of his community (Darien, Conn.) and a very successful businessman. Bob had retired from Chase Bank as a senior vice president and director of its global energy group. At Lafayette, Bob was a member of the golf team, club hockey squad, and Phi Gamma Delta. He also served as the sports editor for The Melange yearbook. Bob’s passion was golf, and he was a member of the Wee Burn Country Club in Darien and the prestigious Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews in Scotland. Bob was married for 48 years to Linda Nims Weaver. They married when Bob was a senior at Lafayette. In addition to his wife, Bob is survived by two children and five grandchildren.

Talk about a small world. When at Lafayette, Ed Auble and Bob Weaver figured that they were distant cousins. It turns out that Ed’s grandmother and Bob’s grandfather were cousins from relatives born in Pennsylvania’s Saucon Valley.

I wish to thank those classmates who responded to my request for news. I hope to hear from more of you. Once again, I wish to remind you to please send Dick Webster an update (and photos, if possible) for the reunion yearbook, even if you are not certain you will be attending.

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Kay and I returned from three months in Florida and were happy to find that the mailbox contained several items for the class column. Sadly, there is also the inevitable obituary, so let us deal with that first.

The College forwarded me a death notice for Steven Streisfeld, 68, of Delray Beach, Fl., who passed away July 28, 2008. Services were held at the Beth Israel Memorial Chapel, Boynton Beach. That is all I know, so I ask any of you who might have more particulars on Steve’s passing and his recent life activities to please forward them to me so we can properly remember a fine member of our class.

Howard Rednor, the correspondent for the Class of ’68, took the time to clip a long newspaper article from the Bucks (Pa.) Courier Times and forward it to me for use in our class column. I appreciate Howard’s thoughtfulness, as it is a warm and inspiring article about the retirement, career, and high values of John Rufe.

I think all of us who knew John during our years on the Hill would agree that he was a rock-steady person of high standards and solid values. I sang in the choir with him and know that he was a principled and circumspect person. It is no wonder, then, to learn that during his career of over 20 years on the bench as a Bucks County judge, he earned a reputation as a caring, fair, and compassionate (but firm) dispenser of justice to all who came before him. In fact, to commemorate John’s career and recent retirement, a portrait of him will hang in the county courthouse in Doylestown, Pa. The newspaper article featured a color photograph of John standing next to the painting and a headline that spoke volumes about John’s career: “A Portrait of Compassion.”

John presided over some sensational, high-profile cases and became known for his low tolerance of bad courtroom behavior and cellular telephone interruptions. But he made his most significant impressions in closed-door hearings: overseeing the fate of foster children in dependency cases. He made countless heart-wrenching decisions regarding saving or rendering asunder the ties that bind families. All in all, John earned a solid “A++” reputation for coming down on the side of the children.

Life has not been all roses for John, though. He was diagnosed with Parkinson’s in 1994 but has continued to work and enjoy life through the benefits of modern medicine. Since he reached the mandatory retirement age of 70 last year, he has remained on duty as a
As for the painting, John did it right! Most judicial portraits are unveiled after the jurist has died. John, however, donated the $10,000 for the painting, saving the taxpayers the cost, and thus he could be present for its unveiling at his retirement ceremony. “People say such nice things about you at these ceremonies. You might as well be there to hear them,” he said.

The article about John was so well-written and of such great quality (including the photograph), that I will attempt to obtain copyright permission so that the College can print it in The Lafayette. I will let you know what transpires.

Matt Thomases reports the Feb. 18 birth of a second grandchild, Aaron Isaac Thomases. Matt and Jean now have two grandchildren, and Matt reports, “I really like the grandpa stuff.” By the time you read this, Matt will have completed knee surgery to repair the injury he received at Ft. Benning some 45 years ago. He hopes the surgery will allow him to continue his hiking hobby well into the future.

And speaking of surgery, I was happy to hear from Jeff Ruthizer that he is recovering at home under Monica’s great care after successful surgery; a complete recovery is now in the forecast. Jeff reminds me that in a little less than two years from the time you read this column, we will be back in Easton for our Big 5-0. Your class officers will meet this summer to begin the planning process, and you should begin to plan and prepare too! Although the winds of economic fate have temporarily slowed the growth of our class scholarship fund, we can regain the old momentum this year. Colonel John Weis will be on our cases!

Please send news and photos to my address above so I can make the column bigger and better. Until then, may God bless.

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Bob London writes that the Phoenix area alumni are starting a local chapter. Anyone interested, please contact him at londonaz@aol.com.

Richard Lambeck retired for a short period but decided to go back to work. After working in the construction industry for many years, he was presented with an opportunity to teach and is now a full-time clinical associate professor for the construction management graduate program at New York University’s Schack Institute of Real Estate. He occasionally does consulting work for his firm, RL Project Management, though the construction business is slow now. In one course he was using a text book that did not adequately cover the construction process in an urban environment, so he decided to write a book with a colleague. The book is titled Urban Construction Project Management, published by McGraw-Hill. He jokes that it is “waiting to be as successful as Dan Brown’s books.”

He frequently sees Billie Frank and Mark Rachleff. Billie still works at his law firm, while Mark, who retired as a partner from Coopers, works for a national accounting organization.

Dr. Gary Coelho and his wife, Jane, have a fifth grandchild, Eli, born to son Ken on Valentine’s Day. They have two other sons: Andrew, with two sons of his own, and Daniel, who has two girls. Gary and Jane returned from a trip to Barcelona and Israel, and then, after Eli was born, left for Florida for a few weeks. While there, they were able to spend some time with Mike and Esther Stillman and Steve Perl, all of whom live in the same community in Palm Beach Gardens. Gary is in dental practice in NYC and has no plans to retire. He frequently sees Ron Garfunkel in New York, as well as Sandy Fisher and his fiancée, Isanne Werner. He looks forward to our 50th in 2013 and wishes everyone continued health and happiness.

Dr. Art Topilow writes: “You know you’re getting old when you get honored twice in the space of a year. Last fall, I received the Lifetime Achievement Award from Jersey Shore University Medical Center for my work and leadership in hematology and medical oncology. I received the Axelrod Artistic Achievement Award for my role in promoting the development of the arts program at the Axelrod Performing Arts Center in Deal, N.J., and for my continuing piano performances at the theater.” For more information on Art’s career in medicine and his second career in music, go to www.arturtopilow.com.

Jim Teeter is an independent travel agent with Global Travel (www.teeterstravel.globaltravel.com). He is also involved with the Rotary Youth Exchange as the district chair for Rotary District 5930 in South Texas, where they have six inbound students from France, Germany, Belgium, Taiwan, and Switzerland, and five outbound students to the same countries. This summer, he and his wife, Viola, will travel to visit their
son in New Hampshire, and then on
to Montreal to attend the Rotary
International Convention.

Bob Burns writes that as he is
sailing and racing less than in the past,
increased golf rounds and “has clubs, 
will travel” have replaced them. He
adds: “I trust that all my classmates
received my letter of December 2009
(on our new Class of ’63 stationery)
concerning our 50th-year reunion
gift. I’d appreciate hearing from
classmates concerning my letter, the
stationery, and our gift. I trust that all
is well and look forward to seeing you
at Homecoming and, of course, our
50th.” You can reach Bob, our class
fund manager, at rtb823@verizon.net
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Wayne Boulton entered a
retirement of sorts two years ago and
moved to New England, where he
served a Presbyterian church near the
Johns Hopkins campus for six years.
Most of his career was spent in
college teaching (Holland, Mich.)
and a grad school presidency
(Richmond, Va.). But for the last
decade, “I have been doing what I
literally have been dreaming about
since I was a kid: being a minister,”
Boulton says. “It is the easiest and
most difficult of jobs, sometimes
all in the same day. (As a junior at the
College, I recall heading up Religious
Emphasis Week. Remember that?)

Now I do short-term or interim
ministries in United Church of Christ
churches here in Boston, where
Presbyterian congregations are small,
few, and far between. In fall 2008,
I gave the McKinley Lecture at the
University of Illinois at Urbana-
Champaign on ‘Religion and Politics
in the Presidential Campaign.’ There
was a lot left on the cutting room
floor that day! In U.S. presidential
elections going back to the beginning
of the Republic, the overlay of
religious themes and anxieties has
been persistent, wide, and deep.
Every once in awhile, it is fun to try
to sort all this out.

“This past January, Vicki and I
joined our eldest son, daughter-in-
law, and two grandchildren in Assisi
for two weeks. An Italian hill town,
Assisi is best known for having been
the 12th–13th century home of a
nobleman’s son who, soon after
his death at 42, was canonized
as a saint by the Roman Catholic
Church. Known today by phrases
such as ‘a mirror for humanity’ and
‘the first Protestant,’ St. Francis of
Assisi is probably the most widely
known of Catholic saints, and
his monastic followers comprise
the largest single order within
Catholicism worldwide.”

A story from Gary Siegel: “It’s
been only 47 years since graduation.
It’s the spring of our freshman year.
I’m typing a paper and my roommate
in Watson Hall, Stu Green, comes
behind me, finds five gray hairs on my
head and pulls them out. He then
tapes them to a card that goes into
an envelope that we seal and write
across—‘Not to be opened for 50
years.’ Well, it’s now 50 years, and I
still have the envelope. I’m an allergist
in Denver, he’s an orthopedic
surgeon in Long Beach, so a few
weeks ago, on a trip to see one of our
sons in Los Angeles, Stu and I, our
wives, and my son and his girlfriend—
over champagne toasts—open the
envelope and the gray hairs are still
there, intact. We cut some new gray
hairs from the three males and put
them in an envelope—to be opened
in 10 years. (Made it easier this time.)
A nice thing to look forward to for 50
years—and now, another 10. Stu and
I are both working less than full time
but enjoying both work and play, with
our wives and kids all doing well. Life
has been good.”

Michael Stillman got to play golf
this winter with John Cooper and
Gary Coelho and their wives, Marilyn
and Jane, all enjoying the relatively
warm Florida weather.

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Since I have not received from
classmates any good or bad news
for the column, this is a good
opportunity to give credit where
credit is due.

Richard Grossman, Alan
Griffith, and George Rubin
have brought us, and themselves,
honor by reason of their long and dedicated
service on the Board of Trustees.
The commitments one must make to
hold such a position are significant.
Dick, Al, and George stepped up and
took leadership roles in rendering
extraordinary service to and for all
the constituencies of the College.
That Al was chair of the board, at
a time in our history when great
things were required and great
things were done, was fortunate
indeed.

In addition, George has devoted
countless hours and resources to the
alumni in general, and our class in
particular. He even gave his children
to the College for four years each!

And finally, not enough thanks
can be extended to our class officers,
Don Evans, Jeff (P.) Brown, and
the late Mike Emig, as well as to our
webmaster, Tom Greenbaum. They
all have kept us focused on and
supportive of the welfare of the College
as well as the personal
bonds among us.

Many others in the class have
likewise served without seeking
recognition. I don’t mean to slight
anyone by not mentioning everyone,
but Phil Linker in particular comes
to mind as one in that category. He
may be the longest continuously
serving alumni admissions
representative (with the possible
exception of Glenn Grube ’57 and a few others).

To all of these selfless individuals we owe deep gratitude. On behalf of our class, I extend that here.

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I am sure all of us are getting ready for another summer with family, friends, and occasional work. To pass a few idle minutes while relaxing, I send along the following notes.

I learned that Lewis Wetzel was nominated to the Luzerne (Pa.) County bench. Lewis will serve until January 2012 and has stated that he will not run for re-election, since he will be 69 at that time. He has been a partner with the Wilkes-Barre, Pa., firm Wetzel, Caverly, Shea, Phillips & Rodgers, and his practice experience ranges from civil to criminal. I am sure Lewis will do a terrific job and bring his reputation of honesty, integrity, and a strong work ethic to a bench where three former county judges have stepped down on corruption charges in the past 13 months. Congratulations, Lou!

Thomas L. Snyder emailed to tell us that he retired from practice in 2003 as chief of urology and assistant physician-in-chief of the Permanente Medical Group in Martinez, Calif. Tom had previously retired from the Naval Reserves in 1997 (after 24 years of service) as a captain, medical corps, and was a co-founder and executive director of the Society for the History of Navy Medicine. Tom says he keeps busy in retirement with lots of community activity and family-related travel. He especially wants to tell us that he is still married after 42 years to Regina, his “sweetheart and the love of my life.” If any of you want to contact Tom, he can be reached at tl.snyder@comcast.net.

Robert Spruck emailed to say he is now president of MotorMouth/south and spends time as a freelance journalist and photographer. He covers vintage sports car races and shows and writes technical and feature articles for a dozen magazines and web sites. Robert especially enjoys showing and racing his 1967 and 1972 MGs. He is also very active at Christ our Shepherd Lutheran Church in Peachtree City, Ga., where he serves on the church council, finance committee, and several other voluntary committees.

I also heard from Lawrence C. Zucker, who started an e-commerce business selling drapery hardware, traverse rods, and curtain rods at www.cdraperyaccessories.com. Larry says he spends his leisure time playing golf, traveling, and reading. Sounds like a healthy schedule.

Alfred C. Dreher Jr. tells us that he spends his leisure time reading, gardening, and collecting books and DVDs. Apparently, Al has gone through some recent health situations and, needless to say, we all wish him well.

I also heard from James M. Heffernan, another Easton Hall alumnus. Jim plans to retire partly in 2010, which is probably spurred by his marriage in June 2008. He is involved in various activities, including Habitat for Humanity, Nature Conservancy, and his church. In his leisure time, he enjoys motorcycling and biking trips, hiking, gardening, traveling, and volunteer work. Unfortunately, Tom did not tell me what he is doing now, so we hope after reading this he will send us another email giving an update on his current activities and his wife’s name.

I was pleased to receive so many updates from our classmates and hope that this column will encourage others to correspond either directly with me or with the College. Let us know what you are up to!

On the sad side, and I am sorry to report that this information only came to us recently: Anthony T. Napoli passed away in November 2007. Anthony is survived by his wife, Ilona; children Ken, Melissa, and Tamara, and their families; and his brother and mother. Anthony lived in Paulsboro, N.J., for many years, re-located, and spent 42 years working for Bell Labs and Lucent Technologies as an electrical engineer. We send our condolences to Ilona and the family.

I also just learned, as my column was being submitted, that David Schwartz, another fraternity brother, passed away Oct. 20. I am sorry I do not have any of the details, but if anyone knows anything further, please let me know.

That brings my summer 2010 column to a close. Once again, I wish you all a terrific summer. Hit them straight, hit them long, enjoy family and friends, and stay in touch as often as you can. I am sure everyone gets the same pleasure that I do when I hear from fraternity brothers and friends who were on the Hill with me from ’61 to ’65.

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Dave DeLeeuw and his wife, Treva, have been married for 33 years and live on Park Avenue in New York City, where Dave and his brother are managing partners for Lion Chemical Capital LLP, which completes private equity deals for chemical companies. Dave and Treva’s son, Brian, a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Princeton, received his Master of Fine Arts degree from The New School and has completed his first novel, which was published by Simon and Schuster. In This Way I Was Saved is a provocative story about a family’s love and madness. A psychological thriller dealing with the torment of isolation, it has received favorable reviews. From the Los Angeles Times: “An assured, unerring first novel... DeLeeuw...draws us into a world
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1967–1968

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My most faithful correspondent from over the years, Sharon Baker, wife of Dave Baker, has written to tell me how touched they were by my report on the death of Ed Ahrens. Dave and Sharon noted his passing before reading my column and held a mini reunion at their home. (See photo online.) Jonathan Benedict and wife Rosemary, Greg Crawford and wife Anne, Frank Dunst and wife Patti, and Dave and Sharon reminisced about Ed, whom they called “Ed the Walrus.” The group also visited with the Bakers’ son, Brian ’91, and his wife, Diane. Brian resides in Woodbury, Conn., and began his professional career with Frank Dunst at Toyota’s U.S. headquarters in California. He now works for Civil One Engineering.

Dave Archibald resides in Langhorne, Pa., with wife Judy. After serving many years as superintendent of various school districts, Dave retired from public education in 2004 and now has his own consulting business serving the educational and corporate communities.

I had dinner with classmates Brian Gifford and Bill Messick at a meeting of the Bucks County (Pa.) Alumni Chapter. Brian and wife Pat reside in Washington Crossing, Pa., not far from me. Their daughter, Lauren, is a student at Union College in upstate New York; son Chris is a lacrosse player and junior at Council Rock High School North in Newtown, Pa., where he has played varsity for three years and is now a co-captain. Chris was named to the “Super Six” of the team for the preseason by a local newspaper. Brian says that Chris may attend Lafayette, as it is on his short list of colleges. Brian and Pat have been married for 25 years. They were introduced to each other by Margaret Ingersoll, wife of Jon Ingersoll ’73. At the time, Brian’s wife was working with Jon’s wife. Coincidentally, Brian and Jon are both in the re-insurance business in Philadelphia, although not working together. Pat Gifford has had an interesting career of her own, with jobs that included teaching, managing 20-plus training centers up and down the East Coast, and most recently as a corporate trainer. In the early days of the couple’s marriage, they traded off parenting responsibilities while crossing paths at the Philadelphia Airport, handing off the children as one or the other left or returned on a business trip. At present, Pat is head of the booster club for the varsity lacrosse team at the high school. Brian has worked in the re-insurance business for most of his career, the last 21 years at Towers Watson. He also worked at State Farm, INA Re, and National Re, but Towers Watson—formerly Towers Perrin—has long been his home, and he is now senior vice president. He indicates that he attends luncheons on a regular basis held by the Philadelphia Chapter of the Alumni Association and meets Bill Thygeson there.

Lloyd Levenson was featured in the New Jersey Law Journal for spearheading the fundraising drive within Cooper Levenson, his law firm in Atlantic City, N.J. The firm’s employees donated $1,600, which was matched by the firm and donated to the American Red Cross for Haiti’s earthquake victims.

Paul Levy continues to serve as president of the Center City District and Central Philadelphia Development Corp., where he spearheads the civic improvement organization to upgrade and revitalize Center City Philadelphia.

As I mentioned in my remarks about Brian Gifford, Bill Messick also attended the Bucks County Alumni Chapter dinner. Bill keeps active in his entrepreneurship and provides support and advocacy for the remaining Greek living groups at Lafayette. A business group with which he is associated opened a hotel conference center in Newtown, Pa.

where psychological warfare is a way of life.” To read more about Brian’s novel and to view an interview with him, go to www.briandeleeuw.com. The novel will be published in paperback this August.

Gary Becker married the former Susan Ford, a pediatric nurse at Bryn Mawr Hospital, June 21, 2009. Their honeymoon was in St. Martin, and they enjoyed a trip to Egypt last March. Gary’s three daughters are all nurses; his son, Damon, works in information technology. Susan has three children: Amy, Eric, and Brian. Gary and Susan reside in Newton Square, Pa., and they are in the process of selling her house in Royersford, Pa. Gary maintains his dermatology practice in Ridley Park on a reduced schedule and has no plans for retiring. He was recently named one of the “Top Docs” in dermatology by Pennsylvania’s Main Line Times.

Class Fund Manager Chris Cathcart reports that our class gift book fund has a balance of $160,000. During the last year, the College used the money from the fund to purchase approximately 240 new books for Skillman Library.

We send our condolences to Jim Albus and his family on the death last February of his father, Francis E. Albus ’42, at age 89.

An update from your correspondent: I have completed my 40th year teaching at Gloucester County College. Last spring, I was honored to receive the Christian R. and Mary F. Lindback Foundation Award for Distinguished Teaching. The foundation recognizes outstanding teachers at colleges and universities within Abbotts Dairies’ service area. Also, last fall I received the William E. Greenup Jr. ’44 Award from the Lafayette Alumni Association for service as an officer of the South Jersey Alumni Chapter.

It’s never too early to plan ahead, so mark this date on your 2012 calendar. Our 45th reunion will be June 8–10, 2012.
He also helped found the Alumni Intrafraternity and Sorority Board (AISB), which is designed to provide the College with the ideas of alumni, in response to recent criticisms and action of the College in connection with the Greek life community on campus. Ten action committees within the AISB focus on traditional and nontraditional Greek living groups and evaluate their various aspects of membership. Bill hopes AISB will bring attention to the influence of Greek alumni and introduce ways to re-integrate them into the college community after they graduate. Bill believes that the group’s activities will create a stronger connection among alumni as well. Also, Bill believes that much of the conversation about alumni involvement comes down to dollars. He thinks affiliated alumni donate more to the College than non-affiliated alumni. Your correspondent is of a like mind and has volunteered to serve on AISB as a representative of my former fraternity, Pi Lambda Phi. Bill believes alumni networking is the largest factor missing from Greek life today and that the best way to get alumni involved with the campus is to bring them back and get them to interact with current students.

Dave Skolnick writes that he still practices law in New Haven, Conn., and planned to celebrate his 40th wedding anniversary with his wife, Judy, in June. He noted that Rich Laskey fixed them up on a blind date in 1969, and it worked out pretty well. Dave is in regular contact with Rich and his wife, Abbie, but notes that the Laskeys have only been married for 38 years. Dave and Pat also visited with Gary Bonnett and his wife, Susan. They had a delightful reunion and have been talking ever since about meeting for a mini reunion weekend in Easton at the former Phi Lam house, now the Lafayette Inn. Gary is retired from law practice in Maryland and tends to his many grandchildren. Dave’s daughters and their husbands have brought much joy to the Skolnicks, including five grandchildren. Daughter Marci, a graduate of Brandeis and Harvard Law School, lives part-time at Tufts, and other schools, and expects to receive her Ph.D. in Judaic studies from Brandeis this year. Her dissertation addresses the philanthropy of American Jewish women. Dave observed that both his daughters have far surpassed their father in the scholarship department and made the same observation that I did: Apparently, their brains were inherited from their mother. Life in New Haven is perfect, as it is the midway point between New York and Boston, which enables the Skolnicks to spend lots of time with their grandchildren.

The Lafayette Leadership Institute for 2010, made possible by the Class of 1968 Leadership Fund, held its annual session on campus in February. It consisted of the keynote address for three blocks of educational sessions, an alumni panel presentation, alumni round table discussions, leadership resources, and a leadership recognition ceremony. The workshop sessions covered money management, entrepreneurship, volunteerism, the graduate school admission process, and using the Internet as a search tool for jobs. President Daniel Weiss presented the keynote address, which highlighted the leadership qualities exemplified by alumnus and Olympic gold medalist Alfred LeConey ’24. A number of other faculty members served as presenters for workshop sessions.

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Unfortunately, I must report the deaths of a classmate and a professor.
Ronald F. Hurley passed away Jan. 28. Ronald’s career was in veterinary medicine, having graduated from the prestigious University of Pennsylvania in 1973. He was the former co-owner of Stafford Veterinary Hospital in Manahawkin, N.J. Ron was also the assistant coach for Stafford Recreation Basketball, a coach and president of Stafford Soccer Club, and a Dart Racing driver from 1972 through 1983. He is survived by his mother, Marion E. Hurley of Neptune, N.J., and his sons, Dean of Summit, N.J., and Gavin of Newport, R.I. He is also survived by his loving companion, Gina Nozza, and his sister, Nancy Schmeiser, and her husband, Harold, of Brick, N.J.

Lester C. Erich, a physics professor at Lafayette and Moravian, passed away Feb. 14. Professor Erich taught physics during our stay in Easton. He attended Lehigh University, earning a bachelor’s in chemical engineering and a master’s and Ph.D. in physics. He retired from teaching in 1982.

I reviewed an article in the January 10, 2010, edition of the Philadelphia Inquirer, written by Brent Glass. The article criticized the commonwealth’s decision to sharply reduce the budget of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. Brent’s thesis is that our society’s abandonment of the aggressive promotion of its own history will lead to an unraveling “of our civic life and our democratic values and traditions.” I won’t engage in any political discussion here, but I agree with Brent on these issues. Anyone who wants to see that article can probably get it online or directly from its author. Brent’s email is included with the article, so I am comfortable providing it here: BrentDGlass@gmail.com.

John C. Price has chosen to retire as vice president of United States Steel Corp. after 40 years with that company. John started his career with the company in 1969 as the operations trainee at the Fairless Works near Philadelphia. In 1991, he was named division manager of sheet products at Mon Valley Works, and two years later, he was transferred to headquarters as district manager, customer technical services, east.

In February of this year, Barry Willner was named co-chair of Kaye Scholer’s executive committee. Barry is also the co-managing partner of the firm. Kaye Scholer
is an international law firm with offices in major cities in the United States and Europe and in Shanghai.

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Cliff Brane writes that his son is a high school senior in Birmingham, Ala., and has been named a National Merit Finalist. The award comes with scholarship money from the merit program and from Auburn, where he will study in the biomedical field.

Marc Davis is an attorney with Fox Rothschild, practicing in suburban Philadelphia. He has a daughter in 11th grade who is starting to look at colleges, including Lafayette. She is an active equestrian, including jumping and dressage. This may be a consideration of where she goes to college. As far as I know, Lafayette does not yet have stables.

Jeff Ferguson writes that he has not been back to campus since 1994, when he was trying to get his oldest, Andy, to attend. Instead, Andy went to Wake Forest and met his future wife, Sarah, there.

Jeff is president/CEO of a telemedicine company, Sentient Medical Systems, which trains and educates neuromonitorists to work with neuro- and orthopedic surgeons in operating rooms, allowing remote testing, with results then transmitted through the Internet to a reading physician for two-way interaction. Previously, he had run the senior living business for Marriott prior to its sale to Sunrise and was president of Erickson Retirement Communities. He was previously with HCR Manor Care, and, along the way, got a doctorate in management from Case Western Reserve, and an MBA from Wharton.

His wife, Jane, is an impressionistic oil painter, with a nice web site to visit: janefergusonart.com. She has sold some of her paintings to celebrities, including John Travolta and Steve Bashotti (owner of the Baltimore Ravens), who bought a large painting for his yacht. The Fergusonos have three sons: Andy, Matt (Miami University in Ohio), and David (Cornell). Both Andy and David are married and have made Jeff and Jane grandparents with grandsons Noah and Harrison.

Jeff and Jane live outside of Annapolis, Md., and get to visit their kids in great locations (NYC, Phoenix, and Denver).

Tom Foley lives in West Hartford, Conn., and works as a trust officer at the Trust Company of Connecticut with a small group of really smart and dedicated people. He sees Don and Diana Woodhouse periodically and Todd Wiley less often, as he lives in Washington state. All miss the fourth of their group, Barclay Imle, who died in a plane accident several years ago. They are studying the burgeoning wine industry in the Northeast, with regular tasting visits when scheduling permits. Seems like there may be some not too far from Easton.

Phil Goldstein was not able to attend our reunion due to a wedding conflict (not his own).

Tom Gray was not be able to attend the reunion but sends his regards.

Bahram Keramati planned to attend the reunion this year and tell us about his political experiences.

Ron Leir took a buyout from *The Jersey Journal* in Jersey City, N.J., in May 2009, after more than 37 years of service. He has been freelancing for two weekly publications in New Jersey, taking two acting classes at HB Studio in NYC, doing volunteer adult literacy tutoring for the Jersey City Public Library, and enjoying life. He looked forward to the opening of the Appalachian Mountain Club Softball season, which includes coed softball games every Sunday.

Howard LeWine, a busy physician, noted he would not be able to make our reunion.

Jon Marcus organized KDRs for Reunion Weekend. He is in the music business in New York.

Chris Marshall writes that he has been getting back to Lafayette more often recently, possibly to visit his children. Eric ’10 was awarded the Karl J. Ammerman Prize as most deserving student in the mechanical engineering department. Beginning this summer, Eric will work a job by day and towards a master’s degree in mechanical engineering by night. Also, daughter Kirsten ’13 is majoring in psychology (and is a friend of my daughter, Rachel ’13). Chris works at Sandvik Inc., a Swedish company, where he has been for the last 30 years. He works in the division that manufactures machine tools for the metal working industry. He recently contacted Nils Dailey because of their mutual interest in sailing and has been to Long Island Sound a few times.

Mike Miller (M.Ed./Ed.S., LCSW) writes that his last visit back to campus was for an exceptional football reunion. He and his wife of 19 years (the marriage, not her age, presumably), Kathie, have a 16-year-old junior in high school who is starting his college search and prefers a warm climate near a coast, so Lafayette might not be high on his list. Kathie is a physical therapist at Craig Hospital, a center for adults with spinal cord and brain injuries. Mike works at National Jewish Health, where he is in charge of pediatric mental health services. (Some of us who remember him may find this faintly amusing.) He does not anticipate retirement, and free time is a concept. He tries to stay in shape but has had two knees replaced, and he feels he is deteriorating. (Aren’t we all!) He would love to hear from members of our class and can be reached by email at millerm@njhealth.org.

Jay Parini, one of the most prolific writers from Lafayette since Stephen Crane, may have a movie made from one of his books. Recently, he was back at Lafayette to speak.

J. Gary Parker retired from Eastman Kodak in September 2005 after 35 years in a variety of manufacturing and management assignments. He enjoys winters in Vero Beach, Fla., with lots of golf, tennis, etc. He and Ann (Centenary ’68) live in Rochester, N.Y., during the summer. His son Andrew, with wife Sarah and their two daughters, lives in Durham, N.C., a frequent visitation place. Younger son Jamie
got married in July 2009 after graduating from Harvard Business School a month earlier. (Thank you Nike, for whom they both work in Portland, Ore.) Gary and Ann look forward to their 40th anniversary this November.

Heinz Roye was not able to attend the reunion this year.

Howard Shapiro writes that he will not be able to attend, as he is beginning dialysis. Our thoughts and prayers for your improved health are on the way.

John G. Thomas writes that he and Karl Kline (and wives Terry and Marcia, respectively) had planned to travel to Spain in spring 2010, embarking on a 12-day Mediterranean cruise, while jointly celebrating their 40th anniversaries. John and Terry were married the day after graduation and the Klines a week later.

Mike Weinstein looked forward to returning for Reunion Weekend. He had a new knee put in at the Hospital for Special Surgery.

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Larry Magnant, president of Two Rivers Re Corp., 1250 Two Rivers Point, Williamsburg, VA 23185, lmagnant@gmail.com, celebrated his 60th birthday with 10 Lafayette alums and 250 guests from 23 states and three countries.

Kirk Kissack retired to 3088 West Country Club Road, Searcy, AR 72143, after 32 years in Atlanta. Kirk’s wife, Dr. Julie Kissack, is a professor of pharmacy and chair of the department of pharmacy practice at Harding University in Searcy.

Robert Erickson of Raleigh, N.C., formerly of Latrobe, Pa., passed away May 29, 2008. Bob was a research and development engineer with Kennametal Manufacturing for over 30 years. Bob held over 55 patents in his name and was the recipient of the Patent Inventor of the Year Award and the 2007 Alex G. McKenna Award. Bob was known as the Big Kahuna because of his surfing skills. He is survived by his wife of 24 years, Carla DeAngelo Erickson.

Attorney Joseph Lach of West Nanticoke, Pa., passed away March 29. Joe was a principal in the law firm of Koff Mangan Vullo Gartley and Lach PC and was recognized as a Pennsylvania Super Lawyer 2007–10. He was a captain in the 109th Field Artillery, Pennsylvania Army National Guard, and a 1974 distinguished academic honors graduate of the Army Candidate School, Fort Benning, Ga. Joe held a variety of positions with the Pennsylvania Bar Association and Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association and coached Little League and youth soccer. He was solicitor for Plymouth Township and a co-founder of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Health Care Reform Task Force. He enjoyed traveling with his family and reading The New York Times, professional journals, and local newspapers from cover to cover. Joe is survived by his wife of 37 years, Barbara; son Joseph Robert, a St. John’s University student; and daughter Elizabeth, a student at the University of Vermont.

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I heard from fewer classmates than I have in recent columns, but the news has all been positive. John Ward writes from Darien, Conn., that daughter Julia ’13 will have finished her first year at Lafayette. She is the fourth member of the Ward clan to go to Lafayette. She had a great year living in Ruef Hall with a view of the former “Delta Shelta.” In addition to their daughter, John and his wife, Elizabeth, have two sons: James, 26, finishing up at Fairfield University after a couple years of touring the U.S. with his band (The Distance), and Nicholas, 24, who is working in Los Angeles for Cantor Fitzgerald.

Alan Pralgever reports that his daughter Jenny anticipated graduating from Lafayette with the Class of 2010, and his other daughter, Holly, finished her junior year at New York University. Alan is a partner at Greenbaum Rowe Smith & Davis in Livingston, N.J., and plans to remarry this summer, to Robyn Tanne, who owns a summer camp in West Orange, N.J., for autistic and developmentally disabled children ages 5–15.

Chip Fallon had this to say: “I haven’t written a note about my doings in many years. My wife, Liz Stellar Fallon ’75, our three daughters, and I moved to Charleston, S.C., in June 2008. Having lived in Westfield, N.J., for 30 years made this quite a change. I’ve retired, and Liz teaches high school special education for Charleston County. Our move has created many changes for us, and we treat it all like a new adventure. The weather is sensational, especially when compared to what the Northeast experienced this year. We live in a beautiful golf community, and I’ve
played more rounds in 18 months than I had the previous 35 years. However, quantity doesn’t translate to complete competence! We plan to travel this summer and get to know our new part of the country. We planned to attend the first area alumni get-together scheduled in late April on Johns Island, S.C. I highly recommend South Carolina.3

Paula Gaber McNulty is another classmate working on her golf game. After 20 years in London, she and her husband, Dermot, now live in Florida. Paula keeps busy volunteering as a director of several local and national charities.

John Rehm checked in from the West Coast to report that his geology business has picked up after five months of inactivity. His son Daniel has been accepted at Lafayette as a member of the Class of 2014. John had dinner in March with Chris Wain and a mutual friend, Art, who went to another Lehigh Valley college. They caught up on their great college-era memories of Frisbee-tossing, summer evenings, and some hijinks involving hedges and backyards in Madison, N.J.

Joe Harpster and his wife, Carol Pescatore Harpster ’75, connected with Ellsworth “Whitney” Whiteman at a New Jersey Devils–New York Rangers game at the Prudential Center in Newark. (See photo online.) Joe is the chief credit officer for Herald National Bank, a de novo bank that recently celebrated its first anniversary. The Harpsters live in Glen Ridge, N.J., and have two children. Daughter Alison is a graduate student in the doctor of physical therapy program at the University of Delaware and is a graduate of Boston University. Son Ryan planned to complete his first year at Georgetown University and was a member of the golf team. Whitney is with Aon Benfield as an executive managing director and lives in Ramsey, N.J., with wife Diana and daughter Olivia, who attends Colgate University.

Lee Goetting was appointed to the position of cabinet secretary for the newly elected governor of New Jersey, Chris Christie. Lee is the principal and founder of Goetting Ahead, which offers public policy consulting to both public and private clients. Previously, he was vice president of administration, operations, and information of technology at Brookdale Community College, vice president of administration at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, and both deputy and assistant treasurer of New Jersey. He has a master’s in public administration from Fairleigh Dickinson University.

James Luca writes from St. Louis to stake his claim as the most prolific classmate. He and his wife, Melitta, were already the parents of six in 1973. They now have 20 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren!

I spent several pleasant hours with Phil Gocke and Ned Bedrossian in February. We met for lunch in Easton prior to the Lehigh basketball game and then went up to the College to watch the Leopards trounce the team formerly known as the Engineers. Joe Ferdinand was supposed to join us but had to cancel at the last minute.

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Tom Davies writes that he and his wife, Charmanne, will celebrate their 35th anniversary this year and became first-time grandparents. Tom practices law in Lancaster, Pa., specializing in labor, employment, and construction. He recently completed a term as the chairman of the board of the Keystone Chapter of Associated Builders and Contractors, which advises 800 member firms on labor and construction law matters. Tom is the first attorney to serve in that capacity in the organization’s 50 years of existence and noted that taking a few engineering courses at Lafayette would have been helpful when dealing with contractors.

Marty Bernstein reports he is in the fifth year of a career change, working as a high school math teacher. His first two years teaching were in the Bronx. Marty now teaches at The Harvey School, a private school in Katonah, N.Y. When in the process of deciding on a new career, Marty secured certification as a tennis coach and now coaches at Harvey. After five years of the single life, Marty is getting remarried in June.

Liza Roos Lucy’s fourth book on quilt-making, Simple Shapes Spectacular Quilts, was published by Abrams Books. Liza was co-author with her friend, Keffe Fassett. The book tour includes London, where Liza and her co-author (who lives there) will lecture and teach at the Victoria and Albert Museum.

Andrew Bregman writes that his eldest daughter, Hallie, is in her second year at the University of Miami Ph.D. program in clinical psychology. His younger daughter, Lindsay, is a personal trainer at Becton Dickinson Corp. in Franklin Lakes, N.J., and lives in Hoboken, N.J.

Joe Grimes has established a presence for our class on Facebook. You can find it by searching for Joseph P. Grimes and locating the Lafayette College Class of 1974 link on his wall. Joe reports that 28 classmates have friended the site so far. Joe hosted a South Jersey telecast of the Lafayette–Lehigh Patriot League Championship game March 12. Fifteen loyal ’Pard fans attended. Joe completed his second term as president of the South Jersey Alumni Chapter and was elected to a new term as vice president.

Harry Norton, who has had a wide-ranging legal career, served on the faculty of a National Business Institute seminar about settling uninsured and underinsured motorist claims.

George Jenkins reports that his son Merritt planned to graduate from Dartmouth College this spring. George has created the Eagles Mere Air Museum, in Eagles Mere, Pa., which houses one of the country’s largest collections of pre-World War II flying airplanes. It is open to the public and has a web site, www.eaglesmereairmuseum.org. The Museum is a great place to spend a day. George continues to serve on the Lafayette College Board of Trustees.
Notes for this column have arrived from as far away as Afghanistan and Okinawa, Japan!  

Robert “Rip” Healey is now a full-time English instructor at Nishihara Junior High School in Okinawa. The town of Nishihara is on the west coast of the main island of Okinawa and next to Yonabaru, where the Healey’s live and maintain their O, YES language school. Rip left his musical stage career behind in Tokyo when he and his family moved to Okinawa two years ago, but he has been performing a traditional Okinawan dance at festivals and celebrations.

Bruce Pastorini is on temporary assignment with a Provincial Reconstruction Team in Khost, Afghanistan. Bruce is a Navy civilian, assigned to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to serve as a civil engineer and construction adviser. Bruce expects to be back in the States by September. His temporary email address is bruce.pastorini@us.army.mil.

It’s hard to believe that we are old enough to be grandparents. Our days at Lafayette seem just like yesterday! Pat Lessig Taylor and husband Jeff ’73 became first-time grandparents in January. Lucas Henry Taylor was born Jan. 12 to their youngest son, Will, and Christine. Will and Christine both graduated from Clemson University in August 2009. Will received a degree in civil engineering and is employed by Taylor Wiseman & Taylor in Charlotte, N.C. Eldest son Michael and his fiancée, Christine, will be married in September. Middle son Adam remains the confirmed bachelor.

Checking in from New York is Al Owens and family. Wife Kim Wilson Owens ’77 is the chair of the Community Services Board Committee of the Westchester ARC, the largest organization serving the developmentally disabled in Westchester County, N.Y. Son Avery, a graphic arts major at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, Conn., was anticipating graduating in May. Khery attends the Hawthorne (N.Y.) Country Day School and is a member of the basketball team. Al was elected president of the medical and dental staff at Cumberland Diagnostic and Treatment Center in Brooklyn, N.Y., and started his third two-year term.

In March, Al received a Doctors Day Award from the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation.

In nearby Connecticut, Dan Kilmurray writes that he has five children. Dan remarried in 1999 to Tamara Wing. Dan’s three children from his first marriage are doing well. Erin, 24, is a professional dancer in Chicago; Lindsey, 22, is in culinary school in Denver; and Sean, 19, was anticipating finishing his first year at Roanoke College. Dan has two children from his second marriage: Matthew, 8, and Ava, 3. Dan runs a financial advisory team at UBS and has been there for 26 years, commuting daily into New York City from Riverside, Conn.

Fellow Connecticut resident, Joe McCann, lives in Cos Cob and is married to Jane Olenchuk, who is recently back to work after 21 years as a homemaker. Joe is a managing director of Fusion Advisory Partners, a boutique financial advisory firm focused on structured fixed income. Daughter Ruth graduated from Stanford University in June 2009, and son Henrie is a first-year student at Claremont McKenna College.

Writing to us from our nation’s capital is Dan Moore. Dan works in the venture capital and investment business. When he can peel himself away from his three grandchildren, Dan keeps in touch with classmates and old Deke buddies. He saw Jack Krah and his wife, Nancy, at a Pittsburgh (City of Champions) football game and also caught up with John Ryan in D.C. too.

Next column should be full of updates and perhaps some photos from our 35th reunion!
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his eldest daughter, Erica ’05, is engaged to be married this September. She is a senior marketing analyst with American Express Travel in Manhattan. Her fiancé, Rick Smith, is a CPA with KPMG in Manhattan. Daughter Lauren ’11 is studying abroad at the University of Westminster in London.

Tom Taylor shares that he works at Mahr-Federal in Providence, R.I., as the director of quality for a company that makes metrology gages. Tom and his wife, Linda, just celebrated their 31st wedding anniversary in April. They have four children. Daughter Susan was married last winter and lives with her husband in Australia. Eldest daughter Peggy lives and works in NYC as a financial analyst. Youngest son Mickey planned to complete his first year at UMASS–Amherst. Tom is still active coaching youth football and wrestling.

Rich Scheuerman has enjoyed two years of semi-retirement in Wisconsin, teaching at a local college and providing business consulting services for dairy companies in the state. His daughter, Vicki, was married in Milwaukee in February, and his son, Curt, plans to attend Iowa State as a first-year student in the fall. His daughter, Vicki, was married in Milwaukee in February, and his son, Curt, plans to attend Iowa State as a first-year student in the fall. Rich and his wife, Linda, just celebrated their 31st wedding anniversary in April. They have four children. Daughter Susan was married last winter and lives with her husband in Australia. Eldest daughter Peggy plans to marry this summer and reside in Massachusetts. Son Tom lives and works in NYC as a financial analyst. Youngest son Mickey planned to complete his first year at UMASS–Amherst. Tom is still active coaching youth football and wrestling.

Sue Schulte Russoniello lives in Haddonfield, N.J. She is the manager of operations in career services at the University of Pennsylvania, helping students to find internships and full-time jobs and to gain admittance to graduate schools. Sue’s husband, Paul ’74, is a shareholder in the law firm of Flaster Greenberg. His expertise is in employment law and commercial litigation. They recently visited their eldest son, Jamie, who is a sous-chef at The Blue Lion in Jackson Hole, Wyo. For anyone who visits that beautiful part of the country, Sue writes that it’s a wonderful little restaurant that serves great food.

Sue writes that it’s a wonderful little restaurant that serves great food. Their youngest son, Chris, spent three years in Alaska working as a hydrographer, traveling to many of the state’s coastal areas. As exciting as his adventures were, his parents are happy to say he’s back on the East Coast pursuing a graduate degree in geology at the University of Delaware.

It’s a little late for this one, but Sue Tischler wrote that last fall a group of her classmates got together for a baseball outing in Baltimore with Joe Maddon, manager of the Tampa Bay Rays. Sue, Jim Curnal, Sue Barnes Carras, Ann Shellenberger Bell, Debbie Waldele Champagne, Brenda Rochelle Sasso and her daughter, Sue Oaks Little ’78, Kevin Canavan, and Ralph Klinepeter met for lunch and then went to the game in full Maddon Fan attire. Jim had T-shirts made with Joe’s photo and “I love Joey” on the front, and they all sported the standard Spencer Tracy black glass frames.

It’s not too soon to start planning to attend our 35th reunion, June 10–12, 2011! Ellen Kravet Burke and husband Ray ’75 have arranged for a classic ’76 auto for the parade, and the weekend promises to be lots of fun!

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1977

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Mitchell Berger is among three inductees into the Entrepreneur Hall of Fame at Nova Southeastern University’s H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business and Entrepreneurship in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Mitch was inducted at a ceremony on April 14.

Mitch is the founder and chairman of Berger Singerman, a full-service commercial law firm, which has grown to 70 lawyers since its founding in 1985 and has offices in Fort Lauderdale, Miami, Tallahassee, and Boca Raton. He has practiced law for nearly 30 years, representing several Fortune 500 companies in commercial disputes. He was named Co-Lawyer of the Year by The National Law Journal in 2000 and one of the Top 10 Lawyers of the Decade by The South Florida Legal Guide.

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Greetings, classmates. I am writing this on the deadline night because I have very little to write about. I see the men’s lacrosse team had a nationally ranked season! When I played lacrosse at Lafayette, coach William Lawson characterized us as “small but slow.” I guess times have changed.

Here are a few notes I gleaned from Facebook.

I friended Woody Armstrong, who lives in Robbinsville, N.J., and apparently has the same retirement plan as I do, which is to win Mega Millions or the Powerball lottery. He appears to be a big fan of music and Philly sports. Maybe he can tell me what the Eagles were thinking when they traded McNabb to the ’Skins! Ann Collins Wasson is a Presbyterian minister in Sentinel, Okla. Ann received her M.Div. from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1983. I have traveled Oklahoma some, but I have no idea where Sentinel is. Bob Allen lives in Leominster, Mass., and is a fellow Red Sox fan. I hope he enjoyed the come-from-behind victory over the Yanks on opening day as much as I did. Cindy Zirkle Thrarayil is married and lives in Hohokus, N.J., where she works for an IT consulting business called Inflleck Teck. She also
teaches taekwondo and is active in local Republican politics.

Please send me anything you have on yourself or fellow classmates so this column will be a little longer next time!

1979

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Greetings to all classmates, with hopes that your summer has been relaxing, fun, and safe so far. Barb and I look forward to hearing about and reporting on your summer exploits in the next column.

Sue Roosnagel Flynn updated me on the home front happenings in St. Louis. Son Dan graduated from the University of Kansas in 2008 and serves as a first lieutenant with the Army at Ft. Carson, Colo. He anticipates deploying to Afghanistan in mid-July. Daughter Caitlyn lives in the Theater District of New York City and works for a cutting-edge firm selling Internet advertising. Sue and husband Kevin are basking in the quiet that is new to their home.

Terri Camins Caust resides in Glen Rock, N.J., with husband Peter and their 8-year-old son, Zachary. Terri has been teaching Spanish in New Jersey since she left College Hill, with the past 11 years in Tenafly, N.J. In her spare time, she is active with the Bergen County Players community theater in Oradell as a director, set designer, and prop and costume manager. Peter is a risk manager for Sandvik Corp.

Jack Green was promoted to project manager at the Homer City (Pa.) Generating Station for EME Homer City Generation L.P. Jack also serves on the American Society of Mechanical Engineers’ Power Division Operation and Maintenance Committee, as well as on the board of directors of Friends of Friends Club of Pittsburgh, a philanthropic organization comprised of owners, contractors, and suppliers in the energy services sector.

The Post-Standard newspaper in Syracuse, N.Y., published an article featuring Brian Musician and partner Amy Yahna and their Alambra Farms in Lebanon, N.Y. Brian and Amy have restructured his family’s original dairy farm into an organic farming operation based on community-supported agriculture and also built a green-focused straw home that is completely self-sustaining. Their future plans involve hosting tours of the facility and conducting workshops on sustainable living practices. Also, they plan to expand their crop offerings to add fruits to the current selections of gourmet salad greens and over 100 varieties of organic produce.

Recently, Curt Allen, Judy Xanthopoulos, Jim Fusco, and I met for dinner in Bethesda, Md. Curt is a vice president with Clark Construction Co. of Bethesda. He resides in Rockville, Md., with his wife, Cecilia, and their three children, Lauren, Mackenzie, and Lindsey. After 10 years as an economist with the Joint Committee on Taxation of the U.S. Congress, Judy is presently a principal for both Quantria Strategies LLC and Optimal Benefit Strategies LLC. She develops microsimulation models for tax and pension policy analysis for clients and also consults on tax and economic policy. After Lafayette, Judy earned a master’s in mathematical economics at Tulane University and a Ph.D. in economics at the University of Maryland. In her leisure time, she trains for and competes in triathlons and has competed multiple times in the IronMan Triathlon competition.

Jim Fusco is a senior account executive with Boland Trane Co. in Rockville, Md., having celebrated 30 years of service this year. Jim and his wife, Maria, reside in Potomac, Md., with their three children, Michael, Kathryn, and Erika.

With sadness, I report the March 10 passing of Lawrence Charles Stamentz. Lawrence was a self-employed entrepreneur at the time of his death, residing in Bethlehem, Pa. Additionally, Donald W. Repsher passed away Jan. 1 at the University of Maryland Medical Center in Baltimore. He was a nontraditional student in the electrical engineering program while at Lafayette, and resided in Chincoteague Island, Va., at the time of his passing. He had worked as an electrical engineer with Met Ed Power Co. for 34 years and was active with the Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Department and the Chincoteague Decoy and Artists Association.

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Consider this the “calm before the storm” issue. I hope I saw many of you at our 30th reunion in June. However, this article was due in April, so all of that news will have to wait. For now, let me just say that I’m sure it was great to see those of you who came and made it a record turnout.

Deb Cipriani dropped me a note to say she still works at
Johnson & Johnson, having just celebrated her five-year anniversary. Deb has just taken on a new position there, still working in drug safety, but now analyzing the data from a different angle: examining a year’s worth of information at once. The job is great, and though she misses being in practice, she enjoys the stability and family time it provides. And does she ever take advantage of family time! Last summer Deb, Glenn, and the girls went on a 12-day cruise through the Greek islands and Turkey, with a bit of Italy thrown in at the end. She reports that this summer will be more low-key, as daughter Jackie will be looking at colleges. At least they’ll get in a week at the shore before Jackie starts her senior year and daughter Kelly starts high school at Abington Friends School in Jenkintown, Pa.

Rebecca Perio Janney is still publishing. Her latest books are Great Events in American History and Then Comes Marriage? A Cultural History of the American Family.

Katie Guiney gave birth Sept. 8 to daughter Elizabeth. She joins brother Stephen, who was born in March 2008. They live in Charleston, S.C.

Peggy Watral and Donny Alabaster sent in a picture of their family, which you can see in the online version of Lafayette Magazine.

That’s it for now. The next column should be a big one. If you weren’t at the reunion, this is a great time to get in touch and let me know what you’ve been up to.

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Our 30th reunion is fast approaching, and I hope that many of you will attend this fun event!

David Spears was named Virginia’s state geologist last fall. He is in charge of the state geological survey, where they carry out geologic mapping projects and mineral and energy resource studies (coal, natural gas, and uranium). He also became a grandfather! Granddaughter Laina turned 1 April 22. David still has one teenager in high school and one in college, but he sees the light at the end of the tunnel!

Hal Hocking relocated with LVI Environmental Services to the Mid-Atlantic region and now resides in Frederick, Md.

Jeff Samuels and Amy Levine-Samuels live in Marietta, Ga., where Jeff is a real estate attorney and Amy is an operations director supporting the global business of a large customer of Coca-Cola. Their children are 23 and 20 now; the couple tried hard to recruit both of them to Lafayette but wound up with Emily graduating from the University of Georgia (she is now a marketing manager at a creative agency in North Carolina) and Jacob, a junior drama major at New York University’s Tisch School of the Arts.

Leslie Muhlfelder has been working as Lafayette’s general counsel and vice president of human resources since 1995. She works in Markle Hall and would welcome the chance to see any member of our class when visiting campus!

John and Margarette Hickey ’82 Devlin’s youngest son, John ’14, anticipated graduating in June from high school and will attend Lafayette with his sister, Megan ’12. Their eldest daughter graduated from Bucknell with a mechanical engineering degree and has a job in NYC with Goldman Sachs.

On March 27, former members of the women’s lacrosse teams got together to play a “fun” game versus the club team prior to being honored at the Lacrosse Alumni Day. At halftime of the varsity game, a ceremony was held to honor the anniversaries of the women’s 1980 national champion, 1995 Patriot League champion, and 2000 Patriot League champion teams. Wielding wooden sticks from the Reagan era, the alumni took to the field. Susan Oaks Little ’78, Catherine Hanlon ’79, Laura Roberts ’79, Barbara Kerlavage Siegel ’79, Cynthia Oaks Linville ’80, Pamela MacColl ’80, and Margarette Hickey Devlin ’82 (playing against her daughter Megan ’12) bundled up against the elements and attempted to show the young club team what lacrosse was all about!

The players of both the alumni game and the current team were cheered on by a bevy of alumni supporters, including Jim and Beth Bright ’82, Ruhe, Kathy Hume McMullan and husband Brian ’79, Des Karabots McNulty, Rebecca Haag Sommi, John Devlin, Judson Linville ’79, Wilbur Oaks ’51, and former coach of the girls lacrosse team Sharon Gish and her husband, Vearl.

Keep the news coming in. I would love to hear from those of you who haven’t kept in touch over the years. Hope to see many of you in June 2011!

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Okay, we are now 36 months from our 30th reunion, and as you all know at this point, Class President Jeff Purdon has set a goal of at least 70 percent attendance. He would like early confirmations from Bob Mahr, Leslie Morgan, Dave Gleason, Mike DePaul, Jim Donnelley, Mike Beck, Rick DiPaolo, Sharon Dragan, Pete Stein, Jodi Ecker Leonardi, Maureen McKenna TYmochko, Laurie Tropiano, Jeff Diack, Tim
“Rodney” Lucas, and Dennis Gillooley. This is likely going to be a can’t-miss event. We have already confirmed the provision of all-day and all-night music (all from 1979 and earlier) from Alan Good ’78, and President Purdon has assured your correspondent that he is building a sizable itinerary for the weekend. Purdon’s 70 percent target is an ambitious goal, but he is spending at least 10 percent of his time on this already, so I think we owe it to him to put aside that weekend. And yes, I have no idea what commitments I have for 2013 at this point either.

Despite not hearing from either Neil Armstrong or Joe Hawk during this publication cycle, your correspondent did get a note from Mark “DeLow” DeLorenzo. Mark, who technically graduated with the Class of 1984 due to an illness, was a vital part of both the 1979–80 freshman basketball team and the DKE fraternity house. (Membership in the latter is among the reasons the former registered a 6–13 won-loss record during that season.) Mark still splits his time between Sea Isle City, N.J., and the Florida Keys. While in New Jersey from May through September, Mark and his wife, Wendy, operate a retail and restaurant business. Trademarked under the name of Nickelay’s, it is located on Ocean Drive just across the bridge from Avalon. Once the summer ends, Mark, who traded in his law degree for a captain’s license, runs a charter fishing operation in the Keys, which operates under the name of Right Hook Charters. (I am sure those who know Mark will smile when they read that.) Mark tells me that he keeps in touch with Rick “Golden” Moller. Rick is among those that this correspondent has been trying to track down since this column’s inception. Rick lives in North Carolina and makes the trip to the Keys to see Mark at least once a year. Equal time is apparently spent between the boat, the Green Parrot, and Sloppy Joe’s.

Jere Schneck, an evening grad in engineering, reports he retired March 31 from Air Products after 36 years with the company. I, for one, am envious, Jere; after what happened to the economy and financial markets during 2008, I look forward to sending a similar report to a future correspondent somewhere in the 2024–26 timeframe. Jere and his wife have two children and expect to spend a lot of their free time traveling, particularly internationally.

I ran into Tony “Block” Furey at Elio’s restaurant on the Upper East Side of Manhattan. Tony was visiting NYC with his wife, Kathy, and their children. The purpose of the trip was to visit both Fordham and Columbia with Tony’s son, Brannock. Both schools hold special meaning for Tony; he fouled out against both multiple times during his Lafayette basketball career.

I received a couple of short updates from the College and other classmates.

Amy Rea Webb reports she stays in close touch with Lesley Kraut Schwarzman ’84 and Sue DeRitis Hanratty ’84. Amy adds that her daughter attends Moravian.

Jim Glascott, the captain of both the ’82 and ’83 editions of our College competition teams at the Button and president of the Theta Delta fraternity, was named to the Lafayette Leadership Council.

Nancy Freebome Brinton’s son, Samuel ’14, was accepted into the civil engineering program at the College.

I also received a note that Joanne Larson Connelly was hospitalized in February with a brain tumor. She had surgery and is undergoing physical therapy at a skilled nursing facility near her home in Strongsville, Ohio. Joanne is married to Joe Connalley ’81 and they have three children together: Michael, 23, Megan, 19, and Catherine, 16. Mike stays at home to help his mother; Megan is a first-year student at the University of Toledo; and Catherine is a high school sophomore. On behalf of all of us, here’s hoping for a speedy and full recovery for Joanne. Our prayers are with you and your family.

This column, unfortunately, will end on a sad note. Caroline Patterson Goulden passed away March 21. Carrie is survived by her husband of 18 years, Jim, and by her three children, Kathleen, Sean, and Jillian. Aside from her Lafayette degree, Carrie also had a master’s degree from the University of Virginia. During her professional career, Carrie held positions at both Campbell Soup Co. andRalston Purina. Carrie lived in Orlando, Fla. On behalf of the Class of 1983, our condolences go out to Jim and the children for the loss of this special person.


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Hello, classmates. This is going to be a short column, as I just accepted a new position at Wells Fargo Bank. I am a vice president specializing in corporate trust products, specifically public finance transactions. Prior to Wells Fargo, I was a vice president at The Bank of New York Mellon, where I specialized in corporate trust products for the corporate, escrow, and merger and acquisition group. My new office at Wells Fargo is in Atlanta, right around the corner from The Bank of New York Mellon office, so my commute has not changed.

Fumiko Susawa Green wrote to advise of her move from Wilmington, N.C., to Bethlehem, Pa. After graduating from Lafayette with a bachelor’s in international affairs, she obtained her MBA from Penn State, concentrating in manufacturing engineering. She started her career at Murata Electronics as a resale-material coordinator, worked for Interroll Corp. as a production control manager and a project leader, and then became an information management leader for GE Power Systems from 1997 to 2003. Since 2003, she has been working for JF Magic (www.jfmagic.com). Fumiko and her family commuted for five years between North Carolina and Pennsylvania. She has two sons; one
Peter Milligan asked if he was the oldest father in our class, as son Luke Nicholas Milligan was born Dec. 22. The answer is no, as Mark “Tazmo” Tomlinson and wife Kate welcomed their first child, daughter Emeline Rachel, on Valentine’s Day. Mark and Kate returned to Pittsburgh in 2007 after three years in Philadelphia. Dad Mark is going to assume Mr. Mom duties while continuing to do technology consulting work through his company, Squidtech, and serve on several nonprofit boards in town. Kate is vice president of client services for Pittsburgh’s largest web design firm, BarkleyREI, where she works with clients in the tourism, higher education, and nonprofit sectors. The Tomlinsons keep up with Brian Gutman and Kevin Dorcak.

Jane Herman works for the Union of Reform Judaism as writer to the president and is still plugging away at a master’s in public administration, one course at a time, at Baruch College, part of the City University of New York system.

Art Williams, an active associate member of the Marine Corps League, which provides support to injured, distressed, and transitioning Marines, left his job as director of business development at his father’s investment firm. Artie is looking for a new role in business development as an established asset manager in marketing international and global equities to institutions.

Mike Ruthy is looking for Laurie Adler! He wants to attend the Oshkosh Air Show; this year might not work, though. Laurie, if you read this, go online to the Lafayette Alumni Community and try to reconnect with Mike. Mike, who is married to Rose and has two sons, Stephen and Allen, lives in Chippewa Falls, Wis. He has worked 20 years for W.S. Darley & Co., a firm that builds and supplies emergency response equipment from fire trucks, fire pumps, water purification systems for disaster relief, and related equipment.

Timm Becker Brandhorst sent news just before a trip with her youngest daughter to Guatemala for Holy Week. The Brandhorses are one of those multi-sport families: skiing at Sugarbush North; coaching lacrosse, which her daughters play in addition to soccer; and biking, as husband Eric is competing in another IronMan event.

Stevie Westphal Lucas commented that she’s feeling some aches and pains. Stevie, it’s our age. We are all getting a little stiffer and grayer. Well, some of us. I shouldn’t speak for everyone, even though I offered to for all these years! Stevie has stayed active chasing after Andi, a junior at Lehigh; Melanie, a freshman at Denison; Sammy, a junior at The Agnes Irwin School, whose first choice is Lafayette; Kenzie, a sophomore at Agnes Irwin; and Connie, a sixth grader at the same school. When not working at Vertex, the leading provider of tax compliance software and services, or attending Bryn Mawr Hospital or school board meetings, Stevie’s playing paddle tennis and golf. She’s looking forward to summer beach time in Avalon, N.J., and starting her first-ever big kitchen renovation.

Dave Wilton will begin studying for his Ph.D. in medieval English literature at the University of Toronto in September. Abandoning the balmy climes of Northern California for Ontario’s frozen wastelands, there he will focus on Anglo-Saxon language and literature. Dave expressed that while some guys our age are buying shiny, red sports cars, he’s going to bury himself in Beowulf, Ælfric, and Boethius, while enduring the srtf life of a grad student. Dave, good for you going in this unexpected direction!

Bill Casey, who has been an investor and adviser to Locust Capital Management since its inception in 2008, joined on as a partner. Locust Capital, located in Philadelphia, with more than $35 million under management, is not competing with Goldman Sachs and other large firms in the city, says Bill. Their goal is to grow through mergers or acquisitions, perhaps a book of business as opposed to an entire firm. By year-end 2010, the firm hopes to have $100 million in assets under management.

As of March 13, Joe Heaney’s “50 by 50” climbing adventure statistics were “23 down and 26 to go.” Joe traveled to Florida with son Moe on a showcase soccer
tourney and college tour adventure. Playing golf was thwarted by the fact that, even in Florida, snow covered the ground, as it did in 49 states the day they planned to hit some golf balls. Joe’s mountain climbing adventure focused on Britton Hill, near the Alabama border, where it was 38 degrees. Joe’s climb conquests for the remainder of the year include the following: Rainier, Wash.; Humphreys Peak, Ariz.; Katahdin, Maine; Harney Peak, S.D.; White Butte, N.D.; Hawkeye Point, Iowa; and Jerimoth Hill, R.I. (See photo online of Joe at the top of Mt. Whitney, Calif.) During the Christmas and New Year’s holidays, he took on Virginia, Kentucky, North and South Carolina, and Tennessee hills. Keep up the hills and make this goal! Fifty by 50 will be an amazing accomplishment. It was great sharing your adventures with our class and other alumni, Joe.

And now it’s time for my storytelling to come to an end. For 20 years I’ve been collecting our class news and crafting it back in a way I hope you found entertaining, informative, or just plain straight-up. Gasp. I have been struggling with that number, as well as with our 25th reunion and now my 30th high school reunion suggestions. I’ve been proud to earn a few awards as a class officer, several for my column. I should correct myself—“our” column—as each issue was about all of us. Thank you for supporting my efforts, for sharing what was important in your life throughout the years, and for remaining loyal to our alma mater. Let me hit the spell-checker one last time before I sign off. Stay well, classmates; be busy and happy. To our next class correspondent, happy typing. Sandy

1986

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Hello, classmates. I'll begin with my standard appeal for updates; they're what make the column fun to read and fun to prepare. Don’t be shy!

Dan Nickerson and Jim Cosgrove both wrote about the continuing extraordinary work Father Tom Hagan and Doug Campbell are doing in Haiti, and of its particular importance in the wake of the recent earthquake disaster. Dan cites Father Tom as “one of my biggest inspirations in life, who served as our Newman priest, mentor, and organizer of an incredible amount of charity works during his last three years with the Class of ’86.” He touched both Dan and Jim’s lives so much that they’ve both seen fit to name a son after Tom. Additionally, Dan made sure not to miss the opportunity to remind us of the incredible story of Doug Campbell, a partner with Father Tom in Hands Together. This organization, founded by Father Tom, is dedicated to helping Haitians help themselves in a most dignified manner. After enduring exposure to abject poverty, violent riots, and hurricanes, both Father Tom and Doug have survived the Haiti earthquake and plan a return to contribute to the rebuilding effort. Doug and Father Tom, we know your approach to your good works has always been a humble one. Please accept this message of gratitude from your Lafayette friends for all your sellless efforts on behalf of the people of Haiti.

See the online photo of Chris Nolan posing with the Terminal Cup. On New Year’s Day, his local men’s hockey team claimed a hard-fought victory to win what is “perhaps the second most sought after trophy in hockey.” Surely Chris lived some glory day moments, as his team was set to play an April charity game at the AmeriHealth Center, the New Jersey Devils’ practice rink. Highlights were slated to be broadcast on the scoreboard at the Devils’ home game that evening.

John Stelwagon, a chartered financial analyst, has joined Cantor Fitzgerald as managing director, research, as of January. He most recently served in posts as portfolio manager at Apidos Capital Management and Babson Capital’s leveraged loan group. Prior to this, he was a group credit officer at Société Générale in New York and an analyst at National Australia Bank. Good luck with the new gig, John!

Paul Brodeur, an attorney and board of aldermen member in Melrose, Mass., has announced his candidacy for state representative. He has served on the board of aldermen since 2002, including a stint as president in 2004. He advocated for construction of the Melrose (Mass.) Middle School, successful after-school programs, and smart growth development aimed at community preservation. Paul received his J.D. from Suffolk University Law School and is married with two children. He is a self-described advocate for “open and accessible government.” Paul, we salute you for that philosophy. Good luck in the race!

Manzur-ur Rahman was honored as recipient of a university professorship from the University of San Diego. This is the highest academic honor awarded on a university-wide basis, and recognizes outstanding scholarly achievement in teaching and research. His 18 years with the university have led to his current positions of finance professor and MBA program director. Manzur, a native of Dhaka, Bangladesh, headed south after Lafayette to earn his Ph.D. in finance and international business at the University of South Carolina. Congratulations, Professor Rahman.

Bill Altier still plays in his “geezer” (speak for yourself, Bill) hockey league in Bethlehem, Pa. Bill resides with wife Pamela in nearby Pipersville. He led the acquisition of Alberts & Associates, forming the new Jennings Alberts Inc.

Mary Stengel Austen, president and CEO of Tierney Communications,
has been awarded the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce’s 2010 Paradigm Award. The award is presented annually to an influential chief executive of a for-profit enterprise with a strong economic impact on the region. The Paradigm honoree is well respected for her commitment to women and vision for future generations; her outstanding professional and philanthropic achievements serve as a model for success.

Mary co-founded The Tierney Group in 1989, a predecessor to today’s Tierney Communications. With 144 employees in Philadelphia and Harrisburg, Pa., it is one of the Mid-Atlantic region’s largest communications agencies.

A member of the executive committee of the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, Mary serves on a number of other boards, including Bryn Mawr Rehabilitation Hospital, Main Line Health, Alex’s Lemonade Stand Foundation, and Steppingstone Scholars Inc. She is a member of the Young Presidents’ Organization and the Forum of Executive Women.

Mary and her husband, Peter, live in Radnor, Pa., with their five children, ages 6 to 13. She is also a member of the Lafayette College Board of Trustees.

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So the Space Age didn’t bear the promised fruits, but right now I’m okay with that, because Google and Facebook can help me flesh out this column even if I don’t get to write it while looking down at Earth from Moonbase Alpha. Of course, if you people would just drop me a pneumatic tube letter every section so or so, I wouldn’t have to resort to such e-fishing.

But that said, I can’t deny it was fun harvesting the following few tidbits from Facebook.

Elizabeth Moss and her husband, Bill Dubinsky, had twin girls in January.

Bonnie Weinberg Adelkopf and her husband (husband Adam and, unless I’m not really savvy at interpreting family size from Facebook photo albums, something like 82 children) lost electrical service —ditto for Christina Roche Toto and her family—for a long stretch during those mid-March storms that had so many of us New England engineers consulting sophomore-year textbooks for how to calculate buoyancy or determine the number of inches in a cubit.

David Taylor appears to have kept his finger on the pulse of the music industry. His Facebook page crackles like an old LP with reports about new albums, concerts he’s attended, and musical milestones, like the passing of Alex Chilton back in March. It’s almost as if he’s still writing album reviews for The Lafayette, but without an editor having to beg him.

Claes Ekssell took the “How Evil Are You?” quiz and found out he’s Good.

And who isn’t gaga for Google? Here’s just a sampling of what I got by searching on “from Lafayette College in 1987.”

Shawn Coughlin is the chief operating officer of Capitol Health Group. His route to this point in his career traces though positions as professional staff member on the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Health, and advisory positions on the staffs of U.S. Representatives Nancy Johnson (R–Conn.) and Fred Grandy (R–Iowa).

Thomas Hornbaker’s ladder has equally interesting rungs. Considering his bachelor’s in mathematics from Lafayette, one might not be surprised to hear he became a CPA in 1992. But from there he took on law school at Boston College, for whose International & Comparative Law Review he served as an editor. He became an associate with Shearman & Sterling LLP in New York and Paris in 1997, and since 2007 he’s been of counsel in the New York office of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP.

And in January, Travelport Limited promoted Eric Bock to chief administrative officer so as to “leverage his outstanding legal expertise” and his experience as a “thought leader.” Cool!

I must be a “thought follower” because I keep having afterthoughts. Like remembering only now to say this: It’s extremely gratifying that these cyberpeeks reveal what interesting and righteous lives you lead. It’s a little like I really am looking down on you all from the above-mentioned moonbase. “And Ed was pleased with what he saw.” Yeah, that seems to fit somehow.

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Dear Classmates,
Not much to report this time around, since I did not get a lot of emails. But...I’ve pulled together some info and here it is.

I received a nice update from Ariane May. She writes: “My husband, two children, and I have been living in Tel Aviv, Israel, for the past two years. My daughter Elisa will be bat mitzvahed at the Kotel (Western Wall, in Jerusalem) this July; our families will join us for a two-week trip in Israel and Petra, Jordan, as well. I have been teaching
swimming part time at the American School in Israel and am PTA co-president. This year, I swim in the annual Kinneret Swim (Sea of Galilee) with some friends, a 3.5 km swim and a lot of fun. If any of you find yourself in Israel, please contact me. Other news: Susan Kaiser Lagasse is expecting her second child this June. She lives in Boston with her husband and son. I will see her and the new baby this summer on my annual trip to Boston.”

Chris Derivaux reported: “Thought I would update you on some things going on with me. My wife, Tricia, and I just had our fourth child, Audrey, who is now 7 months old and doing great. She joins Christopher Jr., 7, Lilly, 5, and Charles III, 4, who are all enamored with their baby sister. Professionally, I’m the chief of thoracic surgery in the Virtua Health System in South Jersey. We live in Medford, N.J. I periodically hear from Paul Vanderbeek and Todd Bennett, who are well. Hope all is well with you and the ’89 ’Pards.”

It was also great to hear from Bryan Smith. Bryan has moved into a new role at Rally Software Development as a global account manager. Still based out of Boulder, Colo., he manages large accounts in the tri-state area and travels cast at least once a month.

Bryan and his family spent spring break snowboarding at Beaver Creek (Avon, Colo.) and will be vacationing on Long Island again this 4th of July and on Hilton Head Island in August. As things warm up, Bryan spends more of his time on his bike, both by commuting to work and on 20–30 mile road rides.

I learned through the grapevine that Greg Garbacz (J.D. ’93, Washington & Lee University School of Law) was recognized by Law & Politics magazine in the 2010 Southern California Super Lawyers listing. Greg, who is shareholder and chief operating officer of Klinedinst, was recognized in employment & labor, real estate, and business litigation. This is the second time Greg has received this recognition, and he is one of only two attorneys in the Los Angeles office to be honored.

Lawrence Morizio contacted us. He works at Keefe, Bruyette & Woods as associate general counsel. He has 8-month-old twins, Olivia Rae and Andrew Lawrence, and lives in Rockville Center, N.Y.

Lafayette sent me an update about Jeff Apell. As an attorney, he is an active lecturer and presented about buying and selling a home at a seminar hosted by the New Jersey State Bar Foundation. Jeff is a partner in the firm of Apell & Detrick.

On April 12, fellow ’Pards celebrated the success of the annual Rick Thorpe Final Four fundraiser. The following ’Pards were the winners in the words of the great organizer, Tom Gillan:

First Place—Weekend at Kiawah Island, S.C.: the great Ben Johnson—there goes the neighborhood
Second Place—Kindle Wireless
Reading Device: guest Brian Parker, who worked for J. Jonah Jameson with his more popular brother, Peter
Third Place—$250 gift certificate to the NYC Ruth’s Chris Steakhouse: Jennie Mitman “The Hitman”

McGirr ’88
Fourth Place—Georgetown Basketball Tickets: Big Ben Stauffer
Fifth Place—New York Islander Tickets: Dave Myers ’90, who has to trek to the Island
Sixth Place—Signed Basketball by Blake Griffin of the Los Angeles Clippers: Desi Bell, who will have a lot of use for a basketball
Seventh Place—Wine: Katie Gordon Taylor—party in Scottsdale tonight
Boobie Prize—Whatever Rockhead can find in his garage: Thomas Lerner ’90—this should be interesting
Keeping with tradition, the March Madness pool culminated with a party at Ryan McFadden’s in the city. Several of us have been attending for years, but new recruits included Lisa Goldberg Keithley, Jeff Miller, Cindy Milone Rusis ’88, and Laura “LP” Parzynski Gawley ’88. Things were pretty tame, and once our private area became infiltrated by 22-year-old girls taking photos for their Facebook pages and waitresses carrying trays of Jell-O shots, we knew it was time to go!

I hope I will hear more from everyone for my next column. Please stay in touch!”

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So long, farewell, it’s time to say adieu! After 15 years as class columnist, I am retiring. Many, many thanks to all of you for contributing to the column and making it fun to write and to read! I am looking forward to sitting back and reading the news from another perspective.

Our 20th reunion is already passed! If you were there, I hope you had a great time! At this moment, it seems Jill Barry is like me — in denial! Here is what she had to say.

Jill reunited with Melissa Lennon, Paige Macfarlan, Maria Sigmond, Michelle Rosenthal Hubertus, and Ariadne Alatzas Capsis at Gamfest 2010 in Naples, Fla. (See photo online.) The weather did not cooperate, but that did not hinder the entertainment and storytelling while enjoying “adult beverages.” This group of Lafayette women decided it is impossible that we had our 20th reunion! (While I agree, somehow it happened.) Chrissy Santangelo joined the fun from Dubai via Skype. (Gotta love the Internet!) Apparently, Chrissy is doing great all the way over there “on the other side of the planet,” as Jill says. During the weekend visit, they also toured Naples Botanical Garden, where Jill works, which opened in November. Jill has extended an open invitation to all ’Pards who visit the region, especially with kids in tow. You can find details at www.naplesgarden.org. Be sure to contact Jill so she can give you the nickel tour.

Diego Cahn-Hidalgo sent an email with a quick update. He lives in Rochester, N.Y., and gets together regularly with Mark Fien and Mark Blejwas. Sometimes it is guys’ night
out, and sometimes it is family night. They have an annual tradition of watching the Lafayette–Lehigh game at the local organizing bar of the year and cheer on! Glad to hear the tradition lives on!

Deb Peterson Bratschi and husband John welcomed their fourth child, Lillian Mary, in July 2009. Lilly’s siblings, Annie, 6, Pete, 5, and Paul, 4, are excited about their baby sister. Congratulations to the Bratschi family!

From Durham, N.C., we have news from Kevin LaBar. In July 2009, Kevin was promoted to full professor at Duke University in the department of psychology & neuroscience. Quite an accomplishment. Congratulations! Over the past year, when not researching or teaching, Kevin has been spending his time renovating a mid-century ranch home, with many, many trips to Home Depot. Best wishes, Kevin—hope you get to sit back and relax in your new old home soon!

Here is an update from Chuck Allerson. In 2002, he pulled up roots from the East Coast and moved to Carlsbad, Calif., just north of San Diego. He now lives in the Carmel Valley area of San Diego with wife, Catherine Johnson, and 3-year-old son, Christopher. Chuck is a research scientist at Isis Pharmaceuticals, a mid-sized company that according to Chuck, despite a sometimes bumpy ride, is poised for great things in the next few years, as they have over 20 drugs in clinical trials. Catherine worked for Pfizer as a chemist for the past 10 years but recently turned downsizing into her own consulting business. Chuck and Catherine share many interests, from the profession of research scientist in chemistry to playing French horn, and of course, raising their son, who has his own passion for airports and airplanes. Chuck was at the 20th reunion in spirit only but hopes to connect online via Facebook or with fellow ‘Pards who happen to be in the San Diego area. Look him up if you are in either place!

This wraps up this column and my tenure as your columnist. It has been a great ride. All the best!

Beth

1991

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After record snowfalls here in Pittsburgh, it was a messy spring, with eight muddy paws in and out all day long, but my dogs were as happy as I was to see the grass again.

On to our updates. I am delighted to announce news of nuptials in our ranks. First, Patrick Mazur, esteemed class president, planned to marry Kelly Terese Nosse May 29. They met on the evening of his 35th birthday, and after a little over seven years together, headed down the aisle.

Patrick and Kelly planned to be married in Bay Village, Ohio, where Patrick has lived for five years. I have yet to confirm whether his two coonhounds, Boone and Crockett, were invited to take part in the ceremony. Kelly is a 2000 Ohio University alumna who has been in health care administration and marketing for several years. This fall, she will be taking her boards to begin a career in nursing. Patrick has been with Dun & Bradstreet for three years, where he is a risk management specialist.

And now to Cindy Morgenstern, who shared her first official update for Class Notes since graduation! Cindy lives in Manasquan, N.J., on the Jersey Shore. She works as executive vice president of Monmouth Real Estate Investment Corp., which is a real estate investment trust specializing in industrial properties located all over the country. This means a fair amount of business travel, which she really enjoys.

Cindy and her fiancé, Greg Daly, intend to marry Aug. 21 at Bonnet Island Estate in Manahawkin, N.J. Thanks for sharing the highlights, Cindy. Congratulations to both you and Patrick! Please be sure to share photos for our next class column. I can’t wait to see Boone in a tuxedo!

Thank you to Courtney Ryan Pierce for responding to my email blast and sharing an update on her busy life. Courtney started a new job in November working part time at a local family medicine private practice. She continues to work occasional shifts at one of the local urgent care clinics as well. Her husband, Rich, works with Focus Bankers, based out of Washington, D.C. Their three little ones are full of energy and keep them running. Taylor, 6, is in first grade; Tori, 5, is in pre-kindergarten; and James, 3, is in preschool. The Pierces have lived in Elkton, Md., for nearly 7 years, the longest Courtney has lived anywhere in her life!

Through the alumni office, I heard from Kristen Gallo. She and her husband, Chris Nolan, live in Hooksett, N.H. Kristen is principal at Mast Way School in Lee, N.H. They have two sons, Corey and Crosby.

In career news, I have a few notes for you. In March 2009, Amy Goessler Noe was admitted to the New York State Bar. In the health law practice group of Hodgson Russ in Buffalo, N.Y., Amy represents clients in the health care and life sciences sectors, generally assisting them with regulatory and compliance matters, including HIPAA, and advising health care clients on structuring transactions.

Working out of his law firm, Fairlie & Lippy PC in North Wales, Pa., Steven F. Fairlie was named a 2010 Super Lawyer by Super Lawyers and Philadelphia magazines. Based on peer reviews and third party research, Super Lawyers inducts members from each state who have upheld ethical standards and received a high level of peer recognition and professional achievement.

Congratulations to both of our “super” lawyers!

I signed up to receive a daily email from the Hill. There are days when I just don’t have time to read all that’s happening on campus, and the note hits my trash. But on those days when I take a glance, I am rewarded with exciting accomplishments of current students, notices of important changes to the campus I used to know so well, and articles about new directions for students, faculty, or the Alumni Association. I encourage you
to check it out. Remember to visit www.lafayetteexperience.com/alumni to read past or current issues of Lafayette Magazine and to follow classmates and reunion info.

Speaking of which, I am already looking forward to our 20th reunion, which will be held June 10–12, 2011. June 2010 was practically booked at the time of this writing, so I’m getting it on my calendar now. Hope to see you on campus!

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Happy summer, classmates! I know with the advent and popularity of social networking sites, we all keep in touch much more throughout the year. However, it is nice to still hear from you and have updates for our class column, so please send me your news any time of the year! I will include anything you send in an upcoming column. It doesn’t even have to be “news”; just a quick update is great, too.

Two of our classmates sent updates this time around. The first was from Amy Anderson, who writes that she earned her Master of Library and Information Science degree last October from Rutgers University. “I’m still working in higher education [Raritan Valley Community College] and loving it,” she says. “I’m slowly connecting with some Lafayette alums on Facebook, including Cherie Cox McCandless, who was my roommate for two years and remains a good friend. Also, Amy Buhl Conn ’93 moved to New Jersey for the last couple of years. It’s been great being able to hang out again with her in person, but she just got a new job in Boston and planned to move there in April. Road trip!”

Dr. Hongyi Yin, from Beijing, China, provides our second update. He writes that last September, Barry McCarthy, former Lafayette director of admissions, came to Beijing: “Together, we visited Tsinghua University. We spent the better part of a morning at the School of Public Policy and Management. In the school’s lobby, we bumped into the dean of the school, Xue Lan, who is also a faculty member at Carnegie Mellon University in Philadelphia. I introduced Barry to him. Sounding omniscient, he said, ‘We know.’” He adds that he also translated a book into Chinese, Going to Extremes, by Cass Sunstein, Harvard Professor of Law and Obama’s administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the White House, and the first half of President Obama’s 2010 State of the Union address. In closing, he says, “I wish I had spent four years at Lafayette.”

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Remember the good old days when we could hang out on the Quad without a care in the world? Times have certainly changed! Thanks to everyone who sent me some news; I greatly appreciate it!

I must first start by saying what a small, Lafayette world it is. I was vacationing in Hawaii in January with my husband, Paul ’92, on the magnificent island of Maui. Paul happened to be at a radiology conference there (I know, tough life!). I was sitting at the pool and asked a friendly-looking woman to take a picture of us. She said, “Sure, you look familiar. Did you go to Lafayette?” It was Deb Saleni Koesel ’93, whose husband was at the same conference! In addition, Helaina Semmler ’92 was at the conference. Helaina had actually done residency with Paul in Livingston, N.J., and we hadn’t seen her in a while, so it was nice to reminisce.

Then, to add to this story, I was working out in the hotel fitness center, sweating it out on the Stairmaster, when I saw another familiar face. It was none other than Marybeth Browne, Dr. Marybeth Browne, that is, who was getting some well-deserved time off from her job as a pediatric surgeon at Northwestern University Hospital in Chicago. Marybeth sees Lucien Webb and Art Herrmann. She had also attended the wedding of Michele Dempsey in May 2009.

Lisa Natisnyn Stitt wrote: “As a quick update, I was promoted to director of organizational effectiveness, learning and communications, for Crayola in October. I returned to Crayola after maternity last July. Also, my husband, Wayne, and I are enjoying parenthood with our little baby boy, Evan Cooper, who was turning one May 3.”

Brian Waerig sent me a line about his new son, Zachary, with wife, Luisa. Zachary was born in November. Their eldest son, Willie, is almost 2. Brian is an attorney at a labor/employment firm called Susanin, Widman & Brennan in Wayne, Pa. He added (and may not be thrilled to see this in print, but we can all laugh along with him) that “I am also becoming increasingly old—but that probably isn’t for the newsletter, ha-ha.” We’re all approaching the big 4-0, so keep on having kids and you have no choice but to keep up with them!”

Hilary Wohl Zalon lives in Los Angeles. She and her husband, Zack, had their second daughter, Esme Juliette, June 11, 2009. Earlier this year, she sold her company, TheCradle.com, to the very cool...
(or at least Hilary thinks so!) modern retail chain, giggle (giggle.com). Way to go, Hil; you are such a go-getter!

Speaking of cool companies, I mentioned this a few years ago, but must talk about it again. There is a fabulous clothing web site, www.planetmomshirts.com, started by two Lafayette alumni, Eileen Fisher Schnedman ’88 and Elise Nappi ’87, which sells clothing with incredibly funny sayings. I bought a shirt a while back that reads, I need a playdate, and another for a friend and me that reads, Juice boxes for them, cocktails for me. Check it out along with www.thecradle.com.

Michael Koumas and his wife, Sheila, had a boy Oct. 24. His name is Christopher Michael. Their daughter Caitlyn, 2, is very excited to have a new baby brother. They live in Putnam Valley, N.Y.

Kurt Reuman has more excitement to share with us. He got married last October to Edna Margarita Celemín Arenas in Bogota, Colombia. He also accepted a new job as director, business development and finance, for National TriGeneration CHP Co., a company that develops and builds combined heat and power projects in the Middle East. He is now based in cosmopolitan and progressive Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, but has not seen any Lafayette stickers on the back windows yet.

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Jenn Drescher Riedy has been busy the last year helping to form a nonprofit group advocating for better maternity care, EmPoWeReD Birth. Along with three other board members/officers, she traveled to Bethesda, Md., in March to attend the National Institutes of Health conference on vaginal birth after cesarean (VBAC). Jenn wrote that “with approximately 30 percent of first-time moms birthing via cesarean, how a second birth should be handled is becoming more of an issue. The International Cesarean Awareness Network (ICAN) estimates that as many as 45 percent of hospitals with maternity units in the U.S. have VBAC bans in place (Easton Hospital is one of them!), essentially forcing women to have surgery whether they want it or not. Many women’s rights advocates view this situation as a serious rights infringement, especially since the evidence clearly shows that vaginal birth after cesarean is not only much safer for the woman than repeat cesarean, but it is also safer for the baby. The NIH conference statement concluded that the loss of access to VBAC is not supported by medical evidence but rather is a response to liability fears. I’m hoping that through EmPoWeReD Birth I’m able to effect positive change in the birth climate in the Lehigh Valley.”

Andrew Bright has decided to try things stateside again after living in Europe for 15 years. His family moved from Helsinki, Finland, to Silicon Valley after he accepted a position as the head of the acoustic design team for Apple’s iPhone/iPod division. Andrew says that “it has been a tremendous transition for all of us, but some things (like not piling four layers of clothing on our kids in the morning) have been easier than others (1 miss Finnish bread). Fun to be back.”

Shawn Tilger, our former Leopard football player, continues to be active in the sports world. He is in his seventh season with the Philadelphia Flyers as senior vice president of business operations. Shawn was a 2010 recipient of the Sports Business Journal’s top “Forty Under 40.” He is responsible for the day-to-day management of all facets of the organization’s business operations, overseeing marketing, broadcasting, communications, finance, budgeting, community relations, fan development, ticket sales, game presentation, customer service, new media, publicity, and merchandising functions. Under Shawn’s leadership, new sales and attendance records were set for the 2005–06 season, and the organization received the University of Massachusetts’ prestigious PRISM Award, recognizing the Flyers’ excellence in sport franchise management and their continued dedication to growing the sport of hockey in the Greater Philadelphia region. In 2007, the Flyers’ in-house advertising and production departments won five Telly Awards, honoring the very best local, regional, and cable television commercials and programs as well as the finest video and film productions. Street & Smith’s Sports Business Journal named Shawn one of its “Five People to Know in Ticketing.” The Flyers web site was also ranked number one among American NHL teams. Shawn previously served as vice president of marketing and director of marketing for Comcast Spectator, overseeing marketing, public relations, and sales of family events and concerts at the Wachovia Center and Wachovia Spectrum. Before that, he was regional marketing manager for the Harlem Globetrotters, where he promoted the team’s appearances in 38 different markets throughout the United States. Shawn and his wife, Erika, have a daughter, Ava, and a son, Gavyn.

Class Notes

1994–1995

Andrew Bright

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I’m still loving entertainment reporting and press event coverage; I conducted my first on-camera celebrity interviews—fantastically fun! One of them was animated, and for the others, I interviewed talent, screenwriters, and directors. Right now, stuff is cooking to a fever pitch with my entertainment coverage between press days, red carpets, and impromptu Q&A’s. So much fun! I’ll have more to officially report in the next column, but please feel free to check out my web site, www.vickisalemi.com, for juicy updates in real time.

I write for ForbesWoman, the New York Post’s @Work section, AOL, Yahoo, iVillage, and various outlets both here and overseas. I’ve also been doing public speaking on careers (i.e., leveraging social media, fearless networking, and transitioning into a new career path) and have been interviewed on international television, commenting on the job market on 60 Minutes in France, Dateline in Australia, and SKY TG24 in Italy. (All the interviews were conducted here in NYC. My SKY interview had a voiceover in Italian—too funny.)

Laura Black Beaman was disappointed she and her husband, Damian, weren’t able to make reunion due to a wedding a few hours away. She writes: “Dai and I bought a new house in Nazareth, Pa. We’re not far from Easton, but after living in that previous house for 14 years, it was time for a change. Life is good.”

OK, we seriously need more scoops next time from everyone. Have you moved recently? Changed careers? Celebrated your child’s fifth birthday (guys’ days, too) in March. Kristl came up from North Carolina for business a night early, Liz came down from Connecticut, and they met at Whitney’s. They had fun hanging out, shopping, and catching up. As Whitney wrote, it was “great to catch up, but of course there’s never enough time together.” And that’s how I’ll end the column, as it is too true when catching up with your college friends!

Welcome back to Page ’96! The who’s who and what’s what of all things Class of ’96. In an effort to be green, I’m saving paper and going right to the updates.

Lori Brown Ciprich sends a big hello to fellow classmates! She works in Philadelphia for Sunoco Inc. and moved to Chester Springs, Pa. She and Matthew have two daughters, Atleigh, 3, and Delanie, 2, and were expecting number three in the beginning of April. Lori continues to be passionate about Lafayette and apparently made her husband sleep on the sofa during March Madness because he was cheering for Lehigh! Go Lori!

Catherine DePaola Santaiti and husband Matt welcomed son Matthew last August. Cat and family are doing well and live in Redminster, N.J.

Marla Kolarik Lyons and husband Jeff live in Connecticut and just had a baby girl, Eleanor. Big brother Joseph, 2½, is showering her with lots of love—for now. Marla works for the medical device company Medtronic as a representative in their implantable pacemaker/defibrillator division, but she admits that she loves her time home with both kids!

Christina Newell

Kristi Alt Stanaland, Liz Rowland Arredondo, and Whitney Byam gaydos had a girls’ day (guys reading this, you know you have guys’ days, too) in March. Kristi came up from North Carolina for business and

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Hey, ’Pards. Here’s some news about a couple of our classmates.

Carolyn Rosieckii Bingaman and her husband, Jonathan, moved to Chicago in June 2008 after living in Los Angeles for three years. Their second daughter, Charlotte Mary, was born Oct. 12. She joins big sister Catherine Elizabeth, who turned two in October 2009. Catherine just loves her new role as big sister and playing with Charlotte.

Justin Symington has been working at The Island School on Cape Eleuthera, Bahamas, for the past five years. The school is a study abroad program primarily for American high school students, and the focus is on environmental sustainability, place-based and experiential education, and getting students involved in authentic scientific research. Justin serves as the assistant head of school, manages the research program, and leads an archaeology project, a passion that was initially nurtured during his time at Lafayette. And Justin’s not the only ’Pard involved at the school! The chief scientist for the Cape Eleuthera Institute, the sister research institute for the graduate students who lead the Island School’s research projects, is David Philipp ’70. Justin and David work together to bring high school students into the vanguard of scientific research endeavors. (See photo
online. To learn more about the school and institute, visit their web sites at www.islandschool.org and www.ceibahamas.org.

I know there are more of you out there with news to share! It would be great to hear from you. Go Pards!

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Greetings from the West Coast! I hope you all are enjoying your summers! Let’s get started with news about future Lafayette Leopards.

Brian Cort and his wife, Maryann, are proud to announce the March 1 birth of their third child, Dylan Christopher. Dylan is doing great, and sisters Allison and Julia are thrilled about having a little brother.

Greg Milton and his wife, Jeanne, welcomed their daughter, Avery Elizabeth, Jan. 14. Greg and his family live in New City, N.Y., where he serves as a senior marketing manager for PepsiCo.

Our class president, Amanda Alpert Knight, and her husband, Rob, are pleased to share with us the birth of their second son, Thomas Jack. Thomas arrived Feb. 14, which is just a week after Lindsay Suthard Nero and her husband, Lou Jon, welcomed their daughter, Chilton Emory. I’m sure that little Thomas and Chilton will be best of friends.

Congratulations to all! Pictures of the little ones can be found on the Lafayette Magazine web site.

Christopher “CJ” Johnston is happy to share his engagement to Melissa de la Fuente. They plan an autumn wedding in Maryland. We wish both of them years of happiness.

Allison Hoffman Murray was excited to update us on her life. She lives in West Chester, Pa., with her husband, Louis, and their 3-year-old daughter, Sadie. Allison is a client relationship analyst for Vanguard.

Hilary Snyder sent some news from Down Under. She lives in Cronulla, New South Wales, Australia, which is 45 minutes south of Sydney and right on the beach. (See photo online.) Hilary is attempting to unravel the mysteries of foreign working visas, while working on her photography, in hopes of starting her own business.

From Australia to the beautiful islands of Puerto Rico, my home country, comes news from Jose Punchin. He works as an independent contractor and is in training for a triathlon. Jose and his wife live just steps away from the beach and are excited to be back on the island.

Well, that is all for this summer edition! Don’t forget to email me all of your news. I know a lot of you plan to get together over the summer, and I look forward to including all of those reunions in my next column.

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Loren Berkheimer Raab and her husband, Steve ’01, started a competition BBQ team in 2007. After three years, they are one of the top teams in the country. They have since opened their own BBQ catering company. In July 2009, the Raabs’ team, Fat Angel BBQ, won the New Jersey state BBQ championship in North Wildwood against 65 teams from 10 different states. This victory earned them an invitation to the World Series of BBQ in Kansas City, where they won first place in the pork rib category against almost 500 teams!

Amy Airasian married John Fathers Nov. 21 at the National Hotel in Miami. Lafayette classmatess in attendance included Jenna Reichen, Karen Shiers, Debbie Mongeau Braney, and Heather Kelly Raff. Amy and John have been living in Bangalore, India, for the last two years and will be there until early 2011. Amy works from India for CJP Communications, a New York-based public relations firm, and John is with Goldman Sachs.

Adrien Smith graduated from EDHEC Business School in France with an international MBA and a concentration in marketing and finance.

Steven Myers is engaged to Sara Lynn Heinzingler. They plan to wed in August. Steven is a school psychologist for Wall (N.J.) High School and is an adjunct professor at Georgian Court University. Sara is the research oncology coordinator affiliated with Jersey Shore Medical Center.

Jerry Terry is engaged to April Vaughan, with a wedding planned for Nov. 13. He is the owner of Decathlon Construction.

Lisa Martin earned a Ph.D. from the University of Michigan in December. Her doctorate is in public health, and her dissertation title was “Men and Depression: Challenging Depression Criteria.” After graduation, Lisa became a research consultant for the University of Michigan and some private companies. In May, she traveled to Ghana to collect data for a research project with the women’s studies department and the OB/GYN department of the medical school.

John Mohline is in his fourth year of residency at Christiana Care Health System in Newark, Del. He specializes in internal and emergency medicine.

Shoshana Cohen Stoppek and her husband, Jonathan, welcomed
daughter Sasha Pearl into the world Dec. 2. Baby Sasha was 8 pounds, 3 ounces, and 20½ inches long. Mom, dad, and little Sasha are enjoying every special moment as a new family. They reside in Los Angeles.

Erin Rogers Harris and Corey Harris had their first child, Liam Robert, on Feb. 4. Liam weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces, and was 20½ inches long. Corey and Erin celebrated their third wedding anniversary in April. Corey is finishing his theology dissertation at Duquesne University, where he is also an adjunct professor. Erin works for Jameson Publishing. She is the editor of Integrated Solutions For Retailers, a business-to-business trade publication.

Diane Pisseri Lindemann and her husband, Chris, welcomed their first child, Trent William, Sept. 8. He was 6 pounds and 19 inches long. He arrived five weeks early, so Diane reports that he was a bit on the tiny side, but he has grown so much already. As of February, he was tipping the scales at 17 pounds!

Teagan Kacey was born July 7, 2009, to Dan and Melissa Smith Hughes. She joined big brother Thomas, who is 3.

Barbara Berkowitz McDonough and husband John are the proud parents of son Finn, born May 18, 2008.

Maggie Mahoney Fernandes and her husband, Glenn, welcomed daughter Sydney Feb. 5. She weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces, and was 20 inches long. Luckily, she arrived just in time to beat the blizzard!

Mary Kate McCullen and her husband, Dan Nasr, welcomed a baby girl, Grace Josephine Nasr, March 13, 2009. Mary Kate is in the middle of an endocrinology fellowship at Jefferson and looks forward to finishing next June.

Congrats to all of the alumni featured in this column. I look forward to hearing more great news from the Class of 2000 next time around!

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Hi! Hope everyone had a wonderful spring and is enjoying the summer. Here is the news I received from our class for this issue of Lafayette Magazine.

Steve Raab and his wife Loren Berkheimer Raab ’00 were married in May 2008. In 2007, the couple started a competition BBQ team, and after three years, the team is one of the top in the country. Last July, their team, Fat Angel BBQ, won the New Jersey state BBQ championship in North Wildwood against 65 teams from 10 different states. The win earned them an invitation to the World Series of BBQ in Kansas City. They are proud to announce a first place win in the pork rib category against almost 500 teams for the crown of Best Ribs in the Country. Fat Angel BBQ was the only New Jersey representative in the contest. In addition to their competitive success, the Raabs have also opened a BBQ catering company that caters a variety of events in New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania. Please visit their web site for more information: www.localsmokebbq.com.

On June 13, 2009, Danelle Lello married Matthew Birong Jr. at the Waybury Inn in East Middlebury, Vt. A rehearsal dinner was hosted by the families of the bride and groom at 51 Main, also in Middlebury. Charles Kerchner ’00 was the celebrant, and Jessica Morgan Kerchner ’00 was one of Danelle’s attendants. Also in attendance were Diana Davidson Colton, Andrew Colton ’02, and Steve ’00 and Brooke Hallingby Day. Danelle is a marketing communications specialist for National Life Group in Montpelier, Vt., and Matthew is the chef/owner of 3 Squares Café in Vergennes, Vt. Vergennes is also where the couple resides.

Lauren DeMartino and John Gorrell got engaged in Paris in April and plan an Oct. 2 wedding in Manhattan. They live in San Francisco.

Krystin Porter Conlan and her husband, Brian, welcomed a beautiful baby boy, Cole Joseph, Dec. 26. He weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces, and was 21 inches long. Krystin reports: “He is adorable and growing fast! I am enjoying my time with him before having to return to work at Accenture.”

Cheers, and take care!

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Hello, Class of 2002! I hope everyone is enjoying the summer. There is some fun stuff to report, so I will get right to it.

I am so excited to tell you about an awesome blog written by Liz Lamm Shields, I Have a Walk-In Closet. But It’s in New Jersey [www.lizshields.blogspot.com]. Liz’s blog touches on beauty, fashion, style, celebrities, etc. Her writing is super witty, and I can honestly say that I usually laugh out loud when reading it (which is tricky because I’m sneaking a read during work). So check it out for yourself and become a fan too!

In education and career news…

Heather Vaughan is at Georgetown University pursuing her master’s in public policy with a focus on political strategy. In her spare time, Heather enjoys reading the funny comments that her friends post on her Facebook page.

Chantal Pasquarello reports that she is working at Freedom House in Washington, D.C.

As usual, there is plenty of engagement, wedding, and baby news…

I am excited to report that Andy Blair proposed to his girlfriend, Sherry Sanderson, in March. Andy
and Sherry connected at our five-year reunion in 2007 and, as they say, the rest is history. The happy couple plans an October wedding.

Alex Pelberg Slawter proudly reports that her sister, Liz Pelberg, is engaged to Joseph “JJ” Scharitier. Liz and JJ plan an August wedding.

Also in wedding-planning mode are Rachel Devlin and her fiancé, Robert Allen. They plan a September wedding. After Lafayette, Rachel received her MBA from Wagner College. She is an account manager with Bank of America in Newark, N.J.

On Jan. 2, Jody Feldman married Courtney Valerio in Westport, Conn. Jody works in Manhattan as an associate with HSBC, the London bank. He works in the financial institutions group, providing financial advice for insurance companies.

Matt Murphy and his wife, Angela Marucci Murphy ’03, are the proud parents of a baby girl. Their daughter, Madeline Elizabeth, was born Jan. 8.

Erin Fitzpatrick Mackey and her husband, Allen, welcomed their son, Colin, to the world Jan. 19. He weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces, and was 21 inches long. Mom, dad, and baby are all doing well.

That’s all for now! Enjoy the rest of your summer and don’t forget to email or Facebook me with your updates. Ciao!

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Hi, classmates. It sounds like things are going well for everyone. Don’t forget to check out the alumni page on the Lafayette web site to see pictures, including new babies, recent weddings, and other fun stuff that people have sent.

Mike Wade got engaged to Heather Alexander in December; they planned to marry in July and honeymoon in Hawaii. Mike bought a new house after the old one burned down, and he has a dog. Mike is working in Princeton, N.J., as the facilities manager for Novo Nordisk, a pharmaceutical company. He also wrote that Adam Decker got married to a wonderful girl named Lauren.

Robyn Novick planned to marry Patrick DeRespins at The Venetian in Garfield, N.J., June 27.

Debbie Katchen is engaged to Jon-Paul Marnien ’02.

Danielle Neufeld is engaged to Andrew Mack. They plan to wed next July in the 1,000 Islands Region. Danielle and Andrew live in Flemington, N.J.

Leigh Minarick met her husband, Dave Angeluzzi, while abroad in Florence, Italy, during Lafayette’s study abroad program her senior year. He was studying in Florence through Loyola College’s abroad program. They married Sept. 6 and honeymooned for three weeks in the Maldives, with a stopover in Dubai. Leigh and Dave were expecting their first baby, a little girl, due July 5. They live in Butler, N.J., and Leigh works for Atlantic Health.

Amanda Carey Faulkner was excited to report that she and her husband, Jim, were expecting their first child, a baby girl, June 15.

Angela Marucci Murphy and husband Matthew '02 are excited to announce the birth of their first daughter, Madeline Elizabeth, born Jan. 8.

Heather Badamo is a Chester Dale Fellow at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York.

Juliana Spagnolo Raimondi was married Oct. 17. She completed a grad program at UC–Berkeley for architecture. Currently, she is studying for the GREs, working on her portfolio, and applying for her M.Arch. to matriculate in the fall.

Dr. Abigail Stringer Willitsford and her husband, Dr. Adam Willitsford ’02, enjoy living in Louisville, Ky. In April, Abby was elected to Omicron Kappa Upsilon, the national dental honor society, and in May, she received her Doctor of Dental Medicine degree from the University of Louisville School of Dentistry. She is a dental resident at the University of Louisville Hospital. In their spare time, Abby and Adam enjoy traveling, kayaking, hiking, and playing with their new dog, Spencer.

Melissa Mitchell Pizarro started a new job as associate director of parents programs at Swarthmore College in September, and she loves it! Melissa and her husband, Derek ’04, spent Christmas and New Year’s in Hawaii with their family, visiting Maui, Oahu, and the Big Island. In June, Derek and Melissa intended to head to Italy (with stops in Florence and Rome) and the Seychelles Islands.

Farisai Maguwa will return to school this fall at the University of Texas at Austin’s McCombs School of Business for an MBA in finance.

Erica Neri graduated from Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in December with a master’s in physician assistant studies. She will be working as a PA in the emergency department at Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston starting in July.

Jen Tonkin wrote in her update that “after getting my master’s in applied math from the University of Delaware, I taught for one year at Temple University and Mercer County Community College in New Jersey. I am now in my fourth year at The Key School in Annapolis, Md. Starting in the fall, I will take over the mathematics department chair of the Upper School. I am excited about this new post and the challenges and opportunities that it will bring. I work with great people and amazing students and always try to recruit for Lafayette. One of my first calculus students is now a junior at Lafayette, but I’m afraid to say that I write too many letters for students who end up at Lehigh! One of the great things about teaching is having the summers off to travel. Last summer, I spent 10 days in Hawaii with their family, visiting Maui, Oahu, and the Big Island. In May, she received her Doctor of Dental Medicine degree from the University of Louisville School of..."
Jessica Held and Jim and Julie Munoz Mangarillo. It was an amazing summer, and I can’t wait for summer 2010! Go ‘Pards!”

Please continue to email me your updates.

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I don’t know about the rest of you, but after the two blizzards that rocked D.C. and a good part of the East Coast this year, summer couldn’t have come sooner. I hope all of you are taking advantage of the warm weather, but it looks like a number of our classmates took advantage of the colder months to hit some major milestones.

Jena Newman and Scott Dengrove were married Jan. 21 in a small private ceremony in Walt Disney World in Orlando. (See photo online.) They celebrated a perfect day with 25 of their closest family and friends and continued the festivities at EPCOT later that night with a dessert party and a viewing of the “Illuminations: Reflections of Earth” fireworks show. Jena and Scott live in Port Chester, N.Y.

Mark Slobodien married Rachael Seidenschur; they celebrated their first anniversary in June. Mark resides in Washington, D.C., where he works for Citizens Against Government Waste, a conservative government watchdog group. He plans to attend graduate school part time in the fall.

Amy Giacobone writes to tell us that Tara O’Neill married Andrew Clarke (Georgetown University ’04) at Sleepy Hollow Country Club in Tarrytown, N.Y., this year. According to Amy, Andrew and Tara met at Ridgewood (N.J.) High School and remained close in the years following high school graduation. Christine Siebold, Ilana Strauss, Amy Giacobone, Kim Sica, Sam Molyneaux, Kate Quinn O’Hara, Stephanie Napolianto Mejia, and Sylvia Anserian Cooper attended the ceremony. Tara and Andrew work at Bank of America/Merrill Lynch and live in NYC.

Lauren Sefcik, now an assistant professor in Lafayette’s department of chemical engineering, is engaged to Bucknell graduate Christopher Anderson of Avon Lake, Ohio. The couple, who were set to marry July 17, resides in Bethlehem, Pa.

Molefi K. Asante produced a new film called Motherland. It premiered to a sold-out crowd in February at the Pan African Film Festival and won the Board of Directors Best Documentary Award. Look for the film online at www.mkasante.com.

Class President Alex Karapetian continues to be involved in his family’s nonprofit organization in Armenia: Acopian Center for the Environment. According to Alex, the organization’s mission is to protect Armenia’s biodiversity and natural resources through research, education, and public involvement. Alex and the company have worked closely with The World Wildlife Fund, Green Lane, members of Armenia’s parliament, and other environmental nongovernmental organizations. Alex is based in New York and is excited to announce the launching of Acopian’s web site: www.acopiancenter.org.

Jessica Merkel-Keller graduated May 24 from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey’s Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, New Brunswick, N.J., with distinction in medical education. Jessica will continue her OB/GYN training at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine–Montefiore, with a plan to continue in gynecologic oncology.

Katherine “KC” Horigan graduated from Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine in May with a D.V.M. degree. Since then, she has been interviewing for a general practice for small animal medicine in the Boston area.

Brandon Ripley still lives in the Washington, D.C., area but moved from Falls Church, Va., to a new town home in Silver Spring, Md., in October. He’s been busy traveling the world as well, having visited India in December and Paris in May.

Elizabeth Ponder graduated from Stanford University in September with a Ph.D. in microbiology and immunology.

Tom Gauntner just finished his fourth year of being Lafayette’s head fencing coach. Through Tom’s efforts, Lafayette was able to host its conference championships on College Hill this year, and Tom was voted 2009 Coach of the Year by his peers in the conference. Tom continues to work for Picatinny Arsenal and indulges his creative side by headlining as a regularly recurring solo act at Bucky’s, a local pub near his office. “Me and my guitar can be seen every month on the first Thursday of the month,” Tom wrote. “Nothing beats all-you-can-eat wings and government-subsidized beer.”

Mike Beatrice lives on Long Island and works on the National Synchrotron Light Source II project at Brookhaven National Laboratory. Mike has been involved with Lafayette’s Career Services outreach, and this past January, he hosted three mechanical engineering externs from the Class of 2011. (See photo online.)

John Sullivan graduated from MIT last August with a master’s in real estate. Since then, he and several MIT classmates started a real estate and due diligence firm called AspinWall Partners. The firm was featured in an article by MIT news services touting the success of young entrepreneurs amid the recession. You can find a link to the article on John’s company web site: www.aspinwallpartners.com.

Derek Pizarro accepted a position at Premier Chemicals LLC in West Conshohocken, Pa., as national account manager–remedial. Derek is in charge of national and international environmental sales for the company’s line of heavy metals and stabilization chemicals.

Jennifer White Sekellick has been promoted to assistant director for compliance and student services for Temple University athletics. A college track star and two-time

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captain at Lafayette, Jennifer is responsible for overseeing the NCAA rules education program and assists in investigating and reporting NCAA violations. She has a master’s in sports management from Neumann University.

That’s all from our class for now. As for me, David Norton, for the second year in a row I was named District Coach of the Year by The Washington Post for high school boys’ swimming. Also, I will be graduating from Georgetown University in August with a master’s in journalism. And speaking of journalism, due to the recession and cutbacks in print, we are no longer printing photo spreads of weddings, babies, and get-togethers in the print magazine. But the web is another story. You can find links to submitted photos by visiting the alumni page of the Lafayette web site, clicking on the latest online edition of Lafayette Magazine, and accessing Class Notes. So keep the stories—and the pictures—coming.

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At this time five years ago, we were untouchable. We were Lafayette Class of 2005, and we did what we wanted! Now let’s see what everyone is up to these days.

Matthew Hontz and Lori Carita plan to marry August 28. (See photo online.) They live and work in the Lehigh Valley and recently purchased a home in Parkland, Pa. Matt leads Lutron Electronics’ motorized shading innovation team, and Lori is a graphic designer for a local marketing firm. Congratulations on both the wedding and house, Matt and Lori!

Katie Schule not only received a job promotion at Bristol-Myers Squibb, but she also received an engagement ring! Katie was engaged to Matt Malagiere in November and the happy couple is planning their wedding for October 2011. Katie lives at the good ol’ Jersey Shore (fist pump). Congrats, Katie, and I will be crashing your humble abode come summer!

Jamey Lepre was kind enough to fill me in on both his engagement to Jenn Richards and Jake Garcia’s engagement to Summer Lee. Jamey and Jenn were engaged on Christmas Eve and plan to wed sometime in 2011. Jake and Summer are planning their wedding for May 21. Congratulations to both Chi Phi brothers!

Veronica LaMura let me know that she, too, is engaged. She and Chris Allora ’97 are planning their wedding. Congrats, V-Dawg!

Stephen Connlain was planning to get married July 10. Jay Amarillo was set to be his best man. Jennifer DuBois got engaged to Kevin Powers (Bucknell ’05). Congratulations to all the newly engaged couples! Be sure to send wedding pictures in the future.

Jeremy Cook and Liz Cassidy look forward to an exciting yet busy summer! They planned to attend the May 1 wedding of Christopher Mack and Kelley Hayn in South Carolina and the wedding of Jim Sarruda ’04 and Tara Sheedy ’06 over the July 4th weekend in Albany, N.Y. Then, at the end of July, Jeremy and Liz intend to marry in the Poconos! Their bridal party consists mostly of Lafayette alums, and Liz promised that she will send a picture for the next column. Jeremy works at Picatinny Arsenal with several Lafayette alums, and Liz works as an attorney for a law firm in Orange County, N.Y., where she used to do municipal work. Congrats to everyone on their weddings!

Suzanne Dommerich married Mark Ranta ’06 this past September in Riverside, Conn. (See photo online.) Lafayette alumni in attendance were Crissy MacDonald, Dan Finnegan ’03, Cole Maloney ’03, Brenda Thayer ’03, Nate DeLong ’04, Erin Malone Finnegan ’04, Mel Grandis ’04, Dave Watts ’04, Lori Anderson ’06, Jeff Gross ’06, Jon Kipness ’06, Lindsay McCarthy ’06, Tacie Steidel ’06, and Jen Totten ’06. Congratulations, Suzanne and Mark!

Matt and Diane Young decided they would like to be closer to their families, so they moved from Clearwater, Fla. (where they had been living since graduation), to Baltimore. Diane was offered a position at the National Aquarium as a marine mammal trainer, caring for and training 10 Atlantic bottlenose dolphins. Matt works for Jormac Aerospace (the company he worked for in Florida) as a design engineer, but he was granted a work-from-home position. Both Matt and Diane enjoy the new area and new opportunities. They looked forward to seeing everyone at the reunion this summer.

Taryn Landers is finishing up her master’s in teaching at Monmouth University and will be done in December. She also coaches the cross-country and track teams there and absolutely loves it! Taryn also let me know that she is honored to be in the wedding of Lindsay Bryant ’07 and Ed Dutch ’07 in July. Both Taryn and I also look forward to the wedding of Kelly Foran and Mike Tuller come August, which again, looks as though it is going to resemble a KDR formal. Devon Landers Shirley will be celebrating her first wedding anniversary in June, and what better way to celebrate than at our five-year reunion!

Joelle Sobin graduated from the Lesley University graduate program in May. She now has her master’s in clinical mental health counseling and school guidance counseling. She will have started looking for jobs shortly after graduation. By the time this column is printed, she hopes she will have a new, fun job. Congrats, Joelle!

Lauren Doyle moved to Warren, N.J., taking classes at night and on the weekends for her MBA while working a full-time job. Impressive, Doyle!

By the time this edition is published, Gabriella Engelhart Farnham will have finished her Ph.D. studies at Carnegie Mellon in chemical engineering, with a focus
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on air quality, clouds and climate. While Gabriella is just finishing up her schooling, Erin McKan will be starting school in the fall at George Washington University for higher education and development. She is settled in at her new house in D.C. and is excited for Laf alums to visit!

Welp, that’s all I have for this newsletter, but please feel free to email with updates at any time between columns. Thanks to all who contributed, and if anyone is ever in the Lehigh Valley, please drop me a line!

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Thanks, Dane, for doing a great race. Good luck in your new job, Danielle and Stephen! Megan is settled in at her new house in Philadelphia, PA 19107

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Dane Hanson intended to return to the States the end of May, after completing a 12-month tour in Iraq. He has seen many of the changes in the country since the war began in 2003. (See photos online.) This summer, he will be spending time at Ft. Bragg, N.C. He looks forward to seeing Lafayette alums at Homecoming and Lafayette–Lehigh. Thanks, Dane, for doing a great service for our country.

Michael Elzinga and Bonnie Hoy are excited to share about the new addition to their family, Carter Hoy Elzinga, born Feb. 3 in Pasadena, Calif. He truly is a bundle of joy. Congratulations, Mike and Bonnie. Carter is adorable!

Danielle Weaver and Stephen Gabriel got engaged the morning of New Year’s Eve. The two met their first year at Lafayette. They are planning a wedding for next June and hope to be married at Colton Chapel. They just bought a condo and are enjoying renovations and wedding planning. Congratulations, Danielle and Stephen!

Megan Zaroda returned to the U.S. after spending time in China and works in Manhattan with PR agency Weber Shandwick’s global strategic media team. Welcome back, Megan, and congratulations on your new job!

Meghan Baker worked at ABC News but moved to Fox to be a news editor for Foxnews.com. If that isn’t enough to keep her busy, she also signed up for the May 2 Philly Broad Street Run 10-mile race. Good luck in your new job, Megan, and we hope you had a great race!

Jess Cygler expected to graduate with a J.D. from Hofstra University School of Law in New York in May and will crack the bar exam this summer. She plans to practice family law in New York City. Congratulations on your graduation from law school, and best of luck on the bar!

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Thank you for your responses this go-round for Class Notes; we have a lot of exciting news going on.

Sara Riddle works with General Electric Oil and Gas while taking graduate classes online at Georgia Tech for a master’s in mechanical engineering.

Theodore Schick attends Temple University’s Beasley School of Law in Philadelphia as a full-time law student. Graduation is expected in 2011. Also, as of June 2009, he is engaged to Kathryn Hamerslag. Congrats!

Frances Morro works with Discover Hawaii Tours and planned to attend Chaminade University in the spring to get a master’s in school counseling.

Kathleen Reddington completed her master’s in peace and conflict studies at the University of Sydney in Australia in November. She then spent a few months interning for the Clinton Foundation in the development department, until starting as the new administrator for Peace Action New York State.

Brandon Mitchell is a first-year student in the physician assistant program at Nova Southeastern University in Jacksonville. He provided a picture of himself (see photo online) and a staff member at the white coat ceremony celebrating their introduction into the medical field.

Doug Appel is at Temple University School of Podiatry in Philadelphia.

Shelby Grabowski married Eli Hostetter Aug. 1 at the Hotel Hershey in Hershey, Pa. They honeymooned in Kauai, Hawaii. Eli is a CPA for PricewaterhouseCoopers. Shelby is in her second year of law school at Widener Law. She attached a Lafayette–Lehigh picture the wedding photographer took (see online).

Another exciting engagement: Michaela Donohue is engaged to Steve Malloy ’06!

Thanks again for writing, and I hope that you enjoy the pictures and updates.
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Members of the 50-Plus Club gather in the President's House Garden during Reunion 2010.