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ON THE COVER
The Liberal Arts Action Lab, located at 10 Constitution Plaza in downtown Hartford, is home to an educational partnership between Trinity College and Capital Community College, with students, faculty members, and community partners collaborating to tackle local problems. Credit goes to Hartford-area photographer Jack McConnell for using a 24-mm lens, a multicolored polarizing filter, and a little Photoshop to create his visual magic. Please see the story on page 16.

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To see more photos from the Shake Shack event and from Giving Day, please visit commons.trincoli.edu/Reporter.
Zachary Bitan ’17, M’18, Tim Peng ’18, and Katie Lee ’18 enjoy the April 2018 Shake Shack Send-Off given in honor of graduating students by Trinity’s Board of Trustees, including trustee and Shake Shack founder Danny Meyer ’80, P’20. The event, held in the Koeppel Community Sports Center the evening before a Shake Shack grand opening in nearby West Hartford, offered students the opportunity to enjoy items from the fine-casual chain’s menu, including its signature ShackBurger, fries, and frozen custard. The party also featured ice skating, music, and games and celebrated Trinity’s fifth annual Giving Day, which raised more than $2.3 million from 2,290 donors, shattering the goal of 2,000 donors and unlocking an additional $500,000 in Chair’s Circle Challenge Funds from generous alumni and parents.
WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!
The Trinity Reporter welcomes letters related to items published in recent issues. Please send remarks to the editor at sonya.adams@trincoll.edu or Sonya Adams, Office of Communications, Trinity College, 300 Summit Street, Hartford, CT 06106.

CONCRETE STORY HITS HOME
I would like to express my sincere admiration of Andrew Concetelli’s work on the crumbling foundations article in The Reporter. As a Tolland resident, I have many friends and neighbors affected by this issue. Residents feel isolated, without any support mechanisms homeowners typically turn to for salvation. To say anxiety levels are high would be an understatement! Andrew wove a story that presented Trinity as a beacon of hope for homeowners while elegantly demonstrating how we use opportunities like this to educate students. This is exactly what they, the homeowners, and we, Trinity, need right now! This work is exemplary.

Brian Flynn
Data Insights Specialist and Project Coordinator
Analytics and Strategic Initiatives Center, Trinity College
Tolland, Connecticut

COACH’S EXPRESSION JUST RIGHT

Herbst’s comment jumps off the page and smacks no differently than a completely misogynistic catcall from a male-identified stranger on the street: “Why don’t you smile? You would look prettier!” It doesn’t matter that it is dressed up in the veneer of an older fellow Trinity alum. It is no less sexist. We would NEVER tell a male-identified coach to “smile nice for a picture because coaching is so joyful and there was a sad article about Sandy Hook in this issue.” Hitchcock takes her profession and her players seriously; she demands excellence and hard work from them. The expression conveyed by the photo is just that; a completely different emotional expression than one that is appropriate to the complex grief related to a mass shooting. Conflating the two is once again problematic and misogynistic. It implies that the only expression that men are comfortable seeing in women is one that makes them feel better (smiling).

Clare Bullock Boyd ’02
Easthampton, Massachusetts

Now that I’m retired, I actually get to read The Reporter cover to cover—always informative and fun for me! I’m writing to thank you for your reply to Robert Herbst ’80 regarding the glum picture of Caitlin Hitchcock. I’m sure he didn’t intend for his comments to be received as sexist, but this smiling phenomenon has plagued girls and women as long as I can remember. And I’ll place my first sporting bet that he wouldn’t have thought or written that about his own male coaches from Trinity had they been featured sans smile. Just sayin’.

Your response was spot on, and I couldn’t have said it any better. Thank you!

Robin Sheppard M’76
Professor of Physical Education, Emerita, and Former Associate Athletic Director, Trinity College
West Hartford, Connecticut

NOT SO THRILLED WITH NEW LOOK
I hesitate to be a skunk at the picnic, but please consider this a minor dissent on the reported enthusiasm surrounding the new design and feel of The Trinity Reporter.

Although aspects of the new design—and more importantly the content—were appealing, the minuscule typeface for the captions under the photos is off-putting. And more significantly from a design and marketing perspective, the dirty gold color used for the word Trinity diminishes its legibility.

Here’s hoping that a friend walking by our coffee table will realize that the magazine displayed on our table is The TRINITY Reporter.

John Chapin ’70
Post Mills, Vermont

DO NOT STEP ON THE STONE
I read with interest the article about the Luther-Roosevelt Stone in the latest Reporter. I saw that it asked for comment on the tradition of side-stepping the stone until graduation day. It also said the tradition dated back to 1974. To my recollection, that tradition did not exist when I was a Trinity student (1975–79). I lived in North Campus for three of four years, trafficking back and forth daily (many times two round-trips or more). I stepped on the stone lots of times and still graduated. I’ll even bet that (as a member of the Pipes) we even sang on and around the stone as we left our late-night rehearsals in a Seabury classroom. When I brought my kids to see Trinity, I was miffed by the practice as it was not something I knew about.

So, unless there were a bunch of us who “did not get the message” (possible, but not likely), I do not think the tradition of the stone began until after 1979. Hope all is well on Summit Street. GO BANTAMS!

Tom Johnson ’79
Baltimore, Maryland
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ALONG THE WALK

News from the Trinity community
“You can be agents for positive change,” educator, cultural anthropologist, and author Johnnetta B. Cole said to the 580 graduates at Trinity College’s 192nd Commencement on Sunday, May 20.

Cole, who made history in 1987 when she became the first female African American president of Spelman College, spoke to a crowd of about 5,000 who witnessed 558 undergraduates and 22 graduate students receive their degrees. “In communities across our nation and our world, there is a crying need for peace, justice, and equality for all people,” she said. “It is because of the state of our nation and our world that we turn to you, the graduates of this very special college, to say that you can be and you must be the leaders we desperately need.”

Cole received an honorary doctor of humane letters degree from Trinity in 1998. Honored this year were Ralph V. Katz ‘65, founding chair of the Department of Epidemiology and Health Promotion at New York University College of Dentistry, who received an honorary doctor of science degree, and William Palmer Scully ‘61, civic leader and investment management professional, who received an honorary doctor of humane letters degree. Walter Harrison ’68, president emeritus of the University of Hartford—who was being honored by the University of Hartford at its commencement on the same day—received an honorary doctor of humane letters degree during Trinity’s Alumni Reunion in June, when he and his classmates celebrated their 50th Reunion. Graduating senior Elhadji Mare, the chosen student speaker, talked about diversity and inclusion as they related to his personal experiences as a Posse Scholar from Harlem, New York. “Do not hold any prejudice for those who seem different from you,” he said. “Listen to me when I say this: Different is good.”

President Joanne Berger-Sweeney, in her charge to the graduating class, said, “This is a special Commencement for me because you are a special class to me. We were first-years together! We came here in 2014, and your journey has been my journey, too.”

Mathilde Caroline Chloé Sauquet of France was named valedictorian. She earned a B.A. summa cum laude with dual majors in art history and in language and culture studies: Italian and Arabic, both with honors. The salutatorian was Deven James DeCapua Roberts of Maine, who earned a B.S. summa cum laude with dual majors in engineering, with honors, and mathematics.
Berger-Sweeney elected to American Academy of Arts and Sciences

Trinity College President and Professor of Neuroscience Joanne Berger-Sweeney was among the 213 newly elected members of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences this past spring.

Members of the academy, one of the country’s oldest learned societies and independent policy research centers, include some of the world’s most accomplished scholars, scientists, writers, and artists, as well as civic, business, and philanthropic leaders. Among the honorees joining Berger-Sweeney in the 238th class of new members are actor Tom Hanks, Netflix CEO W. Reed Hastings Jr., former U.S. president Barack Obama, and Supreme Court Justice Sonia M. Sotomayor. Members were elected in 25 categories and represent 125 institutions. The new class will be inducted at a ceremony in October in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

“This is truly a great honor that I share with my family and friends and with Trinity College, which I’m privileged to serve,” said Berger-Sweeney, Trinity’s president since 2014. “To be elected to the academy is an extraordinary highlight of my career in science and education.”

Over the past four years, she has, among other accomplishments, overseen the completion of the college’s strategic plan, Summit; the creation of the Bantam Network mentoring program for first-year students; the launch of the Campaign for Community, a campus initiative promoting inclusiveness and respect; and the expansion of Trinity’s footprint to Constitution Plaza in downtown Hartford.

Before coming to Trinity, Berger-Sweeney served for four years as dean of the School of Arts and Sciences at Tufts University. Prior to Tufts, she spent 13 years as a member of the Wellesley College faculty and as associate dean from 2004 to 2010. Berger-Sweeney received her undergraduate degree in psychobiology from Wellesley College and her M.P.H. in environmental health sciences from the University of California, Berkeley. While working on her Ph.D. in neurotoxicology from the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, Berger-Sweeney did the proof of concept work on Razadyne, which went on to be the second-most used Alzheimer’s drug in the world.

Berger-Sweeney joins Trinity community members Francisco Goldman, Allan K. Smith Professor of English Language and Literature at Trinity, and Philip S. Khoury ’71, vice chair of the college’s Board of Trustees and associate provost and Ford International Professor of History at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, as members of the academy.

TENURE FOR SIX FACULTY MEMBERS

Trinity's Board of Trustees voted in April to promote six faculty members to the position of associate professor with tenure, effective July 1, 2018.

“The award of tenure is a very significant moment in the life of a professor and the life of the college,” said Tim Cresswell, dean of the faculty and vice president for academic affairs. “We hope and trust that these six scholars will be with us for decades to come, providing invaluable service to their departments, to their disciplines, and, most of all, to their students.”

The faculty members are:

- CHEYENNE BRINDLE
  ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF CHEMISTRY
  B.A. in chemistry, Reed College
  Ph.D. in organic chemistry, Stanford University

- SHANE EWEGEN
  ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF PHILOSOPHY
  B.A. in philosophy, University of Colorado Denver
  M.A., Ph.D. in philosophy, Boston College

- MEREDITH SAFRAN
  ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF CLASSICAL STUDIES
  B.A. in anthropology and in ancient studies, Columbia University
  M.A., Ph.D. in classics, Princeton University

- KARI THEURER
  ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF PHILOSOPHY
  B.A. in philosophy, B.S. in biology, University of Cincinnati
  M.A., Ph.D. in philosophy, Indiana University, Bloomington

- THOMAS WICKMAN
  ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF HISTORY AND AMERICAN STUDIES
  A.B. in history and literature, Harvard College
  A.M. in history, Harvard University
  Ph.D. in history of American civilization, Harvard University

- ABIGAIL FISHER WILLIAMSON
  ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AND PUBLIC POLICY AND LAW
  B.A. in political science and Russian, Williams College
  M.P.P., Harvard Kennedy School
  Ph.D. in public policy, Harvard University

For bios on these faculty members, please visit commons.trincoll.edu/Reporter.
TRUMAN SCHOLAR

Madalyn Farrar ’19 was awarded a prestigious Harry S. Truman Scholarship this past spring in recognition of her history of leadership, public service, and academic achievement. She will receive a $30,000 scholarship toward graduate school and the opportunity to participate in professional development programming to help prepare her for a career in public service leadership.

An Illinois Scholar from the St. Louis metropolitan area, Farrar is passionate about creating a healthy environment through public health policies and wants to work in public service to combat health inequalities. An anthropology major at Trinity, she also studies biology, which she may pursue as a minor or second major. Farrar was named in 2016 as a Deans’ Scholar (one of the top 25 first-year students) and has earned Faculty Honors every semester. She also received the Lisa P. Nestor Chemical Rubber Company Award for outstanding achievement in general chemistry.

Farrar has worked to facilitate student volunteering in Hartford by running several service organizations focusing on access to healthy food, housing, and environmental sustainability, including serving as Habitat for Humanity chapter president. She has been honored with Trinity’s Fishzohn and Goldfarb Awards, which recognize community service and service to the City of Hartford, respectively.

Farrar was in England studying health and disease as well as nutritional anthropology at Oxford University when she learned of the honor. She plans to pursue a graduate degree focusing on women’s health and health policy.

One of 59 Truman scholars named for 2018, Farrar was selected from an applicant pool of 756 nominated by 311 colleges and universities, a record number of institutions.

Farrar credits several Trinity staff and faculty mentors for their support and encouragement. “I am so grateful to Anne Lundberg [director of fellowships] for supporting my application while abroad and to Alison Draper [director of Trinity’s Center for Interdisciplinary Science] and Jim Trostle [professor of anthropology] for always guiding me to find the right academic path for me,” she said.

“A huge thank-you to Joe Barber [director, Office of Community Service and Civic Engagement] and the Office of Community Service for supporting my involvement in community service and for all the work they do for Trinity and Hartford.”

STUDENT FULBRIGHT

Alicia Abbaspour ’18 recently was awarded an English Teaching Assistantship (ETA) through the Fulbright U.S. Student Program. In January 2019, she will travel to Malaysia for 10 months to teach English to secondary school students.

Abbaspour earned a B.A. in international studies and English literature and minored in French studies. She came to Hartford from Indiana, seeking as many new experiences as possible, including studying away. She volunteered and interned in Ghana, South Africa, and France, often working with refugee populations. “[Being abroad] made me realize how much I like being out of my comfort zone, trying to navigate cultural, national, language, or religious barriers, and understanding and connecting with others,” she said.

These experiences led Abbaspour to apply for the Fulbright assistantship, which she felt was a perfect opportunity to combine her interests and to look at English in a new way. Her background as an Iranian-American also influenced her decision to apply for the assistantship. “My two countries have been at odds with one another my entire life,” Abbaspour said. “Being a cultural mediator between the two worlds I identify with has given me the opportunity to build mutual understanding between Iran and the U.S., just as I hope to do between Malaysia and the U.S.”

Abbaspour hopes to work in the NGO or nonprofit sector before attending law school or attaining a master’s degree in social work. She said that it is important to her to continue working with refugee and immigrant populations. “It’s the type of cross-cultural work that I love, and it’s also incredibly personal to me, as my parents are immigrants,” she said.

Another member of the Class of 2018, Suzanne Del Rosario, was named as an alternate for a U.S. Student Fulbright research grant for Trinidad and Tobago. A Posse Scholar from New York City with a double major in human rights and public policy and law, Del Rosario will research the impact of the recent economic crisis on gender roles in Trinidad, if she ultimately receives the grant.
Karen Fink Kupferberg ’73, P’07 and Lenn C. Kupferberg ’73, P’07

They met on day one of orientation for Trinity College’s first coed class, lived in the same residence halls for three years, and even shared a major. For the past 49 years, Karen and Lenn Kupferberg have valued their strong ties to Trinity.

The two dated intermittently in college. “We connected quite a bit intellectually,” says Karen. Two years after graduation—Karen as Trinity’s first female math major, Lenn as a double major in math and physics—the pair reunited.

After attending The Wharton School and earning an M.B.A., Karen worked in a succession of positions at a variety of well-known companies: E.F. Hutton, Xerox, Digital Equipment, EMC, and others, spanning a 43-year career. She also has served on a number of boards and has been particularly interested in organizations that benefit women in their careers and family life, as well as groups that deal with issues of domestic violence. She spent many years as an officer and director of the Boston Area Rape Crisis Center and The Commonwealth Institute.

Lenn followed Trinity with graduate programs in physics and earned a Ph.D. He spent seven years in academia, at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Worcester Polytechnic Institute, and 27 years in research and development at defense contractor Raytheon before retiring in 2011.

The couple, who live in Framingham, Massachusetts, have been married for 42 years and saw daughter Beth Barnes ’07 follow in their footsteps and graduate from Trinity.

Karen remembers her time at the college as “a transformational experience,” and Lenn recalls that Trinity gave the couple a strong foundation. “At Trinity, we learned how to learn,” he notes. They return to campus frequently for Reunions, volunteer work, Commencement ceremonies, and more. Both served on Trinity’s Board of Fellows (Karen for 12 years and Lenn for three) and a STEM Advisory Committee that was active a few years ago. In 2008, Karen was awarded the Alumni Medal for Excellence, given to those who have made “significant contributions to their professions, to their communities, and to Trinity College.” Five years later, she was honored with the Kathleen O’Connor Boelhouwer ’85 Award, celebrating her efforts to advance the engagement of Trinity alumnae.

“Karen and Lenn are consistently committed to the values and standards of our alma mater,” says classmate Joyce Krinitisky ’73, M’76, a history major and retired middle-school teacher. “Over the years, they have always displayed an interest and a willingness to work toward maintaining Trinity as a competitive institution.”

The couple also have a long history of philanthropy to Trinity. They were instrumental in establishing a scholarship fund in memory of Lenn’s twin brother, Josh P. Kupferberg ’73. The fund, endowed by Lenn’s parents, Jack and Dorothy Kupferberg, provides need-based tuition scholarships for students studying in the natural sciences and/or mathematics. Karen and Lenn also established the Lenn Kupferberg ’73, P’07, Karen Kupferberg ’73, P’07, and Beth Kupferberg Barnes ’07 Scholarship Fund, which provides tuition scholarships to students in need, without restrictions. Karen notes that supporting scholarships is especially important to her, as Trinity gave her a generous financial aid package; Lenn also points to their gratitude for Trinity and all it has afforded them.

“The level of personal attention that we were given at Trinity fostered a great feeling of confidence that we could achieve what we set out to do,” Lenn says. “We had an extraordinary set of professors. We’ve been fortunate over the years, and we just felt it was important to share that good fortune with other people.”
AROUND HARTFORD
The Bushnell Center for the Performing Arts, an integral part of downtown Hartford’s identity, has engaged the community for nearly 90 years. Its breadth of programming is vast, with shows and concerts of all types, including Broadway productions such as Hamilton and Disney’s The Lion King; The Connecticut Forum, which offers live, unscripted panel discussions among renowned experts and celebrities; symphony performances; comedy shows; and special events for children. The Bushnell is an avid supporter of Hartford’s performing arts scene and of giving back to the community. This past spring, the local Sonia Plumb Dance Company performed The Dance of da Vinci, choreographed by Plumb ’85 and inspired by Leonardo da Vinci’s Renaissance-era notebooks and works of art. The Bushnell also is a leading force behind Hartford’s iQuilt Plan, which strives to connect downtown’s cultural assets to one another. Through its expansive role as a dedicated endorser of the arts, The Bushnell remains a destination for members of the Trinity community, as well as Hartford-area residents and visitors. For more information on the center and upcoming shows and performances, please visit commons.trincoll.edu/Reporter.
NYC Urban Fellow

Haley Dougherty ’18 recently was awarded a New York City Urban Fellowship, a highly selective, nine-month program that combines work in city offices with volunteer service opportunities and a seminar series that explores current urban issues impacting public policy. Dougherty, one of 25 young individuals selected from approximately 300 applicants from around the nation, began her fellowship assignment in September.

The daughter of a retired New York City firefighter, Dougherty said she learned early on the principles of civic responsibility and public service. During her college search, she knew she was interested in majoring in public policy and law. “I ended up picking Trinity partly because of its location in a capital city,” she said. “I was interested in government and saw there would be a lot of opportunities in Hartford for studying public policy.”

Dougherty served as a legal intern at the downtown Hartford office of Connecticut Attorney General George Jepsen during her sophomore year. She also spent summers at home on Long Island, completing internships with the office of U.S. Senator Charles E. Schumer, at the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District of New York, and at the Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center of Nassau County.

On campus, she joined Trinity’s residentially based volunteer community, Praxis, and became involved with the Trinity Homelessness Project, a group that volunteers at a city emergency shelter. While studying at England’s University of Oxford during her junior year, she volunteered as a researcher at the OxPolicy think tank, helping evaluate international trials of the Housing First approach to tackling long-term homelessness.

Dougherty also logged many hours of research work, as a research assistant to professors in the Political Science and History Departments and as a member of one of the first teams at Trinity’s Liberal Arts Action Lab in Constitution Plaza.

“I was interested in government and saw there would be a lot of opportunities in Hartford for studying public policy.”
Cinestudio, an independent movie theater located at the center of Trinity’s campus, attracts students, faculty members, Hartford-area residents, and theatergoers from all over New England and beyond. With its legendary sound and picture quality, Cinestudio provides a venue for patrons to immerse themselves in foreign, national, independent, and critically acclaimed films. The theater—founded nearly 50 years ago by a team of enthusiastic Trinity students, including James Hanley ’72 and Peter McMorris ’73, who continue its daily operations—first opened its doors in 1970 in a renovated Clement Chemistry Building lecture hall. Cinestudio, which became a not-for-profit arts institution in 2002, holds daily showings that include classics such as Stanley Kubrick’s 2001: A Space Odyssey—shown on physical 70mm film—and newer Oscar-winners such as The Shape of Water and Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri. The theater also hosts several annual film festivals. April in Paris offers French-language films and often features question-and-answer sessions with directors and actors. The spring’s student-run Trinity Film Festival, which just celebrated its seventh year, showcases undergraduate student-made films from around the world that are judged for awards. Early summer brings the Connecticut LGBT Film Festival, which marked its 31st year this past summer; it aims to spread awareness of queer-related issues. Students also may volunteer and assume leadership roles to help run the theater. Lauren Wiener ’18, who as Cinestudio coordinator recruited and trained student volunteers, says that it is the “small scale and intimate nature of the theater that make it really special.” For more information, please visit commons.trincoll.edu/Reporter.

EDITOR’S NOTE “Trinity Treasure” highlights a person, place, or thing on campus that is just what the name implies: a Trinity treasure. Do you have an idea for what to showcase? Please send your suggestions to sonya.adams@trincoll.edu.
Reunion

Members of classes ending in 3s and 8s gathered June 7–10 for Reunion Weekend, which featured more than 80 events and activities.

Highlights of the weekend included “The Evolution of the Coeducational Experience at Trinity,” celebrating the pioneering Class of 1973, the college’s first fully coeducational class; the granting of an honorary doctor of humane letters degree to former University of Hartford president and 50th Reunion celebrant Walter Harrison ’68; and “A Conversation with the President,” with Harrison interviewing Trinity President Joanne Berger-Sweeney. Attendees also had the opportunity to learn about the results of the recent alumni survey and to tour Trinity’s Crescent Center for Arts and Neuroscience and the college’s new downtown campus at Constitution Plaza.

These events took their place among more traditional activities, including a New England-style clambake, campus tours, story time with the Bantam, tours of the Trinity Chapel and carillon, and the Parade of Classes. The Alumni Convocation saw the awarding of several prizes, including the Paul E. Raether ’68 Alumni Achievement Award. Director of Alumni Relations Steve Donovan noted that the previously named Alumni Achievement Award was renamed in honor of Raether ’68, H’14, P’93, ’01 to acknowledge his significant level of engagement, leadership, and support of the college as he celebrated his 50th Reunion.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2018 REUNION AWARD WINNERS

PAUL E. RAETHER ’68 ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
Joseph “Jay” W. Monahan IV ’93

ALUMNI MEDAL FOR EXCELLENCE
Diane “Dede” DePatie Consoli ’88, P’19, ’22
Joyce Ann Krinitsky ’73, M’76
Stephen “Red” Woodworth ’93

THE GARY W. MCQUAID AWARD
Ian K. Loring ’88

THE EIGENBRODT CUP
Michael E. Lestz ’68, P’13, ’19

THE KATHLEEN O’CONNOR BOELHOUWER ’85 ALUMNI INITIATIVE AWARD
Katherine “Katy” DeConti Duckworth-Schachter ’98

OUTSTANDING CLASS SECRETARY AWARD
Michael A. Schulenberg ’63

BOARD OF FELLOWS AWARD
Class of 1988

JEROME KOHN AWARD
Class of 2013

1. Retired University of Hartford president Walter Harrison ’68, the recipient of an honorary doctor of humane letters degree at his 50th Reunion, with President Joanne Berger-Sweeney
2. Members of the Class of 1968 in their 50th Reunion year
3. The Evolution of the Coeducational Experience at Trinity Roundtable Discussion
4. Women’s Leadership Council Alumnae Champagne Breakfast
5. Matt Greason ’03, M’10, head coach for men’s ice hockey and men’s golf, and son Patrick with the Bantam
6. Pani Phiansunthon Potrepka ’83, Susan Miller ’83, P’21, Erica Phiansunthon ’21, and Suwathin Phiansunthon ’80, P’21
7. Charley Kurz ’67, P’99, representing the Class of 1967, passing the Half-Century Club hat to Class of 1968 Reunion co-chairs Paul Jones ’68 and Larry Roberts ’68
8. Members of the Class of 1983 recalling their Spring Weekend concert featuring Bono

For more on Reunion, including links to videos of “A Conversation with the President” and the livestreamed alumni survey presentation, please visit commons.trincoll.edu/Reporter.
PHOTOS: JOHN MARINELLI, ERICA PHIANSUNTHON ’21
Fulbrights for Dunlap, Yoon, and Fifield

Three Trinity College faculty members—Kent D. Dunlap, Charles A. Dana Research Professor of Biology; Professor of Computer Science Peter A. Yoon; and Visiting Assistant Professor of Religious Studies Justin Fifield—have been awarded 2018–19 Fulbright U.S. Scholar Grants to conduct research internationally.

Dunlap will travel to Portugal to pursue collaborative research on brain cell production. He plans to investigate how social interactions enhance the recovery from injury in fish. This project stems from Dunlap’s 15-year interest in the birth of brain cells during adulthood. “My interest in this research was originally sparked by a Trinity student,” Dunlap said. “This student came to me and wanted to study cell death in the brain. It made me think about the opposite: cell birth and the production of new cells in the brain. I’ve been studying it ever since, and now I have the chance to pursue a new branch of this research in Portugal.” This award is the second time that Dunlap has received a Fulbright grant; in 2009, he traveled to Uruguay to study brain cell production. Dunlap received a B.A. from Macalester College and a Ph.D. from the University of Washington, Seattle.

Yoon will travel to Ethiopia—realizing a long-standing personal goal to honor the Ethiopian soldiers who protected his family during the Korean War—to research and teach scientific computing and high-performance computing. In his grant proposal, he wrote, “One of the most pressing issues of higher-education in Ethiopia today is a shortage of qualified faculty in computing at colleges and universities.” With the Fulbright grant, Yoon will work to address this issue in collaboration with hosts at the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Jimma University to help build that institution’s graduate program in computer science. Yoon earned a B.S. from North Carolina State University, an M.S. from Purdue University, and a Ph.D. from Pennsylvania State University.

Fifield plans to conduct a qualitative research project on caregiving—caring for the sick, disabled, and elderly—within Buddhist monasteries in Sri Lanka. “This project extends the work of my dissertation on Buddhist monastic ethics with a specific case study in a contemporary context,” Fifield wrote in his proposal. Through participant observation at several monasteries and concomitant research on the Sri Lankan health care system, Fifield will examine the increasingly urgent issue of providing care for elderly monks in an era of modernization and social change. Fifield also will offer formal lectures on Buddhist anthropology and methodology of religious studies at the Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies at the University of Kelaniya. Fifield earned a B.A. from Kalamazoo College, an M.A. from the University of Texas, and a Ph.D. from Harvard University.

New VP for diversity, equity, and inclusion

Anita A. Davis started in September as the college’s vice president for diversity, equity, and inclusion. Davis comes to Trinity from the Associated Colleges of the South (ACS), where she served as director of diversity and inclusion for the ACS consortium of 16 colleges and universities. She also was a tenured associate professor of psychology at her alma mater, Rhodes College in Memphis, Tennessee, which, like Trinity, is one of a small number of liberal arts colleges located in a city.

In a June announcement to the Trinity campus community about the appointment, President Joanne Berger-Sweeney highlighted Davis’s “breadth of experience, including extensive research, publication, and teaching in the field of clinical/community psychology; her work directing and conducting workshops and training around diversity and inclusion; and her wide-ranging skills and experiences as an administrative leader.” Berger-Sweeney also noted that Davis is a Memphis native who helped strengthen relationships between Rhodes and her hometown and has “expressed a passion for engagement with our Hartford community.”

In her role with ACS, Davis’s primary responsibilities were to support member institutions in their collective and individual efforts to advance diversity and inclusion goals on their campuses and in their communities. At Rhodes, she served as the inaugural faculty director of the African American Studies Program and as associate dean of academic affairs, with responsibilities including accreditation, curriculum and program assessment, faculty evaluation and mentoring, and support of diversity and inclusion initiatives. A member of the National Association of Diversity Officers in Higher Education, Davis holds a Ph.D. and M.A. in clinical/community psychology from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and a B.A. from Rhodes.
New director at the Watkinson

Christina Bleyer came to Trinity College on June 1 as the new director of special collections and archives at the Watkinson Library. Bleyer, who brings to Trinity a wealth of knowledge and experience managing special collections, served most recently as the head of special collections and senior archivist for the Benson Latin American Collection at the University of Texas at Austin. Bleyer’s notable achievements include securing grants to make collections discoverable through digitization and the creation of a “virtual museum” to showcase archival material. She also is the principal investigator on a Latin American Materials Project grant, “Digitizing the Los del Valle Oral History Collection” and a Latin Americanist Research Resources Project grant, “Illuminating the Genaro Garcia Collection through Digital Preservation and Metadata Collection.” Suzanne Aber, vice president for information services and chief information officer, said Bleyer brings fresh perspectives to the Watkinson. She added, “Christina has the perfect blend of skills needed to manage, preserve, and develop the college archives and special collections, with the passion and warm personality necessary to engage with our students and faculty in making the Watkinson materials relevant to their research and academic studies.”

Bleyer earned a Ph.D. in philosophy from Southern Illinois University Carbondale, where until 2016 she managed the institution’s manuscript collections. Fluent in Portuguese, Spanish, and German, she also has a reading knowledge of Latin, French, and Russian. Bleyer received a B.A. in philosophy from Loyola University in New Orleans and a B.A. in Russian language and literature from Tulane University.

New faculty

The following new faculty began appointments at the college effective July 1, 2018.

ARIANNE BAZILIO
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND CHEMISTRY
B.S., Chemical and Biological Engineering, New York University
M.S., Environmental Engineering, University of Massachusetts Amherst
Ph.D., Environmental Engineering, University of Massachusetts Amherst
Dissertation: “The Role of Manganese Oxide in the Formation of Disinfection Byproducts in Drinking Water Treatment”
Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, The University of Texas at San Antonio

CLAYTON BYERS
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF ENGINEERING
B.S., Mechanical Engineering, Washington State University
M.S., Computational and Aerospace Engineering, Princeton University
Ph.D., Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, Princeton University
Dissertation: “Theoretical and Experimental Investigations of Similarity Solutions in Turbulent Flows”

HASAN ÇOMERT
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS
B.S., Economics, Middle East Technical University
M.S., Economics, Middle East Technical University
Ph.D., Economics, University of Massachusetts Amherst
Dissertation: “Financial Evolution and the Declining Effectiveness of U.S. Monetary Policy since the 1980s”

JULIE C. GAMBLE
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF URBAN STUDIES
B.A., History and Gender Studies, Northwestern University
M.C.P., City and Regional Planning, University of California, Berkeley
Ph.D., City and Regional Planning, University of California, Berkeley
Dissertation: “Visioning a Transit City: Citizen Participation and Transit Planning in Quito, Ecuador”
Postdoctoral Fellow, Global Shifts: Urbanization, Migration and Demography, Perry World House, University of Pennsylvania

GABRIEL F. HORNUNG ’07
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES
B.A., Religion, Trinity College
M.A., Biblical Studies, Yale Divinity School
Ph.D., Hebrew Bible, Harvard University

PETER K. KYLE JR.
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF THEATER AND DANCE
B.A., Dance and German Area Studies, Kenyon College
M.F.A., Dance, University of Washington

LINA MA
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF MATHEMATICS
B.S., Mathematics, Peking University
M.S., Computational Finance, Purdue University
Ph.D., Applied Mathematics, Purdue University

GERARDO RUIZ SÁNCHEZ
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS
B.S., Applied Mathematics and Economics, Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México
M.A., Economic Theory, Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México
Ph.D., Economics, Yale University
Dissertation: “Essays in the Industrial Organization of the Affordable Care Act Health Insurance Exchanges”

LETTERS

I was interested to read about the Theodore Roosevelt marker on the Long Walk in the spring 2018 issue of The Trinity Reporter, and I saw your request for information about the don’t-walk-on-the-stone tradition at the end of the article. The tradition of not walking on the Roosevelt marker until graduation was actually news to me: this was not a tradition during my years at Trinity (1978–81). The first time I heard of any such tradition was in 2013, when I toured the campus with fellow alumni and my high-school-aged son. The student guide mentioned the don’t-walk-on-the-stone tradition, and the alumni were rather surprised. It may have been an older tradition that fell out of use, or, alternatively, it may be quite new. I would be interested in what alumni in different age groups might remember.

Michael A. Gould ’81, Esq.
New York, New York

TTR responds: Thank you for letting us know about your memories. We thought that the tradition started sometime after 1974, and now we can turn our attention to 1981 or later. We look forward to hearing from more alumni.
New collaboration at Constitution Plaza spurs innovation and civic engagement

By Andrew J. Concatelli

In the open, sunlit workspace of Trinity College’s new downtown campus at 10 Constitution Plaza, teams assemble in the Liberal Arts Action Lab—an educational partnership between Trinity and Capital Community College that debuted last spring—to discuss some of the biggest challenges facing the city of Hartford and to conduct research to develop possible solutions.

Members of one team look up at a large screen, where Action Lab Director Megan Brown demonstrates how to use geographic information system (GIS) mapping tools to help them investigate the connection between housing conditions and health outcomes in the area known as the North Hartford Promise Zone. Along with Community Solutions, a nonprofit working to end homelessness and the conditions that create it, the students on the team will use GIS data and results from a blight survey to produce interactive maps. The project ultimately will serve as a resource for Community Solutions as it works to garner support and funding while focusing attention on areas that are most in need of resources.

The Action Lab connects faculty members, staff members, and students from Trinity and Capital with community partners, which include neighborhood groups, nonprofits, government agencies, and similar bodies. Not all of the work is done at Constitution Plaza. One team spent several days collecting data at a courthouse; others conducted interviews with Hartford residents in their neighborhoods. Each project addresses an issue of importance to the city.
The broad goals of the Action Lab are to strengthen the city and its role in the region, spark social innovation, and support civic engagement and sustainability. “I think that making research useful is very important, and it helps students when they can see the impact their research is having on the outside world,” says Brown. “While the students are getting exposure to the city, which gets them to care about Hartford in some new ways, they are learning about how to do high-quality research and work with community partners.” The proposals for semester-long projects come directly from the community partners. “We want to work on the projects that are most important to the city,” Brown says. A board of Hartford-area residents reviews the proposals and helps select projects to pursue.

During each semester, students from Trinity and Capital take two courses together at the Action Lab. “One is a research methods course where we talk about how you actually do this kind of engaged research, how you make research useful, how you answer questions about the world and solve problems,” Brown says. “The other course is their Hartford research project, where they are working in their teams, often-times directly with their community partners, under my guidance and that of their faculty fellow.”

According to Professor of Educational Studies Jack Dougherty, Trinity’s Action Lab faculty director, Brown is uniquely suited to this work. The recipient of a Ph.D. in geography from the University of Washington in Seattle, an M.A. in public policy from Johns Hopkins University, and a B.A. from Wesleyan University, Brown has taught undergraduate courses in subject areas including social justice and statistics and has collaborated with community and labor organizations in Baltimore and Seattle. “We are so fortunate to have an Action Lab director who has spent equal time working with urban nonprofit organizations and academics,” Dougherty says. “It’s equally rare to find an academic who has cross-cutting experience in teaching research methods as diverse as statistical analysis, oral history interviewing, and GIS mapping.” In addition, Dougherty adds, Brown is adept at listening to the community partners and helping them refine their project ideas.

The Action Lab already is establishing partnerships outside of the semester-long projects. In the spring, the nonprofit Connecticut Data Collaborative announced that it would begin leasing office space at 10 Constitution Plaza and would work with the Action Lab to continue helping community organizations and governmental agencies use public data to improve their planning and decision-making. The Action Lab and the Connecticut Data Collaborative together have received a 500 Cities Grant funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to research connections between housing conditions and health in local neighborhoods, among other goals involving the use of public health data.

The Action Lab concept was developed by Tim Cresswell, Trinity’s dean of the faculty and vice president for academic affairs. “The classical origin of liberal arts education in ancient
COMPLETED SPRING PROJECTS

In spring 2018, the inaugural semester of the Liberal Arts Action Lab, 16 students from Capital Community College and Trinity College were divided among five research project teams:

**EVICTION**
Students learned about the eviction process in Hartford and worked with the Connecticut Fair Housing Center to design and implement a survey project. Students investigated how Hartford residents came to face eviction, their experiences with the eviction process, and the immediate and long-term ramifications of the evictions on their families. **Faculty Fellow:** Serena Laws, Trinity; **Community Partners:** Salmun Kazerounian and Erin Kemple, Connecticut Fair Housing Center

**MAPPING NORTHEAST HARTFORD PROMISE ZONE**
Students learned GIS mapping tools that allowed them to investigate the connection between housing conditions and health outcomes. Working with Community Solutions, students then used GIS data and results from a blight survey to produce interactive maps. **Faculty Fellow:** David Tatem, Trinity; **Community Partners:** Kathy Del Beccaro and Nadia Lugo, Community Solutions International, Inc.

**PILOT MESSAGING**
Students learned about an important component of local governance in Hartford: Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT), a program that address the budgetary problems that the City of Hartford faces because a high percentage of the city’s land parcels are owned by government or nonprofit institutions and are therefore not subject to taxation. By producing and testing a variety of messaging products, students studied which messaging strategies are best at convincing non-Hartford residents to support full payment of PILOT funds. **Faculty Fellow:** Abigail Fisher Williamson, Trinity; **Community Partners:** Wildaliz Bermudez and Jason Ortiz, Hartford Court of Common Council; and Erin Boggs, Open Communities Alliance

**CREATIVE PLACEMAKING**
Students took a close look at the Nook Farm area of Asylum Hill (which includes the Mark Twain House, Harriet Beecher Stowe Center, and HartBeat Ensemble’s Carriage House Theater), connecting the historical significance of this site for creative and intellectual pursuits with current studies in “creative placemaking”—development projects that leverage the power of the arts, culture, and creativity to serve a community’s interest while avoiding gentrification. Students created an “asset map” for the neighborhood to help arts organizations leverage the unique strengths of the area. **Faculty Fellow:** Tim Cresswell, Trinity; **Community Partner:** Steven Raider-Ginsburg, HartBeat Ensemble

**PARENT ENGAGEMENT**
Students learned best practices for engaging immigrant and refugee parents on topics related to their children’s education. Working with the Hartford Public Library’s Immigrant Youth Project, students researched current immigration and refugee settlement patterns throughout Hartford and worked with library staff on engaging program participants’ parents and guardians in dialogue around goals and objectives. **Faculty Fellow:** Daniela Ragusa, Capital; **Community Partner:** Nancy Caddigan, Hartford Public Library
It’s a rewarding experience to let people know that Trinity cares what goes on outside of the campus and cares about the communities that the college is a part of.”

—MAX EICHNER ’20

Athens as education for free people of the city—or citizens—was always about the skills needed to operate as citizens,” he says. “In ancient Greece, it may have been to prepare individuals to serve in the military or on a jury. Today, it means working on sticky, real-world problems, such as persistent inequality or climate change. The Liberal Arts Action Lab will help Trinity lead the way in reconnecting liberal arts to real-world problems, both inside and outside of the classroom.”

Cresswell notes that Capital is an ideal partner for this project, not only because of its proximity to Trinity’s new space downtown. Since its move to Main Street in 2002, Capital has increased its footprint in Hartford communities through a variety of programs, including social work service-learning projects, nursing and health career clinical placements in hospitals, and business apprenticeships with area corporations.

As chair of Capital’s Humanities Department and director of its Hartford Heritage Project—an initiative that uses the city in its curriculum—Jeffrey Partridge has long believed that place-based education and the service learning model embraced by the Action Lab work to everyone’s advantage. “The community organizations get help on researching issues and solving a problem; the students get to apply concepts that they’re learning in the textbook to a real situation and actually impact the community; the colleges, with place-based education, increase student engagement; and whatever community the students end up living in—Hartford or elsewhere—they will have learned the value of contributing and seeing themselves as agents of change,” says Partridge, who serves as Capital’s Action Lab faculty director. “We all win when that happens.”

Students from Trinity and Capital have found that teaming up with peers from the other institution brings new insights to the work. Trinity student Giana Moreno ’20, who worked on the Creative Placemaking project in the spring, says, “In my group, I was able to hone critical thinking skills and learn from individuals who have lived in Hartford for their entire lives. They push and encourage me to think differently about how I provide suggestions and what it means to be a team member.”

Capital student Aulona Zeka, also a member of the Creative Placemaking team, says, “It is interesting and productive to see how everyone thinks about a given topic or project. I believe the setup of the classroom also gives a sense of freedom to speak. We learn from the professor, and we also learn from each other, and what we have to say is equally respected.”

Trinity public policy and law major Max Eichner ’20, who spent the spring semester working on the PILOT Messaging project, says he appreciated the level of collaboration among those involved. “Since we’re all working together to solve a problem or address
The Liberal Arts Action Lab has enrolled nearly two dozen students from Capital Community College and Trinity College for the fall 2018 semester. All students are meeting together in the “Action Research Methods” course on Monday afternoons and are participating on one of four Hartford research project teams:

**FOOD STORIES**
Students are learning about the state-specific policies that shape our food system and completing a digital storytelling project that uses personal narratives—“food stories”—to illustrate the importance of the policies that shape how and what we eat. **Faculty Fellow:** Sarah Moon, University of Connecticut; **Community Partner:** Meg Hourigan, Connecticut Food System Alliance

**HOMEOWNERSHIP**
The homeownership rate in Hartford hovers around 23 percent. Many low-income Hartford residents, especially people of color, have difficulty accessing financing that would allow them to build equity through real estate investment. Students are researching the programs that currently exist to encourage homeownership in the city and investigating the real estate financing landscape to determine what gaps exist to answer this question: How do we develop tools to build equity in real estate for low-wage earners in Hartford, specifically people of color? **Faculty Fellow:** Jack Dougherty, Trinity; **Community Partner:** Jeff Devereux, Breakfast Lunch & Dinner

**OPPORTUNITY YOUTH**
In Hartford, 6,000 youth between the ages of 16 and 24 are neither in school nor working. In this project, students are learning about the many agencies that serve these youth and working to develop a comprehensive data repository including information from 15–20 organizations that currently do not report data to the Hartford Opportunity Youth Collaborative. In addition to collecting and analyzing data, students are designing a survey to find out how the data can be useful to the many organizations that work with these youth. **Faculty Fellow:** Alyson Spurgas, Trinity; **Community Partner:** Julie Geyer, Capital Workforce Partners

**SUSTAINABLE FOODS**
The Hartford Office of Sustainability is interested in promoting local food to Hartford residents. In this project, students are learning about local food sources and comparing the carbon emissions and costs associated with local vs. nonlocal food. Students are creating an index of local food sources and creating marketing materials that promote local food to residents. **Faculty Fellow:** Christoph Geiss, Trinity; **Community Partner:** Shubhada Kambli, Office of Sustainability, City of Hartford

For more information on the Liberal Arts Action Lab, please visit commons.trincoll.edu/Reporter.
The Secret of Success
Start-Up Ecosystem
NEVER GIVE UP
Contribute to Society
Entrepreneurial Spirit
Know That It Can Be Done
Put Change Into Action
Pursue Passion
Nothing is Impossible
You’ve heard of some of Trinity’s more well-known and most successful alumni entrepreneurs, including Thomas Chappell ’66, H’06, P’89, ’92, ’97, ’06, Trinity trustee and founder of Tom’s of Maine and Ramblers Way; Danny Meyer ’80, P’20, Trinity trustee and founder of Union Square Hospitality Group and Shake Shack, among other restaurants and firms; and Liz Elting ’87, Trinity trustee, co-founder of the Elizabeth Elting Foundation, and co-founder of TransPerfect, the world’s largest language solutions company. And, of course, there’s Eric Fossum ’79, Trinity trustee and inventor of the CMOS chip that revolutionized cell-phone cameras, and Jamie “Bear” McDonald IDP’00, founder of Bear’s Smokehouse BBQ and other Hartford-area restaurants.
Other alumni entrepreneurs may not be as familiar, but there are plenty out there. And that makes sense: a recent survey of graduating seniors conducted by Trinity’s Analytics and Strategic Initiatives Center shows that Trinity students are more likely than their peers to work in start-ups and small businesses after graduation. We also know through word of mouth that it’s common—and has been for some time—for alumni to support one another’s ventures.

“Trinity has had a long history of producing graduates who have ‘it’—that unique combination of I.Q. and E.Q. [emotional intelligence]—that allows them to succeed in entrepreneurial endeavors,” says President Joanne Berger-Sweeney. “So many of them possess strong relational skills, including being able to work well with others and to utilize networks, which is vital when you’re an entrepreneur. I also see the same qualities in today’s students, who are determined to achieve great things. It seems that entrepreneurialism is in Trinity’s DNA.”

Amy McCooe ’93 found the college to be a place of optimism. “There is a message in the Trinity culture that if you want to change something, you can,” says McCooe, co-founder and CEO of Level Up Village (LUV)—a “socially conscious for-profit” that connects American students in grades K through 9 with students from around the world through online courses in science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics (STEAM).

“We would stay up late talking about how we could make a difference,” McCooe remembers. There were afternoons on the quad when Kirk Peters, then Trinity’s associate dean of students, set up a microphone and asked students to talk about how they were contributing to society. “It was incredibly empowering that the administration was interested in what we had to say.”

McCooe earned an M.B.A. from The University of Texas at Austin and had a career in finance and start-ups before leaving the corporate world to start a family. But she continued to feed her entrepreneurial spirit by creating an after-school program at her children’s elementary school, cultivating and sourcing STEAM-based enrichment opportunities for students.

Today LUV provides one-to-one connections for students all over the world. “We’re teaching children the skills they’ll need for the jobs of the future,” says McCooe, who is passionate about creating global citizens in an ever-shrinking world. “If you’re not excited about your work, what’s the point?”

Passion is an absolute necessity for an entrepreneur, says Tara O’Connor Foley ’07, founder and CEO of Follain, a retailer of ethical and safe cosmetics and beauty products. “You just don’t go down that road unless you are absolutely crazy about your idea.”

When Foley learned about the toxins in everyday health and beauty products, she “pulled the emergency brake” on her life. “The cosmetics industry is one of the most unregulated industries in the United States,” she says. She sold her car and emptied her savings to start Follain. Husband James Foley ’07 helped her open her first small storefront in Boston, and the business now has two stores in Boston and one on Nantucket. There’s also a thriving online component, www.follain.com, and the company has plans to add stores in Bethesda, Maryland; Seattle; New York; and Dallas.

“Trinity seems to cultivate a unique level of emotional intelligence. Everyone I met could hold their own in a strong conversation,” she says. Foley majored in public policy and was set on a career in law. But her college experience, both inside and outside the classroom, challenged her to push boundaries and to “think outside the box.” Though a move from law to beauty might seem incongruous, Foley—who holds an M.B.A. from Babson College—insists it’s not. “This is a public policy issue,” she says.

It was the “depth of the academics at Trinity” that helped Louise Albin ’76 forge her own path. Owner of Café Louise, a restaurant and catering business with locations in West Hartford and Newington, Connecticut, Albin knew the corporate life wasn’t for her. “I’ve always liked creative freedom in my work,” she says.
Courses in philosophy and women’s literature were among those that showed her different ways to approach a situation. And a semester student teaching to earn her secondary education certificate bolstered her self-esteem. But the French literature major turned down a teaching job to put her cooking skills—honored during a study-abroad program in France—to good use. For more than 25 years, she’s been at the helm of Café Louise. “And I still get that excited feeling before an event,” she says.

Charlie Buffum ’82, owner and president of Cottrell Brewing in Pawcatuck, Connecticut, was in his 30s, working long hours and traveling to Canada every week for his job as a management consultant. “I had a wife and two young kids, and I was never home,” he says.

After Trinity, he earned an M.B.A. from the London Business School, where he developed a passion for ales and learned the craft of beer making. He brewed beer as a hobby and started having conversations with his wife in the ’90s about “ditching the corporate towel” to open a brewery. “But I had cold feet,” he says.

One night, after flying home late, he found a Nike T-shirt on his pillow. “Just Do It” was printed on the front. “It was a sign from my wife,” he says. In 1997, the couple opened the doors to their brewery, located on the site where Buffum’s great-great-grandfather, C.B. Cottrell, began building printing presses in 1855, hence the brewery’s name.

Known for its flagship brew, Old Yankee Ale, called the “best amber ale” in Beer Lover’s New England, Cottrell Brewing has been going strong through slow, controlled growth and a focus on customer service, says Buffum. He acknowledges, though, that it wasn’t all smooth sailing.

“You’ll hit hurdles, but if you have passion, you can get through them,” he says.

Buffum learned to voice his opinions at Trinity, where he majored in economics. “The small classrooms and the way professors engaged you helped me feel more comfortable.” That comes in handy in the beer business, he says. With wholesalers, retailers, and his devoted customers, communication and attention to service are Buffum’s priorities.

It’s clear that Trinity Trustee and biochemistry major Richard Wagner ’83 also knows that it takes more than an understanding of an academic area to succeed. “Being an entrepreneur is not the same as being a biochemist,” says Wagner, founder, president, and CEO of X-Chem, Inc., a biotechnology company that specializes in small-molecule drug discovery. “I need to know about human resources and accounting as well.” He also is founder and on the board of two X-Chem spin-offs: X-Rx, Inc., which develops therapeutics in fibrosis and cancer, and Xios, Inc., which focuses on immuno-oncology.

Wagner says he draws on lessons learned in classes as diverse as art history, economics, and religious studies. He’s also grateful for his relationship with Henry A. DePhillips Jr., Vernon K. Krieble Professor of Chemistry, Emeritus. “He was very supportive, especially during my senior year, when he pushed me to pursue graduate studies.” Wagner earned a Ph.D. in biochemistry from Brown University and completed postdoctoral study in molecular and cell biology at the University of Pennsylvania.

Listed as one of Forbes magazine’s 2017 “30 Under 30,” Colin Touhey ’10 is co-founder and CEO of Pvlion, a Brooklyn-based manufacturer of flexible photovoltaic solar structures and products. Think awnings that provide LED lighting and jackets made from solar-powered fabric that can power your iPhone, he says. He’s also an adjunct assistant professor at Columbia University Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation.

An engineering major at Trinity, Touhey says the college’s close-knit Engineering Department helped give him the confidence to take risks. “The small size of the department and the flexibility of the course work allowed me to pursue my passions,” he says.
Shortly after graduation, Touhey was designing products for a solar energy firm, but the company wasn’t implementing his designs. So, with two partners from his former employer and a bunch of unused technology ideas, he launched Pvilion in 2011. He quickly learned that failure was part of the process. “If you’re not failing every day, you’re doing something wrong. It’s not that you fail but what you do with it,” he says. At the time, Touhey was 22. “In retrospect, it was completely ridiculous that I thought I could pull it off.” But within a few months, the business was cash positive.

That kind of “irrational, unfounded confidence” is necessary in entrepreneurship, says Hal Ebbott ’10. In 2014, Ebbott and Touhey partnered with a neurologist to launch Foray Design, a company that designs and produces tools for people with physical limitations. Discouraged by the clunky design of the classic walker, they created Spring, an ergonomically designed walker that is intuitive to use. “A walker should have the same quality of design as your iPhone,” says Ebbott, who majored in public policy.

Ebbott and Touhey met on Trinity’s crew team and became close friends. Ebbott credits their success as business partners to their ability to disagree without taking it personally. “We will yell about something, but only in the context of that one point,” says Ebbott. “It’s just business.”

Ebbott is grateful for the support he and Touhey have received from Trinity alumni. Advice from Eric Rosow ’86, CEO of Diameter Health in Farmington, Connecticut, was incredibly valuable, says Ebbott. “His generosity of time and his experience in the medical space was critical during our development.”

Like Ebbott and Touhey, Christian Allen ’00 and Adam Goldkamp ’00 are trying to make the world a little better. They are the backbone of GetHuman, a company that gives consumers tools—including maps of phone systems, shortcuts, and tricks—to speed up and improve customer service.

“We looked to fix a pain point that affects millions of people every day. When you’re waiting on hold, you’re not happy,” says Allen, a computer science major and GetHuman’s CEO. Allen did web development in London and Africa before joining serial entrepreneur Paul English at travel search engine Kayak.com as a software architect. He and English co-founded GetHuman in 2013. Allen says he’s grateful for Trinity’s small and tight-knit Computer Science Department that allowed him to do a “wild senior project. I designed an online version of the college’s bookstore,” he says. “Back in 1999–2000, selling stuff online was still a radical idea.”

Goldkamp, GetHuman’s director of operations, majored in economics at Trinity and had a career in finance, with a stop at Babson for an M.B.A. But jobs were going away in the finance industry, and “there was more growth in start-ups,” he says. He connected with Allen to develop GetHuman and hasn’t looked back. “It’s hard to imagine not doing this work,” he says.

At Trinity, Goldkamp explored classes including “Business and Entrepreneurial History” and “Money and Banking.” It was the perfect preparation, he says. “With a little guidance and research, all the tools you need as an entrepreneur are at Trinity.”

Joe Catrino, the college’s director of career development, would agree. He says students often take advantage of programs offered by the Center for Student Success and Career Development, noting a well-attended alumni panel discussion in April 2018 that focused on innovation, entrepreneurship, and start-ups. The evening featured brothers Nate Kelly ’10 and Will Kelly ’11, co-founders of Kelly’s Four Plus Granola; Julia McInnis ’11, co-founder of Lancealot Tech; and Bradd Kern ’04, founder of natural skin-care products company Sea Bottle.

“I find Trinity students to be eager and enthusiastic, ready to put their name on something,” Catrino says. “They see the value of a liberal arts education, and the fact that we are in Hartford allows them to try new things. They’re passionate, excited, and energized about the possibility of being able to go into business on their own.”

For links to the websites of the businesses mentioned in this story, please visit commons.trincoll.edu/Reporter.
SAGE ADVICE

We asked three highly successful Trinity entrepreneurs—Liz Elting ’87, founder and CEO of the Elizabeth Elting Foundation and co-founder and former co-CEO of TransPerfect; Rhoden Monrose ’09, founder and CEO of CariClub; and Owen Tripp ’01, co-founder and CEO of Grand Rounds and co-founder of Reputation.com—for their insight on what it takes to make it with an innovative start-up. Here’s what they had to say:

What is your number one piece of advice?
LE: Honestly? Just do it. Chase after your dreams, do what scares you. Starting a business is always going to be risky, but you should take risks while you’re young. Use this time to try new things, to create something, to go after your wildest ideas and dreams. When you’re young, you have the time, energy, and faith so vital to starting a business; you still feel like you can conquer the world (and you should), which means you’ll have the necessary drive.
RM: Know the value of perseverance. I can’t tell you how many times people have said no to me in different ways throughout the life of CariClub. Don’t let those rejections get you down; instead, treat them as a challenge and use them as fuel to power you through and to prove your value.
OT: Don’t be afraid to tackle really hard problems. Industries like health care and education need entrepreneurs who will challenge the status quo to do truly meaningful work and make an impact. Health care is ripe for innovation, and there are many opportunities to make a difference while building a durable business. But be aware that there is more responsibility to be ethical, to secure data, and to take care of people as you would take care of your mom—that’s really different from the tech world today where the mindset of “move fast and break stuff” is thrown out as if it’s a virtue. In health care, that’s not so cool.

What is something you know now that you wish you’d known before you started on your path?
LE: Hire an attorney and contractually establish expectations, responsibilities, and conflict resolution terms. The agreement should address roles, decision making, dispute resolution, death, disability, a buy/sell provision, and an exit strategy. That may seem premature before you even have a company, but it’s crucial when you’re starting out if you’re working with a business partner. You need clear lines of roles and responsibilities to handle disagreements down the road. When you’re idealistic and working with friends, it’s so easy to overlook details like this, but it will save you many headaches in the long run.
RM: Honestly, there are a great many things that I wish I knew, but many of them are things that could only be learned through the time-tested method of baptism by fire. No matter how similar, each start-up experience will be different, and it’s not the end of the world if you don’t have all the answers. The key is to always stay focused on the vision, be thoughtful about who you surround yourself with, and never stop having fun!
OT: I think a lot of health care entrepreneurs have tried to apply the techniques that work in rapidly scaling consumer tech and acquiring users to health care. And they failed. People do not want to spend more time engaging in their health care. Health care is not fun. I’ve learned along the way that all people really want is accessible, reliable, and trustworthy care for their family.

How did Trinity help you on your way?
LE: Trinity was an absolutely fantastic place to get my undergraduate education. I was able to major in a subject dear to my heart—modern languages, make lifelong friendships with my classmates, and grow treasured one-on-one relationships with my professors. I gained invaluable mentorship opportunities that really helped guide me toward the future I wanted to create for myself. Trinity was the start of so much for me; I went on to found, build, and run TransPerfect, the world’s largest language solutions company, and ultimately the Elizabeth Elting Foundation, because my education fostered and encouraged my ambition. I carried that ambition forward to where I am today.
RM: For starters, I built my very first company while I was a student at Trinity, and I was very much able to create an economics independent study around the idea so I was able to get academic credit (and yes, I did get an A). The company was called TrinSnacks. It was like Seamless [an online food-ordering service] except we were the only vendor selling Coke products (Trinity sold only Pepsi products at the time). Beyond that, Trinity alumni have been invaluable mentors, advisers, board members, and investors. They’re far and away the most reliable and receptive group to whom I continue to reach out well after graduating. I am grateful for the generosity and support of all those I’ve connected with along the way.
OT: I started thinking about managing teams and organizations while at Trinity. It was a huge opportunity to manage The Tripod’s business team—from everything to ad sales to thinking about ways our community could better integrate into Hartford more broadly.
New Director of Athletics Drew Galbraith brings a vision for addressing the whole student—and the entire student body

BY ABE LOOMIS
When I arrived in early January to officiate my first game I loved and being able to focus on one-on-one. I just spent time with them, and I think that’s a great place to begin,” DiChristina says.

Galbraith comes to Trinity from Dartmouth College, where he served as senior associate director of athletics, and, starting in 2011, also served as executive director of Dartmouth Peak Performance, a program he designed that integrates resources to help student-athletes achieve excellence.

Galbraith, who holds a law degree from William & Mary Law School and counts among his influences the classical Stoic philosophers Seneca the Younger and Marcus Aurelius, notes that his first job at Trinity—even before his arrival on campus in his official role in January—was to listen.

“I was hired in late October,” he says, “and throughout November and December, I took time to come down here and meet with every single coach one-on-one. I just spent time with them, learning about them and the programs they run and that they hope to run. When I arrived in early January to officially start working, I made it a point to get around and speak to every single varsity team.”

He also reached out to alumni of Trinity’s athletic programs, a group that is as passionate as any about life on campus. One such graduate is Monica Iacono Boss ’95, who was a walk-on starter on the Trinity field hockey team that garnered a legendary run of victories in the early 1990s, including its first NCAA Final Four appearance. An art history major who minored in legal studies, Boss earned an M.B.A. at Babson College’s F.W. Olin Graduate School of Business and says her experience at Trinity laid the foundation for the work she has done as a human-resources professional, a board member for an array of nonprofits, and a field hockey and lacrosse coach. When the search committee met with alumni around the country to discuss athletics at Trinity, Boss participated, and she also was part of a small group of alumni who met on campus with candidates.

“He absolutely understands the value of athletics,” Boss says. “And I get the sense he can really work well with everyone—from students all the way up to very accomplished alumni who may have long-term giving plans. I’m excited to see where the program goes. It’s obviously already a phenomenal program, but I think he will take it to the next level.”

The search committee also included Boss’s field hockey coach at Trinity, Robin Sheppard M’76, professor of physical education, emerita. Sheppard, who also served as associate director of athletics until her retirement in 2015, brought to the committee an awareness of the wide variety of tasks and skills required of a director of athletics.

“Traditionally, an athletic director was someone who had managed day-to-day operations within the department,” Sheppard says. “However, in this changing landscape of athletic administration, a more complex set of skills is required. Based on his time at Dartmouth and all he has successfully accomplished, I felt Drew was an excellent fit for Trinity Athletics.”

Galbraith counts Dartmouth Peak Performance among his proudest professional accomplishments. The program integrates services and resources across campus to help student-athletes achieve their highest potential personally, athletically, and academically, and it’s a model that aligns with Galbraith’s vision of athletics as an extraordinarily effective—and uniquely nimble—pedagogical space.

“We’re fortunate to have this wonderful learning laboratory called athletics,” Galbraith says. “We have an opportunity to put people in an environment that is challenging on a daily basis and to allow them to fail and then come back and have a redo opportunity—that’s something that doesn’t always exist.”

For Galbraith, who also serves as chair of physical education at Trinity, the goal is to do much more than just train great athletes.

“We have coaches who are master educators, and we have the opportunity to mold students around the idea of service leadership,” he says. “We’re trying to create students who lead themselves, and then, ultimately, we’re asking them to step into roles as team leaders. To me, leaders are people who are crafting that vision and then doing everything they can to support the team having success. That’s a real service position.”

One part of that service role is in encouraging and modeling inclusion, an opportunity that Galbraith places near the top of his list of priorities. “There’s no better environment than a team to learn to accept differences every single day,” he says, adding that on a campus like Trinity’s, students from around the world can forge lasting bonds, despite historical or geopolitical differences that may exist among their home communities. “You can actually learn to work with and love someone else because of those differences,” Galbraith says. “We have the opportunity to do that on a daily basis.”

Balancing service, academics, and sport has long been a hallmark of athletics at Trinity, an approach that has been deeply meaningful to generations of athletes, including Bill Cunningham ’87, P’19, ’21, a member of the college’s Board of Trustees. Now CEO of IAT Insurance Group, Cunningham played noseguard for four years at Trinity under retired football coach Don Miller. Cunningham describes his Trinity experience as “a great balance of playing the game I loved and being able to focus
“It’s exciting to see that energy around people living healthy lives, happy lives, and thinking holistically about their development while they’re here at Trinity.”

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“There is something magical about music,” says Trinity College student Skye Gasataya ’21. “It can take you to a different place or transport you back to a time that may have been long forgotten.”

Gasataya has witnessed music’s power firsthand. She took part last spring in a Music & Memory project in which students in Brownell Professor of Philosophy Dan Lloyd’s “The Music of Thought” course worked with senior citizens at Hartford’s Avery Heights senior living community to create personalized iPod playlists of their favorite songs.
Music & Memory, created by social worker Dan Cohen, is a New York-based nonprofit that works to bring personalized music into the lives of the elderly or others in long-term care. The organization’s efforts were showcased in Alive Inside, a 2014 documentary that chronicled Cohen’s efforts to demonstrate music’s ability to help ease the suffering and isolation associated with memory loss, dementia, and Alzheimer’s disease.

Experts say that music from one’s adolescence is a part of long-term memory that often can remain intact even as more recent memories fade. “Everyone has etched memories from their formative years, and music is a part of them,” Lloyd says. Music can help reconnect seniors and others experiencing memory loss with distant memories and emotions. “You can connect with music anytime; it’s an enhancement to your life.”

Students working in small groups made several trips during the semester to Avery Heights, located about a mile away from the Summit Street campus. There the 28 students in the class met with 13 residents to talk about and listen to their favorite music, asking questions to determine the residents’ musical tastes and playing samples of songs to gauge interest. From there, they used online applications including Spotify or Pandora to help generate a list of about 100 songs from a similar time period or by comparable artists. Songs purchased from iTunes were loaded onto iPods, which were given to the residents.

Part of the funding for the course comes from Trinity’s Community Learning Initiative, which fosters academic collaborations among Trinity students, staff, faculty, and Hartford organizations to deepen learning and civic engagement. Lloyd sees Music & Memory as an example of a classic community learning project, from which all parties benefit. Students encounter music and an era of life that are very different from their own and may have their assumptions challenged. “Whatever their initial thoughts are of what it means to be old are not nearly as complete or as intricate as the reality,” Lloyd says.

Work on the Music & Memory project constitutes about a third of the course time in “The Music of Thought,” which also focuses on the psychology of music, philosophy, and the mind. “Music’s really fundamental to our human existence, and it is uniquely human,” Lloyd says. “That attachment of music to emotion, life events, and memory suggests to me that music is both good to study and important to study.”

For one assignment, students listened to the music compiled for a resident, described the world the music evoked, and then wrote about how the person was a reflection of that era. The Avery Heights residents, likewise, enjoyed the interactions and were left with iPods filled with songs—and memories.
He quickly declares, “It sounds better than my tapes!”

Andrew Collins ’20 says it was exciting to see Jack’s reaction to the music coming from his new iPod. “He became so immersed in the music that he stopped talking and started bobbing his head and tapping his shoe. He clearly enjoyed what we had given him,” says Collins, a Michael A. Moraski ’72 Scholar. “Throughout the course, we’ve witnessed, as well as read about, countless examples of how music positively impacts the mood, behavior, and thoughts of individuals. It’s very important that these residents have easy access to music, not only to enhance their present existence but also to provide stimulation to their cognitive memory.”

Jodi Levine, M.A., MT-BC, the director of therapeutic recreation, volunteers, religion, and music therapy at Avery Heights, says she sees great benefits to residents enjoying their preferred music during their leisure time. The personalized iPods are stored in a cabinet that staff members access for the residents upon request.

“I totally believe in the power of music,” Levine says. “We started [a Music & Memory] program here years ago as a pilot program on our Alzheimer’s unit. The music helps the residents feel comforted, secure, and at ease and provides a sense of well-being because they’re listening to songs that we’ve figured out they like. Once I saw Alive Inside, we applied for and were awarded a Kaman Foundation grant to get iPods for every resident on the campus and to buy songs from iTunes.

“The residents beam when the students come over,” Levine adds. “Intergenerational programs are so wonderful because they bring the outside community in.”

Linda is the youngest resident in the intermediate care unit, and her musical tastes include upbeat hits from the 1970s and 1980s, especially songs by the Jackson 5, Whitney Houston, and The Manhattan Transfer. She was a singer in a band when she was younger, but a stroke led to difficulties recalling memories. While listening to the Jackson 5 with Gasataya and Olivia Nelson ’21, Linda’s face lights up as she talks about a memory of singing these songs with her brother and mother. The lyrics come easily: “Just call my name, and I’ll be there,” Linda and the students sing in unison. Later, Linda says, “I hadn’t heard that in years, and I sang all the words. It’s very nice.”

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Gasataya, a Ruth B. Rouse Scholar and Linley R. and Helen P. Coykendall Scholar, says, “I felt as if I was able to give Linda a gift. Although it was a memory that she had within her, she was unable to retrieve it, but I had the ability to get it for her with music. I love the fact that in some shape or form, I can affect someone in a positive way.”

Gasataya adds that the project has broadened her own horizons. “Interacting with people from outside the college has helped me to look past my life and into the life of another,” she says. “I feel as if I have become more appreciative of the small things in my life that should not be taken for granted.”

Hearing his students talk about making connections with others and experiencing personal growth is music to Lloyd’s ears. “As I get older myself, I find it’s not only thinking but emotion that’s important in teaching,” Lloyd says. “I want students to grow in kindness and understanding while they’re at Trinity and for the rest of their lives. Cognitive empathy is about learning to understand the world from another point of view, and musical empathy is a variation; it’s a lot closer to the heart than the mind.”

Want to know what some Avery Heights residents are listening to these days? Check out their playlists at commons.trincoll.edu/Reporter.
The results of the college’s recent alumni survey are in, and a few points are crystal clear: Trinity alumni are passionate about Trinity and proud of their alma mater; most have a mix of positive and negative feelings about the college; and the majority would like to be even more connected to Trinity, especially in ways that acknowledge who they are and what they want in an alumni experience.

Even before the data points were analyzed, those at Resonance Insights—the firm that conducted the survey—said that the unusually high response rate signaled a passionate group. Resonance received more than 2,500 responses out of the 18,300 surveys disseminated, the highest response rate Resonance has ever seen and much more than the expected 600 to 1,000 responses, which would have been enough to provide a valid sample. Moreover, those who completed Trinity’s survey spent more time than expected on their responses, another sign that the audience is very engaged. Trinity alumni dedicated an average of 25 minutes to the task—with some taking as long as an hour—compared with the 15 to 20 minutes the survey was designed to take. And three-fourths said they would be willing to do more in-depth survey work in the future, again showing their commitment.

Vice President for College Advancement Michael Casey says he was quite pleased with the response rate and the information that’s been made available. “The depth and volume of responses are remarkable,” Casey says, adding that all involved were struck by the consistency of responses across generations and demographic groups, as well as constituencies defined by activities while a student. He also notes the importance of the findings moving forward. “The results of this survey will be integrated into everything we do, including how we engage our alumni with the life of the institution.”

To help our readers better understand the survey results, The Reporter asked data visualization artist Bill Shander to interpret several key data points. We then asked National Alumni Association President Justin S. Maccarone Jr. ’81, P’19, Vice President for Communications and Marketing Angela Paik Schaeffer, and Casey to offer their insights.

For more on the alumni survey, including a video of the livestreamed alumni survey presentation from Reunion Weekend, please visit commons.trincoll.edu/Reporter.
“We can see from the responses that folks wanted to be heard. One of the things that makes a small college special is that people do know who you are and they do care about you. That was, in fact, part of what prompted us to conduct the survey. We sensed that there was this pent-up desire to express thoughts, hopes, and concerns. I think we were right!”

—MC

Who participated in the survey?

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| survey respondents            | 2,500                      |
| response rate                 | 14%                       |
| survey response duration      | 25 mins                   |
| happy to continue conversation| 73%                       |
Passionate & Proud / Alumni survey results

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Passion and giving

Looking at alumni feelings and how those connect to whether people donated to the college recently, we see exceptionally passionate alumni, most of them positive, and giving rates that tell an interesting story. That is, only 65 percent of those whom we’d consider “enthusiasts” said they gave to Trinity last year, while 32 percent of those who expressed strong negative feelings said they gave.

“When you look at the giving rates, the opportunities are striking, both to increase support among our greatest champions and to engage those who, despite their unhappiness, continue to support the institution.”

—APS

PASSIONATELY POSITIVE

51% of survey respondents (1,173) can be considered “passionately positive.”
65% of them (762) gave in 2017.

NEUTRAL/DISENGAGED

36% of survey respondents (878) can be considered “neutral.”
48% of them (404) gave in 2017.

PASSIONATELY NEGATIVE

11% of survey respondents (253) can be considered “passionately negative.”
32% of them (81) gave in 2017.

PASSIONATE BUT CONFLICTED

2% of survey respondents (46) can be considered “passionate but conflicted.”
36% of them (17) gave in 2017.
In analyzing what's behind alumni's expressed feelings about Trinity, Resonance Insights categorized their motivations into four categories (green=positive motivations; red=negative): Education/Friends (how they feel about the education they received, the relationships they developed); Self-Esteem/Career (whether they feel valued by Trinity, whether career connections and opportunities are realized); Connect/Participate (their feelings about the amount and quality of participation opportunities); and Reputation/Direction (how they feel about the general direction of the college or higher education generally, Trinity's national reputation, and more).

The circles on the right are smaller than those on the left because fewer respondents answered those questions relating to their “ideal” feelings.

“These results show us that, in their ideal world, our alumni want us to engage them in ways that feel relevant and meaningful to their lives today.”

—MC
“Trinity changed my life. When I arrived on campus at the age of 17, I had no idea what to expect. Trinity gave me the educational foundation to achieve a successful career. I would like future students to have the same opportunities that Trinity gave me, which is why I have included Trinity in my estate plans.”

From the earliest days of the college, bequests and other planned gifts have supported the programs that constitute Trinity’s exceptional liberal arts education and prepare students to be bold, independent thinkers ready to succeed in their communities and the world.

The Elms Society honors individuals who, through their estate planning, have made an important commitment to the future of Trinity College.

For more information about how you can plan for Trinity’s future, please contact:

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Recently I had the pleasure of talking with Norm Wack. This time I caught him sitting on his porch. We talked about the Korean War and what it meant to us. The war had already been going on for a year or so. However, there was plenty of room for the Class of ’51. Not only were troops called up for Korea but also for Germany. Norm and I both spent a couple of years in Europe and had a pretty good time traveling. More recently, Norm’s wife passed away in 2005. In 2007, he met an old friend who had been widowed, and they are companions. As we age, situations like this keep our lives ticking.

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Jacques (Jack) Hopkins reports from Little Compton, Rhode Island, in the southeast corner of that state, that all the vital signs are still there. His wife died about a year and a half ago. They had been married 62 years. But his very attentive daughter lives next door to him both in Little Compton and also in Largo, Florida, where he spends half of the year. He has to give up cycling three years ago after about 50 years of enthusiastic cycling when he had a bad fall and fractured his pelvis. He misses being on the bike and especially misses the cycling trips in Europe (18 of them). Jet lag, which got worse and worse, finally defeated him. He is very impressed with what the college is doing these days as reflected in the excellent Trinity Reporter. Jack was a lawyer in Providence and retired in 1997. He spends a lot of time reading. He says he reads The New York Times and the Providence Journal every day and scans the online editions of The Wall Street Journal and The Tampa Bay Times.

From the Rev. Robert E. Mansbach, Ph.D. (continued from the spring 2018 issue): “As far as important insights are concerned, I found out the following: That the worst thing that can happen to parents is the loss of their child (Robert E. Mansbach, Esq., ’79). The pain of that loss (Christmas Day 2010) is here with us every day. And … cancer is truly a terrible disease. There is nothing noble about poverty, even though impoverished people can be noble, indeed. There is nothing, no matter how bizarre or surreal, that I won’t believe, and there is nothing, no matter how seemingly unbelievable, that I will believe. In other words, anything may or may not be so. Rape, incest, spousal abuse, dangerous addiction, and attempted murder are
not uncommon events, and they happen in new slums and middle- and upper-class suburbs, but the poor have neither influence nor money and cannot mask their difficulties over an extended period of time. No matter how confident one is that one can ‘help them all,’ that is not possible. Being a pastor involves being trained to help (or know where the help is) and giving it one’s best. Even having said this, it is all by the grace of God. If not for God’s help, as Luther said, I would have wrecked it all. Involving college-age students in the areas of theology, ethics, and biblical studies also involves ministering to many of the same difficult areas that one experienced in the parish ministry. I truly loved it and can honestly say that I never watched the clock. I thank God for the life path that has been given me. A major part of my experiential theological training came from my marriage. My wife taught me more about real grace than any other person I have ever known.”

From Arthur Raybold: “I am working hard to elect Ammar Campa-Najjar to California’s 50th congressional district to replace Duncan Hunter, who is under investigation for using political funds for personal use. I am putting the finishing touches on my self-published memoir to be published by Wigeon Publishing, the same company that published my poetry book, Home from the Banks, in 2012. I continue to meet twice monthly at San Diego State University with four other published authors. My recently written story, ‘Transubstantiation,’ has been chosen for the San Diego Writers and Editors Guild 2018 anthology. My wife and I just returned from Belfast, Maine, where my son lives. We visited many fine spots, including Boothbay, Bar Harbor, and several classic lighthouses. I recommend the Farnsworth Art Museum in Rockport for its excellent Wyeth collection and the works of other Maine painters.”

1953

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I’m still here, at the address above and at stan-maci@sbcglobal.net. And you can even call me at 713-669-1830.

I got a great picture and note from Bruce Smith ’52 showing his three grown sons, wife, and himself in the backyard at 505 Newburne Pointe, Bloomfield, Michigan. They all looked great.

Bill Bernhard informed me that he would not attend Reunion nor support Trinity anymore because it has become too liberal. I did not question him, but I wonder how he came to this evaluation.

I got a great call from Dusty Pollock. He and his wife still run their antique shop in Sun Valley, Idaho. We talked about our Trin experiences and the Sun Valley jazz festival that he and Paul Mortell would attend during the summer.

Joe Wollenberger and I divided up our class list to call for class contributions and to hype our 65th Reunion. I must admit this is not one of my strengths. And some classmates have requested no solicitations; I called anyway, my privilege as class secretary. And I apologize to those classmates who have for years made contributions and some significantly to Trinity College, and I have missed that expression of loyalty or have not been able to share a bit of news from them. Ditto for the last half of the class that Joe called. Ted Barnett wanted a formal class contribution request, which I said would be sent from the college. Bob Barrows the same. I had a nice chat with Marland Berdick. I hit some voice mails, I left some messages, and I failed to make many callbacks. I left a message with Jack Campbell’s office phone at Ohio State University. They called to inform me of Jack’s retirement and home phone number. Some classmates had phone numbers that were missing or no longer worked. Roger Douglas, Ed Dwight, Bruce Fox, and Eliedr Hubert wanted formal contribution requests. I had a nice chat with Brooks Joslin and tried to convince him to join us from his East Hartford home at the Trin Reunion. Jake Brown wanted me to play a round of golf with him. And Pat Keller sounded just like he did when we inhabited Jarvis.

Reunion, Reunion, Reunion, June 7–10, 2018, and 1, Stan McCandless, was there, along with our class president, Jack North; our class agent, Joe Wollenberger; and classmate Tex Coulter. We also had the pleasure of Pat Coulter and Sally McCandless being with us for the festivities.

First, I want to take this opportunity to thank those workers who made our 65th Reunion a special experience, not just for our class, the oldest in attendance and leader of the procession, but also for the rest of the reunions classes. Katie Kelly and Jessica Jones are two names that come to mind. Linda Minoff, our tour group leader, helped to make the Pratt & Whitney experience work. Much of the pleasure I think we had at the Reunion this year was centered on the welcoming attitude of the Class of 1978 at the three dinners we were invited to have with them by the ’78 class secretary, Jory Lockwood.

Sal and I got to Trin early Thursday morning to sign in and found Joe already roaming Reunion Headquarters. The first thing we did was take a golf-cart tour of the campus. It is just as beautiful as it has always been but now has some very classy new residence halls at the south end of campus for upper-year students and new and upgraded athletic fields all over the place. Next was the Half-Century Club Reception and Luncheon. This is where many of the nonfinancial awards are given to various alumni, faculty, and/or classes. I believe it was at our 50th that Tommy DePatie ’52 passed along the original top hat to Jack North, a tradition that continues to this day, with each rising 50th Reunion class receiving it from the previous reunioning class.

Next, Linda Minoff had to round us up for our trip to Pratt & Whitney, which was spectacular. Our guide related to us a brief history of the company before we entered a gigantic display room where six engines of various sizes were on display. We returned to campus for the clambake, which was much fun under the setting sun, and I think we all went to bed early that evening.

The next morning brought a golf-cart ride to breakfast; the reading of names of classmates who are no longer with us, held in the Chapel; and the Parade of Classes via golf cart with the Class of ’53 leading. Ed Lorenson showed up for the parade and Jack Walsh for the All-Reunion Cookout, and it was great to have a couple more classmates with us. Ed has not lost any of his sage insights or humor.

We attended “A Conversation with the President,” which was very informative. Finally, we had some time to chat among ourselves and to recassinate as we gathered for our class picture, class reception, and class dinner. Once again, the Class of ’78 was our host and gave Joe, Jack, and Tex a forum to unload some wisdom on the younger group. They were great.

On Sunday, goodbyes were said. The Class of 1953 has already been invited by the Class of 1978 to be their guests at our 70th in 2023.

Send your news to me, your class secretary, Stan McCandless. All of my best to all of you.

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1954

Class Secretary: Gordon A. West, 1000 Vicar’s Landing Way, C301, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082-3121; gordon.west.1954@trincoll.edu

Hal Butts reports that he has retired as district counsel for the South Carolina Small Business Administration. He and Rosemary have just moved to Monterey, California. Their eldest son is in South Carolina with a child at Clemson. Their daughter is a professor at Stanford with a son a freshman there and a daughter in high school. Their younger son is living with them in Monterey. Rosemary is a Londoner, and they have a home in the West Country of England, where they have been spending their summers for years. Right now, they are concentrating on getting settled in a new community.

A message from Al Smith: “We keep setting the pace as a class. We had a record attendance for our 60th and led the parade on the quadrangle. For those of us still upright, this is a call to our 65th. More to come, but block out the week of June 6–9, 2019!”
1955  Class Secretary: E. Wade Close Jr., 65 Shoreline Drive, Hilton Head Island, SC 29928-7139; wade.close.1955@trincoll.edu; fax: 412-820-7572
Here we are on Hilton Head Island in July, busily involved in generating momentum and specific details for a September 22 Trinity fall football gathering for our classmates. The initial interest and support for such an event is quite encouraging. As usual, Don Mountford is a bundle of energy and is a major factor in why our class has always had such good turnouts. Our local Hartford-based teammates—Bill Laporte, Craig Mehldau, Greg Petrakis, Ed Yeomans—always add significantly as the nucleus of those we count on for their local support and attendance.

Dave Dimling will be in Cincinnati that same weekend helping to celebrate a 100-year history of high school football at his high school alma mater. Dave became part of that sterling tradition. In his senior year, he caught the winning touchdown pass to defeat their archrivals. Too bad our dates overlapped. Also traveling in September will be Sue and Fred Starr, who will be in Italy for business and pleasure. Fred continues to be fully engaged in the furniture industry and has a successful ongoing relationship with a top-of-the-line Italian furniture company.

We have had wonderful catch-up phone visits in July with Charlie Gardner, Joe Michelson, John D’Luhy, Dick Ferraro, Dick Zampiello, and Tom Bolger, all of whom will do all they can to be on campus for our football weekend. Conflicting family gatherings, such as grandchildren getting married, will not allow Joe Reineman and Frank Cerveny to attend. Health reasons will impede Dave Roberts, George Lunt, and Walter Blake from making their appearance because traveling has become too much of a challenge.

I had a very thoughtful personal letter from Bob Feinberg regarding Carol’s passing, and I am looking forward to being in touch with him. I believe we have not seen Bob since the 50th. As for your class secretary, I stay very busy in my retirement village setting. I play a competitive game of tennis three times a week in a rather hot and sticky environment, host a weekly dinner gathering for new residents, and have created fun spelling bee evenings, naturally around cocktails and dinner. I hope to have a long, newsy report in the fall giving you the details of our football weekend.

Our class mourns the loss of Nathaniel Reed, who died July 11 of head injuries from a fall while fishing in Quebec. He was a leading American environmentalist. As an assistant secretary of the interior in the Nixon and Ford administrations, Nathaniel helped shape major laws protecting air, water, wetlands, and endangered wildlife. In his home state of Florida, he fought to preserve the Everglades and to halt heedless developments threatening natural resources. Among Reed’s many gifts to Trinity were the zelkova trees on the Main Quad, given when disease killed the college’s treasured American elms. Look for his obituary in the next issue of The Trinity Reporter.

From the Alumni Office: Bruce Whitman will be honored at this year’s International Air & Space Hall of Fame Celebration at the San Diego Air & Space Museum on October 3, 2018.

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Charlie Sticka called me in early March, the day before he started his annual long drive to Florida. He arrived the next afternoon, and we had a good visit in my living room in Lexington, Virginia. He calls them his annual “bucket-list trips.” Four years ago, he began visiting former classmates, linked mostly by sports, and Charlie figures he visited with 32 Trinity men last year alone. It all started when one close friend and classmate died and caused him to pledge to visit with his old sports teammates and classmates anywhere in the country. After he planned to drive south to North Carolina to visit with Ray Moyal ’54, then on to Atlanta to see John Simzik ’63, then various towns in Florida to visit with Sam Niness ’57, Felix Karsky, George Kelleher ’57, and finally Ward Curran ’57. Charlie lives alone in Wethersfield, Connecticut (his wife, Gloria, died nine years ago), and is living a full life. He coaches basketball, practices tai chi, swims four times a week, and attends a Greek Orthodox Church near his home. In early winter, he will ski in Vermont and attend performances at the Metropolitan Opera in New York on weeknights (this is his 36th season), and then his bucket-list trips start in early spring. He has two sons, Greg and Bill, who live in Canton, Ohio, and Baltimore, and remains busy and on a mission of goodwill. Bravo, Charlie!

David Taylor wrote in April about an adventurous trip he took through Utah parks. He tagged along on this venture with his son-in-law, his grandson, and daughter Ruth Taylor Kidd ’88 and included a photo of the group while driving a UTV over sand dunes. It was a totally new experience for David, with, he said, amazing sights every day. With the events dominating the evening news in Hawaii, I asked David to fill me in on what it looked like from his up-close perspective. He gave a full report. Kilauea volcano is on Hawaii’s Big Island, 226 miles south of Honolulu (where David lives), yet the news of destruction and displacement of residents is huge. In early June, lava destroyed nearly 500 homes near the town of Pahoa.

Finally, I got a lengthy letter from John Ritter, now living in Colorado Springs. After a long tenure in Kokomo, Indiana, he and wife Edith chose Colorado Springs because it was close to their daughter Susan and her family. They rent a patio apartment, with everything on one floor (a blessing at our age!). He loves the area and has views from his windows of Pike’s Peak and the campus of the Air Force Academy. John, a talented professional-level photographer, says he still takes a few pictures and often drives up into the mountains where the scenery is wonderful and there is an abundance of mule deer. I hope we get to see more of his photography as he becomes ever more inspired by the spectacular beauty of the area.


Dick and Joan Behr have moved to a continuing care retirement community within the Philadelphia limits. Dick enjoyed his 65th reunion at Episcopal. In February, he joined Norm Kayser, Mel Tews, Rob Winslow, Steve Letcher, and John Limpitlaw ’56 for their annual luncheon in Fort Myers, Florida. I was invited to serve but did not have a white dinner jacket.

I enjoyed a nice conversation with Mel. He was unhappy because he misspelled “math.” However, Noreen saved the day. I have received many hilarious messages from Dave McCracken. He and Connie live in Hilton Head Island, SC 29928-7139; wade.close.1955@trincoll.edu.

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Charlie Stehle and I shared similar stories this spring. It seems that we both attended graduation ceremonies for grandchildren on the same day—mine in a suburb of Chicago, his outside Philadelphia.

John Limpitlaw wrote me in May with the sad news that we had lost another classmate and forwarded the obituary of Bob Baker. Bob lived in Port Angeles, Washington.

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CLASS NOTES

FALL 2018

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Alabama. Prior to opening day at the Trop (Red Sox vs. Rays), we had a great lunch at a neat St. Petersburg pub owned and operated by Dave’s son John. Don Stokes joined Carroll and me at an Orioles preseason game in Sarasota and then a very nice dinner on Longboat Key. When Don learned that he would not have to pay, he bought Karen to the dinner.

Jerry Channell reports that he has both ears implanted and looks like a person from outer space. He also had eye surgery. His house in Texas recovered from Hurricane Harvey, but his neighborhood is still a mess. Mary and Jerry work out almost daily and read quite a bit.

Stu Ferguson says, “I have no news for you. Things become quiet when you are 83. Fortunately, we (Sally and Stu) enjoy good health and thank the Lord for that daily.”

Don Ellwood advises that May 19 was very busy for him as four grandchildren (Alex, Kyle, Eric, and Meghan) graduated on that date in three different states. All four are employed. Don has two more grandchildren matriculating: Matthew and Lawrence.

Bryan Bunch has a Honda plug for the Clarity hybrid. It’s all electric for local driving but a hybrid for the highway; it has solar panels and other electricity from wind. He feels good since he has been writing about the danger of global warming for 30 years. Bryan’s health is good. The last of his six grandchildren is looking at colleges, while four of the other five are still matriculating.

Dave Murray attended Mike Wallace’s luncheon, shot a 79 for the first time, and headed back to Illinois. He was set to travel to England and Scotland before returning to The Villages. His report was silent on his social life. I wanted to go to Edinburgh, but my wife scotched the idea.

Neil Day wins the shortest report award. He says, “Nothing new and all is well with me and mine.” He will receive a life-sized picture of Paul Cataldo posing as a ...

David Elliott reports that he had a speaking engagement at the San Antonio Museum of Art in February. Most of his time has been spent in the transition of the Catesby Trust into the Catesby Center at Clemson University.

As for me, Carroll and I are spending our summer at our home in Bromley Village in Peru, Vermont. Our number is 802-824-6551.

Now I turn to the Nikita Khrushchev look-alike contest. No one came up with the answer to my question as to who in our class looks like the person who played Khrushchev in The Death of Stalin. The answer is Don Finkbeiner.

I regret to inform you that Jim Kenefick’s beloved wife of 60 years, Margie, passed away at home in Guilford, Connecticut, on March 3, 2018. Margie and Jim were blessed to have six children, 16 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Margie volunteered in the Guilford library and public school system. She also graced us with her presence at some of our recent Reunions even though she was ill. Her maiden name was Tobin, but we were not related.

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Borden Painter reported on this year’s Reunion: “The turnout was small, but we had a good time, and good weather helped. The class dinner Saturday night was in the Joslin Family 1823 Room in the library. We all raised a glass in honor and memory of Ray Joslin, who passed away just before our 55th. Frank Kury was one of the alumni authors whose books were on sale in the bookstore. His is on the timely subject of gerrymandering and titled Gerrymandering: A Guide to Congressional Redistricting, Dark Money and the U.S. Supreme Court. I also had the pleasure of seeing many former students, including several women in the first coed class, the Class of 1973. It was the 50th for 1966. I had many of them in the required European history course (History 101-102) when I first started teaching in 1964. We lamented that the likes of Class Secretary Jack Thompson, Ed Speno, and Mike Zoob could not be with us.”

1960 Class Secretary: Grosvenor H.L. Richardson, 236 Alpine Dr., Rochester, Ny 14618-3747; grosvenor.richardson.1960@trincoll.edu • Class Agent: Bruce Stone

In the spring edition of The Trinity Reporter, I mentioned that many of our classmates turned the corner and entered their eighth decade. What is interesting, however, is that some are still in the workforce and quite productive. Matt Levine is still very active in sports management.

In September, Matt was inducted into the Jewish Sports Hall of Fame of Northern California along with Chris Berman, Dick Gould, Marty Lurie, and Mike Silver. Congratulations, Matt! Skip Morse is keeping everyone in the advertising field on their toes.

Charlie Middleton keeps trying to retire from surgery but keeps getting called back into the OR. Lee Kalcheim is still active as a playwright, but, on the other hand, a creative writer never stops. Artists Jim Gavin and Tony Vignone are still active. Finally, George Kroh has officially retired ... at least for the time being.

It looks like Bud Anderson will be moving to Vero Beach sometime in the near future. Their house in Bluffton, South Carolina, was put on the market in May. They will continue to be on the Cape (Dennis) in the summers. Bud also reports Ray and Roberta Beech visited them in Nuevo Vallarta last January.

It seems just a few years ago we were seeing our children graduate from college. Now, it’s the grandchildren who are graduating. Ed and Carol Cimiluca had the experience this May of seeing their grandson, Bart Zanelli ’18, receive his diploma ‘neath the elms. I believe Bart is third generation.

Summer theaters have had a touch of the Class of 1960. Lee Kalcheim’s play Coming Back Like a Song had its world premiere at the Fitzpatrick Main Stage Stockbridge in Massachusetts this past summer. It’s a play about Irving Berlin, Harold Arlen, and Jimmy Van Heusen.

The theater has turned into a family affair for Jack and Cynthia LaMothe’s daughter Kimerer. In July, her family of seven performed in a musical written by her and husband, Geoff, at the Planet Connections Theatre Festivity in New York at the theaters of The Clemente. Granddaughter Kyra, 16, won a talent contest at the American Farmers Association, singing before an audience of 2,000. Kyra will be entering Yale this fall to study theater and chemistry. Older brother Jordan also performs in the musical and is a recent Williams graduate. Jordan is a master knife maker and has appeared on national television in a knife-making competition. Jack reports life in Concord is a series of athletic events with three grandsons playing soccer, golf, basketball, football, and lacrosse.

“We love it.” Jack and Cynthia are looking
The good news from Marv Peterson is that the ankle fusion he had a year ago is a lot better. “It is the one that was operated on after our freshman year and that prevented me from continuing with basketball at Trinity. After 60 years of use, the old pins and arthritis got the best of me.” When Marv was on crutches last winter, wife Sarah was involved in a collision on the ski slopes at Big Sky. She broke her pelvis in three places. “No surgery was involved but 8–10 weeks of recovery.” Both have recovered and are looking forward to skiing next season. They have even prepaid their “Legends” ski passes for next season.

It was good to hear from Bruce Rockwell. He reports that at the end of spring, he finished a four-year stint as admissions chair at his golf club in Delray Beach, Florida. “It was a good way to get to know interesting and accomplished friends from all over the eastern third of the United States and Canada.” All four grandchildren visited Bruce. Emma got the long-distance award traveling from Juneau. This past summer, Bruce planned a golf trip to Pine Valley, then on to visit friend Karen Muse at Chautauqua. “I actually took a poetry class the last time.” The travel agenda also included visits to Quebec and Montreal. Bruce keeps in touch with his old roommate Skip Morse and says John and Judy Flynn visited him in July as part of a grand tour.

In February, Margy surprised me with a birthday party at a Rochester friend’s home in Vero Beach. Friends from Rochester, Martha’s Vineyard, and my Pingry days showed up. It was a wonderful surprise to see that Dick and Barbara Stockton had joined the celebration.

I had a good, long chat with Bruce Stone in May. His health has improved to the extent that he and Gail are planning a trip to Spain in May. His health has improved to the extent that he and Gail are planning a trip to Spain in May. Barbara Empti had a wonderful time visiting her in Juneau.

Can you believe it? In two years, we will be celebrating our 60th Reunion. We better start planning, and remember, keep the spirit of the Class of 1960 alive! Featuring Bill and his philanthropy was shown and Bill then spoke eloquently about his Trinity experience. I only wish more classmates could have been there to share in these moments of pride for the Class of 1961. Justify’s Triple Crown victory prompted Curt Turner’s horse-racing memory: “Freshman year, Elton Hall, classmate-friend Tris Colket roamed diagonally across the corridor from me. Tris is a cousin of George Strawbridge ‘60. Known by the green-and-white colors of his Augustin Stable, George turned out to be a superb breeder of thoroughbreds, often winning at generous odds.” Gronkowski’s second-place Belmont Stakes finish at 25-1 odds completed Curt’s winning 10-cent, five-horse superfecta wager.

We regret to report the death of Paul Briger. Paul had been a corporate lawyer, antique dealer, furniture manufacturer in Mexico, and author. Many years ago, he established Trinity’s Brownell Prize for Teaching Excellence. He leaves his wife, Chris, three children, three stepchildren (including Austin Keyes ’87), and three grandchildren.

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Sadly, Jeff Shelley, of Westerly, Rhode Island, passed away on May 21, 2018, after a brief battle with cancer. He is survived by wife Barbara, son Matthew, daughter Lisa, and three grandchildren. Jeff was a member of Alpha Delta Phi. A natural storyteller, many of Jeff’s best tales revolved around the adventures he and his fraternity brothers had. He was a stockbroker in Hartford, and he and Barbara ultimately retired.

1961

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Jack Angell reports that Bob ’60 and Alix Swift and Rob ’62 and Jana Bowler “descended” on his Little Compton, Rhode Island, home in May. “The Bowlers, who split their time between California and arranging fishing trips in New Zealand, were east to attend Rob’s 60th reunion at St. Paul’s School. Both Rob and Bob taught at The Fessenden School in the 1960s, and the last time the three of us were together was 51 years ago when Rob and Bob were ushers at (his and Lea’s) wedding.”

George Lynch continues to excel at senior tennis tournaments, ranked number one in New England in the 75+ division in both singles and doubles.

Alan Mandell is entering his 19th year in Wellington, Florida, and ninth since officially retiring. “Keeping my interest in forensic accounting, I am working one day a week for the Florida state’s attorney in Palm Beach.” He and Nancy celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary in September.

Rick Phelps says he and his wife are “living the dream in Tucson, Arizona, with summers in Vermont and travelling from time to time.”

Gordon Pomeroy reports that he and his wife are planning to move into a senior living apartment (Heathstreet Village) in Latham, New York, “as a result of some serious health problems that both of us have had over the last three months. We need all the amenities we can get on-site.”

Del Shilkre has a full slate of volunteer activities. He is treasurer of the Seniors Job Bank in West Hartford, which helps people 50 and older find paying part-time and temporary work, and continues his interest in libraries, which started at Trinity, with Friends of Granby Public Library.

Vin Stempilen attended the Trinity Scholars Reception last spring and spent time with Cole Wright ’20, our 1961 Scholar. Vin notes that Peter Hoffman, there for the first time, sponsors a family scholarship.

Railroad historian and photographer Jack Swanberg discussed his career at a recent meeting of the Massachusetts Bay Railroad Enthusiasts in Malden, Massachusetts.

As previously noted, Bill Scully was awarded an honorary doctor of humane letters degree in May. Doug Tansill attended Commencement and provides some details: “Part of the citation: ‘You have given magnanimously to the fields of education, health care, and the arts. You have been especially generous with Trinity, creating five endowed scholarships honoring your Trinity classmates who later served in the Vietnam War. You also established two endowed funds to support Trinity golf and men’s basketball, a nod to the days when you played on both teams and in recognition of your belief of the importance of the college’s scholar-athlete approach. You also created a scholarship fund in honor of former Dean of Students O.W. Lacy, who convinced you to return to Trinity after a yearlong break following your first year; the fund focuses on helping students who return to Trinity after interruptions in their academic careers.’ The evening before, Bill and Marlynn, along with the other honorary degree recipients, were honored at a dinner in Hamlin during which a short video

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to their summer home in Westerly, enjoying travel in Southern New England. Our co-reporter Jud Robert’s life added a darker shade; an illness has struck one of his grandchildren, necessitating much time assisting. Jud writes that due to this, he will be unable to continue as one of the class secretaries; accordingly, please send your news to Fred Pryor or me. Remember that your classmates and old friends would be delighted to hear from you—how the years are affecting your health and family life, any special moments/vacations/get-togethers with classmates, etc. Also, more serious issues merit sharing: I had threatened (if you all hadn’t sent in much news) to write a book review. I actually read Fantasyland in preparation; the thesis is that from our very beginnings, Americans have been susceptible to ideas not based on fact. From the Puritan vision of a new chosen land, to P.T. Barnum’s “160-year-old slave woman” who nursed George Washington, to religious claims, idealists or con men have scored well here. The book is long, with many examples from our history, but in his preface, the author manages to offend most readers whose value systems are not based totally on provable fact. Of course, the political implications for today are obvious. Much better: Why Democracies Fail are obvious. Much better: Why Democracies Fail systems are not based totally on provable fact.

More news: John Densem suffered the loss of his dear wife last August but since then has traveled to the U.K. for Christmas, New Zealand in March, and Victoria, British Columbia, in May. He looks forward to again seeing Britain and New Zealand before our next Reunion in June 2019. John notes that the 50th Reunion yearbook erred, with John Denson’s (deceased) picture on his page, but we can see the real DensEM at the next Reunion!

A pleasant comment from Pete Reinthaler: “Back in days of yore, I produced enough heirs and heiresses to have great interest in my eventual demise, but that has not yet occurred. The only folks I hear from nowadays are charities looking for money.” (This is a good time to remind you all that the Alumni Fund welcomes your donation, large or small—many granting institutions weigh not merely total alumni and heiresses to have great interest in my eventual demise, but that has not yet occurred. The only folks I hear from nowadays are charities looking for money.) Pete, who is confined to a wheelchair, has “managed to miss every reunion, high school, grad school, and Trinity,” but sends “curmudgeonly greetings to all!”

Ross and Bonnie Hall continue to enjoy life on Cape Cod (Harwich Port), where he is a volunteer for the Harwich Conservation Trust, working to help keep the Massachusetts coast healthy and clean. They look forward to a rail-based tour of Switzerland and Germany this September.

John Kuehnle spent this past Christmas and New Year’s with his family in Cape Town, South Africa. “I then visited my son, who works for USAID, and his family in Zambia. While there, we visited Victoria Falls and went on safari. Back in the U.S., I have been working on a potential cure for opioid addiction using the medication olanzapine. Preliminary results have been extremely promising. If anyone has a serious interest in this subject, I may be reached at jkuehnle@gmail.com or at 4 Hurlbut Street, Cambridge, MA 02138.” John’s work is certainly timely, as the nation faces an increasingly severe opioid crisis and the difficult issue of whether marijuana should be decriminalized.

Fred Pryor’s college roommate Dennis Rogers writes, “Marilyne and I enjoy retirement in Florida in spite of hurricanes. Irma took a huge mahogany tree but did minimal damage to the house. Our health is good, and we’re traveling as much as we can. We’ve come to enjoy cruising: Dubai to Venice through the Suez Canal last spring including drills in case we were attacked by Somali pirates; a transatlantic from Barcelona coming up shortly; and another transatlantic next summer from Copenhagen via Iceland and Greenland. We have two beautiful granddaughters in Denver whom we try to see a couple times a year. I’m still active with the Illinois Scholars program and enjoy the winter lunches with the Trinity Club of Southwest Florida. We occasionally get together for dinner with Bruce and Helen Leddy.”

Also enjoying life is Bob Macleod, who recalls sailing with Trin classmates, an activity he’s given up as his crew friends have gone to power. He feels fortunate to live in Boston, with great medical care readily available. Since retiring, Bob’s become a cyclist and has toured a number of our national parks. He also spent four enjoyable winters in New Zealand and biked South Island from top to bottom; he put in six weeks this year, biking most of North Island. Thus, we end on a happy note!

News, please!

1963

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Dear ’63 Classmates: Here are some “pre-Reunion” notes sent to me plus some “post-Reunion” updates gleaned from four wonderful days together with those of our class who could attend the 55th. Enjoy!

From Andy Lewis: “I wish Sally and I could attend the Reunion, but we can’t this time around. Say our hellos to one and all. After 15 years living in the mountains of Colorado, it is nearing the time for us to consider moving to a lower altitude and a warmer climate. We gave up skiing this winter and shortened the season by taking extended trips to Arizona and Florida. We might continue this routine rather than move; all of our kids and grandkids are in the Denver area. To you all: visitors are always welcome!”

Alan Elwell writes: “Renate and I are quite busy with what I refer to as the usual events of getting together with our three sons and their families and with friends. We also have traveled quite a bit over the last many years, especially to England, where we both lived as children and into our teenage years. My business travels also took me to just about every state in the U.S. of A. Now, we are fully engaged in the usual things, gardening, home projects, and family and friends. We also still get out on the saltwater (mostly in Maine and Rhode Island), which is my enduring passion. So, greetings to all!”

And from Eli Karson: “I/We are planning on attending the 55th, but here is something for Class Notes. My motivating interests currently are landscape photography, wildlife watching, driving friends and guests out into the desert and mountains in my old C15, reading about European World War II history, engaging with visitors to the Pima Air & Space Museum one day a week, and grooming our gardens. And of course, my bond for and with Trinity and the Class of ’63 is endless, and how I cherish the memories!”

Stan Marcus, our outgoing class president, adds: “I have been deeply ensconced in my Kennedy School work and am branching out to the University of Maryland. My subject is urban renewal. Also, my abiding interest at this point is trying to share my blessings with others. I head a prominent a cappella group in D.C. that sings throughout the community and am mentoring middle school students in the D.C. area.”

Now, a switch to some post-Reunion reporting: It was a great gathering of more than 70 of our classmates, classmates’ widows, spouses, friends of the class, and special guests. The time on campus was spent with ample planned events that encouraged a sharing of all the experiences and opportunities that have been ours over the years and that have kept us connected one to the other. The shared meals and Saturday...
evening banquet, the meetings with Trinity’s president and other members of the college administration, worship offerings to remember deceased classmates as well as to express our Sabbath gratitude, the Saturday Alumni Parade and National Alumni Association meeting at Bishop Brownell’s statue, and frequent spontaneous gatherings that just happened brought us together over and over so that we could share and marvel in the mystery that for 59 years we have in some way been bonded together in the spirit that is, for each of us, Trinity. Stan Marcus, our outgoing class president, and Tim Lenicheck, our incoming president, along with a cadre of others from the class, put together a perfect, memorable experience for us all! Tim will be joined by Jack Waggett, Bill Howland, and Mike Schulenber as class officers as we look ahead to the next five years and the activities of Homecomings and other events that will bring us to Trinity’s 200th-year celebration (which also will be our class’s 60th Reunion!).

Finally, dear friends, this Reunion moment also was filled with a deep sense of awe and pride generated by the ongoing legacy of the Class of ’63 Scholarship program. Year after year, the recipients of these grants are examples of the heart of a Trinity education and the formation of citizens prepared to effect positive change in our society’s future. The foresight and leadership from the class that brought this program to fruition and maintain its integrity and stature deserve our unending gratitude.

As I end my note and thoughts on the Reunion, know that just before we gathered on campus, we received notice that our friend and classmate Dudley Clark died. May God’s tender grace embrace him forever. Also at the Reunion, Jude Hersey interred the ashes of her husband and our classmate, Don Hersey, in the memorial gardens of the Trinity Chapel. Jude and Don were married in the Chapel, so there are many memories there for the Hersey family.

To all who attended the 55th and to all who could not, for one reason or another, be with us: thank you for being a valued and vital friend, partner, and member of the class that I, for one, believe to be Trinity’s finest advocate and witness!

Blessings to you all, Michael Schulenber, class secretary

1965

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From Nic Cantor: “My last update was for our 50th Reunion three years ago. Since then, I am still working occasionally as a film extra. My latest released films are Bridget Jones’s Baby and Wonder Woman. In the latter, I am a British general at the end of World War I in the war-room scene, and my uniform was terrific. Unfortunately, photos were not allowed. In Bridget Jones’s Baby, I am sitting behind Colin Firth and Patrick Dempsey at the wedding. I am painting every chance I can get—in my studio at the back of our garden, in a village near Stratford-upon-Avon—and this past year I am pleased to have been selling quite a few paintings. I also am a pension trustee for a company and a director of the management company of our London flat. Ellen and I do a fair bit of traveling. In the past year, we have visited Croatia, Greece, Italy, France, the United States, and Vietnam. Retirement suits me. I love it. I am definitely keeping busy.”

John Ellwood reported that he had a good visit in April with Ron and Beth Steele at their new house in Charlotte, North Carolina. The news of note is the birth of his third grandchild on May 22. He is named William Tiberius Keller, and because he is the fourth generation named William, his parents are calling him “Tiber.” John is very involved in the Illinois Scholars program and “is pleased that they landed three absolutely top scholars for this fall’s first-year class at Trinity. That brings our number of undergrad scholars for the coming school year to eight, a high for us.”

Phil Hopke and Eleanor celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with an Alaskan cruise. “The best part was the last several days when we got close to a glacier and watching whales. We also have seen Dall’s porpoises, sea lions, and harbor seals, plus a variety of land animals. It was a very good, fun trip and a wonderful way to celebrate our time together, with more in the future. For me, it is always difficult to separate from all of the interesting science problems I am working on. Being in a public health department has led to lots of interesting new ideas to learn about environmental exposures and health. We are both really enjoying Rochester.”

Mark (Edwin) Johnson and wife Linda traveled to Europe in June and July 2018 to celebrate his 75th birthday. They flew to Frankfurt and then drove about Germany and France for three weeks, renting a house near Avignon, France, during one of those weeks. Next, they flew to Bergen, Norway, and embarked on a 15-day cruise, sailing up the Norwegian coast over the top of Norway, then over to the Shetland Islands, Orkney Islands, and Edinburgh in Scotland, ending up in London. Mark retired from the practice of law in 2015 after 43 years as a trial lawyer at Lane Powell PC in Seattle.

Vincent Lombardo: “My wife, Lina, and I have moved from Wethersfield, Connecticut, to Clermont, Florida—loving the lifestyle. I traded my snow shovel for a golf cart: ‘May it rust in peace.’ I have listed some of the things below that preceded the move: I was proud to be selected in 2016 to conduct the passing of the 50th Reunion top-hat ceremony at Trinity for the new class being inducted into the Half-Century Club. I served in the Army as a platoon sergeant and duty NCO. I retired from Travelers as a director of information technology and assistant to the chief information officer. Then, I retired from the State of Connecticut, serving in turn as chief information officer, administrative officer, operations officer, and financial officer. Additionally, I donated my time to serve as treasurer of several nonprofit organizations and was the 2016 Hartford Columbus Day Parade grand marshal.”

Phil Parsons and wife Jane Daniel have a garden at their home that is deeply rooted in Tallahassee’s history. The story was detailed in May in a local Tallahassee newspaper. Phil will be joining John Ellwood and the Trinity Club of Naples, Florida, in spring 2019 to lead a discussion of Everglades and coastal water-quality issues.

Harvey Silverman writes, “I am still working full time as professor of electrical and computer engineering at Brown University and having a better time of it than ever. I can pretty much do what I want and have patent income to support my work without having to write proposals. I also am the longest serving and a founding member of the Trinity Engineering Advisory Committee, and with this liaison, have graduated six former Trinity engineers with their Ph.D.s. I always have been more of an inventor than a theoretical professor, having shown this at Trinity with a new automobile ignition system, and I am still doing this daily in my lab. Judy and I just celebrated our 51st anniversary, and we are very lucky to have our whole family in Rhode Island. I spend my free time with a 6,000-square-foot vegetable garden, doing all the work myself. We give a lot of the produce to the food bank but live most of the year on its output. However, Monday mornings are very difficult now, as I go to work sore all over!”

Skip Schumacher and I met at Trinity, where our paths crossed in various classes, but we became close as co-editors of the Ivy yearbook in our senior year. When we divided our responsibilities, Skip really wanted to be the one to write the opening essay about Trinity and our class. For those who still have their copy, it begins on page 12; it showed the writing ability
and creative talents that would serve him well during his experiences on the USS Pueblo and later on. While he wanted to be at our 50th Reunion, he stayed with wife Andy during her battle with Alzheimer’s. He was engaged in the Pueblo crew reunions. He will be remembered for his bravery, his stalwart refusal to give in to the North Koreans, all while maintaining strength and a much-needed sense of humor. It supported the rest of the crew such that he was awarded a Silver Star on the recommendation of his captain, Commander Lloyd Pete Bucher. He also received several other medals for his service. RIP, Skip.

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Since we last talked, a few more conversations came in that I am happy to share. Joe Moore wrote me in March. “You asked what I’ve been up to. Pretty simple—shoveling snow and chopping wood! This notion of loving New Hampshire so we can enjoy its four seasons might be wearing thin. Shovel-ready jobs aren’t all they are cracked up to be. Maggie and I got partway south a few weeks ago and had time for a great visit with Cam and David Peake. They are happily settled down there—golf and warmth are a good combo for them. They took us to see a local icon, the 400-year-old Angel Oak on Johns Island near Charleston, I think to prove we are all still young (if you don’t look at the myriad braces and cables holding the branches up and together).”

I received a nice communication from Tom Anderson. “My news is that I’ve developed a yen for collecting antique cars and am looking for a place to store them in Maine. Collector cars are a big deal in Maine for retirees, and there are numerous clubs, rallies, shows, cruise-ins, etc. Part of the attraction is meeting like-minded owners and trading insights, tips, and stories. Of course, tinkering and taking care of these cars is a necessary chore but a pleasure for those mechanically inclined or who are fortunate to be able to pay the experts. My latest is a 1953 Austin-Healey 100 M, a racing car. It is an early model, which was restored at Pebble Beach about eight years ago. I already have won a couple of awards with it and enjoyed the experience of the car show. Now that the weather has improved in MidCoast Maine, I’ll be out and about daily cruising the country roads. Looking forward to attending the Great Race when it passes through Gardiner, Maine, on June 26.”

Got a great note from Professor Robert Stepto, part of which I will share. “Regarding retirement, I’m in the midst of phased retirement at Yale. What that means for me is that I am now half time at Yale and I will be fully retired as of June 2019. In all, I will have taught at Yale for 45 years after teaching for three years at Williams. May the record show that I also taught at least three summers at Trinity before beginning my 29 summers at the Bread Loaf School of English (Middlebury College) in 1990.” All good things must come to an end, even class acts, Bob.

Scott Sutherland keeps me posted regularly. His latest summary: “I did get a handful of good skiing days at Loon, Sunapee, and Sugarloaf, though more of my buddies hit the disabled list this year. As wife Terry is really into warm weather during the winter, we did spend a delightful month in February in Costa Rica in the Guanacaste area walking the beaches, snorkeling, getting $20 massages under the trees at the beach, reading a lot, and enjoying gorgeous weather every day. We will see how our first summer in 20 years without a boat feels—right now it feels pretty good.”

Speaking of skiing, some of us trekked up the three-mile trail to Tuckerman Ravine at Mount Washington, New Hampshire, this past May, mostly to say we did it. Rod Van Sciver was the intrepid leader. One way to characterize the experience is to say it is a six-hour hike with skis and boots strapped to your back to enjoy a one-minute ski, to which Joe Hourihan asked me, “Why are you still skiing?” No good answer.

Once again, Joe and son Garrett, Brian Grimes, and yours truly were representing the Class of 1966 at the annual Trinity Football Golf Outing in May. It is important to know that the weather was very pleasant, and the golf carts worked well. Nothing much else did, however.

This past summer, the annual meeting of the Class of 1966 Cape Codders planned to meet at the Chatham Squire on July 11 to misremember as many stories as possible. Signed up for this auspicious social event are Brian Grimes, Bill Carlson, Nick Harris, Sandy Mason, and yours truly; conspicuously absent will be Charlie Jacobini. We were able to attend his memorial service. We learned about his family and his experiences abroad after Trinity.”

In the small world department, Nick Orem wrote, “Two months ago, I was sailing in New Zealand with fraternity brother Rod Van Sciver ’66 and our wives, Phyllis and Nancy. When we arrived at the dock, we met two other Trinity folks, Paul Bushueff ’69 and Bob MacLeod ’62. They were sailing with Nancy McKelvy, whose late husband John was Trinity Class of ’60. What are the odds of five Trinity people coming together by chance in Auckland, New Zealand?”

Rob Boas and his wife are planning a trip to Australia and New Zealand. Rob has become the Elms Society ambassador for our class. You will receive letters from Rob about the Elms Society and its mission.

I speak with Nate Rath often. He is in assisted living in Iowa and would enjoy hearing from classmates. His address is Grand Jivanté, Room 222, 502 Butler Street, Ackley, IA 50601.

Jane and I are expecting our first grandchild, a girl, at the end of June. Son number one, Robby, will be the proud papa, while his wife, Joelle, does the hard part. We are very excited but have recognized the fact that we shall never catch up to the Tassinaris and Campbells. Hope you are all well. Write me and let me know what’s happening in your life. Best.
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Wow. What a Reunion. For the roughly 100 of our classmates who attended, I need not report how wonderful it was. The afterglow of this one will last a very long time and the renewed friendships even longer. For those who did not make it, among the things you missed: great conversations, stories, and reflections throughout three days on the campus where we shared formative years together. Gerry Pryor’s talk at the Wadsworth Atheneum and his tales of personal dealings with Andy Warhol and Jackie O. Rollicking Bantam banter of pranks, heartfelt memories, near arrests, tire-on-the-flagpole shenanigans (Bob King assisted by Jim Townsend), moons and pressed ham on the highway (AXP brothers; names withheld to protect the grand-children), Casper’s infiltration of the annual Medusa dinner (Kim Miles), midnight pie thefts (Lew Governor and Joe Saginor), aborted “end the war” flag at the DNC meeting (Kim Miles and George Fosque), just to name a few. The “Moth” stories from a dozen classmates, from the sublime (Stu Bluestone’s tale of how trying to be cool had unforeseen consequences), to the ridiculous (our Texan “foreign language student, Dick Pullman), to revealing personal disclosures (Rod Cook) that show how much we trust each other. And the stories were topped off by Joe McKiege’s 1964–68 rock ‘n’ roll playlist (Rod Cook) that show how much we shared everything.

It was truly exceptional; “transformative” was the word of our president for life and Reunion co-chair Larry Roberts, and the result of a lot of planning and support from countless people, both classmates and college staff. I could not possibly list all of those who made it a great weekend, and I apologize to the many whose names are not listed due to the limits of space (and memory). We need to find ways not to let these reconnections lapse for another five years.

Among the fringe benefits of the Reunion: We now have a class agent. Barry Bedrick’s passion for repairing the Chapel led him to accept the role, and he was elected by a unanimous vote of those present at the Sunday breakfast (OK, so it was only your secretary, John Van Dam, and John Vail who voted, but I guarantee no voter fraud).

Next up: Homecoming Weekend (October 12–14). See you there.

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Bill Marinow had a Trinity encounter recently in Philadelphia. Bill recounts: “My wife and I walked over to Rittenhouse Square, where artists were exhibiting their work in booths circling the square. On the east side of the square, we found our old classmate, Bill Cantwell, whose striking paintings included street scenes from New York and Philadelphia, seascapes from New England and the Florida Keys, some bold, colorful portraits of African American men and women, and much more. By the time we talked with Bill, he had already sold his three largest portraits and had attracted plenty of visitors. It’s great to see a classmate earning a living through his creativity.”

Hank Davis, Kit Briggs, Peter Maxson, and Joel Goldfrank commemorated the funeral of John Pennypacker Gregg a year ago in Bryn Mawr by creating a garden in his memory at Beaumont that was dedicated in June 2018.

One classmate looking forward to our 2019 Reunion is Michael Michigami, who writes, “I am building a house in Lake Worth, Florida, and all of my Trinity classmates are welcome to visit. My daughter just returned from constructing a water-catchment system and solar power for a rural village in Kenya (where villagers, usually women, routinely walk two hours a day for water from a distant river). I, on the other hand, cannot find anyone in Florida who can properly install solar tiles and an effective cistern. My son, a Navy diver, acquired two master’s degrees from MIT and is assigned to the Persian Gulf. I am looking forward to our 50th!”

June 2018 Reunion Weekend saw the multiyear gathering of Delta Phi brothers in Farmington. It was great to renew friendships with Bill Franklin ’67, Rob Boas ’67, Sam Kassow ’66, Tom Ripley ’68, Ken Button ’68, Paul Jones ’68, George McClelland ’68, Michael Lestz ’68, Dave Lauretti ’66, Len Goldstein ’67, Pete Neff ’68, Rob Rundquist ’68, Ernie Williams ’68, and Chris Tewell. We were also blessed to have Suzanne Boas, Margaret Jones, Jacque McClelland, Michelle Neff, Sharon Williams, and the hostess with the mostest, Sharon Michigami, join us in catching up on families and world experiences since last year’s Reunion Weekend. We all were given a copy of Bill Franklin’s book, What Is Up, Doc? described as the ruminations of a solo cardiologist. It is a great book giving insights into what has changed over time and what is happening and not happening in our health care system. All parted the day with the promise to return next year and help the Class of ’69 celebrate our Reunion in brotherhood and great camaraderie.

Our 50th Reunion co-chairs, Michael Michigami (michael@mmbas.com) and Nat Prentice (natprentice@mac.com), sent the following report to update members of the class about planning for our June 2019 50th Reunion, June 6–9, 2019: “During the Reunion Weekend of June 7–10, 2018, Nat Prentice and Michael Michigami were able to meet with other local Reunion committee members Bill Corder and Bill MacLachlan. We saw the Friday pass-the-hat luncheon, met with the college’s Reunion coordinators, and received some tips from the Class of 1968 Reunion chairs and committee members. It is a lot of work, but with good planning and participation from the class, it was a very successful weekend. We have less than one year to go and want everyone to encourage their roommates, fraternity brothers, athletic teammates, and all affiliated groups to come back for Reunion to renew friendships and remember the camaraderie that we all experienced at Trin. Many of this year’s returning attendees commented that they didn’t realize how much the friendships they had and the new ones they made meant to them, so please contact your
classmates and urge them all to return June 6–9, 2019. There are several things that you can all help with: 1) One of the mementos of the Reunion will be the class pin, which is given to all who return. We need your input about what you would like to see as representative of our four years at Trinity. Other classes have had lemon squeezer pins, Connecticut license plates with TrinMan on them, etc. 2) We also need the creative talents of some of our class artists to help design the pin. 3) We need more people to be on our Facebook page, which will be one of the main ways to communicate with each other. Please visit and sign up. 4) The Class of 1963 holds the record for Reunion attendance with 92 people. We would like to break that record! 5) We need your input about things that you’d like to participate in during Reunion. We also need people who would like to share their talents, interests, and life experiences as panel participants or by individually showcasing what they’ve done since graduation. 6) We also are going to be publishing a book that will share with your classmates what you’ve experienced since graduation, along with recent pictures of you, your family, and any other things you’d care to share. So please help us build the momentum for a great Reunion. We’re hoping to see 120 of you next June!”

Alden Gordon, secretary, Class of 1969

From the Alumni Office: William Koch has been elected president of the Board of Trustees of the American Inns of Court, succeeding Chief Judge Carl Stewart of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

1970 Class Secretary: John L. Bonee III, Esq., 19 Scarsdale Rd., West Hartford, CT 06107-3339; john.bonee.1970@trincoll.edu; fax: 860-522-6049 • Class Agents: Joseph A. Barkley III, Esq., Ernest J. Mattei, Esq. I enjoyed meeting with Bill Reynolds ’71 for attempted lunch at Reunion on June 9 at the college. We were not permitted to purchase lunch tickets, however, without registering as full reunionees; hence, we retired to an extremely enjoyable outdoor lunch on the terrace at the new Delamar in West Hartford. Bill and I were then able to solve all of Trinity’s issues. Unfortunately, there was no one else to listen! In any event, we both vowed to make our respective 50th Reunions far more lively and exciting than what we witnessed on Saturday. So, let’s get going, classmates, with suggestions and enthusiasm.

It was great to hear from Rod “Jake” Jacobsen ’73, who, as an English teacher, praised my column (many thanks!). He sent me an email on June 14, just after school shut down, and he had some free time. Rod has been at The Thacher School for 27 years, teaching English and spearheading a new global studies program. Rod continues to work hard for Trinity by giving alumni interviews for prospective students. His son graduated from Trinity last May, and he had a wonderful time at Commencement. He is following in his dad’s footsteps by staying in Hartford after graduating; he had an internship with State Senator Tony Hwang and received a paid position as his legislative aide. Hopefully he can assist our legislature in solving Connecticut’s potential bankruptcy problems. His representative is a traditional Rockefeller mainstream Republican, a rare entity these days, which many claim no longer exists. Hopefully they are out there doing good work in the trenches. He will proceed with graduate school in international diplomacy. He inherited his dad’s interest in Africa, having studied at Cape Town for a semester and traveled through Namibia and Botswana. Rod Jacobsen, by the way, was one of the beneficiaries of Trinity’s international student exchange program, which I set up under the auspices of President Lockwood via Chaplain Tull’s relationship with the chaplain of Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda. After graduation, I was sent to Makerere on behalf of Trinity, and Rod was one of the exchange students who benefited from the program. While there, I took courses in African history and politics and published numerous articles. It was a spectacular experience. Too bad Idi Amin caused the demise of the endeavor, although living through his coup was quite an unforgettable experience for me. Rod’s wife, Susan, is still the director of an independent primary school down the road from him in Ojai, California (sounds like Shangri-La). Their daughter Olivia plans to marry her beau from New Canaan, Connecticut, shortly; he just retired from professional hockey and is working for a big commercial real estate firm in Los Angeles, and Olivia is a nurse. It is so wonderful to hear that things are going well for Rod and that he plans to work hard on his 50th Reunion for his class. I am sure he will do a spectacular job.

Finally, I would greatly appreciate the following: from classmate Steve Bauer, a haiku; from Walt Moody, a limerick; and from John Chapin, a Dartmouth fight song. Any other literary adventures would be most welcome to spice up our Reunion theme book. Hopefully we can collect outrageous and unpublishable—but noteworthy—literary-communication produced by us for our Reunion. Everyone please start writing. Thank you so much.

1971 Class Secretary: David M. Sample, 401 Ocean Grove Circle, St. Augustine, FL 32080-8722; david.sample.1971@trincoll.edu • Class Agent: Howard B. Greenblatt From David Sample: “In mid-May, I spent a week in Kigali, Rwanda, as a volunteer lecturer at an IEEE-sponsored Entrepreneurship Workshop for Scientists. During the very intensive week, 48 participants from Rwanda, Uganda, Kenya, and Tanzania formed teams and learned how to take a science-based idea and turn it into a marketable product. Culminating at the end of the week with a 10-minute pitch, we dove deep into the marketing, sales, finance, manufacturing, and operations aspects of entrepreneurship. This year’s winners worked on products focused on two regional issues: agriculture and early breast cancer screening. The workshop was a great success, and IEEE is considering sponsorship of three additional African-based workshops in 2019. This was my third workshop in two years, and I am continually impressed with the intellect, focus, and drive of these talented scientists in the emerging economic centers.”

From the Alumni Office: Ann Carroll Harris recently was elected as a trustee at Colby-Sawyer College in New London, New Hampshire.

1972 Class Secretary: John R. Nelson, 55 Old Shore Rd., Old Lyme, CT 06371-1936; john.nelson.1972@trincoll.edu Tom Regnier writes: “I am in the third year of running my solo law practice (civil and criminal appeals) in Broward County, Florida. Meanwhile, I am in my fourth year as president of the non-profit Shakespeare Oxford Fellowship, which researches the Shakespeare authorship question. When I complete my current term as president in October, I will be term limited out of office. You can see my YouTube video on the authorship question at www.youtube.com/watch?v=EApYIznGX4. I also perform regularly with the Shakespeare Troupe of South Florida, which presents abridged versions of Shakespeare plays in places such as rehab centers and homeless shelters. We often switch roles from performance to performance, depending on how many actors are available. In A Midsummer Night’s Dream, I have played Lysander, Francis Flute/Thisbe,
and Titania. In *King Lear*, I have played Edgar, Edmund, and Kent. It’s a lot of fun, and it is amazing to see how much our audiences appreciate our performances.”

From Bill Miller: “Your abject plea has been answered! Here’s a short item: My wife, Warren, and I are both retired, and we are splitting our time between New York City and Watch Hill, Rhode Island. I am working on a historical fiction novel about Pittsburgh (where I grew up) and its steel industry in the 1890s. Wish me luck!”

Paul Ambrosini: “This is my first notice to my classmates since graduation. I have some sad news and happy news: My one-year-old 55-foot yacht recently was unmoored by vandals and floated out to sea and sank. It was one of only a handful of yachts built by Ferrari. It was red. My perfect spouse is putting up for sale a coffee mug embossed with the logo, ‘You’re fired!’ The highest bid will be entertained. Our exotic vacation to the Bronx took me to my 50th high school reunion at Fordham Prep. I was one of the few who still had a full head of hair. My high-achieving son is starting medical school at my alma mater, Wake Forest School of Medicine. He was accepted at Trinity but went to the University of Pennsylvania. I do not have any grandchildren but do still own all natural body parts. The pope recently visited Philadelphia. He called having to cancel our audience because he only had time to get his selfie with the Rocky statue before the politicians took him away. He promised to give us a ride in his Fiat Popemobile when we next visit Rome.

And, I recently was awarded the David M. Ellis Lifetime Achievement Award by the Regional Council of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry of Eastern Pennsylvania & Southern New Jersey. Retirement is creeping up as I am cutting back to 80 percent time this year.” (Curious as to how much a Ferrari yacht costs, I Googled Paul. He is professor of psychiatry at Drexel University College of Medicine, where my daughter just finished her second year. I’ll hook them up to discuss psychiatry as a career option.)

David Stamm: “Filler is all this is. I am secretary of the Lake Valrco HOA. Also, I am the chair of the North Branch YMCA advisory board. Finally, I am the ‘rose curator’ at the University of South Florida Botanical Gardens. But mostly, I’m enjoying every moment of retirement in sunny Tampa Bay.”

Bob D’Agostino: “Here’s a sketch of life since Trinity. Med school at UConn, married my wife, Pam (my roommate John Gottsch’s sister’s roommate in college), and finished family medicine residency in Indianapolis. Set up solo practice in Canton, Massachusetts, outside of Boston and still practicing after 39 years. After having colitis and total colectomy in 1983 was blessed with four kids. Had small bowel cancer 2013 with two big surgeries, chemo, and radiation. Getting along with an ostomy (porta-potty) and playing soccer for an over-65 team. Two summers ago went to Italy for two weeks with the family. Had a great time. Married off oldest daughter Juli in July 2017, married off next daughter Lexie in June 2018, leaves Joe and Dara yet to go. Wife retiring from teaching and perhaps myself in the near future. Maybe some grandkids to come.”

And finally from two of our most luminous— and all around nice guy—celebrities:

John Moses: “The Outerspace Band is approaching its 50th reunion. November 3, 1968, was our first appearance at the old Cave Café. On the playlist that night that: ‘Special Care,’ Buffalo Springfield; ‘Five to One,’ The Doors; and ‘I Got a Line on You,’ Spirit, which was played last spring at our 45th Reunion outside Mather Hall. Fellow Class of ’72ers John Koehler, David Robinson, Compton Maddux, Arthur Adams, and Eric Weiss all help the band stay relevant, mostly touring Maine and Northwest Connecticut. Check out the recent livestream of the band performing with Cyril Neville: www.facebook.com/TheOuterspaceBand. Also our website: wwwouterspaceband.com. See you at the Trinity 50th!”

Stephen Gyllenhaal: “Hello. It’s been a while since I’ve contributed, but I have a moment because my 3½-year-old little boy (yes, I started a second family) is sleeping in the back. We were supposed to go fly a kite in the park in Los Angeles, but we were at Disneyland yesterday and now he’s resting up. Life is slightly incomprehensible. Of course, my grown kids are doing just fine. I also have two granddaughters. One of them is 11 and is becoming an astonishing dancer. She’s been studying at ABT in New York. And I’ve been drifting into a new career. I’ve set up an institute, called the Institute for Identity Development. So, I’ve changed from making narrative, Hollywood movies, to trying to bring some sanity to the world. Check out my website if you’d like. I continue to work in film, though, moving into documentaries. My second marriage is great. My life continues with my website if you’d like. I continue to work in film, though, moving into documentaries. My second marriage is great. My life continues with...”

“—Mark Twain

“...my nonprofit is at www.institute-foridentitydevelopment.com.”

Thanks for all the contributions, folks. Hope you had a great summer. Jack Nelson

Our 45th Reunion was well attended, and we thank the following for returning to Trinity:


Congratulations to Joyce Krinkitsky, who received the Alumni Medal for Excellence at this year’s Reunion. This medal is awarded annually to alumni who have made significant contributions to their professions, to their communities, and to Trinity College.

With a very successful 45th Reunion, we all need to make every effort to attend our next major milestone, our 50th Reunion!

“When we think of friends, and call their faces out of the shadows, and their voices out of the echoes that faint along the corridors of memory, and do it without knowing why save that we love to do it, we content ourselves that that friendship is a Reality, and not a Fancy—that it is built upon a rock, and not upon the sands that dissolve away with the ebbing tides and carry their monuments with them.”—Mark Twain

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In my email blast, I asked how we baby boomers are disrupting aging, and, as expected, I received some interesting replies. I heard from Lois Kimmelman, who wrote that “after almost 30 years in environmental management in Chicago,” she is “running a website, Historecycle (www.historecycle.com), which publicizes and promotes old and historic buildings that have been renovated in a ‘green way.’ Everyone is invited to check it out!”

Sam Gidding replied that he is “retiring” as pediatric cardiology division head at DuPont Hospital for Children on July 1 and moving to Plymouth, Vermont.” He commented further: “My career has spanned much technologic innovation, clinical cardiology, and a successful academic career in preventive cardiology. I will primarily have two postretirement activities, being medical director of the Familial Hypercholesterolemia Foundation and doing what my wife tells me to do.” No wonder he used quotations around “retiring!”
“David ’73 and I don’t typically have noteworthy news to share, and I would say this pattern continues,” wrote Candace “Candy” Hackett Shively. “We are both retired and recently moved from Pennsylvania to the Atlanta suburbs, only three miles from our son and his family. Our daughter and her family are in the metro D.C. area (Chevy Chase, Maryland). Each has two kids whom we enjoy very much! We can easily travel to D.C. by hopping on one of many flights a day from Atlanta. (Having a son who is an airline pilot has its perks.)”

She continued, “David spent much of his career as a self-employed consultant/communications person and finished off with a dozen years or so working for an ed-tech nonprofit. I taught for 27 years, most of it teaching gifted and concluding with six years teaching my peers how to use technology well in the classroom. I then spent my final 10 years or so working for the same nonprofit as David. I was doing free professional development for teachers all over the U.S. (and some other countries). As education changed into a world of data-testing-data-testing-data, I was glad to inject some liberal arts thinking and problem solving.”

And in keeping with the “disrupting aging” theme of this column, she added, “In retirement, I am finally spending as much creative time as I’d like working on art quilts (aka fiber art). I am thrilled to have a piece traveling the U.S. as part of the Threads of Resistance exhibit (threadsofresistance.org/home.html). No matter what your politics, I think any Trinity grad would agree with the message of my piece Learn to Question—Learn to Lead.”

Lise Gescheidt observed, “I am disrupting aging by becoming a full-time caretaker of three acres in the woods. With my two German shepherds, we dig holes, and I generally put vegetables and flowers in the ones I dig. I am thinking about taking the Master Gardener Program at the University of Rhode Island. I have learned to operate and repair lawn mowers and tractors and to patch leaking pipes in my house. I build woodsheds and fences and haul big rocks from the beach to build raised beds and gabions to keep the rabbits and woodchucks out of my garden. I am the strongest and healthiest I have ever been. I am hoping to play better golf, but as it is, I am cheating a lot less. It is challenging to learn a new skill set when entering a new age. I still cross-examine nonexistent people in my sleep and dream about my deceased husband. Life is good on the farm.” Indeed, it sounds like it is. Way to go, Lise!

And this news arrived from another healthy classmate, Greg Barison. He wrote, “My rookie season in the sport of open-water swimming came to an exhilarating close on November 11, when I finished the one-mile Coney Island Brighton Beach Open Water Swimmers’ Veterans Day swim to raise funds for the Wounded Warrior Project. I am looking forward to next summer, when I will have a full slate of lake and ocean swims throughout New England and in my home state of New Jersey.”

At the time he wrote, he was in training for an Alcatraz to San Francisco swim set for June 9 and a Statue of Liberty swim set for July 14. Wow!

Jim Finkelstein hasn’t retired yet. He wrote that he “is still continuing to grow his business, FutureSense, a people strategy consulting firm.” He formed a joint venture with The Innovation Institute in November 2015 and added an executive search firm (2016) and an executive coaching firm (2017) as partner companies. Living in San Rafael, California, with his wife of 34 years, Lynn, Jim also is on the San Francisco Bay Area Board of Street Soccer USA, a social service organization whose mission it is to fight poverty and empower underserved communities. He continues to be a soccer referee for local high school and premier-level youth games and serves as an adjunct faculty member teaching a class on leading change in the Executive M.B.A. Program at Sonoma State University. Jim’s son Brett, 27, lives in Denver, recently got engaged, and works for FutureSense as a consultant. His other son, Matt, 33, is an organic, sustainable, and regenerative farm manager in Malibu and is living in Los Angeles.

As Class of ’74 friends Gail Buxton, Mark Miller, Jim Gayley, and Alan Sibert know, Ty Geltmaker has for decades been happily linked to his guy, James Rosen, since 1980, both back and forth from New York City, Italy, Nyack, and Los Angeles, involved in LGBT/AIDS issues on the ground and in print, always still hooked into Italian politics and culture, and writing history of suicide in Italy, lots of poetry, some fiction, all for posterity (ferragostoblog.wordpress.com).

In keeping with the new trend in our class to report websites to visit, let me suggest sixties.unc.edu, where the series of Grateful Dead–related events I will be overseeing next year on behalf of my university will be listed. Of relevance here, one of the events will be a photo exhibit, Images of the Grateful Dead and Deadheads, including the work of Lloyd Wolf, who was on the bus with my students and me during the summer of 1989 when we went on tour with the Dead. Selected photos from that summer are available on Lloyd’s website (lloydwolf.com) by clicking on “Documentaries” and then “Acid Reign.”

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Hello! I hope everyone is well and had a great summer. Look who’s here!

Jack Santos checked in with a wonderful story! “This from the you never know when the ‘Trin Coll Sig’ connections will pop up. I was at an over-the-top wedding of a world-class beach soccer player to my cousin in the Portuguese resort town of Nazare. Those who know Nazare may know it because of its surfing reputation of ‘the world’s biggest waves.’ Across the reception hall was an older person (aren’t we all?) nervously eyeing me. The father of the bride comes over and says ‘a gentleman across the room wants to know if you were ever involved in a college radio station in Hartford, Connecticut.’ Lo and behold, that old man was Adolfo Carlino. He was one of the weekend Portuguese announcers at WRTC. He returned to Portugal many years ago. He recognized me as the guy who helped broker a deal between the Thought Power Crew and other community people who wanted access to the college airwaves. He recognized me from 40 years ago! By the way,
both Thought Power Crew and the Portuguese show Amplitude are still going strong. I check every time I’m in Hartford. The only other show with that longevity is Bob Parsych’s Christmas show.” You can’t make this stuff up, Jack! Thanks for writing.

And lovely to hear from Laurie Blair Ernst!

“I have two grown children, David, 34, and Rebecca, 29, and a grandson named William, who is 19 months old. He is the light of our lives and fortunately lives only 20 minutes away from our home in Saco, Maine. I have been married for 36 years and worked in the field of independent school college counseling for most of my professional life. I love working with students so am still doing some independent college advising and a bit of calligraphy, another lifelong avocation. I have been extremely fortunate to have had healthy children, a meaningful career, and wonderful friends and colleagues. I am so grateful for my education at Trinity and Smith (Ed.M.) and that my children were able to pursue their love of music at Northwestern and St. Lawrence. Hope all of our classmates are well and thriving.” Laurie, thanks for taking time to write! It seems like yesterday.

From the Alumni Office: R. Clement Darling III, M.D., was elected chair of the Society for Vascular Surgery Foundation at the 2018 Vascular Annual Meeting in June. He had served as president of the society for the past year.
is an anesthesiology resident in Ann Arbor, and daughter Morgan works in data analytics in Washington, D.C. My band, the Patio Heroes, and daughter Morgan works in data analytics in Washington, D.C. My band, the Patio Heroes, is well. Best regards, Ross”

from the Alumni Office: Ross Newland reports, “I am really excited to announce the publication of my book Tales of the Camino: One Pilgrim’s Journey to Santiago de Compostela. Walking the ancient pilgrimage route was one of the highlights of my life, and having my daughter accompany me for the last half made it even better. I collected some of the stories I heard along the way and attempted to present them in this slim volume. Although walking 500 miles carrying my pack was not easy, the fellowship and introspection I gained along the way mean that I will surely return to the Camino to do it again. The book is available on Amazon. I hope you read the book and invite you to review it as well. Best regards, Ross”

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Movement seems to be the theme among our classmates recently. And toss in some change to boot. Jim Cropsey has been caught up in this and has news to report: David Duncan and Susie Saltonstall have put their beautiful waterfront home on Long Island Sound in Connecticut on the market. They are officially empty nesters and plan a move to Brunswick, Maine. David has been busy with his architectural design business and teaching at dear old Trinity hoping to edify—pun intended—another generation of alums. Could it be possible a position will open up at Bowdoin?

Meanwhile, Fred Buffum and family report a European trip with a long stop in Austria, no doubt partaking of a few draughts in some rathskeller or other.

Jim also was on the move. He went to China recently with a delegation of the Chamber of Commerce from New England. The trip started in Beijing, then hopped a flight to Xi’an, and ended up in Shanghai. Besides the obligatory factory tours, Jim got a chance to climb a portion of the Great Wall, see the Terracotta Warriors, walk the gardens around the oldest Buddhist monastery in China, and ride the ferry at night through the impressively lit Shanghai waterfront district. One of the most interesting observations was just how many Chinese now speak English besides the three main languages of China! The Chinese start with their own languages and their written language. The first foreign tongue learned is English. The schools allow no other choice until after English is learned.

Lisa Gillette wrote to say: “I don’t have anything earth-shattering to report, but new things are, in fact, afoot.” Actually, Lisa has been extremely busy. “After 14 years in Jackson Hole, I have decided to rent my home and go back east for a year, living on the Delaware shore. I work remotely for an organization based in Washington, D.C., so this change will allow me to visit the main office more frequently. What I’m looking forward to: waking up to the cacophony of seagulls, ducks, and geese in the wetlands; telling jokes and cracking each other up; sunrise walks on the beach; shorter winters; far cheaper airfare for getting out of town; and visiting East Coast friends whom I haven’t yet convinced to come see me in Jackson. What I’m not looking forward to: trying to drive down Route 1 to Rehoboth in the summertime. On my way cross-country, I stopped off to see Sarah Alderks Brown and Michael ‘Pa’ Brown ’75 in Shawnee, Kansas. I get there and Sarah opens the door with a lovely chilled glass of Chardonnay in her hand, which she promptly plants in mine, and Pa is on the back deck with steaks on the grill ... the perfect end to a 10-hour drive. Both of them are doing great; both have their own companies: Sarah is a kick-ass attorney; the Kansas Bar Association presented her with the Courageous Attorney Award last year for ‘displaying exceptional courage in the face of adversity.’ And Pa has been running his own computer-repair company for the past 20 years, which demonstrates his inordinate kindness and patience, since we all know that 90 percent of computer ‘repair’ is probably user ignorance. I fully intend to have more classmate sightings as the year progresses.”

George Brickley reports that he and wife Cindy Higgins Brickley ’80 “traveled to the Tufts campus (10-minute drive) to watch the Bantams women’s lacrosse team take on the Jumbos in a NESAC quarterfinal playoff game. Trinity upset the higher-seeded Tufts squad 12–10 in a thriller to advance. After the lacrosse contest, we wandered over to the softball diamond, where the Trinity women were taking on Tufts in a doubleheader. It was a beautiful late April afternoon, and we got our fill of exciting Bantam sports competition.”

Meanwhile, as soon as Jim returned to New Hampshire from China, he headed south to the campus to celebrate Pi Kappa Alpha’s 150th anniversary. Jim joined 19 other alumni brothers to gather at the house at 94 Vernon Street. Jim met up with Ken Crowe and Robert Herbst ’80.

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From the Alumni Office: David Bazar has been elected 2018–19 president-elect of the Rhode Island Bar Association.

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Andrea Balas Weaver writes: “I am still working part time at the same pediatric practice in Vienna, Virginia; every time I try to decrease my workload, we just get busier. Our daughter is a rising third-year student at UVA.”

Jeanne Kiltonic Rawdin is about to become an empty nester! Her youngest, Quinn, just graduated from La Jolla High School and is heading off to San Diego State. Her oldest, Hannah, is
attending Berkeley Law, and her middle son, Mark, graduated a year early from San Diego State and will be attending law school; now studying for the LSAT! Jeanne is a freelance writer, video producer, and media coach living in La Jolla, California.

Stephen Brown traveled to Moscow and St. Petersburg in May and experienced the rich history of the Russian people. “While it is hard to believe the concept of fake news, we are seeing a very distorted view of this country. Our media focuses on the radical and fringe elements. Needless to say, the beluga caviar and vodka were worth the trip. And lastly, I did see Danny Meyer’s (Class of 1980) Shake Shack on the trendy Arbat Street in Moscow very close to McDonalds.”

Jim D’Angelo was home from Japan for about three weeks this past March to help care for his elderly mom in New Haven but was able to find time to catch up with Joe Reineman ’82 for a great eggs Benedict and bloody mary brunch in the Brookline, Massachusetts, area. Jim misses ’83 friends such as Tim Clarke ’83, John Swain ’83, Al Strickler ’83, and David Guild ’83. We were part of a great group that spanned class years, throwing “the DA’s football” around the grass and parking area between 111 Crescent and 194 New Britain dors and causing general havoc.

Sue Walsh Ober’s two oldest have graduated from schools in the Boston area, which means she doesn’t have the excuse to be up there to visit Kay Wyrtezen McManus (but will invent one soon). Sue still gets together with Nancy Lucas in New York City for museums and concerts and will see Cracker in July and Nick Cave in September.

Ed Theurkauf: “I have my own landscape architecture and planning practice curiously named Theurkauf Design and Planning. We started in 2011 and specialize in services to local government, including development plan reviews, municipal ordinances and plans, parks and trail design, and expert witness testimony. It is deeply satisfying work, and I look forward to it (almost) every day. My wife, Eva, 11-year-old daughter Anika, and I are building a house on the family farm using sustainable practices, including solar photovoltaics and ground source heat pumps. Should be a great place to live and work. Dave Conwell ’82 came to visit last week! We ate Thai food, drank beer, and reminisced. Cool, cool, cool.”

Cornelia Atchley writes: “I am teaching fine arts and painting full time. I have a home studio where I teach and paint in Alexandria, Virginia, and every Thursday, I am a visiting artist at the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. I just finished a self-portrait that I will display here, and I plan to have a very large art show in mid-July. My email is hand2eye@hotmail.com.”

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Thank you so much to all who sent along updates. More are coming in each day, and I will do my best to include each and every bit of news.

Several of you have shared news of returning to school. Jennifer Prost is pursuing her master’s in social work at Columbia University. She continues to do book publicity part time while studying and is willing to help any of us who need a book publicist.

Reunion Weekend at Trinity just passed as some of our classmates enjoyed reunions of their own. Tom Mathews shared a picture of Joe Upton, Tom Savage, and him at a University of Michigan football game. Check it out on our class Facebook page. Tom is enjoying empty-nester status as he transitions to semireirement. Rima Sirota shared news of her and Libby Powell gathering at Gina Bonsignore’s house in St. Paul. They were heading to a cabin on the St. Croix River for a long weekend. Rima calls Chevy Chase, Maryland, home and works as a law professor at Georgetown. With her two daughters launched in their careers, the life of empty nest is agreeing with her.

Also heard from Anthony Fischetti, who is celebrating his 18th year teaching U.S. history and coaching golf and basketball at the Brunswick School in Greenwich. He is serving as the head of the middle school History Department and the eighth-grade class dean. But in his mind, the “real story” is that his buddy, Mike Sinsheimer, just got his third hole in one in the past three months! Interesting how this is coinciding with Trinity men’s golf winning the national title.

Near and far, our classmates are on new journeys of discovery. Jennifer Zaccara wrote from Hong Kong as she wrapped up a whirlwind tour of the Far East in her new role as head of school at Vermont Academy. She invited anyone heading north to ski to visit her in Saxtons River.

Another common thread is the wave of our next generation moving on, whether graduating from high school or college or settling into first jobs. As the parent of a rising senior at Trinity, I know these transitions are just around the corner. But it gives me comfort to hear so many making their way with ease. Jennifer’s boys are studying international conflict resolution and marine science and technology respectively. And it looks like Dave Garten will be visiting Hartford a little more. His younger son will be matriculating at Trin this fall. Dave and his family (two boys) settled in Portland, Oregon. Dave splits his time looking after a biofuels company (choosesq.com) that converts restaurants’ used cooking oil into biodiesel and teaching M.B.A. candidates at Portland State University. Dave is in touch with Tom Crowell, who is living in Jackson, Wyoming, and Russ Willner in the Bay Area.

As someone who has had success building small businesses—once in interior design and then as a marketing consultant—I am passionate about helping others do the same. These days one of my favorite clients is classmate Margaret Evans Beers, who is on a journey to rebrand and relaunch her premium clothing business with Carlisle. The next chapter promises to be even more exciting. It’s a joy to be able to help light the way.

There’s one more classmate update to include along with a special thank-you. As many of you know, Todd Dages has accomplished a great deal as one of the founders of Spark Capital and more recently Power Launch, an accelerator and innovation lab for promising nonprofits. He has been listed on the prestigious Forbes Midas List of top U.S. venture capitalists several times and has earned Trinity’s Alumni Medal for Excellence. Aside from his career in venture capital, Todd has produced several films (including some that were recognized by the Sundance Film Festival) and taught as an adjunct professor at the MIT Sloan School of Business. He also has been a career adviser at Trinity and served on the Board of Fellows from 2002–04. In 2001, he endowed the Todd A. Dages ’82 Center for Technology in the library on campus, enabling students to use cutting-edge technology for electronic research and communication. And if it weren’t for this last gift to Trinity, my daughter might not have had the technical support she needed to resurrect her computer’s hard drive on the eve of finals. Thanks to your generosity, Todd, her computer survived and so did her GPA. And given how far we’ve all come from our punch-card days in Halden, you are a true credit to our class.

So until next time, please continue to send along any updates you wish to share. We enjoy hearing from you and weaving all of our stories together.

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From the Alumni Office: Scott Nesbitt has been named among the top 100 most influential people in the health care industry by PM360, the premier information resource for marketing decision makers in the pharmaceutical, biotech, and medical device sectors.

Also from the Alumni Office: Peter Miller, CEO of OptiNose, has been announced as a winner of this year’s Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year 2018 award for the Greater Philadelphia region.
What do you do in your work in Washington state? The jurisdiction of King County includes Seattle and major cities including Bellevue, Redmond, and SeaTac and has more than 2 million residents. The county government has about 12,000 employees working on a wide variety of health and human service, environmental, transit, and wastewater functions for the region. I help our government plan, measure, and assess progress toward goals and desired results.

What do you enjoy most about your work? Helping people in organizations think about a desired future and then helping these organizations use data to show that they are making a difference in how they are managing or in people’s lives or the environment.

You recently received a travel fellowship from SEA Semester. What inspired you to seek the fellowship? Going to sea for six weeks as part of an oceanography cruise with SEA Semester was a very powerful experience for me during my junior year [at Trinity], and I stayed in touch with the organization over the years, including doing two alumni sails. The SEA Armin E. Elsaesser Fellowship is designed to help someone pursue a passion that is not related to their career or studies. I had found two fishing boats, called tatalas, made by the Daowu people, a small indigenous tribe from Orchid Island in Taiwan, in Seattle. I wanted to go to Orchid Island to find out more about the boats and the current cultural practices of the Daowu tribe.

What did your fellowship allow you to do? The culture of the Daowu is traditionally based on the annual cycle of catching flying fish, growing and harvesting millet, and building tatalas. I was able to go to Orchid Island for five weeks and observe their current cultural practices related to flying fish and tatalas. This included seeing multiple ceremonies for summoning the flying fish, catching and drying fish, and seeing new tatalas being built and launched by the community. I was honored to be included in many of their activities and to see how traditional practices were being carried forward in the modern context. I also was able to discover the origin of the tatalas that I found in Seattle, specifically Yeyin Village on the east coast. This was determined from their specific carvings and markings and identified by the villagers there. The Burke Museum of Natural History and Culture at the University of Washington will be displaying one of the tatalas to show the importance of boats for subsistence in traditional cultures. The pace of change on Orchid Island is intense, with pressure to move from a subsistence economy into the modern world economy with tourism as a core facet. Many Daowu have to move off the island for educational and employment opportunities, causing social distortions in their community. Their housing has changed from traditional semiunderground structures built to withstand typhoons to concrete, multistory buildings. In addition, Taiwan has placed nuclear waste on the island, which has threatened the Daowu’s fishing, health, and very existence. These more modern aspects of the culture were the topic of much current discussion among the tribe and were relevant to their cultural practices. I also was able to leverage the fellowship to extend my stay to visit other tribes in Taiwan, including the Paiwan, Rukai, Amis, and Atayal. During these visits, I was able to learn about the challenges facing these proud and traditional people and how these cultures are navigating a path as minorities in a modern economy undergoing rapid social change.

How did your experience at Trinity help prepare you for the fellowship? My time at Trinity allowed me to think beyond the narrow band of my major, to embrace the larger questions of society, and to engage with the world.

DEGREES: B.S. in biology and environmental studies; M.M.A. (master’s in marine affairs), M.A.I.S. (master’s in international studies), University of Washington

JOB TITLE: Deputy director for performance and strategy, King County

FAVORITE TRINITY MEMORY: Playing croquet with Trinity President James English on the quad in the spring

Was there a professor who was particularly influential? Professor of Theater and Dance Judy Dworin ’70 was my most influential professor. I am not naturally talented in dance, but Judy encouraged me to tap into my creative self and allowed me to express myself in ways that this typically left-brained person was not used to doing. After graduation, she also encouraged me to go to Taiwan to study Chinese.

What was the most memorable course you took at Trinity? I took a class in African American literature with James Miller that forced me to reflect on our country’s legacy of slavery and required that I consider the world from different points of view.
Thanks to everyone here who responded to my code blue (and white) emergency plea. 

Michele Rosner Saunders: “We just happily celebrated our son Brendan’s graduation from Georgetown University. He is going to be starting his job in a couple of weeks at an economic consulting firm in New York. Our daughter, Ali, just completed her freshman year at UCLA and is loving California life. Can’t say I blame her one bit. I am excited to begin a professional certification program in life coaching, and my husband, Billy, is in his 17th year at AON in New York City. All is well, and I hope the same for all of you.”

Dale Sindell: “This month, the planets aligned to bring senior suitemates together in Los Angeles! Amy Snyder Forman (Massachusetts) was there for her son Josh’s graduation; Michele Rosner Saunders (New Jersey) was helping her freshman daughter, Allie, pack up from UCLA; and Dale Sindell (Spain) was getting her new cochlear implant programmed. Hosted by Linda Kapnek Brown, we celebrated an awesome (although too short) mini-reunion! Like many in our class, we are officially empty nesters. Our youngest son, James, will be attending Tufts as a freshman, Isabel will be a senior at Brown, and Danny will be finishing his M.F.A. in New York City in playwriting. That leaves us free to host here in Madrid! And travel! Starting with Japan in August and back to Boston and L.A. in the fall. Hoping to hear from fellow classmates!”

Lorraine Saunders White: “My boys, Will and Henry, graduated from eighth grade in June. Will is moving on to Pelham High School, and Henry is heading off to Berkshire School as a boarder! My daughter, Maddie, has one more year of high school and is looking to play lacrosse in college at a D3 school; stay tuned for the next update as to where she ends up! As for Hank and me, we keep working so we can pay for all of this!”

Blythe Bachmann Everett: “Just completed 28 years at The Marvelwood School in northwestern Connecticut and recently was named interim head of school. I also will continue as senior academic dean during my interim tenure, so my plate is feeling pretty full these days!”

Amy Snyder Forman: “I do have a graduation to report. My oldest, Joshua, just received his master of fine arts degree in screenwriting from UCLA.”

Peter Stinson: “Greetings from San Diego. No, I haven’t moved to the West Coast, I’m here for work. In February, I started a new job with the Department of Defense Education Activity in Alexandria, Virginia. I have left the comfort of the Coast Guard, where I had served as a civilian employee for the last 21 years, most recently as an organizational development consultant with the Fifth Coast Guard District in Portsmouth, Virginia. It was a great run with the country’s smallest military service (the Coast Guard is that small nucleus around which the Navy forms in time of war). I’m serving as the organizational development and design specialist with DoDEA. DoDEA runs the schools for military dependent children around the world; quite a different culture and mission from the Coast Guard. My youngest child turns 10 next month; I’ll be working well past retirement age.”

James Streeto: “I’m a public defender, and we have a Pavlovian reaction to desperate cries for help. My wife and I just got back from a three-week trip to India.”

Alison Limpitlaw Light: “Just got back from a trip of a lifetime going on a safari in Tanzania. We saw lions, cheetahs (including one that jumped on the top of our open safari vehicle), hippos, zebras, and a ton of elephants. I’ve finally found my way back to academia, working for Suffolk University in Boston in human resources. I love being back in higher learning, and it is very interesting seeing it ‘from the other side.’ I have three children, two out of college and the final one going into his junior year at Brown University. Our oldest is living and working in the San Francisco area, and our middle is living and working in Portland, Oregon, so we are really grateful to have our youngest nearby. I am fortunate to get to see our class secretary a few times a year, most notably when we get together with Cathy Harvey MacDonald, Laura Ledbetter Baird, Cathy Marona Shrestha, and Susan Manlove Partridge, who comes all the way from Russia to a mostly yearly reunion. We got started on this thanks to Janice Anderson, who sadly died much too soon but not before getting us all together a few times. We all miss her!”

Marc Selverstone: “I had a chance to chip in on the Ken Burns-Lynn Novick documentary on Vietnam, serving as a historical consultant on the film ('Presidential Audio Consultant,' I think, is how I was listed in the credits). I helped them identify materials from the secret Kennedy, Johnson, and Nixon White House tapes that appeared and also provided research and outreach assistance in the months before and after the film premiered in September 2017. Pretty neat.”

Nina Porter Winfield: “My family and I still live in Wilmington, Delaware. Lea Sprancke Beard also lives here, and we occasionally go walking. Our oldest daughter will be a senior at Sewanee: The University of the South in Tennessee. Our younger daughter will be in the 11th grade at Friends School, where I coach middle school girls’ lacrosse. Over the years, we have enjoyed summer vacations on Bald Head Island, North Carolina, which does not allow cars—just bikes and golf carts. Kylie, younger daughter of my sister Sophie Porter Rohrer '87, recently graduated from Kent School, where our Trinity classmate Eric Houston teaches AP biology and is the head coach for boys’ crew. Apparently, he is very popular among the students and has built an impressive crew program, which has experienced success both nationally and internationally. Well done, Eric!”
cross-court drills. And Ann and Erica perfected lake walking; watch for it in the next Olympics. Jeannine, alias DJ, secured her rock-star reputation in Utah last year, but remarkably, she kicked it up a notch. Her playlist is astounding in its depth. We were the envy of all around when we began with our showstopping dance rendition of ‘YMCA,’ only to top it with sentimental favorite ‘Thunder Road.’ Bruce would have been proud (available on YouTube soon, Facebook now).

Another highlight was a field trip across the yard to the in-laws’ house, where we had amazing animal encounters—a fox, coyote, grizzly bear, numerous birds, and a moose head. Equally amazing and a mere 10 minutes later (thankfully safe back inside the house), we spotted a fox, chipmunk, and raccoon outside, on the driveway no less. As a confirmed city person, I prefer my nature stuffed. At our female summit, we did allow for a male mascot, Roger, a pink flamingo. He provided hours of dancing entertainment and floating stability. A special thanks to historian and observer Laura, who kept her brain cells intact and has confirmed all facts. T-5 will reconvene soon in hopes of continuing our mission of spreading joy and love to all.

Kudos for going for the gusto and a big shout-out to Erica and Andy on their grandchild, a new chapter in the lives of many of us! Speaking of going for the gusto, Rex Dyer crashed on his road bike early last June and had to endure a hip reconstruction the following day. “Lots of new hardware, not a new hip, but long recovery ahead. Summer pretty much shot. African safari postponed a year. Really sucks,” Rex lamented. He asked me to make sure I explained that he was training for a century ride in Narragansett, Rhode Island, with Angelo Lopresti, who has completed it in each of the last two years. Angelo was gearing up to ride in September, without Rex as his wingman. Rex also noted that the doctor said that “tremendous energy” is required to break the largest bone in the body of an active, fit 54-year-old. “Then I realized he was talking about me,” added Rex. “Spent 55th birthday in a wheelchair. Perfect.”

I am not sure who “Bob Conway” and “Rob Pruitt” are. They were mentioned in the last Reporter. I will say Bob looks a lot like our classmate Ron Pruett and their daughter, who is entering her senior year at Providence College. Brian lives on Plum Island (small island off Newburyport, Massachusetts) with his wife and two younger children. He is vice president of commercial operations for Instrumentation Laboratory, in charge of sales, service, and marketing.

Bryant Zanko writes that he often sees classmate Erika LaCerda and alum Melissa Janes ’88 in the Grand Rapids, Michigan, area, where they all live. Erika is a business development leader for Warner Norcross and is always looking for a squash match. Melissa’s niece, Meaghan Race ’18, graduated from Trinity this spring with a degree in neuroscience. Meaghan was a two-year captain of Trinity softball and planned to return to Trinity in the fall as a graduate assistant.

Dan Tighe reports that he ran into Erick Kuchar at Union College’s graduation this spring as Erick’s son and Dan’s niece were both graduating. Both Dan and Erick work in Boston; Dan is a partner in the Boston law firm Prince Lobel, and Erick is chief operating officer, institutional services for Loomis Sayles. According to Dan, Erick looks to be in even better shape than when he led his Methuen High football team past Dan’s Lowell High squad for the league championship back in ’82.

From the Alumni Office: Michele Amendola represented Trinity College at the inauguration of Marc Camille, the 14th president of Albertus Magnus College in New Haven, Connecticut.

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From the Alumni Office: Doug Klinger, CEO of Zelis Healthcare, has been announced as a winner of this year’s Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year 2018 award for the New Jersey region.

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It was good to see former Trinity roommates Rod Boggs and Charlie McGann recently in Boston. Rod has been living in Tampa for the last 15 years with wife Laurie and their two kids, the youngest of whom just graduated from Auburn University and is planning to attend vet school. Rod is a corporate vice president of underwritings operations for New York Life. Surprisingly, Rod said he does not miss the New England winters. Ditto for Charlie, who has been living in Northern California for quite some time with wife Barbry and their two children; the older child just finished his freshman year at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. Charlie is a senior vice president at City National Bank, working in its real estate division.

Several ’87 members of the hockey team—Peter Worthing, Frank Newark, Michael Doyle, AndyFiller, and Dan Ward—recently attended the wedding of fellow hockey player Robert Loeber ’88, along with many ’88ers, including Dean Andrews ’88, Wally Wrobel ’88, David Provost ’88, Michael Anderson ’88, Bill Kenney ’88, Bryant McBride ’88, Dave Murray ’88, and Joe Cataldo ’88. Worthing traveled from Fort Worth, Texas, where he lives with wife Mona and their daughter. Pete and Mona work at Texas Christian University, Pete as professor of history and associate dean for the College of Liberal Arts and Mona as associate professor of English. Pete was staying in Boston for a few weeks for a college administrative conference and then heading to India with his family for a month. Ah, life as a professor with summers off!

Brian Durkin recently was spotted in a Cape Cod bar celebrating his oldest son’s graduation from Holy Cross, along with his
work as vice president, human resources for the Minerals Americas region of BHP, the Australian mining company. Jen Blum and husband Paul came through for a few days of feasting and grilled meat, pisco sours, and plenty of wine. We hope more Trinity friends can make the visit!” Lisa was thrilled to reconnect with lifelong friends at Reunion, as was Jen Blum, who remarked, “It was great! Those who came back were fabulous, and I love jumping back into friendships and social life as if it were 1988. Missed those who didn’t make it, and I look forward to 2023 and football seasons in between!”

Holly Davoren had wonderful news that her son, Thomas, reached the one-year anniversary of his lung transplant this past summer. They were thrilled to celebrate this important milestone in his health. Holly also said, “I’m still reeling with joy and fondness at having caught up with everyone at Reunion. Special thanks to Mark Galley and his roommates for making sure we all remember our fun history together and continue to make more beautiful memories in the future.”

Congratulations to Nick and Maria Pedemonti Clifford, who recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in Italy! With their two boys (ages 12 and 16), they began their trip in Rome, where they first met on the Trinity program in spring 1987. Still living in St. Louis, Nick continues to do intellectual property litigation, while Maria has a small interior design business. “We look forward to returning to campus when visiting East Coast colleges with our older son.”

Lou O’Brien Berl and family completed their third year living at St. Andrew’s School in a fantastic experience and learned more about the great things Trinity is doing to advance our older son.”

Lou O’Brien Berl and family completed their third year living at St. Andrew’s School in Brewster Jordan, Dave Provost, Marcus Mignone, Becky McBride, Scott Butera, Dede DePatie Consoli, Don Freytag, Tara Tracey Taylor, Jen Brewster Jordan, Dave Provost, Margaret Mignone, Margaret Driscoll Stamatis, and me. Having my daughter at Trinity brings me back to campus.

Congratulations to Sean Padget, who was married on July 2, 2017, in Sun Valley, Idaho. He and wife Josie are living in Olympia, Washington. Although he missed his classmates at Reunion, Sean has seen some ’88ers recently. He writes, “Cool to note that our college friend Craig ‘Raz’ Rasmussen and his wife will be coming from Charlotte, North Carolina, to Idaho for the wedding. Corinne Coppola Krill came out to Portland last August, and I drove down to meet her. We had a great time catching up.”

Alexander “Sandy” Thomas writes, “My wife, Brigid, and I live in Alexandria, Virginia, and have two great kids: Liam, 19, a sophomore at Emerson, and Caroline, recently graduated from Georgetown and, thankfully, living in the D.C. area. Brigid happens to be a heck of a fisherman, so we got out together as often as we can. I’ve been at the same law firm for many years, Reed Smith, and since 2013 have served as the global managing partner—busy, fun job.”

Robert Bibow is living in Hong Kong, where he is a partner with Sailing Capital, a private equity fund. Wife Tamarin and children (Rupert, 3, and Wilhelmina, 5) are doing very well. He was pleased to see Trinity holding an event in Hong Kong to attract international students.

Matt Bergeron is approaching 30 years with ExxonMobil and recently moved to Singapore as vice president of the fuels business in Asia Pacific. His two daughters will be attending college in the United States while he and wife Andrea explore Asia as empty nesters. “If any classmates find themselves in Singapore, please drop me a line.”

The Bantam tradition continues with some of us who have children who are students: Bryant McBride, Scott Butera, Dede DePatie Consoli, Becky and Don Freytag, Tara Tracey Taylor, Jen Brewster Jordan, Dave Provost, Mignon, Margaret Driscoll Stamatis, and me. Having my daughter at Trinity brings me back to campus as do meetings for the Board of Fellows, where I serve with fellow classmates Beth Galvin, Peter Schwartzman, David Lloyd, and David Provost.

That wraps up this post. If you’re in the D.C. area, let me know! Would love to catch up in person. Until next time, stay in touch and be well.

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Hello, ’89ers!

Dan “Goldy” Goldberg is taking New York City by storm. He is a founding partner of Holwell Shuster & Goldberg. Dan has been recognized by New York Super Lawyers (2010–16) as being among the top 5 percent of business litigators in New York and has been recognized by Benchmark Litigation as a “litigation star.” We had dinner a few weeks ago, and he says that his two children and wife are doing well. He loves sailing and races a J/70. He still has the same sense of humor he did in college!

Coincidentally, I also have an update from his college roommate, Mike Miller: “Priorities: family team, wife, training, job, friends. What do I think about? How blessed I am. How grateful/thankful for all of those who have helped me and or are a part of my life. How much more I need to learn. What do I avoid? Discussions on politics. Hateful people.”

Gina Letellier lives in Agawam, where she has a law practice. She writes, “The only news here is that we are settled into our new house and are in the process of adopting a little brother for Matthew. Classes taken, home study done, looking for a great match!”

Mike Vanderbilt, Dave Ravera, and Roger Wellington continue to make their annual trek to the Caribbean.

I’m still living on an Angus farm, bottle-feeding babies between sleep and work.

What would you like to share? Send your updates to julielowry@yahoo.com.

Best, Julie

1990

Class Secretary: Beth Clifford, 195 Cleveland Dr., Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520-2412; elizabeth.clifford.1990@trincoll.edu • Class Agent: Peter L. Denious

Hello, classmates! I hope the year has been good to you! These are wonderful times we are in. The college has exceptional leadership and is tackling major challenges head-on. I continue to live with my family in New Canaan, Connecticut, and see a number of Bantams, including Vic Consoli ’87, Scott English, Bob Hopkins ’89, Matt ’95 and Sammy Warner ’95, and Peter and Katie ’91 Denious.”

Courtney Zannelli checked in: “By the time The Reporter comes out, my oldest son will have graduated from Trinity with the Class of 2018. It’s hard to imagine since I remember our graduation clearly and can’t believe his four years have gone by so quickly. I have a son who is a sophomore at Colgate, my next son is a freshman at UVA, and my youngest son is a
sophomore at Choate. My husband and I just moved to New Vernon, New Jersey, where I am a kitchen designer, which keeps me busy since the empty nest is way too quiet. In the beginning of the year, I got together with Katy Wilson Meyer, Elizabeth Foster, Elizabeth Ripley White, and Angie Han Culin to celebrate Alix Ewert Farnell’s 50th birthday, and we had a great time catching up.

Nice to hear from you. Hope to have even more news next time. Keep in touch!

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From the Alumni Office: Rumberger, Kirk & Caldwell is pleased to announce the addition of Lan Kennedy-Davis (Loan Bui Kennedy) as a partner in the firm’s Orlando office.

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From the Alumni Office: UNC Press announced that this fall it will publish Southern Snacks by Perre Coleman Magness.

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Great turnout for our 25th Reunion! The weather was perfect, the campus looked great, and it was wonderful seeing so many folks I haven’t seen in a long time. We missed everyone who could not make it.

Four updates this time. Four! One was from someone who was not at Reunion, and one was a promise to send.

Liza Baumgarten: “So great seeing so many people on campus (which looks amazing!); I see and/or connect with a number of folks on a regular basis, but it was a special treat for me to see John Mullaney, John Scalise, and Mike Wallace, who were practically extended roommates sophomore year in Clemons! In personal news, my husband and I moved back to New York City last October after a two-year stint in Atlanta, and it’s been wonderful returning to our ‘home’ city and seeing Trinity friends on a more regular basis as they pass through. Happy summer.”

Nick Neonakis: “Great seeing everyone at Reunion! Class of ’93 definitely rocked the house at the Cave. Amazing dance moves all around. Since Trinity, I’ve lived in Santorini, Greece; Los Angeles; Cleveland; and now Coral Gables, Florida, with my wife and two sons, ages 11 and 13. I started The Franchise Consulting Company that has grown to one of the biggest groups in our space helping people and organizations create, buy, and sell franchise businesses. Last year, we created a virtual reality platform to help people do virtual tours of franchise businesses and then created a trade show called The Great American Franchise Expo that does eight productions a year. If we’re coming to a city near you, please stop by and say hi. If anyone is down in Miami, please hit me up! Always great to see our Trinity family!”

Nate Kessler: “Won’t let you down! Note to follow by tomorrow.” Crickets.

Peter Knight was not able to attend Reunion, but we often see each other in Los Angeles. A report from one of our recent visits (I don’t remember it going this way, but oh well): “I saw Jim Hazelton at the Los Angeles high school lacrosse championships at Loyola. He wore his pants too low, used crude language, and vaped constantly. Conversation sputtered to a quiet end, and I put my arm around my young children and moved to another spot in the stands.”

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Dearest Class of 1994, it’s me, Cliff Fuller! Good to see you again! As you read these words, remember that there are only eight more months until our 25th Reunion next year! Which means you only have two more issues of The Trinity Reporter between now and June 2019 to tide you over until we all (hopefully) converge upon the elm trees of the Main Quadrangle.

Without further ado, the updates:

It was lovely hearing from Cristina Bonaca, who after 28 cold winters will be somewhere where, in her words, “the AC is constantly running.” Cristina continues: “After living in the Washington, D.C., area since August of 1994, I recently moved to Sarasota, Florida, with my husband. We are still settling in and enjoying all the beautiful nature Florida has to offer but also slightly terrified of the upcoming hurricane season. Not sure if this is a permanent move for us, but we are enjoying a very different lifestyle for now. I am definitely excited for our 25th Reunion and plan to attend!”

Fellow class officer Ashley Altschuler looped in (and recruited?) many classmates with his latest update. Ashley works both in Wilmington, Delaware, and New York City as a corporate litigator and keeps in regular touch with his AD brothers. He says: “I often see in New York City my neighbor, Steve Lari, who is doing well with his wife and son. We are in regular contact with Rob Weber, Sanji Fernando, Carter McNabb, Dan Herbert, Graham Schelter, Joseph Stein, Keil Merrick, Matthew R. Paul, Michael Robinson, Peter Lease, and Chad Wollard.” (Secretary’s note: If you recall from the archives, many of these fellows reunited for an unofficial/official AD reunion meet-up in recent Reporter history.) Ashley adds: “I also see and hear from fellow attorney Peter Friedman, Braxton Jones, Bethany Patten, Katie Peterson, Lindsay Davidson, and Whitney Cranis. We are fired up for the 25th Reunion at Trinity in 2019!” (I hope Ashley’s supersized group name check names we’ll see some of these folks next June!)

A Tale of Two Matts, Part I: It was a great and welcome surprise to hear from Matt Rosenbarg: “I moved up to Portland, Oregon, from San Diego in 2013 and am working as the technology integration specialist for the Portland Jewish Academy. My wife and I have a 9-year-old daughter, Sydney. We love living in the Pacific Northwest and taking advantage of the Columbia River Gorge and Oregon Coast for hiking and day trips.”

A Tale of Two Matts, Part II: Congratulations to Matthew Longcore, who graduated from Yale University in May 2018 with his M.A. in archaeological studies. His master’s thesis, “Dreaming Spires,” focused on the medieval English-inspired Gothic architecture on American campuses built in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, including the Trinity College Long Walk and Chapel. The benefits of a Trinity education, indeed!

Another announcement from academia: Congratulations to Dan Monks, who began graduate school at Fordham University in fall 2018, pursuing a master’s of social work.

I heard again from Seth Gerber, who as you read these words will have competed in the IRONMAN Maryland in September 2018. Check back in February 2019 to find out how he did! As for what he does when he’s not in #beatmode: Seth’s a partner at Morgan, Lewis & Bockius in the firm’s Century City, California, office, with a trial practice that focuses on trade-secret and noncompete disputes.

Andrew Wang is not only a managing partner at Runnymede Capital Management; he also plays a mean Hawaiian guitar in the tri-state area! Andy hosts the Inspired Money podcast, which is almost at the half-century mark and always boasts stellar guests, including Hollywood screenwriter and Wesleyan alum Zak Penn.

As for me: September 2018 marked the three-year anniversary that I’ve been producing, writing, and hosting my party game/game show hybrid Match Game, with two live shows monthly at two locations in Manhattan and private collaborations with WeWork and idk tonight. I’ve also been diving headfirst into
the live storytelling circuit, with appearances this year on Take Two Storytelling and Queer Memoir, working my way up to competing in Moth Slam events soon.

That almost wraps up this edition of the notes. Let’s end this installment with a feel-good, current events story featuring one of our classmates to keep us warm and fuzzy this upcoming winter: Allan Monga is a student at Deering High School in Portland, Maine. Originally from Zambia, in spring 2018 he represented the state of Maine at the annual National Endowment for the Arts-sponsored Poetry Out Loud competition in Washington, D.C. He initially was barred from the event because of his immigration status and took his case to court, where a judge ruled that he could compete. His story made national headlines, including an interview on NPR’s All Things Considered with Ari Shapiro. Who was the ESL teacher at Deering who introduced Monga to poetry, championed his cause, and helped advocate his case to compete in the competition? None other than Molly Campbell Callaghan! I got a firsthand account of this terrific story from Molly while I was visiting Portland on vacation and was thrilled to hear about how her thoughts, actions, and words have the power to change the world—a valuable lesson to learn in these times!

Thanks to everyone who chimed in with updates for this go-round. I’ll see you back here in February 2019 with another 1,000 words. Until next year!

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Hello, 1995,

I’m writing at the beginning of summer, and I hope that when you read this, you’ll have great memories of our 23rd summer since leaving the quad behind.

It took getting caught in a Facebook photo with Katherine Mitchell Ladd and Carolyn Barrett for Lexi James Tawes to finally emerge from her Reporter silence. She writes that she has recently left Banana Republic to be an independent retail and brand consultant. “After owning the collections we made with Olivia Palermo and Kevin Love, I realized I wanted to continue to do more new things than the Gap would want,” she wrote. Some might speculate that she’s ditching the calming hues of Banana Republic for the fan-forward look of the ultimate Golden State Warriors fan that she is. They would not be wrong. She is putting what she terms her “excessive SportsCenter watching and obsession with the Warriors” to good use: she’s co-hosting a sports podcast with ex-NBA player Sean Green on Flex Media in the Bay Area. She and husband Ian also have an 11-year-old, Dylan. No word on her fashion or sports opinions.

Alas, our previous notes were incorrect when they speculated that Victoria Ludwin, Houstonian, might be drilling for oil instead of penning missives to her classmates. She confirmed that she is not, indeed, drilling for oil but biking for multiple sclerosis. “I just completed the MS 150-mile bike ride from Houston to Austin with my 12-year-old son,” she wrote. “It was a thrill. This two-day ride raises money to support research for multiple sclerosis.”

Leah Terranova is still living off the grid in New Zealand, noting that one spouse’s “sabbatical” is another’s “vacation from life.” She writes, “We are having a blast. Lots of traveling around the islands and exploring beautiful places. We’ll be here for another couple of months and then head back to the very, very flat plains of Kansas. It’s going to be a rough transition back into the reality of work and a life lived thousands of miles from any body of saltwater.”

Patty Sarmuk Canny writes that she just finished a year teaching seventh grade math after being home with her four kids: Cam, 11; James, 10; Helen, 8; and Billy, 6. She and her husband “are busy in the best way watching their sporting events, attending school functions, and escaping on occasional family road trips.” She adds, “Since Cam has a neurological disease called tuberous sclerosis complex (and autism), we also have worked hard over the last decade to become experts on how to help him navigate through life.” Patty said she keeps in close touch with Barbara Toolan Constantine and Kate Armstrong ’94, who are doing well. And Patty made a return trip to campus this year where she watched her niece play basketball, alas, for Tufts!

I look forward to hearing from you in the fall!

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Christina Tsoules Soriano was appointed the associate provost for arts and interdisciplinary initiatives at Wake Forest University, where she also directs the dance program.

Kelly Carnwath reports, “I am in my seventh year of living in Seattle. I spend most of my free time out in the garden, hiking over mountains, or visiting nieces in Montana. I work as a consultant at Slalom on health care, nonprofit, and public sector engagements. I help lead part of our company’s social responsibility program, which is committed to helping make Seattle an amazing place to live and work. So grateful for mentors at Trinity who emphasized the importance of community service and stewardship.”

Jeff Cross writes, “My sitcom pilot Fugitive Cougar won the Bronze Prize for original TV pilot in the 2018 American Movie Awards screenwriting contest. This is the third honor for it in general and third finalist honor for it in particular.”

Jessica Hughes and Michael Karnes were married on April 7, 2018, in New Haven, Connecticut. They reside in Nashville, Tennessee.

Jennifer Joseph and Michael Berger were married at beautiful Gedney Farm in New Marlborough, Massachusetts, in the Berkshires on July 29, 2017. The day was sunny and breezy, and everyone had a great time!
Yndia S. Lorick-Wilmot ’99

What do you enjoy most about teaching? I enjoy helping my students gain awareness of and appreciation for the everyday impacts U.S. race, class, gender, and immigration policies have on local communities and how they can be a part of the solutions that improve social conditions for all. I make sociology come alive for my students by encouraging them to develop the capacity to use what C. Wright Mills calls their “sociological imagination” when making the distinctive link between private ordeals and public policies.

What does your research involve? My work as a sociologist and social research consultant is interdisciplinary and highlights local and national policy debates on race, education, immigration, housing, health and human services, and criminal justice. Often I am engaged in projects that involve working closely with executive directors, policy analysts, social entrepreneurs, and community advocates and their efforts to remediate social inequality in urban areas. My work as an author extends my social research but in a more personal way. My books, Stories of Identity among Black, Middle Class, Second Generation Caribbeans: We, Too, Sing America (2017) and Creating Black Caribbean Ethnic Identity (2010) use ethnography and narratives as a platform intended to empower marginalized and historically disenfranchised communities to tell their own stories about their experiences challenging structures of oppression while traversing public and private spaces.

Why do you think your work is particularly important in today’s world? I view my teaching and scholarship as a form of social activism, where the research itself can guide social action. My work also edifies the voices and perspectives that are often rendered invisible from public conversations about inequality. I have found both teaching and scholarship build public awareness of injustices that exist across communities to bring us all closer to dismantling the systems that serve to privilege some at the expense of subjugating others.

How did your experience at Trinity help prepare you for all you do now? While many experiences at Trinity helped me to learn academically and grow personally, there are two in particular that influenced me to become the scholar-activist I am today. First, my internship at Saint Francis Hospital’s Center for Sexually and Physically Abused Children in Hartford sparked my “sociological imagination” and gave me my first insight into the ways sociologists can effectively marry social research and social justice to directly impact and enhance the life chances of others. Second, I conducted research for my honor’s thesis during a summer-abroad research project, co-sponsored by Brandeis University and Trinity College’s Sociology Department. With the support and guidance of Professors Stephen Valocchi and Johnny E. Williams, I applied for and was awarded a $10,000 research and travel grant from Trinity’s President’s Office to travel to Grenada, West Indies, to conduct research on the impacts race, gender, and immigration have on Caribbean child-rearing practices. The experience confirmed for me that I enjoyed conducting social research and working with communities and that being a scholar-activist is one of the many important ways I can contribute to the positive social change I want to see in the world.

What was the most memorable course you took at Trinity? Professor Valocchi’s sociology of social movements course encouraged me to consider how and why social change happens and what impact social movements and social policy may have. The relevance of his course proved useful to me years later when I was a research assistant at the (former) Radcliffe Public Policy Center at Harvard University working on a project related to workforce development policies and their impact on women and families.

“Being a scholar-activist is one of the many important ways I can contribute to the positive social change I want to see in the world.”

---YNDIA S. LORICK-WILMOT ’99

DEGREES: B.A. in sociology; graduate certificate in women’s studies, the Graduate Consortium in Women’s Studies at Radcliffe College, Harvard University; Ph.D. in sociology, specializing in race, American immigration, social inequality, and social policy, Northeastern University

JOB TITLES: Sociologist and social research consultant; author; senior lecturer, Northeastern University College of Professional Studies

FAVORITE TRINITY MEMORY: Being an active member of several student organizations, including Imani (formerly Pan-African Alliance) and TCBWO, as well as a DJ for WRTC. Through these student organizations, I was fortunate to meet influential scholar-activists, such as Angela Y. Davis, close friends, and my husband, Damian Wilmot ’97, with whom I have two children.
Casey Tischer and wife Ashley moved from Boston to Richmond, Virginia, in the fall of 2017 to raise their two children (Kingsley, 4, and Scottie 2½), as Ashley is from Richmond. Casey still operates his company (Freehold Capital Management) from Boston and is commuting a few days a week.

Congratulations are due to Sarah Amick and Rich Strayer, who were married on December 7, 2017, in Washington, D.C. They celebrated surrounded by fellow Bantams Laura Cohen Escobar ’02, Anna Bookwalter Hildreth, Jenni Montiel Featherstone, Kerry Hartz Weir, Steph Ng Grein, and Mary Jacobs Toner ’02.

Shrim Bathey still loves living in the Bay Area and this past January welcomed her second child, Navi Harold Levine. Shrim left her long-time job at Mills College as director of graduate admissions and is working for herself as a consultant and independent project manager. She supports educational institutions and nonprofits on various projects; if you work in education and need some support, contact her on LinkedIn!

Which leads us to Shana Grannan Russell. She and her family are enjoying life in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. She has one more year as head of college counseling at Dubai American Academy, and then it’s time for the Russell family to return to the United States for another wondrous adventure! If anyone has a lead for a U.S. boarding school job, she is all ears.
What is Granny’s Pie Factory, and what are your main responsibilities there?
Granny’s Pie Factory is a wholesale bakery that manufactures more than 50 varieties of fruit and cream pies. My main responsibilities are running day-to-day operations and finances as well as doing business planning and completing the associated long-term projects. We have approximately 10 employees divided between our production and office staff. We also have a few part-time salespeople who do farmers’ markets for us.

Who is Granny, and why is the company named for her? There is no Granny!
Granny was a marketing creation for my father and uncle’s first company, and we have brought her along with us ever since.

What do you enjoy most about your work?
The ability to be creative and to problem solve. I also enjoy the challenge. I regularly feel that I am at the limit of my expertise, intelligence, and work ethic, and I like that. I think if I were doing something that I found easy, I would enjoy it for a few months and then get bored and, soon after, depressed. The constant challenge keeps me sharp, and it is a good motivator to try to improve myself as much as I can.

What is the best seller? And what is your favorite? My favorite is pecan. It is basically candy, and I love sugar. The best seller is apple, followed by chocolate cream. It’s always the classics that sell the best, and my favorite products in most areas are classic, simple items executed very well. That is also what we strive for.

How did your time at Trinity prepare you for what you do now?
There are a few things. The first is social skills. The time interacting with my peers and professors allowed me to develop my social skills so that I am better at developing a rapport with people, whether they be employees or customers. The time at Trinity really gave me the opportunity and motivation to practice these skills. The second thing is writing skills. The ability to express myself clearly in writing has been helpful in ordinary tasks, such as writing simple correspondences like emails and letters. More importantly, though, are the thinking skills that underlie the writing, which leads me to the third thing: the ability to organize my thoughts. This is how I think about what we always called “making an argument.” I have come to believe that this is simply the ability to develop an opinion on a matter, to take the time to understand the reasons behind this opinion, and then to present these reasons clearly. This has helped me in many ways, including the ability to journal problems as a way to get organized and the ability to conceptualize my plans to move the company forward. It is essentially a framework to help me use my own mind.

Was there a professor who was particularly influential? If so, who was it, and why? The most influential professor I had was [Associate Professor of History] Sean Cocco. In talking with Sean, I learned that he would actively try to sell his students on why the concepts we were studying were important.

“The constant challenge keeps me sharp, and it is a good motivator to try to improve myself as much as I can.”
—NIKO HAROVAS ’08
Chairman Ben Feuer to its list of the top 40 attorneys in California under the age of 40.

**2003**

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**2004**

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Dan Reilly lives in Brooklyn with wife Tessa and dog Walter. He works as a freelance journalist, writing about fun things like national debt and capital punishment and serious things like *Star Wars* and rodeos. He recently celebrated his fifth wedding anniversary, which involved many ’04 members, one of whom lost his wallet and needed a lot of help getting home. It’s better if we don’t name names.

Carolyn Esposito has spent the last four years at PepsiCo in various roles in brand marketing and innovation. She recently completed her term on the Alumni Board of the Yale School of Management, where she received her M.A. in 2011. During an adventurous vacation to Iceland in February, she got engaged to her fiancé, Mike, and they’ll be married this New Year’s Eve in Westchester!

Hope Roth, lead programmer at Riordan Brothers Integration, recently won the Audiovisual and Integrated Experience Association’s Educator of the Year Award.

**2005**

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Ali Hicks LeClair and husband Ted welcomed another daughter, Annabelle, in October. Ali is an attorney at the Federal Public Defender’s Office in Arizona and represents clients who are on death row in Arizona, California, and Utah in their habeas appeals.


Elizabeth Hanusovsky Patterson and Dave Patterson and were delighted to welcome Elinor Anne Patterson on December 15, 2017. She joins 4-year-old big sister Hannah. Elizabeth works in the Annual Giving Office at Trinity, and Dave has been with Cigna in Bloomfield for more than 10 years. Elizabeth encourages anyone who is going to be in the Hartford area to drop her a line!

Pat Foley and wife Veronica Foley welcomed baby boy Charles Michael Foley on January 18, 2018. Pat reports that they live in Reading, Massachusetts. He is an attorney at Holtz & Reed, and Veronica is the director of nursing at Associated Home Care.

Britt Olwine and husband Rob Friedman welcomed baby boy Forest Daniel Friedman on March 12, 2018. Britt and I are excited to get our boys out on the tennis courts together soon!

On June 1, 2018, Class of 2005 secretary Diana Dreyfus Leighton and husband Sandy Leighton ’04 welcomed Owen Dreyfus Leighton, who joins 3-year-old big brother Beckett. The new family of four hopes to make it up to Trinity soon to catch some tennis and lacrosse games!

Sarah Bell Flaherty and husband Dylan Flaherty ’04 welcomed Hudson Niblack Flaherty, born on July 19, 2017, weighing 6 pounds, 8 ounces. The family of three bought a house in Wellesley, Massachusetts, this spring. Sarah is a psychotherapist and has a private practice in Boston, and Dylan works in business development for energy efficiency company EnerNOC.


**2006**

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Summer is here, and several members of the Class of ’08 kicked it off ‘neath the elms at our 10th Reunion held June 7–10. Andrew Maia, our current class vice president, was among those who represented us in the Parade of Classes.

Kelly Howard was spotted at the cookout on the Main Quad with her family. Beth Frazier, Dave Slatkin, Mark Durney, Liz Dreier, and several others met up for the class dinner by the Chapel.

Ross Grubin and Ben Kuehn were among the nine classmates who represented us in the class photo this time around. Twenty-eight of us were in attendance during the course of the weekend. Let’s commit to more of us attending our 15th Reunion, which also happens to align with Trinity’s 200th anniversary!

**2008**

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**2009**

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What is @EatingNYC? EatingNYC is a food-focused digital brand that covers restaurants, home cooking, travel, and lifestyle in the New York City area. The Instagram account and blog boast more than 300,000 subscribers.

What did you do professionally before starting @EatingNYC, and what motivated you to go out on your own? I started EatingNYC shortly after graduating from Trinity College. At the time, I was a writer for a lifestyle website, Guest of a Guest. Here, I quickly found my passion in the restaurant industry and began working at Bullfrog + Baum, a restaurant marketing agency. EatingNYC had grown significantly during my tenure at the firm, but I wanted to build my career in the industry before going out on my own, so I went to work in-house for Tacombi restaurants as the director of marketing and communications. This was a great experience that allowed me to see the industry from a different perspective and gave me the confidence to pursue EatingNYC full time. It’s been about a year and a half now, and I’ve never looked back! I definitely feel that my understanding of the industry has been essential to my success and am extremely grateful for the road that has led me to where I am today.

How do you choose the restaurant openings you cover? I’m always searching for the latest and greatest in New York City. It is my mission to keep my finger on the pulse in terms of restaurant openings and new dishes in the New York area. There are so many restaurant openings every week in the city alone that keep me busy!

What do you enjoy most about your work? I love the autonomy I have as a business owner. Though it comes with many challenges, the freedom I have to explore and take initiative makes my job both exciting and fulfilling.

What are your biggest challenges? Negotiating deals, exploring new ways to grow my business, keeping up with the ever-changing digital landscape, and most importantly, learning how to say “no.”

Was there a professor who was particularly influential? [Senior Lecturer in Economics] Arthur Schneider. He was as dedicated to helping students as I was in understanding the subject matter and doing well in his classes. We spent countless hours reviewing theories and equations for “Industrial Organization” exams and working on my senior thesis. His tireless commitment to my learning inspired me to work my hardest.

What was the most memorable course you took at Trinity? “Women, Reproduction, and Power.” Though unrelated to my majors at Trinity, I appreciated the structure of the course and the invaluable life experiences I gained from my fieldwork at a local abortion clinic. To this day, I am grateful for how the course shaped my perspectives and role as a woman in society.

“I definitely feel that my understanding of the industry has been essential to my success and am extremely grateful for the road that has led me to where I am today.”

—ALEXA MEHRABAN ’13
Liz Rich graduated cum laude from Lincoln Memorial University College of Veterinary Medicine. She will enter a small-animal practice in Port St. Lucie, Florida, and is set to be married in October.

2010 Co-Class Secretary: Courteney M. Coyne, 2800 Woodley Rd. NW, Washington, DC 20008-4116; courteney.coyne.2010@trincoll.edu • Co-Class Secretary: Colin B. Touhey, 262 Garfield Pl., Brooklyn, NY 11215; colin.touhey.2010@trincoll.edu • Class Agents: Justin B. Barrett, Adam C. Dawson, Raqusheva Ramirez, Amye V. Waterhouse Congratulations to Matt Sullivan and wife Cecilia, who welcomed a baby boy on December 1, 2017!

Thanks to all who have contributed to this column this year. Please consider submitting notes in the future; we look forward to hearing from you!

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Bit of a quiet quarter from the ’11s, but that’s probably because they’re all so busy building amazing careers, winning awards, and spending time with their fellow Bantams. I do have some exciting news for you all: Odaday Oyedele and Stevon Judd recently were married in Massachusetts and celebrated with their fellow Bantam friends and a gorgeous wedding cake.

Another Trinity love story: Tracey Suter ’11 and Brian Castelluccio ’12 tied the knot beneath the elms of Trinity’s campus in January 2018. Hats off to Emily Harmon Grossman, who became chief resident at Yale in the Department of Anesthesiology. She is married to Sam Grossman ’12, and they live in Hamden, Connecticut, where they lost several trees in the tornado on May 15. We are happy to report both the house and couple are OK but are sad to hear they still don’t have a dog. We also want to send congrats to Maxwell Walk, who won a political advertising award earlier this year!

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Tracey Suter ’11 and Brian Castelluccio ’12 were married in January 2018 in Hartford. Front row: Brian Castelluccio ’12, Tracey Suter ’11; second row: Tiffany Ruiz ’10, Jenna Carroll ’12, Sarah Harvey ’11; third row: Jessica Gover ’10, Rebecca Savage ’11, Sarah Quirk ’11, Abigail Alderman ’11, Zoe Nageotte ’12, Julia Melnick ’12; fourth row: Mark LaVoie ’11, Adam Boynton ’12, Ansan McCook ’12, Sarah Breslin ’12, Jessica Cote ’12; back row: W. Dill Ayres ’12, Christopher Maycock ’11, David Dessau ’11, Gregory Vaughan ’12, Brandon Clary ’13, Adam Norton ’12, Alison Draper (director of Trinity’s Interdisciplinary Science Program), David Patrick Jr. ’11, Adam Katcher ’12, T. Andy McTeague ’12

Nichola Clark ’12 and Joseph Maschman were married on April 27, 2018, in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Those in attendance included Arash Hadipanah (engaged to Paige Durgin ’12), John Taylor ’12, Jess Cote ’12, Paige Durgin ’12, Joe Maschman, Nichola Clark ’12, Julia Melnick ’12, Teri Incampo ’12, and Erin Dorsey ’12
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Rebecca S. Weintraub and Evan J. Preminger (Cornell University ’12) were married on June 16, 2018, at the Museum of the City of New York. She was thrilled to be joined by a number of Trinity alums and her Zeta Omega Eta family.

Nichola Clark and Joseph Maschman (Creighton University ’13) were married on April 27, 2018, in Hot Springs, Arkansas. The wedding was officiated by the Rev. Allison Read, Trinity College chaplain, and bridesmaids included Jessica Cote and Julia Melnick. Nichola and Joe work in Washington, D.C., and live in Arlington, Virginia.

Jenna Carroll graduated from Fordham University School of Law in May 2018 and plans to begin practicing in the real estate group at Paul Hastings in New York City in October.

Denise Lee graduated from Boston College with a master’s of social work (M.S.W.) in May 2018. After graduation, she will work full time at Arbour Counseling in Boston as an outpatient clinical therapist. Additionally, she will study for the LCSW exam over the summer and is determined to take it by August! Her long-term plans are to be a licensed independent clinical social worker, open her own private practice, and work part time in a community health center.

Lily Pepper Sommer graduated in spring 2018 from New York University with a master’s in public administration from the Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service and a master’s in Jewish studies from the Graduate School of Arts & Science Skirball Department. She assumed the role of operations executive at UJA-Federation of New York this past spring and will continue to work there after graduation.

Courtney Duffy just finished the first year of her M.B.A. at Dartmouth’s Tuck School of Business, which she’s earning in conjunction with her M.P.A. at Harvard Kennedy School. This past summer, she was an economic development policy intern at Facebook in Washington, D.C.

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Members of the Class of 2013 celebrated our 5th Reunion with more than 130 of us returning to campus in the first weekend of June, and we couldn’t have had a better weekend of weather to be back on campus. It felt just like spring of ’13 as we came together on the quad on Friday and Saturday to celebrate with lawn games, Frisbee, and a few beverages to keep us cool.

A few important updates you should all know: Zak Helmerich is living in Nashville, where he is driving a ’65 Ford Mustang.
selling wine, and learning how to play banjo. Congratulations to Megan Schneider and husband Kevin, who welcomed their third child, Sarah Elizabeth, on March 10 of this year. Finally, Mike Valenti writes that he “just beat his personal best in bench press with three reps of 225 pounds!” Congrats, Mike!

I’d love to hear more from you all! Keep me posted on anything you’d like included in the next Reporter.

From the Alumni Office: Alexa Mehraban and Daniel Matthews were married on April 21, 2018, at the Metropolitan Club in New York City. He was a history major and Jewish studies minor, while she double majored in economics and writing, culture, and media studies (self-designed). Both were on the board of Trinity College Hillel and part of the Student Government Association. Daniel also was a founding father of Trinity’s Kappa Sigma fraternity chapter.

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Trenton Jackson and Tessa Ramirez Smith are engaged! The lovely couple met during their freshman year in Professor Church’s class “The Brain,” and they immediately clicked through a shared love of photography. The couple officially started dating during junior year. They have their own photography studio focused on children and family photography: Just Kidz Studio in New York.

Tommy Haverty is commissioned as an officer in the Marine Corps! After an exciting backpacking trip to New Zealand, Tommy returned to the States and spent nine months in Quantico, Virginia, learning the ins and outs of the Marine Corps. Shortly after, Tommy was selected as an infantry officer. At the conclusion of his deployment in 2017, he returned to Hawaii and was selected as his company’s executive officer; he will lead his company’s training, armory, and logistics.

We are so proud of our graduates! Congratulations to Lt. Tommy Haverty of the USMC and soon-to-be Mr. and Mrs. Trenton Jackson.

From the Alumni Office: Serena Elavia and Tom Stelle will be attending the Cornell SC Johnson College of Business to pursue their M.B.A.s this fall as members of the Class of 2020.

PHOTOS?

Please send only HIGH-RESOLUTION wedding and Class Notes photos (generally with a file size of at least 1 MB); low-resolution photos, while fine for websites, will not reproduce well in the magazine. For Class Notes photos, we ask that no more than one photo is submitted per person per issue and that the photo includes at least one Bantam. We can’t promise that we’ll be able to publish all that we receive, but we’ll do our best. We reserve the right to decide what is published based on available space, photo quality, and photo content. We invite you to email high-resolution photos (please send as attachments and not in the body of the email) and complete caption information (WHO, WHAT, WHEN, AND WHERE) to your class secretary or to sonya.adams@trincoll.edu.

Hayden earned a B.A. cum laude in English from Trinity, where he was a member of Sigma Nu and the Glee Club. He also ran track and received the Van Zile Prize for original poetry. He went on to earn two master’s degrees from Columbia University, served as a parish minister and a university chaplain. He championed social justice, marching with Martin Luther King Jr. in Fresno, California, to support fair housing. Hayden also served Trinity as his class secretary for many years.

Hayden is survived by his children, David Hayden (Robin), Deirdre Clausen (Larry), and Jeremy Hayden (Nicky); seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife of 54 years, Betty Jane.


Bengston earned a B.A. in history from Trinity, where he was a member of the Jesters and the French Club. He went on to earn a bachelor of sacred theology degree from the Pacific School of Religion. Hayden, ordained as a Protestant minister with the Congregational Church, served as a parish minister and a university chaplain. He championed social justice, marching with Martin Luther King Jr. in Fresno, California, to support fair housing. Hayden also served Trinity as his class secretary for many years.

Bengston is survived by his brother John Bengston.


Stratton trained as an aerial combat pilot in the U.S. Navy during World War II and the Korean War. He went on to earn a M.S. in engineering science from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Stratton worked as a chemist for American Thread Company and as a metallurgical engineer for Pratt and Whitney Aircraft.

Stratton was survived by his wife, by his children, Robert (Brenda), Dwight (Donna), Lesly-Rae (Brian Grant), and Kristin (John Britt); 11 grandchildren; and brother William Tribelhorn. He was predeceased by his wife of 63 years, Cynthia.

1950 James F. Steelman, 90, of Ocean City, New Jersey, died on September 17, 2017.

Steelman’s U.S. Navy service was cut short when he developed rheumatic fever in boot camp, and he came to Trinity, where he earned an interdisciplinary B.A. and was a member of Alpha Delta Phi, the Glee Club, and the Flying Club. He also studied at New York University and the Colorado School of Mines.

Steelman went on to a career as a professional engineer with the New Jersey Highway Authority; after retiring, he worked eight more years with Walker, Previti, and Holmes.

Steelman is survived by his children, James “Jimbo” Steelman Jr. (Patricia), Sally Hamilton (James), Karen Allegrutto (Rick), Mary Adams (Kevin), and Dee Dee Essington (Michael); 14 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife of 58 years, Gladys “Tiny”; daughters Christine and Susan; and sister Ruth Eide.


Tribelhorn served in the U.S. Navy before coming to Trinity, where he earned a B.S. in chemistry and was a member of Delta Phi, the Pipes, and the Rifle Club. He went on to earn an M.S. in engineering science from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Tribelhorn worked as a chemist for American Thread Company and as a metallurgical engineer for Pratt and Whitney Aircraft.

Tribelhorn is survived by his children, Robert (Brenda), Dwight (Donna), Lesly-Rae (Brian Grant), and Kristin (John Britt); 11 grandchildren; and brother William Tribelhorn. He was predeceased by his wife of 63 years, Cynthia.

1959 The Trinity Tripod, 90, of Redington Beach, Florida, died on January 19, 2018.

Barber earned a B.A. in English from Trinity, where he played golf, basketball, and baseball. He served in the U.S. Navy for four years during the Korean War and went on to teach for 30 years at The Rectory School in Pomfret, Connecticut.

Barber’s ties to Trinity ran deep: he was a member of the Elms Society and several relatives also attended the college, including his father, William P. Barber Jr., Class of 1913, uncle Harmon Barber, Class of 1919, and brother John Barber ’42.

Barber is survived by his wife, Marilyn; son Bill and daughter-in-law Muguette; and three nieces and two nephews.

1959 Henry E. Grady Jr., 90, of Union, New Jersey, died on March 30, 2018.

Grady earned a B.A. in economics from Trinity, where he was a member of the Brownell Club and the Newman Club. He served in the U.S. Army and the U.S. Navy during World War II and the Korean War.

Grady went on to a career as an insurance underwriter and agent.

Grady is survived by his children, Jan Miciak, William III, Lisa Wadams, and Brian; eight grandchildren; and siblings Paul and Elaine Duff. He was predeceased by his wife, Jean, and siblings Joyce McCue and Peter.

Newton earned a B.A. in studio arts from Trinity, where he was a member of Alpha Delta Phi and played football, squash, and tennis. After serving in the U.S. Marine Corps, he worked for companies including Aetna Life Insurance and Realty Mortgage Corporation.


Norton served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II before coming to Trinity, where he earned a B.A. in psychology and was a member of the Debating Society and the track and swimming teams. He went on to work in several electrical wholesaler positions. A devoted Trinity alumnus, Norton was a member of the Elms Society.

Norton is survived by his children, Steven Norton (Jud), Ronald Norton, David Norton, and Jane Walsh (former son-in-law Brian Walsh); five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; sister-in-law Winnie Clay; and a niece. He was predeceased by his wife of 62 years, Irene.


Pressey earned a B.A. in political science from Trinity, where he was a member of Alpha Chi Rho, the Jesters, and the track team. He went on to serve in the U.S. Army during the Korean War before graduating from Kenyon College-Bexley Hall Seminary. Pressey was ordained into priesthood in 1958; he later served several churches in Ohio and Michigan. Several family members, including his grandfather, the Rev. Ernest Albert Pressey, Class of 1892; his father, Herbert Pressey, Trinity Class of 1919; and his great uncle, the Rev. William Pressey, Class of 1890, M.A. 1893, also attended the college and were members of the clergy.

Pressey is survived by his wife of 63 years, Ann; children Donna Nicolai and Douglas (Julie); and four grandchildren.


Dyar attended Massachusetts Institute of Technology for two years before coming to Trinity, where he earned a B.S. in physical sciences. He went on to serve in the U.S. Army and the U.S. Army Reserve. Dyar’s work experience included time as co-founder and general manager at Data 2000, vice president and chief financial officer of Fiscal Dynamics, and founder and principal of Strategic Financial Planning. He was active as a Trinity alumnus, including many years as a class agent.

Dyar is survived by his wife of 64 years, Helen; children Lynda Dyar, Sharon Dyar, and Richard Dyar (Megan Andrejco); and five grandchildren. He was predeceased by half brother Robert Mooers (Wendy).

1954 David K. Floyd, 85, of Orchard Park, New York, died on February 1, 2018.

Floyd earned a B.A. in economics from Trinity, where he served as treasurer of Alpha Chi Rho and participated in Air Force ROTC. He also played football and baseball for one year and basketball for three. Floyd went on to serve in the U.S. Air Force for three years. He then earned a J.D. with honors from the University of Chicago Law School. Floyd joined what was then Phillips, Lytle, Hitchcock, Blaine & Huber and later became a partner and then managing partner. He was considered by many to be a pioneer in the field of environmental law.

Floyd is survived by his wife of 63 years, Anne; children Susan, Kenneth, Ellen (Richard Svenson), Sarah, and Daniel; seven grandchildren; and brother John Floyd (Sandy).


Hooker earned a B.A. in economics from Trinity and spent four summers working in the actuarial department at Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company. After graduation, he joined the company’s agency department and later became assistant vice president of agency operations. Hooker retired in 1989 and then was hired by Massachusetts Mutual Financial Services to assist with its merger with his former firm. He retired for a second time in 1999 after 46 years in the industry.

Hooker is survived by his wife, Cynthia Root; children Katherine Hooker (Larry Minichielo), Sarah Machowski (Edward), and John Hooker (Staci Linthacum); five grandchildren; and sisters Barbara Thorp and Elise Sirman (David).

1954 Carl L. Mease, 85, of Camp Hill, Pennsylvania, and more recently of Mechanicsburg, died on May 27, 2018.

Mease earned a B.A. in economics from Trinity, where he was a member of Sigma Nu, the Glee Club, and the band. He also played football and JV basketball and ran track. Before earning a J.D. and L.L.B. from Penn State’s Dickinson School of Law, he served in the U.S. Air Force. Mease then spent time in private practice before becoming assistant attorney general with the Departments of Health and Environmental Resources. He retired as director of the Legislative Reference Bureau of Pennsylvania.

Mease is survived by his wife of 59 years, Rose Ann; children David Mease (Annette) and Kevin Mease (Karen); six grandchildren; one great-grandson; and siblings Helen Cumpton, Mary Jane Mease, Ruth Meada, Adelia Sweigart (Jacob), Donald Mease, and John Mease. He was predeceased by brothers James Mease and I. Robert Mease.


Silverberg earned a B.A. in history from Trinity, where he was a member of the Brownell Club, the Political Science Club, the Young Democrats, and Hillel. He also served as manager of the tennis team. Silverberg went on to earn an M.A. in history before continuing his studies at Clark University. His professional life included time at the Connecticut Department of Commerce.

Silverberg is survived by his closest living relatives, Richard Seidman and his family, as well as friend Morton Webber ’54.


Dyke earned a B.A. in French and English from Trinity, where he served as managing editor of The Trinity Tripod and editor of the Student Handbook. He went on to earn a Ph.D. in human genetics and anthropology from the University of Michigan. Dyke served on the faculty of Bucknell and Penn State
IN MEMORY

Elizabeth, Margaret, and Robert


Baker, an Illinois Scholar, earned a B.S. in chemistry and physics from Trinity, where he served as president of Delta Phi and played varsity squash. He went on to earn a Ph.D. in biochemistry from Indiana University and did postdoctoral research at the University of Wisconsin. Baker spent nearly 30 years in research and management in the pharmaceutical industry.

Baker is survived by his wife of 60 years, Barbara; children Elizabeth, Margaret, and Robert III; daughter-in-law Ann; son-in-law Patrick; two grandchildren; brother Peter; and brother-in-law Michael.

1956 Walfrid G. Lundborg Jr., 82, of Falmouth, Massachusetts, died on December 27, 2016.

Lundborg earned a B.A. in philosophy from Trinity, where he was a member of Psi Upsilon. He went on to earn an M.B.A. from the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College. Lundborg worked as a financial analyst on Wall Street and later owned and operated a business leasing water heaters.

Lundborg is survived by his children, Vanessa Lundborg and Walfrid Lundborg III.


Woodward earned a B.A. in economics from Trinity, where he served as president of Pi Kappa Alpha. He went on to work for his father at the Pilbrico Company and then in the IT field at Travelers.

Woodward is survived by his wife of more than 30 years, Betty; stepchildren Ellen Pacelli, Maria Pacelli (Bret Longgood), Phil Pacelli, Catherine Pacelli-Klinger (Rob), and Andrew Pacelli (Melissa Marcille); eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

1957 Craton S. Sheffield, 82, of Longmeadow, Massachusetts, died on January 7, 2018.

Sheffield earned a B.A. in Spanish from Trinity, where he was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon, the Glee Club, the Spanish Club, the Young Republicans, and the band. He also worked on the staffs of The Trinity Tripod and the Ivy. Sheffield served in the U.S. Army Reserve and earned his qualification as a sharpshooter. He went on to work for nearly four decades at US Envelope/Westvaco, where he was involved in production, inventory control, and the development and marketing of stationery and school supplies.

Sheffield is survived by his children, Katherine, Edmond “Ned” (Kelly), and Christopher (Sue), and siblings Arthur Sheffield Jr. and Janet Prior.

To read a remembrance by Jon Reynolds ’59, H’15 and Don Bishop ’67, please visit commons.trincoll.edu/Reporter.


Bjorklund earned a B.A. in economics from Trinity, where he was a member of the Brownell Club, the Economics Club, and the freshman swimming team. He furthered his education at Brown and Northeastern Universities. Bjorklund worked for many years at the Society for Savings and retired from the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority.

Bjorklund is survived by his wife of 54 years, Debbie; children Michael (Aiden Gould) and Kimi (Mike Riter); three grandchildren; and siblings Arthur Spielman Jr. and Janet Prior.


Clark earned a B.A. in philosophy from Trinity, where he was a member of Psi Upsilon and played ice hockey, squash, and tennis. He went on to earn an M.Ed. from Northeastern University. Clark spent 53 years in education as an administrator, teacher, coach, and mentor; he retired from Cardigan Mountain School in 2010.

Clark is survived by his sister, Linda Clark, and his brother-in-law, Michael Paine. He was predeceased by sister Thayer Paine.


Niles earned a B.A. in political science from Trinity, where he served as an officer of Alpha Chi Rho and on the Executive Committee of Campus Chest and played lacrosse. During his junior year, he served as president of his class. Niles went on to a career in steel sales. He later operated two Mount Vernon restaurants. Niles was a fourth generation Bantam; his father, William W. Niles II, graduated in 1928, and grandfather Edward Cullen Niles graduated in 1887. His great-grandfather and two uncles also attended Trinity.

Niles is survived by his wife, Barbara; children William W. Niles Robert Hammaker ’56 and John Hammaker. He was predeceased by son-in-law Joe Wnuk.


Shelley earned a B.A. in political science from Trinity, where he was a member of Alpha Delta Phi and played soccer. After starting work at Allstate, he served a stint in the U.S. Army Reserve before returning to a position as a claims adjuster. Shelley later worked for F.I. duPont, starting a career as a retail and institutional stockbroker that lasted nearly 40 years. He retired from A.G. Edwards.

Shelley is survived by his wife of 45 years, Barbara; children Matthew Shelley (Heather) and Lisa Shelley; and three grandchildren.
IV and Rebecca Niles; four grandchildren; and brother John Niles (Marlene).

1965 Frederick K. Duennebier, 73, of Honolulu, Hawaii, died on October 12, 2017.

Duennebier earned a B.S. in physics from Trinity, where he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha and the Jesters. He also rowed crew. Duennebier went on to earn an M.S. and Ph.D. in geology from the University of Hawaii at Manoa, where he spent 40 years teaching and researching in geology and geophysics. Many of his relatives, including father Frederick C. Duennebier ’74 and brother David Duennebier ’74, also attended Trinity.

Duennebier is survived by his wife, two children, a grandson, and four siblings.

1965 F. Carl “Skip” Schumacher Jr., 75, of St. Louis, Missouri, died on May 16, 2018.

Schumacher earned a B.A. in religion from Trinity, where he was a member of Delta Psi and co-editor of the Ivy. He went on to serve in the U.S. Navy; he was a prisoner of war while serving as an operations officer on the USS Pueblo, which was captured in 1968 by North Korea. His military honors included a Silver Star, a Purple Heart, a Prisoner of War Medal, and two Bronze Stars. After earning an M.B.A. from Harvard Business School, Schumacher worked in the family insurance business and then as a trust officer. He retired in 2016 after owning a small financial business. In 1973, Trinity honored Schumacher for service to his country by bestowing upon him a 150th Anniversary Award.

Schumacher is survived by his son, John Schumacher; stepdaughter Irene Allen; and sister Nancy Dennis. He was predeceased by his wife of 35 years, Anna Marie.

1966 Christopher M. Dunham, 73, of Kinterstown, Pennsylvania, died on April 5, 2018.

Dunham earned a B.A. in religion from Trinity, where he was a member of Delta Psi and the squash team. He served in the U.S. Army Reserve before earning an M.B.A. at The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. Dunham had a 50-year career in investment management, and most recently, he was co-founder and managing director of Northstar Asset Management. He began his career with W.E. Hutton and spent two decades with Schroders & Co.

Dunham is survived by his daughters, Charlotte Eastburn ’89 (William) and Eleanor Kelley (Scott); five grandchildren; and siblings Susan “Sherry” Clark (Dean) and Bruce Dunham (Dorothy). He was predeceased by brothers Wallace Dunham and Gordon Dunham.

1966 Bennett Tribken, 73, of Falmouth, Massachusetts, died on May 3, 2018.

Tribken earned a B.A. in history from Trinity, where he was a member of Sigma Nu and the soccer and track teams. He went on to earn a J.D. from the University of Connecticut School of Law. After serving in the U.S. Air Force JAG Corps, he worked for the Internal Revenue Service and in a small firm in Connecticut. In 1981, he opened an estate-planning practice in Falmouth. Tribken later ran a fishing-charter business and All Seasons Taxi Company.

Tribken is survived by many local friends and classmates.


Card earned a B.A. in political science from Trinity, where he served as an officer in Phi Mu Delta and the Corinthian Yacht Club. He went on to earn a J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law. Early in his career, Card worked as assistant attorney general for the State of Missouri. He later was a principal with firms in St. Louis. Card authored Missouri Appellate Practice, a volume in the Missouri Practice Series.

Card is survived by his wife, Lou Ann; daughter Diana Walchshauer (Paul Miko); and siblings Rita Bourgeois (Mike Gerkin), Thomas Card (Anne), Rosa Whiting, Sharon Fiumara (Joseph), Samuel Card Jr., Carolynne Shumate (Roland), Marianne Warner, and Michael Card.


Simon earned a B.A. in psychology from Trinity, where he was a member of Phi Mu Delta and the staff of The Trinity Tripod. He also worked at WRTC. Simon went on to earn an M.D. from Yale School of Medicine. He did residencies at the University of California, San Francisco and Yale. Simon was former deputy director of nuclear medicine at the National Institutes of Health and a clinical associate professor of nuclear medicine at Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas. He later practiced nuclear medicine for more than 25 years at Medical City Hospital in Dallas. Simon published extensively on environmental health.

Simon is survived by his wife of 44 years, Marcia; sons Jacob Simon (Jaimie), Theo Simon (Mary), and Mark Simon; two grandchildren; sister Becky Simon; and sister-in-law Mary Anyzeski (David Moniz).


Wiggan earned a B.A. in mathematics and philosophy from Trinity, where he was president of the Chess Club and a member of La Voz Latina. He went on to earn an M.A. in mathematics from UCLA and completed two years in the doctoral program at the University of South Carolina. Wiggan returned to South Florida to help his family and worked as a professor at Broward College. He recently had relocated to California.

Wiggan is survived by his mother, Bridgette Seville; twin sister Lisa Wiggan; and several uncles, cousins, and other relatives.


Hadeka earned a B.A. in sociology and political science from Trinity, where she was a member of the Ivy Society and played varsity ice hockey. She went on to attend Parsons School of Design. Hadeka was the owner of the Brooklyn Slate Co., where she used slate from her family’s quarry to create designs.

Hadeka is survived by her parents, William and Dale Rudder Hadeka; siblings Kathryn Hadeka, Andrew Hadeka, and William Hadeka Jr.; two grandmothers; and several aunts, uncles, and other relatives.


Greene earned a B.A. in political science from Trinity, where he was a member of Psi Upsilon. Proud of his dual U.S. and Irish citizenship, Greene considered himself a citizen of the world. He also was a certified ski instructor at Mount Snow in Vermont.

Greene is survived by his parents, Stephen and Kathleen Greene; brother Owen; and grandparents, aunts, uncles, and other relatives.

2017 Evan M. Scollard, 23, of Lynnfield, Massachusetts, died on March 24, 2018.

Scollard earned a B.A. cum laude in psychology and anthropology from Trinity, where he served as vice president of Pi Kappa Alpha, president of the Inter-Greek Council, and editor of The Trinity Tripod. He also was a member of Psi Chi International Honor Society in Psychology and Gamma Sigma Alpha National Academic Greek Honor Society and was a fellow of the Churchill Institute. Scollard went on to attend the U.S. Navy Officer Candidate School; he was
commissioned as an officer in October 2017 and was stationed in San Diego serving aboard the USS Boxer.

Scollard is survived by his parents, Mark and Carolyn Scollard; siblings Emily and Hannah Scollard and Alex Roper; and several grandparents, aunts, uncles, and other relatives.

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**1982 Delina Ferretti,** 72, of Colchester, Connecticut, died on March 8, 2017.

Ferretti earned a B.S. in psychology. She went on to work at hematology and oncology clinics at Stanford University Hospital. Ferretti later worked as an oncology research consultant.

Ferretti is survived by her children, Donna McLean, Elena Musselman (Jerry), and Michael Rock (Diane); siblings Gino Ferretti (Marianne), John Ferretti, Louis Ferretti, Yvonne Noel (Eloi), and Helen Trey; six grandchildren; and friends Risa Gerrish and Kit Russell.


Veil attended Johns Hopkins University and the University of Maryland, Baltimore County before working at Aetna Insurance in several states. She returned to academia at Trinity and graduated summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa with a B.A. in public policy. She went on to work for American International Group (AIG), where she had responsibility for global medical business development. Veil held multiple positions at AIG affiliate American Life Insurance Company, which was sold to MetLife. She retired in 2014 as MetLife’s vice president of global health care. Veil returned to academia again and was working on a master’s degree in food policy from City University of London.

Veil is survived by brothers John Veil (Carol), David Veil, and Quentin Veil and a niece.


After earning a B.S. in computer science, Norris pursued a career in technology. He most recently was employed as a software architect for Conventus. Norris previously worked for United Technologies. Norris is survived by his children, Rachel, Brandon, and Jacob; longtime girlfriend Michelle Plamondon; siblings Alexander Norris (Jennifer) and Ashley Lundgren (Stephen); and former wife Dawn Norris.

**MASTER’S**


Cavanaugh earned a B.S. from Fairfield University before coming to Trinity, where he earned a B.S. in physics. He went on to earn a J.D. from the University of Connecticut School of Law. Cavanaugh was a patent and corporate attorney for United Technologies for more than three decades. He also worked for Siemens AG in New York City and later operated Heights Reality real estate management firm and taught at Naugatuck Valley Community College.

Cavanaugh is survived by his wife of 57 years, Marcia; daughter Nancy (Bill Patrizio); a granddaughter; and brother David. He was predeceased by brothers John and Roland Cavanaugh.


Churchill received a B.A. from Saint Joseph College before earning an M.A. in English from Trinity. She also studied at Southern Connecticut State University. Churchill taught English and English as a second language in New Britain public schools and spent the last 17 years before her 2001 retirement as a school psychologist at New Britain High School.

Churchill is survived by her husband, John M’67; daughters Anne Churchill and Alison Churchill; sister Marguerite Butlera (C. Joseph); and brother-in-law Lindsey Churchill (Robert). She was predeceased by siblings Pasquale Scalise and Lucille Higgins.

**1975 George K. Allison,** 74, of Palm Coast, Florida, died on February 14, 2018.

Allison earned a B.A. in biology from Union College in Kentucky. He served in the U.S. military before embarking on a 45-year career at independent day and boarding schools, including The Forman School in Connecticut, where he was once a student, and the Knox School in New York and The Perkiomen School in Pennsylvania, where he served as headmaster. During his time in schools, he worked to create programs for students with dyslexia—like himself—who needed specialized education. He retired in 2012.

Allison is survived by his wife of nearly 50 years, Ana Lucia “Lucy”; daughters Nicole Allison and Sage Krole (Ed); two grandsons; and sister Mary Jane Gilbert. He was predeceased by brother Richmond Allison Jr.

**1983 Frances E. Waltman,** 96, of West Hartford, Connecticut, died on April 1, 2018.

Waltman graduated from Teachers College and later earned an M.A. in American studies from Trinity. She was a docent at the Wadsworth Atheneum for more than 20 years and in 1971 was a founding member of the Jewish Historical Society of Greater Hartford.

Waltman is survived by children Richard Waltman (Ruth), Marjorie Feldman (Howard), and Laurence Waltman (Joseph Lembo); son-in-law Taras Mizrahi; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and sister Alberta Swett. She was predeceased by her husband of 73 years, Irving “Chick” Waltman; daughter Phyllis “Chia” Waltman; and sisters Esther Rosenbaum and Lilian Lewis.

**HONORARY DOCTORATES**

**2004 Edward S. “Ned” Cabot,** 80, of Harpswell, Maine, died on May 15, 2018. Please see the Former Faculty section of “In Memory.”


Wolfe, the award-winning author who penned *The Right Stuff*, *Bonfire of the Vanities*, and several other books, was known for his role in the creation of New Journalism, a style of writing that combines journalistic foundations with techniques of fiction writing. Wolfe earned a B.A. in English from Washington and Lee University and a Ph.D. in American studies from Yale University. Wolfe’s career in journalism began at *The Springfield Union* in Massachusetts; later positions included those at *The Washington Post* and the *New York Herald Tribune* and its Sunday supplement, *New York*. His work appeared in *Esquire*, *Vanity Fair*, and other media outlets. Wolfe was awarded an honorary doctor of letters degree from Trinity in 2007.

Wolfe is survived by his wife of 48 years, Sheila, and children Alexandra Wolfe and Tommy Wolfe ’07.

**NONGRADUATES**

**1945 Wallace Meigs,** 96, of Hingham, Massachusetts, died on May 15, 2018.

Meigs attended Trinity before being drafted to serve in the U.S. Army and the U.S. Army Air Forces during World War II. After returning to the States, he graduated from Worcester Polytechnic Institute with a degree in industrial management. Meigs worked for more than 50 years as a mechanical engineer for Whitt Machine Works and Morgan Construction.

Meigs is survived by his children, Joe Meigs (Susan), Rebecca Meigs, Stephen Meigs (Leigh), Sarah Meigs, Cooper Meigs, and Thomas Meigs (Julia), and seven grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife, Patricia, and sisters Sarah Cody and Elizabeth Courtney.

**1946 Welles V. Adams,** 93, of Wethersfield, Connecticut, died on April 22, 2018.

Adams attended Trinity for one year before serving in the Army Air Corps during World War II. His plane was shot down, and he was identified as a German prisoner of war until his liberation in 1945. Welles graduated from Williams College and went on to a 41-year career at the Phoenix Companies, rising to investment vice president over the real estate investment division until his retirement in 1988. He also served many years on the Wethersfield Town Council.
Adams is survived by his children, Barbara Mechler, Welles “Skip” Adams Jr., and Sandra Williams (David), and six grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife of 64 years, Grace, and siblings L. Wayne Adams Jr. and Ruth Banker.

**1952 William O. Minter Jr., 90, of Chester, New Jersey, died on May 12, 2018.**

Minter served in the U.S. Army before attending Virginia Military Institute and Trinity. He devoted his career to the insurance industry and retired in 1993 from Traber Vreeland as vice president.

Minter is survived by his wife of 36 years, Jeri; children Gayeann Minter-Larson (Donald) and Scott Minter (Susan); stepchildren Shannon Leckie (James) and Robert Lender (Kelly); and five grandchildren.

**1958 William D. Sykes Jr., 83, of Longport, New Jersey, died on June 11, 2018.**

After attending Trinity, Sykes was a championship squash player. He worked as a sales manager for Slazenger and Black Knight and also served as manager of the Chalfonte-Haddon Hall Racquet Club and the Great Bay Racquet and Fitness Club.

Sykes is survived by his wife, Alice; daughter Laurie; a sister; and two nieces.

**DEATH NOTICES**

**1938 V-12 Lorenzo A. Gallo**

**1943 Robert J. Hale**

**1949 John W. Taylor**

**1953 John B. Hanford Jr. M.A. 1957 Leonard Pearl**

**1959 Joseph A. Sgro**

**1960 Michael A. Moroney**


**1984 Arthur P. Rice**

**2000 Ismael Ovalles**

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Cabot, adjunct professor of public policy and law, emeritus, earned a B.A. magna cum laude from Yale University and a J.D. from Harvard Law School. He went on to serve as executive assistant to U.S. Senator Jacob Javits and then as a town official on Long Island. Cabot worked as an attorney for Equitable Financial Companies, ultimately becoming vice president, associate general counsel, and public affairs officer. After a brief stint as president of the New York Chamber of Commerce and Industry and executive vice president of New York City Partnership, he became president of Housing All Americans, a nonprofit dedicated to promoting affordable housing in the New York metropolitan region. Cabot served for seven years as national chair of the citizens’ lobby Common Cause. In 1999, he began doing pro bono work for Sanctuary for Families, counseling women who had been the victims of domestic violence. That same year, he came to Trinity as a one-year Presidential Fellow and fell in love with teaching. His evaluation of the Public Policy Program led to the creation of the Public Policy and Law Program, which he and current Associate Professor of Legal and Policy Studies Renny Fulco built into a successful major at the college. In 2004, Trinity awarded Cabot an honorary doctor of laws degree. A beloved teacher who also had taught at Yale and New York University, Cabot was honored with the Trinity student government’s Best Teacher Award in 2006. He retired from the college in 2015. At the time of his death, Cabot, a founding member of the Republican Ripon Society, was working on a history of how the GOP came to use fear to achieve electoral success in the post-World War II period.

Cabot is survived by his wife, Jane; three children and their spouses; and six grandchildren.

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FALL 2018
ALUMNI EVENTS

Out & About

SNAPSHOTS

1. Women’s Leadership Council
   “Wine History: Myth and Reality”
   San Francisco, California
   MARCH 3, 2018

2. Trinity Club of New York City
   Annual Wine Tasting
   New York, New York
   MARCH 22, 2018
   Logan Gould ’07, Justin Maccarone Jr. ’81, P’19, Andrew Koris ’12

3. Presidential Reception and
   Strategic Plan Reception
   Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
   APRIL 3, 2018
   Michael Gary ’86, Jerry Hansen ’51, P’78, ’84 ’88, G P’12, ’16, ’20, and Trina Gary ’86

4. “Long-Term Future of Boston:
   Different Viewpoints”
   Boston, Massachusetts
   APRIL 4, 2018
   Damian Wilmot ’97, Lisa Marinello Jones ’84, P’15, Macey Russell ’80, and Philip Khoury ’71

5. Presidential Reception and
   Strategic Plan Presentation
   New York, New York
   APRIL 4, 2018
   Serena Elavia ’14, Sam Russell ’14, and Rachel Ng ’14

6. Women’s Leadership Council
   Interviewing Workshop
   New York, New York
   APRIL 9, 2018

7. Women’s Leadership Council Networking Event
   New York, New York
   APRIL 10, 2018
   Jeanette Bonner ’02, Rachel Walden Cranston ’96, Monetha Harris ’96, Victoria Wenzel ’88, Associate Director of Alumni Relations Melissa Bronzino Regan ’87, Laila Schmutzler Forster ’99, and Aileen Doherty ’86

8. Trinitones 30th Anniversary Celebration
   Hartford, Connecticut
   APRIL 28, 2018

9. A Night at the Museum
   Washington, D.C.
   MARCH 29, 2018
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Emily Latour Bogle ’79
Laila Schmutzler Forster ’99
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Malcolm MacLean ’92
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Macey Russell ’80
Gail Katz and Bruce Wessel ’77

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Bantam Connections

As a neuroscientist, I know something about the importance of connections. In the brain, one neuron can have 10,000-plus synaptic connections with other cells; these cells form networks that serve diverse functions such as walking, seeing, and learning. Neuroscience research shows that social connections are important, too; as humans, we want to connect with others, to belong to groups and form relationships.

Those in the Trinity community have a strong desire to connect; one story that I heard when I was interviewing with the college is that when a Trinity alum is driving and sees another car with a Trinity sticker, that alum wants to speed up to see who’s in the car. I loved that story, and in my four years as president, I have found that it resonates in my interactions with Trinity alums. The passionate engagement of our community members is one of our greatest and most distinguishing assets. Our new mission statement—Engage. Connect. Transform.—underscores this Trinity characteristic. We’re all about making connections—with each other, with Hartford, and with the wider world—to help fellow Bantams become successful, engaged global citizens and to move forward our beloved Trinity.

The alumni survey we conducted earlier this year [please see page 36] was loud and clear on these points. The volume and quality of responses that we received far surpassed the survey firm’s expectations, but we knew you’d have a lot to say. And, on the issue of connecting, you were loud and clear about a desire to be more deeply engaged, both with the college and with one another. We heard you!

We know from the survey and ongoing conversations with the National Alumni Association (NAA) that Trinity alumni are eager to connect with each other to give and receive career advice and support, as well as to help current students explore career interests and find success after graduation.

Helping fellow Bantams succeed has long been a Trinity tradition. Lou Shipley ‘85, who has just joined our Board of Trustees, is one excellent example of this. Lou has hired 10 Trinity grads during his tenure as president and CEO of Black Duck Software and hired several others at his previous company. Not only does he come to Trinity every February to participate in a program on careers in technology (and recruit!), but he also has built at Black Duck a rotational development program with liberal arts grads in mind, training them on all aspects of the company. With their liberal arts training, Lou tells me, “Trinity students have everything employers want.”

To build on this tradition, the college will soon launch a new career-networking platform. Called PeopleGrove, the platform will allow alumni to raise their hands to offer perspective, advice, and mentorship to fellow alumni and to today’s students. We’re excited by the possibilities this new platform will afford us to connect more effectively on careers, including the ability to create affinity groups by career field, geographic region, or a particular Trinity affiliation (women’s basketball alumnae, or engineering majors, for instance).

Thank you to the NAA for its partnership with Career Development and Alumni Relations in evaluating PeopleGrove. We anticipate rolling this platform out to alumni this fall and introducing it to students later in the academic year. Please consider signing up.

This work is a key component of Summit, our strategic plan, particularly in ensuring that students can take full advantage of the unique opportunities Trinity provides to help them succeed in the classroom and in the wider world. Also, Career Development recently launched a new job-finding platform for students called Handshake, which allows them to connect directly with employers around the globe who are looking for students who possess the traits and skills that Bantams have in abundance.

Those traits—passion and a collaborative spirit among them—were at the heart of the creation of the Bantam Network. Designed by students, for students, it launched on campus in 2015 to help foster connections—connections among students and connections to the resources on campus. Though it started and has found tremendous success as a first-year mentoring program, we always imagined that this mentoring network would extend beyond the first year and engage the entire Trinity community, including alumni.

It’s gratifying to see the strengthening of the Trinity network—this is truly a Trinity-wide effort. And it’s inspiring to know how deeply you all care about Trinity and want to help the college and our wonderful Bantam family. Remember to speed up just a little bit the next time that you see a Trinity sticker in someone’s car window.
To learn more about how you can become a member today, please contact Dominique Matteson, director of annual giving, at 860-297-5396 or dominique.matteson@trincoll.edu.

“Trinity has been a part of my family for as long as I can remember, with my cousin graduating in 2003 and my sister in 2017. As I embark upon the next stage of my life, I am confident that my professors, my work, and my experiences at Trinity have completely prepared me for what lies ahead.

Now it’s my turn to give back!”

~ Louisa Kammerer ’18

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