Making Scientists
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MORNING
10 AM
COMMENCEMENT
Class of 1967 is invited

AFTERNOON
1:30 PM
DOCENT-LED TOUR
of the Yale Art Gallery
RSVP requested; space limited

EVENING
5:30–7 PM
HEAD OF SCHOOL
RECEPTION
All classes invited
Swensen House
325 McKinley Avenue
New Haven
RSVP requested

REUNION CLASS
GATHERINGS
Various locations
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MORNING
11 AM
5TH ANNUAL CLAY HALL RUN/WALK
Pratt Field

CAMPUS TOURS
Depart from the registration tent

LUNCH
12 PM
ALUMNI/AE PICNIC
All alumni/ae and their families
Enjoy a casual lunch—children and non-reunion alumni/ae are all encouraged to attend.
Main Tent
RSVP requested

Saturday, June 10

Friday, June 9

AFTERNOON
1:30–4 PM
FAMILY ACTIVITIES
Featuring fresh-popped kettle corn, face painting, balloon animals, and more!
Pratt Field

1:30 PM
ALUMNI/AE SPORTS
Men’s Lacrosse
Coed Softball
Tennis
Squash

1:30 PM
CAMPUS TOURS
Depart from the registration tent

2:30 PM
HOPKINS: PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE
Hear remarks on Hopkins by Kai Bynum, Head of School. Time for questions will be included.
Thompson Hall Atrium

2:30 PM
back to class

21ST CENTURY DEMOCRACY
History Faculty and Archivist Thom Peters discusses hot topics with an alumnus in the field of government.
Thompson Hall Atrium

3:30 PM
REFRESHMENTS AND ATHLETES’ RECEPTION
Main Tent
3:30–5 PM
CELEBRATION OF THE WOMEN’S SCHOOLS
Women from all classes, and friends, are invited Reception in recognition of the 45th anniversary of the merger of Day Prospect Hill School and Hopkins Grammar School.
Thompson Hall Atrium
RSVP requested

EVENING
4:30–6 PM
BLACK ALUMNI/AE NETWORK MEETING & RECEPTION
Upper Heath
6–10 PM
COCKTAILS & REUNION DINNER
Join us for cocktails and appetizers 6–7, then enjoy dinner and entertainment from Jim Lawson and the Reunion Band. Class photos begin at 7:15.
Main Tent
RSVP requested

Save the date for Alumni/ae Weekend 2018 for classes ending in 3 and 8 May 11–12, 2018
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ON THE COVER
making scientists:
Hopkins Authentic Research

HARPS
IN A LABORATORY on the second floor of Malone Science Center, eight juniors are busy at their benches. They’re learning to wield pipettes to transfer precise amounts of liquid from one container to another. They’re learning how to harness bacteria as living factories that amplify tiny amounts of DNA into quantities large enough to analyze. They’re learning to tightly close the tops of plastic centrifuge tubes so they don’t fly open. And they are learning to fail.

On this morning in late November, for example, teacher Priscilla Encarnação informs two newly arrived boys of what went wrong overnight. “Dave and Ajay, your LB broth has gone bad!” calls out course director (and molecular biologist) Encarnação. Her voice rises above the quiet conversations of students; they are rehearsing the protocol for the day’s task, isolating DNA from E. coli bacteria. “You don’t have good sterile practice,” she tells the boys. “You have to get better at it. You guys need to clean these before the end of class,” Encarnação tells them.

Fuzzy white mold suspended in Ajay and Dave’s broth shows it is not sterile. If they were to mix that broth with agar to cultivate E. coli, they would also grow a lot of other—unwanted—bacteria.

And then something else occurs to Encarnação—a failure by the entire class: “You all left your tubes in the centrifuge last time. Good old Dr. E. took them out of the centrifuge.”

“Thank you, Dr. E!” a girl cheerfully responds. And then she and the others return to their work.

Today, the 16 juniors (in two sections) are practicing techniques used in biology, but during the yearlong elective they will also develop skills required for physics and chemistry research.

This new course is unlike any other science class at Hopkins. In a conventional science class, students learn from books and lectures, then test concepts by doing “cookbook” laboratory exercises with predictable outcomes. Here, the students are learning the hands-on techniques and then designing and carrying out original experiments. As student Helena Lyng-Olsen describes it, the class has introduced the students to “living science, not just science in a book.” The students have already begun choosing the questions they will address. They will decide on a hypothetical answer, and design an experiment to test that hypothesis. Most likely, some of the experiments won’t work.

Failure is integral to the pedagogy, says Science Department Chair Phillip Stewart. When he designed the new program with former Head of School Barbara Riley, they named it HARPS. That stands for Hopkins Authentic Research Program in Science. “That word ‘authentic’ is really important to us,” says Stewart, taking a break from his usual routine in his office in Malone. An authentic introduction to laboratory research does not protect students from its uncertainties. “We’re trying to help the kids become comfortable with failure and unclear results,” says Stewart. “To be able to learn from those failures is what makes a good scientist.”

Along with Encarnação, who teaches basic lab science methods, two other teachers collaborate to run the course: Josh Young teaches chemistry, and Ben Taylor covers physics. Sometimes two or even all three teachers work with students simultaneously.

The three approaches to science are not as distinct as they once were: as Taylor notes, the boundaries between physics, biology, and chemistry have become increasingly porous. He cites X-ray crystallography as an example. He can teach the laws of physics that allow scientists to use X-rays to create patterns that provide information about the structure of a material. Then Encarnação and Young can show students how crystallography serves researchers in biology and chemistry.
As the students practice their new skills, the three instructors are busy tracking down summer lab internships for all 16 students. They are calling on their contacts at Yale, Quinnipiac, MIT, the University of Connecticut, and beyond—UCSF and Stanford.

When the Hopkins students arrive at those required internships, Stewart feels confident that their summer colleagues will value them for more than their skills at counting bacterial colonies in a Petri dish. The students will also understand how research works. “We want these kids trained so they can walk into the lab and actually contribute rather than being a burden,” he says. “They won’t just be cleaning glassware.”

BACK IN THE LAB, the students are using a lysis buffer to break apart the E. coli cells. The destroyed E. coli will release “foreign” DNA that the students have introduced into the bacteria that served as hosts. (They inserted that DNA so that the bacteria, as they replicated, would generate more DNA—enough that the students can now isolate it from the bacteria and analyze it.) By now the students have placed the bacteria in plastic microcentrifuge tubes and are shaking them to mix the cells with the buffer. The tubes contain a silica resin that will attract the DNA and isolate it from the cell debris.

Encarnação roams the room, pausing to watch one student and then another. She buttonholes a boy who is flipping his tube without keeping his finger on its cap. “The cap was closed,” she grants him, “but don’t trust yourself: always keep your finger on the cap. **Fiducia nessuno!** she tells the class. Trust no one.

She stops beside a student pipetting buffer into a tube: “I saw that [pipette] tip actually touch the side,” she tells him. “So discard that tip. Grab a new one.” (The tip may have picked up contaminants that could spoil the buffer that others are sharing.)

Encarnação approaches lab partners Joshua Ip and Dylan Sloan. They’ve spun their test tube in a centrifuge to isolate the DNA from the fragmented bacteria cells. The tube now contains yellowish fluid (called supernatant) and a small pellet of debris. “What’s in the supernatant?” asks Encarnação. “Cell membranes,” says Dylan. “Cell membranes?” A pause. “No, DNA,” says

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Dylan. Encarnação sounds jubilant: “Now you're getting it. Now you're not robots doing what Dr. E. tells you to do. Now you're actually getting it!”

Although most of the course is hands-on, the students have been reading journal articles in all three fields—and with a skeptical eye. They have learned how to spot an article in which the data do not support the scientists’ claims, or in which the sample size is too small for the findings to be significant. The students have already read a physics article with fabricated data and then tracked citations of the article to examine how that fakery harmed other researchers—including teacher Ben Taylor himself when he was a physics graduate student.

At first, student Gigi Speer reports, she wasn’t confident that she would be able to understand journal articles. “Looking at a crazy graph or diagram of a cell, you might get a little freaked out,” she says. No longer: “I know now I can dissect it. I can make sense of it. That's something I learned in this class: to use all my background.”

Department Chair Stewart has noticed that some students who don’t excel in conventional science classes have flourished in HARPS. “The straight-A student is not always the best scientist,” he says. That’s because, as Encarnação puts it, knowing something intellectually and applying it are “completely different beasts.” In the lab, she explains, “It’s really about the application of content, making practical use of what they know about scientific concepts.”

Encarnação is pushing the group to lean on her less and less. “The students say, ‘We don't know how to do this.’ And I say, ‘Yes you do. Just figure it out.’ I give them a lot of time to sit there and just look very confused and lost, and that's OK, because they're learning not to just quit and ask for help.”

As student AJ Marks puts it, “She tries to lead you to the answer without giving it to you.” (She must occasionally provide answers, however, because Gigi describes their teacher as “a human textbook.”)

Much of what Encarnação teaches is how to be a good lab member. Rule one is that there’s no down time. That means no chatting, no checking phones, no glancing at homework. “There’s always something to be done. They're very much learning
that," she says. They’re beginning to take charge of what Taylor describes as "the inglorious dirty work that must be done for science to proceed."

Gigi has clearly assimilated that precept: “Whenever you have free time, you should be doing something," she says. “It might be washing dishes, or something needs to be made, like an LB broth or TBE [a solution that stabilizes pH]. There’s never a time when you’re just watching other people do their experiments.”

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Good citizenship requires students to follow housekeeping routines scrupulously. For some students, this is their first time washing any kind of dishes, says Encarnação, a phenomenon she finds amusing. "The thing they will most learn from me is work ethic," she says.

**FINDING A DIRECTOR FOR HARPS** wasn’t easy. Science Chair Stewart didn’t want to hire an ordinary teacher, no matter how gifted: “We’re educators, not scientists.” He sought someone with a Ph.D. in science who had worked in a laboratory—someone who knew the culture of science firsthand and how to “talk the talk,” who had published in scientific journals, and who wanted to teach high school. “I’d get a stack of 30 résumés, and it would be amazing if two of those would meet those criteria," he recalls. Even though the salary would be supported by an endowed gift, the person hired would earn less than they likely would in academia or industry. He heard about Encarnação through the grapevine. She was doing her postdoctoral work at Yale, had earned her doctorate in pharmacology and toxicology at the University of Connecticut, had published in science journals, and was certified to teach high school science. As part of the interview process, Encarnação presented a lesson to Hopkins ninth graders on how RNA serves as a messenger for building proteins. "I was blown away," says Stewart.

Encarnação has a mischievous sense of humor and a no-nonsense persona, and she maintains a calm demeanor despite being the mother of infant twins. “This job is so easy for me, because it’s fun," she says. “I get paid, which is great, but I don’t consider it work at all.”

**WHEN THE PHYSICS UNIT BEGINS** after winter break, Ben Taylor is immersed in constructing a new physics lab. With help from students, he is piecing together the lab’s centerpiece, a Magneto-optic Kerr-effect magnetometer. Called a MOKE, the set-up detects how polarized light interacts with a magnetic medium. The magnetometer will allow the students (and Taylor) to do basic research: “I really think we’ll have papers with kids’ names on them in the *Journal of Applied Physics* or *Applied Physics Letters,*” he says.

Student Joshua Ip was thrilled when Taylor invited him to build some mounts to hold lasers. “I’ve always been interested in engineering and building, so this was an awesome opportunity for me." Josh sees his role in science differently since enrolling in HARPS. “This class makes me not just want to study science, but to make the breakthroughs that future students will study. And now it feels possible that not only Einstein can make these discoveries, but high school students can, too.”

Gigi Speer imagines that she enters a different world each time she comes to class: “It’s like we’re leaving Hopkins,” she says, “and we’re in a real lab.”

HARPS faculty (L–R) Joshua Young, Phillip Stewart, Priscilla Encarnação, Benjamin Taylor
Self-reflection is one of the most important factors influencing individual growth. In order for a person to feel confident in the notions of identity, purpose, and values, one must question the elements that comprise each factor. New experiences provide a context in which the self is both realized and affirmed, and this examination, this sense of questioning, becomes the vehicle for personal development.

This year has taught me that Hopkins is alive and fully invested in the process of self-reflection; and, like an individual, the first step towards institutional growth is the ability to ask the questions about its identity, purpose, and values. In his essay “A Question of Identity,” James Baldwin writes, “It is really quite impossible to be affirmative about anything which one refuses to question; one is doomed to remain inarticulate about anything which one hasn’t, by an act of imagination, made one’s own.” Here, Baldwin highlights the importance of self-reflection and notes that one is, in essence, unable to take ownership of an entity that has not been questioned. As a school, we balance the assurance of our history with the fresh context of new people and perspectives, and both of these qualities inform our willingness to engage in a course of conversation that will help us articulate our path forward.

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Arabic classes come to campus
Meet Farha Mohamed

STUDENTS ARE ARRIVING for their Arabic 1 class in Malone 107 on a February afternoon, and their teacher Farha Mohamed greets each of them as they arrive. Two of those students walk through the classroom door, while seven others are logging in from their schools around the United States and joining the class remotely via video chat. Hopkins' Arabic 1 class is one of two sections offered by the Malone Schools Online Network (MSON) this year, and one of two Arabic courses taught by Farha Mohamed.

The students have learned the basics so far, starting with the Arabic alphabet, and are now progressing into reading and writing in Arabic. Farha encourages lots of listening to the nuances of words, as the language is very different from the one they are used to. She likes to use popular Arabic music and nursery rhymes to teach lessons and familiarize her students with the sounds of the language. Her lessons also incorporate the culture of Arabic-speaking countries including Egypt, Morocco, and Saudi Arabia. She makes a conscious effort to keep politics out of the classroom, so instead focuses on the landscape, the dress, the celebrations, traditions. “It is not just a lecture,” she says, “it’s a discussion and activities to get everyone involved and interacting.”

Farha was worried before the class started in the fall that she would have a hard time getting to know the students who weren’t physically in her classroom. But over the first few months of the course, she feels she knows those students just as well as those at Hopkins. The MSON experience relies on self-motivated student engagement; interaction is the key that makes these courses work, and Farha’s lesson plans create an environment of engagement and interactivity. “I never have to call on a student to read aloud. They are always volunteering and encouraging each other to take a turn.”

Farha is new to Hopkins this year, and her journey here has been a long one, spanning countries, continents, and many years. Farha is from Sudan and Eritrea in Northern Africa. She speaks four languages: English, Arabic, Amharic (the common language in Sudan), and Tigrinya (the common language in Eritrea). Farha was a radio journalist in Eritrea, with her own radio show reporting local and world news. She also volunteered in a nursing home, where she taught the elderly to read and write, as well as homeschooled her two children when it was too dangerous to attend their local school. She came to the United States in 2011 as a refugee with her two young
children through the assistance of New Haven–based Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services (IRIS). Following her own transition into U.S. life, she helped fellow refugees as a part-time translator and interpreter for IRIS as well as for Yale New Haven Hospital, aiding those speaking Arabic, Amharic, and Tigrinya. When the Arabic instructor position at Hopkins was announced, IRIS encouraged Farha to apply, knowing her skills as a language teacher and interpreter.

On the day of her first interview at Hopkins, she lost her way and asked a student for help. “The student was so helpful and welcoming, I knew I wanted to work at Hopkins,” says Farha. After meetings with David Harpin, Dean of Academics, and Josh Gleason, MSON Director of Instruction, they knew Farha was the right fit for the position. “From the first moments of the sample class Farha taught, it was clear to us that she was a born educator,” says Gleason. “She creates an atmosphere where students instantly feel comfortable taking risks; they’re encouraged to push their boundaries and to care for those around them taking that same leap. They know Farha has high expectations for them, but they know she’s a source of support above all else.”

David Harpin shares Gleason’s assessment. “I knew almost instantly during Farha’s interview that she was going to be a powerful teacher. Her wonderful sense of humor, her care for others and ability to listen, her deep knowledge of Arabic, and of course her joy—not to mention her courage!—make her the kind of teacher we want to have on our faculty for many years.”

Farha still works with IRIS part time as Language Coordinator, and is available night and day to fellow refugees for help in translating and working out the many details involved with adjusting to life in Connecticut. She says, “I have gotten so much support from IRIS. They are always making sure I’m doing well. Refugees need a supportive network to succeed and integrate in this country.”

Farha is also grateful to Hopkins and MSON for the opportunity to teach Arabic in this unique classroom. She came in knowing little about the technology, only what she knew about using Skype to stay in touch with her family back home. She wants to thank David Harpin, Josh Gleason, Lan Lin (her master teacher), Tilden Daniels (Chair of the Modern Language Department), and the Technology team for their patience and support. “Colleagues make it easy, simple. If you work in a place like this, with help from staff, you can’t do better. It’s helping me grow, too.”

Farha Mohamed is currently a permanent resident (green card holder), and applied for U.S. citizenship in November 2016.

STUDENTS PRACTICE SPEAKING ARABIC AT ART EXHIBIT

Farha has brought her Arabic 2 students to the Keator Gallery in Baldwin Hall to visit the opening reception of the new exhibition by guest artist Mohamad Hafez, a Syrian-born architect whose work comments on the devastation of his homeland and the tragedy of refugee lives lost.

Farha and the two Hopkins students, Grace El-Fishawy and Tara Maloney, speak a few words with Mr. Hafez in Arabic, while Josh Gleason tries to connect on his phone with Joseph from Stanford Online High School in California over video chat. The connection is made, and Grace and Tara take the phone and give Joseph a walking tour of the gallery. Farha points out they are teasing Joseph like a brother, then shows them an elaborate Arabic phrase in one of Hafez’s pieces and says, “This will be your homework, to figure out what this says!”
THINK OF SUE PATON’s job, Director of College Counseling, as analogous to managing the New York Yankees. She has a perennially strong lineup—all-star students, crackerjack faculty, major league facilities, and die-hard fans (parents). Each admission season her goal is to help the senior class go as far, and reach as high, as possible. Like the Bronx Bombers, the Hopkins Hilltoppers have great expectations. Most Yankees managers don’t last a decade, much less three as Paton has. What’s more, college admissions have changed dramatically during her tenure—far more than America’s pastime has.

Today, roughly four in five Hopkins students score in the SAT range that makes them legitimate prospects for the nation’s most elite colleges. In days of yore, a head of school could secure a spot for such scholars with a phone call to their preferred Ivy. Times have changed, for sure. Even as Hopkins has become ever more diverse and accomplished academically, college admissions have become ever more competitive. To mix sports metaphors, there are no slam dunks anymore. Yale and Harvard routinely reject students with perfect test scores, including some who, in addition, volunteer at a soup kitchen and play the bassoon.

No one knows this better than Sue Paton, who has spent 30 of her 40 years in college counseling at Hopkins. “It’s a point of pride with colleges and universities today that they are on a treasure hunt to find the very best students from across the world,*

Sue was a prize to work with, and she is considered a prize by other people in the field, including the directors of admissions at the top colleges.
she said. “They are not thinking, ‘We want to make sure we get some kids from Hotchkiss or Hopkins.’ That’s not the way it works anymore.”

Educating students and parents on how the college process works today is a big part of Sue Paton’s job. She is shepherding 51 seniors through the process this year, her last at Hopkins. None of them is aiming low—and with good reason: 33 of last spring’s graduates, nearly a quarter of the class, are now Ivy Leaguers. Another 18 are attending the “Little Ivies,” while the other destinations comprise a Who’s Who of higher education: Georgetown, Smith, Wellesley, MIT, Oberlin, Skidmore, Brandeis, etc.

This track record notwithstanding, each year Paton strives to convince students and parents alike to seek a Zen-like balance, to be both optimistic and pragmatic in developing their college list, a list that students and parents sometimes don’t agree on. Her calm, battle-tested wisdom prevails most often, and she is adept at navigating the Scylla of family dynamics and Charybdis of redundant over-reach. She owes her success rate to attributes she holds in common with globetrotting diplomats and candidates for canonization. There always will be a few unhappy campers. Ask any college counselor: it comes with the territory.

Sue Paton is retiring at the top of her game. She is a legend not only at Hopkins, where she has worked with five heads of school since 1987, but also among her secondary school peers and contacts in college admission offices nationwide.

“Sue was a prize to work with, and she is considered a prize by other people in the field, including the directors of admissions at the top colleges,” said Tim Napier, who was Deputy Director of College Counseling at Hopkins from 1996 to 2008. “Places like Yale, Harvard, and Williams really respect Sue and her opinion. It was amazing to watch her work with colleges to help them understand how strong a school Hopkins is, how wonderful the kids are. When she spoke, people would sit up and listen. She knows how to support a student; she really knows her stuff.”

Napier’s perspective on his friend predates Hopkins, when he worked as a college counselor for Choate and a prestigious consulting firm, as well as stints in the admissions departments of Connecticut College and Williams. “Before I came to Hopkins, when I needed help or advice on an issue, I would always call Sue first,” he said, adding, “I know others who did the same.” Of their time together in New Haven, Napier recalls fondly the sound of Paton’s laugh, which periodically would waft down the corridor from her office.

When Barbara Riley joined the Hopkins faculty in 1996, the quality that impressed her the most about Paton was her affable kindness: “Sue was wonderfully welcoming and supportive. She is very intuitive about people—that’s one of her gifts. She can meet people where they are, ascertain pretty quickly how she can support them and guide them. She helped me by making it seem as if it were the most natural thing in the world to be a new teacher at a school like Hopkins. She kind of scooped me up and brought me into the life of the faculty.”

When they first met with Sue Paton, Isabel and Rodion Rathbone, like virtually all parents, were anxious about the future for their two children, Taryn ’04 and Dan ’10. “All I knew going in was it was a big deal

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and everyone got into a dither," Isabel recalled. "There were hundreds and hundreds of colleges and I had no idea how one settled on where to apply. Sue was just so careful and gentle and reassuring. It was all straightforward information she was giving us, but the tone and the care with which she said it made me feel good. She was able to narrow things down for us."

Michael and Emily Sargent couldn't agree more. "Sue has just a soothing and confidence-building way about her," Michael said. "Her advice was spot on, as I look back on where Katie ’16 was accepted and which schools were reaches. Sue made sure that Georgetown knew how serious Katie was about going there."

Sue Paton didn't always meet with anxious parents in a well-appointed, sun-lit, second-floor office with a view of a flagstone courtyard. For a while she was ensconced in what she described as a "gloomy" cubicle in a New Jersey strip mall working for a private counseling firm. "My very first job was at Bennett College in Millbrook, New York," she recalled, adding with a wry smile. "I was in the admissions office during the year of the school's demise."

When she first came to Hopkins, her department was located on the first floor of Baldwin Hall, in a space she described as "two cement closets." It wouldn't be seemly today: her department has become doubly important. It is now critical in convincing parents to send their children to Hopkins in the first place. They do so, after all, expecting a great outcome.

Sue Paton will leave Hopkins with fond memories of her Hopkins family. She has great expectations for her quasi-retirement. She plans to help a friend who is starting up a business, do more yoga and exercise, and have more time to spend with friends, family and her husband, John, whom she met at Hopkins.

"I was single when I came here and everyone was trying to fix me up," she recalled. "This friend of mine told me about the parent of a seventh grader, so he came to see me about his son, which was a little bogus because his son didn't need college counseling just yet. And everyone in the administration building knew he was coming to meet me. They were all peeking out of their doors watching as John Paton walked down the hallway." Sue and John recently celebrated their 25th anniversary, another successful match.
Carla MacMullen Named Head of School at Kew-Forest

“I hope to bring perspective and practices from one of the best day schools in the country to my new school community at Kew-Forest.”

CARLA MACMULLEN will be “graduating” from Hopkins this June with the Class of 2017, as she leaves the Hill for her new role as Head of School at The Kew-Forest School in Forest Hills, New York.

MacMullen joined the Science faculty in the fall of 1987, and has taught Chemistry, Chemistry Accelerated, Science 8, and Topics in Human Reproduction and Development over the years. She also served as School Scheduler for ten years and Science Department Chair for two years, before being appointed Dean of Faculty in 2006. In her tenure as Dean of Faculty, Carla is proud to have worked collaboratively to hire more than 100 faculty members, as she says, “in a process I hope left every candidate feeling valued and excited about Hopkins.”

When asked what drew her to Kew-Forest, MacMullen explains, “At nearly 100 years old, Kew-Forest is an intimate community where every child is known and guided by deeply committed educators who go above and beyond while keeping the young people’s best interests in mind. The location and diversity also drew me to this opportunity. I believe my time and experience at a well-established and exceedingly strong independent school will bring value to Kew-Forest.”

When asked what she will miss most about Hopkins, “The people, of course. The colleagues, students, and families I have met in my career at Hopkins have been singular in their engagement, commitment, and talents... I will carry with me what I have learned from them about living, teaching, and learning.” She also hopes she has left behind a good foundation for the next Dean of Faculty that will make it easier to move smoothly into the position and hit the ground running.

Constitutional Scholar Addresses Students on Inauguration Day

AKHIL REED AMAR, Sterling Professor of Law and Political Science at Yale University, and parent of Vikram ’17, Kara ’19, and Sara ’19, addressed the Hopkins community at an all-school assembly on January 20, 2017, Inauguration Day. Kai Bynum, Head of School, invited Professor Amar to speak to the students about the history and context of presidential transfer of power. Amar is recognized as a foremost legal scholar and expert on constitutional law.

“This is a constitutional day,” Amar declared. “The peaceful transfer of power is a uniquely American phenomenon. It doesn't happen in many places around the world, and the world had not witnessed this before the great American democratic project.”

Starting with George Washington, Amar described the absolutely startling uniqueness of a ruler in power handing over power to another. This act symbolizes and ensures that the democratic process is greater than one person. Holding up a well-worn copy of the...
Constitution, he noted, “In 1777, we the people ordained this document and said this is how we want to be governed.” But it is a living document, he said, and the succeeding amendments to the document are precisely that—“It is our nation ‘making amends’ for what is left out—the emancipation of slaves in the 13th amendment, equal citizenship in the 14th amendment, women’s suffrage in the 19th amendment.”

Professor Amar closed his remarks with a challenge to the students. “This document is your inheritance,” he said. “You are heirs to the great American democratic project.” What amends will your generation make? What will the amendments of the future be?

At noon, students, faculty, and staff were invited by the Presidents of Hopkins Young Republicans Club and Young Democrats Club to view the inauguration on a large screen set up in the Walter Camp Athletic Center. A complete video recording of Professor Amar’s address may be viewed at Hopkins.edu/page/news.

Young Alumna Profile: Ogechi Musa ’10, Filmmaker and Social Activist Artist

ARTIST AND FILMMAKER Ogechi Musa ’10 returned to campus to address the Hopkins community at a school-wide assembly on February 3, 2017, kicking off the celebration of Black History Month. Using the metaphor of a painting that is created by the parents’ vision of their dreams for their child, Musa shared her journey of personal discovery that led her to “pick up that paintbrush and make my own strokes.”

Musa described how she was quietly interested in the arts when she was at Hopkins but followed the parental nudge toward athletics and traditional academics. A basketball injury early in her junior year opened up some unscheduled time which allowed her to audition for a role in a play, an experience she credits with confirming her desire for an artistic life. That desire was strengthened in a creative writing class during her senior year when her teacher noted her natural talents as a writer. “Mrs. Fasano told me I should consider a career in writing,” related Musa. Taking a dramatic pause and speaking directly to the students, she declared, “The faculty knows you. Listen to them.”

Musa entered Boston College as a Bio-Chemistry major but then switched to Psychology, giving her the tools to explore her inner life. She recounted her college years as a time of trying to find her voice. She encouraged students to “sit with your emotions and allow yourself to feel,” and then dare to speak up. “Staying silent is not acceptable,” she noted. Immersing herself in writing and acting, Musa found a path as artist/activist, producing films which speak to social change. “My painting is a masterpiece to me.”

Musa recently released her first feature-length film, Friction, which she wrote, produced, and directed, about police brutality in a community divided between using nonviolent and violent methods for effecting social change. Friction had its premiere screening at the 2016 New York Teen Film Festival in Times Square and at the Afro-American Cultural Center at Yale in 2017.
Throughout the morning, Lee spoke with classes in the Calarco Library. A common theme in the questions from students touched on the balance of writing about a subject versus writing for an audience. For Lee, the audience is a witness to the poem, the poem does not exist for the audience. “I believe the most important thing poetry can do is [present] a human voice possessed by something bigger than itself, whether it’s love, rage, pain, God, fear of death. [The poem is] about that human voice divinized by this encounter with something greater than itself, and we [the audience] get to witness that.”

Lee has published four critically acclaimed books of poetry. He currently lives in Chicago with his wife and two sons.

A Visit from Poet Li-Young Lee to Celebrate Poetry Month

ON FRIDAY, MARCH 31, Hopkins welcomed visiting poet Li-Young Lee to campus for our annual Celebration of Poetry. Lee spoke at an all-school assembly, and shared some of his poetry, both published and new, which touched on themes of family, crisis, and immigration. Born in 1957 of Chinese parents in Jakarta, Indonesia, Lee learned early about loss and exile. His great-grandfather was China’s first republican President; and his father, a deeply religious Christian, was physician to Communist leader Mao Tse-Tung. After the establishment of the People’s Republic of China in 1949, Lee’s parents escaped to Indonesia. In 1959, his father, after spending a year as a political prisoner in President Sukarno’s jails, fled Indonesia with his family to escape anti-Chinese sentiment. After a five-year trek through Hong Kong, Macau, and Japan, they settled in the United States in 1964.

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Coach Chuck Elrick Reaches 600 Wins

HOPKINS’ LONGTIME varsity swimming coach, Chuck Elrick, earned his 600th win for Hopkins on Saturday, January 14, 2017, against Hotchkiss School. Elrick has been at the helm of the Hopkins swimming and diving program for 34 years. He is also the head coach of the girls and boys water polo teams. Elrick came to Hopkins in 1983 on the recommendation of legendary former swim coach Bud Erich. Under Elrick’s leadership, Hopkins has compiled twenty-five divisional team championships, has been runner-up at the New England Championships seven times, and in 1998 the boys achieved the top spot as New England Champions. A point of pride for Coach Elrick is that all of his swimmers participate in each meet. His goal is for everyone to see some improvement in their time over the course of the season. Congratulations, Coach Elrick, on this career milestone.
Longtime Faculty & Staff Retire

TOP ROW: (L–R) Cindy Chase, Steven “Sparky” Clark; SECOND ROW: (L–R) Bruce Kaplan, Karen Klugman; THIRD ROW: Holly Paul; BOTTOM ROW: Susan Wineland
Cindy Chase ’75

“My pride and joy are my softball teams. Each team, year in and year out, refers to their team as the ‘Hop Team Fam’ and they always called me ‘Mama’.”

Cindy Chase graduated from Hopkins in 1975 and was hired in 1979 by Head of School John Wilkinson as head varsity softball coach. It seemed a daunting task, but Cindy found her inspiration from Jerri Trulock, Athletic Director, during Cindy’s three years at Day Prospect Hill School. “She was my godmother,” relates Cindy. “She instilled in every one of her teams the essence of family.” A highlight for Cindy was inviting Trulock back to Hopkins to announce that the DPH sportsmanship award for a senior female athlete was now named in her honor.

Over three and a half decades, Cindy worked as assistant to five athletic directors, coached with the legendary Bud Erich, mentored and coached countless advisees and teams, and served as class secretary until 2015.

Most of all, Cindy is known for her unfailing commitment to her adviser groups and softball teams. “The adviser/advisee relationship is one of the most crucial components to a healthy campus environment. I made sure that we spent four years together preparing for ‘commencement’ into the next chapter of their lives.”

With her teams she instills the concept of hard work and fun. “My teams have an uncanny way of bonding from the first day of practice until the last ‘Mama Say Yeah Hop’ at season’s end.

What Cindy will miss most are the many visits to her office from current and former advisees and players, where her wall is adorned with three and a half decades of photos of her extended Hopkins family.

The theme of family continues into Cindy’s future. Cindy and her husband, Tyler Chase ’69, are expecting their first grandchild in June.

Steven “Sparky” Clark

“I have loved being a teacher and a coach at Hopkins, and actually cherish that essential unity between my occupation and my life.”

Steven “Sparky” Clark joined the Math Department at Hopkins in 1986, when graphing calculators were just coming onto the scene and personal computers and word processing didn’t exist yet. Over his 30-year tenure, Steve has taught almost all the math classes offered in the high school. He noted, “One of the reasons I enjoy teaching math so much is that there is so much variety in the subjects, the levels and ages of the students, and the sophistication of the ideas. I have never been bored!” Steve has also coached extensively, including all levels of soccer, basketball, and golf. The pinnacle of his coaching, he relates, was beating Taft in JV boys soccer for the first and only time. That victory “was the highlight of my entire life. I doubt that I will ever again experience such deeply satisfying, serene, euphoric bliss.”

Steve chaired the Math Department for four years and has enjoyed creating, with other colleagues, courses such as Enriched Algebra 2 and Intermediate Topics in Calculus. The Math Department “has always been a rational, cheerful, supportive, and helpful group.”

But above all else it is the very act of teaching that he will miss. “I am mostly a reserved fellow (I prefer listening to talking), but teaching releases in me that indescribably energizing give-and-take of careful thought, organized, logical reasoning, and thoroughly random, unpredictable social banter and storytelling. The beauty of math just never gets old.” As to his next chapter,
he will be available to pitch in for a math class here and there, but mostly I want a little more freedom to explore what my next phase of life might be like." Whatever his future holds, his family, Carol (Barbesino) Clark '74, Laurel Clark '06, and Ted Clark '09, will be seeing more of him. "I'm really hoping to find a gentle transition."

Karen Klugman

"I have always said that being Chair of the Art Department was a perfect job for me since I love theater, visual arts, music, and Excel spreadsheets."

Karen Klugman joined Hopkins in 2000 as a part-time instructor in photography, back when the darkroom was in the old gym space known as "Reigeluth." She added math classes and community service to her schedule, and by 2004 was appointed Chair of the Arts Department. As chair, Karen noted that, "I set out to accomplish three goals: to make the arts relevant to all students at Hopkins, to take advantage of the vibrant arts in New Haven, and to build an instrumental program." Karen accomplished all three. She spearheaded the programming of the Keator Gallery and the annual junior class art trip to galleries, and helped make cameras more accessible to all students taking Digital Photography and Video Production classes. "What makes me most proud," said Karen, "is the Instrumental Music Program. It has grown tenfold in numbers and one-hundred-fold in quality since 2004, when the entire program comprised a six-person string ensemble and a jazz class under the direction of an adjunct teacher." As for her next chapter post-Hopkins, she plans to write each day, do more street photography in New York City, exhibit her work, practice the piano, and get back to playing with other musicians. Mostly, she says, "I want to slow down and practice being mindful." Karen is also the proud parent of three Hopkins alumni/ae: Leah (Klugman) Dahl '97, Zoe (Klugman) Wilhelm '99, and Seth Klugman '03.

Bruce Kaplan

"I hope that I have influenced some students to think of science as an exciting subject full of discoveries still to be made."

Bruce Kaplan joined the Hopkins Science Department in 2005 as a maternity-leave replacement for Sarah Leite. He was hired full-time the following school year. Teaching is Bruce's second career. Previous to Hopkins, Bruce worked in the corporate sector at Seagram's. He always loved science, and found himself at a point in his life when he decided to make good on his desire to "try to communicate my love of science to others." Bruce has been a steady, quiet presence in the Junior School, advising, teaching seventh and eighth grade science, and supervising intramurals. He plans to spend time traveling with his wife and says, "I will always remember my time at Hopkins as the best job I have ever had."

Holly Paul

"I have witnessed the growth of Hopkins for almost 50 years, as the School continues to evolve."

Holly Paul's first visit to Hopkins Grammar School was in 1967. At that time Hopkins was a boys school, and she was invited to the prom by her (then boyfriend) husband, Ken Paul '68 HGS. Holly joined the Hopkins staff in 1988 as an assistant to the Director of Development, Sally Sears Mack, with her main responsibility of gift accounting and Annual Fund coordination. "When I started," Holly remembered, "we were given an Apple computer. No one knew what to do with it! We did not receive any formal training, and we had to teach ourselves desktop computing."

Her ten years in the Development Office were very exciting times. "Hopkins had its first highly successful capital campaign, that resulted in the building of the Malone Science Center, the purchase of 52 acres of land, and significant increases in the School's endowment."
From development Holly moved to the Business Office, and, under the tutelage of Bill Bakke and Gail Leamon, became familiar with the many aspects of finances and accounting it takes to run the School. After ten years, Holly pursued an opportunity to be the front office assistant in Baldwin Hall. “I really wanted to be in contact more with the students. I enjoyed the wonderful and kind guidance of Barbara Riley, John Roberts, and Barbara Hanscom.”

For the past nine years, Holly has been the “voice of Hopkins.” She is the first person a visitor encounters, and her graceful presence makes a welcoming lasting impression. In her retirement, Holly and Ken (Hopkins trustee for two ten-year terms, 1989–2010) plan to spend time with their children, Heather Paul Mokotoff ’93, Andrew Paul ’95, and Casey Paul ’98, and their seven grandchildren.

Susan Wineland

“A favorite assembly for many is when our students recite poetry in various languages. It is a beautiful event.”

Susan Wineland joined the Modern Languages Department in 1994 and has taught all levels of Spanish during her 23-year tenure at Hopkins. She led the department as chair from 2006 until 2016 in a “job I loved.” As chair, Sue relates, “I’ve been privileged—and proud—to have hired the majority of those teaching in the department today. They deserve all the credit for the success that so many of our students have earned, such as awards for national contests, poetry recitations, and scholarships for study abroad.” In addition to teaching, Sue coached fitness, tennis, and intramural sports as well as working with Junior School activities.

In her early years as Department Chair, Sue advocated for a language lab that was subsequently constructed in Baldwin 206 and offers a designated space for students to enjoy listening to and speaking the languages they are studying. Sue is particularly appreciative to Hopkins for the opportunity for professional development, especially a sabbatical term during which “I lived in Spain, revisited different regions and museums, and hiked on several routes of the Camino de Santiago.”

In the coming months, Sue is looking forward to reading, traveling, exploring languages, volunteering, pursuing more sports, and keeping a hand in teaching. Spending time with friends and family is also high on her list, especially her four daughters—Rebecca (an ob-gyn who has delivered a number of Hopkins babies), Emily ’97, Sarah, and Carolyn ’09.
Ten Hopkins students traveled to Cuba over Spring Break with Susan Bennitt and Dave DeNaples, Spanish and History teachers. Mrs. Bennitt took these beautiful photos and reported on their experience: “We stepped back in time and experienced living history. Spanish students sharpened their skills speaking with many Cubans and even participated in some bartering at the markets. We all learned unexpected and surprising things about Cuban culture. Highlights included seeing and dancing to Buena Vista Social Club with some of the original members of the band, snorkeling over a pristine reef with staghorn and brain coral, watching a Santeria ceremony, taking both a cooking and a traditional Cuban music lesson, visiting Hemingway’s house in Havana, and breathtaking orchid and botanical gardens in Cienfuegos and Viñales. It was a spectacular trip!”
Hopkins Legacies

Hopkins alumni/ae and their children or grandchildren who will become alumni/ae in 2017

Mia Ciardiello 2017 and father Carmen Ciardiello 1984

Cecilia Giaimo 2017, father Gerald Giaimo 1987, and grandmother Frances Grant Gorman 1958 PHS

Alexis Galinovsky 2017 and father Aron Galinovsky 1985


Lucy Hanson 2017 and mother Tracy Costigan Hanson 1980

Zev Rosen 2017, mother Eve Harrison 1984, and grandfather Henry Harrison 1948 HGS
Elizabeth Kottler 2017 and grandmother Nancy Scrivenor Atwood 1957 PHS

Caroline Laplaca 2017 and mother Cristina Benedetto 1985

Alexandra McCraven 2017 and father Paul McCraven 1974

Hannah Melchinger 2017 and father Ian Melchinger 1988

Cooper Pettit 2017 and grandfather R. George Pettit 1950 HGS

John Pitkin 2017 and mother Amy Fearon Pitkin 1982

Hannah Randazzo 2017 and mother Laura Lovejoy 1987

Riley Smith 2017 and father Brian Smith 1970 HGS

Paul Stelben 2017 and grandmother Jane Echlin Kammerer 1948 PHS

Douglas Wardlaw 2017 and mother Angela Lewis Wardlaw 1984
New Haven Gathering
Alumni/ae in the New Haven area were invited to meet new Head of School Kai Bynum at Union League Cafe on October 27.

New York Gathering
On December 8, Hopkins hosted its annual holiday event in New York City at the Yale Club. Many alumni/ae gathered together to enjoy a few drinks, hors d’oeuvres, and conversation with friends old and new.

Philadelphia Gathering
We were glad to host a small group of alumni/ae in the City of Brotherly Love at the City Tap House this year on February 1 and hope to see more of our Philadelphia area graduates in the future.

1660 Alumni/ae Gathering
Hopkins’ annual 1660 Alumni/ae event was held on January 5 in Heath Commons. Our college-aged alumni/ae returned to campus to mingle with each other and the class of 2017 over a glorious New Haven pizza buffet.
Young Alumni/ae Events

We are excited to announce that we successfully reached our goal of 17% participation in our Every Step Counts young alumni/ae giving challenge, and sincerely thank everyone who participated by making a gift or pledge. We also built upon last year’s new tradition of gathering with young alumni/ae in the Northeast. We hope the photos give an idea of the incredible Hopkins pride we encountered in all of the cities we visited!

EVERY STEP COUNTED!

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2016 HIGHEST PARTICIPATION RATE

WITH 26% OF CLASS MAKING GIFTS
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.

1944

**HGS**

H. Gilbert Jones writes: “As a widower with three children, eight grandchildren, ten great grandchildren, having been a civil engineer (Yale ‘47) for five years (and Corps of Engineers) and a trial lawyer (Michigan and UCLA) for exactly 60 years... it’s almost time to retire.”

1947 70th Reunion

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1948

**HGS**

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Jack Barclay thinks about the school and the experience often—good memories. Warren Jewett writes that there are many great changes at Hopkins.

1949

**HGS**

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Just returned from a five-week vacation in Pompano Beach, Florida, and had the best weather in 30 years. Only one day of rain and all others over 80 degrees! Been driving all these years but decided to take the auto train. You pick it up in Lorton, Virginia, in the afternoon and it drops you off the following morning in Sanford, Florida. The good news is it saved us 15 hours of driving. The downside is you sit in a rather uncomfortable train seat for 17 hours, getting up only for bathroom breaks and two meals, which are free. Total cost around $1,000. Some problems, but my wife and I are planning to use it again next year. Talked to Marty DeGennaro last week. We did not get together for our annual luncheon last December, but he is going to work on a spring gathering. He has not heard from anyone, which maybe is good! I reviewed our Hopkins mailing list and found that 27 of our classmates have passed, three are an unknown status (Aitro, Barry, Miles) and 21 are hopefully alive and well. Please stay that way! Had coffee with John Doheny last week. Both he and his wife, Nancy, have been ill but are now on the mend. Hope to have dinner with them soon. My plan is to make some phone calls this year so don’t be surprised to hear my voice. Stay healthy and consider a contribution to Hopkins before June 30.
1950

HGS
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Our annual Winter Brunch took place again this past year on December 4 at the Racebrook Country Club and, as usual, we had an excellent turnout for the affair. Enjoying conversation and friendship and the wonderful food provided by the club that day were Jean and Bob Adnopoz, Natalie and John Fenn, daughter Sandy and Jack Gill, guest Judy Anibal and Al Mongillo, Carol and Bob Newman, guest Rachel Selmont and Ed Onofrio, Betsy and Larry Stern, guest Janet Selzer, husband Harold and Carole Rubin Greenbaum, Shelia and Wayne Weil and guest Jane Maretz (Henry ‘51 HGS).

HGS
1951 classmates Don Scott and Paul Brown

1951

HGS
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Dick Wilde has been working with Arrow Media of London on their forthcoming TV production series Engineering Space. The series includes elements of the Apollo Lunar Module, Space Shuttle, Hubble Space Telescope, and International Space Station programs, and presents solutions to some of the technical problems that were encountered. Dick was videotaped for his role in the Apollo 13 rescue. The series will be aired over the Smithsonian TV channel in late summer or early fall. Stay tuned. Terry and Frank Foster are off to Cuba in February. We look forward to hearing about their travels. Bill Harkness reports, “After my battle to recover from a stroke, I have succeeded in avoiding any hospital stays. Whooppee! I am heading for 85 years young this year and certainly look forward to succeeding. Priscilla’s and my ability to travel any great distances has been severely curtailed. We have been restricted to short day trips. Our son Peter and his wife, Joan, have transferred from Valdosta, Georgia, to Plymouth, Connecticut, where he is now the regional manager of Food & Nutrition Services at Bridgeport Hospital. We are happy to have him so close now. My eyesight is deteriorating, but we are still able to enjoy family activities as all three of our sons are now Connecticut residents. Our family has its origins in Edinburgh, Scotland. Although we are no longer able to travel there, we remain in close contact using modern technology.” From Paul Brown: “The main news for me and Maxine was the yearlong celebration of our 50th wedding anniversary. The event was in June 2016, but circumstances allowed us to celebrate it on several different occasions during the year. The culmination was two weeks in Hawaii, one week of which was at the Four Seasons Resort on the Kona Coast of the Big Island. Just too wonderful to describe. Our son, Scott, treated us and the entire family to a villa on the golf course, complete with two golf carts in the garage for trips to the beaches, pools and restaurants. An additional feature of our holiday was taking the family, including the grandchildren, to Pearl Harbor and Hickam Field to see where I worked back in my early days in the Air Force.” Art Zollin, responding to my Christmas letter, in which I reported that our granddaughter was working for an environmental organization in Seattle, said that his niece (by profession a medical research doctor) is also doing conservation work (tree planting) there and wondered whether the two might have met. Our granddaughter has now moved on to a new job in Montana. Barbara and Hal Bartlett had an eventful 2016, which included family engagements, marriages, and travel to the U.S. Virgin Islands, California to visit family, and Colorado to attend their granddaughter’s graduation from veterinary school. Their work involved in running a farm in Maine continued: 100 calves born in cold January–March, acres of corn and hay planted, harvested and sold. The Bartletts relate that their knees are not as young as they used to be, and things get done more slowly. But Hal is still driving his tractor! As for me, John Sutton, Dorothy and I celebrated our 60th wedding anniversary in June. We continue to love living in Maine, not far from our older daughter, her husband and our grandson. Aging and other health issues have become annoying, if inevitable. As some of you know, I have been diagnosed with Parkinson’s disease. So far the symptoms are mild and predicted to proceed slowly. However, when the flu struck both of us in mid-January, it hit me extra hard, and we both spent time in the hospital. When you read this, I hope we will have rebuilt our strength and will be back to normal, as normal as oldsters of 80-plus can be. Thanks to all who sent news for this column. Best wishes to all for an exciting, if worrisome, 2017.

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Jane Karlsruhe Shedlin wrote from Florida to say that both her children now have great summer vacation homes: daughter Toni has a place on the Jersey Shore and son Stan is on a beautiful lake in the Berkshires, and she loves to visit. When she gets back to her condo in Connecticut, she will contemplate some other trips she has in mind. Gladys Bozyan Lavine, my reliable and always-available contact, brought me up to date on her December trip with Susan Hilles Bush to visit Elizabeth DeVane Edminster and husband David in their new independent living community overlooking Rock Creek Park. Both were doing well after what was, as for
any one of us who has undertaken a move from a home of many years, a demanding transition. Sukie and Gladys, Elizabeth and David all attended *The Second Shepherd’s Play* performed at the Folger Library. According to Gladys, the play was beautifully set in a small room, the period music was perfect and the production itself extremely well done. The script was longer than the one familiar to Foote School attendees, Gladys said, and bawdier! Everyone had a jolly time. Gladys and family and **Ann Coleman Mandelbaum** and Ira and son joined forces on New Year’s Eve as they have done for over 30 years. No goose this year, just ducks were the featured food. Gladys and **Susan Meyers Jacobs** plan to meet in New York City in early February when Gladys visits her daughter Rachel. Gladys will stay with her grandson while Rachel and her partner, Robie, spend some time in northern Italy learning to be Italian chefs. This past summer, **Nancy Mueller Holtzapple** and husband Jack took an extensive Alaskan cruise with three of their granddaughters. Big success! Nancy has dropped all her committee board positions and is trying to stay in touch with the groups but at the same time trying to keep a quieter lifestyle. We spoke a bit about one of their sons who is on a career path with the State Department and now stationed in Paris. His youngest daughter attends the American School there and will graduate from high school in two years. The U.S. political climate with the radical change in the administration has them on edge, as I guess it does us all. All of you who were at our reunion at Gladys’s this summer must remember **Mary Rossman Jordan Bird’s** daughter-in-law, Tamara Fenn, who drove Mary (and me) to and from Newport and who was a general help throughout our visit. In January, she and husband Jeff drove from Maine down to Florida to visit with Mary. She told me that Mary has been diagnosed with vascular dementia. Once this was disclosed to Mary by her doctor, along with family members, she seemed to relax in the understanding that she no longer needed to hide this and could now relax with her family and friends. She spends winters in Gainesville, Florida, and summers in Maine. **Susan Hilles Bush** sent in the following: “I enjoyed seeing my two older grandkids back from college during their breaks, which included a trip with their family to Stowe before New Year’s. Suzanna at Oberlin is having a two-part junior year abroad in classics (Rome) and archaeology (London). She traveled about Italy by herself during her fall break and hopes to show her family Rome in the spring. Jordan, interested in computer engineering, is a freshman at RPI, where he is treasurer of a student computer games club. My only publication for 2017 is likely to be a review of a book of essays on writing art history for *The British Journal of Aesthetics,* 1, **Joan Haskell Vicinus**, spent from Christmas through the month of January with my daughter Julie in New York City in a new and larger apartment. When I wasn’t helping with family assignments and going to physical therapy on my knee, I spent some time with Susan Meyers Jacobs. We went out to lunch and walked in her neighborhood of Washington Heights, she came to Julie’s one day for lunch, and we snooped around two museums. Nice to have a pal in the city. Susan’s big accomplishment is the publication of a book on the families of her mother and father, tracing ancestry back to *Mayflower* times and even earlier. The book is loaded with pictures and old records, is handsome and well-loved by family members near and far. This is something that has been in the works for many years and I am sure she is relieved and proud of this accomplishment. She is currently digitizing old family records from microfiche films in northern Berkshire County for the county records, a tedious process. After January, I left New York City to spend February in Washington, D.C., with sister Lois and husband, and as of this writing will be touching base with Elizabeth. Lois’s son Tim Lenderking is also with the State Department, having spent three years in Saudi Arabia. It will be interesting for me to see how he is managing with the new administration, suffering perhaps from the same anxieties as Nancy Holtzapple’s son in Paris. To wrap up, here is a quote from **Susan Adams Mott**, who is spending quiet time these days at her home in Princeton with her husband, Paul. We had a chuckle over one of Susan’s favorite sayings. Think of these words as you glance in the mirror, and be uplifted: “The beauty of ruins.”

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

**HGS**

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Andy Turner and Ellie recently spent 40 days at their house in Munich, Germany; they had hoped to spend a few nights in Vienna for Andy’s birthday, but were detained by snowy weather. They plan to reschedule when they can see green grass growing again. In February they intend to fly to Dallas to see their 18-year-old grandson, who has been awarded scouting’s highest award of Eagle Scout. Matt Smith and Elma confess to spending their winter months with mundane chores like stripping painted wallpaper off the front stairway, and keeping warm next to their wood stove in the basement. However, Matt does have his sights on some exciting long-distance bicycle trips, and he will keep us informed as they develop. **Burt Brockett** and Linda have recently traveled to Banff in the Canadian Rockies, where they enjoyed fishing, photography and hiking. Burt reports that they are now back home in San Diego, where the weather is nothing but beautiful. According to Burt, his health is excellent, and he still goes to the gym six days a week. Burt and Linda are looking forward to the 65th Class Reunion in June. **Bill Cramer** and **Roy Wells** have recently traveled to Storrs, Connecticut, to watch UConn Women’s basketball team setting new national records. Bill and Roy were among those who cheered on these extraordinary women basketball players. **Steve Mongillo** has retired after 57 years in the investment business.
field. He now enjoys his retirement, as well as his game of golf. Last year his wife, Mary Gail, and Steve cruised on the Danube to celebrate their birthdays. Merritt Clark has been recovering from broken hip surgery, as well as pneumonia. According to his wife, Paula, Merritt is doing well and they are both looking forward to our Class Reunion in June. Don Newberg and Peg are leading active lives by volunteering with delivery of crops to the local food mobile for distribution. In addition, Don is busy with Heritage Land Trust, and Peg donates time to the Harpswell Maine Aging Home. They are looking forward to a trip to Barbados for some fishing. Dan Ruchkin reports from Lake Placid, New York, that in addition to his fishing, and despite the drought, the foliage has been splendid. There are few places as naturally beautiful as Lake Placid. Dave Steinmuller and Patti now live between two trail systems, with a view toward the city of Bozeman, and Montana State University’s large field house in the distance. In addition to their enjoyment of the beauty of their surroundings, David and Patti recently spent several days in San Francisco to attend performances at the San Francisco Ballet. Dick Catlin and Barbara have now acquired a truck camper, which is a self-contained camping unit with kitchen and bath that fits in the back of their pickup truck. They intend to head west in June, and will probably spend the rest of the summer touring the country. Hal Donath shares that he graduated from the Citadel in 1956. His assignments have taken him and his family to many military bases, in the USA as well as to Taiwan, Spain, Germany, the Philippines, Turkey and Japan. He has been retired from the military since 1984. While in the Air Force, Hal picked up two master’s degrees as well as an LLB. Since his retirement from the military he has worked for defense contractors and become a real estate broker in Florida. Hal is now widowed and living in Florida with his son Michael, who is an automation and software engineer.

1954

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Our small class enjoyed our 60th so much, we decided to have an informal mini-reunion last fall. Spearheaded by Carolyn Bakke Bacdayan and Suzanne Boorsch, we gathered at Suzanne and Allan’s wonderful colonial home in Westbrook, Connecticut, for a wonderfully cozy, delicious meal around their many fireplaces, and chatted for hours, catching up on our lives and reminiscing about our long-ago teenage years. In addition to Suzanne and her husband, Allan Appel, those present were Carolyn and Albert Bacdayan, Peggy Graham and David Beers, Tordis Ilg Isselhardt, Vicki Meeks Blair-Smith, Frances Salter McElheny and Kenneth McElheny. We had sorrowful regrets from most of the other dear ones, and all look forward to future gatherings.

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Dear classmates: Less news this time, but welcome communications from a few of us. A newsy Christmas letter from Pickle (Anne Haskell Knight) reports that she and Lew decided last spring to purchase the condo they had been renting in Durham, New Hampshire, and to defer a planned move to a retirement community nearby. The condo offers one-floor living, but also has two bedrooms upstairs and a finished basement, providing plenty of room for hosting family and visitors. The Knights continue to enjoy their Holderness retreat on White Oak Pond, where Pickle and family members enjoy kayaking, paddle boarding, swimming, hiking and tennis, and Lew enjoys family time. The Knight grandchildren are progressing well at various stages of education and pursuing a wide variety of careers. College and graduate students are at Amherst, Rutgers, Wittenberg, Liberty University and Virginia Commonwealth, and family athletes are competing in volleyball, tennis, soccer and more, plus making their mark in music and dance. Cathya Wing Stephenson sent an email saying how much she enjoyed catching up with classmates via our class column. She and Charles have found a number of Prospect Hill connections among new residents in their Ingleside retirement community, including Elizabeth DeVane Edminster ’51, another woman who taught at Day Prospect Hill who remembers Miss Church fondly; and a third woman who was daughter-in-law of the famed Dr. Yerkes, whose primate studies took place in our old school building. I, Lucie Giegengack Teegarden, actually have two college classmates living here in Brunswick or in neighboring Topsham, but rely on phones, email and occasional letters to stay in touch with our PHS cohort. Not so much new here in Maine—several new book editing projects in the works, so far a moderate winter, and
was a recent entertaining email from his two sons who live in the Bay area. There reports that Jack is doing quite well. Peter house.

Mike Griffin

David Bluett will be moving to Georgia, where he and Sharon are going to buy a house. Owen Cyike, who moved to south Florida recently, spent a few days with Mike Griffin. Mike divides his time between Florida and Connecticut. Peter Knudsen and his wife, Pidgie, recently had dinner with Jack Leary and his wife, Lisa. Peter reports that Jack is doing quite well. Peter also recently enjoyed a holiday visit from his two sons who live in the Bay area. There was a recent entertaining email from Dick Walton: He lives in Florida for the winter then goes back to Vermont. He describes Florida as “the land of deed restrictions, flatness and old people.” He lives in Englewood, which “the kids call Wrinklewood for good reason.” We have a very informal Class of ’56 luncheon twice a year in the New Haven area. Let me know (see contacts below) if you would like to receive a notice of the luncheon. Also, twice a year you will get an email request from me to contribute to our class news. If you don’t get the request, it is because I don’t have your email. Please send your email or anything you would like published to me at one of these contact points: tuleton@sbcglobal.net; or 6 Janson Drive, Westport, CT 06880; or 203-226-3954. Thanks, Steve Raffel

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Ford Daley: Not much news here except our January thaw lasted about four weeks this year. I am beginning to believe in global warming—especially due to the increased hot air emanating from the Washington, D.C., area. This is giving reality television a bad name... Skip Borgerson: I’m getting my thrills now by occasionally playing the pipe organ for our church services. I know that I’m not an accomplished, genuine “organist” (and so does the congregation), and I can’t read a note of music (it’s all by ear and not exactly the way it was written), but the congregation seems to love it. Steve Ziff: I’m at JFK on my way to Athens via Moscow to move our boat to Izmir, Turkey, where a ship will take it to Ft. Lauderdale. I will then run it to Charleston, then in June to Old Saybrook for the summer, in order to see you guys at the reunion! John Lunt: Jane and I are off on our most ambitious expedition yet—Vietnam, Cambodia and then to New Zealand, where our daughter and family are for seven months. Our time in Southeast Asia will be with a Road Scholar tour, our first with this company, but we know many who have traveled with them and look forward to the presentations and experiences that they are known for. One grandson graduates from Bowdoin this spring; one granddaughter heads to college in the fall. Jane and I are strong supporters of the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens and volunteer there. TripAdvisor has voted it the #1 public garden in the country for several years (mainegardens.org). Pretty amazing for a garden just celebrating its 10th birthday in 2017. I volunteer there on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, and would hope to see you if you’re visiting our state. Joe Schwartz: “In the fall we traveled for several weeks to parts of Kentucky, North Carolina and Tennessee, relearning American history in this part of our country, from the early colonial period to the Revolutionary War, then the Civil War and up to the struggle for African American rights. The food was delicious—lots of grits and barbecue—and the scenery was gorgeous, especially in the Cumberland Gap and the Great Smoky Mountains. Our conversations with a jockey at Churchill Downs (of Kentucky Derby fame) and a songwriter/performer in Nashville at the Country Music Hall of Fame were quite fascinating and informative. Over the holidays we were in St. Augustine, Florida, hoping to benefit from sipping in the Ponce’s Fountain of Youth. So far it’s worked on my immaturity! We were quite taken by the million lights festooning buildings and flora of the historic downtown. The architecture was varied and stunning, reflecting the influence—and money—of Henry Flagler, a partner of Rockefeller. This city is well worth a visit. I’m still overjoyed, to say the least, that my lymphoma remains in remission after extensive chemotherapy last year. Kudos to the doctors at New York Presbyterian and their knowledge of chemistry! Good wife of 49 years Marilyn was a terrific caregiver, and now we’ll reverse roles as her increasingly sore hip will need a replacement in April. All things being equal, life is good. We deal with the rough spots as best we can and revel in the positive times. We’re always making plans for the future, including attending our 60th Hopkins Reunion in June. Hope to see you there.” Ed Cantor and Alan Cadan, together with our wives, Risé and Lynn, and loaded with books, snorkels and SPF 30, took a week off in January to enjoy the clear aqua green water, white powdery sand, azure blue skies, sun and mild weather of Turks & Caicos in January. Only thing we had to worry about was where to have dinner at night! N.B. 1957–2017: 60 years ago this June, wearing caps and gowns and clutching diplomas, our class left “The Hill” going separate ways to continue our education elsewhere. Now, 60 years later, we have a unique opportunity to return to Hopkins, catch up with each other’s lives and celebrate. Don’t miss the Reunion, June 9–10!
By the time you read this, we hope the snow will have melted and the winter doldrums will be but a fading memory. A birdwatcher friend informed me that songbirds have returned early this year, in February, and that with the warmer climate more birds now winter over in the northeast than did so previously. Any ornithologists in the group can confirm or deny this bit of pseudoscience. On the other hand, some of us diehards still welcome the chance for winter sports and pretend we have not yet attained three quarters of a century (gulp). Dave Hummel has been nursing a bad back, but as far as I know has managed to do some skiing anyhow. He and Cindy continue their intrepid travels, and, after their last stint down the west coast of Africa, toured parts of India they previously had not seen. Yours truly skied several areas in Vermont this winter (I am a Killington fan) and look forward to Steamboat, Colorado, in early March. Any other skiers out there? On October 22, 2016, your Secretary attended an alumni reception at the Union League in New Haven for Kai Bynum, the new Head of School. I found Dr. Bynum to be an engaging and thoughtful gentleman who had a clear vision for the school and was quite upbeat about its prospects. The reception had a packed house and was a highly successful event, but near as I could tell, I was the only representative of 1958 (did run into Bill Dow ’59 and a couple of other ’59ers). In other news, still waiting to hear more from Chris Doob about his book The Anatomy of Competition in Sports, which is now published. Dave Branon has also been busy writing and promoting his latest novel. We still have some creative life left in us, judging by these two stalwarts. Your Secretary received a pleasant email auf Deutschland from Doug Sperry over the holidays, and we hope to see him and his bride at our next get-together. I happened to attend an event this fall where Bob Kolb, our musician-in-residence, was the sax in the band, and Bob appears to be going full steam. One of the hands he performs with on a regular basis (led by a college classmate of mine) has been recruited to perform at the Yale 55th Reunion, so hope to see him in June. In a weak moment, yours truly agreed to take on the unenviable task as Co-chair of the Yale 55th. Have been at it for almost a year and is shaping up well. Look forward to seeing our other Hopkins classmates there (read Philip Moriarty, Hummel and Falco... hint, hint). But I digress (or just need more news from y’all). Tom Falco corrected my false assertion in the last newsletter by pointing out rather pointedly that “reports of his retirement were greatly exaggerated” (my Mark Twain paraphrase). Tom added that “with a ’94 M.Phil in medieval history from Yale, I continue as a research specialist at the Medical School Library, focusing on pure science, public health, medicine and the histories thereof, hoping to unite readers with pre–World War II books... Likewise, I am a Fellow at Berkeley College and still active in intramural coed bowling and softball.” My apologies, Tom, and my hats off to you and your academic and athletic prowess. Have to admit, coed softball sounds like fun. Go, Tom. Please send me information for the next newsletter. Even though these missives are now only published semiannually, time goes by more rapidly as we age and the next one will be here before you know it. Tempus fugit and tibi gratias ago.

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Dear classmates: My email “ping” to you to ask for news resulted in a most amazing and wonderful response—from Nana Carroll in Australia; Tita Beal, Gail Lowman, Phyllis Ross and Liz MacKenzie in New York City; Mary Louise “Weesie” Long in Stamford, Connecticut; Ann Hummel Hoag, Ruth Osterweis Selig and Kathie Hovland Walvick in Washington, D.C.; Ursula Goodenough in St. Louis; Bonnie Loeser Corcoran in West Palm Beach; Ann Goodwin Draper in Tallahassee; and Carole Pfisterer Hart in upstate New York. This was a more than 50% response and our shared emails were inspiring. All of us marched bodily or in spirit in the Women’s March, and many children and grandchildren as well, and shared the feeling of overwhelming exhilaration of taking/making action. Ann Draper and others remembered Dr. Buxton, who opened a Planned Parenthood clinic and was the physician in New Haven who risked (and experienced) arrest for providing birth control in our era. Hard to believe that it was against the law then to provide condoms! We’ve come a long way. That memory also prompted news from Ursula Goodenough about Timmy Buxton, who dated several in our class and died very young in a far-off country doing good deeds. Ursula also reports that she is truly retiring in June and moving from St. Louis to her home in Martha’s Vineyard. Weesie Long writes as well that, although she was only at PHS for a year, she fondly remembers friends and teachers and still has her Latin book. She has had a one-person exhibition, “A Painterly Progression,” at Art/Place Gallery in Fairfield (marylouiselong.com)—we all must check it out! Kathie Hovland Walvick reports that she is on oxygen 24/7 and even so is still working and traveling and loving life, and that she was with us marchers in spirit. Ruth Osterweis Selig has been in St. Louis and connected with Ursula Goodenough there. She has also been—and will soon again be—in Oakland to visit her son, where she and I had a wonderful visit. Her house in Washington, D.C., was filled with friends who came to march over the weekend. Bonnie Loeser Corcoran says that at the West Palm Beach march, 700 were expected but 7,000 women, men and children showed up! At the end they sang “We...
shall overcome* and she became emotional: "Hard to believe we still need to fight for everyone's rights, but we will continue and we will win." (I recommend that we all see the Hidden Figures movie to appreciate anew how far we've come!) **Tita Beal** is still working, designing job training programs and writing plays (www.anntares.com). Her first play has won or placed well in five contests and she had a staged reading, after which she re-wrote draft #789—what perseverance! And Tita's grandson turned one year old. She has a guest room for friends traveling through New York City. Many more details from Tita will wait until the next alumnae news! In the meanwhile she recommends a documentary, Over 90 and Loving It: over-90film.com. **Carole Pfisterer Hart** writes, "I am so proud that so many of my classmates took part in the marches around the country… [We mustn't] forget how important our schooling was in teaching us how to be part of helping others." And from **Phyllis Ross**: "I think your news for Hopkins could be so engaged and concerned we all are, and taking to the streets as activist citizens… The gift of connectedness [comes] at a time when it's never been more important." And from **Gail Lowman**: “Our voices must continue to be heard.” From **Liz McKenzie**: “We need our younger selves—offspring—to leap up and become ‘nasty women.’” Onward, classmates! We've had quite an amazing weekend of emails and connectedness! Thank you for responding to my “ping!” As for myself, **Tricia Swift**, I've knitted **many** pink pussy hats and I marched in Oakland with tens of thousands. I'm still working; still volunteering. Ruth Osterweis Selig has been in Oakland for the last week to visit her son. Ruth and I have had terrific visits around seeing two movies this week: Arrival and La La Land. Ruth is a serious movie aficionado, tracking Oscar candidates in all categories and seeing multiple movies twice before meeting with a like-minded group of serious movie-goers in D.C. where she lives. This has been eye-opening for me! I see a fair number of movies, but with a completely unknowing/uncritical eye for the multiple parts that make for a successful and Oscar-worthy movie! It has been so much fun to be movie-adventuring together, talking books and catching up. So delightful to renew these long-ago friendships and find so much in common! Also—additional news if you haven't received it already: In the January 22 Sunday San Francisco Chronicle, there was an obituary for Robin/Rob Haeseler, who was one or two classes ahead of our 1960 class. Apparently he died in Bellefonte, Pennsylvania, but the obit appeared in San Francisco, I am sure, because he had been a reporter for the Chron. Shortly after I moved to Berkeley in 1977, I was startled to see a byline in the Chron for "Rob Haeseler" and I wrote him to find out if he was Robin Haeseler from Hopkins—and he was! He and I had had a flirtation as teenagers and then lost track. He was living in Berkeley in the ‘70s and our families met a couple of times as I recall, and then he moved and I lost track again. So startling to see this obit in the middle of the chaotic weekend (inauguration, uplifting demonstration, chaotic news, and my stepfather died on Sunday!).
than anyone else, Miss Booraem, our algebra teacher in freshman year, for a good work ethic and determination to get the job done. “All of us have had productive lives,” says Malitta, “and she is most certainly pleased with us.” Malitta and I are going to try to get together for lunch. I know I always say that, but it is silly that we don’t see each other every now and then, because we live 30 minutes apart. I want to see her horses! Martha Porter Haeseler’s big news is that she went for two weeks with her daughter Seraphina to China to visit her granddaughter Isabel, who is studying there. Martha says, “Beijing has air pollution but also incredible treasures. I had learned enough Mandarin to be able to get around and barter in the market, which is expected there. An additional highlight was visiting Suzhou, a city of ancient gardens and crafts and museums, and the silk capital of China. Artists in Suzhou carve enormous rocks and throw them into Lake Tai, where some of their chemicals erode, creating a fabric of holes, and then their grandchildren artists harvest the finished work. I.M. Pei grew up in Suzhou, a city of canals, and he has renovated their museum in an inspired combination of the traditional and the modern.” Martha came home with rocks, silk, mohair and cashmere yarn and a fondness for drinking hot water. She says she felt a kinship with the Chinese love of nature, and continues to sell her crafts in the Dudley Farm Farmer’s Market in Guilford, Connecticut. Rives Fowlkes Carroll wrote that she and her husband, Dickson, spent three weeks in France in September, studying French and living with a host family in Toulouse, also spending time in Lyon and Paris. “This is the fifth time we’ve followed this pattern, choosing a different city each time, and we’ve yet to be disappointed,” she wrote. “We’re off to Morocco in the spring, a country that has been on my list for years.” Rives’ email address has changed to rives66@icloud.com. Phoebe Ellsworth says her big news is that her older daughter, Sasha, is getting married next July, the last out of the nest. Her fiancée is an artist, a calligrapher, and she is a fifth grade teacher. The couple is planning to move from the Bay Area in California to Ann Arbor, Michigan, where Phoebe is a professor at the University of Michigan. “Naturally this delights us,” says Phoebe. “In the meantime we contemplate retirement in 2018, and vacillate between fear and joy at the prospect. In May I will get a prize from the Association for Psychological Science for being a good graduate student advisor—and advising students is probably the part of my work I will miss most.” Congratulations, Phoebe! 1, Valerie Banks Lane, am into home renovation, in a sort of small way, nothing too drastic. We have done one bathroom over completely and will tackle another this spring. This 1950s house is in need of everything at once, so we are doing it all little by little. The kitchen is done and the first floor has been repainted. Except for that I am reading, love doing crossword puzzles, watching the sunset at the beach, cooking, and am enjoying life in general. I still go to visit David every day. We went to New Hampshire for a weekend in the fall and to Newport in January. I don’t like to go too far away at this point because of David. We were going to go to Florida but cancelled it for now. We live in the most beautiful place on earth so I don’t mind. I will leave you with a philosophical thought (albeit clichéd): There is no doubt about it, we are getting older, but we are also getting better! Keep in touch and have a wonderful year!

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55th Reunion

DPH and HGS—June 9 and 10, 2017

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Our 55th Reunion is right around the corner! I’m eagerly looking forward to being back in New Haven and at Hopkins to see many of you on the weekend of June 10! Thanks so much to classmates Mae Hultin and Terri Petrillo Connolly for organizing and rallying the troops to make this 55th Reunion happen. Come for part of a day, or for the weekend! And do consider donating to the Day Prospect Hill Scholarship Fund for women students at Hopkins as a special way to commemorate our own girls’ school years now that the Ellen Patterson Brown Book Prize is fully funded. Also, a bunch of us enjoy keeping in touch on Facebook, so if you can’t come to New Haven, consider joining us online: Mary Jo Cipriano Amatruda, Lucia Urban Bakewell, Judy Parker Cole, Roz Farnam, Dorrie Langner, Sue Ferguson Nicolino and Terri Petrillo Connolly.

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Richard Gutman: My contribution to Views on the Hill is that on December 11, 2016, Samuel Nicholas Gutman was born to our son, Paul, and our daughter-in-law, Stacey.

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Our inquiring minds continue to want to know… Meg Bluhm Carey and her husband, Tobé, love being home, involved with house and garden, family and friends, and they also enjoy traveling, most lately to Portugal and Spain. Meg is playing tennis and continuing to study Spanish. Robin Isakson Martin is learning the potential of new digital apps for presenting material and interacting with teachers and students in East and Southeast Asia. She anticipates gaining a daughter-in-law in June. Retired as a social worker and now a grandmother of four little ones, ages 2 to 6, Holly Conklin FitzGerald has written Ruthless River, a survival memoir of herself and her husband, Fitz, being trapped, fighting to survive without food for weeks in a Bolivian jungle swamp. The book is to be published on May 30 by Penguin Random House, Vintage Departures. Following their plane’s crash landing at a penal colony, Holly and Fitz missed a scheduled boat and...
were compelled to build and float a river raft 500 miles, all alone. Michael Palin (former Monty Python and former president of the Royal Geographical Society) describes Ruthless River as “One of the great survival tales… drawing in the reader not as a witness but as a virtual participant.” Holly says it is fun to have this new writing career (she credits Mrs. Tate, her DPH Freshman English teacher, as a big influence in her love of writing), and learn the process of publishing and all it entails, as well. She will be doing a book tour this summer and hopes that she will get to see some of you. She lives with her husband in South Dartmouth, Massachusetts, where they brought up their two daughters. Both daughters and their husbands are raising their families there also. “How lucky could one grandmother get!” I, Carol Stock Kranowitz, look forward to June, as well, when I’ll receive Barnard’s Distinguished Alumna Award, “presented each year at reunion to an alumna who personifies the ideals of a liberal arts education and has achieved considerable public or professional distinction and recognition in her chosen field.” Of course, Sensory Processing Disorder is not the only subject I keep on learning about. I am in three literary groups: A Shakespeare study group (O, Miss Church! Thank you for prepping me at 17 to understand Hamlet better at 71!); a Concise Classics Club in which we consider seminal works in diverse fields; and a coed Play Reading Group where we take parts, read a play aloud, and discuss it over dinner. What are you continuing to learn about? We want to know!

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Now that we’ve had our fun and our fill of taunting one another during the presidential campaign, we’re back to our semi-annual lunches. We old guys just can’t get enough of regaling ourselves with our reminiscences and fantasies of what we seem to think were the good old days. Jimmy Scialabba reports that he’s working part-time while figuring out an exit strategy from his oral surgery practice. Jim, your specialty was extractions. What’s taking so long? Arthur Bogen recently sold his environmental consulting business. Shortly thereafter, I was able to take advantage of Arthur’s expertise in the sale of some land. Mark Sklarz was the closing attorney. Mark mentioned that with his granddaughter Lauren Sklarz ’22 now in the seventh grade, he and son Jeff are part of a three-generation Hopkins family. Even though he was a late starter, Dick Ferguson also claims that distinction: His father, Franklin ’32 HGS, preceded him on the Hill, and daughter Callie ’11 and son Quinn ’14.

1964

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Bob Guthrie: On a personal level, I am well and keeping busy with two writing projects—one on anger management (how timely is that?)! and the other on coping with aging and its associated problems. Traveling to New Mexico in June for a psychological conference and to Greece in the fall to visit archeological sites (inshallah!). Newly solo (voluntary but angst-filled), I’m now trying my best to enjoy the next decade at the very beautiful end of a peninsula in midcoast Cushing, Maine. Visitors welcome. Chris Fenger: Dr. Fred Southwick likes to say that seventy (which I’m guessing all of us are now, at least) is the new fifty. He neatly leaves out the actuarial part of this new “truth.” I do at times feel fiftyish, but also wish that another thirty years lay in front of me. Paul Thim Sr. On this past December 30 I turned 70, celebrated with a party organized by my wife, Sandy, with major help from our son, Paul Jr., and daughter, Annie. The only Hopkins alum present was Rob Pulleyn ’65, now my longest friendship. As part of the celebration, Sandy surprised me several times during the fall.

We did DNA testing for our ancestry. Some surprises would have been fun, but there were no skeletons in the closet (that DNA testing could uncover)... The day before my birthday, Sandy presented me with a book about my life, particularly the years through my time at Hopkins. The final form of the book was a surprise—about one hundred pages, with professional quality reproduction and layout, a family heirloom. I’m sure all of us have learned that life is not always joyful, but that was a time of joy for me. Neil Hiltunen: I hadn’t expected that for my 70th birthday my wife, Gail, would say, “You’re going heli-skiing!”... again. Two months later I was in the Bugaboos in British Columbia skiing some of the world’s best powder snow and terrain. Meanwhile, I’m still working “full time on Tuesdays” in what had been my general dentistry practice that I sold ten years ago. Volunteer in a Portsmouth, New Hampshire, dental clinic is also part of my routine, as well as serving as an examiner for the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments, administering and grading clinical licensing exams from Arizona to Nova Scotia. Creating and growing the Association of Retiring Dentists has been fun over the past eight years, and we now have over 600 members in 43 states and five countries. This also led me to be contacted by the author of Life after Medicine for help with his new book, Life After Dentistry, that serves as a basis for workshops facilitating the discovery of how to plan and live in retirement. John “MadDog” Morgan: I have been living with my daughter, son-in-law and new (first) grandchild in San Jose, California, since late September. Zain John Hooda was born on October 20. I plan to head back to Colorado the middle of January, although as the new (not my president) idiot takes office I am tempted to drive to Canada instead. The kids want me to move to California for good but trading little Green Mountain Falls in the high country of Colorado for the Silicon Valley doesn’t appeal to me at all.

John “Bearcat” Walker: Still happily retired in San Diego—busy with kayaking, cycling,
motorcycling, etc. Trying with the idea of doing another cross-country bicycle ride—to celebrate turning 70 (how did this happen?).

**Mark Blumenthal:** Irene and I became grandparents in April, kind of late to the game. My son and his wife produced a boy, who is going through all of the standard growing steps. Since his mother is still working, he is enrolled in daycare, where he gets to watch older children play. While he can’t wait to join them, he’s learned some important lessons. For example, when placed in his crib, he now knows that it is time to go to sleep.

My son-in-law got a job as an assistant U.S. attorney in Bridgeport, Connecticut, switching from being an assistant DA in Manhattan. This required buying a house in Connecticut. In addition to providing free tax services for AARP, February 1–April 15, I have resumed playing bridge after a 20-plus-year hiatus. It took a few months to get the rust off. Now my only problems are that I don’t have a consistent partner, and no one plays the bidding system that I used. Anyone play the ordering system that I used?

**Fred Southwick:** On January 1 of this year I was appointed the Director of Patient Care Quality and Safety for the Division of Hospitalist Medicine at the University of Florida, and am working to improve the teamwork and efficiency of our hospitalist physicians. [Reunion attendees will recall the patient-safety aspect of medical care.] Realizing the power of the internet, I created a Massive Open Online Course (MOOC), “Fixing Healthcare Delivery.” Over the past two years I have attracted over 20,000 students from 150 countries and the course is rated 4.6/5. I hope some of our class will take this course ($50 for a certificate, free to audit), https://www.coursera.org/learn/fixing-healthcare. The course is aimed at patients as well as providers, and has many helpful hints for understanding, navigating and improving our dangerous healthcare system. I was asked to be part of a Fox News Special on medical errors in June 2016 entitled “Danger at the Doctor.”… Personally, my wife, Kathie, and I are now raising two adorable black miniature poodle puppies, and have two grandsons, Lennox and Brady, ages 1 year and 9 months. All our children are happy and succeeding in their lives and careers. What more could parents ask for?

**1965**

**HGS**

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**Gordy Clark:** Gordy and Gail now have an eighth grandchild. They’re in the midst of renovating and expanding their house adjacent to the upper dam on the Royal River in Yarmouth, Maine. Our condolences to [Gregg Cook](mailto:gregg.cook@hgs.org) on the loss of his mother, who passed away just a month before her 100th birthday.

**Tom Delaney:** All is still well at the beach in Oxnard, California. He’s still working hard to resurrect his long-ago tennis game. It’s coming along, slow but sure. Fortunately, SoCal’s temperate weather permits outdoor tennis most of the year. Tom and wife Sandy took a road trip to Denver this past fall to meet their new great-grandson, Kaynen, for the first time. We’re looking forward to visiting with Gordy Clark and his wife in February during their visit with family in the Los Angeles area. [Pete Gordon: Late last summer, Pete had a great adventure, his third in four years, wandering the West. He carried a tent and sleeping bag, and slept in the open air about half the nights. In Colorado, he lost his way in the Canyon of the Ancients and spent four days without food or water. Ultimately, he got out on foot, but spent two nights in a hospital for dehydration and hypothermia. Surviving four days in the desert wasn’t Pete’s idea of a 70th birthday celebration. Dick Hutchinson: Dick traveled...]

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*Neil Hiltonen ‘64 HGS on his heli-skiing adventure in British Columbia*
to his birthplace in Fredericksburg, Texas, to relive his first Thanksgiving from 69 years ago. Family and friends met and stayed on a ranch with multiple cabins. They spent time riding cutters, feeding longhorn, and drinking Shiner beer at Hondo’s honky-tonk on Main. Best of all was visiting the Admiral Nimitz Museum, where Dick got to see a B-25 bomber, the same type of plane his uncle flew during WWII. **Bob Jose:** Bob had no exciting news from Old Lyme this fall/winter, other than the election results and participating in paddle tennis four times a week through the winter. Bob and his wife, Ann, were delighted to have both kids at home for Christmas. Bob and Ann traveled to Florida’s Gulf Coast in March for a temporary respite from winter weather. **Dave Kiphuth:** This has been quite a year-and-a-half of adjustment since his wife Linda’s passing in 2015 from ALS, but he’s moving ahead, buoyed up by friends, family and supporters of his work. Dave is at home in Eliot, Maine, loving the Maine seacoast art and music scene. He is in two terrific Bluegrass bands, and exercising his artistic talents furiously, showing in galleries on Monhegan Island and Portsmouth, New Hampshire (check Facebook pages to see his work). More recently, Dave has been occupied by political commentary in illustration form, which you can also see on Facebook. **Bill Kneisel:** In early December, I went to watch the Yale men’s squash team in their opening match of the season. Yale won the national squash championship last year and was led, in part, by several former Hopkins players. This year, three of the team’s top players are recent Hopkins graduates, **Nader Rastegar ’14, Spencer Lovejoy ’16 and T.J. Dembinski ’13.** At the moment, Spencer is playing #1 for Yale and T.J. (the captain this year) is playing #2. Sitting by my side is Kevin Hart, longtime Hopkins math teacher and scheduler. **John Mordes:** Dr. John recently traveled to Harbin, China, for the International Ice Festival, and then on to Tokyo to visit friends and snow monkeys. Back home in Massachusetts, he still sees patients, which confers joy despite the insanity of contemporary practice. In the lab, he and his colleagues are pioneering the use of molecular inversion probes to try to detect genes critical for susceptibility to juvenile diabetes. Through it all, Dr. John still recalls with great pleasure the distinct wonder of knowing all of his HGS classmates and teachers. **Paul O’Connell** retired from the Army last August. He has no real plans yet, but has given some thought to volunteering to lecture at Hopkins to share his experiences in Vietnam, the Cold War and the Global War on Terror. Paul has also re-established his connection with the martial arts/taekwondo team at West Point, where he participated previously as a student, and captains their team in his senior year. Over the past academic year, Paul has also been active in establishing a support group for former team members and cadet parents. **Doug Romero** checked in to let our classmates know all is well and quiet in East Hampton, Connecticut. Doug is contemplating a move to more comfortable southern climes. **Bill Sarris** is looking forward to retirement in about 18 months. He and his wife would like to travel and to volunteer as docents, ushers, etc., in venues that use such volunteers. Since his mom is still active and healthy, he travels often to Milford to visit with her and to visit his four grandchildren. Recently, Bill and classmates Dick Hutchinson and Jim Waterman took a day sail from Branford. Naturally, they provisioned the boat properly with libation and munchies. As the senior guy, Bill figured the trip would be relaxing, but that was not to be. Hutch took the Captain Queeg role, barking out orders and assigning work. Bill soon found himself as the go-to deck hand, scurrying all over the boat, adjusting the sails, jib and sheets, plus opening beers and serving snacks. Waterman just navigated and retained his composure despite close supervision by Queeg. A great and joyful time had by all. **Norm Von Wettberg** touched base to remind us all of the joys of grandchildren. **Billy Walk ’66** and his wife still travel to France (Roanne) during the spring and fall each year, where their live-aboard barge is docked. What a life! **Jim Waterman** recalled the enjoyable sailing trip mentioned above. He and his HGS ’65 sailing buddies all agreed they wouldn’t care to partner in buying a boat together—too much work involved. He had no other news, unless we wanted to open up a classmates’ dialogue about emerging medical problems. Probably not.
1966

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Now that I am retired I hoped I would be done with thankless jobs. But I am the new class correspondent—go figure. The last, and only, person I remember taking this on was Brad Benedict. Brad reports that life has been good and that he is not jealous that I have taken his position. I don’t think the class gave him anything to work with (I certainly know I did not). I’m hoping things have changed, and that I can last as long as Brad did. Bill Fogle thinks I’m “fresh bait” in this position, and that the real challenge may be sorting out the fake news and the real news. He also wishes everyone a Happy New Year.

In the same vein, from the left coast, Billy Walk says, “Just when fair and balanced news is hard to come by…” It’s a sorry state when you have to turn to the alumni magazine for “all the news that’s fit to print.” Billy moved to Seattle in 1975, retired from the business of trading muni-bonds a while ago, has been married to Kathy Gallagher for 25 years and now spends a portion of each year on a canal barge in France. He is convinced that I “will have very little trouble sourcing more lively information” from the rest of the class. We’ll see. On the other hand, Hervey Townshend is still working and says that, with seven grandchildren, he likely will work for a while. He is way too modest to say this about himself, but having been in printing-related businesses for over forty years, including starting and running his own color-separation company for a while, he brings a wealth of experience that makes work look easy for him. After 31 years, Mike Piccolo and family (dogs and all), moved from Denver to Sacramento, California, in January. His email and phone number will remain the same and we are waiting for the new address. And if you don’t think you had some influence on your classmates 50 years ago, you’ll be interested in what Peter McLaughlin wrote, and Fred’s response: “Tonight my wife (she’s five years younger than we are) remarked that our kids are much smarter than we were. I thought: Maybe, I hope so, after all, didn’t they learn from our mistakes? She used the example of how much more concerned they are about environmental issues that we totally screwed up on. I thought: She’s right, one of my favorite songs by The Who included the line ‘I don’t care about pollution, I’m an air-conditioned gypsy.’ And I thought about Henry Miller’s condemnation of our culture in ‘The Air-Conditioned Nightmare.’ But then I thought about your essay, Fred Schueler, from long ago, which was probably the first time I started to think in those terms. Thanks for being an outsider, back then, who was brave enough to voice that important viewpoint.” To which Fred modestly replied, “It was just family tradition for me—we were working our way through the Peterson Field Guide series as they were published.” His father came up with “the term ‘brass lions’ for Naugatuck, and the maxim that ‘anything prevalent enough to be considered a waste, is in fact, a resource.”

Alan Huang was “kind of blown away by all the class member email addresses* that we have. That being said, we are still missing 19 out of the 55 email addresses for our class, so please send me your email address confirmation even if there is no accompanying news. Ed Woodyard was named “Citizen of the Year” by the Armonk Chamber of Commerce for his 30 years of volunteering on behalf of a number of organizations within the town and county (26 by my count). There will be a write-up going out in a Chamber mailing, a golf outing at the Whippoorwill Club (this is the club that refused to admit Bill Clinton), followed by a gala dinner, all of which Ed claims is rather unnecessary. Ed says he “volunteers to be around some terrific people and have some fun together while trying to achieve common goals.” Certainly he has put the last 50 years to good use.

1967

50th Reunion
DPH and HGS—June 9 and 10, 2017

1968

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The Alumni/ae Office is sad to report the passing of Kenneth “Fella” Wynne III on May 6, 2016.

1970

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Aaron Lipstadt is living in Hollywood with his girlfriend of 30-plus years, Julia Gibson. They have two children and five grandchildren. Aaron works seemingly anywhere but home (i.e. Portland, Oregon, New York City, Atlanta, etc.) producing and directing television, since he got his start directing Android, starring Klaus Kinski. He also directed several episodes of Miami Vice. Aaron just finished a season of Grimm as producer/director and is now directing his sixth episode of Elementary. He still sees Dick Wingate whenever they are on the same coast. Our old friend George Ellice, who moved on after fourth form, died in an auto accident March 2016 near his longtime residence in Frisco, Texas.

1972

45th Reunion
DPH and HGS—June 9 and 10, 2017

HGS
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Gentlemen: As you read this update we shall be within eight weeks of our ninth five-year reunion… that is, we have officially graduated from the Hill for 45 years, and that math is correct because Paul Fossett would have said so. (Noooo!) Regardless, plans are...
well established for the weekend, including a Friday night get together at Mike Buxbaum’s cozy shack on the beach in East Haven. Same spot as in 2012, which was a resounding success. There are plans for a golf get-together on Friday afternoon before Bux’s party. We are all trying to promote more conversation via Facebook, as many brothers have kids that use it more frequently than email or telephone, so be sure to check out the HGS Class of 1972 or Hopkins FB page. Betsey and I got together last summer with Patty Wynne Dayton during the memorial service in Chatham for Kenny “Fella” Wynne III ’68 HGS. Despite the reason for the occasion, it was a wonderfully upbeat event with testimonials from many of the family of “the mayor of Main Street,” close friends and colleagues. We also connected with good friend Lissie Willoughby, classmate of ours from Ridge Road School. Other news: Rick “Del” Shannon, Maryland, has been promoted from his chairmanship of the Department of Medicine at UPenn to Executive Vice President for Health Affairs at the University of Virginia. He is responsible for aligning the key components of the UVA Health System to achieve the goal of becoming a top-decile academic medical center. Rick’s beautiful wife, Brandy, joins him as well at UVA in cardiac medicine. Way to go, Del, we all knew you were going places when we were your classmates on the Hill, and you have made us all proud to learn of your continued success in cutting-edge patient safety in medicine. I had a great exchange with JB Kittredge a few months ago, and am happy to report he is well and busy as ever working as a lawyer in Boston. I am hoping to coax him back to the Hill in June—it would be great to swap stories with him and relive all those warm memories of youth. Mike Buxbaum has agreed to personally deliver his “what I remember about Hopkins” dissertation that he sent in email form after reading JB’s recollections of youth. As we age along we do hear of retirement stories. Congratulations to Jamie Andrews on his retirement from Wells Fargo, and relocation to Winter Park, Florida. Jamie is no one to sit idle—he has already started up a program called “the second chapter begins,” which helps to train recent parolees how to responsibly and successfully integrate back into the construction community. Jamie has also hooked up with Bill Haley, another retirement achiever, now relocated to Ponte Vedra, Florida. Billy retired last year and left Westchester County for warmer climes, and we don’t blame him. He has started up a volunteer consulting group to try to teach people how to make better financial decisions, and will, no doubt, share success with his clients. Congratulations to you both—well deserved time off after all of those sacrifices. Be sure to save the dates, June 9–10, and save those stories for reunion weekend. And c’mon, you other scalawags! Arghhh... send me news of your successes as well. “And remember, it’s not just about the campus... it’s about your classmates.”

Charles “Charlie” Hunter Lamere, first grandchild of Margy Campbell Lamere ’74

Margy Campbell Lamere shares some happy news: “My first grandchild, Charles ‘Charlie’ Hunter Lamere, was born November 22, 2016; he is (of course) adorable, with big blue eyes and blond wisps.”

Aria, granddaughter of Dave Stevens ’76, celebrating her second birthday.

1976

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From Dave Stevens, “Enjoyed celebrating my granddaughter Aria’s second birthday. She is a bright and wonderful little girl. She asked for an ‘Elmo’ cake, which her mom made out of fruit. Enjoy the picture.”

1977 40th Reunion

Hopkins—June 9 and 10, 2017

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Thank you to everyone who sent notes. If you missed the opportunity, there is always the next issue! Remember, our 40th Reunion is June 10. Please look for details about reunion activities as well as a Friday night gathering in New Haven. Tim Shannon hopes to attend reunion and was kind
enough to respond to my arm twisting with the following news: “My cousin-in-law Diane asked me to make my first contribution to these notes in 40 years—or else. So here is 40 years’ worth. Most important, I have been married to Catherine for 30 years. While in our early years we lived and worked around the northeast and the world, we have now been in Branford, Connecticut, for 15 years and call it home. We have five children, ages 9 to 18, all adopted, as well as two dogs. Our house is like a bit dormitory—lots of fun, with the occasional need to seek a quiet place. I am sure our kids are like yours—mostly great with individual strengths as well a thing or two you could do without. They say the same about me. Catherine started Beacon Self-Directed Learning in New Haven—an alternative choice to mainstream schools... Meeting kids and teens ‘where they are at,’ which I am sure every year saves a couple of great kids (and their families) who are struggling in the mainstream. Check out the website. I have spent my life working with teams trying to develop new drugs for various diseases. There have been many great moments. One was seeing the first liver cancer patients improve with a new drug we developed that went on to become the first drug ever approved for liver cancer. Another was seeing a new antiviral drug work in the first patients in which it was tested. That drug may become a new treatment to help cure a chronic viral disease that affects someone very close to us, and 300 million people worldwide. Today I continue this work in a venture capital firm (Canaan Partners), where my role is to start new biotech companies developing new drugs. Sometimes I run them for a bit to help get them going. If successful, they get acquired by large companies or go public. Sometimes they fail. I feel lucky to have made a career working with incredibly talented and committed people in industry and academia, trying to make science fiction become reality, and I am extremely thankful for the patients willing to take a risk to help the next generation of patients by participating in studies. I also occasionally lecture in local schools and graduate and undergraduate programs at Yale and UConn, and help run the Canaan-Yale Fellowship program, trying to pass the torch to the next generation while also keeping me young (at heart at least). Howard Reiter wrote he lives in Woodbridge with his wife, Jody Ellant, and four children. Three are in college and went to other high schools, but one is in the eighth grade and one more chance at Hopkins! Howard is the president of Rome Fastener Corp in Milford, and is looking forward to reunion. Lisa Scott is planning to attend reunion and wrote the following: “I’ve just celebrated my 20th year with Fairfax County Public Schools, where I am the communications director for the county pension system. My three daughters have all finished college and are successfully employed, making me an empty nester. I have to say, though, I’m enjoying having my clothes, shoes and makeup accounted for and not disappearing with a daughter! I live just outside of Old Town Alexandria, Virginia, which is where I spend a great deal of my time.” Rick Trowbridge shared the following: “After 23½ years at Save the Children, I have left to join another nonprofit, AmeriCares, as CFO, in January 2015. AmeriCares focuses on providing healthcare services and products to the poorest of the poor in all 50 states and in 90 countries around the world. I still live in Madison, with my wife, Tertia, and our 11-year-old daughter, Phoebe. Our sons, Ryan and Alex, are respectively getting their PhDs in School Psychology (at University of Colorado-Denver) and Physics (at Purdue). Alex has published two articles recently on newly discovered aspects of Pluto. We occasionally see Cindi DeLuca Gagnon in Madison and still get together regularly with Joe Cogullotto and Charlie Glassman and their wives. We look forward to our 40th Reunion in June and hope to see many of our classmates there.” Audrey Thier wrote, “After 20 years of commuting to Albany, I decided I wanted to stay in my pajamas and not drive over mountains in the snow anymore. I now work from home for a wonderful executive search firm, Isaacson, Miller, that focuses on mission-driven businesses, nonprofits of all stripes. I am thoroughly enjoying it, and only venturing out of the house for political protests and visits with my husband to our children and grandchildren. Of the latter, I have one beautiful grandson, located with my eldest son and daughter-in-law an hour south of me in Great Barrington, Massachusetts, and a granddaughter on the way for my middle child and his wife, in Philadelphia. My daughter, the youngest, is getting married in April. And on the shameless promotion front, my oldest, Aaron Thier, published his second novel last summer. Mr Eternity (Bloomsbury), which was called ‘the Don Quixote for our time’ by an NPR affiliate, among other praise. Even allowing for a maternal correction factor, it is incredible and I hope everyone will buy multiple copies! I have also had a wonderful time this past couple of years seeing Jessica Elzea Kogel, Polly Byers and John Bradley. We welcome all old friends to our beautiful neck of the woods. Please stop in if you are visiting the Clark Art Institute or Mass MoCA, both well worth the trip. Wishing all old friends the very best in these troubled times. 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Have a great reunion and I will miss seeing you all!” Holly Clifford Grossman shared: “My daughter Heidi will be getting married this summer and is graduating from Harvard Business School in the spring. My daughter Hayley has her master’s in counseling and is working in the Portsmouth, Rhode Island, school system. I

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continue to work at Citizens Bank as an analyst in the Mortgage Collateral Department. For our 30th anniversary, my husband, Paul, and I took a trip to Europe. Looking forward to seeing classmates at the reunion!" Jim D’Angelo gave a pre-conference workshop and plenary talk at the 10th Free Linguistics Conference in Padang, Sumatra, in late September 2016. Jim writes, “It was great to be mixed in with scholars and students from so many different contexts across Asia.” Will miss you all at the 40th anniversary! As for me, Diane Shannon, this fall I ran into Kathy Mack at the airport and we had a few minutes to catch up while she was taking care of her two adorable dogs. I see other Hopkins folks as well since I’m still in the area, and I look forward seeing many of you at what promises to be a great 40th Reunion weekend. See you then!

**1979**

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After occupying fully eleven columns of notes spread across five pages, in the last edition of Views from the Hill (the envy of all other classes), this time our class was not quite so prolific after having bared our collective souls, I suppose. However, after a New Year’s greeting, and once again after instigation by Rob Quish, many class members posted photos of weddings, kids, cats, dogs, kids and dogs, and the occasional spouse. Andrea Nolan Dilibero sent a family photo that included her new grandchild, making her the first grandmother in our class. Scott Fisher sent a photo of a group of us, with a lot more hair and looking young, from graduation day 1979 and another photo of his youngest son’s wedding on a beach somewhere, all quite dapper. Loren Ziff sent a family photo from Jerusalem. Others who sent great photos of their families and pets included Rob Quish, Ken Yanagisawa, Stu Gordon, Jerry Blair, Sara Nelson, Anthony Anscombe, Rob Reiter, Jane Sikand, Edelstein, Christina Gemming Chase, Brian Borgerson, Stephanie Their, Jeff Stier, Ralph Livieri, Rachel Cook Golder and me (Jeff Arons). All is photographic evidence of thriving family life. Rich Kuslan also added that he had coffee with Fran Palmieri in Houston when Fran was passing through recently—“it was really great talking to an old pal face to face again.” At publication, Fran is the Acting Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs. Christine Peck and David Hurwitz sent along their new year’s greetings. And finally, congratulations are in order for Hugh Taylor. In addition to becoming a new grandfather (the first I believe for our class), Hugh, who is the tenured Professor and Chair of the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences at Yale School of Medicine and Yale New Haven Hospital, just became one of 70 individuals in the country to be elected to the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. According to the news article, “Taylor’s work has led to, among other insights, a better understanding of endometriosis, including its genetic cause and the role of stem cells and the disease.” The National Academy of Medicine was established to advise the nation on medical and health issues. Members are elected by their peers for their distinguished contributions to medicine and health. This is truly a great accomplishment (as is becoming a grandfather) and our class is fortunate to claim Dr. Taylor as one of our own. Our class has taken to using this forum to communicate rather than Facebook. So while technically we do have a class Facebook page, our email group seems to be easiest for all of us to use now that we are beginning to post lifecycle events. Glad to hear from all.

**1980**

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I heard from several of you who attended the service for Matt Haury, who sadly passed away last year at far too young an age. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family. He will be missed. As I was thinking about Matt and our days back on the Hill, I got a happy and interesting update from Kate Higgins, who is still working in the Hopkins Admission office. This will not be news to some of you (it was to me!), but Kate reports that three of our classmates currently have kids at the school. Tracy Costigan Hanson has three enrolled, Amy Rubin Mindell has one, and Andy Lawson also has one. The legacy of the Class of 1980 continues... I was glad to see that Byron Brewer took me up on the news-about-former-faculty challenge. In my last column, I wrote about Charlie Welles, who lives now in Homer, Alaska. Byron sends this additional faculty update: “Last spring I was picking up some supplies at a Home Depot near my office in Wallingford, Connecticut, and happened to park near a car with a distinctive Connecticut license plate: ‘MR JAY’. As I was walking into the store, I saw Mr. J (Ib Jorgensen), math teacher and soccer coach. We had a cordial chat and he’s still active and enjoying himself.” Speaking of the Welles clan, Chase Welles has some news of his own. Chase writes, “My lovely wife, Annette, and I just returned from a winter trip to Budapest, Vienna and Prague—a must-do journey for any civilized person. We celebrated our one-year anniversary last night and are loving life. I am a partner in a commercial leasing firm in New York City and represent both retailers and landlords, with my biggest clients being Whole Foods and Costco on the tenant side and Jamestown and Mack Cali on the landlord side.” Samir Pandiri and his family recently moved back to the New York area, after spending nearly a decade in Hong Kong and London. Samir writes, “Life is good. My wife, Sujata, and I just celebrated our 30th anniversary, so it was quite a fun milestone. Our three children are young adults ages 23, 20 and 18. Shama, the eldest, just graduated from University of Chicago. Shivani is a junior at Columbia. Shaan is the youngest.
and will be a freshman at Columbia in the fall this year. Sujata and I will be spending time between our home in New York City and Chatham, New Jersey, and getting used to the idea of having the house to ourselves.” Samir adds that he is still at BNY Mellon and currently the CEO for the Asset Servicing Division at the bank. From the international desk, I also heard from Jenny Burwell. Jenny says, “Hi from Nova Scotia, Canada. I moved to Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, in 2002, where I opened my shop & gallery, Jenny Jib. Lunenburg is a beautiful UNESCO town, and I am so fortunate to call it home. Anyone looking for a Canadian vacation is welcome to come visit. Tons of sailing, beaches, hiking and amazing craft here, as well as award-winning restaurants and breathtaking scenery. Love to all!” Dave Celone also has some gallery news. He writes, “Just opened a second art gallery in White River Junction, Vermont, to help save the world one little bit at a time. If anyone from the class ever gets up this way, I’d love to help them figure out places to see and things to do—including world-class art and crafts made by artists and artisans who live in this region of Vermont and New Hampshire.” And if you’re a foodie, you might be interested in this latest update from Jeff Strauss: “In addition to writing for TV, managing the Longtable Wine business, and sending my boys off to college (Eli is now a freshman at Tufts and Jacob will be heading to NYU in the fall), I’ve recently started producing and hosting a podcast called ‘Forks on the Left’ featuring conversations about food, drink and showbiz with guests from all of those worlds.” Last but not least, a clerical matter: If you’re reading this and you see your name on the following list, that means we don’t have a good email address for you. Please get in touch and share your email address. You can reach me at ptyler@gmail.com. I’m challenging everyone on the list to send me an update! Okay, here it is: Susan Y. Hahn, Alissa Ballou Janes, Debra L. Blumberg, Georgia Guyott Bruggeman, Claudia Bickel, Blanca F. Calabresi, Lisa Craft, Eric R. Gaynor, David R. Gifford, Victoria Greenwald Stigum, Dale L. Howell, Laurie Hurwitz, Betsy Kerrigan Johnson, Sarah Kittredge Campbell, Dean D. Mancini, Scott A. McLaughlin, Kathleen Mulligan Williams, Willis E. Nalle, Peter P. Pardi, Alison Plotnick Saling, Steven Snow, Laura Zeff.

1982  35th Reunion
Hopkins—June 9 and 10, 2017
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Hello all, greetings from Brooklyn, New York. At the time I reached out to everyone for these updates, I was feeling a tiny bit of Hopkins nostalgia from a parental perspective, in a 21st-century way, as I contemplated how to get our ninth grade son back from school in Dyker Heights, Brooklyn, at 7:30 pm after a JV soccer game for Poly Prep (they were coming back late from Horace Mann in the Bronx, with commute time through traffic similar to a delayed flight to Chicago). Would it be Dad, the subway, or Uber? That aside, all is generally well here. I am still practicing law in Manhattan, and enjoying living in our ancient Brooklyn brownstone with my husband, Rich, our two kids (Sasha is still a “tween,” turning 12 this year, and Nate is 14), our 3-year-old, very energetic rescued Jack Russell Terrier/Chihuahua/Dachshund mix, very little street parking, and occasionally crazy neighbors. Please come to our 35th Reunion—it would be great to see everyone and catch up. We are planning an informal get-together Friday night at a bar in New Haven. In the works for Saturday are a State of the School Q&A session led by new Head of School Dr. Kai Bynum, alumni/ae sports and family activities throughout the day, a Black Alumni/ae Network Reception, a Women’s Reception celebrating 45 years since the merger between the women’s schools and Hopkins Grammar and, of course, Reunion Dinner Saturday night on campus. In the meantime, it has been fun hearing from you.

Our President Emeritus, Brice Peyre, lives in the Carnegie Hill neighborhood on Manhattan’s Upper East Side, in the same building he’s been in since 1991: “I recently managed to cash in on Manhattan’s red-hot residential property market by moving from one apartment to another of equivalent size and layout, selling for almost three times as much as I paid, the happy result of a typically complicated New York City real estate deal, which ironically earned me a reputation among my neighbors as the Donald Trump of the building—not a comparison I particularly appreciate. I still work in government, serving as communications director for the chair of the New York State Assembly’s health committee. My partner, James, also lives in upper Manhattan. I often go boating with super-lawyer David Murphy, when we’re not feuding about politics.” Brice also notes that Facebook recently sent him a link to an article that Tim Crosby has just published. According to the article, Tim is in Seattle, Washington, where he serves as project coordinator of Cascadia Foodshed Financing Project, a Philanthropy Northwest-sponsored collaboration of foundation and individual impact investors seeking to use market-based strategies to grow the Northwest’s regional food economy. Andrew Grant Thomas, a.k.a. our youngest classmate, enthusiastically reports in from his new hometown, Amherst, Massachusetts, on family and his work with EmbraceRace. “Strangely, in the almost 35 years since our graduation nothing has changed for me! Ha ha. In re the ‘fundamentals’ life is good. My most excellent partner, Melissa, and I got a relatively late start on the parenting thing but wound up with two keepers: Lola, 8, and Lena, 6. They are charming, crazy-making, smart, dumbass, lovely, delightful, and tears-inducing—and that’s today. Lola is the voracious reader, Lena the one on whose comedy career our retirement security depends. Good thing she’s a hoot! I’ve spent the last many years doing racial justice work—research and
advocacy—mostly from university-based institutes, but recently launched an independent initiative with Melissa to do that work in a new and different way. In a nutshell, EmbraceRace is about supporting parents, teachers and other caregivers to nurture children with healthy sensibilities about race. If this sounds intriguing, drop me a line at andrew@embracerace.org. Quite a time to be doing this work, tell you what! In one way or another, EmbraceRace has helped me reconnect to, or deepened my active connection to, some old Hopkins friends.

Looking at you, Nina Calabresi, Jake Stevens, Dan Freeman, Eric Robinson, Jim Leighton, Frank Colandrea, Deidre Gray, and Nell Devane ’85. Just another reason I’m happy to be doing that work. Finally: for the past four years we’ve lived in Amherst, Massachusetts, where, as they say, ‘only the h is silent.’ After a fairly itinerant few decades, it’s nice to be back in the Northeast and in a community we’re comfortable calling home for a while. If you expect to be in this area, and you have reason to think I like you, let me know. (That definitely means you, Jake!) Gretchen Papagoda Parisi is living in Kennett Square, Pennsylvania, “which is home to horse country and the beautiful Longwood Gardens, is located about 45 minutes outside of Philadelphia and, in case you didn’t know, is the Mushroom Capital of the World (there is seriously a ‘mushroom drop’ in town here on New Year’s Eve, when a giant lit-up mushroom is lowered to mark the new year). After many years in the legal publishing business in Washington, D.C., I went out on my own as a health care/pharmaceuticals freelance writer and editor and I love the work and the flexibility that working for myself provides. My husband, Ray, and I now have an empty nest, as Laura (21) is a junior advertising major at the University of South Carolina, and Anna (19) is a freshman psychology major at the University of New Hampshire. It’s weird but fun to be on our own again. I look forward to hearing more about the 35th Reunion festivities!” Jonathan Gill writes from across the pond: “After years in New York as a writer, then grad school and teaching at Columbia, moved 10 years ago with Eveline and the boys (Primo and Secondo) to Amsterdam, where I teach at the university (literature, history, Yiddish); the big perk here is that the government provides free police protection at synagogues and Jewish schools! Welcome to Merrie Olde Europe. In other words, not much has changed with me: mostly just reading and writing (my history of Harlem was published by Grove/Atlantic in 2011 and my next book, about espionage and Hollywood, is due from Norton next year). I see Chris Traub every year on his way to Davos to hypnotize world leaders—lost touch with Peter Kosinski but still hoping... and will anyone please mention Tina Lyons? Not to mention Phyllis... Anyone passing through Amsterdam is welcome to give a holler!” Deidre Cuffee-Gray writes: “I am deep in my ninth year as a college bound counselor at the Springfield Renaissance School in Springfield, Massachusetts. Our school has reversed the low college-going rate in the district by attaining 100% college admissions for the last eight years. This is an accomplishment that I am very proud of. Renaissance reminds me quite a bit of Hopkins in that it is a sixth-to-twelfth grade school with a strong sense of mission, and a place where students are impelled and supported to do their very best. Where it is different is that the majority of the students are low-income and first-generation college. I love my work and the students and families I work with. I channel the positive relationships that I had with Hopkins faculty on a daily basis in my work at Renaissance. Even so, my favorite days are still snow days. I live with my wife, Libby, in Northampton, Massachusetts, and I’m doing the things I wouldn’t have imagined in high school, running marathons, rowing crew at the masters level, and gardening.” Our longtime international friend and former walk-on soap opera star Drew Nuland reports from Shanghai: “I married late but (way) up. Vivi Tang was a music and TV personality until dating me got her blacklisted 15 years ago… no kidding. We have two happy, curious, sweet, athletic, creative bi-lingual/bi-cultural kids who redefine ‘Pride and Joy’ for us both: Benjamin (‘Jamin’) 12, and Zoe (‘Zozolita’) 9. Diane—you think your kid-transport is chaotic. Try all that in a city of 25 million... two schools in opposite directions, each just 10 miles from home, but 1.25 hours away... and then there’s soccer, fencing, art, costume design, debate, volleyball, Hebrew classes, all in unique corners of the city... After a long run managing international drinks and entertainment businesses here, I went post-corporate 10 years ago to set up my own shop that does transformation of Chinese premium goods companies followed by M&A/exit events for their owners. With the gigs lasting 12 to 24 months, I’ve kept my hand in management, but missed the full-on challenge of running companies. Last year some drinks industry friends and I launched a new business around a brand we created to shake up the Chinese drinks industry. The launch is planned for 2017 Q1. If all goes well I’ll bring a few cases to the reunion... Flashbacks of all those Friday night parties when we were supposed to be resting before our Saturday games... was there even a drinking age then?” I saw Jake Stevens a few years ago, when our now ninth-grade sons’ AYSO (soccer) teams played against each at Packer Collegiate’s gym in Brooklyn. Jake, too, is traveling the world. “After years of being a public defender in the Bronx, and brieflly a clinical law professor, I’ve been going back and forth to Myanmar to develop legal aid and justice education projects. This is immensely rewarding if a trifle premature as my son has just entered LaGuardia Arts (the ‘Fame’ high school) here in New York City.” Elise Treff Gordon aka my partner in crime in off-campus lunching (thank you, Izzy, for getting your driver’s license a year ahead of me) retired from the Navy in 2011. She then “retired again” in 2014, closing her
private sports medicine practice. “I am on a personal and professional quest. That might be a more modern way of defining the mid-life crisis. Let me tell you, I couldn’t be happier stepping outside of the business of medicine. I work urgent care on a temp basis to pay a bill here and there. The rest of my days are spent in theater, singing, dance, yoga, meditation and reading, i.e. living life. I am working as a consultant on a health and wellness/fitness website that truly embraces mind, body and spirit plus benefiting veterans (gokyba.com). I plan to study functional medicine and some way more esoteric subjects on the more spiritual side of my quest. My daughters, Amanda and Rachel, are taking a post-college year applying to graduate school/PsyD and taking a post–high school gap year by going to Ecuador on a program, respectively. I guess I’m on a gap year or years. I sold the Hopkins House (really what it was called—local historic landmark 100-year-old Victorian) and downsized to an amazing house in the woods in the middle of the city of Pensacola, Florida. Life is good.” Eric Robinson is living in Bloomingtion, Indiana, with his wife and two boys (Kevin, 5, and Kyle, 11). “I teach at Indiana University in the History Department, offering courses in ancient Greek and Roman history, and at the moment serving as Director of Graduate Studies. I have moved around to various universities in my career so far but this posting looks pretty permanent, since my wife also teaches at IU and our kids are thriving here. I still like playing Frisbee and strategy games and sports (well, watching them, anyway!), just like Hopkins days. And I love our cats, though wish that one of them, anyway!), just like Hopkins days. And I love our cats, though wish that one of them, anyway!), just like Hopkins days. And...
Hopkins. I talk to Peter Loge also, but really only every eight years to complain about politics. But ViR is a track I want to drive on and Pete has a Mini Cooper and sometimes he feels a need for speed. I don’t talk to David Murphy much lately but way back he may remember that I sailed with Kevin McCarthy ’81 for nearly twenty years. I saw Hadley Renkin and Eric Robinson when they were both in New Haven for a hot weekend. I keep in touch with Nick Hauer ’81, who was the best “best man” that a groom could have. I just talked to Sridhar Srinivasan today. He lived in Manhattan long enough to develop a love for the city. Nowadays he lives in Washington, D.C., with his wife and a couple of puppies. I plan to spend 2017 on phase two of my IT career but I really don’t know what I want to do with myself. That’s actually not true at all. I know exactly what I want to do with myself but becoming my current big goal isn’t realistic. If 2017 works out I’ll find myself tucked into the corner of someone’s IT department where I can enjoy a good work/life balance. Or maybe I’ll donate my time and expertise to an organization that could use a little help with computer security. My near term plans take me to New York City on January 28 and Chicago on April 15. If people are near on those days we could try to get together.” John Fezza has been living in Sarasota, Florida, for almost 20 years: “My wife, Heidi, does some real estate and takes care of our three sons, ages 16, 18 and 20. Unfortunately they all received my crazy knucklehead gene, so they keep us on our toes. With one in college and one on the way out we will be down to one at home, and I will miss the chaos they brought. We just had a pool party for over 65 ‘kids’ for my son’s 18th birthday. That gathering put some years on me, and it was like nothing I witnessed at Hopkins! I am an oculoplastic surgeon specializing in both functional and cosmetic procedures of the face, and was fortunate to be voted Best Plastic Surgeon in Sarasota and Venice by the Herald Tribune in addition to Top Doctors Award by U.S. News & World Report and Castle Connolly. This year I am serving in two national medical organizations; one as the President for the American Board of Facial Cosmetic Surgery and the other as the Treasurer for the American Society of Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons. I continue to look back at my days at Hopkins with fondness, not only for the outstanding education, but also for the friendships that were forged.” Lars Jorgensen is in his 15th year at Hopkins: “I am currently the Dean of Students, Head Adviser for the Class of 2019, a math teacher and coach. My two children, Erik ’11 and Kirsten ’13, both graduated from Hopkins as well; one is a senior in college and the other graduated in 2015. I hope to see my classmates from the Class of 1982 this June!”

1983

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As the years move along it seems more difficult to get notes from our classmates. Please don’t make it whereby I will have to start writing fake news! If you think back over the decades one might believe we have had a few fake news tidbits along the way. Remember when “Dola” owned a bakery and left that job to pursue his job of making dolls? Ah, those were the days when one wouldn’t get criticized for stretching the truth. So here we are in 2017, one year from our 35th Reunion, and I will present the facts as they were sent to me to the best of my knowledge. David Keck recently received a grant to research relationships between video gaming and ethical formation. If you have any thoughts, concerns or hopes in this area, he’d love to hear from you. He can be reached at keckd2@erau.edu. The Atlanta Jewish Times reports, “The opening of the Atlanta Jewish Film Festival brought down the curtain on Lesli Greenberg’s time as the organization’s development director, because she is moving to Jewish Family & Career Services as its chief development officer.” We wish Lesli luck with her new position! Adam Perlmutter reports that he completed 17 years of pro bono legal work securing 28 acres on the Brooklyn waterfront, across from midtown Manhattan, to create New York City’s Bushwick Inlet Park. Natasha Berger Graf told everyone at the Super Bowl party she attended that Danny Amendola was related to Dave. She thought it would have been a stretch to say he was his son… Lynn DiGioia Cone writes, “I am still living and working in Connecticut while Jason commutes from Detroit, where he has taken on position as the Head of Advanced Design for Ford. My design business is thriving… worked for the past year-and-a-half on a 60-unit rental apartment building in Greenwich, a fitness center, a hotel spa and suites, and now just finishing up a bank which will be opening in Stamford… Next up will be a large residential project in Tampa and then another boutique high-end condo project in Greenwich. We are staying busy with Brian, who is in fifth grade at a small school in Westport, and is working toward his Black Belt in Kempo Karate.” Tom Rooks writes, “Our family (Jennifer, Leza, 12, Gabriel, 7) had an amazing two-week experience in Cuba during the last half of December. We chose to travel independent from a tourist group, which I highly recommend. Although that did entail more planning, I think it likely allowed us to make many more personal connections than we would have made as part of a larger group. Everyone we met and spent any time with was gracious and open. Cuba is rich in culture and of course political strife and very few there seem to have a clear idea of what their country will look like in ten years. I’ve been in Seattle for over 25 years and although I miss the Northeast often, this is a wonderful place to live. Look me up if you are ever visiting… or just driving through. Lisa Peck will attest to the fact that I’d be willing to drive outside of Seattle just to meet up at an Interstate rest area for a beer in order to
catch up... whatever is convenient." Rich Ridinger boasts, "I had an awesome day skiing today in the White Mountains. I can still do glades and bumps at 52." Stephanie Kaminsky adds, "I sold and bought houses last summer within a mile of each other to unnecessarily complicate my life (DC/ Baltimore suburb), though do really like the new space. Kids are now turning 7 and 9—so catching up to everyone—but still behind schedule. My 8-year-old son, who can't understand why he has the oldest parents of anyone he knows, has done some reverse math and wishes that I was anywhere from 35 to 43 years old right now—I was impressed. Have tentatively taken on more responsibilities at work as the Acting Director of Medicaid Eligibility and Enrollment at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (federal division responsible for the ‘Medicaid expansion’ under Obamacare). Worked very hard between the election and the inauguration to finish whatever we could—and now we are trying to hold down the fort and get some of the new administration up to speed while we brace ourselves for ‘Trumpcare.’ Very stimulating—sometimes too stimulating. Still lucky to have a supportive, engaged partner. Had a pretty big and scary car accident in the fall—did something to my back—hoping it is going to get better one of these days. In general, life is busy but good." Diana Lawson Goldman has been busy at her Beantown Kitchen (www.beantownkitchen.com). One might ask, “What's cookin’ in Beantown Kitchen?” to which Diana replies, “Doesn’t matter ‘cuz everything is veggie good!” She writes, “Hi, everyone! I’ve been busy with my vegan catering, coaching and cooking class business. I’m particularly excited to have received grant funding from Harvard Pilgrim Healthcare Foundation to teach a series of free cooking classes to low-income groups. They are designed to debunk myths about plant-based eating and show participants that the cuisine is nutritionally adequate, health-promoting, satisfying, delicious and affordable. I thank my Hopkins English teachers for my ability to put somewhat coherent sentences together as I blog on my site, Beantown Kitchen. Sending good wishes and lots of love to you all!” Medina Tyson Jett adds, “I’ve been experiencing Hopkins from a very different perspective since becoming a Trustee two years ago. I’m on campus and attending morning assembly regularly. Seeing my former classmates as administrators and the kids of my friends as students is such a surreal experience. Thirty-five years have passed but the spirit on the Hill continues to be like no other place. Give me an ‘H’!” We will need Medina’s assistance (and to dust off the pom-poms) as we rally for another incredible reunion. Peter Harlan adds, “Hey all... Have landed in ‘the Ohana’ at Salesforce, via acquisition in September of the tiny-but-cool analytics startup I’ve been with (BeyondCore). If any of you are in the Ohana (Hawaiian for family)—fellow employees, customers, partners, etc.—give a shout out and/or ping if I can ever be of help in some way, vis a vis Salesforce, etc., or if you’re in Chicago, I need excuses to explore downtown restaurants. Lisa Peck writes, “It was a busy 2016 for me in all arenas—I now live in Santa Cruz, California, where we are currently building an ark for the deluge of rain we’ve gotten in last few months. Loving it here—had a visit from Sharland Blanchard, who—on our tour of my neighborhood—immediately made friends with our neighborhood vintner in true Sharlie style! We had a ball! On the work front, I had my first two jury trials since moving to California—each was a month long: one in Santa Cruz, and the other in Oakland. Both were employment retaliation cases where my client was fired after reporting discrimination and harassment. I’m happy to report that each of my clients prevailed, with judgments over $1 million apiece. One, in particular, was notable because the employer is a well-known international church. Its local affiliate fired my client—the maintenance manager—after he reported that his boss (an older female who was the Executive Director of the affiliate, and a priest in the organization) was sexually harassing the facility’s college-age male dishwashers. It was a cool case to win, in part because religious organizations are not covered under California law prohibiting employment discrimination and retaliation. I can truthfully say that I channeled Mr. Bucar in ‘creatively’ writing the complaint and trial briefs, and we found a way around and outside the typical path. As for fun and adventure, there was plenty of it! Amongst other things, I spent three weeks in July with my guy (Lee) and our 90-pound Lab van-camping and mountain-bike riding in British Columbia. We traveled from Rossland to Revelstoke, to Whistler and beyond. The highlight was a three-day backcountry, women’s only MTB trip into the Chilcotin mountain range—accessed by float plane only. It was an amazing experience with every weather condition and trail challenge you can imagine. En route back to Santa Cruz from BC, I got a text from Tom Rooks, who was just finishing his own camping adventure with his brother Rob, and we were all able to meet up at the Whidbey Island Ferry stop for a parking lot BYOB six-pack and chips—then we were off to catch separate ferries in different directions. Typically, we each missed our ferries—what, late? Us? Shocking. Still coaching lacrosse as head coach for University of California–Santa Cruz women’s lax club. I was super proud of them for taking third regional championships for the Women’s Collegiate Lacrosse Association in Div. 2. We are hoping to take it even further this season. If you are in the Bay area—swing through for a visit!” Start gearing up for the reunion! I’m going to have to start tracking some of you down soon. Fortunately or unfortunately, it will be here before you know it. Who knows how deep the email exchanges will take us this time? Looking forward to it! Seth Stier is still not a banker in Boston. Real news!
1984
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Like most of you, I, Kathleen Hager Tasonis, celebrated my 50th birthday last year. I received an extraordinary birthday gift from my parents: a trip to Greece with my best friend, Stephanie Donegan Dietz. As some of you know, Stephanie is the daughter of and assistant to Betty Ann Donegan, a well-loved cooking instructor in Branford. Every year Betty Ann invites her students to participate in a culinary tour of a region of Europe. Last year’s tour was a luxury cruise of several Greek islands in the Aegean. It was an amazing trip full of delicious food, incredible sights and friendly people. It was especially memorable for me, as it was my first trip to Europe! In addition to the students, Stephanie’s husband, Bill, and her sister, Christine Donegan ’87, were on the cruise with us. See the photo above, with Stephanie and myself at a lovely restaurant that overlooked the caldera in Fira on the island of Santorini. Did you have a memorable 50th birthday celebration you would like to share? If so, please submit some notes and photos for the fall edition. We also want to know where your graduate is headed next. I hope you have a delightful spring and a fun-filled summer! 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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Haven Tyler wrote in to say that she is still working in Boston in the consulting world. She is traveling a lot and getting to know Appleton, Wisconsin, and Topeka, Kansas, better than she ever imagined she would. Her son, Finn, started his freshman year at Champlain College and her daughter is a high school senior and is hearing back from schools. Her youngest, Robyn, started middle school and so far is successfully navigating its shark-infested waters. Congratulations go out to Marice Dorsey, who recently was married to Barth McNeil. In attendance were fellow alums Bethany Schowalter Appleby, Pete Simko and Michele Niro Schweighoffer ’87.

1986
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Hello, Class of 1986! Monica and I have some great news from classmates. We will be seeking information every few months, so please share your news. It is so great to catch up and hear what is happening. I, Jennifer Hulford Odell, had a chance to catch up with Abby Crane. She texted pictures of her son Sam’s graduation from high school, along with her younger son, Ben, and husband, Dave Goldman. Sam is now a freshman at Yale, so not too far from Hopkins, and he is a spitting image of Abby! She and Dave live in Scarsdale, New York. Suzanne Watnick writes, “I took a new position at the University of Washington in the Nephrology Division, and I am concurrently serving as Chief Medical Officer at Northwest Kidney Centers—the first place in the world where outpatient hemodialysis was performed. My oldest, Max, started high school and towers over me. My youngest, Levi, started middle school and still loves video games. If anyone makes a visit to the Pacific Northwest, give a call! My new email is swatnick@uw.edu.”

Dean Engle writes, “I just moved in with my wonderful girlfriend of four years. We each have two girls so now we’re part-time parents of four girls ages 9–11. If we can only find ourselves a couple of ragamuffins on the street corner of Haight and Ashbury (we live one block away here in San Francisco), then we’d be the modern day Brady Bunch. We’re hard at work buying defaulted mortgages from banks—have been doing it for 11 years and love the business. There’s never a shortage of supply and it’s fun—we tell ourselves that our small team is putting America back on its feet, one mortgage at a time. In Hopkins news, I caught up with Murat Sinanoglu the other day for lunch—he hasn’t changed a bit—still towers over the rest of us, is super-connected to the elites of the world (I was glad that he deigned to meet up for lunch; means I’m finally a somebody), and has a handsome little boy and beautiful Danish wife, who apparently wants to move him back to a plot of land close to her 150 closest relatives back home in Denmark. I also grabbed drinks with Paul Haydu, who lives right around the corner from me. He’s heading up his architectural firm with a partner, doing very well, and looking younger than ever. Alex Lewin—saw him at a mini...
gathering a few months ago that Haydu and I had organized—and Alex is... Alex. Had just biked over (the fittest and youngest looking of all of us, though he does have a little bit of that salt and pepper thing going on—come to think of it, so do Murat, Paul and I too... must be a Bay Area thing). We also saw Kate Ruddle and her beau—over from the East Bay and her famed artist’s residence complete with firepit (us San Franciscans are jealous—those firepits are worth their weight in gold around these foggy parts!). We missed Bill Fearon and Sharon Adams but hope we’ll be able to get all the NorCal crew together soon. Please drop a line and say ‘Hi’ and we’ll gladly grab a drink or organize an impromptu gathering for anyone coming through the area. Take care, all.” Sharon Yoon Adam writes, “I’m living in the San Francisco Bay Area and unfortunately missed all the Hopkins local gatherings. Life is busy. I have two daughters, Marina (15) and Claudia (12). My husband and I work full-time and spend nights and weekends driving the girls to their classes and competitions (gymnastics and squash). I find myself on the East Coast often now that Claudia is competing in squash. I think I may have been the worst athlete at Hopkins, but discovered my love for fitness in my late 30s. Besides working as a thermal engineer, I am teaching a cardio fitness class and yoga. I’m grateful for the good health of my family and their happiness. I hope all is well with you. If you are in the Bay Area, please get in touch. Sharon_adam@yahoo.com.” Kim Hart writes, “Nushin Ghofrany Sayfie hosted Beth Maher Leonard, Gillian Doyle and me for a girls weekend in Miami. We had a great time and it was certainly nice to escape our crazy lives for a weekend. We didn’t break out the yearbook but certainly shared a lot of laughs reminiscing.” Nushin Ghofrany Sayfie writes, “I’m still a circuit court judge in Miami. I’m currently in the criminal division. Still enjoying work most days. My daughter, Janna, graduated from high school last spring, which is why I missed our 30th. She’s now a freshman at UT Austin. My twin boys are now juniors in high school. They play lacrosse and basketball and just took the SATs for the first time. In November I had a great girls weekend here in Miami with Gillian Doyle, Kim Hart and Beth Maher Leonard.” Julie Polka Zellner writes, “I had such a great time at our 30th Reunion. We sure all look good. I smile still when thinking about the weekend during these winter doldrum months. I am busy here in Connecticut working as a speech-language pathologist in the South Antony Public Schools. I was elected President of the Connecticut Speech-Language-Hearing Association and am working hard to bring the organization into the 21st century. Feel free to like our Facebook page, Connecticut Speech-Language Hearing Association. My family of three and husband are all thriving in school and work. Hope to see you all soon.” We had a great time catching up and reminiscing about the last 30-plus years of friendship. Will be sure to make our 35th!

1987 30th Reunion
Hopkins—June 9 and 10, 2017
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Susanne has requested to step aside in her role as class correspondent. The Alumni/ae Office would like to thank Susanne for her hard work and loyalty. If anyone is interested please contact cbrouillette@hopkins.edu.

Before we get into the news from our class I want to remind everyone that our 30th(!) Reunion is this year so we hope to see you all the weekend of June in New Haven to take part in the festivities. You will be getting emails soon with details about how to register. Hope to see many of you there.

Mike Reynolds writes, “I am spending the 2016–17 year as a fellow at the Cullman Center for Scholars and Writers at the New York Public Library. I also saw Matt Epstein and Andy Isztwan this past fall. I don’t know if that is newsworthy, but it was great seeing them, and they and their families are doing well.” Dan Appelquist writes that after 17 years living in London, he and his spouse became British citizens (dual nationals US/UK) in November. He recently started work at Samsung in London, on web technologies and standards. Risa Schulman Schlager writes, “I’m living in Passaic, New Jersey, with my husband, Mordechai, and our 2½-year-old son, Michael Yehuda, and we love the community here. I have had a consulting business called Tap~Root for the last six years that grew out of my work in companies using science and regulatory to develop healthy foods and dietary supplements. It’s very satisfying work; I love where my science has taken me. Also love the flexibility of being able to be there for my family. Other than that, I’ve become a bit of a homebody after years of adventures around the world, but am satisfied to live life through the eyes of my son now and show him the wonders of the world (on a smaller scale for the time being). Thinking of you all fondly after all this time.” Mary Vines (whom I have the opportunity to see quite frequently here in New York City) writes, “I am now Chairman of the Board of the Prospect Park and Park Slope Armory YMCA, and in November I ran my fifth marathon and third New York City marathon with Sue and some other friends.” Rebecca Lieberman sent this news: “My family left New York City and apartment living for an actual house (with a yard!) in Yonkers this fall, and we are loving it. Our girls (6 and 9) go to Carmel Academy in Greenwich, so I’m back in a community of Connecticut folks, which is nice. After ten years of consulting in philanthropy, last fall I became Executive Director of the Applebaum Foundation—their first ED since the family foundation’s incorporation in 1949—and am really enjoying the work.” Megan Holbrook sent in the following on January 20 (Inauguration Day): “As I write to you, I’m on a bus to Washington, D.C., for the Women’s March on the Washington mall. The past five months have been a wild ride. Having worked as a Clinton Fellow on the Clinton
campaign for two months, the election was devastating. I founded a Facebook group the next morning out of frustration, called The Next Four Years—Milwaukee, and sent out invitations to 300 friends. Within a day, we had 3,000 members and a strong sense of the need for action. We organized the bus trip, commissioned posters and banners, and we’ll be marching with thousands of others tomorrow. Hard to know what’s next, but it will involve keeping up the pressure on our congressional representatives.” I, Michele Niro Schweighoffer, recently got back into the workforce after being a stay-at-home mom and part-time worker for so many years. I’m now an operations coordinator for a place called Horizon Personal Training and Nutrition Centers, right in Cheshire. I basically write manuals—policy and procedure manuals, training manuals, etc.—and then I train employees on all of the material I write. It may sound boring, but I love it. It merges my love of writing and corporate training with my love of fitness and weight training. It’s been a great fit, and I’m so happy.

1989

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Congratulations to Valeria and Steve Posick, who were married in Rome last June amongst a small group of family and friends. Valeria was born and raised in Rome, but that wasn’t exotic enough for the Possicks, who have settled in Woodbridge. That’s apparently the place to be, as after 25 years in New York, Boston, London and Toronto, Hilary and David Buxbaum also have moved to Woodbridge. Their twins are at Hopkins, and their youngest daughter is at Foote School. David continues to climb the ladder at Lego, where he now manages at Foote School. David continues to climb at Hopkins, and their youngest daughter is have moved to Woodbridge. Their twins are...
he is out on the course all the time!). The Mason Shaffer Foundation just released our eleventh cord blood unit for transplant in six years! It is amazing to know that we provide the opportunity to fight for eleven lives! The Shaffers wish the best for everyone in 2017! We would love for a mini reunion… since I missed our 25th.”

Aaron Milstone wrote to share, “I am still in Baltimore. No new kids, house or job. I did get to travel to India last week. We are starting a project to work with local clinicians to reduce infection-related mortality in four neonatal ICUs in Pune, India. It was a fascinating trip and I look forward to going back.”

Mary Diette Onacilla has been much more active than most as she shares details on her recent races: “My triathlon and half-marathon went well—I owe it all to Gene for rallying after the first night of training and training with me the next morning. Enjoyed seeing Zac Brown at Fenway with Suzanne Rutstein in August and some evenings out with Rachael Schatz.”

I, Jessica Roberti, will admit—I vaguely remember something about a Saturday morning run during our reunion weekend but also remember sleeping through it! Mary and Gene, I’ll join on the next run at our 30th Reunion! I just heard from Seth Giammanco with some exciting news: “I opened an Aikido Dojo in Brooklyn and I am teaching Aikido and Zazen meditation to adults and toddlers. Also started to write a bit about the impact of Aikido training off the mat, in particular for leadership development. Brooklyn Aikido Center: Hoshinkan Dojo, brooklynaikidocenter.com.” If anyone is in Brooklyn, they should stop by to see Seth and take a class. Jon Ross-Wiley reports that life is good in Greenwich, Connecticut. Aside from family and work, Jon has been training for the upcoming Spartan Race season. “I have joined an online training program that sets me up with the same training as some of the top pro racers in the obstacle course racing world. Hoping for some personal records in 2017!” Jon, we will be cheering you on, during your training and the races. I, Jessica Roberti, am back in the New York City area after a 16-month stint in Houston, Texas. I am living in Hoboken and working at the Children’s Place. It’s great to be back in the area, near friends and family. I actually ran into Laurie Saft Ginsberg over the summer at 16 Handles in Fairfield, just one of the perks of being back in the area! I hope everyone is well and look forward to seeing some of you at our next get-together.

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As you saw, the Fall 2016 Views from the Hill showed that the Class of ’92 is well represented on the Board of Trustees with Niall Ferguson, Greg Tanner and Eric Kutcher all generously volunteering their time. Shay Dvoretzky was back before the Supreme Court, sadly without his longtime mentor Justice Scalia, arguing about appointments to the National Labor Relations Board (the court did not reach a decision before the publication deadline). Shay’s daughter enjoyed playing with Eric Feldman’s child. Jen Daupern Caro continues her work as a surveyor and is still living in the Mount Carmel area of Hamden.

1994
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Greetings, Class of ’94! Dave Migliore has a lot of big news: Last summer, on August 13, 2016, Dave married his wife, Annie, in a ceremony at her sister’s house in Woodbridge, Connecticut. In attendance were Hopkins alums Jeremy Rosner and his wife, Cara, as well as Joel Glassman and his wife, Michelle. Then, Dave and Annie bought a house in Hamden, Connecticut, in early September, and then went on to have a baby, Marco Minh Migliore, on December 7! Dave says, “The last final major achievement was the opening of my own law practice, the Law Offices of David S. Migliore, LLC (www.dsmlawfirm.com), in January.” Congratulations, Dave! Kate Flynn Mooney writes: “There have been some big changes for us this year! After years of living in New York City and then Fairfield County, my husband and I made the decision to move our family to the Nashville area. We moved last August (a couple of days before school began!) and my husband started his own business, BluWave, that serves the private equity industry. We have settled in easily and are really loving our life here so far!”

Thomas Moore has switched jobs: he is now a portfolio manager at Invesco, running their high yield bond fund. He says, “I’m having a ball!” As for me, Dora Chen, in January 2017, I attended the inauguration day protest with Adina Rosenbaum and Leah Cover. Then, Leah and I took our kids to the Women’s March the next day for a memorable weekend of protest. If you would like to serve as Class Secretary with me, please let me or the Alumni/ae Office know!

1995

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Hello, everyone! Luretha and I are excited to have some updates from a number of our classmates. Neil Batiancilla checked in to report that he had a great time connecting with Hopkins alumni at the Philly gathering. He saw Josh Weinstein ‘94, Chaiya Laoteppitaks ‘94, Kate Giordano ’94, Elisa ‘97 and Rob Wygul ’96 and others downtown for the annual get-together. He really enjoyed reconnecting with everyone and there are alumni/ae events in multiple locations across the country. Neil’s family life is going well too. He’s busy running a ten-year fundraising campaign for Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia for really “mind-blowing breakthroughs I get
to raise money for and with three kids, it’s a labor of love.” Annsley Rosner Slawsky checked in to report that she and Greg ’97 moved to a new home in Pelham, New York, and both work for the same company. Their children are 6 and 4 years old. Pete Scalettar has left The Bachelor franchise and is producing his first film, which is set to start production right when his new baby is due. Congrats, Pete, and keep up the hard work! Dennis O’Connor checked in and it’s been awhile since we’ve heard from him. He is married with two kids: Niko (4) and Annie (2). Dennis and his family live in New Hampshire in a really small village in a converted church house. They love it. Town hall, library and elementary school are close to home. His wife, Victoria, has a legal transcription company and for the last year, Dennis has been a stay-at-home dad and coached the local varsity golf team in the fall. He is enjoying parenthood and loving this phase with his kids.

Tina Chen

Greetings all from Philly! I, Tina Chen, am still getting settled into my new place with a few updates and some renovations. I am still working hard on my MSN in Nursing Informatics and look forward to starting my clinicals in the fall. Michael Fasano is continuing to work professionally in theater and entertainment. You can catch him on stage in Irving Berlin’s Louisiana Purchase, playing Off-Broadway on Theatre Row in New York City, February to March 2017. For updates: www.michael-damian-fasano.com. After spending five years in Boston, Emily Ferguson Mason and her family moved down to Nashville, Tennessee, this past fall, where she started a new job at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. Before leaving the Northeast, they spent a great weekend in Connecticut with Amy Levin-Epstein and Lauren Levin-Epstein Odell and their families. That’s all for now! Please join the Facebook group if you haven’t already, and if you’re ever in Philly, drop me a line!

Addison Grace and her big brother, Jack, children of Lindsay McPherson ’99

Thanksgiving. I met up with Steve Testa, Sean Clarke, Candice Norcott ’96 and our fellow classmate Jon Carl. Jon is doing great and still living in Washington, D.C. My family is doing well and I too am truly enjoying this phase of parenthood. Olivia (6) and Luca (4) are growing fast and keep Adelia and me on our toes. Luretha and I hope that everyone is doing well—and please reach out to us if you have an update you’d like to share.

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1997 20th Reunion

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Rob Wiygul ’96 and I, Elisa Beller Wiygul, welcomed Abigail Erica Wiygul on October 24, 2016. We are over the moon and love seeing her learn new things every day and start to smile! A month before she was born, we bought a townhouse in the Bella Vista section of Philadelphia, which is walking distance from lots of cafes, restaurants and other things to keep a new parent sane! Rob remains at the litigation boutique of Hangley Aronchick in Philadelphia, while I am in the Trenton office of the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of New Jersey, when I’m not on maternity leave with Abby. I enjoy running into alums Tina Chen ’98 and Scott Case, and also got together with Dora Chen ’94 when she was in town for the DNC over the summer.

1999

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After years of learning the ropes in the world of high-end design, Yasmin Thornton co-founded Kismet Interiors (kismetinteriorsstudio.com), an online interior design studio, accessible to anyone no matter the distance. Design is her passion and she is thrilled to be running her own business. In her free time (what’s that, I don’t have that, #alternatefacts), Yasmin organized and led a peaceful demonstration in downtown New Haven on November 13 as a response to
that mixes research and design. I, works for the MITRE Corporation in a field and their 14-month-old daughter, Ada. She living in a rural part of Maryland, north of Oemler

SPRING 2017

Catch up!" It's been a while since I've seen many of months). If any fellow classmates find Stamos, on February 9 (joining James, 20 birth of our second son, Weston Bradley and I are beyond thrilled to announce the defense of human and civil rights. Educate people on the most effective way to make their voices heard as citizens, in the defense of human and civil rights. James Wood continues to live in Spain. He was married to Veronica in July and welcomed daughter Chloe on November 13. All three of them are doing well and planning for a November stateside visit. William Clarke Oemler writes that he "has been making memes when he should have been working." Luckily his work as a senior bioinformatics engineer at Blueprint Medicines in Cambridge, Massachusetts, keeps him sufficiently busy as he works in drug discovery and genomic software. When not making memes and saving lives, he zips around Somerville with his wife, Karen, 4-year-old daughter, June, and their dog. John Stamos writes: "Greetings from Chicago! Elizabeth and I are beyond thrilled to announce the birth of our second son, Weston Bradley Stamos, on February 9 (joining James, 20 months). If any fellow classmates find themselves in Chicago, please let me know—it's been a while since I've seen many of you, so it would be great to reconnect and catch up!" Rebecca Scollan is currently living in a rural part of Maryland, north of Baltimore. She lives with her husband, Erich, and their 14-month-old daughter, Ada. She works for the MITRE Corporation in a field that mixes research and design. I, Allison Grady, continue to work for Children's Hospital of Wisconsin in pediatric oncology. My son, Jack, will turn 3 in March and we continue to marvel at his growth and spunk. Highlights of our fall include a visit from the Connecticut grandparents, multiple trips to the local zoo, and an adult trip to Chicago to see Hamilton (it really was as awesome as we expected). Erica Lynn Schwartz writes: Hello, Class of ’99! Well, it's been a great year. Apparently one filled with many folks expanding their families (and the irony is not lost on me, as I get the column together at 38 weeks pregnant with my second), Brian Burns reports, "My wife, Deanne, and I had twin girls (not identical thankfully, lol) on September 28, Mackenzie Denise Burns and Savannah Anne Burns. All are doing great!" Lindsay McPherson Batastini shares, “Matt and I welcomed Addison Grace on January 11, weighing 6 lbs., 6 oz. and measuring 21 inches—exactly the same as her big brother Jack.” Brad Richards writes, “My wife, Jamie, and I, along with our two girls, Macie and Camille, recently relocated from Washington, D.C., to Evergreen, Colorado. We both are maintaining our same jobs, but enjoying a much more relaxed lifestyle. I've also recently joined the Evergreen Fire Department and am enjoying my time split between work, family and serving the community." Kevin Colleran continues to live in Boston with his wife, Erica, and their one-year-old son, Andrew. Kevin recently announced his new venture capital fund, Slow Ventures, tasked with investing nearly $250 million into startup technology companies.

2001

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Hilary Blaker writes, “After living in Madison, Wisconsin, for six years, my husband and I have decided to leave our jobs at Epic to pursue new careers in Washington, D.C.! He accepted an offer with Appian, a company that develops software for app development, and I will be looking to fulfill my dream of working in environmental policy (exact job TBD). I look forward to connecting with anyone from our class who is in the area. Hope you guys are well. Hopefully this move will make it easier to join a reunion or two!”

2002 15th Reunion

Hopkins—June 9 and 10, 2017

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Congratulations to Chris Bellis, who reports, “Baby Moira Ellen Bellis was born at 11:58 pm on January 9, 2017, weighing 8 lbs., 12 oz. and measuring 20.75 inches. Mother Annabelle Jean Lyons and I couldn't be happier to have our one-month-old up in Connecticut this weekend for the 86th birthday of her great-grandfather Marvin Shield Arons ’48 HGS!” And also to Jon Hall, who on October 17, 2016, welcomed Shoshana Sylvie Hall to the world! Cammie Liberty reports, “Brian and I welcomed a son, Samuel Armstrong Liberty, on October 5. He joins 3-year-old Meredith, who is thrilled to be a big sister. Sam is a joy and we are so happy!” Rounding out the crowd, Gayley Woolston reports, “After four-plus years in downtown Stamford, we have recently moved one town over to Darien and bought our first home. Two weeks after moving, we are thrilled to announce the birth of our son, Arthur David Woolston-Piepmeier. Born on February 9 at 10:13 am, Arthur came in the midst of the snowstorm. Bion remains an attorney in Stamford, I joined Mastercard last July, and our daughter, Alice, who recently turned 2, is adjusting to her new role of big sister.” Joe Nadis welcomed Julia May Camille Nadis on November 3, 2016. He reports she is a “chunker.” That is not fair. She is very cute. Uncle Gui Woolston reports that he is “working for a health analytics startup that is based in San Francisco” but because his husband, Zach, “is teaching at Yale, we’re splitting our time, and I’m back in New Haven on a semi-regular basis.” Congratulations to Jason Meizlish, who was married this past March! And after thirteen years of dating, I, Aaron Zelinsky, finally convinced Monica to tie the knot in Baltimore. We had over 20 Hopkins folks in attendance, including Aaron Brozman, Aaron Margolis, John Ibsen, Pete Gallo, Oliva Lindquist, Daphne Evans, Alan Lehrer,
Daniel Solomon and Jon Hall. Naturally, Jacoba Zelinsky Urist ‘94, Joshua Zelinsky and Nathaniel Zelinsky ’09 made an appearance (in the wedding party to boot). Also seen on the dance floor were Micah Margolis ’13, Sophia Chua-Rubenfeld ’11, David Brotman ’06, John Lapides ’67 and Harold Hongju Koh ’71. From Lisa Dunlop: “I’m now living in Toronto, Canada, after many years between New York and Philadelphia. I am engaged to a guy I met in business school at Wharton who happens to be Canadian and I moved up here in September. I’m adjusting to the cold and saying ‘eh?’ I’m still working at Deloitte Consulting, consulting for retail companies.” And now, for Volume VIII of the Great Alphabetical Update: Amanda Evans has recently moved back to the New Haven area where her 2-year-old, Nell, keeps her on her toes. She’s also a proud volunteer at Read to Grow in Branford, a fantastic non-profit dedicated to improving early childhood literacy rates. Danielle Fine reports from across the pond that, “I’m working on my MA in Art Business at Sotheby’s and moved in with my lovely love (a very lovely Brit, ha ha). This is all going toward my career in holocaust claims restitution and provenance research, which I was working on in New York (the SNCF case and settlement most recently).”

Melissa Feldsher is “living in Brooklyn with my husband, Will, who hails from far away New Canaan, Connecticut, and—in weird coincidences—once went to a homecoming dance with Natalie Evans ’01. Having finished my third (and very likely last) presidential campaign for Hillary for America, I’m back working in public opinion research and hanging with Liz Fortune, Katherine Goodrich and Elaine Lou.” Suzanne Forrest reports that she is “still in Boston and am now a first year Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Fellow at Boston Children’s Hospital/Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.”
2003

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What an exciting year our classmates are having. Jeffrey Juger writes from California, "I am currently Director of Business Development for JinkoSolar, the largest solar panel manufacturer in the world. I am also a board director at the Yale School of Management Alumni Association, and my wife and I recently moved into a new house in Campbell, California." Rachel Schwartzman left her firm job to become the Associate General Counsel and Director of Compliance at the University of Bridgeport. She is one of two in-house attorneys for the university and writes, "there’s never any shortage of work!" Katie Josephson Wright traveled to Switzerland for two weeks to attend and speak at a conference on Lake Geneva. As for your class correspondents, Courtney Hart continues to live in Brooklyn and works for Bloomberg Media. Arielle Traub, as a health policy consultant at Manatt Health, continues her work to make healthcare more accessible and affordable to our country’s most vulnerable residents. Arielle also spends her time chasing after her 2-year-old son, Caleb, and recently met up with Julia Israel Edelstein and her son, Joey, for a play date at the Children’s Museum of Manhattan. We love hearing from classmates so keep the news coming! Congratulations are in order to Lee Kozakiewicz Rafsky, who married Adam Rafsky on October 21, 2016, on Cape Cod, Massachusetts. Wedding guests included Hopkins alumni/ae Courtney Hart, Nick Corsano and Annie Kozakiewicz ’05. We also extend our congratulations to Cam Cross, who married Rebecca Giusti on April 29, 2016. Wedding guests included Alex Kuc and Spencer Fry. Cam and Rebecca, who both received their Doctor of Medicine degrees from Oregon Health & Science University in June 2016, are now living in Baltimore, where Cam is an internal medicine resident at Johns Hopkins Bayview. And thanks to Morgan Clark-Coller’s father for this update: "Dr. Morgan Clark-Coller was married to Josh Carbajal in New Orleans, Louisiana, on January 29, 2017, in the courtyard of the New Orleans Pharmacy Museum on Chartres Street in the French Quarter.” Congratulations, Morgan! Diane Mauro Donohue writes, "My husband, Ken, and I just welcomed our new baby, Stella Mae, in October. We are so grateful to have her as a part of our family. She lights up our world! We also just moved back from Connecticut after traveling around the country for my husband’s training. We were in Philly, Houston, Texas, and Cleveland, Ohio. I am a nurse practitioner in internal medicine in Branford and my husband took a job at Yale, and is an orthopaedic hand and upper extremity surgeon. We are excited to be back in the area and close to family again." Congrats, Diane! In more baby news, Jessica Bloomgarden Muse and her husband, Michael, welcomed Molly Ann Muse on October 19, 2016. With that happy news, also comes the sad news of the passing of Jessica’s mom, Jennifer Bloomgarden, on October 25, 2016. We extend our heartfelt condolences to Jessica and the whole Bloomgarden family.

2004

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Happy 2017 from the Class of ’04 Class Secretaries! This time around we’re keeping it short and sweet. Here are the updates from our class. Nate Rosenblatt wrote to us from the U.K., where he is pursuing graduate studies in sociology at Oxford University. Liza Cohen, meanwhile, is living in Boston, working for an urban planning company. Her big project is working with the City of Boston to create a comprehensive transportation plan. Liza has kept in touch with Hopkins classmates and reported the following: “In the spring of 2016, I saw Emily Summers in her brand new apartment in Oakland, California. Much sunnier there.” Alex Bigler is living in New Haven and making her way through her final year at the Yale School of Management. She is looking forward to graduating later this spring. Steven McDonald checked in from New York City, where he is continuing his residency program. “I’m in my third year and the end is in sight,” he wrote. “A year from now I should have a job lined up if all goes according to plan.” So, keep an eye on this column to see where he lands. Christina Sumpio von Poelnitz is also in New York City, where she continues her work as an in-house counsel at the Carlyle Group. Last year she and Demian von Poelnitz were married in New York City with classmates Sophia Lear and Lindsey Scialabba in attendance. Thomas Lipp and Matthew Halgren were married on December 10, 2016, in San Diego, California. The Hopkins crew in attendance included your two class correspondents (Kimmy Lewis and Erin Johnson), Julie Mao, McAllister Windom, Lauren Esaiale and her husband, Christopher Turbert, and Leland Milstein, who served as Thomas’ best man. Much like Liza’s experience in Oakland, we East Coasters found San Diego in December to be much sunnier and more pleasant than the dreary, winter weather we left behind (even if only for a weekend). Erin is still wondering why she didn’t find an excuse to stay out there a bit longer. Once again, we thank all those who wrote in to share their news, and we want to say how great it has been for us to catch up with classmates at Hopkins events over the past couple of months. Looking forward to more updates in our next column and to hopefully seeing some of you soon. Until then!
Jessica Deluca is still living in and loving San Francisco, and she recently started working as a data scientist for the Salesforce Marketing Cloud (formerly Krux Digital).

Adrianna Gatti Der Calousdian is a financial advisor at a boutique investment firm working with executives, divorcees and business owners. She and her husband have two sons, Leo (3) and Nico (1).

Orlaith Carr is working as a small animal veterinarian in Greenwich. Claudia Weis moved to Denver, Colorado, working at a community health center as a family nurse practitioner. She spends lots of time outdoors skiing and hiking. This past June, Dan Glaser married Emma Kate MacHugh, whom he met at our fifth-year Hopkins reunion. Many Hopkins classmates in attendance. Dan works at Yale New Haven Children's Hospital as a pediatrics resident. Dan Sperling is graduating from Emory MBA program in May and works as the Program Director at the Marcus Foundation in Atlanta.

Laura Strittmatter Tadvalkar '05, Alexis Sharpe '06, Amy Schoenfeld Levin '03 and Jill Schoenfeld '09 were bridesmaids at the wedding of Elyse Schoenfeld '05 wedding to Alex Moyer, in April at the Willard Hotel in D.C.

Moyer was married in April to Alex Moyer at the Willard Hotel in Washington, D.C. Amy Schoenfeld Levin ’03 and Jill Schoenfeld ’09 were the matron and maid of honor. Alexis Sharpe ’06 and Laura Strittmatter Tadvalkar were bridesmaids and Claire Russo attended. Elyse is still practicing law in Washington, D.C., now at Mayer Brown. I, Pam Soberman, look forward to an upcoming trip to Los Angeles to visit classmates Kyle Warren, a fancy Hollywood writer, and Louise Cocks, who works at Red Bull doing music marketing and PR. Congratulations to Ozzie Parente for being named Connecticut Soccer Coaches Association Prep School Class L Coach of the Year at Taff School.

Corey Briskin has been enjoying his first year of married life. He continues to work as an assistant district attorney in Nassau County, New York, where he is now prosecuting felony cases. Doug DeLuca continues his work at Tastemade, and now manages production for the company's U.S. studio. Luke Kelly-Clyne continues his work on his IFC television pilot, Camp Success, and in running TV development for CollegeHumor's production company, Big Breakfast. Ben Vinograd is in his second year of a JD/MBA program at UPenn's Wharton School. James Ringgold is an attorney at Loughlin FitzGerald, P.C., in Wallingford. Zoe Grunebaum White continues her studies in Clinical Psychology at Columbia University's Teacher's College. Darius Bittle-Dockery is pursuing his master's in Public Health and a PhD at the University of Pittsburgh. Kate Lupo continues her work as a motivational speaker, author and entrepreneur at her eponymous company and with her site, EntryLevelHollywood.com. Victoria Havlicek continues her work at marketing agency The Syndicate. Eva Wilson is a doctoral candidate at Boston College for her work in Counseling Psychology. Emilie Waters Harris is a science teacher and fencing coach, back home on the Hill, at Hopkins School. Janday Wilson is also in New Haven, enjoying her work as a development and marketing specialist at Continuum of Care. Timothy Howland is living in Washington, D.C., and working as a creative content manager at the National...
Taxpayers Union. Recently married, Nisha Garg is living in New York City, and working at educational consulting firm Education Resource Strategies. Also in New York, Emma Ledbetter is now an editor at Simon & Schuster, and Dr. Alexis Sharpe continues her medical residency at Mount Sinai.

2007 10th Reunion Hopkins—June 9 and 10, 2017 Dana Traub dana.traub@gmail.com

Hadley Brighton is in her third year of medical school in Scranton, Pennsylvania, and enjoying her clinical rotations. Also in graduate school, Eric Emanuelsen moved to Washington, D.C., last summer to attend law school at the Washington College of Law at American University. Nicholas Restifo started a job working for the front office of the Minnesota Timberwolves as a basketball operations analyst. Dana Traub Solomon, recently relocated to the New York City area, living in Hoboken, New Jersey, and is still working at Forrester Research as a senior data insights manager. Ross Hicks graduated from UConn with his MBA a semester early and has moved to West Hartford. He has accepted an offer to join the Operational Effectiveness consulting team at Cigna in Bloomfield, Connecticut, where he’ll focus on knowledge management and data analytics. We hope to see all of you back at Hopkins at our 10th Reunion in June!

2008

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It was great to catch up with Victoria Robinson, Liz Peters and Matt McMorris while we were home in Connecticut in December. They’re doing well, as is everyone who sent in their news this time around. As I settle into the long stretch before February break in my third grade classroom, it’s fun to hear from so many members of our class doing different things around the world. To start with some exciting news, you can send Ben Sperling your congratulations on two accounts—he recently got married in Washington, D.C., and his organization has officially launched Next Generation Women and currently has over 100 students in the programs across Metro Atlanta! Cory Levinson will be living in Russia from February to July of this year. He is taking a sabbatical from his job at SoundCloud to get in a different headspace, and will be attending Strelka Institute’s post-grad research program in Moscow. This year’s program, led by design theorist Benjamin Bratton, is called “The New Normal” and has a focus on intersections of technology, politics, design and urbanism. After working for the Obama Administration and seeing Hopkins friends like Ben Watsky and Dan Paltiel ’09 in Washington, D.C., Julian Gewirtz is finishing his doctorate at Oxford, studying modern Chinese history. His book, Unlikely Partners: Chinese Reformers, Western Economists, and the Making of Global China, was published by Harvard University Press in January. Ariel Dobkin is graduating from Yale Law School this May, and will be moving to New York to clerk for a year. After backpacking through Europe last year, Nancy Monaco is happy to be back in Boston teaching English, Spanish and AP World History at Roxbury Prep High School. When she has free time these days, she is reading, writing, protesting, calling senators to express concerns over the current state of our nation, and sometimes practicing her guitar. Dan Peckham returned to school this year at the Harvard Kennedy School’s Master of Public Policy graduate program. After finishing up next year, he hopes to continue working on environmental issues around the U.S. Brian Weisman lives in Murray Hill in Manhattan. He works for a hedge fund heading up fundamental analysis of companies in financial distress, in bankruptcy, that are corrupt/fraudulent, and in other special situations. Courtney Woolston is still living in New York City and recently adopted an adorable dog named Otto from a rescue in Brooklyn. Evan Pivazyan is continuing to work on a PhD in Gender Studies and is teaching at Rutgers University. Clara Kiely is about to graduate from Washington University in St. Louis with a master’s in Social Work. Last October, Gigi Clark left ESPN New York and The Michael Kay Show for a nighttime freelance social media coordinator position with MLB and NHL Networks in Secaucus, New Jersey. After 90 days, they officially added her to the staff full-time, which means she’s landed her dream job and will get to spend the summer getting paid to watch the Mets (and every other baseball team) and tweeting, as well as working with talent to create social content! Gigi also worked closely with an organization in Jersey City called WomenRising that provides shelter, job training and motherhood training for women who come from at-risk situations. She was able to raise quite a bit of money for them in response to the New York Giants’ situation with kicker Josh Brown, and is inspired to continue to create positive change for women in Jersey City.

2009

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Peter Fedak is working in Mountain View, California, at a tech startup and celebrated his one-year wedding anniversary with his wife, Liz, who is in the second year of a PhD program. Luke Lamar is in his third year of medical school at UConn and is in the midst of applying to pediatric residencies across the country. Becca Bagnall started a new job this school year working as the guidance counselor at Marblehead High School, after working as the Director of Guidance and College Counseling at an all-girls private school the previous school year. She is living in Boston with friends from Boston College. Tiffany Gagnon recently moved from Manhattan to Stamford with her new puppy, a Cavapoo named Lucy. She started working for Indeed
in their Client Support Department. **Hannah McIntire** had a busy 2016. She celebrated her Somali wedding ceremony with husband Abas Noor in early May last year at Macalester College, where the two met. They held their legal ceremony in their current city, Providence, Rhode Island, in September. She graduated with a master’s in Education Policy and Management from Harvard Graduate School of Education last spring and is leading initiatives for refugee and immigrant families at Dorcas International Institute of Rhode Island.

**2010**

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**Ashley Reidy** ran the 2016 New York City Marathon! She spent New Year’s with **Norah Wallace**. **Molly Levine, Allie Briskin, Matt Weber, Lily Philben, Dan Shank** and **Connor Kistler** in Stratton, Vermont, skiing. **Maggie Grimes** was promoted to Audit Associate at Verus Financial, where she has been working since graduating from Trinity. She is traveling back to Paris, where she studied abroad in the spring of 2013. **Franklin Quan** is in his third year at UConn Medical School, and is looking forward to starting the residency application process. **Allie Briskin** is a senior media manager at 360i, working on the Fossil and NBC brands. She is planning to attend business school to obtain an MBA in the fall of 2017. **Jung-Eun Lee** is working for PwC Boston as an assurance associate, living in the Boston area. **Molly Levine** was promoted to Account Executive at communications agency High10 Media, representing clients such as *The Hill*, *The Hollywood Reporter* and menswear brand Mizzen+Main, among others. This fall, she had the pleasure of working on Amazon Studio’s original series *Good Girls Revolt*, based on a novel by Lynn Povich, starring talent like Anna Camp and Hunter Parrish. This coming spring, she will search for a new roommate if fellow classmate **Allie Briskin** leaves her for B-School! **Miles Adams** moved to San Francisco in September to pursue a new job in finance, specifically in shareholder activism and investor relations. He is enjoying the culture of working at a small company and taking advantage of life in northern California by skiing most weekends or doing some hiking. He would love to meet up with any Hopkins alumni/ae in the area!

**2011**

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Members of the Class of 2011 have had an eventful start to 2017! **Aishah Jenkins** bought a house, had a baby, and will be getting married later this year. Congratulations, Aishah! **Natalie Daitonis** celebrated her one-year anniversary with her cat, Fergus. Since August 2015, **Sophie Skoggard** has been living in a small rural village in Botswana, serving as a Peace Corps volunteer working on health education, gender equality and youth development. **Sammie Scheer** and **Sarah Frear** visited her in April 2016 for a pretty epic Hopkins reunion in rural Botswana. Fellow Hoya **Sam Greco** still lives in the Washington, D.C., area where he sees **Jerrod Dobkin** often. They were happy to have been visited recently by **Andrew Kraus**, who joined them in the city to attend the 50th Presidential Inauguration. **Emma Gleeman** has been learning a lot this year while working as a grassroots organizer in the program Green Corps, rotating through different campaign placements with environmental and public interest nonprofits. So far, she has organized a youth voter registration drive on the campus of Cal State Long Beach, lived in Des Moines to work with Iowa farmers and landowners standing up against the abuse of eminent domain in the construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline, and recently moved to Nashville to work on a campaign with the Wilderness Society to pressure Tennessee’s senators to defend the U.S.’s key public land legislation against attacks in Congress. She is having a blast living in Music City so far, but thinks SoCal beats everything else. Back on the East Coast, **Drew Kelly** is working in New York and living in Midtown. His youngest brother graduated from Hopkins last year. Also in Manhattan, **Nora Thompson** started a new job at Stephen Petronio Company, a modern dance company in New York. **Devyn Curley** will be graduating over the summer from Tufts (again) but this time with a Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering. He is about to start data collection for his thesis, analyzing the benefits of robotic pets for children with higher functioning autism in an education setting. He enjoys combining his technical skills in robotics with all of his experience working with kids. The mechanical aspect of his thesis involves customizing the behavioral code of a robot to better fit the classroom context. It’s been an amazing project, involving a month of hands-on research in Panama and presenting data at a conference in Barcelona. Unfortunately, his years of Latin with Mr. Harpin didn’t quite transfer over well to Spanish, but he made do. Outside of school, he is really happy with the progress he’s seen managing STOMP, an engineering education outreach group focused at the elementary school level—classroom numbers have increased by 40% in two years! In his free time, he is stretching the reaches of his artistic comfort zone with everything from writing fiction to trying not to cut his fingers off while wood-carving. **Shreyas Ramani** is finishing up his master’s program in health informatics at Michigan. Last summer, he completed an internship in Cape Town, and then traveled through India and Europe. He is currently looking for a job as a data analyst in the healthcare sector.
2012 5th Reunion
Hopkins—June 9 and 10, 2017
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The Class of 2012 has had an exciting fall and winter, as many of us are beginning our careers with new jobs and adventures. Nicole Wolfe is currently teaching in Chelsea, Massachusetts, at Shore Educational Collaborative, a school that offers educational programs for students with disabilities, ages 3–22. She is the lead teacher in a room for high schoolers with developmental disabilities. Robbie Emmet is really enjoying Seattle and graduate school at University of Washington. He is also doing lots of hiking and trying to get some poems published. Brian Astrachan is having fun in Chicago where he is a business development manager at HealthJoy. He is also still working on the physical rehab technique and should have an exciting update on that for the next class notes. Erika Trapp has been keeping busy since commissioning. She graduated from the Army Field Artillery School and Airborne School. She is assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division and is currently working as a fire support officer for an infantry company. She will not be able to attend our reunion, because she will be on her first deployment by that time. Jay Sullivan just started a Fulbright English Teaching Assistant Grant through the State Department in Malaysia and will likely still be there during reunion. Leslie Brunker is enjoying her second year of veterinary school at Cornell and will also be off to Army Veterinary Corps duties this summer, sadly missing our reunion. Andrew Nitirouth is putting medical school plans on hold to DJ and pursue music full time in Boston. He has been using it as a way to raise money for a couple of nonprofits (both during college and after graduating). He currently has a weekly residency at the local Tufts bar where a portion of each night’s proceeds goes toward the Jimmy Fund at Dana Farber Cancer Institute. The whole class is excited to celebrate our 5th Reunion on June 10, 2017, and everyone who is available should attend!

2015
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This issue marks two years since we all gathered on the hallowed grounds of Hopkins School for the last time as a complete group, graduation. As everyone in the Class of 2015 continues to excel in and out of the classroom, it is always nice to hear what everyone has been up to. After a very busy and exciting fall term in Hanover, Morgan Quental spent her winter trimester in Paris. She was on a Dartmouth study abroad program studying French history, art history, literature, language and culture and lived with a host family. Isabel Balcezak traveled to Iceland over her winter break and swam in the blue lagoon. Another international traveler was John Josephson, who worked full-time in Japan for an open source engineering firm for six months. Bethany Hecht is going to Israel for her birthright this summer. Jaret Poliner is an active member of Columbia’s fencing team and writes for Columbia’s school newspaper. Also at Columbia, Jake Poliner made the varsity baseball team this year and will be playing middle infield for the Lions. Close to home, Kamsi Nwangwu is still a member of the Yale football team, who finished their season with their first win against Harvard, ending Harvard’s nine game winning streak in that historic rivalry. He is also a peer tutor for chemistry and planning to potentially do a fellowship this summer involving kidney research. Walker Schneider has decided to switch sports, trying his hand at rugby this year. Alex Liu played as the number four on the squash team at Haverford. Will Pitkin was elected as Recruitment Chair for his fraternity at Colgate; he also plays both club lacrosse and club rugby. Also in upstate New York, at Union, I, Griffin Smith, am the Intramural Chair of my fraternity, and joined the student investment fund, which manages $400,000 of the school’s endowment. In November Jenne Blanco competed in California at a national level as the Miss Southern New England teen. Since then she has been able to do a lot of community service by representing the Foundation for Life, specifically an event called Bikes for Kids. Lucy Peterson was selected with a group of six other girls to travel the country representing Wake Forest University Panhellenic as the VP of Community Development on the executive council. Margie Lewis is the Director of Target Membership Marketing for her sorority, and she shadowed at Atlantic Records in New York City for a day over winter break. At Boston University, Sydney Girasole is the Director of Fundraising for Delta Gamma. She also works as a sighted running guide for a blind woman in Boston. Leah Salzano marched in the women’s march in Washington, D.C. She is also part of an Animal Justice Advocates Club that is organizing a visit from the President of the National Humane Society to UVa. As an active member of college Democrats and activism movements at Vanderbilt, Vikram Chaudhuri is enjoying his sophomore year. Alex McMahon accepted an internship to work at McLagan Partners in Stamford over the summer. During the fall semester at Yale, Davey Proctor used the knowledge he gained from Dr. Gries at Hopkins to work as a TA for CS50’s online course, which supplemented the advanced placement curriculum that his team developed last summer. This summer, Noah Gelles plans to work as a business analyst at a luxury consulting firm in New York City. Olivia Crow worked as a campaign intern in the fall for Jason Kander, who ran for U.S. Senate, and she is interning at a law firm in New York City during the summer. Noah Rennert is campaigning with his environmental justice club to get Washington University to divest its endowment from fossil fuels, and
is advocating for people in St. Louis who are dealing with problems associated with environmental irresponsibility. The University of Connecticut gave Akhil Choudhary a grant to travel on a weeklong research trip in October. Johanan Knight is singing with the Yale glee club in South Africa during the beginning of the summer. Maraya Clark is currently involved in a developmental psychology research lab. She is working with a professor for official research on the language development of children with autism and also enjoys ballroom dancing and has advanced to the bronze level. In Washington, D.C., Mairead O’Brien teaches SAT math to local high schoolers and is on the varsity sailing team. It is always nice to hear how our fellow members of the Class of 2015 are doing and we encourage everyone to send in submissions to us for our next issue.

2016

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Six months out from graduation, the members of the Class of 2016 are settling into their post-Hopkins lives. A number of people in our class elected to take a gap year, traveling the world, learning, and working for great causes. Maya Zanger-Nadis writes to us: “I’m on my gap year, studying at Midreshet Ein Hanatziv, which is located on Kibbutz Ein Hanatziv, a religious kibbutz in the northern region of Israel. I’m having a great time!” Serena Kleeman and Maeve Flaherty backpacked from Hungary to Spain together, working on organic farms. Serena is spending the second half of her gap year interning in Sweden on a television crime show, and Maeve is attending a writer’s retreat in Ireland and exploring the British Isles. Philip Genanakoplos writes: “I’ve lived in France, toured Europe, got certified to be a ski instructor with Evan Pham, and I currently work in Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro’s office, in veterans’ affairs. Most of the veterans I work with are avid Republicans, and it makes for an interesting perspective when every day I try to get money, healthcare and benefits for die-hard Trump fans, most of whom in fact support Rosa, a Democrat, because of our work with veterans.” Omari Caldwell spent the first six months of his gap year in Santiago de los Caballeros, the second-largest city in the Dominican Republic. There, he tutored kids from low-income families. He sent us a philosophical note to ponder: “Los americanos viven a trabajar. Los dominicanos trabajan a vivir. Americans live to work and Dominicans work to live.” In the Dominican they have a greater appreciation for life and human emotions. They all have high levels of emotional intelligence. Someone always asks about how you are.” Others in the class are settling into their new colleges and beginning to involve themselves with various groups. At the time of this writing, most are starting their second semesters in college. Nik Zarikos is studying economics/business at William and Mary, competing for the Division 1 W&M Tribe men’s track team, whose season starts in March. He is also pursuing possible research opportunities in applied math/data science. Cameron Morris is on the club lacrosse team and is involved with the WFUV radio station at Fordham University. Evan Cheng is a tutor at Youth Outreach Undergraduates Reshaping Success (YOURS) at Cornell. Simon Doss-Gollin plays club squash at Yale. Lynn Liu is involved in many activities at MIT. She is about to be a certified EMT; volunteering with the MIT ambulance; she is a research intern at the Koch Institute for Integrative Cancer Research; she is involved with Women Business Leaders; she is a member of the Sigma Kappa sorority; and she plays club volleyball. Emmanuel Chinyumba, a newly initiated brother of Alpha Delta Phi, took his Hilltopper school spirit and transferred it to the Huskies and is now the first tour guide at UConn to be hired as a freshman. Grant Young is an active member of three orchestras on campus at Yale. He will be going on tour with the Yale Symphony Orchestra this summer for two weeks in Russia. Matt Spence works for CrimsonEMS, the emergency medical service at Harvard. Eric Kong was recently hired to be a tutor at the Math Resource Center at Brown. Tiger Lu is on the club soccer team at Brandeis. Lauren Antonelli “switched her field of study and is no longer Hopkins’ oldest and only comedy writing and performance major. Do not fret, though, because she is pursuing an equally unrealistic career path (creative nonfiction writing) at her same art school, Columbia College Chicago.” As you can see, the Class of 2016 continues to make an impact wherever they go in the world and looks forward to keeping the Hopkins community updated, until next time!

Correction to Class Notes, Fall 2016

In the 1990 column, we incorrectly spelled the name of Lynne Patton, Class of 1991.
Births

1991
Siyana and Andrew Huszar welcomed Teya Sofia Huszar on November 13, 2016

1994
Annie and Dave Migliore welcomed Marco Minh Migliore on December 7, 2016

1995
Wayne and Luretha Tolson welcomed Rowan Major Tolson on January 25, 2017

1997
Rob Wiygul ’96 and Elisa Beller Wiygul ’97 welcomed Abigail Erica Wiygul on October 24, 2016

1999
Deanne and Brian Burns welcomed twin girls, Mackenzie and Savannah Burns, on September 28, 2016
Veronica Lopez and James Wood welcomed Chloe Elizabeth on November 13, 2016
Elizabeth and John Stamos welcomed Weston Bradley Stamos on February 9, 2017
Matt and Lindsay McPherson Batastini welcomed Addison Grace on January 11, 2017

2002
Chris Bellis and Annabelle Jean Lyons welcomed Moira Ellen Bellis on January 9, 2017
Brian and Cammie Liberty welcomed Samuel Armstrong Liberty on October 5, 2016
Mia and Jonathan Hall welcomed Shoshana Sylvie Hall on October 17, 2016
Rebecca and Joe Nadis welcomed Julia May Camille Nadis on November 3, 2016
Edward Piepmeier and Gayley Woolston welcomed Arthur David Woolston-Piepmeier on February 9, 2017

2003
Ken and Diane Mauro Donohue welcomed Stella Mae Mac Donohue on October 6, 2016
Michael and Jessica Bloomgarden Muse welcomed Molly Ann Muse on October 19, 2016

2007
Dana Traub Solomon and Garhett Solomon on October 30, 2016
Corey Schwartz and Carolyn Siegel Schwartz on October 9, 2016

2008
Ariel Levin and Ben Sperling on March 4, 2017

2009
Abas Noor and Hannah McIntire on September 10, 2016

Marriages

1985
Barth McNeil and Marice Dorsey on January 15, 2017

1994
Annie and Dave Migliore on August 13, 2016

1999
James Wood and Veronica Lopez on July 23, 2016

2002
Monica Mix and Aaron Zelinsky on January 22, 2017

2003
Lee Kozakiewicz Rafsky and Adam Rafsky on October 21, 2016
Cam Cross and Rebecca Giusti on April 29, 2016
Lee Kozakiewicz Rafsky and Adam Rafsky on October 21, 2016

2004
Thomas Lipp and Matthew Halgren on December 10, 2016
Christina Sumpio and Demian von Poelnitz on April 9, 2016

2005
Dan Glaser and Emma Kate MacHugh on June 12, 2016
Alex Moyer and Ellyse Schoenfeld Moyer on April 9, 2016

2007
Lee Kozakiewicz Rafsky and Adam Rafsky on October 21, 2016

In Memoriam

Charles E. Huntington ’37 HGS
d. January 2, 2017

Ellen Deming Small ’39 PHS
d. July 15, 2016

Irving R. Versoy ’42 HGS
d. June 21, 2016

M.W. “Bud” Perrine ’45 HGS
d. November 16, 2016

Sally Phelps Waite ’46 DPH
d. February 5, 2017

Edwin Joseph Curran ’47 HGS
d. January 1, 2017

Richard A. Mason ’47 HGS
d. February 28, 2016

Nancy Gaylord ’57 PHS
d. December 31, 2016

Robin “Rob” Haeseler ’59 HGS
d. January 16, 2017

Seth Michael Pearson ’64 HGS
d. May 11, 2016

Kenneth “Fella” Wynne ’68 HGS
d. May 6, 2016
The Chronicles of the Goat Mascot

BY JEFFREY GU ’18, EDITOR-AT-LARGE, AND SARAH ROBERTS ’20

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THE PROMINENCE OF THE GOAT has defined human history for centuries. “How is this?” you might ask. “Aren’t those silly, bleating animals just for viral ‘Taylor Swift’ videos?” To those unpatriotic individuals, I say, “Hircus caprarum rex!” Goat is king!

In Roman times, the mighty goat was symbolic of religious sacrifice to the almighty gods. Our sixteenth president, Abraham Lincoln, loved goats. His young son, Tad, would often harness Nanny and Nanko to a cart and ride through the White House on this “chariot.”

Still not convinced of the momentous influence of the goat? In Ethiopian legend, goats discovered the coffee plant. Around 750 AD, goat herder Kaldi noticed that, after eating the berries of a certain tree, his goats became so energetic that they began jumping and did not sleep at night. Kaldi brought the berries to a monastery, where the beans were inexplicably roasted, ground, and mixed with hot water into the world’s first known “Cup of Joe.”

We’re glad you’re on board now. So how did such a contributive and fantastic beast become the embodiment of the Hopkins spirit? Students on The Hill have some theories, some descended from parents, some from alumni/ae, and others, such as Donasia Gray ’18, learned simply “through the grapevine.”

According to Gray’s theory, “In 1990, Hopkins was short a mascot. When we went to the store the only costume they had left was a goat.” Zaryah Gordin ’19 hypothesizes, “When Hopkins first came to [the Forest Road campus], there were a bunch of goats on the property that wouldn’t leave, so we built around them. The goats ultimately left, but we wanted to honor them.”

While theories often merit great stories, the truth of how the goat came to The Hill can ultimately be attributed to Tom Peters, a member of the History Department and the School Archivist. He was able to provide insight into the origin of the goat as Hopkins’ mascot. Back in 1995, when he was a Head Advisor for the Junior School, the Development Office asked Peters to incorporate the Junior School in Homecoming. “Since other classes were already doing burgers and drinks and chips and candy, I had to try and find something else,” said Peters.

Peters came up with the idea of finding a mascot with which they could charge people to take pictures. There was a student in the eighth grade at the time whose family had a farm and a goat. “I was able to get her father to allow us to have Sable the goat as our token Hilltopper,” said Peters. “I began to think about what else climbs mountains, so I thought mountain goats but I knew I couldn’t get a big mountain goat with curly horns, so I was willing to settle for a goat-goat,” explained Peters.

When word got out that Hopkins was going to have a live goat at Homecoming, the Hopkins Student Council decided to boost school spirit by having someone dress up as the mascot at school events. According to a 1995 Razor article, “Goat Fever Infects The Hill,” the present-day goat attire was custom-made in 1995, and implemented during the winter season of that same year.

While the goat costume and the living, breathing mammal itself were introduced relatively recently, the idea of The Hilltopper has been existent since the early 1950s. Beginning in 1945, a struggle began as to how Hopkins would refer to itself. From 1952 until 1955, the Hopkins “team name” shifted between The Maroon and Grey, the Lovell Men, the Hopkins Grammar School, and The Hilltoppers, with the school settling on The Hilltoppers in 1956. Hopkins was then continuously referred to as The Hilltoppers, which although alluding to a goat, would not have a physical embodiment until 1995, when Tom Peters would introduce Sable at Homecoming.

Over time, the mascot has taken on different meanings for students and faculty. Hopkins alumnus ’88 and current English teacher Ian Melchinger said, “Maybe the ‘Hilltopper’ reminds us that we enjoy incredible privilege and luxury up here, and that we owe our city the perspective and generosity that comes from living on top.” It’s a message the school can get behind.
# Hopkins Reunion 2017

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Save the date for **Alumni/ae Weekend 2018** for classes ending in 3 and 8  
**May 11–12, 2018**