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Meet Kai Bynum
Hopkins 109th Head of School

BY LINDA WEBER

If there was ever a defining moment of clarity for Kai Bynum about the value of an independent school education, it might be traced to a conversation with a teacher at his high school in Olympia, Washington. “I went to a public school where it was really hard to be an artist and an athlete and a scholar. I played three instruments (piano, coronet, violin) and four varsity sports (football, baseball, basketball, track and field). The director of music said I could either be in the band or play football, but I couldn’t do both. I had to choose. I ended up pulling away from music, and I really regret not continuing. I love music. I realized then, as a sophomore, I wanted to be part of a school that allowed kids to find a way to do as much as they wanted to do.”

Finding that school has taken Kai Bynum on a fascinating journey of personal and professional discovery, marked by extraordinary focus, drive and passion. He begins his story with the influence of his parents.

Kai was born in San Jose, California, and moved with his parents and older sister to Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he lived from the ages of two to eleven. “My dad was a military guy, Navy, and then an information technical specialist. Mom was a prison warden.” Professional opportunities for both his parents took the Bynum family to the Olympia, Washington, area. “My dad took the position of Director of Security Technology for the State of Washington, overseeing issues like the Y2K project. My mother was appointed a warden at the local prison, and eventually the Director of Corrections in Snohomish County in Washington State.” He describes his parents as accommodating and deeply supportive. “They knew I was focused, so they gave me flexibility to find my way. I was really committed to books when I was young and I don’t think I missed a day of school growing up. I know I didn’t miss a day of high school. I always felt the day I missed would be the day that the information you didn’t know for the test was going to be explained in class. That’s where my head was!”

Flexibility became an important theme in Kai’s life. At the end of his sophomore year, he realized he could finish his high school graduation requirements within a year. “I was a year ahead in math and was taking AP courses. I was focused and driven and committed to asking questions. I felt I was ready for college.” Kai was all set to receive his high school diploma at the end of his junior year when he got a call from a football recruiter at Stanford. The recruiter said he would have a better chance at a full scholarship if he played football his senior year. Kai stayed for the fall semester, taking one course at the high school and three at...
the local community college. By the end of the fall football season, he had a number of offers, including Stanford and his dream first choice—The University of Washington.

“It’s hard to explain one’s passion. It’s hard to explain why a school makes the hair on the back of your neck rise. But that was the University of Washington for me. It was the school that had everything that I wanted.” Washington also had flexibility, which Stanford did not. Being on a trimester system, the university allowed Kai to enroll that spring and play football. “I did return to my high school in June to receive my diploma, at Mom’s insistence.”

Kai enrolled as a History major and played two seasons of football as a Washington Husky. By the end of his sophomore year, a series of injuries sidelined him. “I had knee injuries and concussions. I could

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continue playing but I was at risk for injuries that I had already accumulated. The coaches left the decision up to me. I could continue to play or be hired as a coach."

Kai spent the next two years coaching Husky linebackers and completing his degree requirements. From the University of Washington, he was recruited in 1999 by the University of Wyoming to coach and to do team scouting while starting graduate studies. And then the Denver Broncos called. "The Broncos asked me to work with team scouting, linebackers and special teams. It was an amazing experience. I loved the strategy of coaching. I was going back and forth between Laramie and Denver and doing graduate work. I was literally all over the place that year."

Faced with an opportunity to make a full-time commitment to professional coaching, Kai took a reflective step back in the winter of 2000. "I was doing something I loved, no question. I was working hard. I was relatively successful given my age and where I was. But at the end of the day, what I was doing was just about winning a game. I wanted to have a deeper impact for others. I always knew I wanted to come back to education. Since my sophomore year in high school, I knew I wanted to be a teacher—to create that learning environment that allows kids to be what they want to be."

Kai took a leap of faith and sought a teaching position. As a coach, he had recruited in New England and found himself drawn to that area of the country. New England also resonated with his deep affection for 19th-century American literature and his all-time favorite novel, *Moby-Dick*. An offer to teach high school English in New Bedford, Massachusetts, confirmed the decision. "The name New Bedford meant something to me—there is Frederick Douglass, and, of course, the whale! It was meaningful for me to start my academic education career there."

In September 2001, Kai was at New Bedford High School teaching three sections of English—two

Meet Kai Bynum

ABOVE LEFT: Freshman Kai Bynum, #24, plays linebacker for the University of Washington Huskies. ABOVE RIGHT: On the campus of The Governor’s Academy in Newburyport, Massachusetts. FAR RIGHT: In the classroom at Belmont Hill School in Belmont, Massachusetts.
Honors—with classes of 33 students, while also earning his teaching certificate. He continued researching ways to pursue his graduate studies when an opportunity to join the faculty of Governor Dummer Academy (now The Governor's Academy) arrived. He moved to Newburyport in September 2003 to take up his position. He was also accepted into the master's program at Harvard, where he earned an M.L.A. in English and American Literature and Language. "It worked out well because Governor's was on a block schedule, so I was able to teach and go back and forth between Newburyport and Cambridge." At Governor's, Kai was fully immersed in the independent boarding school experience. He taught English and advised at all grade levels, coached football and track and field, served as a dorm parent in a girls dorm, and took on special administrative projects in curriculum and faculty development.

His time at Governor's confirmed for him that his own high school yearning for a school where kids could be what they wanted to be was possible. "There is an overwhelming sense of community that an independent school creates. It's an intimate setting where a community revolves around the process of learning. It's a way of life."

Within four years, Bynum was tapped to be part of the Senior Administrative team at Belmont Hill School, an independent day school for grades seven to twelve. As Director of Community and Diversity, he designed and led school-wide programs on issues of race and ethnicity, sexual orientation, religion and faith, gender awareness, and cultural competencies, while still carrying a full load of teaching, advising and coaching. "Everything at Belmont Hill was heighten— the level of intellectual rigor, the athletics, the faculty. It was a space where you really had to be on your game. Belmont called forth my emergence as an administrator of schools."

At the encouragement of Rick Melvoin, Belmont's Head of School, Kai enrolled in the Klingenstein Center at Teachers College at Columbia University and received an M.Ed. with a focus on private school leadership.

Kai’s next port of call was Roxbury Latin, the nation’s oldest independent school. At Roxbury, Kai was Chief Academic Officer and Director of Strategic Initiatives. While The Governor's Academy immersed him in the life of the independent school community and Belmont sharpened his focus, Roxbury brought it
all together as an administrator, allowing him to inter-
face and collaborate with every aspect of indepen-
dent school life. To put a final exclamation point on 
his academic journey, Bynum earned a doctorate in 
Education from the University of Pennsylvania while 
at Roxbury Latin.

The call to be Hopkins’ 109th Head of School came 
just one year ago, over the summer of 2015. There is 
no question in Kai’s mind that Hopkins is where he 
wants to be.

“There is no better vocation for me than to be in 
an environment that allows for the intellectual, the 
creative, the physical and the spiritual to all come 
together in one community.” Kai officially started on 
Friday, July 1, and spent the quiet summer weeks 
getting settled on campus, meeting with faculty, staff 
and members of the Hopkins community.

But it was later in August, during pre-season 
practice, that it began to feel as if he were really 
starting. Walking back from the playing fields where 
he stopped in to watch the football and field hockey 
teams get underway, he smiled broadly, “The kids are 
back—it’s fantastic.”

Kai Bynum’s 
19th Century 
Reading List
When I was in high school, a mentor of mine gave me a copy of *Walden*, Henry David Thoreau’s classic reflection of a life in search of solitude and meaning. While I did not accept all of Thoreau’s teachings, I found myself appreciating his perspectives on the juxtaposition of purpose and place. The pond gave him the opportunity to reevaluate the principles and values by which he wanted to live, and to reconsider the frameworks that governed his existence. “I went to the woods,” Thoreau writes, “because I wanted to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not, when I came to die, discover that I had not lived.” As I read his words, I could not help but think about how I constantly balanced the demands of academic achievement and athletic performance in my own life, with the desire to somehow seek a higher level of meaning and purpose. While I loved the intellectual life of being a student, and the unconditional connection of being a teammate, I still asked myself what “deliberately” meant for me.

Through college and early adulthood, I continued to find happiness in the books and on the field, but I also continued to search for a deeper level of satisfaction with what I was doing. Eventually, I knew I had to find a setting that would allow me to “front only the essential facts of life.” For me, the facts were that I wanted to help others in a meaningful way and serve the community through the world of education. When I had the opportunity to teach for the first time at New Bedford High School in New Bedford, Massachusetts, I knew that I had found my own Walden Pond. The classroom quickly became the place where I learned how it feels to live a life of purpose. The large, urban public school was the first of several educational environments where I experienced the pleasure of adding value to the minds and spirits of young people, and over the years this work has brought me closer to the sense of happiness that I sought in my youth.

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Walden Pond in New Haven

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Throughout my career, I have been fortunate to work in schools that have helped me cultivate my own philosophy of education. I have always enjoyed the pursuit of knowledge, and I have grown to appreciate how the community of a school can be a home for people to feel connected and loved. When I first visited Hopkins in 2013, I found a place that embodies all of these values that had been growing within me since my early days of reading *Walden*. So when I was called to be a part of the next chapter in the storied history of the School, I saw this place as a natural fit for me.

The start of this year has opened my eyes even more to the beauty of this place. I am inspired by the character and kindness of our students, and enlightened by the commitment and dedication of our faculty and staff. All of us value the life of the mind, and the community works together to care for the individual. Collectively this fall, we have been energized by the excitement of a new season together, we have transformed challenges into opportunities for growth, we have shared our hopes for what tomorrow will bring, and we have found comfort in our connections on this campus. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the people who have built the 357 years of this school. All of your stories and experiences inform my goal of hoping our students reflect on Hopkins as the place where they began to find a sense of purpose in their own lives.
Michael Fishman ’97 is Solving the Yankee Equation
Michael Fishman ’97 has been on a surfboard once in his life—and it was fleeting, a lesson he took with his wife on their honeymoon in Hawaii.

So when Billy Eppler, an avid surfer and Fishman’s colleague with the Yankees, cajoled some of his office mates into entering Surfer Magazine’s fantasy surfing contest years ago, he had little idea what he was unleashing.

Fishman, poring over the rules, discovered a loophole: You could enter as many teams as you wanted as long as you used different email addresses. So Fishman developed a database of scores from the previous five years of competitions and built his own metrics for ranking and valuing surfers. Then he created new email addresses and entered his teams.

Among the nearly 18,000 entrants chasing the grand prize of a trip for two to Australia, Fishman finished first. And second. And sixth, ninth, 11th and 18th.

“When he won, there was a lot of head-shaking,” said Eppler, who is now the Los Angeles Angels’ general manager and has friends on the pro surfing circuit. “They’re like, this guy doesn’t even surf.”

The result was so unnerving that Surfer Magazine changed the contest rules, invoking what it called the
Fishman Clause. Beginning in 2011, entries have been limited to one per person.

Meanwhile, that ability to solve problems, and the mastery of data to predict performance, have made Fishman, 37, one of General Manager Brian Cashman’s trusted deputies.

As the Yankees confront a major retooling, Fishman, an assistant general manager who oversees one of baseball’s largest analytics staffs, will have a prominent voice. “You want to make the best, most informed decision you can, so the deeper you can dig on something the better,” Cashman said.

When the Yankees hired Fishman in 2005, two years after the publication of Moneyball and four years after he graduated summa cum laude from Yale with a bachelor’s degree in mathematics, he was their analytics department.

It has since grown to include seven analysts, five system developers and several interns who work under him. Seven former interns have landed analytics jobs with other teams, Fishman said.

Baseball’s analytics boom is hardly a secret. Yet the transformation of the Yankees, rarely known for being discreet about anything, has taken place with little fanfare. Still, when ESPN last year rated every team in the four major professional sports leagues on their commitment to analytics, the Yankees were ranked sixth among 122 teams.

Fishman is circumspect in discussing the Yankees’ analytics work in detail. “If we find an inefficiency to the game that we can exploit and then it’s made public, it’s no longer an inefficiency,” Fishman said. “Everybody knows about it.”

He added: “People who do research in baseball are making a choice: I’m going to do something that’s going to the benefit of the team that’s going to help them win games, and my research is not going to be made public. I’m not going to get the glory for my research.”

Fishman, who grew up in Fairfield, Connecticut, began viewing baseball as a game of probability when he was all of seven years old. That was when he began playing Strat-O-Matic, a game that uses dice, along with cards that contain the statistics of major league hitters and pitchers. Within two years, Fishman was developing his own weighted formulas for evaluating a player’s worth.

By the time Fishman and his brother Rocky, who is two years older, were teenagers, they would gather their friends for weekend-long Strat-O-Matic binges at their house, with research notes and cards scattered all over the floor.

The cards, noted Rocky Fishman, who now works as an equity derivatives strategist for Deutsche Bank, did not have personalities or hot or cold streaks, except the ones randomly provided by a roll of the dice. Instead, he said, it was all about numbers and “the ways to maximize your odds of winning a baseball game.” In effect, his kid brother was already acting like a 21st-century baseball executive even though it was still the early 1990s and he was not old enough to vote.

By the time Michael Fishman reached high school, he had also found another outlet for a fierce competitive streak: math competitions. He entered a statewide contest in eighth grade in which the top four advanced to a national event in Washington. He finished first.

When Fishman arrived the next fall as a ninth grader at the Hopkins School in New Haven, he felt like a hot-shot basketball recruit on a college campus because upperclassmen knew all about him.

Naturally shy or reticent, Fishman does not carry himself with the cocksure gait of a former athlete, nor is he compelled to fill lulls in a conversation. Those who have known him describe him as determinedly loyal and with a wry, often understated, sense of humor.

David McCord, a teacher who coached the math team at Hopkins, recalls two things about Fishman: He was rarely seen without a Mets cap, and he became a galvanizing figure within the Math Team, a captain in the truest sense, drawing in other students who, like Fishman, might have been “a little off kilter in their social progress—very funny, quirky kids.”

“There is an intensity there that is not at all obvious,” McCord said. “One of the things about Michael,
and this is very rare, is it just all made sense. I don’t think at any point in high school anything in math was trouble for him. It just made sense.

In many ways, numbers are the prisms through which Fishman sees the world. In college, he and his friends would devise their own formulas to calculate which food at the cafeteria constituted the best deal. And when Fishman was organizing a Simpsons marathon before graduation, he ranked dozens of episodes on cassette tapes to determine the viewing order.

When Fishman had earned his degree in math, the use of analytics in sports was nascent—and baseball was nearly impossible to break into without having played the game at some level. So Fishman became an actuary at an insurance company.

But he also began a side career in the fantasy sports industry, where he became a well-known figure. Then Moneyball hit, and suddenly doors into baseball began to fly open.

Fishman sent letters to all 30 clubs. He prepared two projects—on how in-game moves affected win probability and on relief pitcher valuation—that he hoped would showcase his problem-solving skills.

He landed an interview with Athletics General Manager Billy Beane, the protagonist in Moneyball, at the 2004 winter meetings, and Beane peppered him with questions.

The A’s analyst job eventually went to Farhan Zaidi, now the Dodgers’ general manager, but Fishman was encouraged enough to continue his hunt, touring spring training camps and meeting with more teams. One asked him for a sample project on batting orders, another was interested in hiring him as a computer programmer, and several asked if he were interested in an internship; he was not.

By July 2005, the Yankees expressed interest. Cashman brought Fishman in for an interview and, within a week or so, offered him a job.

“I always want to understand things from a different perspective and want the organization to make the best decision possible using all the information possible.”
On Monday, November 14, 2016, David I. Newton ’67 HGS will return to Hopkins to speak at an all-school assembly and be honored as the 2016–2017 Distinguished Alumnus. He will also be a featured presenter at Reunion on Saturday, June 10, 2017.

The Hopkins Distinguished Alumni/ae Award is given annually to the person who, among his or her peers, is making outstanding contributions in their profession or field of endeavor, and the one who best exemplifies all the possibilities his/her Hopkins experience offered.

David Newton served as a Hopkins Trustee for 20 years, from 1990 to 2000 and again from 2002 to 2012. He was President of the Committee of Trustees from 2005 to 2012 and in that capacity, was a member of all Trustee committees. Lending his professional facilities management and construction expertise, David guided Hopkins through the renovation of Baldwin Hall and other building renovations, as well as overseeing the design and construction of the Malone Science Center (1999), Heath Commons (2003), Calarco Library (2007), and Thompson Hall (2010). During his presidency, Hopkins’ capital raising initiative, Keeping Our Promise, produced over $45 million in gifts, commitments and bequest intentions. In honor of his contributions to Hopkins during his tenure on the Committee of Trustees, David was awarded the Hopkins Medal in 2012.

David is currently President of Elm Advisors, LLC, which he founded in September 2007. Elm Advisors provides consulting services to not-for-profit institutions focused on real estate development, property acquisition and leasing, as well as facilities management strategy and not-for-profit governance issues. Prior to Elm Advisors, from 2002 to 2007, David served as the Associate Vice President and Director of University Properties at Yale University. From 1998 until 2002, David was Executive Vice President of Aramark Education Services. He joined Aramark after its acquisition of the Facilities Resource Management Co. (FRM), which he co-founded in 1977 and where he served as President. FRM provided facilities management and construction services to colleges, universities, hospitals and school systems throughout the U.S.

David currently serves as Trustee of Lesley University; Trustee and member of the Executive Committee, Long Wharf Theatre; and as a Director of the Connecticut Heath Foundation, Elm Shakespeare Co., Project Access and the First City Fund Corporation.

David has served on a variety of not-for-profit boards in New Haven, including the Hospital of St. Raphael, the Arts Council, International Festival of Arts and Ideas, and the New Haven Road Race. He recently completed a seven-year term as a Director of the Community Foundation of Greater New Haven, where he served as Chair for two years. David also served as a Trustee at Vermont Academy for 21 years.

David received a bachelor's degree from Williams College and a master's degree from the Graduate School of Business, Columbia University. He is a lifelong resident of New Haven.

ABOVE LEFT: David I. Newton ’67
Theo LeCompte and Laina Jones Cox, both from the Class of 1997, are named Hopkins Alumni/ae Fellows. The Hopkins Alumni/ae Fellows Program seeks to enrich the Hopkins learning experience by exposing students to prominent graduates who will inspire and challenge students by sharing their life experiences.

THEO LECOMPTÉ '97 is Deputy Chief of Staff and Senior Advisor to the Secretary for Strategy and Operations at the U.S. Department of Commerce. He began working at the Commerce Department in October 2013, and in his role helps Secretary Penny Pritzker manage the Department with a focus on special projects, internal engagement, and collaborating on strategic planning efforts. He previously served as Director of Events & Ceremonies for the 2013 Presidential Inaugural Committee, overseeing inaugural events including the official Inaugural Ball, as well as Chief Operating Officer of the 2012 Democratic National Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina, overseeing all aspects of planning at the primary convention venues. He also served as the overall Media Logistics Coordinator for the White House and U.S. Department of State at both the 2009 Pittsburgh G20 Summit and the 2010 Nuclear Security Summit in Washington. Theo is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania School of Engineering and Applied Science. He will speak to the Hopkins community about his career at an all-school assembly on Monday, November 7, 2016.

Laina Jones Cox '97 graduated from Spelman College with a B.A. in Psychology and Child Development in 2001 and received an Ed.M. from Harvard University Graduate School of Education in 2002. She began her career in education in Boston Public Schools as a Middle School Humanities teacher, later completing a Principal Licensure program through Northeastern University in 2006. She became an Assistant Principal/Director of Instruction in 2007, and she served in that role for three years. In 2010 Laina moved to the Washington, D.C., area working as a school designer for EL Education. Laina is currently the Founding Principal of the Middle School for Capital City Public Charter School, where she has served since 2012. In 2014, Laina was named a Ted Sizer Principal Fellow through the Coalition of Essential Schools and currently serves as a mentor principal with EL Education. Laina is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and the proud founder of The Blueprint Conference for Middle and High School Girls. Laina will visit Hopkins on Monday, April 10, 2017, and speak at an all-school assembly about her career in Expeditionary Education.

After nearly 24 years, Hopkins School has taken the step to disaffiliate from the Breakthrough Collaborative in order to strengthen Hopkins' ability to provide strong academic opportunities to middle school students and to implement a more traditional approach to teacher training. Concurrent with the disaffiliation, Breakthrough New Haven has been renamed Pathfinder Hopkins School.

Under the Breakthrough Collaborative model, affiliates are required to employ high school and college-age students as lead Teaching Fellows and to focus the program on high school as well as middle school students. Pathfinder will now employ professional teachers who will be assisted by the high school- and college-age Teaching Fellows. Pathfinder will also recruit rising sixth graders in order to deepen the program's role in the academic development of middle school students.

“We believe these two strategies will provide excellent instruction to our students and Teaching Fellows and further ensure the success of our students toward matriculating into college preparatory high schools,” commented Michael Van Leesten, Director of Pathfinder Hopkins School.
Welcome New Faculty and Staff

The 2016–2017 Hopkins Committee of Trustees

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This summer, twenty-two students from the Hopkins Concert Choir embarked on a nine-day tour of Ireland, where they performed works from their repertoire in four cities around the country, under the direction of Choral Music Director Erika Schroth. From June 13 to 21, the Tour Choir performed in St. Nicholas Collegiate Church in Galway, St. Patrick’s Cathedral in Dublin, Saint Thomas’ Church Belfast, and The Wallace High School in Lisburn. The singers had the opportunity to meet and perform with local singers, including the SONKE! Choir in Galway and the Trouble Clefs Children’s Choir from Ballinasloe at their Dublin performance. Between performances the group enjoyed sightseeing around the Irish countryside, included a visit to Rathbaun Farm, a 150-year-old sheep farm; the Trinity College Library; Malahide Castle; Hillsborough Castle; and a hike in the Glendalaugh glacial valley and medieval monastic ruins in County Wicklow; and had the opportunity to explore the cities where they stayed.

ABOVE: (L–R) Concert at St. Patrick’s Cathedral, Dublin; from Rathbaun Farm, a 150-year-old sheep farm near Galway.

The Hopkins Black Alumni/ae Network held its first gathering during Reunion on June 11, 2016, organized by Trustee Medina Tyson Jett ’83.

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First Kristin Ridinger Taurchini Prize Awarded

At Prize Day on Thursday, June 9, 2016, the inaugural Kristin Ridinger Taurchini Award was given to Eva Brander Blackhawk, Class of 2020. The award honors the memory of Kristin Ridinger: a teacher, a coach, a head adviser, a trusted colleague, and a fiercely devoted friend. Known and beloved by her students as Madame Taurchini, Kristin tirelessly served Hopkins School—and in particular its Junior Schoolers—from 1980 to 2015. Her joie de vivre, her tender smile, and the care she showed toward others inspired her students to become their best selves. The Kristin Ridinger Taurchini Prize is given to the eighth grader who best demonstrates those qualities so admired and cherished in her—optimism, resilience, energy and generosity of heart. Eighth Grade Head Adviser Jocelyn Garrity presented Eva with the award with the following remarks: “[Eva’s] convictions are strong and her hopes for the community are high. Each day, she tries to make the J School a better place by being a positive teammate, a joyful scholar and a loyal friend. For her unwavering belief in the potential of individuals to make a difference, and the encouragement she offers to help them discover it, we are pleased to award the Kristin Ridinger Taurchini Prize to Eva Brander Blackhawk.”

Head Advisers gather with the prize recipient: (L–R) Errol Saunders, Marie Doval, Dr. Joel D’Angelo, Eva Brander Blackhawk ’20, Jocelyn Garrity, Lars Jorgensen and Kristine Waters.

Picnic on the Hill Celebration

Under a clear blue summer sky, nearly 1,000 members of the Hopkins community gathered on June 4, 2016, to celebrate Barbara M. Riley and her remarkable tenure as 108th Head of School. Pictured is Barbara with her children, Nathaniel ’99, Noah ’96 and Gerun Riley ’94, and granddaughter Hadley Wilborn.
Notable Heads of School

BY THOM PETERS, HOPKINS ARCHIVIST

Jeremiah Peck ¹(1660-1662) HGS
For much of Hopkins’ early history, the position of Head of School was held by young Puritan clerics hoping to get a start in their career. This was true in the case of Jeremiah Peck, the first teacher at Hopkins Grammar School. As a four-year-old child, Peck had migrated with his father to Boston the same year that Edward Hopkins and John Davenport did (1637). He attended Harvard for three years before becoming a schoolmaster first in Guilford, then at Hopkins when it opened in 1660. After two years of teaching at Hopkins, Peck returned to Guilford and became the pastor at the Guilford Congregational Church.

Hawley Olmstead ¹(1839-1849) HGS
Over time, the position of Head of School at Hopkins came to be held more and more frequently by students from the Divinity School at Yale, students whose focus was more often on their own studies rather than that of their students at Hopkins. This began to threaten the ability of the school to survive until the arrival of Hawley Olmstead. In 1839, the trustees hired this Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Yale with twenty years of teaching experience in Wilton schools to begin teaching in the new Hopkins school building at Wall and High Streets. He reportedly was much stricter with the students, but balanced his

(Ed. note: As Kai Bynum starts his tenure as Hopkins’ 109th Head of School, we asked our Archivist to take us back in time to reacquaint us with other Heads of School and the times in which they served.)
Puritan sternness with intellect, empathy, and a long-term commitment that made the students appreciate him. Enrollment climbed steadily, but after ten years at Hopkins, his eyes began to fail and he chose to resign.

**James M. Whiton**  {1854–1864} HGS
Hawley Olmstead was succeeded by his son, Edward, but Edward lacked the skills and drive of his father, and enrollment began to plummet again. By 1854, when the trustees hired James Whiton, another Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Yale, the school's situation had become quite dire. Only six students remained, and one of them died during the autumn when he fell out of a tree. Whiton was determined, however, and introduced many foundational hallmarks of the school experience familiar to students today: report cards, final exams, study halls, a Junior School, English composition, and arts courses. Enrollment climbed to over one hundred students for the first time, and he used the milestone of the School's bicentennial to create an alumni association. Whiton left to become a pastor of a church in Massachusetts, but he participated in Hopkins alumni events until his death in 1920.

**Katherine Glendinning**  {1907–1916} TDS
Although a Midwesterner by birth, "Miss Kate" went to Vassar before beginning her teaching career in Chicago. Then for four years, she taught in Montana before returning east to open her own school in New Haven in 1907. Initially, it was open to boys and girls of all ages, from primary through high school. Glendinning decided to sell her school to one of her teachers, Elizabeth Lewis Day, shortly before marrying Col. Harry F. Wanvig in 1917. The catalog for Miss Glendinning's school began by stating: “The aim, as in all good schools, is the development of mind and character. The school strives to interest the pupils in their work and to develop systematic habits of study.” This statement of purpose continued to be part of the catalog even after the school became known as The Day School.

**George B. Lovell**  {1916–1953} HGS
George Lovell is responsible for much of Hopkins' modern identity. His 37-year tenure is the longest of any Head, and he helped usher Hopkins into its new character as a “country day school” on its current campus on the western edge of New Haven. Having been on the faculty when the school was nearly absorbed by the New Haven public school system in 1911, Lovell took the reins offered him by the Trustees and reimagined the school as more than simply the college admission test tutoring school it had somewhat become. Working with Trustees Simeon Baldwin and Henry Farnum, Lovell led the charge to purchase the Mitchell property in Westville, hired the first full-time athletic director to oversee the sports program, and supported new activities such as an orchestra, glee club, yearbook and literary magazine. He also found Helen Barton to lead the Junior School quite successfully for 42 years, providing scholars well prepared for the rigors of a reinvigorated curriculum in Hopkins' upper grades. In addition to Baldwin Hall, Hopkins House and Reigeluth Gym were also constructed. In 1960, Lovell Hall was named in his honor.

**Mary Brewster Thompson**  {1939–1952} PHS
While several individuals had a hand in the establishment of Prospect Hill School in the early 1930s, the decision to hand the reins over to Mary Brewster Thompson began to set Prospect Hill as a marker of academic excellence for girls in New Haven. A math teacher with degrees from Wellesley and Teacher's College (Columbia) and experience in various New York schools, Thompson came to Prospect Hill with high recommendations. She helped establish new activities such as a school newspaper and an active community service program. She also guided the school through World War II, establishing a partnership with a school in France after the war to help it recover from the war. The Mary Brewster Thompson Award, established in 1960, remains Hopkins School's highest academic honor. In addition, Hopkins named its most recent building on campus, Thompson Hall, in her honor.

**F. Allen Sherk**  {1953–1974} HGS
When George Lovell retired from Hopkins after his lengthy tenure, he left big shoes to fill. Allen Sherk stepped in and guided the school through some tumultuous growth and change. His experience at Milton Academy shaped his approach to education at Hopkins, with an emphasis on educating “the whole child” and a fully engaged faculty. He oversaw the celebration of the school's tercentenary and used it to successfully raise funds for the construction of Lovell Hall as a dining hall and arts center. He saw to the
addition of modern science classrooms to Baldwin Hall and to the addition of the Learning Center (now the Calarco Library). Active in the larger independent school community, Sherk was an early member of the Connecticut Foundation for Independent Schools and the New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. Trustees and alumni/ae most closely associate him with the decision to merge Hopkins Grammar School with Day Prospect Hill School to create a modern, coeducational school in 1972, now known as Hopkins School.

Barbara Masters Riley [2001–2016] HS

By any of several measures, Barbara Riley belongs in this list of Notable Heads of School. While she was hailed as “the first woman Head of Hopkins” upon her selection, this overlooks the notable women who headed the girls’ schools before they merged with Hopkins Grammar School in 1972. Riley’s notability lies more properly in any of numerous other categories. Under her leadership, the endowment grew from nearly $25 million to something remarkable ($100 million). Both student enrollment and the number and quality of faculty and staff members increased. Academic programs were added, including the innovative MSON (Malone Schools Online Network). New campus buildings and other facilities emerged, while the quality of older ones was improved. These are all tangible measures. As notable, she improved the quality of life of the school community by exhibiting a deep caring for students, faculty, staff, and their families.
Take the Hopkins Quiz

Match the lettered numbers (right) to the descriptions (left).
Answers found on page 62.

1. Campus acreage
2. # of academic/athletic/administrative buildings
3. Total square footage of building space
4. Volumes in the library
5. # of playing fields
6. # of tennis courts
7. Enrolled students for 2016–17
8. Average class size
9. # of Connecticut towns students come from
10. % of students recognized as National Merit Scholars 2016–17
11. # of students receiving financial aid 2016–17
12. Average amount of financial aid per award
14. # of faculty for 2016–17
15. % of faculty holding advanced degrees
16. # of academic courses offered
17. # of AP courses offered
18. # of alumni/ae of record
19. Total amount of $ contributed to 2015–16 annual fund

A. 60
B. 3,725,200
C. 122
D. 40
E. 75
F. 26,800
G. 6,470
H. 714
I. 1,635,000
J. 108
K. 25
L. 11
M. 251,000
N. 26,000
O. 10
P. 12
Q. 139
R. 188
S. 7
Commencement 2016

Friday, June 10, was a beautiful day on the Hill for the 356th Class of Hopkins School to graduate under the big tent. The surrounding upper fields were filled with smiles, tears of joy, hugs and many congratulations from family, friends and the entire Hopkins community.
Reunion 2016

Alumni/ae from classes ending in 1 and 6 returned to the Hill on June 10 and 11. Programs included the 4th annual Clay Hall run/walk, a special Adam Kreiger Adventure Program experience for the Class of 1991, Back to Class sessions with current faculty, a special luncheon featuring Distinguished Alumnus Vince Volpe ’76 and an introduction to Dr. Kai Bynum. The afternoon continued with family activities and an alumni lacrosse game, followed by an evening cocktail reception and dinner under the big tent.
If your class is not listed, we are either seeking a class secretary or your class did not have any news to report. If you have any questions, please contact Carol Brouillette at cbrouillette@hopkins.edu.

1945
The Alumni/ae Office is happy to announce a new class secretary:
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1947 70th Reunion
DAY, HGS and PHS—June 9 and 10, 2017
DAY
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Our classmate, Muriel Brock, who was always a leader of our field hockey team as well as any other team we had, was honored recently by the University Liggett School in Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, where she taught for 37 years. In May, at the school's 2016 Alumni Weekend, the kickoff to its Sure Foundations Campaign was “the celebration of the legacy of Coach and Faculty Member Emeritus Muriel E. Brock” as the school named the new girls lacrosse and field hockey field in her honor. Many, many former students and good friends came back to the school for this event honoring their well-loved coach and teacher. Under Muriel, the girls’ field hockey teams had undefeated seasons from 1970 to 1974, and in ’73 and ’74 the team was unscored upon. Coach Muriel Brock had been previously inducted into the Michigan High School Coaches Field Hockey Hall of Fame as well as the Michigan High School Coaches Lacrosse Hall of Fame. One of her fellow coaches said, “Inspirational is the first word that comes to mind when I think of Muriel Brock.” When Muriel was inducted into the University Liggett School’s Alumni Athletic Hall of Fame in 2012, she expressed her own thoughts on being a coach: “As a coach, you build the person as much as you build the team.” This exemplified her approach, helping student-athletes reach their highest potential both on the field and in the classroom. For the past several summers, Muriel has driven east and had good visits with classmates Ann Farist Butler and Anne Taylor Barrett. We’ll miss her this summer, but are thrilled with her many honors and look forward to the next time we’re all together!

1948
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At our last reunion we had four classmates attend, plus me. Since then, we learned that Steve Davie passed away, just several months after attending his first reunion. Bob O’Brien, a classics teacher and multiple-sports coach, reports that he has moved to Florida permanently. Each reunion year, I write a personal letter to each classmate, which will be in 2018.

1949
HGS
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More bad news! Marty DeGennaro called to tell me Dr. Richard Lesneski had passed away in Abita Springs, Louisiana, on April 16, 2016, after a long illness. He had been a dentist and then a carpenter, and enjoyed rebuilding flying horses, which he loved to talk about. Remodeling homes was also one of his talents. Dick attended many of our reunions in his younger years. I met with Owen Cylke ’56 at this past reunion and learned some info about his brother Kurt, who is in our class. I had been in Washington, D.C., many years ago and I heard Kurt talk at the National Library for the Blind and Handicapped. I spoke to him after the lecture and I thought I had convinced him to become “active.” Maybe this will help! Owen tells me Kurt lives in Great Falls, Virginia, is married with three children and five grandchildren. He is retired, after 30 years as Director of the National Library, and is now a volunteer ranger at a national park, a public library and a Catholic church mission in Baltimore. In his spare time he collects books! We hope to close out the year with our annual luncheon around the holidays. Regular attendees include Judge Calabresi, Marty DeGennaro, Dick LoRicco and myself. Call me at 203-795-3716 or email me if you would like to join us.
Jytte has written their memoirs, Freedom's Candles: From Tiananmen to Vilnius (bear-lodgewriters.com), beginning with her childhood in Denmark under German occupation and life in communist countries. Both Jim and Jytte claim they are now owned by the beauty of nature, the quiet peace of her breath, the fleeting forms of deer and wild turkeys and the warmth of sunlight from the clear, open skies. Alaric Levin reports he has relocated to North Palm Beach, Florida, after spending the last 60 years “bleeding Orange” in Syracuse, New York, and has regretfully taken himself off the road after several unpleasant incidents. He graciously invites classmates traveling to the Sunshine State to visit him for pizza and a piña colada. You can reach him at Levin.ac32@gmail.com. John Fenn has decided to retire after a long career at Yale Medical School teaching physical examination and diagnosis, but will continue to guide medical students at their weekly surgery grand rounds. He recently completed a four-year project titled Yale Surgery—Leaders and Legacies, now published for distribution. John claims that he and Natalie will enjoy the view of Lake Whitney and the surrounding woods. But... what if Yale calls? Bill Odell reports that he and Rose spent this last year traveling internationally, first to South America’s Rio de Janeiro then on to Argentina’s Buenos Aires, enjoying ranching activities including horseback riding gaucho style, then ten days on the Amazon, and on to the Andes and Machu Picchu. If that weren’t enough for these two, they then toured the South Central U.S., Tennessee, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and Mississippi. Good luck to Bill and Rose! His firm, Odell Consulting, Inc., merged with another for which he is now consulting. Jim Colby responded by informing me of the sudden passing of his wife, Mary. Over the past year she has required 24/7 care, which Jim felt privileged to provide her. Suddenly, he was told that she had developed a terminal health issue, and as she was dying a few days later, she left Jim and his family with amazingly courageous and unforgettable thoughts and words. This tragic yet beautiful experience is available for you to read. I can to send it to you.

1951

HGS

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The news in this column is all about our 65th Reunion, held at Hopkins in June. Eight classmates and six wives attended: Maxine and Paul Brown, Cartha and Jack Hesse, Dick Lunt and Carmel Merrill, Gale and Don Scott, Dorothy and John Sutton, Carla and Dick Wilde, and Art Zollin. We welcomed back Bill Porter, who left Hopkins after Form III to attend Milton Academy. Dan Case, who also left us after Form III to attend Loomis School, was unable to come to the reunion but suggested that we invite Bill. Dick did the inviting, and we enjoyed having Bill with us. Don Reich and his daughter were also planning to attend but had to cancel at the last minute. On Friday of the weekend we gathered for cocktails at Swensen House, home of Barbara Riley, Head of School, who was about to retire after twenty years at Hopkins as teacher and Head. We then had dinner at Mory’s, during which we reminisced about our years on the Hill. I recounted a time when I unthinkingly popped bubble gum in Miss Carver’s class and was sent to Miss Barton’s office. After telling the story, I learned for the first time that as I was leaving her room that day, Miss Carver had commented sadly, “and John is one of my best boys!” Dick Wilde told about purloining an organ pipe from the basement of Battell Chapel at Yale. If you email Dick, I’m sure he will send you an account of his adventure (richard.c.wilde@snet.net). We remembered Ken Uston, and, after the reunion, Paul Brown directed us to a website on which Ken’s remarkable life is recounted (uston.com/bio.htm). On Saturday morning and afternoon, we attended back-to-school sessions on topics such as athletics at Hopkins and the school’s use of educational technology. We had lunch under a huge tent on Pratt Field, at which we were introduced to Kai Bynum, incoming Head of School. We were glad to have shelter when rain poured down! In the evening we enjoyed cocktails—indoors because of the rain—and dinner under the tent. In summary, we had an enjoyable time at the reunion—and wish that more of our friends could have joined us. The Class owes a debt of gratitude to Dick Wilde, who arranged the Mory’s dinner and, along with Frank Foster, Don Scott, John Sutton and Art Zollin, made phone calls or sent emails urging classmates to come to the reunion. One email elicited a response from John Youmans, who has lived and worked in Norway for many years. He asked that I not print his remarks here, but I’m sure he won’t mind if I send you a copy privately. Just ask. As points of interest, our class list now numbers 34 classmates. Our First Form class had 17 members, five of us graduated in 1951, and of those only Dick Lunt, John Youmans and I remain. Our next reunion will be in 2021. May we all be still around to see the day!
discoveries, the reminiscences, and the basic enjoyment of being in each others' company. We did venture into politics and even that was fun! Ann Coleman Mandelbaum was scheduled to join us, but tragically her son Matthew passed away from a long illness right about the time that we were gathering. She and her husband and children had remained friends with Gladys and her husband for many years, celebrating New Year's Eves together for 50 or more years. Such a sad loss. We missed those who could not be there and look forward to a re-gather, perhaps even next year!


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Seven lucky classmates gathered at Gladys Bozyan Lavine's wonderful and familiar home on the water in Middletown, Rhode Island, over 2½ days, July 25–27.

Janie Karlsruher Shedlin drove from her club condo in Greenwich, Connecticut, and brought as her passenger Susan Meyers Jacobs, who also lives in a condo in Washington Heights, New York. Mary Rossman Bird (Maine) and Joan Haskell Vicinus (New Hampshire) also arrived by car. Elizabeth DeVane Edminster flew in from the farthest distance, Washington, D.C., and Sukie Hilles Bush drove over and back each day from her summer home in Westport, Rhode Island. Our other gatherers were Harriet Tuttle Noyes, friend of all from the Foote School and Tamara Fenn, daughter-in-law of Mary Bird, who was Mary's and my awesome driver from Maine and who served as general helper and friend throughout our visit. We would gather on Gladys's front porch for the cocktail hour both evenings, have breakfasts and lunches on the open side porch, and one dinner in the dining room. Gladys was the supreme genial host and although all of us brought extras, Gladys was the dinner-hour hostess, providing us with a delicious Armenian dish called metch the first night and a glorious roasted swordfish and eggplant dish the second. That we ate and drank well goes without saying; but of course best of all was the chatting, the new learning about each other, the new PHS
Joan Haskell Vicinus

1952 65th Reunion DAY, HGS and PHS—June 9 and 10, 2017

HGS
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Dominic Proto is retired, but still goes into his office for a couple of hours every day, Dominic and his wife, Antoinette, have four children, nine grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and two more on the way. He reports that old age is no impediment. Barry Greene and his wife, Marlene, have been living in south Florida for 15 years. They live in a country club facility that has two 18-hole golf courses, and Barry still plays 18 holes of golf twice a week. Barry and Marlene have been married 61 years, and have five grandchildren. For their 60th anniversary, they took an Oceania cruise to all the Baltic countries, with three full days in Russia. Barry works part-time doing mediation and arbitration in Florida, after practicing law in Connecticut for 50 years. This past June, he attended his 60th class reunion at Brown University. Merritt Clark reports that last year, he took a fall and had to be admitted to a hospital for several days. In December, he underwent neurosurgery, and according to his wife, Paula, he now is on the road to recovery. Burt Brockett and his wife, Linda, are making plans to attend the Hopkins 65th Reunion in 2017. They recently celebrated Burt's 84th birthday with a trip to the Canadian Rockies, where they enjoyed fishing and the hospitality of the Canadian people. Burt states that he and Linda are in great health. His cancer remains in check, and he swims five days a week. Dick Catlin has a "pocket trawler" boat. He and his wife recently returned from a thousand-mile trip from their home on Lake Champlain, through the Champlain Lock system, into the Hudson River, enduring the various tour boats, water taxis, ferry boats, tugs and barges, all of which are challenges to a small boat. They went around the tip of Manhattan, and up the East River to Greenport, where his daughter lives. On their return, they went back down the East River and circled the Statue of Liberty, before returning to Lake Champlain. Dick still flies, plays tennis, and enjoys reading notes from other Hopkins alums. Dave Steinmuller reports that this was a year of transition, travel and tradition for him and Patti. They are living in a new home in a development in Montana for persons 55 and over. They spent last winter traveling to Spain, and among other sites enjoyed a day at the Prado Museum and the Royal Palace. From there, they went to Malaga, where they enjoyed exploring the Alhambra, a fortress complex built by the Moors three centuries ago. Andy Turner and his wife, Ellie, recently flew from their home in Virginia to Berlin, Germany, where they toured museums and enjoyed river cruises. Andy reports that Munich beer is always good. Bill Cramer recently hosted a fishing party on his boat. Those who sailed with him in Long Island Sound were Matt Smith, Ray Carlson, Dean Bennett and Roy Wells. Elma and Matt Smith took a trip in their motorhome to South Carolina to attend the wedding of her sister's grandson in May. From there they went to their grandson's high school graduation in Ohio, about two thousand miles in all. They took their bikes with them and did a fair amount of biking in Virginia. Matt and Elma are great bicycling enthusiasts. During the summer months, they usually like to bike eight or ten miles before 9:00 a.m. On a personal note, Mary and I recently returned from a five-week trip to Vietnam and Thailand, where we toured many of the Vietnam war battlegrounds as well as ancient pagodas and temples. John Noonan
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On the horizon are 80th birthday events when we hope to reunite. Katrina Barhydt Duff reports she is “just fine” and still active in the two museums in Colonial Williamsburg. Anne English Hull sold her Florida home and has a new one in Madison, Connecticut. And I, Alice Watson Houston (Higbee) am still dividing the year between Paris and Stonington, Connecticut, having recovered nicely from hand surgery for Dupuytren contracture, and I am gardening again.

Emily were joined by Pamela Osgood came up from New York City and she and Emily were joined by Judy Bassin Peknik, Judy Buck Moore and Pat Spykman Winer. I caught up with some via phone or email. Pamela wrote that her wonderfully husband, Charles Adams, died last September after a long illness. She and Charles had been happily married for 48 years. Judy Bassin Peknik has been busy painting and also co-produced an off-Broadway play titled ALEX (avian learning experiment), written by Alex McFarlane, in July at the Thespis Festival in New York City. Judy won best in show at the Silvermine School of Art Student Show in June for an oil painting titled “Back Stage.” She wrote that she had visited Asbury Park in New Jersey last fall and “was very taken with the old casino, which is now dirty and covered with graffiti. I was very touched that this once grand space was currently being used for storage. It looked like a backstage area to me and I was captivated by the pile of blue umbrellas tossed on the floor. I just see things that say ‘paint me.’” Judy exhibits locally in group shows. She so enjoyed seeing Patsy, Judy, and Pamela at Emily’s hosted a lovely porch lunch at her home near the beach in Milford. Pamela Osgood

1955

Judy Buck Moore had to cancel her annual late June vacation week in Stonington, Maine, after a fall at home in Woodbridge resulted in a broken collarbone. Fortunately, she recovered in time to go ahead with a planned birding expedition to Brazil. She and about eight other veteran birders traveled with a guide who has led several other trips she has taken, spending time in Pantanal, a region in western Brazil that encompasses the world’s largest tropical wetland area. The group traveled down rivers in motorboats, viewing a great variety of birds along the shoreline and in forested areas, and spotting giant otters, jaguars, ocelots and caiman alligators. Judy especially enjoyed seeing hyacinth macaws, huge brightly colored birds that travel in pairs. The group also visited the “absolutely spectacular” Iguaçu (or Iguazu) Falls on the border of Argentina, Peru and Brazil. Diana Long was back in Maine for her East Coast stay with family and friends. She spent much of her time in the Pemaquid area with son Hugh and his family and with her sister Barbara nearby. She has also enjoyed spending time in Bolinas and Texas (and on Skype) with her newest grandchild, Brooks, Jeffrey’s 16-month-old son. In Pemaquid, she takes frequent walks with Louise Christian, who has a summer home there. Louise and I spoke via phone, and she says she continues to enjoy her Maine-based summers. I’ve spent most of my summer right here at home in Maine, but had planned to see its locally in group shows. She so enjoyed seeing Patsy, Judy, and Pamela at Emily’s at home in Maine, but had planned to see

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I’m delighted to have a little more news than usual to share with our classmates, thanks to summer “reunions” of friends and traveling vacationers. Emily Mendillo Wood hosted a lovely porch lunch at her home in New Jersey last fall and “was very taken with the old casino, which is now dirty and covered with graffiti. I was very touched that this once grand space was currently being used for storage. It looked like a backstage area to me and I was captivated by the pile of blue umbrellas tossed on the floor. I just see things that say ‘paint me.’” Judy exhibits locally in group shows. She so enjoyed seeing Patsy, Judy, and Pamela at Emily’s

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1957 60th Reunion  
DAY, HGS and PHS—June 9 and 10, 2017

**HGS**

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**Skip Borgerson:** “I have been semi-retired for 14 years, which means I continue to serve 2,000-plus policy owners and enroll new employees at two or three companies. Upon retiring, I became involved with four nonprofits, which turned out to be far too time consuming. I have now cut back to two: one involves little time, and one a lot of time and which challenges my limited experience in that world. I look forward to a more relaxed life with some reading and joyful activities.”  

**Ted Gregory:** “I am still actively involved full-time in the management of my financial planning and investment advisory firm. My wife, Kate, at least chronologically younger than I and likely blessed with more gray matter, will eventually be assuming the leadership of our firm when I am no longer able to serve. Meanwhile, life is good and keeps me fully challenged and rewarded in ways far other than material.”  

**John Lunt:** “During the summer, Jane and I continue to be busy with multiple nonprofits, including the Garden Club, Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens, the Community Resources Council and the Food Pantry—pretty much what we have done every summer for a number of years, with time allowed for some tennis (for her) and multiple boating trips. At the end of July, Skip and Gerry Borgerson, and Grace and Frank Whittemore journeyed to Maine for a few days with us. It was a mini-Wood-Hopkins reunion. Gorgeous weather prevailed during their visit, making lots of outdoor activities possible.”  

**Terry Malcom:** “Just a year ago or so, my wife and I decided to ‘downsize.’ At one time, we thought of moving to Florida, but then our daughter gave birth to our only granddaughter last January, so we followed her and her husband to Norwood, Massachusetts, in order to help with babysitting. What a delight, as we are truly having a wonderful time. Found a great condo-house, so no more yard work or shoveling, and we’re located between Fenway and Gillette stadiums, so there’s plenty to see and do on our ‘time off!’”

New address: 42 Brewster Road, Stoughton, Massachusetts 02072. **Steve Ryter:** “We have relocated from Bend, Oregon, to Payette, Idaho, where I find I’m much too busy with our new lifestyle. Thursday, I went to the post office. Tomorrow, I’m going to pull some weeds. Enough of Bend, the traffic, the congestion, the dead deer and elk, and the occasional really bad winters. Payette has slightly more than 7,000 population, three rivers, is close to Ontario, Oregon, for shopping, and is not too far from Boise.”  

New address 2042 NE 16th Avenue, Payette, Idaho 83661. **Joe “Joby” Schwartz:** “A ‘hopeful youth’ of Hopkins no more! Given the state of affairs in the political arena (circus?) and the role models of ‘T’ and ‘C’ that only serve to reinforce the behavior and character of juvenile offenders, I have initiated queries to purchase a sheep farm in New Zealand. Ranch hands will be needed, so feel free to join me, especially if you, like our presidential candidates, are proficient in shoveling manure. Where’s Alfred E. Neuman when we need him? Otherwise, life in my Big Apple retirement village continues to provide ample opportunity to engage the mind and body. I am still a volunteer for the Central Park Conservancy, now as a sloppy member of the Paint Team (benches, lamp post, railings and my clothes) and as a Guide, along with being a docent/explainer at the Museum of Natural History’s exhibits on Crocodilia (no, those are not body parts) as well as Dinosaurs Among Us (birds, you know)—I provide free tickets for classmates if you care to visit. I’m looking forward to our big 60th Reunion next June and hope to...”

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see many of you there. It’s a ways off, but, hey, I still buy green bananas!” “The Boys that Lunch”: Inspired by the enthusiasm of Ed Cantor and Joe Schwartz, four of us (including Mike Apuzzo and Alan Cadan) have enjoyed a mini-reunion twice this past year at Portofino in New Haven. Our last date saw membership increased by a surprise visit from Tom Corradino. Anyone interested in adding to the fun of recalling our Hopkins days is encouraged to inquire.

Doug Fitzsimmons writes, “I am actively involved on the board of Beacon Hill Village, if anyone wishes to ask about its work and the U.S.-wide movement it has spawned. Otherwise, summering as usual in Castine, Maine, where I am on the board of a fund that supports the development of youth through sports and recreation.”

Ford Daley: “Have to share with you all—and with Ed Cantor—that his book should be required reading for everyone over 60 or with a partner with cancer. It is the most thought-provoking book I have read in a while—not that I read a lot of big long books anymore. His writing is so accessible and honest that it just drew me along. Thanks, Ed, for a real life contribution. Off for the summer from school—doing some music in the nursing homes and around and about the circuit. Stopped by the old homestead in Shelton last month on the way down to Maryland—a big trip for us—and was amazed how many houses have been jammed into the old neighborhood and in what great shape the old homestead was... you guys sure live in a busy civilization down there... hope it’s working out for ya.” As for me, Alan Cadan, “In May, Lynn and I embarked on our third safari to Africa, this time an independent three-week adventure, just the two of us, flying between four camps in Botswana and one in South Africa. Out ‘in the bush’ with no wifi, television, newspapers or phone contact, there is an amazing, relaxed world devoid of ‘civilized’ pressures! By the end of our trip, we had seen ‘the Big Five,’ but our most exciting and lengthy game drives focused on tracking and photographing leopards and lions. Can’t wait to go back! On the home front, we now have four grandchildren, the oldest 15 years, the youngest is five months.”

P.S. Start thinking now about returning to school for our 60th Reunion in June 2017.
U.K. and is married to an Australian attorney working for an American firm. They recently bought a farm in Surrey (sounds picturesque). His son is a software engineer and lives in the Czech Republic. Interestingly, both have become citizens of their respective countries. ‘Gordo’ and new spouse live in New Haven. Several classmates remain active travelers. John Schneider recently spent time in Barcelona, where he rented an apartment for an extended stay. Meanwhile, Cindy and David Hummel continue to add to their impressive list of countries visited, now over 130 as I recall the latest count. The Hummels recently took a cruise down the west coast of Africa (as described in detail in the Yale Alumni Magazine). Their experience with the many different cultures they encountered was fascinating. Your secretary was on the list of recipients of many beautiful photos from Cindy of the countries they visited. There were reported sightings of Tom Falco, recently retired from a distinguished career with the Yale Medical School Library. Your secretary ran into Tom recently at a Yale luncheon and we had a chance to visit briefly after all these decades. Yours truly recently moved to Madison near the ocean and is the proud grandfather of one- and two-year-old boys living in Bethany. I recently attended the farewell event for Head of School Barbara Riley, who capped a distinguished career at Hopkins including 15 years as Head. We all look forward to meeting her successor and learning of his vision for this school. Respectfully submitted, Dan Koenigsberg

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Julie Duff Moore writes that “with our daughter, Lisa, her partner, Vinetta, and our two-year-old grandson in Toronto, we have the joy of seeing them often. We spent a wonderful, magical week with them at Squam Lake in New Hampshire this summer. Both Bill and I revel in the pace of our retirements. It is wonderful to volunteer at Foote every so often, since I know from experience how much goes into the planning and execution of events. At the most recent Centennial Celebration, I enjoyed being with Nawrie Meigs Brown and David as well as Nancy Farnam Charles. We also saw Bob Dickie ’59 HGS briefly when he was in New Haven early in the summer. Bill is in a guys breakfast group along with Dan Koenigsberg ’58 HGS, Susan Passell’s husband. I have really loved reconnecting with him, and we enjoy going to his concerts (he plays the violin and sings). We continue to have lots of guests and particularly love connecting with our young college graduate friends, who flatter us by staying in touch and coming to visit.” Debbie Bassin Fletcher and John have had a challenging six months. She writes that “John had cataract surgery, then knee replacement surgery, then surgery for a torn tendon and another small procedure to alleviate swelling. (Sound familiar?) And let’s see, the cat had eye surgery and then there is myself. So far so good. We are still hoping to go to Nagaland in November. Nagaland is in India near Myanmar. While we are there we will see the tribes who gather there for a festival and also a tribe or two in Myanmar. I continue to play team tennis and garden and enjoy our five grandchildren, who are growing up too fast. The oldest will be sixteen in September.” Do let us know about Nagaland, Debby. My childhood neighbor and lifelong friend, Jeanne Allen, lives in nearby McLean, Virginia, where she provides “Nana Daycare” to her two grandchildren. “Colin was born two years ago and Ryan is 6½. What a joy they are to be with. So loving and sweet. I love being so near Washington and all the museums. In Atlanta we had the High Museum and lots of galleries, but this area is just museum heaven and more being built each year. I have classmate Linda Billings Kiser to explore with. Weekends are for trips to the Chesapeake or Atlantic, Eastern Shore, blue crab feasts and lots of foraging in antique shops. Ah, it’s the good life!” As for me, Linda Kiser, I write this in August, in Washington, D.C., and everyone I know is obsessed with the presidential campaign. I am ready for it to be over. My non-political life is full of travel, study, volunteer work and my dear family and friends. I am blessed with good health and able to take advantage of so much. As Jeanne notes, it’s the good life. If you have enjoyed reading this, please take a few minutes to write a contribution for the next issue and send it off to me. We would love to catch up with you.

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Dear classmates all: It is always a gift to get news in response to the semi-annual request for an update on where you are and what you’re doing. If you did not get my early August “ping,” I must not have your current or correct email address. Please let me know how to reach you (tsswift@grubbco.com)! Though far flung, we share still those very formative high school years at Prospect Hill, and some of us have crossover experiences at the Day School. Great thanks to those who did receive and respond to my ping.

Tita Beal and Gail Lowman are committed Manhattanites. Gail is traveling (Cuba, Spain, Morocco), seriously pursuing photography as well as piano studies. Phyllis Licht Ross is also in the Big Apple and has been for 20 years. She has pursued a career in the history of decorative arts, and Yale University Press has published her Monograph for Gilbert Rohde: Modern Design for Modern Living. She expects to publish another book about an African-American textile company—a project initiated through the efforts of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis. After being widowed in 2000, Phyllis met a new life partner through the internet. “He has a daughter and daughter-in-law, also New Yorkers, who have two wonderful little girls who add so much joy to our lives.” Ursula Goodenough writes from her Martha’s Vineyard summer home that she is contemplating a “trial retirement” from her professorial duties by taking a 2017–18 sabbatical, living for the entire year on Martha’s Vineyard. While she has closed her lab at Washington University (St. Louis, Missouri), she continues her work via computer and conferences with colleagues around the world. Ann Goodwin Draper is perhaps the most athletic of us: she is sporting a cast, resulting from jump-
ing for a lob on the tennis court. “I can still outplay the younger girls in tennis!” With a plastic bag around her hand and arm, she teaches water aerobics three times a week, and is getting in shape for hiking in the Tetons with her sister Bevan. She has four accomplished and achieving grandchildren. Dane, the only boy, is a lacrosse player and has made her practice with him all summer. “No one believes me when I tell them we played lacrosse at Prospect Hill” and I still have a lacrosse stick! Ann Hummel Hoag and Nana Carroll Ollerenshaw both report moving to senior communities: Ann and David to Hilton Head, where they have many friends where they are closer to a son in Atlanta; Nana and Stephen to a village in Buderim, Queensland. Nana continues her chemotherapy for breast cancer, and she works on staying fit. She swims, writes poetry, plays bridge and volunteers. Nana also belongs to a book club and a graduate women’s club. Ann and David traveled to France in May—the Rhone River and Provence—and plan to celebrate their 50th anniversary in Bermuda in October with their entire family: two sons, their wives and four granddaughters. “Life is good,” she says! For myself, my husband Tom’s 75th birthday. Tom went to high school at the Woodstock Country School—now closed—and we thought it would be nice to have a family reunion at the Woodstock Inn. Our daughter, Lexa, is

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Well, we missed the 55th DPH Reunion at Hopkins, but all is well because we get to communicate all year long through the miracle of email. However, Ellen Powley Donaldson and I met for lunch at Bleu in Mashpee Commons on Friday, June 10, and celebrated the 55th anniversary of graduating from DPH together. A reunion of two. We raised our wine glasses and toasted our class. We always have a great time talking when we get together. I heard from quite a few of you when I wrote about the reunion, so I will include a bit about what you wrote to me then too. Martha Porter Haeseler wrote that she has fond memories of the dinner we had last time at the 50th. “What an incredibly beautiful group of women!” she said. Her granddaughter was graduating from high school on June 11, and so of course that took precedence. Carol Miller Rand wrote that she and her sister Rives Fowlkes Carroll were going to be in California celebrating their aunt’s 97th birthday. She said that she and Rives are both frequently in New Haven to see their mother, who will celebrate her 100th birthday in October. Wendy Shull Rittweger wrote, “You are a real trooper trying to keep tabs on all of us. Our class was never close even in the best of times, but I attribute it to where we lived, not so much to the lack of activities at the school. Now of course we are scattered all over the country (Ed. note: And Switzerland and Austria!) which makes it even harder to reunite. I was pleased that so many of us showed up for the 50th!” Wendy continued, “I am now spending six months of the year in Naples, Florida, where I am happily involved in working for Habitat for Humanity and a rookery which does environmental research and educational programs about the Everglades. Biking, water aerobics, art classes, hiking and walking consume most of the rest of my time. Right now I have no health issues and I am enjoying being 70-plus. Cheers!” Sally Hendrickson Shaw wrote that she will be coming to the Cape in the fall and we will get together again as we did last year. She wrote that her two granddaughters are doing gymnastics and her grandson plays the saxophone. Joy Haley Rogers wrote from California that she was going to be celebrating her husband Laurie’s 75th birthday on the 11th so she was going to be celebrating her husband Laurie’s 75th birthday on the 11th so was unable to make the reunion. I wrote to her saying, “75! How did that happen?” She wrote back saying, “You tell me!” And then I remembered that my own husband is turning 75 this September, and so are many of our friends’ husbands (see below). Time goes by! Mary Deutsch Edsall wrote then and again when I was asking for news for this column. Her grandson has a birthday on June 10 and that has been a reason to miss our reunions. However, she and I met in New York City five years ago and had a mini-reunion of our own, and I think we are going to try to get together again soon. She wrote, “We are headed to Vermont later this week to celebrate my husband Tom’s 75th birthday. Tom went to high school at the Woodstock Country School—now closed—and we thought it would be nice to have a family reunion at the Woodstock Inn. Our daughter, Lexa, is
coming with our precious grandchildren, Tommy, now 15, and Lydia, 11. We are pining for New England and looking forward to a world of green when visiting Tom’s family up in the Northeast Kingdom. Tom is still writing his New York Times column and teaching at Columbia in New York, and George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

I continue to research and edit for him. It has been a galvanizing political year, with Trump driving a massive appetite for news. Aside from writing, we are enjoying many of the things we didn’t have time for when we were young—eating out, taking walks around the city, chamber music at the Library of Congress a block from our house, ballet and symphony at the Kennedy Center. Despite the scorching heat, our garden has survived, and with the help of an indestructible patio fan, we have managed to breakfast outdoors almost every day this summer. Yorkie and two cats sprawled under our lawn chairs. If anyone is coming this way, please visit us!”

Gwendolyn Hutchins Workman wrote that her work in Mongolia continues, involving two trips there this year. As she has passed on to others the responsibility of selecting exchange students in the spring, the monthlong stay was her first visit in summer and included a vacation with Mongolian friends and time in the Gobi as well as some of the usual work. The second trip, in August, was to take another shipping container through customs and to distribute the material to schools in need. She looks forward to relaxing in Vermont in December. She states, “Though the political situation in Bangladesh is unstable, where my daughter Elisabeth with Rubai and the two children live, the family there is safe and doing important work with the Wildlife Conservation Society to protect the mangroves and the river dolphins. Daughter Jennifer lives a bit closer and is now heading the vascular medicine department of the Cantonal Hospital in Aarau, Switzerland.” And finally from our wonderful exchange student Karin Michelitsch, “Sister Josefa,” after stating that she didn’t think anyone would expect her to come to America for the reunion, she wrote; “I want to send very kind regards to all of my classmates. I have so many fond memories of ‘My year in America,’ and I think often of the time in DPHS. I hope you are fine and I pray that the Lord bless all of you. Much love, Karin.” Phoebe Ellsworth writes that her older daughter, Sasha, just got engaged. She was entertaining family while vacationing on Martha’s Vineyard in August, kayaking, staying out of traffic generated by President Obama, who was also vacationing at the same time. How exciting! I, Valerie Banks Lane, plan to meet Ellen for lunch once more before she leaves for Palm Springs, and will be seeing Sally in September. I hear from Maureen McKeon Peterson frequently on Facebook, and Joy as well. If anyone comes to the Cape, please get in touch. I’d love to see you! So that’s some news from a few of you; maybe in five years we will be able to make it to our 60th! Hopefully without our canes and walkers!

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to accept that I might be among ‘the frail elderly’ who are warned about heat stroke!” Two of her four children and their families are now living in Switzerland. “After a wonderful time in Geneva for a grandson’s Bar Mitzvah in June, Thanksgiving seems the next opportunity. I’ll bring the cranberry sauce and hope they can find a turkey. Hope all is well with everyone and all the generations.” Nancy Bussmann Van Natta’s granddaughter has begun her freshman year at the University of San Francisco. Nancy, also a Californian, says, “We all wonder where the time has gone with this beautiful child. The other three grandchildren will be following suit soon enough, and there will be empty nests all around. John retired from his job this year but is busier than ever with community projects. I am still working full time at my interior design practice and loving the community projects. I am still working full time this year but is busier than ever with community projects. I am still working full time at my interior design practice and loving the community projects. I am still working full time this year but is busier than ever with community projects. I am still working full time at my interior design practice and loving the community projects. I am still working full time this year but is busier than ever with community projects. I am still working full time at my interior design practice and loving the community projects. I am still working full time at my interior design practice and loving the community projects. I am still working full time at my interior design practice and loving the community projects. I am still working full time at my interior design practice and loving the community projects.

Carol Stock Kranowitz) celebrated the publications of our books. His is Absolutely No Dogs Allowed! and mine is The Out-of-Sync Child Grows Up: Coping with Sensory Processing Disorder in the Adolescent and Young Adult Years. (See CarolStockKranowitz.com) Proceeds benefited the Herman Stock Teacher Education Fund (named in honor of my father). What a delight to have Sarah Robbins Jenkins Coate present, as she grew up knowing my father and now has met my grandson. A few weeks later, Sarah and I brunched in New York and reminisced about our families. In August she wrote, “Just got back home to New Jersey from a few weeks vacation at my beloved Thousand Islands. Leaving is tough but the world calls. Very thankful that my grandfather discovered this paradise in 1923, established several summer places around a bay on Grindstone Island for his family, and that I’m still going there after 71 years!” Pam Acheson Myers writes, “At my advanced age, am settling into a new career.” In Florida, Pam paints abstracts and landscapes and sells her work through galleries and commissions. She reports, “Recently had an art show in New York City (West Chelsea) with Tommy Tune (winner of 10 Tony Awards—who is also a beautiful artist), Peter Glebo and Cynthia Cincotti (a photographer and mother of Peter Cincotti, a well-known jazz and American Song Book singer and songwriter). And my last book, A Year in Palm Beach: Life in an Alternate Universe, written with my late husband, continues to sell!” Visit Pam’s websites (circlesintime.com and ayearinpalmbeach.com). From Michigan, Lynn Davis Lyons writes, “We are in Leland, our home half the year, and enjoying balmy weather and lots of local produce. I spent the first half of the summer co-chairing a committee formed to get our little local library its first voted tax millage in the August 2 primary election. Leland’s is one of only two public libraries in the state which has not been independently funded with an elected board. The library has lots of local support, but we didn’t take anything for granted—all our efforts were focused on getting library patrons and supporters out to vote! Fortunately, the millage passed and the rest of the summer should be a bit more relaxing. We would love to see any classmates who should venture as far as northern Michigan between May and the beginning of November!” And in Brunswick, Maine, (not Georgia, where the last DPH ’63 column mistakenly located her), Bunny Stanciff Fazekas strives to educate the world about the Gathering Place, a successful daytime shelter, and to find funds to provide decent housing with a sound basement for the city’s poor and homeless population. Only two more years until our 55th Reunion! So much to share! Let’s stay in touch!

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Every time I see Bob DeLucia, he kiddingly reminds me of how I undiplomatically described him in one of my football articles in the New Haven Register. I’m glad he has a sense of humor. After all, I did portray him as ‘quick-thinking, slow-footed Bob DeLucia.’ That’s a slightly more favorable description than what Eddie Brown used to call me: “The Crisco Kid.” The reason for my moniker, he said, was “fat in the can.” Bob is retired from Prudential Financial, but, coincidentally, an employee of Frank Loehmann tried to get Frank to hire a great guy named Bob DeLucia, saying, “Over the last three years... I read Bob’s work every week or two, and out of all the research we had access to, I personally found Bob’s to be one of the most valuable when it comes to the macro side of things... He’s a wonderful guy, very smart and intuitive.” Frank replied,
“Bob DeLucia, let me see: Hopkins ’63, quarterback of our football team... baseball and basketball player and married to one of our female friends from Sacred Heart Academy, who just happened to graduate with my wife. Is that the guy you are talking about?” Bob and I were joined by John Gesmonde, Dick Ferguson, Chuck Moakley, Mark Sklarz, Fred Martz, Art Bogen, Alan Fairbank, Vining Bigelow and John Gordon at a mid-August lunch in New Haven. It was our second lunch of the summer. Some of the same classmates along with Jimmy Scialabba, Loehmann and Dana Blanchard got together for lunch in late June. One topic of discussion at these lunches was the ever-popular subject of septuagenarian hips. DeLucia and Bigelow recently traded theirs in for new ones, and Ferguson says he’s delaying the inevitable, probably waiting for a new model. Dick, who really is one of the most humble, unassuming people I know, nevertheless can’t help sharing his wonderment at his new look-mom-no-hands Tesla. Art Bogen, who built a very successful environmental consulting firm in his second career, recently sold his business. And, as I was sitting on my sister’s porch in East Haven this summer, I was surprised to discover that I was looking at Kelsey Island, the former site of Erich Day Camp, bringing to mind fond memories of days spent at the rustic island, playing with my brother and sister’s porch in East Haven this summer, I am bragging.I often think about those of you I saw at our 50th Reunion. It’s good to be able to add those more recent memories to the memories of who we were as students. I would welcome a visit if anyone happens to come to Atlanta.”

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John Morgan: “I retired in 2010 and haven’t looked back. I still shoot lots of pictures—just don’t do it for a living anymore. I’m going to be a grandpa in October and most likely will be spending more and more time in San Jose, California, with my daughter and son-in-law and their little boy. Meanwhile, I fly fish here in the Colorado mountains every chance I get.”


Bill Ablondi: “2015 ended on an exciting note: One of our daughters told us she was expecting a child... what a great Christmas present, in Berlin, Germany, no less. Then a couple of months later we were told one of our sons and his wife are expecting! Turns out both are boys to add to our two lovely granddaughters. A wonderful family that keeps growing. So this year the focus is just that... family. I’m still working as is my beautiful, wonderful wife, Nancy, and we’re lovin’ it. I work with lots of bright, mostly younger (which is not hard) people at tech companies around the world. Learning more every day and still traveling a lot. Next up: Grandson #1 in Berlin (August ?) and then Grandson #2 (Thanksgivingish). In between, Nancy and I are looking forward to the US Open. My son Ryan will join us to watch the New York Giants destroy the Redskins. It doesn’t get any better than this. Best wishes to all and Paul Thim... I’m so impressed with your BRAG ride. Aptly named.”

Robert E. Reilly: This needs a few introductory remarks by Class Sec’y. Everyone readily remembers the 1962 chart-topper Pat Boone/David Hess lyrics of “Speedy Gonzalez” (“It was a moonlit night in ol’ Mexico/I walked alone between some old adobe haciendas. Suddenly, I heard the plaintive cry of a young Mexican girl...”)—please call to mind, for present purposes, a romantic guitar strumming in background. For reasons not specified, RER submits, not the usual (and requested) folksy update suitable for this column, but (of all things) a riff on that ancient Pat Boone theme! But Bob was always doing things like that, right? “We went to Cuba last month. It’s about dancing there, somehow, and memories. It’s a beautiful place that makes you think of other places, other times: the architecture reminded us of Paris before the troubles. At night we walked past the Buena Vista Social Club, old guys riffing up a storm, imagined somehow we were in Casablanca... drifted into an echoing old convent, opened in the darkness for a few dollars for us by a ‘guard’ lady in discreet short skirt and fishnet stockings. Fidel’s grandson sometimes dances in costume nearby. Our guide’s doctor husband makes $65 a month, about average for a specialist there—he is a waiter at night so the family can eat. Everyone remembers the promise of the revolution and is angry that it turned out so predictably. Santeria thrives in Cuba beneath the veneer of the Church—a little chicken blood can reverse fortune. We didn’t get to cut cane with Che but a couple weeks later we went to the Dominican Republic and volunteered working in a chocolate factory and teaching English.”

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Statistics shows that five out of six of us have retired: Paul Thim Sr.: “Since our daughter, Annie, graduated from college four years ago, she has been living in Paris. We have been to visit several times and this spring my wife, Sandy, and I spent a week in Tuscany with Annie and her (French) boyfriend. Tuscany was as beautiful and enjoyable as advertised. A few weeks later I did the BRAG—Bike Ride Across Georgia—with our son, Paul Jr. It was six days of riding 370 miles from Atlanta to Savannah, and, yes, I am bragging. I often think about those of you I saw at our 50th Reunion. It’s good to be able to add those more recent memories to the memories of who we were as students. I would welcome a visit if anyone happens to come to Atlanta.”

Robert Guthrie: “My life is fairly humdrum and that’s okay. The best news is that both my wife, Helen, and I are well and enjoying our time together. My volunteer work as a mental health first aid instructor, primarily for law enforcement, has been gratifying. I also lecture some on military culture and killing, as well as successful aging—quite a combination. Ever the nerd, I just spent four days at the Thoreau Society Gathering in Concord, Massachusetts, where there was a literal infestation of Thoreauvians. Hope you are well. I hold fond memories of our 50th.”

John Morgan: “I retired in 2010 and haven’t looked back. I still shoot lots of pictures—just don’t do it for a living anymore. I’m going to be a grandpa in October and most likely will be spending more and more time in San Jose, California, with my daughter and son-in-law and their little boy. Meanwhile, I fly fish here in the Colorado mountains every chance I get.”


Bill Ablondi: “2015 ended on an exciting note: One of our daughters told us she was expecting a child... what a great Christmas present, in Berlin, Germany, no less. Then a couple of months later we were told one of our sons and his wife are expecting! Turns out both are boys to add to our two lovely granddaughters. A wonderful family that keeps growing. So this year the focus is just that... family. I’m still working as is my beautiful, wonderful wife, Nancy, and we’re lovin’ it. I work with lots of bright, mostly younger (which is not hard) people at tech companies around the world. Learning more every day and still traveling a lot. Next up: Grandson #1 in Berlin (August ?) and then Grandson #2 (Thanksgivingish). In between, Nancy and I are looking forward to the US Open. My son Ryan will join us to watch the New York Giants destroy the Redskins. It doesn’t get any better than this. Best wishes to all and Paul Thim... I’m so impressed with your BRAG ride. Aptly named.”

Robert E. Reilly: This needs a few introductory remarks by Class Sec’y. Everyone readily remembers the 1962 chart-topper Pat Boone/David Hess lyrics of “Speedy Gonzalez” (“It was a moonlit night in ol’ Mexico/I walked alone between some old adobe haciendas. Suddenly, I heard the plaintive cry of a young Mexican girl...”)—please call to mind, for present purposes, a romantic guitar strumming in background. For reasons not specified, RER submits, not the usual (and requested) folksy update suitable for this column, but (of all things) a riff on that ancient Pat Boone theme! But Bob was always doing things like that, right? “We went to Cuba last month. It’s about dancing there, somehow, and memories. It’s a beautiful place that makes you think of other places, other times: the architecture reminded us of Paris before the troubles. At night we walked past the Buena Vista Social Club, old guys riffing up a storm, imagined somehow we were in Casablanca... drifted into an echoing old convent, opened in the darkness for a few dollars for us by a ‘guard’ lady in discreet short skirt and fishnet stockings. Fidel’s grandson sometimes dances in costume nearby. Our guide’s doctor husband makes $65 a month, about average for a specialist there—he is a waiter at night so the family can eat. Everyone remembers the promise of the revolution and is angry that it turned out so predictably. Santeria thrives in Cuba beneath the veneer of the Church—a little chicken blood can reverse fortune. We didn’t get to cut cane with Che but a couple weeks later we went to the Dominican Republic and volunteered working in a chocolate factory and teaching English.”

Respectfully submitted, MG Adelberg
John Braman still lives and works in Santa Fe, New Mexico. He heads up his own small consulting firm that works with schools, colleges and mission-driven organizations. He also continues to work directly with youth doing the kind of leadership development spawned by his Outward Bound indoctrination in 1964. John extends an invitation to classmates visiting New Mexico, where he reports, there is great fly fishing, mountain biking, art, food and gardening. John Cherniavsky spent part of the spring this year performing good fatherly duties—escorting his son to visit Boston-area colleges, and then in a separate Boston trip, visiting his daughter and new grandson. John has four grandchildren, but this is his first grandson. Workwise, John and his wife, Maria, are still at the National Science Foundation supporting the best and brightest computer scientists (Maria) and education researchers (John). The job is always interesting because they are immersed in cutting-edge science that they are evaluating for research grant awards. Bill Conniff moved from the Bay Area to Boise, Idaho, with his business, XPonent Software. He wanted to live in a smaller community and to be able to hike, camp, snowshoe and bike whenever he wanted. Unfortunately, he recently found out what it was like to have a broken back. In May, he and his bicycle suddenly encountered a car. That mishap resulted in seven broken ribs and two broken vertebrae. While his injuries have mostly healed, physical activity is still somewhat restricted. Our best wishes for a full recovery. Pete Gordon lives in Atlanta, Georgia. He is proud of his twin girls; one married and managing a business in San Francisco, the other a recent law graduate from Emory. After a long career in the construction field, where he ran a successful inner city building renovation and conversion business, he has retired and travels throughout the country as much as he can. He enjoys stock trading and gardening. Paul Howe went to Kazakhstan with the Peace Corps quite a few years ago. After returning for a stint in the United States, he returned to Kazakhstan, married, and worked in his chosen field of environmental health and safety, mostly in the oil fields there. After the crash of oil, Paul has worked for an international fund, Children of Central Asia Foundation, as their education director. Paul has four children—two boys and two girls. Both girls are married; neither of the boys is. It turns out that Paul's older brother Larry Howe '64 lives in northern Vermont and is a friend of our classmate Sal DeMaio. Bob Jose is living a fulfilling life of retirement in Old Lyme, Connecticut. He is involved in local community volunteer activities, as well as golf, pickleball, and occasional visits with classmate Doug Romero. At the beginning of July, the Jose family journeyed to Springdale, Utah, and spent a week hiking in Zion National Park in advance of Bob's upcoming 70th birthday. Their hiking included the Narrows, Angel's Landing, Emerald Pools and the Watchman. Unbelievable scenery and lots of good times in Springdale. Bill Kneisel is a summer resident in the greater Boston area, a part of the Red Sox Nation. He saw an article in the July 25 New York Times about the head of analytics for the dreaded New York Yankees, Michael Fishman ‘97, a math wizard from Yale (see the excerpt of this article reprinted on page 8 in this issue of Vices). Bill is looking forward to an upcoming visit by classmate John Braman, which may include fishing and whale watching. Sounds as if Bill has also forsaken tennis (which he played as an HGS student) for squash. Marc Landler spent the first two weeks of summer in Iran. People were so enthusiastic about meeting his group that they cheered for them as though they were rock stars, an experience none of his fellow travelers were prepared for. Mark continues to teach in the Government Department at Smith College, and will for a few more years. Doug Romero traveled to Kalispell, Montana, to enjoy a week with college chums in the Flathead Valley. He reports having a memorable time with longtime friends, boating, cold swimming in Flathead Lake, kayaking in Bigfork, and hiking the Big Mountain ski resort in Whitefish. Billy Walik and his wife, Kathy, will be in Roanne, France, on their barge Sterna from September till late November, spending the fall season motoring along the
canals somewhere in France. Ah, the good life. Jim Waterman had knee replacement surgery this past winter, and is coming along pretty well. Golf, yard work, good food and drink occupy a reasonable amount of his time. He sees our classmate Mark Esposito fairly often for dinner and Dick Hutchinson for an occasional lunch. He also plays a little golf with Bill Sarris when Bill can break away from work. As for me, Tom Delaney, all is well at the beach in Oxnard, California. Since retiring this past fall, I've been working hard at resurrecting my tennis game. It's been tough slogging. By the time these class notes are published, I will have become a great-grandfather. Tom Burkhard, Dick Hutchinson and Norm von Wettberg all checked in but with no significant news to report. We'll assume all is well for each.

1966
The Alumni/ae Office is happy to announce a new class secretary:
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HGS
John Turnier writes, “I am truly sorry that I did not attend the 50th Reunion and I hope to attend our 55th, as I really enjoyed the 25th.”

1967 50th Reunion
DAY, HGS and PHS—June 9 and 10, 2017

1971
HGS
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Our 45th Reunion is in the books and we begin the sprint to the 50th. The reunion was well attended by Ernie Williams and his wife, Lauren Sanders, Cindy and George Caligan, Jeanine and Jack Peck, Dr. Michael Hausman and his wife, Tracy Pogue, Frank Twohill, Prof. Harold Koh, Elizabeth and Brian Smith, and Prof. John Geanakoplos. John was also celebrating with his son Constantine ‘11, who was attending his 5th reunion. John’s youngest son, Philip, graduated with the class of 2016. Old friend Peter Hill is the founder and CEO of Billy Casper Golf, which is the largest U.S. operator of daily fee golf. He is very active with industry organizations (PGA, USGA, National Golf Foundation). Peter resides in Vienna, Virginia, and Jupiter, Florida, in the winter. His golf game is still strong but always looking to get better. Paul Bowler resides in Glastonbury, Connecticut, where he runs his screen printing business of 28 years, T-Shirts Etc. He works alongside his sons, Ryan and Kyle, and hopes to retire and turn the business over to the boys soon! Jake Donovan is back on his bike after double knee replacement. He continues to practice law in Cromwell, Connecticut, with his youngest son, Eamon. He enjoys visiting with his daughter, Fiona, who is a tax attorne

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1974
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Hello all. Jim Perito writes: “Our home is fast becoming an empty nest. Our oldest daughter, Katrina, spent a year teaching English to French kids in Valognes, Normandy, and now is with the French American Chamber of Commerce in New York City, living the life in Brooklyn. Our son, Noah, graduated from Wagner with a psych/music degree and is looking for a way back to New York City. And Elena returns to Tulane as a junior—we travel often to New Orleans, using her as our excuse. Anita and I will be celebrating our 30th wedding anniversary this year, don’t know how I got so lucky.” Diane Vlotman Rossi writes: “My husband, Mike, and I spent two months in Italy, where he was teaching, doing concerts and conducting master classes. In between we enjoyed the beautiful countryside, food and wine of Marche. It was great to spend time together, as we always seem to be doing projects in different cities in South Africa. He is on sabbatical from the University of
Cape Town, so what better excuse than to combine a holiday with work. Best wishes to all. From Nancy Turner Rusatsky: “Greetings all! My daughter, Julia, got married in May and lives in New York City with her husband, Daniel. You may have seen her on the last Super Bowl Snickers commercial as Marilyn Monroe, other network TV shows or, most recently, in the movie Café Society. My husband, John, and I are well, swimming, going to the gym, dancing at outdoor concerts, loving Branford and both still working. I paint and was in the Summer Stony Creek Art show with acrylics ‘Sanctum’ and ‘Inlet.’ If you haven’t visited Stony Creek or the Thimble Islands, they are worthwhile local excursions. Many gems in our backyard—enjoy!”

Julie Shemitz emailed to say hello; much appreciated! From Marcie Yakerson Storch: “I have lived in the San Francisco Bay Area since 1981. Married to husband Artie for nearly 29 years, we are the proud parents of two adult college-graduate children: Eliot and Barbara. I have been the director of development for the Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County since 1997. Artie is a freelance musician who subs regularly with the SF Symphony and enjoyed the late Bill Bennett's musicianship and wit. Marcie and Artie enjoyed having dinner with Anne Sommer and her husband, David Rabinowitz, in San Francisco a few years ago. My dear friend Ruthy Kohorn Rosenberg is sister of Bruce Kohorn '75. I saw Tamara “Tammy” Plakins Thornton in New Haven last summer, when she was in town for a professional meeting. It was wonderful to reconnect with a good friend after so many years. She writes: “So... you can mention my book, since it might interest those with memories of Anna Bowditch [our DPH headmistress], who was married to a direct descendant of my man Nathaniel. The book is Nathaniel Bowditch and the Power of Numbers: How a Nineteenth-Century Man of Business, Science, and the Sea Changed American Life. It’s written for a general as well as an academic audience (uncpress. unc.edu/books/13387.html; it’s available on amazon.com).” And from Sandy Vlock: “Last year I launched a new venture as an artist. I have been practicing architecture for my entire professional life, with an office for over 28 years. Studio Vlock is an opportunity to refocus my creative energy as an artist, designing what I call functional fine art. As I see it, this is not a departure from what I value most as an architect: creating an authentic sense of place and inspiring opportunities for social gathering. Taking the leap has been exhilarating and not nearly as dramatic as I’d imagined. studiovlock.com.” Best to all in the coming year!

1976

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From Dave Stevens: “My granddaughter, Aria, is now one and a half and running around on her little sticks like she was born walking. The Northwest continues to delight, especially in the garden behind the house.” Jane Hammond writes, “I am sorry I was not able to join the class for its 40th Reunion this year. I continue to run a 220-acre farm in Barboursville, Virginia, just 30 minutes north of Charlottesville. It is a working farm with two high tunnels that produce fresh greens for the Charlottesville restaurant and specialty grocery store trade. I am an active board member of the Local Food Hub of Charlottesville, I am working tirelessly to keep small family farms and to bring locally grown food to our schools and hospitals. The farm is also home to the largest winning herd of Cashmere goats in the East. Our
cashmere won best in show at the Cashmere Goat Association fleece show this year. It is hay season so I will be thinking of you all from the top of my 6410 John Deere tractor, where I will be gathering acres of hay. All the best!"

1977 40th Reunion
Hopkins—June 9 and 10, 2017
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Hi everyone, our 40th Reunion takes place on June 10, 2017. How is that possible? I offered my services as scribe to share news and generate enthusiasm for what promises to be a great reunion weekend. Those who provided their addresses to Hopkins should have received an email from me asking for news. Please share your email if you haven't already. Thank you to those of you who responded to me—and for those who didn't, the next edition of the Views is right around the corner, so please send your news and mark the weekend of June 10, 2017, on your calendar! Peter Burrow wrote, “Rula and my son, Sam Burrow ’20, and I spent a year in Bangkok in 2014 and are huge fans of the Kingdom, returning annually for a couple of weeks. I’m still managing the defense contracting company I co-founded in 2006 in Washington, D.C., commuting from Guilford, Connecticut, once or twice a month. I’m looking forward to seeing lots of our classmates next year at reunion.” Lisa Fisher Chamberlain and her husband, Eric, continue to run their very successful business. Founded in 1999, The Chamberlain Group is a Massachusetts-based studio that designs and builds mimetic organs for surgical and interventional training. They produce anatomically accurate medical models that capture the consistency and response of living tissue, providing the best alternative to animals and cadavers for training in new devices and procedures. Prior to shifting their creative focus to the medical field, they had numerous film credits and won the Academy Award for Visual Effects in The Matrix. Jim D’Angelo wrote, “I am still working as a professor at Chukyo University in Japan, and after getting two master’s degrees in the early- to mid-90s, finally completed my PhD at North-West University in South Africa this past February.” David Monde sent the following: “I’m planning to bring my family up north for reunion next June from Atlanta. I’m starting my 30th year at Jones Day as a partner in the litigation group, specializing in product liability defense and trade secret litigation. My cases take me across the United States and it is demanding but rewarding. Marie and I celebrated our 25th anniversary last fall, and our middle child heads off to college this fall to Elon U in North Carolina. Our eldest son, Max, has special needs, lives at home with us and is the most positive person on the planet. Our youngest, Madeleine, is entering fifth grade and clearly runs the family. When not working, I’m on the softball or baseball field, starting my twelfth year of coaching two seasons a year. Looking forward to seeing everyone next June!” Congratulations to Susie Scarf Merrell, who published her second novel, Shirley, in 2014. The Washington Post wrote “Merrell brilliantly weaves events from Jackson’s life into a hypnotic story line that will please Jackson fans as well as anyone in search of a solidly written literary thriller.” “I love my teaching job at the MFA in Creative Writing & Literature at Stony Brook Southampton. This year I began directing the Southampton Writers Conference, which is challenging and fun. My novel Shirley was also a blast to promote—it was such a surprise to see Nancy Baskin at a reading in Boston, a real pleasure!” I know everyone has interesting news we would like to hear, so please email me so I may share it in the Views. Also, mark reunion weekend on your calendar and plan to return to Hopkins so we have a large turnout for our 40th!

1978
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I heard from Don Maconi recently. Although I caught his Naval Reserve retirement photos on FB, he says he is still a “working stiff,” serving as the contingency program manager at Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southeast in Jacksonville, Florida. He’ll be back in Connecticut to visit his sister Jill Maconi ’77 in Old Saybrook in September.

1979
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Well, this was an amazing news cycle, and it was extraordinary summer reading for our class. After my second request for notes, the floodgates opened with a veritable plethora of responses, more than ever before, many from those who had previously remained silent. Many responses were truly heartfelt, even intimate and confessional. Much was not for publication, and was shared only among our classmates. Many recounted their top ten memories of their days on the Hill. There were no doubt smiles and tears. Much was very emotional. Much I imagine was even therapeutic for some. All was interesting and informative. Although it has taken 37 years, now with more behind than ahead, and perhaps achieving the momentous midlife moment of 55, it appears that our class has reconnected. Let’s all feel old and begin with news of our first confirmed real grandparent (although we did previously have a step-grandmother). This honor belongs to Andrea Nolan DiLibero—congratulations: “About me in a nutshell: I married my college sweetheart, Al DiLibero, in 1985, and it has been a fantastic 31 years! We have two wonderful daughters, Laura Nolan Stone and Lindsey Nolan DiLibero, and now our granddaughter Aubrey, just born this summer. Al has been with GE Aviation for 32 years; he started his career in Lynn, Massachusetts, where we lived for 11 years, then moved with GE to Cincinnati, Ohio, for 14 years. We then moved to Huntsville, Alabama, for two years, and have been back in the Boston area for almost three years. I taught Early Education for 20-plus years, and loved every minute of it! When we moved to
Leslie Hale has corresponded for the first time: “I have lived for the last 20 years in London, England, with my first and only English husband, Richard. We live directly on the river Thames very near the Fulham and Chelsea football clubs. Moving across the pond was a harder adjustment than I expected and I will never get used to the English weather! That said, London is a wonderful, multi-cultural city that I have grown to love. Although I am still an American citizen, I recently became a British subject and I voted for the first time in the London mayoral election and the EU-Brexit referendum. Hopkins was not the best experience for me, although time has softened the negative and I do realize how fortunate I was to attend such a great school with very caring and inspiring teachers and advisors. In reading the very thoughtful and honest emails from our classmates, I only wish I could meet up with all of you again as an adult! If any of you plan to visit London, please get in touch as I would love to meet up.” Leslie also keeps in touch with David Nemerson. Chrissy Peck contentedly reports: “Presently, things are great and as usual the summer is flying by! Since John’s still working in New York City, we’re in Fairfield County for next few years anyway. All is good at this end!” From Dmitri Cooke, one of our two illustrious PG’s: “I’m still hanging on outside Madison, Wisconsin. I’ve never responded because back when I didn’t make myself part of the class. Nobody’s fault just how it worked out. I run and half own a wheat- and gluten-free bakery (two separate kitchens, air supplies), I know more than I want about celiacs but I’m not one. Just my way to help. Haven’t been to Connecticut since a month after 9/11. Not much for your notes but I wanted to say hello. Cheers.” I think many of us considered him truly part of the class and it’s great to hear from him. Walter Huckaby resides in the Greensboro, North Carolina, area along with his wife and two sons. He received a Metallurgical Engineering BS degree from Lafayette College and an MBA from UNC-CH. He currently is a plant manager with Kennametal Inc. He enjoys traveling and his most recent trip included following the Apostle Paul’s journey through Italy, Greece and Turkey. From Christian Chase Gemming, I believe for the first time: “Hi everyone! I usually don’t send news, but figured I’d chime in. I live outside Washington, D.C., in Rockville, Maryland, and I’m a scientific writer at U.S. Pharmacopeia. My husband, Mike, and I are about to celebrate our 30th anniversary; Mike is a college biology professor. We have two daughters—Laura is an RN at Shock-Trauma in Baltimore and is about to get married. Hannah is a research fellow at the FDA and is applying to med school (fingers crossed!). Lots going on, and I’m very grateful for my family and friends. Now I’m going to break away from the traditional approach for a minute and mention that we’ve had our ups and downs in life, as most people do. I’d hate to sound like things are perfect, which they never are. I hope other classmates who usually don’t send news will go ahead and do so this time, as it would be fun to reconnect. (Maybe on Facebook or LinkedIn too?) Thanks, and take care everybody!” Anthony Anscombe writes: “My family and I moved to Chicago in 1999. My wife, Barbara Triggs, is a lawyer by training, but hung up her spurs when we left California. She now serves as a middle school language arts teacher. We have three daughters: Madeline, 20, is a junior at the University of Alabama, double majoring in anthropology and philosophy, and is currently on an archaeological dig near Thessaloniki; Bridget, 17, and Caroline, 15, are still in high school. I’m now entering my 28th year as a lawyer at Sedgwick LLP, where my practice focuses on class action defense and advertising compliance, mostly for the food, life science, automotive and retail industries. I do a lot of public speaking and writing, and am active in several pro bono and professional organizations. I still like what I do, and have really enjoyed getting to the stage where I can play the role of teacher and mentor. The profession has changed a lot, and like everything else, has grown more competitive. If any of you have kids considering a legal career, I’d be very happy to pass on my perspectives!” Stu Gordon provided the following: “Great news to hear from so many classmates! I just got remarried last month, to Leane, my second, and last, wife! My daughter, Catherine, is about to start medical school here at Dartmouth, where I have been on the faculty my entire career (gastroenterology). My son, Connor, just graduated from film school—now traveling and looking for film projects/jobs. I am proud to say I continue to live in Vermont…home to the most craft breweries per capita, Ben and Jerry’s, and Bernie! I spend my free time skiing, biking and root for the Red Sox. I am filled with great memories of Hopkins, the ’70s and all of you! Keep in touch and let me know if anyone is in this area visiting Dartmouth, skiing, etc." Ken Yanagisawa took over as Managing Partner for Southern New England Ear Nose Throat & Facial Plastic Surgery Group, making numerous changes and upgrades over the past year to ensure the eight office private practice remains vibrant and successful. He is also busy serving as Secretary for the Board of Governors of the American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, and was recently appointed as one of three physicians to serve on the State of Connecticut’s Health Information Technology Advisory Council. His daughter just embarked on her first year...
of Pediatrics residency in Massachusetts, and his sons are working in Madison, Wisconsin, and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, one attending college in Connecticut, and the youngest is beginning his junior year of high school (swimming competitively and playing violin, viola and trumpet). Ken and his wife remain dedicated to running and officiating swim meets throughout Connecticut. **Rob Quish** started the trend of revealing his top 10 Hopkins memories, and then offered this: “After many years in the advertising industry I got lured to consulting at EY by none other than Jeff Stier and EY’s head of global media and entertainment advisory: Howie Bass (dad of an amazing 2016 Hilltopper graduate). Crazy small world. This is the second time Jeff and I have teamed up. There is nothing better than working with your best friend!” **Jonathan Mostow** continues to live in Los Angeles and make films. He, like many of us, expressed fondness and gratitude for many of the teachers we encountered at Hopkins, including, among others, Mrs. Feinberg, whose name came up repeatedly in reminiscences. I wanted to acknowledge her formally here. To this day, in fact as I’m writing these very notes, I wonder how she would improve my diction. **Scott Fisher** lives just outside Philadelphia. He and his wife, Maura, celebrated their 32nd wedding anniversary in July as well as the marriage of their youngest child, Ryan (24). In addition to serving as a pastor, Scott works part-time as a hospital chaplain at Einstein Medical Center in North Philadelphia. He welcomes anyone visiting Philly to get in touch to catch up! Married in 1984 I believe makes Scott our longest married classmate. Already considering retirement, **Howard Etkind** wrote: “I am approaching 30 years with the federal government so retirement options are open; my youngest son is starting his last year at University of Texas in Austin; my middle daughter is engaged to be married and is working with her fiancé in the Rio Grande Valley, she is doing GIS work and he, with a fresh MPA, is grant writing for the City of Brownsville. I just bought an old John Deere Shovel Dozer with a hoe to help turn my 30 acres of mountain land in Cherokee National Forest into my personal park. I never thought that the pursuit of engineering would route me to the very center of the nuclear weapons production areas or that my expertise would be focused on the industrial layout and processes of the explosive industry to include solid rockets (think space shuttle boosters), bombs, missiles, bullets, flares and such. It is a far cry from the very liberal and peaceful views of New Haven during the ’70s.” From **Francisco Palmieri**, still keeping the world safe: “I am still in Washington, D.C. My wife, Suzanne, will be spending a year in Rome for the U.S. Department of Agriculture working with the World Food Program and UN Food and Agriculture Organization. My children, Ellis and Madeline, are at Bowdoin College and New York University. Like Howie, I am entering my 30th year of public service at the Department of State, where I am now the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, where Jeff Arons’s son Zachary did an internship this summer helping us keep the Colombian Peace Process moving forward. I would love to see any Hopkins classmates who visit the Washington, D.C. area.” **Martha Leshine** initiated a conversation about the cost of Hopkins tuition, and added: “Hopkins class of 1979’s email thread reminds us all that our education on the Hill prepared us all for where we are today! Thanks to all our teachers and our classmates who pushed us to be our best and not to give up. Long overdue is an activity not on reunion weekend with those who can be in town. Any thoughts?” And from **Caralee Kamens**: “Hopkins is not for the faint of heart, it creates lasting bonds, memories, and it is topped off with the gift of a very well rounded education.” Illustrious classical music author **David Hurwitz**, who shared many interesting memories and anecdotes, added that his nephew **Benjamin Hurwitz ’16** (his brother Dan’s son) graduated from Hopkins this year and David was up at Hopkins for the first time since Mr. Crawford’s memorial service. “What a beautiful campus, and an amazing ceremony. Ours, you may recall, was down on the patio outside the Learning Center. Now it’s a whole different look, that’s for sure.” Many classmates commented how impressive—and expensive—the school is today. I don’t believe **Selina Yoon** has ever contributed before: “After many years in consumer goods marketing (P&G), media and educational space, I am a brand strategist, global marketing expert, and an independent consultant. Samsung is one of my clients and Samsung won 2016 Creative Marketer of the Year at the Cannes Lions International Festival of Creativity.” This began a conversation between Selina and **Jeff Stier** about common business interests that they did not realize had existed. She then added: “I was busy figure skating while at Hopkins. All that skating led me to become a Korean team coach for the World Figure Skating Championships in 1980. Any other classmates in marketing or consulting? I am in New York City about once a month. One of my goals is to create/work in a nonprofit to help refugees through media sources/TV programs and build cultural awareness and English language skills. If you have any interest, contact me.” **Leslie Gianelli**, who, according to Selina, was a figure skating judge at some point, added: “So my last 35 years—broke out of my shell in college, class president, Capitol Hill, law school, lawyer, lobbyist, international communications strategist, 15 years in Washington, D.C., moved back to New Haven several years ago. Made an unexpected transition to global health—very rewarding and has taken me to 50 countries and counting. Right now I’m working in domestic health care but expect to take wing again soon.” And from **Jane Sikand Edelstein**: “I’m still living in New Haven with my husband, Steve, and my youngest daughter, Sophie, who’s now 15. Steve and I celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary last December. Kiran, 24, and Sarah, 20, are both living in Washington, D.C., where Kiran is completing her MPH at the George Washington University and working there for the Division of Student Affairs as Coordinator of Student Support and Family Engagement. Sarah is a rising junior, also at George Washington University, where she is studying sociology and communications in preparation for a career in Communications. She has spent the spring and summer working for a firm in the Washington, D.C., area. Sophie is a rising
high school sophomore, who after three surgeries to correct a serious congenital hip problem, designed and 3D-printed a surgical implant to provide a solution for internal snapping hip syndrome in adolescent girls, for which she won a prestigious national science award. After a lengthy period of unemployment due to the lagging economy, I returned to the workforce in April. I’m now helping to implement policy under a Department of Health and Human Services Health Profession Opportunity Grant (HPOG) in Bridgeport, Connecticut, one of 32 such programs in the country. The work is exceptionally rewarding and I am gaining a great deal of knowledge at the ground level. It’s also good to be back in the workforce.” Congratulations to Judy Smith, long a fixture on the Hopkins campus, who reports: “On June 30 I finished my ten years of service on the Board of Trustees at Hopkins. During that time, I served as Chair of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, which is responsible for the ‘bricks and sticks’ of a campus. I feel very fortunate to have had experienced Hopkins as an alum, parent (Justin ’07) and Trustee. It truly is a special school as evident by the many amazing and unique recollections shared by our classmates, not to mention their accomplishments. I continue to work at our family business, Orange Hills Country Club in Orange, Connecticut, with my brother John, and I am still running my boutique commercial real estate firm when not attending multiple soccer games.” Honorary class member Jay Angeletti, who left after junior year to play hockey at Choate, contributed this: “My wife, Mindelle, and I are busy raising three kids in three schools in three cities in and around Charleston, SC. We’ve been here for 25-plus years spending most of them on a barrier island with lots of sand between our toes. We welcome anyone who visits the area to look us up to say hello. I am still running my boutique commercial real estate firm when not attending multiple soccer games.”

Although reluctantly willing to use email, Jaime Fanning added: “Thought I was delayed having my daughter Caitlin at age 45 years. She’s now 10 and can get me to do anything she wants. My 16-year-old twin sons, James III and Colin, just got their driver’s licenses.” Ken Chang writes: “Living in North Kingstown, Rhode Island, for the last 20 years with my wife and family—Rini, and our three daughters—and working for Toray Plastics (America), a large Japanese conglomerate, as their Senior Director of R&D for this NA site. Prior to that was in Rochester, New York, working for Mobil Chemical Co. (prior to the merger with Exxon) in various engineering and R&D roles. The move to Rhode Island was mainly to get closer to my aging parents (who passed away back in early 2000s)—but we’ve been happy here overall—and a bonus is that since New Haven’s not too far away, we hit Modern Apizza or Pepe’s about once per quarter so my girls are well indoctrinated in the glory and superiority of New Haven Neapolitan!” And from southern California, Suzanne Papagoda Cooper sent this in: “I continue to live in La Cañada Flintridge, California, where I practice law part-time.
Always wanted to live in California and still love it here. Worked for over a decade for the California Department of Justice; my career highlight probably was several successful appearances before the California Supreme Court. But much prouder of my job as a mom. My husband, Brian, is an attorney as well. My only child, daughter Bailey, will be a freshman at Tulane in the fall. Waiting to see what the next act of my life will look like.” Also from California, Rob Reiter contributed this: “After 21 years in New Haven, including six at Hopkins and four at Yale, I decided it was time to get out of town. Spent a couple of years in California studying a bit and having an amazing time before ‘settling down’ largely in California, where I have been for 26 of the past 31 years, with stints in Houston and D.C. in between. Have now been in Los Angeles for 20 years as a Professor of Urology at UCLA, where I lead a program in prostate cancer as well as an innovation accelerator to get new discoveries into commercial ventures. Founded a couple of small biotech companies along the way, one successful, one struggling. Am married to Fredrica for now 23 years, hard to believe, with three kids—Amanda (20) studies art at Washington University, Jacob (18) leaving for Stanford, and Dean (14) whom we luckily get to have around for a few more years. Get to meet very interesting people in Los Angeles—actors, music folks and the lot—which keeps it interesting. Also get to do my favorite thing, which is to travel, as part of the job.” And from Indianapolis, where he has lived for the last 21 years, Karl von Graevenitz, for the first time, wrote: “I spent ten years in residential construction after college (I loved Vanderbilt and Nashville, but didn’t want to use the chemical engineering degree); started out as a carpenter in Tennessee and Connecticut before running a construction crew in Chicago. I then took a unique offer to join a plastics manufacturing firm in Indianapolis that molded automotive and packaging parts, where I worked my way up to direct plant operations in the United States and Mexico. I spent 16 years there and then decided to get off the stress bus when it was sold. For the past five years, along with a bit of consulting, I’ve been a remodeling contractor in Indy. My British-born wife, Hilary, is a graphic designer. We don’t have kids, but are both enjoying self-employment while dreaming of retirement out West.” I greatly appreciate all the responses and participation, and hope that we can continue this through the years. It would be great to hear from even more classmates whom we know are lurking out there.

1980
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There’s a heat wave settled over southeastern Virginia as I write this first column for the alumni/ae magazine. The rescue out in the yard has pretty much given up for the summer, making way for the Bermudagrass to complete its annual pilgrimage across the lawn. I am thankful for many things, but perhaps most of all for air conditioning during these dog days of August. I didn’t know much about AC growing up in New Haven. We never had it, that I recall, and yet we all managed to survive the ’70s, somehow, more or less intact. But I don’t see how I could live without it now—not living where we do—despite the carbon deficit I doubt I’ll ever repay. It was great to hear from many of you in response to the email I sent out earlier this month. If you didn’t get the email, that means either a) the Alumni/ae Office doesn’t have your email address or b) your email address changed or c) my email went to your spam folder and you just haven’t seen it yet. I’m guessing Ethan Taub doesn’t need air conditioning, since he’s living in Switzerland. But we didn’t get into it, and I could very well be wrong about that. He writes, “No big changes here since my last alumni note, which was perhaps three years ago! My wife, Lisa, and I live in Zürich with our children, Alexandra (“Sasha”) and Ephraim, who are now 8 and 6 years old, respectively. I commute from here to Basel (an hour away on the train), where I am a neurosurgeon on staff at the university hospital.” Ethan reported that Fred Anscome is also living overseas, in London. Such international men of mystery! Who else of our classmates is living outside the United States? The only other expats I can think of at the moment include Anne Rubenstein (Toronto) and Jeff Yoon (Asia—yes, I realize that’s a big place, but I don’t know for sure where he is. Thailand, maybe?) Speaking of Anne, in case you didn’t get my email, she and I (Pierce Tyler) are siblings now—and have been since the mid-1980s, when her dad married my mom. Small world, huh?” Anne is currently an Associate Professor of History and a CERLAC Fellow at York University.” Kennan Low provided me with what I thought was the absolutely coolest update. Turns out his wife, Ann (Georgetown ’86), “is in her 28th year at State Department, this year studying at National Defense University. Her classroom can be seen in the show Madam Secretary where Secretary McCord’s husband teaches.” Okay, I don’t know about the rest of you, but my wife, Dia, and I absolutely love that show! I don’t know. What do you think? Will Elizabeth McCord become president? Kennan further adds, “I’m in my 15th year with UBS Private Wealth Management, as an advisor in our Washington, D.C., branch. We have four boys: Patrick (22) is at University of Vermont, doing a year abroad at Aoyama Gakuin University in Tokyo. Kody (20) is a junior at Tulane, and president of his Alpha Kappa Psi business fraternity, and Aidan (17) is at George Washington University’s early college program. I spend most of my time with my youngest son, Connor, who is 10 years old and loves Irish step dancing. We travel all over the East Coast for competitions. This summer in June, Connor competed at New Haven Feis (feis is a Gaelic word for ‘festival’), held at the North Haven Fairgrounds. I am still involved in ham radio—I was even on a team representing the USA at the World Radiosport Team Championships in Boston in 2014, and I am hoping to qualify for WKTC 2018 to be held in Berlin. It is quite amusing that many of the same guys I used to meet over the radio airwaves in Vic Stancliff’s Ham Radio Club at Hopkins are still active, scattered all over the world. I guess we were ahead of our time, as ham radio was the ‘Social medium of the 1970s’… so I guess ‘once a geek, always a geek!’” My guess is Alexandra Van Sweringen Ceely knows a thing or two about hot summers, living as she does now in
Texas. She says, “I do have one update—I am in my third year teaching high school theatre here in El Paso, Texas, and I am loving it! I have finally found my calling. And it all started with Mr. DuCharme and a production of *The Crucible* back in ‘79.” **Ede Houghton** is living out in Utah these days, working at a school and doing outreach ministry just north of Salt Lake City. Ede reports that she recently had her first book published, titled *Eternal Hope in Christ*. She explains, “It is a full-color book that is a hand-written compilation of poems, prayers and a few essays on Christianity, along with some artwork that flowed forth from my pen, surprising even me.” Prior to moving out West, Ede was for five years “doing street ministry in Baltimore, Maryland. I was granted extreme favor in Baltimore and learned a lot as I gathered and distributed food to those less fortunate than you and me. For a portion of those years I did ride alongs with the police department in the eastern district of the inner city. I never knew who I was there to minister to, the victim, the perpetrator, or even sometimes the police themselves. I was privileged to be present as many people experienced the love of God for either the first time ever or the first time in a long while.” I also heard back from **Jeff Strauss**, who sounds like he has a good thing going on the Left Coast. He writes, “Greetings from California (both north and south). I’m married (going on 25 years) to Mindy Schultheis, who’s a TV producer. We have three kids; our oldest, Sophie, just graduated from New York University Gallatin and is back in L.A. writing, recording and performing music. We’ve have two boys: Eli (who’s headed to Tufts this fall to study some combo of microbiology, music and economics) and Jake, a senior in high school who’s a volleyball player and a budding filmmaker/screenwriter. I split my time between writing and producing TV in Los Angeles and running/managing our small vineyard and wine business in Napa. The wine and vineyard are called Longtable (we got to do a cool tasting at Hopkins last year for the class reunion) and we have been asked to host/produce an internet radio show in the next few months called ‘Forks on the Left’ about the current state of food and drink… making, finding, growing, cooking, eating, drinking… I get to New Haven every once in a while and tend to weigh in on the ongoing pizza debate when I do.” **Byron Brewer** is still living in southern Connecticut and seems to have managed to stay connected with several classmates. Byron shares this update: “I’m guilty as many for not communicating in the class blog. I looked at your list [of missing email addresses] and have seen **KC Mulligan Williams** and **Matt Haury** in the past couple of years.” Byron continues, “I’ve kept in moderate touch with a few of the classmates. I talk to and see **Mark Sullivan** from time to time and on some West Coast business trips I’ve managed to carve out some time to catch up with the retired **Eric Dawson**. I’m living the uneventful 50-plus life in Clinton, Connecticut, running Northeast Marketing Group which is a manufacturers rep agency in the electrical space, with a dozen associates working in a sales and marketing role with me covering from Maine to Buffalo. Keeps me pretty busy balancing my time between work, golf and family.” As for me, Pierce, we are all, of course, saddened by the sudden passing of Matt Haury. We will have more to share about Matt in the next issue of the alumni/ae magazine. **Chris Coggollo** was nice enough to look me up when he was in town a couple of years ago for a dental conference. We had a nice meal and got to visit for an evening. I now see Chris frequently on Facebook, as he is an avid updater who always has interesting pictures and commentary to share. Facebook has been a great way for me to keep in touch with the status of other classmates, as well. I notice **Malcolm Sargent** on Facebook time and again, but haven’t seen him in person in forever. We need to do something about that, Malcolm. I think we live not too far from each other! Neither **Edwin Welles** or **Nat Lewis** is on Facebook, but we manage to keep in touch the old fashioned way: via telephone and the occasional get together. Nat is living in northern Vermont on about 10 acres with his wife, Andrea, and two kids (Iris and Co). He’s a Professor of English (and Environmental Studies Coordinator) at Saint Michael’s College. He writes about the West and has at least one book to his credit. Edwin lives in Takoma Park, Maryland, with his wife, Liz Hagerman. They have two college-age sons, Benson and Colman. Edwin is the U.S. rep for a Dutch company specializing in solutions to help with coastal flooding. For the past 20-plus years he has also maintained a commercial fishing license out of Homer, Alaska, where he and his family go to fish and enjoy life every summer for six weeks. (For reality TV fans, their home base is not too far from the Kilcher compound, from the show *Alaska: The Last Frontier*). From what I hear, the fishing is up and down. Sometimes good, sometime mediocre. But I’m sure they
manage to have fun either way. If it weren't for the mosquitoes, I might just go visit. Charlie Welles, Edwin and Chase's father and, for many of us, our old English teacher, makes his permanent home in Homer now. I saw a picture of the clan not too long ago and everyone is looking good! Please feel free to contact me with news as it comes up. I look forward to hearing back from more of you!

1981
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So many of the 1981 class have written in over the past two years, that I gave you all a break from my harassing emails! This fall, we've heard only from our classmate Katrina Fiedler Kujan. But I have to admit, that if I had kids like Trina's, I'd write in every month about them! “This summer, my youngest verbally committed to University of Southern California for beach volleyball! Laurel was their top recruit for incoming class of 2018 and we could not be prouder. Laurel was on the USAV National team for the third year this summer and placed fifth in the gold bracket at the USAV national convention for her age group (51 top USAV teams compete), so she is approaching the end of summer feeling super happy about where she is. Our eldest, Mary, is an incoming junior at Franklin and Marshall and just left for South Africa end of July to study abroad in Cape Town. She is a Public Health major and loving life right now. We are a tad more boring—still married (seems like news these days), still in Montecito with three cats and still working for California Commercial Investment running their Service Coordinator department. I heard on NPR yesterday that apparently only 50% of Americans love their job and I am happy to say, I am one of them! Dave, my husband, still works at the library for UCSB. He is one of the 50% too.” My best to everyone and your families.

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1983
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Hello, Class of 1983: Karen Stevens Helene writes, “I am still the Director of Benhaven School. Still loving it. My daughter, Lucy, starts eighth grade soon. So hard to believe. She is a great student. She enjoys swimming on the Cheshire Sea Dogs, where she practices much harder and more seriously than I ever did. We found our new favorite vacation destination in April: St. John Virgin Islands—so beautiful! Going back this April. Still not on Facebook.” Carolyn Tesh O'Doherty proudly shares, “I’m going to be published! I recently signed a two-book deal with Boyds Mills Press for my young adult novel about teenagers who can freeze time. The first book comes out spring of 2018. This is a total dream come true!” Carolyn, can you possibly turn us back into teenagers and then freeze time? Despite his best efforts and several investigations into as-yet unproven rumors, David Keck continues to serve as Chaplain at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. If anyone has college-bound children interested in anything aviation or aerospace, please send them his way! He is working on a project on videogames, education and ethics, and he would love to hear any thoughts or concerns you might have. He can be reached at keckd2@erau.edu. Peter Harlan sends in, “Hey all… Would love to connect with any other Hopkins alums that are in Chicago or that are either users or employees at Salesforce, particularly involved at all in Analytics or in big shops (F1000). Just am able to announce today that we (Beyondcore, the Analytics startup I’ve been with for the last two years) are being acquired by Salesforce.” Lisa Haury thinks she wrote in last time but at this stage of the game it’s okay if we are a little forgetful (and it helps me with my notes). She writes from across the pond, “Not much has changed. I still have my tiny communication company in France, and recently have been teaching a lot in Montpellier. There will be a new secret project starting soon; more on that later. Zoé, my daughter, is 20, studying the Science of Education in Toulouse and my son, Emile, is a senior in high school this year. Love and life is great. I will hopefully make it to the next reunion to finally see all of you wonderful people, but if anyone is in the south of France before then don’t hesitate to be in touch.” I must mention Tom Pinchbeck’s daughter, Ellie, who is a freshman at Lehigh University. For the record, any child of a member of the Class of 1983 who attends Lehigh is guaranteed a mention in our column; I just created that rule and I like it! Good luck, Ellie! Pinch, I’ll be sure to check up on Ellie at the annual Lehigh-Lafayette game in November. While I am drifting slightly from our actual classmates, I must mention that over the summer my professional services were retained by Scott Fishbone ’86 and Betsy Floman Fishbone ’87. They had an incredible B’ni Mitzvah gala for their three children (Lucas, Alex and Kate) at Yankee Stadium. I delivered Hall of Famer and former Yankees legend Goose Gossage. The connection to our class that
makes this suitable for our notes is that Lisa Fishbone Wallack was in attendance as well as other Hopkins alums and parents. It was one “job” I was more than happy to attend! A great time was had by all! I spent a nice summer afternoon with David Amendola and his wife, Karen, on my porch in Woodmont. It might as well have been Rudy’s but it wasn’t. It was great to reminisce about the old days. Shared some great laughs. I also spent another summer day with Lesli Greenberg and her son Zachary at the South Street Seaport during a recent visit from Atlanta. Less than two years until our reunion. Seth Stier is still not a banker in Boston!

1984
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Nina Kruger Davis has moved from Baltimore to the greater Washington, D.C., area. She now lives, conveniently, just a quick walk from the western side of the Metro Orange Line, in Merrifield, Virginia. She says, “Stop by, if you are in D.C.” Nina’s two stepkids are now both in college. Brian Jr., a senior, is on track to become a psychiatric nurse practitioner. Sarah, a sophomore, is studying both marine biology and chemistry, at Coastal Carolina University. Sarah plans on becoming a deep water marine biologist and scientist. Recently divorced, Nina is happily living a newly invigorated professional life, employed as a facilities architect and project manager, specializing on work for Department of Defense Intelligence Community campuses, both regionally and internationally. Nina stays in touch with many Hopkinites and credits Facebook as a great way to connect with “old” Hopkins friends. Matthew Cohen’s third academic monograph, Inventing the Performing Arts: Modernity and Tradition in Colonial Indonesia, was published in March 2016 by the University of Hawaii Press. Jonathan Kaye’s debut crossword puzzle was published by the New York Times in June, followed by a second in August. Both are Thursday puzzles with unusual twists. He says it was a pleasure to work with crossword editor Will Shortz. Nancy Sharp reports, “My twins have just started high school, which feels like a tremendous milestone. On the other end of the spectrum, my two stepsons are out in the workforce but alas still living at home. I have several keynote appearances scheduled for the fall, including one for the American Academy of Psychotherapists in Washington, D.C., several events in Denver, and also in Oakland, California. I am also planning the launch of my children’s picture book Because The Sky Is Everywhere in early 2017. The book is inspired by real conversations and dreams had by my twins after their dad died; I’m working to get the book into the hands of hospitals, hospices, professionals and groups who work with families and children affected by loss. Reach out to me if you know of any such groups.” Katalin Horvath checked in: “I’ve just passed 20 years living in the United Kingdom (London) and yes, I still have my American accent. I work in risk management for a large British retailing company (John Lewis). Would love to see anyone passing through the United Kingdom.” I also heard from Jerry Klein: “Your original request arrived in my inbox on my 50th birthday. It is a very strange feeling to look back on 32-plus years since graduation! I am still living in Los Angeles, now divorced (and remarried) with two teenagers and an 11-year-old. Away from the office, most of my time is spent transporting my kids to and from volleyball tournaments and playing golf. I no longer have any family in New England, so I rarely get an opportunity to visit New Haven. I am always happy to connect with Hopkins people living in/passing through Los Angeles. My best contact is: jskleinllc@gmail.com” Finally, some musings on her days at Hopkins from Miryam Silverman Sas: “I have been thinking about Hopkins lately and feeling really appreciative of the education I got there. I have been especially remembering Mrs. Morse for French, and how she had us read Huis Clos and she even got down on her knees and acted it out; of Mrs. Katsaros, always, for deepening my passion for French, and to Hopkins for allowing a group of us to do home-stays with Parisian families. That began a lot of my passions that have lasted till this day! I also really appreciate Mr. Wells, who taught us about creative writing, and I am at long last finishing up a project that you could say began with encouragement I got at Hopkins in Mr. Wells’ and Mrs. Turner’s English classes—thank you both! On personal news, I’m still teaching and chairing at University of California Berkeley, and my twins, Beckett and Yair (9), went to sleep-away camp for the first time this summer: wow! Happy to hear from any of you who are in the Bay Area.” With all of the updates that I was so thrilled to receive, I will save my personal news for the spring edition. I hope you all have a beautiful fall and share joyous holidays with your loved ones. If you have not connected with your classmates on Facebook yet, please like the “Hopkins Class of 1984” page at facebook.com/hopkins1984.

1985
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Greetings, all! As usual, our classmates have been engaged in some really cool work and exciting adventures. John Lippincott is the curator of a show in New York City for American Abstract Artists, a group celebrating its 80th anniversary this year. The exhibition, Chromatic Space, presents a broad range of works by 65 member artists and invited guests, and opened at the Shirley Fiterman Art Center on September 22. The show will be up until November 5. I hope people can stop by and take a look. Bethany Schowalter Appleby and her husband, Nick, recently trained for, and completed, a 62-mile trek starting in Scotland and crossing into England called St. Cuthbert’s Way. They were joined by Nick’s sister and her husband (who live in Scotland), and Nick’s two brothers (who live in England). Bethany was sure to mention that the pubs were a great stopping point each evening! They hope to go back in a few years to hike the Northumberland Coastal Path, which is about the same distance. Paul Schiffer writes, “My family and I just got back from a nice vacation in Portugal where my in-laws have a summer home. Also, last year we finished up a home remodel, which was great because I got to work with my Dad on all the designs.” Matthew Lieberman wrote in with some really cool and exciting news about his new business venture: “I am the
cofounder of a really exciting new business (skimcast.com). Every time I have described it to high school or college students, their eyes have bugged out in astonishment. In short: it’s an automatic Spark Notes for anything. (Cue the eyes bugging out.) My partner, Bill Hollingsworth, grew up in Commerce, Georgia, with a congenital illness that has left him severely sight impaired his whole life. Amazingly, and as a testament to his brilliance and grit, he is now a professor of computer science at University of Georgia and has developed and patented an artificial intelligence software that creates automatic summaries with annotated themes, for anything it reads. Bill graduated and earned a master’s degree from University of Georgia in mathematics. As a Gates Scholar, he attended Cambridge University, where he earned an MPhil in Linguistics and a PhD in Computer Science. Because he is sight impaired, Bill struggled in his studies at Cambridge. He invented Skimcast, his artificial intelligence software, out of personal necessity. Skimcast is like an automatic Spark Notes or Cliffs Notes (for those of us who are older….) for anything. All of our kids use these sites now to help manage their workloads. Skimcast cuts down the amount of time needed to comprehend a document and focuses your attention on the key themes. Lawyers can think of it as returning a Westlaw-like summary, with tailor-made headnotes, for literally any document. Our slogan is “Read less. _____ more.” You fill in the blank. Read less. Review more. Read less. Laugh more. Read less. Nap more. Read less of what you don’t want to read. Read more of what you do want to read. The choice is yours. I hope people check it out. Tell your kids! They’ll thank you.”

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Not a lot of news from our class this time around. I’m going to chalk it up to the fact that everyone was away in August when I emailed the request for news. **Keith Lender** writes, “My three-year New York City plan has now ended 19 years later. My wife, three kids and I are moving up to Weston, Connecticut, this summer. We will be right near David Friedman, whom I got to see with his family at a Bob Dylan concert in the Berkshires. Unfortunately, I missed Nick Scriabin’s latest trip to the northeast, as we were busy with our move. Also, great seeing Sue, Mary and Betsy at one of the coolest Bar Mitzvah celebrations I’ve been to.” Betsy Floman Fishbone and Scott Fishbone ’86 celebrated the triple B’Nai Mitzvah of their 13-year-old twins Alex and Lucas, and their 12-year-old daughter, Kate, on June 4. The party was at Yankee Stadium, where many fellow Hopkins alums were in attendance, including Lisa Fishbone Wallack ’83, Mary Clark Vines, Keith Lender and myself, Susanne Mei, in attendance to help the Fishbones celebrate! Also, in attendance was Drew Levy ’83, who brought along Hall of Fame pitcher Goose Gossage to help celebrate the big day. Paul Elconin writes, “It is so great to be working in Connecticut after many years in New York. I have just had my second Hopkins senior ‘shadow’ me for a day of land conservation in Litchfield County. These kids are impressive—way better than I ever was!” Just saw Matt Black and his daughter, Sabrina. They are in the middle of their 20-day cross-
country trek. Bill Jaffee shared a photo from the alumni lacrosse game that was played on June 11 at Hopkins.

1988
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Hi, class. After my email and Facebook request for news only two classmates responded. Ian Melchinger through Facebook sent a nice montage of him getting knocked around by masters of jiu-jitsu and said “For anyone who ever pondered the pleasure of watching Ian get thrown on his head, your cup runneth over. Hi class of ‘88!” If you want to see it please email or Facebook me. Jordan Schwartz wrote “I found the ‘video yearbook’ that Andrew Shure and I created with the help of Mr. Ducharme as our senior project in the attic and posted it online: vimeo.com/172055173. Nice to hear from folks enjoying it when I cross-posted it to Facebook.” Wendy Gibilaro and I keep in touch on a monthly basis. She has taken up sailing and loving it. She has been in a few regattas where the boat she was crew on won. While following some of you on Facebook, I know that our column could be a lot longer. So the next time I send out a plea for news please send me some so we can have a much longer column. I wish all of you a wonderful fall and winter with family and friends.

1989
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After five years in Pittsburgh, Kate Schleifer Vavpetic and her family moved this summer to Dubai, where Kate works for GEMS education. This year she will be Assistant Head of a PK–12 American curriculum school. Kate said the move was a whirlwind but she is excited for the new challenge. Becky Nelson liked last summer’s temporary assignment to London so much she decided to stay permanently. Becky is now Litigation Counsel for Citigroup Europe, Middle East & Africa, a 55-country region. Although she has been busy, Becky has traveled around Europe and says Brexit has made this an interesting time to live in the United Kingdom. Speaking of traveling, Elisha Cooper has been on a book tour this summer for Falling: A Daughter, a Father, and a Journey Back. Elisha’s moving memoir has earned excellent reviews from the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, and many other publications. Matt Baker recently logged his 100th issue as Research and Arts Editor of Boston Magazine. Matt lives in Somerville, Massachusetts, with his wife, Clair, and their two kids, Giulia (5) and Ian (3). They’ve spent most weekends this summer at their lake house in Maine. Dave Lynch reports that Stan Ades and Jake Weinstein wrestled the coveted championship CAPS trophy from Dave and Scott Wich in Baltimore this spring. Dave and Scott have since committed to a rigorous training schedule, focusing on finger stretching and forearm and tricep dexterity, as they prepare to avenge their defeat next year. Stan meanwhile, celebrated the CAPS championship by traveling with his family this summer to England and France, where Stan said he used every bit of French he learned from Mme Morse. After a typically cold and foggy remainder of the summer in San Francisco, Stan’s three kids will be in three different schools this fall—and about nine different sports teams. Sticking with the sports theme, Phil Piazza spent a week this week in Cooperstown, where his son Ethan participated with the Branford Baseball Club in a tournament that included 105 teams from across the country. Ethan homered over the right-centerfield fence in one game, just like his dad would have done if we had a right-centerfield fence when we played at Hopkins. After a short trip to Hershey, Pennsylvania, Phil will open the newly renovated North Haven Middle School this fall, where he is principal. He also will participate in the eighth consecutive season of the Hopkins Pigskin Invitational Fantasy Football League. Keith Hirokawa checked in from Albany, New York, where he teaches law at Albany Law School. Keith’s two boys, ages 10 and 7, ran their first Mini Tough Mudder race this summer. I’m not sure what that is, but it sounds like more running than I’d ever want to do. Earlier this summer I caught up with Scott Fisher in Washington, D.C.. After 10 years at NRG, a large energy company, Scott is now in the startup world. Scott works for EVgo, an NRG spinoff that is building an electric vehicle fast-charging station network around the United States. Scott and his wife, Kate, live with their two kids near Princeton, New Jersey. Scott says he likes to talk about Hopkins with Gene Hsiao ’91 while watching their daughters play on the same softball team. Finally, congratulations to Anthony Ziomek, who was promoted to Senior Vice President with SunTrust Bank. Tony and his wife live in Orlando with their two sets of twins. The younger pair recently turned two, and their proud father says they can count in both English and Spanish.

1990
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Congratulations to Lynne Paton who works for the Trump organization. Lynne spoke at the Republican National Convention. If you missed her speech, please watch it. She was amazing. I know I speak for the entire Hopkins community when I say congratulations Lynne we are so proud of you. Ona Alpert reports that she and her husband have a new “bundle of joy”—a house on St. Croix in the U.S. Virgin Islands. The home overlooks her pool and the ocean and is surrounded by a protected marine park. Ona enjoys watching sea turtles swim from her back patio. If you are ever in St. Croix, make sure to drop Ona a line. My wife and I, Brock Dubin, are pleased to announce that on October 3, 2015, we welcomed to the world beautiful twins, Jack and Sadie Dubin. Their sister, Gracie, could not be happier to have playmates. Since our family has grown, we moved to a house previously owned by Hopkins alum Eric Kutcher ’92.

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The Class of 1991 had terrific time back on the Hill for this past June’s reunion. Amy Caplan generously opened her home to a
Friday night gathering, and the festivities on campus on Saturday were terrific. A highlight was meeting in a classroom with wine and beer before the Saturday night dinner to reminisce and respond to some fun prompts. Thanks to Andy Huszar for this idea! I personally loved the Alumni Lacrosse game as usual, but especially given that I had the chance to watch classmate, Dan Van Der Aue, come out of retirement to show everyone how it’s done on defense. Also, a shout out to Amy Belt Raimundo for braving a coast-to-coast trip with her new little one who, reportedly, traveled like a champ! As I write this, I am gearing up to begin year five which I realize is surprisingly mesmerizing. It’s really hot in Brooklyn.” Probably didn’t want me to post that, Sue, but all who are reading this will “hear” you saying it and smile.

Aaron Milstone reports that his family took a trip out west (mostly to Utah) where they did a lot of hiking in some of the national parks, including the Grand Canyon, Mesa Verde, Monument Valley, Arches and Canyonlands. I suppose we can excuse Aaron from reunion given that this sounds like it was a blast for his family! Hilary Coleman just celebrated one year in Greensboro, North Carolina. Her daughter, Jenna, will be a sophomore at the American Hebrew Academy. Hilary noted that she has been glad to keep up with the Class of 1991 on Facebook. Katherine Lantuch continues to live in New York City (as she has for over 20 years now!), with her husband and son, who just turned five. Geoff Tanner is now an Assistant Professor in Residence at University of Connecticut Storrs, where he hopes to walk onto the basketball team. I think I speak for most of the Class of ’91 when I say that we would put a sizeable donation toward the program to see Geoff snap off the breakaway pants, go into a University Connecticut basketball game (20-plus years outside of the eligibility requirements), and loft an NBA-range three-pointer that just grazes the rim. Love you, Tanner! That’s all for now, folks. Stay in touch!

We got news! It looks like my ploy of tuition reimbursement worked like magic on many of you. What to offer next time? So the first thing we should do is talk birth announcements. This one is a little older, but Eric Kabakoff and his wife, Chrissie, welcomed their son to the world on December 11, 2015: Henry Jonathan Kabakoff. Mom Chrissie, walked herself to the hospital (only four blocks, but still that’s solid work). Mom and Henry are doing great! Courteney Henry-Fornal and her husband welcomed John Michael Henry on January 16. He is their first child and “mom and dad are loving every minute of it!” Really? Every minute? Sounds like hyperbole to me. Case in point, Rebecca Vreeken Leiba in Las Vegas. She has the same job, same hubby, and two kids. I assume they are the same as well. She asks that you please let her know if are in town out of jail. Andy Dow was in my kitchen this summer. It was great to see him and meet his wonderful family. He’s living in Portland, Oregon, where he swims, bikes and skis. The dude is ageless. It must be that clean air. Scott Viscomi is living in Baltimore, which he loves. He just won gold and silver in a jiu jitsu grappling tournament. He says he hadn’t competed in anything other than life since high school so he had a blast. I’m going to have to get more info on how a person can win gold and silver. Just absolutely dominated the tournament I guess. Jason Pfannenbecker is doing well. He has a lot going on with all the kid’s activities and schools and what not, but at least he is honest and admits Brie does most of the heavy lifting. The activities are too numerous to mention. Jay is still building ridiculously expensive houses for Connecticut’s rich and famous by day and running his baseball facility at night and on the weekends. Lastly, Paul Noto, in an attempt to verbally abuse/constructively criticize one of his millennial associates who was clearly dropping the ball, accidentally sent his email to Chris Slawsky. Which led to an exchange of stories and cutting edge ideas after Chris promptly forwarded Noto’s gaffe to Dana Merk, Brad Groves, and me. It turns out Slawsky has implemented a burpee punishment in the workplace to motivate the millennials. Seriously, he gives people the choice of doing burpees or having the mistake reported to their bosses. Probably against labor laws, but healthy and motivating at the same time. You will probably see it in Forbes next year. They don’t make ‘em like us any more, Class of ’93. Thanks to all the contributors. Keep the news coming, folks!
Mike and I are doing well and are very eager to hear from our classmates. We would love for them to send us updates for the next issue.

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It was so great to spend time with so many of you who made it to Hopkins in June—I still can’t believe it’s been 20 years! We had a great time—many of our kids played together while we explored the campus, watched games and caught up with each other! Here is some news from our class—we are always looking for more to share so feel free to email me: Ellyn@campfernwood.com. Sarah Blanton wrote in: “I spent much of the summer at The Stand, my husband’s new BBQ restaurant in Branford, where I had the pleasure of running into other Hopkins alums like Jacoba Urist ’94 and Erica Spector Wishnow ’00.” Check them out at “The Stand: Roadside BBQ & Market” on Facebook. Julia Freedman, her husband, Chris Rebula, and big sister Alex welcomed baby boy Hawk Rebula this July. Also check out Chris’ bike company (rebulamtb.com), which makes custom handcraft bikes for “the rider to maximize speed, maneuverability, performance and fun.”

Theo LeCompte reports, “I am still in Washington, D.C., working at the Commerce Department, where I have been Deputy Chief of Staff for three years. The job is a political appointment, so I’ll be looking for something new in January, regardless of who wins the election. Graham Gibson works across the street at the White House, so we see a fair amount of each other when we can get out of the office for lunch. I’ve been selected as a ‘Hopkins Fellow’ for the fall, which means I get to come back to campus and talk about my career. I’m very much looking forward to it.” Emily Lustman got hitched and is helping people for realz. “I got married on June 5 and I’m a social worker at the West Haven VA in the HUD-VASH program, which is a program that provides supportive housing to homeless veterans.” Thomas Leaf is also helping people. “I am a bowhunting liberal public...
defender who happens to be one of the most heavily tattooed attorneys in Connecticut as well as Class of ’97.” Leaf: pics or didn’t happen. Ben Berkowitz writes, he and his wife, Kathleen Berkowitz, welcome their second son, Leo Torrey Berkowitz. Cookie, so named by his 3½-year-old brother, was born on April 24, 2016. In work life, SeeClickFix is growing rapidly here in New Haven and will be expanding to a new office on Chapel Street in December. My family and I have moved back over to Westville and we’re keeping a close eye on the Hop from another Berkowitz home on Alden Avenue.” Felicity Amos is getting licensed to teach. She writes, “I’m still in Washington, D.C., and after 15 years working in communications for international development nonprofits, I’ve decided to transition into teaching. So while I am in the process of getting licensed, I’m staying busy as the Music Director for the British Embassy choir (bizarrely, there is such a thing!), playing a lot of tennis, squeezing as many crops as I can into my urban garden, and running a series of Big Ideas Dinners that focus on bringing together social entrepreneurs and innovators.” Jackie Shapiro sent an update from Boston. “I’m a clinical psychologist with the Boston Child Study Center and on the faculty of McLean Hospital/Harvard Medical School. I specialize in individual and group therapy for adolescents and young adults. I love living in the Boston area, especially because I live so close to Rachel Wolf Heyman! Rachel and her husband, Jeff, have two incredibly adorable children, Mia and Jonah, and Rachel is the Lower School Drama Teacher at the Brimmer and May School.” Matt Lucarelli wrote in to announce the birth of Abigail Jeanette, born September 22, 2015.

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Hi, everyone! It’s Misha. Tina Chen is tied up with some things, so she’s asked me to write for the both of us. Just two of those “things” are that she attended the Democratic National Convention with her sister Dora Chen ’94 and purchased her first home in Philadelphia. Rachel Dinkes writes, “I graduated this past May with my PhD in Public Policy and Public Administration from the George Washington University. I had a big party to celebrate and my sister, Michelle Farkas ’01, and David DeGennaro ’98 were there to celebrate with me! I’ll still continue working at American Institutes for Research, where I’ve worked for the past 12 years, but am excited to pursue new research opportunities. Both of my boys had birthdays this summer. Max turned 6 and is starting kindergarten and Spencer turned 3. My husband and I have been trying to sneak in some summer golf on date nights and are looking forward to teaching the boys how to play. If anyone from ’98 is in the Washington, D.C., area, please do get in touch.” Daria Melnyk has been living in Brooklyn for three years now, teaching English at Grace Church School’s High School Division in Manhattan, and she’s already been on maternity leave twice! Julian Sylvester was born on May 23, 2014, and Anna Josephina was born on December 24, 2015. Daria is looking forward to the 2016–2017 school year, during which she does not plan to have any more children! Matty Fasano ’01 teaches fourth grade at Grace Church School’s Lower School, and this year Daria and her son, Julian, participated in a “Roots of Empathy” class with Matty’s students. Every month for the whole school year, Daria and Julian visited the fourth graders to help inspire and teach empathy. Daria also recently visited with Elisabeth Sorcinelli Lesieur and Nell Amos. Between the three of them, they have six kids now, and they
all had a great time playing together! As for me, Misha Body. I am still in Los Angeles, still at the California Science Center, and still working toward my master’s from Miami University in Ohio and San Diego Zoo Global. As my Master Plan (mwa-ha-ha-ha!) has been shaping up to be primarily focused on creating opportunities for passionate conservationists to get into careers and how to continue developing and growing people once they are there, I have been thinking back to the Affiliate program and Senior Mentor program we had at Hopkins. I guess for me, those experiences stuck with me so much that I find myself pursuing similar avenues in my graduate studies! I was recently promoted to be the Director of Husbandry, so I now oversee terrestrial and aquatic animal care, as well as veterinary services. In March, I represented the Science Center in Omaha for our five-year accreditation cycle with the Association of Zoos and Aquariums, which was nerve-wracking but also a great experience. While I was there, I got up at 2:30 a.m. to drive out to the Platte River to see the sandhill crane migration (on par with the wildebeest/zebra migration in East Africa, but in the air). We were there at the peak of this incredible annual phenomenon, so there were around 650,000 four-foot-tall cranes piled on the river, squawking and honking before the sun came up. One more neat thing that’s happened since the last Views column: in May, I escorted a few astronauts through the streets of Los Angeles while the last remaining external fuel tank made its way to the Science Center. The night before had been our annual gala, so I had to change from heels to Dr. Scholl’s sneaker inserts for the six-mile stretch I walked the next day, but it was so worth the thrill of accompanying the tank and these men and women who’d been to space! If you’re not already part of our Facebook group, please find us. We recently had a discussion about which teachers and staff members had had the biggest impact on us during our time on the Hill... it brought back a lot of really amazing memories! Join in! Hi all, Eamon Griffin here... Hoping these brief notes find all of you well. This is news from Mark Siegel: “Steve Musante and his wife, Maria, welcomed their second child, Rhys Musante. Jordan Reed and I were in attendance for the baptism along with Spencer Cooper and Jeff Musante.” I had the good fortune to catch up with Caroline Blaker in Fairfield as she was visiting her family in Fairfield. Caroline is doing well running her own internet/art business, Petroglyph Creative. She and her husband are enjoying each other and raising their beautiful son out in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Casey Paul and his wife, Heidi, have moved from Seattle to Hawaii with their son, Nolan, to pursue some fantastic career opportunities there. I will be pursuing an opportunity to visit them soon, hopefully! As for me, it’s the same old, and no news is good news, right? I have enjoyed doing nothing this summer except relaxing, traveling and enjoying the weather. I will begin my 15th year teaching in the Westport Public schools in just a few days... Time flies! If any of you are in the Fairfield area, even for just a few hours, let me know—I would love to catch up!

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Stephanie M. Gogarten writes, “My wife, Jennifer, and I had our fourth child, Wilfred George, on July 14. He is getting lots of hugs from his siblings Jolyon, Rupert and Thomasina.” After six years in New Haven, Kate Standish recently moved to Boston with her husband and 2-year-old son. They’re enjoying the beaches and Jamaica Plain playgrounds, and Kate’s settling in as a family medicine resident at Boston Medical Center. Elena Giordano moved to the Nashville area last year, where she is songwriting, singing and working on material for a new album. “The move has been a refreshing change.” Darcy Hoberman reports, “After four and a half years in San Antonio, I think I am finally getting used to the south Texas heat and the southern drawsls, though I will never call myself a true Texan. I have recently started working with the largest college counseling company in the country, called Collegewise. I help high school students with all steps of the college research and application process and I love it! I work with students from all over the country and
I feel I am finally working in my dream job. Other than that, my son Matthew just turned 5, and my other son Noah just turned 2. They are a handful, and though it is a challenge to be mom to two rambunctious boys, I love (almost) every minute of it. Hope everyone else is doing well, and already thinking of making it back for our 20th Reunion. I cannot believe it has been that long. “Hope everyone is well—Darcy is right—crazy that our 20th isn’t too far away! Feel free to send me your news at erischwa@gmail.com—Erica Lynn Schwartz

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Gaby Moss’s first book is coming out on December 6 from HarperCollins. It is called Glop, and it is a parody of Gwyneth Paltrow’s website, Goop. It is hopefully funny and also only medium disrespectful. William Nuland writes, “I had a flurry of Hilltopper fun over the past few months. The family and I relocated to San Mateo, California, for four weeks while I onboarded at Facebook, which has its own Hop alum cohort. So I plugged back in with Blaise Dipersia (virtually at least) and ran into Emily Triflin, who was onboarding during my interview loop. Out in California, the family and I spent an early afternoon with George O’Brien and his brood, a weekend with Harold Pierce, his wife and daughter, and tried (but failed) to hang out with Sabrina Singh and Andrew Myrick. Either way, I was able to plug back in with some old friends and feel the love while a few thousand miles from home.”

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As has become our custom, the Class of 2001 continues to make incredible strides. Catherine Foster and her husband, David Ellison, welcomed their son, William Houlding, on July 8, 2016, at Lenox Hill Hospital in New York. She writes, “He has changed our lives; we are totally smitten.” She is taking maternity leave prior to returning to her job at Sotheby’s. André Warner and his wife, Solimar Santiago Warner, celebrated the birth of their first child, Santiago Andrés Warner, on May 23, 2016. In just a couple of months, Santiago has traveled from near to far, from the Bronx to Barcelona, to meet family and friends. The young family had a chance to visit the Ommegang Brewery in Cooperstown, New York. In anticipation of Santiago’s arrival, Bryan Warner, Tiffany Johnson, Ryan Harrity, Brendan Donahue, James Haffner, Adam Hellman and Hollen Spatz, Matt Lundgren, Dan Slotnik and Dan Wolf gathered to wish the expectant parents well. Ben Rubenstein has reached some major milestones as well, both professional and personal. He sold his company Yodle to Web.com, and has started a new real estate technology company called Opcity. He also got married and went on a honeymoon in Iceland, where he ran into fellow alum Justine “Popi” Benisch on the street. You truly never know when or where you might find a fellow Hilltopper! Meanwhile, Burak Erem is finishing a postdoctoral research fellowship at Boston Children’s Hospital, where he has been working on developing new medical imaging technologies, writing papers, and applying for grants. He and his wife, Jen, recently had a second baby, Joel, while big sister Orly is busy helping them out. Despite all the activity, Burak still manages to get out to play soccer once a week. He looks forward to doing a Cooper test on the old boy’s varsity soccer field next time he is on the Hopkins campus. Please keep the updates coming—your classmates would love to hear about new family members, new jobs, new homes and new adventures.

2002
Brody Paul Wirtz, son of Hillary and Kyle Wirtz ’02

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Melissa Feldsher is working in the Brooklyn headquarters of Hillary for America, her third (“and definitely last!”) presidential campaign. She’s on the paid media team, so she is partly responsible for all the Clinton ads filling the airwaves, and is “especially sorry to any classmates living in battleground states.” She’s also about to celebrate her one-year anniversary with Will Deitz, who “(weird coincidence) once went to a homecoming dance with Natalie Evans ’01.’
Drew Lustman is “running my record label Blueberry Records, signing new artists, touring a lot and writing my own music.” Jon Hall and I, Aaron Zelinsky, caught a baseball game in Baltimore (where I live). Jon was in Washington, D.C., for meetings related to his position as an economics researcher and general policy guru at Uber, and was nice enough to schlep to the game. His son, Leo, just turned 2, and Jon’s baseball acumen is also as sharp as ever. Drew Myrick writes that he is living in San Francisco and “just celebrated 10 years at Apple. Working on emerging technology, new product prototyping, and Mac development.” Chris Bellis and his wife, Annabelle Lyons, bought their first house in South Philly in May. Congrats! Allison Miryelles writes, “Life is good here—still living in New York City but some new teaching changes: graduated to fifth grade and moved to a new school, Brooklyn Friends. They are a Quaker school and share a similar teaching pedagogy to my own. I could not be happier. Now I get to teach ancient world and (obviously) the election. Kids really say the greatest things about the electoral process.” Paige Armstrong is “at the CDC working with the Epidemic Intelligence Service in outbreak response.” A young Renee Russo is in talks to play her in the upcoming film, sources indicate. Danielle Fein has moved across the pond. After working on the SNCF litigation and $60 million settlement, she’s “moved to London and is getting another post graduate degree at the Sotheby’s Institute in Art Business.” Fallon Daniels writes that she’s “successfully beaten cancer!” And is now a ‘one year survivor of breast cancer.” Following up on the great news, she was appointed to Principal/ Director position for New Haven Adult Education. Her son is going into seventh grade. Gui Woolston is living the dream. He’s “moved back to New Haven, where Zach just started (again!) at Yale Law School as a member of the faculty.” Gui is continuing to work for a San Francisco based analytics startup, where he “runs our government business (and am also a part-time fellow at Yale’s School of Management).” He urges “other people from Hopkins to say hi when they are in New Haven.” Andrea Sorcinelli writes in that “Colin McManus, Kayla and I (aka the SorciManuses) are living in Brooklyn. Colin teaches fourth grade at the Greene Hill School and I am starting my fourth year in a PhD program in Cognition and Perception at NYU. And we got married! We actually got married last August but as I mentioned no emails so our blurb is a bit out of date. We had the most incredible wedding in St. John, USVI. Unfortunately, we did not get a photo with all of the Hopkins alumni/ac in attendance but my sister Elisabeth LeSieur ’98, brother Matthew Sorcinelli ’05, Josh Smith ’02, Rachel Stone ’02 and Sarah Arntsen ’02 were all there. It was pretty incredible if I do say so myself.” Chris McLaren has been living in Istanbul since 2011. He currently works as the Assistant Director of a Syrian refugee NGO called Small Projects Istanbul (small-projectsistanbul.org). Definitely have a look at the website when you have a minute to see more about such an important issue. For those waiting with baited breath for the GAU: Fear not, the Great Alphabetical Update is continuing. Due to the incompetence of your scribe (I blame it on an impending trial) I didn’t get to send the hounding emails. But I will before the next column, I promise. And now for the news about the Class of 2034: Mazel tov to Mary Kate Bonner and her wife, Stephanie Westcott. Stephanie gave birth to their son, Oscar, on June 2, 2016. Mary Kate writes that they are “thrilled to be parents, even after a few months of sleep deprivation.” Mazel tov to Kyle Wirtz on the birth of Brody Paul Wirtz on February 22, 2016! 2003 Courtney Hart courtneyleigh.hart@gmail.com Arielle Traub arielle.traub@gmail.com For the most part, all is quiet on the eastern, western and worldwide fronts... but we did hear from a few classmates! Hit up Amy Schoenfeld if summer blooms have got you sneezin’—she started her Allergy Fellowship at Massachusetts General Hospital in July and is loving it. We’re happy to report that Andrew Soberman has returned home safely from an eight-month deployment with HSC-5 aboard the USS Harry S. Truman. He was in the Arabian Gulf supporting Operation Inherent Resolve (which sounds super top-secret, so maybe we aren’t allowed to talk about it, but Andrew mentioned it
by name, so...). He’s settling back into his home that he purchased in Norfolk, Virginia, where he is also stationed, and is working toward his Helicopter Aircraft Commander designation. Welcome home, Sobie, and thanks for being our class’s resident boss. We got an update on Morgan Clark-Collier (from her sweet dad, no less!) and we hear that she is currently starting her second year of a five-year combined residency in medicine and psychiatry at UC Davis in sunny Sacramento, California. Winner of this edition’s “Awww, the Cutest Ever!” update goes to Chloe Thurston, who gave birth to her daughter, Julia Joyce Egel, on January 11, 2016, in Evanston, Illinois. Chloe and her husband, Daniel Egel, are in love with their new bundle of joy. Chloe writes, “Parenthood is good so far, though I could go for a few more nights of uninterrupted sleep. It’s clichéd, but really is amazing how quickly they grow.” Congratulations to you, Chloe, and best wishes to you and Daniel to soak in all of the milestones.

Julia Israel Edelstein writes in to update us on her life with her hubby, our fellow alum Andrew Edelstein, and shares a few updates on other classmates: “Since March 2016, I’ve been the senior health editor at Parents magazine, where I oversee the brand’s coverage of children’s and women’s health. The position is a perfect mix of two of my big passions: journalism and motherhood. As far as Hopkins goes, Andrew and I were lucky enough to have dinner with Kate Wynne in Massachusetts on our drive back to New York from a vacation to Maine in August. We also see Olivia Haedt Stevens and her two boys fairly frequently for playdates. And a sad update: My mother, Gayle Israel, passed away on September 4, 2015. We miss her every day.” On behalf of the class, we send condolences and love to you on the passing of your mom, Julia. As for your class secretaries—Arielle Traub continues to work in New York City as a health policy consultant with Manatt Health, an interdisciplinary health policy and business strategy advisory division of Manatt, Phelps & Phillips. Always eager to explore new places, she traveled to Iceland and Cuba this past summer.

Courtney Hart has the travel bug, too, hitting up Hong Kong and Indonesia earlier this year with her husband for her honeymoon, with another trip to New Orleans on the itinerary (send recs her way)! We love hearing your updates, so please continue to send them along!

2004

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It may be 12 years (!) since our last classes together on the Hill but it has only been about six months since we last checked in via Views from the Hill. And it’s no surprise that a lot has happened since our last column! Let’s start with our classmates and friends—first up, Leland Milstein, who wrote in from somewhere in Big Sky country. Having graduated from the Yale School of Management in May, Leland is looking forward to new West Coast adventures and is excited to connect with other Hopkins folks in the Bay Area. Abigail Gillis recently moved in the other direction, from San Francisco to Washington, D.C. She is working in product at WeddingWire and lives by the National Cathedral. She caught up with classmates Mike Balderrama and Julie Mao for drinks a few months back and is “always happy to catch up with Hopkins folks.” Sarah Taurchini is still living in Washington, D.C., where she continues acting professionally and is getting into choreography. You might recall that she’s also a developer, she now works for the Chronicle of Higher Education and spends much of her free time with her two brothers (Matthew ‘08 and Timothy ’13), who also live in Washington, D.C. We were also excited to hear from Joshua Fein, who had a number of exciting changes to share: “I’m about to enter my second year of medical school (hurrah for career changes) at the Sackler School of Medicine at Tel Aviv University in Israel. More important, my wife, Michal, and I are thrilled to announce that our son, Binyamin Avraham, was born on May 17, 2016. He’s enjoying a summer sojourn in New York City before we head back to Tel Aviv at the beginning of September.” Congratulations to Josh and Michal, and welcome Binyamin… Hopkins Class of 2034?

Steven McDonald is now in the third year of a residency in Emergency Medicine at NYU/Bellevue. He, perhaps, wins the prize for the most mini Hopkins reunions had since our last column. He tells us: “In the last few months, I’ve celebrated birthdays
with Sophia Lear in Los Angeles, attended weddings with Clararose Voigt in Vermont, become neighbors with Barrie Segal, brunched with Alex Teicher and dined with Jo Kinsley.” As we write this column, Steven is taking a bit of a break from the Big Apple (and the hospital) to vacation in Spain, Germany and Greece. And now, a bit of news from your faithful co-secretaries: Kimmy Lewis is still in New York City and recently transitioned into a job in the Capital Markets group at the real estate firm JLL. Meanwhile, after five years as Assistant Secretary of the University at Yale, Erin Johnson has been appointed Associate Director of a brand new academic center at Yale called the Center for the Study of Race, Indigeneity, and Transnational Migration. We were last together in May for a picnic celebration of Hopkins Head of School Barbara Riley, who retired after 15 years in the role. Thanks to all of you who took the time to write in for this column, with a special thanks to those who haven’t checked in recently. We hope it goes without saying that we love hearing from you! Until the next time, ’04!

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Many congratulations to go around for the Class of 2015! Caroline Walden married Rob Southern in August. Jesse Horowitz ’02 was a groomsman and Don Bagnall and Mr. Casanova were in attendance. Caroline lives in Pittsburgh while working on her master’s in Food Studies at Chatham University. She will be writing her thesis on women in sustainable agriculture in New England. Courtney O’Brien Yakavonis and her husband welcomed baby Eleanor Josephine to the world in March. She lives in Boston, where she ran into Ben Zlotoff, who is working at Catalant (previously HourlyNerd). Also in Boston, Akash Gupta is in residency for Internal Medicine/Pediatrics at Mass General. He’s still doing capoeira in addition to climbing and hiking. In Connecticut, Ken Jacobi recently bought a house in Norwalk, and he works on PepsiCo’s Capital Markets team. Andrew Giering recently returned to New Haven working as a litigation associate at Wiggin and Dana LLP. Chisom Amaechi is in New Haven as well, pursuing her MBA at the Yale School of Management. Katie Monahan is living in Brooklyn and recently finished the Pan-Mass Challenge, a 200-mile bike-a-thon that raises funds for the Dana Farber Cancer Institute in Boston. Her team raised over $100,000! On the West Coast, we have Jessica DeLuca, who lives in San Francisco and works as a Data Science Fellow at Galvanize. Kyle Warren lives in Los Angeles and recently started writing for Lethal Weapon, the TV show. Andy Hall is a professor at Stanford and has his first published book being released soon. Pam Soberman is enjoying life in Seattle and working at Microsoft, where she is currently an HR Manager supporting engineering teams.

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Luke Kelly-Clyne spent the summer working as the Executive Producer of a new Comcast game show called “I Want My Phone Back.” In the fall, Luke will continue his work on Camp Success, a half-hour TV comedy he created for IFC. Luke’s roommate in Los Angeles, Doug DeLuca, is managing a film studio for Tastemade. He is also working on getting his Personal Training Certificate and just started recording the first single for an EP that will be released next spring/summer. Also in California, Maryanna Saenko recently moved to Silicon Valley to become a partner at Airbus Group’s venture capital fund, which is focused on investing in aerospace and other similar industries. Outside of work, she continues to kiteboard, ski, ride motorcycles, and has recently taken up piloting small aircraft. On the East Coast, Ben Vinograd will begin his second year at the Wharton School’s JD/MBA program. Somehow, he’s managed to find enough spare time to launch a dining app called
RestList. Speaking of MBAs, Madeleine Goldstein graduated from Harvard Business School this past May and accepted a position at Bridgewater Associates in Connecticut. She is also launching an education-tech startup for teachers across the U.S. Fellow Connecticut resident Tom Lambert is living in Stamford and is finishing up his third year working at Ryan Ryan Deluca, a mid-size litigation defense firm. He is cutting his teeth on all sorts of work, including lawsuits involving bar fights, car accidents, a Metro-North train derailment and Sandy Hook—he even has some cases with esteemed co-counsel Jim Ringold! Christine Parente is finishing up her MA in educational leadership at NYU and teaching Spanish at Sacred Heart in Greenwich. In March, Corey Briskin tied the knot with Nicholas Maggipinto in New York City. Corey is enjoying married life while continuing his work as an Assistant District Attorney in Nassau County. Also in the Big Apple, Alexis Sharpe is in her medicine residency at Mount Sinai Hospital, and Laura Marris writes and translates French literature in Carroll Gardens, Brooklyn. Her most recent project, a translation of Christophe Boltanski’s novel La cache, will be out next year from the University of Chicago Press.

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The class of 2007 is keeping busy, and for many, that means finishing up or starting graduate school programs. Katie D’Souza is currently working as an oncology nurse at Yale New Haven Hospital’s Smilow Cancer Center and is starting graduate school at Fairfield University for her DNP (Doctor of Nursing Practice) and FNP (Family Nurse Practitioner). Also in the medical field, Josh Goldman graduated from UConn Medical School in May and is currently in pediatrics residency at Connecticut Children’s Medical Center, which is a UConn program. On the business side, Will General recently moved to Chicago to pursue an MBA at Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University. Matt Carroll is living in South Boston and is halfway through his MBA at Northeastern. He is also doing a six-month corporate residency for the Ad Club, a Boston nonprofit that organizes events and professional development for professionals in advertising and marketing in New England. Also heading back to school, Alex Brockwehl has started a two-year Master of Public Affairs program at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University. Marissa Mayer reports she is currently working in Missouri as Deputy Finance Director of Jason Kander’s campaign for U.S. Senate, and Dan Dimenstein moved to Chicago in June and is working as a search consultant for Witt/Kieffer, which places physicians in executive roles. Ariel Fein writes, “I married Simeon Cohen on June 30 in Rockleigh, New Jersey. My brother, Joshua Fein ’04, was in attendance. I am also a new aunt: Josh and his wife, Michal, had their first child, Binyamin Avraham, in May. I am continuing my PhD studies at Yale and will be an adjunct lecturer this fall at the Jewish Theological Seminary, teaching a course on medieval Jerusalem.” Lastly, Dana Traub, am currently living in Somerville, just outside of Boston, and working as a market research analyst at Forrester Research.

2008
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Once again sending his news from another continent, Arjun Potter reports that he spent the summer doing research in Gorongosa National Park in Mozambique, where he was “mostly mowing and fertilizing grass and collecting fresh animal dung.” He is now in his second year of graduate school at Princeton in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology. Also abroad, Cory Levinson has spent four years living in Berlin and working at SoundCloud as a data analyst, and is transitioning into a new role as the Product Manager for SoundCloud’s data platform team. In the off hours, he’s doing music of his own and running a small ambient record label, Ways Inner Pass, which is having its fourth release this winter. Closer to home, Helen Lu is living in New York City and working in the private equity group of an asset management firm, and doing GED tutoring on the weekends. Arev Pivazyan has spent several months doing research in Armenia and is back in Brooklyn, New York, to continue a PhD in Women’s and Gender Studies. Julian Gewirtz shared that his first book, Unlikely Partners: Chinese Reformers, Western Economists, and the Making of Global China, is coming out this winter from Harvard University Press. Ben Watsky is still living in Washington, D.C., working at Whiteboard Advisors, an education consulting firm. He writes, “I haven’t seen much of the Hopkins ’08 crew lately, unfortunately, but hope to change that soon.” Clara Kiely is working on her Master of Social Work and spent the summer in New York City teaching teenagers about advocacy and health justice. Since graduation, Shirley Liu has been pursuing a career in the beauty industry in New York City. Currently, she’s celebrating her two-year anniversary of being with Chanel in fragrance marketing, and says that the four years of French classes at Hopkins have really paid off now that she’s working for a brand that is very proud of its French origins! At the end of the summer, she traveled to Shanghai and Hong Kong, and was looking forward to seeing how the cities have changed and to practicing her Mandarin. Brendan Culliton lives in Brooklyn, New York, and is pursuing a Masters in Public Administration from New York University while working as a project manager at QSAC (Quality Services for the Autism Community). Emilia King-Musza is living in Brooklyn and is in her second year of law school at NYU. This summer,
she interned for the Federal Defenders in the Southern District of New York, and she’s looking forward to working with the ACLU’s Racial Justice Project in the spring. Chuck Hewitt recently moved to Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts, and is continuing his work at the Natick Soldier Systems Center, where he’s developing equipment and technologies to keep our soldiers safer and improve their performance in the field. Ben Sperling continues to grow his nonprofit organization in Atlanta, Next Generation Men, and is launching their expansion, Next Generation Women. They will be working with about 150 young men and women this year across four schools. He’s also recently joined the Board of Directors of a new charter school in Atlanta and is staying busy wedding planning!

2010

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Earlier this year, Carter Banker was living in New York City and interning at the Council on Foreign Relations. She spent the summer in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, doing research on tolerance and religious conflict, and moved to Boston to start her Masters in International Affairs at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts. Sarah Levine is enjoying teaching at an International Nursery School in Bangkok, Thailand. She has loved getting to travel to places such as Sri Lanka, the Maldives, Laos, Indonesia, Malaysia and more during her time abroad! Lizzy Fiedler is currently working in advertising at Ogilvy & Mather on the UPS account. She is living in New York’s East Village with fellow Hopkins graduate Jessica Cohen. Norah Wallace recently moved to New York City from Boston to begin a clinical psychology PhD program at Fairleigh Dickinson University. Reba Watsky is excited to be starting medical school at Johns Hopkins in August.

Katie Schaffer is going into her third year at News America Marketing in New York City, and she just moved into a new apartment in Chelsea with three of her friends from Colgate University. Token foodie Ryan Healey is the editor at LuckyPeach.com, and most recently received a James Beard Award. He is living with a college friend in the East Village and enjoys traveling whenever he has the opportunity. In the fall, Gus Prum will be starting graduate school at the New School, where he will be studying creative writing. Doug Steinberg is in Washington, D.C., working for a government relations firm called Sachem that does congressional advocacy for defense tech companies. Sachem mostly works with robotics, software and other specialized military hardware companies. Madeline Pantalena is a postulant for the priesthood in the Episcopal Church, and she is going into her second year of seminary to earn her Master of Divinity at Union Theological Seminary in New York City. She is the proud momma of two cats and a litter of foster kittens and she is still knitting in class and riding horses in her spare time. She will be interning at St. Luke in the Fields in Greenwich Village starting this fall. Last year, Gopal Kodumudi completed his master’s degree in anatomy in New Orleans at Tulane University. He has since started medical school in northern California, and interned this summer at UCSF in San Francisco for a medical research fellowship.

Nicole Lawrence is heading back to the states after spending a year in France. She will be relocating to Washington, D.C. I, Allie Briskin, am currently a Senior Media Planner at 360i, where I work to strategize and implement media plans for the NBC Universal and Fossil accounts. I spent the summer traveling within the United States, as well as to Iceland and Columbia, and also studying for the GMAT. I am planning to attend business school within the next year, so stay tuned for next issue. Thanks for the updates!
2011

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The Class of 2011 returned to the Hill to celebrate its 5th Reunion this past June, and with friends reunited beneath the tent, Harmonaires alumni Cormac Carr, Devyn Curley, Peter Rosiello and Sam Kuslan took the stage to cap off the night with some throwback performances! Also bringing his musical talents back to the Hill, Dylan McDonnell, who has spent the last few months as a freelance musician in New Haven, will be teaching private flute and saxophone students at both Hopkins and Foote School this fall, as well as continuing work with a number of New Haven–based jazz, folk and rock projects. Additionally, he has been writing for an online music publication entitled “Rootsworld” and is now a regular programmer at WPKN 89.5 FM in Bridgeport, Connecticut. Mary Reidy is now the Coordinator of Academic Programs at the New Britain Museum of American Art, where she manages school visits, develops teacher workshops, and translates museum resources into Spanish. Also in the educational field, Alexa MacMullen traveled to Rome over the summer to participate in a weeklong workshop for elementary and middle school teachers, designed to give on-site instruction about the history, culture and language of ancient Rome and provide lesson plans and activities to use in the classroom. This fall marks her second year of teaching at the Windward School, a specialized school for students with language-based learning disabilities, in White Plains, New York. Luke Jenuvaisis is currently working at Reproductive Medicine Associates in Norwalk, Connecticut, where he is learning andrology and embryology, and hoping to attend medical school. Not too far from Connecticut, Cormac is still enjoying living in New York City with his classmates Matt Luciani, who is working in investment banking at Jeffries in Midtown, and Peter. They all agree that the highlight of the summer was traveling to Telluride, Colorado, to celebrate their old friend Joe Serino’s wedding. Also in attendance were Peter McGrath, Jerrod Dobkin, Dan Ross, Zhach Pham, Connor Maher and Sam Greco. Also in New York, Juliet Bailin is celebrating her one-year anniversary at Insight Venture Partners, where she sourced her first investment earlier this summer (check out Caremerge!).

2012  5th Reunion

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The fall of 2016 is an exciting time for Hopkins’ Class of 2012, as many of us are graduated from college and moving on to new chapters in our lives. Luke McCrory graduated from University of Notre Dame in May with a degree in Finance and Spanish, and is moving to Chicago to work for FTI Consulting. Amanda Fath is working for Teach for America as a Chemistry teacher at a high school in the Bronx. Leslie Brunker is heading into her second year at Cornell Vet School and was just commissioned as a 2LT in the U.S. Army Veterinary Corps. She also welcomed an 11-year-old retiring military working dog, Mandy, into her home (trained in explosive detection and apprehension). Brian Astrachan just moved to Chicago to begin work at a healthcare startup, Healthjoy. He continues to work on expanding Rekinesis, a physical rehab technique, in his spare time. Hannah Johnson graduated from American University, majoring in Psychology and Education. She is starting work this fall as an Assistant Teacher at the Lab School of Washington, D.C., a private school for children with learning-based disabilities. She is hoping to pursue graduate work in the next few years in Clinical Psychology. Will Bagnall is working on refining the manuscript for the first book of his science-fiction novel series, and is hoping to get it published soon. He has also begun writing the second book. Ben Rosenbluth took the last year off to travel with the Whiffenpoofs a cappella group, traveling to 23 countries throughout Europe, Africa, Asia, and ending in New Zealand. He is returning to Yale in the fall to finish his studies in Mechanical Engineering, and to perform research in Genetic Engineering. Robbie Emmet graduated from Carleton College, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He is starting graduate school this fall at the University of Washington, studying Quantitative Ecology and Resource Management. Sanam Rastegar finished up her last season on the Yale Sailing team, which concluded with a fourth consecutive National Sailing Championship! She has started working in D.C. for McLarty Associates, a global strategy firm. Alexandra Mayer graduated from UConn in May with Phi Beta Kappa and Magna Cum Laude honors. She majored in International Relations and Human Rights with a focus in environmental justice. In September she moved to Ecuador to teach English to disadvantaged youth and to work for an NGO focusing on sustainable water management and potable water accessibility. Jay Sullivan will be interning this fall at the White House in the Domestic Policy Council. In January, he will start a Fulbright scholarship teaching English at a secondary school in Malaysia. Ariel Rock graduated from Swarthmore with an honors degree in Physics and Math, and will be starting at his PhD in Physics at University of Wisconsin-Madison in the fall. In September, Nicole Wolfe will start working in Chester, Massachusetts, as the lead teacher in a high school classroom at a school for students with severe disabilities.
2013

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Only two more Junes till our first reunion! Which means, terrifying though that may be, please send me non-academic email addresses that will continue to work after you graduate! I’ll remind everyone again in the spring edition as well. Right to business: Lucy Balcezak is characteristically busy—after returning from her fall semester abroad studying sexual education in Jordan, she had her best running season of all time after not running at all for three months (“which just goes to show that training is a social construct”), interned at the FCC, and spent a month in New Hampshire as a counselor at her chamber music festival. Aliyah Bixby-Driesen took the spring quarter off from her degree at the University of Chicago to make some money and do even more Linguistics research, and is spending her summer tutoring Chinese high schoolers and prepping for a literary agent, and prepping for a senior thesis in Linguistics and East Asian Languages and Civilizations. Meanwhile, Mike Dewar spent the last year as a staffer on Bernie Sanders’ primary bid throughout the Midwest and New England, culminating in a very rewarding stint as Deputy Political Director of Indiana. After four months of deep hibernation, he will be returning to the University of Chicago. Jacob Marks spent his summer researching at the Institute for Quantum Computing in Waterloo, Canada, and is looking forward to some rock climbing expeditions and applying for graduate school. Varsha Krish is doing ongoing neuroscience research at Columbia, focusing on stem-cell research investigating how stress during different points of development affects the brain in adulthood, and Max Ying just finished up an internship doing software technology for Goldman Sachs. Matt Vine is “co-oping at Sanofi Pasteur in Swiftwater, Pennsylvania,” this upcoming semester, and looking to move out west for his next internship. After some Googling, I determined that to mean he’s working an intern-like position at the biggest dedicated vaccine company in the world and alternating semesters of that with semesters of academic work. Matt, correct me if I’m wrong! Finally, Cristina Detwiler joins me in the expat club on the other end of Europe—she’s still living in Spain, studying Elementary Education, specializing in English. She’s excited to be on a waiting list for a government job as a language assistant, which sounds awesome, and was thrilled to have reunited with some Hopkins classmates when she returned to the states this winter and summer. As for myself, Alex Bailey Dillon, I spent a lazy summer catching up with American friends, but now am back in Edinburgh working at the Fringe. I’ve got a front of house position at one of the major venues, and at the halfway point of the festival have seen 27 shows, so you could say I’m having a good time! That’s all for now, folks! Thanks to Paul Tupper and Max Ying for recently updating their contact info; if you see this in print and didn’t get an email in August asking for news, shoot me a line at alexbaileydillon@gmail.com.

2014

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Contrary to popular expectations and all sensible bets made a couple of Junes ago, the Class of 2014 has not only survived its first couple of years off of the Hill but indeed thrived. Hearing about the journeys of my friends and erstwhile classmates leaves me unquestionably impressed but, frankly, not all that surprised. The immense potential that the Class of 2014 fostered throughout their tenure at Hopkins has consistently converted into a remarkable set of accomplishments for an indomitable group of young adults. Where to begin! Nader Rastegar helped lead the Bulldogs of Yale to another national championship in squash last winter and his Yale classmate, Griffin Smilow, got to bear witness to history as he watched the Games of the XXXI Olympiad right in Rio de Janeiro, securing some time with swimmer Missy Franklin to try out a Snapchat filter or two while down there. After working this past summer in the Human Robotic Interaction Lab at Tufts University, Ballard Glenn Blair plans to study abroad in Bologna, Italy, this year. His fellow denizen of the great Boston area Nicole Kogan spent a good chunk of time this year at MIT continuing research in an electrochemistry lab investigating the Hydrogen Evolution Reaction, before flying out to France in late May to conduct additional scholarly work at the Curie Institute in Paris. While across the Atlantic, she built upon the French skills with which Hopkins endowed her while learning immunological and biological lab
techniques, all the while managing to meet up with Samira Bandaru along the way. Mon dieu! Naturally, the Hilltoppers of 2014 are keeping up their grinds as they already begin their sure-to-prove formidable careers. By the conclusion of this upcoming academic year, Natasha Sinha will have already finished her undergraduate education (gasp!) at Cornell and will remain in Ithaca to pursue a master's degree in applied statistics. Before heading back into the classroom, though, Natasha spent the summer working at Deloitte in strategy and operations. Down in Philly, Chris Cahill has declared a computer science and economics double major at the University of Pennsylvania and used his sophomore year to start helping rural Nicaraguan schools adopt more rigorous standards and assist a Penn Graduate School of Education program designed to increase educational outcomes. Over the summer, Chris remained in the City of Brotherly Love to work as a programming research assistant at the Wharton School while spending some time on his startups. As for your assistant at the Wharton School while spending at Lockheed Martin Space Systems. As for your humble class secretaries, we are happy to report nothing but good things. My colleague in crime, the indomitable Josh Furth, has declared himself a mechanical engineering major at Duke and spent his summer interning at Lockheed Martin Space Systems. As for yours truly, Jack Greenberg, on top of recently finishing a whole pint of Häagen-Dazs chocolate chip cookie dough ice cream all by myself, I declared a double major in political science and history at Williams in April and remained in Williamstown over the summer to serve as the teaching assistant and research supervisor to the American Foreign Policy Institute, while doing some work with the admissions office on the side. As the lion’s share of the Class of 2014 heads into the third year of their collegiate careers, plenty of adventures await this superlative group: studies abroad, incredible internships and babies! Though some of the aforementioned endeavors will perhaps come later than others, we are happy to report on what is happening for each and every member of this awesome cohort and would love to hear from you! Give us a ring/buzz/snap/email/raven/message in a bottle, and we will move forward from there in that incredible and enduring spirit of 1660.

2015
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As time continues to fly by, this issue marks a year and half since the Class of 2015 has left Hopkins and gone out into the world, accomplishing many different goals across the country. Johanan Knight had an eventful summer, studying abroad in Argentina for six weeks, and plans to continue his running career by running in the New York City Marathon this November. Johanan will be joined at the New York Marathon by former classmate Helene Collins, who is running for autism research. Another world traveller over the summer was Vikram Chaudhuri, who visited London with his family; Vikram also volunteered at a refugee center in New Haven. At Lafayette, Margie Lewis continues to work as a contributing writer for the Lafayette newspaper, and hopes to become a writing assistant for the incoming freshman class. Courtney Gilroy interned at Aflac insurance company, doing telemarketing, recruiting and finance work, while also spending time preparing to once again swim on the Varsity Swim Team at Colgate. Spending most of his summer living in New York City, Class President Walker Schneider interned for the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Program of New York and New Jersey, while working for the District Attorney’s office of New York, helping do research for a homicide case. In classic Walker fashion, he wanted everyone to know that he fell in love with a paralegal who was significantly older than him, and the feelings were unrequited, to say the least. Brian Kitano managed to get three different concussions playing Frisbee and squash. Luckily he recovered and was able to spend the first half of the summer in Israel on an archeological dig, then went to France to work as an au pair. Marcus Brantley worked for New Haven Public Schools Summer School and interned with a study called the Lexionome Project at Yale, doing mostly data entry. Toward the end of the summer, Balal Khan and Matt Erodiyi took a cross-country road trip to visit Jake Pierce in Chicago, and they were able to stop at many landmarks on the way. Over in Nashville, Bethany Hecht participated in the Big Brothers Big Sisters program. In the world of pageantry, Jennee Blanco was crowned Miss Southern New England teen this July. Jake Poliner interned at his father’s business, Creative Mobile Technologies, a taxi technology company, and played baseball in the Bridgeport Senior City League. He plans to play at Columbia this year. Jarett Poliner also had an eventful summer testing software for a company called Arro. Close by at Connecticut College, Tyler Clark was elected President of the sophomore class and spent this summer working as a sleep-away camp counselor. Justin Bower continued working at Harbor Light Summer Adventures, a camp focused on creating a social space for mainstreaming children with autism. Griffin Smith and Alex Da Silva worked together as camp counselors once again at the Common Ground camp in New Haven. Another summer Hopkins connection was Alex McMahon and Alex Liu, who both interned in Fairfield at the recruiting firm Smith Hanley Associates. AJ Berman had an eventful summer becoming a certified EMT, as well as taking an E&M physics course at Brown. Across the country in San Francisco, Alexander Arons worked as a software engineer at Content Analytics Inc. Rob Schaefer expanded on what he learned as Editor in Chief of The Razor to star in two podcasts about sports that are both captivating, to say the least. Another Razor alumnus, Sanjay Dureseti, is excited to continue working with the university’s newspaper, The...
Elizabeth Ward plays for both the Women’s Club Lacrosse and Club Field Hockey teams as well as volunteering at a school on campus for kids with multiple challenges, and at BC Special Olympics. Skye Wilson spent a month studying in Mexico with a host family, and is majoring in English with a subset of creative writing and a minor in dance. Up in Vermont, Marcie Gallagher worked at the biggest environmental nonprofit organization in the state, called the Vermont Public Interest Research Group, aiming to pass a carbon pollution tax in the next legislative session. Noah Rennert explored America’s interior via Amtrak and worked in agriculture, municipal politics, accounting, education and tech during his gap year. Allison Hellman lived in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, and spent the summer as a camp counselor at the Jackson Hole Mountain Resort. At Smith College, Ryenne Carpenter has had a full workload with a myriad of clubs and activities, while currently pursuing a Sociology major with a concentration in Criminology. This coming year, she will be working as Head of New Students (HONS) along with her fellow Hopkins alum Ariel Martinez. Matthijs van Mierlo is part of an ACS certification program offered at St. Lawrence, where students can exit college certified to work in any chemistry or organic chemistry lab. Some of our classmates have decided to continue their college careers at different schools and are all excited to begin their journeys in new places. Sydney Girasole transferred to Boston University for the spring semester of her freshman year and is excited to begin her sophomore year. She will be interning at Spoon University this year. Another new Boston University student is Debbie Leszczynski, who is ready to begin her life in Boston after completing a research internship at the Yale aortic institute over the summer. After working at Aspetuck Valley Country Club in Weston as a junior tennis professional, Sayer Paige has transferred to the University of Virginia. Lia Stone is excited to make the move to New York, where she will be attending New York University as a part of the Class of 2019. She also participated in an intensive Arabic program at Georgetown this summer. Nathaniel Flicker will be joining a few other Hopkins alums as he makes the transition to Cornell University. As everyone continues to branch out and carve their own paths in the world, it is a true testament to the Class of 2015’s camaraderie that many members still find time to catch up with their Hopkins friends. We wish everyone luck in their second year away from Hopkins and hope to connect with even more people for the spring edition of the Hopkins notes.

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HOPKINS QUIZ ANSWERS (from page 21)
1. J 108-acre campus
2. O 10 academic/athletic/administrative buildings
3. M 251,000 total square footage of building space
4. N 26,000 volumes in the library
5. S 7 playing fields
6. L 11 tennis courts
7. H 714 enrolled students
8. P 12 is the average class size
9. A Students come from 60 Connecticut towns
10. D 40% of the Class of 2016 recognized as National Merit Scholars
11. Q 139 students receive financial aid for 2016–17
12. F The average financial aid award is $26,800
13. B $3,725,200 was awarded in financial aid in 2016–17
15. E 75% of the faculty hold advanced degrees
16. R 188 academic courses are offered
17. K 25 AP courses are offered
18. G 6,470 alumni/ae recorded in the School’s database
19. I $1,635,000 raised for the 2015–16 Annual Fund—a School record
Marriages

1992
Jessie Beach and Brian Haffner on August 28, 2016

1993
Sabiha Jivanjee and Sachin Shah on April 9, 2016

1997
Brendan Mitchell and Emily Lustman on June 5, 2016

2001
Sara Huitt and Ben Rubenstein on June 25, 2016

2002
Colin McManus and Andrea Sorcinelli on August 4, 2015

2003
Daniel Egel and Chloe Thurston welcomed Julia Joyce Egel on January 11, 2016

2004
Michal and Josh Fein welcomed Binyamin Avraham Fein on May 17, 2016

2005
Dominique Keegan and Mary Piepmeier welcomed Joseph Leopold Keegan on April 7, 2016
Mark and Courtney O’Brien Yakavonis welcomed Eleanor Josephine on March 25, 2016

Births

1984
Jungmin Song and Matthew Cohen welcomed Leah Song Cohen on February 4, 2016

1993
Chris Rebula and Julia Freedman welcomed Hawk Rebula on July, 2016

1997
Kathleen and Benjamin Berkowitz welcomed Leo Torrey Berkowitz on April 24, 2016
Leah J. Westendorf and Matthew Lucarelli welcomed Abigail Jeanette on September 22, 2015
Sara Montag and Kevin Jacobs welcomed Mika Laurel on September 5, 2015

In Memoriam
Richard C. Maconi ’40 HGS d. May 18, 2015
Grant E. Nelson ’42 HGS d. March 24, 2016
C. Ellen Keith de Forest ’43 DAY d. March 28, 2016
Alan B. Ives ’45 HGS d. May 17, 2016
Richard P. Lesneski ’49 HGS d. April 16, 2016
Raymond Devlin Jr. ’55 HGS d. June 8, 2016
Joseph A. Sgro ’55 HGS d. July 16, 2016
Robert C. Arffa ’71 d. June 16, 2016
Matthew R. Haury ’80 d. October 3, 2016
HOPKINS JOB SHADOW

Chloé Glass ’17 at The New York Times

Last spring, I signed up with the Hopkins Job Shadow program in the hopes of being matched with a Hopkins alumnus who shared my passion for writing. When I received word that I would be shadowing Dan Slotnik, Hopkins Class of 2001, a senior news assistant at The New York Times, I was thrilled. Writing has long been my passion, having been avidly involved in the school newspaper, The Razor, since freshman year; currently as the News Editor, and also serving as Editor in Chief of Hopkins’ first online cross-cultural student-led magazine, Hopkins to Hangzhou.

I arrived in New York City on August 3, expecting that an office at the Times would be an austere, sterile setting, but the deep crimson of the walls, haphazardly placed coffee machines, and the clock that declared “time to write” reminded me of the classroom at Hopkins where the Razor staff works.

After leading me on a tour of the Obituaries department for which he writes, Dan invited me to sit in on a weekly planning meeting, during which the section editors were planning which past Olympic athletes to honor as part of the “Not Forgotten” series. I had imagined that assigning articles at the Times was a formal process, but the editors delegated articles in much the same way as the Razor staff, bouncing ideas off of each other and soliciting advice from fellow colleagues.

Before lunch, Dan also led me to the newspaper’s archives below City University of New York, directing us through a labyrinth of nondescript hallways into a room overflowing with stacks of files and photos. As he searched for clippings for an upcoming article, Dan pointed out the antiquated card catalogue system and the photography section. As I sifted through photos taken almost two hundred years ago, I stood dumbstruck, awed that I was privy to such images as those of gymnasts at the boycotted 1980 Soviet Union Summer Olympics. Last year at Hopkins I started my own photo project, taking portraits of friends and documenting their definitions of certain words, such as beauty, strength or diversity. The photos and thoughts of my peers are stored on computers at school, but much of the unpublished Times photo archives are not digitized; thus if a fire were to consume the building, these files, the last traces of past eras and cultures, would be lost once and for all.

After we returned to the newspaper’s headquarters, Dan showed me the article he was planning to publish the following day, even soliciting my advice. As I looked over the copy, pointing out ways to smooth a transition or substitute a word, I slipped into the same mindset as when I edited articles for my school publications.

Later in the day, Dan brought me to the fifteenth floor of the Times, dubbed “The Pulitzer Wall.” The orange walls were decorated with the photographs of 117 Times journalists who had won a Pulitzer Prize since the founding of the acclaimed award in 1918, yet the overwhelming majority of these recipients were men. I have long respected The New York Times, eagerly poring over every weekend issue and seizing the opportunity to talk to OpEd columnist Charles Blow when he visited Hopkins last year, but as I thought of the few women on that wall who had overcome additional barriers in order to receive equal recognition for their work, it struck me that the media still had much to improve toward treating women equally.

Visiting the Times’ headquarters allowed me to discover that the internationally respected publication was very similar to the writing environment I had been involved in for all of my high school career: the staff welcomed new ideas and the hectic office environment and the writing and publishing methods echoed the familiarity of the process at Hopkins publications. The efforts of the Hopkins Job Shadow matched me with a Hopkins alumnus whose tour of The New York Times reaffirmed my passion for writing.

If you would like to host a Hopkins student for the 2017 summer Job Shadow Program, please contact Lauren Reichart at lreichart@hopkins.edu.
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