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Members of Trinity College's men's club Rugby Team take to the field for a game against Williams College at Hartford's Colt Park in October 2016. The Bantams came out on top 47-10 and went on to go 10-0 this past fall, winning the East Coast championship and securing a spot in the National Small College Rugby Organization Challenge Cup to be held in Cheswick, Pennsylvania, in April. Trinity will face Bethel College of Indiana in a semifinal matchup. Trinity's team, open to any interested male students, is part of the College's Recreation Program, which offers nearly two dozen club teams, several intramural squads, a variety of group fitness classes, and an active outdoor education program. The latter includes two weekly events and a larger trip each year. This past winter break, the College took a backpacking and canoeing trip to Big Bend National Park in Texas. Photo: John Atashian
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ON THE COVER
Marissa Boyers Bluestine ‘89, legal director
of the Pennsylvania Innocence Project,
outside Philadelphia’s City Hall

PHOTO: ED CUNICELLI
ALONG THE WALK
ON A MISSION

Trinity College’s new mission statement, approved by the Board of Trustees in October 2016, reflects the evolving vision, values, and educational goals of the institution. The updated mission statement is meant to emphasize the traditional strength of the liberal arts education at Trinity as well as what makes the College distinctive, and it serves as the anchor for Trinity’s strategic planning process.

“Trinity’s new mission statement is both inspirational and aspirational,” said President and Trinity College Professor of Neuroscience Joanne Berger-Sweeney. “This mission represents the core values that Trinity College has held for almost 200 years. It binds us in a common purpose of learning, service, and community.”

The new mission statement is the product of a nine-month process that began with input from the trustees during their January 2016 retreat and continued with faculty, staff, and students during on-campus focus groups in spring 2016. Tim Cresswell, dean of the faculty and vice president for academic affairs, and Susan Masino, Vernon Roosa Professor of Applied Science, were charged with synthesizing the recommendations from the various groups into draft statements. These drafts were presented to the Trinity community, including the National Alumni Association Executive Board, for reflection and feedback. More than 500 people provided input throughout the process.

“The mission statement will be our North Star for the College throughout our strategic planning process,” said Berger-Sweeney.

In early 2016, Berger-Sweeney announced the beginning of that process, guided by the Bicentennial Strategic Planning Commission, to shepherd Trinity toward its 200th anniversary in 2023.

TRINITY COLLEGE MISSION STATEMENT


As the preeminent liberal arts college in an urban setting, Trinity College prepares students to be bold, independent thinkers who lead transformative lives.

WE ENGAGE.

We foster critical, reflective engagement with scholarship and the creative arts as well as with one another and the wider world. Our location in Connecticut’s capital offers excellent opportunities for engagement beyond the classroom in internships, student research, and community learning.

WE CONNECT.

We link students, faculty, and staff to form a diverse community of learning. The connections of Hartford and Trinity College engage students as global citizens in the wider world, and a network of devoted alumni provide lifelong opportunities for Trinity graduates.

WE TRANSFORM.

We combine the liberal arts with life in a diverse city, enabling students to learn what they love, to build confidence, and to become leaders and innovators. We support all members of our community in achieving their potential and in moving forward with the skills to navigate and transform a dynamic world.

Trinity College is where the liberal arts meet the real world.
**ALONG THE WALK**

**TWO MORE FULBRIGHTS**

Two recent Trinity College graduates have each been awarded an English Teaching Assistantship (ETA) through the Fulbright U.S. Student Program. Katherine Gagen ’16 will soon start a year in Argentina assisting an English professor at a teacher’s college and completing an independent project, while Josh Frank ’16 has already begun his nearly yearlong stint teaching English to students in Malaysia. The two join Alex Suarez ’16, who started his ETA in Mongolia in summer 2016.

Originally from Newton, Massachusetts, Gagen, who leaves for Argentina in March, completed double majors in Hispanic studies and urban studies and spent three semesters in study-away programs: two in Buenos Aires and one in Shanghai. She said it was this time abroad, coupled with her experiences in Hispanic studies, that most inspired her to pursue a Fulbright.

Gagen said she is still considering her career options. Prior to being named a Fulbright recipient, she had planned to teach English in Colombia. She said that plan isn’t off the table for after her Fulbright year, but she is also considering graduate school programs related to urban sustainability and development. As an ETA, she said, “I would love to help create more opportunities for students to better their socioeconomic backgrounds, gain important life skills, and facilitate learning experiences.”

Frank came to Trinity through the Posse Foundation and majored in political science. Originally from Brooklyn, New York, Frank is a first-generation college student. His family arrived in the United States in the 1990s from Guyana, a small country in the northern mainland of South America. Frank said he hopes to experience Malaysia’s rich culture, which he says is reminiscent of his parents’ homeland. According to Frank, both are places “where many races coexist with one another in a remarkable and unique ecosystem.”

After his return in November, Frank intends to apply to Schwarzman Scholars, a one-year master’s degree initiative in China, for which he was a semifinalist in the program’s inaugural year. He is also thinking about applying to the University of Virginia School of Law and Harvard Law School. “It will be difficult,” Frank said of his ambitions, “but this is certainly an affirmation that reaching for your dreams can yield amazing opportunities.”

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**PETER B’S BECOMES LUKE’S DINER FOR A DAY**

A quick stop for coffee on campus took a bit longer on a day back in October, as fans of the comedy-drama television show Gilmore Girls packed into Peter B’s Espresso café to take part in a promotional event involving 200 coffee shops across the nation.

Kelly Vaughan ’17, a Peter B’s manager and barista, said that Trinity’s Peter B’s was one of just two cafés in Connecticut enlisted by Netflix to promote its Gilmore Girls revival miniseries, A Year in the Life, by handing out 250 free cups of coffee, courtesy of Netflix. Vaughan and fellow baristas embraced the chance to turn Peter B’s into Luke’s Diner, the regular hangout of characters Lorelai and Rory Gilmore.

Dressed in flannel shirts and backward baseball caps (just like Luke in Gilmore Girls), Peter B’s staff served coffee in Luke’s branded coffee cups and welcomed visitors who traveled from across the state, including from East Haven, Durham, and Clinton, as well as from Springfield, Massachusetts, to share in the experience. A reporter from Fox 61 stopped by to report on the event and to interview Vaughan and other Trinity students.

Set mostly in the fictional Connecticut town of Stars Hollow, Gilmore Girls ran for seven seasons between 2000 and 2007. Vaughan noted that she happened to have binge-watched all episodes of the show over the summer and quickly became a fan. The four-part miniseries was released in November on Netflix.
All along the walk, new trustees named

Five new trustees joined the Trinity College Board of Trustees in July 2016. Four of the new trustees are alumni, and three are parents of current students or recent alumni. They are:

Scott C. Butera ’88, P’18, ’20 of Las Vegas, Nevada, commissioner of the Arena Football League

Steven A. Elmendorf ’82 of Washington, D.C., co-founder and partner of Subject Matter, a strategic communications and government relations consulting firm in Washington, D.C.

Elizabeth “Liz” Elting ’87 of New York City, co-founder and co-CEO of TransPerfect, the world’s largest privately held provider of language services and technology solutions

Pamela D. McKoin P’15 of Stamford, Connecticut, vice president of business development at Cornerstone Real Estate Advisers

Richard W. “Rick” Wagner ’83, P’18 of Cambridge, Massachusetts, founder, president, and CEO of X-Chem, Inc.; founder and board member of X-Rx, Inc. and Xios, Inc.

For bios of all current trustees, please visit commons.trincoll.edu/Reporter.

Correction/Fall 2016: The caption for 2016 Reunion photo number 8 misidentified one of the people pictured. Gerald Antoine ’11 is at the far right of the photo with his classmates.
RAETHER RETURNS

Paul E. Raether ’68, H’14, P’93, ’96, ’01 returned to campus in October 2016 to discuss how his liberal arts experience at Trinity, including his history major, prepared him for his highly successful career on Wall Street. He was joined in conversation by Jason Kelly, the New York bureau chief of Bloomberg News.

A member of Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. (KKR), a multinational private investment equity firm in New York City, Raether is one of Trinity’s most committed alumni; his extensive involvement has been recognized with the highest honors given by the College. He served on Trinity’s Board of Trustees for 25 years and was the College’s longest-serving board chairman, holding that position from 2002 through 2014.

Students drawn to the conversation between Raether and Kelly in Mather Hall’s Washington Room were members of Trinity’s Investment Club as well as those who participate in the Career Development Center’s Summit to Wall Street program. Many who introduced themselves to Raether noted their interest in a career in the financial sector. Others let him know that they are history majors, as was he.

A Denver native, Raether participated in sports at Trinity, including soccer, baseball, and skiing, and was a member of Psi Upsilon. Raether and his wife, Wendy, are the parents of three Trinity alumnae: Elissa, Alexa, and Cara.

In advance of his Common Hour talk, Raether visited over lunch with a group of about 15 scholars, including recipients of Raether Scholarships as well as Presidential Scholars, 1823 Scholars, Kelter Scholars, and QuestBridge Scholars.

PAN AM SQUASH

Trinity College hosted the 24th Pan American Squash Championships at the George A. Kellner Squash Center from September 18 to 24, and Bantam Head Men’s Squash Coach Paul Assaiante coached the U.S. team to gold medals in the women’s individual and the men’s and women’s team tournaments.

The Pan American Squash Federation encompasses squash-playing nations in the Caribbean and North, Central, and South America. Andres Vargas ’11, a former Trinity All-American men’s player and assistant coach, organized the event for US Squash.

“We were so very excited to have the Pan American Federation Games come to the United States for the first time,” said Assaiante, the Paul D. Assaiante Associate Professor of Physical Education. “It is also exciting to showcase Hartford, Capitol Squash, and, of course, Trinity College.”

More than 100 of the region’s top professional players from 12 countries participated in the championships. Former and current Trinity players competing were Chris Binnie ’12 (Jamaica), Alexia Echeverria ’17 (El Salvador), Andrea Echeverria ’12 (El Salvador), Nayelly Hernandez ’10 (Mexico), Pamela Larromana ’12 (El Salvador), Nku Patrick ’19 (Jamaica), Catalina Pelaez ’14 (Colombia), Fernanda Rocha ’07 (Argentina), and Juan Vargas ’16 (Colombia).

Hernandez and Pelaez reached the women’s singles quarterfinals, with Pelaez defeating her fellow Bantam in that round before losing to American champion Marian Kamal in the semifinals. Hernandez also was a women’s doubles finalist, and Pelaez was a mixed doubles finalist.
AROUND HARTFORD

Flavors from around the world can be found within walking distance of the Trinity College campus at **Pancitos**, formerly known as Roma Bakery. Co-owner and baker Madeleine Loyola showcases her Peruvian roots with an array of Latin American specialties while continuing to feature familiar Italian treats offered for decades by Roma's previous owners. Popular menu items such as empanadas, tres leches cake, and soft Peruvian alfajores cookies made with dulce de leche are served alongside pizza, light and crispy angel wings, and arancini (Italian stuffed rice balls). Nearly everything — including a variety of artisan breads — is baked fresh from scratch. Loyola also makes specialty cakes and does catering. Pancitos is the perfect place to pick up a coffee or smoothie with breakfast, to get a pork sandwich or tamale for lunch, and to enjoy desserts and ice cream anytime. Follow @ReporterAroundHartford on Instagram for more photos.
In the spring of his junior year at Trinity College, George Simonian ’49 started wondering why there wasn’t a place for students who lived on campus to have some coffee, play bridge, and socialize after hours. This prompted him to poke around the basement of Hamlin Hall, where he found a large storage room that was not being fully utilized. Then, Simonian said, “I approached the powers that be, along with Harvey Bingham ’49 and Whitey Epps ’49 [and] with the support of the popular Northam Professor of History, Emeritus, Dr. George B. Cooper, to get permission to clean up the closet and get some tables and chairs. Since I was well liked by the professional kitchen crew, I had access to a pot of hot coffee and fixings every weekday night. The very first night I invited our ‘gang’ down to the room, I called it the Cave.” Simonian says that from there, the Cave grew, “and it seems we left a legacy.”

In the almost seven intervening decades, the Cave — since 1960 located in the Mather Hall basement — has expanded and continued to be a favorite meeting spot for students. In the summer of 2016, the Cave underwent a renovation that better celebrates Trinity colors, highlights traditional features of the College’s architecture, and embodies the cozy, collegiate feeling that alumni like George Simonian fondly recall. The renovation was in part inspired and overseen by the Campaign for Community, a student-led initiative to promote respect, inclusion, and collaboration throughout campus. Students from the Campaign recognized the Cave’s potential to combine the academic and social spheres for all members of the community. The updated Cave, though in essence still familiar to alumni, is emblematic of what it means to belong to Trinity’s tightly knit liberal arts community in the 21st century.
NEW VP FOR COMMUNICATIONS, MARKETING

Angela Paik Schaeffer has joined the Trinity College community as vice president for communications and marketing. Reporting to the president, Schaeffer, who arrived at Trinity in January, is responsible for oversight and management of communications, messaging, marketing, and branding activity for the College.

Schaeffer comes to Trinity from Williams College in Williamstown, Massachusetts, where she served as chief communications officer. In a September 2016 announcement to the Trinity community about Schaeffer’s appointment, Trinity President Joanne Berger-Sweeney wrote, “She has more than 15 years of progressive responsibility in higher education and broad and deep expertise in all aspects of communications, including those for alumni relations, development, and recruitment, as well as institutional branding, media relations, and crisis communications.”

Berger-Sweeney noted that Schaeffer’s references highlighted her strategic thinking, collaborative style, and strong work ethic. The announcement also quoted members of the Trinity search committee, who said that Schaeffer conveyed “her genuine interest in Hartford and the benefits of our urban setting” and that she had “already begun to think about how to partner creatively with students, faculty, alumni, and staff.”

Prior to her position at Williams, Schaeffer spent 10 years at the Johns Hopkins University Zanvyl Krieger School of Arts & Sciences, the last several as director of communications and marketing. She has taught journalism courses at University of Maryland University College, and she spent the first several years of her career as a newspaper reporter, first at The Philadelphia Inquirer and then at The Raleigh News & Observer and The Washington Post.

Schaeffer said, “I’m excited to partner with the Trinity community in sharing its story with the world and deeply inspired to help this wonderful college realize its aspirations.”

Schaeffer holds a B.A. from Dickinson College and an M.S. from the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism. She has served as a member of the Public Issues Committee of the Consortium on Financing Higher Education and the Communications Committee of the Annapolis Group.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

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Edited by Robert J. Corber, William R. Kenan, Jr. Professor in American Institutions and Values
Fordham University Press, 2016; 220 pages

The Invention of the American Art Museum: From Craft to Kulturgeschichte, 1870–1930
Kathleen Curran, Professor of Fine Arts
Getty Publications, 2016; 248 pages

Bruchlinien Europas: Philosophische Erkundungen bei Badiou, Adorno, Žižek und anderen
Erik M. Vogt, Gwendolyn Miles Smith Professor of Philosophy, and Gerhard Unterthurner
Verlag Turia + Kant, 2016; 259 pages

Adorno and the Concept of Genocide
Edited by Erik M. Vogt, Gwendolyn Miles Smith Professor of Philosophy, and Ryan Crawford
Brill|Rodopi, 2016; 122 pages

The Knot of King Gordius
Peter Bundy ’62 and Per Andersen
CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform, 2016; 248 pages

David W. Green ’71, under the pen name David North
Mehring Books, 2016; 483 pages

The Frankfurt School, Postmodernism and the Politics of the Pseudo-Left: A Marxist Critique
David W. Green ’71, under the pen name David North
Mehring Books, 2015; 297 pages

The Russian Revolution and the Unfinished Twentieth Century
David W. Green ’71, under the pen name David North
Mehring Books, 2014; 386 pages

The Ferryman Institute
Colin Gigl ’08
Gallery Books, 2016; 426 pages
Marissa Boyers Bluestine ’89 works to exonerate wrongfully convicted
While she found her way to Trinity, medical school just wasn’t in the cards. “I blame him,” Bluestine says with a laugh, recalling Chatfield’s influence in changing the direction of her life. “Jack was a marvelous mentor, always giving and thoughtful. Though I never took a class with him, he helped advise my thesis.”

That thesis — on nonviolence as a means of social change — was the result of becoming involved with planning a 1988 symposium on the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) that Chatfield organized at Trinity. A member of the SNCC himself, Chatfield was able to bring many 1960s civil rights activists to campus.

It was a pivotal moment for Bluestine, who began to think about ways she could “make a difference.” After graduating from Trinity, she moved to Philadelphia, where she spent two years working at a shelter and soup kitchen. She also joined the board of the National Coalition for the Homeless.

In 1992, she decided that a law degree would allow her to tackle housing and poverty issues on a larger scale, so she enrolled in Temple University’s law school. During a first-year criminal law class, she was volunteered to provide a closing argument in a mock criminal case. At the time, she thought to herself, “I could never defend these folks.”

But an open mind, even in the face of her own strong opinions, once again shifted her direction. “During my third year of law school, I participated in a clinical program with the Defender Association of Philadelphia, handling DUIs, drug possession, and other types of crimes, and I fell in love with trial work.”

After she graduated, she became an assistant defender with the association. She then briefly tried a stint as a litigation associate at Duane Morris, but, she says, “When your pro bono hours start outpacing your billables, it’s probably not a good fit.” Though she “loved the firm,” she returned to criminal defense.

“I said, ‘Give me all of the cases that everyone else has thrown up on,’” she recalls of her time as a public defender. Though many of her clients were guilty of egregious crimes, she became increasingly frustrated by a criminal justice system that was “not keeping up with needs of defendants. Pennsylvania was the only state where we were not allowed to put up an expert to explain the vagaries of eyewitness IDs,” she explains. “Every other state allowed experts to explain what can go wrong with memory. We couldn’t argue that witnesses might be honest but not accurate.”

Bluestine became increasingly interested in wrongful convictions — though DNA exonerations were garnering significant press attention, she says that many other types of evidence, including expert testimony and eyewitness identifications, were not receiving the attention they deserved.

In 2009, Bluestine became the founding legal director of the Pennsylvania Innocence Project — a small, independent nonprofit not affiliated with the Innocence Project based in New York — which works to exonerate those convicted of crimes they did not commit and to prevent innocent people from being convicted. The project is supported by Temple University Beasley School of Law. Bluestine is quick to point out that the backing of fellow Trinity alumna JoAnne Epps ’73, who served as dean of the law school at that time and is now provost and executive vice president of Temple University, was crucial. “JoAnne’s support allowed us to literally launch the project,” says Bluestine.

Epps, who notes that law students from across the state — not just Temple — participate in the project’s work as part of a hands-on, clinical experience, says, “Marissa is easygoing and not strident, which I think is really wonderful given the critical nature of the work she does. Marissa has really come into her own as an advocate for people,” continues Epps. “She has not allowed her work to ever make her shrill. She’s an excellent lawyer and an excellent advocate for the cause. You don’t always get both of those in one person.”

Epps’s nod to Bluestine’s adept lobbying for policy changes is well deserved. Among other honors, in 2013, Bluestine received the Philadelphia
Bar Association’s Andrew Hamilton Award for Distinguished Service in Public Interest Law. Bluestine credits the Philadelphia Police Department as a partner in changing procedures to avoid incarcerating innocent people. “We have helped reform eyewitness ID procedures, and the police now record interrogations. We’re working on revising the wiretap law to allow for police body cams and recording interrogations statewide,” she says. “When we started, there was a lot of animosity, but now I’m contacted regularly by DAs and police to make policies and procedures better. There’s so much law enforcement is doing to be more professional and progressive.”

Over the past seven years, the project has received more than 3,500 inquiries from prisoners and has 27 cases currently in litigation. In total, six people have been exonerated, and two have had new trials granted as a result of the project’s efforts.

“Most people don’t realize how long it takes innocent people to get out of prison,” explains Bluestine. “There is a lot of opposition, resistance, barriers. I’ve never represented anyone that I didn’t feel 100 percent confident that I would welcome into my home, but I think [society] tends to define people by the crimes they were convicted of, whether they did them or not.”

In the end, it’s the moments of justice served that make the work so worthwhile for Bluestine. She recalls the case of Eugene Gilyard, convicted of a murder he did not commit and sentenced to life without parole at 19. “We met him 12 years into his sentence,” she recalls, “when he had almost given up hope of ever seeing freedom again.”

Bluestine and her team investigated his case, identified the person who actually committed the murder, and were able to file a petition to reverse Gilyard’s and his co-defendant’s convictions. “At the end, when the judge announced her decision from the bench, I was sitting behind Gene’s mom,” recalls Bluestine. “The judge ruled that Gene’s conviction could not stand and ordered it be vacated. While I absorbed that, Gene’s mother turned to her friend and said, ‘I have my son back.’ As the mother of a son myself, I could not imagine being separated from him for 15 days, much less 15 years.

“Later, when Gene came home, I was there,” continues Bluestine. “To see him reunited with his family and breathe freedom for the first time in 15 years was the most extraordinary experience.”

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BY LORI FERGUSON
any people view the college experience as a neat, straight-line progression that carries teenagers into adulthood, providing professional development through a major course of study and personal enrichment through interactions with faculty and other students. But when the New England Consortium on Assessment and Student Learning (NECASL) conducted an innovative, five-year student assessment initiative, it arrived at a markedly different conclusion. A liberal arts education, the consortium found, is a “messy, complicated, ambiguous process,” and that, it argued, is precisely as it should be. Learning takes place outside the classroom as well as within it, the study confirmed, and selecting one’s roommate or social circle can be just as important as choosing one’s major. The myriad choices that students make over the course of their four years are important, the consortium found, and the more that students can view these decisions as opportunities rather than obstacles, the better off they will be. “Students don’t just start college and then finish it,” study leaders concluded. “They start and then restart college many times.”

From the outset, the consortium, according to the book, sought to undertake a new approach to student assessment, one that entailed a deep dive into the experiences of college students as they were occurring, with the goal of identifying “best, or at least better, practices and policies” and suggesting reforms that could be shared among participating institutions. In order to gather the data that would inform its findings, NECASL assembled academic administrators, institutional research staff, faculty, and students from seven residential liberal arts colleges in New England: Bates, Bowdoin, Colby, Middlebury, Smith, Trinity, and Wellesley. The consortium initially secured funding from the Teagle Foundation (and later from the Spencer and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundations) and identified on-site leadership teams — often a member of the institutional research office and a faculty member — to serve as NECASL liaisons and to oversee the project on their respective campuses.

Trinity was initially represented by then-Director of Institutional Research and Planning Kent Smith and Associate Professor of Psychology David Reuman. When Smith retired in May of 2010, his successor, James Hughes, stepped in as administrative liaison for the remainder of the project’s run. Reuman served as faculty representative through the summer of 2008, at which time former adjunct instructor Rachael Barlow took over the reins on the faculty side, overseeing the selection and training of student interviewers, the conducting and transcription of actual student interviews, and representation of Trinity at NECASL meetings.

Beginning in 2006 and for the next five years, more than 200 students from the Class of 2010 (approximately 36 at each institution) were interviewed up to 10 times: three times in their first year; two in each of their sophomore, junior, and senior years; and again one year after graduation. To gather an additional segment of information, selection of study participants was heavily weighted toward Asian American, African American, Latino/a, and international students, groups whose college experiences are less frequently studied. Those responsible for conducting the interviews were students as well, a cadre of upper-year students from the participating institutions who received special training in qualitative interviewing prior to starting the project.

At the study’s conclusion, four consortium members — Wellesley Professor of Sociology and principal investigator Lee Cube; Bowdoin Associate Professor of Education, Emerita, Nancy Jennings; Bowdoin Associate Professor of Psychology Suzanne Lovett; and Wellesley Senior Lecturer in Sociology Joseph Swingle — distilled the group’s findings into an engaging read, titled *Practice for Life: Making Decisions in College*, released by Harvard University Press in August 2016. The pages are filled with student voices and offer a unique resource, not only to faculty and administrators but also to students and parents who seek to realize the full value of a liberal arts education.

Attaining such an education is a process, the authors explain, a journey that centers “on becoming rather than achieving.” Guided by hundreds of hours of student interviews, the authors identified five areas of decision-making in college that offer students practice in this transformation: time, connection, home, advice, and engagement. Time plays an important role as students seek to balance planning for their future with living in the moment. Connection is vital to students navigating the social challenges and opportunities inherent to their new environment — making new friends and forging the social connections that can foster personal and professional growth in ways quite different from classroom learning. Home takes on new meaning as students strive to define their own space, both physically and psychologically. Advice is critical as students interact with faculty advisers and seek to navigate this dynamic and constantly evolving relationship. And finally, engagement...
is subjective and particular, as students respond to various courses, assignments, professors, and pedagogies over the course of their four years.

In launching the study, investigators sought to get academic administrators thinking more broadly about academic assessment, Cuba explains. In light of preliminary feedback, it appears that the group succeeded. For example, Lovett reports that “based on what we were learning from the interviews, we started making changes to the advising program at Bowdoin while the study was still in progress. Study participants held annual meetings on campus each spring in which we shared our findings with student affairs, academic deans, faculty, and others, and many changes were implemented to our programs both formally and informally.” And this sharing continues; co-authors Cuba and Jennings presented some of their findings at Trinity’s Center for Teaching and Learning event in September 2016.

Nor was the impact of the study confined to college faculty and administrators. Trinity alumnus Jesse Wanzer ’08 — today a teacher at the Expeditionary Learning Academy at Moylan School in Hartford, Connecticut — was one of Trinity’s student interviewers during his junior and senior years and found the experience both affirming and eye-opening. “I interviewed eight to ten students from a variety of backgrounds over the course of two years, and I was amazed at how closely their experiences followed mine. There’s definitely a sort of socioeconomic divide at Trinity that must be dealt with — I experienced it — and it was interesting to hear how others handled the issue.” Wanzer was so moved by what he learned that he chose the topic for his senior thesis: “Understanding Diversity at Trinity College: First-Year Student Perspectives Related to Academic and Social Outcomes.” “I discovered that there was a marked discrepancy between what diversity meant to students at Trinity and what it meant to the administration,” he says.

Concludes Reuman, “I believe that this project is central to understanding a liberal arts education and the nuances of the student experience in college, and gaining that understanding is good for everyone: students, faculty, and administrators. It forces us to ask what we need to do to be successful in providing a liberal education — in classes, in curricula, and in residential life. This project clearly demonstrates that, in the end, the ‘college climate’ is not just an academic issue.”

— Study leaders, New England Consortium on Assessment and Student Learning
Trinity’s new dean of the faculty and vice president for academic affairs

Q&A

WITH TIM CRESSWELL
Jim Cresswell came to Trinity College as the new dean of the faculty and vice president for academic affairs in July 2016 after serving at Northeastern University as associate dean for faculty affairs in the College of Social Sciences and Humanities, professor of history and international affairs, and associate director for public humanities at the Northeastern Humanities Center.

Prior to his time at Northeastern, Cresswell served in the administration and on the faculties of Royal Holloway, University of London; the University of Wales, Aberystwyth and Lampeter; and the University of Connecticut. He has held honorary faculty positions at the University of Neuchâtel in Switzerland and at Hampshire College in Amherst, Massachusetts.

Cresswell earned a B.A. in geography from University College London in the United Kingdom; an M.S. in geography from the University of Wisconsin-Madison; a Ph.D. in geography from the University of Wisconsin-Madison; and a second Ph.D. in English—creative writing from Royal Holloway, University of London.

He recently took the time to answer questions from The Trinity Reporter.

What attracted you to Trinity College? I have family nearby and have been visiting the Hartford area for over 25 years, so I was familiar with Trinity College and often admired the Chapel from the highway. I was also familiar with Trinity’s standing as a leading liberal arts college for nearly 200 years. I was attracted to all the good things about a traditional liberal arts education in a small residential college as well as the things that make Trinity stand out — its location in a state capital with its own unique challenges, a strong tradition of study away, good connections to local communities, and a truly excellent faculty engaging with an academically strong student body.

Why is a liberal arts education important in today’s world? Liberal arts education continues to provide the tools necessary for global citizenship — a questioning mind, problem-solving skills, critical capacities, a tolerance for ambiguity and subtlety. In addition, liberal arts education prepares people for a job market where very few people have a single career or job throughout their lives. Liberal arts students graduate as flexible thinkers with the ability to adapt to fast-changing economies and societies — they know how to learn. The general nature of a broad education is a definite bonus here. We teach people in such a way that they are best equipped to do precisely those jobs that robots can never do. It is insurance against the future.

What do you consider your immediate priorities in your role as dean of the faculty? My immediate priority is to get to know the faculty as best I can. I am a scholar myself and am interested in just about everything. So I look forward to conversations about the scholarly interests of my new colleagues in order to understand what makes them tick individually and collectively. I will provide some stability that has been lacking in the dean’s office, and I trust that will help to support good morale. In the long term — several years down the line — I want to use what is already here to develop a cohesive and mindful Trinity model of engaged liberal arts education that is visible nationally. I am working as part of the leadership team on a strategic plan for the College that involves all of the President’s Cabinet, as well as faculty, staff, students, alumni, and trustees. This is another reason I took this job — the ability to make a difference through involvement in a planning process that will make a mark on the College over the next decade.

What do you feel are Trinity’s greatest strengths? The main strength of Trinity from an academic affairs perspective is the strength of the faculty — incredibly smart and dedicated teacher-scholars. This is the foundation that is already in place. Second, there are all the traditional strengths of liberal arts education that Trinity exemplifies — serious scholarship on a beautiful campus in small classes. What makes Trinity stand out is a unique constellation of attributes that give us the potential to really differentiate ourselves from the competition. These are our urban location, connections between our academic program and a diverse urban community, a well-established study-away program with our own campuses abroad, a strong internship program, and a commitment to interdisciplinarity reflected in our Gateway Programs and elsewhere. If these can all be strengthened and brought into alignment in an intentional way, then we have every chance of producing a model of liberal arts education in and for the real world that combines the traditional strengths of small classes and intense engagement with scholarship on the one hand and with experiential opportunities on the other.
What do you see as your biggest challenges here, and how do you plan to face them? All of the things I list as strengths are also challenges. Not everyone subscribes to all of these as necessarily positive, so I have to convince people of their utility and value. They all need resources, and resources are not limitless. We have to make choices with finances and time. It is also the case that these strengths have not always been thoughtfully integrated into an overall curriculum, so there is work to be done on linking each of our strengths to the other strengths. It is not my role to simply present a vision and hope it is shared but to produce a vision from what is already here in cooperation with as many people as possible.

You've lived all over the world. What about the Greater Hartford area excites you the most? It is true that I have lived and worked in a diverse array of contexts from the heart of the most global of global cities (London, with apologies to readers from New York) to a small university in rural Wales. Hartford embodies a great deal of what I love about cities. It has great cultural institutions befitting a state capital, it has an incredibly diverse population (and the wonderful food that entails), and it is small enough to be able to escape into the breathtaking landscapes that surround it. I am also fascinated by the problems that Hartford faces, many of which originate in political and planning decisions that are hard to undo. I am thinking here of the disastrous placement of highways circling the downtown and cutting off the city from the river as well as the political division of municipal districts that creates a “donut” effect of fairly extreme wealth surrounding equally extreme poverty. There are problems that need solving, and, as a geographer, I would like to be part of that process.

How do you think the relationship between Trinity and Hartford will continue to evolve? There are already many exciting sources of connection between Trinity and Hartford. I am thinking of a diverse array of Trinity activities, including the Community Learning Initiative, Trinfo.Café, our Academy of Lifelong Learning courses, seminars taught in local prisons, Samba Fest, and much more. Not all of these are just with Hartford but with the Greater Hartford area. I want to see these connections multiplied and strengthened both in the classroom and in social activities. I would like to see Trinity become part of the solution to the problems Hartford faces without being a force of gentrification — a role which is often sadly played by colleges and universities. Perhaps we can develop a model for college involvement in more just and equitable forms of development that benefit local residents. We have an extremely smart faculty who work alongside equally smart students who increasingly want to make a positive difference in the world. I would like to see us work with that.

What do you enjoy doing outside of work? I have been lucky enough to travel extensively both as work and with my family. I partake of the usual array of bourgeois activities centered on delicious food. I go to the theater and concerts frequently and am looking forward to exploring the riches Hartford has to offer. Every now and then, I run enough to get to the stage where I actually enjoy it. Moderate walks and hikes in the landscapes of New England are also fun, as are aimless meanders around cities. Most of these activities can be encapsulated by a sense of exploration and adventure that motivates me. I also read fiction and poetry extensively and write and publish poetry. It should be added that many evenings are simply spent at home watching *House of Cards* or listening to “dad music” (i.e., Bob Dylan mostly, much to my daughter’s disdain).
STUDYING THE PAST WITH AN EYE TOWARD THE FUTURE

THAT’S CLASSIC

Is there anything new or practical to be learned from the ancient world? Could studying a “dead language” help you communicate? How does digging in the dirt help anyone become a doctor or a lawyer? Can discovering something about the past help you choose your own future? Why study classics?

BY ANDREW J. CONCATELLI
THAT'S CLASSIC (S)

Statue of Zeus in the Vatican

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For generations of students at Trinity College, the knowledge and skills acquired through courses in classical studies have led the way to a wide variety of careers.

Broadly defined as the study of ancient Greek and Roman civilization and culture, classical studies can expose students to a vast range of disciplines that touch on all aspects of the humanities, according to Gary Reger, Hobart Professor of Classical Languages. “Classics runs the gamut from the study of the languages themselves — particularly Greek and Latin — to the literature written in those languages,” Reger says. “It also involves the study of the history of the ancient periods, archeology and anthropology, political science and sociological approaches, the study of gender and sexuality in the Greek and Roman world, and even philosophy. Classics is, in many ways, a kind of model of what liberal arts is.”

Thanks in part to newer faculty members Meredith Safran, assistant professor of classics; Vincent E. Tomasso, assistant professor of classics; Shane M. Ewegen, assistant professor of philosophy and classics; and Sailakshmi Ramgopal, visiting assistant professor of classics, the department continues to expand its broad scope and is experiencing what Reger calls “a real forward motion.”

One relatively new branch of this field is classical reception studies, which examines how literary tales and themes have been interpreted and reimagined since antiquity. Martha K. Risser, associate professor of classics, says, “This is one of the exciting directions the discipline as a whole is taking, and we here at Trinity are at the forefront of that.”

Reger adds, “Meredith Safran, a Latinist in the department, is working on a book on the way in which themes in classical mythology have been repurposed in modern day science fiction like *Battlestar Galactica* and *Lost*. The use of classical mythology themes and literary tropes is really widespread in modern-day culture and literature.”

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**THE SKILLS**

Reger says that the study of classics gives students well-trained abilities to think critically, to work with incomplete evidence, and to be aware of the constraints on their abilities to draw conclusions. “In any kind of job that involves analysis, writing, or thinking,” he says, “those skills are going to be hugely beneficial.”

Melissa E. Moss ’92 completed a major in classics and a minor in mythology. Now the chair of the Classics Department at the Williams School, an independent college preparatory day school in New London, Connecticut, Moss teaches Latin and ancient Greek to middle and upper school students. “I use what I learned at Trinity on a daily basis,” she says. “My experiences in classics courses taught me to think critically, to write well, to read critically. These skills that are necessary for discernment and success in any career path were honed in my training at Trinity.”

Moss is passing her passion for the subject to her own students, many of whom later tell her how classics courses have benefited their careers. “One former student, who is now a doctor, mentioned that knowing the various Latin declensions helped him to more easily understand the terminology he needed to know as a medical student,” Moss says.

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Catherine Trott ’19 works with Henry Chang and Lalita Limpichart, both Penn State students, at an excavation site in Akko, Israel, during the summer of 2016.
It's fascinating to learn the roots of our society and western civilization. And it’s entertaining; references are constantly made to classics in our society and in pop culture.
— QuestBridge Scholar Joy Kim ’17

In ancient literature, you can see ancient sources establishing the same kind of values that we believe in today. ... In archeology, material culture can show how much people haven’t changed over the past 5,000 or 10,000 years.
— Dylan Ingram ’18

The realization that there is truly nothing new under the sun, that we are fighting the same battles fought by Caesar and Pericles, that human relations are still as raw and primal as Aeschylus depicted, is a liberating one, and at the end an optimistic one.
— Rob Witherwax ’98

It's just fun; translating a thorny piece of Latin is like unraveling a complicated knot — incredibly frustrating until suddenly it’s not, and everything clicks into place.
— Maura Griffith ’17

Learning Latin and Greek helps to train a person to read and think critically. One can learn so much about logic and order through the study of these languages and along the way so much vocabulary and grammar.
— Melissa E. Moss ’92

Studying classics teaches and continually reinforces rigorous, detailed focus. Classics, when taken seriously, can prepare you for everything. ... You can study the legacy of antiquity in the ancient world to aid your foundational knowledge of just about every ‘practical’ direction you might take.
— Jon Torodash ’04

It's important to have a grasp of basic mythology and ancient stories. Classical mythology is the basis of western literature. Once you know that, you can have a deeper appreciation of where modern literary themes come from.
— Matthew Reichelt ’17

I think that the study of Ancient Greek politics, especially due to its influence on American democracy, is extremely valuable.
— Brad Serton ’99
[Students are] surprised at how relevant their study of \textbf{CLASSICS} can be and how applicable it can be to economics, psychology, neuroscience, mathematics, and physics, ... history, art history, English, modern languages, and political science.

—\textit{ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF CLASSICS MARTHA RISSER}

Rob Witherwax ’98, who completed a double major in classics and history, is an attorney who says that skills he honed through classical studies have provided him with a strong foundation for his work in law. “Legal writing requires an immense vocabulary, a working knowledge of rhetorical devices, and a sense of precision and concision. When I am drafting a document, I am using the same mental muscles to put that document together that I used to take Cicero apart,” Witherwax says.

\textbf{THE EXPERIENCES}

\textit{T}rinity students have the opportunity to take a Summer Field School course at the Tel Akko Total Archaeology Project dig site in Israel. “Studying archaeology is a way of learning about our shared human and cultural past,” says Risser, who is a ceramicist for the project. “I think it makes that past more accessible and more tangible.”

Students also are encouraged to make connections between other subjects that interest them, Reger says. While doing just that, three classical studies majors received research grants last summer to pursue personalized projects from Hartford to Romania (see more on the next page). “Classics is a relatively small department at Trinity, so to have three students out of our body of 25 majors apply for and get grants, that gives you a sense both of the quality of the work that they do and their own passion for the field,” Reger says.

Many classical studies students choose to double major and make use of courses that are cross-listed in two departments. Risser says, “Sometimes they’re surprised at how relevant their study of classics can be and how applicable it can be to economics, psychology, neuroscience, mathematics, and physics, and, of course, history, art history, English, modern languages, and political science.”

QuestBridge Scholar Joy Kim ’17 is pursuing majors in both urban studies and classical studies, with a concentration in ancient political philosophy. Kim, who plans to study law or theology after graduating this spring, sees a lot of overlap between her two majors. She says that she has learned about the foundations of American law by studying Greek philosophers and has developed an interest in policy relating to urban spaces. “You learn about urbanization in the classical era and the ideals of how to create a city and public spaces,” she says. No matter which career path Kim chooses, she plans to put her background in classics to good use. “It’s always helpful to study the roots of urbanization and the roots of western civilization,” she adds.

\textbf{THE FUTURE POSSIBILITIES}

A\textit{mong the alumni of Trinity’s Classical Studies Department are doctors, lawyers, stockbrokers, writers, mathematicians, and scientists, as well as Jami R. Cogswell and her twin sister, Darcy J. Cogswell, the valedictorian and salutatorian of the Class of 2016, respectively. Jami also completed a second major in mathematics, with a minor in Latin, and Darcy also completed a minor in history.

Jon Torodash ’04, a classics major who participated in the Guided Studies Program (now the Humanities Gateway Program), is a software developer. He believes that his studies developed the keen attention to detail that led him to his career. “The immense satisfaction in gaining a working ability to comprehend primary sources in their original glory, no matter how exhausting, left me with an impulse to seek out work that highly prizes mental acuity that improves with effort,” Torodash says. “Software design and implementation offers many career opportunities to have that.”

Now the director of admissions at Fordham Preparatory School in New York City, classics major Brad Serton ’99 believes that the experience he had working with professors in the small classes at Trinity was an important factor in his decision to pursue a career in education. “Besides developing critical thinking skills, my study of classics also helped me become a better writer,” Serton says. “Breaking down Greek and Latin texts on a regular basis was a great way to learn how to construct sentences and use words to my advantage.”

During his time at Trinity, Oscar Buitrago ’00 completed dual majors in classics and art history, along with a minor in Latin American studies. Today, he is associate director of business development for mergers and acquisitions at international law firm White & Case LLP. “During my studies of classics, I enjoyed translating speeches given to the senate,” Buitrago says. “While the translation portion was challenging, I appreciated the structure of the language and enjoyed learning how these historic figures used their presentation skills to persuade and influence. I was naturally drawn to the law right out of college.”

Trinity students, Buitrago believes, can benefit from classics courses for their entire lives. “There is an emphasis on enhancing your abilities to problem solve and develop your writing skills,” he says. “I use these skills every day and could not be more thankful for the foundation I was provided at Trinity.”

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Dylan Ingram ’18, a classics and mathematics double major, received a 10-week Faculty Research Committee (FRC) Student Research Assistant Grant for his project, “Ceramics at Tel Akko.” Ingram helped Martha K. Risser, associate professor of classics, research specific aspects of Iron Age, Persian Period, and Hellenistic pottery found during archaeological excavations for a report that she and Jolanta Mlynarczyk of the University of Warsaw — the ceramicists for the Tel Akko archaeological project in Israel — will prepare for publication. “It’s kind of exciting to be able to dig in the dirt and learn about archeology,” says Ingram, a Donald L. McLagan Presidential Scholar. “My field work on the stamped handles of amphoras, or wine storage jugs, is very much tied in with the research I’m doing.”

Maura Griffith ’17, who has created an interdisciplinary classics and biology major called archaeobiology, received a Trinity College Student Initiated Research Grant to attend a seven-week archaeological field school, which included three weeks of excavation and four weeks in a laboratory. She worked on a cemetery excavation in Patakfalva, Transylvania, Romania. “The site was a church from the 11th to 17th century. We excavated burials from outside the church walls,” Griffith says. “The project seeks to understand if the political and social upheaval in the region had an impact on the health of the individuals there.”

Matthew Reichelt ’17 spent much of the summer working with Gary Reger, Hobart Professor of Classical Languages, on an inscription of a letter sent by Septimius Severus in 197 C.E. in response to complaints about abuses that soldiers had been committing in Asia Minor. “Roman soldiers serving under Septimius Severus were torturing the local inhabitants,” says Reichelt, who received a 10-week FRC Student Research Assistant Grant. “Those inhabitants wrote to the emperor, and this inscription is the emperor’s response to the complaints. It’s basically saying that torture won’t happen anymore and that we will resolve this.”
Teaching to Teach

A NEW PROGRAM hosted in part at Trinity College gives aspiring secondary education teachers the most practical experience possible: teaching a course to high school students.

Twelve undergraduate students from around the country came to Trinity last summer to teach a science workshop to 10th-grade students from Hartford Magnet Trinity College Academy (HMTCA). The 12 students constituted the first cohort of science teacher interns in the Summer STEM Teaching Experiences for Undergraduates from Liberal Arts Institutions (TEU) program, which is supported by a grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF).

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Science teacher intern Maegan Nelson of Whitman College leads a summer workshop at Trinity.
“THE GOAL OF THE NSF GRANT is to increase the number of students from liberal arts institutions who are preparing to teach math and science,” says Trinity Science Center Director Alison J. Draper, who is also a lecturer in interdisciplinary science. “This puts Trinity at the forefront of liberal arts colleges who are trying to support students who want to go on to a career in secondary education.”

Draper is a co-principal investigator on the grant, along with two mathematicians from Vassar College and Bryn Mawr College. The grant of $2,137,727 was awarded to Vassar College, with $685,445 of that going to Trinity. Brown University, Bryn Mawr, and Barnard College are also partners on the grant, which will fund the TEU program for five years.

Undergraduate students from a network of about 60 liberal arts colleges and universities — Trinity students included — are eligible to apply for the summer program each year. Twelve students participate in a mathematics TEU program at Brown, and 12 in the science TEU program at Trinity. The grant also pays for instructors to train the undergraduates to teach the high school students and to supervise them in the field.

Last summer’s seven-week program included two weeks of training, four weeks of teaching, and a week of debriefing. Undergraduates from Columbia University, Whitman College, Lawrence University, Grinnell College, Harvey Mudd College, Bryn Mawr College, and Wellesley University, along with two Trinity students, gathered in Hartford. The group bonded quickly. Draper says, “For these undergraduates, on their home campuses, they are each one of a very few students who are intending a career in secondary education. So to come together as a cohort of 12 of them who are interested in the same thing, for many of them this is the first and only time that has happened.”

As part of Trinity and HMTCA's ongoing education partnership, HMTCA students must take a writing workshop before 9th grade and a science workshop before 10th grade to maintain a spot in the award-winning magnet school. The summer science workshop has been held at Trinity for the past five years. “Our goal for the science workshop is to model how science is done in the real world,” Draper says.

Robert Cotto, Jr., director of urban educational initiatives and lecturer in educational studies at Trinity, says that the HMTCA partnership gives high school students a positive, early experience on a college campus and allows the undergraduates to gain real teaching skills. “The NSF-TEU program has strengthened the HMTCA-Trinity College partnership and has provided new resources and expertise in the teaching of science for the summer academy,” Cotto says. “Taking advantage of our urban location and unique partnership, HMTCA-Trinity College [Summer Science Academy] is becoming a national hub for undergraduates interested in teaching science.”

Kurt Love, the director of science education for the summer TEU program, teaches the summer “Methods of Teaching Secondary Science” course at Trinity, which includes giving lessons in secondary science pedagogy, supervising the practicum, and leading a team of three experienced HMTCA teachers who serve as mentors and instructional coaches to the undergraduate students.

“We spent two weeks talking about what it means to be a science teacher,” Love says. “The undergraduates all had strong science backgrounds, but not all of them had a teaching background. To become a teacher is to do teaching. That’s the strength of the program; they get right into it, and they have a lot of support.”

The HMTCA curriculum includes problem-solving activities — such as building catapults and completing an “egg drop” challenge — and laboratory experiments. Draper says, “They dissected a sheep eyeball, they did a set of vision tests and explored the sense of vision, they did a forensics activity and a DNA extraction. “I think the most important part of the experience for the high school students is the research project to assess the health of the Trout Brook, which is part of the Park River Watershed,” Draper says. “We took them to two different sites — Beachland Park and Spicebush Swamp [in West Hartford] — where the students did some water chemistry tests and looked at the macroinvertebrate populations in the sediment as a way to tell how much pollution is
there. At the end of the course, they have to present what they found.”

In the coming years, Draper says, more emphasis may be placed on the research project, and the curriculum could be adjusted to highlight the themes of sustainability, conservation, and ecology, which seem to resonate with the students. Those subjects are also of particular interest to Love, an assistant professor at Central Connecticut State University in the teacher education department who studies environmental issues and promotes land consciousness.

Warrington Scholar and Trinity Club of Hartford Scholar Connie Ky ’17, a Trinity neuroscience major who was a member of the TEU program last summer, grew up in Hartford and attended the school that is now HMTCA. She says that she enjoyed exposing high school students to new experiences outdoors during their trips to the river. “Some students had never gone that far outside of the city before,” Ky says. “They wanted to have their parents bring them back there and to do more things that would get them outside. The students were really willing to explore.”

Ky, who plans to become a science teacher, appreciated the opportunity to encourage high school students to pursue STEM by showing them the diverse array of careers and people within the fields. “When we discussed DNA, we made sure the students knew not only Watson and Crick, but also Rosalind Franklin,” Ky says. “When we discussed the intersection between art and science, we showed them the works of Maria Peñil Cobo, a woman who creates art out of cell cultures.”

Love says that by the end of the program, the participants are well prepared to go into student teaching. “They could go into a classroom today and teach science if they wanted to,” he says. “It’s a new way of teaching science education preparation, and I think it’s something that more colleges should look at as a possibility.”

Draper adds that the interns gained experience teaching in an urban school district and learned to engage students who may be reticent. “In terms of expanding the pipeline of prospective teachers who want to serve in urban districts, this is huge,” she says.

The program also will serve as a way to develop and to test a model that can be shared and duplicated. “We would really like other institutions in other parts of the country to be able to pick up this model and mount their own program,” Draper says. “We think it’s a good idea, and it serves a number of purposes all at once. We’re continuing to serve HMTCA and their students, but we’re also serving our own students and students at partner institutions, so it’s a win-win-win.”
Greenberg Center for the Study of Religion in Public Life marks 20th anniversary

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Religion as a feature in public discourse has experienced a resurgence in our time. The religious right, same-sex marriage, abortion laws, radical Islam — these days it seems that some aspect of religion is always in the news.

It appears prescient, therefore, that Trinity College established its Center for the Study of Religion in Public Life two decades ago. The center was made possible largely through the generosity of alumnus Leonard Greenberg ’48, a Hartford native and a businessman and philanthropist who provided seed money for the venture and whose largesse was formally recognized in 2000, when the center was renamed the Leonard E. Greenberg Center for the Study of Religion in Public Life.

The Greenberg Center operates outside any department but under the umbrella of the Trinity Program on Public Values, which also includes the Institute for the Study of Secularism in Society and Culture, established at Trinity in 2005. This year marks the center’s 20th anniversary, and Director and Professor of Religion in Public Life Mark Silk couldn’t be prouder of what’s been accomplished.

A former journalist with a Ph.D. in medieval history from Harvard University, Silk has led the center since its inception. He was initially drawn to the endeavor by a phone call from then-Associate Academic Dean Ron Spencer, who believed Silk — the author of Unsecular Media: Making News of Religion in America and Spiritual Politics: Religion and America Since World War II — was a great fit for the position. “I had had a rather checkered career up to that point,” says Silk with a chuckle. “I got my doctorate thinking that I would be an historian, but after I co-authored a book with my dad (former New York Times economics columnist Leonard Silk), I decided I wanted to write about the present and got a job with The Atlanta Journal-Constitution.” Silk spent nearly 10 years with the paper as a reporter, editorial writer, and columnist — authoring two books along the way — before deciding he was ready for something new. Spencer’s call came at just the right time.

Silk leads the center with Associate Director Andrew Walsh ’79, managing editor of the center’s online magazine, Religion in the News, who has taught religion, American studies, and urban studies at Trinity. Working with a handful of undergraduate fellows, Silk and Walsh explore the numerous, and constantly evolving, intersections of religion and public life through a revolving series of lectures, conferences, and workshops. The center also hosts an annual distinguished visiting fellow, who travels to campus and interacts with the community for a week. The center responds to current events as well, offering programs around developing stories such as the Paris bombings or recent ISIS attacks. “We try to be light on our toes,” Silk explains. “If there’s breaking news, we’ll get a panel together within a week to discuss the situation.”

In the early days, the center focused on journalistic coverage of religion in public life, a sweet spot for Silk’s background and experience and an area of interest for early granting institutions, including the Lilly Endowment and The Pew Charitable Trusts. But in 2001, Silk and Walsh decided to expand their focus to include scholarly research projects. In celebration of its 20th anniversary, for example, the center brought four distinguished scholars to campus for a September 2016 panel discussion, “From the Religious Right to the Rise of the Nones: 20 Years of Religion in American Public Life.”

Discussions such as this have energized the center since its founding in 1996, a time when few others were formally addressing religion in public life. In the years since, says Silk, a number of institutions have joined the conversation, including notables such as Princeton University’s Center for the Study of Religion, Boston College’s Boi’z Center for Religion and American Public Life, and Washington University’s John C. Danforth Center on Religion and Politics. The Greenberg Center remains a vital contributor to the discussion.

“Outside of the university research centers, we really have no equal,” Silk asserts. “While we certainly encourage interfaith ‘good feelings,’ our main goal is to foster an understanding of religion in public life, on all sides. Our approach is nonsectarian and nonpartisan. We’re an academic center that’s committed to exploring what’s going on in the world and sharing our findings truthfully, without regard to whether a particular group is pleased or displeased.”
Mark Massa, incoming director of Boston College’s Boisi Center for Religion and American Public Life, says it was “canny of Trinity to choose Mark” as director of the Greenberg Center. “He possesses the accessibility of a smart journalist in explaining why the sometimes arcane-sounding points of religious debate are important for people, but he is also a superbly trained scholar who ‘gets’ the nuance in theological discussions and can more than hold his own in academic discussions,” Massa says.

In addition to organizing public events, the center also supports the publication and dissemination of written works such as the nine-volume series Religion by Region, a survey of eight geographic regions around the United States, together with a summary volume, that was directed to a mixed audience of journalists, academics, and the general public. “The center has the capacity to put together groups of experts who can write on topics in a way that’s accessible to a general audience,” notes Silk. “Our goal is to talk to ordinary people in sophisticated ways.” Work is currently under way on a second multivolume series, The Future of Religion in America. The first volume, The Future of Evangelicalism in America, co-edited by Silk and Indiana University Professor of Religious Studies Candy Gunther Brown, was published in April of this year by Columbia University Press.

Silk’s expertise lends itself well to such undertakings, says Boston College’s Massa. “Mark’s skill set represents a rare blend of popular (in the best sense) and academic knowledge and has helped make the Greenberg Center something like the gold standard for people who are interested in following religious issues but who also demand smart analysis and commentary. Mark has accomplished that with verve and even a measure of intellectual elegance. Kudos to him — and to Trinity — for serving both the academic world and the larger public so well and so consistently.”

Patricia O’Connell Killen, academic vice president of Gonzaga University, is equally enthusiastic about the center’s contributions to public discourse. “I first became involved with the Greenberg Center as co-editor of a volume for its Religion by Region project,” says Killen. “Through Religion in the News, its conferences, symposia, and publishing projects, the center has brought insightful, intelligent perspectives to our understanding of how religion is present and operates in public life, social conflict, and communal self-understanding. The center’s analyses are informed by current scholarship in the study of religion and a deep appreciation for the particularities of religious traditions. That combination is key to its contributions to our understanding of religion in our time.”

Twenty years ago, the religious right created the Greenberg Center. Not directly, of course. But by the mid-1990s, it was clear that religious conservatives — and the social issues that animated them — had made a home in the Republican Party. For the first time in American history, the nation was divided between a more religious party and a less religious one. What more important subject could there be for the new Center for the Study of Religion in Public Life to study?

Not that there haven’t been other important ones. American awareness of the emergence of political islam — Islamism — dates to the Iranian Revolution of 1979, but it was The Boston Globe’s investigative series on abuse and cover-up in the Archdiocese of Boston that turned it into the most serious challenge to the church since the Protestant Reformation. These mega-stories have made religion a major player in the public life of the country for the past two decades and, in my judgment, not for the better. The harm the abuse scandal has done to the largest religious institution in the world has been incalculable. Islamism has done little to improve the lives of Muslims and has brought out some of the worst in the foreign policy of non-Muslim nations. The religious right has done the American political system no favors. All of this has helped bring about the most consequential development in American religion since the so-called Eisenhower Revival of the 1950s — the rise of the Nones. In 1990, those who identify with no religion constituted 7 or 8 percent of the adult population. A quarter century later, they are weighing in at 25 percent.

And their numbers show every sign of growing. Fully one-third of the current generation of college students profess no religious identity. To be sure, this trend may not hold. But if it does, the consequences for American public life — from electoral politics to community service to social values — will be considerable. Whatever the case, I look forward to the Greenberg Center studying, and making sense of, them.

Mark Silk is director of the Leonard E. Greenberg Center for the Study of Religion in Public Life.
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FOOTBALL

The Trinity College football team finished the 2016 season with a perfect 8–0 record and won the New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC) title outright for the third time in the last nine years after a 45–21 win at Wesleyan in the season finale. Bantam Head Coach Jeff Devanney ’93 was honored as the NESCAC Coach of the Year, and senior LB/S Spencer Donahue was recognized as the NESCAC Defensive Player of the Year. Donahue also was named to the New England Football Writers Division II/III All-Star Team, along with junior OL Chris Simmons and sophomore K Eric Sachse, and was one of 16 Trinity players to collect All-NESCAC honors. From the senior class, WR/KR Darrien Myers, DL Matt D’Andrea, Donahue, co-captain DB Paul McCarthy, and DB Yosa Nosamiefan were joined by junior QB Sonny Puzzo, Simmons, junior WR Bryan Vieira, junior LB Liam Kenneally, sophomore RB Max Chipouras, and Sachse on the All-Conference First Team. Senior DL Jameson Law, senior DB Patrick Dorsey, senior DB Archi Jerome, junior OL Joe Farrah, and first-year Austin Baiardi graced the All-Conference Second Team. Simmons was named to the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) All-American Third Team, and Sachse received D3Football.com All-American Honorable Mention honors.
WOMEN’S SOCCER
Trinity’s women’s soccer team, coached by Michael Smith, finished with an 11–5–4 overall record and tied Middlebury for third place in the NESCAC with a 7–3 record in conference play. The Bantams qualified for the NESCAC Championship Tournament for the 11th time and the fourth year in a row and downed Tufts 1–0 in the quarterfinals before advancing past No. 2-ranked Williams on penalty kicks after a 1–1 tie in the semifinals. Trinity lost 2–1 to Amherst in the finals but qualified for its second NCAA Division III Championship Tournament after receiving an at-large bid. Trinity traveled to Maryland for the NCAA Regionals at Salisbury but lost 2–1 against Ursinus in the NCAA Second Round. Senior captain midfielder Tobias Gimand was named to the All-NESCAC First Team for the second year in a row.

FIELD HOCKEY
The Bantam field hockey team, coached by Anne Parmenter, went 13–5 in 2016 and finished tied for third with Hamilton and Middlebury in the NESCAC with a 7–3 league mark. Trinity lost 4–2 against Williams in the NESCAC Quarterfinals but rebounded to down Cabrini 7–5 in the opening round of the NCAA Division III Championship Tournament after receiving an at-large bid. Trinity traveled to Maryland for the NCAA Regionals at Salisbury but lost 2–1 against Ursinus in the NCAA Second Round. Junior forward Kelcie Finn was the first-ever Bantam named as the NESCAC Field Hockey Player of the Year, and she graced both the All-NESCAC First Team and the Longstreth/National Field Hockey Coaches Association (NFHCA) Division III All-England West Regional First Team. Trinity sophomore forward Chandler Solimine was named to the NFHCA All-Regional First Team and the All-NESCAC Second Team, and sophomore D/M Allison Slowe was an All-NESCAC and an NFHCA All-Regional Second Team honoree. Finn also was named to the NFHCA All-American First Team and was tapped as the NFHCA Division III Player of the Year.

MEN’S SOCCER
The Trinity College men’s soccer team, coached by Mike Pilger, finished with a 7–7–2 overall record and placed seventh in the NESCAC with a 3–6–1 record in league play. Senior captain midfielder Tobias Gimand was named to the All-NESCAC First Team for the second year in a row.

GOLF
Trinity’s golf team, coached by Matt Greason ’03, finished tied with Williams for first place in the NESCAC Championship Qualifying Tournament standings, although the title was awarded to the Ephs on a tiebreaker. The event took place
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at Middlebury’s Ralph Myhre Golf Course. Bantam sophomores Jack Junge and Will Rosenfield were each named to the 2016 All-NESCAC First Team for their fine performances in the tournament.

MEN’S CROSS COUNTRY
The Bantam men’s cross country team, coached by George Suitor, finished 11th in the NESCAC Championship Meet and 25th in the New England Open Championships and closed the year with a 15th-place finish in the NCAA Division III New England Regional Championships at Westfield State. Bantam first-year Ace McAlister was named to the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) New England All-Regional Team for finishing 25th overall and second among all first-years in the field.

ALL-SPORTSMANSHIP TEAM
Eight Trinity College fall athletes were named to the 2016 NESCAC All-Sportsmanship Team for their positive contributions to sportsmanship. Golf sophomore Jack Junge earned his first appearance on the team after earning All-NESCAC First Team honors earlier this fall and was joined by field hockey senior tri-captain Sydney Doolittle, football senior Patrick Dorsey, volleyball senior tri-captain Rachel Hughes, women’s cross country senior captain Sophie Long, men’s soccer senior captain Oliver Murphy, men’s cross country junior co-captain Kyle Larsson, and women’s soccer junior Jillian Ramsay.

The NESCAC All-Sportsmanship Team recognizes student-athletes from each varsity sport who have demonstrated outstanding dedication to sportsmanship. These student-athletes exhibit respect for themselves, teammates, coaches, opponents, and spectators. They display sportsmanship, not only as a participant in their sport but also as a spectator and in their everyday lives. Through their positive actions and example, these student-athletes inspire others to adhere to the quality of sportsmanship that the NESCAC and the NCAA endorse. Of the 93 individuals honored this fall, nine hold multiple All-Sportsmanship Team awards, while 11 were also named to All-NESCAC teams in their respective sports.

The All-Sportsmanship Team was created by the NESCAC Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC). The NESCAC SAAC serves as the liaison between the student-athletes of NESCAC member institutions and conference administrators. The committee provides a voice to represent the concerns of all student-athletes and to discuss issues impacting student-athlete welfare. The NESCAC SAAC represents all students who participate in intercollegiate athletics and promotes and celebrates student-athletes’ achievements.

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CLASS NOTES

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I received a call from Nancy Simpson informing me that Alex Simpson had died on June 9, at the time of our Reunion. He was an art history major and is considering whether to continue with a postgraduate effort at this time. And, of course, another grandson, Garrett, started his Trinity career in fall 1993; and he, along with millions of others, was discharged. It was over. So that led Pat to the GI Bill and Trinity College. Pat went on to a business career, to raise a family, and to be a regular supporter of Trinity. Many of us didn’t know him because right after classes he had part-time jobs. We owe a lot to the Pats of our country, and I think it would be great if someone from Trinity’s History Department could talk to him. As an amateur historian of this period, I believe he is the real McCoy, and there are fewer of his generation every day. Pat’s only medical problem that I am aware of is failing sight, which precludes his driving. Trinity means a great deal to him.

I also talked to Bob Richmond, who was unable to attend Reunion because of his wife’s condition. Like so many of us, Trinity means a lot to Bob. He was delighted that we were so successful in our class fundraising. Also, he was amazed at our turnout at Reunion. (Figure that out for yourself.)

I'll end this with a talk I just had with Jerry Hansen, who continues feeding grandchildren through Trinity. Granddaughter Krista just graduated in the spring. She was an art history major and is considering whether to continue with a postgraduate effort at this time. And, of course, another grandson, Garrett, started his Trinity career in fall 2016. I’ve heard, on good authority, that he is a hot lacrosse player.

I received a call from Nancy Simpson informing me that Alex Simpson had died on June 9, at the time of our Reunion. He had been unwell for some time but was able to make their extended family’s annual trip to Hawaii. The family is especially close — three children and six grandchildren. They had a wonderful time. Trinity meant a great
deal to Alex and Nancy. We all had a great time together at earlier Reunions. Nancy is peppy and plans to continue her para-legal career. If any classmates can recall adventures with Alex, I’m sure Nancy would like to hear from them.

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Trinity Fund Goal: $50,000
Class Secretary: Edward B. Thomas, 1000 Vicar’s Landing, Unit I110, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082; edward.thomas.1952@trincoll.edu
Class Agent: John S. Hubbard

Gentlemen of the Class of ’52, I want you to know my thoughts on a subject that should be of interest to all. Our president of Trinity College has settled in nicely. Her mantra is clear and complete. She will accomplish more in her life at Trinity than her eight predecessors accomplished altogether. I kid you not! She is a real dynamo, and she will achieve that which she has set out to do ... to make Trinity a college that earns the respect she has set out to do … to achieve that which she has set out to do … to make the Molly Stark Trail 9 west to Bennington. Sometime in the ancient past after Uncle Sam and Morroco, I would drive almost once a month in my Austin Healey from Pratt & Whitney in Hartford to visit a friend and family at Mount Snow. For Jack North, it brought to mind that left turn in Brattleboro at the hotel and on to 9 (it’s all new now). Remember we skied Hogback with a couple of our classmates; we were a bit crazy that weekend — was it the rain? On the way back from Saranac Lake to Ipswich, we spent the night at The Inn at Montpelier, hometown of my wife and her sister. They did a lot of checking things out. We finally wound up in Chatham on Cape Cod for almost a week before returning to Houston. Alan Moses and wife Joanne caught up with us and invited us to lunch at the Westward Ho Country Club, a great meal with two very good friends. So, as you can see, this spring, summer, and fall has been very, very eventful for the McCandlesses. As always, my very best to all of you, and to those on the East Coast, hopefully you have recovered from Matthew!

And let me know how you feel about our alma mater. My e-mail is: ebjethomas@aol.com

Trinity Fund Goal: $45,000
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Trinity Fund Goal: $40,000
Class Secretary: Gordon A. West, 1000 Vicar’s Landing Way, C301, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082-3121; gordon.west.1954@trincoll.edu • Class Agent: T. Gerald Dyar

We are sorry to report that classmate J. Russell Fawley, Jr., of Doylestown, Pennsylvania, died on August 18, 2014. This year for me has been one of skirmishes and quick recoveries. First came a small tumor in my bladder, then a small stroke, then Hurricane Matthew, which tore through the coast of Florida and sent us scurrying to Atlanta to return and find everything OK. David Dimling reports that he is also OK except that he has “lost a few more hairs.” Tom Hill is in “good shape,” using a walker and living in Portland near his daughter and family. Bill Conner celebrated his wife’s 80th birthday in August by taking their children and grandchildren to enjoy good weather on a riverboat cruise from Amsterdam to Basel, Switzerland. They are living between two homes in Erie, Pennsylvania, and Hobe Sound, Florida. If any classmates are in Hobe Sound this winter, Bill hopes you will call (772) 545-1065 to get together.

Trinity Fund Goal: $30,000
Class Secretary: E. Wade Close, Jr., 65 Shoreline Drive, Hilton Head Island, SC 29928-7139; wade.close.1955@trincoll.edu; fax: (412) 820-7572
Class Agent: Robert L. Mullaney

Never thought it would actually happen, but it did. By edict from the governor of South Carolina, Carol and Wade Close became evacuees, forced to abandon their Hilton Head Island home for a secure place, some 200 miles away from where Hurricane Matthew was predicted to hit. Fortunately, seven days in Atlanta offered opportunities to reconnect with Connie and David Dimling, as well as Gail Royston, Dick Royston’s widow. David and Connie have settled in a magnificent retirement community, just a bit northeast of downtown Atlanta. Gail has made a wonderful recovery from a health issue and sincerely appreciates Rocco’s Trinity buddies keeping in touch, primarily Joe Reineman and Hank Scheinberg.

Justine and Bill Laporte’s return to the Hartford area has been and will be a big advantage to our class continuing to have enjoyable events on campus. Bill, along with an assist from Craig Mehlau, organized a fun football and dinner day/evening on October 15 that resulted in their witnessing an exciting Trinity win over Tufts and enjoying a super dinner at the Smith House. Classmates Ed Yeomans, Greg Petrakis, and Bob Mullaney, plus guests, partook in the well-organized campus event. At halftime, Bill said he had an opportunity to meet and chat with President Joanne Berger-Sweeney. He was significantly impressed.

Jean and Bob Freeman have done a great job in keeping in touch with classmates. They recently visited Bobbi and Bill O’Hara, who are both challenged with health issues. They also had a recent lunch date with Judy and Bill Gardiner, who also live on the Cape. In addition, Jean stays in touch with Shirley Miller, who remains active playing golf, takes clarinet lessons, and maintains a heavy volunteer schedule. Jean reports Ann Price is busy with sculpting and art projects. Late
in October, the Freemans head for Lakeland, Florida, for seven months, and they are steady participants in our class’s Florida get-togethers. So we are looking forward to seeing them and many others in mid-February. All are encouraged to contact your secretary (wadeclose@aol.com) or Don Mountford (luramoun@msn.com) for the details of that annual gathering.

We heard from Ed Rose’s wife, Jane, that Ed passed away on September 30, after having celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary this past June. Their five children have produced 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Ed served in the U.S. Air Force for 10 years and then became an Episcopal priest and served the church for 40 years. He and Jane retired to Rockport, Texas, a small town on the Gulf of Mexico. Hope to see many of you in Florida this coming February.

From the Alumni Office: Bruce Whitman, chairman, president, and CEO of FlightSafety International, was selected to receive the prestigious American Spirit Award in recognition of his commitment to helping others throughout the global aviation community. He was set to receive the honor during the 2016 NBAA Business Aviation Convention & Exhibition in November 2016 in Orlando, Florida. Bruce also recently received the Exceptional Service Award from the Iron Gate Chapter of the Air Force Association. The award is presented to Air Force Association members who have performed exceptional services for the organization in local, regional, or national fields.

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Trinity Fund Goal: $50,000
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Trinity Fund Goal: $20,000
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I am writing this report on October 10, 2016. Don Pillsbury received a wonderful 80th birthday present from his wife — a two-week trip for Don and his son to see the site of the Normandy invasion. He and son Tim went to

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Trinity Fund Goal: $30,000
Class Secretary: John L. Thompson, 1121D Sand Drift Way, West Palm Beach, FL 33411-1852; john.thompson.1958@trincoll.edu • Class Agents: Joseph J. Repole, Jr., Edward B. Speno

We have responses from nine classmates. It is mid-October as I write, so some time will have passed. Know that we may have done some editing in order to stay within The Reporter’s guideline that our collective remarks do not exceed 1,000 words.

Frank Kury writes that he is 14 months post-open-heart surgery and is back to the gym and golf. He and Beth are back on the road to Alaska, San Francisco, and Sacramento, where they visited with sons and toured a museum of modern art. He has also resumed speaking at colleges and universities on his specialty, state legislatures.

The ubiquitous Pete Smith: two weeks in Switzerland, river cruising from Basel to Amsterdam on the Rhine, and meeting with Swedish-located son Eric ’88 to celebrate Pete’s 80th. He reports that he plays tennis with a daily addiction and was about to be honored by induction into his high school sports hall of fame. Daughter Annika ’86 will visit soon in Boston.

Denny Haight has “retired” at 80 but plans to do some consulting. He and Stephanie have bought a home in Little River, South Carolina, just north of Myrtle Beach.

A heart attack, a couple of stents, and a pacemaker slowed down Pete Addison last summer. He reports that he has mended, despite a horrifically tasteless fish-heavy diet. He and Claire live close to their four grandchildren — a sophomore at Clemson, a high school senior, and ninth and sixth graders. He stays in touch with Charleston-located Arky Vaughan.

Dave Renard writes sadly that he lost his wife of 40 years last August to cancer and that his travel days are now limited. He fondly recalls their travels to seven continents and more than 40 countries. Throughout, the many highlights always reflected what he had first learned in Trinity fine arts classes.

Ed Speno was nostalgic in a note recalling what a great growing experience his days at Trinity were. To celebrate his 80th, his and Marty’s six children and 14 of their 17 grandchildren organized a wonderful birthday party at a nearby Maryland winery. They came from seven states, rented a huge house, and celebrated for a week. He always reflects on how our professors, coaches, and classmates contributed to his enriched life.

Charles Selden wrote two poignant and fascinating pieces about growing up in Hartford in the ’50s and the impact Professor John Dando had on his life and family. Unfortunately, printing either or both puts us over the 1,000-word limit. So, please e-mail Charlie at charles.selden@mac.com to request a copy. They will inspire you to think about growing up in an ethnically mixed world of the ’50s and how Trinity people like John Dando left indelible prints on our education, character, and personalities. Charles’s pieces will touch your memories, mind, and heart.

Bernard Moran wrote: “A day late and a dollar short (as usual). My 80-year-old brain is being taxed to the max. Unbelievably busy! Working for the Democratic Party every day to make sure Hillary gets elected. Working on the third book of my trilogy, Love and Treachery in Palm Beach 3. Playing Pickleball almost every day when I’m not traveling to Atlanta, Boston, Yellowstone Park, Zambesi Island, the Caribbean, the British Isles, and back and forth between Fort Lauderdale and The Villages. There’s just no rest for the weary! Hope you’re staying healthy, and look forward to seeing you at the Trinity and Deerfield alumni dinners.”
the Silent, by Ruth Putnam, from Trinity’s library. The story included the famous siege of Leiden in 1574. ... Jan van der Does, then a young scholar, was a resident in Leiden and was a prominent encourager of the population. ... I looked for the pre-computer sign-out card at the back to see who might have borrowed the book. The only name on the card was Louise v.d. Does. It had to be more than a coincidence. Louise was listed in an alumni directory in the Class of 1991. Julie Cloutier of the Alumni Office forwarded an e-mail from me asking Ms. van der Does if she was aware that Jan v. d. Does appeared in the book and if she might be related to him. And she is. She is a direct descendant of Jan v.d. Does of Leiden. Jan became one of the humanist scholars of the time and was appointed the first curator of the University of Leiden. Louise and I exchanged e-mails about our common Dutch heritage and interest in the history of the Netherlands, our families, how we got to the USA, and memories of those little sign-out cards, the intersecting point connecting two graduates of Trinity of different decades and parts of the country.”

Mike Palmer wrote: “My oldest grandson has graduated from our arch enemy, Wesleyan, and is working with an environmental consulting company in San Francisco. His sister is in her third year at Connecticut College, and my adopted grandson is entering high school in Sarasota. Time flies. Exercise, genealogy, and music keep me active. I still sing with a choir while at home in Connecticut and play the guitar with the Pelican Cove Folk Club while Michele and I are spending the winter in Sarasota, Florida. (And Sid Gordon, a National League All-Star infielder, is apparently a cousin of mine. But finding the conclusive proof has been a thorny genealogical problem.) Cheers, Mike”

Best regards, Jon

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Trinity Fund Goal: $65,000

Class Secretary: Grosvenor

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As I begin to write my notes for the winter Trinity Reporter issue, I have been watching the exciting Ryder Cup matches. I could not help but think about our golf team back in the 1960 season consisting of classmates Captain Tom Wyckoff, Pete Johnson, Jack Wardell, John Winans, and Charlie Mackall. And, who could forget Coach Mitch Pappas? Their record was not awe-inspiring, but word had it back then that they had a lot of fun.

As always, Ray Beech and Bob Johnson planned to attend the Homecoming game against Amherst in November. Ray reports he has retired from his design-build business but is still continuing being a landlord. He owns two buildings in New York City with tenants. It takes a bit of time but much less pressure and is enjoyable. Also keeping in touch with Trinity is Ed Cimillo, as he has a grandson who is a junior. He points out that his sense is that new president Joanne Berger-Sweeney is making gradual, steady progress and is definitely putting her stamp on the College. Mac Costley reached out to Ed upon reading an article by a high school classmate upon the passing of longtime math professor Marjorie Van Eenum Butcher. “Unlike some of you guys, I cannot identify with those who understand higher math. I peaked with Bob Stewart’s freshman course in analytic geometry and calculus (for ‘dummies’). I’m one of the reasons the United States lags behind other countries in math and science. But I’ve always admired those with a facility for those disciplines.”

Still seeking architectural work, Charlie “Bud” Bergmann says life is good. He has been talking with Jules Worthington, who he says is doing well and starting to paint again. He also has corresponded with Barry Royden. As for trips, Bud and Terry Peek spent almost three weeks in the Tuscany area of Italy last July and upon returning home enjoyed the end of the concert season in Saratoga Springs. It’s always a pleasure to hear from Charlie Hawes, as his humor has never abated. “Still keeping a shaky hand in active ministry, presiding at worship and preaching in places not much farther than an hour away when regular clergy are away on vacation, at conferences, or maybe just goofing off. Have discovered a new use for altars in my old age. They are structures that doddering celebrants can hold on to so they don’t fall face down in the Holy Mysteries.”

He and Faith and two of his grandkids were able to spend a week at Carolina Beach in late June. The family was planning to be together for Thanksgiving in Greensboro and in Wilmington, North Carolina, and in Atlanta for Christmas. They continue to be lunch buddy volunteers at a local elementary school and take a monthly stint fixing and serving breakfast at Urban Ministries’ homeless shelter. For an old codger whose daily exercise is spending an hour putting on compression socks, Charlie seems quite busy.

Upon retirement, Neb Brashich has been very active. The last week of September was spent with his brother Deyan and wife Put at a house on the beach on Cape Cod. “Lots of fun, eating lunches in various restaurants but cooking better meals at the house.” Starting in October, travel included a month in Europe: Brussels, Amsterdam, Porto, Lisbon, Salzburg, Vienna, Paris, and back to Brussels. For about eight days, son Nick and wife Erin, as well as granddaughter Morgan, age 3½, were with them. Nick is in charge of security at our embassy in Brussels.

Word came from Lee Kalcheim that the twins, Gabe and Sam, were with Lee this past summer. He says it’s tough to see them as they each are 3,000 miles away. Gabe is in England at the University of Durham for his master’s, and Sam is at the University of Oregon for his doctorate. “Maybe if they go into academia, they’ll have summers off so they can play with their parents?” Lee and Julia attended a concert in summer 2016 at Tanglewood with Roberta and Ray Beech.

Lee has also reported that with the help of Matt Levine, who is on the Advisory Board of The York Theatre Company, 619 Lexington Avenue, New York 10022, there will be a public reading of a new musical — book and lyrics by Lee and music by his son Sam on March 28 and 29, 2017, at The York Theatre. For more information and tickets, call (212) 935-5824. For those who may want to attend, it would be a great way to support Lee and to keep the Class of 1960 spirit alive!

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the icy Three Sisters peaks? It’s an excellent goal when you have time to train, as is the 12-mile loop among the asters up Soda Creek to Green Lakes and back. Maybe you’ll finally flash a 5.11 out at Smith Rock, 40 minutes away, or take a paddleboard out on the Cascade Lakes. But your adventures here don’t have to be that hardcore — the mile-long walk up Bend’s in-town volcano, Pilot Butte, is ideal for sunset hikes. ‘Bend is accessible to so many people in that way,’ Woodward says. ‘Sharing the experience is what’s really important — not just getting your ass kicked.’ Oh, and for the record: Woodward is 76. Of course, in Bend years that’s more like 55.”

Beer label or not, please share your experiences.

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Kroh and Carolyn were off again for what has become a yearly ritual to sail the Adriatic Sea for a few weeks. Upon returning home, they turned around and were off to assist their church in helping to build a new building for their sister church in Haiti.

News from the West Coast has been exciting. David Leof reports he caught “the big one” a 41-inch, 32-pound Chinook salmon on a fishing holiday in northwest Canada. The fish was caught, landed, photographed, and then released. David reports both he and the fish were physically tested. As a result, David was inducted into the Tyee Society of British Columbia. On another note, Ken Lyons and Judy once again headed to Santa Fe to visit grandkids and to catch up with Jim Gavin.

Marv Peterson and Sarah hosted a mini-reunion this past summer at their home in Big Sky, Montana. White-water rafting and hiking were on the agenda. A good time was had by John and Marlene Bassett, Saki and Kathy Greenwald, Jack and Cynthia LaMothe, Dick and Barb Stockton, and Barry and Brenda Ryden.

Word has come from Tony Phillips, who visited his sister in Little Compton, Rhode Island, this past summer, that the lobster rolls and scenery are as good as ever. Tony and his wife are still very active in the art community in Chicago.

2017 looks like it will be a good year for all. Remember, keep the Class of 1960 spirit alive!

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For those who would enjoy Deyan Brashich’s reflections on politics worldwide, and culture, too, I have located his blog address: it is Contrary Views at deyanbrashich.com.

Lastly, I have retired from Goodwin College, which kindly named me its first professor emeritus. Goodwin is located on the East Hartford side of the Connecticut River, sharing the waterfront with Trinity’s crew boathouse. It’s been fun over the years seeing our (Trinity’s) young athletes running warm-ups along the street the schools share and looking out from the sixth floor of the Goodwin tower onto the river with the Trinity crew practicing mightily. I am beginning a massive campaign to weed my garden of unwelcome plants and to thin out the piles of books that make the interior of my house an obstacle course!

Please write; thanks to Bill R., Don, and Kirby, I haven’t had to pad this issue’s report with my scroungings on our long-gone professors!

Yours, Paul

From the Alumni Office: Peter Bundy has published a book, The Knot of King Gordius (Amazon). It is the culmination of an eight-year search to find his birth parents and the unsolvable dilemma that his mother encountered in finally giving him up for adoption at the age of 2 1/2. It all takes place (starting in 1939) against the backdrop of World War II, as Peter’s mother, who was American but had been living in Denmark, was sent back to the United States to wait out the war, as her stepfather was certain the Germans would invade Denmark. She had fallen in love with a Danish musician and arrived in America not knowing she was pregnant. Efforts to reunite with her Danish love were futile due to the war, which seemed to be without end. After giving birth in May of 1940, she continues to harbor the thought of reuniting but eventually realizes it is not going to happen. In the end, she meets another man, marries, and gives up her son for adoption. The book not only chronicles this story but details the entire investigative process, which is a story unto itself.

Trinity Fund Goal: $95,000

‘63 Class Secretary: Michael A. Schultenberg, 89 Judson St., Canton, NY 13617; michael.schultenberg.1963@trincoll.edu • Class Agent: William C. Howland

Greetings to all the members, families, and friends of the Class of ’63. By the time you read this, Homecoming 2016 will be a memory, and the special events that yearly gather many members of the class together will have been celebrated. For nearly 30 years, Homecoming has been the foundation upon which our class has built its reputation for stellar loyalty to and support of Trinity College. The centerpiece of this reputation is the Class of ’63 Scholarship, which funds the aspirations of eight students each and every year. And this is just part of the extraordinary witness of College support from members of the class; there are several other full and partial scholarships provided by ’63 graduates as well as a multitude of other creative and enriching gifts and programs that bless the material, intellectual, spiritual, and social fabric of campus life. Our yearly gathering each fall for Homecoming provides a weekend of opportunities to renew our friendships, understand the College’s current involvement in educating 21st century leaders, and celebrate all that is still possible for us to do with the gifts that we have been blessed with in the years afforded us since we came to this place in the fall of 1959.

I have a hope, a heartfelt desire, as I write these notes: let us, as a class, commit ourselves to making Trinity’s Homecoming a yearly Class of ‘63 event for as long as we can. We are at the time of our lives when changes to health and mobility more and more come quickly and suddenly, and moments to be together and renew the dreams come to an end. Why not, then, make the most of these gatherings? Let us visibly and consciously leave Trinity with yet another story to tell of the Class of 1963: that we celebrated our bonds and offerings fully to the last man! Mark the first weekend of November 2017 on your calendar as a time to come home.

Just a few notes from the class this time.

From Jim Blair: ‘I’m writing from the Rhode Island shore, where Elaine and I have spent most of this spectacular summer enjoying the beach, our friends, and family; truly the best antidote to the ‘fourth-quarter blues.’ Helena, our sole grandchild, made a cameo appearance and ran us off our feet. When this lively 6-year-old is around, adult naps are no longer an option. In June, we also took a trip to Alaska, a truly spectacular place and experience, but for how much longer is another matter. We met a lot of great people, including many Canadians whom we are befriending like crazy — just in case. We also were blessed to see Carroll Stribling and his wife, Lulu, who were in Rhode Island on family business and stopped by and filled us in on their life and times (all good).’

From Scott Reynolds and Peggy: “More attending to our personal ‘bucket list’ of things to do; we traveled in May on a cruise that stopped in Spain, Portugal, and France before flying back home from London. It was a special trip! We have now cruised from Istanbul through the Mediterranean, Atlantic, and Baltic to St. Petersburg. It has taken us more than 20 years and six cruises. Next for me is Cooperstown and the Baseball Hall of Fame with grandchildren. All our extended family is fine, and many turned out for the celebration of an event now common to most all of our classmates this year … the 75th birthday. So, ‘happy birthday to all’"

From Lloyd Reynolds and Lee: “Another grand summer for our marine enterprise, South Port Marine, in South Portland, Maine. We just added a 12,000-square-foot indoor storage building. It has been a satisfying summer season with a full marina and much service work. This has been a truly ‘wonderful retirement hobby’ now for over 20 years. We’ve opened a second sales office right near Wilbur Shenk and Mimi in Newburyport, Massachusetts, and tried to get him involved, but he is now almost the mayor of the town with his dedication to the Chamber of Commerce. Like the rest of us, Wilbur is celebrating a ‘big b-day’ this November, and we hope to see him and many more ’63ers at Homecoming this fall. Finally, I am still very involved, weekly mowing the 16 acres at my 300-plus-year-old St. Peter’s Episcopal Church here in Malvern. Stay well, dear friends!”

From Rick Ashworth comes news of improving good health after hip and shoulder replacement operations (hip is real good, shoulder is still a chore) and his finishing a book on the life and career of his father, who was an admiral in the Pacific in World War II and involved in the conclusion of the war through the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

From David Brackett, a note that he and Diane are enjoying reasonably good health. He stays busy with his charity board work, and they both make room for involvement with the lives of their children and grandchildren.

And finally, yours truly and Karen are officially New Yorkers as we have completed our move to Canton, New York, to live with our daughter, Melissa, a professor in the art department of St. Lawrence University. We are trusting that one of the added benefits of this will be more opportunities to participate in Class of ’63 gatherings at Trinity. We hope, we hope!

Please do stay in touch. Blessings to all.
’64 Trinity Fund Goal: $100,000  
Class Secretary: Christopher J. McNell, M.D., 406 Cooper Lake Dr., Georgetown, TX 78633-5356; christopher.mcnell.1964@trincoll.edu


John Burton’s two sons, Matt and Jack, turned 21 this year. He and Trish had a great getaway to Aspen in summer 2016. The Pirates missing the playoffs this year has been his only disappointment.

Vin Fiordalis and wife Ruthie have joined the 50th anniversary club this year and celebrated in New York City.

After 22 years in Kauai, Robert Bruce MacDougall and wife Roxanne have relocated to the Dupont Forest in western North Carolina in a barn house with a view of Pinnacle Mountain from the backyard. He spends much time cycling the hills and mountains of western North Carolina on his new Trek. He belongs to a bike club with 600 members, many of whom are seniors, and participates in group rides several times per week. He also enjoys watercolor and drawing classes. Their best news, however, is that son Chris achieved his fifth anniversary of being leukemia free and is now considered cured.

Bill Burnham has written that after having sold his children’s book publisher of Smithsonian, Disney, and Sesame Workshop storybooks, he has entered the hospitality arena. On the Soundprints’ property off the Merritt Parkway in Norwalk, Connecticut, rose the Hotel Zero Degrees, a 96-room boutique hotel. Then after some success, he invested in the 120-room Delamar Hotel under construction in Blue Back Square in West Hartford. Plans are in progress to name certain rooms in this hotel after Bishop Brownell, whose daughter married Bill’s great-great-grandfather. The Delamar will be open by spring 2017! Then to follow on the Delamar, his partners with a little help from Bill have bought the Goodwin Hotel off of Bushnell Park in downtown Hartford. So now our class can return to Hartford knowing who to gripe to if their accommodations are not up to snuff!

Your secretary and Jan just returned from a two-week land tour of Ireland (Inroads Ireland on a 14-passenger van) that exposed us to small towns, narrow “roads,” spectacular sites and scenery, lots of Guinness, and pub food. I can heartily recommend this tour company for seeing the real Ireland with knowledgeable commentary from an Irish driver and tour guide.

From the Alumni Office: C. Michael Malm has been named to The Best Lawyers in America 2017. Michael, a founding partner of Boston law firm Davis, Malm & D’Agostine, P.C., practices in the business law area, where he serves as general counsel and adviser to private and publicly held businesses, from start-ups to mature companies.

’65 Trinity Fund Goal: $75,000  
Class Secretary: Thomas A. Garson, 4345 Embassy Park Dr. NW, Washington, D.C. 20016-3625; thomas.garson.1965@trincoll.edu • Class Agent: Beverston B. Perkins

On a warm summer day in July, Ben Barber and wife Kathleen were seen strolling by the Potomac, as were Nancy and Tom Garson.

Eric Lodge wrote that all is well at the Lodge household. In mid-September, he spent a week cruising with a couple friends among the islands and inlets of the Inside Passage off the coast of British Columbia. He reported that it was “quite an experience for a non-nautical guy like me.” Eric added the sad news of the recent passing of classmate Bill Gish on August 17, 2016, at his home in Encinitas, California. Eric commented that “Bill was very active in the community and will be missed. Until his injury a few years ago, he was a regular attendee whenever the Trinity president was in town.”

The next month, Phil Parsons and Jane were in Washington, D.C., to visit Phil’s brother and to see the sights. They were spotted at what they said was a fantastic production of Jelly’s Last Jam.

I, your class secretary, have taken seven weeks to volunteer for the Hillary Clinton campaign in Florida. I am office director in the central West Palm Beach office. It has been challenging, hard work and rewarding.

’66 Trinity Fund Goal: $60,000  
Class Secretary: David C. Charlesworth, 5 Kittanset Rd., Bedford, NH 03110-4508; david.charlesworth.1966@trincoll.edu • Class Agent: Joseph A. Hourihan, Esq.

The most gratifying experience for me is to receive and pass on stories to you from your classmates three times a year. But I have a deadline to meet. So this is like reliving my Tin years all over again, writing term papers the day before they are due. Ah, the stress of it all.

Shortly after the Reunion, while the warm and fuzzy memories of the event were still with us, the full-time and the wannabe Cape Codders met for lunch for a “re-reunion” on the Cape. Among the “il-luminaries” were Brian Grimes, Bill Carlson, Sandy Mason, Ben Tribken, Jim Shepard, and yours truly. Also along was Bob Boas ’67, wanting to learn from us how to do a 50th Reunion. He learned something.

Received some interesting posts, which I pass along to you.

Bob Scofield shared that he and wife Carol “spent two weeks of our 50th year of marriage touring the British Isles. One stop was at Trinity College in Dublin to see the library there and the Book of Kells. Another stop was at Trinity College of the University of Oxford. Worldwide there are about 40 Trinity Colleges which share the name with our school. Most of Carol’s and my ancestors came from the U.K., from the time of the Mayflower through the 19th century.” Who knew there were other Trinities?

While Bob was returning from the U.K., Jane and I were headed there to celebrate her “somethingth” birthday with a three-week tour, guided with suggestions from Rich Rissel, who had traveled there right after our 50th Reunion. All good suggestions, Rich.

Frank Vincent wrote that he “will be moving to Newburyport, Massachusetts, in early November and ... looking forward to settling in. All is well in the Vincent family, and I send our best wishes to the Class of ’66 and any others who happen to come across this posting.” You should look up Scott Sutherland there.

I also heard from Tom Anderson. He is “now living on both coasts (Damariscotta, Maine, and Walnut Creek, California, where my children and grandchildren are) and enjoying the best of both. Damariscotta is near Boothbay, Maine, where Ray Egan lives, and we occasionally see each other. I just purchased a new (restored 1973, but new to me) Bertram sport-fishing boat, and I am in the process of outfitting it for giant tuna fishing for next season (if Ben Tribken reads this, please call and give me your sage advice!). Also, if anyone from Trinity makes it to our parts, please feel free to stop and say hello. Lobster and oysters by our dock.”

John True checked in. “I have retired from the bench and spend my time doing private mediations and arbitrations. ... To my surprise, slowing down a little bit feels good. I spend time with my two granddaughters, whose parents lived nearby, and with a recently acquired puppy. I mourn the passing of John Ocko, my friend and fraternity brother who got me through Russian and saved my sorry ass from academic probation.
or worse.” Well, I judge that you have had quite a career. (Sorry about that. My wife calls that a Charlesworthism.)

Ford Barrett, this time, was in “Athens, Greece, and expected to have dinner in the shadow of the Parthenon with classmate Steve Diamant, who has lived in Greece most of his life since graduation. Steve wasn’t able to make our Reunion, but he contributed to the class Reunion book. I will be spending several days on the island of Corfu, during which I will take a boat to visit the Roman ruins at Butrint in southern Albania. Just got to get that Albania stamp in my passport!”

I never heard back whether they let him out of Albania.

You can always count on Joe Hourihan to share his adventures with us. He and Antoinette “were on a cruise out of Copenhagen. My wardrobe is primarily from Mohegan Sun, Harrah’s, and Trinity sports teams, thus it should come as no surprise that in Ålesund, Norway, I was wearing a Trinity baseball sweatshirt. I was approached by a fellow traveler who inquired what year I had graduated from Trinity. That traveler and his wife turned out to be classmate George and Nancy Larson. Both were retired and taking a break from their full-time job of enjoying their two children and their two grandchildren. George was curious as to who won our 50th Reunion Golf Outing, assuming either Mase Ross or Tom Beers. I told him I could not remember but did remember that George Andrews claimed the cup — and that the foursome of Rissel, Charlesworth, Grimes, and Hourihan won high gross — despite playing the last several holes in a scrummar format.”

Scott Sutherland chimed in. “Following a great start to the summer at our class 50th, my wife, Terry, and I enjoyed a lot of time on our boat cruising as far south as Montauk, New York, and then east to Stonington, Maine, a total of 50 nights; just now getting my land legs back. In addition to some fantastic sunsets, we had a front-row seat to the fireworks barge blowing up in Plymouth, visited Tony Bougere for a wonderful dinner at Edgartown, just missed David Lloyd at Watch Hill (but enjoyed dinner at his yacht club), and caught Rod Van Seiver for a paddleboarding adventure, dinner, and an overnight on our way back from Maine.” Scott says he is looking for a buyer for his boat. Any takers?

Dan Waterman and wife Deborah have mostly retired to the most charming farmhouse with attached red barn, in Jericho, Vermont, an idyllic town nestled in the Green Mountains. You have to see it to believe it.

Well, once again, I am at my 1,000-word limit. Until the next time, be well.

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Trinity Fund Goal: $200,000
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Two Class of ’67 doctors checked in recently. Veterinary Will Rosenbaum reports, “Married 40 years (wife Jody, daughter Elizabeth, grandchildren Katharine and Whitney). Still work part time. Live in Boothbay, Maine, and Apalachicola, Florida. Hobbies: antique cars and boats, fixing up older homes with character. I have contact with Nick Orem, Rick Ludwig. Ron Steele ’65, John Ellwood ’65, and Scott Sutherland ’66. Will do my best to be at Reunion.”

Phil Mayer plans to attend Reunion and share his expertise. “I see that Culley Carson will be attending. Culley’s a urologist, and I am an orthopedic spine surgeon. I was thinking that it would be relevant and useful to have a seminar to present some comments on relevant medical problems in both fields to our aging classmates. The field of spine is rife with misconceptions and inappropriate treatments, e.g., opioids and interventional treatments such as injections and fusions that are more harmful than of benefit. About one year ago, Jeff Fox asked me to call one of his friends who had been virtually disabled after a series of spine surgeries. Too late for him, but it got me thinking about how important it is for us to be well informed. As my patient population has aged through the years, I have developed the philosophy of ‘medical care of necessity, not of convenience.’ I’d be delighted to speak to our classmates on the subject of ‘The Aging Spine — Facts vs. Myth.’ I still work about 6 1/2 days per week. Two days I see my own patients, and on the other days, I evaluate contested cases, rendering opinions on causality, necessity of treatment, and workability status. Essentially, I see the darker side of medicine and review cases from all over the state and out of the state. I myself have had three spine surgeries and must admit that I was out of work for two weeks after each operation. Why were the surgeries successful? I can answer that question and many more. Unfortunately, I have had to become an expert on prostate cancer, malignant melanoma, squamous and basal cell skin cancers, hearing loss, and partial blindness, right eye, due to a most unusual post-op complication, and the list goes on. I refer to these things as ‘blips on the horizon of tranquility’ as this most unique journey continues. I have followed primarily an academic career and am still a clinical professor of orthopedics at Wayne State University. Socially, I have several hobbies, interests, etc. Most significant is picking on the ol’ five-string banjo playing bluegrass. I look forward to seeing y’all in June.”

Just a reminder to all of you from Class of ’67 webmaster Strother Scott. Please visit our new 50th Reunion website, www.trinity1967.org. My immediate goal is to get you to fill out your profile for the 50th Reunion Yearbook and submit an essay that will be part of the printed book. So far, more than a dozen of us have started the process, and it appears to be pretty painless. The yearbook, which will be published and sent to you in early 2017, is a place where everybody may share details about their career, family, and “passionate pursuits,” such as hobbies and volunteer work. Your thoughts on your Trinity experience and issues of importance to you are welcome, as well as a recent photo. Please take a few minutes now to complete your profile and essay and even to submit a photo or two. If you get started but can’t finish, it will be saved and you can pick up where you left off. To log on to our website, follow these easy steps: 1) Visit www.trinity1967.org; 2) Halfway down the page, under Step 1, click on “Log In”; 3) Click “First-Time Login” then the “Sign up” button, and enter your name and e-mail address and click “Submit”; 4) Then follow the instructions to complete your profile, write your essay, and take the survey.

By the time you read this, there will be less than six months to our Reunion. Looking forward to seeing all of you there.

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Trinity Fund Goal: $1,200,000
Class Secretary: Daniel L. Goldberg, 53 Beacon St., #1, Boston, MA 02108-3531; daniel.goldberg.1968@trincoll.edu

Rich Coyle writes that he and wife Tina recently returned from a terrific trip to Barcelona, where they quickly came to understand how the city gained its reputation as a world-class destination. “It’s one
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of the most interesting and inviting cities we’ve ever visited. Barcelona has it all … great food, outstanding wines, and amazing art and architecture. Sagrada Família is nearing completion, and it is simply awe-inspiring. On the home front, we’re just starting year four of retirement in Savannah and continuing to enjoy living in the historic district. In my spare time, I’ve headed back to school and am taking a modern Russian history course at nearby Armstrong State University. Hope all’s well.”

Seeking to redeem reality TV, as well as to educate the public about mental health, Rich Weingarten can be seen on Citizens TV broadcasts in the Greater New Haven area. This particular retirement gig combines Rich’s longtime interest in journalism with his experience and commitment in mental health. He has become a local celebrity. All of this without spray tan or orange hair!

Robert Cudd has retired as head of the tax department in the San Francisco law firm of Morrison & Foerster but has not retired from practicing law. Robert moved to his family’s home in Darien, Connecticut, and is serving as senior partner in the New York City office of Polsinelli.

The “Old Farts Baseball Tour,” also known as the Larry Roberts/Barry Bedrick mission to visit every major league baseball park, has chalked up ballgames at 28 parks, leaving only two to go. The long drives to distant parks fly by quickly thanks to Barry’s playlists, capturing the best of late ’50s, ’60s, and ’70s music. I know they must have Danny and the Juniors as one of their featured groups.

Just think of it: five days on largely deserted islands in Penobscot Bay off the coast of Maine. No electrical outlets. Cooking only on wood-burning stoves and ovens. But surrounded by the beauty of the ocean and Maine’s islands. That’s how a group of us spent some time in the late summer, gathering together at Great Spruce Head Island. Tom Nary, John Vail, George Fosque, Joe Saginor, Ben Jaffe, Kim Miles, and your secretary, as well as our better halves, had a glorious time together in August. Days were spent hiking, boating, swimming, and playing tennis. Evenings were feasts and hours of brilliant (?) conversations.

Planning for the Class of ’68 50th Reunion is shifting into high gear. Larry Roberts and Paul Jones report that the Reunion website has been running for over six months and that program plans for the big event are coming together nicely. Larry and Paul urge all classmates to visit the website soon and often (www.trinity1968.org) to indicate plans to attend, update information, and see who is coming. The goal is to have at least 100 in attendance, which would be a record for Trinity. Let’s make that happen. Mark your calendars for June 7–10, 2018.

As plans are proceeding for a great Reunion, Larry and Paul would be delighted to hear your ideas to make our Reunion memorable. If you have a program suggestion or would like to work with the Reunion Planning Committee, please contact Larry or Paul (Larry: jordancove@aol.com; Paul: oriole1961@gmail.com).

From the Alumni Office, Walter Harrison has been appointed to the Newman’s Own Advisory Board. Walt, who has served as president of the University of Hartford in West Hartford, Connecticut, since 1998, is set to retire from that role on June 30, 2017.

Trinity Fund Goal: $150,000
Class Secretary: Alden R. Gordon, Fine Arts Department, Hallden 09, Trinity College, 300 Summit St., Hartford, CT 06106-3100; alden.gordon@trincoll.edu • Class Agent: Nathaniel S. Prentice

Nat Prentice and Mike Michigami are getting us organized for our 50th Reunion! Peter Otis in Guilford, Connecticut, is pursuing his avocation as a nature and landscape photographer. He recently had a photograph accepted into a juried competition of University of New Hampshire graduate school alumni that is part of UNH’s 150th anniversary. The photo is of a garden architectural feature, a long, narrow, very blue pool leading to a distant red doorway in a baroque garden building that is part of the Grey Towers National Historic Site in Milford, Pennsylvania. Peter considers these photographs his personal tribute to “America’s Best Idea,” the National Park Service on its centennial. You can see his work at www.peterotisphotos.com.

Hank Davis and wife Robie are active with Lipscomb University in Nashville and are traveling with the university to Florence, Italy, to celebrate Hank’s birthday in October. Michael Beautyman just won the national grass court tennis championship for “old people” in singles. And he played on the U.S. Seniors Team in the World Championships in Croatia. Michael’s son is COO of emergency services at MIT, and his daughter is in New Haven giving microbusiness grants to small businesses in Kenya.

Jean and I celebrated the wedding of our son Alex Gordon ’05 to Maya Simon (Harvard B.A., Stanford Business) this past summer in Washington, D.C., and were joined by Alden C. Gordon ’10, Anna Gordon ’12, Hilary Cramer Robinson ’05, Jonathan Damon ’07, Molly Stuart ’05, and Diana Lestz ’13 (see photo on page 68.). We also had the pleasure of attending Alden C’s graduation from Wharton and Anna’s graduation from the Elliott School of International Affairs, The George Washington University, in May.

Hope to see many of you in June 2017.

Trinity Fund Goal: $100,000
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Trinity Fund Goal: $150,000
Class Secretary: David M. Sample, 401 Ocean Grove Circle, St. Augustine, FL 32080-8722; david.sample.1971@trincoll.edu • Class Agents: Howard B. Greenblatt, William H. Reynolds, Jr., David M. Sample

Beverly Diamond Mayr Thurber, a retired teacher, is still teaching AP literature at Craftsbury Academy and doing art shows and shops with her artist husband in Vermont.

Tim Woolsey reports: “I taught piano at Texas State University for 35 years and retired in 2010. I still have a large class of private piano students at home, and in the spring of 2015 and school year 2015-16 was invited to teach adjunct at the University of Texas. The last five years I’ve taken up portraiture. Check my website: timwoolseyart.com.”

Paul Smyth reports that daughter Kendra Smyth got married on June 19, 2016, to Ed Kabay in Cape May, New Jersey.

Peter Huidekoper is “semiretired but in year five as coordinator of Colorado Education Policy Fellowship Program; 15 states have a chapter, part of the national organization EFPP. Have been writing a nearly monthly education newsletter, Another View, for over a decade, at anotherviewpj.blogspot.com. Best wishes to all!”

Lou Slocum in Vista, California, stays in touch with Peter Moore with some
regularity, talking about old radio announcers, entertainers that they used to play on their radio shows, and, of course, Porschess. Louis is still driving his beautiful silver Porsche with red leather interior, a classic old color blend in the old 356 (bathtub) body style. Louis reports that Steve Jianakoplos is buying a new turbo Porsche as a “retirement present” for himself. Steve lawyered for the Porsche Club of America for years. Louis is also — and this is very cool — spending a lot of his effort on his first love even over radio: voice-over work. His voice is still golden, and talents include multiple accents. Books, video games, who knows where we might hear his silver tongue? David Sample reports: “I had a very exciting trip to Tanzania in July. I was a volunteer instructor at an entrepreneurship workshop for scientists and engineers (sponsored by the Institute of Physics) at the University of Dar es Salaam. The five-day session was focused on enabling scientists to take their ideas and inventions to market. After the workshop, I remained in Tanzania and took an amazing six-day camping safari (from Kilimanjaro to the Serengeti). My final stop was in Dubai, where I was fortunate enough to be when my son Scott ’09 received notice that he passed the Level 3 Exam and became a Certified Financial Analyst.” Classmates who can make it to campus in the fall will often see Bill Reynolds, Tom DiBenedetto, Warren Kalbacker, Philip Khoury, David Sample, Sheldon Crosby, and others in the “Class of ’71 Corner” of the field. This year, the Bantams have a new field and scoreboard, and best of all, thanks to the efforts of Bill Reynolds, fans will again hear the Bantam “crow” after each score … only in the NESCAC and only at the top-rated “field of dreams.”

Here’s what we’ve got for news, updates, etc. this time around:

After comfortably adjusting to life as a grandfather (Taylor, 4½, and Colin, 2, children of daughter Farley Whetzel Bills ’04), Will Whetzel is regrouping for two family weddings in the next year. Daughter Eliza ’10 (engaged to Dan Savage, a Lord Jeff ... er, Amherst alum, no less) in February 2017 and stepson Nick Pearson (to Heather Cryderman) in July 2017. Paul Meyendorff writes to advise that he has retired from teaching at St. Vladimir’s Orthodox Theological Seminary in Yonkers, New York. He has moved to the Burlington, Vermont, area but will continue as editor of the seminary’s academic journal. He plans to continue his ecumenical and external affairs work for the Orthodox Church and points out that it is “hard to believe it has been nearly 45 years since we graduated.” Paul’s new address is: Dr. Paul Meyendorff, Editor, St. Vladimir’s Theological Quarterly, 159 Sommerfield Avenue, South Burlington, Vermont 05403. He is reachable via e-mail at pm@svots.edu. Finally, a follow-up — and a humorous finish — to the story of our departed classmate Okie O’Connor. We reported about this in the last issue. It turns out that Okie was a golfer and a big New York Mets baseball fan. A number of his Trinity classmates, who were among the people closest to him, snuck into a New York Mets game and somehow managed to scatter some of Okie’s ashes in left field and on a piece of statuary located in front of the park. The same culprits reported that they were putting some of Okie’s ashes into the woods on one hole of his favorite golf course “because he always spent a lot of time in those woods, and he would feel at home.” Thanks to John Simone and Albert Donsky for the update. Please contact either one of them for further details, but don’t be surprised if they can’t say anything until the statute of limitations runs out. Last, a note from your secretary: Please update us with news, births, promotions, retirements, encounters with classmates, and the like. Our 45th Reunion is June 9-11, 2017! Please save the dates!

Epps honored
Former Trinity Trustee Bill Marimow ’69, editor of The Philadelphia Inquirer, joins JoAnne Epps ’73, provost and executive vice president of Temple University, as she is honored at the November 2016 Industry Icon Awards dinner as an inaugural member of The Philadelphia Inquirer’s Business Hall of Fame. The honorees were chosen by the newspaper’s executives for “their distinguished records of civic engagement and professional achievement within their industries.”

Art Baldwin said that he is not sure that he has ever submitted any news to The Reporter and is not going to try to fit 40 years of information into one issue but has the abridged version as follows. He and his wife of 37 years, Mary Holm, are living in Seattle, where they have lived for 20 years since he became a consulting actuary at Milliman, where he is now a principal. Art and Mary have three children: a son who is a photographer in Mexico, a daughter who is a chemistry teacher in California, and a daughter who is a newly graduated M.A. in library and information science in Pennsylvania. In addition to enjoying living in the Starbucks capital of the world, Art and Mary like to travel, and in celebration of their 37th anniversary, they went to Denmark and Russia. Last year, they visited Brittany and the Dordogne in France and the prior year traveled to Croatia, Slovenia, and Venice. Art returned to Trinity in June for the memorial service for Professor Butcher. He brought his graduation photo with him and showed it to Professor Butler’s family. Between Art and Dr. Lockwood was the perfectly framed, sunny face of Professor Butler. Art says he owes her more than he can say.

The Rev. Dr. Vaughan Durkee McNerny reports from Houston, Texas, that she is retired and enjoying teaching English part time to nonnative English speakers.
speakers in the Houston area. Her primary full-time activity is working on a family project of art produced by Vaughan’s father and two brothers, including the art of William Durkee ’70. Vaughan is archiving, documenting, and otherwise organizing 400 pieces of art.

JoAnne Epps sends warm greetings to her classmates. In July, after eight years as dean of Temple University Beasley School of Law, JoAnne was promoted to executive vice president and provost of Temple University. Earlier in the year, the American Bar Association’s Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity honored JoAnne with a 2016 Spirit of Excellence Award for her work on behalf of diversifying the legal profession.

(And on a personal note, the son-in-law of your co-secretary, Diane, graduated from Temple’s law school a couple of years ago during JoAnne’s time as dean. He had a wonderful experience in the program.)

John Gatsos proudly advises that one of his twin sons is in his senior year at Berkshire School and just had his “official visit” with Kevin MacDermott, head coach of Trinity rowing, and Brendan Murphy, assistant coach. His son has a great time and was really impressed with the Trinity rowing program. He is in the process of working on his application. His brother is in his junior year at Packer Collegiate Institute and has attended Trinity’s Admissions 101 program and thinks the school is really great. (Raising twin sons... impressive!)

Daniel Korengold’s daughter Madelyn ’09 married Jon Terbell ’09 on Nantucket on Labor Day 2016. Danny says that there were 14 Trinity grads in the extended bridal party and another 50 to 60 Trinity grads and/or parents in attendance. This must have set a new Trinity record. A true “Go Blue!” wedding. (This was the second daughter to be married within a year.)

Marc Sherman reports that after 35 years, he has retired from Methodist Le Bonheur in Memphis and has moved 15 miles to suburban Collierville, Tennessee. He says that one of these days he hopes to return to campus.

Secretary’s note: Perhaps we can all start making plans to return to Trinity for our next Reunion, in 2018, which will be our 45th Reunion (gadzooks!) We could try to exceed the Korengold Nantucket wedding in terms of Trinity alumni turnout for the Class of ’73!

James Webster writes to say that on October 11, he was in Zhengzhou, China, a “small city” of some 9 million, for the release of the Chinese edition of his book The Marketplace of Attention: How Audiences Take Shape in a Digital Age. Jim says that his first talk was to 800 broadcasters and journalists. The second talk was to 200 “big data” people. He says all went well and that it was a bit surreal. He and his wife had an entourage, TV camera crews followed along, etc. He says that they felt a bit like the Kardashians — no real talent but the object of public attention nonetheless. Jim reports his time singing with the Trinity Pipes did not quite prepare him for these performances.

“Loyalty to country always. Loyalty to government, when it deserves it.” — Mark Twain

Trinity Fund Goal: $220,000

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Well, this column will be short because I had the Alumni Office send out the request for entries right before the deadline. I apologize in advance to those of you who will inevitably respond tomorrow, right after I have sent this article off to The Trinity Reporter staff. I promise I will include your entries next time!

Joanne Beers reports that she is “still living and mostly retired” in Avon, Connecticut, with her husband of 32 years, Earl Cree. Their daughter, Xandi Cree, graduated from High Point University in 2015 and is out on her own. Joanne keeps busy by volunteering for Avon Dollars for Scholars, which gives scholarships to high school seniors. She also started a part-time job with the Avon Chamber of Commerce in December, which she describes as being “like volunteering but getting modestly paid for it!”

For the first time ever since we graduated, Laura Einstein sent an update: She is leaving Seattle and her (dream) job as chief legal counsel at Planned Parenthood of the Great Northwest and the Hawaiian Islands and will be moving to London, where her partner, Helene, will provide legal services to the regional offices of the Gates Foundation. She implores: “Come visit. Really.”

I suspect she is thinking along the same lines as I did when Doug Sanderson suggested I ask everyone to write where they live, what two places they live, or whatever. Now that we are approaching retirement age, we might actually have time to visit each other, so be sure to include information about where you can usually be found in physical space when you send an entry.

Not all of us are retired, however. I, for one, am still working full time; so is Peter Basch. Although he remains a practicing M.D., he writes that “most of my time is now devoted to how best to implement health information technology within clinical practice to improve outcomes. My daughter (the clinical psychologist) just had her second child (yes, you too can call me ‘Poppy’) and is moving with her family back to D.C. My son (the artist) has returned to school and is pursuing his M.F.A. in Philadelphia. While we still love living in D.C., my wife and I (and our dog) love spending as much time as possible at our second home in Wellfleet, Massachusetts.”

Chad Mooney, who previously reported he had been diagnosed with cancer, sent his thanks: “I have been so very blessed to hear from many Trinity friends. I am just back from a very intensive cancer treatment month in Tijuana, Mexico. I am looking at all of my options. I will attend Homecoming on November 5 in Hartford with Barry O’Brien and Ronnie Ducket, my co-captains. That will be very inspirational. Trinity plays Amherst that day.”

I do wish we could all be there.

Trinity Fund Goal: $250,000

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Lea Sylvestro writes, “Big year for the Sylvestros as our son, Tucker, and his wife, Lisa, had a son, Paul, last December — our first grandchild! Joy! What a dear little one he is! Also, our daughter, Casey, married PJ West last month — a joyous day with Dave’s brother Steve ‘72 officiating. Several other Trinity alums attended as well, including Bonnie Alexandre Emmons and my roomies through the years: Carey Moler, Karlan, Janice Dickens Curtin, and Annie Tulcin Kates.”

Von Gryaska became a granddaddy twice in October and is starting the application process for the Class of 2038.

From Consi Prout Berghausen: “I have published three children’s books in this past year, and they are available on Amazon and Barnes and Noble. For all of you grandparents, they would be wonderful gifts. The Saltwater Marsh, A Magical Place is about a day in the marsh and the animals who live there. It is based on the marsh life we see at our Cape Cod home. It is in rhyming verse and illustrated by our daughter, Nina. The Sonoran Desert, A Magical Place is about the animals that live within our Tucson life. It is also rhyming and illustrated by Nina. Our
The Innovative Concept Academy, a first-of-its-kind school, was founded by the Honorable Jimmie M. Edwards in the fall of 2009 in St. Louis, Missouri. From 2007 to 2012, Edwards served as administrative judge of the family court. As one of the senior members of the circuit bench in St. Louis, Edwards was more than familiar with the issues surrounding urban crime and violence. Frustrated by the rising number of high school dropouts with no job skills, he created an innovative type of school that could educate and supervise the court’s juvenile offenders. ICA students, most of whom have appeared in Edwards’s courtroom, receive a full curriculum of math, language arts, science, and history in a setting that is strict on discipline and security.

What drew you to teaching there? What do you enjoy most about your position? The school district actually sent me to ICA in the fall of 2010. Having taught in the city schools for 10 years, I knew about ICA and the work that Edwards was doing in the community. As an inner-city public school teacher, you quickly learn the daily challenges of oversized classrooms, limited resources, students at risk for academic failure, etc. In many ways, ICA was no different. However, because of the small class sizes, usually averaging 8-15 students, I discovered that I could not only be an effective teacher but also could provide more one-on-one assistance to my students, which is what I believe they need. I have been able to do my best teaching here. I stress the importance of hard work and effort on a daily basis. In the front of my classroom, I have a sign that reads, “I believe in you!”

Was there a Trinity professor who was particularly influential? Yes, that would be Jim Miller, without a doubt. Jim, whom I affectionately called “Miller,” was my major adviser. I was in the first-year class in 1972 when he first started teaching at Trinity. I always like to think we started together. I can remember my classes with him as if they were yesterday. I remember his presentations in class were so clear, so precise! I knew I was in the company of the best and the brightest. I believe I was able to graduate with honors and represent my department as a President’s Fellow largely because of his support.

What was the most memorable course you took at Trinity? During the second semester of my first year, I registered for a math class called “Elements of Statistics.” That’s when I met Dr. Robert C. Stewart. I first learned to love math when I took algebra in ninth grade. When I started college, I was excited about taking more math classes. Stewart’s class was perhaps one of the most challenging math classes I had ever taken. I would often have questions about the problems, so I would go to Dr. Stewart’s office hours for assistance. I remember that when I would enter his office, he would look up with the brightest smile; I always got the warmest reception. A couple of years after I graduated, I was thumbing through a recent issue of The Trinity Reporter, and I saw that he had won the Brownell Prize for Teaching Excellence. I remember the article said that he had won with “an overwhelming response.” I could not believe that so many others were thinking the same thing I was!

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS WITH MARGARET E. “PEGGY” SMITH ’76

DEGREES/CERTIFICATION: B.A. in intercultural studies; secondary teacher’s certificate in social studies, Saint Joseph College (now University of Saint Joseph); M.Ed. in curriculum and instruction, Tennessee State University

JOB TITLE: Secondary mathematics instructor, Innovative Concept Academy

FAVORITE TRINITY MEMORY: A number of experiences come to mind. Eating clam chowder at Friendly’s is one. I thought the Cave was a pretty cool place to hang out. I like to people watch, so it was a great place to watch students and faculty coming and going. I had never eaten English muffins before coming to Hartford, and the Cave had the best English muffins with grape jelly ever! Trips to New York City are also among my most memorable experiences. I remember I could not wait to go back home and tell everybody I had ridden the subways, visited the Apollo Theater, stood on the corner of 125th Street and Lenox Avenue in Harlem, and, yes, shopped at Bloomingdale’s. I felt you could not get much better than that!
most recent book will make you fellow alums smile as Ted is the hero in a true story, *The Cormorant and the Clam*. On a kayaking trip, Nina and Ted come across a bird with a clam clamped onto its beak and in need of rescuing. It is a funny tale, and tots age 2-7 would like it, too! The illustrations are watercolor and colored pencil and again, done by our talented daughter, Nina. We spent our summer on Cape Cod (with Ted flying back and forth to work in Tucson) and spent many enjoyable times with Von Gryska and his wife. Ted and I also had our first grandchild from his oldest son and wife. Our grandson is named Edward Justus Berghausen VI! His nickname is ‘EJ,’ and we are so happy to become grandparents.”

**Jay Fisher** is our version of *Modern Family*. “Lots going on with celebrating my 63rd birthday and my 5-year-old, Cooper, starting kindergarten and my daughter, Courtney, getting married in June.”

**Chuck Levine** tells us, “I led an effort almost five years ago to develop an operating agreement with the State of California to save Jack London State Historic Park, which they planned to close to stem financial losses. We began operating the park in May 2012. Since our takeover, attendance has more than doubled to about 100,000 per year, our volunteer team has increased from well under 100 to almost 500, and although our annual spending is more than twice what the State of California had spent, we are actually generating a surplus. In addition, we are well over halfway toward a $1 million campaign to refurbish and update the House of Happy Walls, a museum dedicated to London. Also in retirement, I have begun as a board member for Targazyme, a biotech company in Southern California, in addition to my duties on the board of Sierra Wireless in Vancouver.”

**J. Craig Shields III,** 3631 Pine School, I practiced tax law for over 30 years where I am the director of development for Trinity Fund Goal: $300,000 Class Agents: Phillip J. Bieluch, Terry Michel Ganz, Harold A. Smullen, Jr.
The class secretory position for the Class of 1976 is vacant. If you would like to serve as class secretary, please contact Julie Cloutier in the Alumni Office at (860) 297-2403 or julie.cloutier@trincoll.edu.

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**Anne Levine Bradford** and Philip Bradford have moved to NYC full time. “We recently purchased the apartment next door to our existing one and are in the process of combining them. It’s a long, drawn-out process in NYC, where every turn of a screw needs to go through several trilateral commissions. We hope by the time of the 40th Reunion, it’ll be all done.”

**Greg Murphy** writes, “To celebrate my 60th birthday, my wife and brothers chipped in to have us all ‘fly’ in a skydiving simulator, which is essentially a big, vertical wind tunnel. I had so much fun that for our anniversary, my wife got me a reservation to do a tandem skydive in California. While most people think she was hoping my life insurance premiums were paid up, I was delighted. I am hoping to make a skydive a birthday tradition for as long as I can. I also was pleased to get back in touch with my freshman roommate, Bob Silverman, this year and hope we can see each other next time I can get to NYC. Assuming I survive my new birthday tradition!”

From **Claudia Z. Springer**: “My news is that my son just started college, making me an empty nester. I miss him, but there is a lot less laundry to do. I’m still practicing law at Reed Smith in Philadelphia. My husband plans to retire next year from practicing medicine and wants me to do the same, but I’m not ready just yet. Can’t believe it’s 40 years … where did those years go?”

**Andy Friedman** says, “Here’s a quick synopsis of the past 40(!) years. After law school, I practiced tax law for over 30 years with Covington & Burling in Washington, rising to the head of the tax and corporate groups. I got tired of the grind, and eight years ago ’retired’ from the firm to focus on public speaking. I formed The Washington Update (www.TheWashingtonUpdate.com) and speak about politics, what legislative and regulatory initiatives are likely to be enacted, and how all this will affect investors. If you have unsated interest, you can read more about me on the site. As you might imagine, it’s been quite a year to be a political commentator! On the (more important) personal side, my wife, Susan, and I have two daughters, Jessie, 16, and Emily, 13. So, while our classmates are enjoying their grandkids, I am navigating the shoals of high school and middle school through the eyes of two young girls. It has been challenging but immensely enjoyable.”


Class co-secretary **Polly Freeman Lyman**: “It is such fun to hear from so many classmates, and I hope you will all continue to send your news and attend our 40th Reunion (we’re all still young, right?) in 2017. I am living in Newport, Rhode Island, where I am the director of development for...
the Newport Art Museum. I sing in the choir at St. Columba’s Chapel, where Erik Larsen ’75 is rector. Love living in the City by the Sea. Come visit!”

’78
Trinity Fund Goal: $275,000
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Your secretary is burdened with the task of sharing the news of the death of one of our classmates. Elizabeth Rodie Jones passed away on June 3, 2016, following a fire at her home. The class sends its sympathy to her family and friends and to Elizabeth’s husband, Leonidas. (Editor’s note: Elizabeth Rodie Jones’s obituary appeared in the fall 2016 issue of The Trinity Reporter.)

Jim Abrams shares, “I was recently appointed a member of the Board of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC), which provides accrediting services to public and private colleges and secondary schools.” He also serves as the presiding civil judge in the New Haven Judicial District.

Steven Berkowitz reports, “We Americans are used to changing homes and cities dozens of times throughout our lives. Parisians on the contrary (my wife included) might change their ‘maison’ but never leave the City of Light or its environs. Since September, that has changed. My wife has begun to live the life of an ex-patriot in exile along with an American ex-patriot from Paris (me). We have moved for one year to Barcelona and have settled in the trendy and changing neighborhood of Poblenou, once known as the ‘Manchester of the Mediterranean.’ A number (but thankfully not all) of the factories, workshops, and warehouses which are slowly being transformed into lofts, work spaces, art/design schools, restaurants, and shops share the recreated urban space with new contemporary architectural gems such as Jean Nouvel’s Agbar Tower. There is still a nice mix of working-class families, students, young couples with children, and fortunately fewer ‘hordes of tourists’ than one usually finds on the Ramblas and the place of Catalonia. Fellow ’78 classmates, if you are passing through, come by and say ‘hola.’” Steven adds, “I was so happy to be able to visit the Trinity campus with my mom this summer on a stopover between New Rochelle and the Boston area. The campus looked incredible!”

Tina Orsi-Lirot sent us this update. “Still love real estate, still in Connecticut, and we are all grateful for our good health. Had a fun time in the Boston area last month being tourists in our backyard. Had never been to Salem or Gloucester. Think I am in love with Marblehead. We do love the summer and its long days and ample opportunities for spontaneous socializing. Trying to grid myself for the short winter days. Maybe we are ready to be snowbirds!”

Arthur Robinson reports, “No interesting news on my end (I’m at the stage of life where ‘uneventful’ is good), but if you’re desperate to fill space, you can say that I’m the reference librarian at LaGrange College in Georgia. (I’ve probably given you the same nugget in the past.)” In response to the passing of Elizabeth Rodie, Arthur writes, “Heartbreaking news; I have very fond memories of her.”

From Andrew Terhune: “On July 19, your class agent joined Charles ‘Chip’ Gianville and Tina Orsi-Lirot in Darien to reminisce about days gone by. Hard to believe we are all approaching the big six-oh that our next Reunion will be our 40th. Chip still lives in London, where he is very involved with the Birmingham Royal Ballet.”

Staley Tregellas writes, “This is a big year for many in the Class of ’78 — turning 60. Laurie Perry Jones and Ty Tregellas both have May birthdays and co-sponsored a milestone gala with the following Bantams in attendance: Michael Kluger, Heidi Greene, Britton Jones ’79, Alec Monaghan, Vivi Dunklee Duke, Donna Clarke Stroud, Charlie Johnson, Barbara Fischer McQuenney, and Shawna Deery Barrett. A good time was had by all.”

Jory Lockwood, your obedient secretary, is the permanent apprentice for Canine Training and Behavior Services, where I get to train dogs and people. It’s a great gig. On other fronts, I ventured to Saratoga for the Belmont Child Care Association Dinner, got pied in the face at an Outback as part of a 60th birthday celebration (planning revenge on the instigator as you read), made a field trip to Virginia to look at a puppy I may be purchasing (during which trip some lowlife at the airport “stole” my credit card number, so that was fun), and had dinner at Old Ebbitt Grill in D.C., which I highly recommend (order the grits — trust me). If you are driving in Fairfield County and see an orange Mini Cooper convertible with extensive detailing in the design of a black and gray Union Jack, you have spotted me.

’79
Trinity Fund Goal: $170,000
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Retirement, a return to Trinity’s campus, grandchildren, travel, new businesses, and weddings are some of the stories that Class of 1979 members have to share with us.

George Brickley writes from Melrose, Massachusetts, that he retired in October from the U.S. Postal Service after 30 years of federal service. George’s wife, Cindy Higgins Brickley ’80, works for the city of Melrose. Their daughter Hannah ’14 is working toward her nurse practitioner’s degree at Mass General Hospital. Their son George ’10 is employed with Asahi/America as a mechanical engineer. Oldest daughter Sarah, an NYU grad, lives in the East Village in Manhattan and is a math/science curriculum coordinator for Success Academy Charter Schools. Youngest child Charlie graduated from Tufts this past May and is a sales engineer for Iniram Precision Machinery. George and Cindy still enjoy following the Trinity sports scenes from afar.

Go Bants!

Ted Almy reports that he and wife Maura are going to be first-time grandparents. Their oldest
Hill Botanic Garden in Boylston, Massachusetts.


Ontario, about 1 1/2 hours north of Toronto.

our summer setting, and they had a great time. It was a beautiful 3, 2016, wedding of Lynne Bagdis Wilson in Massachusetts, to celebrate the September Lynne Bachofner and Abraham and to assorted wonderful places in Vietnam, Singapore, Yogyakarta, and Bali, Indonesia, we also traveled from there to Hong Kong, and to assorted wonderful places in Vietnam including Hue, Hoi An, Cham Islands, Ho Chi Minh, etc. We had a wonderful time skiing for a couple of weeks in Austria and various other getaways. While overseas, we’ve visited several friends, and I am able to interact with and visit clients, providing for a nice mix of business and pleasure. Life is good!” They also made it to Mount Hood.

Holly Singer reunited with Jane Terry Abraham, Lynne Bachofner, and Lynne Bagdis Wilson at the Tower Hill Botanic Garden in Boylston, Massachusetts, to celebrate the September 3, 2016, wedding of Lynne Bagdis Wilson’s son Bennett to Kitt Catlin. It was a beautiful setting, and they had a great time.

And Holly reported another wedding. This one involved Sarah Wright Neal’s son. Sarah passed this information along for everyone: “David and I spend our summer holiday in the lake district of Muskoka, Ontario, about 2 1/2 hours north of Toronto.

David and I find ourselves halfway between our two children, at least in travel time, so trips to Wilmington, Delaware, (Emily) and Kingston, Ontario, (Oliver and Haylee) are in the plans. Here in Connecticut, we enjoy our work as a teacher (Sarah) and health care architect (David).” Not too far away, Dave Duncan has returned to campus. Dave’s at the front of the classroom as an assistant professor of engineering, taking over from David Woodard, who taught Dave. He’s teaching two courses he took as an undergraduate, “ENGR 341. Architectural Drawing” in the fall and “ENGR 342. Architectural Design” in the spring. “It was a class I had. It was wonderful. I will continue with what Dave did,” Dave said. The current undergraduates will get a good dose of drawing by hand, Dave said. He wants them to get a feel for an architect’s real life experiences when they might be called upon to do a quick freehand sketch for a client on the spot.

Susie Saltonstall Duncan wrote to give an update saying Dave “is really enjoying it, and the students seem engaged and motivated.” Susie and Dave were at the September 24 retirement celebration for Robin Sheppard, who was the associate athletic director for 20 years and also coached field hockey and lacrosse for 20 years. Joining the celebration were Francie Dobbin Thayer, Kathy Crawford, Anne Warner Hall, Meg Ryan. Dottie Bundy Dylag ’81, and Lisa Parker ’80. “It was fun to watch Trinity trounce Colby 5–1, then to watch the alums play,” Susie said. Also, she wrote, “Our boys are all well — Nat with GE, currently in Paris, Wesley with PwC in Chicago, Gordon with CEB in Washington, D.C. All launched and on their way!”

architecture, specifically architecture design and drawing.

Louise Dewar is the head of school for the American Boychoir School in Princeton, New Jersey. She’s in her second year leading the school for fourth- to eighth-grade boys to pursue a rigorous musical and academic curriculum.

The College’s latest philanthropy report shows that 98 members of our class of 366 gave to Trinity during the past year.

Jim Cropsey has a grove of 29 American chestnut trees thriving in Tilton, New Hampshire. Jim’s participating in the conservation effort to restore the American chestnut tree. He showed the trees to Ken Crowe during their summer get-together. Instead of meeting on Long Island’s North Fork in June, they moved to the end of summer in New Hampshire.

Don’t forget to take some time and write us about what you’ve been doing.

From the Alumni Office: Chamberlain, Hrdlicka, White, Williams & Audhry announced that Seth Price (construction law) has been included among Best Lawyers in America for 2017.

Trinity Fund Goal: $425,000
Class Secretary: Peter S. Jongbloed, 536 Boston Post Rd., Madison, CT 06443-2930; peter.jongbloed.1980@trincoll.edu • Class Agents: Scott A. Lessne, Esq., Harry J. Levenstein, Nancy Ccecon is a pediatric registered nurse, married to Joe Lizer, a respiratory therapist. “We live down the shore in Toms River, New Jersey, and we have a 10-year-old daughter, who has been ours since age 2,” reports Nancy. “She is our sun and our moon. We enjoy boating and Jet-Skiing on Barnegat Bay, and winter sports up at my parents’ old home in the Catskills. I am a Girl Scout troop leader, a PEO sister (my late mother’s chapter), and a ‘warrior mom’ (AKA special needs parent).” Nancy said, “Life is good.”

Mike McGovern works as an assistant creative director at Davis Advertising in Worcester, Massachusetts. He reports that he enjoys swimming on the WPI Masters Swim Team (self-deprecatingly claiming to be the slowest in the pool) and participates in the local Toastmasters Club. Mike keeps in touch with his Jarvis Tower roommates Peter Lyons, Bob Keyes, and Alex Sherwood, as well as his old Wheaton friends William “Bull” Bullard, Joe Westerfield ’78, and Bob Flaherty, who is doing well in Massachusetts. At the last class Reunion, maybe the best one yet, Mike also got a chance to reminisce with his Hoboken roommates from the 1980s, Jordan Fried and Ed Wrobel.

Bullard recently moved to South Dartmouth, Massachusetts, on the “South Coast.” This is an area Bull has been part of his whole life, particularly in the summers. He wrote that he and wife Diana are excited to be back in New England, and they hope to get back to Trinity more often.
‘81

**Trinity Fund Goal:** $175,000  
**Co-Class Secretary:** Susan Walsh Ober, 469 Valley Rd., Watchung, NJ 07069-6041; susan.ober.1981@trincoll.edu  
**Class Agent:** Peter J. Whalen  
From Joseph Troiano: “Henry Strom ’80 and I see each other often for local trivia nights or movies at Real Art Ways. Daryl Harris ‘80 and I both retired from the Hartford Public Schools, still run in the same circles.”

Wendy Melville Mains reported: “We had a really busy year, completely overrun with wedding plans for our older daughter, Katherine. She was engaged in February, moved in May, married in July. I have started a master of arts in leadership program and have lots of new stuff to deal with, such as APA formatting! My goal is to finish before my 60th birthday!”

Sue Walsh Ober caught up with Kay Wyrtzen McManus over the summer at Kay’s home in Hingham, Massachusetts, and it was as if the years had never passed! Kay looks exactly the same (hate her for that!), is a copy editor for J. Jill, and has a 26-year-old son, Steven, who is a musician. Sue also continued the annual tradition of celebrating birthdays with Nancy Lucas, who has transitioned to part-time practice as an attorney for Holland & Knight in NYC and is devoting much of her free time to her passion for animal rescue, with Posh Pets Rescue in Long Island; Nan’s daughter Darian is a senior at West Virginia University. Sue will manage communications for the development team at the University of Michigan’s University Musical Society, one of the oldest university performing arts presenters in the country and a recipient of the 2014 National Medal of Arts. And, after spending the last 30 years helping to grow his family’s book-printing business, Joe recently left his “day job” to join a small but ambitious start-up in Ann Arbor that provides analytics and Web-based tools to bookstores, publishers, and libraries. He will be leading Above the Tree-line’s business development efforts and is excited to help grow a young and vibrant venture.

Good health and well wishes to our entire class. We hope to catch up with all of you at our 35th Reunion next June!

‘82

**Trinity Fund Goal:** $150,000  
**Co-Class Secretary:** Mark R. Thibault, 642 Lincoln Rd., Grosse Pointe, MI 48230-1220; mark.thibault.1982@trincoll.edu  
Not much news to report in this issue other than big changes in Karen Miller Boudreau’s life. Last January, after 3 1/2 years as the chief medical officer at Boston Medical Center HealthNet Plan (a Medicaid health insurance in Massachusetts and New Hampshire), Karen moved across the country to Seattle to join Providence Health & Services, a large faith-based health system in five western states. She is the vice president of enterprise care management and coordination at PHS and working to create and implement a strategy to help doctors and other clinicians support their patients and prevent people from falling through the cracks. On top of that, both of her daughters graduated in the spring: “Our older daughter, Sarah (Tufts ‘12), got her master’s in geo-technical engineering at Berkeley and will be staying in San Francisco to work with a large engineering firm there. We’re very proud that Madeleine graduated from Trin in May, with a degree in mechanical engineering.” Karen reminded us that she is “looking forward to our 35th (gulp — yikes!) Reunion next spring.”

As for your intrepid scribes, we continue our journey toward the dark side of middle age in the land of Harbaugh. Mark Thibault’s oldest daughter, Madeline, graduated from the University of Michigan School of Music, Theatre & Dance last spring and is pursuing a master of music performance in voice at said institution. Look for her at the Metropolitan Opera in a few years. No, really, she’s that good! His next child, Catherine, is studying education at the University of Dayton, and two more progeny are in high school and will soon be taking Mark deeper into the college tuition abyss. Fortunately, Mark and Johnese get to enjoy young Charlotte, a freshly minted teen, for a few more years before she leaves the nest.

**Joe and Sue (Engdahl) Upton** joined the flock of ‘82 empty nesters last year when their youngest, Eliza, headed south to attend Elon University in North Carolina. Both made career moves in fall 2016. After seven years at a local community foundation, Sue will manage communications for the development team at the University of Michigan’s University Musical Society, one of the oldest university performing arts presenters in the country and a recipient of the 2014 National Medal of Arts. And, after spending the last 30 years helping to grow his family’s book-printing business, Joe recently left his “day job” to join a small but ambitious start-up in Ann Arbor that provides analytics and Web-based tools to bookstores, publishers, and libraries. He will be leading Above the Tree-line’s business development efforts and is excited to help grow a young and vibrant venture.

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‘83

**Trinity Fund Goal:** $275,000  
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Hi, Class of 1983!

Laurie and I decided to give all of you a little break and not solicit updates. So, the next opportunity we have, we will be expecting reams of juicy gossip, tantalizingly written tales of rendezvous with classmates, reports of family, and updates on career/life accomplishments extraordinaire. Until then, be well and have fun. — Laurie and Al

‘84

**Trinity Fund Goal:** $100,000  
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**Class Agents:** Amy Waugh Curry, Robert F. Flynn, Erin M. Poskocil, Lorraine Saunders White

From Cathy Villano Borey: “Under the
‘visits with old classmates friends category,’

Maria DiBella Kiley, Ami Clymer Maron ’83, and I got together in Newport in early August for a mini-reunion. While we only had two days together, we fit in the Newport Cliff Walk, shopping, cocktails, and clam cakes at Aunt Carrie’s in Point Judith. With Ami in Seattle and Maria and I on the East Coast, reunions are few and far between but so much fun when we can pull them off! Thanks to Don Bisson for doing my job.

The Bon Jovi Revival Committee (BJRC):

Michele Lenkeit Savola, Claire Sucre Capeci ’85, Fat Rich, Pam Von Seldenek Harris ’85, and Red Mike recently organized a class get-together at Fat Rich’s cottage in Rhode Island. A grand time was had by all.

Doug Fauth, a first-time attendee, is living near Indianapolis. His son recently graduated from Penn State. Mike Schweighoffer and wife Liz ’83 are living in Farmington, Connecticut. Schweigh catches trophy bass at Winding Trails in his spare time. John Reidy gets kudos for traveling the longest. He lives in Ireland with wife Deborah and spends time abiding his sheep by night. Mike Lafortezza is busy paying college tuition for his five children. Red creates packaging solutions for packages and other products. Michele is a research analyst responsible for analyzing research, an area in which she excels. Claire is living in NYC, where she is a bigwig at JWT. Bobby LeCours is teaching in Florida. A shout-out to Bobby for offering to host the next Bon Jovi reunion in two years. Pam resides near Philadelphia, where she has invited all of us for dinner at the Philadelphia Cricket Club. Rich Ollari enjoys staring out the second-floor window of the Cooke House in Newport and watching the world bounce by. The scrive, Don Bisson, resides near Boston with wife Anne and daughter Jane ’18. Thanks to Anne for letting Don blow off his anniversary to attend the Bon Jovi (unlike another regular attendee, Brian Driscoll, who pulled a no-show this year). Finally, as we go to press, David Guy Hill, Esq., is still asleep. The BJRC warns that those not attending risk a lifetime ban. These sanctioned members know who you are.”

From Shelby Putnam Tupper: “It’s deeply fulfilling to be reacquainted with Trinity via a newly discovered approach. Our daughter, Remi Tupper, matriculated as a member of Trinity’s Class of 2020. Now I have an additional lens through which I can admire the fascinating machinations of our reinvented alma mater — and Remi, of course! So it’s good to know that apples still don’t fall far from trees. My Trinity roommate, Nancy Meade’s daughter, Chloe Miller ’14, is a Trinity grad, making her living in NYC. We are all spending Thanksgiving at her son’s near Ogden, Utah. I saw Dea Fredrick recently. She’s just returned to the United States after marrying and living in London for some years. She brings with her three handsome men (her husband, Nick, and two young sons) to their new digs in San Rafael, California.”

And finally, our esteemed class president, John Arbolino, reports that he had dinner in NYC with Will Washburn and Mark Henderson. Mark was in from Austin, where he’s living now.

‘85

Trinity Fund Goal: $180,000

Class Secretary: Stephen J. Norton, 9 Ninth St. SE, Washington, D.C. 20003-1333; stephen.norton.1985@trincoll.edu

Class Agents:


Sending greetings for 2017 assuming there has not been something close to violent revolution. (And I wrote that with an unsettling lack of humor.) Nonetheless, amid the historic tumult of competing versions of reality through the fall, we all continued to live our lives — visiting kids at college, taking long-delayed trips with spouses, mourning parents, and planning for midlife adventures. To pay for all this, we plug away at work.

Brian Wanerman moved from the Bay Area to Sacramento eight years ago and runs a solo legal practice that is 100 percent focused on criminal defense and related areas. “Building and running your own business is a full-time job and then some,” he wrote. As of last fall, for the year he had four trials under his belt and was preparing for two more, one misdemeanor and one felony. He also handled dozens of cases that were resolved before trial as well as “a large number of lesser parole hearings.” On top of that, he had an ongoing prisoner civil rights case in federal court that he was doing pro bono on appointment by the Eastern District federal court.

After 20-plus years as an investigative reporter at USA Today, Pete Eisler has settled into a position as a national affairs correspondent with Reuters. “Enjoying the new gig, continuing to focus on mostly longer-term investigative projects,” he wrote. “Still living in Georgetown with my wife, Mimi Hall ’86, and our two sons, Henry and Gray, both in high school. Henry, the senior, is applying to colleges, and Trinity is on his list.” Pete is still in touch with plenty of Trinity friends and had recently connected Mark Lee and Tony Schwartz, both practicing law in Connecticut.

Mary Clare (Riley) Mooney is doing great. Many of you know she successfully fought breast cancer five years ago only to have it come back in her bones last year. Positive attitude is a major part of getting through this, as are her drugs that cost more than $11,000 a month. “Thank goodness for insurance,” she commented. In the meantime, she said a super-food program has “truly changed her life.” She lost more than 30 pounds in less than a year, gained a lot of energy, lowered her stress, and got rid of toxins. Mary would love to hear from anyone who wants any of these wonderful perks. Contact her on Facebook.
at Mary Clare Mooney. She and her family are moving out West for healthy air and a fun new adventure!

Annette Boelhouwer dropped me a line while she was on the road in Pittsburgh. She was looking forward to lunch with Caroline Coco Hudson and dinner with Caroline, Lisa Brown Wensberg, Jeanne Develin Barbieri, and Sue Pasieka. Over the summer in Wellfleet, Massachusetts, she hosted numerous Trinity friends, including Shawn-Laree O’Neil, whom she sees when she’s in Chicago. When we caught up last fall, it was Oysterfest in Wellfleet. Her brother Mark ’83 was hosting his annual “boys’ weekend” with, among others, Todd Lavieri ’83, Dan Moali ’83, and Kurt Kusiak ’84. She said everyone seemed to be in a happy place and looking forward to Homecoming.

Keep on shucking everyone, and stay in touch!

'86

Trinity Fund Goal: $85,000
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Tom Waxter shares, “I was in Hartford on business last week and pulled Ben Rhodes away from his new job at The Hartford. We played a few games of squash (I did not prevail), then had dinner. Ben and Chris have a son, Holden, who is a senior at Trinity, and there is also a Trin grad. I was able to walk around campus and was impressed with the facilities. Brand new softball field and a brand new lighted soccer pitch. There was further construction along Broad which looked to be the new baseball field. Trinity in October is, as ever, beautiful. Phil Kingman’s son is interested in a college near Baltimore, and so we were in touch recently. Phil also told me Pat Mullin has a freshman at Trinity. Olive and I saw Cappy Flynn Daume not too long ago when she was in D.C. Justin Lilley stopped in for dinner with Olive and Cappy as well. We have one child who graduated from Washington & Lee and another who is a senior there. The senior is playing field hockey and lacrosse and busily trying to find that first job. We also run into Peter Voudouris ’87 and wife Bizzy, as they have a son playing football for W&L. Our third child is a sophomore at Denison University. He is also playing lacrosse. Olive is still with Hippodrome Foundation as the ED, and I am still practicing law at Goodell DeVries here in Baltimore.”

Anthony Lazzara reports from Fairfield County: “My bride, Cynthia (Colby, unfortunately), and I had dinner with Rob and Leslie Cohen. Rob continues to travel the world for Wells Fargo, and I’m not sure there’s a charitable endeavor in Darien, Connecticut, that hasn’t benefited from Leslie’s oversight. Their older son, Nick, continues his studies at Virginia Tech, while their younger son, Alex, is a senior at Darien High School. We see Philippe Newlin and his family quite often. Philippe lives in New Canaan, Connecticut, where his lovely daughter, Jackie, is a junior at New Canaan High School and on the varsity soccer team. I had lunch with Aileen Doherty, my oldest Trinity friend, a few weeks ago. We entertained each other with tales of our lives in financial services. I’ve spoken on the phone to Jim DiLorenzo in Sag Harbor, New York, where he lives with wife EY, son Graham, and daughter Ava. Jim’s digital media business keeps him busy and on the jitney to NYC fairly often. Bill Villari is another regular phone call for me. He’s living in Atlanta, Georgia, with his lovely bride, Jordan, daughters Catalina and Eliza, and his son, Beckett. Bill’s got a thriving business that requires him to travel quite a bit. In my case, my older son, Forrest, is a junior at Darien High School, so we are starting to look at colleges for him. So far, he likes the idea of a small school in the country with its own ski area (hello, Middlebury!), but we’ve got a year to look, and you never know how things will shake out. My younger son, Hudson, is a freshman at Darien High School who appears to have joined most of the clubs offered at DHS.”

Ed Raff reports, “While working as a math teacher at a vocational school in Providence, I started a mechanics certification program and after-school riding and mechanics program. In addition, last year I started a cyclocross program that is open to all city high school students that gets them the opportunity to race against professionals. This program has placed us in the position of consultant in the design of two separate cyclocross trails within two city parks, one of which was, with the help of the parks department, recently awarded $400K to develop a teen adventure park and dramatically grow the practice trail.”

Kris Kinsley Hancock reports: “I’m still living on Nantucket. Currently, my main focus is to nurture my child and figure out the best ways to provide her with appropriate and helpful educational opportunities. My secondary focus continues to be photography. It has shifted the past few years toward primarily documenting social events, particularly nonprofit fundraisers. I enjoy helping organizations who are trying to help others and promote them by posting the images on my nantucketpix.com website—my site. I also submit freelance images to The Boston Globe and Boston Herald as well as regularly photograph for the ‘Seen on the Scene’ column for Nantucket’s local paper, The Inquirer and Mirror. One highlight this summer was being able to chat with Kenny Loggins about ‘House at Pooh Corner’ before he went onstage to perform with the Boston Pops. Another, and even better, was having summer catch-up times with Mimi Gatechell Rodgers.”

Holly Decker Harrity shares an update from Philadelphia. “Tom and I have a house full of teenagers, keeping us busy and laughing. Caitlin, our oldest, 18, just graduated from Germantown Friends School and headed off to the University of Pennsylvania this fall. Michael and Natalie, both 15, will be going into 10th grade, also at GFS, and each excelling in their unique ways (which don’t seem to include cleaning their rooms). Professionally, I have done a variety of things in the last few years and am beginning to map my next moves. Since leaving a business development position at a publicly traded medical device company in 2008, I have worked to help a number of start-ups in the field. Along with corporate and consulting work, I have been active on nonprofit boards. I have had the privilege of being treasurer on Eastern State Penitentiary (ESP) Historic Site’s Board of Directors for the past three years and will continue on as director for another term. I also served on the Board of Directors of Impact100 Philadelphia, a women’s collective giving organization where I was a founding member. To date, we have given close to $2 million to very worthy nonprofits in the Philadelphia region through a cycle of grant applications and awards, with the organization run 100 percent by the membership. Tom and I celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary this summer; it has been a great ride, and I wouldn’t change a thing.”

Karen Bennett writes: “I hope to bring my son who is a high school sophomore to Homecoming this year. Our good friend Matty D’Andrea plays football and is an AD brother.”
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'87 Trinity Fund Goal: $145,000
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From the Alumni Office: David J. Scranton has a new book out, Return on Principle: 7 Core Values to Help Protect Your Money in Good Times and Bad. It is Scranton’s second book that educates people and gets them to master what he calls “the inside game.”

Also from the Alumni Office: Tucker Ellis announced that S. Peter Voudouris has been named to the list of The Best Lawyers in America for 2017.

'88 Trinity Fund Goal: $125,000
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We were thrilled to hear from Margaret Driscoll Stamatis, who reports: “I live in Ridgefield, Connecticut, with my husband and four sons. My second son, Johnny, is a sophomore at Trinity playing on the baseball team (my oldest son is a junior at college in Washington, D.C., and my younger two are in high school and middle school). I have to admit, the years off campus faded away as soon as I walked into his dorm room in the basement of Jones last year — some things never change. It’s been fun having Johnny meet other children of my Trinity classmates and allows me the chance to reflect fondly on my own college years and some of the great people who made it so special. I hope to see many of you on the campus over the next few years.”

Liz Cahn Goodman reports from somewhere in between Boston and Tampa: “In May, I accepted a new position as director of the Office of Long Term Services and Supports in the Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services, MassHealth, and Executive Office of Elder Affairs. With our baby, Jimmy, off to the University of Southern California, and our daughter, Alex, now a ‘grown-up’ in D.C., Adam and I are commuting between Boston and Tampa. For the first month of my new adventure, I lived with Wendy Goldstein Pierce and her family in their beautiful home in Brookline and now get to see Wendy for dinner every Thursday! In addition to Wendy, I have had the wonderful opportunity to catch up and reconnect with Mike Anderson, Bryant McBride, Holly Davoren, Karen Aharonian, and Lucian Snow. I am headed up to Vermont to visit Jane Swift ‘87 in October.”

And now for our international update! Lisa Alvarez-Calderon writes from South America: “I am writing you from Santiago de Chile, where my family and I have just relocated. I took a new role responsible for human resources in Latin America with BHP Billiton, an Australian-based natural resources multinational. I am learning all about the mining industry, improving my Spanish on a daily basis, and overall enjoying our new adventure. My sons, Oliver and Cooper, are 16 and 14 and have settled in nicely to their new school and life here in Chile. Trinity friends are all welcome to visit!” Your devoted reporters think that we may need to take Lisa AC up on her offer and cover this story in person!

Wendy Rawlings, professor of English at the University of Alabama, has a short story forthcoming in The Atlantic Monthly. We hope Trinity folks will keep an eye out for it! We definitely will.

Paul Schlickmann reports, “I have enjoyed several Bantam encounters the past few months. Enjoyed a round of golf in July with classmates Tim Steele and Tom FitzGerald as the guest of Bill Markowitz ‘86 at Wampanoag Country Club in West Hartford. Dean Andrews also joined us for the post-golf festivities. Hosted Bobby Ugolik and his Providence College women’s soccer parent group when they played here at CCSU in mid-September. Bobby’s daughter is a heck of a player for PC. Enjoyed seeing men’s basketball Coach Cosgrove and his wife, Kristine, for dinner in West Hartford Center during the summer. Biggest news is that my wife, Kristin, and I welcomed our second child on July 31; our son John Meyer Schlickmann weighed in at 8 pounds, 3 ounces and 20.5 inches. Life is hectic but good.” Paul, congrats to you and your wife!

Kim Hominski writes in: “I’m reading the latest edition of The Reporter. I can’t believe you guys were at Mohegan Sun in April for your 50ths! That’s my hometown: Norwich! I celebrated mine with a surprise party, thrown by my fiancé, Michael. Yes, after 20-plus years, I’ll be marrying again in 2017. Still working for the Navy Exchange (23 years and counting), now in telecommunications. I spent the past year working on a project to bring state-of-the-art cellular service to the Navy base on Guantanamo Bay, Cuba! Spent seven weeks there this summer, seeing the project come to fruition. Over 6,000 military members and their families thrilled to be thrust into the 21st century! Before this, they had no way to connect to family and friends ... can you imagine?”

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’89 Trinity Fund Goal: $60,000
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Hello, ‘89ers!

To those of you who are celebrating your fifth decades of life: congratulations! We are now middle-aged, no doubt about it, and enjoying the things that come with that. Our kids are going to college and starting their own lives; we are starting to reap the rewards of 25-plus years of hard work at our jobs and maybe even changing our views on what’s important in life. Whatever your journey, this is a time of great change for many people, and we wish you well.

I’m not sure that I’ve given my own update in a while, so I’ll start there. Since 2014, I’ve been head of human resources for North America for a German Internet company. Yes, I’m using my German degree that I earned at Trinity! I get to travel and trapse around Europe periodically and sometimes even see Trinity alums. I live on an Angus farm (beef cows), practice yoga, and am trying my hand at running an Airbnb.

One of the people I’ve gotten to know better because of my Europe trips is Liesl Odenweller. She lives in Venice with her husband and daughter. She sings soprano with the Venice Music Project and also plays a major role in running it. She says that John Rose has asked her to sing at Lessons and Carols at Trinity on December 4, so she will be in the United States.

Steve Harrod writes that he’s on year three in Denmark. “Life here is very nice. Although I typically cycle 80 km a week to work, I still seem to have gained some weight, which I attribute to the great food here. My children have graduated from high school or gymnasium. My son is taking a gap year. My daughter is now at Ohio State University. I
What made you want to work in higher education? My experiences at Trinity were instrumental in my choice to be a scientist at a liberal arts institution. Trinity is where I fell in love with ideas and the pursuit of science. I also come from a family of educators/teachers, which made the worlds of education and biology a natural fit for me.

What do you enjoy most about your work? I appreciate that my job involves the “life of the mind.” I like that I can combine doing research science with a creative endeavor. At Trinity, I wrestled with my interest in being either a theater major or a biology major, which seemed like polar opposite disciplines at the time. Now, however, I see that the arts and the sciences are alike in many components; they both take a set of rules or procedures and create something new — an experience (like a performance) or new knowledge (like a scientific conclusion). Both sets of classes/experiences helped shape who I am today. I enjoy being able to teach college students about biology, animal behavior, and neuroscience in small courses.

What is the focus of your research? I study insect behavior, most specifically the behaviors of insects like honeybees. My research revolves around trying to figure out how these small, short-lived animals take in information from the environment and use that information flexibly. Most people don’t know that bees have to learn about the world; they need to learn the location of their nest, the timing and availability of food, what their colony smells like, and how the sun appears to move across the sky each day. They can learn color, shape, pattern, texture, and odors and associate them with other cues. I’m interested in how they orient and navigate in the landscape as they start to search for food. My research is quite basic. Because I study animals that are important to agriculture, gardeners, and hobby beekeepers, it comes with a fan club of sorts!

Was there a professor at Trinity who was particularly influential? Dr. Craig W. Schneider was an influential professor and came to be a good friend. I found his teaching style incredibly engaging and his passion for his research to be motivational. I was lucky enough to have been able to get to know his family, and we have maintained a relationship since way back then. Michael O’Donnell in biology was also an inspiration as a teacher. They definitely had a huge impact on my growth as an educator.

What was the most memorable course you took at Trinity? I don’t know if I can pick a single course … many stand out in my memory! Lots in biology, perhaps obviously. I remember fun field trips to quaking bogs and other neat habitats around Hartford. A very salient memory is of Dr. Daniel Blackburn singing “We’ve Come a Long Way from Amphioxus” in vertebrate anatomy class. I recall enjoying African American history with Cheryl Greenberg, plus multiple courses in theater and music.
bathing. Don’t let anyone tell you Denmark has bad weather. It can be absolutely amazing, but not always on your schedule.”

Julie Beman has left the banking world and entered a program at the University of Saint Joseph in West Hartford for an M.A. in early childhood/special education with teacher licensure. She’s also producing a Hartford-area event called “Rearrange Me,” at which local artists perform other local artists’ songs in their own style.

Tidbits: Susan Kluiber and Liam O’Sullivan ’88 celebrated 23 years of marriage. Doug Macdonald ate tapas across Spain. Bob Markee’s moving back to Cleveland gave the Cavs the motivation they needed to win the NBA finals. Sandy Ewing has a new job working for the city of Nashville. Marissa Boyers Bluestine continues to save lives as the legal director of the Pennsylvania Innocence Project. (Editor’s note: See a story about Marissa on page 10.) Seth Lipton has taken to healthy habits and exercise. (Check him out on Facebook — he looks pretty buff!)


’91

Trinity Fund Goal: $80,000
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Louise van der Does reported: “Trinity paths crossed via a library book sign-out card (remember those?). In 1991, I had $462 in library fines from 34 way-overdue books. While I was working in the library to pay off this debt, I came across a book on Dutch history. Twenty-five years later, I got a letter (remember those?) from Robert Coykendall, Trinity Class of 1959. He took out that same book from the Trinity library and happened to check out the name on the library card. Not surprisingly, there was only one name on it. He recognized it as one of the names mentioned in the book and wanted to know if there was by chance a connection. (For more on that, see Class of 1959 notes!) Thank you to my new friend, also of Dutch heritage, Robert Coykendall, for taking the time to write!”

’92

Trinity Fund Goal: $75,000
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Jill Esterson writes: “Tom ’89 and I are doing well and enjoying life in Wayne, Pennsylvania, with our three boys, who are 11, 15, and 17. We recently ran into Kaitlin McDermott, Mollie Verbeck Spilman, JP Marra, and Ian ’88 and Isabelle Loring ’87 at various lacrosse tournaments, which was lots of fun!”

Sara Moorin Lang shares, “I was watching 60 Minutes last night, and Dede Nickerson was featured in an interview. Here is a link to the story: www.cbsnews.com/news/60-Minutes-China-Film-Industry-Booming. As far as an update about me, Peter and I are still living near Hanover, New Hampshire. Our son, Nate, is at Northeastern — such a different experience than Trinity! His freshman dorm held more students than were in our freshman class. Our daughter, Hannah, is a senior. We visited Trinity. The campus looks great … significantly better than it did at our Reunion.”

That’s it this time! As for me, I just moved (within the same town of Croton-on-Hudson, New York), so that has been an undertaking. Hope this column finds all of you well.

’93

Trinity Fund Goal: $60,000
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I hope you all had a wonderful summer! Right to the updates. Allen Remley reports: “Just completed 14-day backcountry trip in Alaska. What an amazing place. Hope we humans don’t screw that up too. Summer was filled with lots of rafting and watching the kids grow. All good in Montana.”

Jamie Weisberg: “I haven’t sent an update in ages, but there’s definitely lots going on. First, I’m coming up on my third year as director of human resources for Ennead Architects LLP, located in the Meatpacking District of NYC. It’s a fantastic job, a great company, and I absolutely love it here. I have also gotten very much into yoga and am now a certified instructor, currently finishing up my second certification. I teach yoga at my office as part of our wellness program, and when I complete my second certification, I hope to start teaching at some gyms in the city part time. I also teach privates (in case anyone is interested, lol). In addition to work and yoga, I had hip surgery back in June to repair a torn labrum and fix a femoral-acetabular impingement, and although I wasn’t mobile for several months, I am now back to taking yoga classes and exercising, which couldn’t make me happier. Other than that, still living in the same awesome apartment in Chelsea (coming up on 19 years), and as always, enjoying everything the city has to offer. Cheers!”

Liza Baumgarten: “Hope you guys had a great summer! All’s well with me and actually been e-mailing with the girls (Ash, Susan, Lexi, Amy, Grace, Caty, and Jill) about our annual get-together. This year it will be in November at Susan and Jay’s new home in Jacksonville. No doubt some good Trinity times will resurface, and it will serve as a great precursor to seeing them all again next February in Miami (with hubbies) … at my wedding! Stay tuned for a good Trinity wedding pic for our class to come. Otherwise, still enjoying getting to know our new home base in Atlanta and our new surroundings. Spending a lot of time (as much as possible) in Asheville, North Carolina. A new favorite spot.”

From Dana Meachen Rau, “Lots happening at the Rau house. Chris moved up the administrative ladder and is now the principal at Lewis S. Mills High School in our town of Burlington, Connecticut. That means that he has a short commute and that he’s at the same school as our kids. They don’t seem to mind; in fact, with his busy schedule, they get to see him more than they would if he was in another school. This fall, I started a new venture, too, as an adjunct professor at the University of Hartford, teaching writing classes. In between grading papers and prepping lessons, I’m working on my own writing projects. Hope all is well with you!”

Kelsey Hubbard Rollinson writes: “My
family and I are enjoying our third year living in Ridgefield, Connecticut. Our 6-year-old son and 4-year-old daughter keep us on our toes and at the playgrounds! I see fellow classmate Deb Povenelli, who also lives in town. This year our kids are at the same school, so I look forward to seeing more of her! I’m still working as a freelance news anchor, mostly at News 12 CT, but I also get into NYC from time to time to work at Thomson Reuters and the Nasdaq. This summer I spent some time sailing and visiting with another Trinity alum, my dad, Seeley Hubbard ’67! We will try to get to visiting with another Trinity alum, my dad, Seeley Hubbard ’67! We will try to get to Visiting with another Trinity alum, my dad, Seeley Hubbard ’67! We will try to get to Homecoming in the fall, so hopefully we’ll see some friends and classmats then!”

You guys are awesome; it is always good to hear what everyone is doing!

From the Alumni Office: Samantha Stone, founder and CMO of The Marketing Advisory Network, recently published Unleash Possible: A Marketing Playbook that Drives Sales.

‘94

Trinity Fund Goal: $100,000

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By the time you read this, there will be a new president of the United States, and our long endurance trial that was the taxing 2016 election will be over. Facebook was flooded with issues-oriented posts, worries, discussions, arguments, memes, and some meltdowns. Sifting for kernels of non-partisan Trinity news, I found the following tidbits:

Your intrepid and largely derelict-in-his-duties class secretary, Cliff Fuller, recently celebrated the one-year anniversary of producing and co-hosting Match Game NYC, a monthly game show/bar night based on the classic TV “fill in the blank” game show. Slowly but surely, it’s found a devoted fan base, including sightings of classmats Rachel Brunberg, Dan Monks, John Viener, and even an out-of-town cameo by Eli Lake!

Continuing a yearly summer tradition, Rachel Brunberg and I caught a sundown screening of A League of Their Own at the “Movies with a View” series in Brooklyn Bridge Park. Always a great time, though I have to rank this film just below Dazed and Confused and just above The Birds with regards to our previous visits.

And Rachel’s been a fantastic Brooklyn emissary with other alums: she also hosted a tour of her adopted borough with Chris Patton, who was visiting from Vermont. I’m sure he’ll return the favor when Rachel ventures to New England!

Congratulations to Robin Adcock, who passed the California Acupuncture Licensing Exam (CALE) in September and is plying her trade and teaching others at the Acupuncture & Integrative Medicine College in Berkeley, California!

Nicole Ray’s artwork and Sloe Gin Fizz imprint has been spotted all over the Ann Arbor area, including a magnificent print/billboard campaign for the Leslie Science & Nature Center last year and most recently the board, cards, bookmarks, stickers, and badges for the Ann Arbor District Library’s yearly “Summer Game” promotion. I can’t wait for her 2017 calendar (which you can pre-order at Etsy)!

Matthew Simpson is a visiting scholar at the University of New Mexico and is writing full time. You can find his stellar content weekly at his blog, The Coffee House, as well as recently published articles in the New Republic.

In early October, Michael Spaeder activated full beast mode and participated in a Ragnar Trail Race at Anne Springs Close Greenway in Fort Mill, South Carolina, with friends. It entailed 135 miles of trail running split between four teammates – more than a full marathon per runner! Due to residual Hurricane Matthew fallout, the course was shut down after 90-plus miles. Should we stay tuned for the Ragnar rematch?

It’s been eons since I last visited Minnesota, so I once again had to live vicariously through Karen Flannery-Lund’s photos of fried fair foods during her annual visit to the Minnesota State Fair. I was able to comment more thoroughly on her first trip to Portland, Oregon, during the summer with several geographical overlaps (including Powell’s Books and Nye Beach).

I’m sad to report that Michael Smith, who was co-manager of the old Gallows Hill Bookstore on campus while we were undergrads, passed away suddenly in September. I worked with Michael upon graduation, and we were close friends in my first post-Trinity year living in Hartford. He was most recently a pastor at the Trinity United Methodist Church in Whiteboro, New York, and was a generous, kind, extraordinary person who will be missed.

In “long time no see” news, I bumped into Ed Kazarian ’93 at a backyard cookout in South Philadelphia that morphed into an unofficial late-night philosophy professor symposium and had me flicking my eyes back and forth at the participants like I was watching a dodgeball match between Locke and Hume. I’ve also reconnected with Ethan Mason (who I believe is still in Brooklyn), but at press time we had yet to set a time and place for an epic catch-up session.

Finally, last June there was an informal but sprawling Class of 1994 reunion weekend in Andover, Massachusetts, hosted by Brian Pitts, his wife, Jackie, and their family. Attendees included Dan Helmick, Mike Spaeder and Shannon Joyce-Spaeder ’93, Heather Burnside, Molly Callaghan, Chris Patton, Tana Kung-Peckham, Margaret Braver-Chadbourne, and Pat Garrahy. Grilled meats, summer lawn games, lots of kids, a swimming pool, and a late-night grown-ups-only round of the “shotski” helped channel our “inner quadness” for one more weekend.

I hope these thumbnail sketches help you survive the winter!

‘95

Trinity Fund Goal: $75,000


I have few updates this time around, but the quality is high.

Top of the list: Kate Kehoe Dallas gave birth to William Boyd Dallas on July 16, 2016, in London. Congratulations, Kate, on both the child and ensuring that his first months on this planet are unmarred by the election here!

Jen Petrelli reports that she has switched from rowing in an eight to sculling on the Charles River. She’s finding the sculling quite challenging and fears that her “main rowing skill is providing the brute force required to propel a vessel down the river rather than nuanced technique. Time will tell.” I’m not sure what any of that means, but, hey, Petrelli once sat in my seat, so I’m wise enough to give her space. She also received a professional certificate in museum studies from Harvard in May and is on her way to a master’s degree in museum studies from Harvard, bringing her collection of advanced degrees to three.

Kimberly Powell’s update is one of those
How did you get started in your field? In 1989, I spent the first half of eighth grade attending a British boarding school in Kenya while my mom trained Peace Corps volunteers. In our time off from work and school, we went on safari throughout the country, and this is when I really fell in love with nature and photography. I vowed to return to Africa to study wildlife, and as I pursued my B.S. in biology at Trinity, I spent my junior spring semester studying conservation and ecology in Botswana through SIT (School for International Training). As part of that program, I worked with a wildlife filmmaker and produced a photo documentary about the experience of filming white pelicans, Cape vultures, black eagles, and rock hyraxes. I was hooked. At the time, there was no degree to pursue, so I began a career in biological fieldwork and continued developing my photography skills. In 2000, during my second season as a “coastwalker” (intertidal biologist and mapper) in Alaska’s Glacier Bay National Park, I met John Brooks, a filmmaker making an underwater film about the park. I volunteered on the project and grilled him on how I could follow in his footsteps. The timing was right because he gave me the inside scoop to pursue a new graduate program at Montana State University, Bozeman. I was accepted into the inaugural class of this M.F.A. program in science and natural history filmmaking, and human values; M.F.A. in science and natural history filmmaking, Montana State University, Bozeman.

What do you enjoy most about your work? Traveling, new experiences, and working with and telling stories about inspiring people, from scientists to fishermen, who work to protect and conserve our natural world. One of the notions that drew me to becoming a science filmmaker was the opportunity to not be a specialist in a particular field of science but to become a generalist in learning about science in varied and unique places and then reinforcing what I’ve learned through film narratives. With NOAA, I’ve found myself documenting a wide array of topics from the response to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill to diving face to face with Steller sea lions. I’ve filmed killer whale research near my home in Seattle and have been sent to all corners of the United States and its territories, from the Florida Keys to the Aleutian Islands, from Down East Maine to American Samoa. As I write this, I’m on a plane returning from Half Moon Bay, California, where I filmed a team of researchers who are tagging leatherback sea turtles.

How did your experience at Trinity help prepare you for what you do now? What stands out to me is how intimate the education experience is. On one hand, I had constant access to my professors, and on the other, there was nowhere to hide. The latter, I think, was even more important in my development because I felt like it made me accountable and inspired me to work harder and succeed. I really respected my professors, and I wanted them to respect me, and I knew the harder I worked, the more I would get out of the whole experience.

Was there a professor who was particularly influential? I felt like I had very good relationships with most of the biology faculty, from Blackburn to Galbraith, and Schneider to Smedley. But the professor who pushed me the hardest, and therefore inspired me the most, was Dr. Simmons. He not only demanded we know the details of the subject but that we speak in proper English. He would often reply “Balderdash!” or “Surely you jest!” if we pronounced zoology as zoo-ology instead of zo-ology. Despite the gruff exterior, he was a very generous man and made my Trinity experience truly unique.

To see a sampling of Hillman’s work, please visit commons.trincoll.edu/Reporter.
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where I wish we had photos. She sent me a great pic of her swimming a 10-mile race in the Tennessee River with Laurie (Schaeffer) Young paddling alongside in a kayak. Talk about a great friend! “The weather and views were incredible — more so on top of the water than in it, but it was a great day,” she wrote. “I finished the swim in five hours, 18 minutes.”

Shelley Butler Coughlin and her family have moved to Darien, Connecticut, though as of this writing, they’ve yet to invite me over to dinner, so I have scant gossip to report on their exile from New York!

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’97 Trinity Fund Goal: $20,000

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Hi, guys,

I hope this finds you all well and enjoying a cozy winter. I also hope that by the time you read this, the renovations on the Zwirn house are complete! Ben and I took the roof off our home in Arlington, Massachusetts, last June to add a shed dormer and a bathroom, among other things. We have lots of space now for our three growing boys (now 11, 8, and 6) but are anxious for the work to be finished! In September, I competed in my second triathlon, the Title 9, which was an awesome experience. I was part of a group of over 80 moms from Arlington to complete the race, including friend and neighbor Brecky Beard Peabody ’96.

Ben and I had lunch with Gabbie Rappolt-Schlichtmann and her 9-year-old daughter, Ellie, in August. Gabbie has started a new not-for-profit venture called EdTogether. The organization is focused on fostering sustained change toward the meaningful inclusion of students with disabilities in general education classrooms. She is also “shocked” that her littlest, Ben, is starting preschool! It was great to catch up.

In May, Mick Nardelli opened his own government affairs and lobbying firm, The Nardelli Group, on Capitol Hill in Washing-

ton, D.C. Having spent more than seven years at a national law firm heading its government team as well as a small lobbying shop earlier in his career, Mick branched out on his own with clients such as The Boston Beer Company and Alexium, both publicly traded companies with national and international footprints. Boston Beer Company is the maker of Sam Adams and focuses on agriculture issues, tax matters, and various state laws that impact the company’s ability to provide products to consumers. Alexium is a maker of specialty chemicals solutions that provide flame-retardant capabilities to various kinds of fabric used in upholstery, bedding, and military uniforms and equipment. Mick is excited for this next step in his career and looks forward to growing The Nardelli Group slowly and steadily while maintaining outstanding service for its clients. Best of luck, Mick!

Samantha Monds Desmarais lives in San Diego with her husband and 2-year-old son and teaches chemistry at a local university. Sam adds, “Otherwise, I’m sweating my ass off at all times since San Diego never cools down. Seriously. Never.” Ha! I bet a bunch of us would be happy to visit Sam about now to warm up.

OK, that’s it this round. Would love to hear from you! Get ready for our 20th Reunion, June 9-11, 2017. Hope to see you there!

’98 Trinity Fund Goal: $35,000

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Greetings, Class of 1998! I apologize for yet another short submission. While I have not been receiving very many replies to my e-mail blasts, I’m afraid that with the craziness that comes with the start of a new school year, I neglected to send an e-mail blast this go-around. Luckily, Kate Brierley wrote over the summer that she had a Nashville get-together with Morgan Rissell Tarr, Maren Reilly Degraff, Amanda Tucker Dougherty, Corinne Tuccillo King, Kate Reid Butterly, Amie Duffy Sanborn, Christina Tsoules Soriano, and Regan Carrara Cucinell. Kate was happy to report that everyone had a blast!

I got to spend some quality time up in Vermont with Katie Pilcher Knowles. She is doing well. Our sons went to the same summer camp and were actually on the same street hockey team. I also got to visit with Jen Moore Cramer when she took a day off from her job as a PA and brought her twin boys over to my house for a visit.

That’s all for this issue of The Reporter. If you have any news you’d like to share for next time, please send me an e-mail at jessicalvincent@yahoo.com.

’99 Trinity Fund Goal: $25,000

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Greetings and welcome to this short but sweet collection of updates from fellow classmates. For me, this year has flown by, and I am trying to wrap my head around how quickly time seems to pass lately. I hope 2016 has been a great one for all of you! Without further ado, here’s the latest ’99er news:

It was great to hear from classmates I haven’t communicated with in quite a while this time around, including new mom Laila (Schmutzler) Forster! She writes: “Finally have some news worthy of sharing: on July 12, Will and I welcomed our son, William Hull Forster III. He’s named after his father and grandfather, and we call him Buddy. He’s a fun little guy, and we’re settling into new parenthood well. I loved spending the summer with Buddy, but I’m back to work now running my marketing consulting business, Tuxedo Monsters Inc., which helps brands and companies navigate big projects or shifts in strategy. We still live in Brooklyn, so I run into Cate (Rubin) and Rob Witherwax ’98 a bunch, and, of course, Doris Short ’00 and Josh Schelling ’00. Was lucky to have lunch with Michelle Kennedy Russell and her family in October and glad to have Suzanne Farrell Smith at my baby shower in May. Love keeping tabs on other ’99ers through the wonders of Facebook.” Congratulations on your newest little “Buddy,” Laila!

I also heard from Javier Chacin, who is living in New York City. On the work front, Javier recently made a move to a new agency, J. Walter Thompson New York, and still works as an art director.

Camilla Bradley also had some news to share: “My exciting news is that after getting married on a mountain in Montana last year, to a Tufts grad that started a boxer biz in college, I have two boys, Jack and Boe, and have started up CK Bradley again. This past
summer, I had a Trinity student living and interning with me, Gracie Culver ‘19. Poor thing had to listen to hours of good old Trinity days and hang out with tons of alums like Katy (DeConti) Duckworth-Schachter ’98, Olivia (Pirovano) Wirth, Malalai Wassil, Peter Blackstone ’00, John Dalsheim ’87, and the list goes on. Trunk shows may be back at Mather Hall across from Debbie with pom-pom hats and who knows what else.”

CK Bradley revival, Camilla!

2000 classmates come together in 2016 at the Long Beach Island beach house of Toni Finney Clark. Toni was joined by Juli Tomaino Ascione ’00, Suzanne Fallon Samuels ’00, Tanya Suvarnasorn Keegan ’00, Laura Vangsgness Holt ’00, and Melissa Church Figueroa ’00.

to curate innovative and immersive experiences, often incorporating live entertainment (e.g., musical acts, performance artists, and/or celebrity speakers) and state-of-the-art sound, stage, and lighting design to create spectacular and memorable occasions. In only our first year, we have had the opportunity to collaborate on some of the nation’s largest electronic dance music (EDM) festivals and concert tours. Stay tuned for events coming to your area!”

What a fun new field! I can’t wait to hear where your new career path will take you!

Last in the job news category, Mariah Titlow Tinger has just been published! She writes, “I live in the North Shore of Massachusetts with my husband and two kids. On November 29, 2016, Prometheus Books released my first book, co-authored with my father. It is titled Protecting the Planet: Environmental Champions from Conservation to Climate Change and is already available through Amazon, Barnes and Noble, and other major booksellers. I am also working on my first podcast series, A Matter of Degrees (working title), featuring audio interviews with the visionaries highlighted in my book. In the spirit of my zeal for climate action, my husband and I added an enormous ground-mount solar panel to our yard. It generates 135 percent of our monthly energy, so the energy company is actually paying us for energy!” Mariah has also been enjoying the company of Vanessa Parker-Geisman ’01, Jennifer Hong McAllister, and we’re currently remodeling our home on Mercer Island to make room for the whole crew. Hope everyone is doing well.”

In closing, Zander Vincent wanted to pass on congratulations to Nicolas Gastaud on his marriage to Sylvia Low in Singapore back in October and to let us know that Adrian Stafford-Browne, an Army reservist, was mobilized in late September for deployment to Kuwait. On behalf of our class, I wish Nic felicitations! Adrian, we thank you for your service and send best wishes for a safe and productive tour abroad.

And so once again, that’s all she wrote.

CLASS NOTES

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Hey all, I want to start off with a big thank you to everyone who contributed to this column. I was pretty busy with traveling for work when our class notes were due and didn’t have a lot of time for research, but each one of you stepped up to help me out, and I am super grateful. Because of you, I have lots to share in this issue!

Starting with some updates on classmates we’ve heard from in the past … last spring, Lyndsay Siegel wrote in to tell us about her house remodeling and design consulting business, Tradecraft, which she was expanding to both San Francisco and New York City. She has three renovation projects under way (details at thetradecraft.com), and things seem to be going well so far!

William Mansfield continues to work in Winchester, Massachusetts, as a patent attorney, assisting start-ups and inventors with protecting their intellectual property. He had a good time at our 15th Reunion last summer and is already looking forward to our 20th.

John Brigham is also still in the Boston area and is making good use of his dual Trinity degrees in computer science and philosophy in his new role as a senior technical account manager at Akamai Technologies.

A particularly exciting career update comes in from Peter Espy, on whom I reported last year when he was elected president of Trinity’s National Alumni Association (NAA) and appointed to the College’s Board of Trustees. Peter writes, “After nearly 17 years with the investment banking firm Credit Suisse, I have left the industry to pursue my passion for music, performance art, and design. I have since founded Event Driven LLC, an integrated event consulting, planning, and production company based in NYC. Our mission is

Lyndsay Siegel

To stay in touch with Trin friends in 2016. Melissa reports that she is still living in Framingham, Massachusetts, with husband Manuel and their four kids: Michelle, 18, Brayden, 9, Madison, 5, and Keegan, 1. She’s also been doing some fun traveling recently: “[I] enjoyed a wonderful vacation/business trip with my husband to Hawaii in August. Before that, we had an awesome Trinity Girls Weekend at Toni Finney Clark’s beach house. In attendance: Toni, Juli Tomaino Ascione, Suzanne Fallon Samuels, Tanya Suvarnasorn Keegan, Laura Vangsgness Holt, and myself. I also got to attend the wonderful farewell ceremony for Robin Sheppard this past fall and took some time to show my family around the ever-changing [Trinity] campus.”

Melissa wasn’t the only Bantam in the Aloha State last year; Tracey Costa Coste and husband Jon, who recently celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary, visited Hawaii and had a great time. She writes, “It is such a beautiful state, and watching my daughter Alexis, 9, get excited about history through Pearl Harbor was wonderful to watch. My younger one, Madison, 4, loved taking surfing lessons.” Back home in Massachusetts, Tracey’s also been enjoying seeing other Trinfolk: “Jack Hoblitzelle is visiting Boston for a conference this weekend, and we hope to get together. Chris Hunt is hopefully going to join as well, and we may watch Elisabeth Healey Zimmer in the Head of the Charles. I also recently met up with Jennifer Hong McAllister, and we took our kids to the Museum of Science in Boston. It was great to see my college roomie, and we all had a fantastic day.”

On the opposite coast, Gus Poole dropped a note to say that he’s been “living in Seattle for almost 14 years now, wife, three kids, two dogs, one cat, and a fish named Flame. We’re currently remodeling our home on Mercer Island to make room for the whole crew. Hope everyone is doing well.”
Hello, classmates! Though we have fewer updates this time around, it is evident that our class is rocking and rolling in the business world. Keep up the good work!

**Tony Panza** was nominated by FedScoop 50 as one of the “Most Inspiring Up & Comers” in the federal government. Otherwise, he says that life in Virginia is still good.

**Annie (Nisula) Draddy** writes that “after more than 10 years working in PR, I made the leap this year to start Henry & Highby, a residential organizing business in New York City with an old friend from grammar school. It is exciting to be out on my own although definitely a lot of work.”

After living in Massachusetts for 15 years, **Sara Fleming** and her family picked up and moved to Maine! She is working as senior counsel at a new firm in Portland, and they are in the process of building a house on family land nearby.

**Jillian Fowkes Roscoe** and husband Patrick welcomed their first child, Will Owen Roscoe, on September 27. They reside in Los Angeles, where Jillian is senior vice president of talent at public relations firm ID.

**Alice (Wisniewski) Vautour** is happy to report that she had a mini-reunion with Jane (Norton) Scott, Angela Flores, and Shannon McGill in NYC in August. Shannon also was able to catch up with **Chris Chappel**, who is living in NYC.

**Mandy (Rabinowitz) Pionsky** reports that she and husband David are still living in downtown Manhattan. Over the winter, she started a new position at John Varvatos that she loves. More recently, they expanded their family. In addition to their now 18-month-old son, Sam, they welcomed identical twin boys, Peter and Jacob, in summer 2016. Having three little ones under age 2 is definitely full of challenges, but they have been loving every minute of watching their little family grow.

Your secretary graduated with a master’s in accounting from the University of Houston and is studying for the CPA exam. She will be sitting for two of the four sections before starting work in late November.

From the Alumni Office: Halloran & Sage is proud to announce that **Michael Leone** has been named to Super Lawyers’ 2016 Rising Stars list.

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**Rodrigo Ferrer '03 and Carrie Erhard were married on August 1, 2015, in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.**

**Trude Goodman '03 and John Tiesi were married on June 25, 2016, in Chatham, Massachusetts.**

**Sarah Weisberg '03 and Bryan Larson were married on September 17, 2016, at Columbia Country Club in Chevy Chase, Maryland. Bants in attendance included Carl Baglio '03, Sarah Weisberg '03, Kate Klein '03, Trude Goodman '03, and Rob Segen '02.**

**Kerns, Nora (Chulpis) Moulton, Carolyn Rucci, and Sarah (St. Germain) Smith.** There are so many kids now; times have changed for sure!

Not too long ago, **Rodrigo Ferrer** got married in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, to Carrie Erhard (University of Pittsburgh undergraduate ’08, University of Sacred Heart master’s ’10). On August 1, 2016, they celebrated their one-year anniversary, so I guess it has been a long time. Anyway, since then, they bought a home in Cromwell, Connecticut, and got a couple Boston terriers to boot. Rodrigo is at the helm of his own Medicare insurance brokerage company called Sanson Insurance & Financial Services LLC. It is also based in Cromwell. It’s officially a family business with his father (Rodrigo, Sr.) and his mom (Barbara) in the office fielding calls. Rodrigo and his father were also three times named top national
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OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, in April 2016. Francisco “Ceschi” Ramos ’03, Sara (Brown) Gray ’03 (with daughter Solvej), and Michael Trujillo ’03 meet in Oakland, California, in April 2016.

I am beyond thrilled to share two ridiculously awesome bits of good news.

First, Laurie (Gutmann) Kahn and Josh Kahn have welcomed a sweet baby boy, Alder Gutmann Kahn, into the world. They had been planning on enjoying a couple more weeks of pregnancy, but Alder had something different in mind. Alder was born early on September 3, 2016, at 8:53 a.m., weighing 6 pounds, 8 ounces, and is happy and healthy. Second, Robbie London ’03 and Laura Frigau London welcome a beautiful baby girl, Nora Sofia London, into the world on July 10, 2016. Nora is happy and healthy as well, living it up Italian style and long overdue for a visit from her two biggest fans, Colman and Robert.

As for me, I got engaged this year to the most wonderful man I know, Robert Valadez, moved to London, left Nike after six years, and joined Unreasonable Group as its global managing director, where I am helping to scale companies tackling the world’s greatest challenges, such as climate change, health care, and education. Robert and I are due to tie the knot July 8, 2017.

Much love to all ’03ers. Keep those updates on several big milestones. He was married to Rachel on November 1, 2014. The couple welcomed a son, Ethan, in March 2016. The happy family lives in downtown Chicago near Lake Michigan. They were thrilled to help celebrate the wedding of classmate Adam Liegner last August in Maine.

‘05

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It’s been an active spring, summer, and fall for our class!

In wedding news, Pat Foley was married to Veronica DiPerna on May 14, 2016, in Newport, Rhode Island. The happy couple lives in Boston, where Pat is an associate at the law firm Holtz & Reed.

In baby news, Kristin Faucette McCarthy and husband Tim McCarthy welcomed William Douglas McCarthy on July 6, 2016. Will weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces and was 19.5 inches long. The McCartys live in Alexandria, Virginia, where Kristin is loving motherhood!

On November 9, 2015, Andrew Ingram and wife Kristin welcomed baby girl Frazier Lauren, who was named after her parents’ middle names. The Ingroms celebrated Frazier’s first birthday this November at their home in Tampa, and Frazier’s godfather, Adam Cohen, came to join the festivities. In October, Andrew started a
What is it like to be involved in a relatively new area of policy? The world of cannabis policy is incredibly fast-paced and challenging. Because this is a true cutting-edge policy area, I have the unique opportunity to be a trailblazer, something that is uncommon in government work. My days are constantly filled with “firsts,” from visiting the first cannabis booth at the State Fair to helping implement the first pesticides-testing standards for cannabis labs. The position is definitely one of great interest to the public, and, as a result, I have learned quite a bit about media and communications.

Why is your work important to the field? The statewide marijuana policy arena is vast and composed of stakeholders from all walks of life, from career politicians to small-time local farmers. Part of my job is to act as a clearinghouse for all of these individuals, regardless of background. I coordinate policy changes among the many large state agencies with a piece of cannabis regulation. Because this is such a new field, I communicate often with Governor Brown to make certain she is properly apprised of any new developments. Suffice it to say, it is a very busy job!

What do you enjoy most about your work? I love traveling the state to speak with Oregonians working on the ground floor of this new market. I think that state regulators oftentimes have a tendency to work in a vacuum. It is my opinion that the best policies are crafted with input from those who will be affected by them the most. I have learned so much from speaking to medical growers, patients, and dispensaries, as well as larger and extremely professional recreational marijuana grow operations and storefronts. The level of innovation is stunning.

What are the biggest challenges you face? The continuing federal prohibition on marijuana complicates regulation of cannabis, everywhere from banking issues to lab testing and accreditation. Normally federal government agencies such as the Environmental Protection Agency and the Food and Drug Administration set the standards for things such as pesticides testing and food adulteration. In the absence of this guidance, Oregon has convened experts in the field to create our own framework. While that can be a daunting challenge, it is also incredibly exciting and rewarding. I wouldn’t trade it.

Was there a professor who was particularly influential? I have to pick two: [Professor of Economics and Public Policy, Emeritus] Andrew J. Gold and [Professor of Music, Emeritus] Douglas Johnson. Professor Gold pushed me academically to achieve what I didn’t previously think possible. I have been a guitar player since a very young age, and, before Professor Johnson, I used to lament my lack of massive Jimmy-Hendrix-sized hands. He introduced me to Django Reinhardt, a guitar player who basically invented lead guitar and did so with a mangled fretboard hand and two fingers. There were no excuses after that!

What was the most memorable course you took at Trinity? Probably “Law & Economics” with Professor Gold. The first exposure I had to Professor Gold was an intro economics course my first year. He scared the pants off me the first day, and I dropped the class because I didn’t think I was up to the challenge. In my senior year, I was the polar opposite — I purposely sought out those classes that challenged me the most. My father is a lawyer, and, although I swore I would never follow in his footsteps, Professor Gold’s course piqued my intellectual curiosity in a way that could not be ignored. When I was considering advanced degree options in the years after graduation, I reached out to Professor Gold to solicit advice. I certainly credit his wisdom in my decision to apply to law school.
new job at RedVector, which is the leading provider of online education and training for a wide range of industries.

Lauren Annicelli Bennitt and husband Ian Bennitt are happy to announce the birth of their second child, Louisa Campbell Bennitt, who was born on March 4, 2016. Louisa joins big brother Will, who is 3 1/2.

I have some news to share as well. After working at Princeton University for five years as the associate director of athletics fundraising, I accepted a new job in October as the vice president of development programs at the Princeton Area Community Foundation. I feel fortunate to have the opportunity to give back to the Mercer County community as I try to help its many essential nonprofit organizations and counsel philanthropists.

Don’t forget to send me any news you might have, whether it be job, travel, hobby (and, of course, baby and wedding), or anything Bantam related!

Andrew McLeman ’07 welcomed beautiful baby boy Jonathan McLeman in August. The wedding will be in Greenwich, Connecticut, just before Thanksgiving. Check out the next edition of The Reporter for the infamous Trinity wedding photo.

Courtney Howe got engaged to Paul Cotto in early May at The Beachcomber in Wellfleet, Massachusetts. They live in Boston and will be married in September 2017.

Andrew Sjogren and Candace Klein were married in May. The wedding took place in the Bucine district of Arezzo in Tuscany over a four-day celebration. Several Bantams including Charlotte and Timothy Fox and Mark Romeo were among the 50 guests attending. Andrew and Candace then began a six-month honeymoon that included sailing the Tuscan Archipelago, hiking across northern Spain, working and living in the French countryside, hiking the Annapurna Trek through the Himalayas in Nepal, and living and traveling throughout Southeast Asia.

Andrew McCarthy ’05 and Virginia Adair were married on September 24, 2016, at the Hillsboro Club in Hillsboro Beach, Florida. It was the best! The wedding weekend included a tennis tournament, wine and wickets, a highly competitive pitch and putt tourney, and a dance floor that was absolutely on fire. Bantam alumni in attendance included Kimrie Savage, Lizzy Pendergast, Jay and Chauncey Boothby, Jill Campbell. Ayres Heller ’05, Eli Cohen ’05, Tom Martin ’05, and Terry Gumn ’76.

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Kyle Cox and wife Jamie are excited to have recently relocated from New York City to Boston. Kyle recently accepted a position in wealth management with Morgan Stanley.

Lucy Hollis Criss welcomed a son, Connor Daniel Criss, into the world in April. Big sister Rosemary is loving her new role as the know-it-all toddler/baby boss.

Timothy and Charlotte Fox are soon heading to Charlottesville, Virginia, to spend a weekend at wineries with Kate Falchi and Gillian (Bernard) Stovall. Kate lives in Brooklyn and works in fashion, and Gillian recently moved to Charlotte, North Carolina, with husband Nathan. Tim and Charlotte live in Washington, D.C. Tim is an energy analyst and consultant, and Charlotte is a vice president at a strategic communications firm. They’re hoping to get a dog soon.


Andrew McCarthy ’05 and Virginia Adair ’06 were married on September 24, 2016, at the Hillsboro Club in Hillsboro Beach, Florida.
Erin Ogilvie ’07 and Matthew Howard were married on October 24, 2015, in Newport, Rhode Island. Bantams in attendance included Russ Smith ’07, Alex Murphy ’07, Drew Murphy ’07, Devon Lawrence ’07, Kevin Świsniewski ’07, Tyler Simmons ’07, Tim Ward ’07, Rebecca Brill ’08, Erika Ward ’08, Yusuf George ’07, Keeli Davis ’06, Caitlin Dodge ’06, Heath Pendleton ’07, and Chris Bostock (not pictured).

Pipes also made an appearance, colluding with Erin’s father to surprise her by singing the father-daughter song. Erin and Matt are expecting their first child in February 2017.

Emily Moore ’08 and Kyle Maganzini were married on July 16, 2016, at The Governor’s Academy in Massachusetts. Those in attendance included Katie Lenz Crum ’08, Ali Schmidt Davis ’08, Matt Crum ’08, Kyle Maganzini, Emily Moore Maganzini ’08, Hana Cho Herz ’08, Alex Herz ’06, and Amanda Dorian Keller ’08.

Devlin Hughes ’09 and Brett Jackson ’09, M’13 were married on August 20, 2016, at Trinity College. Front row: Fiona Hall ’10, Hannah Halenfant ’13, Matthew Sahlin ’08, Brett Jackson ’09, M’13, Devlin Hughes ’09, and Chuck Pratt ’07; middle row: Genevieve Gadenne ’09, Luc Rioual ’11, David Rowe ’10, Maggie Raelson ’07, Andrew Rohman ’07, Caleb Wassler ’08, Kashif Mohiuddin ’08, and Katherine Fawcett ’11; back row: Lizbee Langford ’08, M’16, Christine Gilbert ’11, Jake Robertson ’10, Christopher Giacalone ’07, Colin Raelson ’07, James Frawley ’07, Visiting Assistant Professor of American Studies Alexander Manevitz ’09, Kurt von Seekam ’09, Meg Smith ’09, Dean of Students Christopher D. Card, Artist-in-Residence Christopher Houlihan ’09, College Organist John Rose, College Chaplain the Rev. Allison Read, Associate Dean of Students Ann Reuman, and former Secretary of the College Scott Reynolds ’63

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In September, Allie Pulpeo started a new job at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. She is the state’s first sober housing certification specialist and is working within the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services.

Monika Zagaja finished her internal medicine residency this spring and has since moved to Charleston, South Carolina, where she is working as an internist. She also completed acupuncture training at Harvard and plans to add that to her practice in the coming year.

On July 16, 2016, Emily Moore married her best friend, Kyle Maganzini, at The Governor’s Academy in Massachusetts. It was the best day of their lives! She met her husband through Amanda Dorian Keller, her junior year roommate! Three amazing Trin girls, Katie Lenz Crum, Ali Schmidt Davis, and Hana Cho Herz, stood by Emily’s side as she said her vows. Emily’s three-year roommate, Dana Paulson Eisenman, was celebrating from afar as she prepared for the birth of her son, Reid Paulson Eisenman, on August 9, 2016. Emily and Kyle are expecting their first child in April 2017!

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Jason Oxner ’09 and Kelly Bates were married during the summer of 2016 in Nova Scotia. Front row: Jo-Ann Jee ’10, Marc Spagnoletti ’09, and Tehani Guruge ’10; back row: Andy Janiga ’11, Johan Detter ’13, Kelly Oxner, Jason Oxner ’09, and Ian MacGregor ’09

Agents: Alexandra H. Kiestadt, Maria Dixon LeBlanc, Christian Montoya, Samantha R. Moore, Alexandra G. Wueger

Devlin Hughes and Brett Jackson were married on August 20, 2016, at Trinity. Jason Oxner got married in summer 2016 in Nova Scotia with lots of Trinity classmates in attendance, and Ian MacGregor served as best man. Jason also accepted a new senior associate position at a civil litigation law firm in Houston, Texas, starting in fall 2016.

Carver Diserens is in the last year of getting his M.F.A. in creative producing at Columbia film school. He is interning at a European acquisitions company and sales agency. He’ll also be shooting his thesis film in December, a dark comedy about millennial tweens trying to use a satanic ritual to summon the devil to their very religious mother’s house.
Jessica Yorks ‘10 and James Graeber ‘10 were married on August 27, 2016, in St. Michaels, Maryland. Congratulations also to Jessica Yorks and James Graeber, who were married on October 8, 2016, in Marblehead, Massachusetts.

Malakoff, Justin Levitas, Alan Glass, Chris Grosse, Derek de Svastich, Rob Key, Harper Cullen, Alec Jenkins, Mark Gordon, Jim Martin, Charlie Siguler, and I all had a great time kicking the summer off with Chris Birkhofer’s bachelor party in New Orleans over Memorial Day weekend. Chris married Jennifer Williamson in Houston, Texas, just a few months later. Derek de Svastich proposed to Katie Koufakis ‘11 in Gramercy Park, and we all enjoyed Charlie Siguler’s bachelor party in Conway, Massachusetts. We’ll be enjoying the early fall sun when he marries Dede Potts in the beginning of November in Sanibel Island, Florida. Jim Martin is still loving London, and we’ve been lucky to be able to see him as often as we have this past summer! Come join Nick Isbrandtsen, Ian Malakoff, and Chris Birkhofer every Monday night for heated flow yoga with their favorite instructor, Samantha (Colgan) Moriarty, and her husband, Ryan Moriarty ‘11. Chris Grosse is still jet-setting all over the world closing deals with Bank of America’s M&A group while still finding time for trips to St. Lucia, Napa, Nantucket, New Orleans, and Montauk, all while leading his ice hockey league in points at Chelsea Piers. We’re all very proud of Alan Glass for graduating from The University of Chicago Booth School of Business this past spring and beginning his new career with J.P. Morgan M&A group. After a lackluster ski season last year, the boys are excited for a Chris Farley winter at Stratton, Vermont, with a few trips planned to see Rob Key out west in Vail. Ian Malakoff had a great summer, and he stayed in great shape surfing off Montauk and Long Beach and getting after it in NYC’s Tone House.”

Thank you to everyone who submitted updates. Please continue to send us your news. We look forward to hearing from you!

From the Alumni Office: Patricia Cipiechlo represented Trinity at the inauguration of David Wippman as president of Hamilton College on October 8, 2016.

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The class secretary position for the Class of 2016 is vacant. If you would like to serve as class secretary, please contact Julie Cloutier in the Alumni Office at (860) 297-2403 or julie.cloutier@trincoll.edu.

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Carolyn Kimmick recently returned from London on a business trip. She is with Third Bridge in New York, where she has been employed since graduation. Carolyn is working on the research end of things, focused on credit markets, and is enjoying her work in the world of financial services. She tells me that she enjoyed her time in London.

Early in fall 2016, I had the pleasure of visiting Dominic Carbone at his stately new digs in D.C. He recently started working at The Advisory Board Company, a consulting firm based in Washington. Dom is in the education division, a job that suits him perfectly.

I recently met Fiona Brennan for coffee after having not seen her for a while. Fiona has been working in the global digital department at Ralph Lauren in New York. She likes the job and has been there for about a year. We had coffee at a café in the Fifth Avenue store, which was excellent.

Finally, big changes are afoot for Henry “H. K.” Romeyn, who recently filmed a scene as an extra on the TV show Billions. Look for him in the upcoming season.

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**Class Notes photos policy update**

As you know, The Trinity Reporter has opened Class Notes to general interest Trinity-related photos in addition to wedding photos. We want to be certain that everyone understands the guidelines for submission. Please send ONLY high-resolution photos (generally with a file size of at least 1 MB); low-resolution photos, while fine for websites, will not reproduce well in a printed publication. We also ask that no more than one Class Notes photo per issue features the same photo subject(s) and that all photos include at least one Bantam. We can’t promise that we’ll be able to publish all photos that we receive, as some issues may not have enough space. We reserve the right to decide what is published based on available space, photo quality, and photo content. We invite you to e-mail high-resolution photos and complete caption information (who, what, when, where, why) to sonya.adams@trincoll.edu.

Gordon earned a B.S. in economics. He became president of The Gordon Fruit & Produce Company, New Haven’s largest fruit and produce wholesaler of the time. He also was a director of Hamden National Bank and several of its successors. In the late 1960s, he was an owner of a farm team of the New York Jets.

Gordon is survived by his children, Beth Davis (Michael), Cynthia Strause (Philip), and John Gordon (Frances); eight grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and sibling Merle Weisman. He was predeceased by his wife of nearly 70 years, Adele, and siblings Betty Rosenthal, Monroe Gordon, and Myron Gordon.


Perry earned a B.A. in philosophy from Trinity, where he ran track and cross country and was on the staff of the Jey. He also was a veteran of World War II.

Perry is survived by daughter Amanda Lee and granddaughter Jessica Lee.

1941 M.A. 1950 RICHARD T. BLAISDELL, 97, of Windsor, Connecticut, died on October 1, 2016.

Blaisdell earned a B.A. in philosophy from Trinity, where he was a member of Alpha Chi Rho, the Glee Club, the Trinity College Choir, the Radio Club, and the Political Science Club. He also participated in swimming. Blaisdell worked at Pratt & Whitney before joining the U.S. Navy during World War II. Following his service, he earned an M.A. in educational studies from Trinity and an M.S. in math from the University of Maine. He went on to teach math at John Fitch and Windsor High Schools in Windsor, Connecticut, before moving to Conard High School in West Hartford, Connecticut, where he worked for 26 years.

Blaisdell is survived by his daughters, Carol Slauenwhite and Barbara Sterrett (Clifford); one granddaughter; and two great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife, Betsy.

1944 RICHARD E. HASKELL, 93, of Saco, Maine, and Greensburg, Pennsylvania, died on October 13, 2015.

Haskell earned a B.S. in economics from Trinity, where he was a member of the Commons Club, the Rifle Club, the International Relations Club, and the Political Science Club. He also played soccer. Haskell served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He went on to earn the Chartered Property and Casualty Underwriter designation in 1953. Haskell worked in the field of insurance, first at Aetna Casualty Surety Co., then at National Union Insurance Co., and later at Old Republic Insurance Co., from which he retired as vice president of underwriting.

Haskell is survived by his wife of 68 years, Marilyn; daughters Ann Hilty (David), Susan McCreary (David), and Lucy Begin (Robert); seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his brother, Albert Haskell.

1948 PAUL G. KUEHN, M.D., 93, of Jacksonville, Florida, died on July 2, 2016.

Kuehn served in the U.S. Navy from 1942 to 1946. Following World War II, he earned a B.S. from Trinity. He then earned a medical degree from the University of Rochester. Kuehn did his internship, medical residency, and surgical residency at Hartford Hospital and went on to practice medicine for more than four decades, specializing in breast cancer and head and neck cancer and becoming one of the nation’s top experts in the field of surgical oncology. His innovative surgical techniques and treatments were documented in publications including The New England Journal of Medicine and The American Journal of Surgery. Kuehn served as president of the New England Cancer Society and the Connecticut Division of the American Cancer Society. He was the author of Breast Care Options, written in plain terms for patients seeking practical guidance, and Night Flying Avenger (reviewed by The Trinity Reporter in summer 1991), a mostly autobiographical account of his experiences during World War II that was written under the pen name Pete Grant.

Kuehn is survived by his wife of 64 years, Barbara; children Kathryn Noll (David), Suzanne Mason (Greg), Carolyn Kuehn (Peter Sinanian), and Stephen Kuehn (Chanda); 15 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and sister Ruth Phillips. He was predeceased by siblings Edward, Lydia, Eve, Martha, and Marie.

1950 RICHMOND P. WARNER, 90, of Newton, Massachusetts, died on December 14, 2015.

Prior to his time at the College, Warner enlisted in the Army Air Corps and was in training when World War II ended. He earned a B.A. in economics from Trinity, where he served as vice president of Sigma Nu. He began his professional career in sales at American Hoist and Derrick. His lifelong passion for woodworking led him to acquire Child Life Play Specialties, manufacturers of wooden swing sets, in 1964.

Warner is survived by his wife, Pat; children Anne Costello (Patrick) and Chuck Warner (Sally Cragin); and four grandchildren.


Muir earned an interdisciplinary B.A. from Trinity, where he was a member of Delta Psi. He then volunteered for the U.S. Army. Muir went on to become a salesman and then returned to Trinity and served as director of admissions from 1964 to 1981. He later worked with students at United World College in Montezuma, New Mexico.

Muir is survived by his children, Christina Muir and William H. Muir III (Connie); his first wife, Ann Graf; his second and third wife, with whom he shared nearly 45 years, Eleanor Reid; and two grandchildren. He was predeceased by his brother, William K. Muir, Jr.

1951 DONALD R. REYNOLDS, 87, of Taghkanic, New York, died on May 27, 2016.

Reynolds earned a B.A. in history from Trinity, where he was a member of Alpha Delta Phi and the business manager of the Jesters. He also served in the U.S. Army for two years, reaching the rank of master sergeant. Reynolds spent most of his career in the travel field. In 1989, he was appointed executive director of the American Soviet Tourism Society (recast as the American Tourism Society after the Soviet Union was dissolved), which facilitated travel to Russia and the newly independent republics of the USSR and later to the Middle East. In 1992, he founded Reynolds Associates, which created travel industry advisory boards for numerous companies; he retired in 2010.

Reynolds is survived by his brother, Raymond (Polly); two nephews and their families; and friend Leonard Mazza.

1951 ALEXANDER E. SIMPSON, 88, of Newport Beach, California, died on June 9, 2016.

Simpson earned a B.A. in history from Trinity, where he was president of Delta Kappa Epsilon and a member of the Interfraternity Council and the Atheneum Society. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and the Korean War. Simpson worked for
more than 30 years as a sales representative for Eaton Paper Corporation before retiring in 1989. He was a dedicated alumnus who was a member of the Long Walk Societies and his class’s Reunion Committee.

Simpson is survived by his wife of 62 years, Nancy; children Alexander E. Simpson, Jr., Katherine Fortmiller, and Sarah Moloney; and six grandchildren.

1952 JOHN D. NIKOLAIS, 86, of Gilford, New Hampshire, died on September 17, 2016.

Nikolaïs earned a B.S. in physical sciences from Trinity, where he was a member of the Commons Club and the Camera Club. He served for two years in the U.S. Army before taking graduate courses at the University of Connecticut and the Teachers College of Connecticut in New Britain. Nikolaïs went on to teach industrial arts at Suffield and East Granby High Schools.

Nikolaïs is survived by his wife of 61 years, Jackie; children John Nikolaïs, Bruce Nikolaïs (Kelly Jarvis), and Cynthia Sulham (James Gagne); seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.


Lewis earned a B.S. in biology from Trinity, where he was a member of the Brownell Club, and returned to his alma mater to earn an M.A. in educational studies. He taught honors biology and chemistry in Windsor and Wethersfield and finally at Manchester High School, where he served as department head and was named Teacher of the Year. Lewis also was a professor at Manchester Community College.

Lewis is survived by his wife of 63 years, Kathleen “Kay”; children Kathleen Plante, Jane Stanton (Paul), Lori Klar (John), Joanne Cerreto (Barry), and Christopher Lewis (Karen); 13 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

1953 EUGENE M. SCHLOSS, JR., 84, of Rydal, Pennsylvania, died on April 23, 2016.

Schloss was a premed major at Trinity, where he was a member of the Commons Club and worked at WRTC and on the staff of The Trinity Tripod. He went on to earn a J.D. from Temple University School of Law. Schloss rose to be a partner in two Philadelphia law firms and then a general counsel of several companies. He later returned to private practice. Schloss held many leadership posts in the Philadelphia Bar Association and served as vice president of the Board of Directors of the Comprehensive Learning Center, a private school for children with autism.

Schloss is survived by his wife, Sherna; children Karen Diaz ’79 (Frank) and David Schloss (Shaye); three grandchildren; and sister Judith Herman (King Harvey).

1954 WILLIAM T. MURRAY III, 84, of Galesville, Maryland, died on July 16, 2016.

Murray earned a B.A. in economics from Trinity, where he was a member of Alpha Delta Phi. He went on to serve in the U.S. Army in Germany for two years before embarking on a career with First National Bank of Maryland. He earned numerous promotions, eventually being named executive vice president of operations, and then joined the Financial Management and Trust Groups until his retirement in 1994. Murray was a member of the Board of Directors of the Comprehensive Learning Center, a private school for children with autism.

1953, M.A. 1964 EDWARD F. ALBEE ’50, H’74, AWARD-WINNING PLAYWRIGHT

Edward F. Albee ’50, H’74, said by The New York Times to be “considered the foremost American playwright of his generation,” died on September 16, 2016, at age 88.

Albee attended Trinity after graduating from Choate School (now Choate Rosemary Hall). He came to Trinity but left during his sophomore year. He was once quoted as saying, “I discovered that the required courses were not the ones I required. … That ended my formal education, and I suppose it didn’t matter much. I’d figured out how to educate myself, and keep on doing it. To be fair to Trinity, I would have been unhappy at any college or university.”

Albee started writing plays in 1957, at the age of 29. It did not take long for his talents to be recognized, and by 1963, he was on the cover of Newsweek magazine. His first play, The Zoo Story, was produced in Berlin in 1959 and marked the start of his noteworthy playwriting career. His accomplishments included winning three Pulitzer Prizes; multiple Drama Desk Awards and Tony Awards, including one for lifetime achievement; and a National Medal of Arts, the highest honor given to artists and arts patrons by the U.S. government. His other award-winning plays included Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf?, A Delicate Balance; Seascape; Three Tall Women; The Goat, or Who is Sylvia; and Tiny Alice.

In 1974, Trinity awarded Albee an honorary doctor of letters degree. He returned to the College multiple times during the 1980s and 1990s, holding lectures and offering master classes for students in the Theater and Dance Department. For instance, in 1997, Albee met with Trinity student playwrights enrolled in a playwriting class and reviewed their work; the student plays were then performed in a New Play Festival at the College in 1998.

Albee, of Montauk, New York, was predeceased by his partner of 35 years, Jonathan Thomas.

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of the American Bankers Association, the Government Relations Council, and the Maryland Bankers Association, for which he also served as president.

Murray is survived by his wife of 23 years, Virginia Clagett; daughters Linda Murray and Sally Murray; stepchildren John Clagett and Brooke Clagett; and six grandchildren.


Callen transferred to Trinity from Princeton as a sophomore. While earning a B.A. in history, he was a member of Delta Psi, the Interfraternity Council, and Medusa, and he played varsity baseball and soccer. He then served in the U.S. Marine Corps as a first lieutenant. Callen was an executive with Burlington Industries and Ward Howell International, where he retired as president in 1996.

Callen is survived by his wife, Lyn; children Paige, John, Lindsey, and James; seven grandchildren; and four brothers.

1955 RICHARD S. KOPP, SR., 83, of Frederick, Maryland, died on August 15, 2016.

Kopp earned a B.S. in mathematics from Trinity, where he served as president of Alpha Theta and participated in fencing and ROTC. He went on to serve in the U.S. Air Force. Kopp worked for more than 25 years at IBM, where he was involved with the NASA Gemini and Apollo space programs. Following his retirement, he and his family owned and operated Create-a-DataBase.

Kopp is survived by his wife, Hazel; children Richard S. Kopp, Jr. and Deidre Kopp; and three grandchildren.


Maitland earned a B.A. in economics from Trinity, where he served as president of Alpha Chi Rho, the Corinthian Yacht Club, and the Protestant Fellowship. He also ran varsity track and served as a junior adviser. Maitland was a captain in the U.S. Air Force for two years and then spent the next 35 years in commercial banking and securities trading, retiring in 1994 from First of Michigan Corp.

Maitland is survived by his wife, Betsy; children Kathy Waugaman (Doug), Ted (Holly), and Gordie (Kathleen); and eight grandchildren.


Moock graduated from Hahnemann Medical College and practiced at Chestnut Hill Hospital and the former Germantown Hospital.

1955 HANS W. BECHERER, 81, died on October 6, 2016, in Colorado.

Becherer earned a B.A. in history from Trinity, where he was a member of Delta Psi and ran track. He also served as a junior adviser and took part in Air Force ROTC. Becherer went on to earn an M.B.A. from Harvard University. He started with Deere & Company in 1962 and was elected chairman and CEO in 1990. Becherer retired in 2000 after leading the company during a time of significant growth and financial success. He also served on the boards of Schering-Plough, JPMorgan Chase, and Honeywell International.

Becherer is survived by his wife, Michele; daughter Vanessa; three grandchildren; and sister Ruth.

1957 DWIGHT L. OARR, 80, of Sarasota, Florida, died on January 19, 2016.

Oarr graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a B.A. in music from Trinity, where he was a Chapel organist for four years. He went on to earn a master’s degree in music from Yale, where he received the Horatio Parker Scholarship for outstanding musicianship. Oarr served as music director of New Canaan Congregational Church, organist for Temple Beth El in Stamford, Connecticut, and professor of music at Wells College in Aurora, New York. He performed in concerts around the world and enjoyed working as an accompanist for choral groups. After retiring to Sarasota, Oarr returned to being an organist at two area churches.

Oarr is survived by his wife of 45 years, Katherine; brother Royce Oarr; and several nieces and nephews.

1963 JAMES J. PETROVITS, 74, of Charlottesville, Virginia, died on August 14, 2016.

Petrovits earned a B.S. in psychology from Trinity, where he was a member of Delta Phi. He went on to become an attorney.

Petrovits is survived by his wife, Martha; sister Ruth; and several nieces and nephews.

1972 ROSAMOND T. "RARIE" DYE, 90, of Hawley, Massachusetts, died on April 11, 2016.

Dye earned a B.A. cum laude in comparative religion from Boston University in 1956. She worked as director of religious education at two churches before returning to academia to earn an M.A. in education from Trinity. Dye worked with MIGHT, a group that advocates for people with disabilities, and later became active with animal shelters, including playing a role in the development of the Dakin Pioneer Valley Humane Society; in 2011, she received the Richard and Nathalie Woodbury Award from Dakin for her support.

Dye is survived by her daughter, Jody Cothey (Ed); sister Pamela Wetzels; honorary grandson Tenzin Gyalpo; and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by brother Charles Taylor.

NONGRADUATES

1950, HON. 1974 EDWARD F. ALBEE, 88, of Montauk, New York, died on September 16, 2016. For more on Albee, please see page 75.

DEATH NOTICES

1957 JAROSLAV PEKLAN H’87

Pye is survived by siblings James (Grace), Martha Mulholland, and Ann Pye, as well as several nieces and nephews.

2009 CHRISTOPHER J. DIOZZI, 31, of Belmont, Massachusetts, died on August 28, 2016.

Diozzi earned a B.A. in political science from Trinity, where he served on the Honor Council and played ice hockey. He co-captained the team his senior year and was named to the New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC) All-Conference Second Team. As a senior, he was named a semifinalist for the Joe Concannon Award as the best American-born college hockey player in New England at the NCAA Division II/III level. For the past four years, Diozzi was an associate director of institutional sales at John Hancock Investments in Boston.

Diozzi is survived by his parents, Thomas and stavroula Diozzi; brothers Matthew Diozzi and Andrew Diozzi; an aunt and an uncle; and two cousins.

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Moock earned a B.S. in biology from Trinity, where he was a member of Theta Xi and the
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Out & About
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/2/ Women's Leadership Council Happy Hour Washington, D.C. JULY 14, 2016
Nichola Clark ’12, Caroline Nonna Holland ’00, and Carolyn Stone Berndt ’99

/3/ Newport Summer Welcome Reception Newport, Rhode Island JULY 17, 2016
Angelo Lopresti ’85, Vice President for Enrollment and Student Success Angel Pérez, and Ellen Lopresti

Laura Ingrassia ’95, Michael Gross ’73, Julianna Bogdanski Katrancha ’99, Cathleen Graham P’17, ’19, and Thayer Fox ’03

/5/ New York City Summer Welcome Reception New York, New York AUGUST 2, 2016
Robert Anderson ’64, Associate Professor of Computer Science Madalene Spezialetti, and Betsy Smith and John Barrie P’13, ’16

/6/ Women's Leadership Council President’s Reception New York, New York SEPTEMBER 28, 2016
President Joanne Berger-Sweeney and Joanne Johnson ’79

Newly inducted U.S. Squash Hall of Fame member Paul Assaiante P’06, Paul D. Assaiante Associate Professor of Physical Education, holding plaque, and current and former Trinity squash players

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ur nation’s recent climate — with the tumultuous presidential election, instances of racial discrimination and profiling, and situations involving the intolerance of individual differences — has given everyone pause about the state of the world we live in today. As a college president, I see how our campus is a microcosm of our society at large. We at Trinity College are living many of the same experiences that affect others who are not members of our community. Student protests here and throughout the country have brought into focus pressing issues that have been brewing for some time.

That is why Trinity, in collaboration with the Consortium on High Achievement and Success (CHAS), played host to “Setting the Tone: Student Activism, Community, and Presidential Leadership” in October 2016. This gathering of nearly 40 college presidents and administrators from 18 selective liberal arts colleges engaged in an examination of the leadership role that presidents play in relationship to the questions posed by our students. We purposefully kept the number of attendees small to help foster substantive, meaningful discussions.

The conference aimed to give these college leaders a chance to meet one another and to network, to collect information, and to reflect. The end result, it was hoped, was that the participants returned to their campuses with a set of concrete strategies to transform moments of crisis into opportunities to accomplish much-needed change.

Featured speakers included Shaun Harper, Ph.D., a professor at the University of Pennsylvania and executive director of the Center for the Study of Race and Equity in Education; Carol Geary Schneider, Ph.D., president emerita of the American Association of Colleges and Universities (AAC&U); and Ajay Nair, Ph.D., senior vice president and dean of campus life at Emory University. All three offered inspiring insight on institutional responses to student activism.

In an ironic mea culpa, the event was scheduled for the same date as Rosh Hashanah, a Jewish High Holiday. We quickly realized that we had failed to be inclusive by thinking of all holidays on that date that might prevent anyone interested from attending. While truly regretful, this incident reminded us that we must be ever vigilant in all that we do; inclusive — in every way, shape, and form — is at the heart of what we aspire to be at Trinity College.

Our student-centered Campaign for Community, introduced in April 2015, examines and addresses diversity and inclusion, as well as many other major issues facing any college, including academic environment, social environment, and community involvement.

The Campaign’s first phase involved assembling five student working groups to identify specific means of improving campus climate. At November 2015’s TrinColl2Action, more than 200 people gathered on a Saturday to learn about the recommendations of the five working groups and to vote on those ideas on the spot by using their cell phones. Next, Phase II, in spring 2016, featured the implementation of many of the ideas. “Living the Vision” became the theme of fall 2016, with everyone in the community challenging themselves to make Trinity the place we wish it to be. For example, our renovated Cave, featured on page 8, seeks to be inclusive through its design. Now, this spring, we plan to continue to bring the best of the Campaign for Community to life.

During these last few semesters, we have witnessed protests on several college campuses, where some students explained that they felt their administrations just didn’t care. I pledge to you that at Trinity College, we care. And at “Setting the Tone,” I shared with college presidents and administrators all the lessons that we have learned along the way.
WHY WE GIVE

“While attending Trinity College, I was able to not only pursue my studies in engineering but also to do it in a liberal arts environment. This unique, interdisciplinary learning experience greatly influenced the direction of my career. As proud parents, and for me, as an alum, we are so happy to help others enjoy this similar experience.”

~ Donald Bisson ’84, P’18

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