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Cover: A photo of the newly renovated Library and patio
taken from the side entrance to Hopkins House. Right:
Detail view of the library’s side entrance and cupola. Back
cover: The Old Gym, A truly multi-purpose space, housed
Hopkins’ temporary library during renovations.
Message from the Head of School

Dear Friends,

Winter brings its own particular opportunities. For me this year, participation in the reaccreditation of a New England boarding school, as well as attendance at the annual conference of the National Association of Independent Schools, each afforded an opportunity to experience other schools and to hear their stories. Enlightening and refreshing as these experiences have been, I have to say that the wider my perspective and the larger my experience in the independent school world, the more I appreciate Hopkins.

Recently, I have had the chance to meet with alumni/ae in New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Washington and Boston—and New Haven—and to hear their Hopkins stories. Although we are a small school, it is clear that the Hopkins experience is large and lasting. In this issue of Views from the Hill, you will hear from your classmates and other alumni/ae about their lives post-Hopkins, and you will read about your school; and, I have no doubt, as always, remember that, in the phrase I believe brings your Hopkins history and the School’s current incarnation together: “it all started at Hopkins.”

One part of the story of Hopkins, to be sure, has to do with the truly exciting state of the School today. The Library Renovation is stunning and will provide a new intellectual hub for the School. We are, at this time, on course to begin construction in June of the new Academic and Arts Building that will replace DPH and Reigeluth. The state of the school financially is solid, and significant capital gifts continue to advance necessary facilities improvements and to increase endowment for financial aid and faculty compensation.

The most “telling” stories are, of course, about people. In this issue of the Views, Ted Clapp ’37 HGS, steals the show with his vignette about Victor Reid’s English class, as well as the warmth and gratitude he feels these many years later for his time at Hopkins. I have one story to add to those you will read in this volume:

Toward the end of the end of the first semester—an especially busy time at school, with exams, and grades and comments layered onto starting up new courses, an athletic season in full swing, and choir, theatre and instrumental music rehearsals continuing apace—students and faculty gathered in the Walter Camp Athletic Center for our usual Friday morning Assembly. Only a few minutes had passed between the customary Assembly conclusion (“Off to Class”) that begins the class day, and the appearance in my office of Kevin Hart, a gentle and gifted math teacher, who has taught at Hopkins for over twenty years.

Had I noticed, Kevin asked, what had taken place that morning at Assembly? Not sure where he was going with his own question. That morning, he went on to remind me, two students had invited us to arts shows and performances in New Haven, events they had created independently. The Head of School, he went on to say, had read the names of the fifty-three Seniors (43% of the Class of 2008) who had been recognized as National Merit Commended Scholars or Semi-Finalists; the captains of the Girls’ Varsity Swim Team announced their recent and close victory over a bigger school. And, a ninth grader had received a standing ovation for his performance of a “little ditty” by Tchaikovsky: the entire first movement of the Violin Concerto in D. Did we have any idea, Kevin wondered, how extraordinary are our “ordinary” days at Hopkins?

The answer, in a word, is yes.

And so, again, I am pleased, and not a little proud, to report that Hopkins School is doing very well, indeed. As always, I welcome you to campus and can assure you that, when you visit, there will be an abundance of students and teachers ready to tell that day’s Hopkins stories.

Barbara M. Riley
Head of School
Hello Head of School Barbara Riley!

Please allow me to introduce myself as a member of the Class of 1937 at Hopkins Grammar School.

The most recent literature coming from Hopkins School, including your appealing letter and a photograph of a musical ensemble with Miss Deegan with students Bradley, Brown, Haggard, and Boss from my day, prompts me to relate a unique incident in the colorful history of the School.

It was a clear fall morning in 1936. Mr. Reid (one of my favorite teachers) was conducting an English class. I was looking out the window and was amazed to see the enormous dirigible Hindenberg, majestically floating by. I blurted out, “Look, look.” Mr. Reid, ever on his subject, raised his voice. “Class! Keep your eyes here on the board. You can see passing objects in the sky every day in the week.”

That evening, as many of us vividly remember, the great Hindenberg approached its landing at Lakehurst Air Field, burst into flame consuming itself and its passengers. The pictures on our early TVs (or was it only in newspapers) showed the horrendous ending.

More importantly, I wish to add my voice of tribute to all those who made my year at Hopkins the best step of preparation for the years that followed. In those days, the school was “a small school for boys.” It was possible for any of the students to participate in any of a host of activities thus broadening one’s awareness of possible areas for personality development as well as skills. At Hopkins I joined the Literary Club, the Dramatic Club, the Science Club, and was on the soccer and fencing teams. As a consequence, I was on the varsity teams in both sports in college as well as participating in specialized circles in literature, drama etc.

I am so grateful for the Hopkins School experience! It was an enormous step in my being named one of “Who’s Who In American Universities and Colleges” as a college senior.

Cheers to Hopkins School and Thank You!

Ted Clapp ’37 HGS

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CORRECTIONS

We regret the following errors:

- The article entitled “Individually Motivated: A Look At Senior Projects” (Views from the Hill Fall 2007) incorrectly identified a student in one of the photos: Alex Santilli should have been attributed instead of Dan Spinelli. The photo and correct caption follow:

Alex Santilli designed his own high-fidelity loudspeakers and earned distinction for their superlative clarity. Physics teacher and mentor Ben Taylor was heard to say, “I would buy those speakers if I could afford them.”

- In the article entitled “Welcome New Faculty and Staff In Their Own Words” (Views from the Hill Fall 2007) Douglas Poskitt should have been listed with a BA in History from Bucknell University and a MS in Secondary Social Studies Education from the University of Pennsylvania.

- NewAlliance Foundation should have been listed in the Leadership Giving and Special Programs and Initiatives/Breakthrough New Haven sections (Views from the Hill Annual Report of Giving 2006–2007) in place of NewAlliance Bank.
Following years of careful planning and construction, Hopkins is delighted to announce that the doors of the newly renovated and expanded Library have finally opened. This is the place where everything we value comes together in a perfect union of teaching and learning, research and writing, and quiet reading. The Library includes an enlarged reference collection, a School archive, greater access to Internet research databases, and other fundamental improvements. Most important, the new Library reinforces the School’s commitment to guided learning, to collaboration among teachers and learners, and to the simple pleasure of holding and reading a book.
improve the Library’s ability to accommodate a larger number of students.

Also housed on the lower level are less visible, though not less valuable, areas such as a large work room to care for and process the School’s books and other materials, an Archives office and storage area, complete with climate control to ensure the safety of our growing historic collection (read more about the Archives in the “From the Archives” article located at the back of this magazine), and private offices for librarians to work.

The entire upper level of the Library, swathed in natural light that shines from large windows on every exterior wall, is devoted to the School’s Reference and fiction collections. A small Reference desk anchors the space, where a librarian, one of four, will be available to assist students with their research needs. Built-in book cases flanked by window seats house the fiction collection. Mrs. Prendergast hopes that, “everyone will find this a very beautiful and comfortable place to kick back and read just for the fun of it.”

A significant improvement is the addition of a modern classroom on the lower level. Complete with advanced technology options such as dynamic, interactive instruction screens and wireless laptops, the classroom will allow librarians to introduce innovative resources and materials to traditional coursework, while also maintaining the collaborative and interpersonal square-shaped seating arrangement found in classrooms all over campus.

“Since we began tracking the number of class visits to the Library in 2003–2004, we’ve seen a 70% increase in the number of visits,” noted Head Librarian Faye Prendergast, highlighting the need for increasing the Library’s classroom capacity. “Last year, 411 classes visited the Library for either direct instruction or research.” Tripling the number of seats and adding desktop stations and wireless computer access will vastly improve the School’s commitment to guided learning, to collaboration among teachers and learners, and to the simple pleasure of holding and reading a book.

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SUPPORTING STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

Gone are the days of tall, foreboding stacks of dusty books casting shadows on working students. Instead, graduated stacks house a larger, more diverse collection of materials, and are arranged in a way that allows visibility from the circulation desk at all times. Increased seating space is purposefully designed to accommodate groups small enough to foster a cooperative work environment, without causing distractions to other students who choose to work privately. Small study rooms are available for group meetings.

A photo of the old Library taken shortly after it opened in 1971. This vantage point from Hopkins House is nearly the same as in the picture of the renovated Library on the front cover of this issue.
the establishment of several Funds that contribute to the Library’s purchasing power, including the Edward Petraiuolo III Fund, the Levin Family Fund, the Ann Kneisel Library Fund, the John G. and Phyllis Coyle Fund, and the John Livingston ’52 HGS History Book Fund.

Alice Kamens ’09 knows first-hand the value of the Hopkins Library. “After reading the short story ‘Emergency’ by Denis Johnson, just one of many short stories in his book Jesus’ Son, I knew that I had to read more. The Hopkins Library has

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an extensive fiction collection, so when I inquired about the book, I was surprised to hear that they did not own it. However, I was even more surprised to hear the librarian offer to order the book for me. Within a few days, Jesus’ Son was a new addition to the Hopkins Library’s fiction section. The Library is such a valuable resource because it provides free books to anyone, student or faculty, who seeks them. With so much literature at our fingertips, I am always eager to read for pleasure, even with the Hopkins workload.”

**SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY**

Chief among plans to improve the Library were considerations about creating a place the entire Hopkins community could delight in. We will waste no time in utilizing the renovated Library during Reunion weekend, May 9–10, 2008, when it will host an interactive discussion by English teacher Penny Ratcliffe, and an entertaining children’s story hour for alumni/ae families.

The renovated art gallery, a part of the Library complex, presents the perfect opportunity to showcase our talented student and faculty artists. Arts Department Chair Karen Klugman is excited by the promise of the new gallery: “I recently had the opportunity to take a hard-hat tour of the new gallery. I found myself looking past the exposed duct work and insulation and imagining a clean, white, empty space...a blank canvas that will soon be covered with who-knows-what arrangements of objects and markings. Think of it—we built ourselves this little box just so that we can periodically pool our collective creativity to fill it up and say ‘Surprise!’”

The patio between the Library and Hopkins House, with its abundant seating, will surely become a popular spot for holding impromptu outdoor classes on nice days. The versatility and location of this space lends itself to countless functions and uses that bring the greater Hopkins community together.

Finally, the old bell that once hung outside of Lovell Hall has found a permanent home inside a shiny copper cupola atop the Library. Cast in 1786 and a part of Hopkins’ school tradition since 1840, the bell was donated by an alumnus who had rescued it from a monastery in Florida that burned down. The bell hung in the “new school building” at Wall and High Streets from 1840–1911. A favorite Senior prank was to try to steal the clapper so that the students could not be called to class. The old clapper has now been replaced with a mechanical system, and the bell once again tolls out its call to begin each morning just before 8 am. Hopefully it is safer from Senior pranksters, but who knows what additional School traditions may begin with the bell?

Construction of the Library was still underway during the writing of this article. By the time you read this, it will be fully occupied by students and teachers, no doubt abuzz with the sounds of learning in progress. A unique blend of academia and architecture, the Hopkins Library exemplifies what these disciplines can produce when joined together with the best intent. Libraries are known to be centers of knowledge and culture at the core of cities and towns across America. It is no different at Hopkins. This is why, after 35 years, the School decided to revitalize its own cultural and intellectual center. Countless individuals helped design and renovate the Hopkins Library, a special place that will surely become the heart of this campus.
Hopkins is a place where, if you were to stop any person walking across campus, he could answer the question, “What is your favorite book?” with easy confidence. We are fortunate to have so many individuals, young and adult alike, who understand and appreciate the value of words. Books are so relevant to all that we do on this campus that we are celebrating the opening of a grand new home to them, and, of equal importance, a comfortable dwelling for our students and teachers to take pleasure in them.

From this common interest for reading and discussing literature at Hopkins, a small Faculty Book Club was created in April 1995. Now, more than a decade and 115 books later, the group, still small in size, remains committed to sharing their lives one book at a time.

The group meets monthly, September through June, in the evenings in Stone Lounge in Hopkins House. They have dinner meetings in December and June to select books for the next semester from a list of titles nominated by each member. Current members include: Marion Appelquist, Faculty Emerita; Rosemary Benedict, Dean of Academics and Mathematics faculty; Erika Chapin, Associate Director of College Counseling; Hope Hartup, Arts/Drama faculty; Marjorie Herzenberg, Faculty Emerita; Jen Lane, Science faculty; Judy Lenzi-Magoveny, Faculty Emerita; Faye Prendergast, Head Librarian; Alison Schleifer, Faculty Emerita; and Martha Venter, Associate Director of Admissions and Modern Language faculty.

Following is the Faculty Book Club’s reading list accompanied by some of their own thoughts about what the books and the club means to them:

**HOPKINS FACULTY BOOK CLUB READING LIST**

(115 books are listed in order beginning in April 1995)

- Stones for Ibarra by Harriet Doerr
- Crossing to Safety by Wallace Stegner
- The Unredeemed Captive by John Demos
- The Stone Diaries by Carol Shields
- Sixteen Pleasures by Robert Hellenga
- The Kin of Ata are Waiting for You by Dorothy Bryant
- The Rage of the Vultures by Barry Unsworth
- A Very Long Engagement by Sebastian Japrisot
- The Sound and the Fury by William Faulkner
- Snow Falling on Cedars by David Guterson
- What Are People For? by Wendell Berry
- Palace Walk by Naguib Mahfouz
- If on a Winter’s Night a Traveler by Italo Calvino
- Chronicle of a Death Foretold by Gabriel Garcia Marquez
- The Liar’s Club by Mary Karr
- Ladder of Years by Anne Tyler
- Wild Swans by Jung Chang
- The Bird Artist by Howard Norman
- Bastard out of Carolina by Dorothy Allison
- Amazing Grace by Jonathan Kozol
- Of Weddings and Wakes by Alice McDermott
- Stones from the River by Ursula Hegi
- Midnight’s Children by Salman Rushdie

“I don’t have the benefit of longevity in the Hopkins Book Club, but can gratefully say that I was immediately welcomed into the group and find very comfortable discussing the interesting and sometimes sensitive topics that have come up so far. There is such a benefit to having great ‘readers’ in the group: inevitably our discussion on one book draws in to other authors and their works. It has also been a great resource for me to connect with the Hopkins community that would not have been possible given the daily confines of my (or anyone else’s) role on campus.”

— Erika Chapin, Associate Director of College Counseling

Civil Action by Jonathan Harr
Persian Pickle Club by Sandra Dallas
Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil by John Berendt
Undaunted Courage by Stephen E. Ambrose
The Color of Water by James McBride
Cold Mountain by Charles Frazier
Into Thin Air by Jon Krakauer
The Perfect Storm by Sebastian Junger
Black Ice by Lorene Cary
House on the Lagoon by Rosario Ferre
Views

Over the years, we have only had one or two books that everyone disliked and then we ‘attacked’ the book. We can all name those times. Otherwise, I find that it is wonderful to read a work and to arrive at the book club meeting and find such a diversity of opinion. There are always people who feel passionate about a book and there are always people who feel that a book is a waste of time. Often I leave and reexamine a book based on what others have said, even if I tried to categorize the readers and their opinions, I would find at the next meeting that the discussion dissolved all stereotypes. It is a wonderful, friendly group.

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Maladies

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Waiting

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Life of Pi by Yann Martel
Middlaxes by Jeffrey Eugenides
Master Butchers Singing Club by John Banville
Blindness by Jose Saramago
Wintering by Kate Moses
Angle of Repose by Wallace Stegner
Shroud by John Davenport
Jane Austen Book Club by Karen Joy Fowler
The Namesake by Jhumpa Lahiri
Old School by Tobias Wolff
Lolita by Vladimir Nabokov
The Known World by Edward P. Jones

The Plot Against America by Philip Roth
The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini
Gilead by Marilynne Robinson
Transit of Venus by Shirley Hazzard
Housekeeping by Marilynne Robinson
Runaway: Stories by Alice Munro
War Trash by Ha Jin
On Beauty by Zadie Smith
Tess of the D’Urbervilles by Thomas Hardy

An American Tragedy by Theodore Dreiser
Saturday by Ian McEwan
The Song of the Kings by Barry Unsworth
Heat by Bill Buford
The Inheritance of Loss by Kiran Desai
The Master and Margarita by Mikhail Bulgakov
Murder in the Model City by Paul Bass and Douglas Rae
Suite Française by Irene Nemirovsky
Richard II by William Shakespeare
A Thousand Splendid Suns by Khaled Hosseini
On Chesil Beach by Ian McEwan
The Grass is Singing by Doris Lessing
Petals of Blood by Ngugi wa Thiong’o
The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison

"There are so many wonderful books on this list that it’s hard to choose just one. One of my favorites was The Known World by Edward P. Jones. Based on historical fact, this is a beautifully written, intriguing story about a slave who is mentored by a plantation owner and who eventually becomes a slaveholder himself. By stripping away the racism classically associated with slavery in the American South, the author allows the reader to ponder the moral intricacies of that most peculiar institution in terms of the human condition. I’m very much looking forward to reading his newest book, All Aunt Hagar’s Children.”

— Faye Prondzanski, Head Librarian

Former science faculty

Faculty Book Club— Rosemary Benedict, Dean of Academics and founder of the Faculty Book Club

The Heart is a Lonely Hunter by Carson McCullers
Sister of My Heart by Chitra Barterjee Divakaruni
Georgiana, Duchess of Devonshire by Amanda Foreman
Outerbridge Reach by Robert Stone
A Gesture Life by Chang-rae Lee
In the Fall by Jeffrey Lent
Humboldt’s Gift by Saul Bellow
Bolzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress by Dai Sijie
The Forger by Paul Watkins
A Bend in the River by V.S. Naipaul
Atonement by Ian McEwan
The Fourth Hand by John Irving
No Great Mistake by Alistair MacLeod
The Human Stain by Philip Roth
Feast of Love by Charles Baxter
The English Passengers by Matthew Kneale
Bel Canto by Ann Patchett
The Optimist’s Daughter by Eudora Welty

Mrs. Dalloway by Virginia Woolf
Here on Earth by Alice Hoffman
A Personal Autobiography by Christine Jorgensen
No Ordinary Time by Doris Kearns Goodwin
One True Thing by Anna Quindlen
Breath, Eyes, Memory by Edwidge Danticat
After Hannibal by Barry Unsworth
Foreign Affairs by Alison Lurie
All Over but the Shouting by Rick Bragg
Girls by Frederick Busch
Midwives by Chris Bohjalian
The Reader by Bernhard Schlenk
Breaking the News by James Fallows
Real Boys by William Pollack
The Poisonwood Bible by Barbara Kingsolver
The Travelling Hornplayer by Barbara Trapido
The Weight of Water by Anita Shreve
Hyllabalo in the Guava Orchard by Kiran Desai
Headlong by Michael Frayn
Girl with the Pearl Earring by Tracy Chevalier
Plainsong by Kent Haruf
Good King Harry by Denise Giardina
Lincoln by David Herbert Donald
Interpreter of Maladies by Jhumpa Lahiri
I’m A Stranger Here Myself by Bill Bryson
Underworld by Don DeLillo
The Hours by Michael Cunningham
The Red Tent by Anita Diamant
Waiting by Ha Jin

"As I looked through the list I noticed that most of the books I liked best were the ones that gave me a window on other cultures. Watching by Ha Jin and The Inheritance of Loss by Kiran Desai, as well as the collection of short stories, Interpreter of Maladies by Jhumpa Lahiri were three of my favorites.”

— Marion Appelquist, former Science faculty

The Grass is Singing

"In 1995, in my role as Director of Studies (Dean of Academics/Dean of Faculty), I wanted to provide faculty with the opportunity to socialize with their colleagues in an intellectual setting, such as a discussion group. What better way than through a reading group made up of both young and old, male and female, and teachers from every discipline at Hopkins? As for the books we have read, I have been a strong proponent of reading at least one classic each year. One of my many favorites was Tess of the D’Urbervilles by Thomas Hardy, and the only book that I never finished is The Unbearable Lightness of Being by John Darnis—probably the shortest book we have read, but I would venture to say that most of our group at the time did not enjoy it!”

— Rosemary Benedict, Dean of Academics and founder of the Faculty Book Club

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Thoughts from a Hopkins Fellow:
Nicholas Dawidoff ’81 Talks to Students about Making the Most of their School Years

On Friday, November 2, 2007 we welcomed Nicholas Dawidoff ’81 to campus as part of the Alumni/ae Association Fellows Program. Students and faculty alike would be heard discussing Mr. Dawidoff’s speech around campus in the days and weeks that followed. A writer by profession, Nicky captivated his audience with his account of his life at Hopkins nearly 30 years ago and how it shaped his life today. His unique ability to speak to the issues at the heart of every high school student’s life, coupled with his advice to work hard at discovering one’s individuality, was truly inspirational.

This speech is reprinted in full with permission by Nicky Dawidoff ’81.

It’s really nice and flattering to be here again. Back in the day, I used to be the editor of the Razor and to pitch for the Hopkins baseball team, and there was a tradition then where a guy like me would have to get up here in the morning assembly in front of the school and invite everyone to come out and see the ballgame or attend what we, in those pre-computer days, quaintly called the Razor Paste Up. The Paste Up was the weekend afternoon when we’d all lay out the newspaper together, before the managing editor, David Evans, and I drove it out to the printer’s in North Haven. Now right through most of senior year, my voice still hadn’t changed, and I was a small, shy little guy, and I hated this podium. I used to have podium nightmares where the podium came alive and was pushing me around, bashing into me, trying to herd me off somewhere or jumping up and down on top of my head. That sort of thing. When I got up here, I’d be hunched over and my face would get buried in my shirt and I’d talk really fast like this: “Razor Paste Up This Sunday. Everybody Welcome.” It kind of caught on in a bad way. Soon other kids were coming up here and doing imitations of my morning announcement form (puts head in shirt) The Glee Club Will Have A Concert...; There’s a Field Hockey Game Against Hamden Hall... And then what made it even worse was that my Mom, who was on the English faculty, was teaching a new course: public speaking. Do as my son doesn’t was, I think, the word in there. If I had one vow about Hopkins, it was that I was never going back to my old podium. So you see, you can never tell what the future’s going to bring.

I have the sense, maybe I’m wrong, that older people who are a little ways along in the world are always going back to their old schools, and too often it’s all about success or happy days of past glory or something. But I’m a writer who still remembers the Tolstoy Mrs. Fasano taught me. Tolstoy said: “happiness is an allegory; unhappiness is a story.” I had a lot of happy times at Hopkins. As you all know, it’s a wonderful school, and I knew that I was very privileged to come here. But for me and, while I wasn’t really as aware of it then as I should have been, for many, many of the people I went to high school with, adolescence was full of a lot of struggle and adversity and, yes, unhappiness, too—and not just the kind that has a happy ending. Speaking for myself, I dressed pretty much the way other kids did, and I was a pretty enthusiastic, smiling guy, but a lot of the time I was here I used to feel like a complete freak because of some of the things happening in my life. Life at that age often felt so out of control and upsetting, and I used to think, on the worst days, and in the worst moments, that it all would never end. At the conclusion of this, I’ll leave time for questions. And if you want to know anything about the specifics of how I got into writing books for a living, or about anything else involving publishing, I’m glad to try to answer. For now, what I really want to talk with you about is what you might do with some of the bad times or, anyway, what a writer would do with them. I hope you’ll then see why I believe that there are uses to adversity, and that it’s those moments that made me a writer.

In the same way that very few, if any, of you will become professional mathematicians, and yet you must study advanced algebra, not many of you will make your living as writers, and yet all of you have to write. I want to attempt to tell you why I think you study writing at Hopkins. What does a professional writer do, anyway? A writer sits around, often in his pajamas, thinking and setting down his thoughts. And if he’s a decent writer, what he’s thinking very hard about is life: why people do the things they do; how people feel about whatever’s going on around them, and how those feelings impel actions. Writing well is describing fully
thought about seventh grade when just about every kid had a ski jacket to wear in the winter. You know those jackets. They had puffy tubular packets of down encasing the body in horizontal layers. At first blush, to my eye, the jackets made people who wore them look like insect larvae. Also, I didn’t ski. Yet all that was irrelevant. Most other kids had down jackets, so I wanted a down jacket. More than anything I wanted one. I lived alone with my mother and my sister, and, because my father, who lived in New York, was very sick and never paid his child support, there wasn’t a lot of money in our house—definitely not enough for any of the down ski jackets my mother and I saw when she took me out to a ski shop in Orange to look for one. So I was given what kids in school the next day began referring to as Nicky’s fake down jacket. I knew that it had been a real sacrifice for my mother to get me that coat. I felt guilty about it. It was also humiliating for me to wear what we’d ended up buying, and don’t think I didn’t make my mother feel bad about that. Sort of a mess. The next weekend, we happened to visit my mother’s sister, my aunt Susi. She was short and warm and blonde and well off. She looked at me kind of limping around, and she said to my Mom, “What’s the matter with him?” My mother threw up her hands and told her about the jacket. “Nicky, come here,” my aunt said. And she took me over to her closet and pulled out her own new down jacket. We were about the same size. “Try this on,” she said. It fit. To my mother, she said, “He can have it. I’ll wear his.” Then to me, because she was a really nice person, she said “It’s not a girls’ jacket, Nicky; it’s unisex.” That’s a kind of sweet way for the story to end. And if we leave it there, it’s some sort of allegory—about family coming together and all that. But what I want to tell you is that a year later, my beloved aunt suddenly died of a heart attack at the age of 48. One day not long after her death, I was in her house. I happened to open the closet door, and hanging inside with the scarves and raincoats was my fake down jacket. Looking at it was like encountering somebody in front of whom I’d once misbehaved. Still standing there, suddenly I could tell that Susi had never once worn it. Now think about that jacket. It meant different things to everyone involved. If you can express them all, you’ve got a real story.

I didn’t take a lot of chances in high school. As I told you, my father was very sick, and that I had a very strange and troubled dad was my secret. I made sure nobody at Hopkins knew anything about him. When I say I was afraid of being different, it was that I feared I was truly deviant, doomed to ending up an outcast and a failure like him. At Hopkins, it all probably helped make me a person who badly wanted to conform. I paid attention to the ways other people dressed, what they liked, how they talked and acted, and I tried to be that way. It was comforting and miserable simultaneously. Conformity is, while a natural impulse, not the healthiest one, certainly if you’d like to write. Writing was the one place I could fully be myself, and when teachers like Mrs. Fasano and Mrs. Feinberg and Mrs. Giannetti and Mr. Rodd and Mr. Blanchard praised me for stories I made up, like one in which a character falls in love at a distance with a girl because of the funny way she wears her shoes, it was both intensely gratifying and at the same time a way to put all that anxious scrutiny of other people to a purpose. There I could try new things, take chances. Do try new things; yours is the best time in life to take imaginative risks. Don’t be afraid to be wrong. The risks are what people sitting in college admissions offices will admire in you. I’m grateful to those writing classes. They gave me a life.

I was a lousy ninth grade biology student. For whatever reason, mitochondria and eukaryotes weren’t making sense to me. I had a biology teacher who knew that I was pretty good at some other subjects, and I think it annoyed this teacher that I wasn’t doing as well right away for her. One day, she took me out into the hall after class and yelled at me, told me I wasn’t trying. I couldn’t believe it. Right there in public, and I was trying. After she did that, I decided I’d show her what not trying looks like. And I stopped trying. Right now the story could go any number of ways, right? In one of them I’m petty, immature and self-destructive. In another, the teacher could be a villain. But teachers are allowed to be young too, aren’t they? Telling stories, like living life, can be a powerful thing. If you want to be good at either, you must consider everyone’s point of view, try to imagine how everyone in any given moment can be sympathetic, even the people you are disposed not to like. Above all things, a good writer must be compassionate. That’s not ever to excuse poor behavior. It’s to understand it. I’d like to point out as well that even if you aren’t going to become a writer, it’s useful to learn to think like a writer. The more you consider how it is for the next person, the more you address why people do the things they do, the more successful a human being you’ll become.

What I truly wasn’t good at was math. There’s a popular Paul Simon song from around that time called “Kodachrome” which goes “when I think back on all the crap I learned in high school, it’s a wonder I can think at all,” and I used to sing it while getting dressed on the morning of math tests. But I had teachers like Mr. Stancliff and Mr. Ewen and Mr. Jorgenson and Mrs. Benedict and Commander Peterson who wanted me to succeed, and I knew it, even when I botched their pop quizzes. (My seventh grade English teacher, Mrs. Vermilya, used to call them Mom and Pop quizzes, which I loved.) That those math teachers tried to find ways to make the subject more humane I really appreciated, and, because of them, I did my very best. Many years after Hopkins, when I was writing one day in my pajamas—probably they were striped ones that day—I was trying to describe a person who was not exactly evasive and not exactly direct and not exactly devious, but somehow all of those things in a way I couldn’t quite express. And then suddenly into my head flashed the dusty blackboard in Baldwin Hall where one morning in geometry class we learned about oblique angles. Oblique angles involve lines or planes that are neither parallel nor perpendicular. Oblique! That was it. The person was oblique! Now I could see him and write about him. You never know when the things you are learning now will be there for you later in life.

And speaking of Baldwin Hall, there was the day I was hurrying up those steep second to third floor stairs for class, and up ahead of me was a kid who was also hurrying until he slipped and fell hard right on his face. I couldn’t believe it. I’d never seen anyone
Thoughts from a Hopkins Fellow continued

fall on those stairs. What a goober! And it was pretty funny how
he’d just flopped down! I started laughing. Three steps later, I
slipped and fell. I remember that moment with a limpid clarity,
the way the surface of those stairs looked when your face was
pressed up against them, the paint worn away in the center from
so many footsteps, how blunt and hard and colorless the metal
was at the ridge, all the pairs of ankles rushing past my nose. It
was an indelible experience in time and kind of metaphorical.
You can fall down no matter who you are. You can be a jerk no matter
who you are. And maybe there’s some connection: act like a jerk;
eventually you’ll fall down.

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nd the day running laps in baseball practice, I, the only
member of the team not yet to have reached puberty,
which was very amusing to a few of the comparatively
huge guys I played with and afterwards showered with. It was
amazing all the different ways, day after day, they could think up
to make fun of me. I became an outcast, a butt of jokes, exactly
the kind of loser-freak I’d always feared I would be. I hated being
me even though I didn’t want to be anybody else. Every night I
prayed that my voice would change, for all the other things to
happen. So what’s the good of going through all that? People
who have been victims of discrimination often talk about the way
those who have not been discriminated against can’t understand
what it feels like. Mine was, to be sure, a specific, maybe even
trivial kind of discrimination, but I know that being taunted every
day like that has been useful to me when I think about people
who are ostracized because of how they look or talk or believe. I
also think about the kids who bullied me. High school, you know,
is hard for everyone. I wonder what their stories were. And finally
I remember how, at times like that, I used to notice a guy like my
classmate Jim Passarelli, who was always good at sports and
good at school, and handsome, poised and popular, and I used
to be impressed by the way he treated everybody with kindness
and crisp respect. It seemed to me then that he could have been
like some of those baseball guys, could have easily got away with
it. He was under no obligation to be a nice guy. But he wasn’t like
the baseball players because he had integrity. Later in high
school, I remember Jim had some trying moments of his own.
Since eighth grade, he’d been one of the star varsity wrestlers,
and then some other kid up and beat him, and suddenly he was
down to J.V. I remember how he didn’t change during the brief
time on J.V. Other kids saw this too. Among them were the
lacrosse players, who voted him captain that spring. Now he’s a
wonderful doctor. It’s easier to be a good person when
everything’s going well. The tough times mark what you’re made
of, and people do notice.

And the afternoon in wrestling practice when I, a truly mediocre
wrestler, took down the great Greg Valente in a match for a spot
on the varsity. Soon enough he reversed matters and pinned me.
I was expecting to lose. Mr. Bakke, one of our coaches, who was
refereeing, looked at me and said, “You know, Nicky, when you
took him down, I would have thought you’d really go harder after
him. You seemed to hold back.” Mr. Bakke was my favorite
history teacher because he infused you with an exciting sense of
how events could play out over time. I knew he was right about
my wrestling, and I wished I had gone harder, because the
moments life gives you to surprise yourself aren’t predictive or
frequent; you have to be ready to act when they come up. Years
later, when my father died, I had to give his eulogy. Eulogies can
go a lot of ways. The easiest path is to describe the high points
in a person’s life and leave it there. My dad had a few grand
successes as a young man, and I could have just told about
them. But mostly his was a miserable life, a life of promise
derailed by sickness, and I decided that it was my obligation to
speak about that. It was not easy for me. I still never really talked
with anyone about him at all, and now I was going to go out
before a room filled with people to tell the whole story of how it
was with us. All those junior school and high school Sundays
leaving New Haven to go to New York on the train and spend the
long day with somebody who terrified me. I brought a little
rubber ball to the service and squeezed it behind my back for the
whole time I was speaking. Afterwards, my literary agent sent the
eulogy to the editor of The New Yorker magazine, and here’s what
the editor wrote me after he read it: “So much of life is about
being equal to the few occasions that demand an extraordinary
sympathy of soul and clarity of mind...” Then he asked me if I’d
be willing to publish it. The worst thing in my childhood had
become a source of strength. I guess the story there is that when
you are afraid of something, very often the best policy is to go
right at it. One of the great regrets of my life is that I didn’t do
enough of that earlier.

In my experience at Hopkins I was pretty typical in that I didn’t
talk about anything that made me unhappy. I was against
self-pity and I wouldn’t have known how to discuss the hard
things like my dad or the death of my grandfather or the death
of my aunt or getting picked on. Junior high school and high school
is such an intense time in life. So many things are happening at
Hopkins, and in yourself, that there can be the feeling of being
stuck forever in the moment; it can be difficult to see that there
will be a future. But there will be. Most great writers I have known
had dismaying times in youth, and made use of them. Take the
novelist Jonathan Franzen, the rock n’ roller Bruce Springsteen,
and the nonfiction writer Roger Angell, three true artists. Each
has used his sorrowful or conflicted experiences to fuel the
original and exciting way he regards the world. These guys were
either hopeless high school geeks from dysfunctional families or
good writers follow their interests, but often without knowing why they are so drawn to something. The writing can be the finding out. What I mean is that aspects of life are often nominally about one thing, but the deeper, more profound subject has to be slowly revealed. Through my years at Hopkins, in my bedroom at home at night, I listened to Boston Red Sox baseball games on the radio. I loved everything about those Red Sox ballplayers and those melodious men, the team broadcasters. I spent a tremendous amount of time listening to and also thinking about the games. At school, most people were Yankee fans, and when the Yankees beat the Red Sox—which in those days they nearly always did—I’d want to crawl around on the ground and scream and curl up and fight—and everything at once! All the while I never knew why I was so passionate about what is, after all, just a game played by people from Florida and Texas and California with Boston embroidered on their shirts. Way into adulthood, my mood would get affected when the Red Sox lost. It was this way until it finally occurred to me that for a kid who grew up without a dad or any brothers at home, the broadcasters on the radio I listened to every night really had been the men in my house and, by extension, so were the ballplayers. The broadcasters would describe them playing, and I could make up the rest of them, construct them as I needed them to be, and kind of love them like a private, virtual family. That’s a story about the growth of the imagination out of the sorrows of youth. The great stories are all about the great human conditions, and when you read and you write and you have relationships with other people, the more you can notice what the story’s truly about, the more successful you’ll be. That’s also true when you read. Read as much as you can. Read the Russians like Chekhov and Tolstoy and Turgenev and Gogol, and read Middlemarch and read Invisible Man and A River Runs Through It and Jonathan Franzen’s The Corrections and Alice Munro’s short stories and The Life of Johnson and the great Japanese novel A Personal Matter and Willa Cather’s My Antonia, and read Dickens’ Great Expectations again when you are a little older, and read Joseph Mitchell, and it’s time to stop because you have classes to go to, but I could go on and on listing books because good writing is life, and if you read well, you will have more life. Also, it’ll keep you off street corners! Good luck. Be kind to one another. Have fun. Thank you for inviting me back.
ALUMNA FELLOW—AND PEACEMAKER—
Melanie Cohen Greenberg ’82

“Al the skills I learned here at Hopkins were only amplified at college and law school—how to ask questions and have a deep intellectual curiosity.” So began Alumna Fellow Melanie Cohen Greenberg’s address to the student body on Friday, February 29, 2008. Melanie is the President and founder of the Cypress Fund for Peace and Security and has devoted her career to facilitating peaceful conflict resolution strategies to stabilize sensitive regions around the world. She returned to campus as part of the Alumni/ae Association’s Fellows Program and spoke to students about how her life at Hopkins impacted her future.

Melanie studied Literature and the Arts as an undergrad at Harvard, but was quickly drawn to conflict resolution while learning the many sides of the peace process at Stanford Law School. “I was able to look at conflict through different lenses—through a truly interdisciplinary approach.” Melanie has applied her peacemaking skills in many international conflicts, including Armenia/Azerbaijan, Northern Ireland, and the Middle East.

During her visit to Hopkins, Melanie spoke at assembly, participated in classes on “Islam and the West,” French, and English, enjoyed informal interactions with students in the café, and lunched with faculty and the Distinguished Alumni/ae Committee. Before leaving, she implored students to become engaged in the international community, saying, “No matter what profession you go into, you can be peacekeepers. You can start now, and in 25 years you will be the peace of the future.”

You can watch video of Ms. Greenberg’s speech in its entirety on our website: www.hopkins.edu/news/news.

Alumni Lacrosse Game…
the Tradition Continues on Memorial Day

The Alumni Lacrosse Game got its start after the graduation in 1980 of fourteen Seniors. The following year, 1981, some of them returned for an informal game versus the Hopkins Varsity. From that germ has grown the current version of an annual alumni game, which pits Evens against Odds and which usually brings about thirty returnees (who mix in with some current varsity players). Varsity Lacrosse Coach Sandy MacMullen points out that, “This allows all ages to play and guarantees that every alumnus can find someone his age (a former teammate) to play against. Older alums bring wives and children, younger ones often come with friends. Not every attendee plays; some are just there for the camaraderie or to laugh.”

Aaron Sack ’89, former team captain while a Hilltopper and regular alumni game participant, is proud that he’s still got skills: “The game’s a great way for aging athletes to prove they’ve ‘still got it.’ Defining it is the trick. The first few years it is the ability to run up and down the field with the 17-year old set. Fifteen years later, it means making it to the game and not getting injured during pre-game stretching. Regardless, now 18 years into the tradition, I’m still praying (unsuccessfully) that Sandy decides to cover someone else, to leave my arms intact for Memorial Day weekend.”

In addition to competing in an annual game, Hopkins Lacrosse Alumni also take an active interest in the current program at the School. Andy Chepaitis ’86, past president of this alumni group, announced the creation of a Hopkins Alumni Lacrosse Scholarship Fund in October 2006 to provide summer lacrosse camp scholarships for deserving scholarship students so that they will be “more prepared to compete at the college level.”

The game is held on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend, starts at “10:30 sharp, as always” and ends with “next goal wins” an hour and a half or so later. In the last few years, an on-campus cook-out has been added after the game. Rain or shine, come check it out.
On Sunday, November 18, 2007, David F. Swensen was awarded the Hopkins Medal, the School’s highest honor, for his devotion of significant time and wisdom in helping provide the School strong financial legs on which to stand and prosper. Many members of the Hopkins community turned out to honor the man who is largely credited with revitalizing the School’s Endowment.

As part the Medal presentation, several individuals spoke to David, his family, and his friends, and celebrated his passion for Hopkins.

“David spoke to our students, faculty and staff at an all-school assembly on Friday [November 16]. His subject was not investments or finance, or his successes with the Hopkins (and other) Endowments. He chose instead to talk about schools and his deep feeling—the word reverence comes to mind—his deep feeling for schools, especially old ones. I particularly liked it when, as part of his reverie about old schools, and their purposes and traditions, he lined up Oxford, Cambridge, Harvard, Yale, and Hopkins. In the long history of Hopkins School—and remember that we will be 350 years old in 2010—in the long history of this School there have been some key people who have helped to define and secure the School’s future. David Swensen is one of those people.”

– Head of School Barbara M. Riley

“David is a true Renaissance man. A scholar and professor who thoroughly enjoys his time in the classroom at Yale; an author who has written and published two bestselling books on investment strategy based on his experience and perspective; an athlete who vigorously competes in tennis, golf, squash, softball; and a professional who is regarded by his peers in the investment world as one of the most brilliant and successful in his profession. [Hopkins’] financial stability and strength, which did not exist 10 years ago, is due in large measure to the work of David Swensen as Trustee and Treasurer. Following on the solid foundation laid by his distinguished predecessors as Treasurer including Rick Levin and Bill Kneisel, David’s vision, knowledge and access to investment opportunities, combined with a successful capital campaign in the early part of this decade, has enabled Hopkins to move from a position of negative net worth in 1993, to an endowment of more than $60M today.”

– David I. Newton ’67

HGS, President of the Hopkins Committee of Trustees

“When I think about David Swensen’s contributions to Hopkins, it’s easiest to start with the story of Hopkins’ Endowment....perhaps the most impressive part of David Swensen’s contribution to Hopkins. Put aside for a moment the numbers and the dollars. What makes his contribution so special is the mix of grace, professionalism, understatement, collegiality and sense of humor that David embodies in his interactions with all of us and that belie his legendary status in the investment world. David is a friend of Hopkins that we are all extraordinarily lucky to have.”

– Peter A. Langerman ’73, Treasurer of the Hopkins Committee of Trustees

David joined the Hopkins Committee of Trustees in 1998. Between 2000 and 2006, he was Treasurer and Chair of the Finance and Investments Committee; he continues to serve on the Finance and Investments Committee. As Yale’s Chief Investment Officer since 1985, David Swensen is responsible for more than $22.5 billion in endowment assets and other investment funds. He also teaches at the School of Management and at Yale College. He is the author of Pioneering Portfolio Management: An Unconventional Approach to Institutional Investment (2000) and Unconventional Success: A Fundamental Approach to Personal Investment (2005). He graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1975 with Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees; he holds a Master of Arts (1976), a Master of Philosophy (1978), and a Ph.D. in economics (1980), all from Yale University. David is also a former Hopkins parent: two of his three children, Tory ’05 and Alex, attended Hopkins.
Neuro-oncologist Lisa DeAngelis ’73 is Hopkins’ 2008 Distinguished Alumna. We will welcome Dr. DeAngelis during Reunion weekend, May 9–10, 2008. (Portions of the following article were contributed by former Views editor Katie Fischer.)

Dr. Lisa DeAngelis ’73 has accumulated an enviable amount of knowledge in the medical field, specifically in neuro-oncology, that has spawned an extensive amount of practical work and research devoted to improving the care and treatment of patients with brain tumors. Dr. DeAngelis is Chair of Neurology at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center and the Co-Executive Director of the Brain Tumor Center, “a virtual interdepartmental center that spans Memorial Hospital and Sloan-Kettering Institute to support research in brain tumors and promote its translation into clinical trials.”

Given an inherent drive to become a doctor—“For reasons unknown to me, I wanted to go to medical school from the third grade and I never wavered,” she said—Lisa graduated from Hopkins in 1973 and went on to earn her B.A. in 1977 from Wellesley College. She then pursued a degree in medicine at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, where she earned her M.D. in 1980. Dr. DeAngelis completed her residency at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center and fellowships at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center and The New York Hospital.

Yes, the curriculum vita of Dr. DeAngelis is an impressive showcase of a remarkable medical career and world-class education, one she feels began at Day Prospect Hill School, which merged with Hopkins Grammar School the year of her graduation and moved to the Hopkins campus. A member of that first co-ed class (while also enduring the stress of preparing for college), DeAngelis says, “it was a difficult year because everyone was uncomfortable with the switch;” however, “despite that polarizing, highly political time, it was never allowed to permeate the classroom. The common thread for everyone at that time was an amazing faculty, one who led by example and was going to make sure all students experienced success.” Viewing the School today, Lisa states, “That commitment to excellence and strong faculty presence is still evident at Hopkins today.”

Looking back 35 years later, Lisa remembers Hopkins as a special place because, “It is where the world opened up for me intellectually.” While at Hopkins, Dr. DeAngelis was involved in various activities aside from academics, from student government to modern dance. She enjoyed courses in history, mathematics, and science, particularly recalling wonderful classes with Mrs. Wrigley (Chemistry), Mr. Crawford (History), and Mrs. Dawidoff (English), to name a few. Her most vivid recollections about high school include her lessons in French with Mrs. Katz and Mrs. Katsaros. “I worked so hard at French and yet I could never really grasp it, but I had to in order to graduate...it was torture. I realized it was this way for others in different subjects, and so it made me appreciate that we all have different gifts. But, still, it wasn’t easy.” Lisa was awarded the Alliance Française prize as a Senior, mostly, she claims, for her perseverance.

Today, in her role at Memorial Sloan-Kettering, Lisa maintains a diverse set of interests as she oversees the department’s clinical, research, and educational activities; she participates in all three. Her primary focus—with the support of a team of other faculty—is two-fold: developing new drug treatments for malignant brain tumors, and identifying the long-term consequences of these therapies on the normal brain and on a patient’s quality of life. The record of awards, honors, and grants that Lisa has received during and since college is too long to list, not to mention the number of research articles and book chapters that she has published (140+).

Lisa is married to Dr. Peter Okin, a cardiologist, and has two sons, Daniel and Stephen. She lives in New York City most of the time, but has a second home in Milford, Connecticut that she frequents during vacations, summers, and some weekends with her family. She remains connected to Hopkins and attends the annual New York City Alumni/ae Gathering each year. We are honored to have her return to the School on Reunion weekend, when she will receive the 2008 Distinguished Alumna award.

Dr. Lisa DeAngelis ’73
2008 Distinguished Alumna
See You on the Green...Save the Date

The Eighth Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament is an Alumni/ae Association sponsored event with all proceeds benefiting the Alumni/ae Association Scholarship Fund at Hopkins, established in 2006. All members of the Hopkins community are invited to participate in the tournament, held on Monday, May 19, 2008.

Last year’s tournament raised more than $50,000 for the Fund, helping to bring its balance to $91,865 at June 30, 2007. With the help of our generous sponsors and participants, we are hoping to do even better this year. Golfer registration is $175 for each player and many sponsorship levels are available.

Tournament contests include: longest drive, closest to the pin, and putting. Many prizes are awarded throughout the day, from a “hole-in-one car” to tickets to sporting events and gift certificates to gourmet restaurants. Register online at www.hopkins.edu/alumni/events or email golftournament@hopkins.edu for more information.

Your gift to the Annual Fund is a testament to the belief that a Hopkins education can be a powerful catalyst in changing young people’s lives. Help us reach our $1,400,000 goal before the fund closes on June 30th! For secure on-line giving, please visit www.hopkins.edu and click on Quick-Links to access the online giving form. Or you can call Lauren Reichart, Director of Annual Giving at 888.447.1660 x428.

It All Started at Hopkins

One certainty is that my experience at Hopkins was definitely an essential component in whatever later life successes I enjoyed. For me, it all started at Hopkins. The lessons I learned from many superb teachers in the classroom and coaches on the athletic fields plus the normal daily interaction with my fellow students have stayed with me since 1959. As Hopkins students (we did not know it then), we enjoyed the support of others who have given to the School. Every generation benefits from the generosity of those who came before, and we were no different. —Michael Wilder ’59

ALUMNI/AE LEGACIES

Hap Perkins ’74
James Perkins ‘08
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Emma Fox ‘08
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Cyvia Russian Peters ’52 (not pictured) is the mother-in-law of Jean Koh Peters ’75 and the grandmother of Elizabeth Peters ’08.

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1932
DAY
We are sorry to report the death of Laura Kautz Phipps who died on August 15, 2007. We send our condolences to her family.

1933 | 75th Reunion
Please mark your calendars for the 75th Reunion of Mrs. Day’s School, PHS and HGS classes on Saturday, May 10, 2008.

1938 | 70th Reunion
Please mark your calendars for the 70th Reunion of Mrs. Day’s School, PHS and HGS classes on Saturday, May 10, 2008.

PHS
We recently learned of the death of Bethsabe “Beppe” P. Nelles Asenjo on February 23, 2007. She worked in Washington DC as an editor for a weekly journal of the American Association for the Advancement of Science before moving with her husband, Florencio, and son, Julian, to Pittsburgh PA. She and her husband traveled throughout Europe and she often assisted him in his writings. Her husband reflects, “She was a loving, generous, intelligent and exceptional person.” We send our sympathy to Florencio and to their family.

Mark your calendars for the 70th Reunion of the PHS Class of ’38 at Hopkins on Saturday, May 10, 2008.

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Joe McCormick was featured by the Danville IL Public Library and WILL-TV in a television program honoring area veterans from World War II. These interviews of area veterans will be shared with the Library of Congress Veterans History Project. Joe was a translator and worked with the French Underground. The French recognized his efforts on their behalf and bestowed a Diplôme to acknowledge his service. Joe Fitzgerald writes: "After 30 years in the insurance field and 20 years in the real estate business, I’m embarking on another field, Master Gardener. This fall I will be taking a course at the Connecticut Experiment Station. It must be something I learned at Hopkins—keep learning." Plan to attend the 70th Reunion of the HGS Class of ’38 on Saturday, May 10, 2008 at Hopkins.

1941
HGS
Rodney Mills reports: “After 48 years in our Bethesda home, Marion and I have moved to an excellent retirement community only 45 minutes from where we were. We are both well and very active.”

1943 | 65th Reunion
DAY
Anne Suttie Murdock is spending lovely summers travelling through New England, visiting her children and grandchildren. At home, she is involved in many volunteer activities. As a member of a seniors’ canoe club, she paddles, bikes, hikes and cross country skis. She is looking forward to a trip to Greece with this group and writes, “Greece is a first for me, but alas, the trip will make me miss Reunion.” Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the 65th Reunion of the Day Class of ’43 on Saturday, May 10, 2008 at Hopkins.

HGS
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By the time you read this note, those still-standing members of the HGS class of 1943, our small part of the rag-tag tail of the greatest generation who were fortunate enough to have parents who suspected that we were “hopeful youths,” will be aware of the great loss we have suffered with the passing of our former class secretary, Rev. Richard Mather Mapes. Our small number has further been depleted by the loss of two college roommates, Dana French and Paul MacCready, in addition to Tom Amatruda, Bill Bradley, Heinz Lenz, Ed Miller, Dave Owen, John Pellegrini, Gordon Raynor, and George Reyercraft since our 60th Reunion in 2003. Bill Healey and I have agreed to take on the mechanics of the class secretary job, knowing full well that it would be impossible to even approach filling Rick’s shoes. So here is the news: Charlie Peters reports: “Bety Ann and I moved to Brevard NC in 1991. She retired and I moved my consulting engineering practice here. We built our dream house that we designed. Cancer got her in 2000. In 2002 I sold our house and moved to the city. I still practice engineering and am active in the local Democratic party. I get to New Haven about every two to three years and plan to do it this year.” Charlie would like to organize a regional club so please contact him if you live in western North Carolina. Bill Healey reports that he has five children. Two of his sons graduated from Hopkins: William Healey ’51 HGS and David Healey ’52 HGS. Dr. Ned Goodrich published his first book, ‘Your Stomach is a Lie!’ in 2006. Let’s get together at our 65th Reunion at Hopkins on Saturday, May 10, 2008 and please make a special effort to attend the memorial gathering at 11:30 a.m. (before the alumni/ae luncheon) when we will remember our deceased classmates. Bill and I look forward to seeing you!

1944
HGS
Harvard Divinity School announced the newly endowed Richard Reinhold Niebuhr Professorship in Divinity, which was established in honor of Richard Niebuhr. The professorship is intended to advance research and thinking on contemporary Christianity, ethics and society. Congratulations, Richard!

1945
DAY
Anne Wallace Dayton reports: “I took a remarkable trip to Thailand in April 2007; moved September 15, 2007 to Catoctin Creek Village which is a co-housing community on 160 acres,
much of which is common land set aside for conservation—‘we think Green!’ Development was instigated by my older daughter, Lauranne, and her husband Kevin Oliveau. I live with them and Alexandra (14 1/2) and Kathryna (13). I am currently recuperating from total knee replacement. I have two sons, two daughters, 3 grandsons, and 3 granddaughters.”

**HGS**

Walker Heap writes that he is long retired from his orthopedic practice. “We spend most of our time at our Watertown NY home and the month of August at the old family summer home in Maine. We are in touch with a few classmates but would love to hear from other members of the class of 1945.”

**1946**

**DAY**

Jane Reeves Kahl passed away on May 22, 2007. We send our condolences to her daughter, Barbara Kozelka.

**HGS**

Dr. Gordon MacKay Goodrich died Friday, December 14, 2007, at his home. After Hopkins, Gordon graduated from Yale University in 1950 and served in the US Navy from 1950 to 1955 during the Korean Conflict aboard the USS Monterey (CVL-26) as a line officer. He graduated from Temple University School of Dentistry in 1959 and practiced in Prospect from 1959 to 2007. His was the first dental practice in Prospect. He was a member of the Second Company Governor’s Foot Guard and played with the Second Company Band. He was also a member of the Cheshire Community Band. Gordon is survived by his loving wife of 49 years, Barbara; two sons, Douglas of Oakland CA and James and his wife Erin of Palo Alto CA and their two sons Parker and Greyson; a daughter, Dr. Laurie Goodrich and her husband James Terrell of Bellevue CO; a brother, Dr. Ned Goodrich ‘43, of Ardmore PA, a niece and several nephews. We send our sympathy to the Goodrich family.

**1947**

**HGS**

Larry Murphy wrote from Rockland ME to say that he still loves his Hopkins memories. Bob Reich and his wife, Norma, report that they are still doing the same things they have done year after year and reflect that, “When you get to be our age, even that is news.” They continue to visit family in the summer, traveling extensively by train and, when at home, they play the organs at several churches and sing in a madrigal group. “Perhaps in two years I will finally retire from the organ company. Nevertheless, in most ways we are happy and healthy and plan to continue living as we are for the foreseeable future.”

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**1948 | 60TH REUNION**

Please mark your calendars for the 60th Reunion of the Day, PHS and HGS classes of ’48 on Saturday, May 10, 2008 at Hopkins.

**PHS**

Deborah Scott Stewart writes: “Sadly, my dear husband, Jack Stewart, died on June 20, 2007 of pneumonia following an operation. His ashes are buried at his beloved White Mountain home in New Hampshire.” We send our sympathy to Deborah and her family. Please mark your calendars for the 60th Reunion of the PHS Class of ’48 on Saturday, May 10, 2008.

**HGS**

David Seccombe reported that his photographs, titled "Modern Consumption," were exhibited at OK Harris Works of Art Gallery in New York City, October and November 2006. We hope to see you on Saturday, May 10 for the 60th Reunion of the HGS Class of ’48.

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**1949**

**DAY**

Carol Hoover writes: “I spend summer months in New York City and winter, November through May, at our house in Florida.” Semi-retired from computer software programming, she travels to Europe for three weeks every August.

**HGS**

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Last fall, Hopkins honored the 60th anniversary of the founding of the Harmonaires. Two of our classmates, Angus MacArthur and Bob Miles, together with the director, Alden Hammond ’39, were instrumental in the creation of the group in 1947. Other classmates who were members include Mitchell Strickler, Ed Jordan, Blair Hostetler, Guido Calabresi and Dick Chase. Ed Onofrio ’50, Jim Bowers ’50 and Dick Levin ’50, while not members of our class, were also in the group according to a picture in our yearbook. Right below this picture was one of the Senior Glee Club, which was a rather large group with most classes represented. If anyone has additional information about the Harmonaires, please let me know and I’ll share it with you in my next newsletter. Ed Jordan and Mitchell Strickler attended the anniversary celebration and, according to Mitchell, it was a nice affair. I’m sure you all recently received the Annual Report of Giving. I was very pleased with the number of donors to the fund. If my memory is still good, and I’m not sure of that, 14 contributing classmates was a new high for us. Next year, we celebrate our 60th Reunion on May 9, 2009, I hope everyone will start planning now to attend this event. It would be nice for the class to increase our Annual Fund contributions next year.

**1950**

**PHS**

We are sorry to hear of the death of Dr. H. Bradford Westerfield, husband of Carolyn Hess Westerfield. We send our condolences to Carolyn and their family.

**HGS**

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Emmett Spillane received a Golden Crown Award at the 40th Annual Awards dinner of the Stratford Old Timer Athletic Association. We are sorry to report that Bill Ryder passed away this past year. We send our condolences to his family.

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1951

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Amazing, but it all started at our 55th Reunion of PHS (held at Hopkins) when the five of us reunioners plus one spouse wistfully said, “Couldn’t we get together somewhere else and just have our own gathering?” Out of that grew a very splendid event that Gladys, Mary and Sukie organized for us in Newport RI over the weekend of Sept 21–23, 2007. The out-of-towners stayed at a nearby motel and the rest trekked in from neighboring communities. There was a warm-up cocktail hour on Friday at Mary and Pro’s followed by dinner at the Atlantic Beach Club, an independent tour of some of the mansions on Saturday and a box lunch at The Elms. This was followed by a wondrous spread that night at Gladys and David’s on their patio at sunset and then indoors. On Sunday, we enjoyed a brunch at Sukie’s in Westport MA. You could get there in five minutes by crow but had to drive 30–40 minutes via north-south routing. The weather was perfect, friends wonderful to see and all would agree that it was terrific to be there together. Those who could attend (all others who wanted to but couldn’t were greatly missed) were: Sukie Hilles Bush, Elizabeth DeVane Edminster, Betty Smith Hennessey, Susan Myers Jacobs, David and Gladys Boyzan Lavine, Pro and Mary Breck Lyon, Ann Hutchinson MacQuarrie, Ira and Ann Coleman Mandelbaum, Paul and Susan Adams Mott, M’Lou Johnson Pinkham, Robert and Lee Blanchard Seniff, Janie Karlsruher Shedlin and Chuck and Joan Haskell Vicinus. Harriet Tittle from the Foote School also attended the Saturday events and the brunch on Sunday at Sukie’s. I don’t think we dwelt heavily on past remembrances. None of this “I remember the time when…” It was just a warm gathering of like-minded friends getting in touch with today, with our current lives and enjoying a companionship that was bred 50+ years ago. Lovely.

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There are a few bits of information about classmates gleaned from my calls on behalf of the Annual Fund in October. I regret that I couldn’t reach more of you that day. Paul Brown works two days a week at the golf course and plays three days a week. He is writing articles for flying magazines about his war experiences. Leo Schutte, a retired teacher, has three grandchildren. Don Scott is setting up a center to match volunteers with non-profit organizations needing help. He serves as the stewardship and planned giving director at his church. The Lunch Bunch met again in November. The attendees were “the usual suspects”—Bill Harkness, Hank Maretz, John Sutton, Dick Wilde and Art Zollin. It was a great pleasure to welcome “first timer” Sam Velleca, whom some of us hadn’t seen since 1951. At lunch, Dick told us about his recent activities. Last summer he and Carla traveled to South Africa with the 205-member Yale Alumni Chorus. The group performed singly and in concert with more than 700 South African musicians in formal and informal concerts in Johannesburg, Pretoria, Port Elizabeth, Grahamstown and Capetown. Also, the Chorus raised money for the All Saints Blind Choir of Pretoria, the Ubuntu Education Fund of Port Elizabeth (which helps to educate children from families decimated by HIV/AIDS) and the Simon Estes Musical High School in Capetown. They donated more than 100 musical instruments to the Youth Program of the Eastern Cape Philharmonic Orchestra in which up to twelve children share one instrument. They visited the Apartheid Museum and several black townships including Soweto, the site of Nelson Mandela’s former home, and they attended a lecture by Dr. Alex Boraine of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Dick said, “While the scenery and the wild animals were spectacular, we were most deeply touched by the spirit of the South African people, white, black and colored, who have come together peacefully after the ruthless and brutal apartheid era ended in the early 1990’s.” Dick also informed us that in June 2008, the Discovery TV Channel will air a six-part series entitled “Moon Machines,” which will tell the stories of the people who participated in the designing, building, and operating the various spacecraft that took the Apollo astronauts to the Moon. Dick was the chief systems engineer for Hamilton Standard’s life support system in the Grumman-built lunar module and, in the Discovery series, he will share some personal accounts, including the role that system and vehicle played in returning Apollo 13’s crew safely to earth. If you have some interesting stories to tell—or even if you’d just like to eat and listen—please join us for our next lunch. Contact me for date, time and place.

Merritt Clark and John Noonan attended the New York Hopkins Alumni/ae gathering in December, meeting Head of School Barbara Riley, several teachers and trustees as well as a very impressive group of new and old alumni/ae.

1953 | 55th Reunion

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This has been a year of celebrations for many of our classmates, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversaries as well as 50th college reunions. When I look at what all of us are doing, we are still pretty active—no rocking chairs for us. Margot Hunter Maddox and Steve celebrated their 50th anniversary in Salzburg and then again in July when their family joined them for a bike ride, a fundraiser for a local hospital. They are still hiking, biking and skiing. They also spent a week in New Orleans with Habitat for Humanity rehab-
Otto ’53 PHS and their husbands enjoy a lunch together during the Christmas holidays.

Ginny Carter Lombardi ’53 PHS and Sheila Stevens Otto ’53 PHS and their husbands enjoy a lunch together during the Christmas holidays.

Difficult to believe, but our 55th Reunion takes place in May 2008. Preceding it on Friday evening there will be a dinner at the home of Linda and Dante DeDominicis in Cheshire CT. This is a thoroughly delightful event that, thanks to our hosts, has become something of a class tradition. The New Haven contingent—Connor, Maffeo, Massay, Shanley, Sochrin, Crisco—in addition to Dante will, I’m sure, be in attendance. We hope to see as many others as can make it including such “newcomers” to Reunions as Ron Olslund, Joel Smith and Phil Wedemeyer, who have reconnected in the past year and Ken Paul, who joined us at our 50th. Aldo Malavase writes: “I am still playing softball, moved to 70+ bracket and won our first tournament beating Rhode Island, Syracuse and London, Ontario for the title. I had my prostate removed “Da Vinci method” and only missed three weeks of golf and softball. I’m still driving a bus for medical and indigent people, traveling some but not extensively—mostly East Coast. I hope to see you all in May.” Joel Smith wrote recently, reporting that he and Gloria are planning a trip to Italy and mentioning (with paternal pride) that his eldest son, Marc, is assistant chief of the Environment and Natural Resource Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. William Geenty writes: “On December 1, our son, Terence, and his wife, Maile, had their second child, Emma. We will be visiting them in Evanston in February. We visited our daughter, Jean Shannon, in Hawaii in July ’07. Still enjoying retirement after ten years.” Bob Hitt and Wally Meyer were the other correspondents. Bob continues to suffer the effects of his misspent youth; this year he has had both a hip and a knee replaced, adding to three prior joint replacements. He said, “This will give me both knees, both hips replaced, adding to three prior joint replacements. I expect to see you all in May.”

Margot DeNoyon Saadeh continues to spend half her time in Simsbury CT and the other half in Saudi Arabia, where George is still working. How wild is that?! Karen Johnson Whyte reports that the move out of their house into an apartment has been wonderful. Lightening the load of possessions has given her such a feeling of serenity! Their new neighbors form an active community so she and Robert are happy to have made some nice new friends. Karen mentioned that she swears she saw Brenda on the Antiques Roadshow, when it was in Houston, asking about a pendant in a juried show in Houston.”

Margie de Forest Haight. Hope to see you there.

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1954

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The PHS class of 1954 is close to 54 years out and forging ahead nicely. Brenda Herrington Isle is one of the premier forgers, as she continues to teach ice-dancing—she has had two teams take first place in adult nationals in the past few years! Brenda says: “I’m still metal-smithing away and have a pendant in a juried show in Houston.” Brenda is expecting her second grandchild in Wilmington DE and enlists those of us whose children live close by. Sally Osterweiss Kopman reports that her life goes on as usual with Charlie still practicing law full-time. Reflecting on the recent news of Deborah Paradise Custer’s death, Sally reported that Debby was her very best friend at Miss Lum’s Nursery School way back in the 1930’s. PHS class of 1954 is close to 54 years out and forging ahead nicely. Brenda Herrington Isle is one of the premier forgers, as she continues to teach ice-dancing—she has had two teams take first place in adult nationals in the past few years! Brenda says: “I’m still metal-smithing away and have a pendant in a juried show in Houston.” Brenda is expecting her second grandchild in Wilmington DE and enlists those of us whose children live close by. Sally Osterweiss Kopman reports that her life goes on as usual with Charlie still practicing law full-time. Reflecting on the recent news of Deborah Paradise Custer’s death, Sally reported that Debby was her very best friend at Miss Lum’s Nursery School way back in the 1930’s. Margot DeNoyon Saadeh continues to spend half her time in Simsbury CT and the other half in Saudi Arabia, where George is still working. How wild is that?! Karen Johnson Whyte reports that the move out of their house into an apartment has been wonderful. Lightening the load of possessions has given her such a feeling of serenity! Their new neighbors form an active community so she and Robert are happy to have made some nice new friends. Karen mentioned that she swears she saw Brenda on the Antiques Road Show, when it was in Houston, asking about a chest her mother had bought in New Haven many years ago! Was Karen correct, Brenda? Vicki Meeks Blair-Smith in her role as intrepid sleuth has sent me a fine report about Franny Salter McElheny. Franny has fully recovered from a 1999 heart attack and continues to do special education tutoring in Brookline. With her retired husband, Ken, she also takes care of two tiny grandchildren one or more days each week. An exhausting pleasure, I’m certain! Vicki herself forges on in her own amazing way, having recovered from her broken arm. She is into her tenth year as technical services librarian at the Dennis Public Library, where she is overworked due to a too tiny staff. Also, she oversees SLOWDOG (Sunrise Living Opportunities for the Working Dog), her retirement home for her daughter’s aging Alaskan huskies. She gets in as much kayak-
ing, biking and swimming as her old body will allow. She recently found some fine genealogical data on her ancestors! Carolyn Bakke Badian and her husband spent three months living in their cottage in Albert’s home village in the Mountain Province in the Philippines, bonding with the extended Badian clan. They were thrilled to have all the immediate family from New York and Massachusetts with them there for Christmas. What a feat!

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David Lindskog reported that he talks periodically with Curt Cobb, who is freezing in some small town in Minnesota.

1955

HGS

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As these notes will indicate, leisure traveling and family are important items for the class of 1955. While Jackie and Ed Keeley thoroughly enjoy living in Hilton Head, they have managed to spend considerable time abroad. Ed writes that they spent a month visiting Peru, Chile, Argentina and Uruguay on an extended cruise. Their itinerary included trips to Machu Picchu and Paragoria in addition to an exploration of the coast line of Antarctica. They anticipate a trip to London for a week of immersion in the world of London Theater. Ed invites Hopkins snowbirds who are driving I-95 to take a break and visit them. Susan and Tom Young spend their winters at their West Coast home just outside of Seattle. In the summer, they live in their East Coast home in Sheffield MA. The Seattle home is a great excuse to spend the entire winter with their five grandchildren. During their last trip to the Northeast, they dined with Bea and Woolsey Conover and reminisced about the 1954 football team of which Woolsey was the center and Tom was the quarterback. Woolsey reports that he and Bea spend most of their summers on Squam Lake and all HGS ’55 members are welcome to stop by. Their oldest son is currently on leave teaching physics at Colby College and is on assignment at the National Science Foundation in Arlington VA. Their youngest son is director of spiritual life at Beloit College in Beloit WI. They have a total of four grandchildren, ages 7 to 15. As you can imagine, grandchildren often become the focus for travel. Carol and Joe Gianelli travel often to Winchester MA to visit their son, Jeffrey Gianelli ’80, and their three grandchildren. Joe’s daughter, Leslie Gianelli ’79, is an attorney and lives in Wallingford CT, just 500 yards from their residence. Judy and Bob Porter live in Wilmington NC and spend a great deal of time traveling, especially to visit their two daughters. One is a veterinarian in Lancaster OH and the other is the mother of their three grandchildren. John Lewis informed me that he and Gail spend a great deal of time in Maine. Every year, their entire family visits Kennebunkport for the Prelude Christmas (www.christmasprelude.com). John reports that going there has become a Christmas tradition for his family and it reminds him of what old time Christmas must have been like.

Pete Goldbecker, like many of our classmates, will head to Florida this winter and will celebrate his 70th birthday there. As season ticket holders for Virginia Tech football, Bev and I spent most of our fall weekends traveling up to Blacksburg and are looking forward to our third trip to Italy in March.

1956

HGS

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Sherin Reynolds writes: “More than forty years of practicing law full time was enough! With the exception of a few individual clients, I have retired from the law. I am trying a ‘second career’ in the real estate business in Boca Raton.” Sherin has three children, all in the restaurant business, and three beautiful grandchildren. He said, “Who knows what the future will bring? I look forward to the 50th and plan to be there. See you all then.”

1957

HGS

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The Class of ’57 celebrated their 50th Reunion in style with a wonderful turnout and extraordinary work by the Reunion committee. From hats to ties, we were in Hopkins attire. We thank all of the members of the committee—Skip Borgerson, Alan Cadan, Ed Cantor, Ford Daley, Dave Hungerford, David Opton, Dave Ryan, Joe Schwartz and Charlie Thompson. They are responsible for our outstanding participation percentage—98%, not 99% as quoted in the Annual Report (still a very impressive number); our terrific dollar total, $202,485; and a new permanently endowed fund, which will support faculty development. The spirit of collaboration was evident all year as the group began preparations in May of 2006 for an event that took place on May 12, 2007. Kudos all around. Further news includes a mini-Reunion with Steve Ziff who visited the Cadans’ the weekend of October 6. Many were able to attend and it was great to see Steve again. The class can take credit for coming together for these special events and demonstrating, yet again, that we are a class of leaders.

1958 | 50TH REUNION

Please mark your calendars for the 50th Reunion of the Day, PHS and HGS classes of ’58 on Saturday, May 10, 2008 at Hopkins.

DAY

Last June, Judy Field Gustafson and her husband, Joel, visited Susan Fennelly ’58 Day and her husband, Dr. Kenneth Minnick, at their home in...
Ashville NC. She remarked on Susan's workshop displaying her original tile designs, enjoyed the couple's floral and vegetable gardens and exchanged children and grandchildren stories. In June, Charles Thompson '57 HGS, Joel's cousin, and his wife, Kay, joined them to celebrate Joel’s 70th birthday and family reunion in Jekyll Island GA. “Travel is great in retirement!” Please mark your calendars for the 50th Reunion of the Class of ’58 Day on Saturday, May 10, 2008.

REUNION COMMITTEE MEMBERS
1958 HGS
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Five of us gathered at the Alumni/ae House (you would know it as Mr. Sherk's) to make plans for our 50th Reunion—Dick DeNicola, Jim DeLucia, Taber Hamilton, Dan Koenigsberg and John Schneider. We are hoping to collect "Life after Hopkins" stories and publish them for all to have at Reunion. A Friday night gathering is in the works too. We think that there will be a good turnout with the special treat of Les Wrigley (you remember that we were his first class) joining us to communicate with me. No handicapping coups because it's a terrific story and, second, as a reminder, to myself most of all, that there's only so much a parent can or has to do for their kids. Jim, it turns out, served in World War II, became a successful businessman and raised a large and accomplished family, one of whom, a son, became a prominent judge who related this story to me. The son who also went to PC was, I'm sure, transported there by his father. In order to avoid ramblings of this nature in future notes, the aged members of our esteemed class should send some real news.

1959
HGS
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Again, no real news from those of you who refuse to communicate with me. No handicapping coups from MacDonald, axe handle insights from Adams or ghostwritten novellas from Allen. Aside from the fact that Pepe's now has opened branches in Manchester and Fairfield, there's nothing I can offer from here in the Elm City. That being said, I shall nevertheless pass on a true story related by a friend about how his father, now almost 90, began his college career. Different, I'm sure, from the way we began and certainly much different from how we helped our children begin theirs. The student, then 18, was Jim. His father, Pat, was a traffic cop in New Haven. Jim had never traveled outside of the city. On the day before Jim was to enroll at Providence, he asked his father about transportation. How was he going to get there? Pat told him not to worry. "Pack your bags and I'll take care of it in the morning." Morning came and, bags in hand, Pat told his son, "Come with me." Jim, his transportation issue unresolved, dutifully walked behind his father to a downtown intersection. Pat told Jim to sit on the corner and wait. Jim sat and watched his father perform his constabulary responsibilities, stopping cars in one direction and ordering others on from another. Suddenly Pat spotted a car with a Rhode Island license plate. He blew his whistle and ordered the driver to the curb. What did I do, asked the nervous motorist, certain he would be ticketed. Not so fast, said Pat. Are you going near Providence? Yes, sir, I am, said the concerned driver. Well, said Pat, I'll let you go. Just take my son and drop him off at Providence College. The relieved motorist agreed, Pat waved his son over to the car and Jim put his suitcase in the back of the stranger's vehicle and Pat set his son off on a successful college career. I pass this along first, because it's a terrific story and, second, as a reminder, to myself most of all, that there's only so much a parent can or has to do for their kids. Jim, it turns out, served in World War II, became a successful businessman and raised a large and accomplished family, one of whom, a son, became a prominent judge who related this story to me. The son who also went to PC was, I'm sure, transported there by his father. In order to avoid ramblings of this nature in future notes, the aged members of our esteemed class should send some real news.

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Our class has a renewed energy for staying in touch following our highly successful 45th
Reunion at Hopkins in May 2007. Pat Gimbel Lewis’ daughter, Allie, was married in October 2007 to Todd Clapp in NYC with sister Pam Gimbel Lehman’s husband, Arnold, director of the Brooklyn Museum of Art, as the ‘perfect officiant.” “Allie is the deputy food editor of Everyday Food and is also a co-host of the weekly TV cooking show on PBS.” Terri Petrillo Connolly writes: “I retired from teaching in June and returned to teaching in September so I can’t even tell you how retirement is. Will try again this June.” Terri says all five children are doing well and one is working in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Ellen Patterson Brown plans to be in Chad for an additional two years while she also consults with Angolan projects by internet. Ellen Kuhbach Lucas reports a new addition to their family, a dachshund named Frankie. Ellen is a volunteer at the Annapolis Visitor Center and, after teaching high school French for many years, she enjoys using her French to welcome visitors. She also meets monthly with an Alliance Francaise group to converse in French about current events. A photo from Joya Granbery Holt showed her in a sporty motor boat, which could have been in the waters of either the Atlantic or Pacific, as she winters in California and summers in Newport RI. Congratulations to Rosalind Farmam Duddien, who published a book on library management in Sept 2007. You can access it at amazon.com under author search. Rozie has been a medical librarian for 35 years and is at the National Jewish Medical and Research Center in Denver. Don’t miss her panoramic photo of the Rockies posted on her web site. (http://roz.dudden.com) Suzie Ferguson Nicolino writes that she and Rocky Morton Mitchell saw each other in fall 2007 in Martha’s Vineyard. Judy Parker Cole reports that son, Stephen, was admitted to the Massachusetts bar recently where he is a patent (IP) attorney at Proskauer Rose in Boston. Judy’s other son, Alex, works as an epidemiologist for Genzyme Corp in Cambridge. She says, “As a widow and one who has grown to enjoy the independence of the single life, I nevertheless feel fortunate to be so ground- ed with both sons and two grandchildren living nearby.” Mae Hultin is studying Spanish intensively in hopes of living in an immersion setting abroad soon. Her son, Eric, is a student at SUNY Purchase, and daughter, Julie, is working in DC. Fabric artist Lucia Urban Bakewell and husband, Charlie, of Charlottesville VA visited art museums in Baltimore this fall. She wrote, “Interesting how we all think of each other more often now that we are aware of the shortness of life—would love to see you all!” Lucia, getting together more often than every five years works for me, and we missed seeing you and others who couldn’t come to New Haven last May. Any suggestions, classmates?

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Tom Fiorito writes: “In September, my son, Tommy, was married to Stephanie Busque and is living in Zurich, where he is practicing radiology. Tommy did his residency at Yale. A junior at Darien high school, my youngest daughter, Caitlin, and I visited them last February and did a little skiing in the Swiss Alps. My older daughter, Christina, is engaged to be married this June to Steve Bruno. Tina and Steve are living in Ridgefield CT in a home they just built. They were both money managers in NYC and are now starting up their own hedge fund. After years in the investment banking and money management businesses, I have started a sports video production company that provides filming and post-production services to most of the prep schools in CT, all the high schools in Fairfield County and private schools in Westchester County and Southern Massachusetts. I’m having fun with this and we’re growing fast.” Frank Carrington reported: “We now have three grandchildren: Christopher Jr. (Chase), Carrington Elizabeth Bernabei and Camilla Kemp Carrington. Guess the name will go on. We enjoy the majority of holidays together, considering Chris and the two young uns are in North Carolina. Each fall we all get together in Nantucket for several weeks. We have not been back to Hopkins for a while but we plan definitely to make #50. I’m still in active practice of internal medicine in Agawam MA but for the last five years have been living in Bethany CT—the old homestead. Commute only once a week now and work three long days. Carolyn and I have completed 42 years of marriage and still going. Only classmates we’ve seen have been Tom Fiorito and John Amatruda recently through Yale reunion events.” Kerry Triffin writes: “My mom, Lois, celebrated her 90th birthday by riding on a horse down into Havasu Canyon, hiking and camping out. My older daughter, Molly, works as an editor for Kate White at Hearst Publications (Cosmopolitan) in New York and lives in the West Village. My younger daughter, Emily, is back from a couple of long stays in Brazil, working at Bespoke, doing yoga and building her circle of friends. My wife, Liz, and I continue to exercise our creative energies in our emporium of furniture and home furnishings—Fairhaven Furniture, the Alternative Home Store. Congratulations to Denis Tippo, who was recently named assistant men’s lacrosse coach for Sewance, The University of the South. Gordon McAleer attended the annual Hopkins reception at the Yale Club in New York City in December. “I enjoyed meeting Head Barbara Riley and several faculty members and seeing so many young graduates and professionals.” Gordon said that about ten years ago he was hiking in the Adirondacks with friends on a chilly October day and, incredibly, happened to run into Dana Blanchard ’63 HGS and faculty member and his wife on a remote trail. They hiked the rest of the day together and Dana entered his contact information in the Hopkins alumni data bank. “I had lost contact with Hopkins for several years, and it was great to reconnect. Thanks, Dana!” Gordon has completed 30 years of hospital administration as CEO of
b) that we are very, very grateful that bones eventually heal. Mary has returned to work and is running a book club that is meaningful and pleasurable for her at the library for the Jacksonville community. I’m “back in the saddle” (but not on the bike seat, you can be sure!) once again getting out there to speak at frequent conferences about sensory processing disorder in young children. Pat Fiorito Oakes relishes being single and isn’t yet bored with her own company! She moved out of her home of 27 years and “couldn’t be happier” in her new place. As you read in our letter cauling you to attend Reunion, Pat and I marvel at the paths taken and not taken in our lives. When we were 17 or 18, who could have predicted where we would be today, philosophically, physically, spiritually, politically and so forth! Wouldn’t it be fun to catch up in real life? Our 45th Reunion is Saturday, May 10, 2008. Let’s go!

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Arthur Bogen writes: “I will be in Greece at the time of the Reunion. I’m presenting a paper and am invited to speak at the Fourth International Brownfields Conference. I am very busy working on several large projects for manufacturing clients and a number of Connecticut municipalities. I have three grandchildren, live in the beach in Milford and relish the long peaceful walks. I took up golf this year to go along with modest yoga practice to keep active and healthy. I feel very fortunate and hope you are well and busy.”

Gordon Allen and his wife, Penny, are ‘semi-retired’ and living by the Bay on Cape Cod. Penny is an instructional technology teacher at the Chatham Elementary School and he has been an educational assistant at the Nauset Regional Middle School. They have spent recent summers traveling to the UK, France and the southern US including the Camino de Santiago in Spain in 2004 and from Nagasaki to Hiroshima as a part of Stonewalk Japan in conjunction with the 60th anniversary of the atomic bombings of those cities in 2005. In 2006, I took a break from walking and paddled a kayak I built from Bellows Falls VT to the mouth of the Connecticut River in Old Saybrook. Life is full and good. John Walker rode his bike from San Diego to Illinois this past year and is hoping to complete a coast to coast bike trip next summer. He reports, “Retirement agrees with me so far.”
1970

HGS

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Congratulations to Stephen Kasowitz on the birth of his first grandson, Jake Lian, to his daughter Rachell. Carl Pantaleo is teaching high school at Wilbur Cross in New Haven. Carl and his wife, Betsy, reside in Branford CT.

1971

DPH

Cheryl Brown Wattley has moved from Dallas TX to Oklahoma where she is teaching at the University of Oklahoma Law School. Patti Clark Nietsch and her husband, Eric, are the proud parents of two children. Their son, Eric, is a junior at Colgate and their daughter, Katrina, is a plebe at the United States Naval Academy. Go Navy!! Robin Hall Jordan’s daughter is a freshman at the College of William and Mary. Her son is a sophomore in high school and is active in the Boy Scouts. Robin and her husband are also involved in the Boy Scouts and “are busy gardening, traveling and having fun.”

1972

HGS

Peter Ives and his wife, Patricia, reside in Santa Fe NM. Peter is an attorney for the Trust for Public Land in New Mexico and they have three children. Sarah is a student at the University of New Mexico, Carolyn is a high school senior and the president of the student body. Carolyn is also the New Mexico cross-country champion. Their son, Patrick, is a high school freshman.

1973 | 35TH REUNION

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Nestor Cybriwsky and his wife, Anne, happily announce that their son, William, has been accepted to the B.S. program at Columbia School of Engineering. John Lipsky writes: “Despite ending my ‘medical career’ by nearly failing freshman chemistry at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and with a brief side-line stint in TV production working for PBS on a camera crew there for a year, I’ve now been running the family gas chromatography business back in Connecticut for the last 20 years. We are enjoying success in our small company by selling specialized chromatography products internationally to a wide range of chemical and industrial markets. Who knew I’d end up in chemistry anyway and also learning international business by the seat of my pants. My daughter is about to graduate from Wheaton College with a double major in psychology and Spanish. My son is about to graduate from Hamden High School and is looking forward to going to Northeastern in engineering—maybe. My step-daughter has just gotten her driver’s license and needs a GPS system so she doesn’t get lost—although that’s quickly improving. I live in Orange with my wife, Nora, who is a comptroller for a company in East Haven. I’ve become an accomplished potter, throwing high fire stoneware for the last 28 years. Clay is now in my blood. I was a studio potter at Creative Arts Workshop in New Haven for a ten year period and now have moved on to teaching at Wesleyan Potters in Middletown for the last ten years. I occasionally run into Rich Forselius, Craig Warren, Ned Leginsky and Peter Gadsky and have seen Bruce Mancheski and Phil Mancini but not for a while.” Please join the Hopkins Class of ’73 on May 10, 2008 when we will honor Dr. Lisa DeAngelis as the Hopkins 2008 Distinguished Alumna and celebrate our 35th Reunion.

1974

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Greetings. Well, it has been a slow news cycle for the Class of ’74. I am writing these notes in January for the spring publication of “Views from the Hill.” By the time of publication, it will be about a year until our 35th Reunion in May of 2009, so mark your calendars now and let’s try for a great turnout! I hope to hear from many of you in the coming months with news of your families, careers, interesting travels, mini-reunions with classmates or other news you’d like to share.

1975

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Hello Class of ’75! Happy 50th to all! I thank all who replied and I’ve some interesting tidbits to report. Eric Evans is running a small biotech company in Massachusetts and is maintaining homes in New York and Switzerland. Mark Murray writes that he has many “round numbers” happening: 25 years with United Technologies; 20 years happily married to wife, Holly; daughter, Amanda, turning 10; and “I’m turning 50 (but aren’t we all).” Congrats to Mike Landman, who ran in the Twin Cities marathon in Minneapolis over Columbus Day. He hopes to attend the Olympic Trials in Eugene OR in June/July and in Beijing in August. And to quote Mike: “Please note that I did not appreciate receiving my AARP card in the mail after my 50th birthday in July.” So sorry, Mike, but join the group. At least you’re running marathons! And so is Leah Chaet Vogel who wrote: “I’d like to think that running is keeping me young. I need to keep up with my teenage daughters who attend Amity.” Bruce Kohorn was surprised by Charley Johnson and Mika Wohl last spring when they attended their daughters’ graduation from Bowdoin. Bruce is a professor of biology at Bowdoin. Jan Krc is currently living in Budapest, Hungary, where he is a spokesperson at the U.S. Embassy. Ron Goodstein is doing engineering consulting work for a semiconductor startup company in the Boston area. Stu Gamm is a co-owner of CriticalEdge Group, a software consulting firm located in Hamden. Walt Russo reported the “end of an era—the last Russo at Hopkins has graduated.” Amelia is a freshman at Colorado College and her sister, Claire, is a junior at Brown. Their youngest, an eighth-grader, intends to work with cars—perhaps a mechanic or even a race-car driver! Walt is still on the fishing circuit with his latest quarry being the elusive Humboldt Squid off the coast of Northern California. And yours truly, here at my desk in the Walter Camp Athletic Center, continues to watch Hopkins flourish and grow by leaps and bounds. My youngest will graduate from Union this June. Bye bye tuition!!!!

1976

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Gail Brundage comments: “For the first time in quite a while, the rest of this column will be a surprise to me!” Nancy Sloan Alchek has two sons who started Hopkins when they were in 7th grade and are currently in their sophomore and junior years and a daughter in 6th grade. “The boys love it and feel a strong bond with their peers and teachers. The inclusive culture of the school remains strong. My sons have teachers who were in the early phases of their careers when we were at the school: Dana Blanchard, Nancy Katsaros, Bill Ewen, and Peter Wells, who is now retired. It is a wonderful feeling when you see your children
deriving the same kind of gratification and fulfillment that we did when we were in high school!" Ellen Sherk Walsh and her husband, Nico, celebrated 25 years of marriage! Ellen enjoys riding her horse in the snow, while children, Jack, Willie and Phoebe, show their stuff! All of them are team Nordic skiers. Richard Bershtein writes, “I’m married to Chay and have three young sons, Richard, age 6, Hunter, age 3, and Dylan, age 1.” Tom Migdalski’s book, “Fishing Long Island Sound,” is due out in spring. His wife, Carol, works at Hopkins, managing the Hopkins Cafe and coaching the JV tennis team. She’s having fun! Daughter Maggie, 12, was a starter along with Gail Brundage’s daughter, Leslie, on the junior school field hockey team. They finished undefeated two years straight. It was wonderful to reconnect with classmates like Irwin Gelman at Reunion ’06. You’re all like siblings. There are many others that have filtered through the cracks. I received an unexpected email from Steve Albert but no further contact. Irwin relates: “I was a professional’ cantor at the Conservative Synagogue of Fifth Avenue in NYC for 20 years. Since then I’ve done some performances at synagogues for the High Holidays. I became an associate professor of microbiology and infectious diseases at Mount Sinai School of Medicine and now am at Roswell Park Cancer Institute in Buffalo, where I am vice-chair of cancer genetics. My oldest daughter, Audrey, a junior at Oberlin College, is doing a year-long internship with the Clinton political machine in DC. She digs media and politics. My younger daughter, Maris, is a high school junior in New York doing international non-profit service. She was in Thailand last summer helping Burmese refugees. She’s become a shutterbug like me.”

Nancy Ameen writes: “I went to our 25th Reunion and regret that I have lost touch with so many classmates. I can’t believe we are nearing 50. After many years as a Wall Street corporate lawyer, I’m in Bryn Mawr PA trying to re-invent myself as a part-time not-for-profit consultant and full-time mom of two.” Nancy added she would like to hear from her school chum, Amy Katz. David Stevens has a new debit-processing job with PSCU in Florida. He is still in Seattle, singing and sailing with his wife, Sharon. Son Dain is off to New Zealand to explore for three months. Rob Kenna and his clan are in Harvard MA. His son, Griffin, is singing while his daughter, Eva, plays the violin. Rob’s wife, Karen, teaches kindergarten after a 22-year ‘break.’ Son Patrick (22) graduated from Bates majoring in music and psychology and works at a software company in Boston. He is starting a band to play the circuit but keeping his day job. Daughter Katie is a junior at Wheaton College (IL) and Hannah is a freshman at UMass, while Peter and Eva ‘run’ the town high school. Rob continues as the product manager at Red Hat (software).

Our annual Super Sunday Phonathon was held on October 14, 2007. Pictured (l-r) are just a few of our dedicated volunteers: Alumnae Association President Ron Defini ’84, Pam Crawford Paulmann ’89, Brian Borgerson ’79, Diane Kolligian Shannon ’77, Gail Brundage ’76, and (seated) Jill Maconi Ciolino ’77.

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Physicist Emlyn Hughes moved from the physics department of Caltech to Columbia in the summer of 2006. David J. Keegan writes that he and his wife, Julie Ann, are the parents of John Thomas, born May 6, 2004. Rich Bernstein married at the end of May. His wife, Adriana, is a rheumatologist in Waterbury CT. He writes: “We had a small family wedding and then a party at due today. That news really doesn’t belong in the article so please spare yourselves (and me) in the future and send news. Jim Riley has been great about sending pictures and information about his adventure in Kwajalein Atoll in the Marshall Islands where he’ll be for the next two years. He is located 600 miles north of the equator and 838 miles west of the International date line. He’s been very busy at work but has found time to dive and has sent me some incredible photos of octopus, beautiful coral and lots of different fish. I also heard from Edgar Smith who is here in New Haven moving from his home near Hopkins to Edwards Street in the downtown area. Edgar married Margaret Jones in July 2007. His son, Emmet, is a junior at Yale. I corresponded briefly with Larry Einbinder, whom I hadn’t spoken with since our freshman year in college. He is married with children and living in Florida and appears to be doing well. Best of luck to Tim Lyons, who is looking at colleges with his oldest son. Eleni Pournaras Blakey says she’s sorry that she missed the 30th Reunion. She has three children and the oldest is attending USC in California. Eleni has been studying to obtain her master’s degree in acupuncture and will be starting a new career soon.

1977

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Hi everyone. I don’t have much news for this article, which I hope compels many of you to write. Remember, your classmates would love to hear from you. Since I didn’t get news from you, I’ve resorted to writing about the fact that I just returned home from the hospital because my 12-year-old son had an emergency appendectomy two nights ago (he’s doing fine) only to remember this article is...
our house, wonderfully catered by our classmate, Andrea Boissevain. My daughter, Alexis, is now 12. I am busy with my hand practice, much of our success is thanks to Mark Harrison’s help and advice. I have become involved nationally with the American Society with Surgery of the Hand, helping organize local education at Yale, mentoring programs for hand surgeons and chairing several different committees on a national level.” CJ Zilvetti reports that he is now a grandfather. His son, Jason, and his wife presented him with a grandson a year ago. Jason has worked with him at Morgan Stanley for the last four years and his daughter, Christy, graduated from Santa Clara University this year and moved to San Francisco to start a new job. He sends a special hello to Jim Lehman, Kevin Maloney, and Dale Caldwell and regrets that he will not be able to make the 30th Reunion as he will be in London. Steve Falcigno is enjoying Hopkins a second time with his son, Stephen ’12. Cornelia Sise Valdejuli and her husband, Raul, are relocating to New Haven to be closer to her aging parents. “This is possible as we are ‘empty nesting’ four years earlier than expected.” Their daughter, Cornelia, is a freshman at Goucher College studying pre-med/psychology and their son, Sam, is a freshman studying oboe and boarding at the Walnut Hill School for the Arts. She and Raul have been married almost three years and are avid road cyclists. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the 30th Reunion of the Class of ’78 on Saturday, May 10, 2008 at Hopkins.

1979

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Ken Yanagisawa writes: “Two of our kids are freshmen in college (daughter Katie at Yale and nephew Elliot at UConn), two sons, Michael and Mark, are in high school and two sons, Jonathan and Kevin, are in grade school. I was recently inducted into the Politer Society, an international otologic surgery society. My wife, Julia Shi, MD, was awarded the Nywander/Dole ‘Marie’ national award from the American Association for the Treatment of Opioid Dependence in recognition for extraordinary services in the field of opioid treatment.” Jerry Blair writes: “My son, Josh, age 13, is doing great in junior high school, where he just made the honor roll. He is an avid paintballer, soccer player and WWE fan. My latest talent discovery and management client, Mika, has sold four million worldwide, is the number one selling new artist of the year, won four world music awards and was just nominated for a Grammy award for his single ‘Love Today.’”

1980

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Greetings and thanks to all of you who contributed news for the column. One of the downsides to living in this Southern California outpost is that Hopkins news is difficult to come by. I did receive a call from John Crowley, then in Austin, TX. John was hearing about the wildfires hitting San Diego and called to check up on us. In fact, we were in the process of evacuating when he called. John shared that he was taking a different position with his company and would be relocating to Sweden. (As for us, no harm done by the fires.) Andy Lawson is a radiologist living in Woodbridge CT. He got out to New Mexico not too long ago and had dinner with Rusty Sacks, who is practicing law for the Navajo nation. Matt Frechette was recently appointed to the Connecticut Superior Court bench. Apparently, the question of who broke the cabinet door at the title of vice chairman of surgery and chief of pediatric urology there as well. I speak to him the following are just a few of the works the following are just a few of the works Nicky Dawidoff has been writing: “The Catcher was a Spy,” “The Mysterious Life of Moe Berg,” “In The Country of Country: A Journey to the Roots of American

1981

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I encourage all of you to go to the Hopkins website to see the latest happening at your alma mater. It is also a great opportunity to see how the school is developing. I know how busy life gets—especially the older the kids get. I recently received an e-mail from Rick Kleeman. After nearly 16 exciting years as a senior partner of Starwood Capital, he has decided to leave to start his own investment firm, Edgartown Capital Partners. I, Howie Krieger, recently took a family trip to Las Vegas with Kevin Piscitelli. I left with lighter pockets but well worth the trip. As for the kids, they really had a great time—got a great education in “billboard advertising” and other “forms.” Kevin and Chrissy are always great to travel with. Back in the fall, I had dinner with the Jim Passarelli and Mark Velice families—all doing well. Jim’s oldest daughter, Rachael, is attending Hopkins and loving it. I recently spoke with Susan Shelling, who has relocated with her family to Boca and doing great as well. Randy Harrison is busy with “the boys,” Alex, Blake and Chase (take note of the alphabetical sequence—is it humanly possible to get to “Zoro?”) Mark Kolligian is working like a dog at the All Children’s Hospital in Tampa FL. I also heard through a third party that Mark holds the title of vice chairman of surgery and chief of pediatric urology there as well. I speak to him often and they are doing well. Nicky Dawidoff returned to Hopkins in November to speak with Hopkins students. Nicky is an author specializing in non-fiction. In ’03 he was a nominated finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in biography or autobiography. The following are just a few of the works Nicky has written: “The Catcher was a Spy,” “The Mysterious Life of Moe Berg.” “In The Country of Country: A Journey to the Roots of American
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1982

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Noted somewhat belatedly, a great time was had by all at the Class of ’82’s Reunion last May. It was great to catch up with so many classmates! Making it all the way from southern California, Preston Brooks reported that he’s living his life’s dream, starring in his own version of “LA Law.” A high-powered attorney at Cox Castle & Nicholson, Preston and his beautiful wife, Seeley, are raising their two kids, Nicholas (11) and Phoebe (8), in the Los Angeles area. Tim Crosby is based in Seattle. A Farm to Cafeteria director, he helps develop new business opportunities to provide more locally grown food to nearby markets. He writes, “I have a lovely wife, Shelly, and two gorgeous girls, Carolyn (11), and Lilly (7).” On a sad note, we extend our profoundest condolences to Tim and his entire family over the death of his father, Sumner McK. Crosby, Jr., a longtime Hopkins trustee who passed away in January. Also traveling to Reunion from our West was Ellen Wolfson. Having earned her Ph.D. in theater, Ellen is immersed in the world of drama in Boulder CO, which she confirms is a pretty great town. Others came from points south. A life of the party at the Reunion, of course, was John Fezza, who came with his lovely wife, Heidi. John is a top ophthalmologist in Sarasota FL. He said of their three boys, Blake (10), Reed, (8) and Tyler (age unspecified), “They rock!” Holly Lynch Evans and her husband, Woody, are living in Alexandria VA with their children Anna (8) and Will (6). Holly is a government relations strategist with her own business lobbying Capitol Hill and government agencies. Also traveling from the nation’s capital was Bruce Gifford. Bruce, his wife, Barbara, and their son, Oliver, live in the DC area, where Bruce owns and manages his own advertising agency. New Yorkers attending the Reunion included Victor Pardi, who lives in Pound Ridge and maintains a Greenwich-based practice as orthodontist to the rich and famous or at least to those of them without perfect sets of choppers. He also is an assistant clinical professor at Columbia University’s division of orthodontics and the proud winner of the single-judge Reunion contest for best-dressed member of the Class of 1982 to actually show up 25 years later! Joining him at the Reunion was fellow Columbia professor, the master chemist, Jim Leighton. Also making it to the

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Rumor has it Jim Buca is retiring. I’ve also heard that Seth Stier is a banker in Boston and David Amendola’s doll house business is thriving! One or more of these things may not be true. But you will have to attend the Reunion to find out all the news first hand (and the fact that only two people sent me any news) but I will pass on what was sent in. Katie Van Sinderen Tucker writes: “My husband, Walt, and I are doing well. We just returned from a mission trip to Israel—it was awesome. We have two daughters, and Laura, our 17-year-old, is getting ready to go to college next year—but I notice that some of my classmates are just now starting families! Hope to see everyone at Reunion!” David Keck writes: “The last few years I’ve been serving as the pastor of a small, struggling church here in Durham NC. We were not able to make a shift to a multicultural church but it looks like we were able to help start a Latino congregation. Next year, I’ll be working on a research project on how congregations can nurture their pastors. I’m enjoying being a soccer dad for Olivia (age 11) and Elijah (age 8). My wife, Karin, and I have been active in our neighborhood. We live with about 38 other households in a co-housing community with a common house, community garden and shared

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open space, and while it is wonderful, it is also a lesson in the fact that being a community is hard work.” Great job Dave! Mandy Burwell Young also directed me through an e-mail to visit her website www.thetoadhillfarm.com. It looks like a beautiful place to get married in New Hampshire. Philip Johnson reports: “I recently brought my eighth grade daughter up to Hopkins for the ‘Open House.’ It was great seeing many familiar faces including Lars Jorgenson ’82, Eric Mueller, Dana Blanchard ’63 and Bill Ewen. It’s hard to adequately describe the transformation of the campus. ‘Jaw-dropping’ might be close. Hannah and I watched the soccer game and I can say without pausing for one second they are much better at soccer than we were! I’m really looking forward to our reunion in the spring.” Well, the Reunion committee has been formed. If you havent heard from them yet, you will be hearing from them soon. We never thought it would be us all of a sudden it is us! We are now those “old” people soon. We never thought it would be us but all of them yet, you will be hearing from them soon. As Phil Johnson mentions ‘I am still in South Florida as I have been for almost 20 years—that is scary! I only left to go to law school in Chicago but had to come back to do my second year at U of Miami. I can’t stand the cold anymore! I have been married since ’95 to another Connecticut native—go figure—from Guilford. Rick and I have an eight-year old daughter, Sarah. She and I ride horses competitively in the show circuit (Hunter/Jumper) in Wellington FL and have both achieved champion status in our respective classes in several shows. Sarah will start lacrosse in January in a new kid’s league and I hope she excels! Profesionally, following law school graduation, I have been in the wireless telecom industry and have taken the many ups and downs in stride. For the last four years, I have been with Global Tower Partners and have grown the company from a three-person team to well over 120 today with a portfolio of over 9,000 sites. I have briefly crossed paths with Rick Kleeman ’81 as our company sought investors during our initial stages. I currently serve as vice president of contracts and am tasked with negotiating and maintaining all of our master lease agreements with all carriers (Verizon Wireless, AT&T Mobility, Sprint Nextel, T-Mobile, etc.) in addition to most of the daily legal functions, including acquisition with our corporate mergers and acquisitions department. Lots on my plate at any given time!” Thanks for the info Keil! And in the “We are really getting old category,” I would like to mention that Eve Harrison currently actually has a son, Joe Rosen ’13, attending Hopkins. Where have the last 25 years gone? I do know that it has been long enough for something interesting to happen to someone. So drop me a note any time, I would like to include it in our class notes before I have to start telling a few white lies. Thanks.

1985

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It seems that the theme for these notes is, “Boy, are we getting old!” Miriam Pelikan Pritinger wrote me an e-mail detailing her busy life as a professor at Hanover College. Hanover is a small liberal arts school and Miriam describes this as her “dream job.” She teaches Latin, Greek, ancient history and classical literature in translation and spends a lot of time working one-on-one with students. Miriam and her husband bought a house less than a mile from campus so she can walk to work most days. While they have no children, she says that her house is still full of “the pitter-patter of little feet” with her five indoor cats and four house rabbits. In August before school started, to help ease the blow of the “1st anniversary of my 39th birthday,” her husband, Laurence, took her to spend a week in the California wine country. She wrote that her students help to keep her young, even if it gives her severe pangs to realize that this year’s freshmen were born in 1988–89 when we were busy graduating from college! Amy Champagne Cartmell wrote that she and her husband, Matt, are realtors in Maine. Her eldest son, Matthew, just turned 16 and is in 10th grade and driving! Nicholas, Lindsay and Sarah are 13, 10 and 9, and they keep Amy and Matt very busy with their sports and activities. Marice Dorsey writes: “We’re still in Greenpoint. We were going to return to DC when my husband finished law school but he got a job he likes here so I guess we’re staying put for a while. I quit my job and started a doctoral program in statistics and our son, Eddie, started Montessori in Williamsburg. This summer I took a road trip with my son out to Iowa to visit my in-laws. On the way I got to visit with Christine Marino Litt and her family. Her mom, Gladys Marino, was there that week too. I’m sure most of the ’80-era alums remember her from the admissions office.” Wendy Merk Kopazna wrote: “My oldest is a freshman in high school and I am now the HR director for the Milford public schools. I love my job! I recently had lunch with Helen DeGennaro. I hadn’t seen her in years and we were able to catch up with each other. Speaking of catching up, thanks to my 15-year-old, I am on both My Space and Facebook, I just started the group, “Hopkins Class of ’85” on Facebook. Create an account (www.facebook.com for those of you who have no idea what I’m talking about) and join the group. Chris Beatty and Eagle Frechette are among those represented.” In November, Melissa Andrea O’Connell got together with Heather Wilson Quinn to celebrate their 40th birthdays. They reminisced about the good ole days, and how turning 16 had been such a big deal. Melissa and Heather both celebrated their birthdays in grand style. Heather went with ten friends from college to Puerto Rico for four days to relax on the beaches while Melissa spent a
night on the town in Philly with five of her friends, enjoying margaritas and staying up late at the Westin. They both agree that turning 40 wasn’t so bad after all. To top it all off, Heather also ran in Philly’s half-marathon just one day before she hit the big 4-0. Pretty impressive, I must say. Melissa completed a 5K this year, which was quite an accomplishment! Thanks again to those of you who wrote in.

1986

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Hello Classmates. If you currently are not receiving e-mails from Hopkins, you can update your e-mail address and join the Hopkins online community at www.hopkins.edu. You can also send alumni news throughout the year to Hopkins or to me at the above e-mail address. I received class news from Nushin Ghofrany Sayfie who reported: “I was recently appointed to a Circuit Court judgeship in Miami by Governor Charlie Crist. I left my job at the Public Defender’s office after over 13 years and started on the bench November 5. It’s been a wild ride so far. Very challenging but so far so good. My daughter, Janna, is nine and twin boys, John and Alex, are almost eight—they keep us busy. Life is crazy but good. We enjoyed Thanksgiving in Connecticut with my parents and my sister, Shieva Ghofrany ’88 and her family.”

1987

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Greetings class of ’87! It’s Mary Clark Vines, your new secretary, roped into this by Betsy Floman. Fishbone after her three years as secretary. Thanks for representin’, Bets! Anyway, when asked to take this over by Betsy, who is assistant general counsel global human resources at Colgate Palmolive, and then hanging in NYC with Susanne Mei, vice president digital media at Smithsonian Networks, which is a new TV channel created in conjunction with the Smithsonian Institution, and Jenn Hibbitts, retail associate for commercial real estate at Terranomics in San Francisco, I realized how far we have come from our days on the Hill and that we are now leaders, movers, shakers, etc. So how about it? What is up with you? What have you been leading, moving or shaking lately? Here’s something from The New York Post, which reported that Judd Apatow, the producer of hit comedies “Knocked Up” and “Superbad,” has hired Nicky Weinstock to lead movie and television development. The article noted: “Joining Apatow Productions is a return to the creative side of entertainment for the 38-year-old Weinstock. Before joining News Corp., which owns 20th Century Fox as well as The Post, Weinstock was a comedic novelist, writing three books including his latest, “The Golden Hour.” Andy Bloch started playing poker seriously in 1992 and in 2006 won the grand prize in the Pro-Am Equalizer tournament. He was a member of the MIT Blackjack Team featured in the book “Bringing Down the House” and was featured in the blackjack documentary “The Hot Shoe” as well as starring in his own instructional blackjack DVD, “Beating BlackJack.” A player representative for Full Tilt Poker, Andy donates his winnings on the site to various charities throughout the world. Jeremy Kasha is still working for the NY Attorney General. His office is down the hall from classmate Dan Chepaitis. Send me your news and I’ll let everyone know that the class of ’87 actually has accomplished something even if we were the slackers of the school.

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Andrew Shure writes that his wife, Debra, gave birth to their second child, Alison Hannah, on March 17, 2007. She joins big brother, Ben, who turned six on October 7. Andy is still practicing real estate law in Boston while living in Brookline. Nicky Weinstock has a young adult novel, “Spanking Shakespeare,” published by Random House on September 25. He and his wife, Kira, have two daughters, Leilani, born in December 2003, and Cecily, born in January 2006. Gail Watnick writes: “We are busy at home with two-month-old Benjamin and two-year-old Eli. We love these kids! Hope to make it to Reunion.” Monica Powell writes: “I am getting married in July 2008 in Connecticut but I hope we’ll be able to make it back to Hopkins for the Reunion as well. My fiancé’s name is Eli Cupid—what an appropriate last name. He is truly a wonderful person.” Anadri Jenise Chisom-Noel was recently promoted to manager of training at Emory University. Her role includes supervising training consultants as well as providing leadership development programs for employees throughout the university. She recently earned the Certified Professional in Learning and Performance credential through the American
Society of Training and Development. Kathleen Fasano Doehla and husband Mark happily report the birth of Matthew Peter Doehla on December 15, 2007. Matthew joins sisters Natalie (5) and Gabrielle (20 months). Adam Ruben reports: “Our second child, Gus, was born in April 2007. When he’s not gazing adoringly at his older brother, he’s sticking whatever’s in reach in his mouth. Two-year-old Jasper narrates life constantly whether playing with “smoke-a-lotics” on the train table or referring to himself as “poor little monkey.” This just in from Nancy Dow Nowalk: “Our big news from around here—Joe and I welcomed daughter, Jessica, who joins her big brother, he’s been married for 7 ½ years to wife, Maggie, an insane plan. Call me when you hit the Boston Marathon and I’ll keep an eye out for you at one of the medical tents.” Tara Courtmanche took pity on me and welcomed baby Ethan in May. All four recently moved to Chappaqua NY and are loving life in the “burbs.” Jessica Brooks had a baby, Brooks Buzz Neufeld, on July 9, 2007. “He is gorgeous and delightful and we couldn’t be happier! A little more well-rested, maybe, but happier, no way!” Phil Piazza is in the midst of his first year as principal of North Haven Middle School and loves doling out pain and justice to rowdy North Haven pre-adolescents. His family has also doubled with the arrival of daughter, Jessica, who joins her big brother, Ethan. Kristen and Scott Wich will celebrate daughter Violet’s first birthday on March 13 and son Charlie 3 ½ will join in the festivities, too. That’s the big news this go around, kids.

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Gregory, who was born January 12, 2007. I am still in close touch with Suzie Hoffer Alderman, Wendy Stevens Hillmuth and Mad Rai Fejos.”

Michael Lipcan and his wife, Katie welcomed their first child, a daughter named Josephine “Josie” Quinn last December. It has been a joy watching their beautiful baby grow into an even more beautiful little girl. Michael’s gastroenterology practice in New Haven is steadily growing. He finds it hard to believe it has been three years since their relocation back to Connecticut. Karin Thomas Minter married a wonderful man, Kevin Minter, in 1998. They live in North Carolina, where she is a pediatrician in private practice with a group called Burlington Pediatrics. They moved there when Karin started Duke Medical School and it is hard for them to envision moving back north and having to shovel snow again. Joseph Marchesi was married in May 2007. He writes: “I met my wife in college in 1990 but only in passing. We ran into each other at a Northwestern football game in 2005 and it was love at second sight. We live in Park Slope, Brooklyn, and I own a men’s barbershop/spa in mid-town NYC. My clients include many Hopkins alums.”

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I hope this finds you well. I am putting this together the day before practice begins for my job as an assistant lacrosse coach at Yale University (my second year there), so if I omit any pertinent information, please accept my sincerest apologies. Jennifer Elles-Jones recently had her second child, Owen. Ethan Hugo is still working in Boston and enjoying his eight-month-old daughter. Ethan says she’s ready for marathons! Rachel Moses bumped into Leslie Zimmerman, who recently moved to Cheshire CT with her husband and two children. She corresponds with Darren Apfel, who still lives in Seattle and works for Microsoft. Rachel also walked with Mary Diette Oncilla, her husband, Bruce, and puppy in a breast cancer fund-raiser walk. To bring you up to date, Mary wrote to tell us of her marriage to Brian Oncilla on July 1, 2006, at the Racebrook Country Club in Orange CT. Mary is still teaching first grade in Guilford CT. Tyra Dellaroco got engaged in November and has been splitting her time between Connecticut, where she still works for the family business, and New York City, where her fiancé is an investment banker at Lehman Brothers. Carl Seashore just accepted a faculty position at the University of North Carolina School of Public Health and will be relocating to Chapel Hill in the spring. He also plans to join the pediatric faculty at UNC/North Carolina Children’s Hospital. Kyle Einhorn is still working at the Tennis Channel and says his series, “Murphy’s Guide,” a comedy travel show, keeps him traveling the world. Aaron Milstone welcomed the birth of his second child, Jonah, and, after completing training in infectious diseases, joined the faculty at Johns Hopkins this past summer in the department of pediatrics. Amy Caplan and her husband, Nico, and two-year-old twins, Sophie and Julien, are settled back in New Haven—just steps from Hopkins. Amy is working part-time in the alumni and development office at the home front, I actually have some news! I (Tory Hayes) am getting married next June and looking forward to having some dear Hopkins friends with me to celebrate. Of course, I’ll report back! Let’s
try something new. Let's pick a class member who we haven't heard from in a while and see if we can't find him/her. If you don't want to send me news about yourself, let me know if there is someone you want to know about. For this issue, Jake Yeston, where are you? E-mail me so I can report back. I hope everyone is doing well. Please send me news on what is going on with you. Your classmates would love to hear what's new in your life!

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I had a chance to see a bunch of out-of-towners over the holidays. Paul Noto, Chris Slawsky, Dave Calarco, Dana Merk and Phoebe Fellows were all in town and I met them at Bar. I swear if that place ever closes, I think people just won’t come home anymore. Paul is doing great as always, living in Aspen and working hard at water law. There is a rumor that he has become such a good skier they may have to make him a partner. Chris just took a new job in the alternative investments arena and has moved from Rochester to New Rochelle. Dave and his wife, Mariah, are expecting their first child. They are still in San Francisco. Dana informed me that his wife and son, Charlie, are doing great. Dana tells me Charlie has just a little bit more hair than he does. I hope that isn’t going to affect the little man’s allowance one day. Phoebe is still living in Miami. Her husband, Bobby, just started a web site for independent musicians called promote-mysong.com. I also had a chance to catch up with Devon Cox over the break. He was visiting from Denver with his wife, Paulette, his son, Graham, and his little baby, Alice. Devon just graduated from the University of Colorado Business School. It was great to see everyone healthy and happy. Tim Colleran married his long-time girlfriend, Erin Haugh, on September 29, 2007. In attendance were his brothers, Dave ’89, Matt ’95 and Kevin ’99, as well as classmates Matt Blanton, Mike Gilbert and Kristin Harrison Richardson. After the wedding, Tim and Erin spent two weeks in South Africa enjoying Cape Town and the vineyards and then going on an amazing safari. Tim continues to work in marketing for American Express and was recently selected to a six-month global rotation program during which time he will live in London—he will miss the Reunion but wishes you all the best. Jamie Glick Lombardy and her husband, Christopher, live in New York City and had a baby boy, Ryan Mason Lombardy, on November 20, 2007. Christopher is a lawyer for an investment advisory consulting firm, Kinetics Partners, and Jamie does marketing for Chamber Insurance Trust, a benefits firm in Connecticut. Tara Cook-Littman reports that her third child, Grace Alexa, was born on April 6, 2007. Mei Chin is a fiction writer and food critic living in NYC. Her short stories have appeared in Fiction Magazine and Bomb Magazine and she won the James Beard Foundation’s MFL Fisher Distinguished Writing Award in 2005 for an article, “Eat Drink Mother Daughter.” She writes about food for Gourmet magazine and her essays have been anthologized in Best Food Writing 2005 and 2006. Djana Harp works for Morehouse School of Medicine as director of medical student clerkship, third year, and is also a clinical instructor there and an attending at Grady Hospital in OB/GYN. Heather Paul Mokotoff and her husband, Greg, happily announce the birth of their daughter, Olivia Greer Mokotoff, on January 15, 2008. Big brother, Jackson Paul Mokotoff (born June 14, 2006) is enjoying his new sister. Jody Moses Sussman reports that Becky Vreeken got married over Thanksgiving weekend in St. Thomas to Jacob Leiba. Both Christa Blatchford and Rachel Levy were there. Jody added: “I couldn’t make it because I had a newborn to take care of. I had a baby boy, Leo Moses Sussman, on September 6, 2007.” Congratulations everyone! I (AJ Kelleher) have been playing scrabble online with Huey Hsiao and Kristen Harrison Richardson. Huey, his wife, Cara, and baby, Charlotte, are all doing well and loving their new home in Syracuse. Kristen started a ‘Hopkins Class of 1993’ group on Facebook. I urge you all to check it out. It’s free, easy and a great way to catch up with people you haven’t seen in years. So far we have eleven members, only 124 to go. Let’s all try to do a little better for the next issue of the Views. I’ll try to pester you with more e-mails and you guys keep cranking out those wedding announcements and kids. Mark your calendars for our 15th Reunion on Saturday, May 10, 2008 at Hopkins.

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Thanks for the great response from your e-mail around the holidays. I “found” quite a few alum e-mails with all of your help. Dana Watnick was
married in Australia near the Great Barrier Reef and honeymooned in Fiji. Jason Baumgarten reports: “Tiffin (Goodman) and I were happy to bring Elan Sage Baumgarten into the world on September 25, 2007. Everyone is doing well and he is cute as can be with a full head of reddish-brown hair, blue eyes and a toothless smile.” Jason and Tiffin are still in Seattle WA, so if you are in the Northwest, look them up. Jane McPhedran writes: “Though I’ve lived in Seattle for the past nine years, my husband and I are living in China this year. He is working as a software architect and I am teaching ESL. We would love to welcome folks visiting Beijing. It is truly an amazing time to be in China! Please contact me (jmcphe- dran@hotmail.com) if you are coming to town.”

When in London, look up Tom Moore. He reports: “Erin and I are doing well here. After a period of adjustment, this place has begun to feel like home. We are living in Marylebone and I commute to Morgan Stanley’s offices in Canary Wharf. London is a great base for travel within Europe and we have taken several trips this year. I recently became a godfather—luckily my goddaughter and her parents live nearby and we see them often. I would love to catch up with any classmates who are passing through England.” A few more birth announcements—Alison Apfel welcomed Aidan Robert Rogers on December 15. Steve Testa and his wife, Katie Wood Testa, celebrated the birth of their son, Nathan Dominic, on August 2. Theo Horesco has a new addition, Tali Anne Horesco, born July 20. Joel Glassman has his hands full with two-year-old Ben, seven-month-old Sophie and two dogs. He lives in Woodbridge and saw Kerri Adams Mathews and her family at weekly summer concerts. Kerri and I recently spent a nice afternoon at Julie Kennedy’s engagement party at the New Haven Lawn Club. Julie will be married this March in New Haven CT. We have a few small world coincidences in our class. Angie Montgomery, who works for the PR firm Ketchum, and Joanna Garellick, a lawyer, both work in Rockefeller Center. Angie does research on Fortune 500 campaigns and she is very happy at her job. They discovered this at the NYC Alumni gathering in December. I was disappointed to not make it this year but Kate Giordano spearheaded a class of 1994 reunion dinner and drinks after the event. This served as the founding moment for the newly dubbed “Alumni Burger Club.” Dana Watnick, Joanna Garellick, Kate Flynn Mooney, Jessica Bondi, Kate Giordano and Nell McCarthy Gibbon are all on a hunt for the best burger in New York. They each have their favorites and rallied around the idea of getting together a few times a year. Kate also reports, “Gerun Riley’s November wedding to Jason Wilborn in Sonoma CA was fantastic. Jason is an amazing guy, who has no trouble keeping pace with a tireless Gerun. For their honeymoon next winter they’ll be climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro! Jared Townshend, Jessica Bondi and I attended the festivities.” Lastly, it turns out that when Josh Pagar ’95 and Clara Barnhart were living in St. Louis for Josh’s residency program, they were on the same street as Christian Sauska’s fiancée’s mother. This serves as further evidence that just about everyone knows (or claims to know) Christian. It was Bo Bradstreet who updated me on the Christian connection. Bo has some exciting travel plans. After he finishes his third rotation in the Citigroup leadership program, he will hike the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu and do some white water rafting. Dave Migliore is working in Simsbury at a small insurance defense firm and living in Hamden. His sister gave birth recently and he is a happy uncle. Please keep in touch and send your news me.

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Congratulations to several members of our class on their growing families! Beth and Andy Paul are the proud parents of a baby girl, Evelyn Birdie, born on November 10. Neil Batiancila and his wife, Kelly, welcomed their second son, Nathaniel Vaughn, on November 28. Neil is already being warned about keeping his son away from Andy’s daughter! Gena Rega Newman also welcomed her second child, Jake, in June, and Oren Rawls and his wife, Ruth, had a son, Ben, in October. I (Annsley) ran into Aaron Javian on the train from Milford to Grand Central last fall. He is living in Soho and working as a corporate lawyer for a London-based firm. He enjoys the work and travels and loves living in New York. He and Anthony Sagnella went to Boston University law school together and Anthony continues to live and work in the Boston area. Dave Lendler also lives in the Boston area and works in computer software. Ali Fasano returned from Iraq in February where she served eight months at Al Asad airbase. She was promoted to First Lieutenant during her tour of duty. Tom Knezek is living in Las Vegas and is engaged to be married. He and his fiancée are planning a wedding in Hawaii. Laura Kabakoff is living in Long Beach and teaching special ed preschool for the LA Unified School District. She will marry Sean McMahon on May 4. Congratulations to Tom and to Laura. Please keep us posted on your news! Annsley and Rachel

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Katie Mantell is freelancing in NYC as a film editor. She has also been pursuing still photography, taking photo classes and shooting when she can. She had an image recently accepted into her first gallery show! Katie sees Christina An occasionally for a night of Korean karaoke. David Horowitz spent last year doing archival research in Hamburg, Germany and is now a fellow at the Center for Jewish History in New York, where he is finishing his dissertation. Noah Riley continues to live in Brooklyn and work as an architect and designer in Manhattan. Sara Tyler is a psychiatric social worker in a city hospital in Brooklyn. She
lives with her boyfriend and her dog. Ellyn Weinstein Black writes: “My father and I started a non-profit organization called Changing Children’s Lives, www.cctl-inc.org, where we send medical teams to developing countries helping children with cleft lips and palates, facial deformities and burns. We just returned from Colombia and are headed to Thailand in February. Grant Gritzmacher and Mary Pat Mahnensmith Gritzmacher, Eliza Halsey, and I caught up with each other over Thanksgiving. We got to spend time with Liza’s baby, Saidan.” Nancy Cook is moving to Washington DC to work for National Public Radio as a producer covering the presidential campaign. She has seen lots of Hopkins women this past year with the wedding of Claire Woolston Commons and the birth of Eliza Halsey’s baby. Eliza and her husband, Suvadin, live in New Haven and are busy with their little girl, Saidan Suukyi, who was born September 23rd. Eliza is back working as a regional director with Public Allies, a national nonprofit that prepares young adults from diverse backgrounds for careers working for community and social change.

Jennifer (Jen) Kravitz just bought an old school house in Vermont across the dirt road from eight beautiful Jersey cows. She is enjoying the view of the Green Mountains from her kitchen window. Sarah Levin Taubman finished her doctorate in epidemiology and moved to Philadelphia with her husband. She will be doing a post-doctorate at the UPenn medical school. Matt Cuthbertson is living in San Francisco and working as a public defender just outside the city. He enjoys his work but wishes he had more time to enjoy the Bay Area. Matt saw Adam Gilman in LA over the holidays. Adam is living in Pasadena and working to get his credentials to be a high school teacher. Paul Kreider and his wife, Erin, just moved into a new house in Columbus OH. He works remotely for an engineering firm in CT and keeps busy with sailing, running and hiking. Deny Soto started a fantastic new job in Stamford doing marketing consulting and has bought a condo in Branford, which she loves. Her job has taken her to Mexico, Venezuela, LA and Canada. Sarah Evenson Ward is still working on her joint JD/MBA program at UC Davis and lives in Oakland. She’ll be done with the MBA in June and the law degree next December and is then hoping to practice tax law. Sarah spent last summer in London studying international tax law and her husband, Nathan, a teacher, joined her. Her husband, Marc, and I (Sarah Kreiger Damelin) left NYC for the space and greenery of Northern Jersey where we bought our first house in September. We welcomed our first house in September. We welcomed our first house in September.

Michael Warren Atkins sends some tasty tidbits. Amit Gupta was living in New York City at the time of Reunion but has since moved to San Francisco. He was working on Photojojo, a web based photography newsletter, and expects to be doing the same in San Francisco. Amit hopes to start a sister newsletter about food and fun, called Food++. Arielle Sprotter is a high school English teacher in a Manhattan public school. Arielle writes: “I like working in the field of urban education and I still live in Carroll Gardens, Brooklyn. My job is great and so is Brooklyn life. I do manage to see Avital Ponet and her husband, Tim, fairly often.” Matthew Lucarelli and Leah Westford will marry at the Goodwin Hotel in Hartford on February 17, 2008. Patrick Skuret is Matt’s best man. Adds Matt: “I have been trying my best to master the prayers said over the lighting of the candles. We are using the chuppah from Graham Gibson’s wedding for our ceremony and a friend of ours is doing the ceremony. It will have quite a few Jewish influences and not many Christian ones.” James Anderson has been living on State Street in New Haven, working as a freelance engineer. Jim said that Sameer Nath will be graduating from the school of medicine at the University of California at San Diego. Stacy Levine adds, “Great seeing everyone who made it to our 10-year Reunion and the New York City event!” Some great news to report—both Julie Golia and Katie Rudkin got married this summer. Julie is a Ph.D. candidate at Columbia and married Christian Vardeleon. Katie, who works as a senior publicist for Random House in NYC, married Will McMullan, a senior associate at The Carlyle Group. Rebecca Schultz just moved to Portland ME to work with a non-profit consultancy on Chinese energy policy. Brian Skope is working as a producer on “The Celebrity Apprentice” and a new NBC show called “The Baby Borrowers.” He and his wife, Lori, are living in LA. Andrea de Azevedo is in her third year of law school and engaged to be married. Greg Sla夫sky and Nick Kapur are graduating from Columbia Business School in May. Nick will be working at Lehman Brothers’ investment management division. Kush Patel is now living in Washington DC. Michele Hoos is getting her master’s degree in journalism at Columbia and Thomas Leaf is in his second year of law school. He will do an externship for the Connecticut state’s attorney’s office and is working on an internet podcast show about mixed martial arts and video games called Fight Mode Radio. Check him out at www.fightmoderadio.net or search his name on iTunes. You should also check out Ben Berkowitz’s “New Haven. It’s Better Than Your
Town” tee-shirts at www.newhaventshirt.com. They are great. Adam Schwartz is still working at Liberty View Capital. He left the mortgage trading group and is now a member of the convertible arbitrage team. Chris Herbert graduated from Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth and is now with McKinsey & Company’s Stamford CT office. He writes: “Jack Stanley Herbert was born on November 20, 2007. Being a parent is exhausting! First there’s the lack of sleep, the constant feedings and the endless diaper-changings. And then there are all the little girl babies Jack met at the hospital who won’t stop calling the house!” Dana Weiss writes: “I am in my second year of residency in urology at UCSF, loving my new fellowship in the curatorial photography department of the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, which she is very excited about. She says, “Educational philanthropy was definitely inspiring but it’s wonderful to be back in the arts.” Like me (Misha Body), she didn’t make it back to Hopkins for our 5th Reunion so she expects the 10th to be especially interesting! I do hope to see a lot of you in May. So mark your calendars for our 10th Reunion on Saturday, May 10, 2008 at Hopkins. I still can’t believe it’s been ten years already!

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2007 has been a wonderful year for me. I (Erica Lynn Schwartz) produced my first new American play, “1001,” that had wonderful success Off-Broadway (www.1001nyc.com) and I also became an aunt. My sister, Ann Schwartz Drobnis ’96, is the proud mother of Jaqueline Eva Drobnsi, born September 22, 2007. This past December, I attended the Hopkins Alumni/ae gathering in NYC and caught up with many classmates. It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces eight years later—Peter Mack, Matt Selsky, Kevin Colleran, Karen Appelquist, Matt Brownell and James Cocks. Here are the updates from many of our classmates. Kevin Colleran is still working for Facebook traveling between their New York City and Palo Alto CA offices. He would like to stay in touch with any classmates through e-mail (Kevin@facebook.com) or by finding him on the Facebook site. Karen Appelquist is living in West Harlem with Kate Standish, working in international human rights and development at the Open Society Institute and completing her yoga teacher training program in early ’08. Ian Kuhnert is living in Park Slope, Brooklyn, and working on the fixed income trading floor at Citigroup. James Cocks moved to New York this fall after working through UNESCO in Israel and Palestine for the summer. He is presently pursuing a MS in urban planning at Columbia, focusing on economic development. Peter Mack is living in the West Village and still very happy working for Starwood Hotels. Congratulations to Annie Berman on her engagement to Seth Greenstein! She is in her last year of graduate school at the Yale School of Nursing and, after she finishes, she will practice as a pediatric nurse practitioner. While in school, she works per-diem as a RN on the maternity floor at Yale New Haven Hospital. Laura Abbott is in her first year of medical school at Weill Cornell Medical College and is enjoying living in NYC (not Ithaca, as most people assume). Yasmin Abdul-Rahman Thornton graduated in 2003.

Bill Ewen and the Hopkins Girls’ Squash team, including Captain Kara Bloomgarden (front row, far right) who won Girls New England C Singles Squash Championship; senior Stacey Vishnevetsky (front row, center) who finished in 2nd place at the #2 singles position.
from UConn with a bachelor's degree in English. She is now working at VCS Group, a shoe design company in Greenwich that has accounts with BCBG, Jessica Simpson, Tory Burch and several others. She also earned a certificate in makeup artistry, which she practices in her free time and her work has included photo shoots, commercials and weddings. This October, she became engaged to Benjamin Lagasse and they are planning a 2009 wedding. Jackie Corcoran Schecter was married to Adam Schecter over Labor Day weekend at the Water's Edge in Westbrook CT. Both Allison Grady and Yasmin Thornton served as bridesmaids. Hopkins attendees included Clarke Oemler, Mark D’Agostino and Brooke Lyons. Jackie is now living in Syracuse NY, where she is completing her master's degree in social work.

working full-time as an editor at the American flashbacks to Mr. Evans' chemistry classes) and on pre-requisites for nursing (I have recently had Francisco to New Hampshire, where she is attending completing her master's degree in social work. Jackie is now living in Syracuse NY, where she is working full-time as an editor at the American Social Work Association.

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Junta Nakai lives in New York and works at Goldman Sachs in investment banking. He lives with Clifford Sosin, who works at UBS. Eric Mezlish works at a hedge fund in Chicago. Adam Kaye is finishing up Yale Medical School and Yale Business School. Dan Kosinski works at a financial services company after graduating from Columbia with a master's degree. Rafe Halsey is in Southern California teaching environmental education to sixth graders in the mountains of the San Bernardino National Forest. David Wiygul is at Brown pursuing a Ph.D. in physics. Andrew Gustafson is at University of Colorado pursuing his master's degree in geography. Ben Ginsberg is working as a planner for an architectural firm in Irvine CA. In addition, he started his own photography business, www.driftwood-photography.com. Miguel Alicea married Nashiron Ramos and is now serving in the military. Both Dave Wynne and Robert Curry were married this past spring. Dave is also finishing his master's in product development at Carnegie Mellon. Robert is currently at Ft. Riley KS training to head to Iraq in March. Tony Benedosso will complete a tour of duty in Iraq this February. We thank them all for their service.

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Josh Venter recently performed several concerts in New York City in support of his album, “It’s About Time.” His music is available on iTunes and via his website www.josiahventer.com. He is planning to head south to Austin TX early in 2008. Jon Croteau recently began law school at the University of Connecticut. Although he admitted the workload was sometimes overwhelming, he is enjoying being back in school after working for several years. He keeps himself balanced by playing and recording his music. Another former Shoreline-East-er Kate Bogart has moved to Philadelphia as she moves up the corporate ladder of Red Bull North America. Her job is basically to run the Philly office and take on whatever jobs need to be done. While off duty, she has been trying to get in as much time sailing and skiing as possible. Kate is also headed to Africa in the near future and intends to spend time in Rwanda. She even plans to climb Mt. Kilimanjaro! Mika Larrison is now at the University of Michigan and writes: “Right now it is quite frigid but school is going well. I just finished my fourth month of study and passed the halfway point in the master’s program. School pretty much consumes my life but I’m loving it. I will be spending the summer in New York working at an architecture firm and hopefully traveling a bit.”

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Jamie Meyer reports the following news: Kyle Wirtz is working as the head strength and conditioning coach for a New York Sports Club pilot program called “Ignite.” He is working with 150 kids in New Jersey while living in New York. Mary Kate Bonner is in her second year of grad school in genetics at UW and living in Madison WI. Fallon Daniels is teaching science to high school students in New Haven while finishing her last year of her master’s degree at Southern Connecticut State University. Joseph Zanger-Nadis is living on the Upper West Side of Manhattan, working for a non-profit Jewish organization that sends kids to Israel for a year between high school and college and combines community-based volunteering with Jewish learning. Drew Lustman is still making music under his moniker “FaltyDL.” (myspace.com/faltydl) He is living on the Upper West Side of Manhattan as a full-time student at City College. Leslie Bridges is living in Portland ME and has been working as a newspaper reporter for the past year. Alan Lehrer lives in Tel Aviv, Israel, and works for an engineering company. In May, he will begin a year of mandatory military service in the IDF. Joey Cohen is a production assistant on the film version of the Pulitzer Prize-winning play “Doubt” by John Patrick Shanley. Olivia Lindquist is living and working in Philadelphia as the assistant to the directors of the Fabric Workshop and Museum, an idiosyncratic contemporary art museum. She is also the development director for the Younger Women’s Task Force of Philadelphia, a project of the National Council of Women’s Organizations. Lisa Kant has been working for the past three months at Universal Acquisitions, a company that screens and tracks the films that Universal Pictures considers for distribution. She spends her time traveling to film festivals, meeting new and upcoming filmmakers and helping to set them up. Bion Piepmeyer is living in New York City and working as a litigation legal assistant at Sullivan & Cromwell. He plans to attend law school in the fall. Vicki Litvinox is living in Brooklyn and working at a small company called Winterberry Group, where she does strategic consulting for the marketing sector. Chris Battena is currently living in East Norwalk CT and working for UBS financial services. He recently shot a club-record 61 on the Brooklawn Country Club golf course. Allison Dewhirst is living in downtown Toronto and couldn’t be happier there. She has started a career in public relations.

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and is currently a member of the technology practice at Hill & Knowlton. Jamie Meyer is writing about himself in the third person, having found no better way to spend his time as a recent college graduate. Aaron Zeilinsky reports that while at Yale for his first year of law school “he got a nose job this fall courtesy of a thrown elbow (by the opposing team) in a soccer game against the Yale School of Management. He continues to uphold the standards of fairness and clean play he perfected in IMBL.” Hillary D’Atri is pursuing her master’s degree at Yale from the School of Public Health. Dan Solomon is in his second year at Yale Medical School. He promised to send in something for this column. He lied. Pete Gallo is heading into his last semester at UConn for his MBA. After that, he is deciding between working for a brewery or running one of his family’s smaller distributors at A Gallo Company of Litchfield CT. Jon Hall is in Boston pursuing a Ph.D. in economics at Harvard and staying close to his beloved BoSox. Gayley Woolston is living in New York City, doing fixed income research for Orion Consultants and mentoring and running youth activities through St. James Church. She visited Boston and saw Daphne Evans, who is working for the Hillary Clinton campaign and, after the New Hampshire victory, was asked to work in Georgia. Aaron Margolis lives in the Washington DC area. Elena Grewal has relocated to California, where she is pursuing a Ph. D. in education at Stanford. While she misses New Haven pizza, she does not miss New Haven weather. She was recently at Mojgan Khodadoust’s wedding to Brendan Coffey, which took place in Berkeley CA this past November. He is a software engineer working at Pacific Biosciences and they live in San Francisco, where Mojgan is working at UCSF in the department of neurology. Chris Bellis was also on hand for the festivities and is working as a financial advisor at Ameriprise Financial, Inc. in Woodbridge CT. He is heading down to Disney World with the University of Pennsylvania marching band to perform onstage in Downtown Disney. Aaron Brotman is living in London for the year doing construction management and traveling around Europe. Ian Bellkin just moved back to China. He’s currently deciding between working at a friend’s start-up or begging for entry into the Chinese acrobat program. Gui Woolston is currently in his second year of pursuing his Ph.D. in economics at Stanford. He recently got back from a trip to China and is looking forward to more adventures in East Asia. Hallie Mueller is living and working at the Orme School, a private high school located on a 26,000 acre ranch in Arizona. She teaches art and leads hiking and climbing trips for the students. She is also still painting and you can view her work at www.halliemueler.sampasite.com.

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Nicole Aaronson was sent by Yale as a fellow to the Center of the Study of the Presidency, where she attended conferences in the fall of 2006 and spring of 2007. Nicole’s research paper was one of only 20, which was selected for publication by the Center. Eleanor Campisano is in her senior year at Harvard, majoring in comparative religion. Last year she worked on several dramatic productions as lighting designer and continued singing with the Radcliffe Pitches and the Radcliffe Coral Society, organizing their spring trip to the Pacific Northwest. This past summer she also directed the Harvard Summer School Chorus as well as working at Lush. She is still a counselor with Room 13, Harvard’s student-to-student peer counseling organization. Emily Corwin is teaching private cello lessons in Los Angeles, training for the LA Marathon and raising money with the AIDS Marathon Training Program for Angelinos living with HIV/AIDS. She plans to move back east in the spring! Morgan Clark-Collar is working as a clinical research coordinator in the Neely Center for Clinical Cancer Research at Tufts-New England Medical Center and living in Cambridge. She is a part-time student at the Harvard Extension School taking pre-med in their post-baccalaureate program and running for the Greater Boston Track Club. Jared Langerman is also pursuing a post-baccalaureate in pre-med at Columbia University. Amy Schoenfeld is doing health policy research at Massachusetts General Hospital. Nick Corsano writes, “I’m working for a travel and leisure magazine, living in Philly but traveling all the time for work.” Liz Nugent writes from Egypt that she is in Cairo on a Fulbright grant working with Save the Children-Egypt, researching how the western NGO functions in the Arab-Islamic society of Egypt. After her year abroad, she will return to Georgetown for her master’s in Arab studies. Sam Reznik lives on the Upper West Side and continues to pursue his Ph.D. in organic chemistry at Columbia University. Rebecca Taub reports, “I graduated from Pomona in May and am living in Buenos Aires until May 2008, when I’ll go back to LA and decide on my next step, which will most likely be medical school.” Jessica Bloomgarden has stayed in San Francisco after graduating Stanford and is working at JPMorgan in the technology group in the investment bank. Chloe Thurston writes: “I finished last year at Johns Hopkins with a double degree in economics and political science and I’m starting my first year of a political science Ph.D. program at UC Berkeley. I’m studying immigration and ethnic diversity in the US and Europe and also playing on the department softball team.” Marshall Shaffer is in his first year at Stanford Law School. “Lots of work but I’m having fun—it’s pretty much like learning a new language.” Frank Chi continues to work on the Obama media team at GMMB, a political consulting firm in Washington DC. He is communications director for the College Democrats of America. While in Connecticut at Thanksgiving, he met fellow classmates Cam Cross and Noah Patrone-Werdiger. This spring, Jay Standish will graduate from Evergreen College in Olympia WA where he is majoring in sustainable development/entrepreneurship and taking classes in green business. He is starting a student-run cafe which will serve organic, local and seasonal food and is on the student government, as well as sitting on the design team for a renovation of the student union building. Rebecca Ciarcia writes, “I live in Providence RI, working as a toddler teacher at the Jewish Community Center of RI and attending Eastern CT State University where I am working on my certification/master’s degree in Early Childhood Education. I graduated in May from Fordham University with a BA in English with a concentration in creative writing. My pre-med plans disintegrated when I began volunteering at a local Head Start Center and decided my real place is teaching.” Finally, I, Arielle Traub, write from Boston where I am working in fundraising at Boston Medical Center and enjoying some time without homework! Our 5-year Reunion is just around the corner so mark your calendars and get ready to catch up with the Class of 2003 on May 10, 2008 at Hopkins!
On January 3, 2008 Alex Weill '05 performed at the Barnard School in New Haven. Joe Schwartz ’37 purchased Alex’s performance at the 2007 Parent Council “Celebrate! Hopkins” Auction, and decided to host the event at Barnard, where he attended elementary school and where his sister, Judy Merriam, teaches.

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It’s been almost four years since the class of 2004 studied in Baldwin Hall and ate in Heath Commons together and this year’s updates are especially diverse. After a semester in Tasmania, Australia, Avery Forbes spent the summer traveling the continent, stopping in old mining towns and snorkeling on the Great Barrier Reef before flying to New Zealand. She recounts: “I spent over 70 hours on buses trying to see as much of the island as I possibly could in two weeks. I did see yellow-eyed penguins, hiked to a glacier and went bungee jumping!” Mary-Beth Grimaldi spent the fall semester in Argentina. In addition to her studies, she traveled and even took disc jockey classes. Cheryl Cohler also visited South America over winter break, spending two weeks traveling throughout Peru. Many of our classmates have started preparing for life after college. This past semester, Liz Rohr applied to nurse practitioner programs and worked as a student athletic trainer with the Vanderbilt football team. She reports, “Being a part of SEC football has been one of the best experiences of my life despite the fact that Vanderbilt fell one win short of their first bowl game in over 25 years!” At Georgetown, Bill Lane is participating in a joint MA/BA program in American government. In May, he will be commissioned as an armor officer in the Army. Also at Georgetown, Sarah Tauchini describes her experience playing Ophelia in a production of “Hamlet” this past semester as “one of the best productions I’ve ever been in anywhere. I can honestly say it was one of the best experiences of my life.” She hopes to one day act professionally. Kelly Ruby accepted an offer in August 2007 for a position as an accountant at KPMG and she will be attending grad school in a masters program in taxation. Alicia Lutes has turned her interest in music into an exciting professional endeavor. She spent the summer working as an RA at Drew University and interning in New York City at Universal Music Enterprises in the special markets department. “This led me to an internship this semester at Verve Music Group where I created a grassroots digital marketing campaign for artist Teddy Thompson.” She also worked with Queen Latifah at the release of her new album and scored an internship with the vice president of A&R Artist & Repertoire for all of Universal Music Group. Her current plans involve graduate school in applied physics over winter break. Many of our classmates have been working hard on senior projects and theses. When not contemplating the “temporalization of inequality in the works of James Baldwin and Virginia Woolf,” for her senior thesis at Cornell, Julie Mao spends her time applying to law schools. Also at Cornell, Kimmy Lewis is working hard on her thesis about how universities plan for sustainable futures. Steven McDonald has started his senior research on emotional recognition and sleep. He has already taken the MCAT but plans on taking some time before deciding whether or not to attend medical school. Having finished up a thesis on Ulysses this fall, Stephanie Wright plans to enjoy her last semester at Yale before moving to Boston where she will be working as an associate consultant for The Concord Group, a boutique real estate and land use consultancy. Thank you to everyone who responded and for those who are graduating this year, we look forward to hearing about your post-collegiate plans in our next column!

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It’s hard to believe that we are nearing the end of our undergraduate careers—and some of us sooner than others! Both Taylor Greer and Andrew Giering are planning to graduate in 2008. Andrew will attend law school after graduation and Taylor is unsure of her plans as of yet. She is still singing in the NYU jazz choir and she has spring break plans to travel to London, Paris and Ireland. Our classmates are quickly becoming world travelers. Erica Anhalt spent this past summer taking classes in St. Petersburg, Russia. Charlotte Keenan is studying in Rome, Dana Etra in Barcelona, Claudia Weis is in Seville and Rocky Gallo is in Australia. Aaron Rosenberg is studying at the...
Katie Monahan is planning to do volunteer work while backpacking through Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam this summer. Emma Mueller is on the verge of leaving for Peru and Eamon Duffy and Liz Shapiro (those Middlebury ruffians) are about to return from Spain. Rather than studying abroad, many of our classmates are choosing to spend the semester in another part of the US. Pam Soberman will be living and working in DC next fall and Steph Hoos is spending the spring semester at NYU as part of an intensive literature program. Her courses will be both critical and creative events, mainly pow-wows, throughout the fall and winter. Emma Ledbetter writes, “During my term, I went to dozens of cultural events, mainly pow-wows, throughout the country representing my tribe and serving as a role model to the youth in my tribe.” Orlaith Carr is majoring in zoology. “No that doesn’t mean I’m going to be a zookeeper,” she explains. She is still show jumping and this past summer she worked as a wrangler on a ranch in Wyoming. Dan Glaser is living in an off-campus co-op house at Reed called The Big Pink. He is majoring in biology with (very) eventual plans for medical school. His free time is spent playing coffee-snob in the coffee shops of Portland, cooking for large groups of people, volunteering as a street medic and working on bicycles. Annie Kozakiewicz spent this semester anchoring the newscast for one of her classes. Who knew her talent for speaking out in class could actually turn into a viable career option? She is waiting to hear about an internship through NBC to work at the Summer Olympics in Beijing. Andy Hall spends his time studying classics and monitoring his old friends. He reports that Marc Zazzaro has grown out his fingernails to focus on classical guitar, that Kier Goodrich has watched the first five seasons of “Hercules: The Legendary Journeys” (in order) and that Aman Kidwai has compiled an impressive collection of Steven Siegal movies.

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As we received your submissions for this column, we were amazed by what you have been doing since you left the Hill! Nisha Garg is working for a jewelry designer in Brooklyn and for Ford Models in its executive office. She is majoring in economics and Spanish and going abroad in the fall. Nicole Bucala took a gap year last year, the latter half of which she spent in Germany. Over the summer, she ran with Bryce Lindamood and now is at MIT for her freshman year. She hopes to major in civil and environmental engineering. She spends her weekends running with Josh Kennedy ’03 and Morgan Clark Coller ’03. Lucien Harlow-Dion is at St. Andrews, Scotland, studying international relations and Spanish. He enjoys the lecture-based teaching at St. Andrews as well as the close-knit town atmosphere. Over the summer, Aleks Romano sang in the Bard Summerscape opera, Alexander Zemlinsky’s “Der Zwerg,” and this semester she was in Henry Purcell’s “Dido and Aeneas.” She is also soloing with the chamber chorus at Bard and plans to be in an opera chorus with the MFA program at Bard in the spring. John Lockwood spent this past summer playing with a semi-professional rugby league team on England’s east coast. Also he attended the London School of Economics balancing his extra curriculars with his newly declared history major. He will be traveling to Argentina in the spring with the Yale rugby club and hopes to visit Shanghai and Beijing for the 2008 Olympics. A fellow Yalie, Emma Ledbetter is enjoying sophomore year as she studies art and art history. She was in a Yale children’s theater production and she drew a cover for the Yale Daily News. Andrew Udelsman took this year off from college to travel around Central and South America including Argentina, Bolivia, and Peru. Dan Stone also took a semester off from Tufts, and has been in Ghana teaching English and math to fifth, sixth and seventh graders for the past three months. Corey Briskin, also a Jumbo, declared a major in English and a minor in drama and directed Sam Shepard’s play with music, “The Tooth of Crime,” in the main stage arena theater.

He also interned with a representative at the Massachusetts State House, where he drafted a policy report regarding a House bill. Over winter break, Corey travelled to Spain with his family and to Israel with Tufts Hillel and Birthright. Kate Lupo has fallen in love with her art history major at Middlebury and hopes to work at the Museum of Modern Art this summer. She currently works as a docent at the Middlebury Museum where she gives guided tours of exhibitions to school groups K-12. She also sings in a co-ed a cappella group, the “Mamajamas,” who will record a CD in the spring. Her January-term internship will be at an arts consulting firm in New York. Ben Vinograd transferred to the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown. He also played club soccer, interned for Senator Lieberman and next year, he will be going to Sci-Po, a political science school in France. Janday Wilson completely changed her academic direction and, instead of pre-med and biology, she will most likely be an English major with a concentration in African American literature and minor in French. She is on the board of the Penn African Student Association as social co-chair, a member of the University Honor Council and a member of SPECTRUM, a student social planning committee. She recently began working as an editorial assistant at the “Almanac,” an on-campus faculty publication. Emilie Waters is majoring in microbiology at McGill, works at the university bookstore and fences. Hallie Coffin-Gould has been learning how to milk cows (because believe it or not, Mountain School doesn’t teach you that), speak Italian and procrastinate. After a year in Malibu, Tom Lambert just finished a semester in Washington DC, interning for Congressman Chris Shays during the day and taking classes in the evenings. Next semester, he will study abroad at Pepperdine’s house in London. Zack Prusoff is now at Fairfield University deciding between a major in psychology and anthropology. He is also a nanny for his newborn cousins. Doug DeLuca has just ended his first season as the president, founder and starting wide receiver of the University of Vermont club football team. Luke Kelly-Clyne had a successful semester at Johns Hopkins, conducting a research project correlating differences in educational preparation with political preference and financial success. He plans to study abroad at Oxford University next year.
Laura Kautz Phipps ’32 MDS
92, of North Branford, died August 15, 2007 at her beloved seaside home. Laura was born in New Haven, CT on March 18, 1915.

Laura Kautz Phipps was an inspirational woman, according to Marnie Kling Halsey ’68 DPH, who felt privileged to know Mrs. Phipps because, “she was so wise, generous, philosophical and truly young at heart. Laura Phipps, an advocate for education, was deeply loyal to her own alma mater, Mrs. Day’s School, and to its successor Hopkins, attended by four of her grandchildren and great grandchild. A philanthropist by nature, she established the Lovejoy and Phipps Family Endowment Fund in 1998 to encourage the beautification of the Hopkins campus and she remained committed and generous to the School until her recent death. She will be sorely missed by her many friends in the extended Hopkins community.”

Laura was the widow of E. Allen Phipps of Englewood NJ. She and Allen eloped on April 4, 1935, and they were married for 50 years before his death. She attended Smith College and worked as a social worker before the birth of her first child. She also supported her husband’s work at his family’s business, Muller & Phipps (Asia) Ltd., with her great gifts of friendship and hospitality, and travelled extensively with him in conjunction with business. She spoke often of the five years living in South Africa with her young family during World War II; it was a special time for all of them.

She is survived by her son Edward A. Phipps, Jr. and his wife Susan North Phipps ’72 of Branford, CT; her grandchildren Samuel Lovejoy III ’79 of Guilford, CT, Andrew Lovejoy ’82 (Anne) of Madison, CT, Edward Lovejoy ’83 (Lisa) of Branford, CT, Laura Lovejoy ’87 (Stephen Randazzo) of Madison, CT, John Phipps (Jane) of Norwich, VT, and Lindsay Eisensmith (Erik) of Lyme, CT; 12 great-grandchildren: Pamela ‘09 and Bennett Lovejoy, Emily, Oliver, Charles and Isabelle Lovejoy, Spencer and Samuel Lovejoy; Hannah and William Randazzo, and Noah and Simon Phipps; and a niece, Laura Baker (Benjamin). She also leaves an extended family and many friends who loved and admired her.

She was predeceased by her daughter and son-in-law Pamela Phipps Lovejoy and Samuel Lovejoy II; her brother Rudolph L. Kautz, Jr. and sister Norma M. Kautz.

The Lovejoy-Phipps Garden, facing the Baldwin patio, commemorates the Lovejoy-Phipps relationship with Hopkins. It offers solace and repose to students, faculty and visitors.

IN MEMORIAM
With sadness we report the following necrology:

Laura Kautz Phipps ’32 MDS
D. August 15, 2007

Robert E. Luccock ’34 hgs
D. January 12, 2007

Robert S. Rice ’37 hgs
D. January 24, 2007

Jane Reeves Kuhl ’46 day
D. May 22, 2007

Edward D. Cohen ’46 hgs
D. July 18, 2007

Gordon M. Goodrich ’46 hgs
D. December 14, 2007

Joseph J. Shepter ’48 hgs
D. January 4, 2007

Philip Grillo ’54 hgs
D. April, 2007

Susan Russian Greenberg ’57 day
D. December 3, 2007

Robert E. Dow ’62 hgs
D. February 9, 2008

Sumner McK. Crosby, Jr.
Former Trustee
D. December 14, 2007

EDITOR’S NOTE
Calling all Alumni/ae Politicians and Artists… We hope to include you in future issues.

Do you work in the political field? If so, please email kwich@hopkins.edu.

Do the Arts play an important role in your life after Hopkins? Did exposure to the Arts at Hopkins shape your future? If so, please email kwich@hopkins.edu.

We look forward to hearing from you.
A Day Prospect Hill alumna, Meme Clifford ’65, made a contribution to Hopkins last year in the form of a Deferred Charitable Annuity gift, the first of its kind in Hopkins’ increasingly sophisticated fund-raising portfolio. Like the Deferred Charitable Gift Annuity, the instrument is perfect for those with two goals: making significant contributions to the Hopkins endowment while capturing an immediate tax deduction and guaranteed annuity payments for life, some of which is tax free. Not many opportunities in life are genuinely win-win, but the Deferred Charitable Gift Annuity is one.

Meme talks about her decision:

I have several reasons for making a significant contribution to the Hopkins endowment. The most important is one that you hear from other alums whose parents, through personal sacrifice, made it possible for their children to embrace a larger world than theirs by joining the Hopkins community. My mother was a public school teacher but she and my father were part of that generation who believed that the very best education was the ticket to self-fulfillment. The Depression, World War II, religious bigotry and cultural insularity had limited their opportunities, but in the 1960s, a Hopkins education was the launching pad for their children’s life-long aspirations.

My second reason for investing in Hopkins is related to the first. I have no children but, in the best sense of the word, feel obligated to leverage my parents’ hopes and expectations on behalf of future generations who are related to me only through our Hopkins lineage.

Lastly, I’d like to remember the extraordinary teachers at Day Prospect Hill who made me a feminist long before Betty Friedan. I can tell you something special about every single teacher during my four years, but I especially salute Headmistress Marilynn Schuman (before she was Mrs. Mulholland), who comforted us during the Cuban Missile Crisis, the incomparable Tommy Saunders, fierce field hockey forward, history teacher and mentor who announced President Kennedy’s death at a hastily called assembly in our junior year, Ginny Wrigley, who witnessed my epiphany in geometry, Marguerite Boeram, who tried to drum the Doppler Effect into my physics-challenged brain, Elizabeth Tate, Celia Clevenger, Anne Laszlo, Clare MacNamee and her stuffed parrot Oswaldus (to whom we tried to speak conversational Latin until Lee Harvey Oswald made the parrot persona non grata). I remember them and so many others with affection and appreciation.

I returned to the Hopkins fold in 1980 when there was a New York-area gathering at the New York Athletic Club. Truth be told, I went only because I wanted to see the athletic club, but I met Sally Mack, Ken Paul and others who were just starting to re-create an alumni/ae organization. Throughout the ensuing years, this group has kept me close to Hopkins with committee work, invitations and steady communication. Their continuing efforts made it possible for me to make this gift.

If you would like information on how to plan a gift that would benefit your family and Hopkins, please contact Patricia Borghesan at pborghesan@hopkins.edu or (203) 397-1001, ext 427.
A History of Hopkins’ History Keepers

Much of my work as archivist rests on the broad shoulders of Thomas Davis, Jr., a history teacher at Hopkins in the 1930s, who took it upon himself to write the first book-length history of the school, entitled *The Chronicles of Hopkins Grammar School: 1660–1935*. This book remains the first one I reach for when asked a question about the school’s history. Some of Davis’ personal records remain part of the archives collection, and in particular I enjoy the glass negatives in a heavy wooden box used for the illustrations for the book. Davis drew mostly from the original Trustees Minutes, a bound volume currently housed in the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library at Yale, where it is kept in ideal environmental conditions. The colonial script of the minutes is often hard to decipher, but not impossible. A second set of minutes, beginning around 1785, is held in Hopkins’ own archives. Along with a government order signed by Edward Hopkins as a chief administrator for Oliver Cromwell, these represent the oldest artifacts in our collection.

The work of Mr. Davis has been followed by a few other individuals, notably Faculty Emeritus Ken Rood, who began compiling a valuable timeline of notable events in each year of the school’s existence while he handled assorted inquiries into the history of the school from interested alumni in the 1960s and 70s. John Heath, former Math faculty and interim Head of School, took up the mantle in the 1980s and 90s, voluntarily beginning a systematic cataloging of the materials held in a variety of rooms scattered across campus. Mr. Heath also began the proper storage and handling of archival materials, purchasing archival quality boxes and envelopes. He compiled a valuable list of Hopkins alumni listed in the *Dictionary of American Biography*, working from a list of alumni compiled and published in 1902 with the help of Simeon Baldwin. It was this list that initially sparked my interest in the history of the school, and it has been the springboard for various research projects on my part and on the part of some alumni/ae and recent students, as well.

While the new archival space will not be any larger, the purchase of suitable furnishings should improve both the efficiency and quality of storage. Temperature, light, and humidity are the biggest factors affecting the conservation of historic materials, and these have all been taken into account. School catalogs from as early as 1846 and student newspapers from the 1870s will be properly stored. A complete set of yearbooks dating from 1931 for Hopkins and 1955 for Prospect Hill will be properly cared for. Minutes of faculty meetings and trustee meetings in addition to minutes of Pi Sigma Tau (a secret fraternity begun in 1866) will be safe. Photographs depicting student life at Miss Glendinnings School in 1915 and Hopkins Grammars move to Forest Road in 1925 will be carefully preserved. In addition, it is hoped that more frequent exhibitions of items from the school’s history will be on display for individuals in our community to gain a greater appreciation for the legacy we all enjoy.

*Quod felix faustumque sit,*

Thom Peters
**Events Calendar**

Some of these dates/events are subject to change. Please refer to the website calendar for up-to-date information.

**May 1–3**  
Spring Drama Production

**May 2**  
Student Art Exhibition

**May 8**  
Improv Night

**May 9**  
Distinguished Alumna Day—  
Dr. Lisa M. DeAngelis ’73

**May 10**  
Reunion

**May 15–16**  
Junior School Drama Production

**May 19**  
Alumni/ae Association Golf Tournament  
Instrumental Ensembles Concert

**May 20**  
Alumni/ae Association  
Senior Class Luncheon

**May 23**  
Last Day of Classes

**May 24**  
Annual Mens’ Alumni Lacrosse Game  
Prize Day

**June 12**  
Prize Day

**June 13**  
Commencement

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**HOPKINS REUNION 2008 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**F R I D A Y, M A Y 9**

12:30–1:30 pm  
**Sandwich Seminar with 2008 Distinguished Alumna**  
Dr. Lisa M. DeAngelis ’73  
Alumni/ae House  
RSVP (203) 397-1001 x499  
or email alumnews@hopkins.edu

1:30–3:30 pm  
**Attend afternoon classes**  
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Friday evening class dinners/gatherings  
for details visit:  
www.hopkins.edu/alumni/events/reunion

**S AT U R D A Y, M A Y 1 0**

9:30 am–7 pm  
**Reunion Registration**  
Heath Commons

10 am  
**Alumni Round Robin Tennis Tournament**  
Celebrate Bill Ewen’s 40th anniversary coaching varsity tennis at Hopkins by joining him and alumni at this event!  
RSVP bewen@hopkins.edu

10–11:30 am  
**Women In Science**  
Panel discussion  
Bouchet Seminar Room,  
Malone Science Center

10 am–6 pm  
**Student Art Exhibit**  
Art Gallery in the Library

**School Store**  
Gifts & clothing, Baldwin Hall

**Campus Tours**  
11 am, 2 pm and 3 pm  
Meet at Registration, Heath Commons

11:30 am–12 noon  
**Alumni/ae Memorial Gathering**  
Malone Science Center Atrium

12 noon–3 pm  
**Cookout**  
Athletic Center Patio  
(Proceeds benefit Concert Choir)

12 noon–2 pm  
**Alumni/ae Luncheon**  
Class recognition and student a cappella group entertainment  
Advance reservations required  
Heath Commons, upper level

**Why Science Matters: The Role of Basic Research in Clinical Medicine**  
Dr. Lisa M. DeAngelis ’73  
2008 Distinguished Alumna Award Recipient

2008 Distinguished Alumna Award Presentation  
Hopkins Today  
Barbara M. Riley, Head of School  
David I. Newton ’67, President,  
Committee of Trustees  
Alumni/ae Association Presentation  
President Ronald P. Delfini ’84  
Election of Board Members

2 pm  
**50th Reunion Campus Tour**  
For all 50th Reunion classes  
Meet at Registration, Heath Commons  
followed by  
**Leave a Legacy Presentation**  
Patricia Borghesan  
Alumni/ae House, refreshments served

2–3 pm  
**Interactive Discussion:**  
**Literature That Has Stayed With You**  
Penny Ratcliffe, Faculty, English Dept.  
Library

4 pm  
**Dedication of Library and Art Gallery**  
Followed by reception  
RSVP (203) 397-1001 x499  
or email alumnews@hopkins.edu

**Library Tours**  
at 11 am, 2 pm and 3 pm  
Meet at Library entrance

6 pm  
**Cocktail Reception**  
Advance reservations required, Tent

7–11 pm  
**Alumni/ae Dinner Gala**  
featuring a performance by Hopkins Harmonaires  
followed by music and dancing  
Advance reservations required  
Heath Commons

8:30–9:30 pm  
**Reunion group photos**  
Heath Commons

**C H I L D R E N ’ S  P R O G R A M S**

12 noon–2 pm  
**Recreational Swimming**  
Bud Erich Pool, Walter Camp Athletic Center

1–2 pm  
**Games & Activities**  
for Children ages 8–12  
Field in front of Alumni/ae House  
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