Dean Austin Quigley and other College leaders visit Asian alumni, students, parents and government officials to strengthen the Columbia connection.
Mark your calendar...

FALL SEMESTER 2004

**Tuesday**
- **SEPTEMBER 7**
  - First Day of Classes

**Sunday**
- **SEPTEMBER 12**
  - Washington, D.C., College Day

**Friday-Sunday**
- **SEPTEMBER 17-19**
  - Louis Zukofsky ’24 Centennial Conference

**Saturday**
- **SEPTEMBER 18**
  - C250 Community Festival

**Monday**
- **SEPTEMBER 27**
  - The Inaugural Bettman Lecture: The Legacy of Meyer Schapiro ’24

**Wednesday**
- **SEPTEMBER 29**
  - Great Teacher Awards Dinner

**Thursday**
- **SEPTEMBER 30**
  - C250 Symposium: “Re:NEW Frontiers in Creativity”

**Friday**
- **OCTOBER 1**
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  - Roar! — Lions Football Pep Rally
- **OCTOBER 1**
  - Howl! — A Poetry Gathering in Honor of Columbia’s Beats

**Wednesday**
- **OCTOBER 20**
  - October Degrees Conferred

**Monday**
- **NOVEMBER 1**
  - Academic Holiday

**Tuesday**
- **NOVEMBER 2**
  - Election Day (University Holiday)

**Thursday**
- **NOVEMBER 4**
  - Dean’s Scholarship Reception
- **NOVEMBER 18**
  - Alexander Hamilton Medal Dinner

**Thursday-Friday**
- **NOVEMBER 25-26**
  - Thanksgiving Holiday

**Monday**
- **DECEMBER 13**
  - Last Day of Classes

**Thursday**
- **DECEMBER 23**
  - Fall Term Ends

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The College received 1,130 applications for the Class of 2008 from East Asia, more than enough to fill the entire class.

More College students than ever are studying abroad, at locales such as this excavation site in Amheida, Egypt.
Letters to the Editor

Between the Covers
As Columbia College parents, we really enjoyed your July issue of Columbia College Today. The new graphical layout of the cover gives the magazine a nice contemporary lift but more importantly, what is “between the covers” continues to impress us. Just three years ago, we watched the mailbox daily hoping for a thick package from Admissions — now we find we can start to see the top of the hill as our son enters his senior year. Through this period, CCT has been a great link to the College, as it is difficult for us West Coast types to attend the various parent events.

This issue’s “Flouting Convention, Parts I and II” were of particular interest to us, as we begin to wonder what career path our future CC grad will pursue. At first, my wife and I pondered the concept of a career in the handicapping or poker industries, but it struck us that you had profiled two extraordinary individuals who had once again demonstrated that perseverance, hard work and talent can result in remarkable achievement, regardless of what field one chases. The importance of passion as a catalyst was nicely identified in these pieces.

Tony Kushner ’78’s Class Day address also was a kick to read and another testament to the wonderful alumni the College produces. So, congratulations on a beautiful new format, and we look forward to each issue to help us stay connected to CC during the coming year.

Robert and Midori Stanton ’05
Palo Alto, Calif.

Kushner
Thank you for printing the full text of Tony Kushner ’78’s Class Day address to the “redeemers and rescuers” of the Class of 2004. As an openly gay alumnus, I was thrilled to have this extremely talented and hard-working openly gay playwright be chosen as this year’s speaker, and extra pleased that CCT saw fit to print the entire stirring text. Not only did Tony call on our youthful fellow Columbians to “change the world,” but he was such a mensch about it, showing appreciation and respect for the parents, praising the campus so poetically as “this most beautiful brick and stony womb,” describing a Columbia education as “superlative” and suggesting that even Republicans in the crowd have a role in weeding out the “boodle-minded misadventurers.”

Allen Young ’62, ’64
Orange, Mass.

Another View
I read with dismay the infantile ramblings of Tony Kushner ’78 that passed for a Class Day address. If the powers that be wanted a left-wing political diatribe, why not pick someone with better credentials, as for example, Nancy Pelosi?

But more discouraging, as no one should care what Kushner’s political views are, was his tired call to man the picket lines and “Save the World.” How much more significant it would have been (you need to live in the real world to grasp this) to exhort the new graduates to be entrepreneurs, start new businesses, hire and train new workers, especially the disadvantaged, and in general, promote the virtues of capitalism throughout the world.

Edward C. Broge ’43
Glen Mills, Pa.

I read with distress Tony Kushner ’78’s Class Day speech. Mr. Kushner shows writing ability of a sort, as he mentions numerous times that he is allotted only eight minutes for his talk and yet still manages to deliver a speech that seems eternal. Doubtless, 1960s liberalism is still in fashion at Columbia, but must that fashion be so garish and sloppy? Ruth Bader Ginsberg, Louis Henkin or Joseph Stiglitz could have delivered an address that was liberal and thoughtfull, admittedly a difficult feat, but one within the realm of possibility.

Compare Mr. Kushner’s remarks to the commencement speech at Hillsdale College, delivered by Edwin Feulner of the Heritage Foundation. Dr. Feulner’s speech (www.hillsdale.edu/newimprims/2004/july/july.htm), which concerned the current intolerance of conservatives and liberals, was nuanced, thoughtful and even self-critical (there’s an unexplored literary
Within the Family

In Politics, One Star Rises, Another Falls

Two alumni were prominent in political news this summer, one for a meteoric rise, the other for a stunning fall.

Barack Obama '83, a self-described "skinny kid with a funny name," delivered a rousing speech at the Democratic National Convention and emerged as one of the bright, young stars of the Democratic Party.

Six months ago, Obama was a little-known state senator from Illinois, a liberal with clean-cut, boyish looks and solid credentials as a civil rights attorney and environmental activist but a household name only in the Obama household. When he declared his candidacy for an open U.S. Senate seat, Obama was in a pack of seven candidates, several of whom were better-known and better-financed. When he surprised the experts and won the March 16 primary with more votes than all his rivals combined, people outside his immediate circle of friends and supporters began to take notice. And when his early Republican opponent withdrew from the Senate race because he was involved in a messy divorce, it appeared that the Gods of Politics indeed had anointed Obama as one to watch.

And millions watched on July 27 when Obama strode to the podium at the FleetCenter in Boston to deliver the convention's keynote address. It was a heady moment as he followed in the footsteps of such Democratic luminaries as Bill and Hillary Clinton and Ted Kennedy and set the table for the nominations of John Kerry and John Edwards, calling on Americans to "participate in a politics of hope" in a dynamic and stirring address that stole the spotlight from the Democratic heavyweights. Truly, a political star was born.

We are so obsessed with pointing fingers at our current administration that it seems we are profoundly failing to see from whence they come. Like Michael Moore, I say, "Shame on you, Columbia. Shame on you."

Weinstein's speech was given at little Hillsdale College and Kushner's at Columbia is depressing. However, don't worry, Mr. Kushner, don't worry, President Bollinger. The comparison is only depressing if you stop and think about it.

William M. Carey '81
St. Louis

Pursuing Wealth

Is the accumulation of wealth the sole criterion for a useful, productive life? My grandfather, also a Columbia graduate, and I never felt that way. In articles that should have been in a Las Vegas tabloid rather than Columbia College Today ("Flouting Convention, Parts I and II," July), two professional gamblers are glorified. Remember, Jimmy the Greek's broadcast career came to an ignominious end. Perhaps a third article about Jack Molinas ['53] should have been included, or Chet Forte ['57].

Richard R. Feder '69 M.D.
Wheeling, W.Va.

Playwright Tony Kushner ['78]'s charge to the Class of 2004 that "you will rescue us from these dreadful, dreadful people ... " (page 7, July) is tragically undone on pages 20–23 of the same issue of Columbia College Today. The frantic, unmitigated greed for money that permeates the words on these pages and seems to drive the lives of Wayne Root '83 and Annie Duke '87, with no redeeming social value unless you count "and as soon as I have enough money I will run for the U.S. Senate" (page 21) or "she'll definitely be able to achieve her goals of 'earning a living, putting my kids through college and owning a nice home'" (page 23) is sickening, or did I miss something here?

Fewer than three weeks later, a star fell from the political firmament when Jim McGreevey '78 announced his resignation as governor of New Jersey. For a man described as being consumed by politics, walking away from the state house was a stunning decision, no matter what the reasons or how complex they may be. After all, he had been "one to watch" back in 1997, when, as a little-known, small-town mayor, he came within one percentage point of unseating New Jersey Governor Christie Todd Whitman, a Republican of national profile. Four years later, after Whitman had moved on to a post in the Bush Cabinet, McGreevey easily won the governorship and seemed about to take his place among the Democratic elite.

But fewer than three years into a troubled administration, McGreevey gave it all up, reminding us how little we know about our public figures, how fragile success can be and how quickly promise can turn to disillusion in the political arena.

Carol Coffin P '98
Glenside, Pa.

Reading List

Leafing through the May 2004 issue of CCT, my eye was caught by a full-page photo of Irwin Edman '17, from whom I took an upper-division course in philosophy of art. I was surprised to read that he had been one of the founders of the Humanities course that I took in 1937–38, my freshman year. A few pages further, the reading list for that course was given, and I detected three errors: We started with Homer's Odyssey, not Iliad, and Greek historians Herodotus (Continued on page 75)
Columbians Ahead of Their Time

Olympians, Hall-of-Famers, Champions . . . Lions. Honor the legacy of Columbia athletes and of all Columbians Ahead of Their Time at Columbia 250 Closing Festivities, Homecoming 2004. Celebrate under the big top, bring your family for the carnival, join the alumni parade, and watch the Lions take on Princeton’s Tigers at Baker Field on Saturday, October 2. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.c250.columbia.edu/closing.
Join College alumni and other members of the Columbia community this fall as the University wraps up its year-long Columbia250 celebration at Homecoming on Saturday, October 2.

Two weeks earlier, on Saturday, September 18, Columbia fetes its neighbors from Morningside Heights, Harlem and Washington Heights with the C250 Community Festival, an all-day event for kids and adults alike. Informative sessions, fun activities and live jazz are just a few of the activities planned. For the latest information, log onto www.c250.columbia.edu/c250_events/community_festival/.

On Saturday, October 2, Columbia’s football team will seek to settle an old score with Princeton in the annual Homecoming game at Baker Field. The old score? It’s the 200th anniversary of the duel between Princetonian Aaron Burr and Columbian Alexander Hamilton (Class of 1778) on the Weehawken Plains.

The pre-game show, with Columbia250 Closing Ceremonies, begins at 1 p.m. Don’t miss your chance to participate in the historic Columbia250 Alumni Parade, complete with school banners and flags.

Homecoming would not be the same without the Big Top tent and children’s midway carnival — and this year it’s bigger than ever. Purchase tickets to the game and the barbecue at www.c250.columbia.edu/closing.

Closing festivities also include two C250 symposia. “Re:NEW Frontiers in Creativity” will take place on Thursday evening, September 30, and feature students, professors and alumni of Columbia’s Computer Music Center, which has been at the forefront of electronic music and arts since the days of Vladimir Ussachevsky. It will present some of the foremost figures in electronic performance, including incoming Edwin H. Case Professor of Music George Lewis, recipient of the 2003 MacArthur Award.

On Friday, October 1, “The 21st-Century City and Its Values: Urbanism, Toleration, Equality” will take place at Miller Theatre. In three sessions — “Urbanism,” “Toleration” and “Equality” — this daylong event will convene many of the world’s leading scholars and practitioners in architecture, ethics, law and anthropology.

The symposia websites can be found at www.c250.columbia.edu/new and www.c250.columbia.edu/city.
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Dirks Named Arts & Sciences V.P.

By Alex Sachare ’71

Nicholas Dirks, Franz Boas Professor of Anthropology and History and chair of the anthropology department, is the new vice president for Arts and Sciences, effective September 1. He succeeded Ira Katznelson ’66, Ruggles Professor of Political Science and History, who held the post on an interim basis for the past year following the resignation of David Cohen. Katznelson has resumed his faculty position.

Dirks, whose areas of expertise include South Asian history and British colonial history, came to Columbia in 1997 from Michigan, where he founded the interdepartmental program in anthropology and history and directed the Center for South and South East Asian Studies. From 1978–87, he taught at Cal Tech. In 2002, he was honored by a committee of College students with the Lionel Trilling ’25 Award, which recognizes an outstanding book published by a Columbia faculty member, for Castes of Mind: Colonialism and the Making of Modern India.

“Nick is a highly distinguished scholar, dedicated to intellectual life within academia and in public affairs, internationalist in scope and embracing of diverse perspectives,” President Lee C. Bollinger said in announcing the appointment. “He is eager to take on the serious and complex responsibilities of this distinctive role in the academic world.”

The vice president for Arts and Sciences is responsible for overseeing 29 departments of instruction in the humanities and physical and social sciences, and the faculty of the College, the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences and the Schools of the Arts, Continuing Education, International and Public Affairs and General Studies.

“The Arts and Sciences are at a critical juncture,” Dirks said. “As we move forward, I hope to work with the administration to address a range of issues affecting the intellectual environment, pedagogical resources and quality of life for faculty. Building on my background in and commitment to interdisciplinarity and internationalization, I look forward to working with the faculty to make the Arts and Sciences more diverse, vital and innovative in the years ahead.”

Dirks received his bachelor’s in 1972 from Wesleyan and his master’s (1974) and doctorate (1981) from Chicago. A former Guggenheim Fellow, MacArthur Fellow and Fulbright Scholar, he is completing a manuscript about Britain and the imperial conquest of India, tentatively titled The Scandal of Empire.

Kraft To Receive Hamilton Medal

Each fall, the Columbia College Alumni Association presents the Alexander Hamilton Medal to an alumnus or faculty member for distinguished service and accomplishment in any field of endeavor. On Thursday, November 18, Robert K. Kraft ’63, a businessman, owner of the two-time Super Bowl champion New England Patriots and the major benefactor of Columbia’s Kraft Family Center for Jewish Student Life, will be honored at a dinner in the Low Library Rotunda.

Kraft is founder and chairman of the Boston-based Kraft Group of Companies, a holding company with interests in venture investing, sports and entertainment, and paper and packaging. The Kraft Group also makes and holds a number of investments in venture stage companies, focusing on the cable business, radio, business-to-consumer, business-to-business, Internet technology and infrastructure holdings.

A Brookline, Mass., native, Kraft attended the College on an academic scholarship. He played football and was a member of the Varsity “C” Club, Van Am Society and Senior Society of Sachems. Kraft was president of his freshman, sophomore and senior classes; students could not serve as president for three consecutive years. Thereafter, he was elected permanent class president. Kraft received a fellowship to attend the Harvard School of Business, where he earned an M.B.A. in 1965. He is a University trustee emeritus, sits on the Boston College Board of Trustees and serves on the executive committees of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston and the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

Kraft purchased the Patriots in 1994, saving the team from leaving New England. In the eight seasons that he has owned the team, the Patriots have qualified for the playoffs six times and appeared in three Super Bowls, claiming the franchise’s first title with a 20–17 victory over the St. Louis Rams in 2002’s Super Bowl XXXVI and its second with a 32–29 victory over the Carolina Panthers in 2004’s Super Bowl XXXVIII. The Kraft Group’s holdings in sports and entertainment also include Major League Soccer’s New England Revolution.

Kraft and his wife, Myra, live in Brookline, Mass. They have four children, David ’94, Jonathan, Josh and Dan, and eight grandchildren.

For more information on the dinner, please contact Shelley Grunfeld, Alumni Office manager of special events: (212) 870–2288 or rg329@columbia.edu.

Lisa Palladino

College Fund Rises for 12th Straight Year

Thanks to the generosity of alumni, parents, students and friends of the College, almost $10 million was raised by the Columbia College Fund in the 2003–04 academic year, compared with just more than $9 million in unrestricted annual giving last year. This continues a 12-year trend in increasing financial support for the College.

The fund has experienced an almost 20 percent increase during the past three years, and the number of alumni donors continues to grow, as well. The Class of 2004 set a record with 74.8 percent of the senior class participating in the class gift, compared with 71 percent last year and 52 percent in 2002. Parents also exceeded their goal this year with the Parents Fund raising more than $800,000, compared with just more than $700,000 last year.

The development staff, led by Dean of Alumni Affairs and Development Derek Witner ’65 and Executive Director of the College Fund Susan Levin Birnbaum, worked with Fund Steering Committee members Mark Amsterdam ’66, Geoffrey Colvin ’74 (fund chairman), Burtt Ehrlich ’61 and Edward Weinstein ’57. The Alumni Association, the Board of Visitors, the Class Agents and the dedicated Alumni Office staff also were instrumental in the fund’s success.

Unrestricted annual giving is a vital ingredient in Columbia’s success, providing current and immediately usable funds for the College’s many operations. The largest single application of unrestricted annual giving is financial aid, preserving need-blind admissions and full-need financial support. Annual giving also bolsters the student services and activities that enhance the quality of undergraduate life and fortifies and enhances the Core Curriculum.
Hood, Shahabuddin To Receive Great Teacher Awards

James F. Bender Professor of Psychology Donald C. Hood and Perwez Shahabuddin, professor of industrial engineering and operations research at SEAS, will receive the 2004 Great Teacher Awards at the Society of Columbia Graduates Awards Dinner in Low Rotunda on Wednesday, September 29.

Hood, a Columbia faculty member since 1969, is committed to undergraduate teaching and often works with students in advanced courses that train them for graduate work. He received the 1993 Mark Van Doren Award for Outstanding Teaching.

Hood, who served as the University’s vice president for Arts and Sciences from 1982-87, has been chair of the psychology department on several occasions and served on the College’s Committee on Instruction from 1993-97. In 1992, he was elected to the Society of Experimental Psychologists. Hood has been on the editorial board of Investigative Ophthalmology and Visual Science since 1992, and has served as a trustee for Smith College since 1989, for the Guggenheim Foundation since 1996, and for Brown University since 2002. He received his B.A. from SUNY Harpur (1965) and his M.S. (1968) and Ph.D. (1969) from Brown.

Shahabuddin, who has taught at SEAS since 1995, was a researcher at IBM’s T.J. Watson Research Center in Yorktown Heights, N.Y., where he specialized in systems analysis. A graduate of the Indian Institute of Technology, Shahabuddin received his Ph.D. in operations research from Stanford in 1990. In 1997, he received the Distinguished Faculty Teaching Award given by SEAS alumni.

In addition to the Great Teacher Awards, a special service award will be given to Professor J.W. Smit, the Queen Wilhelmina Professor of the History of the Low Countries, for his continuing commitment to undergraduate teaching and his unique contributions as a teacher of all four of Columbia’s principal Core Curriculum courses.

The Great Teacher Awards have been presented since 1949, one a year to faculty members from the College and SEAS, based on their ability to stimulate, challenge and inspire students and to make effective oral presentations; a demonstrated interest in students and the ability to relate positively to students outside the classroom; and a recognized standing in academic discipline.

For information about the Awards Dinner, contact Alexandra Baranetsky at (973) 376-2212 or ab665@columbia.edu.

ROAR, LION, ROAR!

Bill Campbell ’62, president of Intuit, Columbia trustee and former Lions head football coach, will receive the 2004 Gold Medal from the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame at its annual dinner on Tuesday, December 7. The Gold Medal, the most prestigious award bestowed by the foundation, has been given annually since 1958 and recognizes “an outstanding American who has demonstrated integrity and honesty, achieved significant career success and has reflected the basic values of those who have excelled in amateur sport, particularly football.” Past recipients include seven U.S. presidents and leaders in industry, military and civic service.

Four members of the U.S. fencing team that competed at last month’s Olympics in Athens have Columbia connections. Dan Keller ’98 and Jed DuPree ’01 are College alumni, Emily Jacobson ’08 is beginning her first year at the College and Erin Smart ’01 is a Barnard alumna. Two members of Columbia’s 2003 national and eastern lightweight rowing runners-up, Veljko Urosevic ’03 and Milos Tomic ’06, represented Serbia-Montenegro, while the goalkeeper for the Greek women’s soccer team was assistant women’s soccer coach Maria Yatrakis, daughter of Peter Yatrakis ’62 and Kathryn Yatrakis, dean of academic affairs.

Wade Fletcher ’05, the 67” tight end who led Columbia with 874 receiving yards and nine touchdowns last season, was an honorable mention choice for the Sports Network’s Division I-AA preseason All-America team. The Lions open their 2004 football schedule at Baker Field against Fordham on Saturday, September 18, in a 7 p.m. game that will be televised by the YES Network.

Mike Zimmer, who helped build Columbia’s men’s lightweight rowing program into one of the nation’s best during his six-year term as coach before coaching the Lion women’s crew for the past eight years, has succeeded Scott McKee as coach of the men’s heavyweight crew. McKee resigned in June after 13 seasons. A search for a new women’s crew coach is under way.

Jay Butler resigned after eight seasons as head women’s basketball coach to accept a job as the first assistant coach at Division I Centenary. Under Butler, the Lions were 67-143 overall and 33-79 in the Ivy League, including 12-14 overall and 6-8 in Ivy play last year. A nationwide search for a new coach began in June and was continuing at press time.

Continuing Education Launches Evening Extension Program

Columbia’s School of Continuing Education has launched the Evening Extension Program, an open enrollment program offering “Columbia quality” courses to people “who are unable for one reason or another to enroll in the regular courses offered to Columbia degree candidates,” says Frank Wolf, dean of the School of Continuing Education.

More than 25 courses are being offered in the inaugural Fall 2004 semester, ranging from the contemporary, such as “Achieving Perfection: Understanding Six Sigma” and “Developing and Managing a Successful Business Plan,” to more classical subjects, such as “Masterpieces of Western Art” and “James Joyce’s Ulysses.” Courses are taught by faculty members, researchers, scholars or professionals with expertise in a specific area.

Classes meet one evening a week for 12 weeks, with the first semester beginning on September 20. The fee for each course is $1,000. Classes are held Monday through Thursday on the Morningside Heights campus or at neighboring facilities.

“The Evening Extension Program is another way in which Columbia is trying to serve New Yorkers by making serious, high quality courses accessible to working people at a reasonable cost,” says Wolf. “By requiring that the relevant Columbia departments approve courses and instructors, we will assure the preservation of Columbia quality.”

Students who register in the Evening Extension Program are not required to submit academic records, but they will have access to the Columbia library system, which contains more than eight million volumes.

Wolf noted that 2004 marks the 100th anniversary of Extension Teaching, a program that offered a broad array of courses specifically for non-degree students that gained prominence in the early and mid-20th century but later faded. “Now we return to the best of that Extension tradition,” he said.

For more information, a description of courses and an online registration form, visit http://extension.columbia.edu/.

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IN MEMORIAM

Sidney Morgenbesser, John Dewey Professor Emeritus of Philosophy, died on August 1 in Manhattan from complications of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis. He was 82. Morgenbesser was equally celebrated for his kibitzing and witticisms as for his teaching skills and subject knowledge.

Morgenbesser was born on September 22, 1921, in New York City. After graduating from The Jewish Theological Seminary, he was ordained a rabbi and taught at City College, both in 1941. He earned an M.A. and a Ph.D. from Penn in 1950 and 1956, respectively. After teaching at Swarthmore and the New School for Social Research, Morgenbesser joined Columbia’s faculty as a lecturer in 1953. By 1966, he was a full professor; in 1968, he was a member of a faculty panel that drafted proposals to reform the University after the student unrest (during which he suffered “a good hit on the head”); and in 1975, he was named John Dewey Professor of Philosophy. He had visiting professorships at Princeton, Rockefeller, Brandeis and Hebrew universities.

A Cuggenheim fellow, Morgenbesser served as the chairman of the New York chapter of the Society for Philosophy and Public Affairs and was an associate fellow at the Institute of Policy Studies. He was a book review editor of The Journal of Philosophy and a member of the editorial board of The Nation. His interests included pragmatism, human rights, philosophy of the social sciences and theory of knowledge.

Popular with students and colleagues, Morgenbesser was best known for his keen intellect, collaborative teaching style and acute wit. When he was honored with the Society of Columbia Graduates’ Great Teacher Award in 1982, Morgenbesser was lauded for his “outstanding qualities of mind and scholarship” and for his method of teaching, which “has a precision and an impatience with pretension, which turns undergraduates into honest, diligent students, eager to learn and question.”

Morgenbesser leaves as his legacy a number of famous stories and oft-repeated clever lines and comebacks. The most famous, perhaps, is this: In the 1950s, Oxford philosopher J.L. Austin came to Columbia to present a paper about the close analysis of language. He pointed out that although two negatives make a positive, nowhere is it the case that two positives make a negative. “Yeah, yeah,” Morgenbesser said dismissively from the audience. A close second may be: In the 1970s, a student of Maoist inclination asked Morgenbesser if he disagreed with Mao’s saying that a proposition can be true or false at the same time. Morgenbesser replied, “I do and I don’t.”

The New York Times said of Morgenbesser, “Kibitzing, a gift he developed on the Lower East Side, where his father was a garment worker, was the medium through which Morgenbesser reached the highest of intellectual planes. Colleagues and former students described a teacher whose power and influence were felt not so much in a legacy of articles and books (there were relatively few for a tenured professor of his standing) as through the deceptively whimsical give-and-take that allowed him to distill the essence of things, taking kibitzing to the edge of such frontiers as metaphysics and epistemology. With freewheeling intellectual banter that many likened to Socratic dialogues, he influenced generations of students, including the philosopher Robert Nozick [59], who once wrote that he ‘majored in Sidney Morgenbesser.’ ”

“Someone recently asked me what Sidney Morgenbesser was known for, and I had to say that he was known for being Sidney Morgenbesser,” good friend and colleague Arthur Danto, Johnsonian Professor Emeritus of Philosophy, told Columbia’s Office of Public Affairs. “He was one of the great philosophical personalities of the 20th century, or of any century, since the person most like him was Socrates, for both of them existed through impromptu philosophical conversations. I once fantasized traveling to see a legendary wise man of the kind they show sitting in the mountains. Before I could ask my question about the meaning of life, he would say, ‘Wait, how is Sid?’”

Morgenbesser edited Dewey and His Critics (1977) and Philosophy of Science Today (1967) and co-edited Free Will (1962), Philosophy of Science (1962), Philosophy, Science and Method: Essays in Honor of Ernest Nagel (1969) and Philosophy, Morality and International Affairs (1974). He wrote more than 50 articles, many with colleagues. He is survived by his companion, Joann Haimson.

Lisa Palladino

Jonathan Kramer, a composer, music theorist and a respected music professor, died on June 3 of leukemia. He was 61.

Kramer’s distinctive talents were widely recognized in the modern musical world. He was a distinguished author, among whose most prominent books are The Time of Music: New Meanings, New Temporalities, New Listening Strategies (MacMillan Publishing Co.) and Listen to the Music: A Self-Guided Tour Through the Orchestral Repertoire (Music Sales Ltd.), both published in 1988. He finished his last work — a long-awaited book on post-modernism — not long before his death.

A Hartford, Conn., native, Kramer earned a B.A. in music from Harvard in 1965 and an M.A. (1967) and Ph.D. (1969) in composition from UC Berkeley. After teaching at Oberlin, Yale and the University of Cincinnati, he joined Columbia as a full professor in 1988, where he came to be admired by students and colleagues. Kramer’s close friend and fellow music professor, Fred Lerch, remarked in his eulogy: “Throughout, he was a rock of steadiness, rationality and good counsel … he was a supportive and extremely diligent teacher and mentor of countless students.”

Jeffrey Milarsky, music director and conductor of the Columbia University Orchestra, announced that one of the orchestra’s fall concerts will be dedicated to Kramer, who often gave eloquent pre-concert lectures. In addition, The Jonathan Kramer Memorial Fund has been established to honor Kramer’s life and art. Contributions may be sent to the Music Department, Columbia University, 2960 Broadway, New York, NY 10027. (Please make checks payable to Columbia University/Jonathan Kramer Memorial Fund.) For more information, please contact the music department: (212) 854-3825. A memorial service will be held this fall.
James Ebert, former director of alumni relations and annual giving at Yale Divinity School, is now an associate director of the Columbia College Fund. He will lead special fund-raising initiatives in the Alumni Office, including the undergraduate financial aid campaign and "Frontiers of Science," the new Science Core course for first-years ...

Susan Murray has joined the Alumni Office as an assistant director of the College Fund. Murray most recently worked in fund raising for NYC2012, which is trying to bring the Olympic Games to New York City ... On July 1, Timothy Cross, former director of electronic programs in the Alumni Office, assumed the newly created position of director of undergraduate programs and grants. Cross collaborates with SEAS to identify foundation, corporate and government support for undergraduate programs and educational initiatives ... Assuming the position vacated by Cross, Adlar Garcia '95, former assistant director for alumni affairs, young alumni, now holds responsibility for the Columbia E-Community, the online networking tool for College and SEAS graduates, as well as for the monthly alumni e-newsletters.

David M. Schizer, a 35-year-old Columbia Law professor, has been named the school's 14th dean, making him the youngest dean of the nation's top law schools. Schizer succeeds David W. Leebron, who was dean for eight years before becoming president of Rice ... Mark Wigley, who has served as interim dean for the past year following the resignation of Bernard Tschumi, has been named dean of the Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation. Wigley has written extensively on the theory and practice of architecture. He has served as guest curator for widely attended exhibitions at the Museum of Modern Art, New York; the Drawing Center, New York; the Canadian Centre for Architecture, Montreal; and Witte de With Museum, Rotterdam.

Albert G. Horvath has been named executive vice president for finance, effective October 1. Horvath, former controller at NYU, comes to Columbia from Cal Tech, where he is v.p. for business and finance ... R. Keith Walton, who has served as secretary of the University, has been promoted to executive v.p. and secretary of the University ... Deborah F. Stiles, formerly a partner at the law firm of Debevoise & Plimpton, has been named v.p. for research operations for the University ...

Simon Klarfeld had been named executive director of Columbia/ Barnard Hillel, and Rabbi Charles Scheer, who served at Columbia for 34 years, is now director and Jewish chaplain emeritus.

Cindy Kong has accepted the newly created position of assistant dean of planning and administration for the College. Kong has worked in the University's Office of Management and Budget since 1993, serving as associate budget director for the past seven years.
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First Person

Bonum Serum Bonum

By Lea Goldman '98

In the four years we spent together, carousing one night, buried in the stacks the next, I never suspected that my friend James Kearney '98 was a writer. He excelled academically, for sure, graduating with all the honors conferred upon Columbia's brightest minds. With his wry, self-effacing humor and his Irish good looks, the sharpest blade in his arsenal was most certainly his intensity. But James, a writer? The same person who ran through Riverside Park at ungodly hours while the rest of us crept home from our Amsterdam haunts? Though he surrounded himself with jazz lovers, thinkers and artists of all kinds, it always seemed that James traveled with them, not among them.

It's funny how much you learn about a person the hard way.

In August 2002, a day before his 25th birthday, James was diagnosed with an aggressive brain tumor. His doctors gave him two years, if that. But true to his personality, James waged a war of intensity. Over the course of 19 months, he underwent two craniotomies, countless chemotherapies and a round robin of treatments and pills that crowded the cupboards. He fortified his body any way he could: first by running, then by walking, even by doing bedside push-ups after his doctor told him to stop. He also fed his mind, poring over the works of thinkers such as Thomas Merton '38, who helped him explain the inexplicable. James' studies were a self-prescribed regimen that were as much a part of his daily treatment as his Taxol.

James' disease worsened. His tumor spread. And in June 2003, he moved to Europe, first Brussels, then Paris, for a grueling experimental treatment program. It seemed that this was his last hope. In fact, Paris was James' great hope. In August 2002, a day before his 25th birthday, James was diagnosed with an aggressive brain tumor.

It was there, in a new city teeming with inspiration, that James penned the play he had been aching to write. *Kronos and Krainos* is an unsettling glimpse into James' mind as he wrestled with his mortality. The drama follows a group of overachieving but morally dissolute young urbanites on a desperate search for hope and purpose. Their lives become intertwined in New York City's first suicide subway bombing. The play gives voice to James' fears, regrets, and perhaps most importantly, his renewed faith in God. With poignancy and wit, it outlines our responsibilities as survivors: *Bonum serum bonum*, live the good life. "Sometimes God does his best work, plays his most rippin' sets, in the dark," James wrote.

James returned from Paris with little hope for recovery. Bedridden by January, a dozen of his close friends convened at his family's home in Westchester that month to perform *Kronos and Krainos*. Laughter echoed throughout the Kearney house, and for a few fleeting hours, it felt like the old days at Columbia.

James died on March 27, 2004, after a ferocious and courageous battle with cancer. He did not go gently. Having left us with a mission to live the good life, his twin sister, Megan '98, explained that we all had a responsibility to his legacy. "James made me promise before he died that his death would not be in vain," she said. Her goal was to stage *Kronos and Krainos* Off-Broadway by summer's end: secure a seasoned director, hire an experienced cast and fill the aisles so that *Kronos and Krainos*, this gospel of James, might breathe life into his legacy.

None of us had contacts in Manhattan's theater circles. But we exploited, even harassed, our friends, many former Columbia classmates who now populate desks at the city's premier newspapers, magazines and TV networks. Eventually, we connected with Victor Talmadge, a seasoned Los Angeles-based director who immediately grasped James' vision. "The theme of faith, the constant discovery of one's spirituality in the face of adverse circumstances, is also an idea that is wonderfully examined and universal in its message," he wrote after reading the script. The producers, including Megan, David Miele '98, TC '04, Claudia DeSimio '99, Joe Master '98 and myself, scoured the theater district for a suitable (and affordable) stage before settling on The Peter Norton Space on West 42nd Street — intimate enough to complement the nature of the show yet large enough to accommodate the anticipated demand. (Overachievers, of course.)

We sweated out July, hurriedly preparing press kits, websites, publicity plans, set designs and Playbills. Feverishly, we spread the word of *Kronos and Krainos*, distributing all tickets (free, courtesy of James' family) within two weeks and building a wait-list that exploded within days of an *am New York* feature. Professional actors rehearsed for six hours a day in an empty Chinatown loft provided by Andy Topkins '98 and his brother, David Topkins '94.

The weekend of July 23-25, *Kronos and Krainos* was performed before standing room audiences. James had breathed himself so completely into his characters that, if I shut my eyes, the actors' voices echoed in the theater as James'. I'm certain I'm not the only one who experienced shivers that night. There were many occasions before — and will surely be occasions after — when we raise glasses and wipe away tears in remembering the beloved son, brother and friend we had in James Kearney. But on that weekend, to raucous applause and standing ovations, we also lauded James Kearney, the writer.

Lea Goldman '98 is a writer in New York City.
Columbia in Asia

Dean Austin Quigley led a College delegation to East Asia in June, meeting with students, parents, alumni and government officials.

On June 15, Dean Austin Quigley and five other College administrators took off on a 12-day trip to East Asia, where they met with current and prospective students, parents, alumni, educators and government officials. Dean of Alumni Affairs and Development Derek Wittner ’65, who was making his third trip to the region in four years, explains the reasons behind the journey and why such trips are important to the College’s future.

By Derek Wittner ’65

Columbia is committed to bringing together students of different backgrounds as an essential element of an outstanding liberal arts education. A lofty ideal? Maybe. But with a focus inspired by President Lee C. Bollinger, who considers Columbia’s place in the world a guiding principle of his administration, the College is working to make this a reality. Given Asia’s growing influence in the world, attracting students and connecting with alumni and parents from that region are priorities for the College.

To place this objective in perspective, the College received 1,130 applications from East Asian students for the Class of 2008, a 40 percent increase from 1995.

There is much to be done. To be able to expand the pool of admitted students, and to do it without financial capacity as a condition for someone wishing to study at Columbia, is one of the College’s highest priorities.

On June 15, we began a journey to Seoul, Singapore, Hong Kong and Taipei. Our itinerary included meetings with government officials and high school counselors to explore increasing student exchanges, to
Welcome members of the Class of 2008 and their parents, and to further improve Columbia’s connections with Asian alumni. Participating were Dean Austin Quigley, Dean of Student Affairs Chris Colombo, Director of Admissions Jessica Marinaccio, Executive Director of Alumni Affairs Ken Catandella, Associate Dean of Student/Alumni Programs Kathryn Wittner and myself.

It was in 2001 that Conrad Lung ’72, a prominent businessman and president of the Asian Columbia Alumni Association, lobbied to make Asia a College destination. His reasoning coincided with the College’s agenda — we had just developed a five-year plan to increase alumni participation, but we never thought as ambitiously, as globally, as Lung encouraged us to do.

Our first trip to Singapore, in June 2001, opened our eyes. Lung facilitated contact with the Columbia University Club, which held its annual dinner during our visit. With Lung as our guide and local support from Nick Serwer ’78 and Berry Kwok ’61, P’03, we were warmly welcomed by many College alumni and parents. However, our visit was met with some skepticism, which Serwer explained. “You know, we haven’t seen a lot of Columbia faculty or alumni out here,” he remarked. “One visit every five years just won’t do, especially when Harvard, Yale, Stanford and other schools are here all the time.” We assured Serwer that our trip marked a departure from the past, and that we intended to routinely visit Asia.

We felt we could accomplish several important objectives during these trips: enhance the College’s profile in an increasingly important part of the world, establish and strengthen relationships with local high schools, meet with incoming students to offer advice about their programs, have them meet current students and have their parents meet current parents, and explore fund-raising opportunities. The expectations were greatly exceeded: All but one student who was out of the country admitted from Singapore in 2002 attended an advising session, and the positive reception we received from their parents was extraordinary. Sending a son or daughter 10,000 miles away to attend college in a big city is a courageous act; making a Columbia contact was reassuring to many of these parents.

By 2004, we were more confident about visiting Asia. We were no longer strangers, and the fact that Bollinger had visited Asia in April and that Quigley was accompanying us reinforced the University’s commitment
to community in Asia. “We are delighted to join the Alumni Office on this trip,” Colombo said at a Singapore Alumni Club meeting. “It’s a great opportunity to reinforce our relationships with high schools in each city and to introduce our new students and their parents to members of the Student Affairs team.” Marinaccio echoed his thoughts: “What particularly impressed me was the graciousness and great enthusiasm with which we were greeted by all generations of Columbians — alumni, parents and incoming students. The commitment to Columbia in Asia runs deep. We have wonderful partners there to help us achieve our goal of attracting the best minds in world to our campus. This trip has made those partnership ties even stronger.”

This trip was marked by opportunities we did not have on our first visits. Colombo, Marinaccio and Kathryn Wittner focused on meeting with students and parents, Catandella and I concentrated on building relationships with local alumni and Quigley met with all constituencies. We all were guests at the ministries of education in Singapore and Taiwan as well as the foreign ministry in Taiwan, and these meetings with government officials reinforced the visit’s importance.

“The visits over the past four years have been very important to us in our efforts to increase club membership, embark on new activities and raise Columbia’s profile in Singapore,” said Serwer. “The presence of Tharman Shanmugaratnam, minister for education, at our dinner this year demonstrates the importance of the Columbia alumni community in Singapore to the government. And clearly, the presence of Dean Quigley demonstrates the importance that Columbia attaches to Singapore and the region.”

Quigley and Shanmugaratnam were the guest speakers at the annual Singapore club dinner, which featured a lively and thought-provoking discussion of the benefits of a general education and the Core Curriculum as compared with a more specialized curriculum. “The data show that our graduates will change careers many times,” said Quigley. “Our Core Curriculum is designed to enable them to adapt to different situations by acquiring a basic understanding of many points of view.” There appears to be a growing appreciation in East Asia of an education that prepares students for many career changes and one that encourages interdisciplinary approaches to education, which can only help Columbia’s status in the region.

These visits also provided an opportunity to discuss ways of increasing contacts between Asian students and Columbia. “We look forward to enhancing the opportunities for exchanges with Columbia,” said Michael Kow, Taiwan’s deputy foreign minister, at the dinner in Quigley’s honor. Many useful suggestions will involve follow-up in the coming year, including internship programs and student exchanges with learning institutes and high schools.

Whether in Seoul, Singapore, Hong Kong or Taiwan, however, it is clear that Columbia is competing not only with its U.S. peers for talented Asian students, but with China, whose dominance is felt throughout the region. This means that Columbia must continue to capitalize on the initiative begun this year by Bollinger’s visit to Beijing and promote educational exchanges with the mainland as well as foster promising relationships with Hong Kong and Taiwan.

Our visit gave Quigley the chance to talk to alumni and parents about the College’s financial aid needs and specifically our desire to offer aid to international students. Columbia’s current financial limits make it possible to offer need-blind admission only to domestic students, except in unusual cases.

The trip also allowed us to promote the student/alumni connections program that the College has embarked upon as part of the plan to increase participation. “The opportunity to welcome our new students before they arrive on campus, and to discuss their programs and answer their questions, helps demystify the experience awaiting them,” said Kathryn Wittner, who participates in these programs for the Student Affairs Office. “By the end of the summer, we will have met with half of the incoming class.”

Bringing the Columbia community — alumni, students and parents — together has proven to be a winning formula, in the United States and abroad. “The trip is an important part of our participation plan. We are extending its reach to a global one,” said Quigley.

Derek Wittner ’65 is dean of alumni affairs and development for the College and deputy vice president of University Development and Alumni Relations.
Neon signs for Starbucks, 7 Eleven and KFC are part of the mix in this street scene from Hong Kong’s Lan Kwai Fong district.

PHOTO: KATHRYN WITTNER
More College students than ever are spending part of their academic careers studying abroad, and are doing so in more varied locales.

By Tami Luhby '92

Getting around Ho Chi Minh City with her limited Vietnamese proved no problem for Molly Hartman-O'Connell '04. But when she arrived in the Mekong Delta to do field work during her study abroad program, she found herself at a loss for words.

An anthropology major with a concentration in Asian-American studies, Hartman-O'Connell was unable to communicate with her host family and to participate in their cooking rituals when she arrived in March 2003. But the family proved so friendly and patient that Hartman-O'Connell soon was harvesting rice, feeding the fish and making rice wine with the two daughters. By June, she was helping to cut lettuce leaves and arrange the breads in front of the altar for one family’s ancestral celebration and feast.

“In the beginning, I was unable to do anything, but by the end I was totally part of what they were doing,” says the Brooklyn native.

As the first College student to study in Vietnam in an approved program, Hartman-O'Connell joins the growing ranks of undergraduates traveling to far-flung reaches of the globe.

Students increasingly are venturing to Africa, Latin America, Eastern Europe and the Middle East, among other places, says Associate Dean of Academic Affairs Kathleen McDermott, who heads the College's Study Abroad program. This trend of going to developing countries has helped fuel the overall growth of the Study Abroad program. The College sends more than 300 undergraduates per year overseas, more than double the number of a decade ago.

Columbia students’ increased interest in studying abroad mirrors a national trend. The number of college students studying abroad soared to 160,920 in 2001-02, up from 71,154 a decade earlier, according to statistics published by the Institute of International Education. The number of students studying in places other than Western Europe also has grown dramatically, with China, Japan, Thailand, South Africa and Brazil registering some of the largest increases.

“The issues [students] are looking at are global issues that
The growth in popularity of study abroad programs has created a campus without boundaries for many College students. The photo at top left of Molly Hartman-O'Connell '04 preparing a dessert called banh-it with her host family in the Mekong Delta region of Vietnam was one of the winners in 2003-04 Cross-Cultural Connections Contest. The other winning photo, at bottom left, was taken by Gideon Fink Shapiro '04 in Njili, Cameroon. Above, a student cleans sand from a painted wall at an excavation site in Amheida, Egypt, on an expedition led by professor of classics and history Roger Bagnall. The remaining three photos show E3B students at their beach classroom in the Dominican Republic and doing research in the Caribbean Sea.

PHOTOS: CAMEROON, GIDEON FINK SHAPIRO '04; DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, SETH ROSENFELD '06; EGYPT, ROGER BAGNALL AND BETHLEHEM DEJENE; VIETNAM, MOLLY HARTMAN-O'CONNELL '04

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cross borders, so they need to know more about parts of the world that are not necessarily part of the Western Civilization curriculum," says Peggy Blumenthal, vice president for educational services at the IIE, which administers the Fulbright and other study abroad programs. "They are realizing that their careers will be global, and they need cross-cultural, language and confidence skills."

To be sure, many Columbia students still choose traditional programs in Western Europe. About two-thirds of participants pick that region, opting to study at places such as Reid Hall, Columbia’s long-standing program in Paris, or the Berlin Consortium for German Studies. England and Spain also are popular.

But it’s not simply a European vacation for these students, McDermott says. Gone are the days when studying abroad meant lounging on the beaches of France or clubbing all night in Spain. The number of approved programs shrunk after the faculty Committee on Study Abroad made sure each one immersed students into the culture and instituted rigorous academic requirements.

These changes were part of a larger revamping of the program, which occurred about five years ago, in order to encourage more students to take advantage of the opportunity. The faculty became more involved, which helped prompt more undergraduates to apply, says Dean of Academic Affairs Kathryn Yatrakis. And the administration streamlined the application process so students knew to go to McDermott with questions or issues.

Years ago, students inquiring about studying abroad were told about the overwhelming bureaucracy involved and the difficulty in transferring credits. Now, they can attend a daylong fair during the fall semester, where they can learn about different overseas opportunities and find out how to take advantage of them. Study abroad veterans are on hand to talk about their experiences and show off their photo albums. Students also can go to the Study Abroad program’s website (www.studentaffairs.columbia.edu/studyabroad) to get answers to frequently asked questions.

Faculty say experiencing foreign countries and cultures firsthand is important. In addition to immersing students in a different culture, it can broaden their views on other countries as well as their own. “Studying abroad can be integral to their majors and help them with their studies,” said Karen Van Dyck, professor of modern Greek literature. “You see not only other cultures from inside, but you see your own culture [differently].”

When Gideon Fink Shapiro ’04 decided to study abroad in the fall of his junior year, he looked for a program that would get him out of the classroom and into the culture. The Cincinnati native chose to go to Cameroon through the School for International Training Study Abroad program, attracted by its theme, “Culture and Development” and its month-long independent study opportunity.

There, he studied workers’ struggles and labor unions in a developing country and learned how to do culturally sensitive
interviews and archival research. He spent a month each in three cities, each with a “radically different culture.” For example, Dschang was a small university town with only two paved roads, while Yaoundé was a cosmopolitan capital with skyscrapers and more than a million residents. And through his host families and his “brother,” who took him to dance clubs, town markets and soccer games, he participated in everyday life and learned about rituals, such as the importance of greetings.

The experience gave him a new view on Africa and made him realize how much more there was to the continent than the stereotypical images of war, famine and the jungle. And it changed his view on his homeland, as well. “It was totally different to build relationships and see how people carry on daily lives in a rich culture and struggle to improve their lives. I was a participant in a foreign culture, as well as an observer and researcher,” says Shapiro, an urban studies major. “It made me look at my own culture differently. I had to appreciate certain things differently because lots of Cameroonian people expressed real envy at my being able to jump on a plane and go to the U.S. I went feeling critical of the U.S. but I had to face the fact that though American politics and culture have faults, they also have characteristics that make them appealing to others. I came to appreciate the dichotomy of American life.”

Detailing their trips abroad on film earned Shapiro and Hartman-O’Connell photography honors in the 2003-04 Cross-Cultural Connections Contest, which allows students to tell of their experiences creatively. Shapiro’s picture is from the village of Njili, Cameroon, while Hartman-O’Connell’s is of a Mekong Delta family preparing food. Erica Wolff ’04 won for her essay on her time in Prague. [Editor’s note: Both winning photos accompany this article. To read Wolff’s winning essay, go to www.college.columbia.edu/aboutcc/news/cross_cultural_wolff.php.]

One reason that more undergraduates are flocking to far-off lands is the growth of new ethnic majors and programs at the University, McDermott says. The Institute for Research in African-American Studies was founded in 1993 and Latino and Asian-American programs were created in the mid-1990s after students pushed for the creation of more studies relating to the American experience of people of color.

Environmental studies also has risen in prominence on campus in recent years, with the establishment of the department of ecology, evolution and environmental biology (E3B) in 2001. Learning about these subjects in class fuels students’ interest to see and experience these parts of the world first-hand. Thus, more venture to Asia, Africa and South America, or to places such as Brazil and the Dominican Republic to study the tropical forests or marine ecosystems. “As new majors and new areas of endeavor are created, these programs follow,” McDermott noted.

The E3B program helped prompt the launch of the Summer Ecosystem Experience for Undergraduates, which took students to the Dominican Republic in 2003. Created by Don Melnick, who holds the Distinguished Professorship in Conservation Biology and is the executive director of the Center for Environmental Research and Conservation, the five-week summer session allows students to study marine and inner tidal ecosystems. (A similar course in Brazil, which studies the tropical forest, is in its fifth year.)

While many students take the class to fulfill two semesters of Columbia’s science requirement, program director James
Danoff-Burg admits, there are budding scientists in the mix. Several participants have switched their majors to environmental biology or have become more active in environmental groups.

Seth Rosenfeld ’06, a political science major who signed up for the program last summer, considered environmental science as a concentration and took a climate systems class as a freshman. He wanted the chance to do field research and to see what impact development has on biodiversity.

Rosenfeld’s classes included studying beach erosion by looking at water levels and coastal plant growth and biodiversity in the country’s interior rain forests. His independent research project was on the effect of tidal patterns on sea urchins.

A Bloomfield Hills, Mich., native, Rosenfeld learned that while a resort or a development may be labeled sustainable or eco-friendly, it often doesn’t adhere to the principles of minimal impact on local biodiversity. "It’s a lot easier for us in wealthier countries to talk about protecting the environment," Rosenfeld said. "It’s a lot harder in developing counties, where the only resources of the developing economy are drawn from the environment."

Faculty can be critical to the expansion of study abroad programs at the College. Classics and history professor Roger Bagnall took three students to Egypt last spring to participate in the excavations at Amheida. He described it as the only program of its kind that includes excavation experience.

This opportunity appealed to Julia Abbott ’05, a classics major from Boulder, Colo. Though she’s spent many years abroad, she had never been to an Arab country or to Africa. She reveled in the discussions and visits to sites at Luxor and Kharga Oasis, where she gazed upon the ruins not as a tourist, but as a scholar looking at their role in history.

"The Amheida program was an ideal opportunity to see how I could use my classics training to [gain] a much wider experience than studying only in a classroom," Abbott said in an e-mail from Egypt. "Since I was little, I’ve been fascinated by ancient Egypt and Greece, but it only recently began to dawn on me that I could incorporate those interests into a serious academic program."

College or SEAS undergraduates seeking study abroad information should visit www.studentaffairs.columbia.edu/studyabroad and contact their class dean.

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Columbia’s excavation at Amheida offers students the opportunity for a semester in Egypt that combines fieldwork with classroom study and visits to other archeological sites and museums. The excavation is part of the Dakhleh Oasis Project, an international venture studying the interaction between human settlement and the environment over the long span from the earliest human presence in the oasis to modern times.

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Think of lower Manhattan for a moment. What comes to mind? Sure, Wall Street and Mott Street. the Brooklyn Bridge, the Woolworth Building, the Staten Island Ferry and, sadly but undoubtedly, Ground Zero.

Keep mulling the sites, though. Is there anything else you can pick out — say, Victorian homes that rival those of Cape May? Or, a U.S. Army fort whose barricades once held an AWOL Rocky Graziano? Or, a golf course where tee shots soar into a Hudson River backdrop only to come down on fairways far from honking horns and pushcart vendors?

Is that the lower Manhattan you’re used to picturing? Not likely. But Lima ‘85 knows such a place exists. The challenge: getting others to know.

The place is Governors Island, the 172-acre strip in New York Harbor with enough history — and, in Lima’s view, plenty of promise — to be the next great Big Apple attraction. In the summer of 2003, Lima was named president of the Governors Island Preservation and Education Corp. (GIPEC), a state- and city-run agency with the mandate to redevelop the all-but-abandoned island. For nearly two centuries, the government owned the island, using it as an Army base before the Coast Guard took control in 1966. But in 1996, the Coast Guard left the island, leaving it virtually unoccupied and dormant, until President George W. Bush transferred rights to the island, for $1, to New York in January 2003.

Technically, the island is part of Manhattan, though you’ll need to take a five-minute ferry ride to get there. And, right now, access to the island is only beginning to open up. This past summer, GIPEC and the National Park Service offered about a dozen guided tours per week; in addition, visitors could roam a one-mile stretch of the island’s esplanade on Saturdays. It’s Lima’s job to accelerate that, turning this desolate stretch into a draw, rivaling Liberty Island, Ellis Island and every other New York City attraction, for visitors’ time, attention and spending dollars. “There is a remarkable lack of awareness. Most dyed-in-the-wool New Yorkers know nothing about this place,” Lima, 40, says one afternoon at a South Street Seaport restaurant, looking through plate-glass windows toward the island. “Even if they know of it, they haven’t been there.” Still, he adds, “They are amazed when they walk onto it.”

You bet they are. A few weeks later, Lima takes a couple of first-timers on a private tour of the island. The visit is like opening a history book, one untouched for years, and discovering pieces of America’s and New York City’s past. For example, just 50 or so yards from the island’s dock, Lima walks you to the entrance of Fort Jay. On this winter day, the fort is empty, cold and gray. But when it was built, in the late 18th and early 19th centuries, Fort Jay was a strategic outpost for troops who would later fight in the War of 1812. Its name comes from John Jay (Class of 1764), who went on to, among other things, help negotiate the Treaty of Paris in 1783, which formally ended the Revolutionary War, and, in 1794, the Jay Treaty, which was intended to iron out remaining differences between the United States and Britain. Unfortunately for Jay, many of his compatriots felt that the latter treaty lacked much bite; his reputation subsequently took a beating and his namesake fort took on a new designation: Fort Columbus. Only a 1904 proclamation from President Theodore Roosevelt got “Jay” back on the fort.

Attached to Fort Jay’s gateway is a plaque, presented in 1952 by the College Alumni Association, honoring Columbia students and faculty members who were involved in its construction. In part, it reads, “In keeping with the American tradition that men will defend freedom with both ideas and arms, this plaque is presented to Fort Jay ... to memorialize the fact that in 1794, students and faculty of Columbia worked with shovel and barrows to help erect this fort. Named after John Jay, Columbia graduate of 1764, whose life exemplified the best traditions of free men.”

In fact, Columbia’s connections seem to run deep throughout Governors Island. Lima says there is some evidence that King’s College, in the late 1770s, considered moving from its location near Trinity Church to the island. “I’m still looking for the documentation, but that appears to be the case,” Lima says.
Lima next takes the visitors to a quad where 13 Victorian homes, painted a quiet yellow, are grouped in a horseshoe. These are the officer homes, built around 1880. And while they could use a visit from fix-up master Bob Vila, the visitors consider their stylish facades with front-porch views of New York Harbor and wonder what they would go for on the open market.

The group walks a few feet to a neo-Gothic church and Lima opens the musty but still magnificent chapel of Saint Cornelius the Centurion, which was built in 1905 and is the successor to a similarly named chapel erected in the 1840s. Credit for the original St. Cornelius, Lima says, goes to the Rev. John McVickar. In the 1840s, when he was the Governors Island chaplain and a Columbia professor, McVickar convinced Trinity Church to fund its construction. And today, as Lima points out, “Trinity Church owns St. Cornelius Chapel. We own the land under it. It is the only building we don’t own [on the island].”

Of course, there are some less sacred secrets. At one point, while walking through the island’s other fort, Castle Williams, which, like Fort Jay, was built nearly 200 years ago but later became an Army prison, Lima notes, “It’s rumored that Rocky Graziano, the welterweight boxer, was locked up here after going AWOL during World War II.” Lima also points out that songwriter Burt Bacharach was stationed on the island in the 1950s and played piano in the G.I. Officers’ Clubs for servicemen, and that the Smothers Brothers, Tom and Dick, were born there when their father was stationed on the island. Lima saves a favorite fact for the back of the island, whose foundation is made up of landfill from the construction of the old Manhattan Third Avenue “el” train. “Over there is a bowling alley that had a Burger King,” Lima says. He pauses a moment, then with a sly smile adds, “which was one of the few in the world that sold beer.”

Clearly, Governors Island has nooks and crannies filled with great trivia. But Lima wants the island to have a present and future, too. And he’s using his arsenal of experience, from nearly 20 years of studying and executing urban-design plans, to shape Governors Island so that it’s a top-of-mind destination for business executives, educators and tourists. The trick? Doing it in a way that’s in line with the island’s new charter.

“There is no question the land would be valuable as real estate if we could build luxury housing or...”
In 1794, Columbia students and faculty worked to help construct Fort Jay, which is named after John Jay (Class of 1764).

a casino — things you could do to generate a lot of money," he says. "But part of getting the island for $1 for the people of New York was agreeing to legally binding deed restrictions that prohibit permanent residential, casino and industrial use and a number of other things."

That said, Lima is putting together his dream scheme of activities and attractions that would provide the revenue needed to offset the costs of maintaining the island. Considering the island’s proximity to Wall Street, he pictures a major hotel chain operating world-class meeting venues that could host economic conferences in the scope of the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland. He envisions universities holding educational conferences and tapping into the island’s historic and environmental links. He tosses out the idea of getting a philanthropic organization to develop a youth-oriented golf program that would make use of the 9-hole executive course built just a chip shot from Fort Jay. "Safe to say," Lima points out, “it’s the only golf course with a Manhattan ZIP code." (One hitch to that plan, however, is that the course is part of a 20-acre area, which includes Fort Jay and Castle Williams and is overseen by the National Park Service, not GIPEC.) And he’s thinking of ways to entice concert promoters and theater groups to stage events on the island.

"Once we tap into the tourist market, we’ll get people out here who will have a range of things to do — go to an ecology center, a military museum or a theatre performance, take a bike ride around the island or go to a spa that supports a meeting facility," Lima pauses as visitors consider the novelty of a spa in New York Harbor. "Why not?" he says. "Why go to Tucson when you could go right here?"

Throughout his time in New York City as a Columbia student and then as an official involved in various housing and development projects, Lima has been driven by the potential in the city’s different pockets. A native of Tiverton, R.I., where he helped run his father’s restoration contract business while an undergrad, Lima majored in architecture and urban studies and later completed a master’s program in real estate development. "I spent a lot of time in Avery Library," he says with a laugh. Among his professors, Lima points to Gwendolyn Wright, an architectural historian and host of the recent PBS series History Detectives, for “inspiring me to think about ways to continue to improve cities.” As such, he became an “adventurous urbanite,” often spending his free time roaming the city and admiring its architectural mixtures. "My friends joke that I should have more broken bones in my body because I am always looking up instead of straight ahead,” he says.

Lima’s jobs have taken him to all corners of New York. He spent several years with the New York City Council’s Land Use Division on development projects in such areas as the Rockaways. Then, from 1996–2001, he was an assistant commissioner at the NYC Department of Housing Preservation and Development, which brought him front and center with some of the major new residential construction sites around the city. For a sample of Lima’s work, head up to Harlem between Madison and Lexington Avenues and 116th and 120th Streets. In recent years, new contextual multi-family housing units have been constructed, stylish but affordable. "It was said that we couldn’t build multi-family housing up there, that the financing wouldn’t work. We found a way to make it work," Lima contends. "They said retail wouldn’t work. We insisted on it so the streets would be lively and safer and provide more services. And there has been real success.”

In 2002, Lima became senior v.p. for special projects at the NYC Economic Development Corp., and in July 2003, Mayor Michael Bloomberg tapped him to oversee Governors Island. In announcing Lima’s appointment, Bloomberg said, “Since President Bush, Governor [George] Pataki and I announced last year that the people of New York have regained possession of Governors Island — the ‘Crown Jewel’ of New York City’s harbor — Jim has worked tirelessly to ensure the island will be used for the greatest possible public benefit. His firsthand experience, coupled with his leadership skills, wealth of expertise working on complex projects throughout the city and talent for consensus building, will prove invaluable to Governors Island’s future.”

While Lima calls it a “dream job,” it’s one that’s evolving. At times, he is a design facilitator, working with potential architects and planners outlining future redevelopment projects. At others, he is a fund raiser, looking for the financial connections that will make his grand ideas real. And at others, he’s an old-fashioned tour guide.
who needs to make do when the unexpected happens. One day in August 2003, shortly after landing the job, Lima took a group from the President’s Advisory Council on Historic Preservation to the island for an inspection. As the tour wound down, a glimpse from the island to the mainland left little doubt something was up: The great Northeast Blackout had commenced.

"Most of the people in the group were from out of town, and they said, ‘Can we stay out here?’ ” Lima recalls. "The guys from the firehouse had us over for a barbecue. We had an amazing afternoon, and we watched as the sun went down behind the Statue of Liberty.”

As relaxing as that moment may have been, Lima admits his biggest challenge may be staying patient as he begins bringing this lost land into the 21st century. He’s moved himself and his seven-person staff into permanent space in one of the island’s arsenal buildings. This past summer, he booked several corporate events on the island as well as an evening of free outdoor short films shown on the island’s parade grounds, which attracted nearly 1,000 people. And by the fall, he expects to have the island’s seven ball fields and one soccer field, left over from the days when more than 4,000 people lived there, back in play and available for the city’s recreational leagues.

The long-range goals — contracting with hotel operators and signing up major donors — will take longer, and come as the city moves forward with the Ground Zero restoration project. "We need to understand that at some time, 6-8 million people a year are going to come to the World Trade Center Memorial, and they are going to be looking for other things to do. We want to be a must-see destination in lower Manhattan,” he says.

For that to happen, Lima adds, “Every place needs something iconic about it, a postcard image. Right now, we don’t have one. But that is the exciting design solution ahead of us. There are many exciting problems to solve in ways that we haven’t begun to determine. We want to be innovative and creative, and we want design excellence.”

Lima finishes his coffee and looks back at the island bathed in late afternoon sun. Then, he says, simply, "We need to create some buzz.”

For more information on G1PEC, please visit www.govisland.com.

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Students Give, Get Much in Return

In addition to benefiting the needy, the Kraft Clothing Pantry has channeled student philanthropy and taught its volunteers valuable lessons.

BY SARAH LORGE BUTLER ‘95

One Friday morning last winter, while many undergraduates were still snuggled comfortably in their sheets, Amanda Resnikoff ’06 had already worked herself into a lather. It was 9 a.m. and she was setting up the Kraft Clothing Pantry, arranging heavy tables, dragging racks of clothing filled with winter coats and heavy sweaters into position and lugging boxes of shoes onto an elevator. With one volunteer in bed with the flu and another running late, Resnikoff hustled to get the set-up just so before the pantry opened at 10 a.m. sharp. She had reason to hurry: The previous week, 23 clients seeking clothing for themselves and their families were waiting outside the pantry’s doors.

The Kraft Clothing Pantry is a student-run organization that provides free clothing to homeless and low-income people in Morningside Heights and elsewhere in the city. Resnikoff is one of the coordinators of the group, which is part of Tzedek Hillel, the social justice arm of the Kraft Family Center for Jewish Student Life. The pantry comes to life each Friday during the academic year from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the lobby space of Kraft’s Rennert Hall.

Inside, a smiling cadre of volunteers greets the clients, takes their information — name, address, number of family members they’re shopping for and the referring agency — and enters it into a database. Then, clients are free to browse. The basic operating procedures are simple: Clients spend as much time as they want browsing through the clothing and can take within limits: two pairs of pants, two sweaters, one pair of shoes per family member. As clients check out, the items are entered into the computer, and the client can return in two weeks. But those limits often serve more as guidelines, Resnikoff explains, after a woman departs with three sweaters. “She hasn’t been here in a year. And sweaters? We have plenty of sweaters.”

A desire to channel student magnanimity and take advantage of valuable real estate gave rise to the clothing pantry. In Fall 1999, before Hillel moved from Earl Hall into the new Kraft Center, Rabbi Jennie Rosenn ’91 gathered a group of student leaders to consider how the new building could be a resource to the neighborhood. “The new space was beautiful and huge, and space in Manhattan is a rare commodity,” says Alison Hirsh ’02, who co-founded the pantry with Marnie Glassman ’02. “We wanted to make sure we put it to better use than simply [for ourselves].”

The students began a needs assessment to see what services the neighborhood lacked and to determine what students could feasibly provide. Glassman, Hirsh and several others began interviewing local clergy, social service providers, community activists, politicians and police. They talked to more than 50 people to develop a sense of what Morningside Heights most needed. Two ideas — a clothing pantry and a daycare center — surfaced repeatedly. A daycare center, which would require licensing and insurance, was quickly deemed impractical for students to run. Thus, the clothing pantry was born.

The students set about seeing how other clothing donation centers in the city operated. They surveyed at least 12 organizations, asking them how they obtain clothing, how it is distributed, what their rules are and whether other services are offered. “We got an abundance of ideas,” says Glassman, who now attends Harvard Business School. “Then we had to sort through and decide which ones made the most sense for us.”

That’s where Glassman and Hirsh took over, and the clothing pantry developed according to their vision. Suitmates during freshman year and involved in Community Impact, the duo shared a passion for service. They spent long hours during their sophomore year drawing maps of the space, meeting with Rosenn and talking about procedures and potential pitfalls. “Marnie and Ali were very sophisticated in their thinking about things such as referrals and limits and how you find that balance between ensuring clients’ dignity and ensuring that a few don’t take advantage of the program at the expense of others,” recalls Rosenn, who until last winter was associate Jewish chaplain and director of Tzedek Hillel. Their foresight proved remarkably accurate; the plan the pair developed remains largely intact today.

The guiding principle behind the pantry is kavod, a Hebrew word that means honor or dignity. Where other clothing centers in the city operate like a closet — a client requests pants and a staffer gets a pair of pants — Glassman and Hirsh wanted the Kraft pantry to resemble a retail experience. “In everything we did, we wanted to make sure people were treated with respect,” says Hirsh, who works in Brooklyn for New York State Assemblyman Vito Lopez. “We wanted people to have some control over their choices.”

By the end of Spring 2000, Glassman and Hirsh had begun collecting clothing. When members of the Class of ’00 moved out of their dorms after graduation, the pantry yielded a wealth of donations, which were sorted during the summer. In the fall, Glassman and Hirsh ran a clothing sort as a freshman orientation.
event and held pizza nights to entice students to help organize clothes and recruit volunteers. By February 2001, having publicized the service at nearby churches, synagogues and social service agencies, they were ready to open.

“Our first concern,” Glassman says, “was whether anyone was going to show up.” The first day, 10 people came. Four Fridays later, 50 clients passed through the doors. Though the pantry mostly had been publicized on the Upper West Side, people soon started coming from Brooklyn and the Bronx. Now, in its fourth year, the pantry database holds approximately 500 client names.

I t hasn’t been entirely smooth sailing, and the pantry has evolved to handle unanticipated developments. A security guard was hired to watch over the pantry during operating hours. Common questions and answers needed to be translated into Spanish. There’s never enough large-size clothing and men’s clothing is especially hard to come by, as is professional apparel, baby clothes, winter coats, gloves and underwear. Mounds of unsorted clothing sit in storage upstairs, because donations are plentiful but time for sorting is not. Each week, it’s a race to get the pantry dismantled and the parts put away upstairs before the automated Shabbat elevator starts stopping on every floor.

But such challenges only inspire student ingenuity. A lot of funky, older-style clothing didn’t fit clients’ needs, so volunteers took items that were being passed over week after week and held a “vintage” clothing sale on College Walk. With the $200 they earned, the pantry bought staples, like underwear and socks.

Students began to question why the pantry’s patrons were in need of clothing donations. In the second semester, Glassman and Hirsh invited representatives from Community Impact’s Advocacy Coalition to set up a table at the pantry. Advocacy Coalition provides referrals to other services a client might need — soup kitchens, substance abuse programs, shelters, even professional legal services or medical help. The student volunteers, says Amy Ravis, director of Tzedek Hillel programming, “look at things systemically. They know that people’s need for clothing is a symptom of something larger, that people are in need of other services, and students are thinking about them holistically. I’m constantly impressed with their sensitivity and passion.”

Glassman and Hirsh also had to start thinking about how the pantry would continue after they graduated. For the last two years of their undergraduate days, they were up every Friday before 8 a.m. to work at the pantry. Not every volunteer shared their level of commitment, but the pair uncovered three dedicated students to take over as coordinators and put them through a rigorous training, showering them with logistical information and putting them through role-plays. “How do you deal with a belligerent client who wants to take a garbage bag full of clothes?” Hirsh asks. “How do you be an enforcer? It’s not easy.”

The training paid off, and under the second generation’s coordinators, Tara Coleman ’05 Barnard, Jessica Leber ’04 and Joyce Liu ’05, the pantry flourished and improved. Those three installed new coordinators, including Resnikoff and Christina Persaud ’06, at midyear, so there would be a semester overlap if new questions arose, and they developed a comprehensive training manual of procedures for set-up, clothing limits and staffing.

T he results have been far-reaching and friendships have been forged. One man who frequented the pantry, showing off pictures of his infant daughter, stopped coming. He turned up a few months later to explain that a new job was keeping him away. “We’ve had a few clients fold clothing and organize, becoming volunteers for a little while,” Leber says. “That was a nice thing. There’s definitely a rapport — they chat about their lives, we know their names.”

For the students, the experience has been eye-opening. “Every day was a lesson in how fortunate I’ve been,” Glassman recalls. Hirsh echoes her friend’s view, and notes that it also showed her something more. “It gave me perspective on how a lot of people in my college world lived,” she says. “You should see some of the clothing that was donated: an Armani suit with the tags on it. Banana Republic, Abercrombie.”

While indigent New York families left the pantry with clothes for a season, the students gained experience in management, community organizing, coordinating volunteers, fund raising and working with the public and the Columbia administration. “I don’t know how many other people can say they ran a small social service organization from the top down in college,” Leber notes.

The volunteers are grateful to see a child dressed warmly, a parent treated with dignity, a need filled. “When I was interviewed for the job I have now,” Hirsh says, “my boss asked me to name the one thing I’ve done that I’m most proud of, and the clothing pantry is it.”

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**HOW YOU CAN HELP**
Clothing donations — especially men’s clothing, larger sizes for men and women, coats, professional apparel and baby clothes — can be dropped off with the security guard in the lobby of the Kraft Center at 606 W. 115th St. Financial donations are welcome, as well. Checks should be made payable to Columbia/Barnard Hillel and sent c/o Amy Ravis, 606 W. 115th St., New York, NY 10025. Please indicate that the donation is for the clothing pantry.

For more information, please contact Ravis at (212) 854-0456 or aravis@hillel.columbia.edu.

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The College has had 14 deans, from John Howard Van Amringe (left, Class of 1860), who served from 1896–1910, to Austin Quigley, who has served since 1995.

PHOTOS: COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES, COLUMBIANA LIBRARY (VAN AMRINGE); EILEEN BARROSO (QUIGLEY)
In the 1990s, under the leadership of President George Rupp, the College and SEAS were strengthened and undergraduate education’s importance was again brought to the forefront of the University. With Austin Quigley as Dean of the College since 1995, the College has reaffirmed its place as one of the premier undergraduate institutions in the world. Applications for admission have soared to record levels, rising by more than 90 percent in Quigley’s tenure, and the College’s selectivity rate has dropped to an all-time low of 11 percent. Columbia College has become not only a school of choice but a school of first choice for many of the best and brightest students.

In this excerpt from his book, Stand, Columbia (Columbia University Press, 2003, $39.95), Robert McCaughey, Anne Whitney Olin Professor of History at Barnard, discusses the changes that have taken place at the College in the past 15 or so years, including the diversity of the student body, changes to the campus and the importance of all faculty interacting with under-

BY ROBERT MCCAUUGHEY

ne factor that contributed to the different trajectories of the recent relationships of Barnard College and Teachers College with Columbia University stems from their different missions. Whereas Teachers College is a comprehensive graduate and professional school of education, Barnard’s mission is to provide its women undergraduates with a residentially based liberal arts education. And, as it turned out, it was undergraduate education that became one of the university’s major concerns in the 1990s. In 1996, looking back on the first years of his presidency, [former University President George] Rupp reminded the trustees: “The main emphasis at Columbia was to enhance undergraduate education, placing the College and SEAS at the center of the University.”

Perhaps it took an outsider who studied at Princeton, taught at Harvard and resided over Rice to bring to Low Library the conviction that no American university can achieve greatness if it is seen to neglect its undergraduates. Evidence that Columbia University had done this since the 1890s was undeniable, to the ongoing consternation of generations of College alumni. The College was not only the smallest undergraduate unit among the Ivies, but it was also the most administratively and financially beholden to its own university. The lament of the College’s first dean, John Howard Van Amringe (Class of 1860), that the College, with respect to the rest of the university, “was as in a shadow,” could be heard from each of his successors into the 1980s.

In June 1941, Lawrence Condon ’21 brought these decades-long sentiments to public notice in his Survey of the Relationship of Columbia College to Columbia University, ostensibly presented to the university as his class’s 20th-anniversary gift. “Funds and assets originally intended for the purposes of Columbia College,” the Survey contended, “have been employed ... [to build] a huge, many-sided University.” As for Columbia College, Condon went on, “It seems fair to say that its best interests have not been served but have in fact been subordinated.” [President Nicholas Murray] Butler (Class of 1882) used his annual report in the fall of 1941 to rebut the charges, asserting that “it is the power of Columbia University which has brought into being the Columbia College of today.” The bombing of Pearl Harbor produced a truce of sorts between Butler and his disgruntled College alumni but no resolution.

As indicated earlier, Butler’s four successors ([Dwight D.] Eisenhower, [Grayson] Kirk, [Andrew W] Cordier, and [William] McGill) did little to assure alumni that Columbia College occupied all their waking thoughts. Under [Michael] Sovern, a [1953] graduate of the College, relations between the College alumni and Low Library warmed significantly, although grumblings could still be heard that the University was only interested in the College for its wealthy graduates. The firing of the popular dean Robert Pollack in 1988 was seen by some College alumni as an example of Low Library’s getting up to its old tricks.

That same year, Provost [Jonathan] Cole — another graduate of the College (1964) — first articulated the policy with respect to the College of “enlargement and enhancement,” only to have the policy decried by the College faculty, administrators in Hamilton Hall and College alumni as yet another attempt by the university to make the recently application-rich College pay for a larger share of the university’s operations. Even some trustees regarded Cole’s expressions of fealty to the College with undisguised suspicion. In the event, the budgetary difficulties of Sovern’s last years made it difficult to deliver on the “enhancement” aspect of the stated strategy, even as the
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For all these recently added amenities, the Columbia campus today runs little risk of being confused with its Ivy counterparts, much less a pricey spa. As befits its urban setting, it is congested and noisy. Faculty learn to teach through sirens, jackhammers and planes approaching LaGuardia much as clergy preach through wailing babies. Newly arrived students — and not a few new faculty — note the emphasis placed on the adjectival component of the tough love they sometimes encounter from library and custodial staff. Nor are those experiencing initiatory disorientation always assured understanding from on high. “If you want more structure,” President Rupp informed a Columbia Spectator reporter voicing these concerns, “go to Amherst or Princeton.” Warm and fuzzy it is not.

During the Rupp presidency, Columbia College expanded enrollments by 25 percent, from 3,200 students in 1993 to 4,000 in 2002. More than 80 percent of the entering class in 2002 came from outside New York State, with Californians constituting the second largest state contingent. It may still not be nationally representative, but the College’s student body has of late acquired a distinctly bicoastal character.

Even as Columbia College expanded, the social sciences and humanities departments continued the now two-decade process of downsizing their graduate programs. They did so by becoming more selective and in the early 1990s more generous, offering full fellowships for nearly all the students they admitted to their Ph.D. programs. Largely gone are the days of self-financed Ph.D. students who, because of multiple part-time teaching jobs or night shifts driving cabs, required 10-plus years to complete their dissertations.

The shrinking of graduate programs has made more arts and sciences faculty available to teach undergraduates, both within the traditional Core and in upper-level undergraduate courses. Full-time faculty in the humanities and social sciences are now expected to teach at least one undergraduate course per year, with the norm expected to rise to two. Gone are the days when it was a point of pride among some senior faculty that they had no contact with undergraduates. Departments that slight their undergraduate responsibilities now do so at their budgetary and reputational peril.

Columbia College in the 1990s became increasingly selective, with its apply-to-admit rate dropping from 30 percent in 1993 to 15 percent for the entering class in 2002. That year, among the nation’s 2,000 four-year colleges, only two (Harvard and Princeton) turned...
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Yet no other highly selective private college admitted a more socially diverse class than Columbia College, where 50 percent of the entering class is made up of women, and self-identified minorities account for a third of the class. White Protestant native-born men, who, a century ago, made up 80 percent of an entering Columbia College class, now account for less than 20 percent. “Legacies” are more numerous than they were 20 years ago but still constitute a smaller portion of entering classes than they do at any of the other Ivies. Together with the School of Engineering and Applied Science, General Studies, and Barnard College, whose student bodies are all at least as socially diverse as that at Columbia College, the undergraduate divisions of Columbia University have become a much fairer approximation of the social diversity of the city whose name they bear, where 60 percent of these inhabitants are self-identified minorities and 40 percent are foreign-born.

While the College still looks to the Arts and Sciences faculty to staff most College courses, in other ways it has increased its autonomy within the university. One vehicle for doing so has been the College Board of Visitors, started by Dean Peter Pouncey in the 1970s and revived by Dean Robert Pollack, which includes several of the university’s major benefactors, including prospective and past trustees. The Visitors speak for the interests of the College or, as in the case of the 1997 standoff between Dean of Columbia College Austin Quigley and Vice President of Arts and Sciences David Cohen, for its dean. More often, the board serves as an effective fund-raising enterprise. Between 1990 and 1995 only four of the 21 endowed professorships (19 percent) created in the arts and sciences came from College donors; between 1995 and 2001, College donors, most of them actively solicited by Quigley, accounted for 26 of the 46 new professorships (57 percent).

As more College alumni come from classes post-1968 and many from the 1990s, when the needs of the College became more effectively attended to, the alumni can be expected to play a larger role in the university’s affairs. In 1993, Rupp identified the College as the most underleveraged part of the university and then proceeded to leverage it to the hilt. His successor, Lee C. Bollinger (’71L), comes to a Columbia where the rate of alumni giving, 31 percent in 2001 (up from 18 percent in 1993) is still substantially less than at either of his last places of employment — Michigan, where he presided for seven years, and Dartmouth, where he earlier served as provost. He might well conclude that alumni involvement and alumni giving are areas at today’s Columbia that hold out the best prospect of rapid turnaround.

To be sure, Columbia faces difficult challenges at the outset of the Bollinger presidency. The long-term impact on New York’s fortunes of the attack on the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001, remains unknown. So is that of an uncertain economy and a stock market that between 2000 and March 2003 had lost one-third of its value.

There are internal challenges as well, some of which the new president identified at his installation on October 3, 2002. These include the need to secure room to effect the necessary expansion of several programs that are constrained by the lack of space on Morningside or Washington Heights to accommodate them. [Editor’s note: This was written before plans for the Manhattanville expansion were announced.] Another involves the need to rethink the mission of some of Columbia’s most distinguished professional schools, such as the Journalism School, where the search for a new dean was halted in August 2002 to allow such rethinking to proceed. The appointment as dean of Nicolas Lemann, an historian and staff writer for the New Yorker, in March 2003, bespeaks the school’s new orientation. There is also the challenge of continuing to compete for the world’s best scholars without further reducing the teaching expected from them. The list is lengthy, and it contains only the known challenges. But, for all that, a retrospectively informed perspective allows the view that Columbia’s 19th president entered on his duties at a singular moment in the university’s history, one marked by great recent achievement and still greater promise.

No Surrender: Writings From an Anti-Imperialist Political Prisoner by David Gilbert ‘66. The author, who was arrested following a 1981 bank robbery, was an anti-imperialist activist in the ’70s, a founder of Columbia’s Students for a Democratic Society, a leader in the Weather Underground and an anti-war, civil rights and AIDS activist. This collection of prison writings discusses the successes and pitfalls of the movements in which he was involved and a “vision of our collective future” (Abraham Guillen, $15).

Daffodil by Clyde P. Wachsberger ’66 and Theodore James Jr. This comprehensive guide to growing and caring for daffodils includes an anatomy of the flower, its history in mythology and rituals, and advice on eye-catching planting patterns. Descriptions of each of the American Daffodil Society divisions and varieties are accompanied by color photographs (Harry N. Abrams, $19.95).

Rose by Clyde P. Wachsberger ’66 and Theodore James Jr. Part of the same series as Daffodil, this illustrated handbook explains and simplifies the delicate rose-growing process. Augmented with photographs of some of the more unusual rose varieties, the guide outlines easy and effective care techniques for even beginner gardeners (Harry N. Abrams, $19.95).

The Mold Survival Guide for Your Home and for Your Health by Jeffrey C. May ‘66. This comprehensive guide covers what mold is, how it affects humans and what can be done about ridding homes of it. The book follows the author’s popular My House Is Killing Me! The Home Guide for Families With Allergies and Asthma (Johns Hopkins, $18.95).

a bachelor.com by Steve Gottlieb ’68. One man’s search for true love, on- and offline, has him meeting scores of women and reveals the difficulty that people face in finding the “right one” (Biblio Distribution, $12.95).

A Voyager in the Spiritworld by Benjamin Zibit ’73. The author’s first novel chronicles a teenage misfit’s journey through adolescence and his mission to rebuild the Ark of the Covenant. The characters explore questions about God’s place in the world, the origins of good and evil, and why God has not had direct conversation with humanity since the Mosaic Era (Xlibris $31.99 cloth, $21.99 paper).

Heal Your Hips: How to Prevent Hip Surgery — and What to Do If You Need It by Robert Klapper M.D. ’79 and Linda Huey. This practical and accessible guide prepares patients and their loved ones for hip surgery and recovery and explores preventive measures to improve hip health and avoid injury (John Wiley & Sons $17.95).

Alignment Despite Antagonism: The U.S.-Korea-Japan Security Triangle by Victor D. Cha ’83. This book looks into the complicated, often paradoxical political relationship between South Korea and Japan, anti-communist allies since the Cold War, reveals a peculiar trend of faltering mutual support, determined by the attitudes of their mutual ally, the U.S., and not on historical enmity, as previously accepted (Stanford University, $25.95).

Since You Ask by Louise Wardham ’87. In the author’s début novel, 24-year-old Betsy Scott finds herself in a Connecticut sanitarium telling her doctor about a tumultuous youth that includes drug abuse, sexual compulsions that include affairs with older men and dysfunction in an outwardly successful family (Akashic Books, $14.95).

The Outside World by Tova Mirvis ’85. Two Orthodox Jewish families with opposing lifestyles are made to question their relationships with their loved ones and with God when Bryan marries Tzippy and they move to Memphis, one to avoid an ultra-traditional community and the other to find it (Knopf, $24).

Manufacturing Culture: Vindications of Early Victorian Industry by Joseph Bizup, director, Undergraduate Writing Program. An unconventional addition to the research on the Victorian age and industrialization asserts that liberal proponents of industry in 1830s and 1840s Britain viewed industry and the antagonized automatic manufacture as a cultural force of social unity and beauty (University of Virginia Press, $39.50).

The Case for Islamo-Christian Civilization by Richard W. Bulliet, professor of history. This reexamination of how the West views the Muslim world discusses the similar developments of the Islamic and Christian civilizations, when they diverged and how American policymakers since the 1950s misread and antagonize Islamic political movements (Columbia University Press, $22.50).

Between LVOV New York and Ulysses’ Ithaca: Józef Wittlin: poet, essayist, novelist edited by Anna Frajlich, lecturer in Polish. A compilation of papers presented at the conference commemorating the centennial of the birth of Józef Wittlin, a Polish expressionist noted for his humanist views, that was organized in 1996 by the University (Nicholas Copernicus, $19.95).

The Fabric of the Cosmos: Space, Time and the Texture of Reality by Brian Greene, professor of mathematics and physics. The world-renowned physicist, in his second book since The Elegant Universe, continues to make complex concepts, from classical physics to the 10-dimensional M-string theory, accessible to the non-specialist through creative analogies and witty prose (Knopf, $28.95).

Passionate Politics: Emotions and Social Movements edited by Francesca Polletta, associate professor of sociology, Jeff Goodwin and James M. Jasper: Reviving the importance of emotions in social
Dean Quigley on Theoretical Inquiry

Specializing in literary theory, modern linguistics, theatre and drama (particularly Harold Pinter), Dean of Columbia College Austin E. Quigley has published many scholarly articles as well as the books *The Modern Stage and Other Worlds* (Routledge, 1985) and *The Pinter Problem* (Princeton University, 1975). His latest book looks more broadly at the instruments and practices of scholarship in the humanities.

In *Theoretical Inquiry: Language, Linguistics, and Literature* (Yale University Press, 2004), Quigley examines the recently popular role of the theorist and its relationship to the roles of critics and historians, noting that theory has often reduced literature to illustrating a theory’s presuppositions. It is surprising, he notes, how readily theoretical instruments of inquiry degenerate into instruments of ideology.

“While a theory is to be useful in the humanities, it has to serve to illuminate what it does not presuppose,” Quigley says. “Otherwise, the theory actually ends up limiting the meaning of a work of imaginative literature.” But a question then arises whether the theory, in encountering something it does not presuppose, has thus been falsified. And that question raises further questions about the adequacy of our understanding of the nature and role of theory.

Such questions have attracted Quigley, off and on, throughout his career. After receiving his B.A. in English literature at Nottingham University, Quigley earned his master’s in linguistics at Birmingham University and a Ph.D. in English and comparative literature and literary theory at UC Santa Cruz.

Quigley’s interest in the study of language has continued since his days in Birmingham, leading him to continually explore how language works in literature and in linguistic and literary theory. Beginning with a general discussion of the theory movement in the humanities and social sciences, the book then delves into analyses of the work of linguists and philosophers of language such as Saussure, Firth, Bakhtin, Chomsky, Halliday and Wittgenstein, noting the parallel concerns of linguistic theorists and those in the realms of literary and cultural studies.

“Modern linguistics has tended to study language as series of isolated sentences, as opposed to studying sentences interacting in dialogue,” says Quigley. “There is a question of how language works in general, and then how it works in literature and subspecies of literature, particularly the drama.” He points out that current questions of how language works, of how to decide what a text means, and of who has the right to decide reflect ancient scholarly debates. “It’s a discussion that has been going on for more than 2,000 years with little advancement upon early arguments. The questions and answers of today go back at least as far as Plato and the Sophists and are repeated with ingenious variants in one era after another.”

Considering language in the context of the drama points the way forward, Quigley believes.

Arriving at Columbia in 1990, Quigley took primary responsibility for creating the undergraduate drama and theatre arts major, restored the Ph.D. program in theatre and helped revitalize the School of the Arts theatre programs. He went on to chair the Lionel Trilling Seminars and now serves as dean and Lucy G. Moses Professor.

Linking his interests in language, the drama, literature in general and cultural studies more broadly, Quigley wrote drafts of *Theoretical Inquiry* before becoming dean of the College in 1995, then revised the work steadily during the past 10 years. “It’s a career-long reflection on the challenges facing the disciplines I work in,” Quigley says. “How do you decide the meaning and status of a text, and who decides?”

In the simplest terms, “We have a picture of how to interpret a work of literature — we put it in a context; that of a historical era, a critical framework or a theoretical model,” Quigley explains. “The questions that are not asked so much are in what context should theory be interpreted? What sorts of relationships does it have to the data it confronts?” Because we are not clear on these matters, we keep stumbling over presuppositions that narrow the ways we think.”

Hence the importance of expanding our understanding by thinking of literature as including drama, and not just the novel and poetry.

“The questions asked about poetry and the novel are best approached if interrelated with drama,” Quigley says. “A good dramatic performance, at its best, takes on a life of its own beyond what you conceptualize in advance. Successful performance involves constant renewal, not merely revival and repetition. In the same way, interpretation should be a means of access to an experience that is larger and other than the presuppositions embedded in our instruments and practices of inquiry. It should provide a means of enlarging our understanding, of surprising us, not of merely illustrating our presuppositions and prior concerns, however important they may be. But this means we must consider carefully how we relate the roles of theorists and cultural critics.”

Before coming to Columbia, Quigley was chair of the University of Virginia English department, and he has taught at the University of Massachusetts, the University of Geneva, Switzerland, the University of Konstanz, Germany, and the University of Nottingham, England. He has served as president of the National Association of Literary Scholars and Critics as well as being on the editorial boards of various scholarly publications. In the future, Quigley hopes to continue exploring new arenas, with ideas for books about postmodernism in the drama and about undergraduate education in the contemporary world.

Laura Butchy

and political analysis, this collection of essays considers the variable factor of passion behind social movements from militant AIDS activism to the Christian Right’s “culture war” (*University of Chicago, $21*).
Our Changing Neighborhood

The 115th Street grocery store University Food Market was renovated and reopened this summer under new management as Morton Williams University Supermarket.

Neighborhood stalwart The West End has changed owners and facades but not locations since 1911.

Cannon’s Pub on 108th Street closed this summer after serving the neighborhood since 1934, when it began as a chophouse.

Tom’s Restaurant, a fixture on the corner of 112th and Broadway since 1936, was joined in 2003 by Oren’s Daily Roast.

Morningside Heights’ newest ice cream shop, Crema Lita, opened in August 2003 next to the 112th Street office that has housed Spectator for the last decade.

At the corner of 110th Street, several stores closed their doors in May, including West Side Super Market after almost 40 years and Columbia Hot Bagels after 20 years.
James S.L. Jacobs '37

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Robert E. Kiehl, retired professor, Summit, N.J., on May 22, 2004. Born in New York City, Kiehl lived in Leonia, N.J., before moving to Summit in 1955. He was a professor at the New Jersey Institute of Technology in Newark for 22 years before retiring in 1968. For 10 years, he chaired the school’s industrial relations department. Since 1955, Kiehl’s main professional interest was opportunities for blacks in engineering. He conducted three national surveys and was a consultant to Bell Laboratories. Kiehl’s first study was his doctoral dissertation in 1957, the second was a follow-up in 1962 and the third was conducted in 1970 for the United States Department of Labor. Kiehl earned a master’s from Teachers College and earned his doctorate from Rutgers University School of Education. After retiring, he authored "Robby Goes to Kindergarten," and in 1979, he published "Duffer Golf." Kiehl is survived by his wife, Alice; daughters, Maren Schober and Kristin Brown; five stepchildren; 14 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Lawrence Gussman, retired engineer, Scarsdale, N.Y., on May 28, 2004. Gussman earned a B.S. and M.S. from the Engineering School in 1938 and 1939, respectively, and received the school’s Egleston Medal for Distinguished Achievement. He was president, chairman and CEO of Stein Hall from 1953-71, former chairman of the Albert Schweitzer Fellowship and was a member of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers. Gussman authored "A Personal Journey: Central African Art from the Lawrence Gussman Collection" (Neuberger Museum of Art, 2001); the art is at the Neuberger in Purchase, N.Y. Gussman was predeceased by his wife, Catharine, and is survived by his children, William '64, '68 Business; Margaret McCormack; and John; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

James S.J. Jacobs, physician, Encino, Calif., on March 14, 2004. Jacobs was born in London on November 7, 1916, and moved to New York City with his family in 1930. He received his medical degree from PHS in 1941, interned at Chicago’s Michael Reese Hospital and had a number of teaching appointments, including instructor of neuropsychiatry at the University of Wisconsin Medical School and lecturer in postgraduate courses and lecturer in psychiatry at the American College of Physicians. In 1947, Jacobs became chief of the Clifton Springs Sanitarium and Clinic neuropsychiatric division. Two years later, he became chief of the psychiatric section of the Veterans Administration Hospital in Van Nuys, Calif. In 1951 was named chief of the psychiatric section of the V.A. Hospital in Long Beach, Calif. He also was a psychiatric consultant at Harbor General Hospital and a member and supporter of Sigma Xi, the Scientific Research Society. Jacobs performed clinical research and published many articles on schizophrenia therapy and physiology, electric convulsive therapy, insulin coma therapy, adrenocorticotropic hormone and enzyme inhibitors, thyroid and adrenal function in emotional disorders, lipid metabolism and adrenocortical function during insulin coma therapy. After leaving the V.A. Hospital, he went into private practice in Sherman Oaks and Encino. Jacobs’ hobbies included raising orchids, goldsmithing, deep-sea fishing and photography. He briefly was a professional photographer while a young man in New York City, and well into his 80s continued to develop and print photographs in his darkroom. One hundred of his photographs of herons, cranes and

other waterfowl are part of the Los Angeles Museum of Natural History’s permanent ornithology collection. Jacobs is survived by his wife, Marion; and daughters, Leslie and Ann.

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Paul M. Moriarty, retired Marine and attorney, Solana Beach, Calif., on May 20, 2004. Moriarty was born in Worcester, Mass., on January 2, 1921. He attended St. Peter’s H.S., where he played football and was selected for the All-City football team. At the College, he earned a B.A. in political science and was co-captain of the football team under legendary coach Lou Little. After the attack on Pearl Harbor, Moriarty enlisted in the Marine Corps with several of his College classmates, including his lifelong friend, Jack Arbollo ‘42, and Gerald Green ‘42. Moriarty was commissioned a second lieutenant in 1942 at Quantico, Va., and served in the Second Marine Division in the South Pacific during WWII with the 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment. He took part in combat on Tarawa, Saipan and Okinawa and earned the Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V" and Purple Heart on Saipan, where he was wounded as a result of an enemy grenade explosion while serving as a Platoon Leader in Company L. Moriarty also served as 3rd Battalion Plans Officer for the allied invasion of Okinawa. He was promoted to first lieutenant in 1945 and captain in 1948. Following the war, Moriarty served at the Newport Naval Station, R.I., Marine Barracks then commanded the Marine Detachment at the U.S. Embassy, Naval Forces, Europe, Headquarters, London, from 1946-48. While there, he commanded the USMC detachment in the parade dedicating the Roosevelt Memorial in London and was presented to the King and Queen of the United Kingdom and Eleanor Roosevelt at that ceremony. Following two years as an inspec-

Corrections

The obituary of Francis Martin Jr. '41 (May) contained a factual error. He was not a judge; rather, that was his father. The obituary of Leon Quat '26 (July) contained an error and two omissions. He lived in Great Neck, N.Y., not Austerlitz; his wife, Helen (Shapiro), died in 2002; and his daughter, Joanna, died in 1989.
Walter Wager ’44, Devoted Alumnus and Spy Novelist

Walter Wager ’44, class president, lifelong New Yorker, and successful alumnus and spy novelist, passed away on July 11 in Manhattan. The New York Times described Wager’s crime and spy novels — including 58 Minutes, which was adapted as the 1990 Bruce Willis film Die Hard 2 — as “a catalog of modern mayhem, nuclear and otherwise.” Wager, who lived in the Upper West Side, was 79.

Born on September 4, 1924, in the Bronx, Wager attended high school at Franklin School in New York City. At the College, where he earned a B.A. in political science, Wager fenced on the freshman team and lettered in varsity baseball. He also was active on Spectator and Jester; at CURC, WCOR's predecessor; and in The Pre-Law Society; and he served as chairman of the Elections Commission. Though he attended Harvard Law School, receiving a degree in 1946 and passing the New York State Bar, he never practiced. Wager received a master’s in aviation law in 1949 from Northwestern University and from 1949–51 was a Fulbright scholar at the Sorbonne in Paris, where he met his first wife, Sylvia Leonard.

Wager began his freelance writing career in 1951 but was rarely without a full-time job, writing and producing for CBS radio and television, where he worked for Edward R. Murrow, and for NBC-TV. He served as editor-in-chief at Playbill from 1963–66, and from then until 1978 was editor of ASCAP Today at the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers; he later was its public relations director. In the mid-1980s, Wager was director of communications for The Juilliard School and in the early 1990s served as director of public information for the University of Bridgeport.

Starting in 1956 with Operation Intrigue, written under the pseudonym Walter Herman (his first and middle names), Wager published more than 30 novels and books of nonfiction. In addition to 58 Minutes, two other novels became movies: Telefon (Macmillan, 1975), which became the eponymous 1977 spy movie starring Charles Bronson, and Viper Three (Macmillan, 1971), which became 1977’s Topkis ’44, who spoke eloquently at Wager’s funeral.

“Walter had an acute sensitivity for the absurd that is in all of us, and he often shared his perceptions,” noted Jay Topkis ’44, who spoke eloquently at Wager’s funeral. “But there was a gentleness to him: His Jibs always stopped short of inflicting real pain. We shall miss him bitterly.”

An exceptionally active alumnus, Wager regularly was on campus, attending homecoming games, receptions and class reunions. Serving as his class’ ‘CCT’ class correspondent since Class Notes’ inception in 1980, his witty writing was a hit with classmates. He also was a founding member of Columbia University Remembrance, a group of alumni helping to create a permanent campus memorial for Columbia’s war dead.

Wager’s daughter, Lisa, said, “Dad loved Columbia, and the friendships he made there were his core friendships that lasted the rest of his life. The only sporting event I can remember his ever going to in four decades was the homecoming game, but he went religiously. And we all know it wasn’t for the game! He gave back to the University for as long as I can remember. Most recently, he was very proud to be on the 250th Committee — he came up with the idea for the parade along Broadway from the College’s first location up to Morningside Heights. His support for the College continued up to his last days.”

In addition to his daughter, from his first marriage, Wager is survived by his wife of 29 years, Winifred McVor Wager; and two granddaughters. His first wife, from whom he was divorced, died in 1989.

Wager’s daughter has established a fund to support his wife. Donations may be sent, care of Lisa Wager, to Fund for Win Wager, 400 Riverside Dr., Apt. 1A, New York, NY 10025-1838.

Lisa Palladino
Robert B. Hayman, retired naval commander and electricity executive, Tequesta, Fla., on June 23, 2004. Born in Brightwaters, N.Y., Hayman was a resident of Darien, Conn., before moving to Tequesta 10 years ago. During WWII, he was drafted into the Army; he later attended St. Ambrose University in Davenport, Iowa. At the College, Hayman served as battalion commander of NROTC and earned a B.S. in mechanical engineering from the Engineering School in 1951 as well as degrees from MIT, Fordham and Bethel Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh. Hayman helped develop the nuclear Navy and retired as a Naval commander after 21 years. He later was an executive at Consolidated Edi-
son of New York for 23 years. At St. Jude Church in St. Louis, Hayman served as a Eucharistic Minister. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Marie; children, Robert, George, Edward, Cathy, Anne, Elizabeth, William and John and their spouses; 18 grandchildren; broth-
ers, John, Donald and George; and sister, Sally Kelly. Memorial contrib-
utions may be made to Covenant House of Florida, 733 Breakers Ave., Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33304.

George E. Walker, retired communications executive, Elmsford, N.Y., on June 3, 2004. Born on Feb-
uary 24, 1927, in flushing, Queens, Walker was a WWII veteran and clarinetist in the Army
Band. He worked in advertising and at NBC from 1950–70, and from 1970 until his retirement in 1990 was the president of Market-
place Communications. At Colum-
bia, Walker was a music major and active in the band and at WKCR.

He was a longstanding member of The Riverside Church. Walker is survived by his wife of 52 years, Helene E.M. Walker; daughters, Emily M. Brachitta and Laura R. Walker; three grandchildren; and sister, Ruth H. Forsberg. Paul and Geoffrey. Memorial dona-
tions may be sent to the University of Connecticut Foundation, 2390 Alumni Dr., Storrs, CT 06269, with a cover note directing the funds to the Endowment for Physics Research and Graduate Education, in honor of Professor Kurt Haller.

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Peter Hall, retired educator and psychologist, Mission Viejo, Calif., on May 14, 2003. Born in Germany in 1937, Hall was brought to the United States by his parents as an infant, fleeing just before WWII. He was raised in New York City and graduated from Stuyvesant H.S. in 1955. He received his Ph.D. in child and behavioral psychology in 1966 from UCLA. Hall’s area of expertise was the study and treatment of learning disabilities and emotional disorders in children and adoles-
cents. For more than 30 years, Hall was a school psychologist, diagnos-
ing children with disabilities, plac-
ing them in appropriate programs, counseling their parents and help-

ing design curricula. Later, he spe-
cialized in counseling emotionally disturbed teenagers and their fami-
lies. Hall was well-known as a con-
sultant and as a teacher at the uni-
versity level, where he shared knowledge and experience with students and other professionals. He retired in 1999 due to illness but continued to teach and serve as a consultant as long as he was able. He is survived by his cousins, Michael Portis and John Portis, and by his longtime companion, Lisa MacGreavy Huggard.

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Constantine C. Menges, former national security aide, and think tank fellow, Washington, D.C., on July 11, 2004. Menges, a national security aide for Latin America dur-
ing the Reagan administration who had a central role in planning the U.S. invasion of Grenada in 1983, focused on the continuing threat of communism via books and articles. Menges was born in Ankara, Turkey, the son of political refugees from Nazi Germany. The Menges family moved to the United States in 1943. Menges earned a B.A. in physics and then a doctorate in political science from GSAS in 1969, where he specialized in Soviet and German affairs. He helped individ-
uals escape East Berlin in 1961, and in 1963, worked in Mississippi as a volunteer for equal voting rights. Before joining the Rand Corp., Menges taught political science at the University of Wisconsin. He entered government service in the late 1970s, first as assistant director for civil rights, then as deputy assis-
tant secretary for education in the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. From 1981–83, Menges was a national intelligence officer for Latin American affairs at the CIA. From 1983–86, he worked for the National Security Council as a special assistant to the president, specializing in Latin America. Deeply involved in White House support for the Nicaraguan contras, Menges argued that an American strategy in Latin America should include suppression of right-wing death squads and promotion of land reform. He contended that the inva-
sion of Grenada helped avert a pos-
sible nuclear deployment crisis and strengthened President Reagan’s hand in deploying intermediate-range missiles to Europe in late 1983. From 1990–2000, Menges was a professor at The George Washing-
ton University, where he founded and directed the Program on Trans-
sitions to Democracy. He began a project on U.S. relations with Russia and China and the new Russia-
China alignment. Menges complet-
ed the manuscript for a book, China, the US and The Strategic Challenge of China and Rus-

sia. He also authored a memoir, Inside the National Security Council (Touchstone Books, 1989), and sev-
eral other books. At the time of his death, Menges was a senior fellow at the Hudson Institute, a public policy think tank that he had worked with as a graduate student. Menges’ recent work had focused on the threat to the United States of a growing pro-Castro alliance throughout Latin America; state-
-sponsored terrorism in the aftermath of China’s rise as a superpower. He is sur-
vived by his wife of 29 years, Nancy Menges; and a son, Christopher.

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O T H E R  D E A T H S  R E P O R T E D

Columbia College Today also has learned of the deaths of the following alumni (full obituaries will be published if further information becomes available):


Alan J. Englander, New York City, on May 24, 2004. He received a B.S. in chemical engineering from the Engineering School in 1942 and is survived by his wife, Mary; a daughter and son-in-law; and two grandchildren.


1950 Adam Rakowski, Oakland, N.J., on June 11, 2003. A star ath-
lete while at the College, Rakowski broke football and baseball records. He is survived by his wife, Marie, and five children.


Here's a look at the Lions Den in Ferris Booth Hall. There was no date on this photo, so anyone who can fill us in is asked to contact us at cct@columbia.edu or Columbia College Today, 475 Riverside Dr., Ste 917, New York, NY 10115-0998. Also, if you have stories about either the Lions Den or Ferris Booth Hall that you'd like to share with our readers, please get in touch.

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Julius Wolfram '32 went to P&S: "still living in Dallas and doing two medical jobs. Also on the clinical faculty of the University of Texas." He has eight grandchildren scattered in Paris; Cambridge, England; and New York, among other places.

William F. Lozier '35 recalls a minor historical occasion: Nicholas Murray Butler (Class of 1882) was in the Lion's Den watching the famous Rose Bowl victory. Isn't there a famous picture of the one great touchdown? [Editor's note: There sure is, and CCT last printed it in March 2004, page 35.] I William lives in Atlanta.

Solomon Fisher '36 seems to be one of the busy bees of his class. "In retirement since I was 73, I keep a regular schedule reading voraciously, walking miles daily and attending concerts several times each month. Until this year I wrote music, plays and poetry."

Frederick Stuhr '36 of Basking Ridge, N.J., writes: "My wife died last year and I am in a retirement facility. Everything considered, I'm in fairly good shape."

Zachary B. Friedenberg '36 M.D. of Ardmore, Pa., reports: "Still working and seeing patients, but I've given up surgery at Presbyterian Hospital at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. I spend my time in the library doing historical research on medicine. My books are The Doctor in Colonial America (Rutledge, 1998), Medicine Under Sail (Naval Institute Press, 2002) and at some future date, Surgery Over the Century."

Joe Coyle '37 practices medicine on Staten Island, N.Y.

Murray Bloom '37 notes: "One of my books, The Man Who Stole Portugal (Pub. Group West, 1992), is getting another German edition in early 2005 with another publisher. Most unusual. The book has been optioned four times for film but never made. It's had French, German, Spanish, Italian and Portuguese editions."

Ralph de Toledo '38's stationery says "author, editor, newsmen." He's been all three. Ralph has written 25 books, with five best-sellers among them. "I go to the National Press Club three times a week for lunch. As a 54-year member, I'm called a 'Golden Owl' and don't have to pay dues. I play poker with a bunch of reprobates who always take my money."

Raymond Berge '39 "worked 40 years in design, development and testing for RCA. At 87, I'm still singing in a church choir and play piano and theatre organ at home." He lives in McMurray, Pa.

Thibaut de Saint Phalle '39: "I got my J.D. in 1941. I have three sons who went to the business or law school at Columbia. I've had six books published. The latest is Saints, Sinners and Scalawags (Hobblebush Books, 2004)."

Victor Wouk '39 lives in New York and has written more than 125 technical papers. All of them are in the Cal Tech library archives.

Richard F. Marzari '39 and his wife live in a retirement center at Nottingham Village in Northumberland, Pa. "Life is very pleasant," he says.

June was jackpot time for your class correspondent. Three Class Notes cards were returned from a recent CCT mailing, from Danny Edelman, Albon Man and Milan (Steve) Ekerovich. Steve is appearing for the first time in our Class Notes. All three men reminded me of our 65th anniversary (!), rapidly coming up in June 2005. Thanks on both scores, guys.

Your personals will, of course, be equally welcome, whether you're a previously silent or active classmate. You don't even need a special life event or a mail-in card, just the impulse to share some of your life and/or 65th reunion thoughts, and my e-mail or snail mail address, above.

Steve has a combined College and School of Mines degree, with an E.M. (mineral dressing) in '41. He completed a two-year training
program with Allis Chalmers before the military: three years in the infantry, including active service in the Rhineland. On his return, he spent another seven years with Chalmers, before moving to Allentown, Pa., to join Taylor, a firm that built cement plants, and its series of successor corporations, selling and supporting heavy equipment, until his 1980 retirement. Through the years, Steve’s led an active sports life—skiing, hunting, trap shooting, tennis and the gym, limited now, due to back problems, to the gym. He and his wife, Gloria, married 57 years, have a daughter, Janet, and a son, Steven.

Danny’s card had a cryptic note: “Phi Beta Kappa Living Treasure Award from the PBK Association of Chicago on May 6, 2004.” My telephone call caught Danny and Ruth as they were rushing to pack for a seven-day business trip to London and Paris. Danny noted that the award was for his “professional and public service.” Danny’s company is the world’s largest independent public relations firm, with 40 offices worldwide. His daughter, Renee, and sons, Richard and John, are executives with it. After graduating from the College, Dan got an M.S. in journalism before his European service with the Army’s Psychological Warfare and Information Control Divisions. Back in New York, he was a newspaper reporter and later radio newswriter for CBS before moving into PR.

Albon’s card noted: “A book that I edited for the Historical Society of Rockland County, N.Y., *True Stories From Mine Hole* (2003), recently was reprinted. At 80, I retired from a publishing career. However, I still am an active member of the publications committee.” Albon described his days as mornings at a center working with cerebral palsy patients and afternoons with publications committee matters. He received an M.A. and an L.L.B. from Columbia in 1950. Then, after a year-and-a-half in a law office, he chose what evolved into a three-decade long legal publishing career at Prentice Hall, with a focus on taxes and wills. He retired from his v.p. position in 1982 and followed that with 15 years as technical editor in the publishing division of the American Institute of CPAs, retiring a second time in 1997.

Stanley Temko received the Law School’s prestigious Medal for Excellence last January. Previous winners include U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg (’59L) and President Lee C. Bollinger (’71L), as well as Bill Feinberg (’43L). Stan, who graduated from the Law School in ’43, is senior counsel at Covington & Burling. He’s been there for more than 50 years, practicing food and drug law, trade association counseling, regulatory law and antitrust. The statement reads: “According to
Bernstein, Hanley Pass Century Mark

BY SHIRA BOSS-BICAK ’93

Sidney Bernstein ’24 and J. Daniel Hanley ’27 celebrated their 100th birthdays this year, making them the granddaddies of the College alumni family.

A New York native, Bernstein was among the youngest members of his College graduating class, entering at 17 and completing his degree in three years.

Although not a gifted musician, he liked to play the piano, and practiced on an upright in his dorm room in Hartley Hall. After practicing the same piece for some time, Bernstein received a petition under his door, signed by scores of Hartley residents, that told him “enough is enough” and to change his piece, he recalled in a memoir written for his 90th birthday. Bernstein is a lifelong supporter of opera and music, was v.p. of the educational foundation of Shenkar University in Israel. He founded a commercial real estate company in New York, from which he retired at 95. His nephew now runs the company as Bernstein Real Estate. A lifetime John Jay Society member, Bernstein regularly attended colloquia on campus until his mid-90s.

“When you reach an advanced age, you become an observer rather than a participant, and take pleasure in others’ accomplishments rather than your own,” Bernstein expressed through his daughter, Elaine S. Bernstein ’72 GS.

Hanley was directed to a career in government service from summer jobs he had while a student at the College in the 1920s. During that time, he served as a tutor-companion to the sons of several leading New York families, including Henry Morgenthau Jr. ’s boys, Henry III and Robert, now Manhattan’s district attorney. Hanley taught them to swim and sail at their home in Fishkill, N.Y., where one of their neighbors was Franklin D. Roosevelt, who was recuperating at Hyde Park after having contracted polio and who soon became New York’s governor.

Hanley was introduced to Roosevelt’s press attaché and became involved in the Democratic party. “I was with the Democratic National Convention before Roosevelt was nominated” as the party’s candidate for president, he remembers. “After he was elected, J. Edgar Hoover got me to join the FBI.”

Following a short time with the FBI, Hanley was transferred to the Department of the Interior under Harold Ickes. From there, Hanley joined the State Department under A.A. Berle, a former Columbia professor and one of Roosevelt’s chief advisors. Hanley’s first post was at the embassy in Portugal in 1944. “All of the dethroned kings of Europe were there,” he recalls. In Lisbon, Hanley met and later married a Belgian, Colette Janlet, a championship amateur golfer who had been a Red Cross ambulance driver during the war. They have been married for 58 years.

Hanley retired from the State Department in 1968 after 30 years of service, including embassy posts in Yugoslavia, Vietnam, Korea and Liberia. He and his wife lived in Portugal for 20 years before moving to Wellington, Fla., in 1988. They have three sons, six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

On March 19, about 50 family members celebrated Hanley’s 100th birthday at “one big party,” as he describes it, at the Palm Beach Country Club.

Are there any other 100-year-old College alumni out there? Please contact CTT because we’d like to tell your story, too.

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Just under a million population. We with the Class of '44. A hearty and June 4 during Reunion Weekend passed out at the class luncheon on maybe not in his marvelous style. will get them in the next issue, of months. He died on July 11. boyhood buddy in Leonia, N.J. I our 60th reunion. Despite a wheel¬ dent. Please send all class news to lists a few more than 200 surviving notes of what you are doing, and I was seriously ill for a num¬ ral professions. Last sev¬ kids and their 24 kids — thankfully exercise, volunteer and travel a bit. The summer months find us at our ‘water-access-only’ cottages north of Toronto, along with our seven their 24 kids — thankfully not. ‘After 33 years with GE and several as a consulting engineer, inventing has become my hobby rather than a real profession. Last spring, Pat and I enjoyed the ‘43 class reunion, when we exchanged memories with Frank Cerrie, a boyhood buddy in Leonia, N.J. I proudly showed Pat around the Columbia campus, and we wound up the weekend visiting Diedre and Tom Kantor.”

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[Editor’s note: CCT welcomes Ralph Lane ’44 as the new class correspond¬ ent. Please send all class news to Ralph at the addresses above.]

Many of you know that Walter Wagner was seriously ill for a number of months. He died on July 11. [Editor’s note: Please see Obituaries.] I have agreed to fill in for him — a very hard act to follow, as he sheeped the class so beautifully for the past 60 years. Please send me notes of what you are doing, and I will get them in the next issue, maybe not in his marvelous style. The Memory Book that was passed out at the class luncheon on June 4 during Reunion Weekend lists a few more than 200 survivors of those who identify with the Class of ’44. A hearty and more or less hale 20 turned out for our 60th reunion. Despite a wheelchair or two and a cane here and there, spirits were high, and there was general agreement that the country is in sad shape politically. You can see from my notes that I come from the Left Coast, and it was refreshing to hear such un¬ nappiness. (Since my wife, Joan, and I flew in for the occasion, we passed over happily those states where we might be in a minority.)

On Friday afternoon, about five of us, plus some spouses and signif¬ icant others, joined the Class of ’49. Vanessa Rosado from the Alumni Office kept a careful eye on us at all campus events, mak¬ ing sure that there was a table or two for our class. (That meal, and all the others on campus, were delicious and tastefully present¬ ed.) After lunch, Fred Berman ’49, that class’s president, presented his amusing “Highlights of Old-Time Radio Programs.” The Satur¬ day class luncheon was the only on-campus function that we did not share with the Class of ’49.

On Friday evening, unani¬ mous demand of the reunion com¬ mittee, Jackie and Jay Topkis host¬ ed a buffet dinner in their splendid duplex on East 72nd Street. This has been a tradition, at least at the 40th and 50th reunions. Although there is always lots of gorgeous art to admire on the walls, the hour or so imbibing from the generous bar afforded us the opportunity to meet and greet classmates at the best¬ attended affair — there were almost 30 people there with classmates, spouses and so forth. We had seen Mildred and John Donohue, down from Connecticut, at lunch, but we did recall the fact that at the 40th we had shared a dorm suite with them. Another couple we had lost track of since the 40th is Bobbie and Al Seligmann, up from Alexandria, Va. We had been especially sympa¬ tic at that event, and it was fun to sit with them at supper. Also with us were Henry Hecht and his wife, Hattie. Henry has two poems in the Memory Book. Also Chuck O’Mal¬ ley, who was appalled that the addres¬ s in the book has him living on some obscure street in the Bronx rather than his apartment at 10 Park Ave., where he has lived for years, and James Green M.D., in from Lynbrook, N.Y. (There seemed to be many M.D.s present.)

Other writings in the Memory Book by those at the reunion included one by Louis Pitt, who was attending his first reunion. He served in the Episcopal Church ministry, including time in Zamb¬ ia and Zimbabwe. Another was by Bob Rosenthal, a retired M.D., who finds himself busier than ever. Still another was by Daniel Choy, who was at the Topkis dinner, also a retired M.D. Ira

Gabrielson, who, I think, along with his wife, Mary, still practice medicine in the Northampton area, also had a delightful reminiscence. We had a special time with them before the joint dinner with ’49 on Saturday night. We met at The West End (you wouldn’t know it) to watch the Belmont. We had hoped for a Smarty party, but alas, it was spoiled by a Smarty pooper. (Gabe and Mary have grandchil¬ dren out here in lotus land, not far from us, so we hope to see them one of these months.) One other piece in the Memory Book is by Martin Beller M.D., not at the reunion but enjoying retirement in rural northcentral Pennsylvania. It is with all due modesty that mention is made of the only other contribution to the Memory Book. It’s called “Coxn’s’s’ Recall” and is authored by your correspond¬ ent, then known as Shady Lane. Speaking of crew, at Saturday’s lunch, I saw another cohort from those years, Dick Farber, in from Manhasset Hills. Previous years have seen other crew buddies, but they failed to show this year.

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Albert’s suggestion that we unite the war years of ’45-’47, either for reunion or class column purposes or perhaps both, was anticipated by the classes of ’44 and ’49, who invited “fellow ’40s grads” to join them for their reunion in June. Did any ’45ers respond to the offer? If so, please let me know your experience. And for all ’45ers, I ask if we should follow Albert’s suggestions. One other thought about our upcoming reunion: Would you consider inviting classmates’ wid¬ ows? We would probably meet some charming ladies and learn about what our classmates were really like! 1944: Those who registered for reunion include Richard A. Bader, Daniel Becker, John J. Donohue, Richard L. Gabrielson, James Green, Henry Rolf Hecht, Ralph Lane, Reuben A. Mar¬ golis, Charles R. O’Malley, Louis W. Pitt, Harold Polton, Robert L. Rosenthal, David G. Sacks, Albert L. Seligmann, Maurice S. Span¬ bock and Maurice John Terman.
Talking about the 60th reunion leads me to report that Myles K. Ren has graciously accepted my unofficial request to serve on the 60th reunion planning committee. He suggests meeting on a Wednesday following the weekend. I think that shall be. Who else will join us?

Gordon L. Mathes, of Memphis, practiced urology and played golf and tennis. His hobby is e-mail message trips to Central America. Blackout drills in Livingston Hall were a memorable experience for Gordon, who was a close friend of Ernest C. Attell ’46, of Tehran, Calif., at the College and a P&S roommate from 1944-46. Gordon protested, and I think rightly so, against a 2003 address at Columbia by Professor Nicholas DeGenova, who said that he would like to see “a million Mogadishus,” referring to the 1993 ambush in Somalia that killed 18 American servicemen. The present Mrs. Mathes, his wife, Nancy — a graduate of the Nursing School — led to their disassociating themselves from their respective schools. On a more positive note, Gordon Jr. is an urologist in Rocky Mount, N.C., and son Ben has Boating classes in the Congo and South America.

Charles E. Silberman suffered a near-catastrophic set of illnesses last summer when a sepsis infection got into his bloodstream, resulting in a massive coronary, pneumonia and osteomyelitis (a bone infection) in his spine. His doctors did not expect him to survive, but good medical care and much love and support from his wife, Arlene Silberman ’49 and daughters,5 and four sons enabled him to recover. Now recovered, Charles enjoys the good theater and superb music that makes Sarasota a wonderful place for retirement.

Joseph M. Stein M.D. is 95 percent retired from the practice of neurology. Many up for the accelerated war experience at Columbia and renewing fond memories, he finds great pleasure in resuming a college education at local Washburn University in Topeka, Kan. (where Brown ’48 Class Notes editor, he is hereby accepted as a fully qualified classmate to these Class Notes. Roger was a chemical engineer from 1947-52, when he joined the Atomic Energy Commission, Energy Research & Development Administration and Department of Energy, staying with these government agencies for 30 years before returning to the private sector as an energy/environment consultant for another 20 years. Roger’s oldest grandchild has enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps and has completed boot camp. If another classmate can use the Class Notes to report with pride regarding his offspring, the writer of these notes may be permitted to do likewise. Here goes: My son, Daniel (Dan) R. Cooper, summa cum laude graduate from Clark, recently received his M.A. in psychology from the same institution. He is an intern in the Washington, D.C., office of Senator Patrick Leahy (D-VT) while studying for the fall LSAT.

Robert B. Mellins M.D. shows no signs of slowing down. Bob was the keynote speaker in February at the 6th International Congress on Pediatric Pulmonology in Lisbon. In April, he was a featured speaker at two congresses in Iran — one on adult pulmonology, the other on pediatric pulmonology. He continues his research as a pediatrician at Columbia. Frederick R. Karl of East Hampton, N.Y., who died on April 30, will be remembered as one of the class scholars. He published a number of literary guides on such subjects as the 20th century English novel, the works of Joseph Conrad and 20th century American writers, as well as biographies of Conrad, Faulkner, Kafka and George Eliot. Dr. Karl was professor emeritus of English at City College and NYU. [Editor’s note: Please see Obituaries.]

Some Montgomery characters we remember from the ’40s: Father Ford, the Catholic chaplain, warning us at our 1943 freshman beer party, “Anybody who doesn’t drink beer will be excommunicated”; Ted Kremer, the head of security and probably the most impressed man on campus; and Irwin Edman ’17, the philosophy professor whose often-used example of redundancy was “foolish virgin.”

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A slow period between issues, but not entirely lacking in news. Daniel J. (Dan) Hoffman reports from Swarthmore, Pa. — proudly, one suspects — that last December he received the Aiken Taylor Award for Modern American Poetry from The Seagull Review. From Hoffman, who was too busy catching hawking at the local farmer’s market. Howard still is looking for a challenge to his four great-grandchildren. Your class scribe simply is looking for news from classmates.

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This was an empty-mailbox two months, though I heard from the Alumni Office about the death of Arthur Snyder. [Editor’s note: Please see Obituaries.]

June was a busy month for your class scribe. My wife, Lila, and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary. Three children and some nine grandchildren not only attended but put on a glorious takeoff of The Producers — Mel Brooks, eat your heart out. Apparently, our family felt that “producing” was our greatest accomplishment. Watching them perform, Lila and I agreed that it was indeed.

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[Editor’s note: CCT thanks Joe Russell for his long and dedicated service as class correspondent and welcomes John Weaver as his successor.]

After his illustrious tenure as our class correspondent, Joe Russell has asked to step aside. We thank him for his long and tireless service. I only hope I can do half as well. I’ll do my best. For any of you having trouble remembering John Weaver from way back then, whether in high-heeled drag for the Varsity Show or doublet and tights as Romeo, I was Moses Sussman. John Weaver was conceited during my first summer stock engagement in 1949 and has stuck.

Our 55th reunion was a rousing success. The warmth of fellowship and the enlightenment of panel presentations, lectures and entertainment were genuinely enriching. For me, the emotional high points were reached with Ruth Lubic’s (Mrs. Bill Lubic) presentation at the medical panel discussion and with the screening of Jim Stinton’s talk on his WWII experiences.

John Weaver
Our attendance record was gratifying, and the class dinner, with its homage to the team led by Gene Rossides to victory in "The Game," was a fitting climax to the weekend. There was genuine appreciation as we were graced with Dean Austin Quigley's comments at the close of the evening. I would be remiss if I did not mention Betty Olson's (Mrs. Charles Olson) comments, just before we disbanded, on how clear it is that the College has created a family bond so strong as to continue to draw us together as well as give strength to one another. It is not a coincidence, but a tribute that the sense of family, felt so strongly by all of us, is the recurring theme, the "leitmotif" (see how well Music Humanities has stuck) when Dean Quigley speaks. Columbia continues to stand as the bridge from the past to the present and the beacon lighting our path to the future: In Luminis Tuo...

Marv Lipman writes: "In many ways, the 55th reunion was even better than the 50th. It was well-organized and the topics well-chosen. I enjoyed putting together that medical panel and wish to thank Ruth Lubin, Cal Kunin and Norm Brachfeld for volunteering their expertise and participating in what proved to be an informative afternoon session. Also, I thank Ed Housepian, who had to withdraw from the medical panel at the last moment because of illness, for being one of the original volunteers for that panel."

From George Spitz: "The reunion was inspiring. I finally am appreciating the wonderful opportunity that has been conferred on being a member of the Columbia College Class of 1949. Class president Fred Berman and Alumni Office staff members Haley Taylor and Christina Liu did a magnificent job, but others, too numerous to name, also contributed. Gene Rossides, John Nork and other members of the great 1947 football team were heroes then and are here now, acting like heroes now. The 50th reunion in 1999 was my first, and this was my first, I plan to attend my first homecoming."

John Nork comments: "We had a wonderful weekend, and it was great to see my old teammates and scholars and celebrate with a few honest stories, some of which probably could be documented. The entire program was done with the usual Columbia class. I felt homesick."

Fred Berman has been in touch with regard to homecoming on Saturday, October 2, at Baker Field. At reunion, several class members spoke of the good feelings that should not have to wait five years to reoccur. We hope you will try to gather at homecoming. We will have a class table in the tent. Let us hope this will be our kickoff for more frequent assemblage during the years between reunions.

Ralph Perhac has spiked his retirement with a commitment to revisit the Core. This was, by the way, a theme I heard in conversations at reunion from several classmates. Many bemoaned their youthful inability to appreciate the material in its fullest dimension.

Gene Straube writes of his extraordinary accomplishment this past spring. Attending a convention in Las Vegas, he did the unthinkable: never placed a bet!

Fred Klinger has requested information regarding the whereabouts of Frank Kaltner, George Brinton '48 Business or Morton Birnbaum '48. Anyone with information can pass it to me, and I will in turn notify Fred.

In the book of life, we also must read of the cycle that includes our passing. We are duty-bound to record our loss of Robert Keida, who died on April 21; Kurt Haller, on May 3; and Karl Pickens, date unavailable. [Editor's note: Please See Obituaries.]

Please share your feelings with us for the next Class Notes column, as we must keep alive the spirit and energy of this past reunion as preparation for the next. This column makes it possible for us to stay in touch between our fifth-year face-offs. The more familiar we remain in each other's awareness, the richer our continuing experience as alumni of this unique institution.

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Norman Podhoretz was sum¬moned to the White House in March and made himself known.

Through the years, I imagine Dean Quigley speaks. Columbia continues to stand as the bridge from the past to the present and the beacon lighting our path to the future: In Luminis Tuo..."
I recently attended a lecture on “Forgotten Renwick” by Bannon McHenry of the Fordham College of Liberal Studies. Indeed, Renwick, or rather, the Renwicks, are of Liberal Studies. Indeed, Renwick and his three sons not more — for Columbia and for Charles Follen McKim. The elder Columbia and was the first to achieve emeritus status. He was a resounding success, with more than 300 attendees. The address by Alan Pincus, the Israeli consul in New York City, was well received. It was particularly gratifying to see so many Barnard students and graduates there supporting their popular president.

Frank Tilman was invited by the Cunard Shipping Line to deliver a lecture on “Exploring the Art of the Film” on board the Queen Mary II for her June 19 crossing. Frank also will lecture at the St. George School, which he attended more than a half-century ago, overwhelmed by the demanding curriculum. His cricket skill, however, assured his popularity there. In his lectures at St. George, Frank will share some of the ideas incorporated into his two recent books: The Wisdom of the Eye and The Logic of Images.

Some controversy has arisen in changes in the traditional Columbia Crown — changes that can be seen in the new crown as it appears on the University’s website (www.columbia.edu). One alumna circulated a newspaper clipping illustrating the changes with the comment, “What, if anything, can we as a class do about this affront?” The February 12 Spectator, featuring an article by Elizabeth Weis ’07 on the extent of and reasons for the changes (www.columbiaspectator.com). It seems the changes are neither mandatory nor universal. It does mean, however, there are at least two versions of the Columbia crown. The old crown delivered a message that of the nine colonial colleges, King’s (Columbia) alone was established by royal charter as a secular institution. In my opinion, it’s a tradition worth keeping by symbol and by word.

On June 18, I attended a University presentation on the planned campus expansion into Manhattanville, an area north of campus. The event was attended by approximately 300 at the Columbia Club on West 43rd Street. President Lee C. Bollinger gave a short but focused speech on the University’s overwhelming need for additional space, which this project would help solve. Additional space is needed not only to relieve present cramped conditions but to enable the University to expand and maintain its position as a world-famous institution of higher learning. Bollinger mentioned the chemistry department, one of the more outstanding in the country. Its personnel are forced, however, to work in laboratories with equipment reminiscent of a 1950s high school. Can Columbia expect to keep Nobel Laureate professors or to hire others offering facilities such as these? The Columbia student has one-third the space available to a Yale student. The acreage Columbia has available is 1/10th that of Yale. An alternative solution might be to locate parts of the University in different parts of Manhattan, but Bollinger feels a sense of “community” is important. Careful ground work has been done in facilitating the project, including hiring outstanding architects, such as Renzo Piano, and securing the support of Community Board #9, the Landmarks Preservation Commission, political figures and various city agencies.

This completes my yearly stint of writing the class column. The remaining columns are in the capable hands of George Koplinka. To lighten our task, keep the news coming. You may consider some things unimportant, but we don’t. A vacation, a new project, employment, a new grandchild ... we are especially interested in items related to Columbia. Let us hear from you. Keep our class in the news.

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[Editor’s note: This column was written by Nis Petersen.]

Let’s hear it for the Class of ’52! Responding to my persistent pleas for sharing your considerable and interesting life events and experiences, you have come through for me big time. The gleaning of items from your correspondence, attending a pre-screening of the Oscar-winning documentary, Chennaiyil Thiruvaiyaru, which will air on HBO in September. Dr. John Benfield, professor of surgery emeritus at UCLA, in addition to his duties as president of the Thoracic Surgery Foundation, enjoys a second career in applied linguistics. He recently returned from Japan, where he spoke to the Japan Surgical Society. Two sons, a daughter, their spouses and four grandchildren round out the picture of John’s productive “retirement.”

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Dr. John Benfield ’52, professor of surgery emeritus at UCLA, enjoys a second career in applied linguistics.

Aldo Ippolito, who lives in Toronto, celebrated his 80th birthday with his wife, Pat, and his sister, Ada, who came from Florida for the occasion. David Koplinka’s daughter, Ruth, has tied the knot with her longtime partner, the biological mother of his grandson, Sam. David is scholar-in-residence at Bard College and turns out an impressive portfolio of academic papers and publications. Joe Di Palma and his wife, Jocelyn, continue their high-profile activities, attending a pre-screening of the Oscar-winning documentary, Chennaiyil Thiruvaiyaru, which will air on HBO in September. Dr. John Benfield, professor of surgery emeritus at UCLA, in addition to his duties as president of the Thoracic Surgery Foundation, enjoys a second career in applied linguistics. He recently returned from Japan, where he spoke to the Japan Surgical Society. Two sons, a daughter, their spouses and four grandchildren round out the picture of John’s productive “retirement.”

Stanley Schultz, internationally known scientist, educator and administrator, was named dean of the University of Texas Medical School. Good luck, Stanley.

Trowbridge Ford, reminding us that his great-great-grandfather, William Harris, was Columbia’s president just after the turn of the 19th century, attended the University’s festivities in London and/or Paris in June. Raymond Bizzigotti tells of his architectural woodworking career and of his work on the Rainbow Room complex in Rockefeller Center and St. Regis Hotel.

Alden Mesrop and his wife, Alida, wrote from Mt. Vernon, N.Y., about their second grandson, Alida’s son, who joined brother Matthew (2) in January. David Braun and his wife, Merita, have six grandchildren. Dave is senior counsel at a prestigious West Coast law firm and recently relocated to Santa Barbara.

Ralph Martin moved to Guilford Lake, N.Y., where he is thrilled to be minutes away from exciting Saratoga Raceway.
Sholom Shafter and his artist wife, Janet, welcomed their first grand-granddaughter in May.

Bob Stuart, recovering from heart surgery, checked in, along with his lovely wife, Eunice, with the news that his middle daughter will wed in October.

Alvin Feder continues his active law practice, as his wife, Jane, plays tennis on the next court from him at Prospect Park in Brooklyn.

Dr. Martin Finkel writes, in a long letter (which I hope to quote in greater detail in upcoming issues), of his exploits as a moonlighting as a dance escort on cruise lines. Boy, that’s the right kind of retirement work.

Herb Steinberg and his wife, Mary, are busy visiting grandchilden and chateaux in Europe and buying Burgundy wine.

Gerald Pomper ’55 published Ordinary Heroes and American Democracy (Yale University Press, 2004). These heroes include Peter Rodino, Harry Truman and Ida Tarbell.

Rosalie and I welcomed grandaughter Corinne home after 100 days in intensive neonatal care. She was three-plus months premature and weighed 1 lb., 12 oz. at birth in March. A medical miracle, I’d say.

Once again, I love your energetic responses. Keep those cards, letters, e-mails and so forth coming.

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Stan Maratos was inducted into the “Hall of Honor” of the Distinguished Flying Cross Society at its biannual convention, held last April in San Diego. He also was presented with the “Conspicuous Service Cross” by New York's Governor George Pataki and the “Distinguished Service Award” by the former governor of New Jersey. Stan was a colonel in the Air Force. Great going!

Bob Walzer and his wife, Ann, visited Herb Mark ‘42 and Bill Won after a 50-year hiatus. Bob reports that Bill is a retired neurosurgeon and his wife is a physician. Herb retired from architecture and city planning.

Richard Carlson has five beehives. He works at Wheatville Technology but only goes after eating his oatmeal with raisins and reading the newspaper. He uses micro FT infrared spectroscopy to help solve other people’s problems and makes chemicals for nuclear weapons applications. He drives a 1984 VW diesel Rabbit and gets 46 miles to the gallon. He and Anna have three new grandsons in Kentucky, Ohio and Oslo. They love to travel and have visited Australia, New Zealand, Germany, Norway, Sweden, Israel, France, Czechoslovakia, the U.K., Yugoslavia, Hungary and Italy.

Ken Skoug notes that on April 29-30, he attended an invitation-only seminar of past and present Cuba specialists at CUNY. He was invited as the former coordinator of Cuban affairs in the Department of State for six years (1982-88). He also wrote a book, The United States and Cuba Under Reagan and Shultz: A Foreign Service Officer Reports (Praeger Publishers, 1996). At the seminar, Ken discussed the U.S.-Cuba Migration Agreement, which he helped negotiate in 1984 and helped restore in 1987 after it had been suspended by Cuba. He also discussed U.S. efforts to promote human rights in Cuba during those years.

James Campbell was honored on May 1 by Bishop Memorial H.S. for his outstanding athletic achievement as a member of his high school handball team.

John Condemi was born in New York City, and during his four years as an undergraduate worked in his father’s shop as a shoe repairman. Even today, one of America’s outstanding experts in asthma, urticaria and immunological abnormalities in autoimmune diseases, John keeps his shoe repair tools on a cobbler’s bench in his office. He has authored more than 90 papers and 23 chapters for various publications. He has performed more than 250 studies in asthma, allergic conjunctivitis, urticaria, chronic obstructive lung disease, arthritis, systemic lupis erythematosus, Sjogren’s syndrome and scleroderma.

Allan Jackman, our class video editor, is popular. Almost every word of what he wrote about his exploits as a moonlighting as a dance escort on cruise lines. Boy, that’s the right kind of retirement work.

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President Lee C. Bollinger, who was scheduled to be at our dinner, was, unfortunately, unable to join us. He sent a note of apology to Bernd, which included the following: “Let me also congratulate all of you for a record-breaking 50th reunion attendance. This has been a remarkable year celebrating Columbia’s 250th anniversary, and the Class of 1954 has a special place in our history. I look forward to seeing you and other classmates back at Columbia and around the country in the months ahead.”

While everyone who attended this reunion added to its success, I understand that the following were particularly involved in presentations that were enjoyable, entertaining and well received: Henry Buchwald, Al Hellerstein, Albert Thompson, Alan Fendrick, Peter Kenen, Amiel Rudovsky, Saul Turettelba, Don Wardlaw, Leo Cirino and Phil Bonanno.

Bernd has promised me a detailed report for the next issue of CCT. In the meantime, please stay well, enjoy your fall and look forward to annual gatherings of “The Class of Destiny” in the fall at Arden House, and to our 55th.

REUNION JUNE 2-5, 2005

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As Columbia250 reaches a crescendo, the world tour with President Lee C. Bollinger has continued to all parts of the globe. Following a successful spring trip to Asia, the president and his party brought a taste of Columbia to the alumni in Europe during the early summer. One of the highlights of Bollinger’s travels was a 5K Fun Run/Walk through Paris, where he was joined by throngs of devoted runners (and admirers). Dean Austin Quigley made separate visits to Seoul, Taipei and Singapore, where he met many alumni as well as incoming students and their parents. The goodwill generated by such visits is priceless.

Remember these key dates for the fall: September 18 (Community Festival on campus with a special jazz concert in front of Butler Library) and October 2 (Homecoming, Columbia250 closing ceremonies and an exciting football game against Princeton).

Class members who are in New York City for the 2012 Olympics (after we have celebrated our 55th reunion) may be able to view the field hockey competition at Baker Field — the designated venue for that sport, as decided by the International Olympic Committee. That’s assuming New York is selected to host the Olympics, of course. For those in the Washington, D.C., area, College Day will be celebrated on Sunday, September 12, from 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at The Cafritz Conference Center at The George Washington University.

Planning for our 50th has been moving ahead smoothly with initial meetings held this summer. The reunion dates are June 2-5, 2005. Weekend activities will include a theatre party, cocktail receptions, special class dinners, class lunches, a wine tasting, dancing under the stars in front of Low Library, a special Sunday morning brunch with the Class of 2005, lectures and tours. There will be something for everybody; all you have to do is register and show up.

Those involved in developing the program, whether on the phone or in person at Ezra Levin’s office in midtown Manhattan, include Stu Perlman (Chicago); Stanley Lubman (Berkeley, Calif.); Berish Staudach, Ron McPhee, Jack Freeman, Robert Kushner and Herb Cohen (Westchester County, N.Y.); Don Lautes, Bob Brown, Allen Hyman, Elliot Gross, George Gruen, Gordon Silverman and Bill Epstein (Manhattan); Nick Moore (Riverdale, N.Y.); Larry Balfus (Long Island); Alfred Gollomp (Brooklyn); Larry Hoffman (New Jersey) and Abbot Leban (Wilmington, Del.). Anyone who wants to be on the events committee should get in touch with your favorite class correspondent. The other critical group is the fund committee — more on that in future issues.

With the 50th looming, we’ve heard from many classmates. Marty Molloy retired after 39 years with the government (NASA, DOE) plus Texaco and JPL. The ex-New Yorker (Regis H.S.) lives in Stanford, Calif. From Natick, Mass., Harold Kushner is working on another book, which...
will be out in September 2005. As he writes, Harold wonders how many more ideas he has. Maybe the reunion will spur some good thoughts. Staying in New England, Walt Flanagan announced his retirement in Topsfield, Mass., with summers in Brewster tending his lobster traps. Dick Carr lived in Topsfield before he head¬
ed to Florida to improve his hand¬
cap. Walt has run into another '50er from time to time in Salem — our old friend Herb Cooper.

Another retirement: Dan De Palma (formerly of Mt. Vernon), from his second career as chair, business administration depart¬
ment, Shepherd College, Shep¬
herdstown, W.Va. He and his fami¬
ly are moving to Gainesville, Fla., where he’ll be an adjunct profes¬
sor at the University of Florida in the graduate business school.

Another professor at the same school is Neil Opydke (different field, I think!). Daren Rathsather recently left his big law firm and joined a younger company on Long Island, where he and his partner specialize in real estate, municipal law and zoning.

Peter Pressman continues his medical practice in Manhattan. In addition to being a composer and lyricist for the Columbia Players as an undergrad, Peter also was WKCR’s music director for several years before giving it all up for medicine. Michael Standard is far from retiring — the Brookfield, Conn., expatriate lives in Pound Ridge and practices law on lower Broadway. On the West Coast is George Gidal, a physicist at the Lawrence Berkeley National Lab. The ex-Brooklynic and his family live in Beverly Hills. His friends Scheiber and Stan Lubman, to name two. In Gilroy, Calif., is Dave Winter, who is president/ CEO of Human Organ Sciences. Further south in Los Angeles is our patent attorney, Lew Sterm¬
felds, who is on his 50th. The moment¬
um is building. Fun and frolic and good conversations await you. Just be there.

Love to all! Everywhere!

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Dear guys and dolls from the superb Class of 1956: Summer is

almost over, and the question always is what to do in the warm weather. One thing seven of us did at Danny Link’s, and Eli¬
nor’s, country club in Westchester on June 16 was to have a monthly lunch with some tennis and golf. Smiling faces attending were Steve Easton, Lou Hem¬
merdinge, Bob Sirotcy, Mark Novick, Ed Botwinick, yours truly and, of course, Danny Link. We had such a good time that we repeated same on July 28.

I had a lovely invitation in June from Ruth and Lennny Wolfe to join them for dinner and a cabaret at the Yale Club. It was great fun and good food and company, thanks. I heard from our Chicago source, Phil Liebson, who in Columbia College fashion wears several hats as evidence of our wide-ranging education. He has a new chair in cardiology at Rush and is the next president of the Chicago Literary Club. He gives thanks to the late Donald Livesay ’41 of the English department, who helped him develop his literary talent at a tender age.

A note from Guy T. Castle, who retired from Columbia’s physics department as director of technical services, indicated that he is on 3.5 acres in Armenia, N.Y., as a “country farmer” but maintains a co-op on West End Avenue in NYC so he can continue to go to museums, operas and the the¬
ater. By the way, Guy heard from his world-traveling classmate, Jack Nassaw.

Fred Lippman, of Pembroke Pines, Fla., was appointed chancellor of Nova Southeastern University, Health Professions Division. Nova Southeastern is the 10th largest nonprofit university in the United States.

Unfortunately, I heard about the May 20 loss of Jules Roth. This is getting much too frequent, and I bet we are down to about 450. Let us all keep healthy and active for our big 50th reunion in 2006. Inclu¬
dentially, I need feedback from you about the reunion. Do you want a dinner-dance Saturday night and if so, on- or off-campus? Do you want to join the reunion commit¬
tee? We will start meeting this fall. Bob Sirotcy is working on hats to identify us as the 50th reunion — our “grandfather” classes. Paul was so

drop and which must have mea¬
sured the equivalent of half-court at Madison Square Garden?

The concert was a grand occa¬
sion: The glee club wore white tie and quite a few tuxedos dotted the audience. I was proud to be associated with such a sweet, musical class. Paul’s e-mail address is ucnry@aol.com.

Steve Ronai’s slightly revised letter to President Lee C. Bollinger appears in this issue’s Letters to the Editor section. Steve advocates that the planned expansion of the Columbia campus into Manhattanville include “green space” for intramural sports and varsity foot¬
ball practice. This would eliminate time-consuming bus trips to and from Baker Field for the latter.

Ed Weinstein writes: “We had our final class luncheon of the ‘semester’ at The University Club on May 11. Surrounded by the splendid McKim, Mead and White architecture, we gorged ourselves on good conversation and food. Topics discussed included the Iraq war, Columbia current events, including events involving our class members with those of ‘07, oil geopolitics/econo¬mics and, interestingly enough, touring old cemeteries. Attending were Al Anton, Joe Diamond, David Kinne, Bob Klipstein, Neil McLellan, Denis Frind, Ron Kushner, Sal Franchino, Marty Fisher and me. We are indebted to Marty, who organizes these events and is treasurer.

‘Alvin Kass, David Kinne, Bob Klipstein, Bob Lipsyte, Ted Dwyer, Paul Zola, Carlos Mañoz and I attended a cocktail reception at Lerner Hall on April 21 for invited members of the classes of ’07 and ’57. This event was part of a program linking undergradu¬
ates at Columbia with their ‘grandfather’ classes. Paul was so
enthusiastic that he hoped that when ‘07 graduates, we could adopt another class. We are discussing with the dean’s office setting up other events with ‘07 during their remaining years at Columbia, including receptions at the homes of classmates who live in the metropolitan area.”

Charlie Goodstein ’58 was the subject of an article in the Bergen Record about his sideline as the resident fan psychiatrist on ESPN25.com.

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We regret to report the sudden death of Jonathan Mushon on May 11. As an undergraduate, Jon sang enthusiastically with the Kingsmen. After attending the Business School, he spent most of his career with Salomon Smith Barney, ultimately as senior v.p., and money manager. He played the recorder, as well. Jon lived in Bedford, N.Y., and is survived by his wife, Ingrid Paaske, and four sons and a daughter by two previous marriages.

Congratulations to three classmates who made repeat appearances in New York Magazine’s annual list of the best doctors in the metropolitan area: Stan Goldsmith, whose nuclear medicine practice at Weill Cornell Hospital includes treatment of thyroid cancer, neuroendocrine disorders, and PET imaging; Mark Hardy, who is at NewYork-Presbyterian, the University Hospital of Columbia and Cornell, Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center and performs kidney and islet-cell transplants and parathyroid surgery; and Bob Waldbaum, a urologist at North Shore University Hospital in Manhasset, who specializes in the treatment of prostate and urologic cancer.

Speaking of New York Magazine, Toby and Bernie Nussbaum’s daughter, Emily, has become its culture editor.

Charlie Goodstein, a psychiatrist in Tenafly, N.J., was the subject of a long article in the Bergen Record about his sideline as the resident fan psychiatrist on ESPN25.com. Combining his day job with his status as a longtime Yankees, Jets, Rangers and Knicks fan, Charlie dispenses online advice to fans with post-Yankee defeat disorder and other modern maladies. He finds an interest in sports to be mostly healthy, but for those who take them too seriously, his prescription is “Chill!” Incidentally, there’s a bit of a family connection here: Charlie’s late brother, Bill Goodstein ’60, was a well-known sports agent.

And speaking of ardent sports fans, alert TV watcher Ernie Brod reports, “I was watching the MSG network special about the history of Madison Square Garden, and up pops Professor Joe Dorinson — clearly the most articulate and photogenic of the talking heads.”

The topics of recent briefings presented by Citigate Global Intelligence, of which Ernie is CEO, include “Mitigating Corporate Risk in Asia While Maximizing Opportunities” and “Fraud, Waste and Abuse in the Workplace: A Comprehensive Program to Mitigate the Risks.”

The Class Lunch is held on the second Wednesday of every month in the Grill Room of the Princeton/Columbia Club, 15 W. 43rd St. ($31 per person). E-mail Art Radin if you plan to attend, up to the day before: aradin@radinglass.com.

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Kudos to all who helped make our 45th reunion such a success: the reunion committee, headed by Ray LaRaja; Al Rosenshine and his family for a lovely cocktail party that kicked off the weekend; our panel members; and Steve Trachtenberg, who closed our festivities on Saturday evening with a rousing after-dinner speech. A special note of thanks to Mike Cohen, who jumped in at the last minute to help Roy, who was struggling with a medical problem. Everyone, especially Ray, appreciated Mike’s willingness to work through the final details of the reunion.

The reunion was a great four days filled with many and varied activities, but mostly with an atmosphere of warmth and friendliness as we caught up. For those who were not there, you were missed. We hope to see you in five years.

Thursday, June 3, found a number of us checking into Carman Hall as base camp. For our wives, it was more like boot camp, but for the guys, the digs were pretty good compared to Hartley, Livingston and John Jay. Private baths (almost); almost adequate closet space; and Internet and phone connections. Imagine all that, and girls on the same floor!

The weather cooperated, so we were able to enjoy the campus and reflect on years spent there, perhaps some of the best years of our lives. Thursday evening was Al Rosenshine’s cocktail party, followed by, for some of us, a show on B’way. On Friday, there were a number of tours. Pat and I went to the UN for a VIP tour that was worth the ride through city traffic and back. I had never been there. Imagine that! We’ve been to many places around the world in the past 45 years, but haven’t gotten to so many places closest to home. Ring a bell with anyone? Next time we get to NYC, we will probably go to the Statue of Liberty.

On Saturday, there was the catered lunch on campus followed by a stirring talk by Joe Jones, the new basketball coach. His enthusiasm is contagious, and his belief in Columbia genuine. He did a wonderful job in turning this year’s squad around and said that was just the beginning. The cliché master in me says, “Hope springs eternal.”

Then it was on to two panel discussions organized around the theme of humanities in the age of broadband. The first panel dealt

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with the birth, and perhaps the coming and inevitable death, of literature that this new age of instant knowing portends. Saul Brody and Aaron Priest took somewhat opposing points of view, with Saul eloquently decrying the pollution of critical literature by an uncritical Internet, and Aaron, as a literary agent for new and old talent, taking a more optimistic view of the future. Between their respective presentations, Jay Neugeboren and Jerry Charyn read from some of their latest works, reviving for us the joys of storytelling and the belief that the birth of literature, not its death, was going right before our eyes and ears.

The second panel, led by George Mann, Dave Rosand and Joe Calarco, put theater, fine arts and architecture under the same microscope. The consensus here was clearer. All the panelists presented stimulating possibilities of how the PC and powerful new software are transforming the art of teaching the arts and how they are being reinterpreted in the classroom and in the workplace by technology. It was a fine afternoon.

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Saturday evening, we had dinner at the Terrace in the Sky restaurant. The glass-enclosed private dining room atop Butler Hall provided a stunning panorama of the New York skyline and is working on a book about Quentin Tarantino and a novel about Benedict Arnold, part of which takes place at King's College.

The year after graduation, I realized that I found mathematical abstractions deeply satisfying. So my research has meandered among abstract mathematics (as incomprehensibly abstract as pure mathematics), bread-and-butter engineering, ecology and economics.

I was married a year after graduation. The marriage endured a long time with three children, and then failed. The children are wonderful (of course) and are scattered from Long Island to St. Louis, Missouri, and there are three grandchildren. I remained married, very happy and alive in a semi-rural area near Cleveland. Research and teaching remain fun and my health is reasonably good, so I have no idea when I'll retire. You can reach me at matthewsobel@case.edu or (216) 368-6003.

From Bob Koor: "After graduation, I served on active duty with the Navy until June 1962, when I enrolled at Indiana University. I graduated in 1965 and practiced law in Indianapolis from 1965-68 and in Muncie, Ind., from 1968 until the end of 2000, when I sold my practice. I am on a panel of Chapter 7 Bankruptcy Trustees for Region 10.

"I am married to the former Judith Goldfarb, from Lexington, Ky. We have two daughters and one granddaughter. Judy retired as a user of the University Libraries in 2001, and we moved to Carmel, Ind., just outside Indianapolis. I maintain an office in Muncie. Hobbies include bicycling, reading and putting around the yard."

From Ray Cohen: "I play the piano at a variety of New York social events and appear on a regular basis (three nights a week, usually Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday) at the N.Y. Palace Hotel. I've been married to Vicki for 41 years. Our son is the music director at a jazz radio station in Syracuse."

From Ralph Ewing: "I am an electrical engineer, software and technology department. In 1996, I was appointed v.p. of technology at AT&T Labs. I retired in 2000. Ralph holds a master's in EE and an M.B.A., both from Columbia, and a Ph.D. in engineering science from NYU."

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Ruminating on the calumny that would attend one more pietistically impoverished note from the Class of '60, Hera and Athena resolved that it was time some long silent member or members of the class emerged to be acknowledged in CCT. They decided that Warren Fuchs make one of his infrequent forays from the tranquility of his suburban home to the cacophony of New York City, and contrived that he and I at precisely the same moment find ourselves at one of Manhattan's salad bars. It is inconceivable that such an encounter could have occurred without the complicity of the goddesses, given the city's surfeit of salad bars.

Lenny was in New York ostensibly to attend a conference and scout a pharmaceutical firm as a potential investment target. In reality, unbeknownst to him, he was a sacrificial pawn in the Olympian chess game, a response to my supplicant offers of burnt meat, which were a cogent argument in favor of my intentions confuse as a deficit of skill in barbecuing, to propitiate the gods and petition the reinvigoration of the flow of news from classmates.

Lenny has been in the investment business since graduation.

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He always has been on his own, blessed by never answering to a boss. He likes it that way and intends that it shall remain so. One of his primary investment focuses is the health care industry. For nearly two years, he has lived with his wife and three children in a Cordova-Park area overlooking the Hudson River. Marek’s articles on matters of current interest have appeared nationally. Younger son Aram learned about investments and developed an affinity for it working with his dad. He runs his own hedge fund.

Lenny, Phyllis and their children and grandchildren enjoy vacationing during the summer in Ama-gan-sett, Long Island. He says, “One of his greatest wonders of the ancient world was the Hanging Gardens of Babylon. Lenny has found its modern equivalent in, of all places, the bosom of the Bronx, home of his youth. A stop on a trip to Manhattan via sterile subways revealed a oasis of stunning beauty. The New York Botanical Garden, one of the city’s less heralded marvels, has become one of his regular destinations. In this serene harbor, he finds the concept of retirement perplexing. If he hears the sirens seductive song at all, beckoning to the sybaritic delight of swinging in a hammock or swinging on a golf course, he is unmoved. Having had his own business for 30 years, setting his own hours, working from his home or a conveniently located office, and taking on a diverse roster of clients that includes the hospitality industry, business services, entertainment, banking, tourism and construction, he constantly learns new things. He observes, “There doesn’t seem to be a difference between what I do for a living and how I live every day.” He has derived satisfaction from assignments, some on a pro bono or quasi pro bono basis, that have made a contribution to the community. Prominent among these was his involvement in 1999 with the Orlando World Cup Soccer Bid Committee, drafting the bid and presentation that helped secure first and second round World Cup matches in Orlando. It resulted in the playing of five World Cup contests at Orlando’s Citrus Bowl Stadium with teams from Mexico, Ireland, Belgium, Morocco and Holland, which drew more than 250,000 foreign and domestic visitors. Two years later, Allan was enlisted to draft the bid and presentation to bring a soccer venue to Orlando for the Atlanta Olympics. The proposal succeeded in winning selection to host first and second round Olympic competitions. It.

“The question I keep asking myself is, ‘Retirement from what?’ I’d be interested to see what our classmates have to say on this subject,” Allan comments.

Stewart Reuter might be regarded as a serial retiree. In 1960, with Columbia diploma and Naval commission in hand, Stewart was sent to New London, Conn., for six months of submarine school and then submerged for a 20-year career on four nuclear subs and 14 missile patrols. In 1980, Stewart retired from the Navy, following which, he notes, “I had three more careers in management and settled on helping administer a private high school in Washington, D.C. In September, I'll again retire.” Stewart plans to remain in Washington, do volunteer work and travel … but not under water. This past year, he attended a fencing team reunion. As many will recall, Stewart was outstanding in saber. “It was good to see all of the guys again, and especially our coaches, dragged out of retirement for the event.”

“My wife, Brenda, and I have retired from the practice of dermatology,” begins Robert Fisch¬bern’s note. Bob is addicted to duplicate bridge, pushing his more athletic endeavors, golf and tennis, to the sidelines. Bob was honing his skills for the summer bridge tournament in New York City at the time his note was received. He enjoys his involvement with various charitable organizations and the Columbia alumni board. He is in touch with fellow New Jersey residents Fred Gordon and Mike Millman ’60E; both are in good health.

“The day may be brought on by a new challenge, and not necessarily a challenge that one covets. Martin Groder retired from the practice of psychiatry after 28 years in Chapel Hill, N.C., and has created a new profession “in order to stay engaged.” I have an enjoyable and vigilant professional life. I enjoy a delightfully office open on an occasional afternoon.” He has dubbed his new calling “comic conversationalist,” providing a destination for people to “come in to renew their acquaintances with the risibility of their own.” Marty has also been an amateur sportswriter. The citizenry of Chapel Hill were encouraged to submit self-portraits for exhibit in the local public buildings. Marty contributed his effort, “Redneck from NY,” and was prominently featured in the lobby of the local public library. Marty’s wife, Leslie, had two works displayed in the highly successful event.

Marty is living with terminal metastatic colon cancer. “It tries to kill me, and I kill it first. So far, Marty 2, cancer 0. Nonetheless, I can’t afford to lose a single round.” Marty glorys in the fact that his “lovely, 4-year-old blonde, identical twin grandchild have just moved down the block; more reason to fight cancer round by round.”

Send a message to Marty to let him know that he has many root¬ers in his corner mgroder@bellsouth.net.

“Not everyone in the class is retired. Peter Schweitzer still is going strong. He is pleased that all of his children are gainfully employed and will be able to support him and his wife, Susan, in their golden years. The family includes son Robert and daughter Samantha; Will and Spence, the children of Sally and Stuart Singer ’85. Peter says hello to the class and a special hillo to Richard Freidlander, Bob Abrams, Bob Berne, Jerry Schmelzer and Larry Rubin¬stein. If we could get Peter to a First Thursday class lunch, he could deliver some of those hel¬los in person.

Josh Pruzansky adjusted his schedule to attend First Thursday class lunches. He enjoys a busy law practice with his Long Island firm. A closing note on the subject of First Thursday: My son, Danny ’98, informed me that one of his medical school classmates, a recent graduate of the College and a dedicated reader of Class Notes (which surely must offer relief from the profundities of Grey’s Anatomy and the treatises on hematology), mentioned that he would like to attend a First Thursday lunch. “Why would he want to do that?” I asked in surprise. “He thinks your class is an interesting group.”

T’would be desirable if we could entice more of our class¬mates to join us in the Grill Room at the Columbia/Princeton Club, but we may well consider admit¬ting a few ringers to constitute a minyan. The issue will have been presented for decision at a First Thursday preceding the date of this publication to the lunch group’s board of directors, which is to want them to show up, and being a democratic body operating with the utmost transpa¬rency, the deliberations com¬plete with all particulars of the presentation of pros and cons with eloquent perorations, incisive analysis and partisan bickering, to pointless motions and cross motions replete with insurmountable applications for rulings by the parliamentarian on points of order and points of personal privilege, the vote count and recounts and the ensuing non-sequitor, chal¬lenges and appeals, all resulting in a brilliant, well-reasoned deci¬sion will be faithfully reported in a future class note.

Better yet, show up for a First Thursday lunch and experience the fun at first hand.
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Stuart Sloane enjoys semi-retirement, limiting his law practice mainly to intellectual property law and devoting much of his time to nonprofit organizations. He was elected to the National Council of the American Jewish Committee and serves as chair of the International Relations Committee.

Stuart also is on the National Leadership Council of Republican Jewish Coalition and is vice chairman of its Washington, D.C., chapter. Additionally, he is vice chairman for programs for the Columbia College Club of the Mid-Atlantic.

His daughter, Joanna, finished her junior year at Sidwell Friends School and hopes to become a member of the College Class of ’09. His wife, Ellen, is an administrative trademark judge at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

After a tough campaign, Brooks Firestone was elected Third District Supervisor of Santa Barbara County, Calif. Brooks’ son, Andrew, was last year’s bachelor.

Allen Kaplan M.D. completed three years as president of the World Allergy Organization and five years as editor of Allergy and Clinical Immunology. He is professor of medicine at the Medical University of South Carolina. Allen has been married for 38 years to Lee Kaplan, a parkologist. They have two children, Rachel, an architect in New York, and Seth, a sportscaster for Fox in Greenville, S.C. Allen lives in Charleston.

Michael Schachter M.D. has been involved with complementary and alternative medicine for 30 years and is pleased with the growing acceptance of this approach to healthcare. Recently, the NIH approved a $30 million clinical trial to assess chelation therapy in patients with a history of heart attack to determine whether chelation therapy will help to prevent future cardiac events. The Schachter Center for Complementary Medicine is one of the clinical sites for this research. Further information can be obtained from www.schachtercenter.com.

George Souls enjoys his Realtor role with Houlihan Lawrence R.E. in Yorktown, N.Y. Now in his sixth year, George specializes in working with first-time homebuyers, young professionals and corporate transferees. He was the top sales associate in 2000.

Leonard Silverman stepped down as dean of the Viterbi School of Engineering at USC and now is a professor of engineering. His daughter, Sarah ‘92, is happily raising two children after serving as v.p. of marketing for Mattel. His son, Philip, is a painter whose work shows on both coasts. Leonard and his wife, Francine, enjoy traveling and may even make it back to a reunion someday.

Dan Johnson is well into his third career and having too much fun to stop. Dan was a psychology professor, then left the academic world for business as a consultant with Deloitte & Touche, a boutique firm, and also was on his own. He works in the corporate world for Wachovia Bank in float management. Dan says he can connect the dots and attributes his ability to span necessary skills to the College’s educating the whole man. Dan lives in Charlotte, N.C.

Bob Salman is inspector general of the New Jersey Department of Transportation. He and his wife, Reva, have been married 41 years and have four grandchildren.

Bob McCoil is happily retired and lives on Cape Cod in Falmouth, Mass.

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The Class of ’62 is alive, well and writing! Please send news about yourself. We are genuinely interested.

Robert (Bob) Morin fondly recalls Jon Narcus, who lived near him in Harvard Square for years. Bob was shocked to learn of Tom Fukasawa’s passing. “We were good friends in school and often ate at a little Japanese restaurant, where he taught me to use chopsticks.” Bob lives in Concord, Mass., where he paints houses, while his wife, Toby Nathan ’65 Barnard, practices pediatrics. He enjoys fly-fishing. His e-mail is robertmorin@compuserve.com.

For Robert (Bob) Kaminsky, Class Notes seem to be his only link with Columbia; he has not lived in New York for more than 30 years. He practiced pediatrics in Houston until the end of 2001, when he retired and moved to Santa Fe. Despite its charm, Santa Fe felt too small, so, Bob and his wife moved to the Summerlin area of suburban Las Vegas, “far enough from the strip to have wonderful views of the mountains but close enough to have fun.”

Bob’s four children, who range from 30 to 40, are scattered among Dallas, Houston, Chicago and New York. He enjoys retirement, but finds too few “hours to hike, bicycle, golf, read and play bridge, plus Las Vegas has no scarcity of restaurants.” Gamblers and friends may reach Bob at gynnmd@aol.com.

Joe Nozzolio defines a successful life having “your health, someone to love you, children who have grown into responsible adults, and not being a financial drag on your family or society. Such is the case with me.” Joe will retire at the end of 2004. He has spent his career — financial analysis and evaluating businesses’ management — with two companies in the surety bond business. Joe has been a regional manager for Aetna Casualty and American International Group, and employed for a time by the International surety division.

These firms have moved Joe and his family to Buffalo, Pittsburgh, Tulsa and, for the past 31 years, the New York area. He is an underwriting officer in AIG’s homeowners division.

Joe is “happily married to a hometown girl I met at the bowling alley while on spring break from Columbia. Anna is a high school math teacher for BOCES, an alternative school sponsored by New York State and individual school districts.” Joe and Anna have two daughters and a deceased son, Matthew, who was in his third year at Cornell School of Engineering when he contracted spinal meningitis 10 years ago. Joe and Anna also have five grandchildren, the oldest of whom is 10.

Dick Schwartz ’62 is enjoying his fifth career. He teaches high school science to inner-city students in New York City. Dick says his “skills as a corporate trainer and my publishing skills are perfect for this science major, and so forth, come in handy.” He sends this message to his 17th century (Miltonic) mentor, Professor Ted Tayler, who appeared on the May cover of CCT. “Congratulations! I want you back.” Dick lives in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. and would love to hear from classmates: ementors@hotmail.com.

Armando Favazza is in his 31st year at the University of Missouri, where he is professor and vice chair of the department of psychiatry. His newest book, Psyched Bible: Behavior, Religion, & the Holy Book (Pitchstone Pub., 2004) is his “magnum opus. The prepublication comments were terrific, and all the reviews to date have been favorable.” The book offers a non-biased look at many religious and behavioral — God, sin, hell, women’s issues, homosexuality, alcohol use, healing, spirituality and so forth — from a Biblical, historical and modern psychiatric perspective. “Barnes & Noble selected Psyched Bible for its prestigious “new release” table in its 81 largest stores. In six weeks, the book was sold out and is in its second printing.

It’s an exciting time,” Armando writes. “Almost weekly, something new happens. For example, I’ve been invited to lecture at Mayo Medical School on religious healing. I’m halfway to reaching my goal to lecture at every medical school in the U.S.
Radio and other national radio stations nationwide. David also does book reviews and public speaking on public opinion at Stanford’s Hoover Institution.

Congratulations to Huai Han Kung of Mount Vernon, N.Y., whose daughter, Andrea ’04, graduated in May.

We are saddened to learn of the passing of Peter Gombosi, psychoanalyst and psychotherapist, of Newton, Mass. Peter’s obituary was published in the July CCT, page 28.

And now, a personal story of retirement. After 16 years as your faithful correspondent, I have decided to hang it up. This has been a most pleasant endeavor, but I have decided to move over and give someone else a chance. Adieu!

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By all accounts, Reunion Weekend was a resounding success. More than 110 classmates attended, and many report that the weekend was meaningful and memorable. But while it was a joyful occasion, there were moments of sadness when some learned that a classmate they were hoping to see had passed.

The caption accompanying the class photograph names everyone who registered. If you were there, and your name is missing, please let me know. Our class directory, complete with photographs and up-to-date biographical information, was the envy of other reunion classes.

The festivities began on Thurs
day night (June 3) with a well-attended reception thrown by John Cirigliano at the Columbia Club. Alan Sperling made the welcoming remarks.

The following afternoon, one of the reunion’s themes emerged: revisiting C.P. Snow’s Two Cultures, the book we presumably read during the summer before entering Columbia in September 1960.

Richard Epstein, the James Parker Hall Distinguished Service Professor at the University of Chicago Law School, offered a rapt audience of classmates his take on the book, which he saw as a product of the Cold War and the competition with the Soviet Union.

That night, while some dined at upscale eateries, dozens of us went to V&T for an evening filled with high-spirited camaraderie.

Saturday afternoon brought together a panel of classmate
to a discussion of Two Cultures. John Langbein, Sterling Professor of Law and Legal History at Yale Law School, was moderator. Sam Aronson, chair of the physics department at Brookhaven National Laboratory, offered the scientific perspective. Phil Lopate, the essayist, offered the perspective from the humanities, and Pete Donaldson, the Ann Petter Friedlaender Professor of Humanities and head of the literature fac
ty at MIT, offered the views of one who lives the two cultures on a daily basis at the nation’s famous science and engineering institution. Many classmates commented that it was a fascinating and remarkable afternoon.

Saturday night brought the class dinner. So many classmates attended that the original indoor location was scrapped and the dinner moved to a large tent on South Field. After dessert, Mike Wallace, our Pulitzer Prize-winning historian, gave a riveting talk on New York City and Columbia during and immediately after World War II.

Many of you thanked me for all the years I have been writing this column. I enjoy the writing. I enjoy hearing from each of you and I appreciate the kind thoughts.

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Dean Gamanos has started a new company, Grape Getaways, which offers tours of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut area wineries. Trips initially will focus on the North Fork of Long Island, but trips to the Hudson Valley and beyond are being considered for next year. Anyone interested in what sounds like a lot of fun can check out the company’s website: www.grapegetaways.com. Meanwhile, Dean continues to run the Retele Co., a marketing and communications firm that he founded. You can reach Dean there: (212) 675-0344.

CCT has learned of the death of William M. Plowman of Key West, Fla. Jay Woodworth notes that he and Bill were good friends in high school and college. “We went through St. Paul Academy together (in Minnesota). He started a year ahead of us, as I recall, but took a year or two out of his Columbia education to attend the Sorbonne. He finished as a member of our class. I can’t remember
did it, a piece in The New York Times in mid-June, concerning a new book by David Gilbert. [Editor’s note: See “Bookshelf.”] The article reads, “The far left in America has grown and a lot to celebrate recently. So a good-sized crowd, and not all of it graybeards, turned up at Columbia Law School for a party in honor of a new book, No Surrender: Selected Writings of an Anti-Imperialist Politician.” The article explains, “Mr. Gilbert was unable to attend, except via a recorded message in which he sent a ‘loving anti-imperialist hug to everyone.’ He has been a prisoner in the New York State correction system since 1982 and will not be eligible for parole until 2056.” In attendance at the function, and photographed for the paper, was David’s 23-year-old son, Chesa Boudin, who is a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford. 

Bob Lurie writes, “Allan Bowden [wrote in Class Notes] about a hole in the wall on Amsterdam Avenue that served a popular ‘radio’ sandwich (a tuna down). For a short while, this place offered a regular evening meal plan that became the unofficial training table for the lightweight and heavyweight crews. Perhaps because it dawned on me that it might be disrespectful to call it the ‘japs’ (although neither I nor anyone I knew called it anything else), I wondered if it had a real name. The storefront facade was caked with grime and the letters nearly too faded to make out, but there was a sign over the door that read Campus Grille. Do I get an award for remembering this?”

Of course, Bob, you’ve become the next winner of the Golden ‘66 Curmudgeon Award. Bowers was used to say, that and 15 cents … Congratulations are in order to four classmates, whose sons and daughters graduated in the Class of 2004. Lydia Roach is the daughter of Bill Roach and Renee Saenger’s father is Paul Saenger. William Greenfield’s son, Benjamin, and Richard Davis’ son, Alexander, also graduated in May. My wife and I spent a long weekend on campus in late June with our daughter. The weather was splendid, and the campus and environs look better than ever. For those of you who have not ventured to Morningside Heights in the past few years, I am quite sure that you will be favorably impressed with the significant changes that the neighborhood has undergone during the past few years. Particularly pleasant are the numerous sidewalk cafes on Broadway, where one can dine and “people watch.” None of this existed in our time!
some folks with an occasional handyman gig. I also golf a lot.

“You might wonder how I accumulated wealth to fund retirement at 56. I didn’t. I simply intuited some wisdom along my stroll to my waning age identity? Even the great Columbia Joseph Campbell ’25 would reminisce about his days running around the oval at Baker Field, even as he lectured about myths and heroism.)

“If I had to encapsulate my career in a headline or bottom line, I would say I was, and am, a teacher. I work with felons and the technically homeless, but through the years I’ve taught every grade, from K. to M.B.A. ... I’ve been married twice. My wife and I have two children, one of whom is my youngest granddaughter. I’ve lived in Arizona for 27 years. I don’t miss much about the East, except perhaps my family’s place on Lake George, in Ticonderoga, N.Y. Sometimes I miss NYC.

“I love to learn. I like to read and go back to The New York Times bestseller lists for most of my reading material. I write collections of short stories for my grandchildren, Grumpa’s Fables. I call myself Grumpa for a good reason — I am far more cantankerous than I wish to be. I am also too judgmental and self-righteous. I blame it all on my age. But I also am still trying to ‘recover,’ mostly from myself. I don’t drink, but I love the blues. I still listen to classical music, although I’ve given up on the joint-pounding endurance obsessions. I love music and cinema.

“Let me share with you my passions in music and cine, and I promise to be 75 percent truthful. Well, more or less: 1) I’ll give you this much, Art, I still like the Boston Pops; 2) I spent many years researching the hidden meanings in ‘Hotel California’; 3) I still get goose bumps listening to Tom T. Hall and sometimes even Fabian; 4) I still like Harry Chapin! Movies: 1) I enjoyed the recent In America and What the Bleep? 2) I liked Dada, Where’s My Car? 3) I was moved by Schindler’s List and The Shawshank Redemption; 4) I loved Singing in the Rain. Can you guess which one is my law? I do not know what qualities they were for ... My night-blooming cereus has one flower in bloom tonight, as well. All this going on as I finish the column on this cool summer night and so I had the pleasure of taking care of our president.

Seth, many of us missed graduation, though many went either to the counter-commencement that I attended or the one in St. John the Divine. Maybe for our 40th reunion, we should have a graduation ceremony (maybe even before that). Congratulations on your dad’s recognition from Columbia, Seth.

Glen Reeves wrote: "I had the special experience of filing by the remains of the U.S. Capitol to see President Reagan’s body lying in state. It was an experience that I will always remember. There were Americans of all ages and colors and political and religious viewpoints (I listened!) in line to pay their final respects. Some were in uniform. There were people from other countries, too; in fact, I spent most of the time talking to a man from Kenya and his family. He has been in the U.S. and Canada for several years, and admired President Reagan’s abil¬ity to communicate and especially his sense of optimism.

“The recent events [surrounding President Reagan’s death] increased my respect for him. I guess the things that will stick out most in my mind about his legacy were the fact that he had strong convictions of which he was not ashamed, and yet was able to communicate without being overbearing or antagonistic. (I really appreciate this, as I have a tendency to oscil¬late between silence or sermon.) What my Kenyan friend and others have shown me was President Reagan’s optimism and his ability to pass on to others. Having worked at Medical Ambassadors International for the past five years, I’ve seen how important the restoration of hope can be to those in poverty, physi¬cal and spiritual.

“After 5½ hours of standing and slowly moving, my muscles were aching and I was fatigued. It took only two or three minutes to process by the casket, but it was more than worth it. America and the rest of the world need men and women of the character and strength of Ronald Reagan, partic¬ularly because of the troubles we are now facing, not only in leadership but also here in the trenches.”

Classmates, please e-mail me, call, or ring my doorbell. As I write this, there is a full moon over Central Park, and there were more fireworks last night than usual. I am not sure what they were for ... My night-blooming cereus has one flower in bloom tonight, as well. All this going on as I finish the column on this cool summer night in the city may be a signal or two from the heavens for the class.

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Our 35th reunion was a tremen¬dous success. In addressing the anniversary classes at the Dean’s Brunch on Saturday, Dean Austin Quigley said that a reunion pro¬vides alumni with an opportunity to “reconnect” with the College. Those of us who attended our reunion took full advantage of this opportunity.

We were — five of all — able to reconnect with classmates. It always amazes me at our reunions how little time it takes to erase the separation of years and renew friendships. With each successive event, the enthusiasm of being with old friends (“old” now beginning to be a dual term) con¬tinued to grow. We also reconnec¬ted with the campus, which looked reassuringly familiar, despite many upgrades. Some attendees stayed in dormitories, reporting that the beds are far more comfortable than in our day and that dorms now have air conditioning. We had our class panel discussion in 503 Hamilton, a room that holds memories for many who had courses there. We also had a recep¬tion in the renovated Hamilton lobby, which looks magnificent. And, perhaps most significant of all, we recon¬nected with the events and issues through an amazing discussion of what occurred in 1968, which places our class in American history.

The evening began with a cocktail party hosted by Mike Schell at his apartment. More than 50 classmates and guests attended, making this the most successful opening event ever. Because almost all classmates came to this event before picking up their registration packets, there were few name tags, yet we managed to get past the changed hair “styles” and waist sizes to recognize each other.

On Friday there was a class luncheon at a table of the future Man¬hattanville campus. Hart Perry pre¬sented a screening of his acclaimed documentary, Valley of Tears, which is to be broadcast on PBS in several months (www.perrylfilms.com). On Friday night, we had a reception in the beautiful Starr East Asian Library in Kent Hall.

Saturday’s events were spectac¬ular. At our class luncheon in Casa Italiana, David Shapiro ‘68 — poet, art critic and educator — was our guest speaker. David was hilarious and insightful, giving a
stream of consciousness talk on advice he received through the years, advice he should have received and advice he wished he received. What made David's talk memorable was his many reminiscences of Columbia professors who taught him or who served as mentors as his teaching career took hold.

The high point of our reunion was the Saturday panel discussion. For most reunions, this event is a discussion of how the College has changed since our time there. At this reunion, we finally addressed, head-on, our time there. Robert Friedman led a panel of Jerry Avorn, Peter Clapp, Jerry Nadler, Richard Wyatt (Wojcikewski in our College days) and Mark Rudd (yes, Mark Rudd!).

With a spectrum of views on the panel and in the room, there was an electric and highly intellectual discussion of how and why we got from there to here. This might have been the first time that some of the principal participants in the 1968 events listened to the reasons and emotions that motivated the actions of others, and civility was present in place of confrontation. The level of discussion was like being in a terrific College class.

For our Saturday night reception in Hamilton Hall and dinner under a tent on the Van Alen lawn, we were joined by Provost Alan Brinkley. Brinkley gave a sobering warning about the threats to civil liberties, but ended with an upbeat report on the future of our University. During the dinner, Dean's Pins were awarded to Dick Menasko, Robert Rapaport, Peter Rugg, Mike Schell, Eric Witkin and me for class leadership in planning the reunion, promoting the class gift, and/or serving as class correspondent.

Now for the numbers: 74 classmates attended at least some part of the reunion (see the list of registrants with the class photo). As of the Reunion Weekend, we were close to meeting our goal of $300,000 in unrestricted funds for the College Fund. Our class has become a major benefactor of the College when restricted gifts are included — more than $500,000 total giving.

A reunion directory with classmates' profiles is available on the Columbia E-Community (https://alumni.college.columbia.edu/ecom/).

If there was any disappointment to the weekend, it was in the number of attendees: We had hoped to match our 25th reunion, when more than 100 classmates attended. But those who attended had a great time, and the presence of Columbia in our lives has been reinvigorated.

Rick Winston lives in Adamant, Vt. (34 years), right outside the state capital, Montpelier, and can't imagine living anywhere else. He and his wife, Andrea Serota, own and operate a one-screen art-movie theater, The Savoy, and an alternative video store, Downstairs Video. The Savoy was mentioned in last year's Frommer's Guide to New England as one of the region's premier theaters. Rick recently had an article in American Prospect magazine, "The Disappearing Art Movie House." Rick and Andrea also coordinate the yearly Green Mountain Film Festival, where they had the honor of presenting Philip Lopate '64 in 2002. Apart from participating in the usual outdoor activities that Vermont provides in abundance, Rick uses his non-theater time to play music (in the Nisht Geferlach Klezmer Band) and to construct crooked puzzles.

David Turner writes: "My son is a high school junior, so during spring break, we left Los Angeles for an East Coast college tour. It was several weeks too early to really be spring, but there was hardly any snow on the ground, so we avoided the most rudimentary and abrupt of shocks that the new-old world might offer. It was fascinating, delightful and informative to see colleges through his fresh eyes.

"At Columbia, we got a parking space on 116th, three doors down from Broadway, and had enough time for a slice of pizza. We walked the campus on a tour with about 50 others. Our tour guide was smart, tough and interesting; he got top marks compared to guides at the other schools for his easy sophistication and hard-world awareness. Many things were as we left them, but there are a number of new buildings — Lerner Hall, Phoenix-like from Ferris Booth's ashes, and the new new new look for John Jay and Hartley. While the swim test still is required, I was astonished to find that it is now possible to graduate without learning how to fence. It was one of the many chances on that trip to launch into a remembrance (tribute?) with that elegantly crafted if somewhat faded line, 'Well, back in my day.' Being there invoked intense recollections and strong feelings — of those years, of that war, of the friends, moments, the apartment on 110th Street, classes, teachers, protests, movies. It made me wish (not for the first time) for a time machine, just to see it once more as it had been.

"In those 35 (!) years, I've been an engineer. I've started two high-tech companies in Los Angeles, first to make a wireless product, now a special light source. I have a high-tech engineering business, and we do electronic product development, safety critical systems and transportation equipment engineering. That last part brings me to New York from time to time to work on new equipment for the subways, which never fails to give me a special thrill. What a mighty machine! What else? Raising our son and daughter, backpacking in the Sierra mountains and going to the beach, wishing for more time to read and to sail.

With our next formal reunion five years away, CReunion again becomes our main way of staying in touch. Please share your news.


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It was wonderful to hear that our football muse, Bernie Josefsberg, recently was appointed superintendent of schools for the Leonia, N.J., school district. Bernie had been assistant superintendent of the Wayne Hills, N.J., school district. Way to go, Bernie! I leave it up to you guys to figure out whether it coincidental that Bernie ended up in a school district where the football team is known as the Leonia Lions.

Jim Periconi opened a law office in Manhattan (jpericoni@periconi.com) for the exclusive practice of environmental law. He also became chair of the New York
Alumni Sons and Daughters

Eighty-six members of the Class of 2008 are sons or daughters of Columbia College alumni.

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COLUMBIA COLLEGE TODAY
York State Bar Association’s Environmental Law Section. He’s thrilled that his daughter, Francesca ‘02, is gainfully employed as a production assistant at VH1. Let’s all cheer it for Fred White. He was named dean of Golden State University School of Law. Significantly, Fred was the first African-American to be named dean of an ABA accredited law school in California. Fred previously taught at Cleveland-Marshall College of Law for more than 25 years.

Oscar Jaeger says, “I have been practicing immigration law since 1987. Some of my work is involuntary pro bono, the rest is low-paying. I do it for the intangible rewards: the pleasure of a job well-done, the thrill of winning my cases, the unending gratitude of my clients and the hope of meeting a beautiful, desperate peasant woman who worships me and enjoys washing my shirts.”

Jerome Bergman continues his “double life” as a violinist and NYC cab driver. He recently married and had a son, Samuel, in 2001. Finally from our “Doctor, Doctor, Mr. M.D., can you tell me what’s ailing me” department, Mark Pruzansky, who is on the College Alumni Association board, is the proud papa of Jason Pruzansky ’04.

Alan Solinger is medical director at Amgen and says that his position has taken on a new light with the acquisition of Immunex. Amgen is the largest biotechnology company.

I plan to take my usual position on the north 40-yard line at Baker Field this fall and encourage you to join me. This promises to be the best football season we’ve had in many years. It’s finally our time, so be there to enjoy it.

Ray Stricker ’71 works on Lyme disease as president-elect of the International Lyme and Associated Diseases Society (ILADS). In the United States, Lyme disease has an annual incidence that is five times greater than AIDS, and the worldwide epidemic is growing. This fact is reflected in my travel schedule to give talks on tick-borne diseases in England, Canada and Germany. For more information on Lyme disease, visit www.ilads.org.

“My daughter, Zoe, is on her way to becoming the first woman president of the United States. She is studying legalase and learning about nolo contendere at a progressive summer camp here in San Francisco. Come to think of it, our class learned all about that from Spiro T. Agnew, didn’t we? My wife, Wendy, is planning to take over for Shaq when he left the Lakers, but we didn’t expect his departure to come so soon. The kids are 11 and 10, respectively. My wife hobnobs with the rich and sort-of-famous at her position as an assistant in San Francisco. My highlight of 2004 so far: having dinner with Broadway Joe Namath, who is the spokesperson for an arthritis drug. When I reminded Joe of the Jets, the Mets and the Knicks, who won championships in 1969-70, he reminded me that two of the three teams that lost in the championship season came from Baltimore — and the Knicks beat Baltimore in the first round of the playoffs.”

Richard Fenton is the administrator for a paralegal program at the Center for Neuroscience and orthopaedics at New York Presbyterian Hospital. He and his wife Frances’s son, Christopher (Georgetown School of Foreign Service ’00, Columbia Law ’03), is an international litigator and an intellectual. After he graduated, he earned a Ph.D. in English at Columbia and became a full professor of English at Nassau Community College. I always will remember Amgen as one of the most gifted, deeply thinking and charismatic people I knew at Columbia.

“After seven years as head of upper division at Horace Mann School, I have been appointed and begun my work as head of school at Saint Ann’s School in Brooklyn Heights. Saint Ann’s was founded in 1965 to provide the highest caliber of elementary and secondary education to talented students and make the experience as joyous as possible. The school enrolls 1,100 students from 3-year-olds to high school seniors and is recognized as one of the best independent schools in New York. It’s a great privilege to be leading this institution.”

“My wife, Wendy, and I recently

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Jonathan Freedman proudly watched his daughter, Madigan, graduate with the College Class of ’04. Of his other three children, one is at UC Santa Cruz, one is in pre-med and one is in diapers. “Writing my ‘first novel’ again, set in the border region of California, where I won the 1987 Pulitzer Prize for editorial writing,” Jonathan notes. His wife, Isabelle Rooney, is a scientist from Scotland.

“It stuns me that it is more than 30 years since we graduated,” writes Mark Mandell, chief of emergency medicine at Morristown Memorial Hospital in New Jersey. What’s it like being an ER doc? “It’s hard work. One of the dubious benefits is that at 52, I still get to pull all-nighters, just like at Columbia.” Mark is married with a 13-year-old daughter and enjoys outdoor activities.

Mike Aigen’s new book, The Golden Aspen and the Ali Anatar, was published by Cyberwit.net, a publisher in India, last February. A visit to the website reveals that Mike, a software engineer, married with two children, also is known as Muniraj Bhaktipada and writes Hindu devotional poetry.

My apologies to David Kanarek for misstating where he went to medical school in the May issue. David went to Cornell, before heading to Northwestern for his residency. He recently served as house physician at the Ravinia Music Festival’s presentation of the first Zulu opera, Princess Magogo. Ravinia is the summer home of the Chicago Symphony.

In June, I had the pleasure of seeing my son, Yoni ’03, marry Emily Pressman ‘03E at Faculty House on the Columbia campus. Rabbi Charles Sheer, who stepped down after more than three decades as the Jewish chaplain at
Columbia, performed the ceremony, just as he had for my wife, Dede, and me 30 years ago—a multigenerational first for him. By the way, Faculty House was a great venue for the ceremony and reception. Keep it in mind.

Thanks to those who wrote, particularly Angelo Falcon. Angelo received the Founders’ Award of the Latino Alumni Association of Columbia University this year (May CCT, page 9), and has a book and a study out this year. He is co-teaching the Public Policy Clinic at SIPA (am71@columbia.edu). He sent word of Jose Sanchez, who is associate professor of political science and chair of the urban studies program at Long Island U.-Brooklyn and was the 2004 recipient of the school’s David Newton Award for Teaching Excellence. Jose is working on a book about Puerto Rican politics in NYC and can be reached at jose.sanchez@liu.edu.

Eugene Drucker ’73 is a violinist with the Emerson String Quartet; he performs about 100 concerts a year. The quartet has made numerous recordings, won six Grammys and in April was awarded the Avery Fisher Prize. One of the group’s special projects has been a lecture-demonstration with Columbia physics professor Brian Greene, using musical examples to illustrate some of the key concepts of string theory. Eugene is visiting professor of chamber music at SUNY Stony Brook, has been married to cellist Roberta Cooper since 1981 and has a 10-year-old son, Julian. Bravo!

Jerry Spunberg’s son, Adam, graduated from the College in May, prompting this comment, “In the 30-plus years since our commencement, so much, yet so little has changed.” Jerry and his wife, June, live in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

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make it to Morningside Heights. There isn’t room to describe all the details of the reunion (see the class photo for a list of those who registered). Instead, I will hit upon some highlights and feature some of the classmates who came to the fun fest.

The Friday night cocktail party was the first gathering. Held in the newly renovated Hamilton Hall, we were amazed to see the beautiful transformation of the College centerpiece that is now resplendent in marble, rich wood and two large Tiffany stained glass windows. David Mandelbaum (doctor in Providence) managed to stop by for an hour — it was the weekend of his daughter's wedding! We also saw a number of classmates who made it to the first event, even though they came from afar: Steve Dwarkin (head of West Coast public finance for Bear Sterns) and Andrew Wang (child psychiatrist) were in from L.A.; Jon Oster (lawyer in Colorado); and Ron Mason (president of Jackson State University in Mississippi).

The Saturday morning brunch featured a talk by Dean Austin Quigley. Dean’s Pins were awarded to me (financial adviser in NYC), Geoff Colvin (private investor in NYC), David Leshnow (dermatologist in NYC) for our work co-chairing the reunion. Classmates then chose between going to a lecture by a classics professor or touring the campus.

New faces joined us at the Saturday barbecue, including Steve Blumenthal (pediatrician in Portland, Maine), Tom Long (dermatologist in Providence, R.I.), Abbe Lowell (lawyer in D.C.) and Jon Mangana (manages student activities at Hampton College in Virginia).

The highlight of the weekend was the Saturday night class dinner, held in the beautiful East Asian Library in Kent Hall. More than 100 classmates, spouses, guests and children shared filet mignon and wine. An erudite and well-received after-dinner speech was given by Leon Wieselhi (literary editor of The New Republic). The biggest surprise of the night was to see long-lost Lewis Anthony. Lewis formerly was in the mayor's office in D.C. He is into "fire insurance" (i.e., he has become a Methodist minister). After three days of sharing the above and much more, classmates agreed that this had been our greatest reunion yet. In addition to the work by the reunion co-chairs, we should thank the rest of the reunion committee for their tireless work: Joel Almquist, Frank Bruno, Peter Budeiri, Pasquale DeVito, Rob Knapp, Abbe Lowell, Burt Rochelson, Elliot Soffen, Warren Stern and Bob Swartzberg. I’m sure I am leaving out others who worked hard to make our reunion a success — my apologies! It was great to see so many of you at the reunion and to exchange e-mails, letters and phone calls with many more. During the next year, we hope to plan a few more gatherings. Hope to see you there!

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The most recent book by David Isby, Leave No Man Behind: Liberation and Capture Missions (Weidenfeld & Nicholson, 2004), is for sale at Amazon, Barnes & Noble and elsewhere. The book is a series of nine military case studies of the U.S. use of special operations forces from 1945 to the present. Terrell Owens will play the Philadelphia Eagles, my hometown pro football team, thanks in part to the efforts of Jeffrey Kessler, who represented Owens in his grievance proceeding against the NFL. Jeff is a partner at Dewy Ballantine in New York, and was profiled in the November 2002 issue of CCT, page 18.

Randolph McLaughlin recently took over as interim director of Hale House, a Harlem facility for children whose parents are incarcerated and/or drug addicted. He is a professor at Pace University Law School and has served as Hale House counsel.

Robert Schneider and his family were in from L.A.; Jon Oster (lawyer in Colorado); and Ron Mason (president of Jackson State University in Mississippi). The night class dinner, held in the furthest.

Jonathan Tobin '76 is editor-in-chief of the Philadelphia Jewish Exponent, one of the oldest Anglo-Jewish publications in the world.
Chief of Mission in Bulgaria and in Mozambique. He earned his bachelor’s degree from Columbia University and his master’s degree from Oxford University.”

Chris notes in his customary humble way, “Should I be confirmed by the Senate, I hope to get to post by August. But in an election year, anything is possible. Angola has been a good experience. For probably the only time in my life, I was a signatory (as an observer) to a peace treaty (ending Angola’s 27-year civil war) in April 2002. Much of the rest of that year was given over to dealing with the humanitarian fallout from the conflict, including massive relief activities to assist previously inaccessible populations that started emerging when the fighting ended. Peace has held, and the Angolans seem to have put the war behind them to a remarkable degree. Last December, I was given the State Department’s Robert C. Frasure Memorial Award for my role in the peace process here.”

“As we like to say in the Foreign Circus, no good deed goes unpunished! So it’s on to Zimbabwe (Senate willing).”

Amittai Aviram writes about a career move. “I was in Germany from 2000-01 on a Fulbright, mostly at the Universitaet Bamberg. Around the same time, I decided to change careers. Now I am set to start school full-time at General Studies in the fall for a second B.A. in computer science. I will have put 20 years in as a literature professor at the University of South Carolina.

“The change is daunting and exhilarating. I’m hoping to continue on toward a Ph.D. in computer science and a career in research. Meanwhile, my son, Blake ’00, has been living in Tokyo for the past year teaching English and learning Japanese. He was back in NYC by August and plans to apply to law school.”

And, while not changing careers, our man in Motown, Tom Reuter, sends us news about moving of a different sort. “Congratulations on the twin hybrids in the family. At $2.40/gallon in Connecticut, you must be jumping for joy.

“My wife, Grace ’78 Barnard, drives a 2005 Escape, 4-cylinder. Incredibly useful when moving the older son’s junk out of 8 Car Storage. Graduation will no doubt require a U-Haul. Equipped with a Thule roof box (a Connecticut company), it’s great.

“I commute to work in a Ford Focus, 4-cylinder stick shift. I have a Mercury Sable for family trips (V6). For the future, or fun, Lincoln LS handles tremendously, is comfortable, fun and out-handles the BMW. For looks, the new Mustangs are gorgeous. For the environment, either the Focus 2.3L Partial Zero Emission Vehicle (puts next to nothing out the tailpipe) or the Escape Hybrid. I need to wait and catch a test drive, then we can compare notes.

“The Ferrari is somewhere in the distant future. Ah, but what a bella machina!” Tom reminds me of the old FBI show, starting when we were 10 or so, where every car was a Ford.

The big news on the home front is that my 10-year-old, Joy, was at sleep-away camp for a month. Now I know some of your kids are getting into Columbia or law school, but for us, this is a big deal! And yes, Marrian ’77 Barnard and I are averaging 45.5 mpg between us in our hybrids.

Write if you become an ambassador, governor or something like that.

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I attended our 25th reunion dinner at Casa Italiana and was amazed at how many of us came to the event. The occasion was surreal. Special thanks to Brooks Klimley for being the most representative of representatives on behalf of our class. Many of us look as though our yearbook picture was vandalized with gray spray paint and an electric razor. Of those of us who have hair, it is gray, and the rest of us are receding so far with our hairlines that they have crossed the street to Barnard!

What I found most incredible about this experience — I thought a lot about it on my plane ride home — was that as human beings, we cannot predict the future; the converse of that concept is why these reunion moments are so special. When one sees the faces of one’s classmates, last seen 25 years ago — one is able, for a moment, to erase the time between now and then, and then fast forward as though it was 25 years to the present, with the incomprehensible path that your life took.

There is no way that I could have predicted what my life would be like as I sat on the Steps in 1979, or imagine what has transpired up to now. It is one of the coolest experiences you can predict what my life would be like as I sat on the Steps in 1979, or imagine what has transpired up to now. It is one of the coolest experiences you can
give yourself. I encourage you not to miss out the next time a momentous reunion year occurs.

Despite the fact that the class dinner was fantastic and professionally catered, I took Stewart Levy '79, Vincent McLaughlin '79E and Robert Rubin to dinner (after the class dinner) at V&T for the greatest eggplant pizza I've had in 25 years.

A list of classmates who registered for the reunion can be found with the class photo. What follows here are updates on as many classmates as I can fit in this column, with more to come in future columns.

Gregory Breen began his studies with the Class of '79 but finished with the Class of '80. After more than 13 years working for commissioners of transportation and finance as well as the sheriff's office in New York City, Greg embarked on a new course of study and entered a Catholic seminary in Newfoundland (Long Island). He was ordained on June 12.

Anthony Rudel lives and works in the New York area (Chappaqua). He is a consultant for radio stations and in the classical music industry. His first novel, Imagining Don Gavanni, was published by Grove-Atlantic in 2001.

Howie Goldschmidt practices invasive and nuclear cardiology in Ridgewood, N.J. His wife, Debbie, practices immigration law in Manhattan. Howie recently completed the Central Park Triathlon, finishing third in his age group! His daughter, Alyssa, recently completed a year of seminary study in Jerusalem and will enter Cornell in the fall. His children Ari (15) and Noah (9) and the family live in Teaneck.

Alain Leibman rejoined the law firm of Greenbaum, Roe, Smith, Ravin, Davis & Himmel as partner in its litigation department. Alain also is a member of the firm’s white collar criminal defense practice group, concentrating in civil litigation and white collar criminal defense. Prior to joining the firm, he was assistant U.S. attorney for the District of New Jersey, where he tried numerous cases in federal courts in Newark, Camden and Trenton. He conducted extensive multi-agency investigations in military procurement fraud, telemarketing and investment fraud, bank, tax and securities fraud and other areas of white collar crime. From 1996-2000, Alain was deputy chief, Fraud and Public Prosecution Unit. He received his law degree from NYU.

Walter “Jeff” Evans recently relocated to the Washington, D.C., area and opened a law office after more than 20 years of legal practice in Manhattan. Jeff had the pleasure of representing our class during the 2004 Commencement, marching with Fernando Ortiz Jr. This year’s commencement was especially memorable for Jeff as his daughter, Danielle, graduated with honors from the College.

Congratulations, Jeff!

Brooks Klimley shares some reunion highlights: “Whether or not you attended our 25th reunion celebration, I want you to know that the Class of ‘79 set the standard for future reunions. The festivities got off to a fast start on Thursday evening when Peter Lasusa graciously hosted a cocktail party at the University Club. Friday brought a range of activities, including a VIP tour of the UN, led by Fernando Ortiz Jr. On Friday afternoon, we visited the Union League Club for our inaugural Stag Dinner, which featured our newly minted class drink — the ‘Columbia blue’ martini! After a successful five-hour-booze marathon, replete with a tasting of 1979 Hermitage and an inspired talk by basketball coach Joe Jones, the hard-core headed off to the Hammerstein Ballroom to party with the ‘younger’ alumni, while the intelligent members of the class went home.”

“Saturday morning brought Dean Austin Quigley’s convocation address, Professor Roger Bagnall’s presentation and a bull session at the midday barbecue. Reconvenering that evening, close to 100 of us and our guests attended our class dinner, where we heard from Dean Quigley and Professor Ken Jackson and were treated to a private showing of the elegant satire on Columbia, The Mockumentary.

“Finally, to confirm the domination of our class at this year’s reunion, certain (unnamed) classmates were reported to have closed the dancing at the Starlight Reception on the steps of Low Library in the early hours of Sunday morning!”

“We received gifts and pledges from 35 percent of our classmates, which total $425,832, or approximately 85 percent of the ambitious $500,000 goal we set at the start of the reunion process. While Columbia has meant various things to each of us, it is clear, based on what we heard and what we saw during Reunion Weekend, that the College is firmly ensconced at the forefront of undergraduate education in the world today.

“The reunion was terrific fun and served to reinforce how deserving Columbia is of our support.”

Depak Awasthi ‘82 is an associate professor of neurosurgery at Louisiana State University in New Orleans.

to Texas to pursue a Ph.D. in clinical psychology, specializing in behavioral medicine/chronic pain management. He spent a year at the University of North Dakota, teaching and working in its pain clinic. Since then, he has established himself in the Harrisburg, Pa., area as “Dr. Pain.” In 1990, Michael developed a chronic pain management clinic, which has grown into Pennsylvania’s most comprehensive pain treatment center. The approach is multi-pronged, and the focus is to help pain patients who have become dysfunctional in some areas of their lives regain their independence. The clinic’s success has allowed Michael to become more involved in public speaking, research, writing on the subject and program development. Note to rest of class: We all should be this successful.

Michael is married to Roz, who works for Hershey Foods as the director of Hispanic marketing. Together, they are raising Joshua (4), a being a dad is most enjoyable. Michael reports.

Michael keeps in touch with Brad Diller, who lives in the Bay Area with a reportedly stunning wife (note: to Brad: Please update CCT). Michael is involved in interviewing applicants to the College.

It is great to hear from Michael after so many years. Please keep in touch.

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After a more than 20-year hiatus, I heard from my good friend, Dr. Michael Schatman. After Columbia, Michael spent a year in Oregon working on advanced Frisbee and other pursuits. After perfecting throw/catch techniques, he moved and is an associate professor of neurosurgery at Louisiana State University in New Orleans. He is married to Jacqueline Phoenix and has four children: Allyson (16), Catherine (13), Cole (6) and Rajann (2) and twin stepchildren, India and Tatranu (5).

(Philip) David Adelson was promoted to full professor and vice chairman of the department of neurology at the University of Pittsburgh.
Mark Jarrell was named president and COO of Credimi Mae (NYSE: CMM) in September 2003. The firm is a commercial mortgage REIT. Mark and his wife, Darlene Caruso ’84 Barnard, ’92 TC and their three children Nina (10), Matthew (8) and Juliet (5), live in Lloyd Harbor, N.Y.

Ed Joyce, Steve Coleman and I represented the Class of ’83 by marching in the first Parade of Columbians at Class Day.

Adam Rosenbloom: “During the past few years, I've conducted the National Lyric Opera, Massapequa Philharmonic, Zabrze Philharmonia (Poland), and the Vratca Philharmonic (Bulgaria). This year, I received my master's degree from Queens College in music education.”

Stirling Phillips: “I am the corporate affairs counsel for the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.'s Memphis area office. I handle the FDIC's labor and employment matters for a four-state area. My duties include advising management and human resources staff on personnel actions, field office leasing, labor negotiations and representing FDIC at EEOC and U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board hearings. I have been happily married for 10 years to the former Paulette Paul. We have three wonderful children, Niani (6), Nathan (4) and Noelani (2).”

Dan Spivack: “I am very happily married to Penny, my wife of 14 years. We live in Brewster, N.Y., with our daughter, Jenna. Penny is a full-time mom, with some tennis and yoga on the side. Jenna finished sixth grade and attended a creative and dramatic arts summer camp — right up her alley. In the fall, she will begin intensive preparations for her bat mitzvah, in May ’05.

“I am a management consultant and corporate trainer. I work for JMW Consultants, an international firm based in Stamford, Conn. We specialize in partnering with organizations and corporate leaders who are committed to producing extraordinary outcomes for their business, their industry or the world. We focus on the human side of the equation — helping executives see new possibilities for the future and putting them into action. It's exciting and fulfilling work. I travel most of the time, with recent client engagements taking me to Chicago, Trinidad and London.”

Jim Palos: “I moved back to NYC after a long stay in my native Chicago. So what could drag me away from Chicago (though it is great to be back in N.Y.)? I'm helping to start the first graduate school of business dedicated exclusively to the media and entertainment industries. The Institute for Media and Entertainment begins this fall and will prepare people for management careers within these dynamic and growing sectors. I'm living again on the Upper West Side — Riverside Drive, just south of Columbia.”

Eric Stade: “I am professor of mathematics at the University of Colorado at Boulder. Yes, THAT one. And the football stadium blocks the view of the mountains from my office. I've been here since 1990. I live in Lafayette, just (far enough) outside Boulder, with my extraordinary, wife, Beth, and my two equally extraordinary (though shorter) sons, Jack (3) and Nick (6 months). My latest project is a textbook in Fourier analysis, due to be published by John Wiley & Sons in 2005. My next one is a year-long sabbatical, during which I will attain all the important, predominantly worthwhile creative and educational objectives delineated in my sabbatical application (I can't remember what they were).”

Wayne Allyn Root: “Our son, Remington Reagan Root, arrived on June 10, weighing 7 lbs., 7 oz. He is healthy and perfect. It's funny — my wife, Debra, and I decided to give him the middle name 'Reagan' months ago, to honor President Ronald Reagan. I never imagined that the entire world would be honoring President Reagan with national holidays and 24-hour TV coverage ... and that the former president would be lying in state in the Capital rotunda at the moment Remington Reagan was brought into this world. ... All is well, and Debra and I thank you for your calls and e-mails.”

Additionally, the Las Vegas Review-Journal reports, “Sports handicapper Wayne Allyn Root and Lyle Berman, co-creator and owner of the hit reality television series The World Poker Tour, are teaming up on a cable show, The King of Vegas. The show will crown the best sports gambler in America.”

Elliot Quint lives with his wife, Janice, and daughter, Rebecca (14), in Concord, Mass. Elliot is a global oil distributor and trader. He is a loyal Columbia graduate and has helped organize many Columbia events in New England.

In what may be described as one of the best 20th reunions in recent history, the Class of '84 made good on its Orwellian legacy by showing that an all-male class can survive and thrive in the real world. As your honored “Big Brother,” I hereby present a snapshot of the events: Friday night’s drinks-cum-dinner meeting at The Heights found a goodly gaggle of classmates having a great time catching up and tempting inebriation (given no final exams, and wives/families left behind) before heading off to the shockingly transmogrified West End to meet our Barnard colleagues. Saturday’s BBQ was a success, as always, especially for families, and that night’s dinner included not only our Engineering brethren, but a special guest appearance by none other than...
the great professor, Karl-Ludwig Selig! A stroll from the north side of Low Library, past the steps, and we landed under a tent with other reunion classes, followed by one last foray to the West End. A whirlwind and fast paced get-together, indeed! Think of this, therefore, as only a prelude to our next reunion.

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**John Antosca** and Mario DiGangi ’88 announce their domestic partnership.

“I proposed to Shyanne on the steps of Low Library just after the 20th reunion. He said yes. We had not talked about a wedding until I proposed — that’s how spontaneous it was. We are engaged to be married in 2006.”

**Joe Novak** lives in Colombo, Sri Lanka, where he is political chief for the U.S. Embassy. He also represents the U.S. in Maldives, another island nation in the Indian Ocean. Joe has been on the ground in Colombo for five years. “This summer, my wife, Tahmina, and I moved to Manila, the Philippines, where I will be deputy political counselor. My previous tours with the State Department have included two stints in Washington, D.C.: as an economic officer in Ghana; and in Islamabad, Pakistan, where I was the political officer for Afghanistan from 1996–99. I received two Superior Honor Awards and two Meritorious Honor Awards during my State Department career. I visited the Columbia campus whenever I can. It’s a safe bet that I am the most fervent fan of Columbia sports, as well as the New York Yankees and New York Giants, in the Indian Ocean region.”

**Joshua Hyman** and his wife live in Englewood, N.J., with their three children, Jacob, Julia and Zoe. Twins Jacob and Julia were born in 1997, and Zoe, adopted from China, was born in 2001. Joshua is a pediatric orthopaedic surgeon at Children’s Hospital of New York and assistant professor of orthopaedic surgery at P&S. Like many classmates, he looks forward to our 20th reunion.

We hope to have initial reunion info in the next column.
Congratulations to Steve Huskey and his wife, Brigid, on the birth of their child, who joins their son Evan (3). Steve is a partner at Epstein, Richman & Robbins in Century City, L.A., where he handles real estate matters. Check out its website, www.erlaw.com, and you’ll see a photo of Steve sporting a goatee.

**Morris Harstein** specializes in oculoplastic surgery at Saint Louis University School of Medicine and was recently promoted to associate professor. His wife, Elisa ‘94 Business, runs her company, expressiva.com, which makes contemporary clothing for breastfeeding women. Morris, Elisa, and their four children are in St. Louis, and are planning to go to Israel for a one-year sabbatical, where Morris will work at Assaf Harofeh Medical Center and Elisa will continue to run her business from there. Assaf Harofeh serves more than 372,000 people in central Israel and is located 15 kilometers from Tel Aviv.

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**Saw three of my former roommates and friends, Mia MacDonnell, Lauren Gershon, and Jennifer Inosgna Donarski, quite regularly due to their work and vacation plans — more than when we were living in N.Y.!”**

Peter Ross and his wife, Mary, welcomed their third child, and first son, Philip, in April. “Our daughters, Katherine (7) and Lizzy (4), are so excited to have a live baby to feed/dress/ change!” Peter says. “I have been looking for a job in finance since September 2003 (this has been a test of my patience), but have been busy with my family and our local church, the Cathedral of St. John the Divine.”

Joongi Kim, who has been living in Seoul, is on a 10-month sabbatical at the National University of Singapore’s Faculty of Law, where he handles real estate matters. Check out its website, www.nus.edu.sg, and you’ll see a photo of Joongi.

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**Steven Bloom** is the proud new owner of a house in the Virginia Artsy side, near Farmville.

**Kurt Bebekbrede Ganirish and his wife, Jennifer, welcomed a son, Mason Allen, on May 4. He joins brothers Keegan (11), Liam (9), Benjamin (5) and Nolan (2).** Everyone is doing great. Someone had told Chris Crovatto to return to the work force last October to become the director of corporate partnerships for the NYC Department of Education, working for Caroline Kennedy. Her husband, Chris Crovatto, is busy as a real estate mogul for Capital Lease Funding in N.Y. and spends lots of time helping fund raise for Columbia. They have been living in New Canaan, Conn., for three years with their sons James (6) and Nick (4).

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Hello, all! A bit of a light mailbag this issue. Please note the new e-mail address at the top of the column — my Boston University account has been dormant for some time. I came across two messages from classmates as I was emptying my mailbox of the more than 2,000 messages that had accumulated in about five weeks and blocked further mail. If you’ve sent stuff to bu.edu that hasn’t appeared in this column, chances are it got lost in the swamp of solicitations for products that I like to think I don’t need; please resend to the Newton address.

Or, you could use the old-fashioned way of keeping in touch, as did Amy Friedman. Amy detached the business reply mail postcard that was sent to you with CCT’s voluntary subscription drive and mailed it to the magazine. Some of you might find this hard to believe, but the U.S. Postal Service got it to its intended recipient promptly, and I got the following hand-written update: “After seven years in high-tech start-up companies, I left the office environment and began a full-time domestic engineer to my 3-year-old son, Nathan, and 8-month-old son, Aaron. I live in Palo Alto with my husband, John Kim ’84 Yale. We go back to New York annually to see family and friends. I keep in touch with Diane Bauer Orlin-sky, Laurence Holzman, Jonny Roskes, Susi Levy and Dave Fondiller.” Class Notes would love to hear from any and all of you. We are happy and honored to attempt to fill your shoes. Amy, we thank you for your dedication to these notes, and we will miss you enormously! As hard as it might be for some of us to accept that our 15th (yes, it’s a big, ugly number) reunion has come and gone, and in case any of the mailings and e-mails from Columbia didn’t shake you out of your denial, a number of our classmates gathered in New York to celebrate, lament and reconnect in June. On the steps during an al fresco dinner, Stephanie shared some interesting stories about her life on Vashon Island near Seattle, where she finished her 14th year of teaching mathematics and coaching track at Vashon Island H.S. She completed her doctorate in educational leadership last year at Seattle Pacific University and successfully defended her dissertation “with distinction.” Seven years ago, Stephanie somehow found time to build (and we’re not talking pre-fab) her home with the help of her dad, brothers and “anyone else I could recruit to help me.” When asked about reunion, Stephanie says, “I particularly enjoyed watching the Belmont Stakes prior to our class dinner in Urs’ and the complimentary bottled water (Columbia’s label! she received as a guest in Carman Hall). Doug Teasdale, an attorney at the Business Law Group in St. Louis, also spent the reunion weekend at Carman, and he confirmed the fact that my Carman Hall’s original charm has been retained. He says that “outside of dusting,” not a lot has been changed since the 1980s.

Jeff Udell is a federal criminal prosecutor in the U.S. Attorney’s office. He is married to Lucy (who will be getting a master’s in social work from Columbia in ’05) and is a proud dad of Micaela, “who is 2, going on 20.” For Jeff, reunion highlights included “seeing Tom Kamlarz’s full shoulder tattoo on display in The West End.”

Erik Price had a well-timed trip to NYC — for his job in college athletics as a rules and policy analyst for the Pac-10 Conference — which allowed him to take the subway to our reunion party as if “nothing had changed in 15 years.” Erik writes, “My favorite reunion moment came at the end. After saying my goodbyes late Sat-
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urday night or early Sunday morn-
ing, I left The West End with Jeff Udell and prepared to head to the ‘burbs for some rest. Once outside, both of us glanced across B’way at the red neon sign of Tom’s, looked at each other, and without even conferring were looking at that familiar menu two minutes later.”

Brian Ring enjoyed reunion with his wife of 10 years, Joan Maton Ring ’99 Barnard. The Rings live in the Lake Tahoe area with their girls; Grace (5) and Anne Marie (3). Brian is general counsel for Prim Ventures, a private investment company, and its affiliates. He shares, “One of the most interesting aspects of the reunion was staying in Carman Hall on Saturday night. A group of us booked rooms there, having been bitten by the nostalgia bug. It was a surreal experience to say the least, to go to The West End, walk down to Koronet for a slice, go back to the Steps and make our way home to Carman to end the evening with the same people with whom we used to make that circuit. It was like a pilgrimage.”

Also at reunion was Ana Toledo, who studied law in Puerto Rico and then received a master’s of studies in environmental law from Vermont Law School. After getting married in 1997, Ana and her husband bought and restored a colonial house in Old San Juan that they now share with their 5-year-old son, three cats and two birds. Ana noted about reunion, “I enjoyed the activities in which I participated, and it is always so nice to see the people with whom you spent the best years of your life.”

I will share more reunion memories in my next column, but wanted to close with a recommendation to check out the first CD of Nick Herman’s band, Quimbombo. Nick, a percussionist, leads Quimbombo and brings together some of the top interpreters of Cuban music in the U.S. The CD can be purchased through www.descarga.com.

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Babies, babies, babies. Isn’t it great? Mazel tov and congratulations to the following families: Ann Godzwon, Ville Vieltojarvi and their 2-year-old daughter, Leena, welcomed the March 2 arrival of Henri Francis. Laura Marks and Jeremy Buchanan ’91 are the proud parents of Maya Rachel Marks Buchanan, born May 27. The strawberry blonde weighed 7 lbs., 11 oz., and makes her home in Queens. Robyn Kampf and John Vincenti welcomed the June 10 arrival of 7 lbs., 1 ounce Alexander John. He and his parents live in Battery Park City. And congratulations to Colin Campbell and Carolyn Moehling on the birth of Espeth Moehling Campbell in New Jersey on June 18. Colin told me that Sarah Church gave birth to Eliza Josephson on June 16.

What a column be without a wedding announcement? I am thrilled about the wedding of German Gomez and Elisabeth Parker, who I introduced in 2003. They were married June 19 in Washington, D.C., at the Augustana Lutheran Church, with a reception at the Woman’s National Democratic Club in Dupont Circle. Libby works for the National Institute of Standards and Technology, and German is in his second year as an attorney with the Small Business Administration. Columbia in attendance included John Roddy, Marc Furstein, Mike Casey and their wives; Matt Hersh, David Javdan, Jim Kozmor, Gabriel Topor, best man Diego Gomez and yours truly. After an Italian honeymoon, Libby and German returned to their Cleveland Park (D.C.) condo.


Pete Neisuler and his family arrived safely in Dubai, where he is the public affairs officer at the U.S. Consulate. Some of his duties include handling the local press and working on educational exchange issues.

Don’t be shy in sending me your news! And don’t forget, only a few more months until our 15th reunion.

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In my last column, I extolled the superiority of Columbia Bagels but now, alas, it seems that I was sounding its epitaph, for Columbia Bagels is no more — a true loss to our neighborhood.

Sean Miller, who considers himself ’91 even though he gradu-
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friendly introduction was all that was needed.

By press time, I was unable to verify if former swim team member Dan Gillies '93E is indeed the actor who played Kirsten Dunst's love interest in Spiderman 2. A link appeared on a swimming Yahoo! group that showed Dan, or someone with his name, pictured with the actress in a movie still and then with fiancée Rachel Leigh Cook at a premiere. Please, someone enlighten us on this mystery.

Isolde Brielmaier, who completed a Ph.D. in history at GSAS in 2003 and is a visiting professor at the University of California 1949-1953 (University of Washington Press). She proudly reported on the weather. London is where „changing the weather. London is where the West Coast. When a Spectator editor makes a writing offer, you don’t refuse it, so welcome to the 10th reunion edition of CC’94 Class Notes.

From June 3-6, we gathered to marvel at the fact that it’s already a decade. From the cocktail-buffet-casino-dance party at the Hammerstein Ballroom to a formal dinner in John Jay Dining Hall (with food better than any of us remembered eating there), from the traditional reunion dance party on Low Steps to the hammer and real estate, respectively. Clive Andrews ‘94E, the man who, Rachid reminds us, filled the airwaves with great reggae sounds at WKCR every Thursday evening, and his wife, Laphilia Lockhart (also a past DJ at WKCR) had a boy, Christopher Edward, a year ago. They live on the West Coast.

Another of Rachid’s friends, Hisham Elkoustaf ‘95, did a one-year internship at the Council on Foreign Affairs, Rachid reports. Hisham then headed to Boston to get his master’s in law and diplomacy at the Fletcher School. He worked one year at the Ford Foundation in its Governance and Civil Society Division and then received his J.D. at Penn. Hisham is an attorney in New York. The former varsity soccer player plays competitive ball and is engaged.

Jennifer Friedman gave birth on December 1, 2003, to Sophia Friedman Regal. Last I heard, Sophie was crawling and trying to walk. Such are the milestones that come ever-so-fleetingly once parenthood arrives, so do not count on the digital camera to keep it forever.
A Carefully Stacked Deck

Do you know who in the Bush administration is an ex-con? Or who never graduated from college? Can you guess the cabinet member who has an oil tanker named after him? Or do you know whose nickname is "Yoda"?

Media entrepreneurs Zach Levy '96, Ryan Deussing '96 and Ben Dailey have set out to educate the country on such matters with their Bush Cards. Each deck of casino-quality playing cards features 52 Bush administration officials, ranging from names people know, including George W. Bush (the Ace of Spades) and Condoleezza Rice (Queen of Hearts), to names people may be less familiar with, including John Negroponte (Ambassador to Iraq, Three of Diamonds) and Spencer Abraham (Secretary of Energy, Seven of Spades). Each card has a picture followed by a descriptive paragraph or a quote either from or about the subject — words that tend to cast the subject in a less flattering light.

Calling himself apolitical in his College days, Levy's inspiration for Bush Cards came when his girlfriend gave him a set of the Iraqi Most Wanted cards designed by the Department of Defense. "I was upset not just that we were going to war in Iraq but how we did it," Levy says. "I got the Iraq cards and thought that if I laughed, other people would laugh, too." So he approached Deussing, whom he met while Diling for WKCR, and Dailey, a childhood friend, about developing the Bush Cards with him.

When the cards debuted at local bookstores in July 2003, the initial order of about 3,000 decks sold out in a few days. Since they couldn't find a distributor willing to take on the project, Levy expanded the business by researching other cities to find stores on his own. With coverage in The New York Times, CNN, Newsweek, A.P. and the New Yorker, the business has thrived.

"I've been particularly thrilled with the way Bush Cards have managed to penetrate the thick, insular layer of political disinterest that coats so much of our culture," Deussing says. "People get interested because the cards are funny, and I think he who laughs the loudest will win in 2004."

After studying English and history at the College, Deussing went on to work with 60 Minutes and Dateline and on a variety of documentaries. Now he is developing his own website. A freelance filmmaker and native Manhattanite, Levy was an urban studies major and worked in documentary film as a cameraperson and as a producer of short films for nonprofits. Now, Bush Cards is a full-time job for him. "I was working on a film of my own about a professional strongman when the cards struck. I hope to get back to it after November 2."

In May, an updated deck of cards was released with eight new "characters" and a new box. The cards can be purchased in about 1,000 stores nationwide, including bookstores in Boston, San Francisco, Seattle, Austin, Pittsburgh and the Carolinas. Cards also are available online (www.bushcards.com) as well as in Portland supermarkets and Marc Jacobs Home Furnishings in Manhattan. Cards have been shipped to 30 foreign countries, including 1,200 decks to Germany in one day following an article in Der Spiegel. As of August, more than 100,000 decks of Bush Cards had been sold.

In Morningside Heights, "they sell like hotcakes," says Francis Mrerna, assistant manager of Kim's Video. "Generally, from week to week, we'll sell anywhere from 20-40 decks a week."

Founded with an initial investment of $10,000 on Levy's credit card, the project paid for itself in two weeks. Orders were originally filled from Levy's home office. "At one point, there were 10,000 pounds of cards in the living room of my apartment," he says. "It was making me nervous, so now we process orders using a shipping company on Long Island."

Levy contends that the cards have wide appeal. "They don't just speak to people who dislike Bush or the war," he says. "They are funny, and people pick them up to learn more. We get a little bit of hate mail, but not much."

Do the creators have a favorite card? "I like all of them," Levy says. "It's like a dysfunctional family," though he adds that he is particularly proud of finding important unknowns before they make the news, such as Thomas Scully. "I think we did a good job with who we picked and what we picked."

"My favorite Bush Card is probably Jeb Bush (Six of Clubs)," says Deussing. "It sums things up nicely."

The card has a one-sentence quote: "Jeb has assured me we have Florida." — George W. Bush.

Levy anticipates that sales will be strong through the election campaign. "We'll know we've done well," he says, "if we're out of business in November."

Laura Butchy
where she’s enjoying her job as a the Journalism School.

credit for her hard work on the Development officer. Becky

deserves lots of Columbia University Devel-

oping her medical residency at

ing her from AltaMira Press this fall.

Augsburg Consequences, forthcoming

Estelamari Rodriguez is begin¬

ning her medical residency at

the Midwest — is Iris Rodriguez,

who recently relocated to Cleve-

land. She enjoys "being able to

park pretty much wherever I

want," and adds that she has been

"fund raising for several local His-

panic causes and helped to orga-

nize a successful salsa competition

at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame

and Museum in March." Iris often

returns to New York, though, not

least to baptize Barbra Caraballo

Tadjanovic’s son, Alexander.

Alicia and Tom Lloyd returned to

New York from Spain but still

work for Hess; they are the proud

parents of Pablo and Alexander.

Raffa Grunschlag, who works for

Credit Suisse First Boston in Lon-

don, was married to Fiona Moss

in June 2003; their daughter, Maya

Graunsglag, was born on June 11.

Allegra Wechsler Lowitt and

her husband, Eric, live in Boston,

where Allegra’s job as product

manager for a line of mosquito

repellent products called Therma-

cell takes her to hunting shows in

locales far removed from Morn-

ingside Heights. Dana Herdoon

Rachner and her husband, Yossi,

returned to New York from Israel so Dana could become exec-

tutive director of the Samuel

Bronfman Foundation.

Nagar Nabavinjdeh Azar and

her husband, Mehran, live in Harris-

ton, N.J., with their 3-year-

old son, Keon, and their 18-

month-old daughter, Roya.

Ocean Lee MacAdams has been

promoted to v.p. of MTV News. Estelamari Rodriguez is begin-

ning her medical residency at

Penn, as in Ben Scott, who recent-

ly graduated from P & S. Kate

Gutman works in NYC for Ber-

telsmann. Karen Sandler works

for Columbia University Devel-

opment and Alumni Relations,

where she’s enjoying her job as a development officer.

Becky Castillo — who deserves lots of

credit for her hard work on the

reunion — returned full-time to

the Journalism School.

Jane Lee traveled through

Egypt and Jordan with Karthik

Ramanathan and his wife, Innes-

sa Manning ’94 Barnard, who have become ‘round the-world

travelers since taking leave of

their jobs last year. Jane has been

“working fastidiously” in New

York, structuring high yield deriv-

atives for an asset manager.

As for your guest correspondent,

I’ll simply take the liberty of shame-

lessly plugging my new book, After

The Passion Is Gone: American Reli-

gious Consequences, forthcoming

from AltaMira Press this fall.

Our class was well represented

at the wedding: Dan Barash runs

his small company in New York; Jon Berkun is a rabbi outside of

Detroit and attended with his wife

and new son; and Craig Bernstein

is a v.p. at Morgan Stanley. Alex

Cortez lives in Cambridge, Mass.,

and works for Bridgespan Group,

a nonprofit consulting firm that

focuses on serving nonprofit foun-

dations and service providers; he

became engaged in December.

Hilton Romanski works for Cisco

in Northern California, and the

weekend following David’s wed-

ding married his longtime girl-

friend, Emily Meyer, in Brussels;

Thaddeus Tracy attended with his

wife, Michele, who recently gradu-

ated from SIPA. He practices

commercial real estate law for

Davis, Wright & Wardwell.

Ryan Mossman lives in Houston,

where he is happy married and

works for a software company.

He is the proud papa of Made-

leine Claire Mossman, born on July

5. Ryan’s wife, Sydni, started

labor about 15 minutes after the

fireworks stopped on July 4. Ryan

recently ate lunch with fellow

freshman lightweight crew mem-

ber Patrick Lee ’94, who works for

Bracewell Patterson, a leading

Houston law firm.

Columbians from other classes

also attended: Rita Pietropinto-Kitt

from Fort Drum, N.Y., where she is the preven-

tive medicine officer for the 10th

Mountain Division. He keeps in

touch with Fletch Callahan, who

recently took a job with the Atkins

Diet Co., and Eliza Truitt ’96, who

works for Slate.com. Also from

William: Jeremy Stephens ’96.

lives in Fort Bragg; Bryan Setzer

from Cray; Jamie Setzer ’98 is an architecture

student at Harvard; and Rob

Mirabella ’96 practices pediatric

dentistry in Phoenix.

Also in Arizona, Jessica Zim-

merman left New York for

Phoenix, where she is the rabbi at

Temple Beth Israel in Scottsdale.

She would love visitors.

Constantino Tobio Jr. ’96 met his

wife Lisa (née Hanney, ’95 Cornell)

through thesquare.com in October

2000, married her in October 2002

and on June 14, they had their first

child, Morgan Antonia Tobio. Con-

gratulations to Pete Freeman ’96

and Jill Fine ’96 Barnard on the

birth of their daughter, Lily Sarah.

I’m sure you realize that we will

be celebrating (or acknowledging)

the 10th anniversary of our Colum-

bia graduation next summer. If you

are interested in helping to plan our

reunion, please send me an e-mail.

Thanks for the updates, and

please keep the news coming.
always, I urge you to please send in more notes for our column! Here is your food for thought for the fall, courtesy of Albert Einstein: "The most incomprehensible thing about the world is that it is all comprehensible."

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Brian McCollum '97E and Hannah Trooboff McCollum moved back to New York in June 2003 and are thrilled to be settled into their home in Park Slope, Brooklyn. Hannah says one of the best parts of being back in the area is spending quality time with friends — many classmates included — and family. Her sister, Abby Trooboff Allen & Overy. She coaches the CU Dance Team (it won first place at regionals, again). This past semester, Karen was an adjunct professor at Fordham Law in its Brendan Moore Advocacy Center. Her students helped in the National BLSA Trial Advocacy competition, and they won first place at regionals, as well. Great work, Karen!

Michael Wachsman joined Starwood (which owns Sheraton, Westin and the W hotel chairs, among others) as a Sheraton pricing manager. He analyzes the chain’s performance as well as the factors, regions and customer segments driving performance, and how well the brand is doing relative to the competition. Sheraton also tries to forecast the market’s future performance, establish performance benchmarks for individual properties and develop strategies to assure it meets the targets the company determines, overall and by specific hotels, regions and time periods. And yes, he does get great views of Starwood properties, where he eagerly looks forward to vacation.

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in Singapore. Aun says that it is a pretty big change (especially getting used to being a civil servant), but he is excited about the chance to make changes in Singapore on a national level. Apparently the organization always is looking for ways to export local artists and their work, so if there are any CC’96ers to consider working with Singaporean talent. Gen Connors is in Singapore as well, working on her Ph.D. for MIT. Also in Asia is Mike Clausen, who works in the State Department and works at the U.S. Consulate in Beijing.

Lisa Michelle Humphrey received the Henry F. Saunders Award in Pediatrics from the Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, where she received her medical degree. The award recognizes a fourth-year student with the most outstanding performance in pediatrics. Malik Rashid graduated with an M.B.A. from Yale last May and joined the structured finance group at Standard & Poor’s in August.

Tommieka Texiera is consulting part-time as the healthy lifestyles coordinator for Derek Jeter’s Turn 2 Us Foundation in Washington Heights, where she teaches fitness and life skills to at-risk youths. Tommieka also is a sales associate at Brown Harris Stevens Residential Sales.

That’s all the news I have for you, my faithful readers. As Goldman ’00, gave birth to Benjamin Ore in February, making them Uncle Brian and Aunt Han¬nah, new roles they love. Benjamin is a technical specialist at Pfizer, learning a great deal about the pharmaceutical industry, and Hannah spent the past year teaching high school English at The Little Red School House and Elisabeth Irwin High School. Starting July 1, Han¬nah became the director of placement at The TEAK Fellowship, a nonprofit organization that helps economically disadvantaged but intellectually gifted New York City students gain access to and succeed at elite public, private and independent high schools.

Shauna (La Touche) Dixon married Dwayne two years ago in a quiet ceremony in their families’ hometown in Jamaica. They live in South Florida. Shauna earned her J.D. from the University of Miami in 2001 but is not practicing. Instead, she and her mother run their company, Home Care Concepts Nurse Registry. Shauna also works at a local studio, where she is an audio engineer, pulling some crazy hours. She has done a lot of songwriting, a lot of singing, and a lot of whatever else the moment requires, but it is happy because music always has been her passion. She is working on releasing some of her projects, but until then, look out for the new Sanchez album (in the reggae music section) — on it is a song she wrote, “Hold It Down.” Shauna would love to hear from friends: shaunaseqz@aol.com.

Karen Lee enjoys her post at Department of youth ministry at St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church in Port Washington, Long Island, I entered a discernment process towards the Episcopal priesthood. Shortly thereafter, I met and married (in February 2003 in Florida, accompanied by many Columbians from Zeta Psi) Jacqueline Camnn. Now I am in seminary at the University of the South at Sewanee, Tenn., entering my second of three years toward a master of divinity, after which I will hopefully be ordained in central Florida as an Episcopal priest.” Congratulations, Robert.

James Kearney’s close friends and family joined this summer to produce the play he wrote during his time with cancer: Kronos and Krains. James’ sister, Megan Kearney; Dave Miele; and Claudia Desimio ’99 produced the play, while Lea Goldman, Joe Master, Tom Sanford and Andy Topkins helped out with public relations, general operations and graphic design. The play ran July 23–25 at the Peter Norton Space on West 42nd Street. Tickets were free, covered by the travel agency family. [Editor’s note: For more about this project, see “First Person.”] Megan and Lea were kind enough to provide some updates: Elizabeth Arbuske graduated with an M.B.A. from UNC’s Kenan-Flagler Business School. She joined Wachovia’s investment bank in July, focusing on healthcare. Based in Charlotte, N.C., she looks forward to having Columbians visit. Tom Sanford is working toward his M.F.A. at Hunter. This summer, he had a bunch of shows in NYC and L.A. and a solo show in Copenhagen. Dave Miele starts a Ph.D. program this fall at Northwestern University. Joe Master is working toward his master’s in mathematics at Columbia and lives in Brooklyn. Natalie Carlson lives in Brooklyn and works at Skidmore & Maviro and Merrill, the architecture firm. Hilton Marcus graduated from law school this year and is off to Harvard School of Public Health this fall to study after living in her hometown, Seattle, for more than a year, she spent four months traveling abroad and then returned to Seattle in April 2000. In September 2001, Meena married Mitchell Shepherd, a film student. Fast forward to September 2003, when she and her husband moved to Park Slope, Brooklyn, so he could study film production at the New School. Meena, meanwhile, started a graphic design business, M Squared Designs. You can check out her portfolio at www.m-2-designs.com.

Robert Travis also sent in his first update. “After four years as the director of youth ministry at St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church in Fort Washington, Long Island, I entered a discernment process towards the Episcopal priesthood. Shortly thereafter, I met and married (in February 2003 in Florida, accompanied by many Columbians from Zeta Psi)

JACQUELINE CAMNN
1999: Those who registered for reunion include Alisha Nicole Alexander, Mette Bahde, Tara M. Balija, Slaten G. Bickford, Kerry Billings, Jessica Black, Aaron Michael Bloom, Amy Blum, Eneida Boniche, James David Boyle, Andrea Brecher, Robin Chan, Louise Choi, Jay Cosel, Cristina Cue, Andrew Heath Dalton, Claudia DeSimio, Marie Ewens, Meredith Fages, Natasha Chante Fatheree, Bret J. Federigan, Michael J. Feldman, Dan Gatt, Lauren Gershell, Sahil T. Godiwala, Aliya Haider, Gabor Halasz, Neil Harris, Alexander Hawson, Lee Jung Hong, Jonathan K. Jaffe, Amish Jhaveri, Ottv Jones II, Marta Emilia Karamuz, David Spencer Karp, Wendy Katz, Nancy Kim, David Koenig, Todd Jaime Lao, Susie Zu Suan Lee, Adrienne Lehman, Romy Louise Lerner, Charlie Leykum, John Yingbin Liang, Jared MacDonald, Jodi Materna, Ingrid Matias, Ashley Morris, Martin Mráz, Anthony Munoz, Scott Napolitano, Allan Ng, Gregory A. Nihon, Steve S. Oh, Rebecca Phillips, Maricruz Polanco, Elena Poulter, Shilpa Ram, Nan Ramnath, Catherine F. Reilly, Anna E. Remet, Elizabeth Robiotti, Kay Rokhsar, Niam Sanghvi, Dominique Sasson, Margaret Ferrand Saxton, Sameer A. Shamsi, Berthold Shin, Tokunboh Shosan, Terryl Osbert Simeina, Fiona Singer, Suzanne Amy Spencer, S. Adam Saper and Davina Wu returned to the United States. For foreign Legion, I decided to return to the United States. For the past three years, I’ve been working at New York & Company’s corporate office as a senior merchandise financial analyst. New York & Company is a women’s retailer with approximately 500 stores throughout the United States. While spending my days analyzing product assortments, I’ve developed a passion for running after work. I ran my first marathon — in April in Paris — in 3:40, and I’m gearing up for New York in November. Thanks to my Columbia friends, especially marathoner George Thomas ’98, for their encouragement.

While some classmates were content to catch up with friends and share work war stories, others returned to the classroom to rediscover the quintessential Columbia experience — the Core. On Saturday, David Bloch-Schachter, Aaron Bloom, Nina Tannenbaum, Adam Saper and Davina Wu returned to Hamilton Hall to have a reunion Contemporary Civilization session with Professor Peter Pazzaglini. He quoted T.S. Eliot in his lecture with a passage from Four Quarters, Little Gidding, pt. 5:

And the end of all our exploring
Will be to arrive where we started
And know the place for the first time.

This was a fitting quote for Reunion Weekend. Sitting around the table, discussing intellectual responsibility and the paths to true knowledge, was a pleasant return to the Core Curriculum. Davina tells me that David works for a web design company in N.Y.; Aaron is beginning his law career, after completing a clerkship in downtown Brooklyn, having graduated from Harvard Law in 2003; Nina is in graduate school at MIT working toward her Ph.D.; and Adam works at Biotech and recently had a film shown at Rockefeller Plaza. Davina is happy to be back in N.Y. after a two-year stint in California, beginning her career in charter school administration.

I caught up with Dave Koenig and his lovely wife, Adela Roxas, at the class dinner. Dave and Adela are the proud parents of 15-month-old Simon. Dave has been teaching high school math for three years at his other alma mater, Dwight-Englewood School in New Jersey. Adela finished her second year in a doctoral program in clinical psychology at Fordham. Simon, Adela and Dave went to the afternoon barbecue. Although there weren’t many ’99ers there, they said they had a good time. Dave writes, “Adela and I enjoyed the dinner, and I was glad to catch up with my classmates. Adela was impressed by the food at both events. I guess she didn’t know that Columbia events often have good eats.”

Martin Mráz reflected on his reunion experience and some trepidation leading up to the event. He explained: “Should I trump up my job, spend the preceding week doing sit-ups, or flip through the yearbook to smooth over any gaps in memory? Would it be some pathetic stumble down memory, um, … walk? Would people remember me, and how absurdly brilliant and handsome I was? Well, all apprehension aside, I can say that it was nice. It was nice to see classmates. It was nice to see the campus again. It was nice to stroll (and trip) on the brick paths where I once sprinted
to kick a paper under a profes-
sor’s door a half-hour too late, hoping that I'd hear it hit a pile of
papers on the other side.

"It was nice to see, as my
roommate has said, that when
you go back to Columbia and
look at the current students, you
see the same people — only with
different faces. As diverse as
Columbia was, we shared many
of the same experiences, and if I
can say anything about reunion,
it is that I realized, again, how
much those four years continue
to inform (thank you, A.B. in
English lit) my life.

Some of the ladies of Carman 5
had a mini-reunion at our class din-
ter. Lauren (Rosenberg) Gershell,
Davina Wu, Kay Rokhsar, Meredith
Fages, Becky Phillips (whom we
adopted from Carman 3) and I
reminded about our freshman
year. It also was a pleasure to
meet Shilpa Ram, whom I hadn’t
seen since g-chem in 1995.

Allan Ng is enjoying San Fran-
cisco. Robin Chan works for
MFORMA designing video games
for cell phones (www.mforma.
com). Sahil Godiwala, where
were you?

Farzad (Sarmast) Miri graduat-
ed from Upstate Medical Univer-
sity in Syracuse in May. He will be
at Mt. Sinai for a preliminary
surgical internship (he started in
July) and then at Penn for three
years of anesthesiology. Despite
going to another Ivy, Farzad
remains a Columbian at heart.
Please note that he has adopted
his mother’s maiden name as his
last name. Best of luck, Farzad!
Congratulations to Jamie
Grossman, who married Alex-
ander Silver in May. Jamie is a learn-
ing specialist at Tower School in
Marblehead, Mass. Alexander is a
Harvard M.B.A. candidate.

Thanks again to classmates
who took the time to write. And
to the rest of you whom I took
notes on at our class dinner, stay
tuned for the next column. As
always, feel free to contact me
with news about yourself or
classmates. I would love to hear
from you.

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Congratulations to J12 alum and
Columbia tennis sensation Saifil
Seshadri for his marriage to col-
lege sweetheart Jennifer Richmond
in May 2003 on Long Island. The
couple lives in Princeton, N.J.,
where Saifil works in Goldman
Sachs’ Hedge Fund group.

Congratulations also to Juliet
Ross and Dan Burstein, who
were married in March. It seems
we’re getting to that place in our
lives where weddings are hap-
pening with some frequency.
Please let me know so we can
share the wonderful news!
Adriana Villavicencio lives in
Northern California with her
fiancé, Daniel Sorid ’99. Adriana
and Daniel met at Spectator and
have been together for five years.
They are planning to get married
in about a year. Daniel is a reporter
for Reuters, and Adriana is the
head of the English department at
a charter school in Oakland.

Paul Sheridan completed his
M.Ed. in environmental education
at the University of Minnesota
Duluth a year ago. Part of his the-
dsis, “Retention of Wilderness Trip
Leaders by Summer Residential
Camps,” was published in the
January/February 2004 issue of Camp-
ing Magazine in an article titled
“Qualifications for Wilderness Trip
Leaders.” Post-grad school, he
lives in Sandpoint, Idaho, and is a
wilderness counselor for ASCENT
Therapeutic Adventure Program,
taking at-risk youths for two-week
treks in the woods of Idaho, Mont-
tana and British Columbia.

T.J. Perlick-Molinari will finish
law school at Marquette Universi-
y in Milwaukee in May 2005. He
works for AXA Financial Advisors
and runs the Milwaukee Young
Professionals Organizations.

Props to Molly Brunson, who is
a graduate student in Slavic litera-
ture at UC Berkeley, for hosting an
organic feast in the East Bay. Court-
nay Kaplan flew from New York
to preside as head chef. Molly,
Courtney, Mira Lew, John Kim,
Brian Sullivan and I shared great
Columbia gossip at the Berkeley
barbecue. Mira, who wanted to
take a shout-out to the Berkeley
Bowl, lives it up in Los Angeles.
John graduated with some celebri-
ty from Boalt, where he founded
“The OC at Boalt.” As the com-
mander-in-chief of the Boalt’s most
popular student organization, he
was covered in major publications
such as The New York Times and
Entertainment Weekly, and single-
handedly brought actor Peter Gal-
lagher to the law school. On a side
note, he graduated with a J.D. and
will work as a plaintiff’s-side labor
attorney in Los Angeles. Brian and
I, meanwhile, remain in Northern
California, where we are complet-
ing graduate degrees.

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Hello, everyone. I hope you had a
wonderful, restful summer. Con-
gratulations to Rich Luthmann,
who recently graduated from
New York Law School along with
Elizabeth Keller and Aimee Sklar
‘01 Barnard. Rich will attend the
University of Miami next year,
enrolling in its LLM program for
estate planning. He will be joined
in Miami by Brie Cokos, who
will enter a marine biology pro-
gram there. Brie spent more than
a year researching in Belize (see her
CCT profile, January 2003,
page 81) after her work is now at the
Brooklyn Aquarium. Rich men-
tioned that “Brie, like most of us,
is saddened about the Cannon’s
closing.”

Rich also tells me the rugby boys
are doing well: “We [recently]
had a reunion. Matt Hughes
and I have been playing for Old
Blue, a team founded by Columb-
ia College grads more than 40
years ago. Stu Dearnley played
until he left for San Francisco to
start graduate school for advertis-
img. Also in the City by the Bay is
Dan Wetmore.”

Michele Connolly finished her
first year at Fordham Law School.
Artie Harris is working on a
political campaign in St. Louis,
and Brian Horan is also working
on a campaign in New Orleans.

Recently, Nancy Perla and Dina
Epstein spent a few sun-filled
days in Los Angeles visiting Annie
Lainer, who worked there for the
summer. Nancy is a reporter for
the NBC affiliate in Tucson and
gets to see Sarah Palestrant ’02,
who is in medical school in Ari-
 zona. Nancy, Dina and Annie met
up with Izzy Gordan, Joyce Chou,
Susan Pereira Wilsey and Joe
Rezek, and were hosted by Luis
Lainer ’65 and his wife, Lee. The
girls spent an afternoon seeking
out Fred Schultz ’90 whom they
heard about on an NPR piece
about the Columbia Rolm phone
system. (See www.caryn.com/
littlerolmmermaid to hear a clip.)

Billy and Chelsea Scott ’01 Barnard hosted a BBQ in
their spacious backyard in Williamsburg, Brooklyn. I hung
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well. It is a big adjustment to move from the northeast to the south. I am enjoying the higher, cheaper, southern life and the warm weather."

Simon Moshenberg wrote with exciting news: "I was site manager and logistics coordinator for the March for Women's Lives on April 25. At 1.15 million people, it was the largest march in the history of Washington, D.C., according to CNN. In August, I married Osiris Guadalupe Martinez. In September, I will begin a master's in journalism at UNC-Chapel Hill."

My former roommate, Adam Sokol, recently completed his master's in architecture at Yale. He worked with Herbert S. Newman and Partners in New Haven this summer, and is contemplating his next move.

Daniel Lee will start a Ph.D. in politics at Princeton this fall. He will continue to research political philosophy, focusing on the republican theory of constitutional design in the late 18th-early 19th century. Most recently, he was working toward a M.Phil. degree at Oxford and wrote in about Columbians studying there: "Brandon Dammerman '00, who was in my CC class, was doing a doctorate on a Rhodes; Shane Bybee '00 GS was in my college (New College) doing an M.B.A.; and Abigail Krauser '00, also in my college, was in the philosophy faculty and went off to Yale Law."

Daniel updated me on happy news about another classmate: "My Columbia Bach Society colleague, Ken Musar '02, and Melinda Lee were married in St. Paul's Chapel on February 28 with a splendid reception at the New York Athletic Club. In attendance were numerous Columbia Bach Society members, including Ming-Yi Chuang '01 Barnard, Rebecca Wiseman '04, Jonathan Austerweil '02, Andy Schlaikjer '02, Eugene Kim '02E and Trevor Bedrin '02E."

Anna Cash '02 married Michael Mirer '02 on January 17 at the Puck Building. The ceremony borrowed from traditional Catholic and Jewish ceremonies, and the couple wrote the blessings. Bridesmaids and groomsmen were, from left, back row: Scott Melzter '02, man of honor; Ryan Ghan '03, Joel Lande '02, David Form '02, Mirer; Cash; Anna's brother, David; Jeff Posnick '02, best man; and Josh Fay-Hurwitz '03. Front row, far left: Miranda Halverson '02; three non-CU women; Erin Harrist '02 and Sarah Wagner-McCoy '02, lady-in-waiting. Ushers (not pictured) included Dave Austerweil '02, Andy Schlaikjer '02E, Eugene Kim '02E and Trevor Bedrin '02E.

Anna Piller is an English small company that conducts clinical research. Adrienne Moran received a master's degree from John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York, with a concentration in criminology and deviance, this year. In keeping up with the current initiatives of the Patriot Act and the Bank Secrecy Act, she studied the representation of Indian tribes across the U.S. Her plans upon graduation next May include moving to Washington, D.C., and doing a federal judicial clerkship.

Tizoc Brenes has been living along the border of California and Baja California doing volunteer work and spending time with family in Tecate, Mexico. He is working on a collection of prose and short stories and plans to attend law school in 2006.

I recently moved into a loft in Chelsea with Yongjin Woo '02E and Alberto Rodriguez '02E. Partly inspired by my classmates' adventures, I went to Peru in May, hiking the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu and backpacking through Cusco, Lima and Arequipa. If anyone has any adventures lined up in the next few months, please let me know!

Abby Wilson and Emily Erstling spent their summers managing the U.K. production of a new play, "Kenneth, What Is the Frequency?" premiered at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe in August. This "genre bending" mystery takes a rather (Dan Rather, that is) fantastical crack at the beating of America's most famous newsman in 1986. Look out for "Frequency's" New York opening this fall at the 78th Street Theatre Lab.

Anna Cash married Michael Mirer on January 17 (see photo). They live in Davis, Calif., where Mike is deputy sport editor at the Sacramento Bee. Abigail Krauser '00, who was in my CC class, was doing a doctorate on a Rhodes; Shane Bybee '00 GS was in my college (New College) doing an M.B.A.; and Abigail Krauser '00, also in my college, was in the philosophy faculty and went off to Yale Law."

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Several members of the Class of 2003 attended the first "First Year Out" reunion last spring, including (from left) Jessica Berenyi '03, Rob Rosen '03, Christina Wright '03 and Michael Foss '03.

embark on this new chapter of life together.

David Sack began his studies at the University of Michigan Law School last June.

Ericka D. Davis has been living happily in Harlem since shortly after graduation. She started at Time as an ad sales planner for TIME International just two weeks after graduation, and a year later moved to the Consumer Research and Insights Group (also at Time) doing consumer and marketing research for People, Essence, Real Simple and Parenting magazines. She recently was promoted to assistant research manager. She has her fingers crossed about buying a condo in Harlem in the near future.

John Stolberg is going into his second year at Fordham Law. Kristin Chakarian Turza attends The George Washington University Medical School. Liz Matory worked at the ACLU in Washington, D.C. this summer as well as at the U.S. Attorney's office.

Nadia Majid moved to Chicago at the U.S. Attorney's office.

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Nevertheless, it looks as though everyone had a busy summer and is getting ready to start either work or graduate school. Don't forget to come to Homecoming (October 2), which also marks the end of Columbia's 250th celebration.

Members of our class are spread all over the world. In Asia, Jennifer Ma will be in Taiwan, teaching on a Fulbright. Meanwhile, in Singapore, Hamesh Mehta will finish serving out his national service commitment before starting work at McKinsey & Co in Asia/U.S.

Lindsay Wilmer spent the summer in Thailand working on a community service project.

A number of classmates toured Europe. Bill Langer thoroughly enjoyed touring and watching the Eurocup 2004 before planning to teach English in either Spain or Latin America.

Catherine Yee traveled around Europe and visited Sinan Altiner '04E in Turkey. Tamar Kornblum spent two months traveling that included hiking in Scotland and biking in France before starting work at a full-time research assistant at the Primate Cognition Lab in Columbia's psychology department. David Johns lived in Paris before teaching at The School at Columbia University. He was visited by Stephanie Allen, who will pursue an English Ph.D. at the University of Chicago. Hannah Pollin, one of our class's Fulbright recipients, is spending a year studying Yiddish literary history in Vilnius, Lithuania.

Vishal G. Sridharan will be serving in the Peace Corps as a municipal developer in El Salvador for the next two years.

Sophia Beal will be studying Mozambican literature in Maputo, Mozambique, on a Fulbright.

In New York, Shirley Kwok is in beauty advertising as an assistant account executive at Publicis on the Lancôme and European designer accounts. She lives with Catherine-Gail Reinhard '04 Barnard, Lauren Venezia is director of research at an asset management executive recruiting firm in midtown and lives in Murray Hill.

Miklos C. Vasarhelyi is entering his second year of law school at UC Hastings and was a summer associate at Hancock, Rothert, and Bunshaft in San Francisco.

Jordanna Matlon has been traveling the world teaching in China and Bolivia but is returning stateside to begin a master’s program at Berkeley in the fall.

Fabian Chrobog is moving back to London. Please stay in touch: fabian.chrobog@gmail.com.

In Spain, Bola Pratt works in the office of Manhattan's vice president, having recently been promoted to assistant at the Primate Cognition Lab in Columbia's psychology department. David Johns lived in Paris before teaching at The School at Columbia University. He was visited by Stephanie Allen, who will pursue an English Ph.D. at the University of Chicago. Hannah Pollin, one of our class's Fulbright recipients, is spending a year studying Yiddish literary history in Vilnius, Lithuania.

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Greetings from Shanghai, China. I spent the summer working for a program that teaches American high school students about China. I was fortunate enough to join the College's traveling party, headed by Dean Austin Quigley, in Taipei for its recent visit. While in Taipei, the deans met with alumni, incoming students, current students and their parents, and members of the department of education. [Editor’s note: For more on the trip to Asia, see cover story.]

I am pleased to share that I have returned to Columbia, effective August 31. I joined the Student Financial Services division of Student Services as manager, student account services. I am excited about this opportunity and returning to alma mater.

From this point forward, you can reach me at my Columbia e-mail address: mjn29@columbia.edu.

I must apologize to you, though, that I may be missing Class Notes updates. My Harvard e-mail account recently expired and has not been working properly for the past few weeks. Many e-mails sent to that account have been lost. Thus, if you sent me an update and you have not seen it in any of the past issues of CCH (including this one), I would appreciate it if you could send it to me again. I am really sorry for the inconvenience. This will be added to the list of many frustrations I have had with my experience at Harvard.

Bola Pratt works in the ophthalmology division of UC San Diego. She will attend P&S in the fall. Rebecca Fischer recently married Matthew Smith in Richmond, Va.

If you have any questions about this, please contact Michael Foss (mcf31@columbia), Eleanor Coufos (elcl9@columbia), Cladia Huerta (clh29@columbia) or me.

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Wow, I can’t believe it’s been several months since we graduated.
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and Thucydides were missing from the list. Not trusting my faltering memory I contacted Bob Wallerstein ‘41, our class valedictorian, and he confirmed my observations.

Leon Herkin ‘41
Berkeley, Calif.

Diversity

Not that anyone at Michigan (and now at Columbia) will listen, but the appointment of a special diversity individual for anything is a mistake. As there is no generic anything, be it black, white, woman and so forth, diversity training usually is meaningless.

True diversity is simple: Treat everyone as an individual, with dignity and respect. If you approach individuals with an open mind and treat them with respect, they will end up teaching you about their culture, and you are unlikely to offend them. If you treat them as a generic anything, you are bound to offend.

R. Alexander Blackwood ‘76 M.D.
Saline, Mich.

A Teacher Remembered

I was saddened to read the obituary of Paul Schweitzer ‘29, an educator (July). He was my English teacher at the Bronx H.S. of Science, and I can remember his keen wit a half-century later.

In January 1954, when Marilyn Monroe married Joe DiMaggio, Schweitzer announced to our class, with feigned optimism, “This is a marriage that will last many, many months.” They were divorced in October.

Gerald W. Granet ‘59 M.D.
Rochester, N.Y.

Student-Athletes

Let’s hope the use of “student-athletes” is a tired and outdated term. Columbia athletics would be demeaning, leading one to believe that his/her purpose at Columbia is to participate in athletics.” Dean of Student Affairs Chris Columbus corrected, saying, “Student-athlete is the accepted term in today’s world.”

Manhattanville

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R. Alexander Blackwood ‘76 M.D.
Saline, Mich.

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I was heartened by President Lee C. Bollinger’s expression, soon after he assumed the presidency and in light of his Michigan experience, that the performance of Columbia’s intercollegiate teams, and especially the football and men’s basketball teams, should be improved to reflect the level of excellence for research and scholarship that the University has earned and now enjoys in worldwide academic circles.

The football coaching staff’s opportunities to compete with other Ivy League football programs for outstanding student-athletes would be improved immeasurably by creating the University’s practice facilities in closer proximity to the College dormitory complex. Potential football recruits (and their parents) have found the task of charter bus travel from the College dormitories to Baker Field for their afternoon practices to be a necessary inconvenience that operates, in my judgment, as a recruiting impediment because it adds travel time to their tight academic and practice schedules.

If the University is to help the football coaching staff to raise the level of performance of the varsity to the same level as the University’s reputation for excellence, the removal of the football practice travel time obstacle, by the allocation of some of the Manhattanville project to a practice field (with some scheduled community use, perhaps) would go a long way to round out the project’s student facility objectives.

Stephen E. Ronai ’57
New Haven, Conn.

CORRECTIONS

CCT thanks alert readers Amiel Z. Rudavsky ’54 and Don Gertler ’79 for bringing to our attention an error in the July issue’s cryptogram (inside back cover). The code in No. 13 should have corresponded to the Graduate (not Graduate) School of Journalism.

Also in July, in “Alumni Reconnect at Reunion 2004,” the link on page 14 referring readers to a website about Columbia’s underground tunnels should have read http://newmedia.jrn.columbia.edu/2003/issue2/story1/page2.html.

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1. Earl Hall
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3. Ursus Hall (Business School)
4. St. Paul’s Chapel
5. Kent Hall
6. Jerome Greene Hall (Law School)
7. Low Library
8. Buell Hall (Maisonne France)
9. Teachers College behind Schapiro-Mudd walkway
10. Dodge Hall
11. East Campus
12. Wien Hall
13. Fayerweather
14. Alfred Lerner Hall (Student Center)
Priorities for Engaging College Alumni

By Bob Berne ’60
President, Columbia College Alumni Association

As I begin my term as president of the Alumni Association, I look forward to continuing its work in engaging College alumni in a number of areas that are important to Columbia. The Alumni Association officers and the Alumni Office staff have identified several topics that we will emphasize during the next several years. They are:

- **undergraduate financial aid**: helping to prepare the case for the coming campaign through the voice of alumni;
- **participation**: the College/University collaboration;
- **career education**: how we, as alumni, can help to shape a program to help current students;
- **the Columbia College Fund**: building on the strength of fund raising with volunteer support; and
- **a major initiative**: working with the College to enrich the major experience for students.

Following are the alumni members of the Columbia College Board of Visitors and the Alumni Association Board of Directors for 2004-05 (faculty and student members were being finalized at press time).

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Columbia Details

Can you name the campus buildings in these photos of architectural details?

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PHOTOS: LAURA BUTCHY
The old Broadway subway kiosk is the focus of this photograph taken by Edward C. Steinberg '64 from a camera mounted to a parapet railing of what was then New Hall, now Carman. “Learning to dodge traffic to get to and from the subway was part of the Columbia experience and helped to make us New Yorkers,” says Steinberg.
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FALL SEMESTER 2004

Thursday
November 18
Alexander Hamilton Medal Dinner

Saturday
November 20
Columbia/Brown Alumni Tailgate Reception Brown Stadium

Thursday–Friday
November 25–26
Thanksgiving Holiday

Monday
December 13
Last Day of Classes

Thursday
December 23
Fall Term Ends

SPRING SEMESTER 2005

Tuesday
January 18
First Day of Classes

Saturday
January 29
Atlanta College Day

Wednesday
February 9
February Degrees Conferred

Wednesday
March 2
John Jay Awards Dinner

Saturday–Sunday
March 12–13
Los Angeles/San Francisco College Day

Monday–Friday
March 14–18
Spring Break

Thursday
March 31
CCW Alumna Achievement Award

Saturday
April 9
Dean’s Day

Monday
May 2
Last Day of Classes

Sunday
May 15
Baccalaureate Service

Monday
May 16
Academic Awards & Prizes Ceremony

Tuesday
May 17
Class Day

Wednesday
May 18
Commencement

Thursday–Sunday
June 2–5
Reunion Weekend

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Cover photo: John Kluge '37 with his wife, Tussi, and three former Kluge Scholars.
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Letters to the Editor

Stand, Columbia

A statement made in my book, *Stand, Columbia*, regrettably remained unchanged by me in the excerpt you ran in the September issue of CCT.

The statement as it appeared (p. 574 S/C; p. 29, CCT): “The firing of Bob Pollock [as dean of Columbia College] in 1988 was seen by some College alumni as an example of Low Library’s getting up to its old tricks.” While I stand by the statement as to how some alumni construed the situation, Bob assured me on the book’s publication that his return to teaching and research was a decision mutually reached between him and President Michael Sovern ’53.

Accordingly, I agreed with Bob that the term “firing” did not fit the situation as he described it, and that I would drop the term and amend the sentence in any subsequent edition of the book. My apologies to Bob and to your readers.

Bob McCaughey

HISTORY DEPARTMENT

BARNARD COLLEGE

Kushner Revisited

CCT printed three letters [September] commenting on Tony Kushner ’78’s Class Day address, one laudatory, the others critical. The dramatically different perspectives of the address led me to watch and listen to the speech at www.college.columbia.edu.

I found the address to be a call to involvement in our society. Edward Broge ’43 seems to think we would be best served by our graduates being private citizens. I agree with Mr. Kushner that we need more public citizens. I, for one, believe that Mr. Kushner has contributed immeasurably more to us through his work than 100 enterprising franchise operators. Columbia always will have well-heeled alumni; I hope our alumni also will seek truth and speak truth.

Perhaps Mr. Broge thinks I do not live in the real world, but part of my real world is the lyrical and transcendent works of Mr. Kushner. I find that far more enriching than tax-free dividends.

Alan Miller ’81

NEW YORK CITY

I read Tony Kushner ’78’s address to the new grads [July CCT] and howled with pleasure. He made them laugh and then he told them to get out there and do something about the world. The grads are pretty smart — they don’t need to be told what to do. They’re not there for another lecture, they want to enjoy and celebrate. I felt his tone was perfect, but what does the Class of ’04 think? They’re the ones who count.

Duane “Dink” Barnes ’51

CHICAGO

Morgenbesser

Sidney Morgenbesser was my Contemporary Civilization instructor in 1959. Let me add a story to the ones mentioned in your article [September].

In preparation for the final exam, Morgenbesser gave us the following advice: “Answer the questions on the final defending your own position. Do not try to guess my position on the issues. The only thing on which I may have taken a position this term is free will versus determinism. I should tell you that I have since changed my mind on that issue, but I will not tell you whether it was an even or odd number of times.”

Sidney Morgenbesser and Moses Hadas were the greatest teachers I have ever had. I tried to see Morgenbesser while I was on sabbatical at Columbia in 1998, but he was too ill to see me. Your article made me understand the nature of his illness.

Joel Moses ’62

INSTITUTE PROFESSOR AND FORMER PROVOST

MIT

Truman on 1968

David B. Truman, former dean of the College and v.p. and provost of the University, died on August 28, 2003. Following his death and a memorial service at Columbia on October 23, 2003, it became more widely known that in 1995 he completed a manuscript, *Reflections on the Columbia Disturbances of 1968*. His family received many requests for copies. In response, the family has reproduced the 275-page manuscript and will provide copies to those interested. Please send requests to me (Truman’s son), Edwin M. Truman, 5803 Warwick Pl., Chevy Chase, MD 20815 along with a check for $20 to

(Continued on page 71)
I don’t remember the Lions Den in Ferris Booth Hall, which is weird, considering I spent more time in FBH in the late ’60s and early ’70s than in any other building on campus except for Hartley, my home for three years. Maybe I ventured into the Lions Den one time, experienced it in all its glory and never went back. More likely, I went there once in a while and have blocked it from my memory.

I must have been there, because nearly every day I walked into FBH and took the elevator or stairs up to the Spectator offices at the end of the long third-floor corridor. I spent many hours there, some of which were made easier by the sounds of ’50s hits being sung by a group practicing down the hall, a group that would soon make it big as Sha Na Na. Remember the gold lame suit?

When I came across this photo of the Lions Den, I didn’t recognize it. But when we printed it in September, some of you did. Here are the few of the responses we received when we asked for help identifying it:

From Robert J. Szarnicki M.D. ’65 of San Francisco:

Although the photo of the Lions Den in Ferris Booth Hall is a bit fuzzy, I think I am the tall fellow wearing a tie and blazer in the left portion of the photo (that was my usual dress code then). The fellow standing next to me, I believe, is Mike Fischetti ’65. If I am correct, this would date the photo during 1961 or 1962.

From Nick Rudd ’64 of Westport, Conn.:

In the lower right-hand corner, with a sandwich to his mouth, is almost certainly Peter Trooboff ’64. Just to the right of the young woman in the center, wearing a white shirt, appears to be Irving Spitzberg ’64. Two people behind the putative Spitzberg, in right profile with his mouth obscured by a sweatshirt hood, sits a guy who looks like Steve Raphael ’63. To Raphael’s right at the same table, facing the photographer, his hand in front of his mouth, looks like Mike Krieger ’66.

The presence of those people suggests a photo date between September 1962 and May 1963.

From Richard Goldwater (né Goldwasser) ’63, Newton Center, Mass.:

In response to your request for stories about the former Lions Den student lounge, pictured in all its banality: There was a Lions Den in John Jay Hall before FBH was built that was only at the last minute noticed that there was no space above the theater in its design to allow the curtain to rise, lights to hang and so forth. Speedy architecture revisions presumably saved the day. The Loeb Drama Center in Harvard Square was built almost at the same time, and continues to look modern and functional. Moving to Boston to attend medical school in 1963 (not Harvard), I was humiliated by how gorgeous the Loeb Center was compared to what I had left.

Nevertheless, anyone who saw the cabaret act of Mitch Liebowitz ’63 and Dorothy Moskowitz ’62 Barnard at the Den was transported in delight from the bourgeois ’60s to the Cole Porter-Rodgers and Hart ’30s. Dorothy had electrified the (Columbia) universe as Miss Adelaide in Guys and Dolls. I introduced, with a JFK accent, the second act “Hot Box” number in that show to great acclaim, wearing a gangster’s loud suit jacket.

I achieved a certain notoriety for opposing letting Barnard women enter the new student union without a Columbia escort. Women still were not allowed to visit men in the dorms, and there still were desperate panty raids each spring. I was among the students who worked part-time at the new information desk at the front of the building. One day, I decided to sit at the desk all day holding an open umbrella above my head, but maintaining a serious demeanor. No one commented on the umbrella. Eleanor Roosevelt strolling in one evening to give a speech was perhaps the only moment when everyone milling about in the lobby gasped and fell silent.

But I digress. The fact of no long hair among the Den patrons suggests early ’60s, of course, certainly no later than ’63.

Alex Sparks
The University as seen through the eyes of writers, artists, scholars, scientists, and other remarkable Columbians over the past century and a half.

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—Kenneth T. Jackson, Jacques Barzun
Professor of History, Columbia University

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Columbia250 Closes With Symposia, Celebrations and Homecoming

By Lisa Palladino

Columbia wrapped up its year-long Columbia250 celebration with symposia, a pep rally, Homecoming and even a visit from Prince Andrew, Duke of York, among other events.

On September 18, Columbia feted its Homecoming wore out this canine Columbian.

neighbors from Morningside Heights, Harlem and Washington Heights with the C250 Community Festival, an all-day event for kids and adults that featured informative sessions, fun activities and live jazz. Despite stormy weather early in the day, many community members turned out to enjoy the offerings.

Rounding out a year of stimulating talks on a variety of topics, the two final C250 symposia were “Re:NEW Frontiers in Creativity,” which took place on September 30 and featured students, professors and alumni of Columbia’s Computer Music Center, and “The 21st-Century City and Its Values: Urbanism, Tolerance, Equality,” which convened many of the world’s leading scholars and practitioners in architecture, ethics, law and anthropology on October 1.

The weekend of October 1–3 was packed with activities focusing on Homecoming. It began with a rousing campus pep rally on

October 1 where fans showed their support for the Lions in their challenge the next day against Princeton’s Tigers (a tough 27–26 overtime loss).

One non-Homecoming event that weekend was “HOWL! – A Poetry Gathering in Honor of Columbia’s Beats” at the West End on the evening of October 1. Parr Professor of English and Comparative Literature Ann Douglas and Jonah Raskin ’63 were among those who read from the famous poem by
Allen Ginsberg '48. (For more on Raskin and HOWL!, see page 52.)

Baker Field was the focus of the celebration on October 2. As was the case last year, Homecoming’s pregame festivities had a treat for younger attendees: a midway-style carnival, which featured an inflatable rock-climbing wall, cotton candy, clowns, face-painting and Skee Ball as well as other games. All attendees mingled in the Big Tent and enjoyed gourmet barbecue food and the chance to see classmates and friends, as well as purchase great Columbia merchandise, including a new book, My Columbia, edited by Ashbel Green '50, which consists of reminiscences about Columbia by many famous alumni and faculty.

Something new at this year’s Homecoming, created especially for the C250 closing festivities, was an Alumni Parade, where members of each class walked the field behind their class banner. Leading the parade were several of Columbia’s 2004 Olympic athletes (see story, page 31).

The celebratory year officially ended on October 11 at a dinner in Low Library Rotunda. Prince Andrew delivered the night’s keynote address, saying that Columbia “represents America at its best and boldest.” The duke’s appearance marked the second time in 50 years that a member of the British royal family helped celebrate a major anniversary of the University, founded as King’s College and whose charter was signed by King George II in 1754. For Columbia’s bicentennial in 1954, the Queen Mother visited campus and conferred degrees at the year’s Commencement ceremonies.

In his speech, Prince Andrew focused on what he called “Columbia’s great contribution to the special relationship between our great countries.” He highlighted alumni John Jay (Class of 1764) and Alexander Hamilton (Class of 1778), citing their respective contributions to Anglo-American relations.

The cleverest band in the world did its raucous best to boost the Lions to victory, but the football team came up short, bowing to Princeton 27–26. (Inserts, top, from left): Alumni and their families enjoy a gourmet barbecue inside the Big Tent before the game; Professor Wm. Theodore de Bary ’41 (right) shakes hands with Professor Ken Jackson before the game as Ashbel Green ’50, author of My Columbia, looks on; Dean Austin Quigley (with his daughter) visits young alumni in the Big Tent; Columbia and C250 shirts, banners, caps and crowns predominate, but one Boston Red Sox fan proudly shows her allegiance; President Lee C. Bollinger and new Athletics Director Dianne Murphy watch from the sideline; (bottom row, from left) Jeff Otis '04 throws a pass behind solid blocking by the offensive line; and the Columbia Lion delights youngsters in the crowd.
AXEL WINS NOBEL PRIZE

Dr. Richard Axel '67, University Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biophysics and Pathology, won the 2004 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine along with Linda B. Buck of the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center for their work explaining how the olfactory system works.

Buck was a postdoctoral fellow at Columbia when they published their initial paper on the subject in 1991.

Their work has clarified how the nose is able to distinguish more than 10,000 smells, mapping the genes that govern the sense of smell and determining how the brain processes smells into perception and memory. Their research also uncovered more than 1,000 different genes that encode olfactory receptors in the nose, which is believed to be the largest gene family in the human genome.

"I'm deeply honored and very pleased," Axel said.

"This honor represents the efforts of many faculty, students and fellows who have worked in our laboratories at Columbia University Medical Center. I have received enormous support through the years, beginning with the scholarship I received to attend Columbia College."

The sense of smell is possible because receptors in the nose pick up odors from the environment and send that information directly to the olfactory bulb, the first relay station in the brain. Axel and Buck determined how neurons converge in the olfactory bulb, which offered insight into how the brain processes smells.

Each olfactory receptor cell possesses only one type of odorant receptor, and each receptor can detect a limited number of odorant substances, so the olfactory receptor cells are highly specialized for a few odors. Most odors are composed of multiple odorant molecules, and each odorant molecule activates several odorant receptors, leading to a combined odorant pattern, which allows us to recognize and form memories of approximately 10,000 different odors.

"Drs. Axel and Buck embody the spirit of creativity that gives the university such immeasurable value and relevance to our world," President Lee C. Bollinger said. "Their achievement adds to Columbia's proud 250-year heritage and stands out among the many contributions Columbia University and its affiliated institutions have made to the world of science."

Axel and Buck join the list of 70 other people who have taught, conducted research or studied at Columbia and have received the Nobel Prize since it was first awarded in 1901, including 19 in the category of physiology or medicine.

Gerald D. Fischbach, executive v.p. of the Medical Center, said, "Dr. Axel's work is among the most important discoveries of the past 50 years, providing insights regarding how individuals perceive their external environment. He has been an enormously important influence for all the sciences here at Columbia."

Axel has spent his entire professional career at Columbia. In addition to being University Professor, Axel is an investigator for the Howard Hughes Medical Institute at P&S, an investigator for Columbia's Kavli Institute for Brain Science and a member of the Center for Neurobiology and Behavior at the Medical Center.

There are no set guidelines for deciding who wins the Nobel Prize. Alfred Nobel, the inventor of dynamite who endowed the awards, simply said the winner "shall have made the most important discovery within the domain of physiology or medicine." The Nobel Assembly at Stockholm's Karolinska Institutet selects the medicine prizewinner after inviting nominations from previous recipients, professors of medicine and other professionals worldwide.

The awards will be presented on December 10, the anniversary of Nobel's 1896 death.

A day turned to night on October 2, the Homecoming festivities moved from Baker Field to Low Library Rotunda, where the Black Alumni Council celebrated its sixth annual Black Alumni Homecoming. Among the speakers were (from left) Judge Joseph A. Greenaway Jr. '78, Dean Austin Quigley, master of ceremonies Kwanema Aidoo '03 and former Lions football star Erick Tyrone '03. After the formal program, Tyrone collected money for the black alumni scholarship.

PHOTOS: HEATHER APPLEWHITE (LEFT) AND ALEX SACHARE '71
Columbia welcomes more than a dozen global leaders to campus in September for the second annual World Leaders Forum, a weeklong series of lectures, symposia and panel discussions, which coincided with the fall meeting of the U.N. General Assembly. The events were developed in conjunction with the School of International and Public Affairs and the Earth Institute. Following, from the Columbia Daily Spectator, is some of what was said:

"We must subscribe to and practice basic principles of pluralistic democracy. We support the view that if people were allowed to express themselves, then they wouldn't take to guns. I assure you there won't be any weapons in Liberia come election time [in October 2005]."
— Charles Gyude Bryant, Chairman of the National Transitional Government of Liberia, Which Has Gone Through a Civil War During the Past 14 Years

"Twenty percent of our territory is under occupation ... Negotiations cannot go on forever ... Patience has its limits."
— Ilham Heydar oglu Aliyev, President of Azerbaijan

"Real peace cannot be achieved in Colombia without real economic stability and growth. We cannot ask farmers to stop growing coca without offering them an economically sustainable alternative."
— Carolina Barco Isakson, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Colombia

"The world is changed, and I think it's important that the countries get to know each other. We have something to contribute. Keep your eyes open, and watch out for Latvia."
— Vaira Vike-Freiberga, President of Latvia

"We offered solidarity when some of America's closest partners showed discontent. But I do not want to choose between America and Europe. Poland is not a world power and does not make pretensions to be. Poland needs both Europe and America."
— Wlodzimierz Cimoszewicz, Foreign Minister of Poland

"Mozambique and Africa are living in abject poverty. Poverty is highest in rural areas, and in Mozambique, 80 percent live in rural areas."
— Joaquim Alberto Chissano, President of Mozambique

"The 20th century is the most tragic century in the history of mankind. It is strange that the progress of democracy comes only after great violence."
— Ion Iliescu, President of Romania

Howard, Thomas Spearhead University Diversity Initiatives

The University and the College have announced two appointments as part of the ongoing effort to promote a diverse and intellectually vibrant community that is responsive to the world's — and Columbia's — changing landscape.

Jean E. Howard, William E. Ransford Professor of English, has been named to the new position of vice provost for diversity initiatives. Her main task will be to lead University efforts in substantially increasing the representation of traditionally underrepresented groups on the faculty and in senior administration. She also will promote scholarly initiatives aimed at understanding diversity challenges in the 21st century's global community.

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"Issues of race and ethnicity are everyone's issues," said Dean Austin Quigley. "We take enormous pride in our diversity and the benefits it provides everyone. Knowing how to use diversity as a resource requires a fundamental commitment on our part, and we are making that commitment."

The Office of Multicultural Affairs will spearhead efforts to enhance the growing number of intercultural community programs, provide diversity education, advise undergraduate cultural student org-anizations and strengthen cultural-based mentoring programs "to create a greater sense of community and improve the quality of life for students at Columbia," according to the office's website.

The moves come following several incidents last winter that led to student protests concerning the campus' racial climate. Among the items called for by student protesters were a multicultural affairs office and more faculty of color.
Hood, Shahabuddin, Smit Honored at Great Teacher Awards Dinner

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IN MEMORIAM

Lea Baechler, assistant dean of academic affairs and a member of the Dean’s Office staff since 1998, passed away on October 1 at the age of 52. Baechler was involved in almost all of the College’s endeavors and was well-known and respected by students, administrators and alumni.

Born in Milford, Del., Baechler moved with her family to Hollywood, Fla., and graduated from South Broward H.S. After earning her B.A. from Florida International University, Baechler earned a master’s from the University of Idaho in 1977 and an M.F.A. in creative writing from Columbia in 1987. At the time of her death, she was putting the final touches on her Columbia doctoral dissertation, “Twentieth Century American Elegies: Loss, Mourning and Poetic Process.”

Dean Austin Quigley, who spoke at the memorial service held in Baechler’s honor on October 5 at St. Paul’s Chapel, noted how much of Baechler’s work focused on “finding strength in what’s left behind.” The program at the service noted, “Lea was taken by the challenge of articulating through poetry the process of mourning and loss. Her interest in the elegiac genre, and, in particular, elegies written by poets to their children or parents, exemplifies Lea’s very intimate and direct relationship with poetry. As a poet and a reader of poets, Lea turned to poetry as a key to understanding and opening the universe.”

Quigley noted Baechler’s ability to be, within moments of each other, “personal, profound and professional.” He said that whenever there was a student who thought that the rules perhaps did not apply to him or her, or who needed help understanding policies, or had a growing career outside of Columbia (Julia Stiles and Peter Cincotti, for example) or needed other special assistance, “We sent them to Lea.” Baechler was equally adept at figuring out ways to help a student maneuver through the requirements as at explaining why a student’s request was being rejected. “Here is where Lea’s gifts as a teacher were luminescent,” said Dean of Academic Affairs Kathryn Yatrafis. “She would listen very, very carefully, and after a quiet, yet engaged, discussion, students would leave her office more knowledgeable not only about the reasons for the rejection of a particular appeal or complaint, but … knowing more about themselves and invariably feeling better armed to move forward with their academic work.”

Baechler saw herself as an educator and enjoyed teaching English, creative writing and Literature Humanities. She taught at Columbia, Barnard, Princeton and Idaho. Her personal interests included spending time with her family; she was exceptionally close to her two sisters and three nieces. She also enjoyed the ocean and beaches, the Idaho mountains and long drives.

Baechler had planned to participate in the October 17 “Making Strides Against Breast Cancer” walk; memorial contribution checks may be sent (payable to American Cancer Society) to Office of the Dean, Columbia College, 208 Hamilton Hall, MC 2805, 1130 Amsterdam Ave., New York, NY 10027.

Lisa Palladino

Robert Denoon Cumming, Frederick M.J. Woodbridge professor emeritus of philosophy and historian of 20th century European thought, died on August 25. He was 87.

A Columbia professor for 37 years, Cumming retired in 1985; he served as philosophy department chairman from 1961-64. The culmination of his work was the publication of a four-volume study of European history. Issued across a 10-year period, the volumes — Phenomenology and Deconstruction: The Dream Is Over (1991), Method and Imagination (1992), Solitude (2001) and Breakdown in Communication (2002) — discuss the work of Husserl, Sartre, Heidegger and others. A key work, Starting Point: An Introduction to the Dialectic of Existence (1996), remains in print.

Cumming was born on Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia, and traveled extensively in Europe and Palestine before graduating from Harvard in 1938. A Rhodes scholar at Oxford, he stayed in Europe to serve in combat intelligence during World War II. Part of a liaison team with the Free French Army which took part in the liberation of Paris, Cumming earned the French Croix de Guerre for bravery as well as the Legion of Merit. After studying at the Sorbonne, he received his doctorate from the University of Chicago in 1950.

Cumming is survived by his wife of 56 years, Dr. Jeanne Hannan Cumming; daughter, Ann D. Cumming; sister, Isabel Seimer; and a grandson.

Matthew Goldberg ’05 GS
CAMPUS NEWS

- **LIBRARIES**: Columbia University libraries recently launched the Libraries Alumni and Friends Gateway (www.alumni.libraries.columbia.edu), an interactive website featuring electronic resources, such as searchable databases, developed specifically for alumni and friends of the Columbia Libraries.

  Alumni can search the libraries’ collections on Columbia Libraries Online Catalog (CLIO), as well as the digital library collections, including the Papers of John Jay and the Digital Scriptorium. The program also features a variety of research tools, such as the ProQuest Research Library and ProQuest Newspapers databases, which provide access to thousands of full-text magazines, journals and national and regional newspapers, and the ABI/Inform Global and American Medical Association collections, which offer numerous business journals and medical publications.

- **LIBRARIES, ADD**: “Jewels in Her Crown,” an exhibit in honor of Columbia’s 250th anniversary, opened October 8 in the Rare Book and Manuscript Library in Butler Library. The exhibit showcases 250 treasures from the special collections libraries of Columbia, including Avery Art and Architecture, Barnard, the Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, the Health Sciences Library, the Law and Music Libraries, the Starr East Asian Library and more.

  A printed catalogue accompanies the exhibit; the web version (www.columbia.edu/cu/lweb/eresources/exhibitions/treasures) includes images of all items. The exhibit is open Mondays, noon-7:45 p.m. and Tuesdays through Fridays, 9 a.m.-4:45 p.m. during the school term, through January 28.

- **RANKINGS**: Columbia was rated the eighth best college in the country for African-Americans and tops among Ivy schools, according to a survey in Black Enterprise magazine that was based on responses from 1,855 African-American higher education officials.

  A study conducted in 2003 by the Institute of International Education ranked Columbia as the third-leading host campus for international students. And a study conducted by Professor Simon Hix of the London School of Economics and Political Science ranked Columbia’s political science department No. 1 in the world based on the number of articles published in the 36 most influential political science journals during the past five years.

- **ALICE TURNS 10**: Go Ask Alice!, the innovative online health Q&A service produced by the University’s Health Education Program, celebrated its 10th anniversary at an October 7 luncheon on College Walk. The website (www.goaskalice.columbia.edu) provides users with credible, accessible health and well-being information. It notes, “While the Q&As are chosen, researched and written with CU readers in mind, the site has an audience that runs the gamut of age, ethnicity, nationality and political persuasion.”

  In its 10 years, “Alice” has answered nearly 3,000 questions about relationships; sexuality; sexual health; emotional health; fitness; nutrition; alcohol; nicotine and other drugs; and general health. The site is supported by a team of CU health educators, health care providers and other health professionals, along with information and research specialists from health-related organizations worldwide, and is available to the public.
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   Alumni Identification Number
   Birth Date
   Class Year

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• update their alumni records
• search an online directory to find a Columbia friend
• create a buddy list of classmates
• network, post jobs, or post a resume
• interview potential students (ARC)
• view Columbia event calendars
• create and view photo albums
• interact though discussion boards
• utilize other services that enable alumni to stay in touch with each other and the College.

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Opening the Gates

John Kluge ’37 Invests in the Future
With the Kluge Scholars Program

By Shira Boss-Bicak ’93
Photos: Eileen Barroso

The Kluge Scholars Program has opened Columbia’s gates to hundreds of promising students and enriched their College experiences. Cynthia Young ’91 is just one of the many who have benefited from the generosity of John Kluge ’37.

“If I had not received a Kluge scholarship, I would have been just another Cleveland kid working full time and going to community college,” says Young, who graduated magna cum laude and is an assistant professor of English and American studies and ethnicity at the University of Southern California. “[Kluge’s] willingness to invest in human potential, that commitment to leveling the economic and racial playing field, helped me reach my goals and lies at the very core of who I am as an activist, teacher and researcher.”

On October 1, the University celebrated Kluge’s 90th birthday with a black-tie dinner. Kluge, a German immigrant and College scholarship recipient, became one of America’s most successful entrepreneurs and a generous philanthropist. His multi-million dollar gifts have endowed the Kluge Scholars Program at the College, which supports intercultural and international student populations.

“Columbia College has for decades functioned as a social escalator for young people whose ability to learn is not matched by their ability to pay the cost of such learning,” notes Dean Austin Quigley. “It says a lot about John that, when he decided to give back to Columbia, he chose to strengthen and support this aspect of its tradition. As he will always point out, the diversity of the student body at Columbia is a resource for all of our students, as they learn together not only from and with the faculty, but also from and with each other. For John, the best investments we make in life are our investments in other people, and through this program, he has invested extensive resources in the young people of today and in the intellectual, intercultural and international leaders of tomorrow.”

President Lee C. Bollinger and his wife, Jean Magnano Bollinger, welcome John Kluge ’37; his wife, Tussi; his son, John Jr. ’05; and John Jr.’s guest, Anne Rawlings.
The Kluge Scholars Program started in 1987, the 50th anniversary of Kluge’s graduation from the College, during the presidency of Michael Sovem ’53. The four-year scholarships, which now extend to some 50 individuals in each class, provide financial support along with extensive programming aimed at promoting intellectual growth, leadership development and global awareness.

“If I can help disadvantaged students to experience the sense of a common enterprise and shared dreams that I knew as an undergraduate, then everything we accomplish will be even more worthwhile,” Kluge said at a University convocation shortly after the program was founded.

Students in the program are selected from underrepresented populations and are deemed by admissions officers as most able to benefit from being part of the Scholars community and who will, in turn, contribute significantly to the collective experience of Columbia students.

“The ideal candidate is someone who is going to take Columbia by storm in many ways, and who will bring a different perspective and special voice ... someone who will be active in the community and a leader on campus,” says Jessica Marinaccio, director of undergraduate admissions.

Imo Nse Imeh ’02, the son of Nigerian immigrants, performs in a gospel choir, has exhibited his paintings and drawings in galleries and sold them to collectors and worked with curators at the Metropolitan Museum of Art on an exhibition of 1929-45 African-American art. He is pursuing a doctorate in art history at Yale. Another former Kluge Scholar, Ben Jealous ’97, became a Rhodes Scholar and is director of the U.S. Domestic Human Rights program at Amnesty International USA.

Without receiving a Kluge Scholarship, says Sheila Dvorak ’03, “I would not have been able to attend Columbia, and I would have been trapped in the cycle of poor begets poor that affects so many of the disadvantaged in our society.” Dvorak directed the 109th Varsity Show and other campus productions and since graduation has co-founded a Brooklyn theater company.

“Our goal is to recruit and attract outstanding students from across the nation and around the world,” says Marinaccio, “and having the Kluge program to honor and support such students allows us to do that at an even higher level.”

Denise De Las Nueces ’03 was class salutatorian and attends Harvard Medical School. She recalls, “I entered Columbia
armed with the comforting knowledge that I could dedicate my
time not to worrying about paying for college expenses, but
rather to tackling my academics and broadening my experience
through extracurricular activities.”

During their four years on campus, Kluge Scholars
belong to a community that shares social, cultural
and academic opportunities. Each semester, in
addition to cultural outings and off-campus events
with faculty or other guests, five major events are
arranged around a theme. The fall semester theme is “America on
the World Stage,” and includes speakers and discussion groups
about the changing media, the origins of AIDS in Africa and
America’s recovery from 9-11. These events also are open to mem¬
bers of the John Jay, C.P. Davis and Global scholar programs.

“It’s more than community; we’re trying to develop lead¬
ers,” says Lavinia Lorch, assistant dean and head of the Schol¬
ars and Fellowships office. “What we try to instill in [the stu¬
dents] complements their academic experience and dorm life.
It’s a leadership development program.” Often, meeting guests
at events leads to internships for the students, which can other¬
wise be difficult for first-year students to attain, Lorch noted.

During their first year, the Scholars participate in the Kluge
Columbia Journey program. A groups of about 20 students is
assigned to a graduate student mentor and, once a month, they
attend a Columbia cultural or intellectual event together and dis¬
cuss its importance and implications. Mentoring is a key to lead¬
ership development in the program and enables students to meet
other leaders and understand the reciprocal relationship between
receiving and giving personal and professional support.

“As a Kluge Scholar, I have participated in intellectual dis¬
course with people renowned in their fields, from academic
scholars to CEOs to presidents of countries, and I am learning
my civic duty as an educated person within the society around
me,” wrote Monique Alves ’07 in a thank-you note to Kluge. “I
can only hope to live up to and beyond that duty as you have
in your generosity toward so many students.”

Another component of the program is internship opportunities.
Last year, the Kluge Scholars program began to offer Kluge School-
Based Mental Health Internships. Designed by Dr. Owen Lewis, a
professor in Columbia’s medical school’s child and adolescent
psychiatry department, and Paulina Loo, the director of psychi¬
JOHN KLUGE '37

John Kluge '37, Businessman and Entrepreneur

John Kluge '37 ranks as one of the least known but most powerful moguls in the modern television industry in the United States,” according to the Museum of Broadcast Communications in Chicago.

Born in 1914 in Chemnitz, Germany, Kluge immigrated when he was 8. He grew up in Detroit and won a scholarship that allowed him to attend the College.

"Looking back at my life as an undergraduate at Columbia, I remember it as a time of hard work — not only schoolwork, but also the part-time jobs that helped my classmates and me to get by in those years following the Depression," Kluge said in 1988, upon receiving an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the University.

Kluge's first job after graduation was at a printing company in Detroit. During World War II, he served in the Army, becoming a captain in military intelligence.

Embracing entrepreneurship, Kluge gradually acquired media outlets, starting with a radio station, WGAY, in Maryland, and expanding into other radio stations and then independent television stations. He bought syndicated rights to television shows and movies, and later invested in telecommunications technologies. Metromedia, the company he built, grew into the largest independent television business in the United States and diversified into other areas.

In 1986, Kluge sold his television interests to Rupert Murdoch and became more involved with philanthropy. According to Forbes, he was at that time the wealthiest individual in America.

In addition to endowing the Kluge Scholars Program at Columbia with the largest gifts to the University by an individual, Kluge has contributed generously to the Library of Congress, where he formed the James Madison Council, a private sector advisory board. He also founded the Kluge Center, which brings scholars and politicians together, and helped fund the National Digital Library project, which makes the library's educational resources more accessible.

"I'd rather by far invest in people than buildings," Kluge says. "If I can help a person to improve his or her mind, that will pass on to their children and to their children's children."

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For students interested in academic careers, the Kluge program support extends beyond the undergraduate years. Those who complete doctorate degrees can have their undergraduate loans reduced through the Kluge Loan Forgiveness program.

"It is difficult for many students to think outside the box of traditional careers, and particularly so for minority students, who may be of the first generation in their families to attend college or who may not have a family history or background in academia,” says Leslie Harris '88, a former Kluge Scholar who earned a Ph.D. from Stanford in 1999 and teaches at Emory University.

Ayanna Thompson '94 describes how her perception of academia and her potential career in it was changed by the Kluge program: "I was aware of the lack of women of color teaching the literature courses I so much enjoyed. ... I was not convinced that this was a field that was open to women of color. ... It was not until I learned of the Kluge program that I realized someone else believed that young people of color might want to pursue jobs in the academy." Thompson earned a Ph.D. from Harvard in 2001 and teaches at the University of Arizona.

"To me, philanthropy comes naturally because I know that when you pass out of this picture, you don't take anything with you," Kluge says. "With the sands of time, we make very little difference, but what difference we can make we should try to make.”

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Kluge Honored at Gala Dinner

More than 300 members of the Columbia family, one-third of them current or former Kluge Scholars, celebrated John Kluge '37's 90th birthday at a black-tie dinner in Low Library Rotunda on October 1.

"Columbia would not be the great institution it is today were it not for John Kluge," said University President Lee C. Bollinger, who presented Kluge with the Alumni Federation Medal and announced that several trustees, inspired by Kluge's efforts, had agreed to create a $5 million scholarship endowment to benefit international students.

Dean Austin Quigley described Kluge as "an innovative businessman with an inexhaustible interest in world history, global culture and other people" and spoke about the remarkable success of the Kluge Scholars Program, which provides financial support and enhanced programming at the College for as many as 50 students each year.

"John never forgets what it was like to be a teenager nursing large ambitions in little rooms, having latent talents with no arena in which to develop them, having high aspirations but not the resources with which to nurture them. Consequently, many of John's major philanthropic investments have been in young people whose great talents deserve to be matched by even greater opportunities," said Quigley.

Kluge told the guests how his Columbia experience changed his life, starting with his having been awarded a scholarship. "If it hadn't been for Columbia, my path would have been entirely different in life," he said. "Columbia gave me an opportunity, and you scholars have an opportunity. The only way you can really repay that opportunity is for you to help someone else."

Highlighting the evening was a 20-minute video that showed Kluge's journey from 8-year-old German immigrant to successful entrepreneur to generous philanthropist. Among the distinguished guests in attendance were Sen. Christopher Dodd (D-Conn.), Lady Sainsbury of Turville, businessmen David Rockefeller, Frank Bennett Jr., Gerald Schoenfeld and James H. Billington, the Librarian of Congress.

Several Kluge Scholars spoke during the program, including assistant professor of sociology Mignon Moore '92, the first African-American alumna to be named to the College faculty. She thanked Kluge for endowing a program at Columbia that ensures the continued social and economic upward mobility of young people for whom progress might otherwise be much more difficult.

Two books were presented as gifts to Kluge and his wife, Tussi; a formal collection of statements written by Kluge Scholars about the ways in which their experiences at Columbia impacted their lives, and a collection of less formal mementos and expressions of gratitude from Kluge Scholars in a scrapbook format.

The evening concluded with the presentation of a large cake and the guests singing "Happy Birthday."
Following a family mishap, Christopher Radko ’81 built a thriving business producing quality ornaments for Christmas and other occasions

By Sarah Lorge Butler ’95

Christopher Radko ’81’s career began with a bang, albeit an unfortunate one. In December 1984, Radko urged his family to replace its rusty old Christmas tree stand with a newer model. A week before the holiday, the tree, in its new stand, abruptly fell over, and thousands of exquisite, mouth-blown European glass ornaments — family heirlooms dating back decades — came crashing down with it.

Radko hadn’t exactly been in his father’s good graces before the boughs broke. At Columbia, Radko rejected his father’s entreaties to go pre-med and dropped the sciences to major in English. After graduation, Radko’s father put down a deposit for Radko’s first semester at the Law School, but Radko went to Paris and taught instead. At the time of the tree disaster, Radko was in New York working in a talent agency’s mailroom and earning $8,000 a year, far from the advanced-degree professional his father had envisioned.

Radko, then 24, set out to replace some of the ornaments, but could find only cheap plastic varieties. While traveling the next summer in Poland, his parents’ homeland, Radko found a man who was willing to make glass ornaments — similar to those that had adorned the Radko family tree — under his direction. Radko brought them back to the United States and showed them...
to his coworkers at the talent agency, who placed orders. Soon after, Radko began taking a shopping bag of samples door-to-door to Manhattan retailers on his lunch hour, hopeful of supplementing his mailroom wages.

Within two years, Radko had sold $100,000 worth of ornaments. He quit his job at the talent agency and devoted himself full-time to his new business. "I was tickled pink to be able to do it, because I love Christmas, I love the holidays and I love the sparkle," Radko says. "I love that any holiday is a chance to connect with the people we care about."

With L'Affaire Fir behind them, Radko reconnected with his father, Dr. Stan Radko. The senior Radko passed away in 1998, but he lived to see the company take off and to see his son become a success story that could only be described, appropriately, as smashing. In 2003, sales at Christopher Radko (www.christopherradko.com) totaled $50 million.

Radko skipped his senior year of high school in Scarsdale, N.Y., and started college at 16. When his early encounters with calculus and organic chemistry resulted in Cs, he confided in his pre-med adviser, Patricia Geisler, that he didn’t want to be a doctor and was only doing it to please his father. She steered him toward law and told him he could major in whatever he wanted so long as he did well on the LSATS. Radko soaked up the course material in his Elizabethan literature classes and enjoyed the Columbia theater scene, where he met Jo Barry (nee Slosberg) Barnard ’81. Soon after, he asked her to type a paper for him. They have been friends since, and Radko is godfather to Barry’s son.

Although Radko points out that "there are no pre-ornament classes at Columbia; it’s not something you grow up expecting to do," Barry says she’s not surprised that her friend commands a business with 85 full-time employees in the U.S. and manufacturing operations in Poland, the Czech Republic, Italy and Germany. She remembers Radko doing internships at the United Nations and with a Broadway show. "It was important for him to expand his contacts, to be around other successful, creative people," Barry says. "This was at 17. He was extremely determined, very motivated, and thought outside the box from the beginning."

Barry also recalls Radko dragging her up to his father’s home in Westchester during a Christmas break to see the huge family tree that Radko had trimmed. "He had decorated the entire house," Barry says. "He was such an unusual boy, 6-foot-4, skinny and just funny." (Radko was so thin during college, Barry says, he used to wear a double layer of long underwear beneath his suits to fill himself out when they went dancing.)

A few years later, when the ornament business was in its infancy, Radko went to St. Louis for Barry’s son’s christening. He brought his samples, and he and Barry made the rounds to gift stores. There was no rejection; each shop placed an order. The ornaments, with their original designs, high-quality materials and detailed hand painting, were unusual, and nobody else in the country was offering anything like them. But Radko’s success, Barry believes, "was as much the force of his personality as it was the product. He was charming, and he connected with the buyers."

In the business’ first two years, Radko used two weeks of vacation from the talent agency to travel to Poland and work with artisans developing the ornaments he had designed. Together, they perfected a seven-day manufacturing process that starts with the glassblowing and ends with each piece receiving a dusting of glitter and the trademark gold Radko crown. Radko then would fill a container with ornaments, ship it to his mother’s home in Westchester and fulfill orders out of her garage, employing out-of-work actors to help him with the packing. "I learned the business from the bottom up," he says, "by doing every aspect of it myself at one point."

The first department store to buy his line was I. Magnin; Bergdorf Goodman, Bloomingdale’s and Macy’s followed shortly thereafter. In 1987, Radko moved the business to his studio apartment on the Upper West Side and hired his first full-time employee. "He didn’t sleep; he poured everything into getting this business going," Barry recalls. "We would laugh, because he fell into it, but it made perfect sense. It fit his personality and his gifts so well. It allowed him to do something creative but at the same time not be cooped up some place. He likes people too much for that."

Radko was his own publicist, sending samples to magazine editors and hoping coverage would bolster sales. What he couldn’t have predicted was that celebrities would be drawn to the product. One day he received a call from a retailer telling him that Bruce Springsteen had just been in and placed a large order. Dolly Parton, Julie Andrews and Tom Cruise have his ornaments, as do Katie Couric and Oprah Winfrey, both of whom have had Radko on their shows. Barbra Streisand convinced him to make Hanukkah ornaments. Hillary Clinton asked him to design Christmas displays on the mantels of the White House Green Room and Red Room, and he decorated the vice president’s residence when the Gores lived there. He also has lent his design touch to New York’s Gracie Mansion during the holidays.

From the original 65 ornaments in his first collection, Radko’s product offerings have grown to include 900 ornaments this year, for every holiday and occasion. He also produces Home for the Holidays, a line of ceramics, snow globes, pillows, jewelry and dinnerware, and Shiny-Brite, ornaments based on vintage American styles from the ’40s. Radko conceives all the designs, then works with his technology team to transfer the ideas to three-dimensional computer models that the carvers use for making molds.

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He creates about 12 special designs annually, and their profits support such causes as breast cancer, diabetes and AIDS research. In the days after 9-11, Radko designed the Brave Heart ornament, a 4.5-inch heart with an American flag that benefited the disaster relief fund of the American Red Cross. Radko’s v.p. of sales, Clark Gulliford, notes that sales of that ornament totaled nearly $8 million.

Radko also sponsors an orphanage in Poland near one of the glassblowing factories. The facility houses 65 children, ages 5-18, all of whom are wards of the state. He visits at least once a year, and Barry recalls how on another visit to St. Louis, Radko asked her to set up an appointment for him with the principal of the private school her two children attended. Radko quizzed the principal on what sort of supplies a school would need — everything from pencils, paper and chalk to art supplies. He made a huge list, bought it all and sent it to Poland.

Radko sees the holidays as a chance for people to connect, and he has carefully replicated that sense of connectedness with his retailers and collectors. Not including the department stores, more than 2,000 retail shops sell Radko’s pieces, and he and his 28-person sales force travel frequently to the shops, large and small, to lend their expertise at drawing customers in the door. They’ll assist with everything from window displays to database marketing to hosting special events.

But it’s the individual collectors who go gaga over Radko, who visits at least 50 stores annually for events. Right now, he is in the midst of a 35-store tour that will end before Christmas. Last year, at an event at Roger’s Gardens in Corona del Mar, Calif., that was scheduled to begin at 1 p.m., collectors and fans started lining up at 6 a.m. “They’re ecstatic when they meet him,” Gulliford says. “Many of the collectors will come year after year, and he’ll remember things they talked about in the past. He’ll say, ‘How’s your daughter?’ or they’ll share their ideas for ornaments. Sometimes, he’s with one customer 10 minutes.” When Gulliford started at the company six years ago, Radko chastised him for trying to move people through the line more quickly. “He wants quality time with each of the customers,” Gulliford says.

The Internet also testifies to Radko’s popularity. At any given time, Radko ornaments are being auctioned on eBay for several hundred dollars apiece. Many collectors post photos of their homes at various holidays, decked out in Radko-designed motifs. They’ll even approach him on the street. “I don’t expect it, but I appreciate it,” Radko says. “People who collect my ornaments love Christmas, and maybe the ornament has brought some happiness into their family. They tell me that, and that’s cool.”

Radko’s business will celebrate its 20th anniversary next year, and he has reaped the benefits of running a successful enterprise. He owns homes in Westchester and on Central Park West, where he has a rooftop garden (he is passionate about gardening) that was the setting for the first five minutes of the 1999 film The Talented Mr. Ripley. But Radko doesn’t allow himself much free time to enjoy the fruits of his labor, as he remains hands-on with his business. He maintains a grueling work schedule, including travel to Europe and signings and appearances at stores and on television. “You need to keep an eye on all aspects of the company,” Radko says. “I care a lot about the integrity of my creation, and I don’t take shortcuts. I’m single, so that kind of tells you I’m spending too much time at work.”

“He is as driven and motivated as ever,” Barry says. “I don’t think that’s a quality that goes away.”

Radko wouldn’t have it any other way, and he rarely stops long enough to take measure of what he has done. “I treat my life on a day-by-day basis; I measure my life in increments that small,” he says. “At the end of the day, I look back and say, ‘This was a good day.’ I just want to live to be a ripe old geezer and continue to love my work and bring smiles to future generations.”

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Orrin Keepnews '43 returned to Columbia in fall 1946, burned out from flying bombing missions over Japan in the final months of World War II and eager to engage his mind in loftier pursuits before getting a job.

Finding an apartment in Manhattan was just as hard then as now, so Keepnews moved back in with his parents at Broadway and 115th Street and enrolled in graduate school in English. Returning to campus after three years as a B-29 radar operator in the Pacific—an experience that made him a lifelong pacifist—Keepnews became close with a guy he'd known only by name during their undergraduate years, Bill Grauer '43. Grauer was an avid jazz record collector who worked at WKCR and with whom Keepnews would later start what became one of the most important modern jazz labels of the 1950s and '60s, Riverside Records, which was founded in Columbia's shadow on LaSalle Street.

"I enrolled in graduate school for the express purpose of making myself feel literate again," says Keepnews, a renowned record producer whose 50-year career with great artists such as Thelonious Monk, Bill Evans, Wes Montgomery, Sonny Rollins and Cannonball Adderley recently earned him a fifth Grammy award, this one for lifetime achievement. "I wasn't looking for a master's degree. I figured I'd go to Columbia for however long it took me to feel, 'Hey, I'm now capable of going back into the world I wanted to be in,' and then I'd look for a job, which is pretty much what happened." Keepnews had no idea at the time that his friendship with Grauer would lead him into the financially precarious but creatively rewarding world of jazz recording, where he's still active at 81.

Keepnews' recent output in

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Orrin Keepnews '43 says he not only learned the music business producing albums featuring Thelonious Monk (right, above), but also life lessons from the bebop pioneer, "who stayed true to himself."

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years has included major reissues of Ellington and Basie and a sensational five-CD Artie Shaw box released in 2001, as well as new records with artists such as tenor saxophonist Dave Ellis and singer Roberta Donnay. He’s also produced singer Weslia Whitfield’s records for more than a decade.

A Bronx-born Manhattanite, Keepnews went to P.S. 98 in Inwood, which was then a largely undeveloped middle-class enclave of Irish and Jewish families. His mother was a teacher and his father worked for the welfare department. “We weren’t as desperate as most people in the early ‘30s,” notes Keepnews, who studied on scholarship at the progressive Lincoln School at 123rd and Amsterdam, run by Teachers College. A brainy child who had skipped two grades, he was pulled back by Lincoln officials, who felt it was important socially for a child to be with others around the same age.

Keepnews graduated from Lincoln at 16 and went on to Columbia, where he settled naturally into the intellectual milieu. Lincoln encouraged its students to “think for yourself, which was a pretty radical thing in education at that time,” Keepnews notes, and that ethos was cultivated at Columbia. He became “that most amorphous of things, an English major,” and began writing about music and other subjects for Spectator, where he served on the editorial board his senior year.

Keepnews became hooked on jazz while in high school, hanging out at 52nd Street joints such as Hickory House, where he heard famous artists such as Coleman Hawkins, and Nick’s in the Village, home to New Orleans-style players such as Pee Wee Russell and George Brunis. The legal drinking age in New York was 18 then, but the concept of carding didn’t exist and it wasn’t hard to belly up to the bar.

“If you were big enough to walk into a bar and put down the 75 cents or dollar for a drink, nobody asked if you were old enough,” Keepnews recalls, sitting in the San Francisco flat where he’s lived since the early ‘70s, when he moved to the Bay Area to run Fantasy Records’ jazz program. “Friends told me a great place to take a date and have a cheap evening was one of the bars on 52nd Street or Nick’s in the Village. And incidentally, jazz music was played there. I wasn’t listening to records very much. But I heard live jazz in my mid-teens because I was illicitly able to hang out in these rooms. I was sucked into it and started going even if I didn’t have a date. There was something that reached out and grabbed me and held onto to me.”

Keepnews was seduced by the energy and beauty of music created anew every night. He continued hanging out on 52nd Street while studying at Columbia, where he remembers taking Mark Van Doren’s Shakespeare course, Harrison Steeves’ comparative literature seminar and a colloquium on great books taught by Buck Weaver, whom he fondly remembers telling some long-winded student, “Having said that, what have you said?” It remains “the greatest academic put-down I’ve heard,” Keepnews, a warm, crusty character with a brown-fringed pate and a white Vandyke beard who’s known for his straight-talking volubility and wit, says with a laugh.

Keepnews began reviewing shows for Spectator, writing about artists such as Pearl Bailey and Carol Channing, who performed at the Village Vanguard, where Keepnews would produce two live recordings in 1961 by pianist Bill Evans’ seminal trio. Keepnews recalls how the Vanguard’s now-fabled owner, the late Max Gordon, cut him off after two rounds of drinks. When he asked why, Gordon replied: “The reviews you write in the college paper aren’t really worth more than two rounds of drinks to me, but I don’t want to see you spending your money for drinks at my prices. So that’s why you can’t have a drink after the free ones.” After a pause, Keepnews adds, “That was my first experience with a club owner, and it hasn’t gotten any easier to deal with them since.”

Keepnews recalls being on campus with his folks for an event on December 7, 1941, when the proceedings were interrupted by the news that the Japanese had attacked Pearl Harbor. “It was a horrible shock,” he says, “but that fact we were being plunged into a war was not a big surprise to anybody. You grew up knowing it. World War II began when Germany invaded Poland in September 1939, when my life at Columbia began. During my undergraduate career, there was the knowledge that we were all on borrowed time.”

Keepnews joined the Aviation Cadet Corps and was called up in spring ‘43, a few months before graduation. By joining the service, he was given credit toward graduation, but he wasn’t allowed to leave his training program at the University of Vermont in Bennington to attend Commencement.

After the war, Keepnews spent about three months at Columbia before landing a job as a “very junior editor” at Simon & Schuster (it was so long ago, he adds with a smile, that Mr. Simon and Mr. Schuster were there). It was there that Keepnews met his late wife, Lucy, then-assistant to the mystery editor. And it was there that he rejected, among other books, the first novel of Jack Kerouac’s On the Road, Kerouac apparently learned that Keepnews had rejected the book a decade later, drunk at the Five Spot, where Monk was playing. Kerouac and Keepnews got into a row about which the producer remembers nothing except Kerouac’s punch line: “The trouble with you, Keepnews, is that you don’t like jazz.” That cracked up a usually serious young saxophonist named John Coltrane.
"Our goal was to sell enough records to make the next one."

Keepnews was at Simon & Schuster when Grauer asked him to edit a magazine, The Record Changer. Grauer was the ad salesman and had just bought the publication. Keepnews took the gig, largely because it gave him a forum to write whatever he wanted, even if it was mostly a labor of love. In 1951, the two published a major piece about how RCA Victor — which had a custom record-pressing division — had unwittingly been pressing bootleg records from its early jazz catalog for a fly-by-night firm, Jolly Roger. RCA officials got the idea that the Record Changer boys wanted to lease RCA's early Armstrong and Bechet masters for reissue, and contacted Keepnews and Grauer about doing it. Producing records hadn't been on their minds, but they figured, why not?

Keepnews and Grauer became independent producers at RCA, and also reissued 1920s Paramount recordings by Ma Rainey, Armstrong and others on the new label they named Riverside after the magazine's Manhattan telephone exchange (like Artie Shaw and The Gramercy Five). They began making contemporary jazz records in April 1954, starting with an album by pianist Randy Weston. The next year, they signed Monk, the great iconoclast whom Keepnews had met and interviewed in 1948 at the Greenwich Village apartment of Alfred Lion, founder of Blue Note Records. Monk's mysterious and beautiful music had spoken to Keepnews in a way that the music of other pioneers of bebop, Charlie Parker and Dizzy Gillespie, hadn't. It opened his ears to modern jazz. Keepnews was amazed when he phoned Monk several years after their only meeting to ask him to record for Riverside, and the pianist knew who he was — the kid who'd written the first article about him in a national publication.

"He was willing to take a chance on this new label because, well, he wasn't doing anything better, but also because I was somebody who had related to him in the past," Keepnews says. He put out a series of Monk albums in the '50s, among them Brilliant Corners (1956), which introduced pianist Randy Weston. The next year, they signed Monk, the pianist knew who he was — the kid who'd written the first article about him in a national publication.

"I was never in any danger of a habit of my own because I was supporting too many other habits," says Keepnews, who sometimes finds it difficult to listen to Evans' music, just as it pains him at times to hear Adderley and Montgomery, close friends who died young. Other times he feels great pride and pleasure listening to the records he made with them.

"Sometimes I'm very sad, and sometimes I feel very reminiscent," he says. "Unfortunately, a favorite quote is from Casey Stengel in his later years: 'Most people my age are dead by now.' Well, most people a hell of a lot younger than me are dead by now. I know and love an awful lot of dead people, and it bothers me sometimes. But there's nothing I can do about it, and I'm in no hurry to join them.

"I'm not just the guy who made the Riverside Records, although as far as I'm concerned, there are some unequaled achievements and unequaled artists there," Keepnews says with pride. "I've been doing it right up to yesterday."

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Changing A Culture:

Dianne Murphy Takes Over As Columbia’s Athletics Director

Interview by Phil Wallace '04

After a protracted national search, Columbia has its new athletics director. M. Dianne Murphy has been named as the successor to the recently retired John Reeves; she assumes leadership of the athletics department on November 8.

Murphy comes to Columbia with impressive credentials. For the past six years, she has been athletics director at the University of Denver, where she was instrumental in its growth into an NCAA Division I school. Under Murphy, Denver won four national championships, including one in ice hockey in 2003-04. For her work in expanding Denver’s rapidly improving athletics department, Murphy was named National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics General Sports Turf West Region Athletic Director of the Year for 2003-04.

Murphy previously held athletic administration positions at Cornell and Iowa, and she coached women’s basketball for 13 years at Eastern Kentucky, Shorter College and Florida State, where she received her Ph.D.

Phil Wallace ’04, former associate sports editor, columnist and investigative reporter for Spectator and director of news and sports for WKCR, interviewed Murphy to learn about her philosophy and vision for the future of Columbia athletics.
You’re leaving a school, the University of Denver, where you’ve been very successful competitively — winning four national championships, including one this past year in the high profile sport of ice hockey. And you’re coming to a school, Columbia, that hasn’t won a conference football title since 1961, a basketball championship since 1968 and has won fewer Ivy League titles historically and in the last five years than any other school. Why would you make this change?

I look at this as a tremendous opportunity, quite frankly, given the fact that Columbia University is a wonderful institution in terms of its academics, its faculty and its alumni. Obviously, it’s in the best city in the world. I think it’s a tremendous opportunity to come in while there is a lot of interest right now with President [Lee C.] Bollinger, his commitment and the trustees’ commitment to athletics. It’s a wonderful institution in terms of the academic side of the University, but I think the opportunity is right to also complement that with a strong and wonderful athletics program. I don’t think that athletics and academics are mutually exclusive. We’ve proven that here at the University of Denver, and other universities have done that as well: Princeton in the Ivy League, Stanford, Duke, Michigan and many others. It’s certainly going to be a huge challenge, but it’s something I feel quite confident in.

At the University of Denver, you were a big part of moving the school up from the NCAA’s Division II to Division I school. Can you talk about what that process is like in terms of really putting sports on the map at a school where it might not have been in the past?

There are certain ingredients that make that happen. First and foremost, you need a commitment from the senior leadership of the university. Certainly, you need that support from your “CEO” and that support from the trustees or your Board of Regents. We had that at the University of Denver.

You have to have passionate leadership. You have to have people who are committed to making it happen. You need visionary leadership — that’s what I’m talking about. Another component is that you certainly need to have excellent academics, where you have strong programs and strong majors, to recruit student-athletes. You need a really good facility. Then, you’ve got to have competent athletics administrators, coaches and support staff. Your staff is critical.

Of course, you need outstanding resources — your operating budget, your staffing, your office space — and you’ve got to have excellent athletic facilities in terms of your practice venues and your competition sites.

Then, you really must have a solid infrastructure. What I mean by that is a strong compliance program. You’ve got to have a strong student-athlete support services program, from tutoring to strength and conditioning to sports medicine and athletics training and equipment. All these elements go into building a program. You’ve got to have infrastructure in terms of policies and procedures, and policies in terms of how you’re going to deal with disciplinary actions. And then, of course, you need good, strong recruiting, from admissions support to knowledgeable coaches who understand how to promote and market and sell your university.

Then, I think you’ve got to have strong donor support from your alumni, friends and fans. Your marketing support in terms of your season ticket holders is tremendous.

Some people feel that many of those things aren’t in place at Columbia, especially in terms of resources. Have you been given assurances that there will be more resources available for athletics under President Bollinger?

I think of the question a little differently. Obviously, those are the components that go into making a successful athletics program. You can certainly hire the right athletics director, but if you don’t support that person with the resources, then I don’t think you will be successful.

But part of the job of the athletics director is to generate resources, whether it’s more resources from within the university community, from the corporate world, from ticket revenue or from alumni support and your other donors. I think all those things are integral to what we’re trying to do.

We’re certainly going to need more support from the University. There’s no question about that. And I believe that will be there. I think it’s also incumbent upon me as the athletics director to look for new revenue sources. It cannot come from just one source.

It’s interesting you mention that, because John Reeves told me toward the end of his tenure that he never viewed his job as a fundraiser. Can you talk about your fund-raising plan?

Well, first of all, I haven’t started the job, so it’s difficult to give you a plan today. [Editor’s note: This interview took place in September, before Murphy took over at Columbia.] But suffice to say, first and foremost, I think it is the job of the director of athletics to engage in fund raising and cultivating and developing relationships, particularly with athletics alumni and other alumni. In this day and age, as a director of athletics at a Division I program, a large portion of what we do is generate revenue. Our job is to provide the resources for our staff, our coaches and our student-athletes. So I think it’s incumbent as part of our plan...

...it will be simply what we did here at the University of Denver: to reconnect and connect with our most obvious people — our alumni who have participated in our athletics program — and to do some fund raising and bring those people back into the program.

It also will be getting them engaged as friends of our program, as friends of the University, and then to cultivate relationships with them. And then, ultimately, they’re going to want to participate, they’re going to want to give back to the athletics program.
A second part of the plan will be getting our student-athletes engaged in paying forward to their program. One of the programs that we have here [at Denver] is that our student-athletes and our coaches give to their program in terms of paying forward. That develops a habit of giving [that will be in place] when they graduate. It's a program that has worked very well for us, and it is something that we will talk about at Columbia. And that's part of why the Ivies have been so successful with their fund raising in general.

Our plan is not going to be rocket science. It's all about identifying people who already have a connection, who already have an investment in Columbia University. We need to get those people more involved.

Q Space is very much a premium at Columbia. Where do you see space being used for athletic facilities? A lot of talk has centered around Manhattanville, and lot of those decisions are being made now, without you here. Where do you see Columbia and athletic facilities?

A I think there's a short-term answer and a long-term answer. We have to take the existing facilities — because we're not going to build tomorrow — and we have to enhance those. And I assume, not having been there, that there has been a lot of discussion about putting some athletic facilities up at Manhattanville, and I think that sounds like a logical answer. But that's long-term. That's not tomorrow. That's not five years from now. So we've got to look at what can we do in the next five years to help our coaches to and to help our student-athletes.

Q Often a new athletics director will come in and hire a number of new coaches and other personnel. At Columbia, approximately 11 coaches have been hired in the past two years. Many programs are operating with new coaches. There are a lot of people who are nervous about you making changes right after a number of changes already have been made. What do you think about that?

A Any time there is a change in leadership, people are going to be nervous. It's just human nature. I have not hired any of the coaches at Columbia. I wasn't there as the athletics director. Coming in, I have to have to have faith and trust that the people making those decisions made the right decisions. I'm not planning on coming in the first few months and making wholesale changes. I need to understand our staff, I've got to figure out what they can and cannot do, what they're good at, what do they want to do.

Q What are your expectations from a coach, in terms of his or her relationship with the athletics department and in terms of wins and losses?

A It is so much more than wins and losses, which are probably a small percentage of what we're talking about. First and foremost, we're going to have very high expectations of our staff. I don't care where they report to or who they are, I can assure you that the level of expectation is going to be significa

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I only care about the future

nificantly ratcheted up. And I'm talking about everything from how we look when we come to work to how we answer our mail to how we answer our voicemail. In anything and everything that we do, the expectations are going to be significantly enhanced.

This is all about changing a culture to excellence and quality. That's what we're all about [at Denver]. That's what I'm all about. You're going to hear me talk a lot about that as long as I'm at Columbia. We're going to do everything we can with integrity, excellence and quality. Those are the three words everyone needs to pay attention to: integrity, excellence and quality.

In terms of our coaches, I expect them to be positive role models and mentors. I expect them to be outstanding recruiters. I expect them to be excellent teachers. I expect them to be good friend raisers and fan raisers and fund raisers. I expect them to be concerned about their student-athletes graduating, and having a good experience. It's not just about winning. If you do all the right things in terms of recruiting the right people, supporting them the right way in terms of mentoring and coaching, being concerned about their academics, being concerned about them as whole persons, making sure that they have a good experience, teaching well... If you do all those things, you're going to be successful competitively. And if you don't do those things, you're not going to be successful competitively. So the process is just as important, and maybe more important, than the outcome. If you don't do the process, you're not going to have the outcome.

Q How do you feel about people who believe Columbia can never overcome its losing past?

A We will work as hard as we can to turn things around. I don't care about what the past. I only care about the future. I feel very supported by everyone, or else I would not have taken the job. Why would I have left a great job like this [at Denver] if I didn't feel like we were going to have the support that we need? And I think too many people focus on the past and not on where they need to be going in the future. My primary focus is looking down the road and trying to get this program where it should be and deserves to be in the Ivy League and nationally.

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Columbia's 2004 Olympians

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Athens is a long way from Morningside Heights. And there are probably as many differences between life near the Acropolis of America and the actual Acropolis as there are miles (about 5,000) that separate New York from Greece.

But there also are some striking similarities — and one of them is the spirit of sports. Indeed, whether an athlete is staring across the starting line (or fencing mat, or open water) at an opponent from Yale or from Spain, the fire of competition burns just as bright in the Ivy League as it does in the shadow of the Olympic flame. But, as several Columbia competitors discovered this summer at the Olympic Games in Athens, the thrill — and the honor — is that much greater when they represent their home country as well as their school.

And while none of the seven Light Blue athletes (alumni as well as students) who competed in the Olympics brought home a medal, the experiences that the four fencers and three rowers shared were worth their weight in gold.

"The Opening Ceremony was one of the most amazing experiences of my life," says fencer Dan Kellner '98. "Marching with my teammates, who are some of my best friends and with whom I have shared so much, and meeting athletes from all over the world, was something that I am very grateful for.

"All of us could barely wait to hear 'The Star Spangled Banner.' It was thrilling and so moving."

The Lions were well-represented on the U.S. fencing team. In addition to Kellner, Jed Dupree '01, Emily Jacobson '08 and Erinn Smart '01 Barnard also changed their uniform colors from pale blue to red, white and navy.

Kellner, a American history major from Warren, N.J., finished 16th individually in foil and teamed up with Dupree for the team competition. The U.S. finished fourth, narrowly losing the bronze medal 45-38 to Russia.

"A few tough calls went against us, ones that we've watched over and over on DVD," says Kellner, a graphic designer living in New York City. He took consolation in his squad's defeat of the world's No. 2 team, Germany, in an earlier round.

The loss to Russia hasn't discouraged Kellner or Dupree: Both are working to raise funds to keep the team active in order to compete in the 2008 Olympics in Beijing. "This is what we live for," Kellner says.

"To come so close to a medal and to fall just short was tough to take," adds Dupree, a history major who coaches youth and adult fencers in Hoboken, N.J. "More than anything, it's motivated us and made us confident of what we can achieve in Beijing."

Meanwhile, the odds are that Jacobson has been able to trump most of her first-year peers when answering the traditional "How did you spend your summer vacation?" question. She competed in foil but was unable to match her older sister, Sada, a Yale fencer who snagged the bronze medal.

Smart, an alternate during the 2000 Sydney Games, was eliminated in the first round. All four fencers — the latest in a long line of CU swordsmen and women to compete in the Olympics — ran into at least one familiar face in Athens, as Lions co-head fencing coach George Kolombovich was in charge of selecting the event's officials.

On the water, Stacey Borgman '98 Barnard helped power the U.S. lightweight pairs boat which, after just missing the cut for the final race, won the consolation race (or "B-Final") to claim seventh overall.

Two other Columbia rowers took pride in traveling to Greece to represent their home country, Serbia-Montenegro. Veljko Urosevic '03 and Milos Tomic '05E made up half of Serbia's four-man lightweight crew that, like Borgman's pair, won the B-Final to place seventh overall.

"There are no crew teams in schools in Serbia, only scattered clubs," notes Tomic, a civil engineering major who coaches youth and adult fencers in Hoboken, N.J. "More than anything, it's motivated us and made us confident of what we can achieve in Beijing."

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Bookshelf

Horizon's End by Andrew Lazarus '47. In this novel of lost values and redemption, foreign correspondent Jack Lerner must make tough decisions in honest news reporting and keep together a family in an unforgiving world of disappointing moral standards (Durban House Publishing Co., $15.95).

My Columbia: Reminiscences of University Life edited by Ashbel Green '30. Excerpts of writings about their time at Columbia by Columbians ranging from Nicholas Murray Butler (Class of 1882) and Margaret Mead '38 and James Simon Kunen '70, plus poems by John Berryman '36, John Hollander '50, Ron Padgett '64 and David Lehman '70 and a cartoon by Edward Koren '57. (Columbia University, $29.50).

The Biblical Outlook: Topics in Jewish Philosophy (in Hebrew) by Rabbi Shlomo (Solomon) Polachek. Using the Bible as a source, this book covers topics such as God's characteristics, creation and providence, revelation, God's demands upon individuals, reward and punishment, repentance, prayer, God's intervention in history and the end of days (Shalem Book Distributor, $12).


My Father's Friend by Ronald K. Fried '77. Upper East Side English teacher Vincent Rosen enters the boxing world when he inherits management of a doomed prize fighter in this first novel from the Emmy Award-winning television producer (Permanent Press, $24).

Individuality Incorporated: Indians and the Multicultural Modern by Joel Pfister '77. A new study of the attempts of the U.S. government to conform Native Americans to society's prescribed "norms," this book looks at the situation through the conflict between the promoted "individuality" and the Natives' understanding of the self (Duke University, $23.95).

Mad Dogs, Dreamers and Sages by Stephen Zades '78 and Jane Stephens. Sharing the lessons learned from their Odyssey Project on Imaginative Intelligence, a two-year project in search of primary sources of innovation in various fields, the authors offer businesses and organizations inventive solutions to creating and sustaining growth (Elounoda Press, $24.95).

A Tooth From the Tiger's Mouth by Tom Bisio '79. A hands-on guide from a renowned martial artist and expert practitioner of Chinese sports medicine, this book highlights ancient Chinese healing strategies for everyday and sport-related injuries. Includes illustrated instructions, herbal formula recipes and dietary advice (Fireside, $14).

The Jew, The Arab: A History of the Enemy by Gil Anidjar, assistant professor of comparative literature. Suggesting that the "concept of the enemy" and its absence in Europe's history is structured around Europe's historical efforts to distinguish itself from "the Jew and Arab," Anidjar links the "Jewish Problem" with the "Muslim Problem" in this critical view of Western civilization (Stanford University Press, $21.95).

Heaven's Kitchen: Living Religion at God's Love We Deliver by Courtney Bender, assistant professor of religion and sociology. How does faith manifest itself in everyday actions? Recalling her time spent volunteering at the nonprofit, nonreligious organization God's Love We Deliver, the author writes about the role of religion in contemporary American life (University of Chicago Press, $16).

America and the Intellectual Cold Wars in Europe by Volker R. Berghahn, Seth Low Professor of History. Using the story of Sheppard Stone, a former director of the Ford Foundation's international affairs program in the '50s, the author illuminates Cold War-era American-European cultural-political conflicts and America's struggle to set global cultural trends (Princeton, $21.95).
A Hardboiled Passion

As a teenage living in New York City, Charles Ardai ’91 became immersed in the world of pulp mystery fiction, hardboiled crime novels popularized in the 1950s with their provocative covers and mass entertainment appeal. His love for this genre hasn’t waned: In September, Ardai and his longtime friend, Max Phillips, launched Hard Case Crime (www.hardcasecrime.com), a publishing line that reintroduces the pulp mystery style to nostalgic fans and hopes to hook a new generation of readers.

For Ardai and Phillips, coming up with the concept of Hard Case Crime was simple. Finding the right publisher, however, was a difficult process that took more than two years. “Some publishers wanted to do the books in a winking, campy style; others would have done them straight, but would have insisted on publishing them in trade paperback or hardcover editions at high prices,” says Ardai, whose goal was to stay loyal to the roots of pulp mystery publishing with a pocket-sized, mass-market format, relatively low cover price and beautiful painted covers. Hard Case Crime finally found its match in Dorchester Publishing, the oldest independent mass-market publisher in the United States, and they began pulling the line together.

The series, which will include reissues of the best of the genre as well as new works, debuted in September with Gritter’s Game by Lawrence Block and Fade to Blonde by Max Phillips (Hard Case Crime, $6.99 each). Ardai’s choice to reprint the 1961 classic by Block, originally titled Mora, is an homage to the author who got him hooked on pulp mystery novels. “Block has a gift for creating deeply memorable characters and situations, and for writing about them with grace and humor. His prose is really irresistible,” Ardai says.

As an English major at the College who specialized in British romantic poetry, Ardai felt, in some ways, that his favorite hardboiled writers were not too different from theRomantics he was studying. Both groups, he says, tried to “recast a venerable but stale form of literary expression in the modern vernacular.” Unlike the refined tea room mysteries of Agatha Christie, hardboiled crime writers such as James M. Cain and Mickey Spillane breathed fresh air into the mystery field with “stories filled with realistic violence and told in language that sounded the way actual people speak.” It is no coincidence that the main character of Hard Case Crime’s October release, Little Girl Lost — written by Ardai under his anagrammatic pseudonym, Richard Aleas — is named John Blake, stealing a name apiece from Romantic poets John Keats and William Blake. The title of the novel, Ardai said, is lifted from a Blake poem.

Ardai’s latest venture is another item added to an already impressive career that began long before he graduated from Columbia. A commuter student, Ardai was quick to wet his feet in the working world, showing an ability to multitask that foreshadowed his later accomplishments. He worked part-time as an editor and marketing associate for a midtown publishing company and wrote for a number of magazines, all while maintaining a GPA of more than 4.0. Shortly after graduation, he joined the New York office of the D.E. Shaw group, a worldwide investment and technology development firm, and has been with the company for 13 years. In only his third year there, Ardai was entrusted with the leadership of Juno, an Internet service provider that was conceptualized, organized and initially financed by the D.E. Shaw group. Ardai served as CEO of Juno until its merger with NetZero in 2001 and returned to the D.E. Shaw group as managing director, his current position.


In 1993, while a full-time employee at the D.E. Shaw group, Ardai was nominated for the Shamus Award, which honors excellence in the private eye genre, for his short story “Nobody Wins.” Ardai was able to continue producing fiction while working full-time by writing during off-hours and occasionally scratching notes on pads between meetings. The “sense of velocity” that pervades pulp novels has complemented Ardai’s fast-paced lifestyle, allowing him to finish writing Little Girl Lost in just 90 days (albeit after writing the first chapter 10 years ago). “If you have stories you want to tell, you find a way to tell them,” Ardai said, “and you do what the old penny-a-word pulp writers did: You write fast.”

Peter Kang ’05
Milton Pollack '27

Alexander A. Fisher, physician, New York City, on July 17, 2004. A 1929 graduate of P&S, Fisher was clinical professor of dermatology for the last three decades at NYU–Postgraduate Medical School. He was associated with The Ronald O. Perelman Department of Dermatology and its Skin and Cancer Unit for 65 years. Fisher founded the subspecialty of contact dermatitis and edited the definitive eponymous textbook in the field as well as more than 300 scientific papers. He was an admired teacher, world-renowned lecturer and acknowledged leader in dermatology as well as a noted humorist. Fisher is survived by his children, Stephen A. and his wife, Susan; and Adria Price and her husband, Stephen; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded by his wife, Lillian.

Milton Pollack, federal judge, New York City, on August 13, 2004. A 1929 graduate of the Law School and a 1958 John Jay Award recipient, Pollack presided over some of the biggest financial-scandal cases of the 20th century. He grew up in Flatbush, Brooklyn, and was named to the federal bench in the Southern District of New York in 1967 by President Lyndon B. Johnson. Throughout his judicial career, Pollack was known as a strict and efficient arbiter who could not be fooled by lawyers’ tricks; either because he had seen them before or had used them in 23 years of private practice, according to The New York Times. Pollack was best known for taking complex financial scandals, boiling them down and compelling both sides to accept a settlement. During the late 1980s and early 1990s, he sorted through the Drexel Burnham Lambert bankruptcy, pulling together hundreds of claims against the company and its executives, including Michael R. Milken. In 1992, Pollack approved a settlement in the case for more than $1 billion. The Times said, "The amount was later reduced, but many experts had predicted when the case started that it would take decades to complete. Judge Pollack ended the case in a fraction of that time simply by telling lawyers on all sides to sit in a jury room until they came up with points of agreement. Several hours later, they emerged with an outline of the settlement on a single sheet of yellow legal paper, which Judge Pollack then framed and put on his office wall." Last year, Pollack issued a landmark ruling dismissing two class-action lawsuits against analysts at Merrill Lynch. His criticism, as usual, was scathing. He blamed the plaintiffs for corrupting federal securities laws "to underwrite, subsidize and encourage their rash speculation in joining a freewheeling casino that lured thousands obsessed with the fantasy of Olympian riches." Despite his tough reputation, Pollack and his family described him as a warm and gentle man who would often become teary-eyed during professional and family gatherings. His first wife, Lillian Klein, to whom he was married for 35 years, died in 1967, and his second wife, Moselle Baum Pollack, whom he married in 1971, died in February. Pollack is survived by his daughters, Stephanie Miller, Joan Kaplan, Judy Margolis and Phyllis Asch; son, Daniel; 15 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

Kermit G. Dwork, physician, Forest Hills, N.Y., on August 25, 2004. Born on March 22, 1912, in New York City, Dwork graduated from George Washington H.S. He graduated from P&S in 1936. Dwork interned at Hartford Municipal Hospital from 1937–39 and served in the Army from 1943–47, attaining the rank of major. Dwork served at Schick General Hospital, Clinton, Iowa; 167th General Hospital, France; and the Surgeon General’s Office, Washington, D.C. His specialty was internal medicine, with a particular interest in tropical medicine and parasitology, which he wrote about in several professional publications. In addition to memberships in professional societies, Dwork held an academic appointment as assistant professor of clinical medicine at SUNY Stony Brook. He is survived by his wife, Bonnie.

Valentine C. Bremer, retired quality control manager, Lyndhurst, N.J., on July 16, 2004. Bremer was a Jersey City native and lifelong New Jersey resident. After receiving his M.S. in 1937, Bremer was employed for 10 years by the Sheffield Farms research laboratory and then spent the rest of his career as manager of quality control and director of technical services of the C.F. Mueller Co., from which he retired in 1981. Bremer was an emeritus member of the American Chemical Society, the Institute of Food Technologists, the American Society for Quality Control and the American Society of Cereal Chemists. He also served on numerous advisory committees for industry groups and North Dakota State University. He was a member of the vestry and treasurer of St. Thomas P.E. Church, Lyndhurst. An avid sportsman, he won numerous bowling trophies and during retirement enjoyed salmon fishing in Alaska each summer. He is survived by his sons, Charles V. ’63 and John W.; daughter Mary E.; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Edward G. Menaker, engineer, Waynesboro, Va., on February 24, 2003. Born in Newark, N.J., on April 10, 1919, Menaker graduated from Flushing H.S., where he was a member of the city champion swimming team. He fenced for Columbia under coach Jimmy Murray and remained a loyal “C” Club member throughout his life. In later years, he taught fencing in Virginia, providing clinics for the teams at James Madison and Virginia Commonwealth universities. Menaker graduated with a major in French literature and received an M.A. in French in 1939 from GSAS. Pursuing his doctorate, he was awarded a Guggenheim travel fellowship to Aix-en-Provence, which was deferred by the outbreak of war in Europe. Menaker was commissioned in the Army in 1942 and served as one of the first radar officers in China. After active duty in China, he joined the General Electric Co. in Schenectady.

Menaker became licensed as a professional engineer and spent the next four decades as an inventor and manager for G.E. in Virginia and in 1966–67 in France. Later, he was a G.E. liaison with the electronics industry in Japan, establishing relations with engineers from the nation against whose ships he had directed bombing raids 30 years earlier. Menaker was a leading member of the Virginia Democratic Party and although a war veteran, was active in opposing the Vietnam War. He served as a McCarthy delegate at the Democratic National Convention in 1968 and was a campaign manager for progressive candidates for public office in the 1970s and ’80s. He also served on the Virginia State Health Coordinating Council, was president of the Northern Virginia ARC Council, and held many other regional and local public service positions. Menaker had lifelong friendships with a number of classmates and vivid recollections of College courses, particularly Mark Van Doren’s Shakespeare survey. He often spoke of his Columbia experience as teaching the value of thinking before acting and keeping an open mind. He was a John Jay Associate and a longtime Virginia ARC member. Menaker is survived by his wife of 61 years, Elizabeth (Dresbold); sons, Lawrence and Richard ’69; and four grandchildren.

John Guise Lyons, attorney, San Francisco, on June 22, 2004. A New York City native, Lyons and his family went to France when he was a young boy and lived there for 10 years. After receiving a Baccalauréat at the Université de la Sorbonne, Lyons returned to New York and graduated from the College with a B.A. and from the Law School in 1942 with an LL.B. During WWII, he served as a lieutenant with the Navy as an intelligence officer, first as assistant naval attaché in Haiti, where he was given the Office de L’Ordre de Merite decoration from Haiti’s government, then at the British Admiralty in London during the planning of the Normandy invasions, in which he landed at Utah Beach on D-Day, and finally posted at the U.S. Naval Technical Mission in Paris. Lyons left active service as a lieutenant commander. Following the war, he served for several years...
in the Naval Reserve. A distinguished attorney in of public utility law, Lyons devoted himself primarily to estate planning and business law. He also was a longtime participant in community service organizations. Lyons' memberships included the S.F. Alliance Française, S.F. Rotary Club, Mechanics Institute Library, Columbia College and Columbia Law School Alumni Associations (he was a lifetime member of the Alumni Club of Northern California) and the Cercle de De Union (French Club). In addition to his wife of 47 years, Barbara Moller Lyons, Lyons is survived by two sons from a prior marriage, Robert Swayne Lyons and Richard Guise Lyons; two nieces; three grandnieces and one grandnephew. His brother, Franklin Brown Lyons, preceded him.

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Nian Tzu "N.T." Wang, retired United Nations official, Larchmont, N.Y., on August 26, 2004. Wang was born in Shanghai on July 25, 1917. Trained to be a Confucian scholar, he received a classical education at home, where he was tutored in Chinese poetry, painting, the classics and other skills. Math, science and languages were introduced later by his father, Pai Yuan (P.Y.) Wang, a banker, when he decided to school his four sons in the Western ways as teenagers. In 1937, Wang went to study at the London School of Economics and in Germany. He transferred to the College, where he graduated Phi Beta Kappa with honors in economics, and went on to receive an M.A. and Ph.D. in economics from Harvard. After retiring from a 28-year career as a United Nations adviser, academician and immigration officer, he received a John Jay Award for distinguished professional achievement. He graduated from the Law School in 1948 and was a retired partner of Simpson, Thacher & Bartlett. Sacks served as chief administrative officer of Lehman Brothers and was president and vice chairman of Joseph E. Seagram & Sons. He also was president of UJA-Federation of N.Y., chairman of the board and president of the Jewish Outreach Institute, president of Westchester Jewish Community Services, the Board of Overseers of Hebrew Union College and on the boards of the 92nd Street Y, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, the HealthCare Chaplaincy and the Jewish Communal Fund. Sacks is survived by his wife, Marcella Rosen; children, Jonathan, Deborah Chapin, Judith Bliss and Joshua; and 10 grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to the Sacks-Louie Charitable Trust, c/o Jonathan Sacks, 101 Central Park West, NY, NY 10023.

1944

David Sacks, retired attorney, New York City, on September 1, 2004. Sacks was a leader of the College's Board of Visitors and in 1993 received a John Jay Award for distinguished professional achievement. He graduated from the Law School in 1948 and was a retired partner of Simpson, Thacher & Bartlett. Sacks served as chief administrative officer of Lehman Brothers and was president and vice chairman of Joseph E. Seagram & Sons. He also was president of UJA-Federation of N.Y., chairman of the board and president of the Jewish Outreach Institute, president of Westchester Jewish Community Services, the Board of Overseers of Hebrew Union College and on the boards of the 92nd Street Y, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, the HealthCare Chaplaincy and the Jewish Communal Fund. Sacks is survived by his wife, Marcella Rosen; children, Jonathan, Deborah Chapin, Judith Bliss and Joshua; and 10 grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to the Sacks-Louie Charitable Trust, c/o Jonathan Sacks, 101 Central Park West, NY, NY 10023.

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Alan G. Baker, retired advertising executive, New Canaan, Conn., on July 12, 2004. A resident of New Canaan for 36 years, where he served as a justice of the peace until his death, Baker was bom in New York City on November 30, 1924, and grew up in Brookhaven, Long Island. He graduated from The Hill School and then earned his B.A. and was captain of the Columbia varsity wrestling team. In 1954, Baker entered a master's in English and comparative literature from CSAS. In 1952, he married Diana Harbage and began a career as an advertising executive specializing in insurance and financial services, first with Mutual of New York, then with Eastern Life Insurance, where he was director of advertising and sales promotion. In 1964, Baker founded Alan Baker Assoc. After a stint as manager of advertising and sales promotion at Home Insurance Co., he started Financial Marketing Services; he was its president until his retirement in 1995. An avid sailor, Baker was a longtime member of the Norwalk Yacht Club and enjoyed skiing, bridge, photography and reciting poetry. He is survived by his wife; sons, Edward H. 77 and Alfred H.; daughters, Jane Pasquini

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Less countries he helped through his work at the U.N. Economic and Social Council. In addition to his professional achievements, his passions included dancing with his wife of 62 years, Mabel, and playing tennis. Wang composed classical Chinese poems, which his family will compile as the 10th chapter in his life, The Poet. He is survived by his wife, children, June, Kay (Leighton Chen), Cynthia (Daniel Sedliss), Geraldine and Newton; and three grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to Community Funds, Inc. for the N.T. and Mabel Wang Charitable Fund (which will continue the mission of the China-International Business Project that Wang established at Columbia), c/o Community Funds, Inc., 2 Park Ave., New York, NY 10016.

1943

(William) Stanley Wyatt, artist, New City, N.Y., on September 23, 2004. Wyatt was born in Denver on September 20, 1921. He earned a B.A. in 1947 from GSAS and later taught art at Waynesburg College, Columbia and Rockland Community College, among others. Wyatt's work was influenced by Cubism, and in 1976 he created a triptych called "Homage to the Hudson River." The work was done for the United States' bicentennial and was his personal interpretation of history and contemporary life along the river as seen from Nyack and Piermont. "His work was iconoclastic, he didn't pay attention to trends," said Neil Harris, a member of the Rockland Center for the Arts' board of trustees. "He went his own way and followed his own vision, an independent man whose style was Impressionistic." Wyatt was remembered in September at the Great Teacher Awards Dinner, during which he was acknowledged for having designed the awards given to the winners. Wyatt's wife of 60 years, Alice, died in March. Among his sur-

OTHER DEATHS REPORTED

Columbia College Today also has learned of the deaths of the following alumni (full obituaries will be published if further information becomes available):

1933 Richard S. Clarke, Seattle, on December 29, 2003.


1936 Dana I. Crandall, Cincinnati, on August 9, 2004.

1938 Paul Checkovitch Jr., retired engineer, Baldwin, N.Y., on September 18, 2004. Checkovitch received degrees from the Engineering School in 1939 and 1940.


Joseph Brouillard '51, Former CCAA President, Communications Agency Founder

Joseph Brouillard ’51, founder of a corporate communications agency bearing his name and president of the Columbia College Alumni Association from 1986–88, died on September 24 at his home in Montpelier, Vt. He was 79.

Brouillard was born in Holyoke, Mass., and was educated there and in Chicopee. He left high school in October 1942 (his senior year) to enlist in the U.S. Coast Guard and served mainly aboard Coast Guard cutters doing convoy escort duty in the North and South Atlantic during WWII. Among the places where Brouillard worked was Lippincott & Margulies, a design firm, where he became a director and v.p. for marketing. Brouillard joined J. Walter Thompson in 1965 as director of communications planning and soon became executive v.p. and a board member. In 1966, he formed a unit at J. Walter Thompson to offer corporate clients not only advertising and design but also research, direct marketing and public relations. In 1980, the name of the division was changed to Brouillard Communications.

In December 1984, at 60, Brouillard retired as CEO of Brouillard Communications and executive v.p. and member of the Board of Directors of J. Walter Thompson. He and his wife, Elizabeth Sapione; brother, John Milnes Baker; and four grandchildren. His eldest son, William E., and Elizabeth Sapione; brother, Kevin H. Prendergast, professor emeritus, Englewood, N.J., on September 7, 2004. Prendergast earned a Ph.D. in astronomy in 1954 and had taught at Columbia since 1966. He was a member of the astronomy and astrophysics department, served on several College committees and produced a number of publications. His instructor homepage on Columbia’s website noted, “My research interests include numerical modeling of interacting systems of stars and gas, with applications to galactic structure and evolution. I also have been working on mathematical methods

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for use in stellar dynamics and for problems arising from the existence of large-scale structures in the universe. One technique involves the study of singularities of the solutions of nonlinear partial differential equations. Recently, I have been working on the construction of numerical schemes for hydrodynamics, based on the BGK model of the Boltzmann equation.” Prendergast is survived by his wife, Jane; and daughters, Laura ’88 and Catherine ’90.

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Alan N. Cohen, sports and entertainment executive, Purchase, N.Y., and Boca Raton, Fla., on August 10, 2004. Cohen was born in 1931 and graduated from the Law School in 1954. After serving in the Army, he joined Paul Weiss, Rifkin, Wharton and Garrison in 1957 and became a partner in 1964. In 1970, Cohen joined the entertainment company then known as Warner Communications (now Time Warner) as executive v.p. and oversaw the company’s recorded music subsidiaries, including Atlantic Records, Elektra and Warner Brothers records. During this time, he and several partners, including Warner Chair Steve Ross, purchased the New York franchise of a newly-formed professional soccer league. The team was known as the New York Cosmos, and, according to The New York Times, “it was to be the start of Mr. Cohen’s long and influential involvement in major sports ownership.” In 1974, Cohen became chairman and CEO of Madison Square Garden Corp., then a public corporation that owned the Knicks and the Rangers. In an interview with the Times, Cohen was asked if it were more important to win a championship or to earn profits for his shareholders. He replied that as a public company, his first priority was to his shareholders: “That’s the bottom line.” As a result, he was known for a time in the sports pages as “Bottom Line Cohen.” In 1978, Cohen and a group of investors purchased the New Jersey Nets NBA basketball franchise; he moved the team to its current facility in the Meadowlands. In 1983, Cohen sold his interest in the Nets and with his partners, Don Gaston and Paul Dupree, purchased the Boston Celtics. Under their ownership, the Celtics enjoyed a decade of great success. Led by Larry Bird, Kevin McHale and Robert Parish, the Celtics reached the NBA Finals, winning the league championship in 1984 and 1986. Cohen was chairman of the NBA Board of Governors from 1985–87, and along with Commissioner David Stern (who chairs the University’s Board of Trustees), Cohen was instrumental in the NBA’s moving to adopt a salary cap structure for its teams, pioneering its use. At the time of his death, Cohen was chairman of AMC Sports Enterprises, a leading provider of rotational and LED signage at sports facilities, and was co-chairman of Sportsco International, which owns the SkyDome in Toronto. Cohen was involved in charitable endeavors including service as a trustee or director of Independence House, a facility designed to rehabilitate youthful offenders; Alvin Alley Dance Theatre; International Center for Photography; Haifa University; American Friends of Hebrew University; Educational Alliance; and the Graduate School of Management of The College and the Law School, for which he served on the Boards of Visitors. Most recently, he was chairman of the Law School Annual Fund and a director of the American Friends of Tel Aviv University. Cohen received a John Jay Award in 1988 and was elected to the Jewish Sports Hall of Fame. He is survived by his wife, Carol; and their daughter, Rebecca. He also is survived by his children from his earlier marriage to Joan Fields Cohen (deceased), Laurie Cohen Fenster and Gordon; and a sister, Beryl Zankel.

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Philip Clark Wilson, business executive, East Amherst, N.Y., on July 5, 2004. A Buffalo native, Wilson was born on July 16, 1931. He received an M.B.A. from the Business School in 1955. Wilson served two years in the Army and worked for Moore Business Forms on Grand Island from 1976-93 and then with Elegance Confections until his death. A letter to CCT from Wilson’s friend, Carl Witkovich ‘53, noted, “Phil was an expert oarsman and rowed on the varsity heavyweight crew. While in graduate school, he designed, created and installed the first student owned-and-operated laundry facility on campus. I don’t know how they do it nowadays, but 50 years ago, many dorm residents mailed home their dirty socks and underwear for mom to launder.” Wilson’s survivors include his wife of 50 years, the former Mary G. Stager; daughters, Gretchen, and Catherine M. Gardner; sons, Mark P., Matthew C. and Peter D.; brothers, Gordon J. and Bruce R.; seven grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

**Philip G. Stein, measurement scientist, educator and mentor, Pennington, N.J., on June 24, 2004. Stein was born August 2, 1941, in Washington D.C. His family moved to Brooklyn, and he attended Erasmus Hall H.S. At the College, Stein majored in physics was chief engineer at WKCR, later working for WLIB and WABC. He earned a master’s in measurement science from The George Washington University. For 40 years, Stein solved diverse state-of-the-art systems problems in which measurement was the central issue. His focus was on using information technology for implementing new quality measurement and statistical process control techniques in manufacturing and service industries. Stein worked for the National Bureau of Standards for 15 years before joining RCA at the David Sarnoff Research Laboratories in Princeton. At Sarnoff, Stein applied metrology to the development of the first video disk players. Later, he headed his own consulting firm, created and installed the first laboratory assessor and the author of four books and numerous articles for trade and computer magazines. He was certified as a calibration technician, quality manager, quality auditor, quality engineer, software quality engineer, reliability engineer, quality technician and mechanical inspector. Stein was a longtime member of the Board of Advisors of Legacy International, a nonprofit educational and training organization helping individuals and groups worldwide to build cooperative and productive lives and to develop and refine skills for dealing effectively with their societies’ needs. Stein’s personal interests included gourmet food, Bordeaux and Sauterne wines, fine chocolate, music, fencing and surfing. He loved jokes and always was glad to share his good humor; he loved puns. Stein is survived by his wife, Carole, children, Daniel Katz-Stein, Jonah Stein, Jac, Jeff and Paul Hagerhorst and Jeannine Twehella; five grandchildren; and sister, Eleanor Stein. Memorial contributions may be made to The Philip Stein Metrology Education Fund, c/o Waxman & Assoc., PO Box 89, Princeton Junction, NJ 08550 or Legacy International, 1020 Legacy Drive, Bedford, VA 24523.**

**John P. “Jack” Rohan ’53, CU’s Winningest Men’s Basketball Coach**

In 1976 but remained active in basketball as a sought-after basketball camp lecturer and clinician, broadcaster and writer. His in-depth analyses of NCAA Final Fours appeared annually in *The New York Times*. In 1990, Rohan agreed to again coach the Lions. He coached for five years, leading the team to a 43-87 record, including a 16-10 mark and a second-place finish in the Ivy League in 1992-93. When he left the head coach’s position after the 1995 season, his overall record was 198-247. His games coached — 445 — and victories are Columbia career records. In 1993, Rohan received a Great Teacher Award from the Society of Columbia Graduates, the first member of the physical education department to be so honored. The citation read, in part: “A model of wit and erudition, a noted raconteur, you are renowned as much for your scintillating lectures as for courtside strategems. You know the secrets of bringing out each man’s aptitude and confidence.” Spectator reported in Rohan’s obituary, “Rohan’s impact stretched beyond the confines of the basketball court. He was also well known for his friendly interactions with the students.”

Despite his success, Rohan’s ego was always restrained. As he said in 1964: “The worst thing you can do is think you’re important. Outside of Casey Stengel, how many individuals are important in this world?” Rohan is survived by his wife, Barbara; children, Christopher and Jennifer; and three grandchildren.

**Lisa Palladino**
Here's another look at the old 116th Street subway kiosk in the middle of Broadway. A night view of the kiosk appeared on the back cover of the September CCT.

Milton Katims '30 was a prominent figure in the music world for most of his adult life. He conducted the NBC Symphony for 14 years and later conducted the Seattle Symphony Orchestra for 22 years. He lives at Fairway Estates, 8001 Saint Point Way, Seattle, WA 98115. He and his wife, Virginia, who had a long career as a solo cellist, just published a book about their careers, The Pleasure Was Ours: Personal Experiences with the Greats, Neats and Ingrates.

Nathaniel Weyl '31, a well-known professional writer for many decades, notes: 'Since I am a writer, I have not retired. I published a short book, Encounters With Communism, in 2003. My wife, Marjorie, passed away this year. I have two sons, two granddaughters and three great-grandchildren.'

Nathaniel Arbiter '32 has been a distinguished professor of mineral engineering at universities in the United States, Mexico, Peru, Bolivia, Chile and Japan. He holds 12 U.S. patents on flotation cells, ore grinding and hydrometallurgy devices.

Paul Bubendey '33 didn't retire until he was 85. He lives in a retirement community at Oak Harbor in Vero Beach, Fla., and plays a lot of duplicate bridge.

The 70th reunion of the Class of 1934 was held on June 5 and was attended by Ralph Friedlander, Lewis Goldenheim, Herbert Jacoby and Howard Meyer. They were joined by a sizable turnout of the Class of 1939, celebrating their 65th.

Arnold Beichman '34 was editor of Spectator. His latest book is about his contemporary, Herman Wouk '34, editor of Jester. Arnold is a fellow at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University. He's been there since 1982. Arnold reports that Herman, at 89, has begun his 13th novel.

Hunter Meighan '35's daughter, Lynn Meighan Laing, reports on a recent visit with her parents in Mamaroneck, N.Y. "Dad still practices real estate law in Mamaroneck and goes to the office almost every day. They live in the same house they bought in the early '50s. They have three children and seven grandchildren, and they still love each other after 53 years of marriage. My dad's law office, Meighan & Necarsulmer, was his father's firm. It is around the corner from the house in which he was born, and my parents live around the corner from the house in which his father was born. After serving New York State as a police judge, assemblyman, legislator and state senator, he chose to live in his hometown. He is extremely proud of his Columbia education and regularly entertains us with stories that the family will remember forever."

Herbert Olnick '36 "graduated from P&S in 1939. In 1941, I came to my wife's roots in Georgia and have been here since. I have done country practice, radiology and hospital administration. After retirement, I lived in the Bahamas and Florida for seven years. My first wife died in 2002, and I remarried."

Solomon Fisher '36 writes: 'I was a labor lawyer — originally for the U.S. Department of Labor and then for a succession of department store companies from 1956-88, when I retired. In recent years, I've written several plays (read in theater clubs but not produced.) Recently, I've written a short story from my son's nurse who told me she saw me on TV while I was on the Today Show.'

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miles a day and hike in the local mountains every weekend. My father is an English professor at UC Berkeley and my daughter, who holds an M.A. in art history from UC Berkeley, is in Kazakhstan; she's a nurse in the U.S. Embassy.

Murray Bloom '37: "An old book of mine, The Man Who SAVED Portugal, is getting another German edition. The original edition came out some 30 years ago. The book has been optioned for filming three times but never was made." Paul F. Angiolillo '58 got his Ph.D. in 1946 and has been teaching since, first at the University of Louisville and then at Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pa. He retired in 1981 as professor emeritus of language and literature at Dickinson. He has three children. He and his wife, the late C. NWellington Angiolillo, lived in the Scandinavian Living Center, West Newton, Mass.

Philip K. Hondy '39 M.D. writes: "Age has begun to catch up with us. During the past year, Sally and I spent time in the hospital with heart problems. We have arranged to move to a retirement community. During our annual trip to London in May and June, we sold our flat, which overlooks the Thames, and got an obscene price. The next step is to sell our house in Woodbridge, Conn."

Victor Wouk '39 Ph.D. writes: "The California Institute of Technology formally presented the Victor Wouk Papers to the Caltech Archives. Most of it deals with hybrid cars during the WW2 era."

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A short time ago, I received a letter from a CC'00 Navy lieutenant in Iraq who had read Victor Streit's moving story in our July Class Notes of Jack Joseph's last days in Guadalcanal. It turns out that the young man's grandfather, a captain, landed there with the same First Marine Division as Victor and Jack's, and while on the island received a bullet wound to his stomach.

The young man wrote, "Sixty or more years later, I found myself in a Navy Reconnaissance aircraft, flying cover over southeastern Iraq for the same division and, in fact, the 7th Marine Regiment (Victor's outfit). Working with the Marines was one of the most personally and professionally rewarding experiences of my life, however misguided (some would say) the overall mission may have been."

I forwarded a letter to be forwarded to Victor, and closed with, "Best of luck with your efforts to spread the word about the nonsense of warfare (my gas mask is in the trunk of my car) and to honor those who served in the Second World War."

Just a few days before, coincidentally, I had watched, again, the memorable tape of Professor Jim Shenton '49 introducing the theme of our 60th reunion in June 2000. The theme, posed as a question [from our class' history, casualties in WWII and the global realities of post-Soviet killing, those pre-millennial years]: "Can we - all of us, collectively - build a sustainable global society, or are we doomed to repeat, or worse, the 20th century - the three greatest in human history - in the new century and millennium?"

Shenton, generalizing to a level appropriate to our question, and simultaneously vividly reaching back to his WWII experience with a mix of field hospital, from Utah Beach to Buchenwald, closed his introduction with the most central question of all: "Have we learned, have we learned?"

As you read this in post-election November, the next administration and the country will be facing two momentous and intertwined questions: "What's next in the war on terrorism?" and "What's next as we move ahead with our part in shaping a sustainable global society (or not)?"

With our 65th reunion in June 2005 a mere seven months away, our Reunion Planning Committee is meeting with our Class Legacy Committee to get the ball rolling. Consider this your invitation to pitch in. We urgently need, welcome, and will very much appreciate your help to make our reunion memorable and joyful - not all serious! - with your wife or significant other very much included.

Limitations on your mobility, distance and prior involvement are no barrier, with e-mail and phone capabilities (not forgetting "snail mail""). In addition to my address and e-mail, at the top of this column, you can contact me at (212) 876-7674.

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A spate of calls and letters in response to my appeal for news has yielded enough to write about in several issues of CCT. A few classmates took me seriously and gave me detailed accounts of their doings before and since retirement. Even my regular correspondents felt the urge to bring me up to date. Thank you all! Here's a very brief overview:

Most give time to their children and grandchildren, do volunteer work, travel, catch up on their reading and play golf, which pretty much describes my activities (except for golf). For instance, after 34 years as an engineer, Werner Rahmow retired to Maine, where he is a literacy volunteer and does church work. Part of the year, he lives in Florida and golfs.

A few classmates, including Phyllis Hobel, Len Garth and Sy Ethan, still work. I have written about the first two in the past. Sy lives and works in New York City. He is one who has changed course. After journalism (at the New York Sun and the Times), he switched to advertising; later, he undertook training for a psychoanalysis career. He still practices and also enjoys the city's range of cultural activities.

Des Fairbairn was a flyer. After years in the military, he became an airline pilot and flew to all corners of the world until he reached mandatory retirement at 60. In his spare time, he earned a master's degree in English literature and taught high school English. He also served on his local airport authority.

Also long retired (20 years), Ken Von der Porten has developed his artistic skills. He paints, preferably seascapes, landscapes and still lifes, in oils, watercolors and acrylics, and has had several successful shows.

Lou Turner and I were on similar tracks in medicine in different suburbs for years. I moved to academia while he remained in practice on Long Island. He now is based in Florida, where he is catching up with his family, reading and trying to improve his golf game.

I get frequent reports from Leo Reuther (recent hole in one!), Bob Wolf (unable to get to Homecoming), Art Wellington (golf, hockey, baseball) and Don Mankiewicz (dirt horses as well as duty as an arbitrator for the Screen Writers Guild).

According to The New York Times, Robert Burton died on August 15 in Paris. He served for many years at the United Nations and United States Information Service, having started as the youngest American diplomat sent to Eastern Europe after WWII. He is another friend from the class who will be missed.

Finally, before some of you fly south, give me a call to reserve a place at one of our informal lunches.

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Six of your classmates were solicited for comments on Walter Wager for this edition of Columbia College Today. The September issue featured his obituary but it was felt that more personal remarks from those who knew
him well would be fitting. The contributions of five follow.

Chuck O’Malley was very close to Walter, and his wife, but felt that his memories were too personal to share. You will note that others were less reticent but surmised that a bit of humor was in order.

Ira Gabrielson, Ted Hoffman, and Jay Topkis pick up on that theme. Henry “Rolli” Hecht strikes a different note, one of which this correspondent is keenly aware. Walter certainly was the keeper of the class memory. It can only be hoped that, with your cooperation, the memory will last as long as we do.

In the next issue of CCT, every effort will be made to reach out to find out what others are doing. Don’t feel shy about using e-mail or regular mail, as shown at the top of the column, to reach me.

Jay J. Pack of Newton, N.J., has been corresponding with me about our common interest in the Bible, especially the Hebrew Scriptures. The interest was the result of my reading Bill about “The New Ten Commandments.” I have formulated. (I’ll present two at the end of this and future columns.) Bill recommended a book he likes: Walking the Bible. A Journey by Land Through the Five Books of Moses, by Bruce Feiler.

Myles K. Ren of New York City has two primary administrative jobs: v.p., New York Institute of Technology, Old Westbury and Manhattan; and for eight years, executive director, International Humanitarian Assistance Programs, in 30 countries in Southeast Asia and Africa for 15 years. Myles is the senior representative for Economists Allied for Arms Reduction at the United Nations and serves on the NGO committees on disarmament, human rights, education, social development and sustainable development. Add these responsibilities and achievements to those previously mentioned and you have a classmate with a remarkable resume. And thanks to Myles for volunteering to be a member of the Class of ’45 60th anniversary planning committee.

Mentioning the 60th anniversary, I would like to ask for any suggestions for our instruction and discussion time. What thoughts do you have? I have two. One is to consider the origins of our modern moral and legal framework. The second takes us back to the historical development of documents such as the Code of Hammurabi, the Ten Commandments, the Magna Carta, our constitution and other relevant documents. Another topic might be testing the validity of graphology (handwriting analysis) as an academic discipline and a tool for determining personality. Graphology has little credence in America; more so in Europe — I read that four out of five major French companies will not hire a person without seeing the person’s handwriting.

A 1980 letter from The Library of Congress states that graphology has been removed from the Dewe Decimal Classification to the category of “individually classified.” Individual classification is important because the noted psychologists Gordon Allport and P. Vernon wrote in their book, Studies in Expressive Writing: “It is not uncommon for American psychologists to classify graphology with astrology, and to condemn both with one breath.” I think it would be interesting to have the validity of graphology tested on an academic level at our 60th reunion. Besides, what could you learn about your own personality? As a certified graphologist with three years of collegiate study, I could help.

Back to classmates. Jay, Jay. Pack of New York City informs us that travel is his recreational activity and he remembers Jacques Barzun ’27 as a faculty member of note. Jay said that a close friend at the College was ZBT brother Harold Obstler ’48 and that a meeting with Allen Ginsberg ’48 was an outstanding experience. William M. Clifford, urologist, of Maine and Florida, gives us the good news that he is “still here — alive and well and traveling around.” At our age, these words are significant.

Thomas T. Seamon recently moved to a retirement community in Pompton Plains, N.J., after a life in work of marketing research. Tom writes a research column for Marketing News and sent me three recent copies. One article was about what Tom calls “tactile attribution error.” That is labeling a person according to our perception of who the person is while overlooking other variables. Tom’s hobbies are gardening and the stock market with the former being more predictable. (Or maybe not so for Tom.) lan "Columbia College Today"
accent." His interesting experience at the College was assisting in the production of a "very bad" French play by the Circle Lafayette and Barnard College students. Tom's best friend at school was Richard Popkin '43, and I'll bet his best friend now is his wife of 50 years, Corinne.

Have you heard that the SAI's are including grammar questions and a short essay? Thank goodness. Maybe now the local schools will start teaching more grammar and writing and save the colleges from what are, I think, losing and in these areas. By the way, classmates, which pronoun is correct in the following sentence and why? "This secret is between you and me / you and I." (Answer at the end of the column.)


Our honorees chosen at random for this issue are Neil DDS, Edith V. of Staunton, Va.; Guido C. Dattaro of Eastchester, N.Y.; Nicholas E. Kakis of Santa Barbara, Calif.; and Burton L. Wise of Mill Valley, Calif. May we hear from or about these classmates?

The first and second of "The New Ten Commandments" are I. Honor the source of creation and II. Perform by high standards. The answer to the grammar question is the pronoun "me," because it is the object of the preposition "between." A proposition, like an action verb, always takes the objective case. If you want to know how little is known about grammar, ask a high school or college student this question (try your grandchildren) and be amazed if you don't receive a correct answer. Incidentally, how did you do?

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I had a wonderful letter from Jake Israel: "I am one of the V-12 boys. I roomed with A. Joseph Fox, and Bob Chase '45E was my next door neighbor. I think the room was 712 Livingston." "After my time at Columbia, I went to NYU College of Medicine, with a break as a corpsman, learning how to wash beds and papering windows and finally gave out meds at USNH Brooklyn. After I graduated from med school, I had a tour at USNH San Diego with a trip to Fort Sam Houston to take the three-month Army medic course in three days. The Army needed doctors, and the Navy had them. I spent three months at Fort Bliss, then back to the Navy. There, I was assigned to USNH San Diego and then took a course at Penn for six months on anesthesiology training. Then I was transferred to USNH St. Albans. Our group was then mustered out. "I spent 20 years in an academic position at Upstate Medical Center, Syracuse, took a sabbatical at Columbia-Presbyterian and then migrated back to the latter after spending a further year at Syracuse. After five years at Columbia-Presbyterian, I took a position as head of anesthesiology at North Central Bronx Hospital. I worked with residents at Albert Einstein College of Medicine, where I had many academic positions, did respiratory therapy care and ran the department of my hospital. "After being out of the Navy Reserve for 35 years, I rejoined in 1994. I worked for the Chihhian (That's Chinese) during Desert Storm. It was interesting — I had my 65th birthday on active duty, and retired from it in 1993 and have retired from my clinical practice at NCBH. I stayed retired for two months and then started a position as a physician doing pre-surgical testing for preoperative patients.

I have a wife of 22 years, three children and two stepchildren, as well as 13 grandchildren. Two of my children graduated from Columbia and Barnard, and one from Syracuse and NYU. My wife recently graduated as a cantor from Pittsburgh. I have a wife of 22 years, three children and two stepchildren, as well as 13 grandchildren. Two of my children graduated from Columbia and Barnard, and one from Syracuse and NYU. My wife recently graduated as a cantor from Pittsburgh. I have a wife of 22 years, three children and two stepchildren, as well as 13 grandchildren.

The work has received full-length reviews in 85 journals and the like. Speaking of the printed word, Marcel Gutwirth advises that the Tuedingen (Germany) publishing house Gunter Narr Verlag is bringing out, in its Biblio 17 Series, his seventh book, "Madame de Sevigne, classique a son isle (his handwriting; if mistranscribed, corrections from French majors will not be heeded).

Last but not least, Bill Sohn (Dr. William, that is) is recovering from a serious bout of Gillian Barre Syndrome and, while so doing, practices part-time.

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Charlie Cole is running again.
Charlie was the No. 2 man on the 1948 crack two-mile relay team, which won the Metropolitan and Ivy League championships and set a Columbia record of 7:50. Known in his college days as "Dewey," Charlie is the classmate described in our yearbook, The Columbia of 1948, as "a hot-and-gold runner, who depended on guts and sheer nerve to come through, rather than form."

Guts or form or whatever, Charlie ran religiously during his long career as a corporate lawyer, League title two years in a row, met for a joyous reunion at the Parsons' Hilton Hotel. "Present were Walt — All-Ivy League, All-Metropolitan and All-American teams, plus four seasons in the NCAA with the defunct Baltimore Bullets and the Philadelphia (now Golden State) Warriors. Dr. Herbert Poch '49, pediatrician and former assistant professor of pediatrics at P&S; David Burstein, attorney and former majority leader of the New York Senate; and another former executive, Bob Chase, attended. The event took place on June 2004, several members of the 1947-48 Columbia varsity basketball team, which won the Ivy
Impressionist painters visited their haunts and took “thousands of photographs,” including many of the scenes the artists had painted. For many years, he boarded with a family in the village of Pontoise. The French family’s sale of its home was part of the impetus for Bernie’s shift of focus to Italy, which he hopes to visit with his wife next year.

A follow-up phone call revealed that Murray left Columbia in 1947 after his junior year to attend Harvard Medical School under the professional option. He served an internship and residency at County Hospital in his native Nutley, N.J., for 40 years. Murray reports that Walt, as popular in Baltimore as he was at Columbia, had a successful career with New York Life Insurance Co. after his basketball playing days were over and lives in Timonium, Md., a Baltimore suburb. Last year was a tough year for Walt. He lost a son and his wife, Kit, within a few weeks of each other. When I reached the coach the thought he can use the diverse accomplishments of players from the ’40s as a recruiting tool to encourage present-day scholar-athletes to enroll on Morningside.

Bernie Polak has been intensely studying Italian and Hungarian (not really the verbs”) since retiring four years ago from the real estate financing branch of the New York Attorney General’s office. Bernie’s goal is to live in the Bronx next to Italian families and studied in Italy with the Signal Corps at the end of WWII. He wants to be fluent in the language the next time he visits Italy. Meanwhile, he and his Italian course classmates from Nassau Community College meet for lunch once a week at an Italian restaurant.

Herb is children’s rights. At State Department request, he was taking with him to the Szlonok conference cartoons for children produced by Street Kids International of Toronto aimed at combating glue sniffing and AIDS. He was the only American (and only non-European) invited to take part in the conference.
even those who are not committee members, to submit ideas for Reunion Weekend activities.
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Our class at one time funded the McVeigh-Buchmann Scholarship at Columbia College, so named to memorialize Tom McVeigh and Bob Buchmann, who were killed in action in Korea. The scholarship eventually became unsustainable and so has not existed for many years. Al Schmitt recently took the initiative in spearheading an effort to reinstate the scholarship and has begun discussions with Columbia, but it is too early to spell out details. In the meantime, Al would like to hear from anyone who has information about Bob and Tom — anything you can recall, be it personal or about their families or about their service in the Marine Corps. Please contact Al Schmitt, 61 Hill St., Belleville, NJ 07109, (973) 751-1079 or schmitt61@comcast.net.

Many of us are retired, but Al reminds us that many employers offer matching funds for gifts made by retirees. If you don’t know whether your employer has such a policy, it would be worthwhile to inquire. A matching gift would substantially increase any gift that you make to Columbia. Jimmy Garofalo has joined the rest of us grandfathers. Jimmy’s first grandchild is Jessica, born in Denver. The father is Jimmy’s son, also named Jimmy.

A few of our globetrotters reported their recent itineraries. Dick Hukari and his wife, Sue, visited Ecuador, and not just the capital city, Quito. They went into the jungle, where they met descendants of ancient peoples. There were lots of inoculations, pills and other precautions involved, Dick said, but they loved the experience.

Bernie Prudhomme and his wife, Jackie, toured Vermont and Quebec. While in Quebec, they visited Jean Turgeon ’48, who has a country home there. Being north of the border was in one way a challenge, Bernie said, inasmuch as his French conversational skills were a bit rusty. Bernie is planning further travels, including a European cruise and visits to six Baltic capitals.

Dudley Rochester and his wife, Lois, made a journey from Virginia to Cape Breton Island, taking in Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Vermont and Maine. Back home in Virginia, Dudley and Lois are active in the Charlottesville-Albermarle community, mainly in environmental issues. Dudley, a specialist in pulmonary medicine, is active with the American Lung Association of Virginia; Lois serves on the Natural Resources Committee of the League of Women Voters.

Geri, visited New York City for the 50th reunion of his medical school class, where Glenn received honors for his career in teaching. The SUNY Downstate Medical Center alumni association awarded him the William Duk M.D. Master Teacher Award in Medicine, which is granted “in recognition of outstanding teaching in the medical profession.” Glenn, now retired, has been on the full-time faculties of Cornell Medical College, the University of Maryland School of Medicine and the University of New Mexico College of Medicine. His research interests were in dialysis and hypertension; he has published about 50 articles in scientific journals and has contributed chapters in medical texts.

Sadly, we report the death of Kevin Prendergast of Englewood, N.J., on September 7, 2004. [Editor’s note: Please see Obituaries.]
Joseph Di Palma ’52 (right) pauses with panelist Robert Maheu while preparing for “The Di Palma Forum at UNLV.” Di Palma is the founder and chief executive of the forum, an academic and investigative group that recently examined the life of Howard Hughes. Maheu was Hughes’ long-term personal representative and has revealed in Di Palma’s new documentary, The Aviator, some of the circumstances of Hughes’ isolation and demise.

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Because your Class Notes Editor spent his summer in Vermont on Lake Champlain, he (I) decided to concentrate this column on alumni who are living in New England, with some necessary inclusions from around the rest of the country.

I had a nice telephone conversation with Warren R. Wilson, who lives in Monroe, Conn. His Navy days followed the NROTC program at the College. His first assignment was as a communications officer on a destroyer coming out of mothballs in Norfolk, Va. Like many of us, he wound up in Korea. The business he founded, Universal Computer Systems, now owned by his son, is immensely successful, leaving Warren time to become an oncologist. He confessed that one of the best wines he made was the result of a vintage mistake, but he is not giving away any fruit of the vine secrets.

Henry R. Simonds Jr. and I recently chatted about our Air Force careers. Henry was stationed in Oahu, Hawaii, when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. After his Columbia days, he moved to New Hampshire, where he still lives. In 1953, Henry joined the Air National Guard and was a navigator on four-engine C-97 transports, carrying men and supplies all around the world. He also spent some time navigating B-17s, one of his favorite airplanes, with a weather recon outfit. Classmates may remember Henry’s picture in our 50th Reunion Yearbook. He wore a straw hat while playing the piano. A couple of health problems have slowed him down, but until recently, he volunteered at hospitals, playing the piano for the patients.

Jack Raffel and his wife, Margaret, own a home in Randolph, Vt., although they live most of the year in Lexington, Mass. Jack was in the professional program at Columbia and received his B.A. and B.S. before completing an MIT master’s program in electrical engineering. He had a long career with Lincoln Labs at MIT before he retired in 1996. His College education gave him a love for literature, especially the writing of Scottish author James Boswell. Although still active with some start-up companies, Jack’s hobby is studying many of the old literary masters. The Raf-fels have two grown children and two grandchildren.

Jerome Chase and his wife, Anne, sold their big house in Wayland, Mass., and moved into a condo where Jerry doesn’t have to mow lawns or shovel snow! The address is 6 Fox Hollow, Wayland MA 01778 (508-358-4312). There are nine grandchildren in the family. It’s a good thing that Jerry had a successful Ford dealership in Framingham, especially if he has to give cars to all those kids. Jerry’s son runs the business so Dad can have more time for the important things in life, such as golf and travel.

Marty Katz is our reporter from Puerto Rico, where he helps on the Alumni Representative Committee (ARC). Each of the five young people he interviewed for the College was outstanding, and he was delighted when each of them was accepted. Alumni interviewing is an important phase of the College admissions procedure, and several members of our class participate. If you can volunteer some time, please contact ARC: (212) 854-2522, fax (212) 854-1209, arcinfo@columbia.edu. By the way, Marty and Olga spend time in the summer at their home in New Jersey. Friends can contact them at forero1469@aol.com.

Ralph Lowenstein ’51 and his wife, Bronia, visited Israel in March. They retraced the route in northern Galilee that Ralph’s armored unit traversed when it spearheaded the October 1948 action that secured the area as part of the new Israeli state. Ralph wrote, “As some of my friends will remember, while the rest of the class was starting the sophomore year, I was spending the semester abroad as an American volunteer in the fledgling Israeli army. I returned to Columbia for the spring semester in 1949 and made up the missed coursework during the next two summers.”

Worth noting is the fact that Ralph has received grants to complete his more than 20 years of extracurricular work as director of Alliyah Bet and Machal Archives at the University of Florida. The archives research the backgrounds and experiences of the 240 men who crewed the 12 American-owned ships attempting to bring Holocaust survivors through the British blockade to Palestine, and the 1,000 men and women — Jewish and Christian — who volunteered from the U.S. and Canada to serve in the Israeli armed forces during the War of Independence, 1948–49. Ralph served with the 101st Airborne Division during the Korean War and became the dean of journalism and communications at the University of Florida.

A sincere “thank you” to Ralph and Nis Petersen, who served as assistant Class Notes editors for the past couple of years. At this time, there is an opening for an assistant editor to write one column in 2005. A fresh slant on news always improves the column! Please contact me if you are interested in helping. Meanwhile, everyone who has news about himself or classmates should phone or send e-mail.

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As the fall semester was getting underway and the political climate was heating up, I began to hear of our class members’ recent activities.

Ernest Scuito lives in New York, retired after working for Shell for more than 35 years. He and his wife, Liz, have four children and three grandkids. Their children include a doctor daughter at Columbia’s medical center, a banker daughter at Credit Suisse First Boston, an actress daughter in L.A., and an ABC correspondent son in London, who was embedded during the war in Iraq.

Saul Turteltaub ‘54, fraternity brother and long-time Hollywood producer, (The Cosby Show, etc.) tells us of his constant connection with Columbia classmates out in La-La Land.

New York physician Martin Finkel continues to expand his wide array of talents and activities. He completed two New York City marathons, had his art exhibited at the student faculty Mount Sinai Art Show, gave a song recital and is studying Mozart’s Fantasy in D minor on the piano plus an exciting escapade as a dance host escort on a New York cruise ship. Marty is truly an inspired soul to us and a booster boy for dynamic activity.

Lou Lerner, an old friend and classmate from Erasmus Hall in Brooklyn, sadly reported the passing of his lovely wife, Sandy, after a
prolonged illness. Lou and Sandy had been married for 50 years. All who knew them mourn her loss.

Tom Houghton and his wife, Joy, celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary in May and have been joined by their 12th grandchild. Tom enjoys hospital volunteer work and travel and Joy does a great deal of church work. The couple recently completed a great trip to England, Scotland and Wales. Tom brought back many memories with his recollections of his childhood in Brooklyn in the ‘40s, where he lived near the historic Pete Reiser and Pee Wee Reese of the Brooklyn Dodgers.

The latest report from the Ingerman household is that ex-preeminent granddaughter Corinne (birth weight: 1 lb., 12 oz.) is a happy 9 lbs. Also, our eldest granddaughter, Randy, of Sacramento, recently celebrated her bat mitzvah, surrounded by the Ingerman clan.

We continue to look for and treasure news of your activities and events. Keep them coming.

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Sad to say, on September 11, The New York Times reported that Jack Rohan, Columbia’s most successful basketball coach, passed away at a nursing home in South Yarmouth, Mass. During the 1967-68 season, his team won the Ivy League championship and was ranked sixth in the nation. Jack was voted the national college coach of the year. In writing about him, the Times said, “Rohan’s ego was always restrained” and quoted him as saying in 1964, “If the worst thing that ever happens to me is to think you are important. Outside of Casey Stengel, how many individuals are important in this world?”

To get an anecdote about Jack as an undergraduate, I phoned his basketball teammate, Stan Maratos. Stan remembered that during their sophomore year, they had driven to the Shumpers beach, reading and having long conversations. They have four daughters and 11 grandchildren.

Stan Maratos: In talking to Stan, I discovered that as a major in the U.S. Air Force, he had a number of heroic adventures that resulted in his being rewarded two Distinguished Flying Crosses by the president. While he was in Vietnam, a group of Marines was surrounded at An Hoa and running out of ammunition. Stan volunteered to fly ammunition into a 2500 field to resupply the Marines. His success on this dangerous mission earned him his first DFC. Another time, a field that stored gasoline for Army helicopters was threatened with being unable to resupply the helicopters because they were running out of fuel. Troops on the ground would suffer if the helicopters couldn’t fly. Stan earned his second DFC by flying seven extremely dangerous round trips to carry 35,000 gallons of flammable fuel into the base. Serving 18 months in Vietnam, Stan flew 127 missions and retired as a colonel.

He and Amaryllis have been married more than 50 years. They have four children, including twins. Stan heard that our 50th reunion was great; he unfortunately couldn’t be with us because he was having a hip replacement. Looking forward to seeing you at the 55th, Stan!

Leonard M. Trosten: Unfortunately, CTT sent news that Len passed away in Savannah, Ga., on July 10. Len’s first wife, Arthea, died 24 years ago. His second wife, Jane, passed away around the time of our 50th reunion. After learning the news about Len, I reached his third wife, Ali, who related the story of their romantic relationship. Len met Ali July 25, 2003. They were married on June 2, 2004. Ali’s first husband had died 30 years earlier, and she waited 30 years to find Len. They had a wonderful, extremely happy June wedding. Sadly, six weeks later, early one morning, Len went swimming in a bay and he drowned in the swift tide.

Ali said that on the day they were married, people in the church told her, “You are getting a good man. He is loved by everybody.” Indeed, Len was a good man and a good classmate, and he will be missed. [Editor’s note: Please see Obituaries.]

Frank Sanfilippo: Frank retired from dentistry after working 35 or 40 years. He now divides his time between living in St. George, Conn., and Longboat Key, Fl., where he and his wife of 47 years, Josephine, have a condo. They thoroughly enjoy sitting on the beach, reading and having long conversations. They have four daughters and 11 grandchildren. Frank swam on the Columbia varsity team, which is quite amazing considering that he spent three hours a day commuting from Brooklyn. He would enjoy hearing from classmates.

Arnold Cooperman: “I had an inspirational viewing of Ric Burns’ 78’s documentary of the 250th anniversary on April 25 with the Columbia University of Southern California Alumni Association luncheon.”

David Richman reviewed the videotape that Allan Jackman (Ajex) recorded of major and minor class functions, including our graduation and anniversaries. Dave found it made him nostalgic and was emotionally moving. “As I get older, my respect for the Columbia experience and the contributions we’ve made to society as a result it grows and grows. Thank you, Ajex.”

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More than 130 members of the Class of ’54 — about 30 percent of the class who are still with us and for whom we had good addresses — joined us for all or part of the four-day blast from June 3-6 to mark the Class of Destiny’s 50th and to recognize alma mater’s 250th anniversary year. Our turnout was the largest 50th anniversary celebration at Columbia. The success of the events (based on what we’re told, they were exceptional in quality and quantity) was the result of more than a year of planning and a great deal of hands-on-efforts by our two-score-plus Reunion Committee, chaired by class president Bernd Brecher, and the professional support of the Alumni Office staff. Heather Applewhite, assistant director of alumni affairs, was our point person for making everything happen.

A reunion yearbook was given to all classmates who signed up. It contains biographies an analysis of the detailed class questionnaire on attitudes, social issues, life and career histories; a list of “lost” classmates as well as those who have passed on; and a class directory. If you would like to receive a copy, please let me know.

Bob Weber: Several classmates know about my situation, and I am very appreciative of their notes and calls expressing concern.

With spouses and other guests, our attendance during the weekend (although not for all events) reached 230. The fact that a number of venues had to be changed because they could not accommodate our numbers put many at Columbia in awe and gave us all a sense of great personal pride.

Bernd served as master of ceremonies and facilitator for the four days and she demonstrated once again that “beauty is skin deep.” I am very appreciative of our cooperation as speakers and attendees, and second to acknowledge the many who indicated that you wanted to sign up now to be involved in our 55th.

Peter Ehrenhaft, Anrie Tolin and others spoke on behalf of the fund committee for the Class of ’54 Anniversary Gift. The work is not finished, and class gift totals will be announced at the end of this year. Bernd also announced that a committee has been appointed, headed by Amiel Rudavsky, which, starting Fall 2005, will organize an annual fall gathering at Arden House, where we celebrated our 25th and 45th anniversaries. This will be a great opportunity to get together in a lovely Columbia facility to which we will invite faculty and others to meet us in a more informal setting. You will hear more about this anon.

After an elegant — and noisy — cocktail party at the Columbia University Club on the evening of Thursday, June 3, many classmates went to the theater, or to dinner, or to a hotel suite to pass around family pictures and retell the tales of our youth.

Friday began with several walking tours of NYC and an opportunity to experience NYC traffic firsthand. Then there was an incredible banquet in Chinatown, which mocked the anti-chinese crusade. Interspersed with the many courses, we had a forecast from our valedictorian, Hank Buchwald, on the medical technology that is just over the horizon. Speaking for many of our classmates, I hope that it comes sooner rather than later, as most of us are starting to feel our age.

Judge Al Hellerstein spoke on “New York Law and Loire.” These insightful talks were followed by another onslaught of delicious dishes, so that those in attendance stayed put (fortunately) back to the buses to renew our acquaintance with NYC Friday afternoon traffic.

Fortunately, we arrived campus in sufficient time to

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squeezed in a brief “open mike” session before rushing to cocktails and dinner at Tavern on the Green in Central Park. History Professor Emeritus Henry Graff entertained and enlightened us (as he did in class when we were undergraduates) with anecdotes of his encounters with recent U.S. presidents. Dean Austin Quigley filled us in on Columbia College today and its plans for tomorrow. Saturday morning’s atmosphere was warm and friendly at the Dean’s Brunch and Convocation. Quigley drew inspiration from parallels between the College’s beginnings and the character of the College today, “disputation” being a recurring theme throughout our history. At our class lunch, at the beautiful Casa Italiana, President Alan Singer outlined the ambitious plans for expanding the campus north of 120th Street. Professor Wm. Theodore (Ted) de Bary ’41, long-time friend of our class, spoke on the origins of the Core Curriculum and on how our cohort has been then staggered/waddled over to birth a unique interchange among four members of the Class of 2004 and Al Thompson, Alan Fendrick, Peter Kenen and Amiel Rudovsky. One facet of the discussion was the uncertainty about the Core Curriculum in a Columbia education. Particularly interesting was the similarity between the “first impressions of Columbia” by all the members of the panel. Special mention was made of Professor James Shenton ’49, who was a mainstay at our reunions and was planning to attend our 50th. Jimmy died last year. Then it was on to cocktails and dinner in the Low Library’s Rotunda. Barnard history professor Frank McLaughey presented insights into the role of Columbia. Each classmate received a copy of his 2003 book on our history, Stand, Columbia. Saul Turteltaub used this time to “roast” many members of our class, filling the rotunda with hilarity. There was also a moment of silence in memory of the 90 classmates who have passed away. A class picture of all those attending the dinner — at least those who came in time for the picture — appeared in the September CCT. The Starlight Reception on Saturday night on Low Plaza, in front of Alma Mater, was alive with younger reunion classes ... most of our classmates retired to be ready for Sunday brunch. Evading the rain in the traditional boathouse setting, the farewell brunch was held in Chrystie Field House. We heard a moving oration from Don Wardlaw, standup comedy from Leo Cirino and a touching memoir from Phil Bonanno, each describing their journey from graduation to our 50th reunion. Lots of embraces and handshakes and an earnest desire to “do it again” soon concluded a most memorable reunion. A letter from me about my memories of and love for Columbia was read (thank you, Bernd). What made the reunion meaningful to all of us who were on the Reunion Committee is that wives and other guests apparently had a grand time as well and made of point of thanking the reunion chair for keeping them in mind in the planning process. Numerous classmates called, wrote or e-mailed after the event to indicate their pleasure at having participated and volunteering further involvement. These included Bob Viarengo, Saul Turteltaub, Ellen and Alan Salko, Eric Tolmach, Amiel Rudovsky and Josh Greenberg.

Additional notes concerning reunions and other activities: Bernd Brecher served as Honorary Hood Marshall at Commencement on May 14 representing the 50th anniversary class. Also, at Class Day on May 18, Larry Kobrin and Steve Sobel joined our reunion festivities. Class of ’54 was in shaking the hand of every member of the Class of ’04 and handing to each a Columbia 250th Anniversary pin on behalf of the Alumni Association. Bernd reports that his tennis elbow gave out at the halfway mark.

All in all, it was several days to remember, and we all look forward to your continuing participation in alumni activities, the class fund and our upcoming reunions at Arden House as well as at classes for the 50th. It was a day that I included a briefer summary of our reunion in the last issue of CCT, but I am grateful for Bernd and Bob for detailing the events described above.

Please keep in touch and become even more involved in Columbia activities, and keep information about yourself coming this way.

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**REUNION JUNE 2–5, 2005**

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One of the highlights of the fall season was the conclusion of the Columbia 250 festivities. In addition to various lectures, Community Day was celebrated on September 18 and featured a jazz concert and many other activities on South Field. Homecoming Weekend, October 1–3, had something for everybody — a football pep rally on campus, a poetry gathering in honor of Columbia’s Beasts at The West End appropriately called Howl!, a Big Top Festival at Baker Field plus special activities commemorating the close of the 250th ... and yes, there was a football game against Princeton. Not to make any of us feel ancient, but the Class of 2008 walked through the Broadway gates during New Student Orientation and proceeded to celebrate the end of passage as Columbia students. The group and their parents were welcomed by President Lee C. Bollinger and Deans Austin Quigley and Zvi Galil as part of Convocation.

Although the Olympics ended a more than two months ago, everyone should know that Columbia had the largest contingent in University history participating in the Games — four fencers (three from the College, one from Barnard), two runners (one each from Barnard, the College, Engineering), one swimmer (P&$) and one soccer player (the assistant women’s soccer coach). A standing ovation should go to these competitors. [Editor’s note: For more, see feature story.] After an eight-month search, our school has hired an athletics director to replace John Reeves, who retired in June. The new AD is M. Dianne Murphy. She has been in that same position at the University of Denver for the past three years. Prior to joining Denver, Murphy had stints at Cornell and the University of Iowa, and coached women’s basketball at a couple of big-time programs. She comes to Columbia at a time when our women’s program is in the doldrums, especially with regards to football and men’s basketball — fencing, track and cross-country notwithstanding. [Editor’s note: For more, see feature story.]

See you had to read it here, but Cannon’s has closed (see September, page 34). The famous, or infamous, watering hole on 108th and Broadway shut its doors for the last time this summer. Even The New York Times ran an article about the local venue, which at one time years ago served 15-cent beers and sushi at different ends of the bar. It looks like we’ll have to cross out this place from our neighborhood reunion tour agenda.

The Reunion Planning Committee, which numbers more than 40 classmates (and growing), has been making great progress in putting together the program for our 50th in terms of events, speakers and so forth. We’ve received positive responses from more than 100 ’55ers who will attend the activities June 2–5, 2005. Close to 40 percent of the guys are outside of the Greater New York, New Jersey and Connecticut area. From Hawaii, there is Norm Goldstein (no Wal-mart yet); on the mainland in California are Charlie Sergis, David Winter, Al Ginpe, George Kaplan, Bernie Kirtman, Lew Sternfels, Stanley Lubman, Harry Scheiber and maybe Allan Andes; on the West Coast, Berck; from Florida, Dan De Palma; from Delaware, Aaron Hamburger, Walt Whitaker and Abbie Leban; from Southern New Jersey, Ferdie Setaro; and from Philadelphia, Al Momjan, to name a few. Dave Stevens in Philadelphia is doing his part to rally the troops (the Nu Nu Chapter of Sigma Chi) to attend: John Armstrong on the Jersey Shore; Walter Croll in Brandon, Fla.; Tom Chantry, New York and Westchester, New York; and Home Life Insurance in Suffern, N.Y.; Jack Swanlon, also retired from the CIA, in Bethesda, Md.; Phil Bleser in Bonita Springs, Fla.; our football manager and professor Jim Larson in Toledo, Ohio; retired CIA agent Costas Katsigris in University history participating in the Games — four fencers (three from the College, one from Barnard), two runners (one each from Barnard, the College, Engineering), one swimmer (P&$) and one soccer player (the assistant women’s soccer coach). A standing ovation should go to these competitors. [Editor’s note: For more, see feature story.]

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Further south, Jay Novins lives in your afternoon cat naps. You need to exercise. Drink lots of fluids. Take time is getting closer.

protesters are objecting strenu¬ously and the few remaining Manhattanites in town are sensi¬tive. We held our next course, its invaluable women — and now, of course, its invaluable women — to be foolish. We held our next class lunch at the club on Septem¬ber 21, when all the fuss was over.

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Manhattanites in town are sensi¬bly staying close to home. Bob Siroty suggested that he and Peter Klein might join me for lunch at the Columbia/Princeton Club and then quickly withdrew the offer. Columbia College did not teach its men — and now, of course, its invaluable women — to be foolish. We held our next class lunch at the club on Septem¬ber 21, when all the fuss was over.

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in Norton, Mass. The Class Lunch is held on the second Wednesday of every month, in the Grill Room of the Princeton/Columbia Club, 15 W. 43rd St. ($31 per person). E-mail Art Radin if you plan to attend, up to the day before: aradin@radlogic.com.

As I put these notes together, it is the Friday before the long Labor Day weekend. Beach seekers jam the roads out of Washington, D.C., in search of one last hot bad dog on the boardwalk at any of a dozen local seaside resorts. And I sit in the confines of my windowless basement office dutifully discharging my obligation to my classmates. Still, there are things to be thankful for. The Republican and Democratic Conventions are over. The Olympics are over, another thank goodness (too much opening and closing nonsense and too much gymnastics and swimming for this old wrestler). And the NFL is about to end preseas on its usual whir. There are things to worry about. Hurricane Frances is bearing down on the east coast of Florida. Friends there, with no place to go, are scared. And there is hope. The Redskins (and my newfound favorites, the Cincinnati Bengals) are poised to meet in the Super Bowl. I've become a Cincinnati fan because Marvin Lewis, their coach, is the cousin of my old friend, Harvey Brookes '60. Harvey told me Cincinnati had a shot at the Super Bowl, and I know the Redskins (and Joe's back! And I'm still pretty healthy, as I hope all of you are.

So there you have it, at the beginning of September 2004. A little thanks, a little hope and a little worry. But when you read this, it will be early November. You'll know who won the big prize. Kerry? Ya think? Where are my 'Skin and where are the Bengals? What did Frances do? Most importantly, how are you feeling? What are you doing? Take a moment and send me a few words along the lines of those below.

From Jerry Goodisman: "In late August, I received a gold watch (really!) in recognition of my having been at Syracuse University for 30 years. If that was intended to remind me of retirement is not far away, it failed. Although collecting Social Security I have no thought of retiring because I still enjoy what I do. "I am professor of chemistry and vice-chair of our chemistry department, where I do theoretical chemistry research and teach (yeah, even freshman chemistry) and advise students. I think I am doing theoretical chemistry in part because of a little accident in freshman chemistry lab at Columbia: As we gazed at the brown spots on the ceiling, my TA, Mr. Seven, told me with his charming German accent "You should be a seecological chemist!" My research in recent years has been related to biological chemistry, electron microscopy and X-ray scattering. "More importantly, I have been married to Mireille, who is a professor of French and Spanish, for 41 years. Our daughter, Nathalie, is a French professor at Bloomsburg State, and our son, Michael, recently started as a biology professor at Georgia Tech. I like Syracuse a lot because of the climate: Summer is great for cycling and winter for cross-country skiing, which has me looking forward to snow for a long time. "Every year, a bunch of us from Columbia spend a weekend together, with wives, children and some grandchildren. The group has included Joe Calarco, Marty Geller, Lowell Goldsmith, Roald Hoffmann, Paul Kantor, Bob Wolpow and Bill Zangwill, but never all at once — it would be great to see them all again at the same time."

Bruce Schlein reports: "I am living in Greenville, S.C., and am semi-retired from my pathology practice. I do lots of photography with exhibits locally, teaching digital exhibits and teaching digital exhibits. Teaching digital exhibits is a great way to share my passions. "I am on the board of directors of the Temple of Israel, chairman of the Temple Music Series and, by default, the temple photographic historian. I am past president of the International Chamber Music Series, a local group that brings in chamber musicians from all over the world. We recently presented the Emerson String Quartet and will present the American Chamber Players this season, among others. I have kept in touch with Steve Franklin and Joe Krieger. Stan Keller continues to do theoretical physics and teaching in the Columbia/Columbia School of Law. He is particularly keen on the theoretical physics of finance. "From Harvey Leifert: "As a Marylander who infrequently gets to New York, much less Morning­side, I was impressed with how beautiful the campus looks and how lively the area, especially Broadway. Is. [The recent reunion] was my first in 10 years, so the contrast was striking. The University seems finally to have hit a system that makes South Field usable (at least sometimes), without degenerating into a sandlot. And who would have thought that Broadway would one day be lined with sidewalk restaurants?"

From Ed Wolpow: "Usually, when I read the Class Notes, I realize how many people I don't recall having met. This past issue, however, I note two classmates with whom I would like to get in touch: Danny Ein and Guy Mastaner. (Correspondent's note: I sent their email addresses to Ed. I am glad that he asked, because connecting people is one purpose of Class Day.) "Ed continues: "I practice neu­rology in Cambridge, Mass., and I'll decide about retiring just as soon as I figure out whether I should go to medical school. (Some decisions are best put off.) I know Paul Kantor wrote a few years ago about our upcoming New York get-togethers each fall, with families of Kantors, Goodismans, Hoffmanns and Zangwills as 'regulars' and variably, Gellers, Muehlbeuers, Sterns, Calarcoes and others I can't recall." (Correspondent's note: See Jerry Goodisman's note, above. And how come I can't get something from Bill, Marty, Pete and Mike?) "Seldom get to NYC. I visited Columbia when my daughter, Nina '99, went there. I was amazed that she had some of the same teachers I did (de Barry, Sachs) and even some of the same books."

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REUNION JUNE 2-5, 2005

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Finally, it’s over. Once again, a presidential election campaign has shredded the nation with the savage energy of a ripsaw. Our nerve endings exposed and raw, we rummaged through our arsenal of invective to find the strongest pejoratives for the opposition. It’s been like that since the unfortunate discovery that negative campaigns work. Whether the outcome is greeted with jubilation, despair, excitement, or indifference, we share relief in the retirement of the insufferable campaign ads and the gradual consignment to relative obscurity of the legions of infuriating spinmeisters.

Robert Berlind, one of several notable artists in our class, has been exhibiting his paintings regularly in New York since the late 1970s. The Tibor de Nagy Gallery in Manhattan represents him. Robert is a professor in the School of Art & Design at SUNY Purchase. He writes for Art in America and other publications.

Acknowledging that he has been out of touch with members of the class, most of his oldest continuing friendships having been formed at Yale, where he received his A.B. in art history and painting, Robert remarks on his years at Columbia as part of a golden era and remarks on the “brilliant, dedicated and altogether memorable roster” that included Lionel Trilling ’25, E.W. Dupee, Meyer Schapiro ’23, Howard Davies, C. Wright Mills, Mark Van Doren and so many more stellar teachers.

It can’t be said of Jay Jackman that he’s spent much time living in hardship posts. After attending Harvard Medical School, Jay completed a psychiatric residency at Stanford. From 1969-74, he ran a drug treatment program in San Francisco. Then it was off to “beautiful Hawaii from 1974 until 1990,” when Jay returned to California to marry Myra Strober, a professor at Stanford University of Education; their home on the campus is “pretty close to heaven.” For the past 14 years, Jay has been a forensic expert at criminal trials and has been involved in close to 150 murder cases. In 1999, he received a J.D. from the University of California’s Hastings College of Law, took and passed the California Bar, “and immediately went inactive.” Apparently, the lure of the law was irresistible. Jay has three children from a prior marriage: Tenaya, a midwife in Hawaii; Rashi, a doctoral candidate in history at Michigan; and Jason, a senior at St. John’s in Santa Fe. He has two stepchildren: Jason, a Silicon Valley entrepreneur; and Liz, an anthropologist at Seattle University. Jay is “active in local Democratic politics, being a member of the State Central Committee. I was an early Deaniac and worker in New Hampshire for five days before the primary. I [worked] very hard for John Kerry in fund raising as well as creating an effective precinct worker operation.” Through the years, Jay has been in contact with Steve Wang, Irv Chang, Steve Waldman, Richard Klein and Steve Graober. He would love to have more contact with classmates, especially from TEP and with residents of the Bay Area, and looks forward to our upcoming reunion, June 2-5, 2005. Jay can be reached at jayj@stanfordalumni.org.

The South has been long locked in a stereotype as a cultural and political monolith. Laughlin McDonald is one of many Southern progressives who challenge that image. Twelve such progressive precinct workers in the new South, Laughlin among them, are contributors to Where We Stand: Voices of Southern Dissent, a collection of diverse, penetrating and informed critiques of the policies of the Bush Administration. Laughlin’s essay, “Democracy Cannot Be Exported If It Is Not Secure at Home,” focuses on the issue of minority voting rights and sounds an alarm that a critical provision of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 will expire in 2007 unless a congressionally mounted to secure its extension. The provision in question, Section 5 of the act, the so-called “preclearance clause,” requires most Southern jurisdictions to get prior federal approval of changes to local voting procedures. Laughlin demonstrates how fundamentally that provision has advanced minority voting rights and office holding. Laughlin writes that “we cannot pretend to export democratic principles abroad if we do not ensure full and equal political participation by racial minorities in our country. The extension of the special pre-clearance provisions of the Voting Rights Act is essential if we are to maintain America as a nation where the promise of an inclusive society is also the reality.”

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Vincent Russo ‘60, after a fulfilling career as a general surgeon, was elected chairman of the board of Selectmen of Newbury, Mass., near Venice and Sheila have their primary residence and a beach house five miles distant. “Newbury, at the University of London, which merged in July with the Institute of Latin American Studies to become the Institute for Study of the Americas. “We academics never completely leave,” Dow says, “so I am still teaching, carrying on private consultancy, writing and broadcasting.”

Douglas describes his career in politics as “long (it began in 1966) and complicated.” He summarizes: “At one stage, I was elected a member of the Greater London Council as Labour and from 1975 played a leading part in the successful fight against the pro-Soviet and Trotskyite left-wing that took over the party in the late ’70s and ’80s. I was a co-founder of the Social Democratic Party in 1981 and was chairman of the London SDP until the SDP merged with the Liberal Party in 1988, when I retired from active party politics rather than join the merger (as did the SDP Leader, Dr. David Owen, now Lord Owen).”

“I considered that the principal mission I had set out to accomplish, in any case, I advised several U.K. political leaders during this period, including Mrs. (now Baroness) Thatcher, the late George Brown, the late Roy Jenkins and David Owen. I can’t begin to explain the British system, but the struggle hold of its parliamentary /party structure and its anti-individualism makes it an unattractive milieu for someone raised with American values.”

Douglas and his wife, Janette, enjoy the blessing of 12 grandchildren, five in Massachusetts, two in Maine and Vermont, and three in Minnesota. Winter weekends are spent at Sunday River Skyway, Maine, where Vince attacks the downhill runs. At New York pond, Douglas Eden has combined careers in academia and politics. Douglas spent three years at Middlesex University, London, as the equivalent of a U.S. professor in international history and politics, the last 15 years as head of American Studies and then head of the Centre for the Study of International Affairs (Europe and America), retiring in 2001. Upon retirement, he was honored and made a fellow of the Institute of United States Studies.
Robert Berlind ’60’s Autumn Water (1994) is one of the artist’s many recently exhibited works. In the past 40 years, Berlind’s paintings have been shown in more than 20 solo shows domestically and abroad as well as at numerous group shows. Berlind also has taught at various institutions since 1963 and has written many articles about painting and sculpture.

at Columbia. From this citadel of liberalism, Constantine Menges emerged as a tenacious, earnest conservative. Yet, even classmates with an opposing ideology recognized Constantine as possessed of a formidable, rigorous intellect that was wielded with such confidence, determination and integrity that all took pride in his career and accomplishments and never ceased to regard him other than with the utmost admiration and respect. By all accounts, he was not only a brilliant and original conceptualizer but also a master of the details required to implement his vision. In his role on the National Security Council as special assistant to President Reagan, he is credited as having been a key architect of the strategy that led to the disintegration of the Soviet Union and for having devised and urged the operation to liberate Grenada that marked a turning point in Cold War strategy. He was a featured speaker at our 30th reunion. Constantine died on July 11. [Editor’s note: Please see September CCT, page 37.]

Herb London, president of the Hudson Institute, offers this memorial: “I had the pleasure of working with Constantine at the Hudson Institute during the past five years. In fact, I hired him. Constantine was a brilliant analyst. He was also a cynosure. He loved controversy, which explains why friends and foes called him ‘Constant Menace.’ His work on Latin America was indispensable, and his latest book, which we are editing, presents a thoughtful analysis of the triangulated relationship among Russia, China and the U.S. I will miss him as a colleague, as a brave proponent of sound policy and as a friend.”

Paul Chevalier, remembering Constantine as a friend and classmate, recalls that he was “truly one of the brightest lights in our very bright class.”

The class extends its deepest condolences to Constantine’s family.

Many thanks to all who responding to my request for news, providing me with enough notes for at least another column. Please continue to write.

Until January, happy holidays and best wishes for the New Year.

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Tom Lippman writes that since publication in January of Inside The Mirage, his book about Saudi Arabia and U.S.-Saudi relations, he has been doing all Saudi Arabia, all the time. The violence in June created worldwide media interest, and he was interviewed by news organizations from Australia to Ireland, including Al-Jazeera. Tom’s visit to the Kingdom in May was a real eye-opener. He has been going there since 1976, but change is accelerating now.

Allan J. Schwartz, associate professor of psychiatry at the University of Rochester, is a leading expert on the epidemiology of suicide among college and university students in the U.S. Allan recently was featured on an NPR radio program in Chapel Hill, N.C. He has been cited in national and local print media and has presented at the annual meetings of the American Psychological Association and the American Health Association.

Judge Peter Giovine was honored by the Ocean County Bar Association on July 15 on his retirement from the bench. Pete served on the Superior Court since August 1984 and was the presiding judge of the Criminal Division from 1987 until his retirement this May. While in the Criminal Division, Pete served as a trial judge, the “Megan’s Law” judge, the Communications Data Warrant Judge, as an intensive supervision judge, and as the first judge of the Ocean County Drug Court, which he helped establish. About 400 guests attending the party, including George Gehman and his wife, Sharon, and Barry Scotch and his wife, Barbara, Sharon and George recently
completed their annual visit with Jo and Mike Clark, this year visiting Glacier/Waterton National Parks and Fernie, B.C., for some wonderful hiking and a fishing trip down the Elk River. Sharon had an encounter with a black bear but was able to "outfox it."

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John Boanter's musical composition, based on the Biblical book of Ruth, will get its world premiere recording in late November; just in time, I'd add, for your holiday giving. The piece is written for vocal soloists, chorus and chamber orchestra and is published by JB Music of Memphis. John has applied for grants to underwrite an installation of one of his theater pieces, Le Caprice Celeste, in Tulsa, and for support of a professional disk recording to assist his marketing of the published score of his work, Toet Sweet Trilogya, a new type of music/theater that he created.

We have received very sad news from Peter Krulwich and Fred Teger ’61 that Phil Stein passed away from heart complications following surgery. Phil had worked for RCA in Princeton for many years and was a ham radio operator and active with WKCR. Phil is survived by his wife, Carole Armel Stein; children, Daniel Katz-Stein and Jon Stein; four stepchildren, Jac, Jeff and Paul Hagerhorst, and Jeannine Trewella; five grandchildren; and a sister, Eleanor Stein. The family has indicated that they would appreciate any donations in Phil’s name to the American Heart Association.

Peter Krulwich keeps in touch with Peter Lushin, his freshman roommate, who for many years has been a tenured professor at Cardozo School of Law; George Frangos, who is in charge of graduate studies at SUNY Downstate; Frank Hettle, retired from IBM, now writing plays and novels; George Patasakos, a University of Idaho physics professor; and Arthur Lebowitz, a physician at NYU whom New York Magazine named one of the best M.D.s in New York. Peter also sees Andy Krulwich at family functions as well as Fred Modell, Ted Salomon and Jerry Hirsch.

Peter has "three children, pretty well grown except for the youngest, who is a senior at Penn, and six grandchildren. I work in real estate. My latest project, with a partner, is the restoration of the landmark Argyle Hotel on Sunset Boulevard in Hollywood. It's a fun project."

Since the early 1970s, Barry Levinson has lived in Israel, where he designs dairy farms. He recently conceived while in the U.S. visiting two of his daughters. Barry had recently spoken with Andy Krulwich, who after a successful career practicing law in Washington, D.C., is contemplating a new career as a teacher. Barry promised to let us know more about himself soon.

John Kater regrets that so little news from our classmates has appeared in CCT, but that he is delighted with the recent upsurge, which inspired him to write. John has pursued an international career as an Episcopal priest for nearly as long as he’s been a Columbia alumnus. Following graduation, he earned a Ph.D. in religious studies at McGill University in Montreal. John also observed the Poughkeepsie, N.Y., for many years while teaching in the religious department at Vassar. In the 1980s, he was an educator for the Episcopal Church in Panama. "Not," in his words, "a boring time, as I was there during the scary last years of the Noriega regime and the American invasion." For the past nearly 15 years, John has been in Berkeley, Calif., where he is a professor at the Episcopal Church’s seminary and directs its extensive continuing education programs (including online courses, which he says, "will probably surprise those who recall my doubtful techie skills!)."

In 2003, John expects to retire from his administrative half of his job and expand his teaching to full-time. "I have lectured and taught in Japan, Korea, the Philippines, Costa Rica and the Dominican Republic and look forward to having time to expand those interests." By the time this note appears, John will have returned from a two-week trip to Korea. Next summer, he will mark his "retirement" by spending two months in the Philippines, Hong Kong, China and Indonesia. John is in touch with Jack Hurvitz, Richard Klutch, Jerry Hirsch, Murray Mohl and his roommate, Rudy Chen. "All are lifetime friends — some I see regularly."

For the past 35 years, Allen Lowrie ’61 has been a geologist with the Navy at the Naval Oceanographic Office in southwest Mississippi. He lives in the countryside, eight miles from Picayune, which is 53 miles northeast of New Orleans. His daughter from a previous marriage is 34; he has been married to his wife for 19 years. Allen finishes his letter, "Enough for now — peace and best wishes in turbulent times."

Sidney S. Letter, living in Lebanon, N.H., retired in 1980 as director of information systems, admissions and financial aid at Dartmouth. He works occasional¬ly for the Appalachian Mountain Club as a work crew overseer and cook’s helper. Paul Neshamkin, too, hopes classmates will be inspired to join in. Michael lives with his second wife, Shelley, in northern New Jersey. "We have built a health and safety consulting business serving clients in the tri-state area in a variety of industries including healthcare, retail and manufacturing." They recently purchased a condominium in Aventura, Fla., in the northern end of Miami-Dade County. Michael and Shelley expect their clients will become their round residence, but they will keep a place up north to serve their clients. While in Florida, Michael will help launch a medical diagnostic products business; Steve Berkman is a founder.

Sidney writes, "As I was preparing to write these notes, I tear my news away from the second page of the Nov. 12 issue, which inspired me to compose the following letter for this part of the column and puzzle why we are left with a choice between two Yalies. By the time you read this, I hope you will have had an election that will not have to be decided by our Supreme Court, but the thought of this is a real comfort."

For 16 years, Sidney Kadish was our dedicated class correspondent, so the first thing I did after agreeing to take over was to call Sidney, thank him for his efforts and ask for advice. Sid told me that he should enjoy the pleasure that he shared for so long communicating with all of you. His association with Columbia, and with his classmates, has been a meaningful experience for him. His children attend or attended Columbia and he reports that Michael ’96 and Emily ’06 have found Columbia to be a wonderful experience. Sid, thanks from all of us. And please keep in touch.

I was pleased to see that Sid is not the only classmate still producing another generation of Columbians. We welcome to the College Lawrence Polsky’s daughter, Alexandra ’08, and Jeeva Jenie ’05, whose father, Omwuchewa Jenie, came to our class from Nigeria.

Jonah Raskin recently published a book about another College graduate, Allen Ginsberg, ’48, American Scram: Allen Ginsberg’s "Howl" and the Making of the Beat Generation. Jonah tells us that Lawrence Ferlinghetti says, "All Ginsberg addicts will have to have this book." As one who well remembers many an evening listening to Ginsberg (last, and memorably, in D.C. during the March on Washington after Cambodia
As part of Columbia 250’s closing celebration, Jonah Raskin ‘63 returned to campus to take part in “HOWL! – A Poetry Gathering in Honor of Columbia’s Beats” at The West End on October 1. Raskin read the first stanzas of the famous poem by Allen Ginsberg ‘48 that evening, and Audra Noble ’05 Barnard, Gregory Ford ’96 and Parr Professor of English and Comparative Literature Ann Douglas read the remaining portions. Raskin also gave a lecture on campus earlier in the day in the Journalism School’s World Room on Ginsberg’s relationship with Columbia.

Raskin is the author of the recently published book American Scream: Allen Ginsberg’s Howl and the Making of the Beat Generation. A native of Huntington, Long Island, Raskin earned his master’s in American literature at Columbia and went to the University of Manchester to study the effects of literature and imperialism, earning his Ph.D. there in 1967. He returned to Morningside Heights and then moved to Northern California, where he has lived for almost 30 years. He is a journalist and a journalism professor at Sonoma State University.

Raskin became enthralled with the Howl Beats in 1957 during the obscenity trial. His first reading of the poem spawned a lifelong fascination with it and the society that helped to create it. This grew into an affinity with the Beat generation — Ginsberg, Jack Kerouac ‘44 and William S. Burroughs — who had walked the streets of Morningside Heights just a decade before Raskin arrived.

Douglas noted in her preface to the reading that although this was the first time the University had acknowledged the Beats as a whole, a large part of why Ginsberg was highlighted above his peers as part of C250 was that he was the only one to graduate from the University. Kerouac, author of On The Road and Ginsberg’s close friend, came to the College to play football but gave up the game after an injury and found his place as a writer. Yet despite Kerouac’s brief time at the school, Raskin emphasized that it was he, as much as Ginsberg, who inspired him to attend Columbia.

Raskin speaks fondly of his years at Columbia. A devout football player in high school, he later became captain of Columbia’s rugby team (echoing Kerouac). He shared stories of roommate Eric Foner ‘63, with whom he has remained in touch. He also spoke with exuberance of his comparative literature course with Lionel Trilling ‘25, who also taught Ginsberg. During his lecture, Raskin described how much of New York, Harlem and Columbia found their way into Howl. Ginsberg’s time at Columbia was “tumultuous,” said Raskin, and it took him six years to graduate. But Raskin noted how Ginsberg’s rebelliousness and Columbia’s focus on tradition fed off each other: Columbia’s deeply rooted sense of tradition was necessary for grounding Ginsberg’s rebellion, yet the University had to awaken to the era’s subterranean rumblings.

Raskin stressed that each factor was necessary in order for the other to function properly. Acknowledging that tension in himself, Raskin remarked, “I guess if you live long enough, you inevitably become part of the establishment.”

Matthew Goldberg ’05 GS
place, and last year, he submitted an *amicus curiae* brief to the Supreme Court on telemarketing fraud charges.

A. Robert Sherman is a licensed clinical psychologist and tenured member of the psychology faculty at UC Santa Barbara. He received his Ph.D. from Yale, and his work has brought him recognition in Who's Who in Medicine and Healthcare and Who's Who in America.

Jack Ventura writes from Silver Spring, Md., that he is grinding away as an economist at the Surface Transportation Board in Washington, D.C. He recently received a public service award for his work.

After 36 years, Steve Case is retiring from his New York law firm and will join an investment firm. Steve sits on the University's Board of Trustees. In June, he took a 12-day rafting trip through the Yukon and British Columbia, and in July, he and Charley Stover '64E trekked through Clearwater National Forest in Idaho.

Steve also sits on the Board of Trustees of the Glimmerglass Opera Co. in Cooperstown, N.Y. In August, my wife, Jacqueline, and I attended a weekend performance and saw Bill Oliver, who is the company's director of development, and Mike Willis, the company's head of public relations. The company, known for its creative and sometimes controversial productions, performs in a beautiful setting by Lake Otsego. Jacqueline and I highly recommend it.

Keep sending in news.

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**Coffee House in St. Paul's Chapel.**

**David Lionel Klorfine '65** has been an independent video producer and editor since shortly after graduation.

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Arnie Felix retired from the New York State Attorney General's office in March 2003. He writes, "I had intended to stay there two years (following four years in the U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General's Corps right after the Law School), but somehow it turned into 30 years (and I wasn't even civil service!), the last six of which were spent as deputy bureau chief of litigation."

Arnie happily spends his time playing a lot of bluegrass banjo. He also does volunteer work, performing at assisted living residences. He asks if anyone remembers his gigs at the Postcrypt.
he said. We all know that the Class of 2008 is in for much fun, and what a classroom experience. Sam lives in Harlem, is a great suite; all is well, and he has met some great classmates.

**Bob Brandt's** oldest, Ryan, spent seven good weeks in Maine at summer camp, and then the family headed for Alaska. (Should have called Bob Carlson.) He reported, "The entire family cruised the inside passage in Alaska. Fabulous scenery, wildlife and so forth — a great family trip." I am telling Bob that I am recruiting Ryan for the College… watch out. Bob ended his note to me with "Roar Lion Roar!" I told him the football team would have a fine season.

**Bob Carlson** sent me a great picture of a large bear — probably a neighbor of his — enjoying some of the local fish. Bob Carlson's daughter, Lee, is a high school senior. My understanding is that his dad was Class of 1928 — another of the 40-year separations. Phil and Edna celebrated their 21st anniversary in October. Of their children, Phil says, Nir "just hit the halfway mark of 18 months in the air force academy" and Inbal "just finished 11th grade." If anyone in the class needs Phil's telephone numbers, e-mail me and I will be happy to forward them.

**Paul Spirn** has been very interested in the presidential campaign. He lives in the sociology department at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston.

**Bob Levine** wrote, "As for news, since I've never offered any before, any entry to 'catch up' would be one of those extremely long entries that one usually has to take up a lot of space and waste ink (reminiscences of Dostoyevsky from Lit Hum). I promise I'll put something together that's pithy (love that word) for submission after this one. It will be my experiment in a 100-word literary autobiographical sketch.

"Since I'm phasing down my CPA practice and identifying myself as a writer, (I didn't say 'published writer,' still working on that), this will be a useful exercise. One of the challenges of a life in a short gap without having it sound like an obituary, a eulogy, a paean or self-aggrandizement — more of what a person introducing me to heaven's gatekeeper might say. Alan."

**Steve Gottlieb** says, "Check out my new website: www.horizoncreativeescapes.com. I am pleased to announce the opening of a photography workshop geared toward amateurs and taught by top professionals. Our location is on the waterfront in a beautiful historic village, midway between NYC and D.C. (also midway between Philly and Baltimore). We're just 10 miles off I-95, yet the proverbial world away in atmosphere. The notion behind Horizon Creative Escapes is to expand your vision and technique so your photos of people and buildings improve dramatically. We also strive to show you how to have more fun with the process. I am taking registrations now.

**Nigel Paneth** wrote: "Ellen and I have lived in East Lansing, Mich., for 15 years, but now we find ourselves in the Columbia neighborhood often. Rachel graduated from Barnard in 2002, has completed a master's degree in epidemiology at the School of Public Health and lives a block away from where I lived when I was in high school. Tessa recently finished her freshman year at Barnard. There is no doubt some message in this having to do with homing pigeons returning to your roots."

I replied to Nigel saying I needed more information about him and Ellen, so he wrote, "Like typical academics, we are in the treasured book business. To some extent, late depredations on American forests, see the following publication: www.us.oup.com/us/catalog/general/subject/Medicine/PublicHealth/?view=usa&ci=019531544X and www.press.jhu.edu/books/book.php?isbn=0701607511. I checked the websites, and found that Johns Hopkins Press published Ellen's book, Incest and the English Novel, 1684-1814. Ellen teaches feminist theory and 18th-century literature in the English department at the University of California at Berkeley. An MIT review writer, an "elegant and savvy book" and a UCLA reviewer wrote, "a fine piece that has no equal, an intricately argued and theoretically sophisticated book." You can check the website for further information about Nigel's work on health. We always plug Ellen's books in with him in recent years and was privileged to see him at his best. I recently finished my first year as senior associate dean at P&G for the Harlem Hospital Affiliation. It has been quite an experience, so I can appreciate what Bob has been through. A great basketball game this year. And I hope you check in with Derek Wittner '65 and his all-star team at the Alumni Office with any questions regarding the College, especially if you can lend a hand."

I was wondering if the Class of '68 should offer some advice to the Class of 2008. Let me know if you have any thoughts.

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With our 35th reunion behind us, CCT once more becomes the main link connecting us. Please share your news. Here are items received during the summer.

**John Herbert** writes: "I appreciate your notes of kind memories [July CCT] regarding our late friend, Frank Stimley. Like Woody Lewis, I met him freshman week, and we took on a new world together with the handful of African-Americans on the Columbia campus. I was in touch with him for a total of more than 10 years. He is a founding member of the Association for the Accreditation of Human Research Protection Programs. He has participated in 14 law school accreditation site visits for the American Bar Association and the Association of American Law Schools. In addition, Goldner is a 16-year member of the ethics committee of Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital in St. Louis. He also has served as special counsel to Glennon's Child Abuse Management Team and as special assistant U.S. attorney focusing on health care fraud."

**Jesse Goldner** adds, "Since January [and until mid-August, when I returned to St. Louis]. I lived in San Diego, doing a visiting professor stint at a law school (California Western) helping develop a health law program in connection with UC San Diego's School of Medicine. Congratulations, Jesse."

**Julian Wheatley** writes: "In August. My daughter, MaryNell Nolan-Wheatley, traveled from her home at East Campus, MIT (where her parents are house masters) to begin life as a freshman at Columbia College, but being ineligible to live in East Campus, Columbia, she is now (happily) housed in Carman. Congratulations to Julian, to our other classmates with children in the Class of 2008:

Alan Romanczuk '69 lives in Charleston, S.C.; his main work is literary research, but he also has a garden design business and is a cantor at a Catholic cathedral.
Jerry Avorn (Andrew), Fernando Camacho (Daniel), Michael Rothfeld (Augusta), Gary Mason (Ariana), Robert Rubinstein (Joseph) and Jae Schachar (All in all, it still holds a Republican convention.)

Jeff Glassroth reports: “After leaving Morningside Heights in 1969, I have been something of a Midwesterner except for brief stints in Philadelphia and Atlanta. I spent seven years training in Cincinnati, 15 years on the faculty at Northwestern and am now in Madison, Wis., where I serve as professor and chair of the department of medicine at the University of Wisconsin. I have been fortunate in my career (on most days) and have had, among other things, the opportunity to work on an international level on tuberculosis control and eradication. My wife, Carol, and I have been blessed with two children, and we just became empty-nesters. Our children have continued the Midwest theme — our daughter, Marley, is a junior at Carleton College and our son just started at the College of Wooster (that’s Ohio, not Massachusetts). Where did the time go?”

Mel Yost writes: “I am a partner in the Santa Fe law firm of Scheuer, Yost & Patterson. I have practiced law in New Mexico since 1973, when I graduated from the University of New Mexico. My practice includes litigation, employment law, business law, representation of educational institutions and general practice. I also have acted as mediator in several hundreds cases including personal injury, business disputes, estate disputes and domestic relations. I am married to Barbara A. Yost, and we have three children: Sarah (22), Austin (19) and Caitlin (17). I was unable to attend our recent reunion because Sarah was graduating from Trinity University, and a few days later, Austin graduated from St. Michael’s high school in Santa Fe.”

From Doran Twer: “In response to Michael Oberman’s tasteful but quietly desperate request for Class Notes copy, I break my 35-year Salingersquish silence to provide the following report: After two unsuccessful but highly illuminating marriages (during which I fortunately did not make any money or children), I have been married for 16 years to the incredible Mar- guerite Del Giudice, a journalist (Philadephia Inquirer, Boston Globe, New York Times Magazine) to name-drop a few, a beauty inside and out, and now an accomplished life coach (www.bigspiritcoaching.com). We have two sons, Nathaniel (15) and Aden (12). (I am the oldest father in the seventh grade, I’m often told.)) Nathaniel is a bright but indifferent student (any suggestions?) and a gifted cross- country and mile runner. Aden is an all-around football-baseball-baseball jock and good in school. I got into the fatherhood game at the late route. I am thankful I did. My nephew, Ethan Twer ’96, drew me back to campus for a brief period (nary a protest card table to be found) but not lately. We live in Jenkintown, Pa., a 4,500-person borough wedged amidst the suburban sprawl of Philadelphia. I play full-court basketball twice a week when I can. By maintaining my minimal skills — as those of those around me erode — I stay competitive. I love a lot to basketball. A basket- ball game is my favorite of all. Playing three-on-three one after another in the gym, Jimmy McMil- lian ’70 guarding me. First time I get the ball, I fake right, go left and score the opposite hand lay- up. I did not get another shot off the rest of the game. Another anecdote: In 1970, Rich Marsella, myself and some others still hanging around campus, hitch-hike up to New Haven (a VW stopped for us on the Cross Bronx Expressway, if you can believe that) to free Bobby Seale and get a tear gas credential for our noveau radical résumés. Flash ahead to South Street Philadelphia some 15 years later, where my wife spots Seale and is held captive by his impassioned rhetoric. The topic: His BBQ chicken recipe book. Who knew we’d all get jobs and families and have to deal with the day-to-day world? I hope all of the people I knew have fared well, and I would enjoy hearing more about them in these pages or directly.”

Steve Valenstein sent in some news the traditional way: He completed the Class Notes card in the reunion registration packet (frustratingly, he was the only one to do so) and got back to New York in 2001, having joined Harrsdtake Medical Group, where he practices oncology, hematology and internal medi- cine. Two of his sons graduated from the College: Jason ’01 and Adam ’02. Steve “enjoyed renew¬ ing old acquaintances at reunion.”

These days, I typically get news by e-mailing pleas to class¬ mates. I ask, again, for classmates to e-mail me without prompting. Our list of e-mail addresses for the class is quite incomplete and, in some cases, outdated; if you have an e-mail address and have not been receiving e-mail from the College, please send your name and e-mail address to cct@columbia.edu. An expanded list would give me more leads, as well as strengthen your link to the College.

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Plans for our 35th reunion are officially under way. An initial reunion planning meeting was graciously hosted by Bob Doug¬ gas at his Manhattan office at the Bank of New York. There is still time to get involved in helping us put together the program, so some fund raising and participate in other reunion-related activities. My experience with both in our reunions always has been positive. It’s a great time to renew ties, make new friends (yes, it is possible) and relive the ’60s (or perhaps keep living in the ’60s). I recommend it highly.

If you’d like to get involved, please contact Sharen Medrano, assistant director of alumni affairs, in the Alumni Office (212-870-2742 or so290@columbia.edu), who is coordinating this event for us, or Bob Douglas or myself. I’ll keep you posted on the developments and fill you in on committee members.

Classmates’ children continue to fill the College ranks. Five of us hit the jackpot for the Class of 2008: Mark Beminger (Matthew), Mike Braun (Jackson), John Riley (Dana), Al Scardino (Albert) and Charles Silberman (Jeffrey). Congrats to all of you. It’s an amazing accomplishment, given the appli¬ cant talent pool.

From my perch near campus, I continue to be amazed at the positive transformation of the cam-

pus, Morningside Heights and the surrounding neighborhoods, which are thriving and have never been better to live in or to visit. It is a real source of joy for the College’s future. Moreover, the plans to expand the campus north beyond 125th Street are remark¬ able in their vision and scope. All we need now is a new basketball arena. In my opinion, the cozy Levien gym is no longer ade¬ quate to meet the needs of a soon-to-be-amazing basketball program, which Coach Joe Jones is assembling for us. I’m not say¬ ing we’re going to see the likes of the teams of the late ’60s, but we soon will be an Ivy powerhouse again. Go Lions!

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Vincent Bonagura has been “reappointed for a second three-year term as a member of the Allergy & Immunology Residency Review Committee of the Accreditation Council for Gradu¬ ate Medical Education, from the American Board of Allergy and Immunology.”

Lea and John Macdonald cele¬ brated their 25th wedding anniv¬ ersary on June 24.

In the September column, I published the names of the ten members of the entering Class of 2008 who are children of class¬ mates. It turns out that, in fact,
our class produced 12 members of CC '08. The list should have included Noah Browning (Michael Browning) and Yonah Lemonik (Jack Lemonik).

The following notes about '08 children of '71 were written by the parents in our class. (Note to the rest of the parents: Please write.)

**Steve Ross:** "Lydia graduated from the Brentwood School in Los Angeles. She was attracted to Columbia by the Core Curriculum and by the opportunity to live in New York. She is an activist, actress, singer and all-around great person. My wife, Linda Kent, and I are looking forward to trips to Columbia and to reconnecting with old classmates (well, we aren’t so young any more). We also have a son, Gaby (12), who is in seventh grade."

**Steve Zimmerman:** "Andrew graduated from the Branson School in Ross (Marin County, Calif.). He was captain of Branson’s championship soccer team and president of the German club, among other things. He traveled in Italy this summer."

**Norm Marcik:** "Eli (Lichter-Marcik) grew up in Los Angeles and attended Crossroads School. He is an expert surfer (you can find him at Malibu Surfrider Beach). At school, his main interests were literature, photography and soccer. He looks forward to exploring NYC and diving into Columbia’s academic life."

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Must be what epidemiologists call a “cohort effect.” We have seven — count ’em — children of classmates who started at the College this fall: Doug Altabel’s son, Daniel; Steve Bellovín’s daughter, Rebecca; Harvey Hirsch’s son, Daniel; Ben Lopata’s son, Eric; Jerry O’Neil’s daughter, Heather; Joseph Stern’s son, Amitai; and Robert Wallace’s son, Anders. Congratulations to all.

**Gene Ross** says, “Much has changed in my life since I last wrote a few years ago.” I’ll let him tell it in his own words. “I was recruited after 9-11 by the U.S. Army (first time). They must have heard that I was a first responder doctor at Ground Zero. For the past year and a half, I have been on active duty as an Army lieutenant colonel and the chief of otolaryngology (ear, nose and throat surgery, for you civilians) at the U.S. Military Academy Hospital at West Point, treating a patient population of about 50,000. As an erstwhile attorney, I also am involved in its law program. I still am on the faculty as an assistant professor at Albert Einstein, and may return there one day, if I don’t finish my career in the Army.

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**Mark Goldfield** ’74 retired from the Social Security Administration and now is learning about everything Japanese.

(45 minutes). So I’ve come home. My oldest son is a sophomore engineer at Michigan, and the other two boys are in high school. They’re all 6 feet tall!

**Armen Donelian,** our jazz pianist and professor extraordinaire, may be doing a jazz workshop in Dilijan, Armenia, as you read this. He was featured in the July issue of Hot House, NYC’s monthly guide to nightlife and jazz.

**Bill Roth** (lawyer, NYC) scribbled these thoughts: “I had a terrific time at the reunion, far exceeding my doubtful expectations.” He was especially amazed to meet two classmates he did not recall from our days on the
Jeff McFarland '77 returned to the Upper West Side after four years in the Manila office of the World Health Organization.

More than Norm, thinking about Paul led to thoughts of Terry Maloy and Signe Gross, who debated religion, theology and the state of the universe with Paul and me through several years of our College experience.

I saw an old article that featured Anthony Muratore. I listed his hobbies as auto restoration, cooking, fishing and sporting, his favorite book as Last of the Mohicans and favorite movie as Friendly Persuasion. He also said that if he had to choose another vocation, he would be a chef. What are you doing now? Environmental engineering or fine cooking?

Three members of the Class of 2008 are sons or daughters of Class of 1975 alumni. Adam Katz (John Miller Great Neck North H.S., N.Y.) is the son of Robert Katz, Magda Losonczy (Bernardsville, N.J.) is the daughter of Thomas J. Losonczy and Julian Smith-Newman (Sage Hill School, Irvine, Calif.) is the son of John Smith.

I look forward to hearing from lots of you with personal updates in the coming year. And, of course, I hope to see you on campus when we get together to renew acquaintances and our connection to Columbia College.

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shops in Washington, D.C., in connection with the 30th anniversary of HUD's community development block grant program.

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A Columbia education should, at a minimum, give you a good sense of perspective on the ups and downs of human striving, achievement and subsequent hubris. So, we are all disappointed and somewhat at a loss to figure out exactly what happened and why to one of our — up to now — arguably most successful classmates, New Jersey Governor Jim McGreevey. We can at least note his dignity and calm in the midst of the (albeit self-inflicted) swirl of his personal life and show our respect for the governor's budget-cutting decisions. And I feel the governor has plenty to be held accountable for. Perhaps many long nights getting through all those CC readings did count for something in the end. Perhaps it's too late for Jim to continue his great career.

With another perspective, Bob Mushman '79: "Not long ago ... through a highly improbable sequence of events, I found myself serving as mayor of West Milford, an 80-square mile township in the Highlands of New Jersey, black bear country. Each year, [then-] Governor James McGreevey and I would visit all the New Jersey mayors at a meeting to the Drumthwacket, the governor's mansion.

"Having recently discovered that the governor was in our grade at Columbia College, we drove over to the Columbia '78 yearbook and took it along. After the meeting, I managed to get through the throng of people clawing at the governor. McGreevey was stunned for a moment, but he did sign my book.

"Ironically, my town was on the receiving end of some of the governor's budget-cutting decisions. And I feel the governor has plenty to be held accountable for. Yet, having voted for him, and having witnessed and told about his intelligence and speaking talents, I feel only sadness for the way things have turned out.

Adam E. Isler was moved, as were several of you, by a new feature of the column, my last-ditch request for fodder. "I've never sent anything to you, since as a commuter and holder of several jobs at a time to pay for Columbia, I hardly got to know anyone in our class. I was friends with Tony Kushner (we took several classes together and subsequently both worked at the same hotel) and Michael Eisenberg, whom I met in an ice cream shop where we worked. I shared an apartment with Hugh Weinberg and Gene Cholick after graduating. Apart from Tony, I don't recall seeing any of the others in your column. (Correspondent's note: Darn, after a quarter-century, you've finally uncovered my random blacklisting of your suite.)"

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"Many thanks to Phoebe (10) and Will (12), our twins, who have been having sleepovers at my place. In brief, my post-Columbia story is this: I worked odd jobs for a few years while writing the great American novel (unfinished) and wound up at Citibank for a number of years in New York. I got married and had my first son, Edmund (19) before heading to London for my M.B.A. I returned to New York and Citibank and had two more boys, David (15) and Evan (12). In 1995, I was divorced, and in 1997, I left Citibank to join a small Boston-based consulting and software firm, Demos Solutions, where I am the retail financial services practice manager."

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Joe Daly ’80 has been appointed to an endowed professorship in the Walker College of Business at Appalachian State University.

River Behavioral Healthcare. He and his wife have three children — two teenagers and a 6-year-old. Michael Panzner writes from Manhasset, N.Y., where he and his wife of 21 years, Catherine, have lived since returning from London in 2002. They have four daughters, Sophie (21), Emily (20), Mollie (19) and Nellie (16). Michael is the author of The New Laws of the Stock Market Jungle: An Insider’s Guide to Successful Investing in a Changing World (www.stockmarketchungle.com). He is v.p. in the Equity Division of HSBC Securities in New York.

Don’t forget that 2005 will be the 25th anniversary of our graduation. Our reunion attendances for 5, 10, 15 and 20 haven’t been overwhelming — let’s try to make No. 25 special. It will take place June 2–5, 2005. You’ll be hearing more about it soon.

Wishing you all the best. If your travels bring you to Florida, please look me up.

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Greetings to the Class of 1981! I hope that you enjoyed the summer, or at least found time to relax and enjoy life.

We heard from Scott Plotkin, a long-time reader and first-time writer to CCT. After graduation, Scott attended SUNY Health Sciences Center in Brooklyn (formerly the Downstate Medical School). He did his anesthesia residency at SUNY Stony Brook. For the past 14 years, Scott has worked at the Buffalo General Hospital, where he is the OR director. Scott has been married for almost 20 years to Susan (Pitterman) ’83 Barnard. They have two sons, David (14) and Jonathan (12). Their main interests center around travel, with trips to Iceland, Russia and Bolivia being highlights. Scott has only fond memories of his years at Columbia. He hopes to attend the 25th reunion, which is fast approaching. He can be reached at plotkinrsc@adelphia.net.

We also heard from the Honorable Paul G. Feinman, who, as of January 1, has been sitting as an acting Supreme Court justice in the New York State Supreme Court — Civil Branch in Manhattan. This is New York’s highest trial level court. The designation was made by the chief administrative judge. Prior to this appointment, Paul had served as a Civil Court judge since January 1997.

My thanks to Scott and Paul in reaching out. As always, we hope to hear from all of the class eventually, otherwise I must resort to Wishing you all the best. If your travels bring you to Florida, please look me up.

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[Editor’s note: P. David Adelson was promoted in the department of neurosurgery at the University of Pittsburgh, not neurology as listed in the September issue.]

It is with great pleasure that I have accepted the byline for this column from Bob Passloff, who has passed the baton after more than two decades of service to his class in this capacity. My interest in this column is based to no small extent on selfish reasons: As a Columbia man through and through (CC ’82, P&S ’86, residency in urology ’92) who has relocated to Houston, where we are few in number, Columbia College Today is one of my few remaining links to this great institution from which I have so many cherished memories.

I have been somewhat disappointed by the blank space in our CCT column, suggesting that our class has grown disinterested in remaining connected. I, for one, have maintained many close friends across time and distance, with the likes of my roommates and Ira Skop, Yigal (Sam) Litvin and others, and often wonder what many other past friends and acquaintances, with whom I have lost touch, are doing these days. So I am issuing a challenge: Send me an e-mail, photos or anything that might help tell your story and help us remember who you are or understand who you have become (and I mean that in the broadest sense). Without material from you, you will be forced to read, issue after issue, about the lives of the few classmates with whom I have frequent, first-hand contact. This will be interesting at first but will become more painful as I am forced to come up with fresh material from limited sources.

A few tidbits in the meantime: Yigal (Sam) Litvin and his wife, Robin, celebrated the bat mitzvah of their daughter, Rebecca, this past summer on the New Jersey shore, where they live and Sam practices urology. They also have a son, Andrew, but no pets to my knowl-
ed. While attending this event, I bumped into Erica (Fardes) Schon, her husband and five sons, down from Baltimore, where her husband, Lew, practices orthopedic surgery of the foot and ankle.

I recently was in the New York area to visit my family and my wife Jordana’s family. While there, I caught up with Ira Skop and his wife, Beth Steinberg, who live in Brooklyn with their three sons, Nathan, Gabriel, and Akiva. Ira works in insurance risk analysis at Shelter Island Risk Services. The only other classmate I see routinely is Scott Sheinin, a cardiothoracic surgeon in Houston. Scott relocated to Houston right after graduation to attend medical school at Baylor College of Medicine and did his residency and fellowship at The Methodist Hospital. In addition to routine cardiothoracic surgery, Scott performs heart and lung transplantation, which I think is pretty cool, don’t you? Scott has a wife, Andi, and three children, Lauren, Max, and Samantha.

I am professor and Dan L. Duncan Family Chair in Prostate Disease and director of the Baylor Prostate Center at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. Jordana and I have three children, Jeremy (15), Eden (11) and Bailey (6). We celebrated our 18th wedding anniversary in August.

Now it’s up to you. Let’s show our spirit, our diversity and our growth through the past two decades. I look forward to hearing from each of you so that I can share your comments with our classmates.

Mark Ravina ’83 talks about his book, The Last Samurai: The Life and Battles of Saigo Takamori, with John Crofoot ’83 at an August 19 Columbia Club of Atlanta dinner. Ravina is an associate professor of history at Emory University in Atlanta. PHOTO: JANET FRANKSTON ’95

are seriously considering broadcasting the show, and Root is meeting with Vegas casino execs about their properties being the broadcast home of the program. The winner on the show will get a cash grand prize plus a $100,000-a-year contract to become a professional handicapper for Root’s TV show, Wayne Allyn Root’s Winning Edge, which airs on the Spike network.

Michael Boxer: “After graduation from P&S, I completed surgery and plastic surgery training at the New York-Presbyterian Hospital and started to practice in Westchester. At P&S, I met and married Dr. Lee Grauber, a Wellesley grad, and we live in Chappaqua with our four children, aged 18 months to 10. I have a plastic surgery practice in Mt. Kisco, N.Y., and am active in organized medicine, serving as president of the Westchester County Medical Society. I missed our last reunion, as I was called to active duty during Operation Iraqi Freedom from March to July 2003. I miss Columbia and look forward to seeing some of the guys at the next reunion.”

Joseph Hertz: “I’m married to Iyona Hertz and we live in Park Slope, Brooklyn. We have two children, Samson (14) at Packer Collegiate Institute and Kayla (12) at Berkeley Carroll School. Iyona and I work in real estate as owner and managers of multifamily apartment buildings in Brooklyn. We are getting into construction and development of condominiums.”

Charles Hess: “I married Heidi Levitt ’83 Barnard and moved to L.A. We have two kids, Elise (9) and Tobie (4). Heidi’s a casting director and producer, developing a series of immigrant stories for Sundance. I have a design studio, where we art-direct magazines, reposition existing magazines and launch new titles. We also do logos, websites, books, corporate marketing material, gallery work and a lot of pro bono work for nonprofit charities, such as Big Sunday (we organize thousands of people to do good deeds for people in need across metropolitan L.A.). More recently, I’ve been doing a lot of conceptual editorial illustration for magazines and newspapers and developing/writing/illustrating graphic t-shirts for an apparel company called Turo. It’s a varied existence that gives me flexibility to spend time with my kids.

“We live in an old house in the middle of L.A. and spend part of every summer in Vermont. I see a bunch of people from Columbia and Barnard and get back to N.Y. occasionally for work.”

Andrew Spitzer: “I hope I will be able to come to one of our reunions and catch up in person. After graduating from Columbia, I attended UCLA Medical School and subsequently my residency in orthopaedic surgery at Penn with a final year of fellowship in arthritis and joint replacement surgery at the Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston. I moved back to Los Angeles to practice with the Kerlan-Jobe Orthopaedic Clinic, where I have been since 1993. My wife, Marci, and I recently celebrated our 15th wedding anniversary and are the proud and blessed parents of four beautiful children who range in age from 2 to 12. I am a lay leader in the Los Angeles Jewish community. This consumes whatever free time is left after family and work. All in all, life is good, albeit hectic!”

PJ Pesce recommended a show by his friend John Lehr: The Lehr Curse: A Series of Comedic Lectures, which was performed at the Zipper Theater in New York.

I was delighted to see my old friend and fellow John Jay resident Frank Scheck ‘82 interviewed on E’s biography about Kirstie Alley. Frank is an eminent film/TV critic. I have fond memories of him seeing every Broadway show while at Columbia and advising me about which performances were worthwhile.

Professorirlwigg Selig recently had dinner with Michael Cataldo’s family. Michael’s daughter, Anna, is in the Class of 2008. Michael is this year’s youngest legacy parent! The New York Times business section did a biographical story on Tom Glocer ‘81, CEO of Reuters. Tom cited Professor Selig as one of the main influences in his life and credited him for sparking his interest in classic literature. Professor Selig is listed in the Manhattan telephone directory and enjoys hearing from former students.

Peter Fumo: “I am doing well, with twins born on September 3, 2003, Peter III and Julia. I would like to hear from Peter Marullo and Ken Popovics.”

Kevin Chapman and his wife, Sharon ‘83 Barnard, along with their three kids, are doing great, although he’s not looking forward to his 15-year-old daughter taking driver’s ed in high school this year. Kevin and Sharon are very involved in the Tag McGraw Foundation (www.tugmcrwgom.com), which raises money for brain cancer research and services for patients in memory of the great New York Mets and Philadelphia Phillies relief pitcher.

Kevin has passed the nine-year mark as a labor attorney for Dow Jones & Co. and recently was pro-
Native American culture and Euro-American national importance (don’t mingled with African culture and its hybrid term, African-American. “The reason that I’ve always been a racial identity, Mr. Obama said he was ‘putting on a show’ from my parents, who were from Kansas. His father, who grew up mostly in Hawaii with help from his maternal grandparents, was Kenyan, his mother a white American. After his father left the family in 1967, his mother met and married an Indonesian man, an alternative news source. As I write this, he is under house arrest and facing possible imprisonment. To support this courageous father and husband, send him an e-mail: mattizcoop@netscape.net.

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With thanks to Google and The New York Times, we can report on a number of classmates who have been busy changing the world.

Steven Waldman is CEO, co-founder and editor-in-chief of www.beliefnet.com, a “multi-faith e-community designed to help you meet your religious and spiritual needs in an interesting, captivating and engaging way.” Waldman has been associated with US News & World Report, Newsweek and other influential political organizations, including the Corporation for National Service (AmeriCorps). He is the author of The Bill, about the passage of the AmeriCorps law, which now is a college textbook.

One of Steve’s cohorts, Matt Cooper, now with Time magazine and a major political “talking head,” exerted his fourth estate First Amendment rights and recently was held in contempt of court for refusing to name a source. As I write this, he is under house arrest and facing possible imprisonment. To support this courageous father and husband, send him an e-mail: mattizcoop@netscape.net.

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As you are reading this, our 20th reunion is only seven months away and well into the planning stages. Please watch your mail for reunion materials. Meetings have begun, with the most important goal to get as many of us as possible back for some part of the weekend. (The Class of ’84 had more than 100 classmates turn out for its 20th.) This is a great time to join the committee. Let me know if you would like to help out. At the very least, please send me an update as to your whereabouts.

Our previous class correspondent, Kevin Kelly, started work with the City of New York in the Department of Small Business Services early in 2004. He is executive director, strategic initiatives, focusing on workforce development. “I am happier now than I have ever been, work-wise. OK, maybe Furnald Grocery was more fun, and maybe the Peace Corps was a tad more thrilling (from a dysentery or scorpion sting perspective), but this is the best ‘grown-up’ job I have had. I work almost the same hours that I did as a management consultant, making far less, but I enjoy the work and the environment so much more. It is tough to implement change management initiatives with so many constraints; it requires using a tremendous amount of creativity and endurance more than a little frustration along the way. But in compensa-

ication, I work with some very smart folk, and the urban studies major in me enjoys being a part of city government.”

Kevin works downtown, near City Hall, and is looking for a place to buy. “I live above Murray’s Cheese Shop on the corner of Bleeker and Cornelia—great location, but the building is being sold, so I need to think about getting a place of my own, and soon. Another fun-filled adventure, but with a different kind of pay-off.” Kevin recently returned from a two-week vacation in China, visiting friends from Wharton and traveling on his own. “I visited Shanghai, Beijing, Hong Kong and Macau with some side trips to the countryside. Fascinating, fun and filled with new experiences.” He plans to go to Russia in the fall, spending a week each in Moscow and St. Petersburg.

Leslie Dreyfous (McCarthy), my former Glee Club compatriot under the baton of the illustrious Warren Brown, sends greetings from Half Moon Bay (a rural town on the Pacific coast halfway between San Francisco and San Jose). “Had three kids in four years, which suspended my reporting/writing career for a while. When it comes to procrastination, some of my old Glee Club colleagues seem to think I took the AP motto—‘A deadline every
'86, '85E was best man; other Colombians in attendance included Louis De Chiara '82 and Katerina Antos Halme '90. The reception was at Faculty House, where "Kathy conducted our chorus friends who attended in two numbers, and I took a turn at the microphone singing the bass solo in the RB& classic, '60 Minute Man,' backed by our crack band." Paul has been named counsel to the law firm of Teitler & Teitler, where he has been a litigator, with an emphasis on matrimonial law, since November 1998.

Congratulations to Michael Caldwell '86 on his July election as president of the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO), representing the nation's 3,000 local public health departments. Michael has served for 10 years as commissioner of the Dutchess County (N.Y.) Department of Health. He oversees the health of 290,000 people with 155 employees and a budget of $30 million. At 40, Michael is the youngest president in the history of NACCHO.

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Lee Iban had "a blast protesting the Republican National Convention with the street theatre group Greene Dragon (www.greenedragon.org) — yes, that is me in the back of the Washington Crossing the Delaware photo)."

Mia MacDonald '87 spent the 2003-04 academic year at Columbia as part-time co-director of the human rights concentration and an adjunct lecturer at SIPA.

One highlight was being referred to in a USA Today article about a 'Defend Johnny Cash' event as a 'feisty kazoo player' who might provoke an objection from the late country singer. I'm sure glad that my stint with the Columbia Marching Band has led to the subsequent accolade of 'surprisingly on-key.'

Jeff Paquette is moving from Boston to Johannesburg, South Africa, with his wife, Heidi Johnson, and two children, Mikayla and Jonah. Jeff and Heidi will help start up the first international expansion site of City Year, an innovative national youth service program founded in Boston and operating in 16 cities in the United States (www.cityyear.org). He welcomes hearing from classmates and other Columbia alumni who live in South Africa: jpaquette@cityyear.org.

After nine years in Puerto Rico, Luis Duany moved back to New York City with his wife, Sonia, and son, Guillermo (4). He will be among the founding faculty of a new, bilingual Catholic high school in East Harlem, Cristo Rey H.S. He will live in Astoria and can be reached at blanco25@yahoo.com. He reports that Luis DeLos Santos '87E also will be moving back to New York from the Dominican Republic. Alfredo Cubína is happy to be living in Miami.

A hearty welcome to Bill Fong, who claims himself a "growing follower of Class Notes" during the past 18 years while living in Los Angeles (the first 11 years) and now in Hong Kong. Bill enjoys life in Hong Kong with his wife, Leenor Lee '86 Barnard, and two sons. He is managing director of Investor Growth Capital Asia, a venture capital/private equity advisory group owned by Investor AB of Sweden.

In Hong Kong, Bill said, he enjoyed a wonderful Columbia-Chinese New Year celebration this summer, with President Lee C. Bollinger hosting the festivities. "It was a boisterous, almost rowdy, affair," he said. "With a traditional Chinese Lion Dance (Get it? Nice link to the Columbia Lions!), obscure Columbia fight song singing (no one knew it) and jokes about NYU, did the night ever have to end? There was a raucous speech by one alum who reminisced about going to New York as a freshman and how we were all advised to behave on New York subways: avoid eye contact, walk like you know where you're going and absolutely don't forget to get off at 116th!" On another occasion, Bill had lunch with Dean Austin Blanco '86 in Wien Hall before it was Wien Hall, gathered this summer in Vermont to celebrate Susan Dreyer's marriage to Julian Leon. Also after many years working in alternative public high schools and with the Coalition for Essential Schools, Susan is a faculty member at Antioch New England, teaching in its experienced-educators' master's program. Ellen was accompanied by her parents, Bev and Jeff Davis '55. Ellen is an assistant professor at Bowling Green State University in Ohio, teaching in the College Student Personnel and Higher Education Administration graduate programs, where her research focuses on social justice issues on college campuses and lesbian/bisexual/gay/transgender student issues.

Aaron Hogue, along with his wife, Hetty Cunningham '88, were there with their children, Adrian and Ruby. Aaron and his family live in Manhattan in a brownstone they have been renovating for the past few years. Aaron is a senior researcher at the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse, where he studies adolescents' addiction issues and addiction policy. Hetty is a pediatrician at PÉS.

Also present were Laura Ting, her husband, Kevin McGrattan...
Great news: Kathryn Schneider was married at Saint Paul’s Chapel, where she used to play the organ for other people’s weddings when she was at the Law School, to Paul Getzels ’85 on October 19, 2003. (By the time you read this, their first anniversary will have just passed — call and congratulate them!) Paul sent full details of the wedding to his class correspondent, so you can check the ’85 column for details. The couple live on the Upper West Side. Kathryn writes, “Paul and I met in the City Bar Chorus, a community outreach ensemble of singing legal professionals performing through out New York City. I am beginning my ninth season as musical director and conductor of the group and love using my musical skills for this mission. Those of you with NYC Time Warner Cable may have seen us on NY1 in January, when we were rehearsing, and I were honored as ‘New Yorkers of the Week.’

“I work in midtown Manhattan as v.p. and counsel at AXA Financial (the parent company of Equitable Life, MONY and Alliance Capital), where I enjoy practicing corporate, securities and technology law. I am a member of the CC E-Community (https://alumni.college.columbia.edu/eocom) and would love to hear from classmates. Best to everyone!” (I gotta say, anyone who gets to be “New Yorker of the Week” must be pretty cool — there’s almost seven million other people to choose from, after all.)

After graduation, Anna Sheen McClendon started out in investment banking before deciding that retail is her passion. She quit her job in the San Francisco office of Alex, Brown & Sons, and started on the floor at Cantor Frontier of New Zealand. She was promoted to manager and promptly learned the importance of controls when a ‘customer’ stole $8000 on her shift. Then it was back East for Harvard Business School, which she paused after the first year to work for J. Crew in NYC and Baby Gap in San Francisco. Anna finished her M.B.A. in ’96-’97 and was married in June ’97. She is the executive director for the Consortium for Operational Excellence in Retailing, a research project run out of Harvard and Wharton.

Anna says, “Great job, great bosses, lots of travel and exposure for Amy Perkel becomes complete reverence.”

Jon Sturt writes from Houston, “While in Africa, stuck in a hostel waiting for the rains to end, I met an Aussie woman … “ A few years later, last November, Jon and Cassie Degnan married in a “surprise” wedding while on a skiing holiday in Canada. Renny Smith, Alex Margolies and Dave Winter were able to turn up to see the couple take their vows. As devout travelers, Jon and Cassie’s recent month-long trips included Alaska, Patagonia and Belize. This fall, the couple is moving to New York, where Jon will work for Toshiko Mori, a well-known architect (The William A. Farnsworth Library and Art Museum in Rockefeller, Maine). Jon notes that Renny and his wife had another boy earlier this year, claiming, “My friends seem to be on a mission to populate the world with boys.”

Beth Kissellef and her husband have succeeded in establishing out the gender imbalance created by the Smiths. Beth’s youngest child, Alla Pearl Perlman, was born last February and joins big sisters Tova (9) and Yael (4). Beth notes, “After being the third class of women at Columbia (and also attending a formerly all-male high school), I find myself teaching at a women’s school and the mother of three daughters.” This fall, Beth will begin her third year teaching in the English department at Smith College. Her courses include English, Gothic and travel literature. Her Gothic literature class examines “what creates fear in text” and studies classics.

Daniele Campbell received her M.B.A. from Wharton in 1995 and is in New York; she is the senior director of corporate development for the Interactive Division of Rodale Inc., publisher of Men’s Health, Runner’s World and The South Beach Diet. Daniele married Spencer Lamb in April 2002 and their son, Casey Wilson Lamb, was born on May 1. Even though Casey was only five weeks old, Daniele joined our reunion festivities after being cajoled by Susan Loring Crane and Ann Peyton. “Susan and Ann dragged me to reunion — Casey handled himself beautifully.” This fall, Daniele and her family are leaving the West Side for Murray Hill.

I received word from Frances Garret ’89, Michael G. Garrett ’62, that Frances received graduate degrees (M.A. and Ph.D.) from the University of Virginia and could be found at the University of Toronto. Frances is a professor of Buddhist studies and lives with her husband and 9-year-old son.

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Hooray for Judy Shampianer and Mike Bowen on the arrival of Anna’s brother, Jackson Tiberius, on August 4. He weighed 7 lbs., 9 oz., and measured 21 inches. If the stars align themselves in 15-18 years, Jackson might be able to date Joanna Maria Pas-salaris, John and Eleli (Demetri- ou) Passalaris’ third daughter, born weighing 3 oz. Big sisters Maria and Anastasia
probably will want to check Jackon out first, though.

Marian Wright and Greg Boester welcomed their second child, Wyatt Parker Boester, into the world on May 22. He joins his 33-year-old brother, Cole. The family lives in Rye, N.Y., where Marian stays at home with the kids and works on her first book. She says it’s slow going but has written seven or eight chapters. Greg runs a mortgage-backed securities desk at JPMorgan. Marian is in touch with Gabriel Kra (who lives with his wife, Julie Caskey, and their young daughter, Calla, in San Francisco); Jenny Thompson Harvey (who lives in Manhattan with her husband, Steve, plus kids Michaela, Andrew and Liam); and Ted Acworth ’90E, who lives in Boston. Marian will be at our reunion (June 2–5, 2005).

Gabriel Kra was among those motivat

ated by Ije Acheolu’s update to write. Stan and his wife, Dawn, have four children: Audra Lynn (born in May), Lindy (2), Mara (6) and Stanley III (9). They live in Hilliard, a suburb of Columbus, Ohio. Stan is a faculty mem

ber in the Family Medicine Resid

ency Program at Grant Medical Center in Columbus. He says they live the standard, stereotypi

cal, quintessential suburban life with a compact and a minivan, grass that grows too fast and neighbors who spend far too much time on their lawns. Never

ethless, everyone is happy and healthy. Glad to hear it, and from you, Stan.

Dana Wu

Mea culpa — my apologies to anyone who sent me e-mail in July. I came back from visiting the in-laws to an e-mail disaster. If you don’t see your update here, please resend it!

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Frank Stephan ’93 recently became managing director of the Clarett Group, a major New York development company.

Turich reports, “Anyone who remembers me from my days at Columbia likely pictures me deep in the bowels of the then-new Schapiro Theater, directing and acting in productions by the Columbia Courtiers. I’ve been pursuing a career in theater and film since. If you watch Law & Order, you’ll catch me once or twice a season in my recurring role as Officer Crawford (or, as I call him, Officer Exposition) giving Jesse L. Martin and Jerry Orbach the skinny on that week’s plot…” When Sam is not giving Detectives Green and Briscoe all they can handle, he is teaching
Enjoy Art While Doing Your Laundry

Risê Wilson ’97 sees potential for a community arts center in a Laundromat.

Laundromats around the country have combined their services with a café, bar, dating service or musical concerts, but Wilson says this is the first attempt she knows of to use the profits from the coin machines to support a nonprofit mission.

“You have down time,” says Wilson, noting that a self-service laundry often is a place where locals gather and talk. Installing art will give patrons something new to discuss. The exhibitions will be by local artists or about the neighborhood. “It’s about displaying the art creatively, not about hanging framed pictures on the wall,” she says. “We can install works on the machines, on the floor, or hang them from the ceiling. As someone who’s come in to do your laundry, you enter the installation and become part of the work.”

Two artists that Wilson and Robinson have received a $90,000 fellowship to pursue the Laundromat Project, an innovative nonprofit venture that involves opening a self-service laundry that will double as a community arts center in the Bedford-Stuyvesant neighborhood in Brooklyn. The fellowship was awarded by Echoing Green, a New York-based global social venture fund.

“Years ago when I visited a Laundromat, I was impressed by the social experience that is there,” Wilson says. “People go to laundromats before they go to bars. You see the whole spectrum of people in a laundromat.”

Wilson and Diggs did not meet at the College; rather, they met at a symposium in early 2004 at a symposium. “Syreeta’s artistic work is interested in the dialogue between urban architecture and urban bodies (individually and as communities),” says Wilson. McFadden is a board member of Louderarts, Inc. and an active member of the Fort Greene Photography Association.

Wilson would love to see the Laundromat Project take over a brownstone in Brooklyn and expand to provide art classes, studio space and perhaps an artist-in-residence program. The project continues to raise funds so it can look for a start-up space.

“We might mount some arts education programs and community programs even before we have the building,” Wilson says. “We don’t want to wait two years to start fulfilling our mission.”

Shira Boss-Bicak ’93

The Laundromat Project is building a board of directors, and its founders are eager to meet alumni who can offer advice or assistance. Those interested in learning more can contact Wilson at (718) 574-0798 or laundromatproject@hotmail.com.
attribute that to the excellent and comprehensive report that Shawn Landres provided about our reunion.

Thankfully, Shawn offered up a couple of stragglers for this issue: Ty Buckelew is job-hunting after having recently left Columbia, while Tony Ambroza is a brand manager for Nike, happily married and living in the “beautiful backwoods” of Portland, Ore.

Karla (Morales) McGarry sent me a lovely update about her Columbia roommate, Barbara Caraballo, who had a son, Alexander Tadijanovic, in December. Saara is at the law firm of Cravath, Swaine & Moore, working hard, Dara says. During her pregnancy, Dara left Wall Street and became a certified Pilates instructor. “It has been a fabulous career change,” she writes. You can find her two days a week at Power Pilates at the Time Warner building and downtown on Fridays.

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Dara Marmon became a mom in October 2003, the day after celebrating her fourth wedding anniversary with her husband, Jack Kaplan. Their daughter, Veronica Jean Kaplan, was born at Columbia Presbyterian.

The baby’s first visitors included Patty Irigoyen and (Lee) Saara Bickley. Patty is a board-certified pediatrician, now in her second year of a fellowship in pediatric rheumatology at North Shore/Long Island Jewish Hospital. Patty did her medical training and her internship at Columbia. Saara is at the law firm of Cravath, Swaine & Moore, working hard, Dara says. During her pregnancy, Dara left Wall Street and became a certified Pilates instructor. “It has been a fabulous career change,” she writes. You can find her two days a week at Power Pilates at the Time Warner building and downtown on Fridays.

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Greetings, classmates! Only a bit more time until August 5, 2004.

Robert David Sloane married Fiona St. John Parsons ’95 at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden. Fiona reports that the couple did not meet until after graduation, although surely as philosophy and English majors, respectively, they must have passed each other we. They never stop thinking about new ways to harm our country and our people, and neither do we.” — George W. Bush, August 5, 2004

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Shivali Shah has returned to the New York area after leaving to get a law degree at Duke, start a nonprofit for battered women in North Carolina and travel in India. Recently, she campaigned for Kerry-Edwards and was conducting research on domestic violence in immigrant communities. After a successful run as Hedwig in Hedwig and the Angry Inch at a community theater, Tony Roach left Birmingham, Ala., and his band, Catalytic (see January 2003 CCT, page 57), and has started at the American Repertory Theatre/Moscow Art Theatre School Institute for Advanced Theatre Training at Harvard. He writes: “Assuming I don’t get cut (which is no good assumption to make), one may spot me...”

Katie Eyer ’99 and Kevin Aptowicz ’96 prepare to mail in their marriage license prior to their August 2003 wedding in Philadelphia, which was attended by several Columbians.

District of New York. Robert traveled to India, Nepal and Tibet to conduct research and write reports on behalf of the Tibet Justice Center, of which he is a board member. He is an associate at the Manhattan law firm of Debevoise & Plimpton. Fiona is a 2000 graduate of Brooklyn Law School, where she was an editor of the Law Review, a Moot Court debate champion and a recipient of the Sparker Public Interest Law Fellowship and the Thomas Witte Prize in Literature and the Law. She pursued children’s rights work for two years at the New York City Administration for Children’s Services before switching fields to medical malpractice defense. Fiona is an associate at the Manhattan law firm of Schiavetti, Corgan, Kos, Diedwards & Nicholson.

Omar Sayed moved to London a couple of years ago to set up an office for Capsis Capital, a New York-based hedge fund. Omar has been running a Europe/Asia risk arbitrage book in London and traveling a lot. He attended Derrick Choit’s wedding to Alice Tseng. Other ’96ers in attendance included Tracie Wong and Elizabeth Yuan.

That, I’m afraid, is all I have to report. Please send in more news! I hope you exercised your right to vote in this critical election year, as I leave you with this important message. Your votes are innovaive and resourceful, and so are we. They never stop thinking about new ways to harm our...
briefly — in the upcoming Johnny Cash biopic *Walk the Line*, starring Joaquin Phoenix."

After graduation, Melissa (Potter) Sanford went to Villanova Law, graduating in 2000. She married Russell Sanford, a pilot for Delta Airlines, in September 1999, and they moved to Atlanta in Summer 2000. Melissa has been an assistant district attorney for the last four years just north of Atlanta. The couple had a daughter, Hailey, in July 2001.

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The global social venture fund Echo Green has named Risé Wilson among the world's "Best Emerging Social Entrepreneurs" for her innovative efforts to combine arts education with a for-profit Laundromat in her working-class neighborhood of Bedford-Stuyvesant. Wilson, along with partner and fellow artist Takema Robins, will receive from Echo Green $90,000 in seed funding and technical assistance across two years to launch The Laundromat Project, a community arts center that brings residents together to promote cultural education and civic participation. Risé received an M.A. in Africana Studies from NYU and was a 2002 CAA Professional Development Fellow in New York. She is a certified personal trainer. Best wishes to Marcelo Olarte, who, according to *The New York Times*, married Jamie Zucker at the New York City Municipal Building on July 25. Marcelo, who has a master's in public health from Columbia, is the executive project manager in the office of the commissioner of health and senior services of New Jersey. Jamie is an account executive in the New York office of SAS Institute, which makes business software. The Olartes live in Manhattan.

Congratulations to Dan Kelleher on his Olympic debut as a foil fencer. I hope you all had a chance to watch at least one of Dan's matches in Athens. In one amazing match for the team foil competition, Dan clinched the USA's win over second-ranked Germany to go on to the bronze-medal match against Russia. The team finished fourth, and the NBC commentators couldn't help but sing Dan's praises. Way to go, Dan! [Editor's note: Please see Roar, Lora, Roar.]

Justin Garrett is engaged to Rachel Fireman. Justin planned a fantastic surprise proposal, which took place at Bryant Park the day before Rachel's 30th birthday in late July. Congrats! Mazel tov to Jayna (Green) Eliav '97 and her husband, Elihu, who had their third child this summer. Their daughter, Chaya Bushka, joins older brothers Yosef Yitzhak and Menachem Mendel in the Eliav home in Crown Heights, Brooklyn.

Unfortunately, this edition is pitifully short, but I thank you in advance for sending me updates for the January issue!

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In case you haven't heard the hype, Stacy Rotner is on the second season of *The Apprentice*. Stacy was one of 18 cast members selected from more than a million applicants and is proud to be the only Columbia representative. If you missed her premiere, on September 9, you can catch the remaining episodes through December on Thursdays at 9 p.m. on NBC. Stacy said of her *Apprentice* castmates, "There were many Ivy grads, but none who went to an Ivy in NYC, so my Columbia education from inside and outside of the classroom definitely helped in the game." When she isn't getting ready for her close-up, Stacy is a hedge fund attorney for Sidney, Austin, Brown and Wood in the New York.

Beginning this fall, Nancy Kim is teaching high school math at Byram Hills High School in Armonk, N.Y. Thanks for writing in and updating us, Nancy. Good luck with your new position.

Finally, (admittedly, a little late) Katie Eyer and Kevin Aptomwicz '99E announce their marriage. The wedding took place in August 2003, and Columbians in attendance included Andy Newcomer, Esther Chak, Ben Hall '99E, Jade Gibson, Dan Park '02, Kate VanDen Broek '98 Barnard, Catie Zieler '99E, Todd Himmelfarb and Molly Peryer '97 Barnard. We cannot fault Katie and Kevin for being a little late with their happy news — they have been busy. Kevin is finishing his Ph.D. in applied physics at Yale and Katie recently graduated from Yale Law School and is clerking for a judge in New Haven. Congratulations!

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**Matthew Chaldeccott** was in Stockholm as best man for Daniel Wolven '99 and Shampa Banerji's July 2002 wedding. Nick Marantz and Sarah Canzoniero also were there from Daniel's freshman year floor (JJ9). Daniel and Shampa are moving to Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo, as Daniel is being posted there for the Swedish Foreign Service. Matt, meanwhile, is in London having a fantastic...
time working for the BBC.

Dan Burstein and Juliet Ross were married on March 14 at the Lighthouse at Chelsea Piers. They met freshman year as they were moving into their rooms on JJ14 for COOP. Sander Cohan, who held the Chuappah in their wedding, was the first person Dan met at Columbia, and Juliet was the second. They hung out the first year as friends, particularly with bridesmaid Laura Weber (Wallace) and her now-husband Brian Wallace '00E, and started dating during the fall of sophomore year. Dan proposed on the roof of their apartment building, which Juliet notes “was a romantic and exciting moment.” They looked at lots of places in NYC where they could get married (Juliet is an Upper West Side native), but as soon as they stepped into The Lighthouse, they knew it was the right place. Juliet writes, “It was spectacular, and we had so much fun reminiscing about our senior ball on the next pier! We were thrilled to make new memories at our wedding with some of the same friends who made college such a blast.”

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Susie Freeman is teaching high school in NYC, where she often hangs out with Annie Ulevitch, who is in her third year at Cardozo Law School. Laurie Marhoefer and Dan Capasso are students at Rutgers. Laurie is getting her second D. in history and Dan is in law school. Charlie Nightingale, who got married on September 12, is clerking for a senior judge in the second circuit. He’ll return to Davis Polk after that. Katherine Dube also is in the Psy.D. program at GW, so she and Juliet see each other often.

Zuleika Reyes and Nathan Tharel, who met at seminary school in Dallas, were married on June 5 at Calvary Baptist Church in New York City. Attendees included (left to right) Anthony Ramirez '00E, Ingrid Matias '99, Reyes, Tharel and Linda Tram.
Rachel Fleishman writes, "On August 8, Scott Meltzer ’02 and I were married in Villanova, Pa. Many of our friends from Columbia shared our day. Jenny Shalant, a copy editor for the Bronx Zoo and writer for its monthly magazine, and Jennifer Kim, still slaving away as a department manager for a company that sells education software, were among the bridesmaids. Also present were Seema Patil, in her fourth year of medical school at University of Maryland and applying for a residency in internal medicine; Surupa Sen Gupta, who finished her post-bac in the spring and is in the midst of medical school applications; Aparna Prasad ’01E, who just began her third year of medical school at SUNY Buffalo; Manasi Bhattacharyya ’01E, ’02E, who began law school at GW this fall; and Yael (Lerman) Hopp and her husband Michael ’98. The two recently celebrated their one-year anniversary. Yael graduated from NYU law this spring and recently took the New York bar exam. "

"Ari Dolid and Becca Parks, who taught at a Harlem middle school with Scott the past two years, were there. Both continue to teach. Corinna (Russell) Schultz and Matthew Schultz, who live in Philadelphia, where Corinna attends Jefferson Medical College, were away in Europe and unable to make it. Many of Scott’s classmates were there. Scott and I will live in the Bronx while I finish my last year of medical school at Einstein."

Congratulations to Jed Dupree, men’s foil, and Erin Smart ’01 (men’s epee), women’s foil, on making the U.S. Olympic team that competed in Athens. [Editor’s note: See Roar, Lion, Roar.] Former Carman hallmate Kevin Reed finished his second season at Yale Law and spent the summer working at a N.Y. law firm alongside Jessica Lee, a Carman 11 hallmate. Kevin spent August in Sierra Leone, providing legal services to rural communities. "I had the pleasure of seeing Ricky Joshi (and many of his Dartmouth friends) before he left for his summer internship in Atlanta, and Reema Kapadia, who is happily embarking on extended travel plans before heading to business school."

Best wishes for a great Thanksgiving, and stay in touch.

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Victor Brown is a first-year associate at the law firm of Sidley Austin Brown & Wood. He is the director of its newly formed Family Law division. Victor plans to continue training for the Ultimate Fighting Championship; he placed third at this national competition and hopes to improve his performance at the next one.

Juan Carlos is a second-year at Fordham Law. When he’s not in New York, he’s in San Juan.

Joyce Chang is in her second year at Wisconsin Law. "I’m having a great time, and if all goes well, I’ll be moving to Chicago after school. I spent the summer interning at the U.S. Attorney’s Office in Chicago and played tennis with Rebecca Nathan ’01 every week. I hope everyone in NYC is doing well. I miss you all!"

Nicholas Elkins lives in Old Town Alexandria, Va., and is a management analyst for Bearing Point. He also is developing his culinary skills and catering dinner parties for friends.

Ian Rapoport lives in Starkville, Miss. He writes, "From the 'Who knows-where-work-will-take-you?' department: After two years of being a sports reporter at The Clarion-Ledger, Mississippi’s largest paper. The newspaper is located in Jackson, but part of the deal was that I had to move into the college town of Starkville. I am the main reporter for football, basketball and baseball. Between MSU football coach Sylvester Croom (the first black head coach in SEC history), the nationally ranked basketball team and the storied baseball team, I’ll be pretty busy. Lots of traveling, which includes a trip to New York City and Madison Square Garden for the basketball team’s Coaches vs. Cancer Classic. And yes, the fact that I live in Mississippi is funny."

David Sauvage had his play Cheyenne produced by Rogue Theatre in Los Angeles from September 17 to October 24. The show is about life and love in Wyoming. To find out more, check out www.davidsauvage.com. While you’re there, be sure to check out his article on his eBay entrepreneurial pursuits, "Selling Hillary."

Carina Schoenberger spent the last two years in publishing and living in Morningside Heights. He moved from the neighborhood, but not too far — he started at NYU Law School this fall.

Kristen Turza and Michael Fishman are back to the books for their second year at GW Medical School. Kristen spent the summer working at the NYU Medical Center. She and her fiancé are in the midst of planning their wedding for next summer in her hometown of Bethesda, Md., which should make for a hectic year of sleep deprivation.

Ambarish "Rishi" Manepalli is a first-year film student at the School of the Arts. Rishi spent five months in India and a preponderant amount of time in St. Louis. He wrote, read and made short films. He couldn’t wait to get back to New York.

Scott Meltzer married Rachel Fleishman ’01 in August. The wedding party included Jeffrey Posnick (best man), Anna Mier (nee Gordon-Cash), Michael Mier and Ryan Gan ’03. Also in attendance were Sol Swords, Richard Goldman, Erin Harrist, Sarah Wagner-McCoy, David Form and his wife, Sharon Bartel ’04, as well as several ’01 graduates (named in that class’s notes).

Sterling Mah ’01 married Paul Ingui on May 23 in her hometown of Durham, N.C., at Duke University Chapel. Mah and Ingui continue to live in NYC and both work at Tiffen & Co. Grant, our senior class president, is back in New York, attending Cardozo Law School and living in Gramercy. Nick Carrier is a software analyst at Donovan Data Systems and lives in Brooklyn.

Mayra Rodriguez will begin her first year of medical school at Albert Einstein College of Medicine. Gillian Diercks will attend New York University School of Medicine. While many members of our class spent their summer vacations on beaches and in pools, Dana Zullo has been hard at work in Ghana. Dana left for Ghana on June 17 to serve a two-year term as a visual arts coordinator. According to a press release from the Peace Corps Regional Office, "Zullo will be working with host nationals to teach visual arts, art history and appreciation to senior secondary school students. She also will engage in secondary projects in HIV/AIDS education and gender and youth development." Prior to her departure, Dana said that she looks forward to the "opportunity to serve and represent my country as an ambassador of goodwill; sharing skills, intellect, compassion and understanding." Zullo already has begun to learn the vernacular, Twi, and reported in one of her weekly e-mails that she already can engage in simple conversation.

Dana is not the only member of our class to use her skill set abroad. Ellen Rubinstein, an East-Asian studies major, is in Japan, teaching English at a Catholic girls’ high school. If you would like to follow the chronicles of Ellen’s work in Japan, you can visit her website: www.gaijinadventure.com.

Michael Ren ’04 works at Merrill Lynch Private Equity Partners. Kimberly Grant, our senior class president, is back in New York, attending Cardozo Law School and living in Gramercy. Nick Carrier is a software analyst at Donovan Data Systems and lives in Brooklyn.

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Doctors for Designated Driving

Howie Forman '01, a three-year medical school student at Albert Einstein College of Medicine, has founded a national organization to promote designated drivers. Doctors for Designated Driving is not only working to raise awareness of the importance of having a designated driver when out drinking alcohol, but also is enlisting businesses that serve alcohol to offer free non-alcoholic drinks or other incentives to designated drivers.

"You hear, 'Let's have a designated driver,' or you may see a TV spot, but nobody has taken it to the level of sporting venues, bars and restaurants," says Raymond Scalettar '50, a physician who advises DFDD.

The idea of incentives is not new — Forman knew of the free sodas policy at the stadium of his hometown NFL team, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, for example — but DFDD is the first concentrated effort to expand and publicize a program to promote designated driving through uniform incentives.

"It's about making designated drivers a part of the culture," Forman says. "Our overall message is we're not anti-alcohol and anti-going out and having a good time. We're pro-safety for the drivers, pedestrians and everyone else on the road." Other Columbians involved in the organization include Aileen Love '95, Dan Machleder '98 and Kate Devine '02.

Automobile crashes are the leading cause of death for Americans ages 5-33, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation. In 2002, one-third of the drivers who died in a crash were intoxicated; that percentage goes up to half for fatally-injured drivers between 21-40, according to the DOT. Annually throughout the past decade, an average of 25,000 Americans died in alcohol-related car crashes; that's about one every 20 minutes.

Forman, who ran the Great Columbia Smoke Out while an undergrad, is the only student serving on the American Medical Association's Action Team on Alcohol and Health. Last year, he started a program at Albert Einstein where med students go to Bronx high schools to talk to students about alcohol abuse. In July, he was invited to Washington, D.C., to meet with members of Congress at the inaugural meeting of the STOP DUI caucus and he recently was added as a member of the National Commission Against Drunk Driving. DFDD has reached agreements with several restaurants and bars to join the effort and publicize their support of designated driving and offer driver incentives. The organization is in discussions with TEAM Coalition — an alliance of professional sports leagues and teams, entertainment facilities, concessionaires, the beer industry, broadcasters, governmental traffic safety experts and others working to promote responsible drinking and positive behavior at sports and entertainment facilities — to institute a uniform policy at minor league sports venues. After securing agreements with the minor leagues, the organization hopes to move on to the majors.

"I think that the most important strategy here is sports; because the people involved are the people who set trends," Forman says.

Health professionals can sign a petition supporting DFDD at www.designdriving.com.

West coasts and loving every minute of it. Tamar Simon works at Miramax Films and enjoys her hectic schedule. Since graduating, Lindsay Bourkoff (Shrier) married her Columbia sweetheart, Nathan Bourkoff, and has been working for JP Morgan Private Bank in New York City. After living on the Upper West Side for more than a year, the happy couple decided that they were yearning to move to California. Lindsay writes: "I am from Los Angeles, so we are moving closer to my family. We moved to Southern California at the end of September. I left finance to pursue a job in the public sector. I recently received and accepted a position as a field deputy for the City of Los Angeles, and I will work for City Councilman Jack Weiss in managing the 5th district and solving city problems. It will be a huge challenge, but I believe that it will be rewarding and interesting. As a field deputy, I will leave behind the notion of the 'desk job' and meet constituents and business owners around the city."

Meanwhile, in New York, Katie Connor works for a hedge fund, Moore Capital Management, in operations and accounting, and lives with Mary Bauman, who teaches high school chemistry in the Bronx. Dan Wise also teaches in the Bronx with Teach for America. Julia Hertz is a research assistant at the Metropolitan Museum of Art and lives on the Upper West Side with Daniel C. de Roulet Jr.

In the New York finance world, Omar Sarwar, Sabreena Karim and Mustafa Riffat work for Citigroup, while Alissa Smith, Rob Ettinger and Elissa Goff work for JP Morgan Chase. Scott Weiss, former president of the activities board, works at UBS, and Simon Chuk works at Bank of America. Sue Altman '05, basketball player extraordinaire, spent the summer interning at Merrill Lynch before returning to the College for her final semester.

At NYU, Ilana Golant started law school, while Dina Hoffer is pursuing a master's in English. Solog Sosomek attends Fordham Law, while Zac Wang is at Boston University Law School. Also in the realm of law, Lisa Wright, Annie Chen, Erica De Bruin, Maria Marulanda and Nicole Donaldson are paralegals in law firms throughout Manhattan. Margarita "Maggie" O'Donnell, former CPA of Riverhead, lives downtown and works for the Federal Defenders.

Phil Wallace, former Spectator sports columnist, spent the summer in Los Angeles before returning to New York to work for NYC 2012. Also in L.A., Tia Sherrington enjoyed her summer traveling and preparing for the LSAT. In Europe, Claire Levenson is pursuing a one-year master's in history at Cambridge. In the news and entertainment industry, Sammy Park, a vice chair of our Service Fund Committee, lives with her aunt in New Jersey and works for NY1. Nick Carr, former Spectator cartoonist, is an assistant director on a feature film about how to seduce women. Selena Soo worked for the documentary film The Corporation this past summer before returning to Columbia for her final semester. Dave Jelenko works for the Brooklyn Cyclones, one of the New York Mets' minor league baseball teams.

If you are not receiving Columbia College Today, please e-mail ccct@columbia.edu with your name, class year and your mailing address to be placed on the list. Also, please e-mail me any '04-related updates or information that you would like included in this column. Enjoy the rest of the fall, and stay in touch with your alma mater!
Theoretical Inquiry

I read with great interest the review of Dean Austin Quigley's new book, _Theoretical Inquiry: Language, Linguistics, and Literature_ [September]. His idea that "theory has often reduced literature to illustrating a theory's presuppositions" and is therefore essentially reductionist is reflected in _Great Books_ by David Denby '65. Although there is considerable food for thought in the critical approaches toward theory expressed by both authors, theory also can considerably expand students' horizons and give them new insights.

I teach in the Humanities Department at a college in Montreal. We are expected to teach interdisciplinary studies. I have students read from the textbook _Conversations in Sociology_, by Sylvia Hale. The author has sympathetic presentations of the four major schools of sociological thought today: functionalism, Marxism, feminism and social constructionism, in the context of subject matter normally found in sociology textbooks. I teach students to contextualize an argument based on one of the above four schools of thought and then organize three-to-four hour in-class parliamentary-style role play debates on drama, as, for example, Marxist vs. functionalist interpretations of _Major Barbara_, feminist vs. functionalist interpretations of _Hedda Gabler_, or social constructionist vs. functionalist interpretations of Michael Frayn's _Copenhagen_.

The students and I enjoy ourselves immensely during these debates, and we see how well students understand theory and are able to manipulate theoretical approaches and apply them. Weak students who had difficulty understanding the theory during preparation begin to understand it during the debate, as students teach other students.

Rather than limiting students' appreciation of literature, theory allows them to consider aspects of the plays they may not have considered otherwise. Theory doesn't only reduce drama to illustrating a theory's presuppositions. Presenting theoretical interpretations in a debate format guarantees that a wide range of approaches and opinions are considered. Sometimes it is the drama itself that expands the theory into new directions. For example, the sociology textbook discusses the Marxist notion of false consciousness reducing class consciousness. In _Death of a Salesman_, one can see that Willy does not identify himself as a "white-collar worker," or a worker of any kind, and that he only has contempt for "blue-collar workers." However, the false consciousness of the American Dream in the play goes beyond eliminating class consciousness and is far more devastating. It results in his failure to properly socialize his children and to commit suicide with the expectation that the $20,000 insurance policy will guarantee that his sons will thereby have the prerequisite to become successful.

My interest in interdisciplinary approaches toward education goes back to my years at Columbia. Allan Silverman in Sociology-Contemporary Civilization awakened me to the brilliant ideas of people such as Emile Durkheim, Max Weber, Robert Merton, Talcott Parsons, Herbert Marcuse and Karl Marx, and I use those ideas in my teaching. Edward Said taught me what a sociology of literature could be like. What I learned from these teachers and others at the College, such as Angus Fletcher, Homer Brown and Richard Brett, remains fondly in my memory.

If anyone is interested in my teaching approach, I may be contacted at alanzweiss@johnabbottc.qc.ca.

Alan Weiss '68
MONTRÉAL
My first impressions of Columbia College in September 1946 were of its awesome environs. Huge, forbidding buildings — at least, forbidding to me — characterized the campus. As a college student, I was one step closer to leaving the halls of academia and entering the workaday world. However, the College (mainly Hamilton Hall) was unusual in the sense that it was surrounded by other University buildings, beckoning us to enter the various graduate and professional schools after college, an environment quite different from that of colleges with no university affiliations.

I entered Columbia College in the first full post-war year. Students as well as instructors wore jackets and neckties — this was way before the era of blue jeans and T-shirts. Classes had many returning veterans taking advantage of the G.I. Bill of Rights. In the peak year of 1947, veterans represented 49 percent of college enrollment in the U.S., according to the Veterans Administration. The College, of course, was all-male, but Barnard was across the way and we did not feel that anything was missing by not being a co-ed student body.

This was a time in which the University was not top-heavy with administration. Columbia was a "renaissance university" in the ancient sense. There was a story that at one time in the 1920s or 1930s, a chemistry professor who had been chosen to be department chairman went to the University president, Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler (Class of 1882) and asked him what he was to do in that function. Butler replied, "You know what to do."

I joined the renaissance, majoring in science and engineering, relishing these classes and the Contemporary Civilization and Humanities courses. They all required much effort in a competitive atmosphere; more than one student mentioned to me the tension under which he studied. I also studied engineering drafting and descriptive geometry in my freshman year, from which I still have the textbook, Engineering Drawing, by Thomas E. French.

Inside the front cover, I noted, "Allen Vreeland, my freshman year, from which I still have the textbook, Engineering Drawing, by Thomas E. French. Inside the front cover, I noted, "Allen Vreeland, Ray Lyerly" who undoubtedly were the instructors. Also written inside the book was "2.70," the going price for a textbook at that time; the going price for a subway ride was 10 cents.

I was a CC student of Richard Hofstadter, who was on his way to winning the Pulitzer Prize in history, and a Humanities student of Vladimir Ussachevsky, who became a well-known music composer. I studied general chemistry under Charles O. Beckman in the grand Havemeyer lecture hall with a 40-foot domed ceiling and oak demonstration table. These were inspired people who spoke with intensity and fervor about their subjects. I still am amazed how they could speak before groups of students day after day, several hours a day, and never tire.

The College also provided inspirational experiences outside the classroom. I had never heard of crew until I went to Columbia, but in September 1946, I saw a notice on a bulletin board calling for candidates. I responded, and crew became the gateway to many positive competition experiences on the Harlem and Hudson rivers and at venues in New England, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. In the fall and spring, it was a delight to go to the Gould boathouse at the northern tip of Manhattan and practice rowing in such sublime surroundings, far removed from the hustle and bustle of the city. It was a privilege to row for Columbia, and I look back on my days on the water as some of the great moments of my life.

I also enjoyed participating in the Van Am Society (the honorary service society) and the Delta Phi Fraternity, Delta Chapter, at 609 W. 114th St, known to some as the "crew fraternity," founded at Columbia in 1842.

I was a student at a time of transition, from the stable pre-war era in the first half of the 20th century to the beginning of the rapidly changing post-war era of the second half of the century. Butler passed away a year after I entered Columbia. Dr. Frank Diehl Fackenthal was acting University president from 1945-48. In 1948, General Dwight D. Eisenhower became University president, and my stay at the College was capped by receiving a diploma with Eisenhower's signature. His son, John, studied at Columbia at this time and received a master of arts in English from GSAS in 1950. At the same time, my father was a professor at the University and president of the Men's Faculty Club from 1948-50. I did not see or meet Eisenhower, but my parents always remembered their pleasant encounters with him and Mrs. Eisenhower.

What better recommendation is there for Columbia than the fact that my father, Arthur W. Thomas '12, earned additional degrees from Columbia in 1914 and 1915 and later served on the faculty; my sister, Madeleine, graduated from Barnard in 1947; and I graduated from Columbia College in February 1951.

I have a friend who did not attend college but has enjoyed a successful career, and I asked him if it is worthwhile to go to college. He said,
Name That Dean

Can you unscramble the names of all the deans who have led Columbia College through the years? For bonus points, match the dean to his photograph.

1. NJHO ODARHW AVN MGIRENA
2. DKEIFRCRE LAPU PEKLPE
3. RBREEHT KSEAHW
4. RYARH SMJAE RANCMA
5. WELNCRAE NYERH BLAARHNICME
6. OHJN RAGHMO PFYLAER
7. ADDIV MUATNR
8. RLCA VEDOH
9. TREEP OYEPCNU
10. NALDOR LOLRYEC
11. TEORRB KLAOCRP
12. KAJC ERBGENGR
13. TENSEV CURMSA
14. NIUSAT EGIYULQ

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"If I had not received a Kluge scholarship, I would have been just another Cleveland kid working full time and going to community college. [John Kluge '37's] willingness to invest in human potential, that commitment to leveling the economic and racial playing field, helped me reach my goals and lies at the very core of who I am as an activist, teacher and researcher."

— Cynthia Young '91, assistant professor of English and American studies
and ethnicity at the University of Southern California
Barack Obama '83 received 70 percent of the vote in Illinois to become the only African American in the U.S. Senate.
Mark your calendar …

SPRING SEMESTER 2005

TUESDAY
JANUARY 18
First Day of Classes

SATURDAY
JANUARY 29
Atlanta College Day

WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 9
February Degrees Confirmed

TUESDAY
FEBRUARY 15
CCYA Networking: finance

WEDNESDAY
MARCH 2
John Jay Awards Dinner

SATURDAY
MARCH 12
San Francisco College Day

SUNDAY
MARCH 13
Los Angeles College Day

MONDAY-FRIDAY
MARCH 14–18
Spring Break

TUESDAY
MARCH 22
CCYA Networking: architecture & real estate

WEDNESDAY
MARCH 30
CCW Alumna Achievement Award

SUNDAY
APRIL 3
Boston College Day

SATURDAY
APRIL 9
Dean’s Day

TUESDAY
APRIL 19
CCYA Networking: advertising, marketing

MONDAY
MAY 2
Last Day of Classes, Senior Dinner

THURSDAY
MAY 5
CCYA Networking: the arts

SATURDAY
MAY 7
El Regreso: Latino Alumni Homecoming

SUNDAY
MAY 15
Baccalaureate Service

MONDAY
MAY 16
Academic Awards & Prizes Ceremony

TUESDAY
MAY 17
CCYA Networking: traditional media

WEDNESDAY
MAY 18
Commencement

THURSDAY-SUNDAY
JUNE 2–5
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Barack Obama '83 gathers himself backstage prior to delivering the keynote address at the Democratic National Convention in Boston.
Letters to the Editor

Lions Den
I enjoyed Alex Sachare '71's “Within the Family” essay in the November CCT, in which he remembered Ferris Booth Hall and the Lions Den. I was in the first class to move into FBH in fall 1959 — I lived on the 11th floor and thought I was on top of the world. (To a Montanan, FBH seemed a skyscraper.)

I have two marvelous memories of the Lions Den. I was at the cash register in 1960 when Bill Mazeroski iced the World Series for the Pirates with a homer to left that broke the hearts of the New Yorkers around me. And three springs later, my girlfriend (Margaret French '64 Barnard) proposed to me in one of the LD booths. I accepted. To this day, she says it was the other way around, but it doesn’t matter. We were married on June 1, 1963, in St. Paul's Chapel, and we are working on year 42.

Mike Bouwer '63
Baltimore

During my sophomore year (1961), I had a job cleaning the Lions Den at 7 a.m. every day — I swept the floor and wet-wiped the tables. In return for doing that, I did not pay for the meal plan at the John Jay Hall dining room.

My alarm clock was set to go off early every morning. I didn’t realize it until later, but I guess my three suite-mates (Harvey Lefkowitz '65, Arnold Lesser '65 and Art Lew '64) weren’t too happy about that. We were housed in the Kings Crown Hotel off Amsterdam around 115th Street, due to the scarcity of dorm rooms. One morning, I was awakened much earlier than usual by a hidden alarm clock. At intervals, four or five other hidden alarm clocks went off. My roommates had set these alarms to get back at me for waking them early every day.

I had access to the jukebox while cleaning the Lions Den. I usually played the song “Yellow Bird,” which begins “Yellow bird way up in banana tree.” Now, whenever I hear that song, it brings me back to those early mornings in the Lions Den.

Jeff Sol '64
Kailua, Hawaii

Designated Drivers
Thanks so much for doing an alumni profile on me and featuring Doctors for Designated Driving (November CCT). I have received many e-mails from alumni congratulating me and offering their well-wishes. Signatures to our petition have risen at a quickened pace since the story has run.

Thanks again for helping my organization get off the ground. Together, I think we can save thousands of lives.

Howard Forman '01
NEW YORK CITY

Student-Athletes
We take issue with your response to John McCormack’s complaint about the use of the phrase “student-athlete” (September CCT). We agree with him that the term is disingenuous, originally applied to support the dubious academic credentials of recruits to Division I football factories, whose graduation rates were (and in many cases still are) miniscule. Whether the term originated in admissions offices, in newspaper sports pages or in the creative imagination of a sports information office is immaterial.

We also disagree with its acceptance by your faculty consultants. Sports fans know that it is a euphemism unrelated to academic pursuits. It should not be used to describe Columbia athletes, unless you describe other Columbia students as student-musicians, student-writers and editors, student-actors and even student-physicists. We recognize the time commitment of athletes to practice, games and travel, creating additional stress on their academic obligations. However, other students, described above, also spend much time in their chosen extracurricular activities; our athletes are not unique in that regard.

Herbert Mark M.D. ’42
WHITE PLAINS, N.Y.
Melvin Herschkowitz M.D. ’42
PROVIDENCE, R.I.

[Editor's note: The authors are class correspondent and president, respectively, of the Class of 1942.]
Columbia, as one of the world’s leading universities, is naturally a place where faculty and students regularly take up the most controversial issues of the day. As a center of intellectual leadership, the University also has a duty to be resolute in its tolerance for those in the scholarly community who express unconventional, unpopular and sometimes even offensive views in the course of public discussion on these issues. This commitment to academic freedom for faculty and students alike defines the purpose of a university and is essential not only to freedom in a university, but also to the freedom and progress of our entire society.

Just as important to the academic enterprise is the responsibility of faculty to transcend their own biases and political beliefs and to create classroom contexts that foster open and inclusive debate. In a letter to the University community on December 8, President Lee C. Bollinger noted that the University faculty handbook states explicitly that "faculty should make every effort to be accurate and should show respect for the rights of others to hold opinions differing from their own." By extension, Bollinger added, "Acts of intimidation or discrimination against students or any other members of our community ... are antithetical to University policies and principles."

Today, these longstanding University principles are being put to the test in response to controversy arising from a short film, Columbia Unbecoming, produced by the Boston-based pro-Israel advocacy group The David Project. Specifically, the film contains interviews with several University students who say that they had been intimidated or censored by certain faculty members in the Middle East and Asian Languages and Cultures department.

In response to the accounts of students in the film, Bollinger immediately directed Provost Alan Brinkley to look into their complaints and ascertain, as Brinkley put it, "whether Columbia is adequately protecting the right of members of our community to engage in free and open intellectual discourse in an environment of tolerance and mutual respect."

The questions involved here relate to a core part of the mission of Columbia and all institutions of higher learning. As Bollinger stated in his letter, "Academic freedom is at the center of University life. A spirit of free and open inquiry, born of an impulse to know and understand, and uninhibited by prejudice and fear of the unknown, is the hallmark of great universities."

As a result of his initial evaluation, Brinkley recommended that all schools reexamine their existing grievance procedures and make necessary improvements, while informing and educating students, faculty, and administrators about these procedures and policies. Additionally, Bollinger and Brinkley created an ad hoc faculty committee to "hear all complaints brought to it, investigate those it thinks require investigation and deliver a factual report ... for appropriate action." The committee will begin meeting with students and faculty after the winter break and expects to issue a public report of its findings in early 2005.

Bollinger stated to Columbia College Today, "Columbia University — its faculty, students, and administrators alike — take any accounts of discrimination or intimidation very seriously. As such, we carefully selected the members of the ad hoc committee based on their professionalism, their stature as scholars and citizens within the Columbia community, and their experience with and sensitivity to diverse cultural perspectives. Through her numerous administrative leadership positions addressing gender and diversity issues in higher education, Jean Howard, William E. Ransford Professor of English and vice provost for diversity initiatives, has demonstrated a commitment to making institutions of higher learning places where people of diverse backgrounds are equitably treated. Mark Mazower, professor of history, leads the efforts of Columbia’s Center for International History to provide a forum for discussion and to foster historical perspectives on international issues of contemporary concern.

In addition, Floyd Abrams, who has been described as the most significant First Amendment lawyer of our age, is serving as an adviser to the committee. He will work closely with committee members to ensure that everyone’s right to free speech and to an impartial inquiry is upheld.

The ultimate goal — and ultimate challenge — for Columbia, as Bollinger writes in his letter to the community, is to ensure "that we, as a university, teach and discuss the most controversial topics of our time without chilling discourse in the classroom and while preserving an atmosphere of civility, trust, and mutual respect."
Reuniting To Build Better Housing

BY MICHAEL SKREBUTENAS '86

Nearly 20 years after becoming friends at Columbia, Chris Betts '84 and I not only have ended up in the same profession of community development but also work together on housing projects. We recently completed a major phase of a joint venture on a housing development for the homeless in Newburgh, N.Y., and we plan to collaborate on many more projects.

Our interest in community and housing development probably started in 1984 while living at River Hall on 114th Street between Broadway and Riverside. River was the bottom of Columbia's residential barrel. I am convinced that I lived in the smallest room in the system, facing an air shaft to boot. Chris' room in River was three times the size of mine. I'm not sure if I really liked his company, or if I was claustrophobic and liked his room. Despite this less than auspicious start, we've been great friends since; we drank at Cannon's, traveled together and celebrated each other's weddings.

Twenty years ago, New York City, and specifically the Upper West Side, was a harsher, grittier place — not a Starbucks or a sidewalk café to be found. Inner city urban disinvestment had reached its height, and homelessness was a growing phenomenon. I recall seeing my first homeless man hollering at the world on the corner of 114th and Broadway. Chris was from upstate and I was a small-town kid, so this didn't sit well with us. The disconnect between our comfortable dorm rooms (even River!) at CC and this poor soul on the corner was too challenging for us to forget.

After graduation, I earned a law degree from the University of Connecticut and quickly became disenchanted with law practice. In my short career in municipal law, I spent a lot of time protecting areas of Connecticut from affordable housing development. The intent of many of these communities seemed to be clear — they wanted to block the poor and minorities from reaching their borders. I went back to Columbia and received an urban planning degree from the School of Architecture in 1995, with the vague notion that I wanted to build affordable housing.

Meanwhile, Chris and his wife, Diane Wheatley '83 Barnard, moved to Philadelphia, where he joined Mayor Ed Rendell's administration. Chris was working to develop affordable housing and revitalize neighborhoods with the Friends Rehabilitation Program, a Philadelphia community development corporation. Fifteen years ago, Philadelphia's blighted neighborhoods were overwhelming — miles upon miles of abandoned housing, factories and commercial strips. Chris was making great progress working on a number of projects in North and West Philadelphia, helping to turn his organization into an important catalyst for neighborhood transformation. Beginning in 1991, Chris immersed himself in urban affairs, working at a community development corporation while earning a master's degree from Penn's Fels Center of Government.

We found ourselves on parallel tracks as early as 1989; I had begun working in New York City government — the Financial Services Corporation (now Economic Development Corporation) — and we both were active in city Democratic Party organizations. When Chris finished his master's and began working in community development, an emerging field at the time, he took me with him. We immediately saw the field's appeal, because it merged politics, law, finance, planning and architecture; community development is the art of the possible. While Chris began working for Friends Rehabilitation Program, I did similar work for The Community Builders in New Haven, Conn.

In 2000, Chris, his wife and their three boys moved from Philadelphia to Albany, N.Y., and he accepted a position with a nonprofit housing developer. In 2002, I started working at Common Ground, a developer of permanent housing for the homeless headquartered in New York City. When I was charged with the responsibility of financing and building a project in Newburgh, N.Y., I decided to partner with Chris, who was now with Community Preservation Corp., a New York City-based nonprofit financing institution.

Our plan was to rehabilitate a 128-unit former hotel in Newburgh into permanent, supportive housing for the homeless. Supportive housing merges affordable housing with social services, to assist residents who struggle with addiction, mental illness or unemployment. The work, which began in 2002 and will be completed in 2006, includes rebuilding storefront spaces in an attempt to bring life back to downtown Newburgh. Unfortunately, Newburgh typifies many of the challenges faced by older U.S. cities. Years of neglect and fundamental shifts in regional economies have diminished the power of centered-place economics.

The greatest gift I received from Columbia, besides friendship, was an appreciation of urban form and a sense that urbanity was worth fighting for. While in college, Chris and I shed enough of our small-town ways to enjoy the pleasure of sushi, theatre and museums; we picked up all the affects of New York living and take them with us today. We do, however, cherish opportunities to escape the pressures of our inner city work, usually on backpacking trips or working together on the Upstate New York farm of Chris's father, George Betts '57.

As an adjunct faculty member at the School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation, I teach two courses, "Affordable Housing Development" and "Real Estate Finance." Chris will teach "Managing Community Development" this spring at the School of Urban Planning.

Michael Skrebутenas '86, '95 AR, director of replication for Common Ground Community, lives in New Haven, Conn., with his wife, Anne, and daughters, Lucy and Caroline.
Columbia Dedicates Plaza In Honor of M. Moran Weston II ’30

The landscaped plaza in front of John Jay Hall has been dedicated in honor of the late Rev. Dr. M. Moran Weston II ’30, the University’s first African-American trustee and the founder of the largest African-American-owned bank in the United States, Carver Federal Savings Bank. Long the site of tennis courts, the plaza most recently was home to a temporary structure known as the “tin can” that was erected while Lerner Hall was under construction.

Weston, who served as a trustee from 1969-81, was a tireless advocate for Columbia and the Harlem community, which inspired the Black Students Organization and other student groups to campaign for a space to be named in his honor.

At the dedication ceremony on October 26, President Lee C. Bollinger described the plaza as “a place for contemplation and consideration” and added, “Today we honor the memory of one of Columbia’s and the community’s brightest lights, a man whose influence has been widely felt.”

Dean Austin Quigley noted that the student councils of the College, SEAS and GS had each unanimously recommended that Weston be honored. “Moran Weston helped write the history of his generation, and by enshrining his name on this new plaza on South Field, we ensure that future generations will know of his achievements,” he said.

Other speakers at the dedication included the Rev. Dr. James Forbes, senior minister of The Riverside Church; Jessica Buchanan ’05, president of the Black Students Organization; Evan Davis, former University trustee; and Greg Weston, Moran Weston’s son. A benediction was performed by the Rev. Canon Frederick Williams, rector of the Church of the Intercession.

Buchanan praised Weston for “facilitating the bridge between dreams and reality. He sought to create change and break the rigid bonds of society. His example will serve to motivate generations of young minds to do the impossible.”

Forbes described Weston as “a visionary whose eyes were open to what needed to be done.” Bollinger noted that Weston once told a New York Times reporter, “I do nothing. I cause things to happen. If I have a gift, it is to encourage people that they can do the impossible.”

“Dr. Weston was a giant in the Harlem community,” said former New York City Mayor David Dinkins, Weston’s friend and a professor at SIPA.

Weston served as rector of St. Philip’s Episcopal Church in Harlem, and founded six nonprofit housing development corporations that have provided thousands of homes for low-income families. His leadership has been recognized by a number of organizations, including the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, Mount Sinai Medical School and Hospital, the Greater Harlem Nursing Home and CARE. In 1981, the Archbishop of Canterbury conferred upon Weston the St. Augustine’s Cross in recognition of his service.

Miriam Weston unveils the plaque honoring her late husband, Rev. Dr. M. Moran Weston II ’30, as (from left) President Lee C. Bollinger, Greg Weston and Dean Austin Quigley applaud.

PHOTO: EILEEN BARROSO

JANUARY 2005
Dean’s Scholarship Reception Brings Together Donors, Students

The College takes pride in its long history of need-blind admissions — admitting students on the basis of their talents and abilities, not their financial circumstances. This admissions policy is made possible by thousands of donors, many of whom have set up scholarship funds to directly benefit students in need.

On November 4, in the Roone Arledge Auditorium of Alfred Lerner Hall, hundreds of scholarship donors and the students they support met for the annual Dean’s Scholarship Reception. Some of the students were renewing their relationship with their donors; others were meeting their donors for the first time.

Dean of Alumni Affairs and Development Derek Wittner ’65 highlighted the importance of giving back, and Dean of the College Austin Quigley pointed to the special bond between students and the donors who make it possible for them to attend the College and “learn to think independently.” Quigley noted, “We are not training students as narrow specialists; we want people who are arguers, who are informed, who are creative.”

Speaking on behalf of the scholarship recipients, Michael Ciccarone ’05 noted, “Columbia University became the place where I grew up.” An ecology, evolution and environmental biology major, Ciccarone cited the Core, his friends and his field research and study as important to his growth. He thanked his donors, Vona and A. James Bach ’53, for making it all possible.

Lisa Palladino

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**Declared majors in 1989 and today**

Some majors have changed since 1989, and some have not. How popular is your major today?

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| 2004 | 1,771 | 100% | 1989 | 1,313 | 100% | 2004 | 1,276 | 990 |

This chart reflects the academic majors declared by Columbia College juniors and seniors as of Fall Semester 2004. Due to double majors, the number of majors tallied exceeds the number of students in the junior and senior classes. In 1989, the following majors had fewer than 12 students: Classics, Middle East Languages and Cultures, Spanish, Women’s Studies, Russian, Ancient Studies, Applied Mathematics, Astrophysics, German, Geological Sciences, Music, Linguistics, Pre-Engineering, Chemical Physics, Geography, Latin, Medieval and Renaissance Studies, and Statistics. Despite their existence as majors then, 1989 statistics offer no specific data regarding African-American Studies, Geophysics, Greek or Italian.

**Source:** Office of Academic Affairs
What They Said

Senator Hillary Clinton (D.-N.Y.) spoke at a conference on the plight of the Roma, or Gypsies, in present-day Europe, in Low Library on November 8. “The treatment of the Roma and ethnic, racial and religious minorities in general is one that tests democracy,” Clinton said. “The more we do to make democracy real in the lives of as many people as possible around the world, the closer we are to seeing democracy and freedom triumph for all.”

Kofi Annan, secretary general of the United Nations, spoke before nearly 1,000 people at the 16th annual World AIDS Day Commemoration at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine on December 1. “The AIDS pandemic stands alone in human experience. Never before have we as a people encountered such a formidable enemy, and only together, as a united people, can we fight it. The courage women have shown in this fight is matched only by the toll the disease has taken on them. Empowering women in the fight against HIV/AIDS must be our strategy for the future.”

Ruth Bader Ginsburg ’59L, associate justice of the Supreme Court, spoke on October 21 at an event commemorating the 50th anniversary of the court’s landmark ruling in Brown v. Board of Education, which declared that the doctrine of “separate but equal” had no place in public education in the United States. Ginsburg said the ruling “propelled the human rights movement” in many countries and is part of the “evolution toward respect, in law and practice, for human dignity.” The decision “came as a timely reassurance in may countries, where America’s prestige had been damaged by segregation, of the principle that all men are created equal.”

Provost Alan Brinkley, the Allan Nevins Professor of American History, spoke after the Presidential election to an audience of undergraduate history majors and colleagues from the department. “Republicans have a very clear image of where they stand culturally in American life, and Democrats don’t. There needs to be a sense that the Democratic Party stands for something other than pragmatism and tolerance, and that will be the challenge of the next wave of candidates. The Republicans have been brilliantly successful in creating strategy, language, positions, rhetoric, fund raising and so forth to do everything they need to be a disciplined, election-winning organization. The Democrats will be at a tremendous disadvantage until they can find a way to do the same.”

Geoffrey Stone, professor at Chicago Law School and author of Perilous Times: Free Speech in Wartime, was the featured speaker in the first of a series of presidential lectures — “Civil Liberties in Wartime” — held in Low Rotunda on November 30. “In times of war hysteria, it becomes easy for government officials to manipulate public opinion and to cause the government itself to implement programs to preserve partisan ends. Free speech is not just a personal right. It is a part of the entire national structure by which we exist.”

Professor Kenneth Hardy of the College of Human Services and Health Professions at Syracuse University spoke as part of the School of Social Work’s Distinguished Visiting Scholars Series. “Race is a major organizing principle in our lives, but we create a sort of bifurcation between the outside world and the world here at school. To truly address race in a meaningful way, we need to look at how it plays out in our own lives and how that informs the school environment and the outside world, which are all connected. We don’t know how to talk about race, because we don’t. There has to be some effort to push honest dialogue.”

Noam Chomsky, professor of linguistics at MIT, spoke at Faculty House on November 16 as part of the “Critical Lectures in American Foreign Policy” series. “The idea that we should adhere [to international law] is now an extremist position,” he said. “The conventional position is that the U.S. has a unilateral right to resort to force when it chooses to do so, which is formulated by the Bush administration in its security strategy.”

John Sweeney, president of the AFL-CIO, spoke about labor’s involvement in the immigration rights movement at the 10th annual David N. Dinkins Leadership & Policy Forum at SIPA. “Historically, immigrant workers played a major role in building the strongest economy and the most vibrant democracy in the world,” he said. “Immigrant workers played an important part in creating a strong union movement that lifted millions of families into the biggest middle class in history.”

STUDENT NEWS

- ALL-IVIES: The following Columbia athletes earned All-Ivy honors in fall 2004: First team: Caroline Bierbaum ’06, women’s cross country; Wade Fletcher ’05, football; Thor Gestsson ’05, football; Delilah Di Crescenzo ’05, women’s cross country; Michael Quarshie ’05, football. Second team: Rashad Biggers ’05, football; Whitney Booker ’05, lacrosse; Kevin Coco ’05, football; Brenda Cepeda ’07, women’s soccer; Lisa Stublic ’06, women’s cross country; Tenke Zoltoni ’06, women’s cross country. Honorable mention: Chuck Britton ’05, football; Cathleen Cimino ’08, women’s soccer; Meghan Hurlbut ’07, women’s soccer; Niki Learned ’06, volleyball; Kate Lombard ’08, lacrosse; John Mulhern ’07, men’s soccer; Prosper Nwokocha ’06, football; Elizabeth Reeve ’08, field hockey; and Keenan Shaw ’06, football.

- DYCKMAN: Vera Tseylikman ’08, Shannon Munoz ’07, women’s soccer; Mark Oliver ’07, men’s cross country; Lisa Stublic ’06, women’s cross country; and Tenke Zoltoni ’06, women’s cross country. Honorable mention: Chuck Britton ’05, football; Cathleen Cimino ’08, women’s soccer; Meghan Hurlbut ’07, women’s soccer; Niki Learned ’06, volleyball; Kate Lombard ’08, lacrosse; John Mulhern ’07, men’s soccer; Prosper Nwokocha ’06, football; Elizabeth Reeve ’08, field hockey; and Keenan Shaw ’06, football.

- Bierbaum, Coco, Dusen, Lindberg, Quarshie and Zoltani also made Academic All-Ivy, along with Rachel Brandonillo ’05, women’s soccer; Eva Gudjomsdottir ’05E, women’s soccer; Erin Wesseldine ’06, field hockey, and Dean Arnaoutakis ’05, soccer. Arnaoutakis, a pre-med student, was also a second-team Academic All-American.

- SCHOLARSHIP FUND: Vera Tseylikman ’08, Brenda Cepeda ’07, Alexandra Hernandez ’05 and Katherine Paez ’04 are the Dyckman Institute Scholarship Fund winners for 2004-05. The fund provides financial support to outstanding College students from the Washington Heights-Inwood area.

- FOOTBALL: Michael Quarshie ’05, co-captain of the football team, has been named to The National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame Scholar-Athlete Class, one of 15 players in the nation to earn the post-graduate scholarship. Nominees must have a grade point average of at least 3.0, have shown superior academic achievement and performance, have outstanding playing ability and have demonstrated strong leadership and citizenship.
John Morgan, professor of mathematics and department chair, has been teaching at Columbia since 1976. Morgan is from Houston and earned his B.S. and Ph.D. at Rice University. CCT recently caught up with him after class to find out more.

Q: Where do you live?
A: East 86th Street.

Q: What is your favorite place in the world?
A: Paris. I have an apartment there, though I haven’t been there in a while.

Q: Do you have any pets?
A: Not unless you count my kids — a son who just graduated from Stanford and a daughter in ninth grade.

Q: What is the last book you read?
A: The one with a Columbia connection is Alexander Hamilton. I’m also reading Will in the World: How Shake-

speare Became Shakespeare.

Q: What is your favorite class to teach at CC?
A: I like to mix it up. “Complex Variables” is a good one.

Q: What’s new in the math department?
A: We have been thinking about the major experience and reworking parts of it. We’re developing a broader spectrum of courses for those who are dedicated to study in the field and others for students with a basic interest. We now have more

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IN MEMORIAM

Denis W. Stevens, an acclaimed musicologist and a music professor at Columbia from 1964–76, died on April 1, 2004, at 82.

Stevens was born in High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, England on March 2, 1922. He was brought up next door to his father, encouraged his violinist father, encouraged his violin-playing. This helped him to win a scholarship to the town’s Royal grammar school to study languages at Jesus College, Oxford, in 1940, and was to contribute significantly to his enduring friendship with famed violinist Yehudi Menuhin.

Stevens studied languages before completing his degree in music.

Stevens’ war service, from 1942–46, was spent decoding Japanese messages in India and Burma. He played in the Calcutta Symphony Orchestra, and it was here that he met many of his future colleagues and friends. From 1949–54, Stevens was a producer at the BBC Third Programme, where he arranged some of the first broadcasts of music by Antonio Vivaldi and Claudio Monteverdi. He taught at several U.S. universities from 1955 onward, and in 1961, with Menuhin's support, formed the Accademia Monteverdiana.

Apart from editions of the composer’s works, Stevens produced a richly annotated translation of Monteverdi’s 127 surviving letters in 1980. Other publications followed, including journal articles on major items of the Old Hall Manuscript, the Worcester Fragments and the Sarum Rite. Notable among his books were Thomas Tomkins (1957) and Tudor Church Music (1966). Stevens was asked to advise on music for the 1968 film The Lion in Winter. The authentically medieval texts and melodies used in John Barry’s score are due to Stevens.

Stevens received the distinguished Commander of the Order of the British Empire in 1984. In 1995, after returning to London, he was appointed visiting professor at Goldsmiths College, the institution that now houses his extensive Monteverdi library.

Married and divorced three times, Stevens is survived by his children, Daphne ’75 Barnard, Anthony and Michael, from his first marriage.

TRANSITIONS

Arik Thormahlen and Lariena Bell have joined the Alumni Office as development officers. Thormahlen began his fund-raising career at the New Orleans Area Habitat for Humanity and followed with two positions at Tompkins Cortland Community College, first as a development officer and then as capital campaign manager. Bell, who was a fund raiser for the Business School while an NYU undergraduate, worked most recently for the Central Park Conservancy, where she was manager of the Conservators Program.

Lara Khan has been named director of budget operations for the College. Khan has spent the past six years at Columbia, four in Student Information Systems and two as the assistant director of research and planning for General Studies.

Gail Hoffman, interim treasurer and controller since May 2004, is the University’s new treasurer. After spending more than 30 years in the banking and financial services industry, she came to Columbia in July 2003 as assistant v.p., student financial services.
MAYOR'S AWARDS: Two Columbia professors were among the 12 recipients of the 2004 Mayor's Awards for Excellence in Science and Technology from New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg on October 13 at the New York Hall of Science. The professors were honored for their breakthrough research in applied mathematics, biochemistry and physics. Nicholas J. Turro, William P. Schweitzer professor of chemistry, was given the award for mathematical, physical and engineering sciences. Turro is a pioneer in the research of photochemistry and spectroscopy, and shared this honor with Andrew J. Majda, a professor of mathematics at the Courant Institute of NYU. The young investigator award, which goes to scientists under 40, was given to Colin P. Nuckolls (who earned degrees from GSAS in 1994, 1997 and 1998), assistant professor of chemistry, for his development of original designs for molecules. John D. McKinney, a tuberculosis expert who runs the laboratory of infection biology at Rockefeller University, also received this award.

CURTIS: Gerald L. Curtis, Burgess Professor of Political Science, has been honored with The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star by the government of Japan for his outstanding contributions to the study of Japan and the promotion of intellectual and political exchange between Japan and the United States. Curtis, who has taught at Columbia since receiving his Ph.D. from GSAS in 1969, is a prolific writer whose books and articles are widely read in Japan and elsewhere and who is well known to the Japanese public for his frequent commentaries on current affairs in the Japanese media. Curtis also has been a prominent figure in fostering Japanese-American relations. Formerly the director of the U.S.-Japan Parliamentary Exchange Program, he was instrumental in facilitating dialogue between members of Congress and the Japanese Diet. The decoration by the Japanese government also recognizes Curtis' contribution to the development of political science in Japan, where he has served as a visiting professor at Keio University, the graduate Research Institute for Policy Studies and other universities. Curtis served as director of the Columbia's East Asian Institute for 14 years.

NEAL: James Neal, v.p. for information services and University librarian, has been appointed the U.S. representative to the Committee on Copyright and Other Legal Matters of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions. Neal was nominated by five American associations: the American Library Association, the Association of Research Libraries, the American Association of Law Libraries, the Medical Library Association and the Special Libraries Association. Neal was a committee member from 1998–2001 and an expert resource person from 2001–04.
Carolyn Bierbaum '06, in only her fourth varsity race at Columbia, finished third among 248 runners in the NCAA Cross Country Championships on November 22 at Terre Haute, Ind. It was the finest finish ever in the NCAAs by any Columbia cross country runner, male or female, and led the Lions to their second straight 13th place finish in the 31-team field.

This event capped a brilliant cross country season in which Bierbaum earlier became the first Columbia woman to win an individual title at the Heptagonal Ivy Championships, where Columbia's men and women swept the team crowns for the first time.

"This has been an amazing season for Caroline," said head women's cross country coach Craig Lake. "In just two months, she won the Ivy League championship in a strong field and finished third in the NCAA Championships, making All-America. Caroline has really come far."

Bierbaum was running between 15th and 20th place at the midway point of the Nationals. "I was making my way up to the front gradually," she said. "I had a lot left as people were falling back."

"She ran a smart race, ran with confidence, and people just kept coming back to her," said Lake. "She was passing people effortlessly."

Providence senior Kim Smith, undefeated in track or cross country for the past year, won the women's title in 20:08.5, 18 seconds ahead of Renee Metevier of Colorado, who finished four seconds ahead of Bierbaum. Tenke Zoltani '06 was Columbia's next highest finisher, at 90th, followed by Lisa Stublic '06, 99th; Carmen Ballard '08, 129th; and Delilah DiCrescenzo '05, 168th.

One week later, Bierbaum was named one of four finalists for the Honda Sports Award as the nation's outstanding women's collegiate cross country competitor.

Bierbaum, who grew up on Manhattan's East Side, is a transfer student from Duke, where she finished 34th in the 2002 Nationals as a first-year student, good enough to be named All America. She transferred after that year — "I didn't want to go to school in the city since I grew up here, but I guess I realized that I needed it," she told the Columbia Daily Spectator — but was sidelined for the better part of a year by low iron counts, running only junior varsity races in 2003. She missed the 2003-04 indoor and outdoor track seasons and was not expected to compete in cross country this fall, but after working out on her own during the summer and early fall, she joined the team in time to win the Lafayette Invitational on October 16.

Two weeks later, Bierbaum led the Lions to their third consecutive Heptagonal women's championship at Van Cortlandt Park in the Bronx. Meanwhile, Gerry Groothuis '05 and Karl Dusen '05 led the men to only their second Heptagonal crown, marking the first time in the 27 years since men and women both began racing for the title that Columbia has enjoyed a sweep.

"It's been our goal to win the women's and men's races for a couple of years," said Lake. "We were so close each year, but we couldn't do it until now."

"This year was a different environment, a different feeling," said Willy Wood, director of men's and women's track and field. "You could sense it on the first day of practice. [The runners] had a different focus this year. They were on a mission."

Cornell's Kate Boyles led the women's field for most of the race, but Bierbaum rallied and passed her to win, covering the 3.1-mile course in 17:12.2, the fastest time in the Heps since 1982 and only 2.4 seconds off the meet record. Six other Columbia runners finished in the top 17 — Zoltani was ninth, DiCrescenzo 12th, Stublic 14th, Ballard 15th, Hilary Bontz '06 16th and Laura Meyers '07 17th. In the team scoring, which is based on one point for each placing by a school's top five finishers, Columbia won with 51 points; Princeton was second with 64 and Yale third with 73.

Groothuis finished seventh in the five-mile men's race with a time of 24:57.9. Dusen was 12th, followed by Mark Olivier '07, 14th; Steve Vilt '06E, 16th; and Brian Horneck '07, 21st. The team had to wait a few moments before the final standings were determined. "Coach Wood started walking over toward us, his head down," said Groothuis. "I see him, and then he gives us a little smirk. As soon as I saw his smile, I knew it. I erupted. This was one of the happiest days of my life." Columbia had scored 70 points for the victory, beating Dartmouth by nine points, the same margin by which Brown had topped the Lions — and prevented a Columbia sweep — a year ago.

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As Robert K. Kraft ’63 received the Alexander Hamilton Medal for distinguished service and accomplishment, he thought back to a time some four decades earlier.

“When I was a senior, Dwight Eisenhower won this award,” said Kraft, founder and chairman of the Boston-based Kraft Group of Companies, who is perhaps best-known as the owner of the two-time Super Bowl champion New England Patriots. “This is something I never dreamed of.”

More than 450 people filled Low Rotunda on November 18 to honor Kraft, who said he was “truly honored to be selected to receive this award in the 250th anniversary year of the founding of this great university.” President Lee C. Bollinger presented Kraft with the Hamilton Medal and noted that Kraft, a trustee emeritus and benefactor of the Robert K. Kraft Family Center for Jewish Student Life, “has given back as much as anyone has to this university. He has an impulse to help, a mentoring quality, that is special.”

“Robert Kraft is a man of extraordinary achievement and generosity,” said Dean Austin Quigley. “He has a remarkable talent for leadership combined with a generous spirit.”

Among those in attendance were Commissioners Paul Tagliabue of the National Football League and David Stern of the National Basketball Association, who also chairs Columbia’s Board of Trustees. They co-chaired the dinner with Charles K. Gifford, chair of Bank of America, who toasted Kraft and his wife by saying, “With all their success, Robert and Myra understand that real success is giving back. Philanthropy is their middle name.”

Among the speakers at the dinner were Dianne Murphy, Columbia’s new director of athletics, and Charlotte Jacobs ’05, who provided a student perspective on College life.

*Alex Sachare ’71*
1. President Lee C. Bollinger presents the Alexander Hamilton Medal to Robert K. Kraft '63 as Dean Austin Quigley (second from right) and Bob Berne '60, president of the Alumni Association, look on.

2. Kraft chats with Marty Kaplan '61 (left), former president of the Alumni Association, and Richard Witten '75, chair of the Board of Visitors, before the dinner.

3. Charlotte Jacobs '05 spoke on students' behalf.

4. Kraft offers words of advice to new Athletics Director Dianne Murphy.

5. Kraft shares a lighter moment with David Stern (right), chair of the Board of Trustees, and Bollinger.

6. Kraft and his wife, Myra, enter Low Library Rotunda.

7. Joining Kraft are NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue (left) and Columbia head football coach Bob Shoop.

8. Quigley visits with College students and alumni during the dinner.
Barack Obama ‘83

Is He the New Face of The Democratic Party?

By Shira Boss-Bicak ‘93

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Barack Obama ‘83 was sworn in this month as the sole African American in the U.S. Senate, and only the fifth in history. He is the highest-ranking African-American elected official in the United States.

But that’s not all he is being celebrated for. After delivering an eloquent, energizing keynote address at the Democratic National Convention last July, Obama became a national figure whom some are calling the future of the Democratic Party. Politicians from both sides of the aisle acknowledge that he has a natural ability — partly stemming from his biracial and itinerant background — to connect with a range of people, to bring opposing sides together and to move policy forward.

“He’s a rare package of brains, values and personality,” says John Bouman, an advocate who has worked with Obama on policy issues. “What you see is the real deal. It’s a good break for all of us that he chose politics.”

A year ago, Obama was a little-known state senator from Illinois elbowing a half-dozen other candidates for the Democratic nomination to run for the U.S. Senate. Few people outside of his home state had any reason to know of, or care about, “the skinny kid with the funny name,” as he likes to describe himself.

Television and radio interviews, magazine and newspaper profiles, hundreds of guest appearance invitations and national fan mail followed. Nobody was making quips about his name anymore, except for Obama himself, who continued to relish a joke he tells about how people mistake his name for Alabama or “Yo Mama,” and David Letterman, who featured a Top-10 list of “Ways to Mispronounce Barack Obama.”

Obama became so popular, and so far ahead in the general election polls, that he contributed some of his campaign time and money to boost the cause of fellow Democratic candidates. At 43, with a political career that included only eight years as an Illinois state senator, Obama was catapulted to national stardom and became the new darling of the Democratic Party.

And it is not only the Democrats who are interested in this “rock star politician,” as he has been called. The day after Obama won the Senatorial election, President George W. Bush called him, announcing, “You’re one articulate fella!” The two ended up chatting for 10 minutes, according to one of Obama’s aides. Two weeks later, Obama accepted an invitation to the White House and had breakfast with President Bush, Vice President Dick Cheney and political strategist Karl Rove.

“Here’s a guy who hasn’t served a day in the Senate, and I just saw an ‘Obama ’08’ [for President] button,” says David Axelrod, Obama’s friend and media consultant. “It’s out of control.”

Other politicians might be envious of the attention Obama is receiving, but those who have worked with him say his newfound popularity is deserved. “This is a guy who’s not just the product of a PR campaign,” says Dick DeVine, state’s attorney for Cook County, which includes Chicago. “He has real intelligence and real substance.”

“He was not a traditional Democratic candidate, and
Obama has been described as a one-man melting pot and likes to say, "My name comes from Kenya, and my accent comes from Kansas."
he won’t be a traditional senator,” says Valerie Jarrett, Obama’s finance committee chair. “He has the ability to reach across the aisle and an extraordinary ability to connect with people: rich, poor, black, white, farmers and CEOs. That has a lot to do with how he was raised.”

Obama embodies diversity. Associated Press reporter Christopher Wills dubbed him a “one-man American melting pot.” As Obama liked to say when introducing himself to crowds on the campaign trail, “My name comes from Kenya, and my accent comes from Kansas.”

Obama was born in 1961 in Hawaii to a white woman from Kansas and a black man who came from Kenya to study at the University of Hawaii, where the two met in 1960. They were married for a brief time. His father, also named Barack, went on to graduate studies at Harvard and then back to Kenya, where he had two other families, one with a Kenyan wife from before his marriage to Barack’s mother, and another with a second American wife. Obama saw his father one more time, several years later, and grew up idolizing him. Obama’s Midwestern mother nurtured her son’s appreciation of and identification with black culture.

Obama, who is married to an African-American woman from Chicago, describes himself as an African American, and says he is “rooted in the black community but not limited to it.”

People have been asking him recently, if he’s half white, why does he describe himself as an African American? He responds that the term African American denotes one has two sides to his heritage. “And I would broaden that and say, by definition if you’re an American, you’re a hybrid person,” Obama said recently on the television program Charlie Rose. “All you have to do is look at these white suburban kids who are wearing baggy pants and listening to Snoop Dogg to get a sense of how cross-pollination has taken place between cultures.”

Obama’s heritage goes beyond black and white. When he was 6, his mother remarried, to an Indonesian student she met at the University of Hawaii, and the family moved to Jakarta, where a half-sister, Maya, was born. After spending two years in a Muslim school and two years in a Catholic one, Obama was sent back to Hawaii to be raised by his Kansan grandparents, a furniture salesman and a bank employee who lived in a small apartment.

Obama went by the name Barry and got on the wrong track as an adolescent. He shunned school, spent much time playing basketball and turned to drinking and smoking marijuana, even experimenting with cocaine. Obama described this period of his life in his 1995 memoir, Dreams From My Father: A Story of Race and Inheritance. “I guess you’d have to say I wasn’t a politician when I wrote the book,” Obama told The New Yorker. Now that the transgressions are public information, he makes the best of the disclosure. “I wanted to show how and why some kids, maybe especially young black men, flirt with danger and self-destruction,” he said.

On the eve of delivering his keynote address at the Democratic convention, Obama explained on the television program Meet the Press, “Fortunately, I think that my family had such strong values, very much Midwestern values, that I pulled out of that funk, and was able to succeed.”

Obama says he was still goofing off for the first two years of college, which he spent at Occidental in Los Angeles. He continued to play basketball, which friends say he is still quite good at, and was involved in other organized activities. He also spent “a lot of time having fun.”

He changed course junior year when he transferred to Columbia. “I realized I wanted to be in a more vibrant, urban environment,” he says. As a transfer student, he didn’t receive housing, so lived off campus in various makeshift arrangements, such as living in one bedroom of a three-bedroom apartment, and renting a sixth-floor walk-up with slanting floors on the East Side, “just north of gentrification,” as he describes it.

As he pursued a political science degree, specializing in international relations, Obama says he was somewhat involved with the Black Students Organization and participated in anti-apartheid activities. “Mostly, my years at Columbia were an intense period of study,” he says. “When I transferred, I decided to buckle down and get serious. I spent a lot of time in the library. I didn’t socialize that much. I was like a monk.”

Obama says it is difficult to separate his college experience at Columbia from the urban experience of living in New York City, and his memoir offers little about his time on campus. One noteworthy event during Obama’s college years, however, was his learning in 1982 of his father’s death from a car accident. It was not until years later, however, when Obama’s older half-sister visited him in Chicago, that he learned how inaccurate his image of his father had been. After working for an American oil company in Kenya and then for Kenya’s Ministry of Tourism, the economist fell out of favor with the government, was blacklisted from finding work and was socially outcast. He became a heavy drinker, turned abusive to his American wife and eventually was destitute, borrowing money from relatives for food, as Obama describes his sister’s account in his memoir.

“All my life, I had carried a single image of my father ... The brilliant scholar, the generous friend, the upstanding leader. That image had suddenly vanished,” Obama wrote. “Replaced by ... what? A bitter drunk? An abusive husband? A defeated, lonely bureaucrat? To think that all my life I had been wrestling with nothing more than a ghost! The king is overthrown, I thought. ... Whatever I do, it seems, I won’t do much worse than that, I thought.”

Upon graduating from Columbia, Obama attempted a career as a community organizer. He wrote that when classmates weren’t sure what that was, he didn’t have a sufficient answer for them. “Instead, I’d pronounce the need for change,” he wrote. "Change in the White House, where Reagan and his minions were carrying on their..."
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In 1995, at his friend’s urging, Obama ran for political office. “I think that the reason I got into politics was simply because I saw the law as being inadequate to the task,” he explained on Charlie Rose. “It’s very difficult to bring about social change at this point through the courts. [And] community organizing was too localized and too small.”

In 1996, Obama won the race for state senator representing Illinois’ 13th district, which includes Hyde Park, the South Side and the University of Chicago. Unfortunately, it was at the cost of some political sore feelings. He had entered the race because the would-be incumbent, Democrat Alice Palmer, decided to run for a Congressional seat rather than for re-election as a state senator. Obama initially had her blessing to run for her state senate seat. When she lost the Congressional race, however, she decided to run for re-election in the senate and asked Obama to step aside. He refused, and she withdrew. Obama later called it “an unfortunate situation.”

Obama admits to a fiercely competitive streak, yet he hasn’t made any apparent enemies. In addition to being personable, he is tall and athletic, with a dazzling smile. In Springfield, the seat of Illinois politics, he joined in a regular 6:30 a.m. basketball game and took part in a long-running bipartisan poker game with other legislators. He has taken up golf in recent years and honed his skills so as not to be beaten too easily, an associate says. He is known for remembering things, large and small, and he doesn’t like to disappoint anyone. He is a charmer, for sure, whose only obvious defect might be that he hasn’t been able to give up smoking (cigarettes, that is).

Obama is a longtime member of the congregation of Trinity United Church of Christ. His pastor was the first person he thanked by name in his election night victory speech last November. Obama’s wife is the director of the office of community affairs at the University of Chicago Hospitals, and they have two daughters, Malia (6) and Sasha (3). Obama says that his favorite leisure pursuit is “rolling on the floor with my 3-year-old and 6-year-old and spending time with my family.” He takes time out for movies and is “looking forward to the time when I’ll again be able to read a book, and not just a policy brief.”

As a state senator, Obama chaired the Public Health and Welfare Committee and championed a number of social justice issues. One of his first efforts was working on the state’s implementation of the federal welfare reform of 1996. “At the time, he was close to being a freshman, and was in the minority in the state senate, and yet he managed to be extraordinarily important and influential on that issue,” says Bouman, advocacy director of the Shriver National Center on Poverty Law in Chicago. Obama subsequently sponsored a bill, which passed into law, to require the state to share its data on the welfare program with researchers. (Some states won’t disclose such data.) “It isn’t all that sexy, but if you’re a serious, thinking person who cares about public policy as well as politics, it was a forward-thinking thing to do,” Bouman says.

The state senator also took on the issue of curbing racial profiling,
advocated expanding health insurance coverage for the poor, and sponsored a bill to require videotaping police interrogations in homicide cases. Obama was among the lawmakers recruited by prosecutors to reform the juvenile justice code. "He was one of the few legislators who had 1) read the proposed legislation, 2) understood the major issues and 3) was willing to sit down and discuss the substantive points," says Devine, Cook County prosecutor.

Obama's agenda is liberal. He's not interested in sacrificing his values, nor will he be swayed by public opinion polls, those who work with him say. Yet he is a pragmatist. Bouman says Obama is the man to manage the situation "when there are competing interests and entrenched opinions or real battle lines drawn. Some things got done in Illinois because Barack got the sides to sit down and talk to each other and hammer something out."

On Meet the Press after the election, host Tim Russert asked Obama if it is possible to negotiate on divisive issues such as abortion. "Well, look, I think some are more difficult than others," Obama replied, and went on to give an example of finding common ground. "There's no doubt that on the issue of abortion, oftentimes it's very difficult to split the difference," he said, "although we can agree on the notion that none of us are pro-abortion, and all of us would like to see a reduction in unwanted pregnancies, for example, and we could focus on those issues."

Obama criticizes the nastiness of politics, trumpets positive messages and likes to say that Americans are ready for politicians who "can disagree without being disagreeable," a phrase he adopted from the late Illinois Senator Paul Simon.

Not many skeletons have been exhumed from Obama's closet. Salon.com's "Muckraker" columnist went on a mission to harvest some dirt on Obama's environmental record, but ended up declaring, "This guy is a bona fide, card-carrying, bleeding-heart greenie." Despite openly fretting about his family's financial stress, Obama apparently hasn't accepted any side payments from special interests. "He's absolutely clean," Bouman says. "Nobody can pay for as much as a Coke for him, and that's not the culture in Springfield, Illinois. It's pretty much no holds barred."

Raising money for campaigns, which includes the necessity of appeals to personal friends and deep-pocketed community figures, was until recently a trying experience for Obama. "He wasn't comfortable with the process," Mikva says, "but he learned to be really comfortable with it."

Not, however, before insufficient funds was one factor that sank a bid for a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives. In 2000, against the advice of some more experienced politicians, Obama challenged the Democratic incumbent, Bobby Rush. "A lot of people were frustrated with the incumbent and came to Barack and asked him to run," says Dan Shomon, who managed that campaign. They raised $535,000, not enough for television ads, Shomon says. Obama was stomped in the primary; he said he learned from the experience, and went back to the state senate.

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Two years later, Obama announced he was running for U.S. senator. The incumbent, Republican Peter Fitzgerald, was retiring. It was a long shot. "The announcement was received respectfully, but people didn't believe we could win," Axelrod says. "There were many turns of fortune in this thing."

The first challenge was fund raising. "It was an uphill battle at the beginning," Jarrett says. "State senate is very different from statewide office." Obama didn't have much name recognition outside of his district, and with a crowded field of seven candidates in the primaries, there were other places for Democrats to send their money. Even many of those who did contribute, Jarrett says, did so saying that while they wanted to support him, they didn't think he could win the race. "It was discouraging at times, because people who should have been with us — funders, labor and political leaders — weren't with us," Axelrod says.

Among the competitors were a popular state comptroller and a businessman who spent $29 million on his campaign. Obama raised $6 million in the primary, enough to get on TV and introduce himself to a broader constituency. His message got across. On March 16, he won the primary with 53 percent of the votes — more than his six rivals combined. That's when the national attention started and money began to flow more easily; the campaign raised another $15 million for the general election.

"Every single break that Obama didn't get in the Congressional race, he got in the Senate race," says Shomon, political director of the Obama campaign. "There were a lot of factors aligned to our benefit."

One big break came in June, when Obama's would-be formidable Republican opponent, Jack Ryan, a wealthy former Goldman Sachs partner, withdrew from the race amidst news of a sex scandal. That sent Republican Party leaders scrambling to find a replacement candidate, and Obama later joked on The Late Show With David Letterman that the Republicans "couldn't find anyone out of the 12 million people in Illinois to run against me." Ryan was replaced by Marylander Alan Keyes, an African American who worked in the Reagan administration and has run for president.

More good fortune came in the form of the Kerry campaign inviting Obama to deliver the convention's keynote address. "They wanted somebody to represent the diversity of the party, and people knew he was a good speaker," Shomon says.

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“The American people are looking for common-sense, practical solutions.”

Obama drafted the convention speech on paper during two nights in a hotel room during the campaign. He writes all of his speeches, bills and other important documents, according to Shomon. When Obama finished the draft of the speech, he faxed a copy to Axelrod, who says, “I was reading it and handing each page to my wife, and my mouth was agape, because it was beautiful and profound. How many people in public life can write like this?” Axelrod says the consultants and the Kerry camp recommended few changes, and 80 percent of the final speech was the same as the original draft.

It was a hit. What first struck the audience was Obama’s family’s story. He said his foreign father “grew up herding goats, went to school in a tin-roof shack.” He described his paternal grandfather working in the kitchen as a servant to the British. Obama talked about his maternal grandfather “working on oil rigs and farms through most of the Depression,” enlisting to serve in World War II the day after the Pearl Harbor attack and coming home after the war to study on the G.I. Bill.

“My parents] would give me an African name, Barack, or ‘blessed,’ believing that in a tolerant America, your name is no barrier to success,” he said. “They imagined me going to the best schools in the land, even though they weren’t rich, because in a generous America you don’t have to be rich to achieve your potential.”

Obama delivered a positive message of diversity and unity and described “the true genius of America” as being “that we can say what we think, write what we think, without hearing a sudden knock on the door. That we can have an idea and start our own business without paying a bribe. That we can participate in the political process without fear of retribution, and that our votes will be counted, at least, most of the time.”

He addressed “fellow Americans, Democrats, Republicans, Independents ...” His attacks on the Bush administration were descriptive rather than combative. He said, for instance, “If there’s an Arab-American family being rounded up without benefit of an attorney or due process, that threatens my civil liberties.”

Obama said he had a message for “the pundits [who] like to slice and dice our country into Red States and Blue States ... We worship an awesome God in the Blue States, and we don’t like federal agents poking around in our libraries in the Red States. We coach Little League in the Blue States and yes, we’ve got some gay friends in the Red States. There are patriots who opposed the war in Iraq and there are patriots who supported the war in Iraq.”

The message seemed to work, for the Democratic Party and, especially, for Obama himself. “He was shot out of a cannon,” Axelrod says. Seemingly every media outlet wanted to do a story about him, his ratings in his senatorial race jumped and he received thousands of invitations to events and to podiums. He became, while still running for his first national office, a national celebrity. “He’s really on stage 24/7 now,” Shomon says. “He can’t go to the bathroom without someone recognizing him.”

Friends and supporters have grown mildly concerned at the amount of attention that Obama has received. “He’s risen so fast that it’s very hard, for anyone, not to inhale some of this marvelous national press he’s been getting,” says Mikva, his friend and political mentor. “If you start to believe that you can’t do wrong and that you walk on water, you stop asking for advice, and it will be your downfall.”

Mikva and others close to Obama say, however, that they believe he can handle it as well as anyone. And if he should stumble over his ego, his wife can be relied upon to prune it.

“I’ve been blessed with a relatively calm, steady temperament and am someone who reminds myself that it’s never as good as it seems and never as bad as it seems,” Obama says.

With a campaign motto of “Yes we can,” Obama won 70 percent of the vote. He likes to point out that he shared one million voters with Bush, confirmation of his theory that the Red and Blue America characterization is an oversimplification and that many individuals are conflicted about which party to identify with. “The American people are a non-ideological people,” Obama said after the election on Meet the Press. “They very much are looking for common-sense, practical solutions to the problems that they face.”

Obama is eager to solve problems, yet realistic about his place in the Senate. “I rank 99th in seniority and I’m in a minority party that took some hits in the last election,” he says. “There’s a large gap between the power that I’ll wield in Washington and the enormous needs that I see in Illinois, such as healthcare, lack of well-paying jobs and need for education reform.

“What I do expect to be able to accomplish is where there are issues that everyone agrees need to be worked on, I’ll be able to insinuate myself into the debate and see that voices that otherwise would be left behind are introduced into those negotiations.”

As for speculation that he could be the country’s first black president, Obama says that he will not run for anything in 2008. He is quick to temper high expectations and scrying about his lofty political future with quips about how he doesn’t yet know where the Senate bathrooms are, and how he’ll be “sharpening pencils and scrubbing floors” for the first few years.

“He says that the first thing is for him to learn to be a first-rate senator,” says Jarrett, the finance committee chair. “If that leads to something else one day, fabulous. But first things first.”

To read the full text of Barack Obama ’83’s keynote address at the Democratic National Convention in Boston, please log on to www.college.columbia.edu/cct/.

Contributing writer Shira Boss-Bicak ’93 is writing a book about money that tells the Joneses’ side of the story, showing that we are all better off with more honesty and contentment and less comparison and envy. Tentatively titled The Money Next Door, it is scheduled to be published next year by Warner.
Still Railing After All These Years

Cartoonist R.J. Matson '85 skewers politicians on all sides in trying to "get it right."

One of Matson's most famous cartoons, which appeared in the Washington, D.C., political review Roll Call on January 28, 1998, summarized the Monica Lewinsky controversy.

In this New York Observer cartoon, Matson shows John Edwards trying to loosen up John Kerry during the presidential campaign. Opposite, two of Matson's Spectator cartoons.
If you attended Columbia in the past 50 years, you’re familiar with the scene in R.J. Matson ‘85’s Spectator comic strip: a student with a table set up on College Walk, handing out pamphlets and shouting slogans. After all, this is Columbia, where diversity of opinion is valued and the tendency to question just about everything is common among students. But the pamphlet in this comic strip isn’t protesting Vietnam or Iraq or any conflict in between; it’s for “Students Against Bad Things.” Explaining his rationale, the spiky-haired character yells, “Because it’s bad! That’s why!”

It’s an early expression of Matson’s recipe for humor — a base of politics, with mild mockery and a dash of silliness for spice. His comic strip, “College Walk,” appeared in Spectator from 1982-85, and culminated in a full-page Dante-esque drawing of hellish occupations, with politics occupying the bottom rung. It was a prophetic comment. Matson has gone on to earn a living skewering politicians with his weekly cartoons for The New York Observer, Roll Call and a monthly back page drawing for City Limits. His work also has appeared in The New Yorker, The Nation and MAD Magazine.

Though Matson cringes at the style of his college strips, it’s
easy to see that the same mind produced his more recent comics. Encouraged by Spectator editor-in-chief Steven Waldman ’84, Matson used “College Walk” to poke fun at everything from a student takeover of Studio 54 to the beginning of co-education. “One of my great pleasures at school was that my cartoons would appear on people’s doors,” Matson remembers. “I got a lot of positive reinforcement.” Says Waldman, “He was a genius, even in college!”

After graduation, Matson was an art director at The Washington Monthly (founded by Charles Peters ’49) alongside editors Waldman and Matt Cooper ’84 before moving back to New York and becoming a full-time freelancer.

One of Matson’s most famous cartoons, posted on numerous websites, is a rendering of the Presidential Seal being unzipped, with a top button unbuttoned (see page 20). Drawn when the Monica Lewinsky scandal broke, the image captured the incident succinctly and wordlessly.

Despite that cartoon, Matson liked President Clinton and comments, “The great politicians have an air of theater about them.” Cartoonists, he says, are “playing with these personas that politicians have set up. Politics forces everybody to take stands on certain sides of the issues and to play roles that they probably wouldn’t take if you sat them down outside the realm of politics. So you’re aware that it’s an act. You almost hate the act more than you hate the actor.”

In fact, Matson’s political feelings don’t impact his cartoons. “The way cartoonists think about it is: ‘Who is the easiest to draw? Who’s impossible?’ ” he says, laughing. “The politicians who are easiest to draw are the ones who become characters because they’re larger than life.”
R.J. Matson '85

"I DON'T KNOW WHETHER TO GIVE YOU GUYS AN 'A' OR AN 'F'!

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Matson grew up as part of an expatriate family in Brussels, a bit of an outsider. "The notion of what's American is so sharply defined," he says, "and when you're further away from something, you can see it more clearly." Matson moved back to Minnesota when he was in middle school, but found it difficult to fit in at first. "I had no friends. It was really cold, and I just spent a lot of time with my drawings. Those were the years I really developed a fascination with comics. I would write 30-page comic books."

As an American in Europe and a seeming foreigner in America ("I didn't have the Minnesota accent, so people saw me as foreign"), and finally a Midwesterner in New York, Matson always has straddled two worlds, which was good practice for his profession. "As a cartoonist, you're caught between two worlds; you're not really a writer and you're not really a fine artist. Many people can draw better than you, a bazillion people can write better than you, but there are few artists who can draw and write a funny cartoon. So it's a weird profession."

Matson lives in Greenwich, Conn., with his wife, Mari, and baby daughter, Sofia. In his basement office, he's surrounded by framed prints and books of his cartoon idols: Thomas Nast, Robert Crumb and Krazy Kat strips. And in his own way, he's still railing "against bad things." Of his work, he says, "I just try to react to the news and get it right. I don't care so much about telling the world how I feel, just trying to get the right take on what's happening."

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Original Cable Guy
Bob Rosencrans ’49
Changed the Way We Watch Television

By Jonathan Lemire ’01

Imagine settling down in front of your television, remote in hand, and flipping channels. As you race through the dial, you realize that you cannot watch Stephon Marbury and the Knicks on MSG. Or Tony Soprano on HBO. Or OutKast videos on BET. Or even the day’s Congressional hearing on C-SPAN.

Fortunately, Bruce Springsteen’s prophecy of “57 channels and nothing on” (or, in some markets, more like 257 channels) has not come true, thanks in large part to Bob Rosencrans ’49, who helped to create several of today’s most popular networks and paved the way for countless more.

Indeed, Rosencrans was one of the original “Cable Guys.” Couch potatoes everywhere should be grateful. “He is much more important to what has happened in cable TV than he will ever get credit for,” says Brian Lamb, CEO of C-SPAN, which Rosencrans helped get off the ground. “There is not a promotional bone in his body, and he is about the classiest, most decent person I’ve ever worked with.”

The second of two sons, Rosencrans inherited his entrepreneurial genes from his parents. His mother, Eva, was a talented dress designer with a flourishing Seventh Avenue shop, while his father, Alvin, was a successful importer who specialized in ladies’ hats. Both were immigrants (Eva from Russia, Alvin from Austria) who came to the United States with next to nothing; the New York City household that Rosencrans was born into in 1927 was one where hard work and creativity were the rules of thumb.

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“With a shortage of students because of the war, the College was desperately trying to fill the Class of ’49,” he says. “I remember walking up the steps of Low Library, shaking hands with the dean of admissions, and I was in.”

An economics major, Rosencrans signed up for a professional program in which he took three years of classes in the College and the fourth at the Business School. He fondly remembers several classes he took on Morningside Heights and singles out American history professor Dwight Miner ’26’s famous lectures on Teddy Roosevelt. Miner would act out significant portions of the Bull Moose’s career, complete with costumes, and create such a buzz among students that they would sit in non-air-conditioned classrooms for an hour afterward talking about what they had experienced.

“It was like a stage show, and [Miner] was both teacher and performer,” Rosencrans remembers, laughing. “He affected a lot of students, and certainly me.”

A right-handed pitcher on the school’s “middling” baseball team, Rosencrans graduated with no clear idea of what to do next. First came a brief stint in retail at Bloomingdale’s, followed by an even briefer stint at Macy’s, neither of which satisfied Rosencrans’
creative impulse. After a year in the military reserve during the Korean War, and then a second year at the Business School (he earned a master’s degree in 1952), Rosencrans was ready for a change, and a challenge.

A phone call from a family friend provided him with that opportunity. Box Office Television (BOT), with the backing of the legendary Sid Caesar, wanted to produce programs to give movie houses a chance to compete with the suddenly booming home television industry. Harlem Globetrotter games and Saturday afternoons of Notre Dame football highlighted BOT’s roster, but its bread-and-butter events were industrial shows (precursors to infomercials) often used to trot out new products in theaters in major cities. Rosencrans took the wheel — literally — for a show that rolled out the Edsel and prominently featured Robert McNamara, then a Ford wunderkind and later the very-controversial Secretary of Defense.

“McNamara and the Edsel,” Rosencrans recalls, chuckling at the thought. “Good thing I don’t believe in omens.”

Not long afterward, Rosencrans rubbed shoulders with another corporate pitchman-turned-politico: General Electric spokesman Ronald Reagan. “He was a charming guy, and we got along nicely,” Rosencrans noted. “But no one among us would have ever guessed he’d end up where he did.”

In 1956, BOT was purchased by TelePrompTer, which used its new acquisition — and Rosencrans, who was named v.p. — to distribute closed-circuit broadcasts of sporting events, mostly prize fights, to theaters across the country. Before one of those fights, Rosencrans received a call from Bill Daniels of Casper, Wyo., who asked to broadcast the bout on his cable system.

Rosencrans remembers his reaction. “Cable system? What’s a cable system?” he asked.

The answer would change his career. After negotiating to get the fight’s signal beamed from Denver to Casper, Rosencrans began to study what Daniels had deemed “the business of the future.” Rosencrans liked what he saw.

“At the time, cable was used almost exclusively in small towns and rural areas, since big cities used the network broadcast signals,” he says. “I wasn’t satisfied with the closed-circuit industry, and I knew this was where I wanted to go.”

Rosencrans put together a team of investors to purchase a small cable system in Washington State in 1962 for the bargain-basement price of $580,000. The system, which was based in towns along the Columbia River near the Oregon border, was dubbed Columbia Cable Systems. (“Sure, a slight nod at alma mater,” Rosencrans says.)

Others followed: Systems in small towns in Arizona, Oregon and California were snatched up, and “all of a sudden, we had a company,” Rosencrans says. Multi-million-dollar agreements in Florida and Texas were next. The company went public in 1969. Columbia Cable suddenly was a player, and others noticed. After a potential merger with Viacom fell through, United Artists Cablevision — a subsidiary of United Artists Theaters — came calling with a deal that created a 135,000-subscriber company, the 10th-largest in the country.

It had been a whirlwind 10 years, but Rosencrans was far from satisfied. A lifelong sports fan whose passion was the New York Giants baseball team (he attended the one-game playoff in 1951 that featured Bobby Thompson’s dramatic home run), he was intrigued with the idea of bringing live sporting events into people’s homes through cable.

Though armchair quarterbacks today view the ability to watch sports 24-7 on cable as a birthright, it was then seen as a risky proposition. But, using his newly-acquired New Jersey systems as a starting point, Rosencrans approached the brass of Madison Square Garden and walked away with a deal to broadcast 82 Knicks and Rangers games a season. A new era was born. Chris Berman, you’re welcome.

“For the first time, everything from hockey to basketball to dog shows was on cable as basic programming,” Rosencrans says. “We sold national advertising and our format became the industry standard for everything from ESPN to CNN.”

His eyes open to the programming possibilities of cable, Rosencrans gave the green light to participate in the satellite broadcast of a heavyweight boxing match scheduled for September 30, 1975. The classic “Thrilla in Manila” between Muhammad Ali and Joe Frazier was broadcast on the then-fledgling HBO, via satellite from United Artists-Columbia. Rosencrans threw the switch to get it started.

“When you looked at the close-ups, the fighters looked like they were in the next room, the picture quality was that extraordinary,” he says. “We knew we had a winner. We knew this was a big day.” (He was right. The fight’s success convinced Time, Inc., to hold off on plans to shut down HBO.)

Inspired, Rosencrans wanted to broadcast his own Madison Square Garden events by satellite, but he realized that cable needed to offer subscribers more than pay movies and sporting events. Working with Joseph Cohen, an executive at MSG, Rosencrans came up with a plan that mixed fees and advertising, which became the model for cable networks from coast to coast. In fall 1977, their dream was realized and MSG Sports Network launched as the nation’s first satellite-delivered basic cable service.

“No matter who had which idea, Bob had everyone feeling like they had come up with the idea,” Cohen told the audience at the annual dinner of the Cable TV Hall of Fame, when Rosencrans was inducted four years ago. “He had a wonderful way of making you feel good about the venture you were in.”

But the network didn’t use all of its transponder time, so Rosencrans saw room for expansion and diversity. Calliope, a block of children shows for daytime television, was up and running before long, and the network later merged with MSG and adopted a much more familiar name: the USA Network, still one of cable’s most successful channels.

Then, an opportunity arose to create what Rosencrans would years later deem “the best thing I’ve ever done.”
From the Thrilla in Manila to the creation of C-SPAN, from Box Office Television to Columbia International, Rosencrans has left his mark on the television landscape

Cablevision magazine’s Washington, D.C., bureau chief, pitched an idea to a cable conference about a nonprofit network that would provide gavel-to-gavel coverage of the House of Representatives. No talking heads, no analysis, just the speakers on the floor, and the chance for voters to decide for themselves.

No one was interested. Except Rosencrans. He wrote the first check ($25,000), and then rallied the cable industry for support.

"Out of the 40 industry leaders, only Bob said he liked the idea, and he got right behind it," says Lamb. "And, for me, the network became a success only years later, when C-SPAN was picked up on the cable system that Bob got at home, and he called me and said he enjoyed the hearing we had on that night."

The idea was met with resistance by broadcast and local channels, which held tremendous influence in Congress and the FCC, but meetings with the House leadership, including legendary Speaker Tip O’Neill (D-Mass.), at which Rosencrans and Lamb pledged that the new network would be non-political, paved the way for its inception.

"Bob saw the value in having an unfiltered flow of information about policies and politics available to the public," Lamb says. "Without his help, that wouldn’t exist."

Today, C-SPAN has two sister networks, C-SPAN2 and C-SPAN3, and provides unmatched access to Congress, election campaigns and events such as the September 11 Commission hearings. A self-described political junkie, Rosencrans serves on the network’s board as chairman emeritus.

Mindful of the need for variety on the dial, Rosencrans followed up C-SPAN with something different: He gave a young businessman a few hours of network time on Friday nights for programming geared to young African Americans. That programming evolved into Black Entertainment Television (BET). The businessman was Bob Johnson, now owner of the NBA’s Charlotte Bobcats.

The cable game, however, was growing cutthroat. By 1984, big money had crept in, major corporations (G.E., Getty) were snapping up networks and sports leagues were selling their broadcast rights to ESPN. UA-Columbia was caught in the middle. Rosencrans was assigned the thankless task of dividing his company into two, one half for United Artists, the other to Toronto-based Rogers Cablevision. He grew unhappy.

"We were entrepreneurs but were treated like employees, and I wouldn’t have it," he recalls. "It got to the point when, on the eve of consummating a profitable merger that I created, they [Rogers] fired me."

The company’s method was almost unheard of in its coldness: Rosencrans was paged to a pay phone while he was at a charity dinner and given the news. His friends and allies were furious and demanded retribution. He took a different approach.

"It was the best thing that ever happened to me," he says. "I was free again."

Namely, free to form a new company, Columbia International. With several of his long-term associates along for one last ride, Rosencrans spent the next decade skilfully navigating the expanding world of cable and media, purchasing cable systems throughout the country.

In 1995, he said goodbye, selling Columbia to TCI, Jones Intercable and Continental Cablevision for an estimated $600 million. Surprising no one, Rosencrans had gone out on top.

"Columbia International gave me a chance to finish my full-time career in a manner that was true to my principles," he says. "I couldn’t have asked for more."

Stepping away from the cable industry didn’t mean retirement for Rosencrans. He’s stayed active with C-SPAN and its Public Affairs” publishing company and works tirelessly with several charities in Greenwich, Conn., where he and his wife of 48 years, Marjorie, make their home. And, of course, there’s always time for his four adult children and his 11 grandchildren, one of whom is a first-year student in the College.

"I had nothing to do with it," Rosencrans says of his granddaughter following him to Morningside Heights. "She doesn’t need my help at all."

But she might bump into him on campus. Rosencrans is an active alumnus who is a member emeritus and former chair of the College’s Board of Visitors. During his tenure as chair, his mission was to ensure that the College stay at the center of University life.

"I came in during a time when there seemed to be a diminution of the College’s role at Columbia," says Rosencrans. "We did our part, and I’m so encouraged now by the direction in which Dean Austin Quigley and President Lee C. Bollinger are taking the school."

Honored for his work and vision at his alma mater and in his profession, Rosencrans received a pair of awards he describes as "humbling" in 2000: the John Jay Award for distinguished professional achievement from Columbia College, and his induction into the Cable Television Hall of Fame.

"They are nice indications that people out there think you made some sort of difference with your life," Rosencrans says. "I am certainly grateful."

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When New Yorkers said “train” it meant the subway. As in Duke Ellington’s “Take the A Train,” you took the train to go downtown to Greenwich Village or uptown to Columbia, on Morningside Heights. I took the IRT line to the local stop at 116th and Broadway and got off there to go to college. Crash and toot of congested traffic, underground earth-quakeing rush of the subway, faces black, yellow, and swarthy, voices speaking in foreign tongues, made the place seem as alien as Rangoon, yet I felt at home, sensing it was where I should be.

Columbia bore no resemblance to the idyllic, pastoral campus of the movies, or the ones I knew in the Midwest, where ivy-clad buildings were set on rolling hills with ancient elms, and chapel bells tolled the slow passage of time. The quad of dormitories and classroom buildings that made up Columbia College was set in the gritty heart of the city, and the catalogue boasted, “New York is our laboratory.” I loved it. What could be more removed from the rah-rah frat-house collegiate life I had fled?

Because I was a transfer student, I had to make up required courses I had missed, but my faculty advisor allowed me, as a reward, to take the elective “Introduction to Poetry” course of Mark Van Doren my first semester. The morning that began a new term — and for me a whole new life — I went for breakfast at the drugstore my roommates recommended on Amsterdam Avenue (the eastern boundary of the campus, opposite Broadway), squeezing into a packed counter of students crying orders to the friendly pharmacist, Mr. Zipper, who reminded me of a plump Groucho Marx. I picked out something soft and sweet called a French cruller, a doughnut fancier than any I’d dunked in Hoosierdorn, and washed it down with sugar-and-cream-laden coffee, hoping to dispel the butterflies I felt before going to meet for the first time the teacher whose words drew me halfway across the country.

Van Doren had become a prototype of the American author-scholar-sage as college professor. Winner of the Pulitzer Prize for his Collected Poems in 1940, he had influenced such gifted students as John Berryman and Louis Simpson (as well as young renegade poets still to be heard from, like Allen Ginsberg ['48] and Lawrence Ferlinghetti), the critics Maxley Geismar ['31] and Lionel Trilling ['25], the editors Robert Giroux ['36] and Clifton Fadiman ['25], and the novelist Herbert Gold ['46]. He appeared in Whittaker Chambers' political autobiography, Witness, and in Thomas Merton's ['38] spiritual autobiography, The Seven Storey Mountain. After getting an A in Van Doren's course on Shakespeare, a football player named Jack Kerouac ['44] quit the Columbia team to spend more time studying literature. Before his retirement at the end of the decade, Van Doren would be described by Newsweek as a "living legend."

When I saw Van Doren in class that morning for the first time, his hair was gray and I had no idea of his age (58), which was anyway irrelevant for he didn’t seem old but ageless, like the visage of one of the presidents on Mount Rushmore. His face had that craggy granite look of being hewn or chiseled by hard-won experience and knowledge, but it wasn’t grim or set in a stare of stony, locked-away wisdom. His eyes gave off a love of his work (which included the students seated before him) and the world, and he had a playful and wry sense of humor. To Allen Tate he was “the scholarly looking poet who always looks as if … he were going to say grace, but says instead damn.”

The Noble Voice was the title Van Doren gave one of his books, and it was also an apt description of his own way of speaking — mellow, thoughtful, dignified without being formal. His voice was familiar to radio fans across the country, who heard him discuss great works of literature on “Invitation to Learning.” Van Doren retained a flat Midwestern accent (he was the fourth of five sons of an Illinois country doctor) that made me feel at home. He wasn’t afraid to sound his r’s, and he spoke at a measured, leisurely pace, letting the words come out without being clipped at the end or hurried along like the New York traffic. He anglicized foreign words when he pronounced them, speaking of Don Quixote as “Quicks-ott,” with the x sounding, rather than in the Spanish manner of “Key-ho-tay.” He said with a wry smile that if we followed that style, we would have to call the capital of France “Paray,” and he preferred plain “Paris.”

Hearing that plain Midwestern accent, as well as the plain thinking behind it, bolstered my confidence, proving that people from the hinterlands could make it in East Coast literary circles. It gave me courage to speak to some of my new classmates, jostling down the steps of Hamilton Hall after a lecture.

“Hey, Van Doren’s great, huh?” I said.

One of them shrugged, and in a nasal New Yorkers said, “I dunno, he’s a little too midwestuhn.”
“Yeah, that’s it!” I blurted out.

It was not just the familiar accent that made it easier to knock at the door of Van Doren’s office and introduce myself later that semester. It was also the kindness in the older man’s eyes, in his whole demeanor.

“May I come in?”

“Please.”

Professor Van Doren greeted me as a fellow Midwesterner and fellow lover of words and stories. I told him about the impact of reading his essay “Education by Books” and mentioned that a friend of mine from high school, John Sigler, had been one of his student hosts when he gave a reading at Dartmouth. Van Doren said he wished he’d known: “I would have told him you were a student of mine.”

I left his office in Hamilton Hall not only feeling welcomed and acknowledged but somehow made safe in that alien place, intimidating city and sophisticated college. I had the reassuring sense that because such a man was here, no deep-down harm could come to me, no malevolence invade the grace of his plain goodness.

A student whose poetry Van Doren had encouraged (this was four years before I met him myself) came running into the office of the Columbia English department saying, “I just saw the light!” Most of the professors there thought the student’s claim of a visionary experience meant he had finally cracked. The only one who wanted to hear about it was Mark Van Doren. More than 45 years later, that former student, Allen Ginsberg, tells me, “At Columbia I found nourishment from Van Doren — spiritual nourishment. He had a spiritual gift.”

Van Doren’s kindness to students did not equal sentimentality, or excuse sloth. One morning in his poetry class he called on a student who confessed he had failed to read the assigned poem. Van Doren’s face transformed, tightening, turning a deep and outraged red, and the voice, still measured and controlled, but stern as that of a ship’s captain charging mutiny, ordered the student to leave the room. In the breath-held silence that followed, the hapless, hangdog fellow fumbled together his books and fled.

I downed a cold chocolate milk at Chock Full O’ Nuts on Broadway to calm my anxiety after class, for I hadn’t read the assignment myself, and I wondered what I’d have done if he’d called on me. From then on I was always prepared, but I wondered more deeply if the anger of this good man was an aberration or a part of his personality, a necessary component of being a great professor. I knew I’d learn the answer; Van Doren would teach me.

A hush of respect and excitement came over Van Doren’s Narrative Art class when he said he was going to take time out from the great books we were studying to discuss a story written by one of our own classmates, Ivan Gold [’53]. Heads turned to Ivan, who slumped down in his seat just in front of me as Van Doren explained to the class that Mr. Gold’s story, “A Change of Air,” which had won the fiction prize of the student literary magazine, was worthy of our attention.

The story was about a promiscuous young woman from the Lower East Side who voluntarily engaged in sex with members of a teenage gang. She was so traumatized she was sent to a mental hospital, saw a psychiatrist, and eventually returned to her neighborhood a transformed person who politely refused to have sex with any of the old gang. “That must have been one hell of a psychiatrist,” one of the boys remarked with wonder.

Van Doren wanted to know what the force or power of change was behind this story. He educated or drew us out of us (for that was his method of education) the realization that this new force in the world was psychiatry, which now was our accepted system for effecting change, just as in the writers of the past we had studied, like Homer, Dante, and the authors of the Bible, God was the source of transformation in people’s lives.

Through our own classmate’s story of a teenage sexual trauma, Van Doren taught us something not only about writing and literature but also about one of the major shifts in modern man’s understanding of himself and his world, a shift just being recognized and acknowledged in my own generation.

“I didn’t know what the story was about until Van Doren told me in class that day,” Ivan Gold says. “I thought it was about these guys pissing away their time, but he showed me it was about the girl, and what changed her.”

Ivan later learned that Van Doren had sent the story to an editor he knew at New World Writing, a prestigious literary periodical of the day, where it was published at the end of that year, 1953.

Jesus was the most ruthless of men,” Van Doren said in a tone as hard as a struck bell, and I came to tingling attention. The modern image of Jesus, Van Doren said, was of a man almost unrelated to the one described in the New Testament as a strong and stern leader, ruthless in following his conception of truth and iron in his will. “He was not,” Van Doren said, “an easy man to follow. He was certainly not like our ministers now who try to be one of the crowd and take a drink at a cocktail party to prove it, or tell an off-color joke. That seems to be their approach today.”

The professor paused for a moment, and then he said, “Maybe that’s why we hate them so much.”

I remembered Van Doren’s anger at the student who hadn’t done his homework, and I realized it was no aberration but that Van Doren, too, was ruthless in his teaching, and respected those who demanded the most of the people they led. I quoted some of his comments on Jesus in an article I wrote a few years later in The Nation, “Slick Paper Christianity,” and sent Van Doren a copy. I
enclosed it with a letter in which I acknowledged the gift of his teaching, and recalled the New York student’s saying he was “too midwestuhn.” He wrote back thanking me for telling him of the student’s judgment: “I was afraid I had changed.”

I waited until my junior year to take a course with Lionel Trilling [‘25], fearing I wasn’t yet up to the intellectual level of this professor, who was described by his peers as “the most intelligent man of his generation” and “the intellectuals’ conscience.” The Liberal Imagination, Trilling’s book of essays published in 1950, which dealt not only with literature but also with Freud, Kinsey, and American society, had become a touchstone of the decade. I was equally impressed with his novel, The Middle of the Journey, especially when I learned the main character was based on his former student Whittaker Chambers, the controversial ex-Communist.

Trilling himself was as elegant as his prose. He looked the part of the aristocratic critic as he stood before us at the front of the class in his three-piece suit, his hair already a distinguised gray at 48. He had the darkest circles under his eyes I had ever seen, so dark they reminded me of the shiners produced by a well-placed punch in a street fight. I assumed these circles were results of the deep study he engaged in, the heavy-duty intellectual battles.

Professor Trilling took a significant drag on the cigarette he inevitably held, sometimes gesturing with it like a wand, sometimes holding it poised just beyond his lips, like people did in the old movies of New York high life, where all the men seemed to wear only tuxedos or dressing gowns and subsisted entirely on caviar and champagne. Twin streams of smoke flowed from his nostrils, like an underlining of his words.

“We shall not read any criticism of the work of the poets we are going to study this semester,” he announced. “We shall only read the work itself — all the poems written by Wordsworth, Keats, and Yeats.”

There were intakes of breath as we absorbed the shock of hearing that our most distinguished literary critic wasn’t going to assign us any criticism. When Trilling said we were going to read all the poems of Wordsworth, Keats, and Yeats, he didn’t mean just once. “Until you have read a poem at least a dozen times,” he explained, “you haven’t even begun to get acquainted with it, much less to know what it means.”

Ideas became as real as stories in the poetry of Yeats, as I learned to read it in Trilling’s class, and by the end of the term I had other lines of verse running through my mind than the ones that I brought to college from childhood. “Little Orphan Annie came to our house to stay / To wash the cups and saucers and brush the crumbs away” had been replaced with Crazy Jane’s “Wrap that foul body up / In as foul a rag / I carry the sun in a golden cup / The moon in a silver bag.” The comforting time “When the frost is on the punkin / And the fodder’s in the bag / The moon in a silver bag” was supplanted by the soul-shaking vision of a world in which — as I recited to myself in the roar of the hurtling IRT express and in the early morning hours in the dorm after studying Marx and Freud, Kierkegaard and Nietzsche, in our course in Contemporary Civilization — “Turning and turning in the widening gyre / The falcon cannot hear the falconer.”

Though Trilling’s donnish manner made some people think him aloof, he was always accessible and supportive of his students, especially the aspiring writers. On a spring day in 1953, Trilling walked in the park along the Hudson River below the campus, holding the hand of his four-year-old son, James, and talking with his student Ivan Gold. Ivan was going to graduate in June, and wondered, if his goal in life was to write fiction, whether he should go to grad school for an M.A. in literature, which would also get him a draft deferment from service during the ongoing Korean War (or “conflict,” as it was called), or whether he should go ahead into the Army. Trilling admitted that he, too, wanted most of all to be a fiction writer, and said he regarded the literary criticism he did as secondary to the novel and short stories he had written. He didn’t see academic life as the best route to Ivan’s goal. “If you want to write, Mr. Gold,” he said, “stay away from graduate school.”

Ivan took the advice and was drafted after graduation. “Trilling was right, of course, the way those guys [our Columbia professors] always were,” he says, looking back nearly 40 years later. “After I got back from the Army and living in Japan, I did go to graduate school on the GI Bill for a while, but I couldn’t hack it.”

Ned O’Gorman, who met Van Doren and Trilling while he was a graduate student at Columbia in the ’50s, says, “I sent Mark Van Doren every poem I ever wrote, and he sent me a postcard or letter the next day with his comments. Lionel met my adopted son, Ricky, at the Aspen Institute, and I have a picture of him cutting a watermelon with him. Trilling didn’t know how to cut a watermelon, and he’s cutting it the wrong way. It’s a picture I treasure. Those men were surrogate fathers for many of us.”

When Sam Astrachan [‘55] was a junior at Columbia and his father died, Trilling got him a scholarship that lasted until graduation. When Sam showed Trilling part of his first novel, the professor got his student into Yaddo, the writers’ colony, to finish it, and then sent the book to another former student, Robert Giroux [‘36], who published Astrachan’s An End to Dying at Farrar, Straus.

In a letter Sam Astrachan wrote me last year from his home in Gordes, in the south of France, he said of Trilling, “When he died, I felt I had lost a father.”

Van Doren and Trilling were more to us than lions.
he young lion of Columbia’s faculty in the ’50s was a brash, dynamic sociologist up from Texas, C. Wright Mills, who had made a name for himself beyond the academy with a provocative new book on the American middle class called *White Collar*, and was working on a similar but even more controversial critique of the upper classes called *The Power Elite*. If Mark Van Doren and Lionel Trilling epitomized in their personal style and the thrust of their work the best of traditional values, C. Wright Mills was a harbinger of the anti-establishment future.

Impossible to picture in the confinement of a three-piece suit — he even rebelled against wearing a tie — Mills roared down to Columbia on the BMW motorcycle he drove from his house in Rockland County, outfitted in work boots, helmet, flannel shirt, and heavy-duty corduroys. His broad chest was crisscrossed with canvas straps of duffel bags bearing books, a canteen, and packages of the prepared food he took on camping trips, which he heated up in his office to save time. He looked like a guerrilla warrior ready to do battle, and in a way he was.

I first became interested in Mills when my classmate Mike Naver [’54] pointed out to me an ad for *White Collar* that was part of an enticement for joining the Book Find Club, and I signed up to get Mills’s work as a bonus. *White Collar* moved and excited me, as it had so many readers who, I’d heard, wrote letters to the author, responding to the issues he raised and also seeking his advice on problems, for the book seemed to address the deep discontent people felt about their jobs and their circumscribed futures. With its sharp critique of the growing impersonality of white-collar work, it touched my own typical ’50s fear, shared by many of my fellow students, that we’d lockstep into some automated, sterile future. But the very articulation of the fear raised hope that we might transcend it.

I was eager to see the author of this powerful work in action in the classroom, but I had to get his permission to take his seminar, which was limited to “qualified” students. I waited for my quarry in the cold, cheerless lobby of Hamilton Hall, ambushed Mills on the way to the elevator, and squeezed in beside him. Riding in an elevator with Mills felt like riding in a Volkswagen with an elephant, not so much because of his size — he was a little over 6 feet tall and weighed 200 pounds — but because of a sense of restlessness and ready-to-burst energy about him.

Mills fired the requisite questions at me in a rather aggressive, brash, dynamic sociologist up from Texas, was the young lion of Columbia’s faculty in the ’50s and a harbinger of the anti-establishment future.

In his office, I waited in suspense while Mills sat behind the desk, stoked up his pipe, and looked me over. Finally he asked what had made me write a paper comparing Ortega and Hemingway. I confessed I was bored by simply recounting the contents of the book in précis form.

“My God, I’m bored too, reading the damn things,” he said, and we both laughed.

He told me to “do some more,” continue to experiment. I started going to his office after class to talk about the latest paper, and these discussions broadened into friendly inquiries about my plans and goals, and even — to my flattered surprise — a sharing of his own work and concerns. I think he felt a bond with me because of our similar backgrounds as middle-class boys from the hinterlands who made it to the intellectual center, New York. I told him how my admiration for *White Collar* had inspired me to take his course, and he said what the book meant to him personally.

“I met a woman at a cocktail party who really understands me,” he said. “She told me, ‘I know you, Mills. I’ve read *White Collar* and I know what it’s all about.’ I asked her to tell me, and she said, ‘That’s the story of a Texas boy who came to New York.’ ” Mills paused, frowning, and then broke into a giant grin and said, “My God, she was right.” As he later wrote, *White Collar* was “a task primarily motivated by the desire to articulate my own experience in New York City since 1945.”

Mills became a friend whose help and guidance would see me through the early years in New York. Columbia had not only provided me with an education but a new family as well, in the city I’d adopted as home.

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Claiming Theology in the Pulpit by Burton Z. Cooper '54 and John S. McClure. A two-part guide to assist ministers with writing deeper and more meaningful sermons, this manual explains how one can identify personal theological beliefs and successfully relate them in a well-constructed sermon (Westminster John Knox Press, $18.95).

Here and Elsewhere: Poetic Cul DeSac by Raymond Federman '57. This intriguing and inspiring poetic adventure details a boy's journey to find his place in the world (Six Gallery Press, $9.99).

Poems: A Selection by William Claire '58. Through the author's wide variety of poetry, the reader sees not only the joys life can bring but also the sorrows. Claire's peaceful acceptance of the world allows the reader to perceive the world in new ways (Turning Point Press, $15).

Aging With Attitude: Growing Older With Dignity and Vitality by Robert Levine M.D. '58. The author maintains that it's the quality of years that matter, not the quantity, and offers strategies and advice on how to maintain a healthy, invigorating lifestyle as well as positive self-esteem, by addressing aging issues (Praeger, $39.95).

The Green Lantern: A Romance of Stalinist Russia by Jerome Clary '59. A performance by a prop manager stepping in for an ill actor in a production of King Lear becomes the talk of Moscow and catches the attention of Joseph Stalin. This "winter's tale" follows the accidental star Ivanushka and depicts an ever-shifting tangle of alliances, lovers and powerful figures in the Soviet Union (Thunder's Mouth Press, $22).

Waterfront: A Journey Around Manhattan by Phillip Lopate '64. The author takes his audience on an adventure around the Manhattan shoreline. The tour, filled with history, myth, culture and politics, gives a full scope of the magnificence of Manhattan with a view from the water (Crown, $25.95).

U.S. Destroyers: An Illustrated Design History (revised edition) by Norman Friedman '57. This history of U.S. destroyers gives a detailed description of the ships' designs and the rationale behind them, as well as an account of changes in the ships' development (Naval Institute Press, $85).

Making Love Safe by Philip Guinsburg '68 and Luanne Overton. An easy-to-follow guide on how to develop a healthy relationship. This book includes a blueprint for a stable relationship, tools to start and maintain that relationship and an analysis of major problems and limits in any relationship (1st Books Library, $14.50).

Dogen's Extensive Record: A Translation of the Eihei Koroku by Taigen Dan Leighton '71. The first thorough, scholarly translation of the Eihei Koroku into English, this Zen master guide gives the reader wisdom and insight into religious life (Wisdom Publications, $65).

The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Guide to Asthma: How to Help Your Child Live a Healthier Life by Julian Lewis Allen M.D. '74, Tyra Bryant-Stephens M.D. and Nicholas A. Pavlakos M.D., editors. This guide, with educational resources and true stories about children with asthma, gives tips on how asthma is diagnosed, how to modify surroundings that affect asthma, how to manage the disease, what to do in an emergency and the special needs of those with asthma (John Wiley & Sons, $14.95).

Sanctifying the Name of God: Jewish Martyrs and Jewish Memories of the First Crusade by Jeremy Cohen '74. In this analysis of the Jewish massacres in the Rhineland during the Crusades, Cohen explores the symbolic meaning of martyrdom, Jewish and Christian traditions and the guilt of those who gave up their faith and surrendered to the crusaders (University of Pennsylvania Press, $37.50).

God's Last Word: Reading the English Bible from the Reformation to Fundamentalism by David S. Katz '74. This scholarly book explores society's response to the Bible from its first translation in the 16th century through the Renaissance, the Reformation, Newton and Darwin and the birth of 20th-century fundamentalism. (Yale University Press, $38).

The Forgotten Liars: The Tammi Honig Story by Timothy Horrigan '79. A bittersweet romantic epic centered around a Columbia boy and a Barnard girl, with a supporting cast of punk rockers, poets, lawyers and U.S. presidents. The story begins in 1979 on South Field and ends in 1987 at St. Paul's Chapel (Xlibris, $28.95).


HIP: The History by John Leland '81. Leland, a veteran pop culture writer, shows how "hip" is about the story of black and white America and offers an alternative account of centuries of contact and emulation, of back-and-forth, from blackface minstrel shows to the Beat generation to the "digital" hip cheered on by Wired (HarperCollins, $26.95).

Composite Sketches by Lou Orfanella '82. In this compelling collection of poetry that ties together all aspects of life,
Helping Chicks To Fly

Not long after women had been admitted to the College, in the mid-1980s, a movement to ban single-sex organizations gained momentum. As president of the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority, Emily Miles Terry ’89 was involved in defending the right of her sorority to remain single-sex, believing that it was important for women to have their own support network.

More than a decade later, Terry still feels strongly about the importance of women supporting each other, and this appreciation for female solidarity and bonding has inspired Terry and her friend, Arne Mahler Beanland, to coauthor two bestselling books, including Nesting: It's a Chick Thing (Workman Press, 2004, $13.95).

"Most women we know love their homes and apartments but have demanding careers and lives," Terry said, explaining the idea behind Nesting. "We decided to write a book that focused on what we call the four pillars of nesting — entertaining, decorating, gardening and cooking — and fill it with real advice from real women." After interviewing thousands of women to collect tips, recipes and shortcut ideas, Terry and Beanland compiled a handbook for the "postfeminist domestic expert" who can provide "genuine hospitality that doesn’t require any floor mopping."

Whether it's "chick-tested ideas" on how to make easy holiday decorations or lessons from the "Queen of Leftovers" on squeezing the most value out of that "half-dead meal," Nesting offers countless anecdotes and advice for the career woman. The book features personal stories from famous women such as comedienne and actress Ellen DeGeneres, Pulitzer Prize-winning writer Anna Quindlen ’74 Barnard and country singer Dolly Parton. Terry also found help from Jill Pollack ’89 and Jody Collins Fidler ’89, who contributed their ideas and writing to Nesting as well as Terry and Beanland’s first Chick Ink book, It’s a Chick Thing: Celebrating the Wild Side of Women’s Friendship (Conari Press, 2000, $15.95).

Terry and Beanland established Chick Ink (www.chickstyle.com), a company dedicated to "celebrating friendship, hospitality, personal style and all things chickcentric." The website promotes their work and also collects advice from women around the country.

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Terry and Beanland met in the early ‘90s at a small West Coast publisher’s office and quickly became friends. One day, they heard a story on BBC Radio about two women who decided to travel around the world, but before their trip painted their toenails blue. During the trip, their plane crashed and the women were separated in the melee, ending up at a hospital where no one spoke English. Luckily, a doctor noticed their identical polish, and the friends were reunited. The story, which showed Terry and Beanland that "seemingly trivial girlish acts have a higher purpose" of bringing women together, inspired them to write Chick Thing. Much like Nesting, this collection of stories shares the many ways women have fun together and exalts the sanctity of female friendships.

Terry lives in Brookline, Mass., with her husband, Dave Terry ’90, and their children, Julia (6) and Henry (4). She spends her free time mostly with her children, but "sets aside time for two book clubs, a writers group and an annual trip with some of her best chickfriends from Columbia." She also is CCT’s 1989 class correspondent.

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Oranella brings the reader into his world by merging present and past, reality and fantasy, and physicality and spirituality into one reflection of life (Fine Tooth Press, $12.99).

Holocaust Denial and the Law: A Comparative Study by Robert A. Kahn ’85. Kahn’s first book correlates how courts in Canada, France, Germany and the U.S. have resolved the adversities of Holocaust-denial litigation. This study examines criminal prosecution of the deniers, legal fairness, litigation and the impairment that Holocaust denial could cause (Palgrave-Macmillan, $55).

Maverick Mind: A Mother’s Story of Solving the Mystery of Her Unreachable, Unteachable, Silent Son by Cheri L. Florence Ph.D. and Maria Gazzaniga. A speech and hearing therapist finds her greatest challenge in her son in this inspirational story of one mother’s struggle to educate her deaf, mute son and integrate him into the world (G.P. Putnam’s Sons, $23.95).

Magazine Fundamentals by Rebecca Castillo ’94, production editor, Alice Klement, word editor, and Laura Schaub, image editor. This extensive how-to guide for anyone working for a magazine covers all the basics, including raising funds, organizing staff, designing a look, evaluating submissions and publishing (Columbia Scholastic Press Association, $34.95).

The Graven Image: Representation in Babylonia and Assyria by Zainab Bahnini, Edith Porada Associate Professor of Art History and Archaeology. An innovative look at the art and images of ancient Babylonia and Assyria and how they relate to their rituals, wars, divinities and the human form (University of Pennsylvania Press, $49.95).

From Oslo to Iraq and the Road Map by Edward Said, former University Professor (deceased). In this collection of 46 essays that appeared between 2000–03, Said wrote about the second intifada, President Clinton’s “fast-food peace” and the Bush administration’s relationship with the Christian right and large oil companies (Pantheon Books, $24.95).

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Obituaries

**1934**
Robert D.L. Gardiner, land owner, East Hampton, N.Y., on August 23, 2004. Gardiner was the last heir to bear the name of the family that has owned Gardiner’s Island — 3,350 acres, 27 miles of coastline, forests and streams, and buildings dating from the 17th century — off the coast of Long Island, for nearly four centuries. Born in New York on February 25, 1911, Gardiner attended St. George's School in Newport, R.I. He attended NYU Law School and in WWII served as a Navy lieutenant and saw action in the South Pacific. After the war he worked on Wall Street at the Empire Trust Co, and served for many years on the Suffolk County Planning Board. He ran unsuccessfully as a Democratic candidate for the State Senate in 1960. According to The New York Times, Gardiner called himself “the 16th Lord of the Manor” and saw himself as a custodian of his family’s history on what is said to be the largest privately owned island in the world. Gardiner lived in East Hampton, in an opulent family house with a long history, but his heart was rooted in the island, which is in the bay off Long Island’s south fork. The island has been in Gardiner’s family since his ancestor, the English settler Lion Gardiner, bought it from the Montaukett Indians in 1639 for “one large dog, one gun, some powder and shot, some rum and several blankets, worth in all about Five Pounds sterling.” Although the island is off-limits to the public, Gardiner took occasional visitors there in his boat, theswatching Lady, often surprising them by talking about Colonial-era events as if they just happened. Through the years, Gardiner feuded with family members about ownership of the island but continued to visit it after a judge overturned a ruling that he could not. He is survived by his wife, Eunice Bailey Oakes, whom he married in 1961.

**1938**
Adolph F. “Lefty” Meisen, retired college dean and history instructor, Ocean side, Calif., on August 22, 2004. A New York City native, Meisen was a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the College and a 1939 graduate of GSAS, where he earned a degree from the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. He was instrumental in moving into the Army in 1943. Schwartz was recruited by the Office of Strategic Services, which preceded the CIA, and sent to Europe as a specialist in Soviet economic intelligence. He was discharged as a first lieutenant in 1945. Following his military career, Schwartz became an economics professor. He spent most of his career as a “government economist, a military intelligence analyst, a professor of economics and international affairs at several universities and the author of 22 books,” reported The New York Times, for which he worked from 1951–79 as an editorial writer and specialist in Soviet and Eastern European affairs. In the 1970s, in part because of a son’s illness, Schwartz’s interests turned increasingly toward health policy; he argued that the increasing socialization of medicine would erode the quality of health care. During the next two decades, Schwartz wrote about infant mortality, organ transplants, heart disease, AIDS and other health-related matters. Among his publications were Russia’s Soviet Economy (1951), the Red Phoenix (1961), Prague’s 200 Days (1969) and The Case for American Medicine (1972). Schwartz is survived by his wife, the former Ruth E. Blumner, whom he married in 1941; sons, John ’66 and Robert ’75; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

**1942**
Ernest “Sandy” Black, retired journalist and PR consultant, Naples, Fla., on October 6, 2004. Black was born in New York City on March 14, 1921, and graduated cum laude from the College with an English degree. He studied at the U.S. Naval Academy before serving in the Pacific during WWII. Black was a magazine editor for Modern Plastics and Chain Store Age before switching to public relations. After working for the National Association of Manufacturers, Black retired as v.p. of Hill & Knowlton. In his retirement, he did volunteer work as the founder and past president of the Columbia University Club of Southwest Florida. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, the former Joan Gumpert; a daughter and son-in-law, Sandra (Sam) Black-Parkin and her husband, Jono; son, Gary; and a grandson. Black was predeceased by another son, Bruce. Memorial contributions may be sent to Hospice of Naples, 1/05.

**1943**
John E. Fitzgerald, attorney, Singer Island, Fla. and Queen sbury, N.Y., on October 24, 2004. Born on February 24, 1920, in Glens Falls, N.Y., Fitzgerald graduated from St. Mary’s Academy in 1937 and served in the Army in WWII. He earned a degree from the Law School in 1947 and practiced law in New York City from 1947–60. Fitzgerald then returned to Glens Falls, where he practiced law until his death. He was past chair of the Trust and Estates Section of the New York Bar Association, a member of the New York and American Bar Foundations, the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, past president of the Warren County Bar Association and a past chair of the Queensbury Zoning Board. Survivors include his wife, Virginia; sons, John, Jr. and his wife, Lynsey, and James and his wife, Karen; stepmother, Mildred; brothers Robert and William; and many grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Fitzgerald was predeceased by his brothers, Edward J. Fitzgerald Jr. and Neil J. Fitzgerald and his sister, Maureen F. Lundin. Memorial contributions may be sent to Estherville Animal Shelter, 100 Russell Rd., Greenfield Center, NY 12833.

**1949**
Gene Hawes, writer, Chappaqua, N.Y., on September 7, 2004. Hawes was a Sachem, Gold Crown, Silver Crown, Phi Beta Kappa and the Class of ’49 salutatorian. He wrote a number of informational books on colleges, careers and helping people with alcoholism and addiction, including Safe Medicine for Sober People (to be published posthumously, with Jeffrey Weisberg M.D.), Addiction Free: How to Help an Alcoholic or Addict Get Started on Recovery (with

**Harry Schwartz**

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joined the Stanford faculty for three years and taught Western civilization courses. His next, and final, teaching stop was Carlsbad Junior College, which was his “home” from 1949 until his final retirement in 1987. In 1964, the school moved from Oceanside High to a 121-acre campus of its own and became known as Miramar College. When Meisen retired in 1982 as v.p. of instruction, he was remembered for his avid support of Miramar College athletics as well as for his academic innovations, which included a major expansion of vocational courses to meet the community’s changing needs. “Lefty came here when everybody on the faculty did everything,” Bill Foran, who joined the school’s faculty in 1951 and retired in 1987 as v.p. of student services, told the San Diego Union-Tribune. “He taught me an awful lot about being an administrator. He was instrumental in moving to our new campus and did a marvelous job of making it into a community college... Whatever he said, he meant. And he followed through.” As second in command at Miramar, Meisen scheduled classes, designed curriculum, hired faculty and evaluated instruction. Meisen became president of the Carlsbad Rotary Club and played golf regularly at El Camino Country Club until undergoing a hip replacement four years ago. Survivors include his wife, Gloria; sons, Barry, Peter and David; and a grandson. Memorial contributions may be made to the Tri-City Hospice or the Carlsbad Rotary Club.

**1960**
Harry Schwartz, writer, New Rochelle, N.Y., on November 10, 2004. Schwartz was born in New York City on September 10, 1919. He studied economics at the College, graduating as valedictorian, before earning a master’s in 1941 and Ph.D. in 1944, both in econom-
Ivan B. Veit ’28: New York Times Executive; Former Board of Visitors Chair

Ivan B. Veit ’28, a former executive v.p. of The New York Times Co., who helped usher the newspaper’s circulation and promotion departments into the modern era, and co-founder and former chair of the College’s Board of Visitors, died on November 27, 2004, in Beacon, N.Y. He was 96 and lived in nearby Millbrook, N.Y.

Veit was an active alumnus who devoted many hours to the College. His daughter, Lenore Gale, said in a note to CCT: “Aside from his family, one of the three anchors of [my father’s] life — the other two being the U.S. Navy, with which he served in the South Pacific in WWII, and The New York Times, for which he worked for 50 years — was Columbia College. He never wavered in his passionate devotion to his alma mater.” The College honored Veit with a Gold Key Award for distinguished professional achievement in 1982. He was awarded the University Alumni Medal in 1978 for outstanding service, served as a special adviser to the dean and was a longtime member of the CCT advisory board. He was given the Gold Key Award, presented by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association, in 1974.

Ivan Bertram Veit was born in New York City on May 31, 1908. He and his family moved to Bath, N.Y., in 1909, then to Hornell, N.Y., where he lived until entering Columbia in 1924. In 1928, on his 20th birthday, Veit joined the Times as a telephone solicitor in the classified advertising department, earning $13 a week, and stayed with the company for 46 years in various business and administrative positions; Veit, who graduated from the College a month after starting at the paper, had already spent five summers at The Hornell Tribune-Times as a reporter, sports editor and city editor. In 1935, Veit became the promotion manager and, after naval service — Veit served from 1943–45 as a lieutenant and communications officer on the U.S.S. Vincennes in the South Pacific — returned as director of promotion and research. Veit eventually was business manager, became v.p. in 1963 and executive v.p. in charge of development and planning in 1970. From then until his retirement in 1974, Veit was special assistant to the president and publisher, Arthur Ochs Sulzberger. Upon his retirement in 1974, Veit was appointed to the Board of Directors of The New York Times Company for five additional years. He also was president of WQXR for a number of years in the 1960s.

Veit had two Columbia wives. In 1930, he married Sylvia Lippmann, whom he met on a blind date while both were undergraduates. Lippmann, a Barnard graduate, died in 1972. In 1983, Veit married Rose Brooks, whom he met through Columbia alumni activities while she was director of the Columbia Alumni Office. Brooks died in 1999. Veit’s last time on campus was 1998, when he and Brooks attended his 70th class reunion.

“Veit was a lion for Columbia College,” said Eric Witkin ’69, past president of the College Alumni Association. “He was active in so many ways. He was one of the pioneers in professionalizing the field of newspaper circulation, which, through the early decades of the 20th century, had consisted largely of managing warring packs of newsboys. By the time he joined the Times, daily papers had begun to explore more gentlemanly ways of attracting and keeping readers. Acting as a link between the business and news departments, Veit helped shepherd the Times from the paper-and-ink enterprise it had been since 1851 to the diversified multimedia concern it is today. During his tenure, the company inaugurated its first TV station in 1948, expanded its magazine, book-publishing and educational programs; and made exploratory forays into cable television.

Veit lived in Manhattan from graduation until 1984; he lived in Florida for 15 years and then lived in Millbrook, N.Y. Aside from his daughter, Veit is survived by a stepson, Larry Brooks; six grand-children; four step-grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by a son, Hubert, and a stepdaughter, Barbara Brooks.

Memorial contributions may be made to The New York Times Neediest Cases Fund, 4 Chase Metrotech Center, 7th Fl. East, Lockbox 5193, Brooklyn, NY 11245. Donations also are accepted online: www.nycharities.org, or by phone: 212-556-5851, ext. 7.

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Steven Z. Miller M.D. '80: Respected Physician and Teacher

Steven Z. Miller M.D. '80, 84 P&S, who served as director of pediatric emergency medicine at the Morgan Stanley Children’s Hospital of NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital, died on October 19, 2004, in a plane crash near Kirkville, Mo., that also killed 13 other medical professionals. All were on their way to a conference at the Kirkville College of Osteopathic Medicine; Miller was to conduct a workshop promoting compassionate medical care.

Steven Zane Miller was born on March 15, 1958, in New York. He completed his residency at Montefiore Medical Center, Bronx Municipal Hospital Center and Bronx-Lebanon Hospital Center. He joined Columbia and NewYork-Presbyterian in 1993 as a member of the pediatrics faculty. During his time there, Miller served as Arnold P. Gold Associate Professor at P&S in recognition of his contributions to humanism in medicine. Miller received many prestigious awards for his teaching skills, including the Columbia University Presidential Award for Outstanding Teaching in 2001. His P&S students named him Teacher of the Year four times. Miller was the editor of the textbook Childhood Symptoms, as well as the Columbia University Children’s Medical Guide, a reference book.

John M. Driscoll Jr., pediatrician-in-chief of the Morgan Stanley Children’s Hospital and chairman of pediatrics at P&S, spoke of Miller’s teaching skills, highlighting how he taught his students not only “to be good doctors... but also] to be compassionate people.”

Dr. Gerald Fischbach, executive v.p. for health and biomedical sciences and dean of the faculties of health sciences and medicine, said in his memorandum, “Steve’s great passion was medical education from scientific and humanistic perspectives.” Dr. Herbert Pardes, NewYork-Presbyterian president and CEO, said of Miller in The New York Times: “His unique and captivating talent for teaching changed the way medicine is taught and practiced.”

Miller is survived by his wife, Dr. Dodi Meyer; children, Jesse, Maya and Nicolas; parents, Philip and Brenda; and brother, Barry. Memorial contributions may be sent to the Steven Z. Miller Family Fund c/o The Meyer Family, 133 W. 81st St., New York, NY 10024.

Matthew Goldberg ’05

Leffert Lefferts, equestrian and real-estate magnate, Upperville, Va., on December 25, 2003. According to his local Virginia newspaper, Lefferts began his real estate career early on, working for his father building homes in New Jersey. This spawned a long career in real estate, which Lefferts cultivated well into his adulthood. According to his obituary, Lefferts “had property all over the state of Virginia and out of state.”

Mark J. Ryan, bank executive, Norwood, Mass., on September 21, 2004. Graduating from the College with a degree in government, Ryan then earned his law degree at the New England School of Law, where he received the Civil Procedure Award. At the time of his death, Ryan was v.p. of compliance in private asset management of the Mellon Bank. Lefferts was the son of TV producer Roger Davis ’62, and the brother of his wife, Leslie (Ferguson) Ryan; sons, Daniel and Jeffrey; parents, Donald and Doris; sisters, Mary Ryan-Kusiak, Judy, and Barbara Ryan Clark; and brothers, Daniel and David.

Stephanie Noble Williams, hospital employee, Boulder, Colo., and New York City, on October 22, 2004. Williams was born on September 12, 1977, in New York, the daughter of Thomas and Lysa Williams. She lived in Boulder from 1988–98, then moved to New York City to attend the College, where she earned a B.A. in history. While an undergraduate, Williams belonged to a number of community service clubs. She worked in New York City at Mount Sinai Hospital as well as at Glen Horowitz Book Sellers in New York City and enjoyed reading and music. Williams is survived by her parents, Ronald D. and Beth (Rosenberg) Williams; brother, Keith; grandparents, Florence and Morris Rosenberg; as well as aunts, uncles and cousins. Memorial contributions may be made to The Stephanie Noble Williams Fund for Young Adult Survivors at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, P.O. Box 2068, New York, NY 10024.
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Ray Robinson '41 Honored By ALS Association

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but also major contributions to

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Devitt Distinguished Service to Justice Award. The award honors judges whose careers have been exemplary, measured by their significant contributions to the administration of justice, the advancement of the rule of law and the improvement of society as a whole. Bill was chosen by a

three-member panel chaired by

Chief Justice William Rehnquist.

“Judge Feinberg’s remarkable

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A warm, newsy note from Her-
mon (Hy) Farwell arrived, recall-
ing that he sent his last one to me five years ago before our 60th reunion! At the last moment, he had to cancel attending, "So here I am, back at the typewriter, as we begin to think about a trip to Columbia (from Pueblo, Colo.) next year for number 65!"

"The past years are not lost but filled with happenings. First the good news: We have six great-grandchildren, one girl, with the first one born on 9-11-01." After going on to say "other good news seems insignificant in comparison," Hy describes an active life "in semi-retirement" as a speech and parliamentary consultant, with his major focus collect-
ging and rewriting prior arti-
cles in his efforts to simplify parliamentary procedures, with hope to publish them as a book.

"I am convinced that far too much time is wasted in far too many board and committee meetings because simple yet effective procedures are neither understood nor used. A great many people know the rules of football or baseball but never play the game yet are frequently involved in misunderstood and unnecessarily complex rules of decision making. The bad news is that my wife and I are getting older. We celebrate our 63rd wed-
ing anniversary soon. While we are not in the same condition that we were in 1940, we recognize that we are far better off than most. We are thinking positively about Columbia in 2005."

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Bernie Winkler and Professor James Mirolo of the Lit Hum faculty. Our president, Jim Dick (along with his wife, Ann), was unable to attend the event he had planned owing to a serious illness, from which we wish him a timely recovery.

The weather was marvelous. In view of the persistent aging and declining agility of the attendees (several canes and one wheelchair), the most strenuous activity was leisurely walking on the grounds. The program also included pre-dinner cocktails and post-dinner socials, accompanied by Ross Sayer on piano. On Saturday afternoon, we were treated to a stimulating presentation by Professor Mirolo on aspects of Boccaccio’s Decameron. A brief business meeting followed Saturday’s dinner.

Prior to the reunion, on September 22, a memorial service celebrating the life of N.T. Wang was held in St. Paul’s Chapel. It featured presentations by foreign and domestic professional colleagues, as well as an international levels. Gil has received notes of appreciation from several of those named as well as from President Lee C. Bollinger. Thornley Wood, who was quarterback in the single-wing offense of our day, was among those responding. Thornley, as a class officer, has remained in touch from Denver.

Also living in Colorado is Bill Hachman, who sent a long letter with enough material for several notes. An article about his D-Day and other wartime experiences will appear in the newsletter. Bill, now emeritus, was chairman of the history department at Colorado College, where he still teaches part-time. Bill has been active in local and national Democratic politics and is chairman of the Colorado Springs chapter of the ACLU. More from Bill to come in the future.

During the summer, I received a long letter from Aragon ’43, another Coloradan. Bill retired after 52 years as a trauma surgeon and is an emeritus clinical professor at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center. He wrote about his family, his 54-year marriage and the influence that his years at Columbia had on his personal development and long professional career.

Many thanks to Bob Healy, John Grunow, Manny Pietrantoni, Bob Wolf, Frank Tobey and others for your replies and notes. Some will be the meat of newsletter articles and others will appear in future notes. Please keep them coming. If you are not receiving the newsletter, please e-mail the address at the top of the column. Finally, we report the death of Sandy Black. Sandy was a neighbor and friend for years. He frequently sent items for these notes and also edited our 40th and 50th reunion yearbooks. We have lost a good friend. [Editor’s note: Please see Obituaries.]

THE CLASS OF 1941 HELD ITS 63RD REUNION OCTOBER 8-10, 2004, AT ARDEN HOUSE IN HARRIMAN, N.Y. ATTENDEES INCLUDED (SEATED) JOE COFFEE; FIRST ROW, ED FISHEL, LUCILLE PLOTZ, HARRY MELLINS, JUDY MELLINS; SECOND ROW, HUGH BARBER, MARY LOUISE BARBER, CHARLIE PLOTZ, SUZANNE DETTHMA; THIRD ROW, STAN GOTTLIFE, RUTH GOTTLIFE, BOB DETTMER; FOURTH ROW, BLOSSOM LAUDSMAN, ARTHUR WEINSTOCK, TROLD ONSBERG, LEN SHAYNE, ROSS SAYERS, TED DEBARY AND FANNY DEBARY.

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“who have made unique contributions over a substantial period of time to neurology and neuroscience, as investigator and teacher, as well as furthering neurology on the national and international levels. I have received similar honorary status in the American Academy of Neurology and The Association of British Neurologists.

Hy has agreed to join our 65th reunion planning committee, which includes Bill and Gil.

Joan Thonet Hall ’40 Barnard, Chester Hall’s wife of 59 years, sent me two obituaries with the sad news of Chet’s death on April 23, 2004. In one of the obits, Joan describes meeting Chester at a dance class and said, “As soon as I met him, I didn’t want to meet any other boys.” Chet had a remarkable career of service, heavily focused on teaching and action, during 20 years in the Navy and subsequently in the restaurant industry, where he appears to have had a national impact. The associate who succeeded Chet there described him as “one of those quiet geniuses ... you could always see his mind working.”

One terrible highlight: At the very beginning of Chet’s Navy career, as an ensign, he was duty officer and admiral’s aide on the battleship U.S.S. California at Pearl Harbor, at the time of the Japanese attack. During the attack, Chet was instrumental in getting Admiral Pye off the sinking ship. After the war, Navy divers recovered Chet’s officer’s sword and returned it to him.
As reported in the November issue, David Sacks died on September 1, just three months after attending Jay Topkis’s reunion buffet. He will be remembered by his classmates as, among other things, the generous purveyor of wine et. al. at Jay’s decennial celebrations.

Robert L. Rosenthal M.D. attended the Low Library ceremony that marked the issuance of the stamp in honor of the University’s 250th anniversary along with his son, a v.p. of a national collectors’ organization. On behalf of the U.S. Postal Service, Donna Peak proclaimed her great pleasure to honor the Columbia community and especially Robert as a Class of 1944 alumnus. The packed audience gave him a booming cheer as he rose, and he was sought for his autograph by many stamp collectors present.

Professor the Rev. Dr. Clarence W. Sickles is confused as to his exact class but he always is glad to hear from classmates: Ste 400, Founders Hall, The Rockefeller University, 1230 York Ave., New York, NY 10021-6399; call 212-327-7089 or fax 212-327-8651.

John D. (Jack) Brereton retired in 1989. He started in a small high school math department and ended as registrar at Southern Connecticut State. His hobby always has been photography, and he has one of the earliest digital cameras, his favorite. He has been bitten by the computer bug since the 70’s, like many of us. Jack has two sons and a daughter; the youngest is approaching 50. Carl Marner, Jack’s track coach, has been a major influence on his life. Jack was on the track team before and after WWII. He sent a picture of teammate George Floros taken after the last track team practice of the year in June 1941. George and his teammate, Jack Brereton ‘44, married sisters and keep in touch.

The voluntary 60th reunion committee met on October 6 at Faculty House for a delicious lunch and a productive meeting. Class members present were Joseph Lesser, Esq.; Dr. Sheldon E. Isakovoff; Dr. Myres K. Ren and me (the Rev. Dr. Clarence W. Sickles). Alumni Office staff members present were Vanessa Rosado, assistant director of the Columbia College Fund and, Heather Applewhite and Christina Liu, assistant directors of Alumni Affairs.

The meeting’s purpose was to determine a discussion topic for our reunion forum. Topic suggestions were requested from classmates through this column, but none was received. Following a lengthy discussion, the committee chose the topic “The Future of the United Nations in U.S. Foreign Policy.” This was deemed to be an important and timely subject. A qualified person from the United Nations or the Columbia faculty will be the speaker.

The next reunion committee meeting was November 17 at the Alumni Office [after this column was submitted], with the purpose of establishing the goal for our reunion gift to the College. Preliminary thinking was to set a goal of at least $60,000. Do you think we can make it? With your financial resources, in what category of giving are you? More will be forthcoming on all aspects of the reunion. The committee is inviting wives of departed class members to the reunion. It is hoped there will be a good response to our invitations.

Neill Darmstadter of Springfield, Va., worked in the safety department of the American Trucking Association and retired in 1998 as the senior safety engineer. Neill has remained involved in the trucking industry as a consultant for the ATA National Truck Driving Championships. Having motorcycling as his recreational activity led Neill to be a charter life member of the American Motorcyclist Association. He also is a 40-year member and past president of the Greater Washington Section of the Mercedes-Benz Club of America. His special remembrances at the College were Dr. Golub’s Contemporary Civilization course, the Navy V-12 course on the history of sea power and the course in U.S. economic geography. Because of his interest in the trucking industry, he was pleased to receive an A+ in Professor Van Meter’s railroad-oriented transportation course. Neill has been married for 54 years to Elaine and has a son, David, who is a v.p. in merchandising for the Mari-Safe transportation company.

Esther Kretchmer, widow of Walter Kretchmer, who died in 1994, wrote about her campus dating days with Walter, mentioning incidents involving Myles K. Ren, Walter’s freshman-year roommate, and myself. Her letter brought back interesting memories. Esther wrote that Walter was a pitcher on the baseball team freshman year. Like many classmates, Walter enlisted in the armed forces (Air Force) and returned to the College to finish his undergraduate degree in 1946. For 45 years, Esther and Walter lived in Short Hills, N.J., with their three children. We hope to see Esther at our 60th.

Our honorees this time are the volunteers who serve on the 60th reunion committee.

The mailbox and e-mail were empty, but thank goodness Howard Clifford called from Stage Coach, Utah, where he has taken the town name and is training the locals in a dance program for the stage, hopeful of getting a Rockette line ready for the holidays. This news got Howard and me reminiscing about stage appearances at Columbia. We were in the 1947 Varsity Show, Dead to Rights. The show had music by the great Dick Hyman ‘48 and book and lyrics from Ernest Kinoy, Ed Costikyan ‘47 and Andrew Lazarus ‘47. The director was Pres Munter, who somehow took time out from medical school to put us through our paces. Howard was in the Pony Ballet — a group of footballers dressed in drag and choreographed by Tracy Morrison. Your class correspondent played the managing editor of Spectator and was given a wonderful solo number he remembers. After all, it was my first (and only) solo on Broadway and it may have been Hyman’s first Broadway song. It was written for a veteran who tried to explain why he doesn’t go out carousing with the others. The lyric, as I recall, follows:

George Floros’ ‘44 relaxes after the last track team practice of the year in June 1941. George and his teammate, Jack Brereton ‘44, married sisters and keep in touch.
reunion was held in Boise, Idaho, on August 13-14 for Gideon Oppenheimer ’47, ’49L’s “Boise Boys,” a group of College alumni from Idaho who assembled from all over the globe to commemorate the man who brought them to Columbia. Close to 30 alumni convened to share stories of trial and triumph since being plucked from Idaho fresh out of high school to attend Columbia.

From 1963 until his death in 1969, Oppenheimer traveled all over Idaho at his own expense, trying to recruit able-minded Idahoans for the College. He hoped to introduce the challenges and excitement of city life to young men not necessarily inclined to travel far from home for college. Oppenheimer wanted to bring them from the Midwest to Morningside Heights, where he had excelled, earning his bachelor’s in three years.

Many of the reunion’s attendees had not seen each other since their time at Columbia and revealed in the chance to get reacquainted. Paul Casper ’69 and Jeff Fereday ’72 spearheaded the reunion effort; the featured speaker was Eugene “Gene” Thomas ’52, ’55L, Oppenheimer’s long-time friend and associate. Casper has been working in and around Eugene, Ore., as a manager of recycling centers, and Fereday and Conley Ward ’69 are partners in a Boise law firm.

Attendees included Charles “Chuck” Skoro ’69, director of the Catholic Student Center at Boise State University; Joe Parkinson ’67, who, with his brother, founded Micron Technologies in the late 1970s, recruiting fellow Idahoan Larry Grant ’68 as general counsel; and Pat Ford ’69, who returned to Idaho to found the Idaho Conservation League and now works with an organization that protects endangered Pacific salmon. Mike Reynolds ’72 recently was elected to the Idaho State Board of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill after being diagnosed as schizophrenic 20 years ago and having since recovered.

Christian S. Ward ’69 and Christopher Jensen ’69 have remained in New York since graduation. Ward is a writer at Berdon LLP, a Manhattan accounting firm, and Jensen is chairman of the law firm Cowan, Liebowitz and Latman, where he specializes in intellectual property law.

Dale Goble ’70 is a University of Iowa professor, specializing in environmental law; Tom Wand ’70 is an Episcopal minister in the Philadelphia area; and Terry Carver ’68 moved to Bristol, England, to serve as chairman of the Bristol University politics department.

When I walked down the road with a rifle and a pack I talked to myself and I swore That when I dropped that load if I ever did get back I’d be better than I was before the war. Now they’re sending me to school on the GI Bill of Rights ‘Cause I fought to Mount Casino on the hill Well, I used to be a fool but I’ve learned the way man fights And I’ll finish on the top, by God I will.

Got my break now — got my chance to shine Gonna make that break a road to a new horizon Got my break now — if I’m worth a dime Gonna take that break and head for the life I’m promised Cause I can’t waste my chances, they come but once in life Got no time now for dances, I’ve got a home and wife Got to go for that break now — no more wasting time Gonna take that break and head for the sun that’s rising No mistake, I’ve got my break.

I hope other classmates will send special memories for the next column. Please let me hear from you.

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Now that the presidential election is history and, depending on your viewpoint, “the best man” won, it is back to the more mundane, more subjective, probably less earth-shattering developments among our class’ alumni. In fact, since CCT’s last issue, the proper adjective is not “mundane” but “quiescent.” All possible means of communication during recent months produced but one, albeit welcome, contribution from Walter Wood, who attributes the meager level of contributions to “apathy of the aged or preoccupation — and perhaps these may be the same thing.”

Walt’s “continuing saga is one of progressive decline but at an acceptable rate.” He makes weekly medical teaching rounds in the field of infectious diseases. Walt’s professor emeritus title requires that he attend conferences, take “little” exams periodically (continuing medical education), read journals and wear a white coat and tie. In his spare time, Walt cuts the lawn, grows tomatoes and makes apple sauce. Evidently, he finds these activities less tiring than retiring.
Tom Reges, who has supplemented a career in commercial real estate development and consulting with operation of a swim club and a skating club, is cutting back on his activities and "enjoying watching the kids take over the business." Tom is a Connecticut boy who moved to Grand Rapids, Mich. The real estate operation—which encompasses major office buildings, apartment and shopping center construction and at one time saw him racking up more than 100,000 travel miles a year—has been scaled back to just him and a son. The Jolly Roger Ice Club, more than 30 years old, has bounced back, Tom says, from a slight dip in business a year ago. Tom said the addition to the structure of a snack bar that he has experienced the best two years of its more than 40 years of existence. The Jolly Roger Ice Club, more than 30 years old, has bounced back, Tom says, from a slight dip in business a year ago. Tom said the addition to the structure of a snack bar that he has experienced the best two years of its more than 40 years of existence. The Jolly Roger Ice Club, more than 30 years old, has bounced back, Tom says, from a slight dip in business a year ago. Tom said the addition to the structure of a snack bar that he has experienced the best two years of its more than 40 years of existence.

Richard and Harry were able to turn brown. The conclusion is it will be about six weeks before the leaves or so windburned Incredible. What trees and shrubs were lost? Which of them had been cut? Which of them had been spared by all four of Florida's 2004 hurricanes?

Larry Spelman of Sarasota, Fla., was far away on Fire Island when the hurricanes hit, but kept in touch with neighbors. They reassured him that the storm had skirted Sarasota except for a lot of rain. Since he'd just gotten a new roof, the rain stayed on the outside.

Richard Calame and Harry Ekblom, who live on John Island in Vero Beach, were away during the hurricanes. Vero Beach had major losses from Hurricanes Frances and Jeanne, but Richard and Harry were able to find out through friends that their houses are still there. Dick writes, "Though told of the storm damage, we were not prepared for the unbelievable destruction to the barrier island on which we live. In addition to the building damage and massive flooding, the tree and shrubbery loss was incredible. What trees and shrubs were left were completely denuded of leaves so that windburned that they turned brown. The consensus is it will be about six months to complete the cleanup. Although hurricanes are a fact of life in Florida, we were unprepared that a double hit this year will take us off the list for a while."

"Since the early 1960s, as I worked at MIT, UCSD and UCLA as a scientific writer and conference organizer in neuroscience and psychoneuroimmunology, I have published dozens of poems, serial and light, in scientific journals, including International Science & Technology, Nature, Trends in Neuroscience and Advances, and scientific books, such as the book poems, and chapter motifs by artificial intelligence founder Marvin Minsky in his 1986 book on mind and by chaos theorist Erol Basar in his 1988 book on brain. For these poems, I usually used the pseudonym 'Dr. Orpheus.'"

"During and since those years, I wrote mostly love poems to my wife and occasional poems to my friends and colleagues, and lately also an increasing number of limericks, the latter after waking during the night, for laughing at them helps me fall asleep again. I am being urged to publish selections from the thousands of poems I have written." We second the motion, Ted says. "I confess I will, though I've never had ambition for literary fame, only for creative satisfaction."

Patent attorney Eric P. Schellin writes from McLean, Va., "I finally took the step of closing off my office and transferring the remainder of my practice to my home." Having "an abundance of time and good health," Eric volunteers in the same letter to assist with Class Notes. The offer is gratefully accepted. Friends and class members are asked to pass information to Eric can reach him at 6831 Cloisters Dr., McLean, VA 22101 or schellin@schellin.com.
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So close and yet so far! If only the Lions had made one of two field goals or a couple of extra points, we would have beaten Princeton. Nevertheless, Homecoming and the final Columbia 290 celebration was a huge success. Alums gathered at the Big Tent for lunch, paraded with banners on the field and supported the “new look” Columbia band. Gone are the days of the “Spice Jones” ragtag musicians, replaced by smartly dressed professionals in black and white striped uniforms. Enjoying this new look were Willard Block, Dave Berman and I, accompanied by our wives. William Grote was a little late getting to the festivities but found time to pass along his contact information: vabillgrote@aol.com. Snail mail reaches him at 3842 North River St., Arlington, VA 22207-4650; 703-237-8489. How about adding to next year’s crowd by noting Homecoming 2005 on your calendar?

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My oldest and most active operations still are checking in with items of interest, but newcomers to the column have slowed down. Try it, you’ll like it. Stick your toe in the water and get a look at your name and doings in print. (How’s that for a mixed metaphor?)

Marty Finkel remains involved in his medical practice while also pursuing middle-distance running and ballroom dancing.
Well, I guess that's a wrap for this issue. How's about the rest of you "55ers" sending me some material to wrap for the next one? I'm your personal hype machine. Let's hear from you.

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The NYSTA, which is more than a bar association, honored Stanley Sklar for his leadership role in drafting the "Sklar bill" and persistently fighting to see it passed by the legislature. Stan's bill simplifies the process of getting access to medical records in personal injury cases, thus enabling the case to move faster without compromising the rights of patients or litigants. It also allows a family member of a deceased person to access medical records without first having to go to Surrogates Court.

Sklar also has been instrumental in having a court rule changed so that a judge can preside over a case even if the judge or the judge's spouse has a small number of shares of a party's stock.

Keep up your good work on the bench, Stan!

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It appears that there is a temporary lull after a 50th reunion storm. This report, therefore, is short. On the other hand, quality is more important than quantity, and I was happy to hear from John Timoney that he enjoyed the book "Land, College, by Barnard history professor Robert McCaughey, and that he found it, as I did, a fascinating history of our College and University.

Larry Kastriner enjoys retirement with his wife, traveling and visiting with his married daughters and their families, while at the same time keeping in shape kayaking on Long Island Sound and wintering on Long-boat Key in Florida.

Several of our classmates spent summer working as a companion, or as a "man Friday" as Ralph Smith put it. Having had a few jobs like that, I enjoyed Ralph's description of working for and with an eminent Columbia alumnus at his Westhampton Beach home. Some aspects of the experience included swimming, sailboat racing on the bay and meeting with well-known guests. Through jobs like that, some of us had a new world opened to us and were grateful for the experience. Please let us hear from you. Be well and love life — if not now, then when?

REUNION JUNE 2-5
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Columbia seems to have more activity than any other school in New York, the Ivy League, throughout the country and beyond. It also has a great international flavor. In the past couple of months, Columbia hosted more than a dozen local leaders, both of state and foreign ministers at its second annual World Leaders Forum [see November CCL, "Around the Quads"]. Luminaries from around the world spoke to overflow audiences in Low Library and other campus venues.

The school recently had two major accomplishments, both of which were noted in the November CCL "Around the Quads" but bear repeating. First, Professor Richard Axel '67 received the 2004 Nobel Prize for discovering the genes that govern the sense of smell and for determining how the brain processes olfactory information into perception and memory. The second was the political science department being ranked No. 1 in the world by the London School of Economics. These are amazing feats.

The recent Washington, D.C., College Day was a huge success in terms of attendance and the high quality of the lectures. Lew Mendelsohn gave an overwhemingly positive report on the festivities. Atlanta College Day is scheduled for Saturday, January 29; Ross Grumet (Atlanta) and Ed Francell (Dunwoody), let us know how it turns out. Other College Days will be held around the country during the next several months (see the events calendar on the inside front cover of this issue or online). We would be remiss if we didn't mention two of the oldest traditions (even before Grayson Kirk) — that following the pre-reunion party for '55ers who are Florida residents. Some of our classmates who live in the Sunshine State ("The Land of Chads") are Evans Gerakas (Fort Lauderdale); Mel Odze (Coral Springs); semi-retired physician Elliot Manning (Miami); professor at Miami School of Law, Charles Krupin (Boca Raton); big-time swimmer Ed Ettinger (North Palm Beach), retired from medicine; Stu Domber (Delray Beach), retired from his business in New York; Don Johnston (Naples), retired banker; and Bill Browning (Dade City). Don Mc Donald, wherever he is (Paris, Dublin or some place in Florida) will be involved with reunion, as well.

Jack Stuppin ventured down to Los Angeles from Sebastopol to have a showing of his landscapes late last year. From what we hear, it was a big success. Alfred Goldlomp, Herb Cohen, Bill Epstein and Al Martz had a mini-reunion party recently in Montauk, Long Island. It was supposed to include deep sea fishing. However, heavy seas cancelled this part of the weekend. (I don't believe that this was part of the swimming test!) Jesse Roth is geriatrician-in-chief, professor of medicine, at Montefiore Long Island Jewish Health System in New Hyde Park, Long Island, and lives in Queens with his family.

A brief CCL note, as you probably have received my substantial class letter; it covers most important items. Strike Easton for a note about something, which was exciting but had an unfortunate overtime result — it is the Prince- ton curse. Ron Karon and Bob Sirotty carried the 56 banner to represent us. Their turn, as Steve and I did same at graduation. Another classmate Ed Botwinick, Mark Novick, Lenny Wolfe, Jessie Blumenthal and Steve's wife, Elke. Maybe we will do better at basketball. We should plan for a class basketball game in February or March. Let me know if you are interested.

Our class lunches are going well, and we are reaching out to expand attendance. Buzz Pauswell tells me of recent successes. Maurice Klein, a loyal attendee, says he will do the same, as does Lou Hamburger. He tells me he will be in town for the next lunch. Planning began for the big 50th reunion, with a preliminary first meeting in early December. We would love to expand the committee. The meetings are fun, and when able, we order in from the Second Ave. Deli. We are anxious for ideas, suggestions and representatives from outside the greater N.Y. area. We also want to compile a list of who is coming for dissemination. As I said in my letter, just reaching the 50th is an accomplishment, and we all have friends who did not make it, so the 50th is time to get together with memories and to compare notes of a long life.

As always, here is wishing you health, happiness and wealth — the market is trying — concerned children as we age and sensational grandchildren. Any-
one with great-grandchildren must let me know.
Love to all.

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Ted Dywer: “From 1989–95, I served as director of cardiology at St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center in NYC and from 1995–2001 at N.J. Medical School in Newark. I retired for a year and then asked to return as interim director. I did so and re-retired this past September. I am most proud of my appointment as professor of clinical medicine at Columbia. Retirement will be busy; I will participate in a major dermatology clinical trial that will take the next five years and will continue my consultative/expert work in the medical-legal field. Interspersed will be travel with my wife, Pat, tennis, gardening and visits to the children and grandchildren.”

Marty Fisher and I were among 34 new members of the Society of Columbia Graduates inducted at a dinner in Lower Library on September 29. The society, founded in 1969, has about 2,000 members. Particularly recognizes the type of service to the Columbia community that goes beyond mere financial support of the University... [its] main goal is to nurture the bonds between Columbia and its alumni and Columbia's future as one of the world's greatest educational institutions.” Also attending the dinner was Carlos Muñoz, a v.p. and director of the society.

I stayed in New York for three days to visit friends and family and attend the Homecoming football game against Princeton. The evening of September 30, I met Sandra and Ed Weinstein and Lee Seidler ’56 for dinner at the Portofino Grille. Also in the restaurant was David Kinne. In the Homecoming game, I met Ron Kushner, Carlos Muñoz, Steve Ronai, Ed Weinstein and Paul Zola. Columbia lost in overtime, 27-26. The following day, The New York Times paraphrased Coach Bob Shoop as calling the defeat his “most disappointing at the University.” The Times also quoted Shoop, “[t]he last 10 or 11 minutes were about as exciting football as you are going to see.”

Rabbi Alvin Kass, chief chaplain of the New York Police Department, was featured in Jerusalem Post ’59’s New York Times column on September 18, “Officer Reilly He’s Not.” The article noted the NYPD-sponsored event celebrating “50 Years of Jewish Law Enforcement” and “the 80th anniversary of the Shomrim Society... a fraternal order of Jewish officers and civilians within the department.” The celebration was Alvin’s idea; he was “trying to make the case that being a cop is a job for a Jewish boy, and that Jewish cops have made contributions to the city.” Jewish presence in New York law enforcement began with Asser Levy in 1878. Levy, one of the original group of Jews to arrive in the city, won a place in the local militia despite the governor’s objections. The article also tells of other Jewish luminaries on the NYPD: Lieutenant Otto Raphael, Chief of Detectives Albert Seidman, Deputy Chief Elson Geller, Captain Abraham Blum, Lieutenant Howard Charyn, Sergeant David Wedler, Sergeant Felicia Shpritzer and Deputy Chief Gertrude Schimmel.

David Kassoy died in Los Angeles on September 7, after a long illness, with his family by his side. He had a distinguished record at the College as a debater, NROTC midshipman, class president and Student Board member. After active duty as a Navy officer and graduation from Harvard Law, he embarked on a distinguished career as a Los Angeles area lawyer. He became a respected and renowned commercial real estate development specialist, a partner in the Beverly Hills firm of Ervin, Cohen, and Jessup. His hobbies included fly-fishing in Montana. His widow, Dorit, tells us that remembrances or memorial gifts may be made to The Fund for Pancreatic Cancer, c/o Dr. Leo Rosen, Pancreatic Cancer Research, John Wayne Cancer Institute, 2200 San Vicente Blvd., Santa Monica, CA 90404.

Alan Raines: “Since retirement from the Air Force and subsequently from New York State, I have been working part time at Riker’s Island, where I practice psychiatry with a population that is most different from the patients with whom I have worked in the past. The population with whom I work has been sentenced to solitary confinement. The lives of these patients as reconstructed by the psychopharmacology are fascinating, and engaging in therapy with them is most gratifying.”

“We are blessed to have a daughter and a granddaughter. Our daughter, Alice Rainess Jordan, graduated from the School of Optometry at SUNY and specializes in oncology. She has been published in oncology journals and has contributed to a recently published book, Living with Dying, published by Columbia University Press.

Ed Weinsstein: “September 14 was our first ’57 luncheon of the season. Held at the University Club in NYC, it was a combination homecoming/reunion. Sixteen of our class attended, which I think is a record. Our logistics included Marty Brothers, Al Anton, Joe Diamond, Steve Fybish, Dave Kinne, Ron Kushner, Neil McLellan, Paul Zola, Sal Franchino, Bod Klipstein, Art Meyerson, George Lutz and me. Attending for the first time were Bill Smith, Ted Dywer and Lou Rothman, who was visiting NYC from his home in Florida.”

“Our lunch was in the East Alcove in the Main Dining Room, directly beneath a Columbia University medallion. There are six universities [that] were honored by the architect, Charles F. McKim, with medallions in the Main Dining Room. They are the universities with the greatest longevity in the United States. So, in addition to wonderful conversation, a sumptuous buffet and the beauty of the room, we sat in Columbia’s presence.”

“All attending had a wonderful time and extend an invitation to other classmates to join us at these bimonthly get-togethers. We thank Marty Fisher for the inspiration for these luncheons.”

Our deepest sympathy to Mort Halperin on the death of his wife, Carol Pitchersky, on October 19, 2004, after a long illness. Carol was a former associate director of the ACLU and a private consultant, most recently with America Coming Together, an advocacy group allied with the Democratic Party. Carol also is survived by her father, Arthur, and two half sisters. Mort was discussed in a recent election-related New Yorker article about his son, Mark, a major inside-the-Beltway player who is political director of ABC News and a founder of The Note, a political news digest that appears on ABC News’s website and in the morning, making Mark a leading purveyor of inside political info.
interclass activities. Additional planned events include inviting 80 members to the monthly lunch meeting run by Art Radin, children: Deborah, who is a clinical psychologist and lives a couple of weeks to the University recently established her own executive, mainly in the HMO book about Hubert Humphrey and 1 am writing a most recent book is during the academic year from our the Cornelia F. Hugel Professor of Indiana, I taught for five years at earning a Ph.D. in history from to Ellen Siegel '61 Barnard. After me something for the next issue. That is as much as "dedicated" should expect. On the system is that 110-plus million column, it is just two days after yours had a joyous holiday sea¬son and the coming year brings...
involved cooperatively with Columbia on a number of matters. For residents in and near Chicago and maybe then to New York. The Goodspeed Opera, twice awarded a Tony for regional theatre, has been John's avocation since he joined the board as treasurer in 1968.

It took almost 45 years for George Erdstein to write, but it's all the sweeter when a classmate breaks a long silence. "Although I regularly read Class Notes with great interest, I have been reluctant to contribute because I did not share the full undergraduate experience with the class. The opportunity for architecture presented itself after two years, and because of financial concerns, I jumped at the possibility of shortening my college (tuition) years. While the plan worked, to this day it is one of my great regrets."

George left New York in 1968 to join a family and an architectural career in the Detroit suburbs. After many years as a design partner in a diversified 15-person firm, he recently went on his own to reduce his work load to a few design projects and to have more time to travel with his wife. "Travel," he reports, "is mainly to Israel, to have nothing important to say at the time, promise to write when something momentous occurs, and express pleasure in following the lives of classmates in Class Notes. As mortality erodes our class roster, it becomes ever more important to acknowledge those who have not simply dropped a line to check in, as that act in itself is a reassuring affirmation. Accordingly, thanks to Robert Fisher, Paul Irwin Sollinger and Bill Host.

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Tony Adler's second grandson, Jet Owen Adler, was born October 3. Tony has no idea where the name came from, but the New York Jets won on the day he was born. Tony recently formed Sparta Commercial Services, specializing in leases and retail installment contracts to power sports dealers focusing on 600-cc motorcycles, 4-cycle ATVs and certain scooters. Check it out at www.spartacommercial.com. Tony coordinates our monthly class luncheons at the Columbia Club. You can e-mail him at awadler@spartacommercial.com for the schedule.

Stuart Newman experienced a rather harrowing adventure this summer on his third Arctic fishing trip. Traveling with Mike Lesch '60 and a third companion to Kujjuaq, Nunavik, in Northern Quebec, their tent went up in flames on the first day, and with it went their clothes, fishing gear, passports, cash, plastic and all other forms of identification. Try dancing with both ID in this post-9-11 world. Stuart said it was like reality TV. Eventually, they were able to talk their way across the border and get home!

Stan Futterman notes that nothing stays with him, but his relatives are living interesting lives. His son, Dan '89, is back on CBS' adjudging Amy, after a three-year absence, starring as Amy's brother, Vincent. Dan also is the screenwriter and co-producer of a film on Truman Capote, morning of the Crandell method that MGM/UA will be distributing. Stan's oldest son, David, is the new associate general counsel for litigation at Bank of America, and his youngest son, Matt '95, is a reporter for the Nework (N.J.) Star Ledger. Stan's daughter-in-law is the mistress of Theo Epstein, the first general manager of the Boston Red Sox in 86 years to bring them a World Series title.

David Blicker married Terrie Lindsay on Thanksgiving in Walnut Creek, Calif. Terrie is v.p. for services at Planned Parenthood Mar Monte. She is responsible for structuring a model program that encourages single teen mothers to complete their education and not become pregnant again. After completing three years in the Peace Corps in Kenya in 2001, David had been restoring his 1911 Sacramento homes and then doing some consulting. He is board chair of Opening Doors, a refugee resettlement agency that offers enterprise development programs and lending services. David enjoys helping those struggling to adapt to our country and to lift themselves out of desperate circumstances.

David's daughter, Tanja, attends Rhode Island College after a three-year recovery from surgery for cerebral palsy.

As you read this, David and Gene Bardach are trekking through Thailand. Gene wants to revisit the areas around Chiang Mai that he visited in 1961 on his way to Berkeley, where he and David roomed for three years.
School. His son, Aaron '92, earned his Ph.D. in finance from the University of Chicago and is a research strategist for a growing financial firm in Chicago.

Phil became a psychiatrist and then a psychoanalyst, graduating from the Chicago Institute for Psychoanalysis. He is training and supervising psychoanalyst and member of the faculty of the Chicago Institute. He has served as president of the Chicago Psychoanalytic Society. Phil has two principal professional interests: integrating psychopharmacology and psychoanalysis, and writing and speaking on psychoanalysis and artistic creativity (focused on Tennessee Williams, Schubert and architecture).

Phil writes: "Columbia kindled my interest in literature, and I have kept that alive by being a member of an interdisciplinary study group that explores psychoanalysis and literature (members are faculty from several university English departments and psychoanalysts from the faculty at the Chicago Institute). I'm glad to write to you about the event but I'm sad that it is in the wake of our finding out about Left." Phil can be reached at psi32@columbia.edu.

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I invite you all to join me for lunch in New York at the Columbia Club, 15 W. 43rd St. Every second Thursday of the month, I will host an informal luncheon in The Grille. The first one scheduled for after you read these notes should be February 10 at 12:30 p.m. I hope that it will be a regular event and that many of you will find this a congenial way to renew friendships and build class connections. Certainly, after all these years, we should have some interesting tales to tell. Please e-mail me if you plan to attend.

Which reminds me: You haven't written. So I've decided to write to you. If you have supplied Columbia with an e-mail address, you will be receiving my Class of 1963 monthly e-newsletter. In addition to passing on the latest news, the real purpose of these missives will be to nudge you into contributing your news, stories, pictures and thoughts. If you haven't already received the premier issue, send me your e-mail address, and I'll add you to the list.

The Homecoming game brought out the regular cast of '63ers. Joe Fisher made it up from Alexandria on his yearly return to the Big Tent before the game. At halftime, I bumped into Larry Neuman, Phil Satow and Gerry Dwyer. I think I spotted Keith Mano in the stands, but he disappeared before I could greet him. I asked all if they would be interested in coming to our monthly class lunches at the Columbia Club, and was pleased to learn that there was considerable enthusiasm.

Phil was on the dinner committee for the Alexander Hamilton Award Dinner, which was held on November 18 and honored Robert Kraft. In addition to owning the two-time Super Bowl champion New England Patriots and bringing great joy to the denizens of the frozen Northeast, Bob has contributed greatly to Columbia. He serves as a University trustee emeritus, and he and his wife, Myra, created the Kraft Family Center for Jewish Student Life at Columbia in 2000. I'm sure I speak for all of us who could not attend the dinner by wishing Bob congratulations upon receiving this great honor.

Dov Grunschlag says, "Going against the retirement trend our class seems to be following, I am busier than ever as a partner in the San Francisco office of Piper Rudnick LLP; a national law firm, continuing my practice of labor and employment law and commercial litigation. I live in San Francisco and, when time permits, Napa." Napa, now that makes me jealous. Please give my regards to Beringer and Beaulieu Vineyard, two of my favorite places for a tasting.

Help fill this space next issue. Let's hear from you.

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This year's Homecoming was part of the College's 250th anniversary celebration finale, and to mark the occasion, the classparade crossed the ceremonial lap around Baker Field. Representing our class were Adam Bender, Kevin DeMarrais, Howard Jacobson, Dan Maclean, Jim McGroarty, Peter Thall and Ivan Weissman. Unfortunately, the high spirits could not ensure a victory by the football team.

Gene Meyer took a buyout last year from The Washington Post, where he had worked for 34 years as a reporter and editor. Since then, he has been freelancing for the Post and other publications. His first book, Maryland Lost and Found ... Again, has gone into its second paperback edition, and his second book, Chesapeake Country, is its fifth printing. Gene writes, "No company is worth listening to after a lot to be thankful for these days."

Steve Rapoport writes from Kyrat Telsheshote, Israel, that its main activities are "learning Torah, running my carpet cleaning/ upholstery cleaning business and playing cowboy." He can be reached at 00972-2-5341213 or peloni-noahsark@isd.net.il.

Jacqueline, Alexander and I wish you and your families a healthy, happy and prosperous 2005.

REUNION JUNE 2-5

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This column is largely guest-written through the generosity of two classmates, to whom I am most grateful.

A. Howard Matz is a U.S. District Judge in Los Angeles. Here's the full text of Howard's recent letter to me, which devotes itself to two other classmates: "I hope you are well and that you and our classmates are making good progress in planning for the reunion in June. I probably will not be able to make it, but I am going to try. Meanwhile, I thought that I would send you the following report."

"During Freshman Week, September 1961, I befriended two classmates who deserve recognition for their outstanding achievements: Elliot Dorff and Luis Lainer. Elliot was from Milwaukee and Luis from Los Angeles (via Mexico City), but they had known each other previously. Each had been involved in summer camps and programs sponsored by the Conservative branch of American Judaism. My background was different; although I grew up in a decidedly Jewish household, I was not raised Jewish. Perhaps it is not surprising, then, that for decades, all of us have been active in Jewish life in Los Angeles, albeit in different ways. "Elliot is an ordained rabbi and has trained hundreds of leaders of the American Jewish community. "Luis, a lawyer by training (he graduated from Yale Law in 1968), has been involved in his family's real estate business for many years. In 1974, Luis helped found a financial firm in California, and perhaps the nation. It is called Bet Tzedek (House of Justice) Legal Services. Bet Tzedek is a nationally acknowledged leader in providing advice and representation to indigent persons on issues involving healthcare, government benefits, housing, consumer fraud and Holocaust reparations. Throughout its history, most of its clients have been non-Jews. In addition, Luis served as chairman for Americans for Peace Now, an organization whose mission (broadly summarized) is to provide material and political support for the Peace Now movement in Israel. (Peace Now is the umbrella organization for those Israelis who favor making territorial concessions as part of a negotiated settlement with the Palestinians.) In pursuing these goals, Luis meets frequently with many of the most influential political leaders in the United States and Israel.

"Luis and Elliot never would blow their own horns. They don't know I sent this letter, but I hope that our classmates will take pride in their accomplishments."

"Before I was appointed to the federal bench, I served as president of Bet Tzedek. I still serve on the Board of Overseers for Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, which keeps me in contact with Elliot. All three of us have acknowledged gratitude for the invaluable and lasting impact Columbia's education on our values and our professional lives. Each of us has taken pride in having at least one child graduate from the College. Two of my three sons did: Jeremy '93 and Jonathan '02."

"I enjoy my immensely challenging position as a United States district judge. It is now six years since President Clinton appointed me. I have handled many important, intellectually stimulating and highly-publicized cases. I continue to work very hard to justify the confidence of those who entrusted me with these responsibilities."

I ran into Jay Woodworth at Carnegie Hall on October 25, just after a performance of Mahler's mighty and rarely performed Symphony..."
No. 8. Jay followed up this encounter with a report on the first event of our upcoming reunion, which will be held June 2-5. “Our 40th reunion year was launched on September 30 with a great ’65 dinner at an Upper East Side restaurant with History Professor Emeritus Henry Graff. Attending were Dean Gamanos (author of the idea), Mike Krieger, Gideon Oberweiger, Larry Guido and Jay Woodworth. What we lacked in numbers, we made up for in an active discussion with the professor, whose topics ranged across two centuries of presidential elections, founders’ activities and the importance of baseball to America. He told about his writing partnership with Jacques Barzun ’27 and Barzun’s close ties to the sport (his advice to Europeans was ‘to know the heart and mind of America, one had better learn baseball’).”

“Regarding the 2004 election, Professor Graff observed that the outcome of elections is fore-shadowed by the late September popular polls results. This year, President Bush is leading Senator Kerry in late September. And the result? Professor Graff was right. Remember this in September 2008!”

Please make plans to come to our 40th reunion.

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Jim Taylor writes from Birmingham, Ala., to tell us about his newfound interest. His son, Jay, “has been a vigorous proponent of downtown Birmingham for a few years. He investigated downtown opportunities and got me interested. We now are the proud owners of a downtown building. We’ll refurbish it and create six or seven lots. It should work out but there are a few legal issues I wonder what I’ve done ... Oh well, I’ll learn something with this, but I hope it isn’t one of life’s hard lessons.” In a subsequent message, Jim added, “We meet with a historical person this Thursday; she may think she’s met with a hysterical person.” Jim’s e-mail address is jltaylor@ub.edu.

Otherwise, it’s been a slow news day (rather, two months). I guess everyone has been more concerned about elections and holidays; no other news from here which I can report this time around. As promised, however, in the November 2004 column, we furnish the answer to Bill Roach’s query. His attempt at the Golden ’66 Cammidgeau award was: “When the oldest waiter at the old V&T, the one with the toupee, delivered your meal, what did he always say, no matter what you ordered?” And, of course, the answer, fondly recalled by Bill: “The top plate is verrry hot!”

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In my role as your new class correspondent, I feel compelled to break a self-imposed 37-year silence. I have lived near Santa Barbara since 1970 and have been a teacher, principal and assistant superintendent in a local elementary school district for 35 years. My current work involves an odd combination of human resource administration and information systems management, the latter more a passion than a job. I have no thoughts of retiring.

After 16 years of being a single parent to two children, I am happily married to my second wife, Diane. We have four grown and accomplished children, two each from our previous marriages, and two grandchildren. I reserve the right to brag in a later column.

In the past five years, I have reconnected with a friend from elementary school in Egypt, a friend from high school in New York and Mark Schlesinger, my Columbia roommate. Some of you may remember our friend Furrald the Frog, amphibious winner of the Spectator Prophets competition in 1966. Do write. I know it’s hard, but it’s been way too long for some of us.

Just a short column this time. First of all, Happy New Year to the Class of ’68. I am pleased to report that Homecoming was fun, even though Princeton edged the Lions (outplayed through the game and even into overtime). Attending were Bob Levine from Los Angeles and Lloyd Loomit, too, looking professorial. In addition, Ed DeSear, Paul de Bary, Jon Snyder, Peter Chernoff, John Roy, Seth Weinstein and I enjoyed the Big Tent and the festivities. The Columbia women’s cross-country team again won the Heptagonals, as did the men’s team—a great win for both teams, the finest runners in the Ivy League. [Editor’s note: See Roar Lion Roar.]

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Congratulations to all. We look forward to seeing you in September 2008! Again, Happy New Year. Send me some good stories. And be well.

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White Proudly Serves as Dean of Golden Gate Law

Frederic White '70, '73L has completed his first year as dean of Golden Gate University School of Law in San Francisco. He is the first African American to serve as dean of an ABA-accredited California law school. Before becoming dean on January 1, 2004, White taught at Cleveland-Marshall College of Law for 26 years, including five years as associate dean.

White was born and raised in Cleveland and became the first member of his family to graduate from a four-year college. A political science major at the College, he participated in student activism on campus. "In effect," he says, "I was fighting the system that I'm now a part of."

White was accepted by the Law School and the Journalism School, and says his experiences during the demonstrations helped him decide. "When we students took over buildings," he told Class-Action, the magazine of Golden Gate Law, "I was impressed by the quality and fervor of the African-American and white lawyers who represented us. They weren't doing it for money. I said to myself, 'I ought to do that.' That's what drew me to law school."

White was a municipal finance attorney for 5 years at Squire, Sanders & Dempsey in Cleveland before going into teaching, "the best decision I ever made." As for his present job, he says, "In my wildest dreams, I never thought I'd be dean of a law school. I remember taking over buildings in 1968 and railing against the system. I remember walking out during law faculty meetings in 1978 or 1979 because of what I thought were injustices of race or gender or other problems. "I have learned that growth includes realizing that what you said or did 20 years ago may not have validity today. Everybody has the capacity for adaptation. One thing I want to do here is help our students adapt to the changing times. Law is different now from 10 years ago, and 10 years from now will be different. We must make sure our lawyers know that they are in the forefront of a new century. Some of the things they learn and do now will have implications on the next generation. It's wonderful for me to be a part of that."

Alex Sachare '71

Frederic White '70, '73L is the first African-American law school dean in California.

PHOTO: RICHARD TAUBER

White holds his sons Alfred (left) and Michael as he graduates from Columbia Law in 1973.
by our gridders. Bill Longa, a lawyer with Pfizer, hosted a pre-game tailgate. He was extremely gracious and dished out everything but the kitchen sink. Mike Brad, Jack Probolus, Bernie Joesfesberg and yours truly rounded out the group. Mike operates his own industrial hearing testing service in New England when not helping his wife, Becky, run the family’s country inn in West, Mass. Boston has gotten the hang of running the Leonia, N.J. School District as superintendent and is able to spend more time on identifying future Lion gridders from Northern New Jersey.

Although Jack was able to recover in time after the game to speak, he was kind enough to pen the following: “I am looking forward to seeing classmatess at our 35th reunion. It does not seem long ago that we were donning beanies and discovering new winds and getting used to life at Morningside. I only need look in the mirror to realize it was not yesterday. It is rewarding to see that those friends are still there, even if we see them infrequently. These five-year gaps are closing a lot quicker than I imagined. It’s hard to be objective about two teenagers about to enter college. I hope that they have the benefit of the experience I had, wherever they choose to go. I am still on the path of turning mold into gold for our now-aging state, but I still want to think I can make a transition to a more competitive phase once the kids leave; it’s nice to have that goal. I am constantly amazed by the talent I see while doing alumni interviews and accepting that, despite the talent, we are a small community. Hopefully, you will get the chance to follow our footsteps (despite the fact that some of our favorites places have been replaced!). I hope many of us get to reunite this spring.”

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In December, the Massachusetts Citizens Against the Death Penalty presented the Herbert and Sara Ehrmann Award to Joshua Rubenstein, Northeast regional director of Amnesty International, and Sam Rubenstein, Northeast regional director for the county GOP, practicing law and dabbling in real estate development. I would love to hear from Deans.

Finally, as an enthusiastic veteran of our reunions, I urge all of you to make this pilgrimage. This is the big one, and it promises to be meaningful (“heavy”) and fun, too. It’s a wonderful expression of friendship, nostalgia and community. The more of us who attend, the better it will be. The dates are June 2–5; make your plans accordingly.

I am looking forward to our 35th reunion and can hardly believe it is almost upon us. I look upon my seven years at Columbia (Law School after college) as the most important developmental period in my life. My undergraduate years stand out because of the richness of the educational experience and my maturation in a warm and nurturing environment. Despite the turmoil on campus and in the world, Columbia prepared me to confront life with a positive attitude.”

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Being on the convention floor was, as always, fascinating. Most of the political action is in the delegations and the hospitality center, not on the podium. There seemed to be more Democrats in the hall than Republicans, and the media vastly outnumbered the delegates. The schedule was 7 a.m.–2 a.m. At 56, this got old fast; so maybe this will be my last national convention.”

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As an alumnus parent, he was asked to help hand out copies of The Iliad to the incoming first-year students. (Didn’t we have to buy ours?) Doug has two kids in college — his oldest is a junior at URI — one in 8th grade, “and a pishele in kindergarten.” Summing it up: “Basically, tuitions ‘r us. But it’s all good stuff.”

Steve Meshnick ‘spent a year in Kenya during grad school, and I fell in love with Africa for its beauty and was moved by its great needs. I’ve been working on solutions for malaria, sleeping sickness and HIV since, most recently as a professor of epidemiology at the UNC School of Public Health. I had a wonderful six-week visit to Africa last summer; first, because I am part of a group setting up a new School of Public Health in Malawi, and second, because I could bring my wife’s mom and two daughters (ages 4 to 9) with me.”

David Ricks; his wife, Fatima; two adopted sons, Mohamed and Zachary; and their 11 goats live contently in Virginia. David’s daughters, Cecily and Amelia, both happen to marry boys living in Colorado. Taking a break from his job as a health care consultant, David spent part of election season “working as a precinct gofer … manning the phone banks, canvassing door to door and sticking lawn signs in the mud in Pownal, Pa., a deeply divided town in a deeply divided state in deeply divided country … Prayers for a rebirth of our democracy and our national common sense.”

Walter Robinson’s life was changed forever by a seminar he took at Barnard, taught by Brian O’Doherty, then the editor of the magazine Art in America. “I became an art critic after graduating … and have been preoccupied and penurious in the arts since graduation. You can see some of his work on www.artnet.com.

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Well, clearly this e-mail thing works — thanks to all who responded. We’re bi-coastal on this issue; counter-clockwise (if you’re following at home):

Robert Alonso lives in Miami and has been responsible for the Yahoo! Latin America/U.S. Hispanic market since 1999. He and his wife, Marcela, have five kids (two boys, three girls). Two are finishing their masters’ and three are undergraduate. When it comes to giving advice, Fred Akamene is an associate dean at Mercy College in N.Y.; he teaches in the philosophy and grad psychology programs there. Mike Byowitz is a partner at the law firm of Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz (also in N.Y.), where he heads the antitrust department. He is the chair-elect of the American Bar Association’s Section of International Law; he will be the chair effective August 2005. Mike has three kids and has been married for 28 years.

Michael Vitiello married Mary Ann Baroni on July 24, which was the hottest day of the young century in Seattle (96 degrees!). Mary is “another East Coast Italian-American relatively new to the Northwest,” she is a Ph.D. developmental psychologist and a nurse, directing the nursing program at the U. of Washington Bothell campus. Michael (a Ph.D. psychologist) is a professor of psychology and behavioral sciences at the School of Medicine; his federally-funded research focuses on the causes, consequences and treatments of age-related disturbances in sleep and circadian rhythms.

Erik Berman’s joy in life has been coaching his 13-year-old daughter’s soccer team “weathering … the highs and lows.” He allows that his year on the freshman soccer team is only “dully remembered.” Erik is editing marketing articles at Waggener, Winkler, Strategic Communications, teaching writing skills under the moniker Word Surgeon.

Marc Bachrach e-mailed from Barcelona, where he was visiting his daughter, Laura (spending junior year abroad from UC Santa Cruz). He is in his 25th year as a professional hypnotist (!), performing all over the world and running a hypnotherapy practice in Westlake Village, Calif.

Another e-mail started the typewriter: “Stay tuned for more updates on what we have ever written … but then Steve Lynch detailed the surprising multigenerational connection of his kids and those of our classmates. “My oldest, Rebecca, chose to join my rowing buddy Rob Knapp’s daughter as a member of Yale ’03. My middle child, Michael, is a member of the Class of ’08 and a teammate of my old pal Tim Marcovy’s son, Aaron, on the heavyweight crew.” He adds: “I believe I am the only graduate of Columbia Law School working in a glue factory.” Steve works for Hero Coatings, the family adhesives business in Newburyport, Mass.

The Columbia College Fund Leadership Conference was held on campus on September 18 during a morning of rain in biblical proportions. As chairman of the fund (for a second year), Geoff Colvin (a private investor in NYC) was among those heading the event. Also in attendance were several members of our class leadership committee: Joel Almquist, Frank Bruno, Rob Knapp and Mark Lebwohl. I was honored as one of three class correspondents who has served continually from the start of Class Notes in 1980 through the present. We also learned that the Class of ’74 had the highest percentage of contributors of any class from 1970 through 2003.

During the past few years, I’ve featured classmates’ changing career paths. Few can compare with that of Leon DiPare (Tor-
careers of our classmates. There are especially if you take a moment to send in an update on yourself!

Jim Dolan was in NYC for the closing ceremonies of Columbia250 and had a great time. He went to the HOWL reading at The West End on a Friday night and bought beer for two women who turned out to be two of the earliest biographers of Jack Kerouac '44 and Allen Ginsberg '48. That's a typical Columbia evening! Later, Jim hung out in the Village with Iris Schenklers, his good buddy, who is teaching in The Stern School at NYU, and reconvened with Mike Lombardi '74, who is the CFO for Sesame Street Workshop in Manhattan. Jim hadn't connected with Mike in more than 25 years. A couple of months ago inspired John Monahan '77, part of the Irish mafia that included Kevin McSweeney and Bob Lucy, to give Jim a call.

Fran Minarik wrote a score for a short film, The Rub, starring Karen Zemia and Michele Pawk and directed by James Horvath. The film was accepted to the Rejection Projections Movie Festival (RPM-Fest) in Toronto www.rpmfest.com. I didn't make it to Homecoming and the Columbia250 closing due to long-standing plans, but I did get to the Columbia tailgate when Columbia played Penn. I saw a number of friends from the Columbia Club of Philadelphia, but no other classmates who live in the area. (You know who you are?) Hope to see lots of you June 2-5 at our 30th reunion!

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Eighty-six Class of 2008 members are sons or daughters of College alumni. Dana Berg, Joshua Kaplan-Marans and Elizabeth Remes are the children of Howard Berg, Hillel Marans and David Remes. Congratulations, gentlemen.

Finally, I think, despite a recent cross-country move from Delaware to California, to begin a new job at Stanford, I managed not to lose any of the messages you fellows sent since the last column. If you sent something and don’t see it here, please forgive me and send it again.

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Most of us are mid-career, judging by my experience and what I hear from classmates, this means, first, almost-total immersion in our work. Second, it means trying to balance that with personal lives, which, for most of us, means families. But how do you balance something with immersion? Excuse the ruminations, but that is another symptom of mid-career.

Stephen Vasta has been pursuing classical music as a vocal accompanist, vocal coach and music journalist (print and electronic media). Although based in New York, Steve also has conducted musicals and other shows, including The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas at Ball State University in Indiana, Handel’s Rinaldo at the University of Arkansas and Carmen at the Bellevue Music Festival in upstate New York. Next, he is off to Maine to do Carmen at the Belleayre Music Festival at the Inn by the Sea.

News comes from San Francisco that Robert Pimm has been appointed editor-in-chief of Entertainment and Sports Lawyer, a publication of the American Bar Association.

Amitai Aviram ’78 is pursuing a second B.A. in computer science at GS. I’ll be the annoying, obsessive geriatric student in the front row.

By the time you read this, the New Year will be upon us and the pundits will have told us why last fall’s turnarounds in politics and baseball made sense. I keep hoping I will figure it all out, but it is hard to imagine that Morningside Heights (or New Haven) could be any further from the American mainstream. Having gone to a game at the Yale Bowl last year, I won’t even risk talking about the state of light blue football.

Perhaps Jeff Klein could have written to tell us why we won’t even have a hockey season this year to test the folly of the Rangers… He hasn’t yet, but you can find his witty and penetrating biography of Mark Messier wherever sports books about stars of forgotten leagues are sold.

Brian Guillorn is back in touch. I am, I am. Two years later, finally writing to you. I still live in Morningside Heights, at
Heights. The neighborhood represents the band 40ft. Ringo. Look for his new movie, Dying Gaul, Park Production. Look for his finest, is a v.p. with Grubb & Ellis Basking Ridge, N.J., with his family. Mario Biaggi is in private law practice in Philadelphia. He is glad to be back in Westchester with his family and the exception of a handful of students in the world. Please come see for yourselves the transformation of Morningside Heights and the proposed Manhattanville project. Send me an e-mail and let me know what you have been up to.

**REUNION JUNE 2-5**

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As we enter the New Year, I trust you had a happy and healthy holiday season this year. This year, we will celebrate our 25th anniversary, and for those of you who wax poetic over Mama Joy’s, The Gold Rail, Tom’s Restaurant and The West End, we have a great weekend planned for June 2-5. Your committee has been working hard to create a memorable experience. Speaking of the reunion, Martin “Doc” Thompson called from the great state of Texas to light an early fire under the committee. He practices law in Austin and is committed to getting the word out to all of us. I thank him for his help.

Jim Geriks, co-chair of our class committee, provided valuable insight into the reunion process. Jim is with the New York law firm Proskauer Rose in New York City. He practices corporate law with a specialization in private equity funds.

Dan LaRue Gross recently completed his M.Div. from Yale Divinity School. After spending most of the 1980s and 1990s working for nonprofit organizations in Washington D.C., Dan became an ordained deacon in the Episcopal Church. He is glad to be back in the metropolitan area.

Mario Biaggi is in private law practice in the city and remains active in the political process. He lives in Westchester with his family and recently ran into John Marzano, his new podiatrist.

AJ Sabatelle is a senior credit analyst with Moody’s Investors Service in Jersey City. A fixture at all the football games, AJ lives in Basking Ridge, N.J., with his family. Steve Gendler, one of Philly’s finest, is a v.p. with Grubb & Ellis in Philadelphia.

Shawn Fitzgerald is producing independent films with Rebel Park Production. Look for his new movie, Dying Gaul, which will be at the Sundance Film Festival this month.

After a stellar run in the hedge fund business, Eric Blattman entered the entertainment business with his management company, Hollywood Partners. He represents the band 40ft. Ringo. Look for their album, A Funny Thing.

Joe Giulla still is on cloud nine, along with Eric and Fitz, after the Sox victory! Joe is with Partners Financial in Belmont, Mass., where he specializes in personal financial planning and benefit planning.

Reunion Weekend is June 2-5. The College is thriving, is committed to the Core and continues to attract the best and brightest students in the world. Please come see for yourselves the transformation of Morningside Heights and the proposed Manhattanville project. Send me an e-mail and let me know what you have up to.

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This is my final column as class correspondent from the illustrious Class of 1981. My replacement, Jeff Pundyk, is excited about taking on the role. I’ve become too busy in my career to devote the amount of time necessary to fulfill the needs of the position. Jeff is a talented guy (and extremely funny), so the transition should be perceived as an upgrade for CCT readers.

It has been a joy to be associated with Columbia College Today. Since my first day on campus in September 1977, I have been impressed with Columbia’s scholastic achievements and reputation. This being said, attending any college in NYC in the late 1970s was not an entirely pleasant experience, and Columbia College had yet to address many pressing problems. Fast forward 20-plus years, and the academic reputation of the College and University are top-notch — the College has an undergraduate population that is diverse (read: includes women) and the dormitory/social life is vastly improved. Small wonder the College has shown a great increase in overall desirability.

Graduating from Columbia represents one of the proudest moments of my life. From that day in May 1981, I pledged to be involved (and contribute financially) to the support of the College. Admittedly, writing a column is a small contribution, but it’s something. One day, I’ll win the lottery and finance a scholar at the College. Here’s the point: We from the Class of 1981, with the exception of a handful of active and loyal alumni, must become more involved in the College’s life. It’s our turn, and we cannot let down those who’ll benefit from our contributions long after we’ve left this realm.

I look forward to staying in touch with the class.

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Since assuming this assignment, I have not heard from any of you! Please drop me a note and let me know what you have been up to (or whatever). Better yet, join the Class of 1982 community on the Columbia E-Community (https://alumni.columbia.edu/eocomm).
him the third African American U.S. Senator since Reconstruction. Barack is considered by many to be the first African-American president of the Harvard Law Review. The book, written by Barack states that he chose Columbia because it was "... in the heart of a true city, with black neighborhoods in close proximity." Barack regrets, however, that while Wall Street and Manhattan were booming, the "middle ground" had collapsed. He states, "and nowhere, it seemed, was the collapse more apparent than in the black community." In one prophet-ic paragraph that underscores Barack's activism and commitment to a life of public service, he writes, "... to be a young black man in New York City. Free to live like most middle-class blacks in Manhattan, free to choose a motif around which to organize my life, free to patch together a collage of styles, friends, watering holes, political affiliations. I sensed, that at some point in the future, maybe when you had children and decided that you could stay in the city only at the cost of a private school, or when you began taking cabs at night to avoid the subways, or when you decided that you needed a door with a key in your apartment building — your choices were irrevocable, the divide was now impassable, and you would find yourself on the side of the line that you'd never intended to be on."

Marcus Brauchli can be seen regularly on CNN and in the New York Times, composing on Wall Street. I heard him discuss the impact of the Vixo recall on Merck and also listened to his historical analysis of the potential impact of the election on the stock market. Marcus noted that the stock market has done better, on average, under Democratic presidents.

In a November 4 editorial, the Wall Street Journal recommended elevating Antonin Scalia to chief justice and nominating Miguel Estrada as an associate justice of Supreme Court. William Rehnquist's retires. You may remember that Miguel's nomination to the Washington, D.C., Court of Appeals never went to vote because of a Democratic filibuster.

Tom Doyle: "I live in Seaford, Long Island, and have four kids, Sean, Paige, Ryan and Jake. I'm the bank, taxi service and sometimes soccer/baseball coach for them. I worked for a wireless software company in Stamford, Conn., from 1994-2000 as v.p. of sales and business development. In 2000, we sold the company to Motorola, where I've worked in various capacities for the last four years. I manage Motorola's N.Y. office. I occasionally bump into Ken Popovec (who lives in Ohio) and fellow Long Islander Ed Diaz, both former freshmaniematees from Carman. All in all, life is good!"

Of all the D.C. punditsthe, pollsters, Wayne Allyn Root, Vegas handicapper/oddsmaker and CEO of GWN, America's only publicly traded sports handicapping firm, got it right. Wayne predicted a three-point Bush win and a 50-plus electoral vote win. Root has become the oddsmaker of choice on CNBC, where in recent weeks he made his pick on Squawk Box, Dennis Miller, Balleyse and Fox. On November 3, Squawk Box, Wayne predicted the exact final numbers. The detailed predictions were sent to the media and resulted in numerous TV and radio appearances.

Professor Karl-Ludwig Selig wrote, "I had a moment of refreshment. An excellent medication, from Dan Stone (all the way from London), Sam McPherson '80 and Adam Rothberg '81. I gave each a pomegranate-emblem, icon of a microcosm of life."

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In his first campaign after college, senior class president Larry Kane ran a valiant effort for a seat on the San Francisco school board. With endorsements from Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.), Mayor Gavin Newsom (D-Calif.) and friends of other notable politicians, social and interest groups, Larry received more than 40,000 votes despite not attaining his goal.

As one of his many classmates who supported this run, University Senator Jim Weinstein reminds us how impossible a run this was: Jim amassed more than 1,600 votes in his victorious campaign for South Orange (N.J.) trustee some 20 years ago. Kudos to Larry as he continues his work as a wrestling coach and mentor to some of the Bay Area's underprivileged children.

Equally impressive, political tyro Mark Binder completed a distinguished run for the U.S. House of Representatives in Rhode Island. Running against a Kennedy (Patrick), he received 25 percent of the vote with a campaign budget of only $500! When not running for office, Mark is an author and professional storyteller. His books include The Everything Bedtime Story Book, and his new CD, Classic Stories for Boys and Girls, earned rave reviews in Booklist, School Library Journal and Publishers Weekly. It is available at www.cdbaby.com. He is touring, mostly in New England, giving more than 150 presentations and workshops annually. Mark also is working on a sequel to his Science and Math Stories, funded by grants...
from the Rhode Island Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Education. He's planning a theatrical monologue, "Sausage and Beans," based on his brief experience as a candidate.

Lots more information is available at www.markbinder.com.

Speaking of wrestlers who make their home in Israel, a big mazel tov to Yossi Rabin and his wife, Kobi, on the birth of their ninth child. Friends may e-mail Yossi at yosrabin@zahav.net.

And if that non sequitur wasn't enough, congratulations to Barack Obama '83 for his senatorial win in Illinois, and to Eddy Friedfeld '83 for the great success of his book, Caesar's Hours, which he co-authored with TV legend Sid Caesar. [Editor's note: See January 2004 CCT, page 29.] Eddy was chosen to moderate a panel on the late Alan Koen, who in the 92nd Street Y, was the radio sidekick of Joe Franklin in recent years and now can be heard regularly on the Joey Reynolds radio show in N.Y.

REUNION JUNE 2-5

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Lots of great updates this month! Thanks to everyone who responded to our e-mail pleas. As our 20th reunion approaches, it's great that folks want to share what's going on. Please continue to e-mail me, whether you're a first-time correspondent or a frequent visitor.

Gregory Viscusi and his wife, Penni Orner '91 SIPA, had their first baby, Alessia, on June 2 in Paris, where they have lived for seven years. Greg is a reporter with Bloomberg News; during the past year, he's spent time in Iraq, a few weeks in Paris covering the Panramal collapse and at the Olympics in Athens.

Adam Weisman lives in Tucson (his wife Rebecca Taylor's hometown), working happily as a lawyer for a small firm and "spending most of my time pushing the baby jogger for our daughter, Isabelle, who was born on June 17, 2004. Rebecca is a programmer and v.p. for Petfinder.com, so Isabelle already has her own website, www.vetylittered.com. Our triathlon training and cycling exploits have slowed down a bit with parenthood, but we still swim, cycle and run (in the sunny Sonoran desert), and our Tour de France holiday business, www.velolasource.com, is booming. I spent some time as ARC chairman for Arizona and was delighted and somewhat hor-rified to see how smart and accomplished Columbia applicants have become (in comparison, say, to myself), but I relinquished my class responsibilities to spend more time with the wood-fired pizza oven in our backyard."

Paul Stevelman lives in South Salem, N.Y., with his wife, Peri, and three kids (14, 12 and 5 months). He is deputy general counsel of a fixed income investment bank in Greenwich, Conn., RBS Greenwich Capital, which is a subsidiary of The Royal Bank of Scotland plc.

Nicholas Noyes married Jessica Monaco in 2003, and their son, Charles Paul Ammi Noyes, was born later that year. Charles is an energetic and curious 1-year-old and, like his parents, enjoys living in New York City.

Mark Scherzer celebrated his 19th anniversary at Morgan Stanley Dean Witter & Co. He is a consolidated IT services (which he has done since August 1999). "My wife, Lisa, and I are the proud parents of Cory (9) and Rachel (7). Several years ago, we decided to sell our antique doll and toy business, but Dr. Diness's interests associated with that business. I spend a lot of my time traveling between the main Morgan Stanley sites in Tokyo, Hong Kong and London as well as [dealing] with the many users of our current clients."

Denis Searby lives in Sweden and teaches classics. His projects include a major translation of the medieval mystic Birgitta of Sweden, which will be published by Oxford University Press in New York in 2006. "It is a very rewarding project, one to be released this year. "On the Greek side, I mostly work with dusty old manuscripts in European libraries and am producing an edition of a philosophically interesting text, in effect only to experts, but hey, it's a living. I'm trying to keep up the great books tradition, even here in Sweden."

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Doug Rigler is an architect with Zimmer Gunsul Frasca Partnership in Washington, D.C. "As of May, Penny, and I are looking forward to bringing our sons, Sam (8) and Will (3), to the 20th (!) reunion."

Stuart Perkins: "After graduation, I intended to attend law school at the University of North Carolina; however, I became a television reporter for CBS station WRAL-TV5 in Raleigh. I was an entertainment reporter for its PM Magazine program. I didn't know what I was doing. It was fun. I've always looked much younger than my age, so at 21 I looked 16, and the youth audience liked me."

After a year, I was hired by Black Entertainment Television in Washington, D.C., to produce its then-flagship music video program, Music Soul. Hired by Donny Simpson, BET was a trip of a place to work. Every day I told myself I was going to leave, and for 12 years, I stayed. Eventually, I became a senior news and public affairs producer for BET. In that position, I had an opportunity to cover the election of Nelson Mandela to the presidency of South Africa, the Rodney King riots in Los Angeles, and, of course, the O.J. Simpson trial and verdict. My work on the interview BET conducted with Simpson upon the conclusion of that trial earned me a National News Emmy nomination.

"I left BET shortly thereafter to attend the Columbia graduate film program and graduated last May with my M.F.A. I am self-employed in NYC as a film maker. I have a small production company, Myster¥ Visible Media. My current project is a feature length documentary, Doni's War, which is about counterfeit drugs in Africa and how Akunyili of Nigeria's battle to combat them. I am single. I live in Williamsburg, Brooklyn. I'm in great shape, and looking forward to the next 20 years."

James Nowick went to MIT to earn his Ph.D. in chemistry after graduating cum laude and accepted a position at UC Irvine, as a chemistry professor. While at MIT, in 1986, he met his life partner and now husband, John Dumas. James and John returned to Cambridge last August and were married last November. He runs global hospitality, and three kids (14, 12 and 5 years). He runs global hospitality, and three kids (14, 12 and 5 years). He runs global hospitality, and three kids (14, 12 and 5 years)."
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Kevin Townley reports on the Class of ’85 football players’ reunion at Homecoming: In addition to Kevin, attendees included Dan Uppercase, Dave Ortiz ’86, Mark Raketch, Tom Gargiulo, Eric Dill, Paul Myers, Steve Quackenbush, Joe Policastro ’87, Mark Powsnak ’85E, Frank Mambuca, Sam Denneen, Kyle Tucci, Kirk Adams, John Conlon, Bill Strack and Jim Dellocono ’94.

“We plan to have another tailgate next year. We had a great time telling stories at the dinner after the game. [There were some people I hadn’t seen in 20 years, but it wasn’t awkward at all. We had lots to catch up on, and everyone agreed that we will keep in touch via e-mail.”

Jon Orlin has been in San Jose, Calif., for the past five years with his wife, Mary. He went to Silicon Valley to be one of the creators of Yahoo’s Finance Vision and later ran Yahoo! Studios. Before that, he was executive producer for CNN in Atlanta and New York for 14 years, “in the fun days before cable news competition.”

Seth Schachner and his wife, Allison, live on the Upper West Side with their children, Miles (3) and Liv (1). Seth works in the entertainment business with Sony BMG Music.

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I am back in New York City, after four years in London, and am an editor/proofer at the law firm Weil, Gotshal and Manges while I finish the work necessary to open a psychotherapy practice in New York City, thanks to my training in London. I am happy to be back with family and friends, but I miss London. Anyone who wants to help me raise a pint to help ease the transition are welcome to e-mail me!

Mark Rabinowitz wrote, “Save for the 18 months right after college that I lived in Paris, I’ve been living in New York since graduation. I’m a television writer and producer. My husband and I had twins (a boy and a girl) four years ago. I’ve become an avid knitter. TV production is filled with hurry up and wait scenarios and this fall, one of my essays came out in an anthology, The Knitter’s Gift. It’s a comedic piece about the ‘psychosexual repercussions of becoming a Knitter.’ Real time are some.

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First of all, a big thank you to those who wrote. It’s always fun to hear from people, and we have lots of news to share this issue. Let’s start with birth announcements: Ed Cespedes and his wife, Kara, announce the arrival of their son, Edward Michael Cespedes, on October 8. His older sister, Caroline Grace, is 3. Kara and the baby are doing well. Laura Norman and her husband, Michael, welcomed daughter Mia in April, joining brother
Speaking of things martial and marital, I had a great e-mail exchange with Carl Eierle. He wrote: "After Columbia, I joined the Navy and became a warzone officer. I met my wife that autumn after graduation, and we have been married for more than 15 years. We have four children, ages 11, 9, 7 and 5 (two boys and two girls). After four years as a line officer and a short period as a civilian, I entered the military's medical school — Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences — in Bethesda, Md. I spent the seven years since graduating medical school in San Diego, where I served with a Marine infantry unit as its battalion surgeon and then completed my residency in orthopedic surgery. I'm assigned as an orthopedic surgeon at Naval Hospital Sigonella in Sicily. My time with the Navy has taught me all over the globe for work and pleasure. I have not made it to the Middle East during the current war, but spent time there when I was with the Marines. I have some friends and colleagues who are there now. We all wish them well.

Carl is planning to join us shortly in the Boston area for a stint as an Aufrance Fellow in adult reconstruction at New England Baptist Hospital for 2006-07. He's interested in finding information on Gabe Escobar '90 and Kirk Booker, both of whom started in our class but dropped back, if we will resign myself to changing it, (though). It's an indie film, and I am at the end of the editing process. We're aiming for entry in the more prominent film festivals and hoping to get distribution soon and possibly for a theater run.

And if I thought shooting a film while pregnant was tough, it's far harder to do post-production while mothering a newborn and an energetic 3-year-old! But when it rains, it apparently typhoons — I also am shooting a new action film that should be airing on the Sci-Fi channel sometime in the spring. I work from home and am committed to spending a significant amount of time each day with my kids. I guess my Columbia training really comes in handy.

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Long-suffering yet newly elated Red Sox fan Eli Neusner hosted a reception at his posh apartment on Jane St. in Brookline, Mass., penthouse with his wife, Pauli, in early November. Guests wore Sox paraphernalia, nibbled on red frosted cake and discussed Roger Rubin's sound reporting of the series for the Daily News. Despite the cries of joy from the fans, Eli and Pauli's children, Daniela (4) and Michael (2), slept soundly through the festivities. Eli is a v.p. for Fleishman-Hillard, a public relations company based in New York and Boston. At the party were Greg Watt and his wife, Mel, proudly showing photos of their son, Elijah (9 months). The Watt family lives in Arlington, Mass. Greg is a senior consultant for Weidico Children's Services, which specializes in school-based therapy for children.

Ben Seybold and his wife, Kim, "live in Coto De Caza, Calif. (just south of Newport Beach), with our children, Jennie, Jack, Madison and Chloe." Ben is v.p. at a marketing firm. We're interested in their larger family. Her older sisters, Jacey and Eden, are ecstatic and adjusting well to their larger family.

My friends, that's all I have for now. I have a long list of names and the hopes of enticing more of you to write. I am resurrecting my "Where Are You?" feature. Nick Baughan, Lisa Berger and David Bonds, please get in touch with me so that I may share your latest and greatest with our classmate. I'm thinking last names starting with B will be off the hook.

I look forward to seeing everyone June 2-5 at reunion.

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I'm writing this column right after Halloween (whoever decided that Halloween is the daylight savings time change should be on the same day clearly is not a parent!) and the election: 2005 seems a long way off. I am so glad that folks are writing in, especially those who have never given updates. Thanks for the variety and the humor.

Here is "old" news of three classmates who got married in 2003, Beth Shubin Stein, Wendy Marston and John Chun, and their tales of "happily ever after."

Beth was married on August 23, 2003, to Christopher Ahmad '90E. Beth and Chris met during
writes that there were a few other Columbia students at the wedding. "But I'm not sure, mostly because I had a baby 12 days ago and the brain is shot." Wendy is a freelance advertising copywriter and the author of several magazine and newspaper articles, as well as a book, Hypochondriac's Handbook. She also founded the website Halfjew.com, devoted to celebrating the identity of people who have one Jewish parent. "My husband was in independent film as a cameraman, DP, and film and video director before moving into television. The baby is unemployable, but we're OK with that." Wendy, Ben and Maude live in Astoria, Queens (but please, don't ask her how to get to Sesame Street).

John H. Chun, who graduated from Cornell Law School in 1994 and lives in Seattle, married Elizabeth Baldwin '00 TC in August 2003. John met Elizabeth in high school. She is a law clerk for the Hon. David Armstrong on the Washington State Court of Appeals. "In June 2004, we bought a fixer in the Beacon Hill neighborhood. We are remodeling the kitchen and are subsisting on frozen food and beer. I am a litigation partner at Mundt MacGregor. I also teach on the side as an adjunct professor at Seattle University School of Law. Here's some happy news. In August 2004, I was listed as a 'Super Lawyer' in Washington Law & Politics."

Hope that your holidays were cheery and bright, and that the new year brings peace to all.

Oh, to be a '92er.

It seems from our Class Notes columns that we're all doing well, and having a lot of fun doing it. I can't imagine a better example than Eric Garrett, who was in New York in early October for a fundraising event to support his upcoming campaign for reelection to the Los Angeles City Council in March. It was, for all intents and purposes, a mini-reunion. In addition to me and my wife, Elizabeth, the '92 contingent included Sarah Wolman and her husband, Ken Levine; Peter Hatch; Karl Cole-Frissen and his wife, Wanda '92 Barnard; Negar Akhami; Jared Clark; Farnaz Vossoughian; Sean Hecker; Nomi Levy and Joseph Schwartz. Hilary Rubenstein hosted the event, which also allowed Kelly Diemand '92 Barnard, Daedre Levine '93 Barnard, Amy Blumberg Schnader '92 Barnard, Imara Jones '94 and Jason Lynch '94 to reconnect with their '92 friends.

Eric entertained the crowd with quite a few stories that evening, including recounting the door-to-door efforts he and many Columbia friends put in years ago to get him elected for the first time.

Lauren Weinfield and her husband, Paul Damski M.D., welcomed into the world their son, Noah Frederick. Noah is doted on by twin sisters Julia and Maya (3). Lauren and her family live in the Miami area, where she has taken a break from law practice in favor of caring for her children full-time.

I apologize for the unusually light mail bag — I had a catastrophic computer glitch about a week before I sat down to write the column and lost notes and e-mail addresses.

Until next time — please keep the e-mails and updates coming!

Just when the well runneth dry, leave it to Thad Sheely and Betsy Gompertz to hook us up with the latest on just about everyone. And speaking of development for the New York Jets, is working to bring a new stadium to the West Side of Manhattan, the project known as the New York Sports and Convention Center. Thad married Gabrielle Kreisler. Betsy Gompertz '93 Barnard for bringing them together. Betsy is a litigation practice associate at Mintz, Levin, Cohen, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo. She lives in Boston with her husband, Mike Pacinda.

Between Thad and Betsy, I learned that Gene Kukuy is doing his final cardio-thoracic surgery internship at New York Weill Cornell Medical Center. Peter Sluszka won an Emmy for animation for his work on I Spy. Andrews, writing his next book, which is about war letters from around the world.

Robyn Teurk moved back to New York and works with Stroock, Stroock and Lavan as an associate in its real estate group.

Melissa de la Cruz, now Johnstone, moved to Los Angeles last year and is working on a number of projects, including a pilot for the WB from her latest book, How To Become Famous in Two Weeks or Less. Chris Tessin is married to Becca Campe, a classmate from Columbia's Business
School, and moved to Seattle last year. Chris and Becca have a son, Dylan. Greg Lare married Maureen O'Brien last November, and they had a daughter, Lammie. Jennie Kim works in the legal dept at Nasdaq.

Thad included a fabulous photo from Doug Meehan and Caroline Suh’s wedding, which took place last December at St. Paul’s Chapel. The reception was at Casa Italiana. Doug is finishing his philosophy Ph.D. at CUNY and Caroline is working on documentaries including one, Thad wrote, about Heaven’s Gate. Thad wonders what became of Nelson Fubanks ’94.

When Boston celebrated the Red Sox’s World Series victory, Betsy reports, Neil Turitz and Kevin Connolly, diehard Sox fans that they are, traveled to Boston to celebrate with Betsy and Mike than celebrate. Betsy and Ali Towle. Ali earned an M.B.A. from Sloan School of Business at MIT and lives with her husband, Karl Suddlemire, in Cambridge. Jenny Hoffman, Betsy reports, lives in Rome with her husband, Fabio Kardasch. and works for Ernst & Young. She recently gave birth to a daughter, Victoria; the couple also has a son, William (2).

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Congratulations to Kenton Pierce, also my Journalism School classmate, who married Michael '95E in Hastings-on-Hudson. According to an update he sent to the Journalism School, Ross Gotler and Judith Hoffman served as best man and matron of honor and Matt Trokenheim was a groomsman. The couple spent their honeymoon in Hawaii. We get more wedding news from Deborah Kim, who married Phil MacEachron '94 in Oakland. She is studying yoga and “still doing archery” (Ph.D. in psychology) at the Berkeley Wright Institute. Several Columbians attended the September wedding, including Ricardo Cortes, who published It’s Just a Plant: A Child’s Story of Marijuana (www.justaplant.com) last fall; Phil Scherer, a New York graphic designer who attended with wife, Akiko, and daughter, Mia; Chris McKenna; Craig Joffe ’94, who lives in Cincinnati; Catherine Miller ’94E; Sarah Takesh ’94E; and Ahamed Kondia ’01.

Missing was Sarah Takeda, who is running a fabulous clothing line, “Tarsian and Blinkley,” with production in Afghanistan, Deborah writes. Sarah produces designer women’s apparel and accessories in Afghanistan as part of a for-profit “social venture” meant to develop the Afghan economy in sustainable ways. “The business is an embodiment of all the passions I had when I was an undergraduate, serving as an umbrella for many of the interests I’ve had in global affairs, travel, design and humanitarian work,” Sarah writes. To read her diary, check out www.tarsian.com.

Here’s an excerpt about life in Kabul from a July 2004 entry: “My parents’ friends are convinced that I work for the CIA, so I wonder what these new acquaintances must be thinking. I mean, it would be a plausible cover — extroverted female with command of Farsi and peculiar feeling of invincibility. I’m sure they would have trouble running a business but spending most of her hours using feminine wiles and fancy tasar silks to gain access and information. But no, I’m actually not that clever — I really do work for myself... and employ a couple of hundred Afghan women to embroider and crochet hyper-feminine and very Western clothes that seem an anomaly to any first-time visitor to the workshop. The label is called Tarsian & Blinkley, based on two anagrammatic characters of my childhood imagination.”

Joel Linton announced his November ordination in the Presbyterian Church in America; he is a pastor and missionary to Taiwan. Joel’s wife, Judy ’97 TC, is a recording artist there and won a 2004 Golden Melody Award — similar to Taiwan’s “Grammies” — for her 2003 album You Are My Most Beloved. Joel and Judy live in Taipei and have three daughters. See what they’re up to at www.taiwanchurch.org and www.judylinton.com. As we approach our 10th reunion [June 2–5] please let me know if you’d like to become involved with the planning or have suggestions. Thanks for so many updates, and please keep the news coming.

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Happy New Year, classmates!

My buddy Brandon Kessler married lovely Linda on October last October in Manhattan at The Americas Society. Brandon is successfully running his own record label, Messenger Records, and Heathi is a graphic designer. The couple lives in Park Slope, in attendance at the wedding were Lara Bazelzon, a federal defender in Los Angeles, and Ben Donner, who is in Boston getting his Ph.D. in clinical psychology. Also in Boston is Bekah Burgess, who is getting her Ph.D. in International Development from Boston University, with a focus on photo history. Across the country is Anthony Todaro, who I recently saw at my five-year law school reunion in Chicago. Anthony works at a law firm in Seattle and is married to his law school girlfriend, Kim Lloyd.

Unfortunately, that is all the news I have. Please send in notes for next time!

And now, your moment of Zen: “I hear there are rumors on the Internet that we’re going to run a business but spending most of her hours using feminine wiles and fancy tasar silks to gain access and information. But no, I’m actually not that clever — I really do work for myself... and employ a couple of hundred Afghan women to embroider and crochet hyper-feminine and very Western clothes that seem an anomaly to any first-time visitor to the workshop. The label is called Tarsian & Blinkley, based on two anagrammatic characters of my childhood imagination.”

JANUARY 2005
The Would-Be Apprentice

Stacy Rotner ’99 competed for seven weeks last fall on the second season of NBC’s hit reality series The Apprentice. Chosen from more than a million applicants, she was one of 18 candidates attempting to land a job with The Trump Organization by completing business tasks for prominent Fortune 500 companies at the behest of Donald Trump.

A native New Yorker, Rotner graduated with a B.A. in art history and studied in Paris. She received her J.D. from Brooklyn Law School and practices corporate law at a New York law firm. Rotner has worked in the legal departments of Sotheby’s Auction House and the Metropolitan Museum of Art. She is an active member of several bar associations and New York charitable organizations.

Stacy Rotner ’99

The Apprentice taught me numerous lessons,” Rotner said of her television debut. “On a basic level, I was introduced to many exciting industries. On a personal level, I learned [that when] surrounded by intelligent, type-A personalities, it’s best to listen and observe before chiming in. I also learned, similar to living in my Wallach suite junior year, it is extremely difficult to share a bathroom with 17 other people!”

The Apprentice also included a guest appearance by Hamilton Award winner Robert Kraft ’63, who interviewed the final four candidates on the December 9 episode and advised Trump of his recommendations.

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Hello, everybody — I hope you enjoyed the holiday season and that your 2005 is off to a great start. I recently began working with Columbia College Young Alumni to help plan networking nights. In Fall 2004, we hosted three successful events on entrepreneurship, law and new media. To see the schedule for upcoming CCYA events, including upcoming networking nights, check the E-Community: https://alumni.college.columbia.edu/eCom.

Israel Gordon returned to New York after the sun-filled years in Los Angeles. He has much to show for his time in L.A., including credits in Legally Blonde II and Honey as well as a host of updates on classmates. Izzy recently started a job as a graduate admissions officer for the Roehampton International School of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Izzy reports that Colleen O’Malley was last seen working at Warner Independent Pictures. Her boyfriend, Andrew Goldberg ’00, works for Fox TV. Eric Landen and Alex Chung drove across the country to L.A. Alex is enrolled in USC studying film direction while Eric is trying to make it in the industry.

As he made his way back to the East Coast, Izzy drove cross-country with Ronen Hakim.

Along the way, they stopped off in “the Second City” to visit Michael Smith, who is in his fourth year at Chicago Medical College. Michael has done two internships in Los Angeles and one in Norwalk, Conn. Ronen lives with his girlfriend, Austin Ripley, in Greenpoint, Brooklyn. He is doing freelance tech support while he works at a private school on the Upper West Side.

Rafi Bruckner earned a B.S. in biological sciences from GS. He is doing research at a Harvard lab.

Ilana Bhat is spending his third year of law school in London and Brussels after working at the United Nations this past summer. Izzy, thanks for the comprehensive updates.

Rachel Bloom, who is studying in London, reports that Kevin Stroese recently got out of the military and accepted a job at Booz Allen in McLean, Va., as a defense consultant. He will live in Cleveland Park (D.C.).

Jorge Herrera took the semesters off law school to work for the Kerry/Edwards campaign. “Last spring, I was Senator John Edwards’ field director for Texas during the primaries, so when he was selected as the v.p. [candidate, I decided to join the national team and moved back to Texas to become the Texas state director of the Kerry/Edwards campaign. I will be back in law school in January and will graduate in May. And, God willing, I will be a trial lawyer by August (pending the bar, of course).”

Jorge recently talked with Paul Getto, who is “doing great with his job at Focus film productions. I recently hung out with him and Rey Conteras ’98 for a fun-filled night in Atlantic City. As for my roommate, Eloy Alfaro is back in Panama working for a prestigious law firm. There is no doubt in my mind that he will someday be the next president of Panama! Bill Martinez ’01E is in NYC training for a marathon. Frank Fusco and Matthew Kim are roommates, and I hear they have an amazing apartment in the Village. Ashish Shah ’01E is living large in the West, where he plays in a rock band.”

Sara Batterton recently started a job at a Wall Street nonprofit, the National Federation of Community Development Credit Unions, a financial institution that funds the work of credit unions devoted to serving a low-income or underserved population. These credit unions provide affordable financial services and products to individuals who might not be well served by large financial institutions. Sara lives with her sister in Brooklyn Heights.

Sara reports that Michelle Braun recently was engaged and lives in L.A.; she is applying to education Ph.D. programs. Sara says, “I have had fun reconnecting with Samir Al-Bulushi, who recently was married and lives not far from me in Cobble Hill. She works at a non-governmental organization, Parliamantarians for Global Action on their International Law and Human Rights program. Kate Barrett is...
enrolled in journalism school at Northwestern's Medill School and is spending three months in D.C. covering the political beat for a Missouri paper."

Sam Oppenheim is back in NYC. After receiving an M.S. in archaeology, he joined the New York City Teaching Fellows and is teaching fourth-grade science.

Alisa Amoroso and Alastair Wood were married on August 21, 2004, at St. Mary—Our Lady of the Isle on Nantucket. Alisa is an analyst at the private equity firm Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. and Alastair is an associate in the litigation department of Paul, Hastings, Janofsky and Walker. (See photo.)

I recently had the pleasure of attending the wedding of Jessica Jones '00 and Jimmy O'Brien. Also attending were Marla Goodman, Lisa Dean-Kluger '01 Barnard, Lauren Goldstein and Jamie Rubin '01 Barnard.

Congratulations to Sarah Rosenberg and Donnie Kranzon '99E on their engagement! They are planning a June 2005 wedding. Donnie is an art history graduate student at Harvard, and Donnie is an institutional research associate at Sanford C. Bernstein in New York.

Happy New Year to all!

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Dear Class of 2002,

I hope that you’re enjoying life as much as I am. I’m still spending much of my free time training in wushu and preparing for upcoming martial arts competitions, specifically in continuous fist and spear. My trip to Peru didn’t do much to cure my travel bug, so in November I went on a backpacking trip through northern India with two friends. We’ve broken out my new snowboard and am ready to hit the slopes, so if anyone would like to join me, please let me know.

New job updates first: Chris Wong left Credit Suisse First Boston for a position with the Winter Group. Henry Wong left Bloomberg to work in senior relationship management at Morgan Stanley. Kevin Eng left CSFB to pursue an opportunity at the Enterprise Information Group at Morgan Stanley. He spends his free time either exploring the beautiful, twisty back roads of N.J./N.Y./Pa. on one of his motorcycles or frequenting track days at Pocono Raceway or New Hampshire International Speedway. He’s even restoring and riding an old Ducati 851 Superbike. Daniel Lupo is managing an FX trading desk at Forex Capital Markets with a possible transfer to head a desk overseas (either Taiwan or London) pending. He recently became engaged. Beth Stein works at Lehman Brothers in the finance division, where she’s been since graduation. She is engaged to Nat Lipschitz, her best friend from high school; he’s a financial planner.

Joyce Chang is a second-year at the Wisconsin Law School. She spent summer 2004 interning for the Chicago U.S. Attorney’s Office and playing tennis weekly with Rebecca Nathan ’01. Next summer, she will be an associate at Sidley, Austin Brown & Wood in Chicago. She spends her spare time on a kickball team, Reverend Lovejoy and the Holy Rollers. Joyce reports that Kristin Turza is in her second year of med school at The George Washington University. Joanne Keh ’02E recently moved to Hong Kong and works with Citigroup. Ethan Farbman works at Morgan Stanley in Hong Kong. Kristen Macellari is a teacher in Manhattan, Lillian Davies is finishing her master’s in London and arranging art shows and Ilene Weintraub is assistant coach for Columbia’s women’s tennis team and just put on a successful show.

Julia Wilddorf was married on December 29 in San Francisco. Her husband is a fellow Columbia Law ’03. Adriana Suarez ’02L was maid of honor. Invites included Sara Stein and her boyfriend, Noah Lichtman ’01; Alex Young; Nick Manheim; Ariella Rosenberg ’05; and Mariel Wolson.

Nathaniel Goldman is at Cambridge, pursuing graduate studies in modern European history. Elisabeth Ryan is in law school in Boston, working on public criminology. Condolences to the family of Stephanie Williams, who recently passed away. Elizabeth adds, “She was a very good friend to a lot of us and is missed very, very much.” [Editor’s note: Please see Obituaries.]

Miriam Sheinbein and her husband moved back to New York. He joined the faculty of Dartmouth, and she lives on the Upper East Side. She attends medical school at Einstein in the Bronx. She recently ran into Kaylan Baban, a second-year Mount Sinai medical student. Karen Austrian moved back to her hometown of Nairn, Scotland, in Kenya; in August, she lives in Washington Heights and works at a women’s prison running an HIV and women’s health peer education program. Emily Morgolis works for the National Domestic Source Institute, teaching English in New York City public school. Joel Lande started a Ph.D. at University of Chicago after living in Berlin for two years.

Kara Goldman lives in the East Village and works in marketing at Random House Children’s Books. Christopher Allen, Jesse Lipsitz and Brian House recently collaborated on Yellow Arrow.org, an interactive street art project that is going global as part of a start-up new media company.

Michael Greenfield returned from Tokyo last year with his girlfriend, Shabu Ahmed ’03 Barnard. “We had a wonderful time and would have stayed longer had it not been for our need to go to grad school to further our careers.” On their way back to the U.S., they backpacked through Thailand, China and India (where they attended a wedding with 2,000 people, including the prime minister and Sonia Gandhi). Michael adds, “Andrew Hong ’02E is due to marry Molly Kelleher ’02 Barnard in July in Seattle and then move to England. Also, Frank App ’02E is due to marry his girlfriend, Tiffany, next year. Chris Mucha ’02E recently wed his high school sweetheart. Michael Sikorski ’02E moved to Boston to live near his girlfriend, Rebecca, where he works for M.I.T. labs. I heard that Matt Jawlik ’02E moved to San Diego with his girlfriend, Chris Lynch, who recently graduated from there. Chris Lynch is attending Columbia for grad school in architecture. Dave Epstein writes for the Daily News and lives with Evan Zeisel on the Upper West Side. Eugene Kim ’02E was studying music in Berlin last year and now lives in Hoboken with his sister while finishing his thesis through correspondence.”

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Along with the end of 2004 comes the end of the University’s 250th anniversary celebration. Please rest assured that the College still has lots of great activities planned. I’m happy to share that the Alumni Affairs Office has hired two College alumnii to join its team: Katie Meehan Conomy ’02 and Emily Morris ’02. Katie Akers, Andrew Hong ’02E, is deputy director of student-alumni programs and Emily is assistant director of young alumni programs. We’re all excited that they returned to alma mater to help out.

Jerry Bailey is employed by Starbase, Inc., where he participates in the management training program. Jonas Mendoza works for Capital IQ, a financial IT services firm. Erick Tyro works for a law firm in Chicago and lives in Brooklyn with Kwamena Aidoo, who works for a hedge fund in midtown.

Bobbie Anderson works at Smart and Strong, an organization dedicated to helping people living with AIDS. Bobbie has been doing a great deal of work on the Class Fund, alongside Michael Foss and Nathania Nisonson.

New York is not the only lively city for young alumni. Harold
Braswell, Ben Casselman and Adam Kushner recently celebrated their birthdays at their annual "bacchanal" in Washington, D.C. Andrea Herbst-Paul and Jacques Paul '03E were married on March 20, 2004. Jacques and Andrea met the third floor of Hartley Hall on their first day on campus. They are looking forward to moving to the Boston area in the summer. Andrea will begin her studies at Harvard Law in the fall. Kenneth Sim is completing his national service back in his native country, Singapore. William Isler does consulting work in China.

Daniel Dykema and Nikki Thompson '03 Barnard recently threw a housewarming party at their apartment in Brooklyn. Several members of our class were there, including Matthew Schere. Matthew is a student at Cornell; Megan Keane, who is a medical student at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey; and Flora Esterly, who works for Henry Holt Publishing.

Avery, Christina, Nathana Nisson and Chelsea Walsh were instrumental in putting together a great party at Bourbon Street for the Class of 2003 on Friday night before the Homecoming game. At least 200 members of the class packed the bar, and at one point, the open bar, the party went on late into the night. Quite a few members of '03 showed up at Homecoming a little hung over!

Nathania works at Christie's Auction House in the house sales department. She recently was promoted and works with and learns from the fine arts specialist. She lives with Jill Janeczko, who is in her second year of law school.

At their apartment on the Upper East Side, Jenevieve Duron, Kelly Ziba, Marta D'Souza, Jenna Tsucher and Allison Buehler hosted an impressive party of a great Halloween party; many '03ers were there. The bash doubled as a mini-John Jay 13 reunion, as Jenevieve, Emily, Rob Bruce, Michael Foss and Dan Byrnes all spent a great time there. Jenevieve works at an environmental consulting firm; Emily is at Time Warner; Rob is at Bridgewater Associates, an asset management firm in Connecticut; and Dan works in real estate finance at Holliday Fenoglio Fowler and plays in a band called Anything for Loaf, which had a show in November at Crash Mansion.

A number of Columbia and Barnard individuals were responsible for the creation of this election's hit website, Votergasm, which was widely covered in the news and mentioned in The Washington Post and the Times of London. Peter Koechley, who helps to keep us all laughing at the Onion, and Rob Bruce represented the Class of '03 in this endeavor. They ended the election season with a chic party at PM in the Meatpacking District.

Alessandra Zagarovia is interning at the economics department at the Shimon Peres Center for Peace in Tel Aviv. The center, which is not government affiliated, hosts famous figures from around the world and is the home of the Conference of Presidents, which brings to the center every year a large group of important leaders, including the President of the United States. Donovan recently had an article on baseball injuries published at BaseballProspectus.com. I'm working on two large research projects for my professor, gearing up for an off-season job search at all 30 Major League teams.

Sean Benderly writes, "I live in Vermillion, S.D., and work for an Internet start-up that specializes in matching pets with homes. We are way behind on Class Notes. I've had a large influx of new faces and a few unexpected arrivals. I take comfort in the knowledge that this is all part of intense frustration — the protest — to one of extreme contemplation — the aftermath ... so perhaps it is about all of that or none of that. I wanted to share it with people I care about, respect and admire."

Maria Marulanda writes, "Erica DeBruin, Andrew Farrell, Nicole Donaldson and I are paralegaling at Hughes, Hubbard, & Reed LLP, a large law firm on Wall Street. Since July, I have been engaged to Daniel Larsen, my boyfriend of five years. I've been interested in working for a small group that provides communication services to visual arts organizations, and lives in Brooklyn. Eva Gardner writes, "I'm doing an M.A. in the art history department at Columbia (modern art and curatorial studies) and living on the Upper West Side with Megan McCarthy." Françoise Villeneuve lives on the West Side and works for McGraw-Hill. Stephanie Long works for New York City Councilwoman Eva Moskowitz. I want to include as many people as possible in our Class Notes, so please e-mail me any updates that you wish to include.

ANSWERS TO PUZZLE ON INSIDE BACK COVER

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Class Notes
Getting More Involved

BY BRIAN KRISBERG '81
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I recently attended a dinner on campus for a student organization. About 50 alumni and students attended, and the speaker and the food were quite good. Everyone enjoyed the evening.

I sat next to a College alumnus who graduated about 20 years ago, earned a J.D./M.B.A. and is a partner at a major law firm. This person, who had been an extremely active undergraduate outside the classroom, told me that he was looking for ways to "get more involved" with the College.

His remark struck a chord and got me thinking. If this person, who had a positive experience as an undergraduate and is a loyal Columbian, was searching for ways to get more involved at the College 20 years out, how many other College alumni are there throughout the country (and the world, in fact) thinking the same thing?

There is no model for getting more involved with the College community, no single way to do it. Each of us connects with the College in a way that is both singular and personal, based upon individual experiences, and simultaneously universal and collective, based upon a desire to perpetuate the excellence and shared values (such as the Core Curriculum and need-blind admissions) of an institution that played a vital role in shaping our lives.

There are at least five different ways of getting more involved.

Now, cynics among us will contend that getting more involved is merely a smokescreen for raising more money from alumni. There is no denying the fact, nor is there any shame in acknowledging, that Columbia needs to broaden the participation rate of alumni donors and to grow the College’s Annual Fund in absolute dollars. Great private institutions rely on voluntary support for their existence. Progress has been made in both these areas in recent years. College alumni have exceeded Annual Fund targets each year as our participation rate also increases.

Getting more involved defines the vitality and strength of one of the finest undergraduate colleges in one of the greatest universities in the United States. It demonstrates our alumni’s desire to continue their relationship with a special institution, in appreciation of their positive experience at Columbia. Finally, it shows our belief that by sharing with today’s students how we used a College education to enrich our personal and professional lives, the College will be an even better place tomorrow.

It is easier than ever to become more involved. The College administration has created a user-friendly environment where alumni can efficiently and effectively connect with Columbia’s many events, offices and organizations. All alumni need do is respond to one of the many mailings and e-mails we receive (Hint: If the College does not have your or a friend’s correct mailing or e-mail address, get it to the Alumni Office by calling toll-free 1-866-CCALUMNI or e-mailing ccalumni@columbia.edu), join the rapidly growing Columbia E-Community for alumni (https://alumni.college.columbia.edu/ecom) or call or write to the College office or organization that interests you.

Maybe this is all still too amorphous or nebulous, and a brief description of how we as alumni can engage would help. In broad terms, there are at least five different ways of getting more involved. First, there are alumni relations programs such as the Alexander Hamilton Medal or John Jay Award dinners, reunion event planning and attendance, Homecoming, Dean’s Day in New York or College Days around the country and local Columbia Club events, among others. The College Fund enlists alumni as Class Agents, and Columbia College Today’s class correspondents help classmates stay in touch with one another as well as with the College.

Second are campus events. Be it an intercollegiate athletic event, the Varsity Show, a performance by one of the many campus arts groups or Community Day, the Columbia community benefits when alumni support students and their activities.

Third is the Alumni Representative Committee. It’s not humanly possible for the College Admissions staff to interview more than 15,000 applicants each year, so alumni are called on to help in this important role. Interviewing high school seniors, and getting the word out in communities about how well the College is doing, are important services that alumni provide. It also is rewarding to meet and get to know potential members of the next class of Columbians.

Fourth is career services. Alumni can help students get the most from Columbia’s Center for Career Education. Offering internships, summer positions, permanent jobs and career advice to College students and young alumni will generate dedicated active alumni for years to come.

Fifth is student interaction. Providing insights to undergraduates about alumni experiences after our years on campus through Student/Alumni programs, including the family meals program and “grandfather class” events, shows how a College education provides the foundation for a fruitful life.

This brief discourse demonstrates the breadth and depth of ways we can participate in and contribute to the life of the College as we wind our way through the adventure called adulthood. Speaking from personal experience, my efforts to get involved in the College’s life have been some of the most satisfying experiences of my life. The College is an exciting place to be these days, and it is receptive to alumni involvement from all generations.

A post-script: In future columns, we’ll be writing about a variety of issues of concern to alumni, including the issues the College Alumni Association Board of Directors is working on. A new slate of directors, led by President Bob Berne ’60, has taken office through spring 2006, and we’re eager to hear from you. Please don’t hesitate to contact us; you can reach me at bkrisberg@sidley.com.
Can you name the year that the following events took place in College history?

Answers on page 63.

1. The College admits its first fully coeducational class.
2. Nicholas Murray Butler (Class of 1882) resigns, as Columbia’s 12th and longest-serving president, after 43 years.
3. The College reopens after the Revolutionary War and is renamed Columbia College by the New York State Legislature.
4. Austin E. Quigley is named the 14th dean of the College.
5. Trustees approve the creation of Barnard College as a separate college for women.
6. Columbia’s football team beats Stanford 7–0 in the Rose Bowl.
7. King’s College is chartered in New York by King George II to “promote liberal education.” The Rev. Samuel Johnson is appointed its first president.
8. The Columbia Spectator is founded as a small, bimonthly publication.
9. Columbia University celebrates its 250th anniversary with seminars, a gala and historical books and films, as well as special events throughout the year.
10. Students occupy five campus buildings, protesting the construction of a gymnasium in Morningside Park.
11. The College debuts “Introduction to Contemporary Civilization,” the first course in the Core Curriculum.
12. Lee C. Bollinger becomes the University’s 19th president.
13. The College moves to Morningside Heights.

Laura Butchy
"OUR SIDE STINKS, BUT YOUR SIDE REALLY STINKS!"

Political cartoonist R.J. Matson '85 lampoons both sides of the aisle in trying to "get it right," as in this piece from the Washington political review *Roll Call*. He's been doing so for more than two decades, since his days on *Spectator*. For more on Matson and his work, see page 20.
Min Makes Her Mark

Under the editorship of Janice Min ’90, *Us Weekly* satisfies its growing legion of young readers with a mix of celebrities and fashion
Mark your calendar …

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Our Columbia
The recent publicity surrounding Columbia Unbecoming has led to much discussion and comment from College alumni. The film raises accusations of student intimidation by some members of the faculty in the MEALAC department.

The actions of a few faculty members in a department that is often viewed as having an anti-Israeli bias and the way the University deals with the accusations are not unimportant. While we [alumni] experienced many stimulating and often heated exchanges as undergraduates, we rarely felt intimidated in the classroom. This controversy is far removed from most of our experiences, and Columbia should not be judged by the actions of a few faculty members with a stated political agenda.

There are a number of issues at play in this story. The faculty zealously guards its view of academic freedom and its right to express controversial opinions without fear of reprisal. It is not clear if the incidents reported took place in the classroom. If outside the classroom, faculty members' opinions deserve the protection of academic freedom, though faculty members have a responsibility to the Columbia community, as well. In the classroom, there may be more rigorous analysis of the intent and effect of controversial statements.

Provost Alan Brinkley has stated that existing grievance procedures are inadequate. President Lee C. Bollinger has set up a committee to determine if any of the events reported took place in a classroom and to recommend appropriate grievance procedures if students feel intimidated.

The Alumni Association leadership has met with various alumni, deans, trustees and President Bollinger. We will follow up with alumni and the administration to ensure that Columbia continues to deserve our trust and support.

Bob Benne '60
NEW YORK CITY

[Editor's note: The writer is president of the Columbia College Alumni Association.]

Conflicts of Interest
As a volunteer alumni interviewer, I am concerned that Columbia’s response to serious academic problems is inadequate. Applicants I’ve interviewed were attracted by Columbia’s intellectual excitement, its New York locale and the opportunities for in-depth studies in various fields. But I have to wonder whether the attractions of a Columbia education might be overshadowed by the questionable activities of one department. As important as it is to determine the validity, or otherwise, of charges of student intimidation in the classroom, what is at stake for Columbia goes well beyond that.

Was it wise to conceal the identities of donors who obviously had an agenda? In light of all that has followed since the establishment of an institute with secret funds from (as subsequently revealed) the United Arab Emirates, a shadowy Saudi charity and a registered lobbyist for a terrorist organization, among others, greater transparency might have saved the University embarrassment. Granted, some donors have legitimate reasons for wishing to remain anonymous, but at the very least, an inquiry into possible conflicts of interest should have been made. These conflicts are by no means confined to one institute or department.

The same cautions should apply, for example, to corporate funding of university research that restricts publication of the results, or that defines protocols in ways designed to support claims of drug safety and efficacy. It’s easy to stand up for academic freedom in the classroom, though I doubt whether anyone teaching racism would get very far with that argument. We do, in fact, make judgments about the content of what is taught. But academic freedom also entails the responsibility of standing up to donors, whatever their agenda may be, and reporting research results impartially, fully and objectively. Does this risk losing the funding? Yes. But accepting agenda-tainted funding carries the far greater risk of corrupting academic quality.

The institution can live on its ‘brand name’ for a while, but eventually the damage to its reputation will affect ratings, donations, faculty recruitment and applicant quality. I sincerely hope real corrective action, not merely cosmetic reforms or inconsequential investigations, will be implemented soon.

Peter Miller '67
KANAGAWA, JAPAN

Taqiya
The column (January 2005) concerning Columbia’s investigation of an aura of
School spirit has been apparent in Levien Gym, where on the weekend following Glass House Rocks, students packed the house to cheer on the men's basketball team — coached by the charismatic Joe Jones — not against Penn or Princeton, rivals that traditionally draw capacity crowds, but against Yale and Brown. Though the Lions lost both games, the excitement in the building was memorable.

All sports can build enthusiasm among students, but basketball has advantages worth noting. It's a fast-paced, graceful game that's easy to understand and that can be enjoyed and appreciated on many levels. Many of us have played it at some point in our lives, so at least to some extent we can relate to the players. Levien Gym provides an intimate setting that puts spectators in close proximity to the action, where players' and coaches' emotions are in full view. The fact that the gym is in the middle of the Morningside campus is another plus.

"The word is getting out about the basketball team and how much fun it is to go to games," says Lillian Forsyth ’06 Barnard, one of the leaders of The 6th Man, a student fan dub formed this year. The 6th Man joins Jews for Jones, a support group that popped up last season, in helping to keep fans excited.

The Lions recently were featured on the front page of The New York Times' sports section, in a laudatory piece by columnist Ira Berkow headlined, "Columbia Coach Revives Winning Attitude." And the enthusiastic Jones, who sends campus-wide phone messages to students urging them to support the team and passed out T-shirts near the Sundial to promote Midnight Mania, deserves credit for energizing the basketball program with his infectious passion and intensity.

It's a far cry from two seasons ago, when Columbia was on its way to a 2-25 (0-14 Ivy) disaster that cost coach Armond Hill his job. But fans also need to be patient. After the Lions won six of their first seven games, their best start in 37 years (albeit against weak foes), at least one supporter started searching eBay for tickets to the NCAA Final Four. A dose of reality was administered by nationally ranked North Carolina State, which beat the Lions 84-74 in the Holiday Festival at Madison Square Garden, and a 77-47 thrashing at Cornell in the Lions' first Ivy road game drove the message home that, while improved, Columbia was not yet ready to challenge for the Ivy crown.

As this is being written, the Lions are 12-9 but face four of their six remaining games on the road. They likely will finish around .500, perhaps a bit above breakeven overall and below that mark in the Ivies. But the key word is patience.

Give Jones another year or two to recruit players, give student enthusiasm and support for the program more time to build, and then let's see what happens. It could be a lot of fun.
Krauss, Waldron Named University Professors

By Alex Sachare '71

Art history professor Rosalind Krauss and law professor Jeremy Waldron have been named University Professors, bringing to 11 the number of faculty members who hold Columbia's highest rank. The appointments recognize exceptional scholarly merit and distinguished service to Columbia. University Professors have the opportunity to teach in any Columbia department that they choose.

"Rosalind Krauss and Jeremy Waldron exemplify the outstanding scholarship and instructional leadership that characterizes Columbia University faculty," said President Lee C. Bollinger. "Rosalind’s scholarship has transformed the field of modern art criticism and further distinguishes Columbia’s art history programs. Jeremy is one of the world’s leading legal philosophers and is an exceptionally dedicated teacher. It is appropriate that they are recognized for their efforts to cultivate a new generation of scholars and to make Columbia a leading university for the study of art history and jurisprudence."

Krauss is the Meyer Schapiro Professor of Modern Art and Theory, director of the master’s program in modern art and a leading critical voice among modern art historians. She has taught at Columbia since 1992 and is the founder of the master’s program in critical and curatorial studies. She is the only woman among the 11 current University Professors and only the second woman to hold that rank, following Carolyn Bynum, who went to Princeton in 2002.


Krauss has served as visiting curator at such leading muse-
Jeremy Waldron, in classroom.

Jenny Davidson, assistant professor of English and comparative literature, has been teaching at Columbia since 1999. Born in London and raised in Philadelphia, Davidson earned her B.A. at Harvard-Radcliffe and Ph.D. at Yale. CCT caught up with her before she began her spring Jane Austen seminar to find out more.

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Q: What did you do during your sabbatical last year?

Q: What’s new in the English department?
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A: The library.

Q: If you were not teaching at Columbia, what would you most likely be doing?
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5 Minutes With ... JENNY DAVIDSON

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John Jay Awards Honor Four Distinguished Alumni

BY LISA PALLADINO

On Wednesday, March 2, the College honored four of its most accomplished alumni with John Jay Awards at a black-tie celebration in the Grand Ballroom of New York City’s Plaza Hotel. The 2005 honorees, selected for distinguished professional achievement, were Allison Butts ’64, Virginia W. Cornish ’91, Mark Kingdon ’71 and Fernando Ortiz Jr. ’79.

These alumni represent a range of careers: travel and real estate, teaching and research, finance, and U.N. peacekeeping, respectively.

The awards, named for the first chief justice of the United States and member of King’s College Class of 1764, are presented annually. Proceeds from the dinner support the John Jay National Scholarship Program, which provides financial aid and special programming for College students.

Butts, a 1968 graduate of the Law School and Business School, practiced corporate and international business law in New York and Paris with the New York-based firm Hughes Hubbard & Reed. While there, he took a leave of absence to manage Allard Lowenstein’s 1972 congressional campaign. Among Butts’ clients was Marriott Corp., whom he helped acquire cruise ship companies in Greece and Italy. Butts later joined Marriott as general counsel for development and helped spearhead its international expansion. Butts left Marriott and formed a small company that for several years advised the hotel and travel industry, representing financial institutions, developers, airlines and hotel companies in major transactions. He also led partnerships that developed, owned and operated hotels. In addition, Butts has advised several start-up technology companies, primarily in travel and education. He is co-founder and chairman of Next Wave, a New York-based travel software company, and five years ago launched a Tribeca fashion studio with designer Gary Graham.

Cornish earned her B.A. in biochemistry summa cum laude. As a senior, she was a research assistant in the chemistry department with Professor Ronald Breslow and was inducted into junior Phi Beta Kappa. In 1996, Cornish earned her Ph.D. in bio-organic chemistry from UC Berkeley, where she was a National Science Foundation Pre-Doctoral Fellow. There, she worked with Professor Peter Schultz, developing a new methodology for incorporating synthetic amino acids into proteins using the protein biosynthetic machinery. Cornish then moved to M.I.T., where she was a National Science Foundation Post-Doctoral Fellow. In January 1999, she joined Columbia’s chemistry department as an assistant professor; she was the first College alumna to be hired to a tenure-track faculty position. Cornish was promoted to associate professor in 2004. She won the Columbia College Women Alumni Achievement Award in 1999 and the Columbia College Young Alumni Achievement Award in 2001.

Kingdon is president of Kingdon Capital Management, the New York-based investment management firm that he founded in 1983. Kingdon previously worked for eight years at another investment firm, Century Capital Associates. He received a B.A. in economics and graduated Phi Beta Kappa; he was sports editor and features editor of Spectator. After he earned an M.B.A. from Harvard Business School in 1973, Kingdon was a pension fund administrator for American Telephone & Telegraph Co. from 1973-75. He serves on the University’s Board of Trustees and previously served on the College’s Board of Visitors. Kingdon is the 2003 recipient of the Institutional Investor/Alternative Investment News Lifetime Achievement Award.

Ortiz studied political science and Spanish literature at the College and was honored at his Class Day with the Charles H. Bjorkwall prize for unselfish service to the College community. He earned his master’s in Spain and attended NYU School of Law as a Root-Tilden National Merit Scholar. From 1982-84, Ortiz interned for a global think tank as a research fellow in the United Nations Institute for Training and Research and then worked for New York City in various legal department capacities. In 1999, Ortiz joined the United Nations Mission in Kosovo Department of Judicial Affairs as a judicial affairs officer. In Kosovo, he helped establish a local judicial system, including a Supreme Court, five district courts, and a municipal and commercial court. In 2000, Ortiz officially began working in the United Nations Secretariat as legal officer to the Department of Peacekeeping Operations. He collaborates with senior management at headquarters and across 15 missions to develop mission-level policy and strategy and frequently travels to the mission areas of peacekeeping operations to conduct pre-deployment and induction training on military and police doctrine. Ortiz helped launch the Latino Mentor Program at the College and was the first to hold the title of v.p. of Columbia College Alumni Association-Alumni Outreach; he received Columbia’s 2004 Latino Heritage Award.

Look for photos from the John Jay Awards Dinner in the May issue of CCT.
Long-Time Dean of Students Roger Lehecka ’67 Retires

Roger Lehecka ’67, ’74 GSAS, hailed by President Lee C. Bollinger as "someone who defines Columbia," has retired after serving the College and University for more than 30 years in a variety of positions, including two decades as the College’s dean of students. Lehecka will continue to administer scholarship programs for several clients, including The New York Times, an opportunity “that fits into my career in a way that makes me very, very happy.”

Several hundred alumni representing classes from the 1940s to the 2000s joined students, faculty, family and friends at a farewell celebration in Lehecka’s honor in Low Library on February 7. Janet Frankston ’95 and David Kansas ’90 announced the formation of an endowment in Lehecka’s name — Frankston called it “a living legacy” — that will enable one College student who otherwise could not afford it to take an unpaid internship in the summer following his or her junior year.

Lehecka received a master’s in education from Harvard in 1968, joined the College dean’s office in 1975 and was dean of students from 1979–98, when he became director of alumni programs and special adviser to the dean. He later served as executive director of the Columbia250 celebration. Lehecka was the College’s third dean of students, following Nicholas McD. McKnight ’21 and Henry S. Coleman ’46; Lehecka was succeeded by Dean of Student Affairs Chris Colombo in a restructured office that also oversees admissions and financial aid for the College and SEAS.

One of his first priorities as dean of students was to increase the College’s graduation rate, which climbed from 75 percent to 90 percent within just a few years. Additionally, he was among the founders of the Double Discovery Center, the National Opportunity Program and the Alumni of Color Outreach Program, and he helped the College transition to a coeducational institution in 1983, which he calls the “single happiest decision” made during his tenure.

At the retirement party, Bollinger described Lehecka as a “lovable, intellectual, spiritual community person. He’s a person who lives in the world of ideas and also someone who cares deeply about social issues, about people and about his community.” Dean Austin Quigley noted that Lehecka’s style in dealing with students was to guide and not to govern, and to “be there when they needed you.”

Other speakers at the party included Denise De Las Nueces ’03, her class’ salutatorian, who benefited from the Double Discovery Center as a high school student and remained active in the program after coming to Columbia as one of the first New York Times scholars; U.S. District Court Judge Joseph A. Greenaway Jr. ’78, who helped form the Black Alumni Council with Lehecka’s assistance; and music professor Elaine Sisman, who called Lehecka “one of my heroes ... who represents the core values of this institution.”

One of Lehecka’s strengths was the vast number of personal relationships he formed and maintained with College alumni. “One of the great joys of being at Columbia as long as I have been,” said Lehecka, “is to see students grow and become colleagues and friends.”

Greenaway got a laugh from the audience when he described sitting down with Lehecka to get the Black Alumni Council going. “I discovered that Roger knew everyone — and I mean everyone!” Greenaway declared. “I’m proud and happy that our relationship went from teacher to mentor to friend. Thank you for devoting your life to Columbia.”

Other alumni recalled Lehecka as an accessible administrator and a tireless advocate for undergraduate needs, ranging from residential life to pre-professional advice. In an interview with Spectator, Brian Krisberg ’81, ’84L, first v.p. of the Columbia College Alumni Association, described Lehecka as “the most giving and selfless administrator I ever saw.”

Jeremy Feinberg ‘92 remembers Lehecka as being “incredibly friendly, helpful to and supportive of the managing board of Spectator. I fondly remember eating home-cooked vegetarian chili at his residence with the other Spectator editors and discussing a number of issues that were percolating around campus at the time.”

Though Lehecka notes that retirement will allow him more time to spend with his family, he plans to remain on the boards of Columbia Community Service, the Columbia Club of New York, the Double Discovery Center and several scholarship programs that he administers. Lehecka’s wife, Ria Coyne ’84 Barnard, ’85 GSAS, noted, “What Roger has always liked most about his job is his connection to the students, and working on these scholarships will give him a chance to maintain that connection.”

Funds are still being collected for the endowment in Lehecka’s honor, for which $100,000 already has been raised, according to Frankston and Kansas.

Several hundred Columbians filled Low Library Rotunda on February 7 for Roger Lehecka ’67’s retirement party.

PHOTO: EILEEN BARROSO

MARCH 2005
CCE Launches Summer Internship Program With Alumni

The Center for Career Education has launched a new summer internship program for sophomores and juniors and is seeking alumni or other employers who would be willing to offer paid, project-based, 10-12 week summer internships with a designated supervisor/mentor for each intern.

Anthony Ives, director of experiential education and student enterprises at CCE, described the program as "a response to the ever-growing need to help students find well-structured, paid internships. Today's students are more focused than ever on what internships are available. That's why we are looking for alumni who will sponsor positive, paid summer internships."

Sixty-six students attended two days of intensive professional development seminars in January and received training in leadership and communications skills, such as interviewing techniques, resume building and personal marketing. CCE will continue to provide support for these students in the spring as they apply for and secure internships. There also will be follow-up throughout the summer and into the fall to help them get the most out of the internships.

Ives noted that this training should make Columbia students more attractive to prospective employers. Employers who participate in the internship program will be helping the students develop the experience and competencies necessary to be successful in their professional careers. The program also will give employers increased visibility at Columbia and enable them to develop strategic relationships with students, faculty and others on campus.

Alumni or other employers interested in participating in this program, or needing additional information, should contact Ives: 212-854-0799 or aji2102@columbia.edu.

Alex Sachare '77

IN MEMORIAM

James Milligan, Law School admissions dean for the J.D. program and a 25-year member of the Law School administration, died on January 7. Milligan, who previously served as admissions director, received his undergraduate degree from Holy Cross in 1970 and his Ed.D. from Teachers College in 1982.

During his time at the Law School, Milligan witnessed a dramatic rise in the number of applications. In the academic year 2003-04, for example, the school received more than 8,350 applications for 375 places. Milligan read a sizeable portion of the application files and all of the admitted students' files.

He was active in the national Law School Admission Council and served on its Board of Trustees. From its founding in 1988 until 2000, Milligan was on the Board of Directors at Columbia University Community Impact. From 1991-99, he served on the Lawyer’s Disciplinary Committee of the New York State Supreme Court, Appellate Division, First Judicial Department. And from 1993 until his death, Milligan acted on behalf of the Advisory Committee of the Klingenstein Center, which works to enhance the quality of independent school education domestically and abroad. Milligan previously served on the regional selection panel of the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation.

He is survived by his wife, Karen Blank, dean of studies at Barnard, and his son, Ned '04.

TRANSITIONS

Paul Staller has joined the Alumni Office as an assistant director of the Columbia College Fund. A graduate of Cornell, Staller most recently was a desktop publishing operator at Berlitz GlobalNet.

Florence Grant, known to many as "Flo in Low," has retired after 44 years at Columbia. She has been a member of the public safety department since 1978 and previously worked in several other offices, including those of the controller, the general counsel and the v.p for finance.

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APPLICATIONS: Columbia has set a record for undergraduate applications for the 10th consecutive year, receiving more than 18,000 applications for the College and SEAS Classes of 2009, about 1,000 more than last year.

Applications to the College increased by 4.8 percent, with 15,730 applications received for just more than 1,000 places in the Class of 2009, up from 15,004 a year ago.

Early decision applications also reached a record high at 1,891, of which 438 were admitted — 44 percent of the entering class, roughly the same percentage as recent years.

The Engineering School had a 15 percent increase in applications for a total of 2,570. Early decision applicants also set a record with 265, of whom 132 were admitted, 43 percent of the entering class.

Students admitted early decision represent 43 states and 25 foreign countries.

BROOK: The Columbia University Arts Initiative has awarded renowned director Peter Brook a residency with his company, the International Center of Theatre Creation. The troupe’s month-long stay will culminate in the U.S. premiere of Tierno Bokar on March 30. Tierno Bokar is a theatrical exploration of the power of tolerance, which President Lee C. Bollinger has said “exemplifies the unique power of artistic expression to illuminate the most enduring social questions of our times.”

The company aims to engage students, faculty and the community in an ongoing dialogue about the play’s themes. The group will work closely with the Harlem Arts Alliance and a variety of academic and cultural activities related to the play are planned. To facilitate the performances, Barnard will transform LeFrak Gymnasium into a 500-seat theater.

Having established his reputation in the 1960s at the Royal Shakespeare Company, Brook is known as a leading director of Shakespeare; he also has written numerous books and worked in opera and film. Tierno Bokar, named for a Sufi mystic embroiled in a dispute between rival religious factions in 1930s French-ruled Africa, will run at Columbia from March 30–April 26; tickets are available through the Miller Theatre Box Office or Telecharge.com.

CCW AWARD: Columbia College Women will honor Dina Kotkin Feivelson ’91 with its annual Alumna Achievement Award at a reception in Alfred Lerner Hall on March 30. Feivelson, who is battling multiple myeloma, an incurable blood cancer, has been a volunteer peer counselor and fund raiser for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society for more than two years. She also travels the country meeting with patients, doctors and pharmaceutical companies on behalf of the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation, where she serves as a mentor.

COLLOQUIUM: Columbia hosted the first Global Colloquium of University Presidents, chaired by United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan, on January 18–19. Designed to address international public policy issues, the colloquium featured a lecture by U.N. Global Commission on International Migration co-chair Jan. O. Karlsson as well as question-and-answer and discussion sessions. More than 40 leaders from major U.S. universities attended and discussed issues of global migration and academic freedom.

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Psychiatry and Neurology, From Paris to Rikers Island

By Alan Rainess '57

When I matriculated at Columbia in 1953, giants walked the brick pathways of Morningside Heights. Moses Hadas taught freshman Humanities, John Herman Randall '18 taught the “History of Philosophy,” Charles Frankel taught philosophy and Michel Rifatette taught a seminar on French drama. What I learned then formed the foundations of how I think today. But then I was a pre-med who was wet behind the ears, wondering why uncovering the meaning of life had to include mastering the anatomy of the fetal pig.

I entered medical school in Paris, much taken with the readings I had done in my Columbia French classes. There was no tuition in France, which made Paris a magnet for students from all over the world. I made the rounds, taking the prescribed clinical rotations in hospitals around the city. I studied neurology at the Salpetriere, where Freud attended Charcot’s lectures. My psychiatry professor was Jean Delay of the French Academy, whose discovery of the use of chlorpromazine opened the era of biological psychiatry.

I returned to New York and began seeing Maree, a head nurse at New York Hospital, whom I met while I was an undergraduate and she was a student at Saint Luke’s School of Nursing. In those years, the doctor draft was a reality. I was called in January 1967 and sent to Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio for indoctrination as a military doctor. My first assignment was to the U.S. Army Hospital in Heidelberg, Germany. Maree and I married in Switzerland in 1968.

In Germany, I treated soldiers who had been drafted from all over the country. Some were remarkably young and unworldly. There were old veterans too, some of whom had fought in Korea and World War II. I met men who had survived Normandy, battles in the Pacific and battles with Jim Beam.

During 23 years as a military physician, I held administrative and clinical positions in Texas, Alabama, Arizona and Washington. I practiced psychiatry and neurology and held faculty appointments in both specialties. I was elected president of the Uniformed Services Society of Neurologists as well as a distinguished Life Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association.

I retired from the Air Force in 1994 as a colonel. Interested in a new career, I began working at the Manhattan Psychiatric Center on Ward’s Island. Shortly after I arrived, an escapee pushed a woman onto the subway tracks. There had been escapes throughout the years, but this one made it clear that drastic changes in the prison system were needed. All civil admissions were stopped, but paradoxically forensic transfers continued. The result was a shift in patient demographics from elderly, chronic patients to a younger, violent, criminal population, and a new treatment program had to be created. I was asked to step in as clinical director, but after two years, I returned to patient care, having had enough of conflicting interests.

After I retired from New York State in 2002, I remained interested in the psychiatric treatment of patients in jail. I decided to explore the subject of correctional psychiatry and was offered a job at Rikers Island.

There are 10 jails at Riker’s Island, housing up to 16,000 inmates. I work in the Otis Bantum Correctional Center. Some inmates are confined to cells that they may leave only for an hour a day. It has been called “a jail within a jail” because it is where inmates are sent after committing crimes in less restrictive Riker’s housing.

On the whole, my patients are glad to see me. I try to help them reconstruct their autobiographies. It is salutary for them to listen to their words and see currents and themes connecting isolated experiences.

Most of my patients have been dependent on street drugs. Some have committed violent felonies. Some are sexual offenders. Some are murderers. Some are masters of deceit. Others are of limited intelligence. Not long ago, I asked a man in his 20s charged with two murders how he came to be a hardened criminal. He said: “When you’re raised with wolves, you become like them.” Most of the inmates are raised by one female parent — their mother or grandmother — and say the women don’t know how to raise boys. They are given too much freedom. I ask them if their sisters are criminals, too. They say no. The sisters are clerks, health aides, even corrections officers. I discovered that often the successful siblings have different fathers, and usually, my patients are the offspring of a particularly disliked partner. Their mothers say to them, “You’re just like your father. You look like him. You act like him.”

The Correctional Punitive Segregation Unit is not the place to practice insight-oriented psychotherapy; these patients have never met anyone like me. I provide a novel form of identification for them — a new ego ideal. But, as Freud said, first comes the transformation. It is important to maintain objectivity and to remember during psychotherapy that the patients’ behavior and demeanor with me is no doubt different from that prior to their incarceration.

I have witnessed the closing of many mental hospitals and the failure to provide community-based alternative care. The result has been the conversion of the prison system into de facto mental institutions. When I became a psychiatrist, psychoanalysis ruled. While both patients and psychiatrists were being psychoanalyzed — including me — I always was fascinated by the patients. I still love to listen to them and to try to see what they were searching for in their starless winter nights.

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Min Makes Her Mark

Under Janice Min ’90, Us Weekly has become a saucy, fun read — and Advertising Age’s 2004 magazine of the year.

By Sarah Lorge Butler ’95

“...It’s important to me to put my imprint on every story.”

A ctress Cameron Diaz slugged a photographer and absconded with his camera, and thanks to Us Weekly’s November 22 issue, the world learned all about it — and saw pictures that proved it. The day the magazine hits newsstands, Us’s staffers have plenty to talk about as they file into a conference room at their midtown New York office to review the lineup for the next issue. Managing editor Jon Kline technically runs the meeting, but it’s editor-in-chief Janice Min ’90 who presides over the gathering.

Min begins by asking if everyone has seen page three of the New York Post. The Post bought the Diaz meltdown photos from Us, giving an extra dose of exposure to the already much-talked-about weekly. Then this update: Not only has the camera in question been recovered, but the images, presumably showing a furious Diaz coming at the cameraman, are intact. The staff — mostly black-clad, mostly young, mostly female, mirroring the magazine’s readership — is buzzing. For a publication centered on celebrities and their lives, from the ridiculous to the sublime, Diaz caught on camera is big news. Or, as Us Weekly classifies it, Hot Stuff.

Talk turns to the upcoming issue. Kline asks reporters for updates; they direct their answers to Min. The features will cover a party hosted by Tori Spelling and TV’s fall hunks, along with coverage of J. Lo, Britney, Ben, Gwyneth and...
Jessica Simpson. Then Min raises the topic that everyone's been waiting to discuss: how best to follow up on the article "Cameron's Crazy Fight!" Ideas start flying, and the team, including Min, is laughing at the possibilities. A montage of celebrities attacking photographers? A pictoral history of Diaz's past encounters with the paparazzi? Min quickly makes a decision: "OK, let's see all the Cameron freak-out photos." The writers and editors retreat to the newsroom to begin, once again, the demanding process of creating a weekly magazine for an audience of more than six million. Under Min's leadership, they clearly are enjoying themselves. Says one staffer of the camaraderie: "It sort of has a homeroom feel to it."

Min, 35, landed at Us as executive editor to then-head honcho Bonnie Fuller in March 2002 after working at several publications, most notably People. As Us's second-in-command, Min had been intimately involved in producing the magazine for more than a year, but she was as surprised as anyone to find herself atop the masthead in 2003. That June, she and her husband, Peter Sheehy '90, were vacationing in Tuscany. One evening, as they ate dinner in a small restaurant, a waiter approached their table to tell Min she had a phone call. "Our hearts dropped to our stomachs," Sheehy recalls, as they steered themselves for bad news. Instead, on the line was Jann Wenner, chairman of Wenner Media, which owns Us and flagship publication Rolling Stone. He told a shocked Min that Fuller had quit to go to tabloid publisher American Media (one of Us's competitors), and he offered Min the job. "She came back to the table, and there was no color in her face," Sheehy remembers.

"My initial reaction was, 'I feel sick,'" says Min. "I wasn't sure I wanted it. I had reservations, but when it came down to it, I thought, 'I've been kind of doing it all along anyway.' I felt that the work part was going to be the easy part. The hard part was going to be the scrutiny."

She was right about the scrutiny. Fuller had revamped Us and created a splashy success; her sudden departure generated considerable ink. An article in The New York Times quoted an anonymous Us staff member as wondering if Fuller "might have taken her magic touch with her," and Daily Variety wrote, "The question is whether Min can pull it off without Fuller's experience and adrenaline." Not everyone at the magazine, however, was worried. "There was a lot of relief when Janice took over," maintains executive editor Ken Baker '94J. "She knew the magazine, she knew how to do it and she had been putting it together."

Baker's confidence proved prescient. Under Min's leadership, Us Weekly's readership has grown by 22 percent and ad pages by 28 percent, according to industry monitoring sources. Newsstand sales show the most dramatic gains: During the Fuller era, the magazine averaged 507,000 weekly copies sold; that number has since risen to nearly 851,000. Readers are young and affluent, with a median household income of more than $72,000. In October, the industry publication Advertising Age named Us Weekly its 2004 magazine of the year.

The pastel-laden Us Weekly oozes exclamation points and titillating headlines, such as "Ashley's Older Man!" or "J. Lo Talks to Us: I'm Ready for a Baby!" The magazine uses specific terminology: Jewelry is "bling," and couples don't divorce, they "split."

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Photos dominate the pages, depicting stars in any setting: going on vacation, attending the Oscars or fumbling for their car keys.

While *Us*'s unmistakable format was created while Fuller helmed the magazine, Min has put her mark on it. "You can't be a caretaker on any living magazine," says Fuller of her former deputy. "Yes, the format was established, the formula was working. But Janice is doing an excellent job."

To create a magazine that is smart, saucy (Baker’s word) and tongue-in-cheek (Sheehy’s assessment) week after week, Min keeps a close eye on details, including headlines and photo captions. "It’s important to me to put my imprint on every story," she says.

Min says that *Us* is focused on a young audience with a distinct sensibility. "I know sophisticated people who still like to read about celebrities," Min says. "They want stories to be funny, well-written and informative." Min cites a friend at Harvard Business School who tells her that those students love the magazine. "I think it is an incorrect assessment that educated people aren’t interested in celebrities," Min notes. "They love the diversion and the entertainment value."

The mixture of celebrities looking both fabulous and ordinary can be addictive, and editors try to keep readers hanging. In November, Jessica Simpson graced the cover for three consecutive weeks. "Weekly journalism is like a soap opera, and the stars are the celebrities we cover," Baker says. "Every week, it’s a new episode. In the old days, it was an unwritten rule that you couldn’t put the same person on the cover for 6-12 months. Well, who says you can’t?"

The follow-up to the Diaz scuffle pondered, in a two-page spread, how her outburst affected her relationship with boyfriend Justin Timberlake. It was accompanied by three sidebars, including one headlined “Cameron Flips for the Camera,” a series of three shots depicting Diaz on separate occasions extending her middle finger to photographers. But all the silliness that *Us* promotes shouldn’t obscure the solid reporting behind each issue. "We’ve been able to bring a sense of journalism to celebrity news," Min says. "It’s the first time anyone’s really done it. I’m proud that we’ve broken almost every big celebrity story [in 2004]: for example, J. Lo and Ben breaking up, twice, and J. Lo getting married. It’s great reporters covering their beats, working sources. No one is calling us and giving us this information."

Min’s ascent is due in large part to her sense of what resonates with readers. *Us* closes production on Monday, and Min focuses much of her energy on the cover. As each Monday begins, she and three executive editors have three possible cover stories in the works. They debate and tinker throughout the day, deciding which feature will be most compelling. It can be as late as 7 p.m. (the magazine is usually put to bed by midnight) before the cover is decided.

Min, her staff says, will poll everyone — her assistant, her writers, her friends and subscribers via the Internet — for their opinions on various celebrities, but she often surprises them with her instincts for the hot story. Executive editor Nic McCarthy recalls one Monday when the news came in that Ben Affleck and Jennifer Garner were dating. "I remember Janice saying, ‘That’s it, that’s the cover,’" McCarthy says. "I wasn’t convinced yet. It was literally the minute it came in, and Janice was definitely. And it was one of the year’s best-selling issues." Baker remembers a similar experience when Min decided to feature Simpson and her husband, Nick Lachey, for the first time; that issue became one of the top five sellers.

"This is an unusual form of magazine publishing," says Kent Brownridge, general manager of Wenner Media and Min’s boss. "It’s an art to produce a magazine for this audience; it’s hard, and beyond fast-paced. You don’t have time to sit around and wring your hands; you just do it. Then when you’re done, you need to do the next one."

Min’s sense hasn’t been perfect; she’ll admit to mistakes, such as a cover that featured Martha Stewart after she was convicted. Stewart is simply too old to connect with *Us*’s readership. "There are times when I’ve ruled against what seemed to be the right decision and had enormous success on the cover," Min says. "Other times, I ruled against everyone and did not have enormous success." The newstand sales figures show up a week after publication, so Min gets immediate feedback. She’s disappointed when a cover doesn’t sell well. "Janice is really competitive," Brownridge says. "She likes to win."

As determined as she is now, Min says she wasn’t looking to win any academic awards at Columbia. It was New York that drew her to the College and its diversity that she loved. Min was raised in Littleton, Colo., about a mile from Columbine High School (though she did not attend it) and says that media portrayals of a homogenous community there were accurate. "The education I had my first 12 years of school couldn’t compare to the social — and I don’t just mean going out — experience of Columbia," Min says. "It was an education in itself."

Min loved Kenneth Jackson’s "History of New York City" class and her Lit Hum section, but she was not a stellar student. She and Sheehy, who married in 1997, met during junior year, when they lived next door to each other in Wallach. They began dating as seniors and studied together for history classes. "If there was a test, I’d say, ‘OK, these are the three things we need to know,’ "
Min recalls. “He’d read the whole book 10 times over.” Sheehy is forever teasing her when she says they were both history majors, reminding her, “No, you were a history concentration.”

But Min’s friends aren’t surprised by her success — or that she’s heading a magazine with a focus on pop culture and fashion. These days, she favors Prada, but even at Columbia, Min’s fashion sense stood out. “She always had cute little bags that went with her shoes, and she wore miniskirts,” says Sarah Church ’90. “We were unlikely friends, because I was more of a hippie type and she always wore lipstick.”

Since high school, Min wanted to pursue a career in journalism, another reason to attend college in New York. She interned one summer at what was then the MacNeil/Lehrer NewsHour, and in her senior year, she was accepted to the Journalism School, from which she graduated in 1991.

Min’s first job was at a Gannett-owned daily in Westchester County, where she covered the police beat as well as school board and planning committee meetings before becoming a features writer. From there, she made the leap to People as a staff writer. Min worked her way up to senior editor, in charge of such beats as Princess Diana, JFK Jr., parties and animals. (The magazine’s “Hero Pets” fell under Min’s purview.) As Sheehy earned a Ph.D. in history from the University of Virginia, Min was his merciless dissertation editor. “Janice does not like academic prose,” he says. “I had to be careful that she didn’t put in too many puns.”

In 1997, the year Princess Diana died, Min wrote or edited at least 20 People cover stories, an amazing show of stamina and speed. She also did stints at Life and In Style before Fuller lured her to Us, which was notorious at the time for its late closes.

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Min has grown the magazine without alienating her staff, mindful that not everyone shares her endurance. “I think all editors have a compulsion to keep trying to make their magazine better until the last minute,” she says. “But I try to respect people’s time. I realize that even though everyone who works here seems to enjoy it, they also need to have lives. You reach a certain point of diminishing returns when you start to change things too much in the magazine. ‘Will it matter to the reader if I change this picture? Will it matter to the reader if I change this caption?’ These are the questions I weigh on a close night all the time.”

Min’s focus on her employees — it’s as much about them as it is about Us — has earned her loyalty from the rank and file and kudos from the executive suite. “Her staff loves her,” Brownridge says. “And you forget how young she is. She’s just extremely good. Which isn’t to say you have to be old to be good, but after you work with somebody, you know them so well, you just forget everything. I just think of her as Janice. And she’s one of very few people in the country who are really good at this.”

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Dan Harris ’01 Begins an Amazing Career

BY CLAIRE LUI ’00

"Amazing" is a word that pops up a lot in conversation with screenwriter and director Dan Harris ’01. Getting to work with Woody Allen during his first week at college? “Amazing.” Discovering he lived one block away from his writing partner in sprawling L.A.? “Amazing.” Showing his short film at Sundance in front of John Waters and Robert Redford at 22? “Amazing.” Writing X2, the sequel to X-Men, a year later? “Amazing.” Casting Sigourney Weaver in his first full-length feature film, which he wrote and directed at 23? “Amazing.”

And who can blame him? Barely four years out of school, Harris is having the sort of success that only Hollywood could dream up. He’s co-writing the new installment of Superman (already having made his mark in superhero movies by co-writing X2,) and his first solo feature, Imaginary Heroes, starring Weaver, Jeff Daniels and Emile Hirsch, was released last month. The film had an early, limited release in December, though, because of the buzz around Weaver’s performance.

Harris arrived at Columbia without any film aspirations. Coming from a small town in Pennsylvania,
he says, “I never thought I wanted to make movies because it wasn’t something that I thought was possible. It wasn’t even something that crossed my mind. It was too big a dream.” He came to Columbia with other dreams, thinking he might want to be a painter, a photographer or a writer. Landing a job as a production assistant on the set of Woody Allen’s Celebrity during his first week of college, Harris had a revelation: “I realized I could do all those things. It’s called being a movie director. I decided right then that this was what I wanted to do for the rest of my life.”

By his sophomore year, Harris thought he was ready to start making his own films. Interning for producer Scott Rudin the previous summer helped clarify his thinking. “It was a great experience because it made me realize I don’t want to be a producer,” notes Harris. “I like to tell stories. It made me realize I didn’t want to be Scott Rudin; I wanted to be Woody Allen.”

So Harris raised $4,000 from family and friends and made a seven-minute film. The next summer, he raised $50,000 to make his second film, the 20-minute Urban Chaos Theory, which won a prize at the No Dance Film Festival.

Despite that recognition, Harris knew he had overspent. After graduating from the College as a film major, he was determined to make another film, but on a much smaller budget. Knowing that most investors had not recouped their money from Urban Chaos Theory, Harris describes his financing effort for his next film as an act of desperation: “I sat in my house in L.A. and said, ‘How can I make a short film for less than $50,000, for less than $4,000?’” Scouring for cheap film stock, calling in favors from actors and cameramen and shooting in his house, Harris made The Killing of Candice Klein, which he describes as “a morbid musical about Vietnam and death and alcoholism,” for less than $1,000. It was accepted at Sundance in 2002.

Harris turned to scriptwriting because he needed something to direct. “You want to be a director and you want to make short films, but short films aren’t going to fall into your lap. You need to write them. So I became a writer to facilitate becoming a director,” he says. Crediting Professor David McKenna’s scriptwriting class as “hugely influential,” Harris wrote a number of scripts, including America’s Least Wanted, which won the Louis Sudler prize in the arts at Columbia in 2001, and another, Imaginary Heroes, which he started shopping around town. By 2002 at Sundance, Harris was seen as one to watch. Managing to get the script to a number of people, including Weaver’s agent and director Bryan Singer, Harris landed two deals from his script. First, he got a commitment from Weaver to star in the film, and second, he received an offer from Singer to try his hand at writing X2.

Harris’ writing partner on X2 and other projects is NYU alumnus Mike Dougherty. They met in New York in 2000 at a party following the final performance of Cats. Remembering the surreal scene, Harris says: “The party was half-filled with theatre elite like Cameron Macintosh and Andrew Lloyd Weber, and the other half was Cats super-fans, people who dressed as Rum Tum Tugger and their favorite characters. Mike and I were on the outside, thinking, ‘How did we end up here?’”

It was a wacky meeting, suitable for the pair, who have written a number of comic book adaptations together, including X2 and their current project, Superman. Dougherty says their shared sense of the ridiculous is a reason why their partnership works: “Dan has a knack for twisted, offbeat humor, on the page and in real life, and that’s a big reason that we hit it off.” Before writing X2, the pair sold a horror movie, a spin-off of Urban Legends, and Singer, knowing the two sometimes wrote together, reunited them for X2.

X2’s ensemble cast features Ian McKellen, Patrick Stewart, Hugh Jackman and Halle Berry. For some movies, a script is rewritten by several teams of writers before going to the director. In the case of X2, Harris and Dougherty flew to Vancouver, where the movie was filmed, and lived there for a year, on call every day for script changes. “It’s a unique experience to be in your first real job, a young kid just a year out of college,” says Harris, “and knocking on major stars’ trailers and bowing to them and saying, ‘I’m sorry Ian, uh, Sir Ian, the scene is changed, and here’s your new dialogue, and we’re shooting in 20 minutes.’”

Singer, the director of X2 and of the upcoming Superman, is honest about demands he makes of the young writers. He recalls one instance where he held up filming for 2½ hours, insisting on immediate rewrites from Harris and Dougherty in front of 200 cast and crew members, only to decide to return to the original script as written. It’s this kind of devotion to the finished product that Singer admires in Harris and Dougherty. “They were dedicated to the movie, not to their fee,” says Singer. “That’s something a lot of writers in this town don’t do.”
B y the time Harris was finished with X2, his agents had put together financing for *Imaginary Heroes*. He was back in the director's chair, but this time with a $10 million budget and a cast of A-list stars. A dark comedy about a family coping with the aftermath of a son's suicide, the movie blends offbeat humor and poignant revelation. Weaver plays an earthy mom whose unusual ways of dealing with the tragedy — one funny scene has her alternating between smoking marijuana and tobacco before passing out on her lawn — are a sharp contrast to those of her husband, played by Daniels, who responds by becoming detached and ignoring their other two children.

Though Harris describes the film as a comedy, albeit a dark one, the undercurrent of secrets and lies makes it an often-disquieting family saga. Kip Pardue, who plays the son who commits suicide, points out that although the audience might be unnerved by the long, deliberate exposition, the uncomfortable family sequences “are really the elephants in the living room that the family is unwilling to discuss.” Daniels, a real-life parent, adds, “There are thousands of parenting books, yet none of them will help you. [As a parent] you’re winging it and you’re doing the best you can. In this family’s case, all of their inadequacies rear their ugly heads.”

Harris talks about the movie as a way of capturing part of his past. “Growing up in Pennsylvania had a huge impact on me, and I wanted to tell that story without telling that story,” he says. “I wanted to tell what it felt like to grow up at that place at that moment. I experienced tragedy, and I wanted not

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**Columbia in Comics**

D an Harris ’01 is writing *Superman*, but he’s not the only connection that Columbia has to caped crusaders. You might have spotted the Columbia campus in *Spider-Man* and *Spider-Man 2*, as well as seen Peter Cincotti ’05 playing a tune during the black-tie gala in the second movie, but there’s more.

Columbia has a long history of popping up between the pows, wham and zowies, according to Peter Sanderson ’73, a comic historian, former Marvel editor and comics critic on www.filmforce.ign.com. He wrote *The Official Handbook of the Marvel Universe*, coproduced the documentary *Sex, Lies and Superheroes* and teaches a comics history class at NYU.

“Comics in America always have had the reputation of being junk for kids,” says Sanderson. “But right now, comics are getting a lot more publicity thanks to movies and a reaching of critical mass in terms of comics being taken seriously.”

Sanderson notes that academics have long ignored comic books as a field for serious study, and comic books returned the favor, sending their characters to vague fictional universities in Gotham and Metropolis. Nevertheless, Columbia has managed to sneak into a number of superhero storylines.

**FICTIONAL CHARACTERS**

Though it’s not specifically mentioned in any of the comic books, Connors, a Columbia professor in *Spider-Man 2*, is the alter-ego of the villainous Lizard.

In Marvel’s *Daredevil* series, Daredevil, aka Matt Murdock, goes to Columbia and meets his best friend, Franklin “Foggy” Nelson, there. He also meets a woman who becomes his girlfriend (and who is a comic book heroine in her own right), Elektra Natchios, at school.

Elektra, a feisty Columbia alumna, becomes one of the world’s most dangerous assassins and was given her own series. The movie adaptation, starring Jennifer Garner, was released on January 14.

**REAL-LIFE ALUMNI**

Jerry Robinson, a noted artist from the golden age of comics, attended Columbia for two years in the late 1930s while working for Bob Kane, creator of Batman. Robinson started by inking Kane’s Batman stories and went on to create the Joker and Batman’s sidekick, Robin.

Harris, in addition to his screenwriting credits for *Superman*, X2 and uncredited drafts of *Fantastic Four*, is writing a year’s worth of the *Ultimate X-Men* comic books with his writing partner, Mike Dougherty, and director Bryan Singer.

Anna Paquin and Famke Janssen, both of whom attended Columbia, played Rogue and Dr. Jean Grey, respectively, in *X-Men* and X2.
to tell that story but instead to capture it by telling somebody else’s story.” He describes the movie: “it’s like a soup, a melting pot of experiences. It’s the archetypal experiences in your life turned into someone else’s story.”

Though Imaginary Heroes is a realistic story and X2 is about superhero mutants, Harris drew on his personal experiences for both. “There are a lot of things in X-Men, believe it or not, that I’ve witnessed,” he says. In X2, his connection is “a sense of what it felt like to be an outsider, to feel repressed by a world that doesn’t understand you. For everyone else, it might be a story about people with superpowers, but for me, it’s a human story about a general who wants revenge.”

Coming to the Imaginary Heroes set with such a strong vision of the film made directing easy for Harris, though he says he was “in way over my head” on the first day. His anxiety went unnoticed by the actors. Daniels says, “He looks 12 — that was a little disconcerting. But you listen to him talk about your take on your character and you realize you’re in good hands.”

Harris chalks this up to his directing philosophy: “The first rule is to project confidence. When Sigourney Weaver asks me a question about her performance, I give an answer. I commit to it. I might change my mind, fine, but I do it in a straightforward way that makes everyone feel that I know what I’m doing. Some days it’s true. And some days it’s not. I’m just there and I’m overwhelmed, but the No. 1 rule is to give off a sense that you know what you’re doing. Otherwise, everything else will fall apart, people won’t trust you and actors won’t trust their performances. Movies fall apart all the time for first-time directors because on the bad days, they don’t know how to turn that around and use it for their advantage.”

Pardue describes Harris as the “picture of authority on the set,” crediting his low-key manner to the filming’s success. Pardue comments that the script was “one of the most beautiful I have read,” and was worried that he would be disappointed by meeting Harris in real life, only to be surprised by Harris’ calm, humble demeanor. “People in my generation tend to think they’re the greatest thing,” Pardue says, “but he really is.”

Harris tries to fight the temptation to read reviews, but admits to getting worked up over what critics say. Yet it’s what the average viewer, not the critics, think that affects him the most. Remembering an early screening of Imaginary Heroes for friends and family, Harris describes how he walked out of the film and passed the wife of the screening room owner at the back of the theater; she was crying. Seeing Harris, she said, “Oh, wasn’t that a great movie?” Harris reacted with pleasure, thanking her profusely. Confused, the woman said, “Why? Did you work on it?” Smiling at the memory, Harris imitates himself, saying in a small voice, “I wrote it and I directed it.”

With Superman coming out it 2006, another planned collaboration with Dougherty and Singer on Logan’s Run and a half-finished script for his next directing project, Harris says, “I just want to be a filmmaker who makes a film every two years that affects people. I don’t need to become an important filmmaker or to make a huge amount of money. I want to be like Peter Weir, who takes his time and makes stories, not concepts, and jumps from genre to genre. I love horror movies, I love romantic comedies, I love thrillers.”

Describing his next possible directing/script project as a kind of “’80s Spielberg film,” a science fiction movie that’s also a human drama, Harris is clearly at the start of a big career. Amazing.

Claire Lui ’00 is a writer based in Queens. She has written about books and the arts for Entertainment Weekly, the San Francisco Chronicle and Print. Her last article for CCT was about political cartoonist R.J. Matson ’85.
[Editor’s note: The November issue erroneously listed the class year of Joel Pfister ’73, author of Individuality Incorporated: Indians and the Multicultural Modern.]


High Noon in the Cold War: Kennedy, Khrushchev, and the Cuban Missile Crisis by Max Frankel ’52. The Pulitzer Prize-winning author provides new insight into the struggle that almost brought about a nuclear war. Frankel examines the actions and policies of Kennedy and Khrushchev and corrects the common misconceptions surrounding the issue (Ballantine Books, $23.95).

Making Our Schools More Effective: What Matters and What Works by Martin Patchen Ph.D. ’53. This book focuses on making schools as effective as possible and examines various aspects of curriculum, graduation rates and testing as well as issues such as vouchers and the minority “achievement gap” (Charles C. Thomas, $49.95).

The Cry of the Sirens by William Cronin ’55. The luck of a famous Hollywood film director runs out as unfortunate circumstances leave him broke and alone. He finds redemption when he is reunited with his oldest friend from college. Now, his only struggle is trying to understand why he killed him (Author House, $25).

The Invention of Painting in America by David Rosand ’59, Meyer Schapiro Professor of Art History. This study of early American painting shows how painters invented ideas, styles and traditions. Citing examples by Copley, Homer and Pollack, Rosand defines the “American” characteristics of these paintings and their influence on contemporary art (Columbia University Press, $29.90).

Finding Ruth by Paul Winick M.D. ’99. A young boy, plagued by guilt after his mother’s death, tries to find forgiveness in the medical field. An encounter with a terminally ill 11-year-old ignites his passion for pediatrics (Author House, $14.95).

Sophokles’ Philoktetes translated by Seth L. Schein ’63. This modern translation of Sophokles’ tragedy offers a scholarly yet readable text that restores the original Greek structure. The introduction, notes and interpretive essay offer a comprehensive understanding of this classic (Focus Publishing, $10.95).

Minutes of Coroners Proceedings: City and County of New York, John Burnet, Coroner, 1748–1758 edited by Francis J. Sypher Jr. ’63. A historical glimpse into recorded coroners’ proceedings from the time when New York was a mercantilist port city reveals a dangerous urban center where unnatural, and often violent, deaths were common (New York Genealogical & Biographical Society, $27.50).

Patents in the Knowledge-Based Economy edited by Stephen A. Merrill ’65 and Wesley M. Cohen. An educational collection of works that describe the patent system in terms of quality and litigation of patents. The compilation also contains a section that focuses on software and biotechnology patents (National Acadeamic Press, $67.50).

Running Through Fire: How I Survived the Holocaust by Zosia Goldberg as told to Hilton Obenzinger ’69, with an introduction by Paul Auster ’69. Goldberg, a Jew who lived in the Warsaw Ghetto, embarked on a dangerous escape and found help from unlikely sources (Mercy House, $15.95).

a**hole by Hilton Obenzinger ’69. This experimental novel delicately intertwines the lives of a female film critic, a boy sinking into the earth, a crazy postal man, a nostalgic father, a lucky archaeologist and a detective working the most important case of his career (Soft Skull Press, $11.95).

Kuhn vs. Popper: the Struggle for the Soul of Science by Steve Fuller ’79. Fuller explores the effects of the infamous debate between Thomas Kuhn, who held that science was just another human activity, and Karl Popper, who believed in the legitimacy and impact of scientific discoveries, and how these views play into ongoing discourse on the development of scientific inquiry (Columbia University Press, $24.50).

The End of a Natural Monopoly: Deregulation and Competition in the Electric Power Industry edited by Peter Z. Grossman ’70 and Daniel H. Cole. This collection of essays discusses the impact of technology and deregulation on the traditionally monopolistic practices of the electric power industry (Elsevier Science, $95).

German Literary Culture at the Zero Hour by Stephen Brockmann ’82. In analyzing the literary works of German intellectuals following World War II, Brockmann examines the conflicts of a nation coping with defeat, destruction, political division and war crimes (Camden House, $75).

Explicit Content by Black Artemis ’90. This riveting debut novel — written by Sofia Quintero ’90 under a pseudonym — focuses on two women trying to reach stardom in the hip-hop music industry. Friendship quickly turns to rivalry as one...
Up Against the Drug Wall

Prescription drugs increasingly are in the headlines, with recent recalls of high-profile drugs, rising medicine costs and ongoing political battles over Medicare. Dr. Jerry Avorn ’69 provides a comprehensive overview of these issues and more in his book Powerful Medicines: The Benefits, Risks, and Costs of Prescription Drugs (Alfred A. Knopf, $27.50). Drawing on case studies taken from his experiences, Avorn traces the development of several major drugs and provides an understanding of how medical science and market forces shape the process.

Avorn had wanted to be a doctor since he was 8 and was certain he would become a primary care physician or family practitioner. As a Harvard Medical School student, however, he became interested in prescriptions drugs and how little we know about them.

While in training, Avorn realized that drug companies, which spend millions annually on marketing, were effective at changing doctors’ beliefs and behavior, but only to push products. He felt that medical school faculty had less biased information to offer on prescription drugs but were not as effective in communicating with doctors. In 1979, Avorn began writing his first grant proposal to develop what is known as “academic detailing,” a combination of the evidence-based approach of academics with the effective communication methods of drug company sales representatives, known as detailing. Avorn reported the first successful results in The New England Journal of Medicine in 1983, and the process has since been adopted worldwide.

“The central idea of Powerful Medicines,” explains Avorn, “is that every drug is a triangle with three faces, representing the healing it can bring, the hazards it can inflict and the economic impact of each.” The book addresses the three faces in five sections: Benefits, Risks, Costs, Information, and Policy. Avorn also exposes how big drug companies fail to release enough information and criticizes the limitations of the FDA’s drug approval process, which allows companies to omit unfavorable clinical trial data. He proposes a new kind of “information-transfer organization” that would provide doctors with easy access to unbiased information and enable them to prescribe drugs in a cost-effective way.

Avorn’s reform-minded approach, while critical of drug companies and their profit-driven behavior, is not a condemnation. He takes a broader approach by putting drug costs in the bigger picture of health resource allocation and points out the difficulty that doctors and patients face in finding unbiased information. Efforts are being made to push for a national registry that would allow doctors to see more comprehensive clinical trial results of prescription drugs they are thinking about prescribing. Avorn believes that a registry will not be the ultimate solution, but thinks that it is a good start. For the general public looking for unbiased information about prescription drugs, Avorn suggests “The Medical Letter” (www.medletter.com) or the “Best Buy Drugs” program from Consumer Reports (www.consumerreportshealth.org).

Avorn is professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School and chief of the division of pharmacoepidemiology and pharmacoeconomics at Brigham and Women’s Hospital. Pharmacoeconomics is the study of the way doctors prescribe medicine and how patients use drugs, and pharmacoeconomics is a comparative study of the costs and benefits of similar drugs. Avorn designs studies to learn more about drug effects and how to improve medication use by doctors and patients. He also teaches medical students, interns and residents about proper prescribing practices.

Powerful Medicines is Avorn’s second book. In summer 1968, after the tumultuous events at Columbia that spring, Avorn teamed up with fellow Spectator editors to write Up Against the Ivy Wall: A History of the Columbia Crisis (Antheneum, 1968), “a sincere attempt by Columbia students to make a statement about the Vietnam War, and about the way the University administration was treating students and the surrounding community.” The book covered the student movement on campus from 1966–68 and was written to debunk media accounts that claimed the movement was inspired by outside agitators.

Whether it is a critical look at the 1960s or the way drug companies inflate prescription drug prices, Avorn credits the Core Curriculum, especially Contemporary Civilization, for giving him an understanding of “how important it is to look at a problem through the lenses of different disciplines. [The Core] also gave me the confidence to analyze questions from the perspective of fields other than my own, which I guess you could call wisdom, or hubris, or chutzpah,” Avorn says.

The Core may also have contributed to Avorn’s decision to grow a beard during medical school. “I grew [it] when I realized it was weird to scrape a sharp piece of metal across your face every morning to match some arbitrary definition of being civilized,” he says. He has kept it since. When not working or teaching, Avorn likes to garden and debate politics with his son, Andrew ’08. “He’s a little more conservative than I am, but he’s coming around.”

Peter Kang ’05

Real Country: Music and Language in Working-Class Culture by Aaron A. Fox, associate professor of music and director, Center for Ethnomusicology. Through a glimpse into a rural working-class town in Texas, this book examines how country music not only is entertainment for the community but also is a way of life (Duke University Press, $22.95).

Changing the Subject: How the Women of Columbia Shaped the Way We Think About Sex and Politics by Rosalind Rosenberg, Ann Whitney Olin Professor of History at Bard College. Women began pressing for admittance to Columbia University following the Civil War, resulting in the establishment of Barnard College 20 years later. In subsequent years, women have gained advanced degrees and faculty positions. Rosenberg examines the local history in the context of national feminist movements (Columbia University Press, $29.50).

Laura Butchy ’04 SOA, Peter Kang ’05, Carmen Jo Ponce ’08

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Obituaries

1933

Henry Buermann, retired physician, Burlington, Vt., on November 29, 2004. Buermann was born in Newark, N.J., on October 13, 1911, and grew up in Newark and Maplewood. In 1937, he received his M.D. from New York Medical College and Flower Hospital. In 1941, after completing a two-year internship at Newark City Hospital, Buermann entered general practice in South Hero, Vt. His practice was interrupted by military service while he was regiment surgeon of the 11th Infantry 54th and 103rd Evacuation hospitals. Buermann also served in the Pacific with the 32nd Infantry division in New Guinea, the Philippines, and Japan, and was clearing platoon commander of the 107th medical battalion; he was a colonel in the Army Reserve. Buermann reentered general practice in South Hero in 1946 and in 1956 joined the White River Valley clinic in Randolph, Vt. In 1968, he completed a residency in psychiatry at the University of Vermont and became a psychiatrist at Mary Eleanor Hospital in New York, where he practiced until he moved to Hadley, Mass. There, he joined the psychiatry staff at the Northampton Veterans’ Hospital, from which he retired at 75. Buermann is survived by his wife, the former Eleanor Samble; children, Nancy Basset, Sarah, Ruby Willis and Henry; two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, 176 S. Winooski Ave., Burlington, VT 05401.

1941

Robert E. Herlands, professor of dentistry, Stamford, Conn., on December 7, 2004. After graduating Phi Beta Kappa from the College, Herlands graduated from SDOIS in 1944. Following his studies and ensuing academic career at Columbia, he set up a dental practice in Stamford. Herlands was a diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics, a member of International and American Colleges of Dentists and first president of Connecticut Prosthodontic Society. He is survived by his wife, Eleanor S.; daughters, Wendy Barenfeld and Nancy; and four grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, 176 S. Winooski Ave., Burlington, VT 05401.

1938

Frederic H. Meisel, retired rector, Alexandria, Va., on January 26, 2004. A New York native, Meisel ran the family violin importing business for a while after graduating, later earning a divinity degree from General Theological Seminary. As a young man, he served several Episcopal parishes in New York. Prior to 1961, Meisel was a chaplain at Bellevue Medical Center and senior curate of New York’s St. Mary the Virgin Episcopal Church. In 1961, he began his ministry at the Church of Ascension and St. Agnes, Washington, D.C., where he served until retiring in 1985. Accepting that position amid controversy, Meisel was praised by Mark Van Doren, who remembered Meisel fondly in his autobiography. In 1946, Arbolino was relieved from active duty as a captain and in 1951 was promoted to major. He reminisced about his war experiences and advocated for the creation of a war memorial in the Winter 1995 issue of CCT. Arbolino returned to Columbia and worked at GS from 1946–58, becoming associate dean while working toward his master’s in English literature (’57 GSAS). In 1988, Arbolino joined the College Entrance Examination Board, where he worked until his retirement in 1987. He was appointed the first permanent director of the Advanced Placement Program, a position he held until 1964. Arbolino was the founding director of the College Level Examination Program and was later appointed the executive director of the Council on College-Level Examinations. From 1977–87, Arbolino was editor of the College Board Review. He cowrote two books: The History of Columbia College on Morningside (1954) and College Learning, Anytime, Anywhere (1977). He also wrote fiction for the New Yorker and contributed to C.T. Arbolino served as a panelist and participant in President Lyndon Johnson’s White House Conference on Education. A member of the Columbia College Council, Arbolino received the Dean’s Award for “Outstanding Service to College” as well as for service as chairman of the Columbia Alumni Trustee Nominating Committee. He was predeceased by his wives, the former Louise Gilmour, in 1946, and the former Eileen Margaret Snider, in 2001. He is survived by his sons, Philip 68 and John; daughters, Jennifer and Anne; and five grandchildren, including Jonathan ’93.

1942

Jack N. Arbolino, education executive, Harrington Park, N.J., on January 7, 2005. Arbolino was born on January 12, 1919, in New York City. He played varsity football and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa at the College and graduated with a degree in English literature. Arbolino served with the Marines in the Pacific during WWII for which he was awarded a Purple Heart. During his time overseas, Arbolino exchanged letters with Mark Van Doren, who remembered Arbolino fondly in his autobiography. In 1946, Arbolino was relieved from active duty as a captain and in 1951 was promoted to major. He reminisced about his war experiences and advocated for the creation of a war memorial in the Winter 1995 issue of CCT. Arbolino returned to Columbia and worked at GS from 1946–58, becoming associate dean while working toward his master’s in English literature (’57 GSAS). In 1988, Arbolino joined the College Entrance Examination Board, where he worked until his retirement in 1987. He was appointed the first permanent director of the Advanced Placement Program, a position he held until 1964. Arbolino was the founding director of the College Level Examination Program and was later appointed the executive director of the Council on College-Level Examinations. From 1977–87, Arbolino was editor of the College Board Review. He co-wrote two books: The History of Columbia College on Morningside (1954) and College Learning, Anytime, Anywhere (1977). He also wrote fiction for the New Yorker and contributed to C.T. Arbolino served as a panelist and participant in President Lyndon Johnson’s White House Conference on Education. A member of the Columbia College Council, Arbolino received the Dean’s Award for “Outstanding Service to College” as well as for service as chairman of the Columbia Alumni Trustee Nominating Committee. He was predeceased by his wives, the former Louise Gilmour, in 1946, and the former Eileen Margaret Snider, in 2001. He is survived by his sons, Philip 68 and John; daughters, Jennifer and Anne; and five grandchildren, including Jonathan ’93.

1932

Charles W. Frank, physician and researcher, Silver Spring, Md., on November 11, 2004. Frank was born May 3, 1921, at the Beth Israel Hospital in New York City where his father, who was the medical director, signed his birth certificate. While at the College, Frank was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He then attended P&S, where he was elected to Alpha Omega Alpha; he received his M.D. in 1944. Frank interned at the Medical Service at Presbyterian Hospital and then served as an Army medical officer before returning to Presbyterian, where he directed the cardiopulmonary laboratory. Frank’s early studies at Columbia-Presbyterian were related mainly to the effects of atrial fibrillation on cardiac function, and subsequently to the effects of other cardiac arrhythmia on cardiac function. In the early 1950s, Frank collaborated with other faculty at Columbia-Presbyterian on the treatment of acute rheumatic fever. They conducted landmark studies comparing the effects of salicylate and adrenal corticosteroid therapy on the clinical manifestations of acute rheumatic fever and the subsequent development of valvular heart disease. In 1955, when the Albert Einstein College of Medicine was enrolling its first class, Frank joined the faculty and the attending staff at Bronx Municipal Hospital Center (now Jacobi Medical Center). He set up a cardiac catheterization laboratory, as he had at Columbia, and became one of the preeminent teachers of clinical cardiology and cardiovascular physiology; he was promoted to full professor in 1972. Frank was a senior member of a group of physicians and epidemiologists who studied patients on the incidence and prognosis of coronary artery disease, and they were among the first who contributed to the understanding of the role of exercise and physical fitness in reducing the risk of cardiovascular events and improving prognosis. Frank was married for 54 years to the former Ann Marqusee, who died in 2001. He is survived by his children, Pamela (and David) Garry and Patricia (and Neil) Koslow; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to the Albert
Einstein College of Medicine, Charles W. Frank M.D. Memorial Fund, 1165 Morris Park Ave., Ste 325, Bronx, NY 10461.

Gerald Silbert, retired attorney, New York City on November 22, 2004. Silbert was born in Brooklyn in 1922. He earned a degree from the Law School in 1943 and worked at the law firm of Proskauer Rose Goetz and Mendelson, where he became managing partner, for 50 years. Silbert served on many boards of trustees throughout New York, including the Jewish Theological Seminary, Maimonides Hospital and the Edmond de Rothschild Foundation. Philanthropically inclined, he helped establish the first geriatric center at Mount Sinai Hospital and donated to cardiac research efforts at the NYU Medical Center. An arts lover, he also supported the NYO Opera and New York City Ballet. Silbert was a member of the Board of Trustees and one of the founders of the Park Avenue Synagogue. He and his wife of 60 years, Ramie (née Jaspers), were dedicated to the support of the Technion, the Israel Institute of Technology. It was through Silbert’s efforts that the Rashi Foundation became a major Technion supporter. In 1993, an Honorary Fellow was conferred upon Silbert for his support of the Technion and the state of Israel. In addition to his wife, Silbert is survived by his daughter, Terry; brother and sister-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Robert Silbert ’48, ’52 P&S; and sister-in-law, Rita Nelson. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Technion Society, Women’s Division, 55 E. 59th St., New York, NY 10022 or to the Park Avenue Synagogue, 50 E. 87th St., New York, NY 10028.

1943

Eugene (Gene) Mogul, executive search firm owner, East Norwich, N.Y., on January 25, 2004. Mogul was a voracious reader and loved sailing and traveling. Mogul was a lifelong learner and was committed to education for his children, his neighborhood and the Jewish community. In addition to his wife of 55 years, Mogul is survived by his sons, Mark ’74, Sandy and Jess; daughters, Susan, Kim and Pamela; daughters-in-law, Laura, Georganna and Sharon; 11 grandchildren; and sisters, Eleanor and Harriet.

1949

William F. Eckhardt Jr., physician, New Canaan, Conn., on November 8, 2004. Eckhardt was a graduate of Xavier H.S. and the NYU School of Medicine. He specialized in internal medicine, nuclear medicine and endocrinology and was a pioneer in the field of diabetes. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Mary Gardiner Eckhardt; children, William F. III, Karen E. Stinchfield and Susan E. Simpson; and eight grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to New Canaan Volunteer Ambulance Corps, PO Box 986, New Canaan, CT 06840 or to the American Diabetes Association, 300 Research Pky, Meriden, CT 06450.

Selig Neubart, obstetrician/gynecologist and author, New Rochelle, N.Y., on August 24, 2004. Neubart was born on June 23, 1926, in New York City and earned his M.D. from the Syracuse College of Medicine in 1952. Prior, he served in the Army infantry in Europe during WWII. Neubart was an assistant clinical professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine and was a prominent early advocate for birth control and safe abortion. Neubart had a private gynecological practice in New Rochelle for four decades but developed a larger profile through his books, articles and television appearances. His first book, A Concept of Contraception, was aimed at a general audience and intended as an upbeat guide to encourage men and women to consider birth control. Neubart wrote numerous articles for Cosmopolitan promoting contraception and the birth control pill. In 1972, he was a co-author of Techniques of Abortion with Dr. Harold Schuman, a colleague from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University. Neubart, who delivered thousands of babies in his practice, continued to write about women’s health and sexuality as a monthly columnist for Westchester Women’s News and appeared often on radio and television talk shows. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Sandra; sons, Seth and Andrew; daughter, Amanda Miller; and eight grandchildren.

Lester Tanzer, journalist, Arlington, Va., on December 8, 2004. Tanzer was a Bronx native. After graduating from the College, where he was the sports editor of Spectator and chancellor of Tau Epsilon Phi, he received a master’s from the Journalism School in 1952. That year, he joined the Wall Street Journal, transferring to the paper’s Washington, D.C., bureau a year later to cover federal agencies. In 1958, Tanzer accompanied then-vice president Richard Nixon to South America as violent demonstrations broke out in Peru and Venezuela. From 1959–64, Tanzer was associate editor of Changing Times. After joining U.S. News as a reporter in 1964, he became the magazine’s managing editor, a position he held from 1976–85. Tanzer also served on U.S. News’ corporate board of directors. As managing editor, Tanzer took a leading role in launching U.S. News & World Report’s annual college rating guide, one of its most enduring enterprises. In 1961, he edited The Kennedy Circle and in 1963 co-authored Brotherhood of Silence, which is about the anti-communist resistance in Slovakia. After his retirement, Tanzer consulted with a Singapore newspaper and lectured at universities on journalism and politics. In 1990, he was the founding editor of Cosmos: A Journal of Emerging Issues, an annual publication of original essays by members of the Cosmos Club. Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Marlene; sons, Jeffrey M., Andrew W., Stephen D. and Murray D.; and six grandchildren.

Edwin M. Lehman, entrepreneur, Los Angeles, on August 14, 2004. A Brooklyn native, Lehman was a star basketball player at Erasmus Hall H.S. and was a guard on the Columbia varsity basketball team from 1951–54. After graduating, he served for two years as a naval officer, then was an executive in a family finance business until 1970. From 1971–74, Lehman managed the men’s retail clothing company that his father had stores in Manhattan and Manhasset, N.Y. He moved to Los Angeles in 1977, where he produced specialized t-shirts and sweatshirts. After selling the business in 1990, Lehman took up golf with a passion and became an avid bridge player and a serious student of philosophy and of history. He is survived by his wife, Helene, whom he married in 1975; sons from a prior marriage, Darrin and Adam; five grandchildren; three stepchildren; six stepgrandchildren; and brothers, Stanley and Burton ’62. Lisa Polladino, Washington, D.C., bureau a year later to cover federal agencies. From 1959–64, Tanzer was associate editor of Changing Times. After joining U.S. News as a reporter in 1964, he became the magazine’s managing editor, a position he held from 1976–85. Tanzer also served on U.S. News’ corporate board of directors. As managing editor, Tanzer took a leading role in launching U.S. News & World Report’s annual college rating guide, one of its most enduring enterprises. In 1961, he edited The Kennedy Circle and in 1963 co-authored Brotherhood of Silence, which is about the anti-communist resistance in Slovakia. After his retirement, Tanzer consulted with a Singapore newspaper and lectured at universities on journalism and politics. In 1990, he was the founding editor of Cosmos: A Journal of Emerging Issues, an annual publication of original essays by members of the Cosmos Club. Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Marlene; sons, Jeffrey M., Andrew W., Stephen D. and Murray D.; and six grandchildren.
Irma Commanday Bauman, wife of Mordecai Bauman '35, sent a lovely note: “I have long been thinking of sending CCT the story of my husband’s years at Columbia (1930-35) and the Juilliard Graduate School of Music, which he attended at the same time. It’s part of the memoir we have been working on, which has an amusing story about Murray Bloom ’37’s journalism class, when he and Mordecai were in the Biarritz Army University after the war. “Mordecai will be 93 on March 2. He’s had a long career as singer; educator; director of Indian Hill, a summer arts workshop in Stockbridge, Mass.; and executive producer of a PBS film, The Stations of Bach. The documentary was funded by the NEH and broadcast nationally in 1990.”

Irma continues, “Mordecai has not been able to read for a few years (I read CCT to him), but otherwise he is well, in good spirits. We have many visitors, who keep us busy. Mordecai’s personal archive is at the Tamiment Collection at NYU; the Indian Hill material is in the Stockbridge, Mass., library. Mordecai was honored three times in 2004, an extraordinary experience for a man in his 90s: The Library of Congress included two of his early records among the first 50 rare recordings in a new collection at the library. The February Juilliard monthly newsletter published a long article about his career there and other accomplishments. And in April, the Tamiment Collection hosted a tribute to him at the NYU Library; about 100 friends, colleagues and relatives joined us to talk about their memories of and love for Mordy.”

Ted Ley ’35, ’36E spent his career manufacturing machines for making corrugated boxes. “I retired in 1973 and have been married for 66 years to Clarice, whom I met at a fraternity party on 113th Street (TEP),” Ted notes. “We have three daughters (including twins), nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Our daughter, Barbara Ley Toftier ’72 GS, was honored by Columbia a few years ago as one of G5’s 10 outstanding women graduates. Our grandson, Brian Schenber ’94, is a pediatrics resident. Our other children and grandchildren have managed to be well-educated without attending Columbia.” Ted’s “claim to fame” in relation to Columbia? “For two years (1932-33), I joined with Alvin Gordon ’34, ’38 P&S, to write the ‘Off-Hour’ column in Spectator. Alvin is deceased after a brilliant medical career.”

Ted lives in Florida. He no longer plays golf, but spends a lot of time playing bridge, a game he learned at Columbia.

Jerry Schaul ’35, ’37E (Ch.E.) earned an M.Eng. in chemistry from the Stevens Institute of Technology in 1965. He turned 90 on January 3. “My wife, Ruth, and I moved from Caldwell, N.J., to Winchester Gardens, a continuing care retirement community, in December. We are very pleased with it: excellent facilities, many amenities and more than 250 nice elder people.”

“Most of my career was in plastics engineering; in 1980, I retired from Celanese, continued consulting and teaching and now am completely out. I am an amateur cellist, member of the Livingston Symphony Orchestra and chamber music participant. We have two sons, Michael ’65 and Dan, and one grandson, Nissim ’00, ’03
SUNY (M.S. in music). He was the fourth generation Schaul at Columbia: Jerome Sr. '09, me, Michael and Nissim. About three times a week, I fast-walk 1 mile (I used to jog at a quarter mile at Winchester).

John J. Leuchs '39 retired from the General Drafting Map Co. in 1979. "Since I retired from cartography and my wife, Louise, from teaching, in 1979, we have traveled extensively throughout the United States and southwestern Canada. We also have been to Hawaii, and last Christmas, to Italy. Arthritis has affected our mobility, but I still play golf. We remain in close touch with family and friends. I am proud of Columbia and often reflect on my days of living on campus."

David W. Mason '39 retired as director and owner of Camp Agawam in Raymond, Maine, and now owns a Christmas tree farm in Fryeburg, Maine. "I was a labor organizer and business agent for the since-organized-out-of-existence Local One, AFSCME in Washington, D.C. I retired in 1984."

Warren Morse '39 is 87 and lives in Vermont. "Once upon a time, I was a health and vital statistician, first for what was then the National Office of Vital Statistics, later for the District of Columbia. In 1954 I was a labor organizer and business agent for the time-organized-out-of-existence Local One, AFSCME in Washington, D.C. I retired in 1984."

Warren and his wife paint, read and write letters to the editors of the Brattleboro Reformer and Rutland Herald, usually about politics from a left perspective. He also plays bridge. Warren notes, "My health is generally good except for degenerative disk disease, which has me getting around on a scooter."

I was one of the small group who agitated for the Lions Den, which I used to frequent. My fondest memory of the place is of one night, after warning a miscreant who had played, on the jukebox, Sammy Kaye’s revolting song about (I am not making this up) ‘three little fishes’ who swim over a dam, throwing him out of the place after he did it again."

"Among my proudest accomplishments is having lived long enough to have five great-grandchildren. I would very much like to know the status of Lloyd Wigen and Octave (Ocxy) Romaine."

David Perelman '39, '40 "is working full-time as science editor of the San Francisco Chronicle, focusing in several areas, although I’m not averse to covering anything — science, medicine, environment and so forth. I’m most interested in reporting on earth science — earthquakes (natch for SEI), plate tectonics, paleomagnetism and so forth. Then there’s paleoanthropology (human origins — I’m planning to go to Ethiopia next fall to follow anthropologists hunt for hominid fossils in the Middle Awash region); recombinant DNA and genetic engineering; and planetary science, most recently covering the Mars Rovers and now Cassini. Saturn ... any stories where I can bring in evolution and tweak the Creationists with their Intelligent Design myth to mask their Biblical Creationist views."

David was scheduled to go to Germany in January to cover the European Space Agency’s Haygens probe effort to land on Saturn’s moon Titan. For career details, see Who’s Who in America.

Saul Ricklin '39, '39E, '40E retired long ago from careers as a chemical engineer in a Brown University professor, and a consultant and industrial executive. "I keep busy as a frequent ‘Letter to the Editor’ writer (newspapers, magazines), as well as writing Op Ed pieces and history articles." Saul participates in community affairs in Bristol, R.I., where he has lived for more than 52 years.

David W. Mason '39 owns a Christmas tree farm in Fryeburg, Maine.
a son, three daughters and three grandchildren. His wife, Betty, to whom he had been married for 56 years, predeceased him.

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On December 8, a reception was held in Low Library to honor Ted De Barry for his services as editor of the "Living Legacies" series for Columbia magazine, part of Columbia's 250th anniversary celebration. Among contributors to the series, all of whom were invited to the affair, was Ray Robinson, who wrote an article about Columbia sports.

Ted, although formally retired from his College and University positions, teaches Asian Civilizations and Humanities, as well as graduate seminars on Chinese and Japanese thought, and has a College colloquium on Nobility and Civility, East and West, as a volunteer in the Society of Senior Scholars, Heyman Center for the Humanities.

Ted, Hugh Barber and Arthur Weinstock represented the class at the annual football team awards dinner, held December 10 at Faculty House.

Steve Fromer sold his longtime home on St. Croix and now winters at Castillo Del Mar, 5445 Collins Ave., Miami Beach, FL 33140.

We regret to announce the December 7 death of Bob Herlands, former professor of dentistry at SDOS. A prosthodontist specialist, Bob had maintained a private practice in that field in Stamford, Conn., after retirement from Columbia. His family was notable in that two older brothers were judges, his sister had been an English professor at NYU and his wife, Eleanor, was a published poet. Bob is survived by his wife, two daughters; and four grandchildren. Our sympathies are extended to the family. [Editor's note: Please see Obituaries.]

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Responses to our questionnaire continue to arrive and have given me much material for these notes. An unusual number of respondents included tales of wartime experiences. Some of these have appeared in the newsletter or will. Recommended reading is Bill Hochman's thoughtful account of his D-Day experience. Another contributor was John Grunow, whose harrowing time in a POW camp was described in part. There was little said in the past on the subject of the war. Why now? Was it because of the urging of grandchild or the need to get it on the record before it is too late? Whatever — keep them coming.

Manuel Pietrantoni wrote from Guayanago, Puerto Rico. T. Thomas of wartime army service followed college. He then spent his career in transportation engineering, first with the government and later as head of his consulting firm, all in Puerto Rico. Manuel served a term as secretary of transportation and public works in the Commonwealth government. In retirement, his life revolves around family, reading and travel. His two sons, son-in-law and grandson have earned a total of six Columbia degrees.

Hugh Tuckett traveled in the opposite direction, to New Mexico, for the U.S. Geodetic Survey. He spent 19 years as a petrologist with oil companies, working in Colorado, Texas and New Mexico, then switched careers and for a similar period was a geophysicist with the state. Roswell, N.M., is his home.

Another who summarized his professional years was George Laboda. George worked for almost 30 years for Colgate-Palmolive, where he was director for radio and TV. He describes the experience of working with TV in its early development as exciting, interesting and ever-changing. Since retirement, he has concentrated on community service and philanthropy, along with golf game. He is as proud of his work with "youth at risk" as he is of his multiple aces at golf.

Our luncheon meetings continue. Before the holidays, we enjoyed two more at the Columbia Club with the usual participants, joined once by Mark Kahn, in New York from Michigan for a family visit.

I have a request from our president, Mel Hershkowitz, and editor, Dave Harrison. They would like to borrow old photographs of classmates, on- or off-campus, for inclusion in future newsletters.

I received word from a mutual friend that Charles Frank died. Charles had been out of touch with our class for a long time. For some years, however, I enjoyed frequent professional contact with him, and I came to appreciate his outstanding teaching and clinical skills. He left his position as chief of cardiology at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine long before retirement age to oversee the rehabilitation of his wife, who had suffered a stroke. Earlier, he had achieved recognition for research conducted at P&S.

At about the same time, we lost Gerry Silbert, who had been active in alumni affairs and reunions. Gerry had been managing partner of a major New York law firm, was active in philanthropic affairs as a trustee of the NYU medical school and was a patron of the arts.

And Jack Arbollino died on January 7, after these notes were completed. Jack was a dear friend to many classmates, Columbiaans of other classes and Columbia. A more detailed account of his career will appear in the next issue. [Editor's note: Please see Obituaries for information on all.]

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So it came to pass that there was waffled to this class correspondent a clipping from The Washington Post on the occasion of the opening of the WWII memorial in Washington, D.C. The Post was running a series of WWII memories, first-person reports by GIs who had seen combat, and first in line was a touching piece by Cedric C. Phillip. "In late May 1945, I was assigned to a unit developing Germany’s military government, and was about to go to a temporary housing in battered Heschst am Main, a suburb of Frankfurt, before moving on to Berlin. War and V-E Day were not far behind us, and hostilities continued in many areas.

"Many houses were dark and roofless, with no water or electricity. The soldiers were hungry, and the government had little food. As we opened the little stores, we were greeted with popular songs. Suddenly, we became aware that Germans were coming out of the rubble and filling the church. The sergeant switched to hymns."

"At least two miracles seemed to happen: electric power to an organ, and the total peace shared by the Germans and the U.S. military. This ‘service’ could not have gone off as smoothly as it did.

"I never forgot the miracles of that night. Back home, I studied the organ and have served for many years as an alternate organist for the Episcopal Church."
an update on a fascinating biography, which arrived a few days later by surface mail. Mort has had a long and illustrious career as a composer, conductor, pianist and music director in television, motion pictures and recordings. He won a Grammy and an Emmy and spent more than 20 years as orchestra leader on the Merce Griffen Show. Mort composed and conducted the music for eight major motion pictures and has received several gold records. In the past two years, he was awarded the distinguished alumnus award from Teachers College, where he earned his doctorate, to add to his bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Columbia. Last year, he was given the Magic Baton award by the Young Musicians Foundation of Los Angeles. Mort is an orchestrator on recordings for a number of artists.

In fall 1993, he embarked on an exciting new career: oil painting. Mort paints in a post-Expressionist style; his paintings have met with exceptional critical acclaim, and some are in the collections of Barbara Streisand, Merv Griffin, Marvin Hamlish, Leonard Cohen, Burt Bacharach, and Jack Klugman. Mort has exhibited at the Malibu Art Association Gallery, the New Masters Gallery in Carmel, Calif., and the La Quinta Arts Festival. The picture that came randomly is a stunning color reproduction of a couple under an umbrella in a lovely snowy landscape. It will remain in the Ralph Lane collection.

Henry (Rolf) Hecht’s new bride, Hattie, who attended our reunion in June in the wheelchair because of neuropathy, is now not only walking but folk dancing at the senior center in Demarest, N.J.

Questionnaires have gone out to five classmates selected at random or mentioned by the few who have responded. One sad response from the five sent out for this issue came from Therese Arnold, presumably the widow of Robert W. Arnold, who passed away on March 6, 2001. Our condolences go to the Arnold family.

On the subject of non-respondents, it would be appreciated if we heard from or about Ronald Burton, Robert Klika and William Rumage, all of whom were sent questionnaires for the January issue; and Frederick DeFuy, Ted Jackson and James Vreeland, all of whom were sent questionnaires for this issue. For the next issue, questionnaires are being sent to Harry Allison, Joseph Casterline, George Cytno, John Guck and Peter Kaskell. Again, these were chosen randomly; it will be appreciated if all respond.

REUNION JUNE 2-5

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Your 60th anniversary reunion committee is meeting with Alumnum Office staff to plan the big event. This is what has been determined so far: The reunion dates are Thursday (one day earlier than in the past), June 2, to Sunday, June 5. The main topic of discussion will be “The Future of the United Nations.” A qualified person from the faculty or a U.N. representative will be the speaker.

To commemorate our 60th reunion, a $60,000 gift to the College has been established as our goal. A rough estimate indicates 200 members of our class as potential contributors. The Columbia College Fund 52nd Annual Report listed 89 ‘45ers as contributors. To attain the $60,000 requires gifts of all kinds. With your financial resources motivated by appreciation to the College that enabled you to acquire your wealth, in what category of giving do you find yourself?

Decent dormitory rooms at modest rates will be available for those attending reunion. And remember that widows of classmates are cordially invited.

William G. Abel and I have been sharing thoughts about the Ten Commandments as given in Exodus 5 and Deuteronomy 20. I sent Bill, a student of Hebrew Scriptures, a copy of my “The New Ten Commandments.” I honor the source of creation, II. Protect others from hurt and harm, VII. Live a moral and healthful life, VIII. Safeguard the property of others, IX. Practice honesty and justice, and X. Be content with what you have. This commandment are “take-offs” on the Mosaic Ten but are not religious per se and, therefore, should be allowed to be displayed in public place as a moral guideline for a society that is ethically impoverished. Further, they are positive and give the directive to go forth and “love your neighbor as you love yourself.”

Bill made extensive comments about the commandments as a result of his study of the scriptures and the history of the Mosaic period. Generally, Bill preferred the wording of the traditional commandments (question about this to be dealt with in the next column), but he liked my seventh, ninth and 10th commandments.

Are you aware that Columbia is planning to extend the campus with new buildings on each end of the 11.3 acre grounds in Morningside Heights, near the cathedral of St. John the Divine? The project is extensive, although it is not clear if the buildings are to be residential or institutional.

Those arbitrarily selected for honor this month are Peter A. Butley of Lorraine, Ohio; Joseph L. Fradin of Buffalo, N.Y.; Herman Levy of Phoenix; and Alvin M. Zucker of Mt. Laurel, N.J. May we hear from or about these honorees?

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Gus Sapega was so surprised to get an e-mail from me that he wrote immediately to assure me that someone reads the column. He and his wife, Margaret, are very happy with their move to Essex Junction, Vt., and he enclosed a beautiful picture of the fall colors. They have traveled a bit and have found an Elderhostel program a few miles away that offers lectures and day trips.

Joe Foa sent a wonderful letter from Montgomery, Texas. He had seen his name in Jake Israel’s letter and thought he should check in. “I was married in 1949 and moved to Long Island but commuted daily to Manhattan on the LIRR. My first wife passed away in 1971 and I then married Roberta, an Irish-born girl to whom I have been wedded for 21 years. I had five children from my first marriage, four girls and one boy, who has since passed away. Two of my daughters live in the Houston area and were instrumental in presenting the merits of moving to Texas. This is known as the proverbial ‘snow job’ but be that as it may, I am not vegetating. I will be 79 soon and made a promise to retire by my 80th, but if God allows me to continue, I may well break that promise.”

(Correspondent’s note: If I read Joe’s letter slowly, it seems to me that he has three great-grandchildren. If this is so, he may be winning the championship. Let’s hear from some other contestants.)

Larry Jukofsky insists that Jake Israel had gotten his Long Island rooms mixed up. Larry states that he was in 712 and brags that one could make dates with the St. Luke’s nurses across the street by spelling out pantomime letters. Larry also brags about his great-grandson, who he hopes to but who is not a Columbia material. Larry’s wife, Betsy, is one of Jim Eliasoph’s widow’s (Sarah) best friends. Betsy writes a garden column for their newspaper, golfs, cooks, lectures and looks younger than she did 55 years ago. Their daughter, Diane, lives with her husband in Costa Rica; they represent the Rain Forest Alliance in Central and South America. Son Michael is in business in Hilton Head and was a Citadel graduate in engineering. Larry ends his letter, “As senility sets in, I am starting to think about things I did in the past more often and in more vivid detail. I couldn’t tell you what I had for breakfast yesterday, this morning, or tomorrow.”

Howard Clifford checked in from Little Hone, Colo., where he is running rodeos for miniature ponies. Howard is pleased to see more great-grandchildren showing up in the class and hopes that this is only the beginning.
Art historian Marshall E. Mount is off to Africa again, this time with a $30,000 George T. Dorsch Fellowship from the Fashion Institute of Technology, a division of SUNY. Marshall has been an adjunct art history professor in the art history department at FIT since 1982 after teaching and serving as chair of art history departments at Finch University and at the University of Benin in Nigeria. He will use the grant to examine the large city's role in the Grasslands area of Southwest Europe and sub-Saharan Africa.

Among Marshall's previous honors are Rockefeller Foundation Fellowships for research in Europe and sub-Saharan Africa. He received his doctorate in art history from Columbia in 1966. Marshall wrote African Art: The Years Since 1920.

John Moran is "in good health housing." John and his wife of 48 years, the former Betsy Loughran, have four children and six grandchildren. He notes, "I remember my days at Columbia with pleasure and satisfaction. It was a wonderful experience.

Eric Schellin inquires from McLean, Va.: "Whatever happened to Mark Van Doren's flirtation with a political issue concerning a truly Federalist World Confederation taking us way beyond the United Nations? Any informed readers out there? Eric has searched, without success, for books by sociology professor William Casey, whose course was known to generations of College undergrads as "Caseyology." Did Professor Casey write books?

Identified in the program as "American jazz master pianist," Dick Hyman received a rave review in the St. Petersburg Times for a September concert at St. Pete's Palladium Theater.

"Nothing unusual about that. What was unusual was that the concert was the first on the Palladium's new Steinway grand piano, that the piano was presented to the Palladium by admirers of the community the theater's founding executive director Paul Stavros and given in his name, and that Paul is the son of Gus A. Stavros.

"Times critic John Fleming wrote: "Hyman, an unpretentious but commanding performer, displayed wonderful marksmanship in fleet runs in his effortless style, even in a daunting piece of pianistic technique like Waller's "Handful of Keys ...” Hyman hauled out his computer, I have not yet been able to fulfill my threatened e-mail onslaught (see the January issue). These notes had to meet a January 6 deadline, and our correspondence with our class president, Fred Berman, that we want to arouse enthusiasm for a group effort to meet and enjoy Dean's Day (Saturday, April 9, on campus). You will receive information from the College regarding the event, and I expect that there will be personal communication from Fred as the date approaches.

Until next time, when I am confident the demons in my e-mail program will have been exorcised, I remain your loyal correspondent, eagerly awaiting your precious communications.

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Our 55-year reunion will take place in less than three months on June 2-5. You will receive (or perhaps already have received) complete details in your reunion brochure sent by the Alumni Office. Some events will be for all reunion classes but some will be only for our class.

Your class reunion committee (now augmented by Mike Loeb) has been meeting and is designing a program that will provide ample opportunity for you to spend quality time with College buddies. The next such get-together won't occur for five years. Let's make this the best reunion ever: Gaudeamus igitur!

Jim Chowdhury, who can be counted among the last of the United States' frontier marshals, has published a book about his experiences in that segment of law enforcement. Jim was chief deputy U.S. Marshal for one of the four judicial divisions in the Territory of Alaska (see photo). After Alaska was granted statehood, he was retained as chief deputy for the state, which had become a single judicial district.

"The frontier marshals in Alaska were the last of their breed," notes Jim, and they did it all, equally adept at hunting murderers in the bush, catching drug smugglers or testify as ballistic or fingerprint experts. Jim's book, Doom Darkness Wide: U.S. Marshals and the Last Frontier, is their story. It can be ordered online: www. publishamerica.com/books/7245.

The latest couple to inform us of their golden wedding anniversary is Mary and Arry Roussos. Mary and Arry celebrated with family at their home at the Waynoka, Sardinia, Ohio.
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Nis Petersen is a regular at the annual Alexander Hamilton Award Dinner. He was not able to attend the most recent one (November) because that day he underwent a medical procedure to check his circulatory system for blockages. To quote Nis, “Don’t have it done. It was like Civil War surgery without anesthesia!” Nevertheless, Nis recovered quickly enough to attend Thanksgiving services at St. Thomas and enjoy a pleasant lunch at Bleecker street. So give a double espresso, all in celebration of one of his best former students studying for the Episcopal priesthood.

Tom Heyman forwarded an e-mail concerning a Daily News article addressing “free expression” on the Columbia campus and the administration’s probing of alleged student intimidation. To discuss this subject, contact Tom: tom@tmheyman.com.

Jim Chenoweth ’50 issued a follow-up report on the return of the ROTC to campus. The University Senate will vote on the issue at the end of the academic year. Sean Wilkes ’06 is the College student leading the advocates for the return. Jim recommends a letter-writing campaign to University administrators, including the president and provost, as the best way to show support for the move. For additional information on Columbia’s Task Force, see www.advisorycommittees.org.

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It was early January when I submitted this copy, and ’52ers apparently still were shaking off the residue of year-end partying and holiday travel, leaving my collection of reporting items particularly anemic. As the New Year rumbles into activity, I expect an outpouring of interesting events from our ’52 brethren to comment on and appreciate.

For now, I offer the following for my faithful readers, and I promise a fuller agenda of activities for next issue: Martin Finkel, our twinkletoes dance escort, will begin his 50th year in the practice of medicine (Gl division) in July and has no intention of slowing down.

Bob Kandel, my illustrious predecessor at this desk, continues his travels with trips to the United Kingdom to visit his wife Ev’s family and a visit with Dick Pittenger and Elena Carvalho. Bob does voluntary work with senior citizens who are learning computer skills.

Arthur Lyons still sees patients in office consultations after 40 years of neurosurgical practice on the West Coast. He now welcomes time for traveling, recently indulging his passion for old medical textbooks on a month’s sojourn in Italy. Arthur boasts of a 2-year-old granddaughter and has promised to attend our 55th reunion. We’ll hold you to it, Arthur.

News of the passing of Robert W. Bucher of Tenafly, N.J., last January has reached my desk, and we note it with sadness.

Your faithful reporter flew to Puerto Vallarta a few months ago for a sentimental reunion with the Ingerman children and grandchildren on the West Coast (now seven). We speak of them as “Ingerman Family West.”

More specifics are forthcoming in our next issue. Call, write, e-mail, but find a way to communicate. I’m hungry for your input.

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David Miller, who married Renee in 1949 and has four children and seven grandchildren, is an associate clinical professor at Harvard Medical School. David was chief of ophthalmology at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston from 1970–90 and has been teaching and doing research at Harvard since 1970. He loves teaching and said that the only way he’ll stop is when he’s carried out of the classroom.

What is fascinating about David’s career is how he discovered a drug that has been used in more than 30 million eye operations worldwide. Here’s the story: A fellow faculty member at Harvard had discovered that the comb of a red rooster is filled with a jelly that has unique properties. After the drug was synthesized, a Swiss company, Pharmaelia, began to market the drug as a way to help animals with arthritis. David was intrigued by the possibility that the drug could be helpful during eye surgery. While it is very thin, it can be injected through the smallest needle. Somehow, nature made the rooster’s jelly so that it changes its viscosity to fit. As a result of successfully marketing the drug, Pharmacia was sold to one of America’s largest companies for more than $60 million. Today, doctors do not perform major eye surgery without using “Healon.”

Recently, David has been collaborating with an MIT colleague to develop an instrument to replace the microscopes that surgeons use in eye surgery. The device has two cameras that provide a three-dimensional picture of the eye on a computer screen, which enables the doctor to enlarge and enhance the image during surgery. In addition, if the surgeon wants to see how others perform a procedure, the device will enable that. David is hoping to attract venture capital to bring this revolutionary device to market. He can be reached at 617-252-6789.

Classmates who read this column keep asking for information about you. Won’t you please alle-
viate their anxiety by phoning me at 203-472-69617. I'd enjoy hearing from you and passing on your wonderful stories in upcoming issues.

**REUNION JUNE 2–5**

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A lot of interesting Columbia-related things are happening on- and off-campus. This year, the College and the Engineering School had the largest-ever number of early decision applicants, with the College up 14 percent and Engineering up 7 percent, and it looks like the regular decision pool for the Class of 2009 (whew!) may approach these figures. How high will the numbers go? Speaking of growth, the Chronicle of Higher Education announced the list of the most expensive colleges in America. Columbia ranked ninth. Tuition rises 6 percent at private colleges while at Columbia, as he convinced the Harriman family to donate their estate to Columbia. While notices soon will go out, the important news is that we need to encourage the participation of both classes exchanged stories, the class will receive a special “Overview of Inauguration” (expansion north and west of Columbia) by Jeremiah Stoldt, director of campus planning, facilities management. Brilliant and incorrigible Class of ’55. The time is getting closer. The plans are falling into place. Get your rest and nourishment now as we head toward the big event in June. Columbia awaits you.

**A positive thought — there is more daylight each day. Can spring be far behind?**

On a more serious but fun note, we have resumed our interactions with the Class of 2006 as “grandfathers.” We met for dinner and conversations in late April. Now for reunion planning. The “Big 50,” in 2006, will be Thursday, June 1–Sunday, June 4, so mark your calendars.

Unfortunately, Bob Clew, who sang so well with his Sigma Chi brothers, Vic Levine and me, at the January 1954 dinner in our honor. His wife sent me a note indicating that he had been looking forward to a repeat performance at the 50th. We all will need to sing a little louder in his memory. [Editor’s note, see January’s Obituaries, page 35.]

We heard an informal reunion planning meeting at my apartment, which was filled to capacity, in December. Attending were Maurice Klein, Michael Spett, Alan Press, Dan Link, Ed Botwinick, Buzz Faaswell, Mark Novick, Stan Blumberg, Art Saltzgass, Leonard Wolfe, Nick Coh and Larry Gitlen. Enjoying Carnegie Deli sandwiches, we accomplished something, a minor miracle considering the multiple conversations going on. Iconoclastic Columbians were never known for an orderly approach to anything, including the band at football games or ROTC marching. Being considered are a boat ride around Manhattan on Friday night with dinner and dancing (Alan Press and Mark Novick), Art Saltzgass and Leonard Wolfe, Nick Coh and Larry Gitlen. We will try to reserve Low Rotunda for Saturday night.

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Someone once said (I think it was me), “Great reunions beget other great reunions.” With more than 130 classmates attending our 50th, plus the fact that many class members remember with fondness our 25th and 45th anniversary gatherings at Arden House, we are planning a 51st reunion at Arden House for October 28–30, 2015. If you have never been to Arden House, particularly in the fall, you are in for a treat; it is beautiful and bucolic. It is in Orange County, about one hour from NYC. Arden House probably was one of our “beloved” (OK, it was a quick courtship and honeymoon) President Dwight D. Eisenhower’s major achievements while at Columbia, as he convinced the Harriman family to donate their estate to Columbia. While notices soon will go out, the important news is that we need to encourage the participation of both classes stopped being exchanged stories, the class will receive a special “Overview of Inauguration” (expansion north and west of Columbia) by Jeremiah Stoldt, director of campus planning, facilities management. Brilliant and incorrigible Class of ’55. The time is getting closer. The plans are falling into place. Get your rest and nourishment now as we head toward the big event in June. Columbia awaits you.

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Herman Levy

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CLASS NOTES

Kappa. David was a theatre major and directed last year’s Varsity Show. Steve, who has been involved with the entertainment scene since his undergraduate days as a Blue Note, received his Ph.D. in musicology from King’s College, Cambridge, and has worked at various recording and broadcasting companies, mostly in Europe. His accomplishments include winning a Grammy in 1993 and being appointed professor of arts management and cultural studies at the U. of Hamburg, Germany (which he describes as “a dream come true”), as well as serving as a visiting professor at Riga U., Latvia. Steve interviews College applicants from Germany: Only three of the 30 Class of ’08 candidates were accepted — how many of us would be admitted today, he wonders? His wife, Brigitte, is a gynecologist.

And to Dave Rothman, on receiving a “most generous” grant from financier and philanthropist George Soros to establish an Institute on Medicine: “It has been my dream to be a plant manager at Procter & Gamble. While I never reached that goal at PG, I managed the operations for Cincinnati Coca-Cola Bottling Co. from 1968–87 and a molding plant in 1987–90. In 1991, I started my own business as a manufacturers’ agent representing several companies that make equipment primarily for the food and beverage industries. I have found this to be more rewarding than working for someone else. I have slowed down in the last few years, but I retain a core of customers and enjoy keeping in touch with them and being as busy as I want to be.”

“Jim says, “I look forward to hearing from classmates: “Marcia dragged me to the movies to see the British film Vera Drake. If any in the class have seen it, I trust not only the only one who thought the actor who played Vera’s son as the shining image of the young Clive Chajet, who sat next to me at the opening session of Freshmen Orientation in September 1955. Clive, of course, was much more handsome.” As a follow-up to an earlier note, I learned that Ralph Wym- drum was elected to be the Institute for Electrical and Electronic Engineers president in 2006. The unit will lead represents the interests of close to a quarter-mil- lion U.S. IEEE members. The IEEE is the world’s largest technical professional organization. Ralph is CEO of Executive Engineering Consultants in Fair Haven, N.J., and business development director of SmartOrg, Inc., focusing on R&D portfolio management. Congratulations, Ralph.

Eric Jakobbson seems to be going “in the other direction from retirement. In addition to my permanent position at the University of Illinois, I am on leave to the National Institutes of Health, where I serve as the director of the Center for Bioinformatics and Computational Biology at the National Institute of General Medical Sciences and chair of the NIH Biomedical Information Science and Technology Initiative Consortium. We support computational biol- ogy research across the nation and support the building of a national biomedical research computing infrastructure centered around National Centers for Biomedical Computing. In my research at Illi- nois, my work centers on bio- logical membranes and membrane

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Ivan Koota '60 Goes Home to Brooklyn

It is said that you can't go home again, but that does not preclude a sentimental journey to one's roots. If you're a Brooklynite, you'll delight in making that trip with Ivan Koota '60, and even though your roots may be planted in one of the other boroughs or well beyond, you'll be equally enchanted by Koota's evocation of the Brooklyn of his youth in the paintings that mark his second career.

Koota is a self-taught artist who began painting in 1991 and has established himself as a successful folk artist after retiring in 1994 from pediatric medicine practice. Working in acrylic on canvas and employing bold colors and an unerring eye for details, Koota has built an oeuvre of about 60 cityscapes that capture Brooklyn's soul. Although he and his wife, Sharon, live upstate in Delhi, it is to Brooklyn — where he spent the first 26 years of his life, attended public schools and Downstate Medical School after Columbia, and met his wife at a Brooklyn College sorority party — that Koota's thoughts turn.

Koota's first solo exhibit, "Brooklyn on My Mind," was held in April 1996. His painting of Ebbets Field, "Before The Game," was exhibited at the Fenimore Art Museum in Cooperstown, N.Y. In 1999, his rendition of "Grand Army Plaza" was shown at the Fenimore in an inclusive survey of New York State Folk Art. Koota's most extensive show was at the Brooklyn Public Library's main branch in 2003 and "Grand Army Plaza" now is part of the library's permanent collection. Most recently, Koota exhibited his work from October 15, 2004, through January 16, 2005, at Hartwick College.

Koota invites alumni to visit his Delhi studio and see him at work. "My subject continues to be scenes of Brooklyn, as it always has been." If you can't get to Delhi, you can appreciate Koota's love affair with Brooklyn on his website (www.brooklynplaces.com), through which he can be contacted. The spare geometry of "Dinner at Lundy's Clam Bar," the stunning majesty of the Russian Orthodox Cathedral in Greenpoint reflected in "Cathedral" and the bustling cacophony of commerce and leisure in "Nathan's - Coney Island," are among his many marvels.

Reflecting on his second career, Koota comments: "Painting has been a great joy to me. It has made retirement from pediatrics so complete, it's like starting a new life." He looks forward to attending the upcoming class reunion, June 2-5.

Bob Machleder '60

Tom Bilbao: "Kathy and I have moved from Connecticut to Tennessee. Our home is about 10 miles from the entrance to the Great Smoky Mountain National Park. While the move has been great, I miss not being able to regularly attend football games and other CU events with Ted Graske and George Spelios."

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Ivan Koota has established himself as a successful folk artist after retiring in 1994 from the practice of pediatric medicine. (For details, see box.) Ivan enjoys following classmates' updates and looks forward to attending the reunion, scheduled for June 2-5.

Balancing several activities at the same time or pursuing several careers in succession is hardly unusual for members of the class. Jerry Schmelzer and Syd Goldsmith are examples. Jerry has been in advertising and public relations for 40 years. For 32, he has had his own public relations firm in Cleveland. At the same time, he has owned a professional hockey team in Columbus, Ohio, and was engaged in developing a four-building historic renovation project in downtown Cleveland. Serving a four-year term as chairman of the Historic Gateway Neighborhood Corp., the local redevelopment corporation, Jerry oversaw a $12 million restoration that includes residential and retail space within a half-block of Jacobs Field and Gund Arena, where the Cleveland Indians and Cleveland Cavaliers play. The project was instrumental in transforming an area that for 40 years had been characterized by disinvestment and blight into a vibrant entertainment district in the heart of Cleveland. In the past six years, Jerry notes with pride, the neighborhood has attracted more than $520 million in reinvestments.

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Jerry's civic activities also included five years of service as chairman of the Mayor's Public Relations Advisory Board, a group of volunteers from Cleveland's media outlets, agencies and civic relations firms. "The board," writes Jerry, "helped uplift the once-rusty image of Cleveland to external as well as internal audiences."

Jerry has remained involved with Columbia, serving as an officer of the Cleveland and Columbus alumni associations and interviewing College applicants in the Cleveland area. He keeps in touch with Peter Schmertz, with whom he broadcast the football and basketball games on WKCR, and Bill Tanenbaum.

Syd Goldsmith's succession of careers began after service in the Navy. "I was a Foreign Service officer for 24 years," Syd writes. "Ironically, I never served in Russia or even spoke any Russian, deciding instead to go to Columbia's Russian Institute. The Foreign Service had no use for any more Soviet experts, and so I was treated to training in Cantonese, Mandarin and Taiwanese and Spanish — and 'less up to having dropped说话冷, never reading it again after my first day in Cantonese training in Hong Kong in 1965. By early 1969, I was tapped to be interpreter for our talks with the Chinese, but I knew that relations were so bad that we wouldn't have a meeting in Warsaw for two years and the job was in Washington. I demurred, and got Taiwan instead. I served for 10 years in Taiwan, and was our unofficial consul general in Kaohsiung for four of them."

Syd took early retirement in 1989 and has lived mostly in Taiwan since. He went on to establish a real estate investment company, buying and selling distressed properties in the Dallas area after the real estate shakeout that resulted from the savings and loan crisis, and more recently in Las Vegas, where many a con game is played. Syd's wife, Neena, is the sole supplier of armored Humvees. Syd's children are Joe, 60, and Jacob, 56, and seven grandchildren; the respite of a major illness, the accretion of aches and pains and the need to manage one's life slowly takes its toll. Many of the Crow's active in football and basketball games on WKCR, and Bill Tanenbaum.

Syd enjoys following the exploits of classmates and adds this piece to the Paul Nagano story: "Right after Columbia, I went to Navy Supply Corps School in Athens, Ga., where one fine day, ensign and classmate Paul Nagano found me playing flute at the University of Georgia and did a portrait on a shirt card board. While I have not seen Paul since, I still treasure that picture."

Theresa de Gavin Mann submits this Columbia reunion: "2010 is our 50th as a class, but my life at Columbia started in the 1940s, seeing the greats on the football field and basketball court make history. My oldest brother entered Columbia with three of his classmates, so from 1951 on, the College was our second family. Columbia did not make me rich materially, but it did make me a better person."

Rabi, who spoke about how our lives would change for all times; 'Mr. Sociology,' the great Professor Case, and his stories about the famous he taught and how the advertising media was going to change our lives; the Van Doren's; Ivy League Champions on football and basketball and the fencers of Irv DeKof. That was part of Columbia College yesterday."

Barton Reichert sends this note from Paris: "Living and working in Paris since 1969, when I married my French girlfriend, whom I met in New York. Three children, one grandchild. Just retired from an agency I founded and now devote even more time to travel (twice to Asia so far this year), art and antique collecting, and wine."

His last economics class of the term having taken its leave, Joe Giacalone ponder the anomaly of an aging process that assails him but never the fresh-faced young men of St. John's University that have reappeared before him like perennials year after year for 42 years. The burdens of age, a deepening sense of his own mortality, the accretion of aches and pains and the need to manage them all are your own. A lot many pills than I would like," suggest with jarring force the notion of retirement.

Wistfully, Joe reminisces: "After my first two years as a commuter from Forest Hills, Queens, I joined Alpha Chi Rho and took up residence on the top floor of Hartley Hall. Alpha Chi Rho had no fraternity house but the Hartley Hall suite (two small bedrooms and a large living room) served the purpose. Among the Crows, as we were called, were Billy Burtt, Ralph Galdo, Frank Zmorzenski, Andy Kubishen, David Farmer, Jon Strimaitis and Lou Minotti (now deceased). I have not kept in touch with them, and that is probably my great loss, but we did have a lot of fun back then. Many of the Crows were active in football and crew and the smell of liniment hung heavily over the suite. Alpha Chi Rho got a house in the early 1960s, and that probably hastened its demise as it was deactivated a few years after when it didn't pay its bills. However, the fraternity made a difference in my life, and I am grateful for it."

A smile broadens Joe's face as he acknowledges the gifts for which he is grateful: 42 years of marriage with Marianne, now retired from her career as a nursing home administrator but active as a docent and volunteer; four children and seven grandchildren; the repose of a vacation home in Sussex County, N.J., more than two hours away; a little golf; some swimming; art, nature and culture in Queens and, occasionally, Manhattan; and a career that continues to stimulate the intellect and offer opportunities to travel (Rome, Budapest, Vienna and Las Vegas, where many a con game is played)."

"Retirement?" Joe responds, "I guess I like what I'm doing or I'm afraid to quit," and dismisses the thought with a gentle rebuke: "No...or at least, not yet."

Be well, and please write.

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Burr Ehrlich retired from Wall Street and is a director of corporate boards. One company, Armor Holdings, is the sole supplier of bulletproof vests, and one of its founders, Frank Fran, is a real estate broker; she sold the Victor Borge home. His son, Steve, is an executive at Monster.com. His daughter, Julie, attended Yale and is awaiting law school acceptance. Another son, David, is a sophomore at Columbia. Burr is active in the New York luncheon group and, along with Tom Goebberg and Tony Adler, reaches out to classmates for contributions to the College. Burr has lived in Greenwich, Conn., for 15 years.

Last year was exciting for Jim Ammeen and Neena Clothing. Neena acquired the assets of Pincus Bros., Bremen Trouser Co., and Benona Clothing. With the Pincus Bros. acquisition came the rights to Caballero, a well-known clothing license. In September, Jim formed a new entity, Neena and Co., and purchased JP Da'Mage Co., a manufacturer and marketer of premium denim jeans wear. Jim's son, Jeffery, '85, was promoted to right-brain responsibilities and has responsibility for the company's distribution center and internal operations in Bayonne, N.J.

Allen Lowrie is in the U.S. Naval Oceanographic office after 35 years in southwest Mississippi, making maps of all kinds as requested by the admiral. Allen says its best not to ask too many questions about the details.

Gerry Levy CRE, MAI has taken on increased responsibilities at the Real Estate Institute of the NYU School of Continuing and Professional Studies. He is clinical associate professor of real estate, teaching negotiation and dispute resolution courses to real estate and construction grad students. He also is liaison to the Appraisal Institute for
the school’s recognized valuation concentration. He recently finished a successful year as chair of The Counselors of Real Estate committee on dispute resolution.

Skipp Tullen left teaching college physics in 1985 to pursue his sound recording business full-time. He started Tullen Sound Recording in 1977 while a full professor at County College of Morris and chair of its physics/engineering department. With the recording industry in the doldrums, Skipp considered a return to teaching but found no college level openings in the vicinity. His investigations into high school physics teaching convinced him to continue as sole proprietor of Tullen Sound Recording. Skip and his wife, Barbara Shalit, celebrated the Christmas holiday in Hawaii.

On a sad note, Oscar Garfein’s companion of 14 years, Ignacia Ngo, passed away in August; we offer our condolences.

Don Briscoe from John Boatner and a column by John Beifuss in the Memphis daily, The Commercial Appeal. Don’s first 30 years read like the script of a soap opera. He was born in a logging cabin on a Mississippi cotton farm. When he was a boy, his family moved to Memphis, where his brilliance earned him a scholarship at Phillips Exeter Academy. At Columbia, Don, his friend and future costar, Roger Davis ’61, and Brian De Palma led the Columbia Players. Don completed a master’s in English literature at Columbia in 1965. Almost immediately, he found success on the New York stage — in The Tavern (1964), The Boys in the Band (Donald, 1969), Come Back Little Sheba (1968), Friends and Romans (Tom Gallagher) and many others — and on tour in Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf? (Nick). Don’s major theatrical interest was Shakespeare, which he performed in such places as Stratford, Ontario and Memphis.

But it was the popular, cultish ABC-TV soap opera Dark Shadows that brought Don fame. From 1966-70, he appeared in 95 episodes as tortured souls plagued by the torments of vampirism and a werewolf curse. “He was a classically trained hunk with piercing eyes and Robert Redford looks, but I also appeared frequently in such teen magazines as 16,” writes Beifuss. He also was “a reader of books, a thinker and a conversationalist who exuded intelligence.”

Suffering from ill health, Don left Dark Shadows and New York in 1970. According to his sister, Don drifted to California and suffered a mental breakdown. He returned to Memphis in the early 1970s and moved in with his parents. He intended the stay to be brief, but after he was diagnosed with bipolar disorder and declared legally disabled, he remained there, shunning the spotlight, for the rest of his life. The official cause of Don’s death was heart disease. Fred had real talent. In fact, we had no diver until Don stepped forward. He had never competed as a diver, but he demonstrated grace and tremendous courage as he taught himself to dive, leaping countless times off the springboard, through the air and (sometimes painfully) into or onto the water. You can learn more about Don at www.darkshadowsonline.com where-briscoe.html. [Editor’s note: See January’s Obituaries, page 36.]

Fred H. Casier died at his home in St. Catherine’s, Ontario, on January 4. Fred grew up on a farm in the Mohawk Valley and, like Don, came to Columbia on a scholarship. Freshman year, Fred and I shared a small three-room suite in Hartley Hall with Claude Bravmann, Rob Johnson and for half the year, Paul Cooper.

I remember Fred as a timid young man who studied with relentless fastidiousness. Each week, he would create a rigorous schedule for himself so he had time for his challenging coursework in languages as well as his love for music. He sang in choirs at the College chapel, the Cathedral of St. John the Divine and St. Bartholomew’s. As a member of the American Guild of Organists, Fred played music from sacred to theatrical and produced his own arrangements on CDs. Fred completed an M.A. at Columbia in 1963 and a Ph.D. in linguistics at NYU. He taught briefly at UConn, and, in 1968, John joined the classics department at Brock University in St. Catherine’s. Fred was an early convert to computers and created fonts for scores of languages. He was blessed with a rare gift for language and recently had completed a three-volume analysis of 80 ancient, exotic and modern languages. He continued to sing and follow his love for theater into the production of several university plays in Greek and Latin.

One of Fred’s students, Brad Ingword, chair of the classics department at the University of Toronto, spoke at Fred’s memorial service: “Fred taught Greek with an intelligence and rigor I strive to emulate, for he refused merely to teach Greek. He taught language ... He gave students the tools to understand the inner logic of any language and shared his deep comprehension of its history. He taught us a great deal about the beauty and order of the human mind. And he did it in the most astonishing way possible, by exploring the mechanics and history of a long dead language ... Fred’s generosity was boundless. He taught anyone who wanted to learn and spared not a single moment of his time helping his students with obscure German textbook in Indo-European linguistics, adapting a book on Latin verse composition, or devoting endless hours of laborious fun to mounting entire plays in Greek or Latin. Fred got us all to extend ourselves and showed us that hard intellectual work could be surrounded by humor, fun and wit.”

Fred had polio when he was 12, and it came back to affect his legs so that he had difficulty walking. He also suffered from allergies and hypoglycemia. The cause of his death was a cerebral hemorrhage.

Now some sunny news: Stan Lupkin returned to law practice as a partner in the well-known law firm Ackerman, Levine, Cullen, Brickman & Limmer. Stan joined the firm after eight years as executive v.p. and regional counsel of Decision Strategies, a global investigative consulting firm. Before joining that firm, Stan was a partner for 14 years in the New York law firm of Littman, Asche, Lupkin & Gioiella, where he specialized in civil and criminal litigation and appeals. Before entering private practice, Stan served in the New York City Department of Investigation for 11 years, including four as commissioner. He was in the mayor’s cabinet from 1978-82. Before DO, Stan was an assistant district attorney under the late Frank 5. Hogan, a former student of the College. Stan, the son of a former dean of the law school, is a graduate of NYU Law School.

But the real story — the one that makes Stan’s enormous smile fill his face — is that he and his wife, Anne, who graduated on graduation weekend, have five granddaughters and one grandson. Stan and Anne’s son, Jonathan ‘92L, a former editor of the Columbia Law Review, is a partner in the New York office of Piper Rudnick. Their daughter, Deborah, is a CSW “doing G’d’s work, teaching Alzheimer’s patients to live.” Nine years ago, the Lupkin clan started the tradition of attending at least one Columbia basketball game a season. “All the kids, dressed head-to-toe in light blue, can’t wait until they can attend alma mater.” Stan and Anne live in Great Neck, N.Y., four minutes from Stan’s new office. He may be reached at stanlaw62@aol.com.

Good news comes also from western Canada, where Crawford Kilian is in his 38th year teaching college in Vancouver, B.C. He has...
no plans to retire and is having fun developing new communications courses for Capilano College's film studies and tourism degree programs, as well as working with BCcampus, a province-wide clearinghouse for post-secondary online courses. Crawford is working on a novel but writing more for his blogs. One site, "Writing for the Web" (http://crosfblogs.typepad.com), provides a continuing update of his 2000 book of the same title. A second site, "Writing Fiction" (http://crosfblogs.typepad.com), offers advice to struggling novelists.

"My morning dog-walking routine," Crawford writes, "was enlivened recently by an encounter in our local park with a mother black bear and her cub. A few days later, they spent the morning in our front yard, watching kids walk down the street to school. Amazing! And we didn't notice them! Bet that wouldn't happen in Great Neck! You may reach Crawford at cklilian@thehub.capcollege.bc.ca.

From Anderson, S.C., comes news of John Garman. Following a year-and-a-half at the Law School, extensive hitchhiking from New York to California and later between Florida and NYC, a stint guiding tours of the West and another in the armed services, John returned to Columbia for his M.B.A. Since then, he has devoted his career to nonprofit work, especially with chambers of commerce. From 1986-98, John served as president of the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce in Covington, and from 1999-2003, he served as president of the Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce. He retired in September 2003, but his retirement has been a busy one. First, John consulted for the American Chamber of Commerce Executives (ACCE), and now initiatives develop business advocacy programs to promote small and medium-size enterprises.

John writes, "These assignments offer an opportunity to give back to one's profession as well as learn more about our ever-changing world. When not traveling overseas, I've assisted ACCE with assignments in North and South Carolina, Georgia and Florida." John also has served on the boards of the South Carolina Humanities Council, Anderson Free Clinic and Anderson Westside Community Center. Sounds like he is the well-rounded man that Columbia sought to make us all!

John and his wife, Nancy, have a daughter and three grandchildren in Minneapolis. Through her employer, Information Today, Nancy helps produce information industry conferences in the United States and Europe. "When she travels," says John, "guess who volunteers to become a 'designated spouse' by offering to carry her bags?" In their spare time, John and Nancy relax on their houseboat on Hartwell Lake in the Savannah River Basin. "The lake has almost 1,000 miles of shoreline and provides many places to escape." You may reach John at john@garman.net.

Please write or call soon.

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By now you should have received the first class of 1963 e-newsletter (if not, please send me your new e-mail address). I'll try to get this out on a regular basis, and I hope you will enjoy receiving a little extra information about classmates.

Richard Olivo became a father for the first time at an age when many classmates already have grandchildren. "Our son, Andrew (6) is in kindergarten on Beacon Hill. Two years before his birth, another new development was my becoming associate director of Harvard's Derek Bok Center for Teaching and Learning, while continuing as a professor at Smith College (where I teach neurophysiology each spring). These unforeseen changes bring to mind the inscription in John Jay lounge, which I remember as: 'Hold fast to the spirit of youth — let the years to come bring what they may.' When we were undergraduates, I read these words as an old man's lament in the face of a diminished life, but now they seem to say, 'be prepared for pleasant surprises.' Richard, pleasant indeed — congratulations.

Frank Sypher has been extremely busy in 2004 and has had three of his books published: New York State Society of the Cincinnati: Biographies of Original Members and Other Continental Officers, containing 475 fully-documented biographies of Revolutionary officers of the Continental army, navy and marines; Letitia Elizabeth Lordore: A Biography, a scholarly biography of the British poet, novelist and critic; and Minutes of Conovers Proceedings, City and County of New York, John Burnet, Conover, 1748-1758, edited by FJ. Sypher. I hadn't seen Frank since our days in Alpha Delta Phi, and, in addition to finding out about his latest work as a historian, learned that he had spent the majority of the 1980s in Africa teaching. By the time you read this, the first two Second Thursday Class of 1963 lunches will have been held in New York at the Columbia Club. The first one was a trial run, and proved to be a lot of fun. Bob Heller, Bruce Kaplan, Larry Neuman, Tom O'Connor, Frank Sypher, Geoffrey Thompson and I regaled each other with many stories, some of which I hope they will expand upon for these notes.

Geoffrey, also an Alpha Delta, contacted me for the first time in years after seeing my first C Class Notes column. He said, "Like you, I am now of an age to consider retiring. Like you, it is a foreign concept. But, maybe it is time to retire oneself. I have done that several times. "I have been a naval officer, student, journalist, banker, private equity partner, headhunter and participant in not-for-profits since graduation. They are all the same in one way or another. "I am a 64-year-old businessman in New York. I live in the same place that I have lived since the 1960s, am married to Claudia, who has suffered my moods since 1966, and have one wonderful daughter, who is a Dartmouth senior. I guess I am stable in some regard — people pushing me. Having retired a decade ago as CEO of what today is called HSBC Bank USA, the eighth-largest bank in the United States, I have been in the private equity and headhunting businesses. Looking at my track record, I will probably become a farmer or something equally different than these three industries. "In 2003, my wife joined Dick Kelly and his wife, Sheri, on a weeklong trip through the Grand Canyon on a raft. If you get a chance, do it. It is the best vacation going."

Yet another Alpha Delta, Frank Partel, who could not make the lunch, wrote to apologize. "We bought a condo in Vero Beach, Fla., last March, which, of course, lay directly in the path of Hurricane Frances and Joanna. Enough of the pieces are together for us to leave for VB on January 8, returning in early April. "I remarried and semi-retired about four years ago and dropped the 'semi' prefix last year. I haven't made a productive transition to retirement yet. A novel languishes about 75 percent to be written. Parkinson's First Law seems to say, 'do not get a restraint.' I can build a half-day around something that formerly took 15 minutes. However, investment performance has dramatically improved, as I now have the appropriate time to devote to it. My older son lives in Aosta and struggles as an actor, writer and director when he is not an executive recruiter. My younger son works in Topeka buying and hedging commodities for U.S. and Latin American plants for Colgate. Mary Ellen's children are all married. We have two grandchildren. "I ran into two Class of '61 fraternity brothers last summer. All of us spend the summers on Martha's Vineyard. I hadn't seen either one for 30-plus years and they ran into each other on consecutive days: Dick Hall '61 and Jim Cahouet '61. Dick's elder daughter is a senior at Chicago while his younger daughter, Charlotte '08, is a first-year. "We had a fun day sailing and Charlie, of course, was working her way through the Iliad. Charlotte is an experienced oarsman, rows crew and has the right muscular-skeletal structure to be outstanding: tall and trim."

Frank reminisced about sculling on the Schuykill. "I enjoyed crisp fall days paddling down Fairmount Park under the railroad bridge where Eakins painted the sculler on the course where Paul N. and I beat Yale and Penn as lightweight in our freshman year. "If you and your boat members reading this, could you expand on Frank's recollections? Just to confirm that I must be losing it.

I will continue to host an infor- mal luncheon in the Grille at 12:30 p.m. each second Thursday of the month at the Columbia Club, 15 W. 43rd St. Dates for the next few months are March 10, April 14, May 12 — you get the idea. I hope that it will become a regular event and that you will find it a congenial way to renew friendships and build class connections. Please e-mail me if you plan to attend. If you would like to communicate with classmates, come to the class luncheons or join the free Columbia E-Community (https://alumni.college.columbia.edu/eecom). As I have mentioned before, this is a great way to stay in touch, and not enough of us are
taking advantage of it. And please, keep those notes coming.

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For the first time in more than 20 years, Columbia’s basketball team returned to the Holiday Festival at Madison Square Garden. Ivan Weissman, Howard Jacobson and Steve Singer attended. Ivan reports that before the game, there was a well-attended Columbia reception at a local steak house. What followed was an amazingly exciting game against nationally-ranked North Carolina State, and although Columbia lost, it was close all the way. “The steak was great,” says Ivan, “but the Lion was better.” Two nights later, Columbia defeated Canisius in the consolation round.

Gil Kahn will celebrate two happy family events within one year of each other. Last August, his daughter, Abigail, was married, and in July, his son, Teddy ‘04, will be married. Mazel tov to all.

The obituary of Susan Sontag, which appeared in the Los Angeles Times and was reprinted in the Financial Times, prominently quoted a piece Jonathan Cott wrote about her for Rolling Stone in 1979. I hope the new year is going well for everyone.

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Two classmates have appeared in The New York Times since my last column. David Denby married Susan Rieger, associate provost for academic affairs at Columbia, and makes his home in Sherman Oaks, a Los Angeles suburb, has a public relations and marketing agency that primarily serves professional service firms and technology companies. His wife, Bonnie, is a psychologist who trains other clinicians and maintains a private practice. They and their kindergarten-age daughter, Morgan, visited Columbia during a summer tour of several East Coast colleges. “Getting into Butler Library required negotiating with the security guard, who wanted to see my student ID,” Alex says. “I explained that I had mislaid my ID card about 40 years ago. He smiled and let us in.” Contact him at auberbach@aprc.com.

“My daughter, Lauren, is back from Brazil, where she worked with street kids at a community center in Olinda while on leave from the College,” writes Mark Auerbach ’66. “She is studying Portuguese to increase her proficiency so that she can return to Brazil and continue her work, although probably in Rio. My son, Matt (17), is a junior at Dalton in New York City and is active in Democratic politics. He is not convinced that the Dems are in the desperate straits that the talking heads seem to suggest and believes that there are a number of good candidates for ’08. I am a senior partner at Amsterdam & Levering, a seven-lawyer real estate litigation firm. I’m active in alumni affairs at the College and Law School.” Recently, he was appointed by President Lee C. Bollinger as a governor of the Columbia Club. I’d like to see all classmates at our next reunion; planning for our 40th has begun with Mike Garrett and Dan Gardner looking at venues and discussing activities. If any classmates want to meet at the Columbia Club, let me know.

Alan Creutz received a Ph.D. in history from the University of Michigan in 1981. After four years as reactor officer in the U.S. Navy, he attended graduate school, taught at Michigan and moved into business, where he developed and run software companies. “You will note a Renaissance approach (good at everything; expert at nothing) with a Ph.D. in history, a navy tour in nuclear engineering and a professional career in software and business. I am an angel investor in San Diego, working with startup companies, a general executive consultant, and, having just completed the sale of my most recent corporate venture, am in the process of starting a company that will focus on business development and services for public safety companies. I married Jerelyn Cunningham ’76 Hampshire College and have two children (Daren ’02 Williams and Brendan ’04 CalPaly, San Luis Obispo). We live in Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., and unfortunately are distant from Columbia and its activities although there is an active Ivy Club and Columbia group in San Diego. I am the go-to-responder for Alan at his workplace views on the nature of the universe, he replied, “How can one be whsmical after the most recent statement by the American people on their choice of leadership? Yale should be embarrassed.” Reach Alan at alan@mergepp.com.

From high in the Rockies, Arthur Best notes, “The barrage of e-mails about a 250th anniversary had me confused about how long it’s been since graduation, but things have gone well for me since 1986. I’m a professor at the University of Denver College of Law. I’ve written some books, I’m in a happy marriage with Hannah Kahn (juilliard graduate and a modern dance choreographer) and approaches, Isabelle and I remain in our now under-inhabited suburban Boston home. She teaches French at Concord H.S., and I do more clinical psychiatric and less academic work based at my local Harvard hospital who reside in or near the Big Apple, miss the proximity to classmates and wish there could be more contact and interaction.” E-mail Joe at jabecker@fas.harvard.edu...

Steve Cooper sent news from
Atlanta: “Maxine and I are working hard and traveling often; we recently were in Australia and New Zealand and will be going to Russia and the Baltics in August. No intention of retiring in the near future.” Reach him at stevencl21@aol.com.

“I am in my 31st year teaching labor law and criminal law courses at the University of Missouri Law School in Kansas City,” says Mark Berger. “To make certain that I do not lose touch with the practice of law, I serve as a mediator and arbitrator in labor and employment law cases. The combination helps to keep me off the streets and out of trouble. One of the great perks of teaching is the opportunity for sabbatical projects. This spring, I will be spending approximately a month as a research visitor at the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg, France, where I will research and develop EU self-incrimination principles. Following that, I will be in residence at a facility maintained by the Rockefeller Foundation in Belgrade, Italy, for a month completing the project. All in all, not a bad gig.”

“My wife, Kathy (her brother is a 1965 Columbia grad), and I have two adult daughters, but neither of them went to Columbia. Kathy and I were fencers (she was a champion in 1976), but that has given way to other things. We look forward to a visit by the Columbia fencing team to the Kansas City area this year.” Mark’s e-mail is bergerke@yahoo.com.

We were saddened by the news that Dan Heller passed away in November. His brother, Bob Heller ‘68, gave us some information. Dan was a pediatrician in Brookline, Mass. He was married to Nancy Schneider ‘67 Barnard, and their three children all came to Morningside Heights: Marissa ‘96, Matthew ‘99 and Sarah ‘04 Barnard. Bob can be reached at rheller@kramerlevin.com.

We appreciate Mark Amsterdam having brought this sad news to our attention. [Editor’s note: An obituary will be in the May issue.]

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Steve Zimmerman reports from Denver: “I have been married to Barbara for 36 years and have three children and five grandchildren. My wife is wonderful and remembers everything that I forget. My daughter lives in Denver with three kids and a husband, my older son lives in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., with a partner, and my youngest son lives in Atlanta with two kids and a wife. I reacquired a Harley and have been motorcycling for years. I ski, hike, play chess and poker, scuba dive and practice law in between. I have one partner and an assistant at the law office and primarily do business law and estate planning. I have curtailed litigation, which I did for years, so it is quieter and less stressful.”

Charles Siegel caused a bit of a stir with his essay “An Architecture for Our Time,” which argues that modernism was an appropriate style for the 20th century but that we must develop a new classical style for the 21st century. The essay was originally published on the website of International Network for Traditional Building, Architecture, and Urbanism. It attracted enough attention that it was translated and published on a German website and also will be published in Traditional Building magazine. Please send news.

Barry Wick ’68 is “back in Colorado after completing two years of Peace Corps service in Namibia. I’m relearning how to light switches and water faucets.”

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It is hard to believe we were getting ready for finals 40 years ago, our freshmen year. Anyway, there is news from Madison Square Garden and the Columbia beach house was quite a scene. As the waves lapped against the patio and thousands of stars twinkled above the palm trees, a large moon rose over volcanoes across the bay that seemed to erupt with fireworks all night long. As a trio sang boleros late into the morning, a steady stream of neighbors dropped by to join in the singing and dancing. After that, the next few days of surfing, fishing and golf were delightfully boring.”

Paul and I had lunch with Phil Mandelker when he was in from Tel Aviv. Ira McCown lives in Miami but was in the city visiting. David Shapiro has become a grand communicator with me — we DM back and forth. (I even have seen a new poem or two.) He soon will have a poetry reading and related art exhibit in the city. On January 18, an exhibition of new works by Tsibi Geva opened at the Eli and Edythe Broad Center in New York, accompanied by an essay on Geva’s works by art historian David, who is one of America’s most prominent poets. The collaboration and ongoing dialogue between David and Geva engendered a book titled, like one of the poems in it, After — the name of Geva’s exhibit, as well. Steve Ross has become — I hope I have this correct — a grandfather. He has been back and forth between Quebec and New York City. Sandy Rabison’s daughter is enjoying Wesleyan; she is in Israel at this time. Son Joey is at home; he’s a sophomore at Lexington High. John Roy had lunch with Stephen Pierce when he was in from Paris. I have written about Steve, but I didn’t know that his wife is a judge and they have three kids — a son who is an open singer at the New England Conservatory, a daughter at NYU who is studying art history and another daughter who is a lawyer in Paris. I have several notebooks filled and received a boxful of audio tape from him for the holidays — Seamus Heaney. Columbia folks deliver grand presents. Thanks, John.

The American Academy of Psychotherapists has elected Dr. Phil Gainsburg of Brentwood, Tenn., as its 26th president. Phil has practiced in Nashville for more than 30 years. He was awarded the Mel Schulstad Professional of the Year Award by the National Association of Addiction Professionals for his outstanding sustai\n
advancement of the addiction counseling profession. Phil’s career started in 1970, when he worked with one of the first treatment programs for chemically dependent veterans in North Dakota. He was an original staff member at the Dede Wallace Drug Treatment and Rehabilitation Center in Nashville and served as clinical director of the center from 1973-78. Phil was one of the first Ph.D.s certified as an alcohol and drug abuse counselor. In 1986, he became a consultant to the Vanderbilt Institute for the Treatment of Addiction and worked with staff members and psychiatric residents. He served as 1999 president of the Middle Tennessee Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors, helping the association achieve nonprofit status. He served as 2002 chairperson for the Journey. There is news from Madison Avenue: Phil was in from El Salvador with their son, John ‘05. The American Academy of Psychotherapists has elected Dr. Phil Gainsburg of Brentwood, Tenn., as its 26th president. Phil has practiced in Nashville for more than 30 years. He was awarded the Mel Schulstad Professional of the Year Award by the National Association of Addiction Professionals for his outstanding sustain...
George sent me “two reviews of my book (from the Sunday Times and the Guardian), and a column from the Observer, which refers to it favorably. Peter Clarke is one of the star scholars in 20th century history, so having him give it a good review in the Times was wonderful.”

Barry Wick wrote to me and Greg Lombardo: “I’m back in Colorado after completing two years of Peace Corps service in Namibia. I’m relearning how to use light switches and water faucets. Congratulations on having children at Columbia (I also have a Benjamin and a Samuel).” Barry, we look forward to some details on Namibia. Welcome back. Contact Barry here: barrywick_peacecorps@hotmail.com.

John Chee has been greeting many visitors in Hong Kong. “Quite a number of Columbians are passing through Hong Kong recently, including visiting faculty and the dean for the Business School’s M.B.A. admissions, and Koely Henderson of the University Development and Alumni Relations office, were in town at the same time in November. Before Chee leaves, Professor Paul Kaganyi, chair of the department [Editor’s note: See January, page 9], and two other math professors were in Hong Kong to attend a math conference. Professors Wm. Theodore de Barry ’41 and Xiaobo Lu, director of Weizmann East Asia Institute, were scheduled as keynote speakers at another major conference. We know all this because we take care of our Columbia visitors. So where is Arthur Spector and other members of the Columbia alumni? If you are going to Hong Kong, I assure you that it is a great place to visit.”

“My family is doing well. My oldest daughter, Pamela, is expecting and I should be a grandfather in April! Ian ’01 is with Leo Burnett and soon will move to Shang-hai. He has his eyes on the Business School and talked to Linda Meehan when she was here.”

“We have been affected by the recent tsunami disaster in the sense that many know of friends who are unknown. If you haven’t heard about it, all members of ’88 is for a safe and healthy 2005,” John, thanks for the invitation again. And we hope that friends are found safe.

“I have been enjoying the city a good deal recently … the new MOMA, the Alvin Alley dance company, and even some Gilbert & Sullivan along with the Metropolitan Opera. And I am restarting my tennis career, hoping to beat Brandt, Baumgold and Janovsky with the ease of Agassi.”

Once more, I e-mailed for news and received these interesting replies. From Ron Alexander: “I’m CFO for a public company in Northern Virginia, doing information technology and systems’ engineering work for the Defense Department and the intelligence community. For fun, I’m pursuing a master’s in American history at George Mason University, and with my wife, Ifa, an expected award date of June 2005. At the moment, I’m almost late in the submission of my application for the Ph.D. program. And to add insult to injury, I need to take the GREs for the first time. Does anyone remember what basic is?”

“My interest is American history from a legal, financial and business perspective. I have two children, 14 and 12, one girl and one boy, so I’m behind many of you in sending my kids to the College. My wife sings part time with the Washington Opera chorus at the Kennedy Center. I try to go to the gym each morning, but I’ve found there’s no way of stopping mother nature. I’m balder and grayer and not much wiser than when I was a student.”

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bestselling guidebook *Meditation for Dummies* and co-author of *Buddhism for Dummies*. He’s also the author of a book of interviews, *Timeless Healing Practices*, and co-editor of *Living Yoga*. In 2001, Stephan completed his Zen training and received Dharma transmission (authorization to teach) from his Zen teacher, in a lineage that dates back to the historical Buddha. He offers workshops through Omega Institute (check his website: www.stephanbodian.org). Stephan recently remarried and is relocating from the Bay Area to Sedona, Ariz., where he hopes to continue his therapy practice, offer workshops and retreats and enjoy the slower pace of life and wide open spaces. He’s working on a new book, tentatively titled *The Joy of Awakening*.

Bob Rabinoff writes: “My son Joseph is back from a year in France teaching English and studying art at Ecole Normale Supérieure in Paris and is in graduate school for math at Stanford. My daughter Shoshanah is back from a year at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and has resumed studies as a junior at the University of Winthrop. My daughter Eve is a junior at the University of Guelph, Ontario, and my son Daniel is a junior in the honors math program at the University of Manitoba. I continue my freelance programming practice, take care of my friend Marie, pay tuition bills and try to keep healthy and warm in rural Iowa. I long for the day I can move to Jerusalem. I've been interviewing for the Alumni Representative Committee for several years. If anyone knows of the time I'd recommend it. It’s inspiring to see the high quality of students who are applying to Columbia and their overall level of *meeschlikheit*. It can be frustrating to get excited about so many kids and to see so few of them get accepted, but it is a testament to the selectivity that Columbia now enjoys. I often feel that if they don’t get in, how did I ever get in? I think I’d be hard pressed to be accepted nowadays!”

From Christ Jensen: “I’ve been a partner at Cowan, Liebowitz & Latman, where I have been since 1980, when I left my position as chief of the Civil Division in the U.S. Attorneys Office for the Eastern District of New York. I became chair of the firm in 2003 (a position that I previously held for several years). The firm’s practice is primarily intellectual property law, and although I was brought into the firm to do general corporate and commercial litigation, my litigation practice is predominantly in copyright, trademark and patent litigation. I represent the Recording Industry Association and its member companies in dozens of music downloading cases brought against individuals residing in the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York. I successfully represented the University several years ago in a trademark infringement action against the Columbia/HCA Healthcare company, which was then seeking to acquire and operate hospitals in the New York metropolitan area under the Columbia name. Although I lost at trial (because of the District Court’s view that there were many Columbia hospitals around the country), after a reposing argument before the Second Circuit, during which the court expressed skepticism about the district court’s conclusion that other Columbia hospitals in the New York City area would not be confused with Columbia University— a Columbia Presbyterian medical center, we reached a settlement that ensured the exclusivity of Columbia’s name for this area. “I am proud of having managed the growth of our firm to its current size of approximately 100 attorneys and to have seen that there still is a place for a high-quality boutique law firm in New York. My oldest daughter, Heather ’96, works at our firm doing trademark prosecution for Major League Baseball, Brinks and other clients. My younger daughter, Meredith, a graduate of Harvard and Yale Law, recently completed a clerkship with my mentor, Judge David Trager, in the Eastern District of New York, and is an associate in the firm’s departments at Cleary, Gottlieb. My wife, Gay, recently retired from the school board in East Meadow, N.Y., after 15 years of service. We are looking forward to the next years as the best to come. None of this would have been possible if someone on the admissions committee in 1965 had not been willing to take a chance on a boy from Twin Falls, Idaho, who had never been east of Pocatello.”


Bill Kwitman: “I’ve lived in Portland, Ore., for 32 years and have been married for most of that time. After two years in a latchkey program (school-age daycare — what else can you do with a B.A. in European history?), I married, traveled abroad and went to law school in Portland (Lewis and Clark). I’ve been an attorney with the Oregon State Bar’s Professional Liability Fund, a mandatory malpractice program (the only one in the United States), for the past 20 years. My oldest child went to Colorado College and works for Nike; my daughter goes to Portland State and is considering a transfer to General Studies, and my youngest is a sophomore at Harvey Mudd College in Claremont, Calif. While I love living in the Northwest and don’t miss living in NYC, I visit friends and family each year and recently connected with my former roommate, Mark Goethel ’69, and his wife, Carol. Sorry to miss our reunion. I’ll be off on my first and last sabbatical.”

From Merville Marshall: “After 30 years in academic medicine, teaching and practicing endocrinology, I left academia two years ago to go into private practice. I was, most recently, associate professor of clinical medicine and associate chief of endocrinology at New York Medical College in Valhalla (for 30 years). I am president of The Endocrine Institute in White Plains. I practice endocrinology and give seminars to primary care physicians on diabetes management. I also talks to lay groups about various endocrine disorders.”

Kenneth Chin: “I went to med school in Boston, then moved to L.A. for internship, radiology residency and interventional radiology fellowship at UCLA. I decided to stay in L.A. (better weather than NYC). I’m an empty nester with two sons, one who is a successful [portrait], the other an aspiring actor (aka waiter). I am punishing myself by heading up a large radiology practice that covers most of the greater L.A. area. I enjoy teaching residents and fellows at UCLA. I occasionally bump into Isaac Wiener, a prominent electrocardiophysics cardiologist in the area, who got me interested in viewing CC applicants.”

From Charles Goldstein: “I’ve been married for 33 years and have three sons. Howard ’30 is a periodontist (fellowship at Columbia,
of course) and is married to a Yale neurology resident. David (27) is a Penn grad and a writer in Boston. Jonathan '03 (24) is a paralegal. I have been a diagnostic radiologist these many years, living happily in South Jersey where I watch Jim Gardner (Goldman) on the news every night.

Jay McClelland is the Walter Van Dyke Bingham Professor of Psychology and Cognitive Neuroscience at Carnegie Mellon University and co-director of the Center for the Neural Basis of Cognition. He is also a co-investigator of a joint project of Carnegie Mellon and the University of Pittsburgh. Jay’s work during the past 30 years has focused on neural network models of human perception, memory and language. He was elected to the National Academy of Sciences in 2001. Jay lives in Pittsburgh with his wife, Heidi Felman. Their two grown daughters, Mollie and Heather, also live in Pittsburgh.

“Still Livin’ in the ’60s Department”: John Geiser reports, “I have reached an advanced stage of life-long poverty by devoting myself obsessively to trivial and meaningless minutiae that occupy my conscious mind, thereby enabling my dandies to strive more vigorously toward vertical ascension. I wouldn’t describe this as true life-loathe; instead, it is more like irresponsible and unregulated impulse gone wild.” John can be reached at myolddog@aol.com.

Speaking of the ’60s, news comes from Shana Na Na leader Rob Leonard. “My news is forensic linguistics. For 15 years, I have been consulting (on everything from murder cases to plagiarism in a translation of the Holy Koran), teaching and developing the linguistics program at Hofstra University in the Long Island area, where, I might add, it seems every second person is from Columbia. We are one of the few departments in the United States with a forensic linguistics program. The editors of the book What Would Spiesies Do?: Race, Rights and Redemption in NYPD Blue asked me to do a chapter concerning forensic linguistics, which I tried to make an introduction to a field that is established in the United Kingdom and Europe but not yet in the United States. You may remember I was the original leader of Shana Na Na, and I left the group so I could go to Africa on a Fulbright to do research for my Columbia Ph.D. in linguistics. I lived in Africa (and then South Africa) for about eight years. We (Shana Na Na) released a new movie last fall, Festival Express, a documentary of the “Canadian Woodstock,” footage from a performance of us and Janis Joplin, the Band, the Dead, and so forth, that we did 33 years ago. My strongest memory of that gig is watching Janis drink a bottle of rotgut tequila while on stage in the four or five minutes she wasn’t singing during her 40-minute set. I hadn’t even seen a snapshot of her. I discovered she had cut out of the credits, so they featured me on the website to make up for it. Ah, show biz.” I hasten to add that for historical reasons only I saw this movie at a special showing for late-middle-aged former hippies and can report that it was appropriately “heavy” and lots of fun, especially our Shana Na Na guys.

From Richard Hobbie, “I moved back to Brooklyn last year and am CEO of the Water Quality Insurance Group, which insures vessels for liabilities arising from oil and chemical spills. I also am president of the Board of Commissioners of Pilots of the State of New York, which licenses and regulates the pilots bringing ships into the harbor. I was appointed, I was commissioned in the Coast Guard, where I served three-and-a-half years of active duty. I have remained in the maritime business since.

David Lehman has published a new book of poems, When a Woman Loves a Man (nothing to do with Percy Sledge). Mike Mezzatesta has been living in Rome while on sabbatical. He recently completed design work on a new 60,000 sq. ft., $30 million facility for the Duke University Museum of Art, where he was director, with New York architect Rafael Vinoly.

From Fred Kushner, “This was a busy year for our Columbia family. Janet is a CC junior in biology doing an internship in Amsterdam in a pre-med program at Kings College, Guys and St. Thomas in London. Adam ‘99 has been named assistant managing editor of The New Republic and writes editorials for the L.A. Times, San Francisco Chronicle, Chicago Tribune and Orlando Sentinel. My wife, Ivy, is past president of New Orleans Young Audiences and on the national public relations committee. I am the immediate past president of the New Orleans Friends of Music, celebrating our 50th anniversary with the Emerson String Quartet. I was on the writing committee for the American Heart Association and American College of CARDIOLOGY guidelines for the management of acute myocardial infarction, headed by Elliott Antman. I served on the American Board of Internal Medicine developing a practice improvement module for heart attack care for internal medi-cine recertification. I also am medical director in a busy, 10-man practice and teach at Tulane. I study painting, sail, golf and serve on the Alumni Association Board of Directors, and the Alumni Council of P&S.”

I trust that our collective enthusiasm will continue to build for our big 35th and that we’ll get a good turnout. Till next time, go Lions!”

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Francis Lu: “After Columbia, I obtained my M.D. from Dartmouth and did psychiatry residency training at Mt. Sinai. I have written for San Francisco General Hospital since 1977 and am professor of clinical psychiatry at UCSF. I have devoted my career to cultural issues in psychiatry. ‘I lead five-day film seminars at Esalen Institute, Big Sur, where we watch films and have discussions on a topic; in 2004, it was ‘Renewing Integrity Through Film: The Vision of Truth.’ The films were To Kill a Mockingbird, Rashomon, Whale Rider, Rules of the Game, Path of Glory, The Fog of War, The Insider, The King of Queens, Ulee’s Gold, Roman Holiday, Singin’ in the Rain and Banita. I use a Blaise Pascal quote to describe learning from that seminar: ‘Truth’s so darkened nowadays, and lies so established, that unless we love the truth we will never know it.’ I have led 18 film seminars at Esalen in 14 years, and my next is August 7-12, on ‘Exuberance, Creativity and Delight in Film.’ My co-leader is Brother David Steindl-Rast, a Benedictine monk.”

Also in San Francisco is Ray Stricker, who offers commentary on our previous column: “Re: Fred Lowell. He’s a Republican National Convention delegate and Bush supporter living in the San Francisco Bay Area and he’s afraid of terrorists in Manhattan? He should be afraid to walk out his front door!”

Jack Lemonik: “I am chief technology officer of FXall. Founded in 2001, FXall is widely recognized as the leader in electronic foreign exchange trading. Since a key duty is to ensure that we hire top-caliber technical staff, I am working to recruit Columbia students by formalizing a relationship with Columbia’s computer science department. ‘My Columbia family continues to grow. My wife, Celia, fondly remembers her days on Morningside Heights, where she got her M.L.S. Daughter Dina graduated from the Law School in 2001 and is doing a second stint clerking in Federal Court in Newark. Sons Zac ‘00 and Micah ‘03E worked for financial services industry as software developers. Sons Joseph ‘05 and Yonah ‘08 are enjoying their time at the College. It will be about a 12-year gap until the third generation of Lemonikons — granddaughters Hannah and Sarah and grandson Josh — make it to Morningside.”

Bill Reed is an owner of Catfield Estates in Millwaike, Ore., “doing interesting stuff in elder care. See www.elite-care.com.”

Steve Bellovin ’72 is headed back to Morningside Heights to be a computer science professor at Columbia.
More than one '72er is on the move. Steve Bellovin, of late an AT&T fellow in the Network Services Research Lab in Florham Park, N.J., is headed back to Morningside Heights as a computer science professor at Columbia. “I do research on networks and security and why the two don’t get along. When I joined the company in 1982, I was working for Bell Labs; since then, I’ve worked for AT&T Bell Laboratories, AT&T Research and now AT&T Labs Research, all without changing companies.”

And Jim Sabella says: “After spending most of my career on the defense side, I have joined a plaintiffs’ securities litigation firm, Grant & Eisenhofer, in NYC. I guess that all that remains for me is to start rooting for the Red Sox and not getting Democratic, and my journey to the dark side will be complete.”

Please no angry letters, folks, as a Democratic Red Sox fan, I just print ‘em as they come.

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Sad news from the west: Dave Ritchie notifies us of the death of Dan Rubinstein, who died in August in San Francisco. In October, friends gathered in Big Sur to remember Dan and life in NYC — among those attending were Dave and Rich Canzoni.

On a happier note, we know of three children of ’73ers who were accepted early into the Class of ’09: Laura (Joe Seldner), Joanna (me — yesss) and Matthew (Bob Pruznick). May many more arrive this spring.

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One of the saddest tasks of a class correspondent is to report the death of a classmate. On January 11, Eliot Soffes died of an aortic aneurism. He was a commercial and residential architect in New York City. Two years ago, he formed the firm Soffes Wood Architecture and Interiors. You can check out the amazing breadth of his projects and accomplishments at www.swspace.com. We will remember Eliot as an enthusiastic and compassionate friend who worked tirelessly for the College. Eliot is survived by his wife, Diane Goldkopf, and two children, Jacob and Sarah.

We’ll miss you, Eliot.

The virtual mailbag was a bit light of late, but then news came involving almost the four corners of the earth. I received a note from a classmate who hasn’t written for more than a quarter-century: Scott Stover. I believe that after college, Scott was in banking in Chicago. After a few years, he moved to Paris, and I hadn’t heard from him since. His note came from France, saying he had decided to renew his contact with the College and had just received his first issue of CTC. He didn’t include any news, just a request for the e-mail address of his Livingston roommate, Scott Kunst. I will see if I can get an update from Messr. Stover for a future column.

Quite as elusive, but still reclusive, is Marc Reston. Mark wrote, “No, I haven’t dropped off the face of the earth! I’m still living in San Francisco. Last January, I started working at Morgan Stanley in the Institutional Consulting Group. The group provides investment management and financial planning advisory services for endowments and other nonprofit sectors. His daughters are 14 and 18; the older one attends UC Santa Barbara. We have a great photo of a mini-reunion held in Boston by some football classmates. In the photo were Scott Denny, Tom Luciani, Dave Vechedrlda, Jerry Sancy, Kevin Ward and Paul Marino. Will added, “There were a few more of us there, but we were too drunk to stay still for a photo.” Will is CEO of Willis & Associates, a management consulting and executive search firm in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

In an idle moment, I decided to contact a few other sons-in-law. I found, in my computer/MIS field when they met and recently began a master’s program in social work. She hopes to become a counselor. Since returning to New York, Ed has found some friends from Columbia. His days at the College are among his most cherished years.

Jeffrey Kessler has represented the NBA Players Association for many years, but he’s involved with other sports as well. Recently, he was the attorney for the former limited partners of the Montreal Expos in their case against the limited partners in a professional Authority. Up came a request on the E-Community!

Eric Kristensen sent a great photo of him and his partner, Geoff Reid, taken last April when they were climbing up to Angel’s Land¬

ing in Zion National Park. He says that the time they spent in the national parks in Utah and Nevada was sublime. We all probably heard their cheers when the Supreme Court of Canada cleared the way for same-sex marriages. Wedding plans are underway! Eric would love to hear from “Bobby” Schneider and Burton (Doug) Stump.

Jose Martinez, one of my freshman year roommates (along with Charlie Lindsay and Mac McCarthy ’74) bounced around for a few years (Washington, D.C., Columbus and Toledo) after Columbia before returning to Cincinnati. He met Lisa, now his wife, in Columbia; they have been married 26 years. Jose went to law school 15 years after college. Initially, he was a criminal defense attorney, but for the past four years, he has been working for the Ohio Attorney General’s office in workers’ compensation litigation. Through Mac, Jose stays in touch with Ed Dolan. Father C. John McCloskey III was in London last year on sab¬batical. He returned to the States and finished taping his 13-part series on St. Thomas More for EWTN in Alabama, which will air this fall. Before Christmas, Father John submitted the manuscript of his new book, GOOD NEWS, BAD NEWS: Evangelization, Con¬version, and the Crisis of Faith, to Sophia Institute Publishers.

Hale House, a nonprofit organization in Harlem dedicated to building better futures for children and families in need, appointed Randolph McLaughlin as executive director. Randolph has dedicated his career to serving the underserved. [Editor’s note: The May 2005 CTC will include more details in Class Notes.]

After reading about himself in a recent set of Class Notes, Tony Muratore wrote, “It is hard to believe that 30 years have passed since graduation. I can close my eyes and relive campus events and experiences with startling detail. We transitioned from the last of the Vietnam war protests to the end of the actual war. Yet, we again find ourselves in the middle of a war brought right to our shores. Harry Chapin certainly was correct in his assessment that ‘all my life is a circle.’”

An ASCAP-registered writer of songs, stage plays and screen¬plays, Jay Stephen Padoff recently returned to Los Angeles and is looking for new contacts. (I told him to put his request on the E-Community! https://alumni.college.columbia.edu/e.com). He’s involved in human rights, handicapped and
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LGBT issues and politics.
Yaron Reich is a partner at Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton in New York, where he specializes in Latin American, private equity and tax law. The firm joins a number of others that recently have jettisoned punctuation in their names.

For the past decade or so, George Robinson (my predecessor in this role) has been the music and film critic for Jewish Week (the largest circulation Jewish newspaper in the United States). He is working on his next book, Essential Torah, which is the follow-up to his last one, Essential Judaism.

He’s also a lecturer for a chain of cinema clubs around the country and freelances for books, film, music and Jewish issues. His wife, Margalit Fox, a Barnard alum and ‘91J, is a staff reporter at The New York Times and is working on her first book. George and Margalit live in Washington Heights with two obstreperous cats. George hopes to make some new ones. I’ve got a number of guys I didn’t know while at Columbia.

Brian Altano ’78 is professor of humanities at Bergen Community College in New Jersey and a professional storyteller, performing original stories in the U.S. and abroad.

Talking to someone who was accepted to the College! Now, I probably shouldn’t tell you that she received her acceptance letter the morning of the afternoon I met her ... She had a good laugh about this. I told her I understood the essence of Columbia and then made my usual pitch to get involved in WKCR.

Since we’re on a New Haven theme, I turn to David Beazer: “I’ve been sampling life around Yale — hanging out at Clark’s, which feels a lot like my depart ed Mill Lucheonette, combined with old reliable Tom’s Restaurant. Talking knee replacement vs. knee reconstruction with friendly staff at Pepe’s pizza (those midnight and flag football games on frozen South Field and The Great Lawn took their toll). It takes me back to those bright days of student life. To get involved in WKCR. It takes me back to those bright college years on the Heights. My wife, Jacqueline Bonesi ’83 Yale School of Public Health, lived in New Haven, so it’s been nostalgic for her, too. She’s a regional product specialist at Genworth (formerly GE) Financial Long Term Care Insurance.

I’m back in the job market after a stint at ibm.com news and features editor, which also takes me back. My first search after Columbia with my brand-new English major felt like I was off on a cross-country adventure without a roadmap. The 21st century version feels like an adventure, too — like a bungee jump: climb the tower, take the first step and trust the cord.”

Reminding us that, at press time, the light blue hardcourt boys were doing pretty well, Harry Stulbach reports, “You last heard from me in October 2002, when my wife, Paris, gave birth to twin girls, Amalia Bea and Orly Willa. I became the proud father of a third daughter, Keren Wald Stulbach, on November 10, 2004. Keren is the Hebrew word for ray and Wald is my maiden name. We still live in our cozy, two-bedroom apartment on the Upper West Side, and I run the mammography department at Metropolitan Hospital in Manhattan. Roar Lion Roar — especially the basketball team!”

My niece in Israel, daughter of my brother-in-law, Douglas Cher tow ’79, also is named Keren. I thought I’d throw that in because I can and because she is very cute. While we’re on New York doctors, former baseballer and Alberto Acosta checks in. “My family, including wife, Rebecca, and children, Ana Sophia (6) and Nico (3), lives in Manhattan where life is fun and full. I have a solo private practice in internal and tropical medicine and have maintained my faculty appointment at Cornell Medical School/New York Presbyterian Hospital. Rebecca is a travel health specialist. I run a specialty clinic in travel and tropical medicine called the Travelers Medical Service. I serve on the board and as the director for medical services for Ingersoll-Rand Co.”

It strikes me that Alberto may be the only doctor I know who needs to go to all those conferences in beautiful and warm locations for his job. “Well, here’s a story.” So starts out a wonderful tale from Brian Altano, as you will see. “In addition to being professor of humanities at Bergen Community College in New Jersey, I am a professional storyteller, performing my original stories in theatres in the U.S. and abroad. My next performance is on April 29 at the Anna Maria Ciccone Theatre in Paramus, N.J. People often ask me how I became a storyteller. It was a strange occurrence in my first class at Columbia that got me started. If you recall, Freshman Seminar was, at that time, taught according to one major text. All
tual analysis skills were based on papers that I thought would come
ing. Since I had spent much of my senior year in high school study-
that one class was based on a single work of literature. When I
ized the play. I also had a pile of in handy for recycling purposes.
who was supposed to teach this class died two days ago, so they
expected an easy semester. Well, Hamlet
said, 'We will do another book.' In his
hand was a huge tome: at least 800 pages. 'It's called
The Decameron,' he said. 'The
place at my apartment on River¬
the end of the semester, we had a
during the next four years: a sto¬
lady from New Haven who will
attend the College early decision
years and six
He writes, 'Practical Home Theater is the only annually updated book on the sub-
ject — the use of print-on-demand technology helps me keep it fresh. Voering off into new territory, I've recently unleashed a dining guide with the overly hacksterish title, Happy Pig's Hot 100 New York Restaurants. New Yorkers might see reviews from the book posted in reserved book windows. Both
ished by my new company, Quiet River Press (www.quietriverval-
com), whose burn rate will be infiniti-
estimates to that of my previous company.'

"Gabriel Bustamante has been enjoying life in Sainte Fe, N.M., for
the past 11 years, where he is a Realtor. David Fernandez extends
best wishes to fellow classmates and promises to write soon.
I have written a second book, Heal Your Knees. Although I
busy as the chief of orthopedic surgery at Cedars Sinai in L.A.,
joy writing books on how to avoid surgery. The response to my
first book, Heal Your Hips, was favorable, and made for a rewarding
experience. I credit my years at Columbia with the success I
have encountered in the arts and in medicine — an education for a
life time. I will try to contact as many of you in hiding as I can for the next issue.

Now that's a great class note, and one that I hope the young lady from New Haven who will attend the College early decision Class of 2009 will take to heart. Make this the year your name appears in the column.

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After Columbia, Andres Alonso
gone to Harvard Law School and
practiced law at Hughes, Hubbard
Reed in NYC. He then

Take the time to read the
this column.

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Our 25th reunion is only three
months away, and the
response has been great. Your
reunion committee is working
hard to ensure a wonderful week-
end for you and your fami-
l. I urge you to make an effort to
return to Morningside Heights
see alma mater's transforma-
tion for yourself.

Scott Ahern checked in from
Chicago, where he is a telecom
executive with Avaya. He recently
attended the wedding of Brian
McAvoy, son of Dan McAvoy.

Danny is a pharmaceutical ex-
ecutive with the Purdue Frederick
Co. and lives in a Chicago suburb.
I spoke with Jay Kutner
regarding the resurgence of the
basketball team, and we agree
that Coach Joe Jones has done
a remarkable job. Jay and his wife,
Diana Page Wood '80 Barnard,
live in San Diego. Contrary to
popular belief, Jay is not dancing
with the Royal Ballet, but is
producing baseball games for
ESPN. Jay and Diana are looking
forward to the reunion, especially
if Pedro is pitching.

Gary Whittemore wrote from
East Walpole, Mass., where he
lives with his wife, Lisa, and their
two boys. After a long career with
W.R. Grace, Gary left for a smaller
company in the construction
materials business, Sarnafil, and
is enjoying the small company
experience. He also coaches football
at St. Andrew's Academy.

I recently saw John Metaxas on
CNBC reporting from the NAS-
DAQ, John is a freelance reporter
on business and financial matters
and can regularly be heard on
WCBS Radio.

Oliver Shapiro was appointed
associate editor of the trade jour-
nal Shooting Sports Retailer and
was most recently editor of the

music in New York City. John's
series won an Emmy for best his-
torical/cultural series.

John is married to Mary Crow-
ley '81 Barnard, and has two sons,
Christopher (19) and Will (16). He
is in touch with his friends from
the fencing team and Stuart
Christie, Dave Wright and Jesse
Davis, all of whom live in New
York City with their wives and kids
and work in Manhattan; Greg
Staples, who lives in Connecticut
with his wife and two children
and works in Manhattan; and
Tom Leder, who lives and works
in the city. John can be reached at
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Steven Buchman M.D. recently
was promoted to full professor of
surgery and neurosurgery at
the University of Michigan. This
is in addition to his other posi-
tions — chief, pediatric plastic
surgery at C.S. Mott Children's
Hospital and director, Craniofa-
cial Anomalies Program at the
University of Michigan Medical
Center. He has a wife, Cindy, and
three children, Lauren (4) and
twins Brevin and Ally (2).
Brad Brooks has been at CNN-International for the past three years but is trying to engineer a segue back into architecture. On his last trip to New York — in town for the premiere of The Last Goodbye, a movie he had a small part in — he knocked around with a smattering of fellow media mavens and alumni, including Bruce Pross ’80, Tom Nugent, Greg Gilmartin, Bryna Levin ’82 Barnard and Dan Schneider. Brad is the proud owner of a mixed-breed mutt, Sugar (4).

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News is beginning to trickle in! Thanks to those below for taking pity on me and sending me something.

Randy Pearce Esq. sends regards to Scott Sheinin, a friend and suneumate for several semesters. “We enjoyed many Monday morning bialys from his family’s baking business in New York.

Vladimir Berzonsky Jr. is v.p. and deputy managing director of PBN’s Moscow office. A native U.S. citizen of Russian heritage, Vlad has worked for more than a decade in Russia taking a transnational transactional attorney. His expertise includes providing due diligence on direct and portfolio investment opportunities, legal restructuring of Russian corporate entities, advising on corporate governance and compliance issues, and negotiating and structuring cross-border investment agreements. Vlad has lived and worked in Vladivostok, Russia, and Almaty, Kazakhstan. He regularly speaks and writes on issues relating to Russian legal reforms and developments in Russia’s banking and financial sectors. He’s had an up-close view of the Putin presidency, Russian-style capitalism and the reform movement. He has an article in the current issue of Law Firm Management Review, looking at reform and the Russian banking sector.

Mark Robertson was promoted to senior v.p. of Hilton Hotels Corp., responsible for Hilton’s legal efforts in regard to e-commerce, multimedia and the Internet, information technology and services and branding for all of Hilton’s brands. Prior to his legal career, Mark was a diplomat in the U.S. Foreign Service. He served in Armenia in the Yemen Arab Republic, as well as in Vancouver, British Columbia; Beirut, Lebanon (following the Embassy bombing); and Naples, Italy. Immediately following graduation, I went to lunch with my parents... Skipping ahead, I work at McKinsey & Co. in New York, where I’m the associate publisher of The McKinsey Quarterly (www.mckinseyquarterly.com). My wife, Anne, is a painter (art, not house; www.annesunday.com). We have two children: Evan (10) and Phoebe (7).

Lou Orfanella ‘82 has written a collection of memoir-based essays on the writing process.

According to Bob Goldhaber, Scott’s family run the bialy business in New York in the late 70s and early ’80s.

Randy served as a law clerk for Federal Judge Frederick B. Lacey in the U.S. District Court (New Jersey) and joined a large law firm in Morristown, N.J., from 1985-88. “On April Fool’s Day 1988 (rather symbolic), I left my well-compensated and secure position to start my own firm (Pearce, Vort & Fleisig) in Hackensack, N.J.” Bob married Nancy Pallarino in 1986 and together, their family includes three children: Cassandra (14), Randy (12) and Tommy (8). The Pearces live in Wyckoff, N.J. Randy is in contact with Greg Gennaro, who also is an attorney in New Jersey. They attended our 20th reunion in 2002 and had a great time, catching up with Joe Cabrera and Jeff Vasser, among others. Randy also stays in touch with Mitchell Pearl, who is an attorney in New Orleans. “I have visited with Steve every year that the Super Bowl has been played in New Orleans, and he visits NYC almost every year with his family.”

Osbert Blow filled me in on his last 22 years. Osbert majored in French language and literature at Columbia. He moved to Durham, N.C., where he received his M.D. and Ph.D. from Duke. There he married Liz, who joined him in Charlotte, Va., for his internship and residency in general surgery. After a year-one fellowship in trauma and surgical critical care at Shock Trauma Center in Baltimore, they moved to San Antonio, where he directed the pediatric and emergency surgery program at University of Texas Health Science Center. Osbert has been chief of trauma and surgical critical care at Overland Park Regional Medical Center in Overland Park, Kansas, since August 2003. He has published several manuscripts and book chapters and is a member of numerous surgical societies. He recently was inducted into the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma and attended a Trauma Symposium in Maui, where he and Barbara celebrated their 13th wedding anniversary. They have four children: Alex (12), Sam (10), Audrey (7) and Madison (2). His and Barbara’s biggest interest is spending as much time with them as possible. Osbert believes that his years at Columbia were among the best of his life.

Mitchell Robbert wrote, “Your call for news in January’s CCT inspired me [to write].” After graduation, Mitchell stayed in New York City; he was a magazine editor and then a film producer. He wrote a screenplay on how to flip hamburgers, which was not much different from flipping hamburgers. He changed course when he realized that he “needed a long-standing advice to learn a trade or to earn a professional degree,” and in 1985, entered Georgetown Law. “I arrived in D.C. on Amtrak the week before law school was to begin with only a bicycle and my degree. The only car of my own was from Ted Tayer’s classes.”

During law school, Mitchell clerked for Superior Court Judge Noel A. Kramer and got a good look at trial work, which he continues to enjoy today. In 1989, he met and married Suzanne, whom he refers to as the “Goddess of Logic.” They live outside D.C., where they practice together in their own firm, The Robbert Law Group. Suzanne is a transactions and corporate lawyer. On the personal side, Mitchell coaches 9-year-old boys basketball, plays the banjo, Scruggs-style (only much slower), and practices tai chi.

Lou Orfanella has written a collection of memoir-based essays on the writing process. “It is kind of a literary scrapbook with articles and journal excerpts along with writing prompts after each essay. Of course, a few Columbia memories have found their way into this manuscript.” Mitchell was one of the first to release for release this spring by Fine Tooth Press, it is titled Scenes From an Ordinary Life: Getting Naked to Explore a Writer’s Process and Possibilities.

Salvatore Volpe is an adolescent and adult physician on Staten Island. He recently was interviewed by Time Warner’s NY1 regarding the ability of electronic prescribing to improve patient safety by catching potential drug interactions. Also of note, his son, Gino, recently was accepted into the Arista Honor Society.

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My wife and I are thrilled to announce the birth of our son, David Louis Pomerantz.

George Bogdan: “I have been in solo legal practice, mainly for small technology clients, since our last reunion and doing volunteer work in community affairs in North Brooklyn. No marriages, divorces or children. I have corresponded with Bert Alexi in Paris this year, mainly concerning U.S. electoral politics."

John Case: “I was a Class of ’84 member who graduated early. I know a few people in ’83 and a few in ’84, but I don’t keep up with them a lot, as most of them are on the East Coast and I am in Los Angeles. I understand that Dr. Richard Sullivan is still well; I hear about him in the news from time to time. I have a daughter, Sabrina (6) and a son, Ivan (4). I am divorced and happy. I have a solo law practice in Los Angeles, practicing business litigation and transactions. I have an emphasis in investor, intellectual property, Internet and franchise law. I have been in practice for 18 years, having graduated from Stanford Law School in 1986. In 1998, I earned an M.B.A. from UCLA’s Anderson School. This year, I closed a $1.8 million class action settlement in a corporate breach of fiduciary duty case, where my law firm (me) represented the investors.

I was victorious in a published decision of the California Court of Appeal, Division I, in the case of McNeil Partners, 114 Cal. App. 4th 411 (2003), in which the state appellate court reversed summary judgment on the ground that limited partners’ claims against a general partner were individual, not derivative, in nature — a groundbreaking case. Trial was set for late January 2005. Classmates may check out my website, www.caseweblaw.com, for more news.”


“I am a managing partner of United Enterprise Fund, a New York-based private equity fund dedicated to making investments in the multi-unit branded restaurant industry with a focus on partnering with minority owner operators (minority as defined by the..."
Small Business Association). We have made several investments and are doing well as an investment partnership.

As a proud New Jersey native and Columbia graduate, I have been concerned about the University monitoring its Middle East Studies department and holding the faculty to basic standards of objectivity and evenhandedness. I have written to President Lee Bollinger's office on more than one occasion that Columbia does not seem to have the standards it used to.

Edward Cardona: "I have been fortunate to remain in the classical music industry, although not as a flutist. I am v.p. and general manager of Video Artists International (VAI), an independent classical label distributed internationally. We release programs on DVD, VHS and CD, including early telecasts of the Chicago Symphony and Boston Symphony Orchestr mans conducted by Fritz Reiner, Charles Munch, George Szell, Leopold Stokowski and so forth. We have begun releasing vintage Broadway programs with performers such as Ethel Merman and Mary Martin. Nureyev, Fonteyn and Plisketaya are some of the names that appear on our ballet DVDs, and Sutherland, Corelli and Caballé on our opera DVDs. On the CD side, we have a range of recordings from historical performances by Maria Callas, Renata Tebaldi, Jussi Björling and Sergei Rachmaninoff to current recordings by a growing list of Metropolitan Opera stars and a crop of brilliant young pianists, including the legendary Nipper."

Tom's at 2:30 a.m., offered much dancing, playing so hard and studied so little and were so far behind by finals week that we hoped that our six GPAs combined would approach a 4.0. I recalled the friendships we made and still have and the education that allowed us to become the people we are. I also offered the bride tips on being roommates with the Dorian Gray-like Steve, who still looks as good as he did on Five Jay in 1982.

Gary McCready lives in Jersey City with his wife, Jane, and their children, Ben (11), Madelaine (8) and Charlie (6). Gary manages systems and storage area networks, a small but a significant job. Sumitomo Mitsu. Gary is in contact with Ben Rosen '84, who installs stereo sound systems for the stars. Gary informed me that Frank Scheck '82 writes Off-Broadway reviews for the New York Post and Broadway reviews for the Hollywood Reporter.

Wayne Root was interviewed on Newsmax.com about his book, The Zen of Gambling, the Ultimate Guide to Risking It All & Winning at Life. Wayne explains, "What I say over and over in my book is that the point of gambling should be winning! Treat it not just as entertainment, but as a way of managing your assets. It does not have to be a foregone conclusion that everyone loses. With the right amount of education, knowledge and strategy, anyone can turn the odds in his or her favor." Wayne recently founded the Nevada chapter of the Republican Jewish Coalition.

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Dennis Klaiber, general manager of Vail's Berglark, has been a practicing attending at the University of Florida. "We have a beautiful, 18-month-old girl that Melissa and I adopted last year. With the right amount of effort, anyone can turn the odds in his or her favor."

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Walter Hewlett seeking to stop the 2002 Compaq merger. And if you haven’t heard about enough great things about Boston since its team won the World Series, Columbia friendships flourish there, too. Ben Pushner—an attorney with The Hartford—and Jon Abbott—COO of WGBH in Boston—see each other almost every Sunday, as they are neighbors in Newton. Their children attend the same Sunday school. Ben loved the last reunion and looks forward to the next one in 2009. He also is a real pal and wanted to make sure I had some fodder for this month’s column, which, up until the above gents answered my cry for help only four days before deadline, I had not! Don’t wait for my hyste¬ria to set in. Don’t be shy, e-mail me anytime with your updates.

Reunion is coming! Look for a detailed mailing, and let me know if you need more info.

Since graduating from the Law School in 1988, Tim Tomasi clerked for a federal judge and then spent five years at a mid¬size Boston law firm. He returned home to Vermont to work at the Attorney General’s office, where he is the chief of the Civil Divi¬sion. During that time, he also served for six years on the Montpelier City Council. He is married to Vivian Ladd ’86 Barnard, a museum educator. They have two girls and a boy: Devon (9), Isabel (7) and Jason (3). Tim tries to catch either the Columbia-Dartmouth or Columbia-Harvard game each year and wishes they could get to NYC more often.

Brian Margolis is a partner at Proskauer in NYC. He lives in Larchmont and has three children, 6-year-old twins and a 9-year-old (two boys and a girl). Mike Reilly lives in Westchester and is an attorney in Philadelphia and has three sons, ages 10, 6 and 3. Bryan Barnett lives in Queens and has worked for Chase for 16 years, most recently in the small busi¬ness and procurement areas.

To encourage you to send in your update, here’s mine: I’ve been traveling throughout the United States to such places as Birmingham, Ala., Toledo, Ohio and Providence, R.I. It will be 15 years this summer since I gave up legal practice for the world of coffee, and things continue to percolate (sorry). We’ve been for¬tunate to adjust our business to changing times and have been able to sell our products to a great cross-section of customers in different market segments. My family continues to age gracefully: My boys are 12, 8 and 6 (our first bar mitzvah will be two weeks after reunion) and Allison is returning to graduate school at NYU to get her master’s in not¬for-profit management.

I will be calling folks about reunion and e-mailing for updates, but don’t wait for me ... drop me a line so we can include more info.

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Congratulations to Michael Rizzo on his wedding to Tracy Marie Bush at the Lake Club on Staten Island on October 2, 2004. Attendees included Michelle Borre-Massick ’87 Barnard and her husband, Robert. PHOTO: SPENCER GORDON

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One of the best parts of being back in New York City is the significant¬ly greater possibility of running into classmates (as opposed to when I was in London). In Novem¬ber, I had two such lucky encoun¬ters, one planned and one not.

Imagine my surprise on a rainy night in November, running into Mike Markhoff and Nancy Allen Markhoff outside Madison Square Garden! We were waiting to get into the arena to see an R.E.M. concert. It could have been 1987 all over again, except that after the show, Mike and Nancy had their three kids waiting for them at home. It was great to see them! Just a couple of nights before, I saw Cathy Webster at a dinner party that she was throwing the night before she defended her French literature dissertation at NYU. Cathy and I had planned this, as this was my birthday, and she, her husband, Bill Dycus, and her daughter, Meredith, had spent time with me in London last year on my birthday — it’s a great new tradition!

The defense went swimmingly (as Cathy says, one of the few highlights of that Election Day Tuesday!). Cathy and her family are back from their year in Paris and live in Asheville, N.C., near Bill’s family, which gives them lots of babysitting support, as Cathy and Bill welcomed their second child, Thayer Allen, on December 12. Cathy said, “I’m in the job mar¬ket for tenure-track assistant pro¬fessorships, so who knows where we’ll wind up? In the meantime, we’re enjoying the support of Bill’s family, the beauty of the Great Smoky Mountains and the blessings our children bring each day. Wait a minute, I must have been channeling some other new mo¬ther, that sounds so syrupy! “I ran into Irene Tucker in Philadelphia during the MLA. She appears not to have aged a day since college and reports that life is good in Baltimore. She’s still with the English department at Hopkins,” Cathy adds.

I am hoping to see Judy Kim soon. She’s been working at the prestigious law firm of Schulte Roth & Zabel in New York.

Ruben Quintana ’88 sent a note: “After graduation, I went to Harvard Medical School, where I met my wife, Glenda. After Har¬vard, I moved to Los Angeles, where I am an assistant clinical professor of medicine at UCLA. In addition, I recently opened an intern medicine practice in Bever¬ly Hills. Glenda and I have two kids, Alejandro (6) and Natalia (1). I recently talked to Judith Romero ’89, who is a dermatolo¬ gist in the Los Angeles area.”

Irene Lederman forwarded a note from Laura Zander announcing the birth of Laura and her hus¬band Scott’s second son, Adam Bruce, on November 9, 2004. Adam joins proud big brother Danny.

Lance Hosey recently moved to Washington, D.C., from Charlotte¬ville, Va., to become a principal with Envision, a multidisciplinary design firm whose core mission is environmental innovation. Past clients include Greenpeace, Envi-
tional Defense and the World Wildlife Federation. Lance would love to hear from any alums in the D.C. area. I was hoping when I got back to New York to be able to spend some time with Suzanne Waltman. Imagine my surprise when I found out we had crossed paths over the Atlantic. She and her husband, Martin Friedman ’83, and their kids Max (8), Sophie (6) and Hannah (5), moved last summer to Basel, Switzerland, where Martin runs Novartis’ pharmaceutical mergers and acquisitions. Suzanne writes, “Our kids attend an international school, and I am having a great time. I love being in Europe I am learning German. I am involved with the kids’ school and I’m arranging as many trips as we can do. Basel is on the corner where France, Germany and Switzerland touch, so we are centrally located.”

I ran into Laura Brumberg at the opening reception for this year’s Columbia College Women mentoring program, co-chaired by Jill Nienczyk (who unfortunately was unable to attend). If any of you have been considering becoming a mentor with CCW and working with a current junior or senior, I wholeheartedly recommend it! Just a few months in, my mentoring relationship has been unbelievably rewarding.

By the time you read this, spring training will be under way and the World Champion Boston Red Sox will be preparing to defend their title. This fall was mighty exciting for the Bassett family: I finally finished my Ed.D. at Boston University, and the Sox won the whole thing. The Ed.D. didn’t take 86 years, but at times it felt like it might. And at times it looked like the Olde Towne Team might not complete the greatest comeback in sports history. (Eat your hearts out, Yankee fans. Choke! Choke!) After the final out of the World Series, my wife, Anya ’90 Barnard, and I had the neighborhood over for champagne and hot dogs. It was a joyous occasion.

Fellow citizens of Red Sox Nation Whitney Connaughton and Aaron Pressman were honored to witness Game 2 of the World Series (featuring Curt Schilling’s bloody sock) at Fenway Park. That meant they had to leave their daughter Daisy (born July 1) at home with siblings Julia (6) and William (4). And a sitter. Whitney and Aaron enjoy life outside Boston, and we agree that it’s no problem to sing “Sans Souci” one moment and chant bad things about the Yankees the next.

Whitney and Aaron’s news arrived via Nancy Kauder, who gave birth to Samuel on December 30 at the Chinese Cultural Center in Phoenix. “Don’t believe the hype about SD weather,” and has found the traffic laws to be a little less lax: “My one transportation problem was solving a ticket for going through a stop sign on my bicycle! It was a perfectly timed move at a four-way stop where I firmly believe I may have had at least some partial claim to right of way. I remember slowing slightly to verify my safety, then flying through so quickly that no one could have touched me. Nor do I believe anyone was inconvenienced. A New York cop may have raised his lip slightly in silent appreciation, but instead, I found myself pursued by one of those cop go-carts. I probably could have outrun it, but stupefaction prevented me. I listened politely to being told I had cut off three cars while calmly expostulating my aforementioned claims, then patiently waited for the officer to write me up. My one act of rebellion was to sit down and read the Economist when the process started to extend itself.”

Rebecca Ming Hsu’s mother, Geraldine Hsu, sent word that Rebecca is “a forensic pathologist and practices medicine in the Phoenix area.” Rebecca married Scott Kassing, an E.R. physician, on October 30 at the Chinese Cultural Center in Phoenix.

Jonathan Skolnik, who graduated in ‘92, hung around Morningside Heights until 1999, getting a Ph.D. in German. He married Masha Belenky, another Columbia Ph.D., and they moved to Eugene, Ore., where their son Natan (Tosha) was born. Tosha was safely delivered by Jessica Seidl-Friedman, who is in practice at Sacred Heart hospital in Eugene. Jonathan and his family moved to D.C. in 2001, where Masha is a French professor at The George Washington University. Tosha goes to kindergarden and Jonathan teaches German literature at the University of Maryland and is an editor at the German Historical Institute. Jonathan would love to hear from old friends: skolnik@ghi-dc.org.

Patty Ryan-Long, her husband, Shep Long ’85, and their children, Robbie (5) and Erin (3), relocated to Holbrook, Mass., Shep’s hometown, last summer. The Longs graciously hosted my family, as well as Terry McLaughlin Connor’s, for dinner at their new
home last December. Patty is a senior technical manager for CitiStreet, the global benefits provider that is a joint venture between State Street Corp. and Citigroup. Terry and her husband, Joe, have two gorgeous, red-haired children, Colleen (3) and Joseph (1). Terry is in the mortgage banking division of Sovereign Bank; she and her family live in her hometown, Quincy, Mass. Hope to hear from many of you in 2005.

**REUNION JUNE 2–5**

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Heartiest congratulations to Wei-Nchih Lee and Erhyu Yuan ’89 Barnard on the adoption of their daughter, Meghan. (See photo.) They brought her home from China on November 20 and took great delight in watching her take her first steps on Christmas.


We have a star among us. The Baltimore Jewish Times named Laura Shaw Frank as one of its Top Ten Young Jews on the front page of the January 7 edition. I look forward to seeing everyone in June at reunion. Until then, please write to me.

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It’s great how Class Notes are connecting folks — it tells me that you are reading these updates and getting back in touch with friends.

Thanks to John Evans and Stephen Jansen for resending their updates (lost in my July e-mail glitch). John and his wife, Cathy, took a “couples only” trip to Las Vegas last summer with Sam Trotzky and his wife, Judith, and Earl McAlear and his wife, Kelly. Michael Gitman and his wife, Cindy, were to join, but had just had their second child, Gabrielle. However, Michael, “in his usual classy manner, sent us a nice bottle of port, which we appropriately toasted to good friends nearby and those far away.” Initially, the plan was to take a family vacation, but in the end, the pair left the kiddies with grandparents and hightailed it to Vegas. “It was a short vacation, and while we tried not to, we spent much of our time talking about our children,” John is an actuary at an insurance company outside Philadelphia. He and Cathy have twins, John and Emma (2), and live in Collegeville, Pa., where they “try to get a kid-free weekend once a month [living] relatively close to family members who are willing and able and excited to have the kids now and then.”

Stephen has been in the United Kingdom since October 2000 and is working with other volunteers to establish the Columbia University Club of London. He transferred from T. Rowe Price in Baltimore to T. Rowe Price International in London (where he was a buy side analyst covering European markets). He is a founding partner and COO of Dickson Capital Management, which launched the European Focus Fund, a long-short equity hedge fund focused on investing in European technology, information media, consumer and healthcare industries. “My job is to run the business on a day-to-day basis and to manage risk in the portfolio. Working in a five-person company with one office is much different than being one of thousands of employees spread across the globe, but in almost every instance, is much better.”

In addition to the new job, Stephen recently became engaged to Jennifer Bender, an American (Yale Law School) who is a忙碌型 in London. “Reading the November Class Notes, I recognized Nathalie Augustin’s name as someone of my acquaintance and had invited to join us for drinks when we were in NYC during the summer. There was no Nathalie at [CC], but it turned out that she and Jennifer were colleagues at the law firm Cleary Gottlieb in New York and are friends. Small world!” Also while in NYC, Stephen introduced Jennifer to two companies outside Philadelphia. He and Emma (2), as my date at a dinner party

**Carrie Frank ’97**

Carrie Frank ’97 did not meet at Columbia, but met online years later, they found out they attended the same preschool: “Make new friends/hello, and drop me a line at korey29@comcast.net. See everyone in one of the future years for the 15th!”

Charles Ardai was consulting on the relaunch of the toy store F.A.O. Schwarz, which had its grand reopening on Thanksgiving. “Anyone who finds himself or herself in New York should definitely stop by the store, as it’s returned to the level of quality we remember from when we were kids. Plus, there’s an ice cream parlor on the floor, serving the best ice cream and apple turnovers I’ve tasted.”

Charles is working on three biotechnology ventures, one of which, Schrodering (www.schrodinger.com), was founded by Columbia chemistry professor Richard Friesner. Charles’ wife, Naomi Novik ’00E, sold a three-book historical fantasy series, TEMERAIRE, to Random House and is finishing the second book. As they sing at my daughter’s preschool: “Make new friends but keep the old/some are silver and some are gold.” I saw Jane Chew, her husband, Ed Chen ’90, and their kids when they came to visit NYC during the holidays. Jane got together with her tae-kwon-do buddies, Wei-Nchih Lee ’90 and Erhyu Yuan ’91 Barnard and their daughter, Meghan Kai-Hua Lee, newly arrived from Wuhan, China (see photo); Tsigen Hsiao ’89E and Christina Li ’91 Barnard and their kids, Ryan and Chloe; and Henry Hsiao ’89E and his family — Lillian, Victoria and Max. I rang in the New Year with my son, Matthew (2), as my date at a dinner party with Heather Lubov and Anne Kang ’90E, ’96 Business.

Send me news of your gatherings.

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Hi, everybody! There’s not much to report this time, but what little there is, unqualifiedly good news. Erin, on maternity leave, is an attorney at Shearman & Sterling.

Negar Ahkami is back in school, seeking an M.F.A. in painting at School of Visual Arts in Chelsea. She spent last summer painting in Maine at the Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, through a residency award.

You know the cure for “light mailbag-itis” Share your news. I would love to hear from you — and I know that your classmates would, too.

Cheers.

**Elena Cabral**

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Here’s a wedding story you don’t hear every day. With four years between them, Dario Zagar and Carrie Frank ’97 did not meet at Columbia, but when they met online years later, they found out...
that not only did they have Morningside Heights in common, but they went to the same high school in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. Though Dario and Carrie did not cross paths before their official introduction, they had, Carrie writes, several near-misses through the years. Intrigued by the coincidences, the couple began a courtship and were married two years later. (See photo.)

The Manhattan wedding, on June 19, included groomsmen Pat Boyd, Brian Frank ’95 and Arsenio Santos. Bridesmaids included Alison Donohoe ’97, Greer (Winters) Kratt, Michaela Klosek ’94, Andy Wein ’95, and Matthew (2), at the Homecoming game against Princeton. Despite young Teddy’s valiant effort to stave off defeat by belting out the fight song, Cornell lost, but a grand time was had by all. I later learned that Alan became a partner at his law firm, Blank Rome, in Washington, D.C. His practice focuses on general commercial litigation in state and federal courts, but he has developed specialties in maritime litigation, discrimination defense and police practices work. Alan is active in alumni affairs, serving as chair for the Washington Alumni Representative Committee, which interviews College applicants, and the local Columbia College Club. If any classmate in the D.C. area would like to get involved in alumni events, contact him at amf9@ columbus.edu. The Freemans live in Potomac, Md., about two miles from Alan Cohen, his wife, Becky, and their daughter, Elizabeth.

Pavani Kalluri finished an internal medicine residency three years ago and went to work for the Centers for Disease Control, first as an epidemiologist, working on prevention of diarrheal diseases, the second leading killer of children under age 5 in the developing world. Her work at the CDC has included travel to 10 countries in Africa and Asia. “Although I live in Atlanta, my heart remains in Morningside Heights!” she writes. Romsaí Boyceasalán completed medical school in 1998 and moved to Texas, where he trained in internal medicine and pediatrics until 2002. He was a rural physician in Texas and moved back to New York City from Ithaca, his wife, Becky, and their daughter, Elizabeth.

Catherine has been married to David Ferris, an HIV specialist, for almost three years. They live in Greenwich Village and have a daughter, Sophia, and a cat, Linda. She is perhaps the most social person I misidentified in the previous column. She lives in Alon Sheva, a community outside of Jerusalem, with her husband of 10 years, Yitzie Blau, and their children, Zacharya, Merdechay, Zadok, and Tehilla. Noa is an instructor in Talmud and Jewish law at the Jerusalem religious seminary. She got her law degree from the University of Chicago and in India and is fortunate to have the best day care in the world — her mother, who lives with the family. Rachel is a geriatrician who loves her flexible part-time job seeing patients in nursing homes and senior centers. I saw Alan Freeman, his wife, Remy, and their boys, Teddy (4) and Matthew (2), at the Homecoming game against Princeton. Despite young Teddy’s valiant

being Joel from Northern Exposure, except without Maggie, eccentric characters or the mouse,” he wrote. Last July, Romsaí moved to Baltimore to pursue a scholarly career. He is having a blast teaching and working with an exceptional faculty and wonderful patients. Even the challenge of learning health services research has been great, and Baltimore has given Romsaí easy access to some excellent state and national forests, as well as a short drive to family in New York.

There’s nothing more terrifying to a reporter than a deadline with missing copy and nothing more satisfying than to have it delivered with grace and good timing from the desk of Catherine Hong, a senior features editor at W magazine. Catherine reports that Afisa Shen lives in Berkeley, where she attended graduate school. Afisa is an environmental designer and urban planner at Design Community & Environment. “We are all petitioning for her to come back to the East Coast, but she claims it’s hard to give up the hot tub life,” Catherine writes.

Since graduation, Catherine reports, Nishu Sood has lived in South Africa and Australia and now is back in New York and married to Minisha Sood, a Cornell graduate. Nishu is hard at work at Citigroup. It’s not surprising to hear that Antonio Borrelli is perhaps the most social man in New York City (reportedly with a calendar booked a month in advance), though he tries to make time for old friends. He is dean of the law school and is a lawyer for the ACLU. Catherine knows who likes his job (Cowan, Liebowitz & Latman).

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November 6, joining sister Zoe (2). From the photos, I can say that Ally bears a striking resemblance to her mom. When I talked to Elizabeth recently, she was tired but happy, and getting ready to update the family website (www.thevickerys.com).

That's it for this time. Congrats to all and special thanks to Jen for her robust update. Until next time, keep the news coming!


Greetings, classmates!

Jen Meredith is finishing her third and final year at Villanova Law School. She will work at Pepper Hamilton, a large law firm in Philadelphia, starting in September.

Jen was married in May 2004 in Philadelphia to Nathaniel Shields. (See photo.) Jen and Nathan met while Jen lived in New York, where she was a book publicist, writer and editor for several years after graduation. The couple moved to Center City in Philadelphia when Jen started law school. Jen grew up outside of Philadelphia and enjoys being near her family.

Dan Morenoff is married and is the proud father of Eva. Rachel Scott received her M.F.A. from the American Conservatory Theatre in San Francisco and is pursuing an acting and directing career in New York City. Ben Donner is in Boston working on his Ph.D. in clinical psychology.

Keith Simon graduated with a master’s of architecture from the University of Oregon last March. He and his wife live in Philadelphia. Keith met his wife when he returned from the Peace Corps in Bolivia (his sister introduced him to his future wife, who was a Spanish teacher at her boarding school). Keith got married in Dallas. CC’96ers who attended included Casey O’Shea, Will Norman, Kathy Cherbas, Lloyd Shin, plus Bari Melzer ’96 Barnard and Emmanuel Garcia ’96E. Casey lives in Brooklyn and is a waiter and bartender. Will moved to Florida and is getting married this spring. Kathy and Lloyd got married a few years ago and live in New York. Keith writes that Kathy is a cellist and Lloyd “does computer stuff.”

Hans Chen and his wife, Sandie Angulo Chen ’98, had their second child, Delia Juliet Chen, on November 12. Four days after her birth, Hans found out he had passed the bar exam. He reports: “What a week — I only needed one cigar to celebrate!”

Hans is a first-year associate in the litigation department of Blank Rome in New York.

Deb Feldman married Ed Turner on October 30 in Westbury, N.Y. (See photo.) Deb and Ed met in ’97 while singing, and both maintain professional classical singing careers while juggling day jobs. When not busy singing opera and oratorio, Deb is a senior human resources manager for ACNielsen, and Ed is a sales specialist for Pfizer. Among their wedding party were Katie (Hickes) Karpenstein, Desiree Ramos and Cristina LeRoy.

I am enjoying my position as a staff attorney at Community Legal Services in Philadelphia. I represent parents in family court in child welfare cases, which is challenging but fulfilling.

I look forward to hearing from more of you for the next issue!

Best wishes are in order for Christos Yatrakis, who, according to The New York Times wed-
Amy Benjamin ’01 and Andy Pratt ’01 were married on October 16, 2004, in Rochester, N.Y. From left, Isaac Benowitz ’01E, Ryan Brecker, Benjamin’s sister and honor attendant Erica Benjamin, Benjamin, Pratt, Pratt’s sister and honor attendant Laura Pratt, Neal Tsay ’01 and Summer Sattora.

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Benjamin, Pratt, Pratt’s sister and honor attendant Laura Pratt, and married M.D.-Ph.D. at Penn, where Tsoucalas of the United States her husband, a health economist, Beac...
My role is in the strategic services group, advising our incubated organizations, affiliates and outside clients (e.g., publishers, libraries, universities) on planning, marketing, governance and other strategic issues. 

Michele Connolly is a second-year at Harvard Law. She reports that Beth Singh ‘00E married Sid Singh ‘00E in August.

Jonathan DeLord provided this update: “I am director of marketing and research for the local Tele-Futura TV affiliate in Austin. Since 2002, however, I have added the same title to the local Univision TV affiliate as well as the local Univision Radio station. I love my job and the people I work with, but I’m in the process of starting my own advertising agency. My partner and I are in early development stages but hope to have everything running by early 2005.

Tamer Makary is v.p. of EFG-Hermes Group, an investment bank based in Cairo. I planned to meet up with Jesse Bradford in Vegas at the end of the year to blow off some steam. He is doing well and always seems to be busy shooting a movie. 

Amy Benjamin and Andy Pratt were married on October 16 in Rochester, N.Y. (see photo), where they live while Amy attends medical school. Congratulations to Amy and Andy!

Please keep me posted on updates. I always look forward to hearing from each of you.

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print journalism. She reunited with several sisters of Delta Sigma Theta sorority in New York for Lakia Washington’s baby shower: Keisha Chandler ’02E, Arrice Pre- witt-Smith ’01, Betsaida Luna ’03E, Adaoa Hamilton, Adrienne Moran, Evelyn Addo, Monique Jarvis ’02E and Garonne Decossard ’02E.

December 22 marked the engagement of Michael Fishman to Shira Miller-Jacobs ’99 Barnard, the co-coordinator of Michael’s new student orientation in 1998. The two celebrated on a mountain peak while skiing in Waterville Valley, N.H. Michael and Shira met at the wedding of Becky Cole ’01 Barnard and Adam Lucrie ’02E.

David Chubak, Justin Rubin, Joey Samuel ’02E, Meyer Dworkin ’02E, Abe Shulman, Justin Lapp- pen and others placed bets months earlier on the day of engagement. The first round produced no true winner, but a late round found David the victor, albeit after cheating by selecting two dates. In other news, Michael and Shira joined Justin and Rachel Grundfest ’00 Barnard in Annapo- lis, Md. On Martin Luther King Jr. Day to cheer on the Lions men’s basketball team in their game versus Navy. Michael sported his tradi- tional Columbia blue face paint while the others joined him in being the loudest fans at the game, won by Columbia. Go, Lions!

Members of the Class of 2003 cele- brated the holiday season in New York with other young alumni at the holiday party at Turtle Bay. The event was a huge success, attracting a large number of young alumni from the College, SEAS and Barnard. Thanks to Emily Morris ’02 of the Alumni Office for helping to organize it.

Speaking of holidays, best friends Leah Miller-Freeman and Leah Rovig spent Thanksgiving together in the beach town of Pescadero, Calif. After a year painting in Ecuador, Leah M. lives in San Francisco and works at the Mis- sion Economic Development Association, a nonprofit seeking to improve economic and social conditions in the Mission. Leah R. is in New York, where she prac- tices yoga and is in her second year working at the Drug Policy Alliance, a nonprofit working to counteract many of the current federal drug policy initiatives.

Ryan Wilner has returned to the East Coast, this time to Balti- more. He accepted a job at KLB Retail, a commercial real estate firm specializing in leasing and sales of retail space in Maryland, Washington, D.C., and Virginia. While one of Columbia’s favorite DJs is glad to be back on the East Coast, he misses the San Diego weather he had become accustomed to. Caren Kramer lives in Boston (Cambridge) and is applying to graduate schools for a master’s in public health. Caren misses Columbia; it is at the top of the list of schools to which she is applying.

Our class continues to make an impact in Asia. Ella Chang recently returned from her Taiwan teaching Fullbright and works at Interview Magazine in advertising. Mary Phaphan, former president of Thai Sabai, is working in finance in her home country, Thai- land. Joy Su is working at Taipei Times, one of Taiwan’s major English newspapers.

Elliot Blair completed an excavation project in Alaska and works at the Museum of Natural History. Eric Le Calvez works in the corpo- rate office for Guess’. Jen Sheu works in Time. Tammy Wang has relocated to Connecticut.

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CC’04, it’s officially been 10 months since graduation, and I hope that you haven’t forgotten about alma mater. As always, I’m looking for more Class Notes sub- missions, so please don’t be shy about e-mailing your updates.

Meredith Darrow writes, “I live in London and work at a gallery, White Cube. I recently was in Miami for the Miami Basel Art Fair with Paul Heyer, who works at Peter Marino Architects and lives in Fort Greene with Cat Krudy and Gabe Liebman. I’ve been in touch with Lydia Roach, who is getting her Ph.D. in environ- mental chemistry from Scripps at UC San Diego.” Gabe performs in an improv group with Mike Barry and Jenny Slate.

Julia Hart teaches first grade in a private school in Los Angeles. Mike Agresta attends the University of Texas at Austin, where he is working toward a master’s in creative writing. Chris Briley attends the San Francisco Culinary Institute and works in a restaurant.

Also out west, Dominique Phelps writes, “I work in Holly- wood at Paramount Pictures; I’m an assistant in domestic television. In January, I will join Madia Willis and Alisha Liggett in Ghana to work on a joint venture (clothing business). Madia and I will continue on to Burkina Faso for two weeks in February to work on a documentary narrated by Daisy Glover about the bi- annual FESPACO (pan-African) film festival.” Dominique will be an associate producer and Madia will be a production assistant.

Nuria Net writes, “I am juggling my time as a clerk at The New York Times and running my website, www.nymosaico.com, an online guide to Latino cul- tures in New York City, and visiting Ben Huberman in Philly, where he’s pursuing a Ph.D. in comparative literature at Penn.” Also in New York, Lauren Venezia is an executive recruiter and consultant to hedge funds, banks and asset management firms. She also does freelance writing for a hedge fund publication and is applying to Ph.D. pro- grams.

Rupp arrived at Columbia and stated his goal of placing the Col- lege at the center of the University. Two years later, Austin Quigley became the 14th Dean of the Col- lege and began a tireless quest to make the College an “intergenera- tional community” of Columbians bonded by the commonality of the Core, need-blind admissions and full financial aid. In 2002, Bollinger arrived and declared that Columbia cannot be a great university unless it has a great college. Given this charge, Quigley continues to work to make the College the best it can be, ably supported by a senior staff that includes Dean of Academic Affairs Kathryn Yatrin, Dean of Student Affairs Chris Colombo, Associate Dean for Plan- ning and Administration Susan Mescher, Dean for Career Educa- tion Christopher Pratt and Wittner. I would be remiss if I did not mention the leadership contribu- tion during the past quarter-centu- ry of former Dean Roger Lehecka ’67, who recently retired and whose steady hand and vision for the College’s future were invaluable.

The College has come a long way from the days when Kaplan had the foresight to establish the committee mandate. Indeed, the College is well-positioned to com- pete effectively with any peer insti- tution. It is up to all of us connect- ed with the College to seize this opportunity so that in a decade or so, we can look back with pride on what has been accomplished.
Open Discourse

Possibly by next issue my concern about Alex Sachare ’71’s “Within the Family” essay in the January CCT will have been happily resolved. Sachare calls for free and open discourse about the events portrayed in Columbia Unbecoming and regarding the (second) faculty panel that President Lee C. Bollinger set up to examine student complaints of faculty harassment. Who can disagree with free and open discourse?

Yet, when Sachare praised the professional backgrounds and experience of panelists Katsnelson, Anderson, Griffin, Howard and Mazower, he was less than open about the different positions each has already espoused in public or publications, which show, if not their prejudices, their conflicts with the issues they must adjudicate.

New York newspapers have told about this and other Columbia fiascos for more than four years. So, I cannot be the first alumnus to worry about it all. I wish Sachare would follow his own advice. It is past time for the University to cast light so we understand and protect the truth, not vested cabals.

Daniel F. Johnson ’61
Charlotte, N.C.

Boys From Boise

I was greatly moved by your report on the “Boise Boys” (January CCT) and its tribute to their sponsor, Gideon Oppenheimer ’47 (who entered with ’45). I knew Giddy on Spectator, then saw him in the Army where he served as an intelligence officer, we met again regularly after we returned. We also were what could be called “Larry’s boys” — those who came under the influence of the future dean, Lawrence Chamberlain, soon after he arrived as a government instructor in 1941, and stayed in touch with him ever after.

I’m sure it was Larry (who also came from Idaho) who steered Giddy to Boise when he wanted to move from Manhattan somewhere closer to the open country. (One minor correction: I think it took a number of years after he graduated from the Law School in ’49 before he ventured West.) I know he loved it there. He never mentioned his success as an Idaho appeals lawyer (Larry did), but he did report enthusiastically on his successful recruiting for Columbia there.

I remember the shocked sadness that overcame our otherwise joyous 25th reunion at Harriman in 1969 when the dean at the time told us of Giddy’s untimely death — not a member of our class, but well-known and liked by many of us.

Henry Rolf Hecht ’44
Demarest, N.J.

Sidney Morgenbesser

During my senior year, Sidney Morgenbesser took over the senior seminar from James Guttman, with whom the four of us who were majoring in philosophy had started that year. I made my way through a decidedly challenging experience with Morgenbesser.

Following graduation, I was involved in a serious automobile accident and sustained injuries that were still evident after returning to Columbia graduate school in the fall to study Russian language and literature. I ran into Morgenbesser shortly after the fall semester began and he said, “You look terrible; what happened to you?” I recounted the whole story, and in a wonderful blending of past and present, he said, “You should have told me; I wouldn’t have been so hard on you.”

I was a challenging and memorable man.

Arthur Alexander ’61
Fairfield, Conn.

Lefferts

I mentioned the name Leffert Lefferts ’62 to my wife, Jane (Newham) Barnard ’65, while I was reading the obituaries in the January CCT. An architect, Jane also is writing a book on the origin of the street names of Brooklyn. She observed that Leffert Lefferts was undoubtedly a descendant of an early Dutch settler of Brooklyn, Leffert Pieterse van Hagewont. He settled in Flatbush in 1660 and had many sons who, in the Dutch custom, adopted the patronymic, Lefferts, or son of Leffert.

Hundreds of years later, there are a few traces left in Brooklyn of this distinguished family. Prospect Lefferts Gardens is a well-preserved neighborhood adjacent to Prospect Park and was the site of a farm owned by Leffert Pieterse. The Lefferts Homestead was moved from Flatbush Avenue and Maple Street to Prospect Park in 1918 and can be visited today.

Judge Leffert Lefferts (1774-1847) was from another branch of the family and owned considerable property near Fulton Street and Bedford Avenue, where two small streets, Lefferts Place and Brevoort Place, mark the location of Judge Lefferts’ home. Like his presumed descendant, the earlier Lefferts graduated from Columbia College (Class of 1794).

James McGrawry ’64 M.D.
Brooklyn, N.Y.

[Editor’s note: There’s also a Lefferts Boulevard in Queens, named for John Lefferts (Class of 1846).]
A Columbia “Top 10” List

BY BRIAN KRISBERG ’81
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“...to undertake a systematic and detailed analysis of the opportuni-
ties facing the College, with the mission of proposing a course of action
to achieve our basic goal that Columbia College be, and be recognized
as, the preeminent undergraduate college in any major university in
America ...”

So wrote Martin Kaplan ’61 in fall 1991 as he pro-
posed the formation of what came to be known as the
Committee on the Future of Columbia College.
Twenty months later, in spring 1993, the 22-person
committee published a 55-page document, Report on
the Future of Columbia College.
The report is a remarkable document. It provided
a framework for College and University administrators, faculty
and alumni to analyze opportunities facing the College and
explore methods by which the College might attain its poten-
tial. The report contained a series of recommendations, each
relating to a different issue central to the College’s future.

Recently, I perused the report
and noticed how many of its
themes and recommendations
have been implemented in the
intervening years. Some of the
report’s objectives have been
greatly exceeded. Other goals
and policies noted in the report
have been preserved through
challenging times. What becomes
clear is that the report was a pre-
scient and insightful document
that helped to shape the College
as we know it today.

As I reviewed the report, I
wrote a Columbia “Top 10” list
of major developments from the
past 12 years at the College
and their relationship to the report.
The list is personal and not in
order of importance. (And don’t worry: it’s not a dry recitation
of the text of the report!) The list demonstrates that everyone asso-
ciated with the College during this period — students, alumni,
administrators, faculty and parents — has much to be proud of.

Any list of recent accomplishments must start with the con-
struction of the student center, Alfred Lerner Hall, and its
Roone Arledge Auditorium. While its design has critics, the key
point is that the new structure greatly exceeded the report’s vision of a “renovated and expanded” Ferris Booth Hall.

Second is the transformation of two key College buildings.
The College Library has expanded from the southeast corner
of Butler to virtually the entire main floor, thanks to the generosi-
ty of Philip Milstein ’71, a committee member. Again, the
Milstein Family College Library surpasses the report’s call for the
creation of a College library “of significant quality.” An equally
impressive renovation has taken place in Hamilton Hall, the
College’s headquarters, which features state-of-the-art class-
rooms; attractive, functional offices; and an impressive lobby
highlighted by two beautiful, century-old stained glass win-
dows that had been gathering dust in storage crates for years.
As the College’s signature building, it is fitting that Hamilton
has been so wonderfully restored.

Third is the dramatic growth and improvement in alumni
relations. The College’s alumni relations effort is among the
strongest, if not the strongest, in the University’s 16 schools.
Several noteworthy developments in recent years, which the
report called for, include the encouragement of alumni groups
gaveled toward women and minorities and the more frequent
publication of this excellent magazine, Columbia College Today.
This could not have been accomplished without the efforts of a
strengthened Alumni Office headed by Dean of Alumni Affairs
and Development Derek Wittner ’65, ably supported by Execu-
tive Director of the Columbia College Fund Susan Bimbaum,
Executive Director of Alumni Affairs Ken Catandella, Director
of Communications and CCT Editor Alex Sachare ’71 and
their hard-working staffs.

Fourth is the College’s success
in preserving the integrity of the
Core Curriculum, which the
report identified as having a
“central role in the academic life
and institutional history of the
College.” Loyalty to the Core
is evidenced by endowed Core
teaching chairs (funded by alum-
ns) and the commitment to the
new Science Core course.

Fifth is the emergence of a
thriving arts community. Be it
majors in visual arts or dance,
student theatre and dance
groups taking advantage of the Lerner Black Box Theatre or the
“Passport to New York” program (which entitles students to
visit museums for free), the College’s arts offerings have clear-
lv grown from what many alumni of my vintage recall.

Sixth is the College’s commitment to being a fully residen-
tial community. Work clearly remains to be done in this area to
achieve the report’s goal of all students sharing “a comparable
and better quality of residence life.” Yet the construction of the
Broadway Residence Hall and upgrades to other dormitories
(including River and Wien) demonstrate that significant gains
have been made in this area.

Seventh is the realization that quality of athletics and athletics
facilities is an important component of a healthy campus com-
community. Again, while work remains to be done, a cultural change

(Continued on page 54)
Ivy League IQ

How much do you know about the schools that comprise the Ivy League? Test your knowledge in this quiz.

Answers on page 55.

1. What eight schools make up the Ivy League?
2. Which is the oldest school?
3. Which is the newest school?
4. Which university has the most colleges and schools within it?
5. Which school has the most graduates who later became U.S. presidents?
6. Which school was founded as the Collegiate School in 1701?
7. Which school was founded by Benjamin Franklin?
8. The first American medical school to grant the M.D. degree was founded in 1767 at which school?
9. Which school adopted the bear as its mascot after an alumnus placed the head of a real brown bear above the central arch in the student union?
10. Match the following alumni to their alma mater:
    
    Leonard Bernstein
    Noam Chomsky
    Theodor “Dr. Seuss” Geisel
    Dr. Henry Heimlich
    Jim Jarmusch
    John F. Kennedy Jr.
    Brooke Shields
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    Yale
Dynasty: Kraft's Patriots Win Third Super Bowl

Bob Kraft '63 (right), owner of the New England Patriots, joins Super Bowl MVP Deion Branch and coach Bill Belichick in celebrating the team’s third Super Bowl win in the last four years, a 24–21 victory over the Philadelphia Eagles in Jacksonville, Fla., on February 6. "I’m proud we won stressing team and not individual accomplishments," Kraft said during the post-game ceremony. The Dallas Cowboys are the only other team to win three Super Bowls in four years (1993, 1994 and 1996).
Bill Campbell ’62 captained Columbia’s Ivy League football champions and coached the Lions for six seasons before beginning a successful career in high-tech industry. Throughout his journey, he has never forgotten his roots — or his alma mater.
Mark your calendar ...

**SPRING SEMESTER 2005**

**Monday**  
**MAY 2**  
Last Day of Classes, Senior Dinner

**Monday**  
**MAY 5**  
CCYA Networking: the arts

**Saturday**  
**MAY 7**  
El Regreso: Latino Alumni Homecoming

**Sunday**  
**MAY 15**  
Baccalaureate Service

**Wednesday**  
**MAY 18**  
Commencement

**Monday**  
**MAY 16**  
Academic Awards & Prizes Ceremony

**Tuesday**  
**MAY 17**  
Class Day

**Thursday-Sunday**  
**JUNE 2-5**  
Reunion Weekend

**FALL SEMESTER 2005**

**Monday**  
**AUGUST 29**  
Family Orientation and Convocation

**Tuesday**  
**SEPTEMBER 6**  
First Day of Classes

**Saturday**  
**SEPTEMBER 24**  
Washington, D.C., College Day

**Friday-Saturday**  
**OCTOBER 14-15**  
Family Weekend

**Saturday**  
**OCTOBER 15**  
Homecoming

**Wednesday**  
**OCTOBER 19**  
October Degrees Conferred

**Tuesday**  
**NOVEMBER 8**  
Election Day (University Holiday)

**Thursday**  
**NOVEMBER 10**  
Dean’s Scholarship Reception

**Thursday**  
**NOVEMBER 17**  
Alexander Hamilton Award Dinner

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Janice Min '90

Congratulations to Sarah Lorge Butler '95 for her nuanced profile of Janice Min '90. I was a purple-eyeshadow-wearing, bad-hair-day Glamour-don't in the late 1980s, and what I remember most from my brief encounters with the incomparable Min was not just her singular style — that's a given, you could practically spot that from the other end of College Walk — but her lack of cynicism, genuine enthusiasm and, dare I say it? ... she was just darned friendly.

Sally S. Graham '90
Atlanta

Twaddle

Of all the pursuits of all the graduates of all the years of Columbia College, you devote the cover story of the March issue to what has come to be known in the circles I move in as “twaddle.” No offense to Ms. [Janice] Min [’90], who I am sure has worked hard and done well, but is this what we have come to — “a focus on fashion and pop culture”? Benefits of the Core Curriculum, no doubt.

There are graduates who are doctors, lawyers, architects, teachers, professors, politicians, business leaders, archeologists, philanthropists and any other occupation you wish to name who go about living their never-mentioned-in-your-magazine lives who do more to promote something of real value along with the ideals supposedly taught at Columbia than Us Weekly, which does little but fan the flames of cultural illiteracy and devotion to the shallowness of what Western culture has become.

You must be kidding.

Louis P. DeLaura ’80
Afton, VA

![Image of Janice Min '90](image_url)

[Editor's note: Columbians have achieved success in a wide range of endeavors, which we try to acknowledge. After the story’s publication, Janice Min ’90 was named Editor of the Year for 2005 by Mediaweek.]

Driving Force?

While I admire Janice Min ’90 for her creativity, her managerial skills and her stamina, I cannot admire her carnivorous approach to other people’s privacy.

Barry Kelner ’73
Bloomington, Minn.

Reviving the Roar

I wish to thank and congratulate Josie Swindler ’07 (Spectator staff writer) for pointing out the truth in the February 10, 2005, issue of Spectator, under the title, “Reviving the Roar” (March 2005, page 3). She is absolutely right! I believe that Columbia student happiness can be trans-

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n December, a faculty Ad Hoc Grievance Committee was formed and charged with examining student complaints of intimidation in the classroom by faculty from the department of Middle East and Asian Languages and Cultures (MEALAC).

After meeting with 62 individuals — students, faculty, alumni and administrators — and considering more than 60 written submissions over a nine-week period, the committee submitted a report containing its findings and recommendations to President Lee C. Bollinger, Provost Alan Brinkley and V.P. for the Arts & Sciences Nicholas Dirks. The full report was made public on March 31, with accompanying letters of endorsement from Bollinger, Brinkley and Dirks.

In the report, the committee found evidence to support one incident of inappropriate faculty behavior toward a student, during the 2001–02 academic year. The report also discussed two other incidents, but neither was found to be a case of faculty misconduct. The committee also identified repeated incidents in which certain MEALAC teachers were subjected to harassment, apparently by outside visitors and auditors of classes.

Among its recommendations, the committee called for strengthening the University’s grievance and advising procedures, and on April 11, Bollinger announced new grievance procedures along with the formation of a Presidential Council on Student Affairs. College students may bring grievances to their class deans or the dean of academic affairs, or to a newly formed Arts & Sciences faculty panel. There is a provision for final appeal to the University Provost. The grievance procedure for all Columbia schools can be found at www.columbia.edu/cu/provost/docs/policies.html.

The University has posted the full Ad Hoc Committee report on the Columbia website: www.columbia.edu/cu/news/05/03/ad_hoc_grievance_committee_report.html. The press release announcing the report, along with letters from Bollinger, Brinkley and Dirks, may be found at www.columbia.edu/cu/news/05/03/response_to_report.html.

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There is no chance of Columbia being grandfathered as a WASPish institution under the policy of early decision. What else can the politically correct types argue about? So, let the parade of children of alums, as well as all true Lion-aspirants with no legacy, enter Columbia as early decisions. May their Lion’s pride long endure!

Robert Tang ’71
Dallas

Our Columbia

In regards to Bob Berne ’60’s letter, “Our Columbia” (March 2005), I feel that he neither adequately addressed the issues involved in Columbia Unbecoming nor accurately characterized Columbia’s response.

I do not feel the issue is one of “academic freedom,” but rather one of professionalism and civility. Whether the students in question were intimidated will never be resolved, but the professors in question have made their feelings towards Israelis and Zionists known. No one questions their writings on the Internet and their characterizations in public settings of Israelis being “Nazis” and Israel being an illegitimate racist state.

People, for example, Rush Limbaugh and Howard Stern, have “freedom.” They can call others, such as feminists or religious conservatives, names such as “races” or “Nazis.” University professors cannot. They cannot teach Middle East studies if they cannot present both sides of the issue fairly and with respect. Israelis and Zionists are entitled to civility and freedom from name calling. Language that former U.N. Ambassador Patrick Moynihan called “reprehensible” and “unacceptable” on behalf of our government in 1974 is now common rhetoric from Columbia professors. No one would accept this language regarding women or minorities.

The situation exposed by Columbia Unbecoming was the result of years of University neglect of issues of fairness regarding Israel. Now, Columbia claims to have arranged a committee to handle the problem. If the committee does not address the complaints raised by the movie, then for whose purpose is the committee formed? May I suggest it is to pacify alumni and donors who are concerned by this revelation? Until Columbia makes an effort to honestly deal with the issue, it will not go away.

Jonathan D. Reich ’85, ’86E M.D.
Miami
Get ready for Reunion Weekend 2005! Classes that end in 0 or 5 will gather Thursday, June 2–Sunday, June 5, on campus and at venues throughout New York City for receptions, theater, panel discussions, dinners, tours and more. Reunion is a great opportunity to rekindle friendships, make new friends and enjoy New York’s culture and nightlife, as well as spend time on campus and in the ever-changing Morningside Heights neighborhood.

The weekend kicks off on Thursday; check-in starts at 3 p.m. in Alfred Lerner Hall, the student center, which is registration headquarters. That evening, visit with classmates at cocktail parties and welcome receptions, then enjoy one of several entertainment choices: the New York Philharmonic at Lincoln Center or Broadway shows (tickets are first come, first served) Glengarry Glen Ross, Julius Caesar or Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf? Buses will be provided from campus to the shows.

Friday features walking tours of campus, historic Harlem, the United Nations and Manhattanville, the area north of campus where Columbia plans to expand. Also available is the always-popular bus trip to the Rockefeller family’s Kykuit Estate near Tarrytown, N.Y. (tickets required, adults only).

Refuel and rest while lunching al fresco at Café Columbia on Low Plaza. The afternoon continues with a talk, “The College Admissions Process,” followed by the Annual ARC reception, a chance to thank the Alumni Representative Committee for its hard work helping to recruit and select the Class of 2009. New members are welcome and will be registered on-site.

Ease into the evening with class-specific receptions and parties, or join friends, family and classmates from the College, SEAS and Barnard for Shabbat services and dinner.

Friday’s activities continue late into the night with one of the weekend’s most popular events, Casino Royale at the Hammerstein Ballroom, in the Manhattan Center on West 34th Street. Winners can redeem “Columbia Cash” won at the gambling tables for Columbia merchandise. The tables will remain in play after 10 p.m., when College, Barnard and SEAS alumni from the Classes of 1990–2005 gather in the ballroom for the fifth annual Alumni Dance Party, featuring food, drinks and great music.

Relax and stretch your tired muscles on Saturday morning with Morning(side) Yoga and Exercise in Lerner Hall, followed by a hearty meal at the Dean’s Brunch and Convocation, when Dean Austin Quigley will address alumni and present the President’s Cup and other awards. On the afternoon’s roster is the Reunion Weekend Lecture, when recent Nobel Prize winner Richard Axel ’67 will speak about his groundbreaking research on the olfactory system.

Saturday afternoon offers more chances for campus tours, as well as a terrific campus barbecue — class-specific areas will be designated so you can easily locate classmates — as well as class luncheons, a special CU tunnel tour.
Steamboat Scholar Internship Benefits Students, Employers

BY SHIRA BOSS-BICAK ’93

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David Altchek ’78, a renowned orthopedic surgeon at the Hospital for Special Surgery, doesn’t usually work with medical students, let alone undergraduates. But when a new organization, The Steamboat Foundation, started a summer internship program designed to give promising college students valuable exposure to their fields of interest, and pay them well to do it, Altchek signed up to be a mentor. As the program allows, he specified that he wanted to work with a Columbia College student.

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In addition to working, the interns — who last summer were all in New York, although this year the program is expanding to other cities — go through an orientation program together and attend regular dinner events, some with special guests. Last year, a psychologist met with the group every other week to discuss leadership issues such as assertiveness and risk-taking. Those who run the program “were very interested in our fears and concerns about entering the work field,” Arnaoutakis says. “They wanted us to not be intimidated about working with [for instance] a world-renowned surgeon.”

The Steamboat Foundation was started by two managing partners of an investment firm in Greenwich, Conn., and is named after the road where that company, Blue Orchid Capital, is located. Andy Walter (grandson of Hank Walter ’31) and Peer Pederson, the partners, met with the program every other week to discuss substantive issues. The mentor selects the school he or she wishes to work with, and then selects a student to be a summer intern. Scholars must be receiving or eligible for financial aid, and they are paid $12,000 by the foundation for the internship, which can be in any of eight fields — business, medicine, law, journalism, public service, science, sports and arts/entertainment. In some cases, the financial support provided by the foundation allows the employers to bring in students when they couldn’t otherwise. As Altchek says of his department at the hospital, “We don’t have money to give, so we wouldn’t be able to hire an undergraduate to spend the summer with us.”

Altchek is continuing as a sponsor and this summer will be working with Cynthia Gao ’06E, a biomedical engineering major.

Activities are suitable for children ages 3-12; youngsters must be toilet trained to participate.

Online registration, a complete program of reunion events (including class-specific activities), information on housing, parking, babysitting and other frequently asked questions may be found on the Reunion 2005 website: http://reunion.college.columbia.edu.

For answers to any other questions, please contact the Alumni Office: 212-870-2288 or toll-free, 1-866-CCALUMNI.

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COLUMBIA COLLEGE TODAY

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Steamboat Scholar Dean Arnaoutakis ’05 speaks with Dr. James Watson, who won the Nobel prize for his work determining the structure of DNA, at a Steamboat Foundation reception last summer.

Dr. David Altchek ’78 (left) says he enjoyed providing hands-on experience in medicine to last year’s Columbia Steamboat Scholar, Dean Arnaoutakis ’05.

(reservations required) and volleyball on South Lawn. Stop by Lerner Hall anytime in the afternoon to relax and catch a few moments of the Columbia Film Forum, which will show films made by and starring Columbians.

Start your evening activities along with friends from SEAS and Barnard at a “Great Wines for Under $20” tasting, then enjoy class dinners, when class photos will be taken, and the Starlight Reception on Low Plaza, which features dancing, champagne and desserts under the night sky. Reunion Weekend wraps up on Sunday morning with another chance for yoga, followed by a bagel, cream cheese and lox brunch and The New York Times, sponsored by Columbia Athletics.

If you are bringing your little Lions, the College offers Camp Columbia for Kids, where supervised activities will keep the youngsters busy, happy and safe; meals will be provided. The camp is open on Friday from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 a.m.-10 p.m.

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Gaining an EDGE: Students Head to Scotland For Internship Program

Sixteen Columbia students will travel to Glasgow and Dunbartonshire, Scotland, next month to begin an eight-week entrepreneurship summer internship program, Encouraging Dynamic Global Entrepreneurs (EDGE). Columbia's Center for Career Education designed the program in collaboration with Scottish Enterprise Dunbartonshire and the University of Glasgow, and with support from the European Union, the Scottish Executive, Dunbartonshire Education Authorities, the universities and others.

Forty-eight students — 16 each from Columbia, the University of Glasgow and Dunbartonshire high schools — will participate in an intensive, interactive two-week instructional component at the University of Glasgow to learn about entrepreneurship, enterprise leadership, cross-cultural teamwork, consulting and economic and community development. They will then work for six weeks in mixed teams, supported by industry experts, consulting to small- and medium-sized enterprises in Dunbartonshire (just outside Glasgow) to help them develop strategies for growth and development.

“EDGE provides a unique opportunity to combine living, learning and working in a cross-cultural and intergenerational team-based environment,” says Dean of Career Education Christopher Pratt. “Participants will apply what they learn in real time, hands-on, in real-world business situations.”

A cultural program, “Discover what Scotland has to offer,” will be included within the program and will involve outdoor activities, visits to local high-profile companies and historical and cultural centers, and dinners with influential guest speakers. Students will live in University of Glasgow housing, receive a round-trip plane ticket to Glasgow and earn a stipend of approximately $2,200.

Alex Sachare ’71

Ailynwi Muma ’06 (left), an English major from Atlanta and one of the Columbia students who will be participating in the EDGE internship in Scotland this summer, visits with Lorranie McConnell of Bear Stearns at a reception on April 4 at the Center for Career Education.

PHOTO: JIMMIE COCHRAN PRATT
Andrew Nathan, Class of 1919 Professor of Political Science and chair of the political science department, has taught at Columbia since 1971. Born at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center, Nathan earned his B.A. in history, M.A. in East Asian regional studies and Ph.D. in political science from Harvard before returning to Columbia.

CCT caught up with him between classes to find out more.

Q: What classes are you teaching this semester?
A: "Chinese Foreign Policy" — about half of the 80 students are undergraduates and half are from SIPA. I also have two others: "Colloquium on Human Rights" and "Rethinking Human Rights."

Q: You’re teaching three classes and you’re chair? A: Both of the human rights courses are jointly taught. The normal load for a chair is one each semester. I’m teaching the others for the fun of it and the intellectual excitement.

Q: What is your favorite class to teach at CC? A: Unfortunately, I am not teaching it while I’m chair, but my favorite is "Contemporary Civilization." Getting 20 19-year-olds from feeling uncomfortable to discussing great books, I come out energized.

Q: You spoke about the rise of China and American foreign policy challenges at College Day in San Francisco and Los Angeles. How does speaking to alumni compare with teaching students?
A: With students you have the whole semester; with alumni you have one shot. And with alumni being out in the world, they have a lot of questions about current issues and concerns.

Q: What is your current research focus? A: I’m involved in a multinational survey project, "The Asian Barometer," studying political culture and political participation in Asian societies. The study focuses on new democracies and public opinion on democracy in those countries, such as South Korea, with a broad Asian spectrum to compare. Rich and poor, democracies and not, because I’m banned from China for co-editorship of The Tiananmen Papers, which translated a number of secret government documents.

Q: And you’re working on a new book? A: I’m on the steering committee and co-editing two of three volumes documenting the 2002 survey. I also have a second edition of The Great Wall in the works.

Q: Where is your favorite place to have lunch near CC? A: Faculty House, because I love a buffet and the view is good.

Q: What is the last movie you saw? A: Garfield. We rented it, and my children [Oliver (6) and Isabel (3)] loved it. We have watched it innumerable times.

Q: What is your favorite place in the world? A: My favorite places to travel would be India and Italy. India is an unbelievably heterogeneous culture very different from ours, and Italy for the food, friendliness and all the good things of Western Civilization at its peak.

Q: If you were not teaching at CC, what would you most likely be doing? A: I’ve often thought I would have enjoyed a venture capitalist’s job, but perhaps I’m romanticizing it. Going out and searching the country-side to discover promising people — it would be an exciting way to learn about people.

5 Minutes With ... ANDREW NATHAN

What They Said

President Lee C. Bollinger addressed the Association of the Bar of the City of New York on March 23 on the subject of academic freedom in the annual Benjamin N. Cardozo Lecture. “All of us, but universities in particular, must stand firm in insisting that, when there are lines to be drawn, we must and will be the ones to do it. Not outside actors. Not politicians, not pressure groups, not the media. Ours is and must remain a system of self-government.”

Johnathan Cole ’64, former University provost, spoke about the University’s role on March 22 in a talk sponsored by the Center for Comparative Literature and Society. “The research university was founded on the idea that professors should regulate their own affairs. The essence of a university lies in its multiplicity of voices. ... The university must nurture the creating of novel and sometimes unsettling ideas. ... Freedom of inquiry is our only reason for being.”

Madeline Albright ’68 GSAS, ’68 SIPA, ’78 GSAS, former U.S. Secretary of State and a visiting fellow at the Saltzman Institute for War and Peace Studies, spoke about peace and democracy at SIPA’s Gabriel Silver Memorial Lecture on February 7. “Democracy is not an event, but a process. We should seek peace regardless of how well the democracy initiative is proceeding, and we should support democracy regardless of whether peace negotiations are going well.”

David Remnick, editor of The New Yorker since 1998, spoke of changes in the magazine at a January 26 breakfast seminar hosted by Journalism School visiting professor Floyd Abrams. “Without being gross about it, the magazine has profited — in a larger sense — by more serious times. The New Yorker, I hope, has responded in the last several years ... in a way that a lot of people have responded to and have taken seriously. It’s easier to get somebody to go to Baghdad at this point than to get something that is truly funny.”
CAMPUS NEWS

CLASS DAY: Robert Kraft ’63 will be the keynote speaker at the College’s May 17 Class Day ceremony. Kraft, the owner of the Super Bowl champion New England Patriots, is a former trustee, a patron of the Kraft Family Center for Jewish Life and the 2004 recipient of the Alexander Hamilton Medal for distinguished service and accomplishment. While a student, he was elected class president all four years but did not serve in his junior year, as students were prohibited from serving as president three years in a row.

DONATIONS: Contributions to colleges and universities rose 3.4 percent or $800 million for the year ended June 30, 2004, to a record $24.4 billion, according to a report by the Council for Aid to Education, a unit of the RAND Corp. After adjusting for inflation, the increase amounted to 0.7 percent. Columbia ranked seventh on the list at $291 million. Harvard, which led the list for the 27th time in the past 36 years, received $540 million, slightly below the $545 million it received the previous year. Stanford was second at $524 million, up 8 percent, and Cornell ranked third with $386 million, a 22 percent increase that was helped by a $50 million bequest. Completing the top 10 were Penn, $333 million; Southern Cal, $322 million; Johns Hopkins, $312 million; Columbia; M.I.T., $290 million; Yale, $265 million; and UCLA, $262 million.

Alumni were the largest source of charitable giving last year, accounting for $6.7 billion, or 28 percent of the total. Other big sources were foundations, $6.2 billion; individual donors who were not alumni, $5.2 billion; and corporations, $4.4 billion.

CHAIR: A search committee has begun meeting to draw plans to fill a new endowed chair in Israeli and Jewish Studies, created to focus on modern Israeli history, politics and society, with an anticipated start date of fall 2006. The University also is creating a visiting professorship designed to bring to Columbia Israeli scholars from a wide range of disciplines.

Four trustees have pledged $3 million toward the endowed chair, which is expected to cost $5 million. Professor Michael Stanislawski, assistant director of the Center for Israel and Jewish Studies, is leading the search committee. He said discussion about the chair began about a year and a half ago, when there was friction on campus but before the current conflict over the Middle East and Asian Languages and Cultures department erupted.

“This chair is not a political appointment; it’s an academic appointment,” Stanislawski said. “It would be naïve to speculate that there is an absolute disconnect between the controversy in previous years and this chair. But this was not meant to be a political response; it was meant to be purely academic.”

PLAYBOOK FOR LIFE: The NCAA has teamed with The Hartford Financial Services Group to develop a program called Playbook For Life, which is designed to teach student-athletes about personal finance. The first event associated with this initiative took place on March 2 at the Dodge Fitness Center and featured former All-Ivy linebacker Javier Loya ’91, who is president and CEO of CHOICE! Energy, a Houston-based commodities brokerage firm he co-founded in 1994. Loya and former Notre Dame and NFL running back Allen Pinkett spoke about building financial portfolios, overcoming financial fears and achieving the discipline necessary to reach financial goals.

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Matching Gift Challenges!

On behalf of the Board of Visitors, University Trustee and Chairman of the Board of Visitors Richard Witten ’75 and Board of Visitors member Charles Santoro ’82 announced the following challenges to young alumni and the Senior Fund.

Young Alumni Fund
$100,000 Participation Challenge

- Any unrestricted gift received from now until June 30, 2005, will be matched 2:1, up to a total of $100,000.

Young Alumni giving can help the College earn an extra $100,000 to support the Core Curriculum, scholarships and student life.

The Young Alumni Fund is aiming for 25% participation from the Classes of 1995–2004, as well as more leadership-level gifts.

Class of 2005 Senior Fund
$50,000 Participation Challenge

The Columbia College Board of Visitors will

- contribute $25,000 to the Senior Fund if the class achieves at least 75% participation (last year’s Senior Fund participation rate) and
- contribute another $25,000 if the class achieves 76%+ participation.

The Columbia College Board of Visitors has been increasingly committed to doing everything possible to support the efforts of the senior class and the Senior Fund Committee in raising awareness of the importance of giving to the College.

Participation in the Senior Fund is a significant statement from the class of its desire to positively influence the future of participation among seniors and alumni.

Current Young Alumni Class Giving
(as of April 11, 2005)

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Emily Jacobson ’08 defeated Olympic gold medalist Mariel Zagunis of Notre Dame in the gold-medal match in Houston on March 20 to win the NCAA women’s saber championship and become Columbia’s first NCAA champion fencer since Tzu Moy ’91 won the women’s foil in 1990.

Jacobson led Columbia to a fifth-place finish in the team competition, best among Ivy League schools, three points ahead of Harvard. Notre Dame captured the NCAA team crown.

“I had never fenced a tournament like this before,” said Jacobson, who was in third place after the first day of the competition but defeated Valerie Providence of Notre Dame to earn a place in the finals. “I was a little more comfortable with the format by the second day. Once I start fencing, I want to win no matter what.”


Morgan Midgley ’08 joined Jacobson as a first-team All-American, finishing third in epee. Emma Baratta ’06 finished eighth in saber and made the second team, while Cassidy Luitjen ’07 and Alexie Rubin ’07 Barnard earned honorable mention, both in foil.

On the men’s side, Alex Krul ’07 (saber) and Scott Sugimoto ’07 (foil) were second-team All-Americans and Paul Reyfman ’05 (saber) received honorable mention.

In Ivy competition, Columbia’s men’s team tied Harvard for the Ivy title, the fifth straight season in which the Lions have won or shared the crown, and the women’s team finished second behind the Crimson.

Columbia’s winter sports highlights weren’t confined to fencing, a sport in which the school traditionally ranks among the nation’s best. Matt Palmer ’07, who wrestles at 165 pounds, became Columbia’s first All-American wrestler since Dave Galdi ’82E in 1982 when he finished eighth in the NCAA championships in St. Louis on March 18, despite suffering a broken hand late in the competition and having to forfeit his final match.

“What he did was remarkable,” said wrestling coach Brendan Buckley. “I wish he could have finished the tournament. To be an All-American as a sophomore is a remarkable achievement.”

Palmer became only the fourth wrestler in Columbia history to earn first-team All-America honors.

And Caroline Bierbaum ’06 earned second place in the 5,000 meters at the NCAA indoor track and field championships in Fayetteville, Ark., on March 11, the best finish ever by a Columbia student-athlete at the NCAA indoors. She covered the distance in 15:52.53, finishing 2½ seconds behind Ida Nilsson of Northern Arizona. Ron Furtch ’71, who finished third in the 35-pound weight throw in 1971, had held the previous top placing for a Columbia.

Bierbaum, a cross-country All-American in the fall season, won the 5,000 meters at the Indoor Heptagonal and finished second in the 3,000 meters.

ALL-IVY: Congratulations to the following student-athletes who earned All-Ivy honors during the 2004-05 winter season:

First Team: Caroline Bierbaum ’06, women’s track and field (5,000 meters); Erin Hurtault ’07, men’s track and field (400 meters); Devin Mesanko ’06, wrestling (157 lbs.); Matt Palmer ’07, wrestling (165 lbs.); Paul Reyfman ’05, men’s fencing (saber); Alexie Rubin ’07 Barnard, women’s fencing (epee); Scott Sugimoto ’07, men’s fencing (foil); and in women’s track and field, Columbia’s 4x800-meter relay team of Delilah DiCrescenzo ’05, Hilary Bontz ’06, Kurstin Nelms ’08 and Caryn Waterson ’05.

Second Team: Caroline Bierbaum ’06, women’s track and field (3,000 meters); Hilary Bontz ’05, women’s track and field (mile); Ben Collins ’05E, men’s swimming (200-yard breaststroke); Matt Preston ’05, men’s basketball; Ricky Turk ’07, wrestling (149 lbs.); and Tobin White ’07, men’s swimming (100 yards freestyle).

Honorable Mention: Jeff Sato ’06, wrestling (125 lbs.); Matt DeLorenzo, wrestling (133 lbs.); and Anthony Constantinou ’07, wrestling (141 lbs.).

ACADEMIC ALL-IVY: Further congratulations to the 10 student-athletes who earned Academic All-Ivy honors for the 2005 winter season. Each was a starter or key reserve in his or her sport and maintained a GPA of 3.0 or better. They are Emma Baratta ’06, Paul Reyfman ’05 and Jeremy Sinkin ’05, fencing; Caroline Bierbaum ’06, Caryn Waterson ’05 and Tenke Zoltani ’06, track and field; Ben Collins ’05E, Grace Coyle ’05 and Tobin White ’07, swimming and diving; and Jeff Sato ’06, wrestling.
Pursuing a Calling Along a Winding Road

By Rick Mixon ’69

In September 1965, I boarded a train in Boise, Idaho, bound for New York City and Columbia. I rode with a half-dozen other boys, all recruited by legendary Columbian Gideon Oppenheimer ’47, ’49L. We were full of life and excited by the prospects of college and life in the big city. Along with the new metal trunk that held most of my meager worldly possessions, I carried a secret. I had known for some time, maybe all my conscious life, that I was attracted to males.

There was little or no language for such thoughts and feelings in the environment in which I grew up. Boise of the late ’50s and ’60s was culturally conservative and was trying to live down the taint of the “Boys of Boise” scandal, in which it had been alleged but never proven that a group of prominent community men had engaged in sexual activity with high school boys. Not a good time or place to grow up gay.

In addition, my sense of self was complicated by having been born and raised in the church. My father was a Baptist preacher from Louisiana who served churches in Kansas, California and Idaho before his death at 47, when I was 17. Early on, I had a sense that I, too, was called to ministry, but, being a teenager at the time of his death left me confused about my place in the world. Even before I entered college, my mother had me on mailing lists for a number of seminaries so I could finish my father’s work. With a young person’s natural tendency to reach for independence, in addition to my personal circumstances, I decided that entering the ministry was the last thing I would do.

Though I did not “come out” during my college years, I did discover a wider world of cultural diversity and was challenged to think in ways I had never imagined possible. Not a particularly distinguished student, I sometimes say I majored in glee club and New York City. Whatever the venue, these were years of tremendous learning for me, and more of that happened in the classroom than I realized at the time. By senior year, I was on my fourth major and realizing that I had neglected to prepare myself for graduate school or a career. What I did know was — my anti-ministerial stance notwithstanding — whenever I chose a paper topic, I invariably turned to issues engaged in sexual activity with high school boys. Not a good time or place to grow up gay.

In my senior year, I gave in to the inevitable and attended a “weekend on the ministry” at Crozer Seminary (Martin Luther King Jr.’s alma mater), which was then located in the Philadelphia area. I discovered that intellectual inquiry and challenging social and cultural analysis were going on in these hallowed halls right alongside the study of theology, church history and the Bible. I was thrilled to imagine that seminary really might be for me.

Even with the modern gay movement unfolding in the Village, I knew I wanted to be in the San Francisco Bay area, so I moved to Berkeley and entered the American Baptist Seminary of the West. Naïve at the time, I gave little consideration to the conflict between pursuing this career and my emerging sexuality. I split them into separate compartments and kept the door between the compartments under lock and key.

I flourished in seminary, serving as student representative to the Board of Trustees and student body president. I was one of a handful of students who really wanted to pursue parish ministry in 1969, when many students were enrolling in theological training to avoid the draft and to pursue “alternate ministries” such as counseling and social work. In the middle of my time at seminary, I served for 15 months as a full-time intern at the First Baptist Church of Seattle. There, I met my first gay friends, and the door between my carefully separated “compartments” began to creak open. I realized that I might be able to integrate my sexuality with the rest of my life, but it seemed obvious that this would not happen in the American Baptist Churches of the early 1970s. I announced that I would finish seminary but I would not pursue ministry as a profession. I used the old excuse that I questioned whether ministry was really my calling or something being imposed on me by family expectations as well as unresolved feelings about father’s early death.

After I graduated from seminary and had spent some time exploring theater as an alternate career, I made a solitary car trip from Berkeley to Boise to visit family, to Seattle to visit friends, and back to Berkeley. It was on that journey that I realized I was running away from my call to ministry. One of my classmates had been the first openly gay person ordained in the United Church of Christ. Given what I had learned in seminary about the need for trust in sustaining faith communities, it seemed fundamentally wrong to lead such a community without being honest about my full identity. Also, I knew I had not been given the “gift of celibacy” and believed it would be absurd to try to hide what would become my most important human relationship from any faith community I might serve.

In fall 1973, I approached the pastor of the Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church in Oakland, Calif., where I had worked as a seminarian and was a member, and asked to be ordained by that congregation. I had chosen this church and its pastor because they had consistently preached and practiced inclusivity through the years and were significantly integrated racially. The pastor greeted me warmly until I added that I wanted to pursue

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Four Alumni Receive John Jay Awards

PHOTOS: EILEEN BARROSO

The College honored four alumni — Allison F. Butts ’64, Virginia W. Cornish ’91, Mark E. Kingdon ’71 and Fernando Ortiz Jr. ’79 — with John Jay Awards for distinguished professional achievement at a black-tie celebration at New York City’s Plaza Hotel on March 2. The honorees represent a range of careers: travel and real estate, teaching and research, finance, and U.N. peacekeeping, respectively.

The annual awards are named for the first chief justice of the United States, a member of the King’s College Class of 1764. Proceeds from the dinner support the John Jay National Scholarship Program, which provides financial aid and special programming for College students. Gwyneth McClendon ’05 spoke on behalf of the John Jay scholars and told the audience, “Some of the most dynamic, inspiring and intelligent people I’ve met at Columbia have been in this program.”

President Lee C. Bollinger, who presented the awards, pledged support for the College’s policy of need-blind admissions and full-need financial aid, saying, “One principle I and all of us in this room hold highest is that we will give a Columbia education to all who qualify, regardless of family income.” And Dean Austin Quigley introduced the honorees by observing, “Extraordinary people aren’t born so, they become so, and it is the extraordinary achievements of ordinary people that make us proud to be in the Columbia family.”

Butts served as general counsel for development of the Marriott Corp. and helped spearhead its international expansion. Cornish, who joined Columbia’s chemistry department in 1999 and was promoted to associate professor in 2004, is the first alumna of the College to be hired to a tenure-track faculty position at Columbia since the College became coeducational in 1983. Kingdon, who serves on the University’s Board of Trustees, is president of Kingdon Capital Management, a New York-based investment management firm that he founded in 1983. Ortiz serves as legal officer to the U.N. Department of Peacekeeping Operations, collaborating with senior management to develop policy and strategy and frequently traveling to areas of peacekeeping operations to conduct pre-deployment and induction training on military and police doctrine.

Alex Sachare ’71
Above: Dean Austin Quigley (left) and President Lee C. Bollinger (right) join in the awards presentation with recipients (from left) Allison F. Butts ’64, Virginia W. Cornish ’91, Fernando Ortiz Jr. ’79 and Mark E. Kingdon ’71. The awards recognize distinguished professional achievement in any field, and were first presented in 1979.

Right: (Clockwise, from left) Cornish with Professor of Chemistry Thomas J. Katz; Kingdon with former Alumni Association President Phillip Satow ’63; Butts with Trustee Bill Campbell ’62; Ortiz with his son, Fernando III, and Board of Visitors member Brooks Klimley ’79; and John Jay Scholar Gwyneth McClendon ’05.
Bill Campbell '62 captained Columbia's Ivy League football champions and coached the Lions for six seasons before beginning a successful career in high-tech industry. Throughout his journey, he has never forgotten his roots — or his alma mater.

By Charles Butler '85

Bill Campbell '62 took many of the lessons he learned as an undersized guard and linebacker at Columbia (at right, he's No. 67 leading a sweep around right end) and as its football coach — including teamwork, organization, a strong work ethic and the ability to develop and motivate people — and applied them to the business world. “There are a lot of parallels between coaching and business,” says Joe O'Donnell ’64, a teammate who paved the way for Campbell’s first job in business. “There was no question he would be successful.”

Photos: Miles Keep (Above); Courtesy Columbia Athletics (Right)
Let's start this story at a bar. Not such a bad place to get going, right?

But you'd think because the story is about a pretty prominent fellow — who’s been CEO of three high-tech companies, hangs around with the likes of Steve Jobs and other Silicon Valley legends and is a Columbia trustee — you’d figure the bar would be some place like the Oak Room at the Plaza or the Top of the Mark in San Francisco. Some place with power-broker panache.

Not for this guy. Chiodo’s Tavern is in gritty Homestead, Pa., a nine-mile drive from downtown Pittsburgh and a zillion miles from snooty. It’s on West 8th Street, not far from where U.S. Steel used to employ a lot of folks when the town had 20,000 or so people. After work, guys from the mill would come to Chiodo’s for a beer and rage on about the Steelers or the Pirates or their crummy bosses at the mill — and laugh a lot. Even after U.S. Steel shut down in 1987, accelerating an exodus that now leaves the town with about 4,000 residents, the regulars still come into Chiodo’s.

“It’s a working man’s bar,” says owner Joe Chiodo. “I have a lot of things hanging from the walls. Footballs, baseballs, trophies and apparel that young ladies wear.” Chiodo has been collecting this stuff since he opened the place in 1947. He tells a visitor about a picture on a wall, a picture of the guy this story is about. The guy grew up in Homestead, son of a mill worker, watched the Homestead Grays go up against other Negro League teams with his dad, played guard and linebacker at Homestead High, then went off to college in New York City. He played football there with some success and coached football there with less success, then scrapped the coaching and went into business — and made a big deal of himself.

But even though he never moved back to Homestead, the guy in the photo didn’t forget Homestead, either. “My place has been here 58 years, and I’m always proud to say, ‘This is Billy Campbell,'” Chiodo says as a way of introducing the photo and the guy in it, “the young man from our hometown who gave so much to our hometown.”

Chiodo calls him Billy. People in Silicon Valley, where he consults for such companies as Google and drugstore.com and Tellme, call him The Coach. Shareholders of Intuit, maker of the popular personal finance software TurboTax and Quicken, call him Chairman of the Board. But maybe the nickname that really gives you a good idea of William V. Campbell ’62 is Ballsy, which is not exactly the kind of name you’d expect for a guy who has been compared to such luminary businessmen as Jack Welch and Bill Gates.
That's why the story of Bill Campbell is so unusual. In one way, he has more layers than a wedding cake, and in others ways, he's as simple as a bottle of Bud Light. There's a lot about Campbell that makes you scratch your head. Like this: By 1979, at 39, he had never worked a real office job; he'd been a football coach since graduating from Columbia, including six losing years in the mid-1970s as the school's head coach. But during the next 15 years, he became CEO of three Silicon Valley technology companies, including Intuit, where revenues have risen from $200 million to $2 billion since he arrived in 1994. Or, that while he weighed only 170 pounds when he played guard and linebacker for Columbia from 1958-61 and regularly faced linemen 20, 30 and 40 pounds heavier than him, he was still good enough to be named captain in 1961, the only year Columbia won an Ivy League title.

Or, that while he holds seats on three corporate boards and was named a Columbia trustee in 2004, his favorite seat may be at a table in a Palo Alto, Calif., pub called the Old Pro that's inscribed "Coach's Corner" in his honor. Or, that while he's known to hang out at the Old Pro well into the night, by 5 the next morning, he's up to work out and then on his way to make the rounds of the companies for which he consults, do Intuit work, coach an eighth-grade flag-football team and still be home in time to help his daughter, Maggie, with her homework. "He has been given the gift of energy. It is so rare," says Roberta Campbell, who met her husband when she was Columbia's dean of residence halls in the 1970s.

Or, finally, that while he may only stand 5-foot-11, his reach is enormous. There are the 30-plus CEOs, including those at alumni with a similar story, "Billy felt he had an obligation to every kid he recruited to be there in all aspects of a player's life, not just on the football field."

One season, when Campbell was coaching, he was driving on worn-down tires. "He was making $35,000 a year," remembers John Cirigliano '64, godfather to Maggie and a corporate investment adviser. "I went to the athletics department and said, 'You need to get him a set of new tires. He's going to drive off the road.' " These days, Campbell's donations to Columbia stretch into the millions and have been used for everything from current-use scholarships to refurbished athletic facilities. He also sponsors a party the night before Homecoming, a chance for old football buddies to reunite, laugh and remember. "Each year, we have a theme and honor a group of people, but in three of the last five years, we've honored somebody who has passed away," says Michael Griffin, who worked in the athletics department for several years before becoming Columbia's associate director of alumni relations last fall. "Bill was very generous about making sure the next of kin were able to be there."

And, of course, don't forget Homestead. Its high school has a new, million-dollar turf football field because of Campbell, and he gave another million for computers that the kids can use. Last year, he sent Homestead Mayor Betty Esper $20,000 to put computers in police cars. Esper, who goes by Bo, grew up a couple of houses down the block from the Campbells. She's lived in Homestead all of her 71 years, and has watched as the town's waterfront became dilapidated and U.S. Steel closed. With all that's happened to Homestead, it's easy for a mayor to lose hope. "Once the horse leaves the barn," says Esper, mayor since 1990, "it's hard to get the horse back, and that's [the truth] for every main street in every small town." Still, she doesn't lose hope, thanks to Campbell.

Before he was rebuilding football stadiums and paying for computers, Campbell would drop small donations in the mail for Esper, like $1,000 so she could put on the town's annual Christmas parade. "Billy always told me, 'There is never a time you can't call me,' and this was before he got this well-known," she says. "I remember a time when I called him and we got to talking about Homestead, and I remember at one point he got choked up — because he misses home, he's still a hometown boy — and he said, 'You know, Bo, one of these days, when I'm able to, I'm going to do something for my hometown.' And he has certainly done it. He has never forgotten his roots. If everyone was Billy Campbell in these small towns and gave back, it would be a better world, for sure."

So, Ballsy, tell us how you did it — how did you go from being a kid from Homestead, Pa., to a Silicon Valley go-to guy who's always there for favorite causes?

"I'd rather not," he says, "I hate these things." "These things" being interviews about himself. Campbell has a voice so raspy you'd think his larynx had been chewed on by a Great Dane. He doesn't sound like the sweetheart guy everyone talks about. He explains that doing interviews detracts from what he does best: building collaboration in organizations, not stars. Plus, "I don't like to get my name in lights."

Then, just when you think he's about to say, "See ya," instead you hear, "Go for it." And then it's hard to shut the guy up.
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Field. Temperature: North of 90 degrees.

Coming into the season, there was talk among
the seniors that this team had a shot at winning an
Ivy title, even though the school’s last winning season was 1953
and the team was coming off a 3–6 season. This also was still the
era of guys playing offense and defense, meaning it was critical
that a team have a deep bench, but the ’61 team had lost two
key players before preseason camp broke.

Campbell, the team captain, a 170-pound offensive guard
and linebacker, saw something different in this team. A few
weeks earlier, after playing a scrimmage against Bucknell at
Baker Field, the team had elected to go back to Camp Colum¬
bia, a utilitarian outpost in Connecticut where the Lions held
preseason training. “That was a big deal,” Campbell says. “A
different group would have said, ’Let’s stay on campus; it’s a
lot easier.’”

“You had the right mix of kids,” remembers Al Butts ’64, a
sophomore on that team who went on to a successful career in
hotel management. “The leaders on that team were from [small
They were about blocking and tackling, no fancy stuff.” They
had fun nicknames, too. On the offensive line, besides Ballsy,
there was Lee “Bugle” Black ’62 and Ed “Moonsie” Little ’62.
Plus, they had the ideal coach for this mix: Aldo T. “Buff”
Donelli. “Pennsylvania-tough-as-nails,” Butts says of Donelli,
who had coached several years earlier at Duquesne University
in Pittsburgh. “Kind of from the Vince Lombardi school.”

Donelli recruited players, Campbell remembers, who would
understand that “to break the [losing] mold you were going to
have to allow yourself not to go over to the whiny side of mak¬
ing excuses of why we can’t win. He wouldn’t listen to them.”

Facing Princeton, a team Columbia hadn’t beaten in 16 years,
the Lions had a chance to show just how different they were.
Early on, they did just that by taking a 14–0 first-quarter lead.
But as Campbell remembers, it could have been 21–0. Columbia
drove inside the five-yard line, but four plays produced noth¬
ing. “We could have put it away,” says Campbell.

Still, it was 14–0, and Donelli figured it was a good time to
give some of his starters a rest, considering the big lead and
the heat. But with just seconds to go in the quarter, Princeton
connected on a 72-yard pass play and the score became 14–7.
By the half, it was 15–14 Princeton.

In the fourth quarter, Princeton led 23–20 when Columbia took
over with the ball on its 43 with under 12 minutes remaining.
How different was this team? During the next six minutes, Tom
O’Connor ’63 and Russ Warren ’62, who would gain 123 total
yards on the day, alternated taking handoffs and running up the
middle through holes that Bugle, Moonsie and Ballsy created.
Eventually, they reached the Princeton 13-yard line, where on
fourth down and four, Donelli chose not to settle for a game-tying
field goal. He wanted the lead. As the team huddled, everyone
figured Warren or O’Connor would get one more crack. But at the
line of scrimmage, quarterback Tom Vasell ’62 called an audible,
a quick pass to the weak-side end. Vasell’s throw was just a touch
behind Ron Williams ’62 and fell incomplete. Drive over. Prince¬
ton’s ball. One play later the lead became 30–20, the final score.

“I will never forget it,” Campbell says. “It was brutal.”

Another loss — and after a 14–0 lead that could have been
21–0. Why? Was it the heat? The lack of depth? The audible?
Campbell says he had never been so exhausted after a game.
But Donelli didn’t want excuses.

And Campbell wasn’t one to give them. In high school, he was
named MVP of his football team. He also led Homestead to a state
title in volleyball. “He made volleyball a contact sport,” says his
brother, Jim. When the Homestead track coach found himself short
of hurdlers one season, Campbell volunteered. “He couldn’t even
jump,” says Jim, younger by two years. “But he ran through every
hurdle and ended up qualifying for a regional championship.”

For Jim Campbell, a 6–2 All-American wide receiver on the
Roger Staubach-led Navy teams of the mid-‘60s, his “little” big
brother was always the go-to guy. “We played on the same bas¬
ketball, football and track teams. And in every case, he was the
organizer, the leader, the inspiration. He made everything a
passion.”

Some of that drive came from Homestead, which made peo¬
tle tough. “It was just a blue-collar, steel-working town,” says
Jim, a manager of golf resorts in the west. “If you don’t bust
your ass, you don’t make it in that town.”

Plus, the Campbell boys had a pretty good idea of what hard
work involved. “My dad was a tough bastard,” Bill Campbell
says of his father, William Sr., a World War I veteran. “We had
one car when I was a kid, and my mom used to drive us down
to the mill to pick him up. He had worked the midnight-to-8
shift, and would come out in a jacket and tie, and we would
drive him to school, where he would teach all day. He would go
home after teaching and sleep for a few hours and then go back

Sounds good, in hindsight. At the time, Campbell was just trying to get through calculus, chemistry and the other quantitative courses he gravitated toward. Eventually, he majored in economics, with his adviser, Professor Bob Carey, playing a big role in that decision. “He convinced me that I could do this. I would go to his office and talk about economic concepts, and he could bring those concepts into practical reality and show how they were applied.” But when it came to non-quant courses, Campbell quivered. He blamed it on an inability to conceive things. Whenever they’d see each other at basketball games, a certain professor would pester Campbell to take his 18th-century English lit course. Finally, junior year, Campbell, broke down. At the first class, “I sat there and listened to all these [students] talking who understood the reading,” Campbell recalls. “Then, all of the sudden, the professor calls on me. He wants to know what I think. I told him, he said, ‘Good point,’ and went on. And I said to myself, ‘Maybe I do belong here. Maybe I can give my view on some great work of 18th-century literature.’”

He may have hesitated in that classroom, but when it came to football, Campbell never doubted himself. He became a team leader, pushing guys to work harder in the training room, and showing them how. “He had a 17-inch neck. That wasn’t natural without steroids,” says Jim Campbell. As Butts puts it, “Basically, he was a tough kid and everyone respected him. If there was a fight, you knew he would be out in front.”

And that’s what happened after 30-20 Princeton. The ’61 team had a fight, between making excuses or not. The decision: Columbia won its five remaining Ivy games and captured its only Ivy League title, sharing it with Harvard, which Columbia had beaten on the road. “Other than getting married and having your kids, nothing could be more important than that,” Campbell says of the championship. “It was a magic season. You had guys who were in a small, tight group. But we stayed really close. We still are close today.”

If a happy ending eventually followed that Princeton loss in 1961, the same hardly could be said of another Columbia loss to a New Jersey school. Seventeen years later, on October 28, 1978, Rutgers embarrassed Columbia 69-0 at Giants Stadium in the Meadowlands. Campbell was then in his fifth season as Lions head coach, and if he needed one more reason to quit the profession, this was it.

“When you look at it from a distance,” Campbell says of his coaching stint, during which the team went 12-41-1, “I wasn’t very good.” Perhaps, but some would argue it wasn’t the coach; it was the situation, contending that the school’s support for the football program was at an all-time low in the mid-’70s. Remember, this is pre-Wien Stadium. The wooden structure at Baker Field was a crumbling eyesore, hardly a facility to draw much talent.

Campbell knew the constraints going into the job — he just expected to overcome them. To once again ignore the whiny noise and the excuses. He remembers the day he took the job. “When he came back, we were all so happy,” says Cirigliano, who had played lightweight football at Columbia. “He was going to take the program beyond where it had been.”

Campbell had two goals at the start: use his high energy and rah-rah manner to breathe some enthusiasm into the players, the student body and the alumni. “And maybe try to steal a few wins,” he says, “because we weren’t quite good enough, personnel-wise.” He started recruiting like mad, heading to the same kind of haunts Donelli once did. He preached to high school kids like Cicco that they were going to be part of a turnaround. “There was a high degree of intensity and enthusiasm and energy. He got everyone focused,” says Cicco. “He worked harder than anybody. He was always motivating.”

Campbell’s first two Columbia teams didn’t steal many wins, three in total. Perhaps his biggest win, though, came in 1976 when he married Roberta Spagnola, who at the time was Columbia’s dean of residence halls, the school’s first female dean. She, like Campbell, was from a tough neighborhood, having grown up in the shadows of Newark, N.J., but she found her way to Teachers College. They met when Campbell was at Boston College, but didn’t date seriously until he returned to Columbia. And their early romancing included some professional issues. As Campbell’s wife recalls, one day, “I had to call him to tell him we were throwing a couple of his players out of the dorms.”

By fall 1978, Campbell was starting to feel pressure, not from the school but from himself, after four seasons and just eight wins. The 1978 season offered promise, though. The team was coming off a 2-7 season, but the blowouts were fewer. The Lions surprised a lot of people by getting off to a 3-1-1 start. “I said, ‘This is the breakthrough year,’” recalls Cirigliano, who watched many of the games seated next to Roberta Campbell. “And then we played Rutgers.”

It was an ugly, chilling game, even for those not playing or coaching. Campbell’s wife could feel, and hear, her husband’s coaching career go kerplunk that day as she watched from her Giants Stadium seat. “If people didn’t know who I was, they would say some outrageous things, as fans do when coaches and players aren’t doing well,” she says of that day. “And then I had to deal with the aftermath, of how he felt about it. It was so humiliating and depressing.”

From the losses that kept piling up (the Lions lost 11 of their next 12 games through the end of the ’79 season) to the lack of administrative support to the pressures of recruiting (at one point Campbell checked into a hospital for exhaustion), the coach was reaching a crossroad. Sure, he had built a strong alumni network for his players to tap for jobs, and he kept morale on the team as high as possible. But he knew, for credibility’s sake, he needed wins. And they weren’t coming. Midway through the 1979 season, Campbell announced his resignation. The turnaround wasn’t happening. “Billy’s coaching career was marked by a great deal of enthusiasm and intensity,” says Cicco, “and because of that, he probably got to burnout stage quicker.”

Blame burnout. Blame the school and the situation. Blame New York City and what it was like in the mid-’70s. Blame what you’d
WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT
BILL CAMPBELL

"I joke around and call Bill the owner of the [Columbia football] team. He is a model for what you would hope for in loyalty to an institution. He made a true commitment to this football program when he came back as the head coach, and it was probably one of his biggest disappointments that he wasn’t able to turn it around. Had he stayed, he may have been like [former Yale coach] Carm Cozza and been here for 30 years, but that would have precluded him from becoming the [success] that he is today. In a weird way, he has probably given more back to Columbia because he was not a great football coach." — Bob Shoop, Columbia head football coach

"When you have a chance to be around Bill and see what he was able to accomplish, not only as a football player but also as a coach and now as a chairman of a company, and [consider his] mentoring and helping other people grow their businesses — that path is one where you constantly improve other people's lives." — Ronnie Lott, former NFL All-Pro defensive back and managing member of the investment firm HRJ Capital, Woodside, Calif.

"Bill was the football coach at Columbia when I played basketball there. I used to spend a lot of time in his office late at night, talking about coaching and philosophies and things like that. As the football coach, to extend himself to basketball players and all athletes was extraordinary and beyond the call of duty. Bill thought that when you go to Columbia, you are promised two things: an education and an opportunity. The education you get on your own; it’s up to you to learn what you want to learn. But someone has to help you with the opportunity. Bill was extremely instrumental in getting me my first summer job at Merrill Lynch." — Gene Schatz '79

"Bill is inclusive, not exclusive. For example, after his son’s high school football games, he would invite the team for burgers and fries and Cokes at a local restaurant in Palo Alto, Calif., and he would always pick up the tab. At first I said, ‘Come on. Let somebody else pay once in a while.’ He said, ‘No,’ and was emphatic. He said, ‘If one person wouldn’t come to this thing because he couldn’t afford the $10 or $20, I would consider that a failure. I want every kid and his parents to come here and have as many burgers and Cokes as they want, and no one has to worry about whether they can pay. I know that 99 percent of the people can pay, but I don’t want it so one person doesn’t come because he doesn’t have that extra 20 bucks.’ " — John Cirigliano ’64

"Bill regrets not being able to win as a football coach at Columbia, and I think that is one of the reasons he stays as close to it as he does; he feels like there is some unfinished business, and he wants to see the program succeed. One of the biggest challenges for the athletics department and the football program is, ‘Who is the next Bill Campbell? Who is that guy who cares as much about it as the coaches and the student-athletes and has the wherewithal to make a significant impact?’ That is something people should spend a lot of time on, because Bill is the guy who not only does it, but draws a lot of other people to stay involved." — Michael Griffin, Columbia associate director of alumni relations

"Bill doesn’t preach, and he reads people quickly. It’s easy to think that he is a former football coach who got lucky, but the guy knows Silicon Valley like the back of his hand, and he can convey the stuff to guys with big egos and get them to improve and get the job done."

— Al Butts ’64

"Every person Bill has touched has been empowered [by him] to be the best he or she can be. He is my mentor. I sit with him for an hour a couple of times a month, and in every dimension, whether it is advice about life or growing ventures or serving our community. I count on Bill as a friend and more. They broke the mold when they made him." — John Doerr, partner at venture capital firm Kleiner Perkins Caulfield & Byers, Menlo Park, Calif.

"We tease him all the time about being the ‘former Columbia coach.’ When I was running the international division of Claris, I would make him come to Europe and meet the press, which he hates to do. I don’t care what country we were in — it could be Finland — inevitably, the article would start, ‘Former football coach Bill Campbell said, ‘Blah, blah, blah.’’ I would joke with him relentlessly, ‘I don’t care what you do with your life, you are former football coach Bill Campbell.’" — Donna Dubinsky, cofounder and former CEO, Handspring

"Both of us come from backgrounds without any money. Bill comes from a Western Pennsylvania steel town, and I come from Irvington, N.J. Although his father was educated, neither of my parents went to college. So to go to a school like Columbia [Roberta attended Teachers College], well, we didn’t even know people like that existed — the diversity, from all over the world, and certainly from all over the United States. The whole experience was profound for us. The associations we made at Columbia changed our lives and gave us the opportunities that we’ve enjoyed. All of the big opportunities in Bill’s life were the result of knowing someone at Columbia or the education that he received there." — Roberta Campbell, wife
like. But Campbell takes the blame and won’t make excuses. After he tells you he just wasn’t a very good coach, he pauses, looking for the right words. “There is something that I would say is called dispassionate toughness that you need [as a football coach], and I don’t think I have it,” he says. “What you need to do is not worry about feelings. You’ve got to push everybody and everything harder and be almost insensitive about feelings. You replace a kid with another kid; you take an older guy and replace him with a younger guy. That is the nature of the game. Survival of the fittest. The best players play. In my case, I worried about that. I tried to make sure the kids understood what we were doing.”

Another pause. “I just think I wasn’t hard-edged enough.”

Then how was he going to survive in the business world?

You’re 39 years old. You have a wife and one day you’ll have two kids (Jim ’04, who played football at Columbia, and Maggie, now in eighth grade). You’re out of work, and the only thing you have on your resume is football coach — and now, after failing at Columbia, you want out of coaching. What do you do?

Campbell called some of his Columbia football buddies, such as Butts, Cirigliano, Warren and Joe O’Donnell ’64, who was Campbell’s back-up at guard on the ’61 team. Each gave the captain contacts and friends to get in touch with. Warren knew John Sculley, then the CEO of Pepsi. Cirigliano’s Rolodex pointed him to people on Wall Street. Butts had contacts in the hospitality industry. And O’Donnell was on his way to becoming CEO of J. Walter Thompson (JWT), one of the largest advertising agencies in the country.

But what could a less-than-successful football coach offer any company or industry? O’Donnell, then living in Detroit, where he headed the Ford account for the agency, remembers flying into New York to talk with his teammate and Alpha Chi Rho fraternity brother. “He was questioning what would happen in business, would he be good at it?” O’Donnell recalled. So he reassured him: “There are a lot of parallels between coaching and business. You have to be well organized, you have to work hard, you have to be able to talk to a wide variety of constituents: In business, it’s clients and co-workers; in coaching, it’s the parents, the kids, the faculty. On the surface, it looks like two different careers. But when you look from a business perspective, you look for parallels — what skills do they posses that could be applied to another arena?”

O’Donnell arranged for Campbell to meet Don Johnson, then JWT’s CEO, which led to an offer that Campbell accepted over a job Sculley found for him at Pepsi. He moved to Chicago to work on the Kraft account. Sure, friendship played a part in getting business novice Campbell a job on a key account, but, O’Donnell says, “If he were a boob, I never would have recommended him. There was no question he would be successful.”

Campbell showed he was a quick learner, putting his background to use in analyzing his client’s business trends and market needs. Within six months, he moved back to New York to work on the Kodak account. Campbell proved to be so effective that Kodak hired him away from JWT, and in 1983 assigned him to London where he was general manager of Kodak’s consumer products in Europe.

That is, until he got a call.

Sculley, now the CEO of Apple Computers, wanted Campbell to join him in Silicon Valley, where the Macintosh computer was months away from coming to market. Campbell hesitated. To stay at Kodak meant international experience, a chance to live in London. But it also meant one day returning to Rochester, N.Y., Kodak’s headquarters, and working at a large, bureaucratic company, prospects that didn’t sit well with either Campbell or his wife. By now, he was 43 and eager to move up the corporate org-chart. After several more calls from Sculley, meetings with Apple founder Jobs and other key execs and a look at the top-secret Mac, Campbell said yes.

“The opportunity to come to Apple was huge,” Campbell says. “My career had been blunted by a lot of years as a dumb-ass football coach. I felt that because of my background, I would always be below my peer group and trying to catch up. Going out to the wild, woolly west, where it was more a meritocracy, I would have a chance to move quickly and sit on the management team.”

Within nine months of joining the company in spring 1983, Campbell was promoted to v.p. of sales and marketing. He was in charge of putting together a sales force and reaching agreements with retailers to carry the Mac. Besides earning a reputation as a fast thinker and problem solver, he also became known as a manager people wanted to work for. “He has an extraordinary ability to connect with people and make them feel good about working for him,” says Donna Dubinsky, who worked for Apple’s Australian division at the time. “You see a lot of smart executives, but rarely do you see somebody who can connect with people at all levels of the company like he can.”

Campbell is known, for example, for remembering the colleges that the children of customer service reps attend and asking administrative assistants for insight into a company’s corporate culture.

But for all the excitement that came with launching the hugely successful Mac and the legions of followers he was gaining, Campbell couldn’t avoid a business world where dispassionate toughness came into play. “As time went on, I was no longer the fair-haired boy,” Campbell says. “I had been hired by Sculley as the war-time guy — handle everything that was broken and things that needed to be fixed.” When it came to peacetime, the two often would disagree on issues such as pricing and market share strategy. Looking for a new opportunity, Campbell proposed to Sculley that he lead Claris, a software division that Apple was thinking of spinning off. After several rounds of negotiations, Sculley agreed.

Once again, Campbell was in charge. The difference? This time, instead of trying to recruit talent to a small, Ivy League football program, he had the cachet of running an entrepreneurial Silicon Valley company that offered an ideal opportunity for programmers and clever marketers to try their stuff. And word was out that Campbell was a boss people wanted to be around. Dubinsky, for example, left her Australian post when Campbell asked her to join Claris. “He never told me what my salary or title would be. I just knew Bill would be fair,” says Dubinsky, who later founded Handspring, maker of a popular PDA.

Randy Komisar, then an attorney at Apple wondering about his career path, remembers that Campbell approached him in a dark boardroom one day and, in a hushed tone, told him about the Claris start-up. After just five minutes, “He looked at me across the table and said, ‘Are you in or are you out?’ He hadn’t offered me a position or salary or job title ... And right there, I said yes. And it turned out to be the best thing I had done in my life.”

Under Campbell and his team, Claris quickly took off, earning more than $100 million in revenue in three years. So confi-
dent was Campbell in Claris’ prospects that he was prepping to take it public in 1990, until Apple pulled the rug out with a last-minute decision to buy it back. “We were furious,” says Campbell. “We stayed a while, and made sure the integration back into Apple was complete, and then everybody left.”

Where did they go? Many joined Campbell on his next venture, GO Corp., where he was CEO of a company in the fledgling pen-based computing world. As it turned out, GO was too fledgling, and over a three-year span burned through enough cash to make future dot-com busts look innocent. Campbell logged 18 trips to Japan in hopes of securing partners, and at one point he thought he had a deal with Compaq that would give GO a significant lift. But by 1993, GO was gone. “Oh, it was a failure,” Campbell doesn’t hesitate to say.

But GO did not break him. In fact, Campbell and his staff won accolades for keeping GO afloat for as long as they did, and in 1994, six months after GO’s demise, Campbell was recruited to be president and CEO of Intuit at a critical time for the financial software company. Scott Cook, founder and CEO, was looking for a successor just as Intuit was merging with another software firm, ChipSoft, that would nearly double the company’s revenue. Cook needed a CEO who could integrate a business strategy to propel the merged companies and also assimilate the people and cultures of the two organizations. In their book, Inside Intuit, authors Suzanne Taylor and Kathy Schroeder write, “Intuit searched for a strong leader who championed development of people. Management discipline, careful measurement of business outcomes, process improvement and operations excellence.” The job description fit Campbell, who by then, even with the demise of GO, had proven he could lead a team, set vision and inspire talent.

Since his arrival, Campbell and Intuit have gone through a series of momentous events, including an abortive merger with Microsoft, the emergence of the Internet and the need for the company to respond to this new sales channel, and cycles of strong revenue growth. Campbell turned over the CEO reins to Steve Bennett in 2000, and for all his success, says he has no interest in running another company. “Those days are over,” he says. Plus, “I’m too loyal to Intuit.”

Campbell does have time, though, to share his management practices — focused on team building and consensus gathering — with seasoned execs and new entrepreneurs. Campbell and Jobs can often be seen walking the streets of Palo Alto, talking strategies for Apple. And Google founders Larry Page and Sergey Brin have used Campbell as a sounding board during their company’s fast rise. Campbell declines to talk much about what advice he’s provided the Google execs, but Gordon Davidson, a prominent Silicon Valley attorney, says, “After Warren Buffet, Bill is the one Sergey and Larry look to for guidance on how to manage and motivate people.”

O n a wet, cold night last December, some of the biggest names in pro and college football plowed into the grand ballroom of New York’s Waldorf-Astoria for the National Football Foundation and College Football Hall of Fame annual awards dinner. Joe Paterno was there, and so was Steve Spurrier, Bobby Bowden, LaVell Edwards, Barry Alvarez, Vince Dooley and hundreds more. Ray Guy was inducted into the Hall that night, as were Joe Kapp and Jack Tatum. But the prime honoree was Campbell, who was there to receive the 2004 Gold Medal, an award given annually to “an outstanding American who has demonstrated integrity and honesty, achieved significant career success and has reflected the basic values of those who have excelled in amateur sport, particularly football.” Previous recipients include seven U.S. presidents, including John F. Kennedy and Ronald Reagan.

Impressive company, but before the dinner starts, Campbell is introduced to someone from his home state of Pennsylvania. “You came all the way for this?” he asks the stranger. “Hey, this is a big award,” the guy says. “Shit, this is nothing,” he says, then smiles and gives the stranger a hug.

Midway through the dinner, Campbell is introduced by retired U.S. Army General Tommy Franks. “Coach Campbell, an innovator and entrepreneur, applied the lessons he learned from football to become one of our nation’s top business leaders,” says Franks. “Bill, it is my pleasure to present the Gold Medal to the man they still call Coach Campbell out in Silicon Valley. The back of the medal reads: ‘For a lifetime of leadership as coach, business visionary and humanitarian.’ ”

With that, the crowd rises. There’s Franco Harris, Archie Griffin and Archie Manning, as well as Butts, Warren and Cirigliano. Campbell receives his medal, and begins a short speech. “People have asked me in Silicon Valley, ‘Why are you in high-tech?’ I ask them, ‘Have you seen my football record?’ ” The crowd laughs. Then he says that football taught him about a meritocracy, I would have a chance to move quickly.”

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On a wintry Saturday night, Crabtree's Kittle House was buzzing. The dining room was packed and the bar was filled with a lively crowd. Downstairs, the banquet room overflowed with bar mitzvah celebrants and the wine tasting room was booked for a $1,000-a-head charity event.

Sounds hectic, but it's just business as usual for the popular restaurant and inn in Chappaqua, N.Y., about 45 minutes north of New York City and a stone's throw from Bill and Hillary Clinton's home. In fact, on the day of George W. Bush's first inauguration, the former president and his staff chose the Kittle House for their farewell-from-office dinner. This year, about 700 names graced the waiting list for Mother's Day brunch. And on almost any weekend, the restaurant hosts famed winemakers and wine enthusiasts who come from all over the world to sample wines from a wine list named one of the top 88 in the world by Wine Spectator.

Who would believe that this stately, white building previously was a moldy, neglected restaurant scoffed at by Westchester County residents?

Probably few, other than John Crabtree '78. Despite youthful intentions to avoid the restaurant field, at least partly because his father was in the business, he's been the driving force behind the Kittle House's transformation into Westchester's most popular restaurant, according to the 2004-05 "Westchester Hudson River Valley Restaurants" Zagat Survey. Awarded a 25 (out of 30) for food, a 25 for décor and a 24 for service (based on feedback from 2,700 restaurant-goers), the Kittle House is described as "exactly what a top-notch restaurant should be" and a "charming, picturesque historic inn [that] captivates diners with beautifully presented, gloriously delicious new American fare."

Born in Red Bank, N.J., Crabtree grew up in Yonkers, N.Y., watching his father, Dick, jump between automobile sales and the hotel and restaurant business. "My father was never around when he worked in restaurants, so he gave me the idea never to go into that industry," Crabtree says, remembering how his family was so cash-strapped that "chicken with peas and rice was a special meal."

At 16, Crabtree began dating his now-wife, Amy, whose Italian mother introduced him to fine food. Crabtree tasted wine for the first time at Amy's home and tried to attend Sunday dinners as often as he could.

Crabtree also learned about cuisine by working at his father's restaurants. "My father eventually found a spot in Eastchester, and I told him to settle down and buy it. He did, in 1974, and named it Crabtree's Plaza Inn because one of his defunct companies had been named CPI and he could reuse the stationery. I started out mopping floors and cleaning bathrooms and graduated to dishwasher. It was the worst job in the world, but I loved the camaraderie with the chefs."

While studying English literature at Columbia, Crabtree explored the city and sampled au courant fare, such as onion soup gratinée, at neighborhood restaurants. His football and rugby teammates thought him "a kook" when he subscribed to a cheese-of-the-month club. At night and on summer breaks, Crabtree worked at his father's restaurant, then as general manager.

Though gourmet food was a hobby, Crabtree thought he would become a political writer or pen the Great American Novel. "To sign up for Wallace Gray's playwriting class, you
John Crabtree '78 has built a world-class wine cellar at the Kittle House, with about 6,000 selections and 70,000 bottles, priced from $18 to $10,000. The list has received Wine Spectator's Grand Award every year since 1994.

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"Owning the Kittle House is the next best thing to writing a novel. It is my novel."
had to submit a few writing samples," Crabtree recalls. "I turned in some stories and the next day, Gray called to ask if he could be my adviser."

Shortly after Crabtree graduated, his father's restaurant burned to the ground. The senior Crabtree was responsible for managing its rebuilding, but only three-quarters of it had been reconstructed before the insurance money ran out. "My father told me that he was going to pack up and head to California," Crabtree remembers. "But I demanded that he stay and get his place back on track."

The senior Crabtree remained, and he and Crabtree borrowed money from Crabtree's father-in-law to complete the rebuilding, reopening the restaurant in 1980. While his father sang and worked the crowd, Crabtree managed the books, worked as maitre d' and trained the staff. "The place took off like gangbusters," Crabtree recalls.

Although Crabtree was gathering what he describes as "interesting writing material" while working at the restaurant, he decided to pursue a career in international relations. "I had to learn about the political system in order to write about it," he says.

Crabtree took some time off from the family business and became an administrative assistant to Gordon Burrows, deputy minority leader of the New York State Assembly. He then matriculated at SIPA, majoring in labor relations; he graduated in 1982. During the two-year program, Crabtree attended school from 10 a.m.–4 p.m., worked at the restaurant from 5 p.m.–4 a.m., and slept for two hours before repeating the process.

At SIPA, however, Crabtree became disillusioned. "The course of study taught you the rules you needed to know in order to play the game of politics. I wanted to save the world, and that wasn't being taught. But this schooling taught me how to negotiate, which later became useful — I manage a staff of up to 90 during busy periods."

Crabtree returned to what he knew best: working in his father's restaurant. He realized he "was getting good at the restaurant business — that was the problem."

One month before Crabtree graduated from SIPA, his father told him that he'd uncovered a sure-bet investment property: a run-down restaurant in Chappaqua. His father said they could duplicate what they had in Eastchester and sell it after a year for a sizeable profit. He also told his son that he couldn't move forward without him, offering him a 50-50 profit share. "I thought, 'What a shame to let this building come to such disrepair,'" Crabtree says.

Crabtree's father purchased the property "for nothing." With a team of workers, Crabtree and his father cleaned out mold, repaired broken windows and painted. They ran the on-site restaurant, serving an average of only 25 dinners on Saturday to 90 during busy periods.

"Since we're off the main road and a bit difficult to find, we saw the building as a special event place. To overcome its bad reputation, we decided to do bar mitzvahs and weddings at cost to draw people to us. So, we charged $25 per person for food and wine," Crabtree explains. "We weren't making any money, but we threw great parties."

After a year, Crabtree's father found interested buyers, who were to meet at his other restaurant. Upon arriving at the bustling restaurant, the buyers decided that they wanted to purchase it instead of the Kittle House. Crabtree's father agreed on the spot.

"My father and I had different perspectives on what makes a good restaurant," Crabtree notes. "He said, 'We're not here to educate people,' but I disagreed. He thought we shouldn't challenge the customer. He was on the side of '60s Continental cuisine; I wanted to serve New American, creative fare, made with locally grown, organic ingredients."

"I wanted an unpretentious but sophisticated restaurant that would give a world-class dining experience equal to a 40-seat restaurant, but on the scale of 125 seats. With that volume, we could keep prices reasonable. So, I told my father, 'Either I take over or I leave.'" His father told him he couldn't run the business alone and relinquished control. Under Crabtree's leadership, the Kittle House has been making money since 1986.

Crabtree wanted to do more than make money, though, so he hired Glenn Vogt, former captain and assistant to the wine director at the renowned New York restaurant Montrachet. Remembers Vogt, who served as general manager and wine director at the Kittle House from 1990-95, "When I met with John about working together, he told me he would do whatever was necessary to make the Kittle House a great dining destination and to build one of the world's best wine cellars. I thought to myself, 'Someone pinch me, because this is too good to be true.'"

Vogt transitioned the Kittle House from a system in which waiters managed their own tables to a hierarchical structure with a front captain, back waiters and busboys. "When we did that," says Crabtree, "10 percent of our staff left, but the strong people stayed and got better." In fact, according to Vogt, "Many of those people are still there, which is a testament to John's skills as a boss and his ability to keep everyone inspired." Maitre d' Gustavo Zuluaga, who has been at the Kittle House for more than 20 years, says, "I've stayed so long because there is always something new to learn. And Johnny is great. He's not like a regular boss, he's like a friend."

In addition to refining the service, Crabtree, with Vogt's help, hired chefs with impressive pedigrees, including Gregory Gilbert, formerly the executive sous chef at Manhattan's well-respected Oceana. The restaurant's new chef, Jeremy Smollar, worked for Trio in Chicago and The Myriad Restaurant Group in Manhattan.

"Soon, people were spreading the word that we had great food, and we were taken seriously," Crabtree notes. "In 1993, The New York Times Westchester edition awarded us three stars, the highest you can get in Westchester. I knew then that we'd really made it."

Regular customers, such as Doug Metz and James Mustich Jr., confirmed why the Kittle House is a success. Says Metz, "The Kittle House is my family's restaurant of choice. My wife and I were married there, and it's hosted every special event we
share. We love the food. It gets better with each visit, and the staff makes you feel as if you are the most important customer for the night.”

Adds Mustich: “I have happily eaten my way through the restaurant’s progress, under John’s discriminating guidance, from modest but solid quality to imaginative sophistication. Just as the menu has undergone a transformation from predictable fare to impeccable cuisine, the decor has gone from farmhouse dowdiness to Old World elegance.”

The wine list is by far Crabtree’s biggest success. In 1986, Crabtree sent a loyal former employee, Don Castaldo, to sommelier school and asked every distributor in the metro area to bring him wines. During the selection process, his new sommelier tasted 300 bottles in one week. Soon, Crabtree began hosting wine dinners in a renovated room next to his wine cellar. “We were the first in Westchester to do these dinners,” he recalls. “Winemakers come to talk about their wines and guests taste 12 wines with five courses.”

Now, the restaurant’s wine list, which weighs roughly eight pounds, includes about 6,000 selections and 70,000 bottles, priced from $18 to $10,000, all stored in the cavernous wine cellar. The list first received Wine Spectator’s Grand Award — the magazine’s top wine award, shared by only 87 restaurants worldwide — in 1994 and has held the distinction every year since. The February 2004 issue of Wine Enthusiast magazine gave the restaurant an Award of Ultimate Distinction, its highest designation. Michael Schachner, in “Wine Enthusiast’s First Annual Restaurant Wine Awards,” states: “Wine Enthusiast magazine’s judges found nary a crack in the Crabtree game plan ... pricing is extremely fair, and, in some cases, downright philanthropic ... simply the best place north of Manhattan for fine food and wine.”

In addition to the restaurant and the wine selection, Crabtree runs a 12-room inn on the second floor as well as a catering service, which brings in 40 percent of the revenue.

The Kittle House typically serves 250 meals on a Saturday night, 125 on a busy Friday night and 40-100 on weeknights, but Crabtree knows he cannot sit on his laurels and remains focused on the big picture as well as the details. “I’m always learning and making changes,” says Crabtree.

Recently, we introduced an online reservation system and a tavern menu for those who want to have a casual lunch or dinner. A year ago, we added Internet access to our inn rooms.”

While some would find an operation like the Kittle House all-consuming, Crabtree makes time to be a devoted husband and father. Says his wife, Amy: “If the kids have something at school during the day, he’s there.” Often, she adds, their children line up their school papers on the kitchen counter. When Crabtree returns from work, sometimes at 10 or 11 p.m., he’ll edit them. The family dines together most Sunday nights, often as late as 9:30 p.m.

One of Crabtree’s daughters, Christine ’07, says, “My favorite memories are of making breakfast on Christmas morning with the whole family, eating family dinners late on Sunday nights and skiing in Vermont on a weekend. I know that the restaurant business is time-consuming for my dad, but he always made sure that it didn’t take away from the most important part of his life: the family.”

Crabtree also brings his family into the business. His wife creates the Kittle House’s floral arrangements and is renovating the inn rooms; his eldest daughter, Kathryn (20), creates scenes for the holidays and occasionally helps out the pastry chef; Christine (19) writes the newsletter and manages the mailing list; Elizabeth (15) busses tables and assists at banquets; and Madeline (13) worked Mother’s Day brunch. Crabtree’s daughters don’t want to go into the restaurant business, however. “When they see how hard I work, they definitely don’t want to follow suit,” he says.

Crabtree is devoted to Columbia, as well. He’s participated in the last two (Continued on page 71)
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Remembering
Sidney Morgenbesser

John Dewey Professor Emeritus of Philosophy Sidney Morgenbesser, who died on August 1 in Manhattan, was equally celebrated for his kibitzing and witticisms as for his teaching skills and subject knowledge. After teaching at Swarthmore and the New School for Social Research, Morgenbesser joined Columbia’s faculty as a lecturer in 1953. By 1966, he was a full professor. His interests included pragmatism, human rights, philosophy of the social sciences and theory of knowledge. Popular with students and colleagues, Morgenbesser was honored with the Society of Columbia Graduates’ Great Teacher Award in 1982. (For more on Morgenbesser’s career, see September 2004 CCT, page 9.) Here, Morgenbesser is remembered by his colleagues and friends David Albert ’76, Arthur C. Danto ’49 GSAS, ’52 GSAS and Mark Steiner ’65.

Facing the Fear

By David Albert ’76

The first thing to say about Sidney Morgenbesser is that there can be no taking the measure of him, that there can be no putting one’s finger on him — not in a small piece like this, and not in one 100 times longer, either. He was too vast and too deep and too complicated and too funny and too fast. He took too many forms. We carry him around in too many different parts of ourselves. Those of us who knew him are going to be talking about him for the rest of our lives, and other people are going to be talking about him after we’re gone. And I suspect we are never going to get to the bottom of him, or have our fill of him, or hear the end of him.

In token, then, of not knowing where to start or what to emphasize, let me say that Sidney was among the bravest and the most dignified human beings I have encountered in my life. He was a philosopher in the nearly forgotten, gigantic, primordial sense of the word. He looked straight at the world. And the bravery in this was not at all a matter of Sidney’s being somehow unafraid of what he might see but of his being very much afraid of it, of his being aware that it was going to hurt him, that it was going to cost him — and doing it anyway. There was this breathtaking defenselessness in the way that Sidney comported himself toward the world, in the way that he opened himself up toward the world. And this had an intellectual dimension and an ethical dimension that were of a piece with one another, and came together.

Sidney was no skeptic, and anybody who says otherwise just didn’t know him. But Sidney knew incomparably better than most of us that knowledge is hard. He was somehow acquainted more intimately and more openly and more perfectly than anybody else I know with the excruciating reluctance of the world to be pinned down. What everybody knew best about Sidney was that he was as relentless and fearsome and hilarious an enemy of every imaginable variety of dishonesty and pretension as has ever walked on the earth. There are (really, literally) thousands of those stories. It was Sidney who said to B.F. Skinner, “Let me get this straight: Your objection to traditional psychology is that it anthropomorphizes human beings?”, and it was Sidney who pointed out that there is a natural-selection explanation for the fact that what goes up must come down, since “The stuff that didn’t come down isn’t here anymore!”, and it was Sidney who said that pragmatism was true but didn’t work, and it was Sidney who said that the most perfectly philosophical question he could think of was whether there could be Jews on other planets, and so on and so forth, forever and ever. And it was sometimes not appreciated, and it was sometimes difficult to imagine, that immediately behind all that lay an unfathomable ocean of subtlety and difficulty and struggle.
“Sidney never stopped doing philosophy — it was not something he took off like a garment when he left the classroom.”
Sociology Professor Allan Silver gave a beautiful speech at Sidney's funeral, in which he said that Sidney somehow raised embarrassment to a place of the very highest moral dignity. I think that's just right, and I want to add that Sidney did very much the same thing with kvetching. Sidney once said to me that there were exactly two circumstances in which he was capable of feeling in touch with the eternal, in which he was capable of feeling that time had somehow ceased to matter. One was on seeing a student's eyes light up on suddenly understanding exactly what it was that (say) some particular passage in Plato was getting at, and the other was on Yom Kippur, when he could sit in shul and listen to the kvetching of the whole world, and feel it roll down onto him, through all the generations, from the beginning of time. And he somehow made room for all of that suffering inside himself.

And he allowed every single particle of all of that suffering to hurt him personally. I remember Sidney and I sitting together in my office in 1992, on the morning after Clinton was elected. Neither of us had any illusions about Clinton, but both of us were caught up just then in the immense relief of Bush's having lost. We were laughing and happy, and all of a sudden Sidney starts to kvetch. He said, "I can't tell you what it's been like for me, I can't tell you how I have suffered, these past 12 years under Reagan and Bush." And then he started to cry. At that, the floor just sort of came out from under me. I didn't quite know what I was in the presence of, and I didn't quite know what to do. And I could, of course, go on and on.

Suffice it to say that I love him and I miss him and I owe him more than I would have any idea how to say, no matter how much space there was to write.

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A Philosophical Life
Built of Doubts

BY ARTHUR C. DANTO

I met Sidney Morgenbesser in the early 1950s, when he had definitively abandoned any idea of a rabbinical career and was writing a thesis at Penn with Nelson Goodman — "the fastest gun in the East" — on the philosophy of the social sciences. Sidney already was a legendary figure. I had returned to Columbia after a year teaching at the University of Colorado, where I was introduced to the ideas of Wittgenstein by some young analytical philosophers who were scornful of most of what I had learned at Columbia. "Wait until you meet Morgenbesser!" I was told by some of the smart students who had crossed the street from Jewish Theological to study with Ernest Nagel, who taught logic and the philosophy of science, and was in touch with the ideas that were transforming philosophical practice everywhere else. Sidney's friends called him Morgie and represented him as a romantic figure with uncompromisingly avant garde philosophical convictions. He believed, I was told, that everything should be translated into the language of symbolic logic, including War and Peace. We met not long after I published my first paper in the Journal of Philosophy, which Sidney read as a matter of course, as he read everything. Despite his reputation for logical ferocity, Sidney said, "Thank God someone had gotten out of the metalanguage!" and though there were a lot of objections, he appreciated the effort. We became close friends as well as collaborators, and part of one another's lives.

Early on, we were required to serve as teaching assistants to a senior colleague in an introductory College course. This man was not someone either of us especially admired, and we were put off by his imperturbable complacency. The religious man never doubts, he told the students, but the philosopher always doubts. Sidney leaned over and whispered: "The Lubavitcher Rebbe has more doubts in a single night than that man has had in his entire life." I think Sidney was speaking about himself, as well. He had told me of being offered an extraordinary position in New York's most prestigious synagogue, but that he turned it down because he had doubts about the existence of God. His advisors at the seminary told him to go ahead, that he would work things out as he performed his rabbinical duties, but Sidney felt that would be immoral, and he became Hillel director at Swarthmore instead. There is a difference between methodological doubt — indispensable in philosophical pedagogy — and deep-down doubts that shake the soul. Sidney's was a philosophical life built out of such doubts.

I think one of his doubts was whether anyone, however smart, is really right. There always will be something wrong, if one looks hard enough. Wittgenstein wondered how it was possible to stop doing philosophy — a question that never bothered me, since I could stop on a dime. But Sidney never stopped doing philosophy — it was not something he took off like a garment when he left the classroom. When we taught together, Sidney would say, no matter what the topic, that there were at least seven difficulties, and he would write 1 through 7 on the blackboard, and then proceed to go through his objections, some of which he invented on the spot. If he finished, he would just write some more numbers, and give some more objections.

If I asked for his criticism of something I wrote, he would do the same. I developed a sense for when the objections were of a kind nobody but Sidney would think of, and would publish the piece at that point. But Sidney could not think that way, which was why, I believe, he found it so hard to write. That is what made us such effective collaborators. I heard secondhand that someone said that while I did philosophy, Sidney lived philosophy.

Descartes said "L'ame pense toujours" ("The soul is always thinking"), and though he intended it as a general metaphysical truth, it was flagrantly true of Sidney, who never took time off, not even in baseball, which was a philosophical passion of his and a
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The Last Days of Morgenbesser

By Mark Steiner '65

T here is a Penguin Classic called The Last Days of Socrates, containing dialogues (written, of course, by his great disciple, Plato) purporting to describe the trial and execution of the great philosopher, who asked too many questions that powerful men could not answer. Professor Sidney Morgenbesser, has been compared to Socrates so often that a similar memoir seems appropriate, and since I was privileged to engage him in his last philosophical discussion, it is only natural that I should write the memoir. Unfortunately, I'm no Plato, and have no pretensions of writing for eternity. Furthermore, in any debate, Morgenbesser would have wiped the floor with Socrates by pulling his soup trick. (You don't know what the soup trick was? So I'll tell you: Morgenbesser walked into a West Side restaurant, sat down and ordered "soup." Replied the waiter, "Well, we have vegetable soup, mushroom soup, consomme, matzo ball soup, goulash soup..." "None of those," Morgenbesser cut him off. "I want just plain soup." So much for Socratic/Platonic universals.)

I went to visit him one Friday at the home of his devoted companion, Joann Haimson, on West 111 Street. Since moving to Israel in 1977, I had been returning to Columbia to teach in the summers, and one of the things that made the heat bearable was the knowledge that I would be seeing Morgenbesser and consulting with him about my philosophical projects and problems. Of course, Morgenbesser would not "solve" the problems, but only confuse me more by posing questions I could not answer. I wasn't always sure I even understood the things he said, but I knew it was worthwhile thinking about them — some of the things he told us in class in 1961, which I duly wrote down without understanding, have just recently become clear to me when I started working on the problems that exercised him then. Even after Morgenbesser contracted his disease, which left him a Cartesian mind without a body, unable to eat or do anything but think, his mind

Morgenbesser with Joann Haimson, his companion of 34 years.

gold mine of examples, like the Yiddish language. He told me that the first time he saw grass was at Yankee Stadium. His legendary wit was the outward expression of living philosophically. We were having lunch one time when someone he knew stopped and told us how busy he was, "So busy I don't know whether I exist!" To which Sidney said, "Think a little," and went on eating.

Here is a spectacular example: We were walking across campus with Daya Krishna, an Indian philosopher who published in Mind. He was explaining his view of the difference between Eastern and Western philosophy through the kinds of illusions that thinkers respectively use as examples. The Western paradigm is the stick that looks bent in water: Though we know it is straight, we still see it as bent. Eastern philosophers illustrate their views with the rope that looks like a snake: When we see that it is only a piece of rope, we no longer see it as a snake. We live through the illusion, the whole world changes as we do so. Sidney said East and West meet with the example of what looks like a crooked snake in water that turned out to be a straight piece of rope. It was and was not a joke, like everything he said. The three of us collapsed in laughter, but Sidney was serious.

Sidney was a voracious and retentive reader. His office on the seventh floor of Philosophy Hall was so piled up with books that one could hardly move around in it. I took my daughter, Ginger, to visit him one day — she was his goddaughter — and she marveled at all the stacks. "I have another office for my books," he told her. One day we were with Edward Said in a bookstore. "I didn't know this was already out!" Sidney exclaimed, pouncing on a new book. It was an expensive book, and he felt he could not afford it. Edward offered to buy it for him, but Sidney could not accept that. He was impulsively generous, but diffident about being given something. He picked it up, set it down. Edward offered again, and Sidney finally said OK. His book-lust prevailed. Edward looked at him with astonishment, and said, "You forget that I'm an Arab!"

Not long before he died, Sidney and I were talking about the Islamic suicide bombers in Israel. I asked if the Jews had any punishment, and said, "You forget that I'm an Arab!"

Sidney's was not a life like any other, because living philosophy is rare, even for philosophers. When Jonathan Lieberson told us in class in 1961, which I duly wrote down without understanding, he would never be convinced that there was not something wrong with it, if one pressed hard enough. What made him priceless as a friend and teacher didn't mean that it was easy to be him.

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continued to sparkle. Once he began to speak about philosophy, he forgot everything but philosophy, and if I closed my eyes, I could imagine that I was still in his classroom in Hamilton Hall, watching him scribble an analytical outline of endless distinctions.

REMEMBERING SIDNEY MORGENBESSER

It was only because of the loving care that Joann had lavished upon him that he had been able to survive physically and mentally so long, and I will never forget her. (His devoted medical care giver, Steve Jallim, also must be mentioned with eternal gratitude.) Whenever I visited, our conversations were continually interrupted by calls from all over the globe, from people who wanted to know his opinions on every subject imaginable. This was in addition to what can only be called philosophical pilgrims who came to his bedside to learn what they could, for as long as they could.

That Friday, the rain poured in a fury. As I walked through the door on the third floor with the "Kerry for President" sign, I was shocked to see Joann, Steve and hospital attendants wheeling Morgenbesser toward the door. Joann had never consented to hospitalize him, preferring always to bring the necessary equipment (even X-ray machines) to his bedside, so I feared the worst. Morgenbesser, whose limbs were cold, extended his hand to me in greeting as he was wheeled by.

Morgenbesser was brought to a cubicle and hooked up to machines in the emergency room. I made a sudden decision to ignore the surroundings and speak to my teacher about the things I had come to discuss. "Professor Morgenbesser," I said, "I'm teaching a class on science and objectivity now at Columbia and I wanted to know whether you think the difference between reality and objectivity is that the former is an ontological category and the latter epistemological." Though his eyes were lidless, he nodded his head, and I was encouraged to ask another question.

"What is reality?" I asked. I should have known the answer by now, after teaching philosophy for 35 years, but I still wanted to hear what he would say, since he always treated philosophical problems as though he were hearing them for the first time, the way a great rabbi relates to a Talmudic text.

"Is my lap real?" he parried. Of course, all his questions were philosophical traps, and I preferred to answer his question with yet another question.

"Is the equator real?" I asked.

"F*!+#@ Frege," came the immediate answer, referring to the great logician and philosopher of mathematics, Gottlob Frege, who, in his classic work, The Foundations of Arithmetic, remarks that the equator, though objective, is not real. His speech was so slurred by now that he had to spell out some of the words, but the expletive was loud and clear.

"So what is the equator?" I persisted.

"A linguistic entity," he answered. I don't know what he meant by that and I'm afraid now that I'll never know.

At this point I had to run out for coffee, despite the downpour. When I came back I entered the cubicle together with a young intern.

"Is this man the philosophy professor?" the intern queried Joann.

"Are you surprised?" Morgenbesser shot back. By now, with Morgenbesser once again sounding like himself ("It took a lot of practice," I can hear him saying), I felt I could leave, for the sun was declining and the Sabbath was approaching. Steve (who is not Jewish) confided in me that he was unhappy keeping Morgenbesser at St. Luke's over the Sabbath, given the "non-Jewish atmosphere" there. I assured him that the patient's welfare was the primary consideration, and that St. Luke's was a good hospital. It has kosher food available, but in any case, Morgenbesser hadn't eaten for quite a while, and even when he ate, was not known to avoid nonkosher foods. (He did tell me, however, with great pride, that when invited to dine at the Oxford High Table, and they asked him "Port, sir, or sherry?", he created a scandal by ordering something they had never heard of: "Manischewitz.") St. Luke's, I'm told, even has an automatic elevator that stops at every floor, for the benefit of Sabbath observers, who don't "ride" on the Sabbath, but I had never heard that Morgenbesser didn't ride on the Sabbath. (He had once asked me, "Do you know the difference between Orthodox, Conservative, Reform and Reconstructionist Judaism?" Knowing there was no point in guessing, I answered, "What?" "In the Orthodox synagogue, the rabbi and the congregation walk to the synagogue on the Sabbath; Conservative, the rabbi walks and the congregation rides; Reform, the rabbi and the congregation ride; for the Reconstructionists," he concluded, "the distinction between riding and walking is an untenable dualism.")

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about the role of “decisions” in rational belief formation (or at least revision). But by now, of course, many of these colleagues were no longer on the seventh floor, or no longer alive. Instead, there were many new members whom he didn’t know personally, though I was amazed at how much he knew about their philosophical personae.

The conversation turned to my work, and I made a lighthearted remark in mock dismay about how the ranking of my book had slipped from 55,000 to 187,000 on the amazon.com “bestseller” list. Morgenbesser did not find this funny, in fact his anger burned within him (Joann was happy that he was still able to get angry, but that didn’t make me feel better). “Whataya worrying about sales?” he said, making it sound as I had sold out to the forces of mammon. “Why don’t you care about truth?”

Truth. It sounded old-fashioned, but Morgenbesser really believed it. He certainly did not buy Richard Rorty’s idea that truth is whatever you can get away with saying in the faculty club. He didn’t even accept Levi’s idea that truth is fine, but that the indelible convictions that an excessive regard for truth encourages can stifle free inquiry. Instead, Morgenbesser was an unreconstructed Dewey liberal — there are propositions in whose truth I fully believe, but at the same time I continue to hold that I could be wrong. Morgenbesser was more aware than anybody of the problematic (and perhaps inconsistent) nature of saying that I am certain of something, yet could be wrong about it — aware of the charge that the Deweyan formulation is just a smokescreen for the view that nobody should ever be sure about anything. Yet there is no question that he lived by the doctrine, or rather that he was the personification of precisely this duality: passionate commitment (to the point of suffering physical violence in political demonstrations against the war in Vietnam) to what he believed was the truth, together with unceasing doubt about those very things. It was for this reason that he was willing to engage anyone in conversation, whatever his or her views. Voltaire is supposed to have said, “I may disagree with what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it.” Morgenbesser went far beyond this — if he disagreed with what you said, he would help you formulate your (false and perhaps harmful) doctrine in the strongest possible way, so that the truth would be challenged in the most robust fashion.

Morgenbesser often joked about some of his colleagues, referring to the Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle of quantum mechanics, “He’s like an electron: You can’t tell where he is and where he is going at the same time.” Yet Morgenbesser himself had “quantum” properties — he seemed to me to be a “superposition” of incompatible propositions, as in the immortal (and, by now, oft quoted) line he said to David Albert ’76 shortly before Morgenbesser’s death, “Why are you punishing me, God? Just because I don’t believe in You?” For someone who didn’t believe in Him, he spent an enormous amount of time with me, discussing such matters as how Adam and Eve could have sinned in the Garden of Eden, if the evil inclination was a result, not a cause, of the sin. Or why God was so much more angry at the Israelites in Numbers than in Exodus (“In Numbers, every time the Jews open their mouths — boom!” he told me). He worried that there would not be a minyan of 10 Jews at his grave. He was furious at one of his philosophical colleagues for suggesting that religion was nothing but a palliative, a placebo. “The Lubavitcher Rebbe,” he thundered, “has more anguish in one night than you’ll have in your entire life.”

Here was my mentor, castigating me for valuing sales more than truth, a more serious rebuke than I ever had heard from any rabbi. “Well, in any event,” I changed the subject weakly, “the Christians like my book.”

Immediately, his demeanor changed, and his familiar puzzled look replaced the anger. “I don’t understand the Christians,” he said, with complete seriousness. “I just don’t understand them. I think I understand Maimonides, but I simply don’t understand the Christians.”

Those were his last words to me.

The funeral was itself a Morgenbesserian superposition, in a small chapel on the Lower East Side, where Morgenbesser was born and spent his formative years, a group of colleagues, largely atheists, heard a rabbi with a long beard and a long coat, speaking the Galician dialect of Yiddish, inform the congregation that “Shloime ben Shimon” was a great “maymin” (believer) who had lived his entire life according to the ideals of the Shlomo Kluger Yeshiva which he had attended as a boy. More balanced, and moving, portraits were given by friends who knew better: by David Shatz, a philosophy professor (M.Phil. ’75, Ph. D. ’77, both Columbia), ordained rabbi, and Morgenbesser’s student, who had been asked by Morgenbesser to deliver the eulogy at his funeral three years before his death; and by Allan Silver, the Columbia sociologist, who had been a close friend.

When we went to the gravesite in Flushing, Queens (and, for the record, Morgenbesser needn’t have worried — there were far more than needed for a minyan), to pay the last respects to this great man, when the last clods of earth had been shoveled (by Steve, who couldn’t stop crying), the rabbi said: “Shloime ben Shimon has nobody to sit shiva for him, no sons to say kadish for him. Don’t forget his name, Shloime ben Shimon. And if you ever find yourself in shul, please don’t forget to say a kadish for him. Fargess nisht.” I often find myself in shul, and I don’t forget.

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Bookshelf

[Editor's note: The March issue erroneously listed the title of the mystery novel about a College alumnus who murders his former roommate. William Kronick '55's book is titled The Cry of Sirens.]


Down Darkness Wide: U.S. Marshals and the Last Frontier by James H. Chenoweth ’50. During the post Civil War westward expansion, the frontier was patrolled by United States marshals. While many marshals found new jobs after the frontier closed, this book traces the lives of the men who continued for the next 47 years as marshals in Alaska (Publish America, $19.95).

Transforming a College: The Story of a Little-Known College’s Strategic Climb to National Distinction by George Keller ’51. How did North Carolina’s Elon College recover from the brink of closure to become renowned? Keller, former editor of CCT, examines the success of Elon’s administration’s strategic plan and offers a guide for other colleges (Johns Hopkins University Press, $26.95).

Ordinary Heroes and American Democracy by Gerald M. Pomper ’55. In this redefinition of a “hero” in a democratic society, eight Americans show that “true heroes” are individuals who, during times of national crises, courageously do important jobs well. (Yale University Press, $30).

An Enlarging Vision: Early Essays and Stories by Robert Emmet Long ’56. This collection of book reviews from the late ’70s includes Gallagher House, Long’s cycle of stories about an Irish-American boy’s life in an upstate hotel that is like a house of illusion (Xlibris, $33.99 hardcover, $22.99 paper).

First Impressions: Observations on Theater and Books by Robert Emmet Long ’56. Theater and book reviews and essays written by Long in the late ’60s and early ’70s, including his memoir of the Living Theatre’s Judith Malina and Julian Beck, whom he got to know while a College sophomore (Xlibris, $31.99 hardcover, $21.99 paper).

Ten Essential Texts in the Philosophy of Religion: Classics and Contemporary Issues by Steven M. Calm ’63. This anthology of religious texts highlights ways in which classical philosophy is found in religion and presents articles that discuss how modern views have developed from religion (Oxford University Press, $45).

New York State Society of the Cincinnati: Biographies by Francis J. Sypher Jr. ’63. This anthology contains biographies of New York State Society members and other Continental officers from the Revolutionary War, including genealogical details and other historical descriptions (New York State Society of Cincinnati, $200).


How Cartels Endure and How They Fail: Studies of Industrial Collusion edited by Peter Z. Grossmann ’70. This collection of economic essays examines the behavior and impact of cartels on world markets and includes historical and recent examples of various cartels (Edward Elgar, $115).

Secrets Men Don’t Want Women to Know by Will Willis Jr. ’74. Willis gives women an “inside look” into the minds of men as he reveals secrets to happy relationships, maintaining trust in marriage, avoiding affairs, having kids and surviving divorce (Willis & Associates, LLC, $14.95).

If You’re Not Living on the Edge You’re Taking Up Too Much Space: How to Get the Most Out of Your Business Career by Will Willis Jr. ’74. In this business how-to guide, Willis offers tips for those starting a new career, wanting to make more money or hoping to enhance their current skills and career (Willis & Associates, LLC, $19.95).

The Handbook of Business Valuation and Intellectual Property Analysis edited by Robert F. Reil ’75 and Robert P. Schwietz. This business handbook offers instruction and analyses on business valuation, damages, transfer price and intellectual property, helping professionals as well as beginners make effective decisions (McGraw-Hill, $99.95).

Heal Your Knees: How to Prevent Knee Surgery and What to Do If You Need It by Robert Klapper M.D. ’79 and Lynda Huey Klapper, an orthopedic surgeon and water therapy expert, shows how you can preserve the spring in your step by familiarizing yourself with the knee’s function, available medication, tests and rehabilitation (M. Evans and Co., $21.95).
After 13 Years, It’s a History

In fall 1961, Richard Taruskin ’65 was sitting in the music library when he saw a tall man, holding a lit cigar, enter the room. Taruskin told the man that smoking was not allowed in the library. When the man left, the library staff quickly told Taruskin that the smoker he had just admonished was world-renowned musicologist and professor Paul Henry Lang.

Taruskin had read Lang’s monumental work, Music in Western Civilization (1,107 pages, first published in 1941), in high school and, beginning with Lang’s proseminar in 1965, would eventually take many other seminars with him as a Columbia graduate student in musicology. Lang, who published Taruskin’s first article in 1970, was a “major stimulus” to Taruskin’s career decisions. Taruskin earned a master’s in 1968 and a Ph.D. in 1976, both from GSAS, and became an associate professor of music at Columbia. He now is a music professor at UC Berkeley.

Taruskin also is a notable author of music histories, and, like his mentor Lang, presents a monumental effort in The Oxford History of Western Music (Oxford University Press, $699).

At six volumes and 4,272 pages, it might be called a textbook, a reference work or an encyclopedia because of its sheer bulk. But Taruskin, who was the sole author of the six-volume opus, considers his 13-year project exactly what it is titled: a history.

Taruskin began in 1991 what was intended to be a course textbook. After 13 years of “toughing it out,” Taruskin produced an ambitious work that embodies a new approach to music history. Taruskin makes a concerted effort to connect music history with the rest of human history, while avoiding a typical survey of Western music’s great composers. Throughout, he creates a narrative thread that traces the history and development of the literate tradition, treats music as a “meaningful utterance” and explores music’s influence on social attitudes as well as its effects on listeners.

The Oxford History of Western Music is distributed throughout its six volumes in an unusual way. Rather than peaking with Beethoven and then glissing over the 20th century, as many other large-scale music histories have done, Taruskin devotes two volumes to the 20th century music and offers a comprehensive first volume on the birth and early development of the literate tradition. History also contains more than 1,800 musical examples that Taruskin uses for close analysis to make his historical arguments. The book requires a high level of musical literacy and is primarily addressed to academic musicians and students, although Taruskin hopes that “generally educated readers with an interest in classical music” will peruse it as well.

Such an ambitious work has not been without its critics. Some reviewers have noted a “lack of objectivity” in Taruskin’s work, feeling that the author’s opinions dominate the narrative. Others, expecting a thorough treatment of famous Western composers, have questioned Taruskin’s brief treatment of composers such as Jean Sibelius and Vaughan Williams. Taruskin, known for his contentious writing and controversial style, is unfazed by such comments. “The value of scholarship lies precisely in its power to raise provocative points, if they are supported by evidence,” he says. “I have done my homework ... I do not merely assert my points but demonstrate them.”

Taruskin also points out that many reviewers neglect to read the book’s introduction, which clearly explains the difference between the book as it ended up and a textbook, “which it manifestly is not.”

Taruskin became interested in music at age 8, when his mother, a piano teacher, gave him music lessons. Three years later, he began playing the cello. He further cultivated his musical interests at Columbia, where he stayed for 26 years. As an undergraduate, Taruskin played cello in the University Orchestra. His interest in musicology was sparked by Joel Newman, who taught the music majors’ music history sequence. As a freshman, Taruskin placed out of the required Music Humanities course, but as a graduate student and faculty member, he taught it every year from 1967–86, churning the course for several years. Taruskin feels that Music Humanities, “when imaginatively, and yes, provocatively done, can be a valuable course.”

For his next project, Taruskin hopes to write a book on music historiography and the tasks of musicology. Having taught an equivalent of Lang’s proseminar to graduate students at Columbia and Berkeley for the past quarter-century, Taruskin will put into writing a different kind of literate tradition — one that he and Lang have thoroughly established in the 20th century and beyond.

Peter Kang ’05

Stroke and the Family: A New Guide by Joel Stein M.D. ’82. Part of the Harvard Press Family Health Guides, this book provides advice on coping with a family member who has suffered a stroke. Stein describes the importance of a well-rounded approach to physical, social and emotional care (Harvard University Press, $17.95).

Perilous Performances: Gender and Regency in Early Modern France by Katherine Crawford ’88. This scholarly commentary on the increasing political influences of women such as Catherine de Medicis, Marie de Medicis, Anne of Austria and the ill-fated Marie-Antoinette explores the rising role of female regents in the study of the monarchy of early modern France (Harvard University Press, $49.95).


Animal Rights and Moral Philosophy by Julian H. Franklin, Professor Emeritus of Political Philosophy. Franklin investigates animals’ rights by expounding on his philosophy as well as the theories of contemporary philosophers (Columbia University. Press, $35).

Beyond the Gray Flannel Suit: Books from the 1950s That Made American Culture by David Castronovo ’68 GSAS ’75. Castronovo offers a critical assessment of 1950s literature, showing how it shaped American culture and continues to influence, discussing works such as On the Road by Jack Kerouac ’44 and Howl by Allen Ginsberg ’48. He includes the impacts of literary critics such as Lionel Trilling ’25 (Continuum, $22.95). Laura Butchy ’04 SOA, Peter Kang ’05, Carmen Jo Ponce ’08

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Obituaries

1930

Herman Jervis, lawyer and educator, New York City, on November 24, 2004. Jervis graduated from the Ethical Culture Fieldston Schools in 1926 and earned a degree from the Law School in 1932. He was a former chairman of the Board of Governors at ECFS and former president of the Board of Trustees at Booth Library in Newtown, Conn. Jervis was predeceased by his first wife, Dorothy Bing, and second wife, Eleanor Dudley. He is survived by his sons, Steven and Robert; daughters-in-law, Susan and Kathe; four grandchildren, one great-grandson; and stepchildren, Carol, Eleanor, Deborah, Diana, Jennifer and Barbara. Memorial contributions may be sent to Ethical Culture Fieldston Schools, 33 Central Park West, New York, NY 10023.

1931

J. Clement Sweeney Sr., retired U.S. Naval Reserve commander, Rockville Centre and Brewster, N.Y., on February 20, 2005. Sweeney earned a B.Lit. from the Journalism School in 1932 and later served in WWII. He was predeceased by his wife, Eileen Sweeney; brother, John; and sisters, Robert; daughters-in-law, Susan Griffith; sister, Jane Streu; and three great-grandchildren.

1934

Malcolm D. Roy, attorney, Liverpool, N.Y., on January 9, 2005. Roy was a former resident of Ossining, N.Y., where he lived for 60 years. A partner in the Roy & Roy law firm in Irvington, N.Y., he attended the Law School. Roy was predeceased by his wife of 60 years, Ellen Wood Roy, in 2001, and brothers, Robert ’37 and Donald ’41. He is survived by a daughter, Rita Ellen DeRusso; two grandsons; and two great-grandchildren.

1939

Robert L. Banks, rail transportation consultant and CEO, Washington, D.C., on March 15, 2005. Banks was born in the Bronx on March 3, 1918. He attended the Ethical Culture Fieldston Schools and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa at the College. In 1939, he was chosen as a Fellow in Transportation at the Yale University Graduate School and in 1940 joined the passenger department of the New York Central Railroad. In early 1942, Banks enlisted in the Army as a private and was commissioned in the Coast Artillery Corps. He served with the 542nd Automatic Weapons Battalion (anti-aircraft), initially deployed around New York harbor. He later was dispatched to England, France, Belgium and Germany. In 1946, Banks was discharged as a major and returned to New York Central. He moved to Washington, D.C., in 1949 and joined the Civil Aeronautics Board as chief of its Transport Service Section. In 1951, Banks transferred to the Air Targets Division of the Air Force and in 1953 joined the CIA. In 1956, he established a firm of transportation analysts, planners, economists and engineers, R.L. Banks & Associates, which he headed until his death. Widely recognized as the “dean” of rail transportation consultants, Banks testified more than 150 times on railroad, highway, truck and aviation economics and engineering before committees of Congress, Federal courts and regulatory groups. He was a transportation policy adviser and technical counselor to many major, regional and short line freight railroads, commuter agencies, financial institutions, operators, airlines, industry and government — among his clients were the U.S. Departments of Commerce, the Interior, Justice and Transportation, Bank of America, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, the 32 states and United States Steel Corp. Banks participated in the development of sophisticated railroad cost ascertainment on behalf of the Canadian prairie provinces and was a recipient of the 1997 Distinguished Service Award by the Province of Saskatchewan. He was the first U.S. citizen who was an Honorary Life Member of the Canadian Transportation Research Forum; he played a leading role in the promotion and implementation of the country’s 1980s and 1990s rail renegotiation as a technical adviser to the Virginia Railway Express and Commuter rail adviser to the Southern California Regional Authority. Banks was inducted into the Railyard Hall of Fame at the B&O Museum in Baltimore. The author of numerous technical papers, Banks was a member of the American Economic Association, Transportation Research Forum, National Association of Business Economists, American Association of Railroad Superintendents. Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Elyn; children, Catherine Kelly Tueller and her husband, Jack, and Charles H. and his wife, Marybeth; and two grandchildren.

1946

Harry N. Garbett, ’46, retired dentist, Elmhira, N.Y., on January 18, 2005. Garbett was born in Jackson Heights, Queens, on September 27, 1924. He attended the College on a baseball scholarship and then played in the New York Yankees farm system, advancing to their Triple-A squad (one step below the majors) and playing alongside Yogi Berra. Following his baseball career, Garbett graduated from SDOS in 1953. At New York Presbyterian, he met his future wife, Susan Gladys LePore, who was attending the Nursing School. In 1957, Garbett and his wife moved to Elmhira to raise a family. He set up a dental practice and worked there until retiring in 1991. Garbett served as president of the N.Y.S. Dental Association. He is survived by his sons and daughters-in-law, Bruce and Linda, and Dale and Lynelle; daughter and son-in-law, Leslie and Kevin Donnelly; and seven grandchildren.

1953

David Hadas, literature professor, St. Louis, on March 3, 2004. Hadas was born and raised in NYC and attended Yeshiva University before transferring to the College. He remained at Columbia and earned his master’s and Ph.D. in 1963, specializing in 16th-century English literature and post-1860 American literature. Hadas taught at the University of Rochester before settling in 1964 at Washington University in St. Louis. There, he taught classes on English and comparative literature, along with courses in the Jewish and Near Eastern Studies Program. Hadas is remembered most for his class “The Bible as Literature.” David A. Lawton, chair of the Washington University English department, said in the school’s Record, “Many of those lucky enough to take his courses have told me, simply, that he changed their lives. He showed them that it was important to think, and therefore to read.” Hadas, the son of the late esteemed rabbi and Columbia professor Moses Hadas, is survived by his wife, Pamela, from whom he was separated; longtime companion, Susan Griffith; sister, Jane Streusand; half-sisters, Elizabeth and Rachel; daughter, Deborah Hanson; son, Edward ’75; and five grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to the David Hadas Teaching Award, Washington University c/o Robert Gibson, Senior Director of Development for Arts & Sciences, Campus Box 1210, Washington University, St. Louis MO 63130. Please note on the check “David Hadas Teaching Award.”

1961

David Fleischer, engineer, Toronto, on December 19, 2004. After earning his B.A. from the College, Fleischer earned a B.S. in electrical engineering from the Engineering School in 1962, an M.S.E.E from...
David Obel '61

NYU’s Graduate School of Engineering in 1966 and an M.B.A. from the Business School in 1972. He spent 11 years as senior engineer of UNISYS Corp. in Great Neck, N.Y., and in program management positions at Sperry, Hamilton Standard and Maidenform. He is survived by his wife of 21 years, Marion; brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Joyce; sister, Sharon; stepchildren, Cary Zweig and Cindy Berg; six grandchildren; and a nephew and niece. Memorial contributions may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation.

David I. Obel, attorney, Riverdale, N.Y., on April 26, 2004. Obel graduated from Midwood H.S. in Brooklyn. A history major, he had a lifelong interest in the Civil War that was and particularly enjoyed his seminar with James Shenton ’49. Obel attended Harvard Law School in 1964 and the University of Illinois Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations in 1966. Most of his professional career was spent in the labor relations department of the National Broadcasting Company. Said Obel’s wife, Susan (née Bly), “David often talked about how the two-year arts and humanities curriculum opened his eyes to music and art. He was, like me, a tremendous music enthusiast—all kinds of music. His love of American history continued throughout his life, nurtured at Columbia.” Said Fisher of his former roommate, “David’s intelligence was exceeded only by his quick wit and good looks. There was always a sparkle in his brown eyes.” Obel is survived by his wife and children, Karen and Kenneth.

Daniel G. Heller, pediatrician and teacher, Brookline, Mass., on November 12, 2004. Born in Brooklyn, Heller grew up in Roslyn, N.Y. He graduated from NYU Medical School in 1970, and he and his wife, the former Nancy Schneider ’67, Barnard, left New York for Boston. In his postdoctoral training at Boston University, Heller interned at Boston City Hospital from 1971-73. He was appointed instructor of pediatrics at Harvard Medical School in 1973 and was named assistant clinical professor of pediatrics in 2001. Heller was a pediatrics resident from 1973-75 and a fellow in pediatric nephrology from 1975-79 at Massachusetts General Hospital. In 1988, he became an associate pediatrician at MGH. Heller was chief physician and president of Centre Pediatric Associates in Brookline, Mass., and was named “one of the top doctors in the United States” in the May 2002 issue of Ladies’ Home Journal. He practiced pediatrics in Brookline for 28 years and sought to use offbeat humor as a way to get his message across, for example, wearing his trademark propeller beanie. Said his brother, Robert ’63, ’66L, of the headwear, “He claimed the hats humanized him to his young patients.” So enthusiastic was Heller about beanie-toting, he wrote them in bulk to give away to friends and family, many of whom wore theirs to his funeral. At the time of his death, Heller and his wife were completing a book for parents of infants. He was predeceased by his father, Philip ’28 ’30L, and is survived by his wife; brother; sister, Andrea Elliot; and children, Marissa Heller Treistman ’96, Matthew ’99 and Sara ’04 Barnard. Memorial contributions may be made to the fund created in his memory at Harvard Medical School.

1998

Zachary L. Kaiman, analyst, New York City, on February 7, 2005. While a College student, Kaiman contributed research to Ric Burns ’78’s 1999 PBS series New York: A Documentary Film and was a member of AEPi. Kaiman spent most of his career as a technology research analyst at Datamonitor, a London-based market analysis company, beginning in its New York office. He subsequently worked for two years in the London headquarters before returning to New York, where he was promoted to lead analyst. Kaiman primarily worked in the technological aspects of the firm, in analysis as a consultant managing client bases. His career took him to the United Kingdom, Germany, France and Italy, and his passion for art, history and architecture led him to Israel, Holland, Hungary, Spain, Finland, Denmark, Austria, the Czech Republic, Argentina and Finland, among other countries. A voracious reader, he loved a well-written, overheated sense of humor, and most of all, generosity as a listener and confidante were irresistible. For those of us privileged to have seen him grow over the years, he will be sorely missed.” Kaiman is survived by his parents, Harold and Barbara; sister, Marie Bornstein; brother, Barry; and twin brother, Jeremy. Correspondence may be sent to Jeremy Kaiman, 2373 Broadway, Apt. 935, New York, NY 10024. Memorial contributions may be sent to The Cleveland Clinic Sarcoma Fund c/o Kimberly Bell, PO Box 931517, Cleveland, OH 44193.

Lisa Palladino, Matthew Goldberg ’05 GS
Interior Dilemma

Many of Columbia’s buildings feature memorable artwork or interior design. Can you identify which building each of these photographs captures?

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Class Notes

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Malcolm S. Mason '30 has published a new book, From the Other Side of the Water: Living. This is the second volume of his memoirs, a continuation of From the Other Side of the Water.

Norman L. MacLeod Jr. '35 writes, “Since only the good die young, I am still around. I have lived in California since 1947, so I reckon I'll stay here until the end. I have outlived my first wife, Christine, to whom I was married for 49+ years. (She died five years ago.) I have two sons, the older, Roderick (Rory), is a licensed building contractor in Vacaville, Calif., about 50 miles north of where I live in Walnut Creek, which is about 20 miles east of Oakland. My younger son, Norman Derek, is an elementary school teacher in Oakland. He is studying (by Internet class and on campus during the summers) for an M.A. (I think) at Teachers College. I have been retired for 25 years and live in a large retirement community, Rossmoor. I have been teaching adult Bible classes, and I'm also writing (see www.factsandthoughts.com). I sincerely hope I can make it to New York in June for my 70th reunion. Meanwhile, 'Roar, Lion, Roar.'"

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Dear perfect '36er: Please send your latest news that I can share with our classmates.

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I'm afraid there is no news for this issue. Please get in touch to let us know how you are, either by e-mail or snail mail!

REUNION JUNE 2-5

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I am writing this in mid-March, but you'll be reading it in May, just weeks before our 65th reunion, June 2-5. In the interim, our reunion planning committee and Christina Liu, our Alumni
Office class coordinator, will have been in communication with you, and with every locatable classmate, via mail, phone or e-mail.

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Those planning these events on the reunion committee have included Gilbert (Gil) Glaser, Hermon (Hy) Farwell and me.

The Alumni Office has addresses for 170 of us, compared to the equivalent count of 228 at our 60th; our original class numbered 452. I didn’t have a chance yet to check with our (unofficial but authoritative) class actuary John Ripandelli, but my sense is that we’re again significantly losing by the odds, as we were in 2000. (I’ll try to have a somewhat more scientific report for you in June!)

Equally unscientific, but based on my sense of classmates’ intentions after almost 15 years as your class correspondents, it appears that we’ll have larger attendance than we did at our 60th, despite our smaller numbers. This June, while most of us are formally retired, some are still active in a remarkable range of activities — a time for synthesis, thus, “Putting It All Together — Past, Present and Future” — personally and for the world at large, seemed to be an appropriate, meaningful and exciting starting point and challenge for our 65th program planning. Post-9/11, and the Commission Report, it’s been widely termed “stepping out of the box” and “connecting the dots.” It was very much in our program and Legacy Committee’s minds as we did our planning.

The five-year review of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty is scheduled at the United Nations in New York this month. After the Cuban missile crisis and Hindustan-Pakistan near-misses, the threat of a nuclear 9-11 to the major cities of the world from non-state actors and the current confrontations with Iran and North Korea make Einstein’s 1946 “Challenge to Humanity” chillingly real, not least to Columbia and, given our class history, the Class of ’40: Manhattan and 9-11, and Pupin Hall having been the first home and catalyst of the Anti-Nuclear Project. Einstein’s words: “The unleashed power of the atom has changed everything save our modes of thinking, and thus we drift toward unparalleled catastrophe.

If you’re still not registered for reunion, I suggest you review our latest program report for its appeal to you and any “significant other” you’ll bring. Also note the most recent list of classmates who plan to attend for people you’d particularly enjoy seeing (Paul Bookstaver’s call to Gil Glaser, with whom he grew up in Tenneck, N.J., but hadn’t been in contact with in 60 years, comes to mind!).

Also, you might be inspired by Paul to invite someone from your meaningful past to attend. By the way, browsing your yearbook is a great memory jogger — I’ve enjoyed using mine for years as I’ve prepared our Class Notes (thanks, friend Bob Ames, we’ll miss you). For me, the reunion will be particularly special in that I recently went to catch up with old friends, but also to meet the many classmates I’ve gotten to know over the phone as class correspondents.

We’ll all welcome you, even if this is your first reunion since 1940!

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Ted de Bary served as honorary lecturer at the Chinese University of Hong Kong in January, speaking on “Confucianism and Democracy.” While there, he addressed the Columbia Alumni Club and Asia Society of Hong Kong on the same subject.

Our class president, Jim Dick, has finally recovered after a period of hospitalization and surgery. We wish him continued good health.

Grant Keener writes, “I’m finishing the 68th and putatively final draft of the current play script. I’ve been saying ‘putatively final’ since the seventh draft. Anyone know any hungry producers?”

Jack Beadouin and his wife, Maria, are year-round residents of Palm Beach, where Jack has a busy retirement. He works out, plays golf twice a week, volunteers at a local public school, takes courses at the community college, regularly attends performances at the Performing Arts Center and is involved with civic improvement and several clubs. His medical reports continue to be good.

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In late February, along with a large number of Jack Arbolino’s family, friends, admirers and former colleagues, I attended a memorial service for Jack at St. Paul’s Chapel. Each of Jack’s children, Phil (named after Phil Bayer, killed in action in the Pacific), Anne, Jennifer and John, spoke. With additional remembrances from classmates, all lifelong friends, co-worker and a former Marine buddy; a full picture of Jack as a loving parent, friend, educator and wartime hero was presented.

Classmates participating included Jerry Klingen, Mel Herkowitz, who traced his relationship with Jack back to high school, Don Seligman, a teammate and brother Marine officer, and Stew McIvvennan, best man at Jack’s wedding, a role Jack played at Stew’s. Additional remarks by author-editor Ray Robinson ’41 for the 60th, Bob Ames and Barbara for the 65th.

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I went to Harvard Business School for two years, started a small packaging company, sold it to American Can after 37 years and retired to California.

I visited Columbia a couple of times while in New York City on business and occasionally hear from a couple of fraternity brothers (Delta Upsilon) from earlier classes. I bumped into Ken Gamm in Hawaii.

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Harry Allison reports from Vermont that he is retired after 45 years on the faculty at the Horace Mann School in Riverdale, where he was principal of the junior high, grades seven and eight.

He spent most of his time doing woodworking, which he enjoys, but says he is by no means a cabinet maker. Harry’s mailing address is in Florida, where he frequently sees Horace Potter, who is retired there, as well. Horace was a Navy captain.

Peter Kaskell writes from Wilton, Conn., where he enjoys the relaxed life. From what he says of his activities, it would be hard to disagree with what he said that is: “I read, travel, play tennis, ski in season, swim, stroll, spoil grandchildren ... but keep a foothold in Manhattan.” He also says with his “free time” he has attended several literary courses at Columbia, where the professors seem “awfully young and some of the other gender.” It has been a stimulating experience but it is “strange to be back in Hamilton Hall.”

Peter’s wife, Joan, whom he married in 1966, is an art historian and lecturer at the Metropolitan Museum. The entry from Who’s Who in America that Peter sent along summarizes his early and then professional life. He was born in Berlin, served in the Intelligence Service of the Army in Europe and was awarded the Bronze Star. He received his LLB from Yale Law School in 1948 and worked for several firms before going with the Olin Corp. in Stamford, Conn., from 1956–83, where he became v.p. That experience taught him the “futility of most lawsuits,” so, in 1983 he went to the nonprofit CPR Institute for Dispute Resolution, where he enjoys the status of an elder. He says he is by no means a caboose, but says he is “strange to be back in Hamilton Hall.”
Memory serves, a number of our classmates completed high school at Horace Mann.

Bud Hardaway wrote a note of thanks for reporting on him in the January CCT. He had two comments. He, in his words, one sad and serious and the other trivial. The sad one was the death in December of his lifelong friend, Paul Sherman '43. This, of course, was after our deadline for copy. The trivial errors were the result of the ambiguity of copy that was submitted by your apologetic class correspondent.

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"The ambassador of Australia and New Zealand set the project in motion in February 1945 with many sessions for the remainder of the semester. The participants' intensity and intelligence were impressive, although attendance was never great. A weekly radio program from the Brandeis Matthews Theatre on our campus was carried by WHOM and titled 'Gateways to Peace.' It hosted artistic guests from countries that would become part of the United Nations.

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Not that Bob hasn’t explored plenty of other interests along the way. Among them: earning a Diamond Class-Sailplane pilot badge and building his own airplane, holding an extra class radio ham license and building a six-inch telescope and mirror to further his long-term interest in astronomy and satellites. He notes, “I find yard work extremely distasteful.”

Bob entered Columbia in summer 1945, switched from liberal arts to pre-med and received his M.D. from NYU-Bellevue Medical Center in 1953. He interned in Milwaukee... served a residency in radiology and started a radiological practice in Waukesha, Wis., in 1958, the year he married. He and his wife, Mamy, raised five children and have “many grandchildren and a few great-grandchildren.” The Feulner moved to Oconomowoc in 1985, the same year he joined the faculty of the Medical College of Wisconsin.

“Nobody knows where in the hell Oconomowoc is,” says Bob. He tells us it’s 35 miles west of Milwaukee (now we know). Of Mamy, Bob says, “She has radiated my extracurricular activities all these years without complaint.” On a more serious note, Bob writes, "Radiological science has undergone significant changes since the late 1960s. It’s been a pleasure and a thrill to participate in these developments.” He adds, "The caveat is to be found in the chapter, 'Technology: The Glorification of Man' in 'The House of Intellect' by Jacques Barzun. Medicine in general, and radiology in particular, have allowed me a freedom of thought and action, tempered and balanced by responsibility, for which I am extremely grateful."

Eric Schellin of McLean, Va., was one of what The Washington Post calls "Washington contingent" to attend the Columbia-Navy basketball game at Annapolis in January. Eric was reinforced at the game and at a well-attended Columbia dinner before the game by his son-in-law, a 13-year-old grandson, Chase. Chase admitted to divided loyalties; his other grandfather is a Naval Academy graduate. But Eric was happy — Columbia won 69-63. Navy coach Bill Lange was a colleague of Columbia basketball coach Joe Jones at Villanova's basketball staff.

Jim Nugent recently had a busy Columbia weekend in New York, watching the "immensely improved" swim team lose a close one to Rutgers, then seeing the baseball team beat both Dartmouth and Harvard, then having lunch on Monday with Columbia's new athletics director, Dr. M. Dianne Murphy. Jim describes Murphy "as a very impressive woman who is determined to improve the athletic and physical education program at Columbia.” He reports her as “quite eager to recruit as many alumni as possible to assist her in this process.”

Jim, who captained the swim team during our Columbia days, still swims, nowadays at the University Club. Jim worked his way up to assistant treasurer handling dormitories and University real estate, including Rockefeller Center, before leaving for a career on Wall Street. He and Mamy, his wife of 56 years, divide their time between an apartment in Morningside Heights and a house in Southampton, which they bought when such houses were "still affordable."

Jim is board president for Lincoln Hall, a school for troubled youth in Lindenhurst, N.Y., which got its start as a home for Civil War orphans. It houses about 240 youngsters, most of them court referrals. A highlight of Jim’s experiences in that position was hosting the late actor and civil rights activist Ossie Davis and his wife, Ruby Dee, at the presentation of the school’s annual Abraham Lincoln Spirit Award to Davis just a week before his sudden death earlier this year. “A lovely gentleman,” is how Jim describes him. Davis received the award for his interest in inner city kids, including those at Lincoln Hall. Jim was presented the Abraham Lincoln Lifetime Achievement Award at the same event for his 32 years on the board of managers. [See photo.]

Your humble correspondent received a Lifetime Achievement Award for half a century in journalism at the annual Springfield, Mass., communications conference sponsored by the Valley Press Club, Western New England College and The Republican newspaper. I surmise that they were looking for the oldest media person they could find who is still working. Bob McClellan, retired editorial director of the former Springfield Union-News, was among those attending the presentation. Bob is having another busy spring as chair of the Valley Press Club scholarship committee.

Greetings. The chill of winter has passed and the annual renewal of spring should be quickening.
your steps as well as finding a smile on your faces. I received a note in late January from Dr. Charles Bauer, not in time for our last issue. Though his MS has been disabled for some time with MS, Charles’ spirits are high. He notes that, in his 77th year, having had no new symptoms for the past five years, he “will hope for the best.” His note retold of his special pride in being informed during his first year at Harvard Medical School, that he was the first recipient of the “Outstanding Scholar/Athlete” award that was established during President Eisenhower’s tenure on campus. Eisenhower made the presentation and a lunch at Faculty House followed.

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feel your pain when you talk about the frustration of a 'silent class' and the difficulty of filling a column. You do it six times a year! I think what's going through our minds is, 'I haven't found the cure for cancer, I haven't been elected to the Senate, I've done nothing that would be noted on the front page of the Times... so who'd want to hear?' And I suspect that many of us are doing something we enjoy, something worthwhile, but don't see it as worthy of mention in the Class Notes column. So, I'll give it a try, and maybe others will follow suit.

I love basketball. I played it in high school, at Columbia (the JV's had a good team — only one loss), in the Army, then on city teams 'til I was 60. After I retired from my job (not basketball), I began spending time in Florida. My wife suggested that, as usual, I always wanted to coach, why not call some high schools? I signed on as a volunteer coach at Lee H.S. in Naples. I've been there for nine years and love it. Working with teenage boys has kept me on my toes, and I've been able to serve not only in a coaching role but in a counselor role at times. This year was a great one. We won 23, lost six and achieved a No. 1 ranking for the first time in the school's history. One of our players made the All-State team. In addition, I got to know many of the parents and enjoyed the feeling of 'family' as we cruised through the season.

"All of this may not be earth-shaking, but it has been a great experience for me. I hope I've added something positive to the collective experiences of the team, in and out of the game of basketball. May others of '51 now join in and share our non-earth-shaking but enjoyable experiences."

Thursday, April 20. You said it all. And an "Amen" from all of us class counterparts who write for CCT.

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As the snow continued to fall in the Big Apple, Columbians fled to Florida. Among the evacuees were Sholom Shafner and wife, Janet, and Art Lefebre and his wife, Lois, migrating from Ohio. Art and Sholom anchored a Columbia presence in Boynton Beach to acknowledge fraternity pal Stanley Schachter '51's 75th birthday on March 30. All the best to Stanley.

Gene Baraff, a retired physi-
cist who spent his entire career with the prestigious Bell Laboratories in New Jersey, has agreed to contribute his long and critical short-story output — and not a single mention in any of them of quarks or string theory.

Pete Notaro and lovely wife, Ellen, sold their house on Long Island and relocated to Boynton Beach. They will retain their summer residence on Fire Island. Sidney Prager and Maxine now are New Jersey residents after more than 50 years in Queens.

Marty Finkel, still practicing medicine in New York after 49 years, has been designated for "performance status" by a prominent HMO. Keep it up, Marty!

The Ingermans celebrated the first birthday of preemie granddaughter Corinne (birth weight 1 lb., 12 oz.). She's doing just fine, thanks.

I know there are many stories to be told by our active classmates. How about sharing them with us? I look forward to hearing from you.

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Manny Elkind: Manny is married to Toby, they have three children and live in Sharon, Mass. Manny worked for Polaroid for 30 years, where he managed high tech manufacturing and development groups. He became fascinated with trying to figure out ways of leveraging manufacturing operations in order to produce greater employee satisfaction. For example, he tried to determine ways of teaching executives to delegate some authority so that lower level people in an organization are empowered to make decisions. Manny now is president of a consulting company, Mindtech. His clients include a range of corporations, education systems, government agencies and nonprofit organizations. He has been on the faculty of the Columbia Senior Executive Program since 1992. Executives from around the world attend his four-week class to learn how to think flexibly. When I talked to Manny by phone, he told me that he believes, "Values and beliefs drive feelings and behaviors, and behaviors drive results." He also feels that most people spend a great deal of time trying to change behavior and don't spend enough time concentrating on discovering their personal values. Simply stated, Manny believes, "People will get motivated and committed to achieving the goals of the organization when they believe that their personal values will get satisfied in the process. So it's in the leader's best interests and his or her responsibility to provide ways to get his or her employee's values satisfied as well as his or her own."

Gene Baraff: Stanley also wrote to report, George passed away on September 26. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Jean, six children and 11 grandchildren. George graduated from the Albany Medical Center in 1958 and practiced general medicine in Germantown, Hudson and Rhinebeck, N.Y. until 1963 when he returned to Albany Medical Center to earn his advanced degree in psychiatry in 1965. George practiced general psychiatry until retiring in 1992. During his long career, he was a medical and psychiatric consultant for the Albany police court, the Albany County Welfare Department and the Cobb Memorial School. George was the medical director for the Albany County Jail, the Albany County Nursing Home, the Albany County Alcoholics' Center, the Ann Lee Home, the Troy Learning Disability Clinic and for St. Coleman's Home.

In his father's obituary, George Jr. wrote, "So it is with tremendous sadness and much respect that we lay to rest, with our sincere thanks and admiration, a man whose legacy and memory will continue to live." I'm sure that the Class of 1953 joins George Jr. in saying goodbye to our wonderful friend and delightful classmate.

Allan Jackman: Stanley Schachter '51, TEP historian, wrote to say that in February, Ajax was off to Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos and Thailand on a three-week fact-finding tour. Maybe we could ask Ajax to describe their tour at our 55th reunion!

Jules Ross: Stanley also wrote that this month, Jules and Carole will attend the graduation of their son, David, from Georgetown Law School. Great going, Jules, Carole and David!

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There is something about maturity (aka getting a lot older) that invites nostalgia and reconnecting. Paul Schulman is a case in point. Paul and Susan have been married for 40 years and are blessed with two children and four grandchildren. Paul practiced medicine for 34 years and lived in Westport, Conn., specializing in hematology and oncology. He retired five years back as world travelers. For the past 15 years, they have had a home in Marbella, Spain, and for the past 10 years have divided their time between Marbella and Westport. More than a year ago they relocated to Charleston, S.C., so now the division of time is between Spain and South Carolina. Paul has his health (plays tennis four or five times a week) and his hair. We hope he will be able to join us at upcoming reunions.

Ed Cowan had a mini-reunion with Clay Black and Herb Hagerthy and their respective wives at Herb's home. Ed reports that the food was extraordinary and the Irish Whiskey was superb. The Hagnerthy family recently spent a holiday in St. Lucia and enjoyed the Caribana. Herb's hair has been back to days of old. Ed reports that Clay's hair, although a wee bit thinner than it was on Morningside (welcome to the club), still shows a good deal of red.

The Alumni Office reported that Ed Schuman passed away in Los Angeles on August 14. I remember him having a great sense of humor and being one heck of a basketball player. We are also living through a time when spouses and other dear ones pass on. I am deeply sorry to report that Carol, my wife of 48 years, lost the battle with cancer. Please live well, enjoy life with family and friends and keep in touch.

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The John Jay Awards Dinner was held March 2 at the Plaza Hotel before a packed house. This was the last time the event will be held in the prestigious venue — the hotel was sold to a private group that will renovate much of it into condominiums, leaving the Grand Ballroom. Where will next year's John Jay Dinner be held? Stay tuned.

Following on the heels of this black-tie affair, the College took its show on the road to San Francisco and Los Angeles, where Dean Austin Quigley hosted College Days on March 12 and 13. The highlights of these events were lectures by some of Columbia's esteemed faculty. Quigley will be celebrating his 10-year anniversary as Dean of the College this fall. (See how fast the time goes?)
Spreading the good word about Columbia to environs outside of New York has become a major project of the Alumni Office. Chicago-area alums are putting together a club there, which should be good news for Stu Perlman (who practices law in Chicago and lives in Skokie) and Gerry Tikoff (retired chief of staff at Oak). Hines V.A. Hospital in Hines, Ill.

Our landmark saloon, The West End, was closed for a couple of days earlier this year — padlocked, if you will — for selling alcohol to a minor. An undercover operation helped gather the evidence. Good news, however! The place was reopened after a brief court appearance. Under-age drinking near our alma mater — unthinkable!

Class Day is Tuesday, May 17. As part of this celebration, alums are invited to march at the Class of ’05’s graduation and to give out class pins to this illustrious group. It will be a memorable event. We will be seeing some members of our “Grandfather Class,” at our 50th in early June, as well.

The list of attendees for our highly anticipated reunion is growing larger as you read this column. Our famed theater critic, Martin Gottfried, is looking forward to the occasion. Alums in the area, as is Jeff Broido from La Jolla, Calif. Martin’s 12th book, Arthur Miller: His Life and His Work, was published last year in America and England. Martin will be in Paris later this year for the book’s French translation release. Ben Kaplan, who lives in midtown Manhattan, was visited recently by Jerry Catuzzi, who came north from Florida. It looks like we’ll see both of these gentlemen at some point during reunion.

Included in this group are Bob Sparrow (living and practicing law in Queens), Steve Rabin (doing the same in Manhattan), outstanding oarsman Terry Doremus (New Jersey) and Harvey Solomon (Colorado). Harvey will be spending a few days touring New York City after the 50th. We’ve also received a positive response from Fred Spengler, retired from the Air Force. Fred was teaching at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Va. Jack Armstrong has been doing a lot of traveling recently and has confirmed his place on campus for reunion.

Classmates are reaching out to other classmates to get them to attend reunion. Alan Pasternak (Lafayette, Calif.) will make such an effort to reach Harold Gollomp, Larry Balfus, Don Laufer, Lew Mendelson and your incisive columnist) has been working tirelessly to achieve the class’ dollar and participation goals. It looks like we have broken all records and set the bar at the highest level for a 50th reunion class, thanks to all of you.

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Ross Grumet informs us that the Atlanta College Day was canceled due to a rare ice storm. Ross enjoys his psychiatry practice, mixed with some research. What does he do to reduce stress? He and Gerry Meyerhoff (New Jersey) go bass fishing and best of all, attend spring training in Florida. They’ll tell us more shortly.

We received “regrets” from Donald Kuspiit, good friend of Anthony Viscusi, who will not be able to attend reunion. Donald will be lecturing in Barcelona at the time. Maybe next time (in 2010)?

Bob Pearlman (also ’55E) led a Northern New Jersey alumni group to the Columbia-Brown basketball game a few months ago. A good time was had by all until the final 10 seconds, when... Where are Ron McPhee and John Naley when you need them?

Harold Kushner delivered the keynote speech on the opening night of the ceremonies, which marked the 10th anniversary of the opening of the Foundations building in Oklahoma City. In addition, Harold met with the bereaved families and gave a three-hour workshop for clergy and therapists. Quite an honor, indeed.

Reunion plans are all set, as you will see and experience the next few weeks. Your committee has put together a great series of events. The weekend will be plenty to keep you busy: workshops for clergy and therapists, quite an honor, indeed.

Friday evening, we’ll be gathering at the New York Water Club for dinner. On Saturday, there will be plenty to keep you busy: campuses and Manhattanville tours, lunch at Casa Italiana, a chance to hear about the Class of 2005’s experiences and more. We’ll celebrate the return of the Class of 2006 to Columbia — to the Columbia-Brown basketball game a few months ago. The Class Fund Committee (Jim Berick, Bob Brown, Alfred Gollomp, Larry Balfus, Don Laufer, Lew Mendelson and your incisive columnist) has been working tirelessly to achieve the class’ dollar and participation goals. It looks like we have broken all records and set the bar at the highest level for a 50th reunion class, thanks to all of you.

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Fearless and adventurous classmates. The big 5-0 is less than a month away. Columbia is waiting for you. You guys continue to be the best in every way possible.

Love to all! Everywhere!

Dr. Ronald Spinello ’56 is retired from dentistry and spends his time inventing dental devices. He holds more than 25 patents.

Let us get to work on the 50th — it only comes once. Please tell us who is coming so we can compile a list. Let me hear from people who want to be area representatives. Let me hear from the all-important women in your lives as to what activities they would prefer and who would want to form a parallel women’s reunion committee. We have decided that we can have simultaneous events going on Saturday between breakfast and lunch and between lunch and dinner, so you can choose what activity interests you.

As always, here is wishing you health, happiness, wealth, fun in life, responsive children and sentient grandchildren and hoping to see you all at the 50th.

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CLASS NOTES

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Marty Fisher: "I went to the Society of Columbia Graduates cocktail party on February 1 at the Columbia Club. The new athletic director, M. Dianne Murphy, spoke and so did Eric Furda, v.p. of University Alumni Relations. Although I knew few people there, it was an interesting session.

"The Class of 1957 met 2007 at Sandra and Ed Weinstein’s home on the evening of February 3. Attendees were Marty Fisher, Alvin Kass, Kathy and Dave Kinne, Bob Klipstein, George Lutz, Carlos Muñoz, and Dianne and Paul Zola. The Alumni Office was represented by Dean of Alumni Affairs, Development Derek Wittner ’65, Executive Director of Alumni Affairs Ken Catandella and Columbia College Fund Assistant Director Vanessa Rosado, who arranged the get-together. Kathryn Wittner, associate director of alumni affairs, also attended and photographed the event.

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Robert Hartman, Bob is a v.p. at Cryptics in Allentown, Pa. Monica is retired but works with special ed students. They live in Warrens, N.J.

Diane and Asher Rubin’s daughter, Shaina, gained early admission to the Class of ’09, where she will join her brother, Jacob ’06. Diane and Asher note, "The College has graciously agreed to accept full tuition for them. This has retarded Asher’s efforts to play more golf."

We regret to report the death of Jim Curry on January 18 in Andover, Mass. Jim earned his Ph.D. at Cornell and then became a classics professor, first at Yale and then at the University of Pittsburgh. Our condolences to his family.

Dick Gatti likes to check in with students from New Jersey. He also attended and photographed the event.

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Mort Halperin ’58’s book, The Democracy Advantage, concludes that poor countries that turn to democracy are more likely to develop economically than their authoritarian counterparts.

David wrote another note to Ed: "Thank you so much for inviting Nishant and me to the John Jay Awards Dinner. I felt that the tone of the evening further strengthened the notion of community at Columbia that you and your fellow members of Class ’57 have been working so hard to instill in our class. I left with the same feeling tonight that I had leaving the reception at your house last month — I only hope that in 30 years I can attend such a dinner and give back to the University."

Ed Weinstein shares more news: "We held the class luncheon on January 11 at the University Club in NYC. Attending were Neil McLellan, Bob Klipstein, Al Anton, Marty Fisher, Sal Franchino, Paul Zola, Art Meyerson, Dave Kinne, Art Bernstein, Steve Ronai, Ted Dwyer, John Wellington and me. The class ranged from challenges of CU being have with the Middle East and Asian Languages and Cultures Department, to Sal’s jazz clarinet and saxophone interest, to Steve and Ted’s recollections of basketball spanning 20 years at Columbia (from Jack Molinas ’53 to Jim McMillian ’70) to other interesting and diverse subjects.

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would have destroyed a more persevering person, you would be right. But along with the few false starts, I did have some successes. I became a hospital-based and academic pathologist at UC San Diego, where I met and married Hannah Friedman, a biology professor with a Ph.D. from M.I.T. and two years of post-doctoral work with Frances Crick at Cambridge. Following the birth of two daughters, my wife’s background in bio-physics and cell biology resurrected an old desire on my part to look more fundamentally at basic biology than the practice of medicine or even pathology allows. I seem to have a restless mind, although my friends say the word ‘restless’ in such a way that it sounds like ‘dis-ordered.’ Maybe, a little.

"After 15 years of pathology, I shifted careers and took a position as director of a government program studying the effects of non-ionizing radiation on biological systems. This included the effects of radiofrequency, microwave (cell phone) and very low frequency transmissions. As any good bureaucrat knows, the kind of work I was doing required some interaction with the public, usually in the form of answering letters from concerned citizens, such as the citizens of San Quentin and Sing Sing, who wanted me to help stop the government from manipulating their minds with our radio frequency emissions."

"In my last professional incarnation, I worked for the VA Anywa and DoD investigating the causes of Gulf War Syndrome. This required some proficiency in pharmacology and epidemiology. Although intended to be a very long-term work, it became too political for me. I am semi-retired, pursuing an interest in cellular interactions with electro-magnetic fields at the University of Maryland, College Park. There are very interesting effects on cell metabolism and proliferation, but with no clear extrapolation to any health hazard. (Correspondent’s note: That’s good to hear, what with all we have been learning, or not learning, about cell phones.) Regards to all my friends who support their work and to a show at Playwrights Horizon. [The next day], I went to grand rounds at Roosevelt Hospital and then spoke to a lawyer about a case we are working on. I then played tennis at Baker Field, which has excellent new courts. [The next week, I (was to play) with Jay Neugeboren. In the afternoon, Pat and I went to the Diane Arbus show at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. In the evening, we went to an Off-Broadway show at the Vineyard theater. (Correspondent’s note: That’s more than I have done in the past two months!)"

We heard from a classmate in South Fallsburg, N.Y., a place of special meaning for me because my beloved grandmother would go there each summer, and each grandchild got a week or two with her. She was a gentle, kind soul, and I still think about her frequently. Wow, where did that come from? Anyway, in South Fallsburg, the Catskills, Don Brown “does volunteer work in the kitchen at the Siddha Yoga Foundation, writes and meditates at home and at the new Meditation Hall in town.” His son, Saul ’85, lives in Brooklyn with his wife, Deborah, and Don’s grandson, Daniel (6).

Victor Chang ’60 recently returned from Beijing, where he had been teaching macroeconomics to graduate students.

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Reunion is almost upon us. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on June 2-5. It should be a memorable weekend.

Our reunion committee, including Bob Berne, Larry Rubinstein, Gary Hirsch, and Nancy Hoexter from the class of 1961, has planned a full schedule of events. Friday evening begins with dinner at our old haunt, V&T. Saturday includes a lecture by Tom, a tour of the Dahesh Museum with David and dinner with an amazing view of Manhattan from the top of the School of International and Public Affairs.

A flight from the East Coast to the Far East always is an intense passage and can be a spiritual passage, as well. For Bill Tanenbaum, the crossing in January was yet more poignant; it was his first solo experience abroad since undergraduate days when he met his late wife, Reina, in France and the two became inseparable. “I tried something drastic and it worked,” Bill advises. “I flew to Japan for a two-week vacation. It took 24 hours door-to-door and there was a 14-hour time change. It was cold, in the low 30s most days, but I walked five to six miles a day, sightseeing in Kyoto and Tokyo. Not knowing the language, I still rode the buses, trains and subways, ate in restaurants where no one else spoke English and visited the temples, castles and palaces.”

Travel by subway is itself an intense physical and spiritual passage. A uniquely urban device, the subway has a dual function: Its primary purpose is physical, to transport people efficiently; its more subtle objective is behavioral, to condition people to urban life by removing them from all normal landmarks, pressing them together with strangers from every station in life obliging each to reexamine preconceptions about personal space, instilling even in the most self-possessed a profound sense of humility. Bill, on one of his subway rides in Japan during the month of the Sumo championshps, had an ultimate subway experience, finding himself breathing into two Sumo wrestlers.

Many were the kindnesses Bill encountered. Among the most touching was when “a waitress ran into the freezing street to return a 1000 yen ($10) note that had stuck to another note I had given her to pay my bill.”

Although the acute pain of Bill’s loss persists (“I still feel empty without Reina,” he says), the vacation in Japan was a milestone. “I learned how to handle doing things alone, to wander and to love it.” Bill is looking forward to revisiting Japan and possibly traveling to China next year. More immediately, he will attend the reunion “or parts thereof.”

“The pretty good American novel,” as Sidney Hart modestly describes it, has emerged from his pen after 15 years of drafting and revising. Summer Accommodations is a coming-of-age story set in the resort hotel area of the Catskills in 1956. Sidney and many another college students during that time paid their tuition and defrayed other expenses waiting tables three meals a day, seven days a week, from late June until Labor Day weekend. Sidney selected 1956 “for personal reasons, but perhaps one of the most important is the fact that Elvis had seven gold records that year, the first drumbeats of things to come after Ike’s second term.”

The book, populated by 18-year-olds with raging hormones, promises “lots of romances and intrigues.” But the fantasies and frolics of undergraduates are not the only draw. “Judge Crater,” Sidney adds, “the most famous disappeared person before Jimmy Hoffa, turns up in the story, and the reader is confronted with the question of whether his body is buried in an old well or he is living across the lake from the hotel.” Summer Accommodations is available at Atlasbooks.com, Amazon.com and booksseller.noble.com. Sidney will be at reunion in June, and with pen in hand will be happy to autograph copies of his book.

Victor Chang, who had recently returned from Beijing, where he had been teaching macroeconomics to graduate students, graced the First Thursday class lunch in January. A longtime New Jersey resident, Victor, now retired, resides in the San Francisco area. His plans included travel to Africa. A First Thursday lunch also attracted Steve Solender, who, while retired, consults on the development of a museum of Jewish life in Poland.

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whereupon he instantaneously took a while,” Ivan concludes, "but we are learning the concept so my wife and I can choose not to ski in sub-zero temperatures. He has also found and cell biology at RWJMS. Robert L. Trelstad M.D. has spent the past 24 years at the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School (RWJMS) in New Brunswick/Piscataway, N.J., part of the expanding University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. Bob received his M.D. from Harvard in 1966 along with other members of CC61 who attended HMS that year, including Sam Strober, Max Cohen, Bob Kane, Bob Bernstein, Ira Black, Jeff Riker and Joe Lane. In 1981, Bob moved from Harvard to New Jersey to be chair of pathology and laboratory medicine, a position that he held for 17 years. In 1998, he became acting director of the Child Health Institute of New Jersey, a $72 million facility that will open this year to test the investigation of basic mechanisms in embryonic development. CHIP is down the street from the future site of a venture, led for the medical school by Ira Block, to build a stem cell institute. Ira is chair of neuroscience and bioengineering at RWJMS. Bob (Trelstad) lives in Princeton with his wife of 44 years, Barbara. They have four sons, three of whom graced the doors of Columbia, two as undergrads and one as a graduate student; four granddaughters and another one on the way. Barbara has retired twice, first after working for 17 years as registrar in the Zimmerli Art Museum at Rutgers and a second time after spending six or so years working for Congresswoman Rush Holt (D-NJ). Two sons, John ‘91 AR and Brian, live in Manhattan or commute there. Graham ‘89 lives and works in White Plains, N.Y., and Jeremy ‘97 in Boston. Arnolds Abrams’ daughter, Lauren, her companion, Donna Freedman-Tweed, and his grandson, Elijah, were prominently displayed across the pages of The New York Times, The New York Post and Newsday. They were part of a successful class action suit brought against New York City by a group of same-sex couples claiming that the ban by state and city against their marriages is unconstitutional. Although New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg stated he favors their position, he nevertheless announced that NYC would appeal the judge’s decision. Consequently, the case will go before the N.Y. State Court of Appeals for a final ruling. Arnie believes the story deservedly received major play in all those papers, probably across the nation as well. He felt great pride and joy, as a parent, in seeing his daughter and her family pursue the course of their convictions in a cause he considers significant.

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I remain an avid squash player, a sport that Andy Krudwich and I taught ourselves on the lone squash court in the old steamboat gymnasium. Although we played on the freshman tennis team, neither of us had seen a squash court before. But it was immediately clear to us that squash was considerably more fun than handball, which we had been assigned in our compulsory gym class. Perhaps most importantly, I met my wife through my friendship with my roommate, John Freidin.

To my great disappointment, neither of our two daughters, Doris and Catherine, went to Columbia. But there is still hope, for our first grandchild, Zscharny Rothenberg, was born on December 28, 2004! Paul may be reached at paul.cooper@med.nyu.edu.

An intense February sun is sparking off fresh afternoon snow as I write these notes from New Haven, Vt. My yellow dog, Gus, and I just returned to the sugarwoods beside our home, where I was snowshoeing and he was chasing shadows. My sons spent the morning playing hockey, sledding, and skiing with my wife, Gail. Abe (14) is draped over the couch by the wood stove, regaining his energy after his first week carrying messages throughout the Vermont State House, where he is a legislative page. But best of all, Paul Cooper's daughter, my niece, Catherine, and her significant other, Rothenberg, son of Rich Rothenberg, have spent the weekend with us. Catherine and Leon met several years ago in Los Angeles, where they were getting master's degrees at California Institute of the Arts — hers in theatre directing; his in sound design. Leon is a delightful, bright young man with an air of tranquility about him; Catherine is a delightful, bright young woman with a touch of the mercurial about her.

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Ira Epstein writes, “Does anybody want to part with a 1963 class ring?” Not that I know of, Ira. Have you tried eBay?

Rather than condensing the many wonderful notes I received in this first surge of responses, I’m holding back some of the juicier ones for next time. I will continue to publish everything I get in our monthly eNewsletter, so let me know if you are not finding it in your e-mail in-box.

After much discussion, we decided that a mini-reunion for April 1 was probably rushing things a bit. How about centering it around Homecoming on October 15 (versus Penn)? We could meet for lunch on Friday, socialize in the evening, gather at the Big Tent on Saturday morning and then sit together at the game. As always, your comments, suggestions and notes are welcome.

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To maintain the spirit and camaraderie of our 40th reunion, and to give classmates more opportunities to see each other between reunions, Nick Rudd and others have suggested that the class plan informal activities that will allow more frequent contact among classmates. For example, some classes have a monthly lunch at the Columbia Club or elsewhere. Send in your suggestions.

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The Times Literary Supplement (London) ran a full page review of Phil Lopate’s book, Waterfront, which documents Phil’s leisurely walks around Manhattan.

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Our 40th reunion is only weeks away, so sign up now if you haven’t already! Events to look forward to reunion weekend, June 2–5, start with a class cocktail party on Thursday evening, hosted by Roberta and Michael Cook. Tickets are also available for Broadway shows later that night: Glenngarry Glen Ross, Julius Caesar and Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf? On Friday morning, we have a Class of 1965 day outing for a barbecue on Fumald Lawn, then an afternoon talk by Richard A. Penne, an associate professor in the film department as well as program director of the Society of Lincoln Center and director of the New York Film Festival. Finish the night with cocktails in the newly renovated lobby of Hamilton Hall, dinner in a tent on Hamilton Lawn and a trip to the annual Starlight Reception on Low Steps, complete with dancing under the stars, champagne and dessert.

Thanks to Mike Cook and Ed Malmstrom for co-chairing our reunion campaign this year. Ed and Mike have led the way in the volunteer work associated with fundraising for the Annual Fund, assisted by class agents Laurnce Guido, Barry Levine, Gideon Oberweber, Jim Siegel, Stephen Steing and Jay Woodworth. As of March 25, our class has raised $285,000 in gifts and pledges toward our reunion gift goal of $330,000, with 45 percent participation. Please help us reach our goal by contributing to the College Fund soon.

Thanks also go to Art Sederbaum and Mike Cook, who have been hosting our reunion meetings. Other reunion committee members helping with event planning and fundraising include Joel Berger, Steve Biro, Allen Blyden, Alan H. Fenton Jr., Dick C. Gannon, Gerard F. Hug, L. Michael Krieger, W. James Murdaugh Jr., Leonard B. Pack, Michael A. Schlanger, Neil A. Smith, Derek A. Wittner and Robert H. Yunich. I apologize to anyone I may have left out. See you at reunion — remember to come back and give back!

Two issues ago, I reported that I met two classmates at a performance of Mahler’s Symphony No. 9 at Carnegie Hall on October 25, 2004. It turns out that there was at least one other classmate in the hall. Peter Smith wrote to me: “I was onstage singing with the Boston Symphony Orchestra as a member of the Tanglewood Festival Chorus for this concert. Had I been there we could have exchanged performances. I would have made it a point to contact you earlier. ... See you at the reunion!” While I regret that I did not recognize Peter on stage, I am glad to know he was there, and even more pleased that he will be attending our forthcoming 40th reunion, just weeks away.

Andy Fisher confirmed that he will be at the reunion. Andy is still in the radio business and sent me the following interesting tidbit about a distinguished member of our class: “Former Texas Governor Ann Richards was a guest a few months ago on Topic A with Tina Brown on CNBC, and came to our global headquarters in Englewood Cliffs, NJ, to tape the interview. As the foot of the stairway she was about to ascend, she turned to address a huge crowd of waiting journalists, the course of a short conversation revealed that Alan Fenton lived in Austin and taught at St. Stephen’s Episcopal H.S. “Oh,” I know Alan Fenton,” interjected Richards’ daughter. “He was my FAVORITE teacher at St. Stephen’s!” Concludes Andy, “How wonderful it must be to be someone’s favorite teacher!”

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Neil lives in Alamo, Calif., with his wife, Karla, whom he met at Columbia while she attended Teachers College. Their daughter, liberal heir that she is, lives in Berkeley, and their son, an aspiring actor, lives in Brooklyn, taking acting workshops and picking up his college degree at another school in New York that is not so “New.”

Neil’s e-mail address is nsmitth@howardrice.com and his phone is 925-274-1536. He would love to hear from classmates who are in San Francisco.

Dave Sard ’69 writes, “I was released from Devil’s Island today after 40 years in jail for stealing a loaf of bread. An amnesty was ordered for all half-Jewish prisoners whose names started with ‘S’. I am sure my fellow Columbians will be understanding of my not communicating all these years.” After giving us this flimsy alibi, Dave added the following report: “My play, The Ballad of Eddie and Jo, a retelling of the story of Oedipus Rex in a modern framework, was performed in a workshop production at the Lee Strasberg Theater Institute July 25–30, 2004, in New York City. It was one of the winners of the Strasberg Institute’s First International One-act Playwriting Contest.

“No one was more amazed than I at this turn of events. It was the most exciting event of my life. The production was wonderful, with a superb cast and direction (and editing) by Lorca Peress. I do have a real life, though — I am a psychologist in New Jersey. My daughter, Kristen, is an artist in San Rafael, Calif. She had a son. My son, Jason, is a doctoral student in physics at the University of Illinois. I am 15 years into my second marriage. It would be fun to hear from old friends at Columbia: dsard@att.net.”

One of the benefits of being your class correspondent is that I get wonderful notes such as those from Peter, Andy, Neil and Dave. Please keep me happy by feeding me with news of your doings, and I hope to see as many of you as possible at our reunion.

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Clyde Wachsberger wrote the following, after reading CCT’s January issue: “Since you mention it has been a slow news period,
would you like to report that I celebrated my 60th birthday in Rome this January, with my partner, Charles Dean, and 15 friends who managed to come to Rome for the dinner at Vecchia Roma, from so far away as Montana and North Carolina? This is one of Rome's oldest restaurants, in the wonderful Jewish Ghetto area near Campo dei Fiori. My two adorable nieces, Jennifer and Robin, were there, too. Robin is beginning a semester at Temple University's Rome campus. The chef planned a magnificent menu for us, and we were given our own gorgeous, private room, where we dined on fabulous Roman specialties, including Vecchia Roma's famous gnocchi al pomodoro e basilic, light as meringue, and mild pheasant with polenta. The days were mild and sunny, dark blue skies over Rome's ochre/rust/terracotta patinated stucco.

Eight of us made a day-trip to Hadrian's Villa and the gardens and fountains of Villa d'Este. "Rome is my favorite city." I was concerned how Americans might be greeted these days, but everyone was kind and hospitable. We all threw coins over our shoulders into the Trevi fountain, wishing we might return next year. I have never forgotten 'Three Coins in the Fountain.' Clyde's e-mail is skip0345@aol.com.

From Beverly Hills, Robert Kline responded to a recent quiz for the Golden '66 Curmudgeon Award. "The waiter's name was Sam and he always said 'ver ree hot!' But he did not say it with respect to the house salad, which had a little too much oregano and vinegar, but was nevertheless very good. I still think of a bus about six years after graduation and saluted him with 'ver ree hot!' He responded that he was retired and didn't do that anymore." Bob can be reached at bobageorge@aol.com.

Tom Chorba writes, with a bit of exaggeration in his opening line, "You do a great job, and your Curmudgeon Award was a stroke of genius. I am in touch with Rich Forzano and Rich Beggs; we have dinners together. Bob Klingen-smith arrives each spring from California, and we spend hours telling lies. Chuck Christensen and I visit about once a year, and Bill Corcoran sometimes appears just to torment me.

"My son graduates this year from Union College. This is producing his play, Medea Yates, a version of the Medea tale with the Andrea Yates story interwoven. My wife, Celeste, is an accomplished oil painter and has had three shows in the last year. Are Spencer Falcon and Earl Werner in contact? I see that Dean Mottard and Rick Smith sometimes correspond, and Roger Low and I were on Furry 9 freshman year. Special thanks to former student Bob Meyerson and Michael Garrett from the class committee. I have bought a Lotto Jackpot ticket and if I win, don't expect to hear from me. Otherwise, I can be reached at tachorba@aol.com. A final hello to fellow seminarist Bob Meyerson, who fought the good fight in Russian history."

Here are some news and observations from Cliff Rosenthal: '69 GSAS (M.A.), Revson Foundation Fellow for the Future of the City of New York, '83-'84. "Turning 60 this spring, like many classmates, I felt the predictable call to reflection. This bittersweet exercise became obligatory when in February I received a lifetime achievement award from the credit union movement, in which I've spent most of my career. I've spent these last weeks digging through decades-worth of yellowed photos and materials for a brief documentary of that career.

Columbia changed my life three times over. Coming from Newark, N.J., the first in my family to attend college, Columbia was my introduction to big ideas, critical thinking — really, to education in the broadest sense. As a graduate student at Columbia in 1965, my illusions about the academy were shattered, and my commitment to the struggle for social change was forged. A Revson Foundation fellowship at Columbia in the early 1980s literally saved the life of the organization I founded. I will always recall it as my introduction to the National Federation of Community Development Credit Unions, a nonprofit dedicated to financially empowering the residents of low-income communities.

Barack Obama '83, quoted in the January C.C.T., put it perfectly: 'I always felt that the value of a really good education is you can take more risks.' I took the reigns of the federation when we were bankrupt, with no prospects. Across more than two decades, I've built it into a thriving, sustainable institution. Had I been equally successful in building a profit-making enterprise, I might be able to repay Columbia with gifts of stocks. Instead, I hope my work has induced dividend and dividend change in which the College can share." You can reach Cliff at cliffrosenthal@earthlink.net.

"I'm working again this year with ARC," wrote Jim O'Brien, "interviewing applicants to Columbia from central Florida. I often wonder what the students are really thinking when they discover that I graduated almost 40 years ago. 'What could he possibly know about Columbia today? I wonder how old this guy is.' But it's interesting and fun to hear teenage views. I always slip in a mention of the great professors we had. I am thinking particularly about Joseph Rothschild, who taught Communist politics in Europe with gusto and a Brooklyn accent, using his encyclopedic knowledge to make it fascinating. Or Alan Westin teaching the Supreme Court and the Constitution, covering landmark cases in a clinical, unbiassed manner. Our well-known and very bright classmate, Ben Stein, was in Rothschild's and Westin's class, as I recall.

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memories of the College and many of his teachers. And his son, Daniel '07, is working hard at the College — and enjoying the challenges.

Let me move straight into basketball. Columbia’s team had much potential this year and has more for next. I saw wins against Harvard, Dartmouth and Cornell, along with some others. The coach is talented and the athletes are exceptional, with the Class of 2008 showing great promise — 40 years after us. The team deserves a salute. At one of the games, I saw Art Kaufman. I understand from Ira McCown that Art is continuing his law practice but also teaching at the Law School as an adjunct professor. A few weeks later, I saw a picture in the Sun of Art in a tux and his wife, Susan, looking elegant, taken at a dinner for Citizens for NYC, an organization that does good things for the city. Art was there with (recently deceased) Bobby Short, Lauren Bacall and a constellation of others. Back to basketball for just one more moment … in February, I saw in attendance John Roy and Katherine, Seth Weinste in and his lovely wife, Joan, and sons, Bobby and Ben, from our class. Jimmy Alley ’69 told me that Phil Arbolino was there, too, though I missed him, Ira McCown in from Miami, Buzz Zucker just back from a family party (kids and grandkids at an island beach resort), Paul de Barry and Vicki, Ira Goldberg and Tom Sanford and his wife. Ira’s daughter, Shoshanna ’08, is in the band and has been having a great time. I also saw Bob Costa ’67 and his lovely wife, Joan, and my old roommate, Doug, from who is bright and talented — a tennis player, equestrienne, musician and basketball player — and a ninth grader. Bob, Joan and Carolyn are back from a few years in London.

Bob Carlson continues to send extraordinary pictures of Sitka, Alaska, and the mountains behind town, where he recently returned from skiing. Alan Weiss, who lives in Montreal and teaches at John Abbott College, recently returned from bringing 55 German students back to his college. During his time in Germany, he reported concerns about the future of Germany in many ways — culturally and economically, including high unemployment and “racial hostility.” His wife, Sabine Haferland, and he traveled to Vietnam, which he described as more upbeat than Germany. He also mentioned Dan Epstein ’66, whom he reports went on to Julliard and teaches at Manhattan College.

John Chee noted that his son, Ian ’01, was going to be in the city, so I was able to have lunch with Ian and hear about his work in Shanghai, his being tutored in another Chinese dialect and his enjoying immensely his job there, though missing New York. John’s daughter, Audrey, decided to go Bowdoin — a break from the family tradition — a great place if you like beautiful Maine. John noted that the new year was starting; the year of the rooster. Happy New Year to all of us!

I hope that I have this right: John Roy reported that Pat Dumont is staying in Senegal. I hope to get more from Pat. Dennis Gort is a pulmonary/critical care physician in Albany, N.Y., with a 15-person single specialty group. He goes to Saratoga in the summer to the track, so this year I hope to see him and Roger Wyatt, who lives in Saratoga. Roger, who is a musician, wrote me a note, deeply concerned about the Middle East studies department. Seth was much concerned about anti-Israel bias and what he saw as an administration slow to react. I remain sharply recognizing the “seriousness of the problem.” I have heard from others on this, as well.

On a happy note, I attended the John Jay Awards Dinner at the Plaza on March 2, an exceedingly well-done event. Dean of Academic Affairs John Devine and...
eight days of Chanukkah fell during the cruise. Steve served the spiritual needs of his on-board congregation for four Sabbaths, the eight days of Chanukkah and one crossing of the equator. Everything was grand, and unforgettable from Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon of our college years) to the ports of South Africa celebrating 10 years of democracy. The saddest note is the terrible death and destruction suffered by the beautiful people and places we visited just one month before the earthquake and tsunami.

"Closer to home, the Steineld's eldest is Sara Dauber '99, married to Andrew Dauber '00, who is in his first year of a pediatrics residency at Children's Hospital Boston. Sara will receive her M.B.A. from Harvard in June. Second daughter Shiri ('01 Penn) works in Manhattan for Getty Images. Third daughter Siwy ('04 Columbia) is engaged to Jonathan Leventhal and planning a September wedding in Pittsburgh. Son Avi is in his second year at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh and loves it when all his sisters are home. Steve is in his 19th year at Beth Shalom, making 29 years of his rabbinate in the Steel City. Not bad, considering he was a young National League fan rooting against the Yankees when a guy named Bill Mazeroski won the World Series on a game-ending home run." Marc Rauch reports: "After graduating from the College and splitting for Berkeley, where I kept running into many of the same people on Shattuck Avenue whom I had been running into on College. A Ultimate Frisbee team I returned to New York and applied to law school because many of my College friends seemed to be applying to law school. Looking back on it, I can't give a better reason than that. Three years of exile in Cambridge followed by a year in which I returned to the city for good and began a 10-year stint practicing union-side labor law in the entertainment industry. That career path seemed to go stale in 1985, when I decided to switch to commercial real estate law in the midst of the greatest (or at least most euphoric) commercial real estate boom of modern times. "Fortunately, there were still some good times remaining before the commercial real estate crash of the early '90s, I served as general counsel to a major real estate developer in the late '80s and early '90s, then went back into private practice. I am the senior commercial real estate attorney in the New York office of Arent Fox, where I specialize in complex commercial leasing and development work, often involving public-private partnerships. Following 9-11, and having never lost the idealism of my College years, I began seeking public service opportunities. In 2003, New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg appointed me chair of the New York City Loft Board, responsible for legalizing (bringing up to city standards for residential occupancy) hundreds of formerly commercial buildings now occupied by artists and others seeking affordable living and studio space. Most of the lofts under our jurisdiction are in Lower Manhattan. I have been married to Lisa Anderson, Shotwell Professor of International Relations and SIPA dean, for nearly 30 years. We have two sons: Sam, a sophomore at Oberlin, and Isaac, a high school freshman at the Friends Seminary in Manhattan. When we moved to Manhattan, I vowed we'd throw from College Walk."

Alan Seneau writes: "I have been living in Berkeley, Calif., since 1981. I married Laurie Schley in 1989, and we have two kids, Silvie (14) and Alexander (10). We live at the Berkeley Zen Center, where I have been practicing for 21 years, most of those as a Soto Zen Buddhist priest involved in the concerns of the wider community and the world."

From Michael Schnipper: "My son graduates from George Washington this month and my daughter from Vermont in December. He has applied to M.F.A. programs in creative writing. She is graduating from the school of social work but doesn't know what she wants to do with it. We live in Farmington, Conn., and have a house in Chatham on Cape Cod, which we'd like to get to more often. I recently had my 26th anniversary with The Walt Disney Co. (the first 10 at ABC and the last 16 at ESPN). I am assistant general counsel of ESPN. I have responsibility for agreements with our on-air personalities; I have been the lawyer for ESPN's X Games since the initial X Games in 1995; and I have responsibility for all legal work for ESPN Radio, SportsTicker and BASS, a fishing organization that we purchased in 2001. I have oversight of our Major League Baseball contract, all of our outdoors programming contracts, college football bowl games, conferences such as the Big Ten and, due to my labor and employment background, handle all major employment-related issues."

Jonathan Adelman reports: "I received four degrees from Columbia (B.A. '69, M.A. '72, M.Phil '74, Ph.D. '76) and am a full professor at the Graduate School in International Studies at the University of Denver. I served as Condi Rice's doctoral dissertation adviser when she got her Ph.D. here in 1981, and have visited with her four times at the White House for briefings, when she was national security adviser. "I have gone on 14 international speaking tours to 13 countries for the State Department. I am an honorary professor at both Peking University and People's University in Beijing. Last year, I gave the Blauner Lecture on Israel at Columbia for Hillel. I am a frequent speaker for Israel for United Jewish Communities, Jewish National Fund, American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) and Hillel. Last year, I traveled more than 70,000 miles giving talks on Israel in more than 30 cities. I am completing a manuscript on global threats. I have taught at Hebrew University (1986) and the University of Haifa (1990)."

"I recently spent eight hours in talks and meetings at the Foreign Ministry, talked with Vice Premier Huangzhi, gave talks at Hebrew University, Herliya ICD, Campus AIPAC and Hasbara Fellowships for students visiting Israel. I also visit Washington (where I was born and grew up) frequently for meetings. I just came back from two weeklong trips to meet with government officials and people from the Israeli, Chinese and Indian Embassies. I have written or edited 10 books in international affairs and have completed a book manuscript on global threats. I have traveled more than 70,000 miles."

"I have recently been in touch with several people from Columbia and Barnard, including Dov Zakhem (former undersecretary of defense), Dore Gold (former Israeli ambassador to the United States) and David Hazony (editor of Azure in Israel)."

Doug Rigdon writes: "My wife, Glenda, and I visited Ireland on our 25th anniversary last year: what a beautiful place and what wonderful people. We ended that week celebrating Christmas on the beach in San Diego with both our sons. "There are benefits to being on the research faculty of Georgia Tech. I was technical program chair of the Directed Energy Professional Society Modeling & Simulation Conference at Tampa in March. I will be presenting papers at the Air Force Maui Optical & Supercomputing Site Conference in September and at the DEPS Annual Symposium at Kauai in November. In between, I will attend my 40th high school reunion. We, the Class of '69, are the first of the boomers and in our prime. I hope to hear what you are doing. Please send your input to Michael so all of us can hear!"

Thanks to Larry, Neal, Steve, Mark, Alan, Michael, Jonathan and Doug for their news — and special thanks to Doug for soliciting news from the rest of our class. I need your help to compile these columns."
Reynolds Beats Schizophrenia, Inspires Others

Mike Reynolds ’72 received the 2004 President’s Award for outstanding service at St. Luke’s Regional Medical Center in Boise, Idaho, in December. Reynolds, who was diagnosed schizophrenic 20 years ago and has since recovered, also was elected to the Idaho State Board of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill in August.

Arriving at Columbia in 1968 on a full academic scholarship, Reynolds remembers the culture shock he felt upon moving to the city after having been recruited by Gideon Oppenheimer ’47, ’49L from Boise (see January CCT, page 40). He fondly remembers taking Leonard Krieger’s yearlong course, on “European History of the 1800s,” and credits the Core Curriculum with “opening my eyes to a variety of other cultures” within New York City and abroad. Adjusting to his new setting was not easy, though, and Reynolds began to notice signs of his illness the summer after his first year. Due to the gradual onset of his disease, he continued at Columbia and nearly graduated, falling a few credits short in spring 1972. He officially completed his economics degree at Boise State University in 1980.

Reynolds has worked in the St. Luke’s housekeeping department for 15 years. He has spent the past 13 years on Bible study teaching missions through Youth With a Mission, a multi-denominational Christian group, and attributes much of his success to his faith. He has given inspirational speeches on living with and recovering from schizophrenia throughout the world, including travel to China and Tibet in 1987. Reynolds sees himself as a spokesman for schizophrenia and has made it his goal to prove that those with the disease can function in society, provided they seek and receive proper treatment.

Jeff Fereday ’72, who has known Reynolds since first grade, remarks that he has “always been a very brainy, quiet and contemplative person with a strong sense of humor.” Fereday notes that Oppenheimer’s many Idaho-Columbia recruits are “extremely proud of Mike for finding a way to live with schizophrenia… and to lead a productive and happy life while helping others.” Reynolds is working on a memoir of his life and has published several poems.

Matthew Goldberg ’05 GS

Mike Reynolds ’72 (right) was presented with the 2004 President’s Award for outstanding service at St. Luke’s Regional Medical Center in Boise, Idaho, in December by Ed Dahlberg, St. Luke’s president and CEO. The annual award is given to select St. Luke’s caregivers who exhibit extraordinary kindness and gentility in their professions.

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happier having no boss and tasks no more daunting than attempting to gauge the direction of the market and poring over renovation plans than I was enduring the slings and arrows of adverse counsel and relieving the daily aches and pains of clients, senior partners and judges. I’m eagerly and happily anticipating the opportunity to catch up with all of you in person.”

Also from the West Side is our prolific poet David Lehman, who has several new book publications in 2005. In April, his sixth book of poems was published by Scribner, When a Woman Loves a Man. From the same publisher comes The Best American Poetry 2005 in September, the 15th volume in the series that David launched in 1988. He continues as the series editor. David also wrote the introduction to a new edition of legendary Columbia professor Mark Van Doren’s great book Shakespeare, which will be published under the New York Review Books imprint in the fall. Read it and you’ll see what literary criticism could and should be. You’ll also have the best companion to Shakespeare’s plays. In 2006, Oxford University Press will publish The Oxford Book of American Poetry, a comprehensive, one-volume anthology of American poetry from its origins to the present. It’s the first new edition of this important book since Richard Ellmann did it in 1976 and David is the editor.

Peter Joseph writes: “I live in the delightful hills of San Anselmo, Calif., and still enjoy emergency medicine after almost 30 years of practice. I recently finished a 15-year tour of duty as medical director of my emergency department and spent the better part of last year working hard for regime change in the United States. My wife, Marcy, is a marital therapist in San Francisco, and we have three sons, ages 23, 21 and 12. We love to travel, and all of us are divers. We narrowly escaped the terrible tsunami in December, which occurred the day before our third trip to Koh Phi Island. I’d love to hear from classmates.”

From an undisclosed location in Virginia, Leonard Levine reports: “I was promoted to a GS-15 branch chief last August. I head a branch of about 15 computer scientists and information specialists in suburban northern Virginia. We focus on net-centric data management for the Department of Defense. For those who care, that means we try to help DoD decentralize its data management at the same time as making the information more available (visibility) and understandable (taxonomies and ontologies) across a variety of specialty ‘communities of interest.’ We deal with the usual computer language alphabet soup for web services and data definition — XML, SOAP, UDDI, WSDL, RDF and OWL — in addition to the usual DoD acronyms.”

In Chicago, Robert Launay is a professor of anthropology at Northwestern, specializing in the history and culture of the Mande peoples of French-speaking West Africa. In a related noteworthy anthropological story, Bill Poppe, Phil Russell and Terry Sweeney, all New York lawyers, devoted many hours during many years in leading the effort to bring the Beta Theta Pi Chapter and house back from the brink of financial ruin and double secret probation. A $1.5 million rehabilitation of the chapter house has been completed and the chapter boasts 38 new members. They also brokered a truce with Carman Hall.

Remember the College and each other. Go, Lions!

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On February 19, I attended Spectator’s Blue Pencil Dinner and was seated between Adam Kushner ’03 and Norman Lane ’60, neither of whom I knew. One was the editor of a magazine I read and the other co-author of a book I read. My freshman homeroom teacher, Morris Dickstein ’61, also was there.

On March 2, I attended the John Jay Awards Dinner at the Plaza, honoring Mark Kingdon and others [Editor’s note: See story in this issue] and saw Mark along with Alex Sanchez, Terence, Phil Milstein, Dennis Langer, Jeff Knowles, Richard Hsia and John Carey. I got to sit with most of them. At both dinners were my pre-law adviser, Roger Lehecka ’67, and law school classmate, Gerry Papas ’62. It was a pleasure to be in their good company.

Paul Scham writes, “I do not claim any firsthand knowledge of the Mideast imbroglio at Columbia, but I have some knowledge of competing versions of history among Israelis and Palestinians.”
In March, my book on Israeli and Palestinian historical narratives was published in Jerusalem (we are looking for an American publisher). It is co-edited with Benjamin Pogrund and Walid Salem (both of whom I knew in Israel, as I did from 1996-2002), titled Shared Histories: An Israeli-Palestinian Dialogue, and is based on a project I conceived when I was working at the Truman Institute for Peace of the Hebrew University. If anyone is interested in learning more about the book or the U.S.-Israel relation, I am happy to provide. Thanks.

Speaking of daughters named Katie, I heard from David Melkonian of Unfortunate Events (2003) and Raggies Go Wild! (2003) and Jimmy Neutron, Boy Genius (2001). If that doesn’t work, you can tell your teenagers that you went to college with the guy (Albie Hecht) who produced The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie (2004), Leommy Snicker’s A Series of Unfortunate Events (2004), Raggies Go Wild! (2003) and Jimmy Neutron, Boy Genius (2001). If that doesn’t work, you’ll have to wait to see what Albie is up to next. Isaac Palmer, who is in corporate development at Paramount Pictures in Hollywood, forwarded an article from Variety in late March that said Albie had announced he was leaving Spike TV. More to follow.

I’m pleased to pass on some information from another first-time correspondent, Alex Wulrick. “I’ve been in public and private appellate practice for the past 28 years (20 as a solo practitioner). My wife, Vicki ‘73E, and I celebrated our 30th anniversary last January. Our son, Louis, is a freshman at Lafayette College, and our daughter, Katie, is a junior in high school.” Alex lives in River Edge, N.J. and works in lower Manhattan.

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It could only happen here: Angelo Falcon e-mailed of his joy in working with Columbia students on some real-world projects and of moderating a conference on the future of the Federal Voting Rights Act sponsored by the Law School. Lou Erlanger spotted Angelo’s name in my plea-for-notes e-mail, and took the opportunity to right the wrong of 22 years ago, when his photo in the yearbook had been inadvertently placed over Angelo’s name (they had never spoken prior!). Lou is director of systems development at EMI Music Publishing in NYC.

Don’t ya just love happy endings? Ciao, bambini.

Richard Edelstein has been living in Saxtons River, Vt., for more than 20 years; he is in an “overflow busy solo private psychiatric practice.” He and his wife, Eve, have a son at Barnard, Betsy, whom they visit often. Richard is in touch with Pat Dolan and Henry Weisman, among others.

Frank Canosa has one of the longest CVs in history, so, to condense: He’s been living in London for 26 years; married for 25; has two daughters in university there; was with Julius Baer, a banking and asset management firm for 10 years, the last few as CEO; and volunteers with charities and the arts. He speaks six languages, four fluently. Impressive, to say the least.

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It could only happen here: Angelo Falcon e-mailed of his joy in working with Columbia students on some real-world projects and of moderating a conference on the future of the Federal Voting Rights Act sponsored by the Law School. Lou Erlanger spotted Angelo’s name in my plea-for-notes e-mail, and took the opportunity to right the wrong of 22 years ago, when his photo in the yearbook had been inadvertently placed over Angelo’s name (they had never spoken prior!). Lou is director of systems development at EMI Music Publishing in NYC.

Don’t ya just love happy endings? Ciao, bambini.

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McLaughlin Heads Hale House

By Randy Nichols '75

Randolph McLaughlin '75 has been appointed executive director of Hale House, a nonprofit organization in Harlem dedicated to building better futures for children and families in need.

McLaughlin has dedicated his career to serving the underserved. After receiving his J.D. from Harvard in 1978, he began his fight for civil rights at the Center for Constitutional Rights in New York City. One of his first major cases was a successful lawsuit against the Chattanooga (Tenn.) Ku Klux Klan.

McLaughlin became Hale House counsel in 2001, when he was appointed to work with the Attorney General's Office in resolving an investigation by that office. He fell in love with the institution and the children it serves, and he stayed on as counsel after the investigation concluded. Several months ago, he was appointed interim executive director, and in September he accepted the Board of Directors' offer to hold the position permanently.

The first institution in the nation to house and care for infants born to drug-addicted mothers, Hale House offers 24-hour infant and toddler residential care, developmental childcare programs, supportive housing, family stabilization efforts and community outreach. More recently, its mission has expanded to care for children whose mothers are incarcerated or unable to care for their children. Under McLaughlin's leadership, construction has been completed on the Mother Hale Learning Center, located in a Hale House-owned apartment building adjacent to Morningside Park. "Just this year," McLaughlin adds, "the house signed a contract with the City of New York to provide homeless families with fully furnished apartments in two Harlem apartment buildings owned by Hale House."

McLaughlin has a passion for his work at Hale House, which presents different challenges from those found while working in the traditional legal field. "The stakes are so high," he explains, "with children's lives to save and improve and families to rebuild, continuing the legacy established by [Hale House founder Clara] 'Mother' Hale." McLaughlin's passion for the children is evident whether he is hugging one after another or teaching them to play Senegalese Jembe drums. He says that the greatest benefit to working at Hale House are the incredible staff members, who work above and beyond the call of duty.

Since 1988, McLaughlin has taught at Pace Law School, where he was the founding director of the school's Social Justice Center. He will continue to teach at Pace part-time during his Hale House tenure.

McLaughlin is married to Debra Cohen, a fellow lawyer, with whom he worked at the Pace Social Justice Center. She is an adjunct professor at Pace, and together they teach a class on civil rights law. They have strong ties to Columbia and he proposed to her in front of Alma Mater. When asked why he was not a member of the Columbia E-Community (https://alumni.columbia.edu/eecom), McLaughlin said he was not yet aware of it; by the next morning, he was one of its newest members.

Welcome!

REUNION JUNE 2–5

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Reunion weekend is approaching, and your committee (including Bob Katz, Stephen Jacobs, Joe Lipari, Paul Barenholtz, Robert Schneider, Ira Malin, Neil Selinger and me) has put together a great series of events.

The weekend kicks off with a cocktail party, hosted by Richard Witten. On Friday evening, we'll gather in Hamilton Hall's recently renovated lobby, then move on to dinner at some of Morningside Heights' favorite restaurants. During the day on Saturday, there will be plenty to keep you busy: campus and Manhattanville tours, a barbeque on South Field, the Columbia Film Festival and more. Saturday's class dinner will be in the Starr East Asian Library, and we'll be enlightened by Larry Grossman '52, former president of NBC News and PBS.

Father C. John McCloskey III is back to full-time pastoral work in Chicago as an Opus Dei priest. He is still waiting for the call from Ron Howard to serve as theological advisor to the film version of The Da Vinci Code! His e-mail address is frjc@email.com and his website is www.frmccloskey.com.

In our reunion year, Paul Reid celebrates another milestone, his 25th anniversary with his wife, Karen Alter '78 Barnard. Paul and Karen live in Stamford, Conn., with their daughters, Emma (15) and Claire (12). Paul is an astrophysicist at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics in Cambridge, and commutes two or three days each week there from Connecticut. Karen is a clinical psychologist. Emma attends the Solomon Schechter H.S. in Westchester and wants to be an actor. Claire won the Connecticut State Championship in gymnastics for Level 5 12-year-olds, taking four golds and a silver. Paul keeps in touch with Rob Steinfield and occasionally sees Steve Kahn through work.

Robert C. Schneider and Joseph Carlucci '73E coauthored an article, "Tax-Exempt Bonds Overlooked as Construction Financing Tool" that was published in the Commercial Record.

I hope to see as many of you as possible June 2–5.

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Larry Lubka is raising two kids, litigating construction law suits in California for Hunt Ortmann Blasco Fallty & Rossell, giving construction law seminars up and down the coast and playing basketball with his "older, slower and more fragile" peers. His youngest is checking out colleges in the northeast, looking for a colder, but more intellectual, climate. Larry keeps trying to tip the scales for Columbia. "My son and I spent two weeks last summer bicycling through Vermont and New Hampshire, and he is leaning toward New England. I stay in touch with a few alumni, but I'd love to hear from Andrew Turesky from California."
and Funky Chicken.”

Michael Billig is an anthropology professor at Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, Pa. He conducts nine or 10 admissions interviews each year “for our dear old alma mater, but it seems that all of my interviewees get rejected nowadays.” Then again, so do the vast majority of applicants. Michael’s older daughter, Shira, is a senior at Franklin and Marshall; his younger, Monica, is a freshman at Smith. His book, Barons, Brokers, and Bureauchs: The Institutions and Cultures of Philippine Sugar, was published in 2003. Michael had a bone marrow transplant in 1999 (chronic lymphocytic leukemia) but is “feeling like these days.”

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Alan Lawitz sent a comprehensive letter from Albany, N.Y., where he works in the Division of Legal Affairs of the New York State Department of Health.

After working in government agencies since graduating from law school, Alan became group leader for long-term care issues in the DoH last year. Noting the significance of this work, Alan points out, “As we boomers age, our interest in matters relating to nursing homes, home care, assisted living and adult care facilities will only increase.”

Wait a minute! Can I possibly be an aging boomer? Is it time to start thinking about these things, even distantly? Well, yes, and I need to get past the twinge of anxiety Alan’s comment provokes, especially as signs are everywhere. It is hard, for example, not to notice the drifting location of this column in the Class Notes section; it seems not long ago at all that the ’77 notes appeared near the end of the section, close to the most recently graduated classes, but there is no denying that our column now is near the middle.

But back to Alan, who has been married to Anne Dorhamer for going on 20 years and who has three boys, Ben (14), James (11) and Jabheem (9), who are involved in drama, music and sports. Alan not only coaches recreational soccer but also is president of the nonprofit organization Friends of Albany Youth Soccer. “Our family life often is chaotic, really crazy stuff like how I wouldn’t trade it in a million years.” With an 11- and a 14-year-old, I can fully identify with that statement. Several classmates have written recently who fit a similar life-and-career profile.

Another lawyer, Rob Boatti, lives on the Upper West Side with his wife of 24 years, Vicki (née Melligano ’80 Barnard). They have two children, Sara (15) and Eric (9).

Meanwhile, Gabriel Aldea went the med-school route (’81 P&S). He lives in Seattle, where he is professor of surgery and chief of adult cardiac surgery at the University of Washington in Seattle. And his wife, Dr. Susan Arnold-Aldea ’76 Barnard, has two sons, Alex (16) and Dan (13).

Peter Greiff ’79 is director of international media relations for the Spanish banking giant, Grupo Santander, and lives in Madrid.


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Very little news came in during the past few months, so I guess everyone took off to the south to catch their favorite teams in Florida. Yes, it’s nice now that we’re retired we all have time on our hands to watch the Mets and Yankees get ready to play the Red Sox or to play with former Red Sox fans and that keeps us from dropping the shortest of notes to your lonely scribe ... wait, I’m having a nightmare that I’m writing for the Class of ’48, not ’78. There must be some other good reason that no one is writing.

I went to Orlando in March for a conference and took my 11-year-old daughter, Joy, to Walt Disney World, where I found that spring training is now big business and almost sold out. What happened to 55 tickets and walk-up before the game? Exhibition games cost what World Series games did when we were in college ... it also seems as if Walt Disney World is about to build a new big Shea stadium for the Atlanta Braves, with a horror ride where you drop 13 stories in your last game when you’re about to get into the World Series. No, wait, that was the Yankees Roller-Coaster of Humiliation ride. Here is our only news of this issue: Henry Aronson (aronson@mac.com) is back on Broadway. “I’m associate conductor on the Broadway musical Good Vibrations, which uses the songs of Brian Wilson and The Beach Boys. We opened in February, and our previews have been attracting enthusiastic audiences not only of our vintage, who grew up with this music, but teens and older folk (there are even older folk?), too.” So if ABBY, Billy Joel and The Beach Boys all have Broadway shows, can Blondie, backed up by our own Sick Dick and the Volkswagens, be far behind? Probably not.

Please write something to save us all from columns like this.

When You Send Class Notes ...

Please remember that our publication schedule has a significant lead time that covers editing, design, proofreading, printing and mailing. As a result, the note you sent to your class correspondent or to the CCT office may not appear in the next issue. For example, news received by June 16 will be eligible for publication in the September 2005 issue: Henry Aronson (aronson@mac.com) is back on Broadway. “I’m associate conductor on the Broadway musical Good Vibrations, which uses the songs of Brian Wilson and The Beach Boys. We opened in February, and our previews have been attracting enthusiastic audiences not only of our vintage, who grew up with this music, but teens and older folk (there are even older folk?), too.” So if ABBY, Billy Joel and The Beach Boys all have Broadway shows, can Blondie, backed up by our own Sick Dick and the Volkswagens, be far behind? Probably not.

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After graduating from Columbia, Anthony T. Cheng attended graduate school, married and raised a family. He then worked in Taiwan for eight years and has since moved to China. Tony is director of marketing for ASML, a semiconductor equipment manufacturer, and lives with his wife, Camilla, and children, Jeremiah (24) and Javelin (21), in Shanghai. Reach him here: atcheng07@msn.com.

Mark Jeffery visits the Alpharetta, Ga., where he lives with his wife, Karie, two teenage daughters and 10-year-old son. Mark is a "serial entrepreneur focusing on information technology startups. I plan to hurry through the next few ventures since I've read that, on average, it takes 17 attempts to succeed."

Architect Scott Kamen keeps busy at his office, Bond Street Architecture and Design, on Bond Street in Manhattan, working on restoration projects as well as sports facilities, housing and interiors. He lives with his wife, Joanne (also an architect), and daughters, Hannah and Abigail, in a historic house overlooking the Hudson in Ossining, N.Y. When not restoring a historic building, Scott enjoys cycling, swimming and, as always, playing the guitar. Robert H. Haber is an interventional cardiologist with the Sanger Clinic in Charlotte, N.C.
London. “After all that moving around, I have resolved not to move anywhere I haven’t lived before,” Peter states. “I have a daughter, Lara (4).”

Louis Kavoussi is vice chairman of the Patrick Walsh Distinguished Chair of Urology at Hopkins. He and his family of three terrific kids live in Baltimore. “Very exciting news in our house: My eldest is a first-year at SEAS and loves it.” Lou updates us with news of Steve Kinsman, who is chief of pediatric neurology at the University of Maryland. “Folks may remember his Siberian Huskie, Nanuk, running up and down the stairs of the library.” Steve Murphy lives about four blocks away from Lou with his two daughters. He attends every football reunion that he can.

Xavier Huguet lives in Brussels, where he is head of a unit in the European Commission’s Translation Service, which is “trying our best to keep alive the flame of multilingualism in an enlarged European Union.”

Ten years ago, after leaving as partner and Board of Directors member of The Boston Consulting Group, Shyam Gidwani founded Strategic Turnarounds & Investment Corp. “STIC invests in and restructures underperforming and distressed companies, though we are looking to acquire some healthy companies this year. Last year, we made two investments, Gemini Industries and Popular Club, both of which were in financial difficulties, and both of which have prospered. If anyone sees anything that requires a combination of capital and operating management, let me know.”

Shyam and his wife, Deepika, are busy with their boys, Sunder (12) and Shiv (10), and their growing pursuits in athletics, girls and all things adolescent. As partner at Levitt, Greenberg, Kaufman and Goldstein in New York, Michael Harvey practiced corporate and securities law until 1996. He then co-founded one of the largest medical adult day care companies in New Jersey, Mt Casa Es Su Casa. “In 1998, I founded a hedge fund, Tactus Partners (still operating) and in 2003 founded a money management company, Continuum Capital Management. I am on the board of directors of several New York City not-for-profits, including the Riverside Symphony Orchestra and the Westchester Conservatory of Music.”

Michael’s artistic pursuits include playing the piano and writing short stories. My daughter, Michele Klapper ’08, is doing beautifully in her first year but is still trying to get used to snow, cold and the wind chill. A lifelong dream of mine — to open an art gallery — has come to fruition. I have spent the last 11 months constructing a modern, steel and glass structure next to my office in Beverly Hills. I invite all of you, when in the L.A. area, to stop by the Klapper Gallery. It will have some of my sculptures, and my wife, Ellen, will be looking for the next Elishworth Kelly and Andy Warhol to put on the walls. Thanks to all classmates for taking the time to respond; keeping in touch makes for a better column.

JUNE 2-5

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“Hey ho, let’s go. We’re all revved up and ready to go!”

Reunion weekend is only a few weeks away, and your committee has a great time planned. Events include a casual Thursday night at Dinosaur BBQ and a Columbia Club reception on Friday night. On Saturday night, we’ll dine at Casa Italiana and listen to Professor David Rosen speak on the Renaissance tradition in art. It is not too late to register: http://reunion.college.columbia.edu. We look forward to seeing you!

Thanks go to the members of our reunion committee, including George Anagnos, Alexei Bayer, Mario Biaggi, Eric Blattman, Joe Ciulla, Shawn Fitzgerald, Steven Gendler, James Gerkis, Dan Gross, John Hall, Stephen Kane, Keith Krasney, Jay Marcus, Greg Marposon, John Metaxas, Bruce Paulsen, Hans Polak, Angelo Sabatelli and Doc Thompson (and me).

After 14 years in Center City Philadelphia, Steve Gendler, his wife, Sally, and daughters, Abigail (13) and Liza (8), moved to nearby Chestnut Hill in 2002, after celebrating the sesquicentennial of the 1851 townhouse they renovated. Steve is in his third year at the commercial real estate firm Grubb & Ellis, where he focuses on office tenant representation and institutional owner representation. In 2004, he was recognized as a Circle of Excellence winner for top level production achievements at the company. Among these was finding a home and structuring financing for the nationally unique Charter High School for Architecture & Design, for which Steve combined a professional process with avocational architectural interests. Most recently, he took immense pleasure from the celebration of Abigail’s bat mitzvah. He looks forward to seeing all of you at reunion.

Jeff Halbrecht, former hoopster and water polo player, shares this news: After many years of bache lorization, I am pleased to report that on October 2004 with a wonderful Californian girl, Marissa. Jeff has a successful private practice in orthopedic surgery in San Francisco and specializes in sports medicine. He’s involved in local community activities, including serving as board member of the new San Francisco Jewish Community Center and v.p. and founding board member of a new community high school. Jeff keeps in touch with Aron Wahrman and Jack Hersch ’80E.

Speaking of Jack, he lives in the Bay Area with his wife and three children, but works in Los Angeles for Canyon Partners, running a distressed portfolio. Mike Manuche retired from the Marine Corps in 2003. From there, he walked into a job flying for JetBlue Airways, where he is a captain flying out of Long Beach, Calif. “Just a fancy bus driving job, but JetBlue is a great company to work for,” Mike says. He lives in San Diego with his wife, Judy, and boys, Michael (12), Anthony (10) and Nicholas (9). Mike flies into JFK often, but all our classmates must be flying first class on some other airline, as he has yet run into anyone on a JetBlue airplane! The Columbia football golf outing was well-attended by the Class of ’80. Scott Ahern, Mario Biaggi, Eric Blattman, Joe Ciulla, Shawn Fitzgerald, John Hall and AJ Sabatelle searched the fairways of Long Island, N.Y. Most nights, we say, for all the waiting, fame is not only相伴但不常在，no matter how brief.

“Are we dinosaurs? When I started in business, 800 numbers and the fax machine were the technological innovations of the time. We now sell almost exclusively through the Internet. It has been challenging, but it has been fun, and all things considered, I don’t think my education has hurt me too much!” You can reach Fred at fred@queensboro.com. Tell him I sent you so I’m sure to get my order.

Steve Schneider lives in Los Angeles, where he is a clinical psychologist in private practice and an assistant clinical professor at UCLA. He writes: “I lost my first partner, Alan Balsam, to AIDS in 1992. I am still hanging up with Bill Araiza ’83. We didn’t know each other at Columbia, but met two years ago at an L.A. nightspot. Bill is a professor of law at Loyola Marymount in L.A. We recently adopted Thelma and Louise, who, despite obedience training, have literally (not literar¬ily) devoured a number of those classic texts of Western Civilization that have graced my book shelves since my Columbia days. (Note from your trusty scribe: I assume these are dogs, but based on my children’s continued need for obedience training, I’m not ruling out that T&L are kids.) No plans for marriage for Bill and I; we are content to keep it ‘illegal.’” You can reach Steve at law@queensboro.com.

Jim Tolpin has been conducting applicant interviews for the Alumni Representative Committee and confirms my fear that I’d never be accepted today. After graduation, Jim moved back to his hometown of Chicago, where, after waiting tables and writing for some neighborhood newspapers, he attended Northwestern and earned a master’s in journalism, with distinction, in 1983. Journalism then took him, as a reporter and later an editor, to Arizona and into Austin, Texas; Tucson, Ariz.; Washington, D.C.; Pittsburgh; Richmond, Va.; and finally Palm Beach and Broward Counties, Fla., where he settled in to work, for nine years, at the Fort Laud-
In 1993, Jim left journalism to move to Miami and attend law school at the University of Miami, where he graduated summa cum laude in 1996. Since then, he married Mercedes Gomez, had two children, Mia (7) and Ethan (4), and clerked for U.S. District Judge James Lawrence King and joined Greenberg Traurig. A partner at GT’s Miami office since 2004, Jim does domestic and international commercial litigation and arbitration. Of his attendance at Columbia’s international litigation department, four have Columbia ties through either the College or Law School.

Demetrios Mistris recently appointed managing director in the legal department at BNY Mellon in New York, where he is responsible for legal matters relating to the firm’s equity business. Previously, he was in the JP Morgan legal department (1993–2002) and before that in private practice at White & Case (1985–93). After graduating from McGill Law School, Demetrios moved back to New York, where he has been since 1985. He has been married to Aris Comninellis ’83 Barnard, a doctor, for 16 years, and has two hockey-playing daughters, Sylvia (12) and Roxy (9).

Gio Vitali is an independent financial adviser who lives in Syracuse with his wife of 20 years, Janice, and their children, Heather (18), Domenico (15) and Daniela (11). At the ripe old age of 46, Gio still plays soccer and coaches. He’s in touch with Eliseo Rojas, who lives in NYC, and Eddy Trinidad ’83, who’s also in Syracuse. Gio is hoping to reconnect with fellow soccer-team alumni to relive ancient corner kicks and headers. He can be reached at gvitale@dsassociates.com.

In news from overseas, this winter (“summer” to northerners) Greg Vanderheiden will celebrate his 15th year in Africa and 10th in South Africa, where he teaches at the American school near Johannesburg. Also moving well beyond the East and Hudson Rivers is Zahid Shafiq, permanently based in Karachi, Pakistan, setting up call centers to service U.S. companies in credit risk management. I’ve been married to Melissa for 15 years and have three daughters, Alison (12), Jessica (10) and Theresa (3). We live in Woodbury, N.Y., and every now and then I see former roommates Tom Doyle and Ken Popovec.

I received notes recently from classmates who have not previously written. Thanks for writing! Eduardo Diaz-Perez: “Twenty-two years go by quickly. I’ve been with Morgan Stanley since 1986 and am a managing director in credit risk management. I’ve been married to Melissa for 15 years and have three daughters, Alison (12), Jessica (10) and Theresa (3). We live in Woodbury, N.Y., and every now and then I see former roommates Tom Doyle and Ken Popovec.”

Andy Kapit married Risa Fishman ’83 Barnard and moved to Washington, D.C., in 1996, where he lives with Risa and their three children. He is CEO of an Internet-based healthcare software company that uses natural language processing technologies to manage, format and code medical records. Andy invites “any alumni who live in or are visitors to D.C. to please feel free to call.”

Arie Michelsohn spent a year working in Darcy Kelley’s lab in the Columbia department of biological science and teaching high school chemistry at Yeshiva University. He then went out to CalTech, got a Ph.D. (molecular biology), did a stint at a think tank in D.C. working on science education policy (hated it) and then went to law school. Arie is now an associate examiner at the Patent Office and then a patent agent at Finnegan Henderson, where he practices primarily patent litigation, mostly in pharmaceuticals and biotech. He and his wife, Adina, together have four kids. He asked me to pass on his regards to Ina and Yigal (see the November 2004 CCT if these names mean nothing to you).

David Kaufman is associate professor of contemporary American Jewish studies at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Los Angeles, teaching courses in Jewish history, American Judaism and American Jewish popular culture to HUC rabbinical and other graduate students, as well as LSC undergraduates. He authored Shul With a Pool: The “Synagogue-Center” in American Jewish History, and numerous articles on the history of the American synagogue, American Jewish education and synagogue architecture. He is co-author of the books, a college textbook on Jewish-American issues for Greenwood Press and a study of American Jewish celebrity in the early 1960s.

Keep those e-mails coming!

Steve Greenfield ‘83 wrote a survey of rock and pop CDs introduced in 2004; each CD is graded and reviewed.
Chip Trayner '84 and Larry Kane '84 led a team of eight mountain climbers last summer to the top of the Grand Tetons in Wyoming. The former lion wrestlers often heard Coach Ron Russo's words, "No rest for the weary," as they made their way up 13,000 feet of granite. Next year, the pair plan to climb Denali in Alaska.

The get-up is any different from Sid Caesar's classic "German General" sketch, which plays on television in the scene's background. "What the kid is missing is that Caesar and company went to great pains to establish the parody and distill the image of the German into something farcical," said Friedfield. "The gap in comprehension is much like Harry's own." Eddy recently moderated a program, "Eric Idle: Greedy Bastard on Tour" at the 92nd Street Y.

Tom Oller: "After graduating from Columbia, I got an M.A. and Ph.D. from Brown, married a nice Bulgarian girl, made five research trips to Mongolia, traveled a lot in Europe and the United States and settled down in Stow, Mass. (not necessarily in that order). I teach history at Massachusetts College of Art and art history at Framingham State. I wish I had taken up fencing when Coach Kolobatovich invited us freshmen to try out all those years ago, because I am doing foil and epee now and loving it! I'm planning to go back to school, this time for law or government. I can reach you at oller@mac.com.

Wayne Root: "For those of you who thought the love of my life was sports gambling, boy have I got a surprise for you." The author of Millionaire Republicans: The Republican Recipe to Mega-Wealth and Unlimited Success, Wayne donated $5,000 to Judith Ruiz, president of the Las Vegas Valley Humane Society, to help the relief effort for Iraqi police dogs.

Rei Shinozuka: "Finally, I am doing something interesting (or at least different). I am back at Columbia full-time in the Business School's M.B.A. program, Class of '06."

Roger Blumberg: "I live in Providence, R.I., and am married to Cristina Mitchell '89, who was followed here in 1993 so she could attend medical school. We have a great daughter, Eliana (3). I still find New England terrifying. I've been on the faculty of the Brown computer science department since 1998, which is a strange place for a comp-lit major to be, and (but?) taught the now-vanished 'Theory and Practice of Science' at Columbia for several years before we left New York. I've been teaching for 20 years and recently had the sobering experience of having the child of a contemporary as a student. If you want to feel old, I recommend this experience. Meanwhile, Cris is doctoring to the locals and Eliana is big into Dan Zanes, and we have a pretty fun time here. I wonder what courses within and without classmates who can help with the New England thing."

Michael Broder: "My husband, Jason Schneiderman, and I were civilly married in Provincetown, Mass., on June 3, 2004, and renewed our vows later that day on the beach in North Truro in a Jewish ceremony conducted by Jason's father, Col. David Schneiderman (USAF, retired) under a chuppah quilted by Jason's mother, Robin. I am finishing an M.F.A. in creative writing at NYU this fall after a 15-year hiatus. My poems have appeared in a number of journals and in the anthology This New Breed. More mundane, I'm also a freelance medical writer. Jason's first book of poems, Sublimation Point, was published by Four Way Books in 2004. He is working on a Ph.D. in English at CUNY and teaches creative writing at Hofstra."

John Gustafsson: "After graduating from Columbia, I received my law degree from Harvard ('87) and started a 10-year stint as a litigator at Simpson Thacher & Bartlett in NYC. I married (and am now divorced from) Maria Chianina '84 Bernard (Harvard '87). We returned to my hometown, Staten Island, where we had a son, Christopher (7). I left Simpson in 1997 to join Honeywell International, where I remained for six years. I started as a litigator and ended my career there in 2003 as general counsel of its automation and control products business. While at Honeywell, I mentored, my wife, Mary Beth (no Columbia connection), who recently was appointed general counsel of American Standard Companies. "When I left Honeywell, I began volunteering at a variety of organizations while supervising the restoration of my house. A year-and-a-half into retirement, I was contacted by an old friend who recruited me for the California law firm Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton. Returning to my litigation roots, I joined the firm last fall as the administrative partner for its recently opened New York office in Rockefeller Plaza."

"I spend most of my spare time as president of the board of directors of the Staten Island Historical Society, which, among other things, owns historic Richmond-town. In April, the society hosted a cocktail party at the Graham Arader Gallery with one of my favorite Columbia professors, Kenneth Jackson, as guest speaker. Although I was a philosophy major, Columbia nurtured my love of history through CC, Lit Hum and courses within and without my major. To complete the Columbia-Staten Island connection, my ex-brother-in-law, John Luisi '81, recently announced that he is running for borough president."

"I visit the Columbia campus at least once a year, just to wander around anonymously and soak in the spirit. I enjoyed my days at Hartley and Hewitt — and even East Campus, if you can believe it — and wouldn’t mind doing it all again. Jim McIntyre '84E was the best man at my first wedding and we have kept in touch. He went to Harvard Medical School and heads the radiological oncology department at North Shore Hospital in Boston."

Steve Garfield sent an encyclopedia and an unbelievably impressive survey he wrote of rock and pop CDs introduced in 2004. Each CD is graded and reviewed. Anyone who is interested in getting a copy should e-mail me. Steve notes, "When CD NOW was a real website, it employed Stephen E. Holtje as jazz and classical editor and I was submitting capsule reviews on a fairly regular basis. Them days is over, but you can still drop in on Steve at the Sound Fix record stores (North 11th and Bedford) if you are in Williamsburg, where he is spending part of his work week. He also does editing work for Oxford, as well as other freelance projects."

"Sid recently acquired Sponge Bob, but if given the opportunity, I would love to put him on my baby bottles. I did, however just acquire the license for Barney. Consequently, we will now be launching infant product lines with Barney, Baby Looney Tunes and Sesame Street in 2005."

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Steven Odrich M.D. and his brother, Marc Odrich '80, lost their faculty positions at P&S, only to win them back in court after more than three years of litigation over fee splitting. Says the Good Doctor: "We've strongly argued that lessons of principle, ethics and right and wrong learned at the College served us well throughout this conflict and for that we owe Columbia a great debt of gratitude."

Dave Fischer is riding high in California: "Just working and trying to stay dry while riding here in Santa Barbara. I had my first double century in March, in Solvang, Calif. (200 miles in one day, road biking). Hail, Lance (Armstrong)!

"Sharing his athletic prowess is Gardner Semet, who loves skiing with his family in Utah and Nevada. But in his climb to the top, nothing can surmount his love for Columbia. ‘I had beer and kielbasa with Joe Keene’ 83, John Gambino and others at the Bohemian Beer Garden in Astoria. The evening was organized by another Columbia rugby player, Peter Maloney ’86.”

Todd Sussman writes, “As a
graduate of the College, it’s fun to
see the regal campus in movies, including *The Mirror Has Two
Faces*, *Spider-Man* and *Spider-Man 2*. Great memories.”

Tom Camoia is director of the
structured products group in the
New York office of Credit Suisse
First Boston. He’s been married
for 19 years to Judith and has
three boys. He sends his best to
the members of the 1984 Intramural
Champion Volleyball Team, the
“Fighting 6th” of Furnald.

Eric Wakin writes, “My permit
for a non-commercial, ear-pow-
ered, 18-day raft trip down the
Colorado River through the Grand
Canyon for 220-odd miles came
through after 12 years on the wait-
ing list. I’ll be taking 15 friends
along in five rafts and two kayaks
in July. I invited Burt Clouse,
Howard Snyder and Ed Leibowitz
’85, but they can’t do it, so I will be
the only Columbiaian on board.
Think of me rowing Lava Falls.”

And to all of my classmates,
thank kind your friendship (mel). Keep in touch via e-mail or
snail mail, or give me a call.

**REUNION JUNE 2–5**

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Shinya “Steve” Ohno joined the
Columbia University Alumni
Association of Southern California
board of directors this year. He is
director of sales for a post-produ-
ction facility in Burbank, Calif.,
Point 360 (www.point360.com).
Steve married Nozomi Yoshihara,
and they have two daughters, Ai
(10) and Yuki (7). Steve has been
allowed to practice “Mahikari no
Waza,” the art of spiritual purifi-
cation through a worldwide organi-
zation, Sukyo Mahikari, for the
past 17 years. He looks forward to
seeing everyone on campus at our
20th reunion. Feel free to drop him
a line at so203@columbia.edu.

Steve Cea is married with two
kids, Max (12) and Emily (10), “We
live in Nyack, N.Y., about 20 miles
north of the George Washington
Bridge. We returned to the NYC
area in 1992 after I completed my
M.B.A. at UC Berkeley. I’m the
business administrator in a K–12
district in West Milford, N.J. and
manage a $60 million budget and
800 employees. My wife, Julie, is
director of the Nyack Family
Resource Center.”

Mark C. Catana is a fixed-
income securities lawyer with
JP Morgan in New York. He lives
on the Upper West Side with wife,
Jennifer O’Grady, son, Cameron
(4), and daughter, Chloe (1).

Jeffrey W. Chambers is a part-
ner in the law firm Ware, Jack-
son, Lee & Chambers in Hous-
ton. “The most notable thing
that we have done recently is whip
the dog out of Anna Nicole Smith
from Houston (trying the longest
civil jury trial in county history)
to the Ninth Circuit (overturning a
$480 million adverse bankruptcy
court [non-jury] judgment that we
did not try originally). I have been
married three times (per-
haps less record) and am in con-
tent with Leviticus’ directives, no
wife was within the second
degree of consanguinity or rela-
tion, a fact I am particularly
proud of given my Kentucky her-
itage. I am now married to
Amanda Leonard Chambers, an
actress, artist and mother,
although she would reverse the
order, thereby losing the allitera-
tive power of the words. We have
three boys, Colby (7), Harrison
(8) and Hunter (9).” See www.

Joseph Chu is married and
has two daughters, Jaemin and
Minah. He earned an M.B.A. from
the Business School in ’92 after
working as an urban planner.
After a stint for Barclays Capital
in NYC for capital markets, he left
San Francisco for telecom and
media investment banking.
Joseph’s in finance in NYC, work-
ing at XL Capital Assurance pro-
viding bond insurance to the
power and utilities sector.

After graduation, John DeVoe
worked briefly in Harlem, trav-
elled around Asia and Europe
with, from time to time, Eric
Wakin ’84, Bert Clouse ’84, Ed
Leibowitz, Laird Townsend and
Brad Young, ran a bike shop in
Chicago, a city (Mishawaka, Ind.)
then a law school in Indiana, moved to Ore-
gon, fixed up an old house,
grabbed the brass ring, made
partner, had two children and
finally took a dream job running a
multiracial/ethnic political coali-
tion. He’s been a long time.” Joe can be con-

**CLASS NOTES**

**of you at our reunion next month.**
The weekend kicks off with a
casual Thursday night dinner. On
Friday evening, we’ll be at The
West End for dinner and Texas
Hold ’Em. On Saturday, there will
be plenty to keep us busy: campus
and Manhattanville tours, a large
bazaar on South Field, the Colum-
bia Film Festival and more. Satur-
day’s class dinner will be held in
St. John the Divine. Credit for
the beautiful Cathedral House at
the Annie E. Casey Foundation.

“Seeing R.J. Matson
Spectator comics in January
CCT reminded me that this year
is the 20th anniversary of the
anti-apartheid divestment block-
ade of Hamilton Hall. I’m curious
where my fellow ‘Stoner
against Bad Things’ have landed
now that we’re approaching mid-
dle age. After college, I joined fel-
low Nachem (is it still secret?)
Steve to work on the Jesse Jack-
campaign in New Hamp-
shire, where I met my wife,
Megan Glasheen. I became a D.C.
lobbyist/policy wonk for do-

for many talented, dedicated
people who are working hard
to make a difference in the
world.”

Steve was a community orga-
nizer in Los Angeles for more
than 10 years, where he led inno-
vative campaigns to preserve
affordable housing and build
multi-racial/ethnic political coali-
tions. Steve would occasionally
cross paths with Danny X (ne
Wilson ‘87), who became a
leader in the Nation of Islam.
A couple of years ago, Steve went
back to UC Berkeley to become a
landscape architect. He lives in
San Francisco with his wife,
Hanne, and designs environmen-
tal education centers in the Marin
Headlands and in Yosemite Park.
Steve and I dusted off our cam-
paign skills to work the presiden-
tial campaign in Florida last fall,
but ended up extending our elec-
toral losing streak.

“Does anyone know where
Coalition for a Free South Africa
(politburo) steering committee
members Rob Jones ’85, Tanaquil
Jones ’94 CS, Tony Glover,
Winston Willis ’87, Laird Townsend
’85, David Goldiner ’87 and
Stephanie Smirnoff ’97 are and
what are they doing? I last ran
into Tanaquil at a protest against
the last war in Iraq waged by the
previous President Bush, so its
been a long time.” Joe can be con-
tacted at joel@comcast.net.

At least two of our classmates can claim that their work is as difficult as rocket science or brain surgery. Alon Mogilner began the new year by leaving New York Medical College in Westchester and joining the North Shore-LIJ Health Care System on Long Island, where he’s director of functional and restorative neurosurgery. Alon’s subspecialty involves the surgical treatment of Parkinson’s disease and chronic pain using surgical and medical techniques, including neurostimulation. This is cutting-edge stuff, as they use “brain pacemaker” technology to help relieve the symptoms of Parkinson’s. As the chairman of his new department said: “Dr. Mogilner is part of an elite group of physicians trained to perform this procedure.” Alon and his wife, Myra, have four kids: Shoshana (13), Josh (11), Joey (5) and Gabriella (2). They’ll be moving this summer from New Rochelle to New York City.

Jeff Arle is a neurosurgeon at the Lahey Clinic, specializing in functional neurosurgery (epilepsy and deep brain stimulators). He’s given talks in Rome, Prague, Vienna and New York on his research. By the way, he’s not going to (hopefully) climb Mt. Kilimanjaro. He lives with his wife, Kelly, in Concord, Mass., with Chad (5), Tyler (4) and Alexis (2).

Mitch Earleywine’s book, Understanding Marijuana, will have a paperback edition later this year. He writes, “Oxford also is publishing an edited book of mine, Mind-Altering Drugs, which should be a hit with some of my pals from the 11th floor of John Jay Hall.” Mitch is associate professor of psychology at Southern Cal. He’s been a grantee at the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism to study alcohol’s impact on aggression. He and his wife, Elena, welcomed their second daughter last year.

Jonathan Gill has the dramatic move of the year: After years of teaching at Columbia, Manhattan School of Music, Fordham and CCNY, he and his wife, Eveline, moved to the Netherlands with their boys, Primo and Oskar. He’s working full-time on his book, Upstream: A History of Harlem, forthcoming from Grove/Atlantic. At this point, I could make some silly pun about Haarlem vs. Harlem, but I won’t! Jonathan welcomes classmates who are in or who are visiting Amsterdam to contact him. jgp130@columbia.edu.

Rob Cea moved to Seattle more than a year ago and continues with Microsoft, where he’s East region director for the headquarters sales team. His wife recently had twins (Breanna and Nicolas) and they enjoy the Pacific Northwest lifestyle.

Joel Berg is executive director of the New York City Coalition Against Hunger, a nonprofit that represents more than 1,200 NYC charitable food pantries and soup kitchens. “Despite the reality that I am still highly un-athletic, I completed the 26.2-mile New York City Marathon last November to raise awareness and support for the fight against hunger and poverty.” Joel gave us a good update on Peter Royston. “Peter recently started a company, GuideWrite, to create educational materials and initiatives for the entertainment industry. Already the author of more than 30 study guides for Broadway, Off-Broadway and touring productions, Peter also has written souvenir brochures for Broadway shows and contributed articles to Center Stage and Stagebill magazine. He has just published his special timeline history of Actor’s Equity for the union’s 90th anniversary from May 2003. He lives in scenic Sleepy Hollow with his wife and three kids.

Congrats to Paul Dauber on his Oscar nomination for Silberzweig in Chappaqua, N.Y! Paul met Emily when she joined his group at PriceWaterhouseCooper. Paul is a partner at PWC, where he leads the business development function. He and Emily live on the Upper East Side. Paul completed his 16th straight NYC Marathon.

Dave Chung finished med school at SUNY Upstate in 1990, did an internship in Albany, N.Y., then went to Hartford, Conn., where he completed an anesthesiology residency with Yoshio Wolczar in Chappaqua, N.Y! Paul met Emily when she joined his group at PriceWaterhouseCooper. Paul is a partner at PWC, where he leads the business development function. He and Emily live on the Upper East Side. Paul completed his 16th straight NYC Marathon.

Davide Cappiello is now a partner at an NYC law firm. (He was an associate at Pillsbury Winthrop in D.C.)

Michelle Tominaga is a lawyer in the Lahey Clinic, specializing in functional neurosurgery (epilepsy and deep brain stimulators). She’s going on her 10th year at The Chimuma Center, which provides health-care and medical device consulting firm. Her recent bailiwick has been the firm’s new venture: importing niche medical devices and accessories. She’s been traveling all over Japan signing up distributors, visiting hospitals and looking for interesting new products from abroad to add to the company’s lineup. “If there are any Monteverdi fanatics out there, please let me know. My wife is a part of a chorus/orchestra conducted by Yoshio Wolczar in Hamada, and they recently recorded Hamada’s exciting reinterpretation of Monteverdi’s Vespers for the Virgin Mary. For more details, please contact me at ctmell77@gmail.com.

Jin Kim is in his ninth year at Chemonics International but recently shifted to director of business development for Latin America and the Caribbean. Chemonics is a global consulting firm promoting economic growth and higher living standards in developing countries. Joe previously worked with the United Nations, studying international treaties, and the Association of Trial Lawyers of America, as a criminal and tort law researcher. He has a J.D. and M.P.A. from Georgetown. If anyone is looking for international work at Chemonics, please send Joe a resume: j Roe@chemonics.com.

Hany Awadalla is a managing director at Wells Fargo Securities in New York, where he runs its healthcare M&A practice. His group founded the healthcare practice at Wells Fargo more than two years ago, having moved over from Robertson Stevens.

I ran into Dave Ledbetter and the odd dance he did with the media from the year he flew to Paris through the beginning of World War II, when he became infatuated with...
the NYU alumni network. Stephanie earned two graduate degrees from NYU and most recently was assistant director at the Minneapolis Institute of the Arts. Congratulations, Stephanie.

Stephanie Sudikoff lives on the east side of Providence, R.I. She is attending a pediatrics intensivist at Hasbro Children’s Hospital and an assistant professor of pediatrics at Brown Medical School. She loves Providence, “a pretty hip, artsy little city with lots of great food and art. I keep in touch with Shari Hyman, Al Bundonisia and Graham Doseds on a regular basis, and exchange an occasional e-mail with William Woo. The biggest news this summer is that Graham and his girlfriend Amy Kimball, a grad student at Yale, are getting married this three kids: Jackson (9), Kendall (7) and Shelby (2). Dave Patchefsky, who I remember fondly from our days at John Jay, is an emergency room physician in Philadelphia. He and his wife, Rachel Fuld, have a daughter, Anna (1). Jaclyn Lieber received her master’s at the Journalism School and lives in L.A. with her husband, Jay Blumenfeld, and children Lucy (5) and Leo (1). Jaclyn is working on a book about J-School classmates.

Laura Farber Miller is a pediat¬rician and lives in Wellesley, Mass., with her husband, John Miller, and children, Zachary (5) and Rebecca (3).

Those of you who attended the last reunion had a chance to catch up with Henry Hershkowitz and Steve Cantor; last year, they sold their successful Tribeca restaur¬ ant/movie theater, The Screening Room, which they ran with partner Nancy Yaffa, a Barnard alumna. Nancy got married and moved to London, while Henry and Steve remain in NYC and now are partners at Stetson, where they develop and license new products for the hat maker. Steve and his wife, Jane, have three kids: Chloe, Caroline and Benjamin. Thanks very much, Larry, for filling us in.

You can write to me by snail mail, too, at the address at the top of the column. I look forward to hearing from you, and your class¬ mates do too!

### Magaly Colimon’s 87’ s AH-Ha! Moments, a series of four one-act plays by female playwrights, made its world pre¬ miere in February at The Complex in Los Angeles.

Barnard in summer 2001. She teaches English and drama at a private girls’ high school on the East Side. They live on West 100th Street (home to Norbert’s DD collection — more than 1,200 and counting!) and became parents for the first time on February 13 when Weston Kudulis White was born. David Kanefsky, who I’ve known since our Hunter College H.S. days (his brother, he defected to Stuyvesant), shares that his wife, Robin, recently had a daughter, Ella. She joins Brian (4) and Risa (2). Jennifer Benisko Ha and her husband, Alexander, had a daughter on February 11. “Her name is Alexia Alexandra Jay Long Ha,” Jennifer wrote. “Of course, we already are in love.” David Yum and his wife, Jennifer, welcomed a second child, Everett, in February. They live in NYC, where David has his architectural practice.

Please let me hear from the rest of you soon; I do not expect to run into all of you at my next yoga class (although that would be really fun)!

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I want to express a special thank you to the parents of ’89ers for sharing the exciting endeavors of our classmates who are too busy (or modest) to write themselves — I love getting your letters. Please keep them coming! And for classmates who want to scoot up their proud parents, write quickly.

I hear through the Columbia grapevine that Dan Futterman recently returned to the television show judging Amy. He had been busy writing a screenplay for the film Capote, which fin¬ ished shooting in 2004. He lives in Los Angeles with his wife, television writer Anya Epstein, and their 4-year-old daughter.

I heard from Susan Chin, who doesn’t seem to have changed since the Columbia days. She still finds the energy to do three mil¬ lion things well! Susan writes, “I recently returned from Munich and St. Moritz for New Year’s and am off [soon] for opening weekend of a new resort, Casa de Campo, in the Dominican Repub¬ lic. … After 12 years practicing IP law, I recently left Goodwin Procter and started two new businesses, a consultancy in business development and branding, marketing and communications and an independent trademark law prac¬ tice with a former colleague from my Pennie & Edmonds days. I am excited and have clients in all fields from investment banks to large organizations, to nonprofits, to lux¬ ury fashion houses and resorts. Other than that, I’m traveling a lot and enjoying life.” Susan also is working on a number of important New York area events, including the Halloween Ball for Central Park Conservancy.

For anyone who wants to buy someone, or themselves, a special keepsake or two, Russell Globber, who lives in Southern California, is the man to see. Russell writes, “I live in (and love) Venice, Calif., and am willing to make custom fantasy novel and a sitcom pilot, fine jewelry as well as vintage pieces for private clients around the country. If anyone needs a one-of-a-kind engagement ring, anniversary or birthday gift, or special piece “just because,” they can contact me at 310-545-7466.” Russell, sign me up for a “just because,” please!

Pete Davis, who lives just north of San Francisco in San Rafael, writes, “I married Beth in 1998. We have three wonderful children, Maggie (5) and Luke (7 months). With three kids under 5, life is a constant power play — always short¬ handed and waiting for the guys to jump out of the penalty box and save the day — so I spend my free time at home with the kids wresting on the floor, tripping on sippy cups and washing burp rags. My brother, John Davis ’90, lives on the other side of town, so when we want total chaos, we mix his three boys with my kids and jam in some earplugs.”

Pete has been working in high tech since graduation and says, “I stay as close to Silicon Valley as I can. My current gig is as v.p. of sales for a small managed services/software company in Emeryville called Evocative. I’ve been working with small start-ups for about 12 years (since leaving Oracle). I love the pace and the action; honestly, I probably just don’t know any better.”

Thanks for taking the time to
send in your updates. I look forward to connecting with more of you this year.

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**REUNION JUNE 2-5**

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I really have to hand it to Rukes Kord on his reply to my “Where Are You?” appeal for him to get in touch through Class Notes. He promised an update (including the story of how he met his wife in a West Philadelphia bar) if Jaime Kane, Jamie Rukesh hold his news hostage.

Erika Rogers was more forthcoming. She married Nicholas Marino, a federal law enforcement agent and C.P.A., in November in Stamford, Conn., where they live. Columbia folks who attended included Erika’s sister, Juliet Rogers Kaba ’87E; Farnaz Tebbi ’90E; Andrea and Mauro Caputi ’90E; and Shona Chakraverty ’87 and her husband, Andy Tepper ’87. Charlene Shuessler Fidler ’90 Barnard was unable to fly in from Luxembourg, where she has lived since graduation. Charlene and her husband recently celebrated the birth of their second daughter. Jeremy (Yuri) Simon and his wife, Alexandra Alperovich, had their first child, Emma Frances, on June 25, 2004. They are back in the old neighborhood, living at 110th and Broadway. Jeremy is an attending physician in the emergency department of New York Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia University Medical Center (formerly known as Columbia-Presbyterian) and is working on a Ph.D. in philosophy at NYU.

Paulette Light runs a placement and recruiting service in Los Angeles. She and her husband, screenwriter Jeff Rake, who was an executive producer on the Fox series Boston Legal, have been developing a drama pilot for Fox, have three children, Tali (6), Evan (4) and Joey (2). I’m looking forward to our reunion, June 2-5. It’ll be nice to see so many “old” classmates. One person we won’t be seeing, due to distance, is Mike Hodapp. Mike relocated with Merrill Lynch from Chicago to Honolulu in 2004. He’s been with Merrill for 12 years and sells equity products to institutions. He, his wife, Catherine Chin-Chance ’91 Barnard, who is from Hawaii, and their daughter, Veronica (2), are enjoying the ridiculously good weather. Aloha.

We’ll kick off reunion weekend on Thursday evening with rooftop cocktails at Devon Martin’s home. Then, come back to Morningside Heights and The West End for dinner and drinks on Friday. Saturday on campus is a full day with a BBQ lunch, campus and Manhattanville tours, the Columbia Film Festival, and, to end the day, a candlelit class dinner with friends from SEAS in John Jay Dining Hall.

Reunion committee members who have been working hard to plan a great weekend include Adel Aslani-Far, Isaac-Daniel Astrachan, Tom Auth, Paul Barnes, J. Ben Cosgrove, Frances Donovan, Meirav Eibschatz, Andrea Goffth, Adam Levitt, Jeremy Manning, Devon Martin, Gloria Pak, Francis Phillips, Robert Schweitzer, Ben-David Seligman, Rachelle Selmon, Judy Shampianier, Carl Sylvestre, Ted Tsekerides, Noreen Whysel and Amy Zalman.

**COLUMBIA COLLEGE TODAY**

The last CU event was the Lunar New Year banquet, sponsored by the Asian Columbia Alumni Association, which I am so proud to say is coming into its 10th anniversary. When the steering committee began organizing Asian alumni by holding events, we were warned that members’ enthusiasm usually wanes. Judging by the turnout, I am happy to report that the new enthusiasm generated with new students and alumni is buoyed by the support and commitment of older alums. My sister, Davina Wu ’99, whom I coerced into volunteering to input the ACAA database when I was ACAA president and she was an undergrad, attended the dinner with Rachel Lee ’95 and students Rebecca Liu and Stephen Liu. Davina was impressed by the current members.

Maybe some of you were at these events, or at the John Jay Awards Dinner on March 2, which honored Virginia Cornish and three other alumni [Editor’s note: See story in Issue 2, p. 4], at the CCW award event that honored Dina Kotkin Feivelson. Send me your update, or I’ll be reaching out to you via e-mail. Please don’t be shy with your news.

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Since my mailbag is so light, I am going to reflect on some recent gathering of CU alums that reminded me of how much of my life has revolved and evolved around Columbia, and how much the Columbia community has meant to me and my family. (Former Dean of Students) Roger Lebecka ’67’s retirement party was a huge campus event, and I was impressed that despite his numerous achievements and his historical roles at Columbia, the legacy he leaves behind is one that he began early in his Columbia life — the Double Discovery Center.

The next event was a sudden and sad one, the funeral of Jim Milligan, who was the husband of Karen Blank, now dean of students at Barnard, but who was in the Queer Students Office with Roger at the College when we were undergrads. I got to know Jim while serving on the board of Community Impact and was impressed with his commitment to service, his strong sense of values and his dedication to students. The West End Collegiate Church was packed with friends, family and colleagues of Karen, Jim and their son, Ned ’04, and was an incredible cross-section of people from all parts of the Columbia. It was a testament to Jim’s life work but also to the range and depth of his character, which reached and touched many students, faculty and administrators throughout the University. Among the many faces that day, I was cheered to see the support of Scott Matheney, who was the Presbyterian chaplain at Columbia (now in Illinois) for many years (and who married Mike and me in 1994), and Ed deCarbo, who was SEAS dean of students.

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Greetings! I have some news this time, but that doesn’t mean that I wouldn’t print more if you sent it to me. Help your class column flourishes. Let me know what’s going on in your life, and I’ll be sure to get it into the column. I saw Joan Campton and her sister, Katie ’01, in Lou Gehrig Lounge just before the Columbia-Penn men’s basketball game. Joan is senior manager of public relations for Lucent Technologies. She told me that she and Deidre Flynn planned to attend the April wedding of Mindy Gesmonde to Tim Peterson in New Haven, Conn.

Although Columbia lost that home game, there were many alumni in attendance to cheer for the Light Blue. Leading the crowd, in his capacity as PA announcer, was Alex Oberweger. It was “senior night” in Levien Gym, and Alex did a stellar job handling all the accolades for the graduating senior basketball players, cheerleaders, dance team members and broadcast crew.

John Vagelatos and I met with some current members. Paul Stoller, assistant director of the Columbia College Fund for the Alumni Office, to chat about our...
Rob Endelman ’91 Cooks With Class

Rob Endelman ’91 has gone from trying to make money for people to showing them how to have a gourmet cooking and dining experience at home, and he likes the change.

Unhappy as a Wall Street trader, last year Endelman founded Cook With Class, which brings a gourmet cooking experience into people’s homes through hands-on instruction in a fun, social environment. Endelman covers the details of planning and creating a meal, from shopping, recipes and food preparation to cooking techniques and nutritional concerns, while students become more comfortable with and knowledgeable about cooking in their own kitchens.

“Many people are intimidated by the idea of cooking dinner on a random Tuesday night, especially in their small, New York City kitchens,” says Endelman. “But I want to show people how easy it can be to prepare quick, healthy and delicious meals, even after a busy day.”

Before founding Cook With Class, Endelman worked for Merrill Lynch for 10 years, the last eight as a trader. Meanwhile, he was cooking dinner for himself in what he describes as “one of the 10 smallest kitchens in Manhattan.” He learned more about the food world by exploring New York City’s farmers’ markets, ethnic neighborhoods and restaurants while taking recreational cooking classes.

Last year, Endelman decided to take the plunge and leave Wall Street. He enrolled in the Institute of Culinary Education’s Career Culinary Arts Program, then interned at the four-star Jean Georges and simultaneously worked at “Cesca, an Upper West Side trattoria. He learned about organic gardening and farming while working at the East End Community Organic Farm in East Hampton, N.Y., where he experimented with nearly 40 different vegetables and gained a greater appreciation for the importance of seasonality and local-ity in relation to the quality and variety of ingredients used by the professional chef and home cook.

All the while, he was thinking about how best to pursue his passion. “I knew I didn’t want to be a line cook in a restaurant kitchen long-term,” Endelman says. “It’s a great learning environment and a lot of fun, but being 35, I didn’t want to spend any more time not being fulfilled by my career. I had already done that on Wall Street.”

After cooking for friends last summer and helping them learn how to cook, Endelman recognized his desire to pass along the tools to give others the confidence to enjoy their culinary efforts. Thus, Cook With Class was born. Endelman began giving instructional parties in December. Based in New York City, he travels throughout the metropolitan area and this summer expects to be busy in the Hamptons and elsewhere on Eastern Long Island. He recently launched a website, www.cookwithclass.com.

“Customers can cook anything they want,” says Endelman, “but I stress healthful eating, leaning toward seasonal and local products. My former Wall Street colleagues have kept me really busy. Instead of another late-night dinner with too much food and alcohol, while missing the kids’ bedtime, many sales traders will host an instructional dinner party for three or four clients and their spouses. Everyone seems to enjoy the social interaction much more in this environment. Trust me: I attended enough customers’ dinners to know how torturous they can be.”

Alex Sachare ’71

In other career news, Kathryn Taylor ’92 reports that Suzanne Schreider has moved to the architecture firm of Skidmore Owings & Merrill.

Danicia Ambron is in her seventh year owning a yoga center in New York City. Her work allows her to meet people from all over the world, and she’s “even had a
Renewing American Judaism at the Root

By J. Shawn Landres ’94

rabbi Sharon Brous ’95, ’01 GSAS likes to close her services with a passage from Psalm 36: “Ki imcha makor chayil: be-orcha nireh or.” It never occurred to her that the verse’s Latin translation is “in lumine Tuo videbimus lumen,” the Columbia motto. No matter: there are at least 19 Columbians in her family to remind her.

Brous, 39, is the founder of IKAR, a spiritual community on Los Angeles’ west side that includes a synagogue and a religious school. Since its founding in April 2004, IKAR — the Hebrew word for “essence,” “core” or “root” — has become a popular Friday-night destination for 20- and 30-somethings of Jewish ideas about forgiveness and Jewishness with “immediate practical application in the world.”

Beginning in 1995, she spent two years at the University of Judaism’s rabbinical school in Los Angeles before continuing at New York’s Jewish Theological Seminary, where she was ordained in 2001. While at JTSA, Brous became the first student to register and enroll in GSAS’ master’s program in religion and human rights; for a year or so, she was the only student enrolled. Her thesis explored the applicability of Jewish ideas about forgiveness to international conflicts.

Along with Jessica Zimmerman ’95, assistant rabbi at Congregation Beth Israel in Scottsdale, Ariz., Brous is one of only two College alumni who have held the Marshall T. Meyer Rabbinic Fellowship as apprentice rabbi at Manhattan’s Congregation B’nai Jeshurun. For Brous, who served from 2000-02, B’nai Jeshurun provided a model for the spiritual and liturgical renewal that she hopes IKAR will bring to Los Angeles.

IKAR attracts approximately 250 people to its biweekly Friday night services and about 100 on Saturday mornings. David Kaufman ’82, who teaches Jewish history at Hebrew Union College in Los Angeles, finds IKAR a microcosm of non-orthodox Judaism in Southern California, “mixing young and old, single and married, straight and gay, spiritual seekers and political activists.”

There’s a considerable Columbia presence, too. In addition to Brous’ family, Columbians at IKAR have included Kaufman, actor Dan Futterman ’89 and L.A. City Councilmember Eric Garcetti ’92, ’95 SIPA, who calls Brous “L.A.’s best paradox: feminist and orthodox, wise yet young.”

Also attending IKAR events are Sarah Bunin Benor ’97, assistant professor of contemporary Jewish studies at HUC and adjunct assistant professor in linguistics department at USC; her husband, Mark Bunin Benor ’97, who is doing his residency in family medicine at UCLA Harbor Hospital; and their 2-year-old daughter, Aliza.

Futterman describes IKAR members as “people engaged in the world” and notes that Brous “seems to have moral and intellectual expectations of people who come to services.” The IKAR website (www.ikar-la.org) asks attendees to bring a can of food for a local food pantry to every event. At “house parties,” held during the week to encourage closer connections among IKAR attendees, Brous combines Torah with politics in intense study sessions. Of her congregants, she says, “I would much rather have them walk away angry than bored.”

Forward, a New York Jewish weekly, recently named Brous to its annual “Forward 50” list, calling her “one of the most dynamic religious leaders to be ordained in recent years by the Jewish Theological Seminary” and IKAR a “compelling model for helping to reinvigorate the Conservative movement.”

A board member of the Progressive Jewish Alliance and of Sh’mi: A Journal of Jewish Responsibility, Brous co-organized a Christian-Jewish-Muslim vigil for victims of the Darfur genocide. On Yom Kippur, she told fasting IKAR congregants to carry around a blank check made out to an anti-hunger organization and then to fill it out just before breaking the fast.

Rabbi Daniel Gordis ’81, former dean of the University of Judaism’s rabbinical school, calls Brous’ approach to Judaism, “not a version of universalism with Judaic veneer, but rather, an authentic engagement with the world through a genuinely and thoroughly Jewish soul and lens. It is rare to see those commitments in a traditional Jewish leader.”

J. Shawn Landres ’94 is completing his doctorate in religious studies at UC Santa Barbara, writing about the religious practices of Generation Xers, including those at IKAR.
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If Jon Stewart has become funnier in the last year, that's probably because Tim Carvell now works for him as a comedy writer. You may recall Tim's byline in the Spectator, Fortune, Sports Illustrated/Women and most recently Entertainment Weekly.

Instead of writing about the entertainment industry, he's now part of it. And he has an Emmy to prove it. Tim is part of the team of writers that won the statues last fall for its outstanding writing of the news parody, The Daily Show With Jon Stewart, on Comedy Central. Tim likes the quick turnaround time of writing for the show, which is even faster than a daily newspaper.

"Plus, the nice thing about the show is, when I was a reporter, I used to get panicked that I'd gotten the facts wrong," Tim says. "But at the Daily Show, the facts are supposed to be wrong, which is a pretty nice cushion to have."

While Tim may have the dream job, classmates with new babies could only dream about staying up late enough to watch the show.

Patricia Lee and her husband had a son, William Tristan III, who joins his older sister, Georgina. They left the Upper West Side and now live in Edgewater, N.J. "I was working in corporate public relations, doing mostly M&A work before motherhood," she writes. Patty earned a graduate degree in international education from Harvard.

Christine Lai recently had a son, Spencer, and headed for the bulldozer at the University of Missouri in 2000. She worked at a consulting firm in Cambridge and in D.C. and sings jazz and plays guitar when she's not chasing an active toddler or entertaining a 7-month-old. Matt and Marsha volunteered in the D.C. area during the Democratic primary season and the general election last year.

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Entrepeneurial Spirit

With the support of the Columbia University Eugene Lang Entrepreneurship Initiative Fund, Steve Grushcow '97 has launched Edit.com, which provides website maintenance to small, non-technical businesses. The company offers accessible, do-it-yourself online editing, which is intended as a "service for non-technical people to easily edit their website themselves."

An economics major, Grushcow was active with Columbia Student Enterprises, including working as manager of the Columbia Campus Pages in 1996. The year before, he founded the Used Book Emporium, an online bulletin board for Columbia students to buy and sell used books. He also mentored high school students with Community Impact.

After graduating, Grushcow developed the web company Nylon Technology with John Coletti '97 and Jim Curran '97E. In 2002, Grushcow returned to Columbia and enrolled in the Business School's executive M.B.A. program, graduating last year. He entered the Lang Fund Business Plan Competition, and Edit.com was one of the three winning ventures.

Steve Grushcow '97 (second from left) collaborated with Jim Curran '97E (far left) and John Coletti '97 (second from right) on Nylon Technology. Grushcow now is CEO of Edit.com, which he operates with COO David Ries (right).

Please keep the news coming, and I'll see you in June.

Stephen Kovacs '94.
Charlotte (Bismuth) Fishman was there in spirit, having stayed in New York to give birth to her daughter, Nina. Cathy and Gab live in Manhattan, Gabe completed a master's in architecture at Harvard and works for Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates, a landscape design firm. Cathy graduated from the Law School (as did Charlotte) and has been clerking for a federal judge in Manhattan. She continues to sing and will appear this season with several early music ensembles, including Pomerium, Tiffany Consort, and Vox Vocal Ensemble. Hong Quan married Wendy and her husband, James Alexander, announce that their son, Evan Joshua Alexander, was born on December 29.

Katherine Gratwick writes: "I'm hailing from RSA, where Niaz and I moved after a near-round the world tour in 2004, with passages through UAE, Saudi Arabia and Pakistan. I'm settled presently at the University of Cape Town's Graduate School of Business as a researcher with the MIR Programme."

Jeremiah Crowell '96 is a director of photography on music videos, commercials, films and documentaries. Mok last year in San Francisco. Columbians in attendance included To Trinh Quan '93 (Hong's sister), Patrick Lin '88E (Hong's brother-in-law), Nguyen Tran '95E, Diana Vo '96 Barnard, Augi Yi '98, Ashish Raval, Ko Ichiyama '98E, Jon Chang '98, Phuong Phan-McManamna and Owen Tran '98E (see photo).

Jeremiah Crowell is a director of photography on music videos, commercials, films and documentaries. He appeared at the Sundance Film Festival this year for Cloaked, a short that he shot. He has been in Europe this year shooting a commercial and a show for the History Channel, Rome: Engineering an Empire, and is looking to shoot his first feature film this year. Jeremiah is getting married in the fall to Heather McGorry '97 Barnard (a former CC and current SIPA student). Jeremiah and Heather live in Park Slope, Brooklyn.

Congratulations to all of you for your personal and professional accomplishments! As always, CC'96 certainly knows how to represent.

And now, I leave you with this: "The best argument against democracy is a five-minute conversation with the average voter."

— Winston Churchill

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Justin Braun notes that since graduating, he has been a freelance sound engineer, building and maintaining a few small recording studios around NYC in the process. He also is an engineer with WNYC Public Radio. Last year, he toured Europe playing bass with Rough Trade recording artist Adam Green. This year, his band, the Negatones, will release its third record. On top of his musical career, Justin is in his first year at the Benjamin Cardozo School of Law.

Adria Armbister is in her second year of a Ph.D. program at the department of sociomedical sciences. She also works full time as coordinator for a program involving minority students at the Mailman School of Public Health. Before starting her doctoral degree, Adria finished an M.A. in international

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Adria had news about Alishia Glasford, who returned from her two-year Peace Corps experience in 2002. In 2003, Alishia began a joint J.D./M.P.A. program at Georgetown and lives in D.C.“

Jeremy Blacklow is in Los Angeles. He is as a producer for CNN’s Headline News show. While shopping on the Upper West Side, I ran into Jackie Hanner, an English teacher at the Schomburg Satellite Academy, an alternative high school in the Bronx. Happy Spring, everyone!

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Greetings ’99ers! This month’s news comes from a variety of sources — the Columbia E-Community (if you haven’t tried it yet, it’s a great, free resource: https://alumni.college.columbia.edu/e-community), reports from other alumni and my sleuthing.

Andy Newcomer sent an update via the E-Community. A film studies major, Andy recently entered USC’s post-baccalaureate, pre-med program to finish the science courses he didn’t take at Columbia. He plans to apply to medical school once he masters all that orgo, g-chem and biology. While in Los Angeles, Andy worked on some “terrible features” (Rollerball, Blade II) and the last (pitiful) season of The X-Files. He was working on a project before leaving for school was story editor for the fourth season of America’s Next Top Model, which airs this year.

Our class has been writing up a storm. Daniel Alarcon, a Kuge Scholar who also won the Henry Evans Award and a Fullbright, recently added the prestigious Whiting Writing Award to his list of achievements. Daniel is in good company, as Tony Kushner ’78 also won the Whiting. Daniel’s first book, The West Side, ran into Jackie Hanner, an English teacher at the Schomburg Satellite Academy, an alternative high school in the Bronx. Happy Spring, everyone!

Patrick Keefe’s book is coming out soon, published by HarperCollins, and his second one will be out in October. Daniel will be a visiting writing scholar at Mills College in the Bay Area next year and will be coming back to Columbia for the writing program the following year. Random House recently published Patrick Keefe’s first book, CHATTER: Dispatches From the Secret World of Global Eavesdropping. Patrick, a Marshall Scholar and a 2002 fellow at the Dorothy and Leon Levy Center for Scholars and Writers at the New York Public Library, is a third-year student at Yale Law School. William Grimes of The New York Times described Patrick’s writing as “crisp and entertaining. I look forward to hearing from you soon.”

Greg Bowman ’00 is a builder for Lennar Corp. in Loganville, Pa., one of the country’s largest new home builders.

Jennifer notes that Edward Lin is going through the preliminary year of his anesthesiology residency and will eventually be at NYU to complete his training.

Glen Yu is finishing up his M.D./Ph.D. at Harvard Medical School and recently published a paper in Neuron. His original artwork was the cover of the February issue of Neuron, as well as the inside artwork for the 2003 issue of Neuron. Stephen Wills is completing his M.D./Ph.D. at Penn. Jing Wang is in her fourth year at P&S and anticipates a match in an internal medicine program. Paul Wein is nearing the end of his chemistry Ph.D. program at Stanford and is going to work for a pharmaceutical company in San Francisco.

Rodney Dale was married on November 8, 2003, to Emina Stojkovic. They met at the University of Chicago and live in Chicago. Emina is a fellow Ph.D. student at P&S and anticipates a match in an internal medicine program. Daniel is in good company. Daniel’s first book, The West Side, ran into Jackie Hanner, an English teacher at the Schomburg Satellite Academy, an alternative high school in the Bronx. Happy Spring, everyone!

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Reunion weekend, June 2-5, will kick off with Barnard and SEAS at Metro 53 on Thursday evening. On Friday night, the VIP room at Hammerstein is reserved for our class, with dinner and an open bar before the big party starts. Saturday is filled with campus activities, tours (including an exclusive Class of 2000 tour, so be sure to sign up!), a BBQ lunch, sports and drinks on South Field and the Columbia Film Festival. The class dinner on Saturday, with SEAS, will offer the finest in alfresco dining on South Field. Reunion committee members who have been working hard to plan a great weekend include Brian Andrews, Mana Behbin, Jeremy Bob, Cie-Jai Brown, Alexandra Conway, Kimberly Fisher, Susan Freeman, Sarah Gochberg, Ophelia Karavias, Brian Legum, Greg Lembrick, Daniel Levin, Laura Pietropinto, Anu Pohani, Jaime Sanders, Chris Sandersfeld, Michael Shields, Annie Ulevitch, Catherine Yairaks and me. So do make a “Alahoi” from the land of surf and hula. She recently sent a mullet-cut kidney to prison while acting as a foreperson on a Hawaiian jury. To hear more of her adventures, log on to http://maddyreeds.blogspot.com. When not serving jury duty, Maddy is a telescope operator for Keck, the world’s largest optical telescope. She lives in Hilo, Hawaii.

Kelly Alderson graduated from Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies in December. She works in Washington, D.C., at Cholakop, Leonard, Schecther and Associates, a corporate communications and public affairs consulting firm. Paul Mullan graduated from Cornell Medical School last June and moved to Philly for his residency at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia. Jennifer E. Cho M.D. is finishing the first year of her Ob/Gyn residency at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Maryland. People can say hello at chojenn@hotmail.com.

Lennar Corp. in Loganville, Pa. As one of the country’s largest new home builders, Lennar offers homes in central Pennsylvania starting in the mid-$300s. Though it’s not exactly what Greg envisioned when he graduated with a degree in architecture, he really enjoys the job thus far. If anyone is qualified and interested, Lennar is seeking builders for the central Pennsylvania division. More information is available at www.lennar.com.

Billy Libera teaches mathematics at West Morris High School in Morristown, N.J. He also coaches the junior-varsity and JV basketball teams. William Deveau is an environmental and land use attorney in New York and northern New Jersey.

Julian Seiguer has returned to working in Munich for two years for San Francisco Coffee Co., a corporation run by his family. He was married last spring, and he and his wife, Nicole, live in Baltimore, where he attends Maryland Law.

Sebastian Chan is completing his first year of Stanford Law and will be at Howard Rice in June 2003. He and his wife, Masha, have a daughter, Clara (6 months) and live on the Upper West Side. Daniel will be completing his residency at Johns Hopkins Hospital and will be at Howard Rice in May in music theory/composition. He still performs, and his third CD on the Sonatasop.com label, Eclasis and Poetry, was featured in the New Yorker in Alex Ross’ column. If you’ve never heard it, please take a look at www.sonatasop.com, where you may listen to (and even order) his CDs! All is well for Daniel as he continues to apply for an academic post.

Abigail Krauser is in her third year at Yale Law and looking forward to graduating in May. She recently clerked on the Israeli Supreme Court with David Gillers (happily married) and Adele Frankel ’01. Next year, Abigail will clerk on the D.C. Circuit for Judge Judith W. Rogers. Sounds like it will be happy to know Vanessa Countryman and I have been best friends since the first week of freshman orientation, and we still talk on the phone every night.” Vanessa is in her third year of law school at University of Chicago and will spend next year clerkng for Judge Emilio Garza on the Fifth Circuit.

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Nick Diemer is a partner at Nemerovski Canady Falk & Rabkin in San Francisco. He works with Barb Appelquist '98 Barnard, who, as it turns out, was on our orientation committee when we were freshmen, and surprised him one day with a clean copy of our 1996 Facebook, which Nick hadn’t seen in years. In February, Nick was at a birthday party for a friend in Boston. They have been great encouragers and support from the Columbia University Alumni Office. For now, they hope to just get people together to build a network and create camaraderie. In the future, she and her partner would like to be of aid to their respective universities (advertising and recruiting) and perhaps set up a scholarship for deserving native Montrealers attending Iveys.

Andrea Avolio is in her third year of medical school at Sydney University. “The graduate medical program there is a fantastic way to spend four years immersing in all things medical,” Andrea writes. “After autopsy lab, we all hit the beach at Bondi. After a grueling morning of anesthetic tutes, we played a round of cricket. Tough life.” She will be in Sydney for at least another two years. Andrea is planning a trip to Sri Lanka in September to help with a clinic in the south-east for women with rehabilitation, especially for refugees of the tsunami. She is fund-raising for clinic supplies and much-needed fuel. You can reach her at andrea@avolio.org.

Leilah Broukhim is doing well in Madrid, where she has been dancing flamenco (and teaching English on the side) for more than two years. She wrote from Barcelona, where she was dancing in a small theater for a few months. She will be back in New York year. More than 4,000 members, it’s nothing compared to 200. The RIGHT STUFF: www.rightstuffdating.com, 800-986-3286.

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Nicaragua’s 60 Minutes. He plans to come back to the States to attend graduate school.

In January, I had the pleasure of attending Lisa Dean-Kluger’s wedding to Todd Jerles in Miami, an awesome weekend and an elegant affair. Also attending were Marla Goodman, Jamie Rubin 01 Barnard, Lauren Goldstein, Anu Pohani 00, Paula Sado0 00, Daphne Morduchowitz 00, Tara Posner 04, David Dobkin, 01E, Jessica Jones 00, Dave Beatus, David Karp 99, Jackie Cockrell 02, Jennifer Dworck 02, Brandon Von Tobel 02, Jamie Vogel 00 Barnard, Elizabeth Sozov 02 Barnard, Jade Zeff 04 Barnard, Colleen Cusick 05, Whitney Smith 03, Emily Bridge 02 Barnard, Erica Zeichner 02 Barnard, Neil Tsay and Henrick Haeckel 99.

Marc Dunkelman continues to expand his political career. He recently was promoted to acting chief of staff for Congressman Anthony Weiner (D-N.Y.). Marc is running the district and D.C. offices, so he has a hectic schedule, spending parts of each week in New York and traveling to Marc on the promotion.

Michele Connolly is a second-year law student at Harvard, not Fordham. Sorry about the error, Michele.

That’s all for now, please write in with updates. I look forward to hearing from you.

Ilene Janet Weintraub 02 is head women’s tennis coach at Seton Hall University and started a nonprofit theater company, Downstage Eye Music Theater.

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Besides her 9-5 at cornerstone promotion, LinYee Yuan is working on the second issue of her online magazine, KOS /koz/ Magazine (www.kosmag.com). The magazine highlights efforts and causes advocated by conscious young individuals from around the world: “Global/local, underground/mainstream, high/low urban youth cultures stand on equal footing as our borderless tastemakers examine their shifting environments with a critical but playful eye.”

Since October 2003, Alison (Ali) Gold has been working at the Greater Washington Board of Trade, which represents more than 1,200 businesses and nonprofits in Washington, D.C., and its suburbs. During the last year, she’s been developing and implementing innovative programs to control cost and improve quality of healthcare that include advocacy, workforce development, wellness and business coalitions. Though Ali’s been carrying a heavy load with work, studying for the GRE and serving on the steering committee for Ramona’s Way, a D.C. nonprofit that provides direct services to female survivors of domestic violence who have Substance dependencies, she managed to have some fun with a two-week vacation to Spain and France in April and keeping up with Ishwara Glassman (working for McKinsey Consultants), Meg McDermott (reading every great work of literature at Harvard’s English Ph.D. program), Brian Brazier (at law school at UC Hastings), Ben Letzler (back from Germany and at Harvard Law) and Jessie Daniels (working for Senator — and now minority leader — Harry Reid (D-Nev.)).

Ben Letzler reports, “From June through August, I’ll be an associate at the Frankfurt law office of Mayer Brown & Maw. I’d love to hear from any and all classmates passing through Germany’s most exciting international airport hub.” Ben’s e-mail is bd1661@columbia.edu.

Michael Kim recently was hired to be the director of opera 27, my wife, Candi, and I celebrated the birth of our first child, Jamie. We’ve spent so much time arguing over who gets the privilege of staying at home with him that we’ve decided to solicit grant funding to support our newfound joint career goal.” Jay can be reached at jameshilton-watson@yahoo.com.

Rachel Foster is in her second semester of a clinical psychology Ph.D. program at Rutgers. Since she couldn’t bring herself to leave New York City, she commutes to school. Rachel enjoys being back in school and living on the Upper West Side.

Lisa M. Routledge is in New York, keeping up with the paper chase in her first year of law school. She was married on April 15, 2004.

Charlie Katz-Leavy and Michelle Bertagna took a trip to Buenos Aires in February to get away from the Boston winter, and both loved it.

Emily Margolis got engaged in December to her longtime boyfriend, Craig Meisner. Emily works for a nonprofit, the National Dance Institute, where she teaches dance in public schools. She reports that Marnie Glassman is attending Harvard Business School and Kaylan Bahn is in her second year at Mount Sinai Medical School.

Allison Hirsh is chief of staff for Vito J. Lopez, a New York State assembly member from Brooklyn. Ali recently started a monthly book club with Miriam Sheinbein, Kaylan Bahan, Karen Austrian, Sara Stein and Emily Margolis.

Mike Melia’s record, The Madison Avenue Dichotomy, has been released. It is a neorasthetic approach to modern music and can be preordered at www.mike-melia.com. Daniel Lupo recently was married in Las Vegas. Richard Luthmann 01 was the best man, and many CC’02 classmates were there, most from Beta Theta Pi.

Joseph Bernabucci left his job at Goldman Sachs to manage money for Bush-Cheney ’04. When he moved back to Alexandria, Va., he found Nick Elkins, Albert Lee, Michael D Chaim Fishman proposed on skis to Shira Miller-Jacobs; they are looking forward to a summer wedding.

Erik Zmara started a wine importing company called Teton Selections. He writes, “It’s been...
exciting, but I sure have learned how tough it is to deal with the government. You should see the amount of paperwork involved; actually, you don’t want to! I’ve been spending as much time as I can skiing and at my other home in Jackson Hole, Wyo.

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As a large research university, administrative changes are the norm at Columbia. However, members of the Class of 2003 would be saddened to know that Roger Lehecka ’67, former dean of students for the College and a devoted alumnus and student advocate, recently retired. While he will remain as an administrator at Columbia, rest assured that he will continue to be an active alumnus and mentor to countless students and alumni.

Just as Lehecka is beginning a new stage in his life, many members of our class are no longer working in real estate, though. He has switched jobs several times and has worked in real estate lending at Ivy Mortgage and Irwin Mortgage in South Jersey, as well as Neighborhood Housing Services of New York City. Both recently works for Lyons Mortgage Services, a mortgage bank, as a business development manager. He writes, "I am finally doing what I enjoy; I spend most of my time marketing and part of my time educating people on the home buying process. I originate mortgages for the purchase and refinance of one-to-four unit properties, as well as for the purchase of commercial or other investment properties.

Francis Lora is a freelance writer featured in several publications, such as Urban Latino Magazine, Soffrito, Latino Leaders Magazine and The Manhattan Times. He spends much of his time working in real estate, though. He has switched jobs several times and has worked in real estate lending at Ivy Mortgage and Irwin Mortgage in South Jersey, as well as Neighborhood Housing Services of New York City. Both recently works for Lyons Mortgage Services, a mortgage bank, as a business development manager. He writes, "I am finally doing what I enjoy; I spend most of my time marketing and part of my time educating people on the home buying process. I originate mortgages for the purchase and refinance of one-to-four unit properties, as well as for the purchase of commercial or other investment properties.

Christina Wright is an admissions officer at Dartmouth College. She is an assistant swim coach at SUNY Maritime College. Christina was one of many members of our class to attend the CC03/CC04 party at mAnna-hATa. Robert Rosen recently returned from a five-month stay on a kibbutz in Israel. Michael LaVigne is a publicist at Shore Fire Media in Brooklyn. Alissa Mathis is at Expeditors International in Seattle, while Rachel Reichard is in her second year of law school at Suffolk in Boston.

Matthew McMillan lives in Washington, D.C., and works for a think tank, Campaign for Amer-ica’s Future. Shaunte Edmonds also is in Washington, D.C., working with the Teaching Fellows program while pursuing a master’s at American University.

Desmond Flagg is a case manager for University Behavioral Associates, a collaboration between Montefiore Hospital and the New York City Human Resource Administration. He writes, "We are a referral agency designed to help remove the barriers to employment for people with a history or present problem with substance abuse." Desmond, myself and Nadage Fleurimond recently met at an event organized by the Center for Career Education that brought young alumni back to offer advice to first-years and sophomores about choosing a major. Nadage is the owner and president of Fleurimond Catering. She has been catering events for up to 1,000 people. You can find out more at www.fgcat.com.

Stephanie Lung ’04 works for Councilwoman Eva Moskowitz, who is running for Manhattan borough president.

Rajeev Patel, who is finishing his second year at Michigan Law School, recently was in town. He will be a summer associate at Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw in Chicago. Shelly Mittal is a location assistant for The Apprentice.

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CC04, it’s officially been one year since we graduated. Let your classmates know what you’re up by submitting to Class Notes! Rae Neugarten writes, “Since graduation, I’ve been working for The Nature Conservancy in Manhattan. I recently returned from a trip to Spain and Portugal with Kelley Remole, who’s been living in Madrid and teaching English for the past six months. In February, I moved to Portland Ore., where I’ll continue my work with TNC and ponder your graduate school options while taking advantage of the groovy west-coast hiking, camping and grazing lifestyle.”

Also out West, Mike “T” Lee started a job with Ameriquest and moved into his own apartment in Newport Beach, Calif. Meanwhile, Chris Guarin, former captain of the Columbia swim team, lives in Kansas City and works for IBM Consulting.

From New York, Marina Severinovsky writes, “After spending eight months post-graduation as an analyst in financial consulting, I accepted an exciting opportunity to work in business development for Digital Mandate, a growing procurement and consulting specialist to the legal industry, which provides litigation support solutions, particularly in the brave new world of electronic discovery. My husband and I had our religious wedding ceremony and big party and took our honeymoon in Italy in April.”

Rachel Mary Cox works at DA’S Communications, a music management company in Manhattan, whose clients include Wyckoff Jean (CU200), the Black Eyed Peas, John Legend, the Spin Doctors and Joan Osborne. She produced an independent short film, Days Like This, directed by Jesse Thompkins ’05, which premiered in March at Columbia.

Steven Lessans is an investment banker for Lehman Brothers, as are Ali Hajii and John Soleanac. Steven lives with Noah Elbogen, who is in equity research at Bear Stearns. Also in finance is Vernon Beckford, who lives in New York and works at Credit Suisse First Boston.

Marynia Kruk writes, “I’m a marketing manager/investigative researcher at Interfor, an international corporate intelligence and investigations firm. Sounds good when I meet people in bars; the reality is not so exciting and glamorous. I experienced culture shock when I moved to the Upper East Side last September after four years in Morning-Side Heights. I’m looking for a roommate (I thought I’d use Class Notes as free advertising).”

Stephanie Lung works for City Councilwoman Eva Moskowitz, who is running for Manhattan borough president.

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Hello, Class of 2005! Ready to take on the real world? My name is Peter Kang, and I am honored to be your class correspondent. Having written for Columbia College Today as a work-study student for the past three years (if you’ve ever read the Bookshelf section, you’ve read my work), I am happy to say that I still will be contributing to the magazine after graduation. After graduation, I hope to find a place in the city soon, preferably somewhere close to work, the flashy Lehman Brothers building near Times Square. But enough about me; what are you up to? Don’t be shy! Send me your news. Be the first to let all your classmates know where you’ll be, what you’ll be doing and how things are going. E-mails are best, but letters or postcards are welcome, too. Congratulations on finally making it, and I wish you the best of luck!
ordination as an openly gay man, news that was met with some consternation.

I had chosen well. Despite some initial reluctance to take on this battle, the pastor and the congregation eventually saw it as the logical consequence of everything they believed in and stood for. For the next 23 years, this congregation (though not unanimously) supported my call to ministry and on three occasions presented my name to a regional ordination council, American Baptist Churches of the West. Each time, the congregation's desire to ordain me was rebuffed by the region on narrow votes. In the last such vote in 1995, I received a majority, but the rules had been amended to require a two-thirds majority, which I barely missed.

At that point, Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church decided to proceed with ordination at the local level. (In Baptist polity, it is technically the local congregation that is the ordaining body.) On a hot June Sunday — San Francisco Gay Pride Day — in 1996, I was ordained. The decision of Lakeshore Church was supported in various ways by another 25 Baptist congregations from around the country, making it more than a local ordination in significant ways. As far as I know, I was the first openly gay Baptist to be ordained (though, with the great diversity within Baptist circles, it is difficult to verify).

Though ordained, opportunities to serve were few and far between. While pursuing my calling through the many years, I needed to support myself, so I obtained a master's in counseling from California State University-Hayward and a California state marriage and family therapist license in 1991. I earned my Ph.D. in religion and psychology from the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley in 1995. While persisting in my struggle to become ordained, remaining an active member of Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church, I supported myself as a therapist, administrator and professor.

It was not until 2000 that I was called as interim pastor of Dolores Street Baptist Church in San Francisco, where I served for 13 months. In March 2004, I packed up my belongings and left the Bay Area after 35 years to assume the interim pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Granville, Ohio.

Mine is one story in a growing movement that seeks fair treatment for sexual minorities. I helped to found American Baptists Concerned in 1973 (the "lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, intersex, queer, questioning and allies" movement within the American Baptist Churches/USA), and I served as co-chair and staff person of the group for many years. That group spun off the Association of Welcoming and Affirming Baptists, an organization of more than 50 congregations that formally identify themselves as being welcoming to and affirming of persons with a range of sexual identities.

Though it has been a long and winding road, my current work has substantiated for me the rightness of my call to ministry, the one I felt so long ago, with which I struggled personally, and which became such a hotbed of controversy within my denomination. Still, it seems to me that when God calls, God also makes a way.

Randle R. (Rick) Mixon Jr. '69, after graduation, lived for 35 years in Berkeley and Oakland before becoming interim pastor of First Baptist Church in Granville, Ohio, in March 2004. In the intervening years, he was a psychotherapist and adjunct faculty at Holy Names College (Oakland), Pacific School of Religion (Berkeley) and Saybrook Graduate School in Humanistic Psychology (San Francisco.) He makes music as a member of the Denison University Concert Choir, the San Francisco Bach Choir and the San Francisco Symphony Chorus.

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Returning to my father-in-law's comment, I remain as involved and committed as ever to the College and the University. As with prior controversies at Columbia, the concern about The David Project will pass. Everyone connected to the College, be it student, parent, graduate or administrator, has a responsibility to pull together and exercise good judgment in responding and reacting to the current controversy and to support the reasonable efforts of the faculty and administration to address the situation. In this way, Columbia can successfully reinforce its long-standing commitment to offering a serious and challenging education in an open-minded and welcoming learning environment.

John Crabtree '78

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John Crabtree is on the Board of Directors of the Make-A-Wish Foundation (Hudson Valley chapter), United Way (Northern Westchester chapter) and Boys and Girls Club (Northern Westchester chapter). He sponsors an annual 350-guest dinner for his chapter of the Make-a-Wish Foundation, and accompanied by his daughter Elizabeth, went to Nicaragua last year to build houses through Bridges to Community.

Although Crabtree has his hands full, he hasn't given up on his dream to write. Perhaps he'll chronicle the history of Crabtree's Kittle House, including the time he was privy to a discussion between Bill Clinton and Ehud Barak about the Palestinian-Israeli peace process. Or maybe he'll document the night when Clinton dined with former German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, and guests from the wedding outside congregated on the lawn to wave to the world dignitaries at the window.

In the meantime, Crabtree says, "Owning the Kittle House is the next best thing to writing a novel. It is my novel."

Dina Cheney '99 writes for Westchester Magazine, Connecticut Cottages & Gardens, Lexus Magazine and several other publications. She also offers cooking classes and chocolate tastings through her company, Cooking by Heart (www.cookingbyheart.com).
Calming the Waters

By Brian Krisberg ’81
First Vice President, Columbia College Alumni Association

In late February, during a visit to my in-laws’ home in Philadelphia, the topic of my commitment to Columbia arose. My father-in-law, who is an intelligent and terrific person with no connection to Columbia other than me, looked at me sternly and, in an animated voice, said, “I certainly hope you’re reducing your commitment to Columbia this year.”

His anger was directed at what he had read in newspapers and magazines about the short documentary film Columbia Unbecoming, prepared by The David Project. He was dead serious and not at all interested in discussing the serious and complex issues raised by the film. The primary issue, of course, is the charge by several students that they were intimidated by certain faculty members from the department of Middle East and Asian Languages and Cultures.

This episode with my father-in-law got me thinking. Irrespective of the truth of what happened, there are many people with distant relationships to Columbia who are getting the wrong idea of what Columbia University stands for. Worse, there are potentially thousands of Columbia alumni, whose experiences were far different from those of students in the film, who could be forming negative opinions based upon sensationalistic media reports.

The Ad Hoc Grievance Committee created by President Lee C. Bollinger has reported its findings (see page 3), after meeting with dozens of students, faculty, alumni and administrators. While the response to the report will run its course, there are a number of fundamental facts and principles that everyone connected to Columbia needs to keep in mind. These principles are timeless and valid regardless of one’s age or connection to Columbia, and represent the quintessence of what Columbia College and Columbia University — and any serious and self-respecting university — stand for.

Everyone connected to the College has a responsibility to pull together and exercise good judgment in responding and reacting to the current controversy.

Three facts are clear. First, from the controversy’s inception, the University’s official stated position has included: “Columbia University does not condone the intimidation of students or discrimination of any kind.” If intimidation or discrimination is found to have occurred, the University has made clear it will be dealt with.

Second, as Columbia College Alumni Association President Robert Berne ’60 eloquently wrote in his letter to the editor (March CCT), the fact is that the charges leveled in the film contradict the experience of many Columbia students of all generations. On a personal level, the notion of intimidation in the classroom at Columbia is so foreign to me that I found it difficult to take press reports seriously for months after news of the film began to spread.

Third, academic life at Columbia continues to be the school’s strongest attribute. In the College’s enrolled student survey conducted in winter 2004, 89 percent of the respondents were satisfied with the quality of instruction and 91 percent said they had been engaged intellectually at Columbia, higher evaluations than any other aspect of student life.

Separate from these facts, there are a few key principles that have not received sufficient consideration in the media as the controversy has unfolded.

First and foremost is the right of Columbia faculty members to govern their affairs. The Arts & Sciences faculty are professionals who should be given the opportunity to establish the standards of behavior for their profession. This is no different from what lawyers and doctors do, for example, in establishing codes of conduct for attorneys and members of the medical field. The self-examination process under way at Columbia should be viewed as a normal course of business effort to handle a potential breach of the behavioral standard. The A&S faculties deserve the respect of everyone who cares about Columbia when its determinations are announced.

Second, faculty members aggressively challenging students must be viewed as a normal part of classroom activity and a method of encouraging students to think and be educated. A Columbia College education, through the Core Curriculum and elective courses, does not exist for students to confirm what they already know, but rather as an opportunity for undergraduates to develop their own views of ethics, politics and fairness in the world and learn how to think creatively and analytically. Restricting the ability of the faculty to challenge College students would be inconsistent with why students attend Columbia.

Third is the need, in any emotionally charged debate, to withhold comment and action until the facts are established and communicated. Then the University can embark on the process of properly balancing the substantive issues at hand. These issues include the faculty’s right to free speech inside and outside the classroom (indeed, their academic freedom to challenge as a tool to elicit opinion) and their pedagogical responsibility not to make students feel that their point of view is unwanted (or, worse, feel intimidated).

I believe that the University’s consideration of these three principles has guided its response to the controversy. We should not underestimate how, through this episode, the University has learned a number of important realities about areas that need to be improved upon. These include Columbia’s public relations effort, which needs to be more proactive in responding to the unreasonable and even wild attacks leveled in the media attacks (that no alum should believe), and the grievance procedures for registering complaints about classroom situations, which need to be more transparent and better understood by the Columbia community. These issues are being addressed.

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Providing more evidence that school spirit is alive and well on campus, more than 2,000 students filled Alfred Lerner Hall on February 3 for Glass House Rocks, an event organized by a coalition of student groups, and which featured food, music, dancing and other activities. Every room in the student center was utilized, and the CU dance team energized the crowd from the ramps, when they weren’t packed with students.

PHOTOS: LAURA TARANTO ’07 (ABOVE), DIEGO PONTORIERO ’07E (BELOW)
The Face of New Hampshire

Congressman, governor and now a third-term U.S. senator, Judd Gregg ’69 is one of the country’s most influential conservatives.
Mark your calendar ...

**FALL SEMESTER 2005**

Mondays

- **AUGUST 29**: Family Orientation and Convocation
- **SEPTEMBER 6**: First Day of Classes
- **SEPTEMBER 24**: Washington, D.C., College Day

**FRIDAY-SATURDAY OCTOBER 14-15**: First-Year Family Weekend

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 15**: Homecoming

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 5**: Boston College Day

**TUESDAY NOVEMBER 8**: Election Day (University Holiday)

**THURSDAY NOVEMBER 10**: Dean's Scholarship Reception

**THURSDAY FRIDAY NOVEMBER 24-25**: Thanksgiving Holiday

**MIDNIGHT DECEMBER 12**: Last Day of Classes

**THURSDAY DECEMBER 22**: Fall Term Ends

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Letters to the Editor

Coach Campbell

One of the reasons I came to Columbia was Coach [Bill] Campbell ['62]. I was being recruited for basketball, and he happened to be at the party. He was charming, a real joy to talk to; even my parents were impressed. He told them he'd look after me, and when I arrived at the school, he helped and encouraged me every chance he could, even after I stopped playing basketball. He is the best example of what the University has to offer. He worked hard at taking care of all the students he came in contact with and always made time to find out what was going on with each of us. I'm proud to have known him and his wife, Roberta, during my time there.

Wendell A. Shaw '80
Los Angeles

Morgenbesser

I had Professor Sidney Morgenbesser for a few courses in 1959–61. One day he announced that while an early Greek philosopher, Thales, had said that everything is made of water, the first Jewish philosopher held that everything is made of seltzer. Why this simple joke still makes me laugh is something perhaps only Morgenbesser could explain.

Peter Lushing '62
Far Hills, N.J.

Two Lives Converge

Reading the May issue, I was struck by the contrast in the lives of Sidney Morgenbesser and Bill Campbell '62. Could you find two people more representative of the cultural divide at the heart of this university? One the pure intellectual, who duelled brilliantly with the best minds of his generation. The other an undersized, gifted athlete, by his own account a little out of place in the rarified atmosphere of the classroom, but triumphant on the field and in the corporate arenas where Morgenbesser probably would not deign to tread.

I chanced upon a passage in Saul Bellow's Adventures of Augie March that illuminates the Morgenbesser side of the split. Augie has begun to steal books to make money, but is seduced into reading them instead: "Well, now, who can really expect the daily facts to go, toil or prisons to go, oatmeal and laundry tickets and all the rest, and insist that all moments be instead: "Well, now, who can really expect the daily facts to go, toil or prisons to go, oatmeal and laundry tickets and all the rest, and insist that all moments be raised to the greatest importance, demand that everyone breathe the pointy, star-furnished air at its highest difficulty, abolish all brick, vault-like rooms, all dreariness, and live like prophets or gods? Why, everybody knows this triumphant life can only be periodic. So there's a schism about it, some saying only this triumphant life is real and others that only the daily facts are. For me there was no debate, and I made speed into the former."

Morgenbesser lived like one of Augie's (Continued on page 63)
Ever wonder what faculty members read during the summer? I did, so I preferred that question to recent winners of the Van Doren, Trilling and Great Teacher awards, as well as top administrators. I did not expect anyone to ‘fess up to having the latest Mary Higgins Clark or John Grisham on his or her list, but I thought the results might give us some ideas for these lazy, hazy days. So, without further ado, here are some of the replies:

Philip Kitcher, John Dewey professor of philosophy and James R. Barker professor of contemporary civilization:

The Magic Mountain, Thomas Mann. Because I think Mann is one of the great novelists of the past century, because I reread Dr. Faustus last summer and because I haven’t read The Magic Mountain in several years. Austerlitz, W.E. Sebold. So I’ll know what to say when the next of my friends asks me what I thought of it; I’ve heard a lot of rave reviews.

Finnegans Wake, James Joyce. Partly because I’m trying to write a book about it, and about the philosophical issues it raises. Partly because I think it’s the greatest work of fiction I’ve ever read. And partly because, once you’ve read it once, you find you can’t stop.

William V. Harris, William R. Shepherd professor of history:

Plagues and their psychological and demographic effects are very much on my mind, so I plan to read a new book about London’s most deadly year (1665), The Great Plague by Lloyd and Dorothy Moote, and I plan to reread a book I read as a student (and frankly, didn’t enjoy much), Alessandro Manzoni’s famous novel The Betrothed, which also describes a visitation of plague. I’m going to read Kurt Eichenwald’s new book about the Enron disaster, Conspiracy of Fools, which was recommended to me by a partner in Lazard Freres (seems a good source) and for something a bit more salacious, the latest novel of brilliant young Indian-American writer Abha Dawesar, Babyji.

Kathryn B. Yatrakis, dean of academic affairs:

The World is Flat, Thomas Friedman. Because he is an excellent writer with provocative ideas about our world.

The Secret Life of Bees, Sue Monk Kidd. Because I have to include at least one book of fiction that is well-regarded. Maximum City: Bombay Lost and Found, Siketu Mehta. Because it will give me a different perspective as I prepare to teach the Urban Studies coloquium “Contemporary Cities” again next spring semester. I have not read this author before, but since we want to broaden our curricular horizon to include more international cities, this book seems like a natural for my preparation.

Moby Dick, Herman Melville. Because it’s been too long since I read it last.

Michael Seidel, Jesse and George Siegel professor in the humanities:

I will probably reread this summer as much as read afresh, because for me these days, it’s more about texture than surprise. I like to see things again and differently. I may reread Flaubert’s Bouvard et Pécuchet for two reasons: one, it’s by the best novelist not named James Joyce, and, two, its first hundred pages or so are a riot, and I need to laugh a bit after a long year.

I also plan to read an advance copy of Sean Wilentz’ [‘72]’s new book, The Rise of American Democracy: Jefferson to Lincoln, because we share season tickets for Sunday Yankee games and will need something to talk about while the Yanks try to hold it together.

Jonathan Crary, professor of art history and archaeology:

One of the novels I plan to read this summer is Snow by much-acclaimed Turkish writer Orhan Pamuk. Closer to my work, I also hope to read historian Martin Jay’s Songs of Experience: Modern American and European Variations on a Universal Theme, in which he examines the concept of experience in a range of thinkers, including William James, John Dewey and Walter Benjamin.

Andreas Huyssen, Villard professor of German and comparative literature:

I’m planning to read Victoria de Grazia’s just-published Irresistible Empire, a study of the impact of American business and entertainment culture on Europe during the Cold War. The book is a major contribution to the reassessment of Cold War culture not just in Europe, but across the world. I also will read Turkish novelist Orhan Pamuk’s essay memoir Istanbul. Pamuk is one of my favorite novelists, an incredible storyteller whom I had the pleasure to host at Columbia last year.

Fritz Stern ’46, University Professor emeritus:

Here are three books — no comments, because I’m already past your deadline:

America Right or Wrong: An Anatomy of American Nationalism, Anatol Lieven.

John Kenneth Galbraith: His Life, His Politics, His Economics, Richard Parker.

Salonica, Mark Mazower.

It wouldn’t be fair to end without my list, so here goes:

Let Me Tell You A Story: A Lifetime in the Game, Red Auerbach and John Feinstein. Because nobody lived the NBA like Auerbach.

The World Is Flat, Thomas Friedman. Because his columns are brilliant, and I could stand to learn more about globalization.

The Closers, Michael Connelly. Because the Harry Bosch series is great beach reading.
Kraft Urges Class of 2005: Dream Big, Take Risks, Have Fun

BY ALEX SACHARE '71
PHOTOS: EILEEN BARROSO

"Have some fun and dream big."

With those words, keynote speaker Robert Kraft '63 welcomed about 1,000 members of the Class of 2005 into the fraternity of Columbia College alumni on Class Day, May 17. "Fear not," Kraft reassured the graduates massed on a sun-drenched South Field, "a Columbia education will serve you well throughout life."

Kraft, a successful businessman, philanthropist and Columbia trustee emeritus, is best known as the owner of the New England Patriots, winners of three of the last four National Football League championships. Yet, said Kraft, "Outside of my family, the greatest experience of my life was my four years at Columbia."

He urged graduates to follow four steps as they leave campus:

1. Identify your core values and write them down.
2. Identify what you most enjoy in life and pursue it with a passion.
3. Take risks and don't be afraid to fail.
4. Positively impact the lives of others.

Kraft, Dean Austin Quigley, President Lee C. Bollinger and salutatorian Alexander Prescott-Couch '05 all noted how members of the Class of 2005 arrived on campus and began classes just one week before the tragic events of 9-11. Quigley recalled that there was speculation that many students would leave New York because of their fears or family members' concerns, but that exodus never materialized.

"You learned what it is to be deeply afraid, but you knew you couldn't be in a better place. You found out what courage is, and that it resides deeply in every one of us — including your parents," said Quigley.

"Congratulations on rising to the challenges of a Columbia education, with the best of the past consistently demanding of us, and of you, that we make the best of the present and the best of the future."

The dean closed his remarks by urging graduates to "leave the world a little better than you found it."

The Class of 2005 already has begun to make its mark, with a record 77 percent of graduating seniors donating to the Senior Fund to support the education of students who come after them. That triggered a $50,000 participation challenge from the College's Board of Visitors, which had pledged to contribute $25,000 to the Senior Fund if it matched last year's participation rate of 75 percent, and another $25,000 if it reached 76 percent or more. During the Class Day ceremony, leaders of the Senior Fund Gift Committee presented Quigley with a scroll bearing the names of class members who donated.
The next day, under similarly sunny skies, College graduates joined about 10,000 peers from other schools for University Commencement. More than 30,000 people filled Low Plaza as Bollinger observed, “When today’s graduating seniors began classes on September 4, 2001, it was a time of peace and prosperity. You were probably just getting used to hearing the term ‘globalization,’ and maybe beginning to use it yourself. And then, one week later, on September 11, it became an indispensable part of your vocabulary.”

Bollinger urged graduates to avoid the pitfalls of a polarized world and not to “pick a side and become cloistered in one worldview, to the exclusion of all others.” That, he said, is not the Columbia way. “Columbia abounds in different perspectives, different theories, different cultures. Over the past several years, you have been encouraged not to take refuge in your opinions. We have urged you to see issues from competing perspectives — to question, to doubt, to resist the allure of certitude.

“Developing this open-mindedness is not easy. It’s even tougher outside these gates ... But when you do join the fray, remember what you’ve learned here. Remain open to the complexity of things. Be reflective, even when you’re advocating what you believe in.”

Among the eight people who received honorary degrees at Commencement was Henry Graff, who served in Columbia’s history department for 46 years and whose “Seminar on the Presidency” was one of the College’s most popular courses. Others who received honorary degrees were Yale professor emeritus Robert A. Dahl, architect Zaha Hadid, civil rights leader Dorothy Height, former national security adviser Brent Scowcroft, Princeton president Shirley M. Tilghman, human memory specialist Endel Tulving and playwright August Wilson.

Writer Jhumpa Lahiri ’89 Barnard received the University Medal for Excellence, and Presidential Teaching Awards went to Nicholas J. Dames, associate professor of English and comparative literature; Patrick X. Gallagher, professor of mathematics; Lydia D. Goehr, professor of philosophy; Bruce G. Link, professor of epidemiology and sociomedical sciences (in psychiatry); and Sanford I. Padwe, associate professor of professional practice, Graduate School of Journalism.
One graduating senior blew a kiss, two others blew bubbles and Marika's supporters saluted their graduate during the Class Day ceremony. The following day, Professor Emeritus Henry Graff (above, right), who served 46 years in Columbia's history department and whose seminar on the presidency was visited by Harry S. Truman and Gerald Ford, received an honorary Doctor of Letters degree at Commencement.
Kraft Fund Launched To Support Interfaith, Intercultural Awareness

President Lee C. Bollinger announced the establishment of the Kraft Family Fund for Interfaith and Intercultural Awareness, made possible by a $500,000 gift from Trustee Emeritus and 2004 Alexander Hamilton Medal recipient Robert Kraft '63 and his wife, Myra, with a matching contribution from the University. The $1 million fund will support innovative programming initiated by students and the University to foster debate and civil discourse on a range of topics, including issues of race, religion and culture.

In a letter to the Columbia community announcing the fund, Bollinger wrote, “Nothing is more important to the life of the University than having many forums for discussion and reflection on the ideas and issues of our time. The classroom is the primary place in the University for the exchange of ideas, but we all know how valuable it is to have other contexts in which to express ourselves and to hear the thoughts of others. When it comes to debating some of the most controversial, and perhaps even intractable questions of the moment, it is all the more important that we are able to do so in environments that sustain our commitment to civil discourse, critical inquiry and academic freedom.”

Kraft commented, “Myra and I know that issues that invoke passionate debate, especially those surrounding religion, culture, ethnicity and politics, for example, are often the issues that matter most. ... Columbia has always been a place for this kind of exchange, and we hope and believe that the Kraft Family Fund will lead to an even stronger and healthier campus environment.”

The fund will support student-initiated programs designed to facilitate greater understanding among Columbia community members of diverse backgrounds and perspectives. These programs will build upon existing activities organized by various cultural, ethnic and religious student groups based in Earl Hall that are administered by University Chaplain Jewelnel Davis. A nine-person committee, comprising students and administrators and chaired by Davis, will administer allocation of funds to support student-initiated programs. Fund-sponsored programming initiated by the University will be developed by a committee of distinguished faculty on behalf of the Offices of the President and Provost. The committee will identify three issues each year and determine appropriate programming that has a public component, including symposia, conferences or lectures, and other events that engage students through corollary activities.

Senior Dinner: Party Time for ’05

More than 800 members of the Class of 2005 gathered under a huge tent on South Field May 2 to say goodbye and enjoy one last night of freedom before final exams. Despite drizzly weather, a great time was had by all at the dinner, as evidenced by the frequent cheering and much mingling. This popular event, sponsored by the Alumni Office for the third consecutive year, featured an overhead senior slide show, music and a catered dinner by candlelight. Attendees received a commemorative silver picture frame.

On hand to help the celebrants get into the spirit were Dean Austin Quigley, whose remarks frequently were interrupted by cheers and chants of “Quig-ley! Quig-ley!”, and Alumni Association First Vice President Brian Krisberg ’81, who welcomed the soon-to-be-graduates into the “legions of College alumni.”

Another reason for the Class of 2005 to celebrate was the success of the Senior Fund, which reached a 77 percent participation rate to break the Class of 2004’s record of 75 percent. By doing so, the Senior Fund triggered a $50,000 participation challenge from the Board of Visitors. One senior spoke of raising money from classmates as “moving from a culture of entitlement to a culture of appreciation.”
College Honors 78 Students at Awards and Prizes Ceremony

The best and brightest in the College’s classrooms were honored for their achievements at the annual Awards and Prizes Ceremony, held in Low Library Rotunda on May 16.

Dean Austin Quigley and Dean of Academic Affairs Kathryn Yatrakis presided over the ceremony, which was attended by several hundred faculty, administrators, students, alumni and proud family members. “At the heart of a great research university like Columbia is the idea of academic inquiry,” said Yatrakis. “We are here to honor students who have excelled in the art of academic inquiry this year.”

Awards ranged from fellowships to support graduate study to cash prizes and were presented in four categories: special achievement, science and mathematics, social sciences, and the humanities. Presenting the awards, in addition to Yatrakis, were David Helfand, professor of astronomy; Jack Snyder, Robert and Renee Belfer professor of international relations; and Christia Mercer, professor of philosophy.

Following is the complete list of winners.

**Awards for Special Achievement**
Presented by Dean of Academic Affairs Kathryn Yatrakis

**SOLOMON & SEYMOUR FISHER CIVIL LIBERTIES FELLOWSHIP**
- Talia Falk ’06
- Igor Volynets ’06

**WALLACE A. GRAY PRIZE IN LITERATURE HUMANITIES**
- Jonathan Blitzer ’06
- Evan Heller ’06 (Honororable Mention)
- Noam Zerubavel ’06 (Honororable Mention)

**ALBERT ASHER GREEN MEMORIAL AWARD**
- Ramsey McGlazer ’05

**HOLTHUSEN-SCHINDLER ENDOWMENT FUND**
- Mary Morales ’01

**EURETTA J. KELLET FELLOWSHIP**
- Jacob Hupart ’05
- Alexander Zachary ’05

**RICHARD LEWIS KORN TRAVELLING FELLOWSHIP**
- Mehmet Bahadir ’07
- Andrea Derricks ’07

**RAPAPORT SUMMER MUSIC FELLOWSHIP**
- Jeffrey Brown ’07
- Christopher Chorney ’06
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- Alicia Kravitz ’05
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Time Cites Sachs, Earth Institute Director, Among World’s 100 Most Influential People

Jeffrey Sachs, director of the Earth Institute, was listed among Time magazine’s 100 most influential people in the world for the second consecutive year. Sachs is one of only 16 people to make the list in both years of its existence, along with such figures as President George W. Bush, former President Bill Clinton, the Dalai Lama, Kim Jong Il and Nelson Mandela.

“List isn’t scientific,” said Adi Ignatius, Time’s executive editor. “There’s no way to quantify influence. But we take the list very seriously. We tried to pull together a list that got at all aspects of influence, from military might to life-changing innovation to inspirational artistry.”

Time invited other luminaries to write the profiles of many of the 100 notables.

Bono (left) says that when he met Jeffrey Sachs, he was “struck by his uncanny ability to communicate arcane, complex economic policy and by his punk-rock instinct to question the status quo.”

PHOTO: ARNIE ADLER

Bono, lead singer of U2 and a social activist, wrote Sach’s profile. He also wrote the foreword to Sachs’ new book, The End of Poverty.

“Some academics are said to live in ivory towers,” Bono wrote. “Jeffrey Sachs is a pioneer of the mud-hut school of thought. He is an economist who loves statistics because they are pictures of people’s lives — people, in many cases, for whom economics means working out how to feed a family on less than a dollar a day. The equations in Jeff’s head interest him because they reveal how we might be able to change the world we inhabit.

“The title of his new book, The End of Poverty, sounds lofty. It is lofty. But a poverty of ambition isn’t going to prevent the deaths of 30,000 children daily from malaria, a preventable and treatable disease, or from hunger in a world of plenty. Jeff’s hardheaded analysis does not stop at why and how to do all this. He’s just as concerned with who and when.”

The Earth Institute (www.earth.columbia.edu) is a leading academic center for the integrated study of Earth, its environment and society. Sachs is the Quetelet Professor of Sustainable Development and professor of health policy and management. He also is director of the U.N. Millennium Project and special advisor to U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan on the Millennium Development Goals, the internationally agreed-upon goals to reduce extreme poverty, disease and hunger by the year 2015.

Alex Sachare ’71

LAACU Celebrates At El Regreso

About 200 members of the Columbia community were present on May 7 in Low Library when the Latino Alumni Association of Columbia University celebrated its sixth anniversary at the annual El Regreso, the Latino Alumni Homecoming Reception. This year’s Heritage Award recipient was the Honorable Rolando T. Acosta ’79, ’82L, who was recognized for his outstanding leadership and professional achievement as a New York County Supreme Court judge. Rebecca Castillo ’94, was given the Founders Award for her contributions to LAACU. Pictured are (from left) Yvonne Maldonado ’95, LAACU president; Castillo; Dean Austin Quigley; and Acosta.

PHOTO: MICHAEL DAMES
Assistant professor of history Matthew Jones has taught at Columbia since 2000, specializing in the cultural history of science and philosophy in early modern Europe. A native of Reno, Nev., Jones earned his B.A. and Ph.D. at Harvard and his M.A. at Cambridge. 

CCT caught up with him after his last spring semester class to learn more.

Q: What did you teach this semester?
A: "Intro to Historical Methods," a required course for first-year grad students, and "Scientific Revolution in Western Europe," a lecture course for undergrads. That's a tricky course because you're navigating between history and science. We'll see — the students just filled out their evaluation forms, so in a couple of weeks, I'll know.

Q: What is your favorite class to teach?
A: I like this lecture course because it's my favorite subject, but I prefer the seminar format. I like to teach CC. When the students are really into it and the group comes together, it is unlike any other class.

Q: Where is your favorite place to have lunch near Columbia?
A: An Ethiopian restaurant on 106th called Awash. Is that still the Columbia area? Closer by, I like Max SoHa.

Q: Coffee or tea?
A: Coffee, lots of it. There actually is good espresso in SIPA.

Q: What's new in the history department?
A: The most important thing right now is rethinking how to teach history outside of nation-states. We've hired faculty who break out and write about European trends or Europe and America. For me, as a historian of science, it is exciting that Columbia and Barnard have been hiring a critical mass of people interested in history of science. I like being a historian of science in a history department; my graduate work was in a separate department with very little interaction with the history department.

Q: What led you to become a historian of science?
A: The story for historians of science is usually this: deeply interested in science but indecisive. I entered Harvard in advanced mathematics. I really enjoyed utility and science — it's a funny major at Harvard.

Q: Tell us about the book you are working on, The Good Life in the Scientific Revolution.
A: It was due yesterday, so I need to finish it by mid-June. As soon as it is in, I have to start a new one, grown out of CC, about the intertwining of science and political philosophy in the 17th century. I'm also going to write a book on 17th century calculating machines — early computers — and their relation to government.

Q: Where do you live?
A: Near Lincoln Center — perfect for going to the opera.

Q: Do you have any pets?
A: No, I'm allergic to everything.

Q: What is the last movie you saw?
A: It was a Chinese film, Infernal Affairs. It's being remade into an American movie, which I'm sure will be a disaster.

Q: If you were not teaching at Columbia, what would you be doing?
A: I would probably be teaching somewhere else. Or I'd do what my friends did — go out to make money and find out it wasn't exciting.

Interview and photo: Laura Butchy '04 SOA

What They Said

Shirley Tilghman, president of Princeton University, spoke on "Changing the Demographics: Recruiting, Retaining and Advancing Women Scientists in Academia" in Casa Italiana on March 24 as part of the Earth Institute's inaugural lecture in the ADVANCE program series. "We will have to attract into science and engineering more than our fair share of the best and brightest young minds from all over the world. To restrict the pool, either intentionally or unintentionally, by discouraging women — or underrepresented minorities — from pursuing careers in science is to guarantee that the outcome, and thus the future prosperity of the United States, will be less than it could be."

"When the President says Social Security is going broke, the problem isn't Social Security, the problem is President Bush," House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) said in a talk at Low Library that was sponsored by the Columbia University College Democrats. Pelosi described Bush's bid to revamp Social Security as "a betrayal of trust to the American worker" and warned, "That debt will be meeting you down the road."

"We have forgotten the power of our example, and for all our might, we are ... more alone and more isolated than at any time in our history," Senator Joseph Biden (D-Del.), ranking minority member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said on April 4 at SIPA's Kellogg Center in a lecture co-sponsored by the Institute for the Study of Europe and SIPA. Reflecting on the conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq, he observed, "We are good at projecting force, but not so good at the staying power to finish the job." He concluded his talk, "There are hundreds of millions of hearts and minds open to American ideals, and we must reach them to make the world truly safer and open to the growth of liberal democracies."
CAMPUS NEWS

■ SENATE SAYS NO TO ROTC:
The University Senate voted by a 53-10 margin on May 6 to reject a nonbinding resolution calling for the reinstatement of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps on campus. Although support for reinstating ROTC seems to have increased in recent years, opponents argued before the Senate that the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy concerning gay and lesbian soldiers was inconsistent with Columbia's nondiscrimination policy.

ROTC has been banned from the Morningside Heights campus since 1969, a time of student unrest and war protests. Columbia students who want to enroll in ROTC may do so at nearby schools, such as Fordham or Manhattan.

In a letter in response to a New York Daily News editorial that criticized the Senate's decision, President Lee C. Bollinger wrote, "Columbia's deeply held belief is that discrimination is invidious and runs counter to our core values as an academic institution. Our nondiscrimination policy forbids any form of discrimination based on a person's race, religion, ethnicity or sexual orientation. In issuing its decision, the Senate chose to uphold the right of every member of our community to live and learn in an environment free of discrimination. I believe that the men and women serving in our armed forces deserve our utmost respect and support. I also believe that the military, like all American institutions, ought to be free of discriminatory practices that unfairly limit its membership."

■ GRAD STUDENTS STRIKE:
Graduate teaching and research assistants conducted a week-long strike during the spring semester for the second consecutive year in their ongoing efforts to unionize. Some Core Curriculum classes were cancelled and others were moved off-campus. No formal action was taken against the strikers.

Although a majority of Columbia's graduate assistants signed authorization cards last December to join the UAW and their vote was certified by New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer, the administration contends they are primarily students and not employees, and that teaching responsibilities are part of their educational training. The National Labor Relations Board ruled last year against a similar effort to form a graduate student union at Brown, declaring, "There is a significant risk, and indeed a strong likelihood, that the collective bargaining process will be detrimental to the educational process. We declare federal law to be that graduate assistants are not employees."

■ FRONTIERS + CCNMTL: The faculty of Frontiers of Science, the newest component of the Core Curriculum, worked with the Center for New Media Teaching & Learning (CCNMTL) to create a PDA-based field experiment activity in New York City parks. During the fall 2004 semester, approximately 550 students participated in the experiment to document the impact of urban factors, such as pavement and people, on biodiversity.

Working in groups, students were assigned to identify and collect plant and ant species for biodiversity analysis in Manhattan parks. The data was collected using Pocket PCs running customized software and compiled into a database for quick distribution and analysis. The results were analyzed by the Center for Environmental Research and Conservation, incorporated into Professor Don Melnick's lectures about biodiversity and reviewed in the weekly course discussions. Finally, the results were shared with local agencies including the NYC Parks Commission, Brooklyn Botanical Garden and International Wildlife Trust.

In addition, CCNMTL produced the online course text written and annotated for Frontiers of Science by Professor David Helfand. CCNMTL also works with the Frontiers of Science faculty to coordinate course websites for all of the sections and to implement course evaluations.

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ALUMNI UPDATES

■ O'BYRNE: Charles J. O'Byrne '81 has been named director of press operations for the New York State Senate's Democratic Committee. O'Byrne, who first joined the staff of Senate Democratic Leader David A. Patterson '77 in August 2004 as a senior policy counsel, will be responsible for overseeing and coordinating press and communications efforts of the Minority Leader's office and the Democratic Committee. O'Byrne, a past president of the Alumni Association, previously was policy director for the Dean for America campaign in New York and a speechwriter for Governor Howard Dean's national campaign.

■ QUARSHIE: Former football captain Michael Quarshie '05 was not selected in the 2005 National Football League draft. But after spending two months playing for the Frankfurt Galaxy of NFL Europe in the spring, the two-time All-Ivy defensive tackle was signed to the Oakland Raiders' practice squad in June. Quarshie, who was born in Helsinki, is one of eight foreign-born players who have been placed on NFL teams' practice squads in the NFL's international development practice squad program. Quarshie will be on the Raiders' practice squad for the full season, training and practicing with the team and gaining valuable experience. He cannot be cut by the team, but he will not be eligible to play for the Raiders this season.

TRANSITION

■ Taryn Deaton has joined the Alumni Affairs department as assistant director with primary responsibility for reunion programming. A graduate of Westminster with a B.A. in communications, Deaton spent six years with Texas Exes (the University of Texas Alumni Office), where she rose from student relations assistant to director of campus relations.

IN LUMINE TUO

■ VAN DOREN, TRILLING AWARDS: Andreas Huyssen, Villard Professor of German and Comparative Literature, received the 44th annual Mark Van Doren Award for Great Teaching, and Alan Cameron, Anthon Professor of Latin Language and Literature, received the 30th annual Lionel Trilling Award for outstanding book by a faculty member, Greek Mythology in the Roman World. The awards were presented at Faculty House on May 5 by the Columbia College Academic Awards Committee, a 13-member student panel that attended classes and read faculty books to determine the winners. "I think they're the only prizes on campus that are truly student-driven," said Zac Frank '05, co-chair of the committee.

Mark Anderson, chair of the Germanic languages and literature department, described Huyssen as "a wonderful colleague who has a great love of the University and who, despite his strenuous publishing schedule, has never been absent from the German department." "I love teaching, I love the classroom," said Huyssen, who has taught at Columbia since 1986. [Editor's note: To read Huyssen's award acceptance speech, see "Columbia Forum."]


Susan Pedersen, professor of history, is examining the impact of the League of Nations on colonial administration. She will use the fellowship to conduct research in the league archives in Geneva and in the British and French national archives. Pedersen joined the Columbia faculty in 2003 after teaching at Harvard. The other recipients are Anne Nelson, adjunct professor of international and public affairs, who will apply the fellowship toward a new nonfiction book about a group of Germans and German-Americans active in the anti-Nazi movement in Berlin from 1933-42; Paul Spencer Byard, director of the Historic Preservation Program at the Architecture School and a principal of Platt Byard Dovell White Architects as well as an attorney, who will examine public interest in old architecture; and Mark Slouka, associate professor of creative writing, who will work on a fiction book. He authored the novel God's Fool; Lost Lake, a collection of stories that was cited as a New York Times Notable Book of the Year. These scholars are among 186 selected for the 2005 fellowships, which total $7.1 million. Guggenheim Fellows are appointed based on distinguished achievement and exceptional promise for future accomplishment. The purpose of the Guggenheim Fellowship program is to help provide fellows with 6-12 months to work with as much creative freedom as possible.

■ 10 COLUMBIANS ELECTED: Richard Brilliant, Anna S. Garbedian Professor in the Humanities, and history professors Victoria de Grazia and Alice Kessler-Harris were among 10 Columbians elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences this year. SEAS Dean Zvi Galil, political science professor Robert Henry Legvold and five faculty from the medical center — Qais Al Awqati, Iva S. Greenwald, Andrew Robert Marks, Gary Struhl and Nancy Sabin Wexler — complete the list of Columbians among the 196 new fellows and 17 new foreign members. Founded in 1780, the academy honors intellectual achievement, leadership and creativity in all fields and includes more than 150 Nobel laureates and 50 Pulitzer Prize winners among its members.

■ WEBBY: The Webby Awards, the leading international honor for Web sites, recognized three sites produced by Columbia Digital Knowledge Ventures "Webby Worthy," a distinction made for the first time this year to recognize sites exhibiting remarkable achievement. Hailed as the "Online Oscars" by Time, the awards are determined by the International Academy of Digital Arts & Sciences. DKV's honored sites are The Architecture and Development of New York City; Ran-dolph Bourne's America; and China and Europe, 1500-2000 and Beyond: What is Modern?
Reunion 2005 Brings Alumni Back

Alumni from classes ending in 0 or 5, along with their family members and guests, gathered on campus and at venues around New York City from June 2–5 to celebrate Reunion Weekend 2005. Attendees enjoyed luncheons, dinners, cocktail parties, walking tours, Broadway shows, classroom lectures and panel discussions throughout the weekend, with many activities to choose from as well as free time to spend with classmates. CCT contributing writer (and reunion celebrant) Claire Lui '00 took to the streets, the tunnels, the Roone Arledge Auditorium and the Hammerstein Ballroom to chat with alumni about their reunion and College experiences.

Members of the Class of 1955 celebrated their 50th reunion in style with dinner at the Water Club on Friday.
PHOTO: HEATHER APPLEWHITE

“Class of Destiny” Celebrates Its 50th

The Class of 1955 had an enthusiastic turnout, setting a record for a 50th reunion class with 141 alumni and 118 guests in attendance. While waiting on 116th and Broadway to leave for class tours of the Metropolitan Museum of Art and MoMA, '55ers reminisced about their College days and speculated about the origin of the class nickname, “The Class of Destiny.” James Gherardi '55 claimed that the class moniker came from a desire to prove that it was better than the Class of 1954 (“The Bicentennial Class”) and pointed to the class’s large turnout for reunions and generous annual giving as proof of its prowess. With Jerry Sherwin '55, former president of the Alumni Association, and an active reunion committee leading the charge, the Class of '55 became the first 50th reunion class to surpass 50 percent participation.

Several other alumni suggested that the nickname had come from '55 being the first class to launch a panty raid at Barnard. Only one raid of consequence was remembered, an event that now is a significant memory for many. Some alums spoke about the raiders gathering throughout the dorms before swarming across the street. Alumni described how, once they reached Barnard, the women were throwing underwear out the windows and eventually called the police. To illustrate the story, Eddie Goldberg '55 sprinted to the Barnard gates to point out the site of the event.

Several alumni recalled the Met and MoMA as favorite haunts. Gordon Kaye '55 spoke about “living at the MoMA every Wednesday afternoon,” a day he didn’t have classes, and Jeffrey Broido '55 chatted with his friends about visiting MoMA when Picasso’s Guernica was there. At the museums, old Art Humanities lessons were revived as alumni went on guided tours. Kaye observed that MoMA once charged just 35 cents for admission compared to its current $20 fee.

For many alumni who had grown up in New York but moved away, reunion was an opportunity to see not only how the College has changed, but also the city. Some alumni compared their on-campus reunion lodgings to their days in the dorms, while NYC alumni from DeWitt Clinton, Stuyvesant and other city high schools recalled commuting to the College. Carman Hall, where many alums were housed for the weekend, was a tennis court in the '50s, and opinions among '55ers were mixed as to whether it was an improvement over their Hartley and Livingston (now Wallach) digs as students.

The Class of 1955 graduated the same year that the Dodgers beat the Yankees to win the World Series, a milestone well remembered by baseball fans such as Ivan Leigh '55. Leigh noted that his joyful recollection of that baseball season was tempered only by the terror of taking finals in the gym. Contemplating the many changes that Columbia has undergone through the years, he decided, “The best change was going coed.”

Alumni Take Manhattanville

Several tours were offered throughout the weekend, including a walking tour of historic Harlem, journeys through the tunnels that snake beneath the Columbia campus and a visit to Kykuit, the historic Rockefeller estate in the Hudson Valley. Among the most popular tours were a few that led alumni through Manhattanville and detailed Columbia’s expansion
Clockwise, from top left: Brooks Klimley '79's children hug their father after he received the President's Cup for his efforts at last year's reunion; his class' 25th; Dean Austin Quigley chats with Beryl Nusbaum '55, who was celebrating his 50th reunion, at the Dean's Brunch and Convocation; Alma Mater's open arms seem to have invited several youngsters to climb up for a group photo; members of the Class of 1955 toured downtown Manhattan on Friday, visiting Federal Hall and the statue of George Washington; and David Dewhurst, manager, building equipment and maintenance, leads alumni on a tour of the tunnels under the Morningside Heights campus.

PHOTOS: EILEEN BARROSO (TOP LEFT, TOP RIGHT, BOTTOM RIGHT), ANDREA NICHOLS (ABOVE), LAURA BUTCHY '04 SOA (ABOVE MIDDLE)
Alumni get a firsthand look at plans for the Manhattanville expansion from Warren Whitlock, director of construction coordination.

PHOTO: LARIENA BELL

plans. Led by Warren Whitlock, director of construction coordination, the tours gave alumni an opportunity to look at the plans and models of the proposed campus as well as a chance to walk around the neighborhood.

While walking to and from Prentis Hall on 125th Street, site of the models and plans of the proposed new campus, many alumni were talking about 1968. The alumni were well aware of Columbia’s difficult history with expansion, notably the controversial plan to build a gymnasium in Morningside Park that was one of the issues behind the student demonstrations and building takeovers in 1968.

Whitlock gave a thorough overview of the University's plans and models, explaining the University’s needs and how the proposed campus, designed by Renzo Piano and the firm of Skidmore, Owings and Merrill, would offer at least a partial solution to Columbia’s ongoing need for more space.

A cross-section of alumni attended the presentations, including senior alums such as Norman MacLeod '35 and younger alums such as Arun Das '95. MacLeod mentioned the many changes that the campus has undergone in the past half-century, noting as an aside as he walked past the subway that the ride used to cost a nickel. Though some alumni were concerned about community reaction to the proposed expansion, a number offered comments of cautious hope. Michael J. Montgomery ’80 felt that the plans were “respectful to the scale of the neighborhood” but that the project’s biggest challenge would be managing the politics of public perception, a viewpoint Das shared. “Columbia, whether deservedly or not, has a reputation as The Big Bad Landlord,” noted Das. But he thought the University had made a good decision to place the models and plans in an accessible, street level room so that the community could view them easily. Das, like Montgomery, hoped that Whitlock’s ideal of openness and dialogue would continue and the expansion would be able to proceed with community support.

A Royale Casino Party

Packed with young alumni, Casino Royale at midtown’s Hammerstein Ballroom on Friday night was filled with the sounds of people gambling their chips for a chance to win Columbia prizes and familiar pop tunes played in the background by DJ Zander (Alexander Chemers ’03). Open to all classes, there was a strong showing from the Class of 2000 for its fifth reunion as well as of alumni from the Classes of 1995–2005, who gambled, danced and partied into the wee hours.

“I think I remember that girl” was a commonly overheard phrase throughout the night as people passed alumni who looked familiar. For many, it seemed like no time had passed — Lainy Destin ’00 described the party as “picking up where we left off” — while others, including Anthony Ramirez ’00, thought “Five years makes a big difference.” A number of young alumni on hand were recent law school graduates, many of whom were taking a break from studying for the bar exam. Abigail Krauser ’00 said, “It’s a strange but great thing to come back for reunion.” Krauser described being five years out of school as a “period of transition,” and indeed, many alums were just embarking on new careers or moving to different cities.

Axel Knows Your Nose

Dean of Alumni Affairs and Development Derek Wittner ’65 got a laugh when he pointed out during his remarks at Saturday’s Dean’s Brunch and Convocation that because of the late-night partying at Hammerstein Ballroom, only a handful of young alumni managed to make it to the morning’s pro-
gram and buffet. Dean Austin Quigley spoke of the growth and evolution of the College, and Alumni Association President Bob Berne ’60 presented Brooks Klimley ’79 with the President’s Cup in recognition of his efforts in helping his class achieve record attendance at its 25th reunion a year ago.

Afterward, inquisitive alumni found their way upstairs to the Roone Arledge Cinema for the 11 a.m. Reunion Weekend Lecture. Dr. Richard Axel ’67 delighted an attentive and appreciative audience with an overview of his Nobel-prize winning research on the olfactory system that was both educational and entertaining. Axel kept the crowd chuckling, peppering his speech with quotes from Emile Zola and Vladimir Nabokov and using slides of a René Magritte painting and a photo of Gwyneth Paltrow. In a quick description of how he ended up studying the science of smells, Axel made fun of his undergraduate and medical school career, telling anecdotes about his glasses falling into an abdominal incision and an early job as a lab glassware washer.

Explaining his research to a non-scientific audience, Axel described his search for the genetics behind the ability to smell and for the “map” in our brains that helps us identify different scents. Pointing out that perception — whether visual, auditory or olfactory — is based on past experiences and guesses, Axel showed a photo of George Bush and Dick Cheney. Upon closer inspection, though, the audience realized that “Dick Cheney” was actually another photo of Bush’s face, with Cheney’s hair and glasses.

Concluding his talk with a brief allusion to this year’s controversy surrounding the Middle East and Asian Languages and Cultures department and the principle of academic freedom, Axel spoke of his strong belief in the need for freedom of expression within the University and in the world at large. He cautioned against the idea that “there is knowledge best left alone,” emphasizing that it was not knowledge in and of itself that was bad, but how knowledge was used.

**Future Lions Go to Camp Columbia**

Potential future Columbia students jumped around in a Moon Bounce, scaled an inflatable rock climbing wall, did spin art and waited patiently for a balloon animal of their choice at Camp Columbia, the children’s program on the lawn in front of Hamilton. Some kids followed camp counselors as they played games on the grass, while parents watched the younger children in the play area.

Randi Albert ’90 and Daniel Halery ’90, who met during freshman year, took advantage of the activities with their sons, Benjamin and Zachary. Benjamin was an enthusiastic fan of the Moon Bounce, making repeated visits, and baby Zachary napped with his parents.

Brian Cousin ’85 also appreciated the children’s zone; one of his three sons enjoyed scaling the rock climbing wall. The play area was a good alternative for his sons, said Cousin, who pointed out that one of the nicest parts of reunion was seeing his classmates’ kids. Camp Columbia, he observed, made it easier for people to bring their children to campus by keeping them occupied while the parents attended events.

Some parents with younger children found that a few hours of bouncing and running was enough. Cousin and his wife hired a babysitter for their sons in the evening, while Albert and Halery planned to spend the evening at home with their sons.

**Far-Flung Alumni**

Alumni from all over the world came back to Morningside Heights to attend reunion. The winner for farthest distance traveled was David Luis ’70, who came from Sydney, Australia, although a close runner-up — or should that be a “distant” second? — was Don Shapiro ’65, who came from Taipei, Taiwan.

Shapiro convinced his former Livingston roommate, Richard Lansing ’65, to attend their 40th reunion together. Shapiro, a former *Spectator* editor-in-chief, attended graduate school at Columbia, studying in a joint program between the East Asian Institute and the Journalism School. In 1969, during his third year, he went to Taiwan to gain practical experience reporting from Asia. In Taipei, he was a reporter for *The New York Times*. By the end of the year, Shapiro decided he wanted to stay in Taipei a bit longer and cashed in his plane ticket instead of...
The Starlight Reception, which features dancing to a live band under a tent on Low Plaza as well as drinks and dessert, is the climax to Saturday’s program. Dean Austin Quigley (far left) and his wife, Patricia Denison, show some of their moves on the dance floor, while some choose to sit one out on the steps (above), listen to the music and catch up with classmates and friends.

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returning home. “I never made a long-range plan to stay,” Shapiro says of the time, but he has lived and worked in Taipei ever since. The editor-in-chief of Taiwan Business TOPICS, a magazine published by the American Chamber of Commerce, Shapiro lives with his wife in Taipei. The couple has two daughters, one living in the U.S. and the other in Taiwan.

A Columbia Trifecta: ’35 – ’65 – ’00

The Columbia underground tunnel tours were a popular reunion event. One tour was attended by three generations of Columbians: Jerry Schaul ’35, Mike Schaul ’65 and Nissim Schaul ’00. Counting Jerry’s late father, Jerome (Class of 1909), Nissim Schaul is the fourth generation of his family to attend the College.

The three Schauls had been to the tunnels during their undergraduate years, though none remembered any particular underground hijinks. Indeed, Jerry scoffed and said he was a “trouble receiver,” not a “troublemaker.” Though the tunnels were closed by the time Nissim attended, he is probably the Schaul with the most tunnel experience, as he had been granted special access to them when he briefly had to get around on crutches while a student. He acknowledged that he had explored the tunnels a little, but mainly remembered their low ceilings, darkness and scary atmosphere.

Mike only remembered using the tunnels to avoid bad weather and described them as “strictly utilitarian” in his time. Jerry also remembered the tunnels as useful conduits.

Many tunnel tour attendees had heard tunnel legends, including tales of the tunnels serving as a delivery route for the Manhattan Project, or as sites for illegal exploration. They also were said to have been access routes to buildings taken over during campus demonstrations. Though graffiti can be seen on some pipes, there was little evidence of much of the mythology that has grown up around the tunnels. Mainly, the tunnels were hot; they connect to various utility rooms and route steam, electricity and gas to the University, so the heat from the boilers made walking through the tunnels an almost tropical experience.

Norman Skinner ’50 Looks Back

Norman Skinner ’50 was one of the few students of color during his time at Columbia. A founding member of the Black Alumni Council, Skinner remembers his College days fondly, recalling that he “was a big man on campus without knowing it.” In addition to being a baseball and basketball team member, he was vice president of his class and a member of Nacoms.

Skinner says his undergraduate days were free of racism, and he credited the deans as wonderful influences on the College’s atmosphere. He recalled the surprise shared by him and his two roommates, when moving into his dorm room in Hartley, that everyone in the suite was black. The following year, Skinner decided to live in a single room in Livingston, and upon moving in, he again found that housing had placed him adjacent to two other black students. Chuckling, Skinner recalled, “It didn’t bother us.”

Though he was unable to go on the Manhattanville tour, Skinner, a lifelong New Yorker, is planning to learn more about the expansion, commenting that this time (compared to 1968), “At least the school is listening, and this time talk is going on between the community and the University.”

Skinner described reunion as lots of fun, saying it was good to see classmates — a sentiment that was widespread among the more than 800 alumni who attended Reunion 2005.
Bierbaum, DiCrescenzo, Coleman, Miller Earn All-America Honors

BY ALEX SACHARE '71

Caroline Bierbaum '06 finished second in the 10,000 meters at the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships in Sacramento on June 9, earning All-America honors for the third time this season. Delilah DiCrescenzo '05 joined Bierbaum as an All-American by finishing ninth in the 3,000-meter steeplechase the following day. The top eight finishers in each race earn All-America honors, but DiCrescenzo moved up because there were two international competitors among the top eight. This is the first year Columbia women's outdoor track and field has had an All-American.

Bierbaum finished 1.16 seconds behind Colorado's Sara Slattery in the 10,000 meters and more than nine seconds ahead of third-place finisher Mary Cullen of Providence.

"This is a great ending to a phenomenal year for her," women's head coach Craig Lake said of Bierbaum. "She was third in the NCAA cross country meet, second in the 5,000 meters at the indoor nationals and now second here. She has established herself as one of the nation's premier distance runners."

Lake praised the determination and improvement shown by DiCrescenzo, who captained the Lions. "For her to leave as an All-American shows how tough she is and how much she's improved," said Lake.

In addition, Karl Dusen '05 finished 21st in the men's 10,000 meters and Erison Hurtault '07 finished fourth in his heat of the 400 meters and 20th overall.

ON TARGET: Columbia's women's archery team defeated Texas A&M to win the national championship in the recurve division at the U.S. Intercollegiate Archery Championships (USIAC) in Milledgeville, Ga., on May 22. Stephanie Miller '07 placed first in the qualifying round.

The Lions defeated Atlantic Cape Community College 196-121 and Dine College 191-165 to reach the final, where they beat the defending national champion Aggies 217-189.

Miller was fourth after the first day of shooting but came back from a 25-point deficit to place first with a final score of 1,241. With her score from this USIAC and her score from the qualifying rounds of the national indoor tournament earlier this year, Miller earned All-America honors.

ON THE WATER: Tara Coleman '05 Barnard, captain of the women's crew that compiled a 9-4 record, was named a Pocock Second Team All-American in voting sponsored by the boat manufacturer and conducted by the Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association. Coleman and Libby Peters '06 were named to the All-Mid Atlantic Region First Team, and Jessica Mullin '06 made the Second Team.

NIXON'S THE ONE: Paul E. Nixon, an assistant women's basketball coach at Indiana since 2002, has been named women's head basketball coach. He succeeds Tory Verdi, who served as acting head coach following Traci Waines' resignation in February.

Nixon, a Vanderbilt graduate who was a volunteer assistant for the women's team and a manager for the men's team during his undergraduate years, also served as an assistant coach at Southern Mississippi, Nevada-Reno and Marshall. He received an M.S. in health, physical education and recreation from Marshall in 1996.

ALL-IVY: Congratulations to the following student-athletes who earned All-Ivy honors during the spring 2005 season:

First Team: Carrie Anderer '06 (lacrosse), Caroline Bierbaum '06 (women's track), Darren Bolton '05 (men's golf), Hilary Bontz '06 (women's track), Chris Condello '08 (men's golf), Delilah DiCrescenzo '05 (women's track), Erison Hurtault '07 (men's track), Alana Johnson '07 (women's golf), Milena Kachar '07 (women's tennis), Kacy Krasman '07 (softball), Marisa Marconi '05 (softball), Akshay Rao '05 (men's tennis), men's tennis doubles (Rao, Scott Robbin '06) and women's track 4x400-meter relay (Whitney Crayton '08, Kathryn Schlichtman '07, Osamude Iyoha '08, Janice Burrell '06 Barnard).

Second Team: Jackie Adelphi '06 (softball), Rajeev Emany '05 (men's tennis), Gerry Groothuis '05 (men's track), Angela Hendry '08 (women's tennis), Tighe Holden '07 (baseball), Jimmy Moore '06 (men's tennis), Bill Purdy '08 (baseball), Lisa Stublic '06 (women's track), Tenke Zoltani '06 (women's track) and women's track 4x800-meter relay (DiCrescenzo, Kurtin Nebms '08, Sarah Decker '07, Bontz).

Honorable Mention: Shelle Borton '06 (softball), Marcela Calidonio '06 (lacrosse), Kate Lombard '07 (lacrosse), Lacie Nelson '06 (softball) and Craig Rodwogin '07 (baseball).

ALL-ACADEMIC: Further congratulations go to the 10 student-athletes who earned Academic All-Ivy honors for the spring 2005 season: Carrie Anderer '06 (lacrosse), Caroline Bierbaum '06 (women's track), Hilary Bontz '06 (women's track), Tara Coleman '05 Barnard (women's rowing), Marisa Marconi '05 (softball), Karl Dusen '05 (men's track), Rajeev Emany '05 (men's tennis), Tighe Holden '07 (baseball), Patrick Horst '05 (men's track and field) and Scott Robbin '06 (men's tennis).
The Face of New Hampshire

Congressman, governor and now a third-term U.S. senator, Judd Gregg '69 is one of the country's most influential conservatives.

By Jonathan Lemire '01

He is the son of a New Hampshire governor. He has devoted his life to New Hampshire politics and was the first elected official in state history to serve as a U.S. congressman, governor and U.S. senator. He was elected to his third Senate term in November with the highest number of votes in any election in the Granite State's history.

Now that the Old Man in the Mountain rock formation has come tumbling down from its perch, a convincing case could be made that Judd Gregg '69 may be the face of New Hampshire.

A staunch conservative who has never lost a political race, Gregg chairs the Senate Budget Committee and has helped distribute funding for homeland security, helped author and pass the controversial No Child Left Behind Act (as chairman of the Senate Education Committee) and — showing that he can act as well as legislate — played Al Gore and John Kerry during President George W. Bush's debate preparations in the 2000 and 2004 campaigns.

But Gregg is far too busy negotiating the corridors of power in Washington, D.C., and Concord, N.H., to reflect on his legacy. "I don't spend much time looking back. I'd much rather look forward," says Gregg, 58, early one morning while racing to a terrorism defense drill. "My focus is always the next task at hand."

Throughout his political life, supporters say, Gregg has never lost sight of where he's from or sacrificed his principles for the sake of political expediency. "Part of the reason why he wins is that he's not afraid to lose," says Tom Rath, New Hampshire National Republican Committeeman. "He'd rather lose for the right reasons than win for the wrong ones. He has a core set of principles that have, by and large, guided his career. He's never compromised himself."

Gregg's commitment to public service is, literally, in his blood. His father, Hugh Gregg, served as New Hampshire governor from 1953-55, so the household that Judd was born into in 1947 was full of talk of hard work and giving back.

After growing up in Nashua, an industrial mill town, Gregg excelled as a student at Phillip Exeter High School, an elite New Hampshire prep school. As he started thinking about college, he realized that he wanted a different experience for his undergraduate years. "My prep school was insular," Gregg notes. "All the students were men from similar backgrounds. The schools in [New York] city had a lot to offer in their diversity.

"I was looking for the biggest city I could find," he recalls with a laugh. "I certainly found that in New York City." Gregg readily admitted, however, that his selection of Columbia College was based more on instinct than research.

"I just looked at [Columbia's] catalog. I never visited the campus," he said. "I didn't need to. I knew what I wanted, even if I had no idea what it would look like."

What Gregg wanted was energy and variety, things that he found on Morningside Heights in abundance. Though the journey from his small New England town to his new home was only 233 miles, Morningside Heights felt a world away from the sheltered prep-school life he left behind.

Which was exactly the point, Gregg said.

"If I wanted to just go to a college, I would have gone to Dartmouth, Yale or Cornell," he says. "I wanted to experience New York City, and that included the energy of its protests about civil rights, the women's movement and Vietnam."

An English major, Gregg was struck with the sweeping brushstrokes of knowledge that the Core Curriculum provided. "I took a series of courses that I was interested in, but the Core Curriculum really shaped my Columbia experience," he said. "It pretty much taught us the basics of everything. I was drawn in by subjects that I knew nothing about."

Art history, in particular, captured Gregg's attention, and he delighted in forays into Manhattan's mammoth museums, with his professor as tour guide. "We were taught by leading world experts who took us to the world's best museums," he said. "I found that fascinating."

While those field trips were organized by the school, they were consistent with Gregg's passion for touring the city. He viewed Manhattan as an extension of Columbia's campus, and Gregg now jokes that his real major at Columbia was "subway studies," due to his extensive weekend exploration.

Gregg soaked in the city's energy, including its fevered political activism. He attended "happenings" in Central Park and marched with classmates in feminist rallies. He also had an up-close perspective of the campus demonstrations of 1968, which put Columbia in the harsh glare of the national media spotlight.

Gregg remembers walking through campus and trying to keep his distance from placard-carrying protestors and riot gear-clad cops.

"The intensity of the period was rather overwhelming," he says. "Being on campus when the demonstrators took over
Clockwise, from top left: President Bush smiles as Gregg exhorts a picnic crowd in Stratham, N.H. at a 2004 rally; Gregg is a former chairman of the Senate Education Committee, where he was a strong advocate for computer literacy; Gregg examines voice-activated police cruiser technology developed at the University of New Hampshire; Gregg joins Senators Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.) and John McCain (R-Ariz.) to announce legislation that would allow sale of less expensive generic drugs; Gregg is flanked by his wife, Kathleen (left) and his daughter, Molly, at a 2004 reelection victory party in Bedford, N.H.; Gregg sits between Senators Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) and Chris Dodd (D-Conn.) at a HELP committee hearing; Gregg, chair of the Senate Budget Committee, meets with Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan; Gregg at the Mount Washington Observatory's Weather Center in North Conway, N.H., which was dedicated to him for his support; Gregg, as a Congressman in the 1980s, stands before the White Island Lighthouse near Portsmouth, a national historical monument; President Bush signs into law in 2002 the No Child Left Behind Act, co-authored by Gregg (third from right).

PHOTOS: AP PHOTO/JIM COLE (TOP LEFT, IMMEDIATE RIGHT), AP PHOTO/DENNIS COOK (TOP RIGHT), AP PHOTO/TIM BOYD (SECOND RIGHT), AP PHOTO/THE CONWAY DAILY SUN/LLOYD JONES (BOTTOM RIGHT); OTHERS COURTESY OFFICE OF SENATOR JUDD GREGG.
buildings and the police came was an experience. There was physical violence and intellectual fervor. Classes were cancelled, but as an afterthought — they weren't anyone’s focus.”

Although the demonstrations were the definitive event of his time on the Heights, Gregg took far more than those powerful memories with him when he returned to New England after graduation.

“I remember [the school] fondly,” he says. “Columbia was a great experience and helped lay a great foundation. I got exactly what I wanted from Columbia, and I began to see the world in a different light.”

After receiving a law degree from Boston University in 1975, Gregg did not serve in the military due to a medical issue and instead returned to New Hampshire to practice law. Leaving big cities behind to again live in a small town, Gregg grew more convinced then ever of individuals’ rights and soon realized his calling was to follow in his father’s footsteps and enter New Hampshire politics.

“I lived in a small city [in New Hampshire] and became head of the United Way and other charitable organizations. That made me realize, quickly, that in order to have an impact in the community, it had to be with the government.”

Gregg’s political career began when he was elected as a delegate to the state Constitutional Convention in 1974. He got his first taste of national politics coordinating the New Hampshire presidential primary campaigns of Ronald Reagan in 1976 and George H.W. Bush in 1980. Though both candidates lost their respective primary bids, Gregg was hooked on conservative politics.

After a short stint on the New Hampshire Governor’s Executive Council, an advisory group often in conflict with the executive branch in Concord, Gregg ran for Congress in 1980. He was elected by a large margin and spent eight years in the House of Representatives, with much of that time on the Ways and Means Committee.

Growing restless in the House, Gregg took a political risk and declined to ask voters to return him to Washington, D.C., in 1988. Instead, he asked them send him to the state house in Concord and declined to ask voters to return him to Washington, D.C., in 1988. Instead, he asked them send him to the state house in Concord and voted for fiscal conservatism. Those laws were made moot by Roe v. Wade, but Gregg believed the veto — despite being potential political dynamite — was important symbolically.

“He didn’t have to veto those laws, but he had a strong pro-life stance and wanted to make an important statement,” recalls McQuaid. “I was impressed that he was a man who would keep his word no matter the consequences.”

In 1992, Gregg decided he was ready for a bigger stage: the U.S. Senate. Running on a platform that touted his environmental protection record and called for fiscal conservatism in the federal budget, he fought criticisms of more liberal opponents and captured the seat vacated by legendary Senator Warren Rudman (R-N.H.).

With his win, Gregg moved to John F. Kennedy’s old Senate office and helped keep alive Columbia College’s remarkable streak of having at least one alumnus in every session of the Senate.

“From my first day at the Senate to today, I remain in awe of this fabulously interesting place,” he says. “When I’m on the floor, and I look around and take in its history, it never ceases to hit me that it is the most successful deliberative democracy in history. It’s an honor to serve there.”

Gregg took the lessons of the statehouse with him to the Capitol and focused, particularly at the beginning of his term, on his constituents’ problems. And while the individual concerns of his residents — whether it be their immigrant status, visa problems or Social Security checks — may seem small, he found that solving those problems was as rewarding as tackling national issues.

“At the end of the day, my job is to help people with their issues,” he said. “We’ve probably helped 20,000 people with their personal problems, and while I don’t like to call that ‘rewarding,’ it is good to know that help is being provided.”

Sitting at the antique desk of New Hampshire patriot Daniel Webster (given by tradition to the state’s senior senator), Gregg remembered his home state by increasing federal funding to the University of New Hampshire, helping it...
become one of the country’s leading schools in environmental research. The voters were grateful in 1998 and re-elected Gregg with the highest voter percentage in New Hampshire’s history. He won by another landslide in 2004.

Gregg’s focus in the Senate has remained fiscal. He rose to become chairman of the Senate Budget Committee and has tried to reign in federal spending. This spring, he got the $2.6 trillion federal budget for 2006 passed in the fifth-shortest amount of time in history. Designed to cut the deficit in half in five years, the budget drew criticism from many Democrats but praise from notable Republicans such as Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist (R-Tenn.).

“Judd Gregg, as chairman of the budget committee, is to be congratulated for first accomplishing it, which is important because we’ve only had a budget for two of the last four years, and second, for accomplishing it so ... expeditiously,” Frist told the Union Leader. “The way we did pass it shows the tremendous respect there is for Judd’s leadership.”

Domestically, in addition to his work on the No Child Left Behind Act, Gregg is a Senate Republican point person on health care and Social Security reform. “The Baby Boom generation not only requires massive amounts of health care but also could bankrupt Social Security for future generations,” Gregg says. “These issues are far too important to ignore.”

In foreign policy, Gregg says his worldview was irrevocably altered by 9-11; he now chairs the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security. In 2003, he voted for the war in Iraq and created “Operation TOPOFF,” which conducts mock terrorism drills in the United States to identify areas of emergency response that need improvement, and he’s earned the ear of President Bush.

“Judd is too modest to admit it, but his wife and the First Lady are close, and he has become a trusted voice in Washington,” Rath says. “Because he doesn’t showboat, he’s earned the respect of the President, which is good for him and for New Hampshire.”

According to his friends, Gregg dotes on his wife, Kathleen, and their three children. Friends also attest that Gregg, while reserved in public, can be an almost gregarious figure when with friends and family walking the sands of New Hampshire’s beaches or cheering on their beloved Red Sox at Fenway Park.

“As busy and as successful as he is, he’s always been devoted to his family,” says Dave Hedstrom, Gregg’s friend for 26 years. “When he was governor, he co-coached his son’s soccer team with me, and he never missed a game or a practice. And he wouldn’t show up with a bunch of New Hampshire State Troopers at his side, either — he was a regular guy, a regular father.”

Hedstrom, a dentist from Greenfield, N.H., sees a side of the senator that few others do — he’s Gregg’s golf partner. “Judd has a great drive, but man, his putting needs work. That may be because I’m always heckling him when he gets to the green,” Hedstrom says with a laugh. “But even on the golf course, you can see the competitive side of him that must make him so successful politically.”

Though driven to keep his political and family lives separate, the two realms collided dramatically in October 2003 when Kathleen was kidnapped at knifepoint and held hostage in the Gregg’s upscale Virginia home. She escaped unharmed from the two men, however, after she convinced them to drive her to a local bank. The men — who may not have known the identity of their captive — were arrested in New Jersey later that week.

“That was a really tough time for them,” Hedstrom remembers. “Judd had just lost his father, and then to hear that Kathy was in such danger ... I think it was harder on him than her. I think that, for a while, he almost felt responsible. But he’s a tough, solid man, and very grounded. It was traumatic, but they were able to move on.”

While Gregg declined to speculate on his political future (“my focus is simply on my job at the Senate, day in and day out”), his friends and political allies hope that he runs for re-election in 2010 and continues as one of the Senate’s most respected and influential statesmen. They believe that if the state had a political Hall of Fame for the likes of Webster, former President Franklin Pierce, and, in some circles, President Jed Bartlett from TV’s The West Wing, it would soon be expanded to welcome Gregg.

“He’s one of the best senators the state has had,” says McQuaid, who sent a copy of Robert Caro’s masterful biography of Lyndon Johnson’s Senate years to Gregg when he was elected. “He’s a humble man, and far from flashy. Many people underestimate him because he is so quiet. By being so quiet and by not trying to draw attention to himself at every turn, that’s how he is so effective. He’s a typical New Hampshire legislator, and that’s a compliment — the man simply gets the job done.”

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Reclaiming the Language of Democracy

The Villard Professor of German and Comparative Literature, Andreas Huyssen, received the 44th annual Mark Van Doren Award for Great Teaching for “humanity, devotion to truth and inspiring leadership” on May 5 at Faculty House. This award, given annually to one professor, is bestowed by an Academic Awards Committee of students, who met throughout the year to discuss candidates.

A former chair of the Germanic languages department (1986-92), and chair again as of this year, Huyssen recently directed the newly founded Center for Comparative Literature and Society. He is one of the founding editors of New German Critique, the leading journal of German Studies in the United States and he serves on the editorial boards of October, Constellations and Germanic Review. Huyssen’s research and teaching focus on 18th–20th century German literature and culture, international modernism, Frankfurt School critical theory, postmodernism, cultural memory of historical trauma in transnational contexts, and, most recently, urban culture and globalization. He has published widely in German and English, and his work has been translated into Spanish, Portuguese, Swedish, Danish, Turkish, Japanese and Chinese.

Huyssen currently is preparing a volume on the culture of non-Western cities resulting from the Sawyer Seminar he taught at Columbia, “Globalizing Cities and Urban Imaginaries.” He also is working on a book project on modernist miniatures, a little-studied experimental form of modernist writing, widespread in French and German modernism from Baudelaire to Rilke and Benn, Kafka, Kracauer and Benjamin.

Here are Huyssen’s remarks in accepting the Mark Van Doren Award.
To receive a teaching award is a high point in any teacher's life. To be awarded Columbia's Mark Van Doren Award is even more special because it comes directly from the student body and because the formidable list of past winners can only be an inspiration to live up to the high standard and great tradition this award represents. I accept it with great pleasure and pride, but also with an acute sense that this award stands for Columbia's commitment to ambitious and challenging teaching in general to which all faculty, teaching assistants and part-time teachers remain dedicated.

I would like to say a few words about one of the lecture classes from which my nomination for this award emerged. It was a 4000-level undergraduate/graduate class on the Frankfurt School, "Aesthetics Under Siege." We read famously difficult texts by Lukács and Bloch, Kracauer, Benjamin, Horkheimer, and Adorno — texts that deal with the fate of art and literature, music and philosophy, film, photography and the media at a time of growing illiberalism, censorship, and outright cultural intimidation and persecution in the earlier 20th century. Close readings of these texts allowed us to discuss key issues of 20th-century aesthetics such as the interwar debates about realism and modernism in literature and the visual arts, about abstract versus committed art, about the socially liberatory or manipulative functioning of the culture industry, about state and society, and about the possibilities of enlightenment in dark times.

In order to make sense of the deep pessimism — a pessimism sometimes bordering on despair in Benjamin's last essays or Adorno and Horkheimer's *Dialectic of Enlightenment* — I insisted on the need to read these works as closely tied up with their times: the times of the rise of national socialism and Stalinism. Only then would we discuss how aspects of this theoretical work might pertain to our postmodern present 50 and more years later. I have taught this class since I came to Columbia in 1986, and it has always attracted a diverse group of students from different disciplines and from several schools. I never imagined that a time would come in which this work would begin to resonate deeply with the political and cultural present in the United States. But this was my experience of teaching this material last fall semester, and the queries and concerns of the students reinforced a sense of worry and foreboding.

Something happened in class discussions that had not happened in earlier years. As someone who since the 1960s and the Vietnam War has always (in Europe and in the U.S.) rejected facile parallels between the collapse of Weimar (let alone the Third Reich) and the United States, I came to worry about certain pressing analogies — analogies with differences to be sure, but analogies nevertheless — between the current political culture war in this country and the German scene of the late Weimar Republic. Liberalism was a dirty word then as it is now. Democratic secularism and enlightenment at that time faced an onslaught from national socialism as a political religion as it is under attack by a religious politics today. The media were increasingly shifting to the right as Hugenberg, the right-wing media tycoon, extended his media empire, and the attacks on the freedom of speech and the freedom of research and teaching in the academy mounted already in the years before Hitler was appointed chancellor. Civility turned first to incivility, then to violence. All of it was accompanied by lexical transformations.

Observers of political language in this country have in recent years often pointed to George Orwell's "newspeak," but it might be equally instructive to reread Victor Klemperer's *Lingua Tertii Imperii* to understand how democratic institutions are first and foremost undermined by the voiding of established meanings and the insidious redeployment of cherished words. This, after all, is the domain of the humanist, and it may well be necessary to reclaim the language of democracy, life and freedom, even the language of balance and fairness from its abusers today.

Humanists are the guardians of language, and language does matter in describing good teaching. So let me say this: Ambitious and challenging teaching has absolutely nothing to do with the kind of balance, fairness or comprehensiveness that is so aggressively demanded of us these days by the self-appointed watchdogs of the academy. It has to do with intellectual passion, with a reasoned point of view and with the search for the truth rather than its self-confident transmission. In my field of literary and cultural studies, teaching is about making the dead letter of past writings come alive in the heads of our students, and with encouraging the students' sense of possibility, *Möglichkeitsphantasie*, as an Austrian novelist Robert Musil once called it. Balance and comprehensiveness in teaching are at best recipes for boredom. I happily confess: I've never been balanced in my teaching, and I simply don't know enough to be comprehensive.

When I first taught the Frankfurt School after coming to Columbia in 1986, it gave me goose bumps — the goose bumps of having become part of something much larger, part of a historical tradition. Remember that the Frankfurt School's Institute for Social Research had been given a home in exile by the generosity of Columbia's President Nicholas Murray Butler in 1934, and the Institute remained on West 117th Street well through the war and beyond until it relocated back in Frankfurt in the 1950s. Decades later, in 1989, Leo Löwenthal, the cultural sociologist and one of the last surviving members of the "first generation" of the Frankfurt School, came back to Columbia to deliver the keynote lecture in a conference that my department had organized on the work of Siegfried Kracauer, his close friend from their Frankfurt days.

Kracauer had spent many of his exile years writing about film in the film archives of the Museum of Modern Art and died relatively unknown in this country in the mid-1960s. But neither Löwenthal or Kracauer, Adorno or Horkheimer, ever had a teaching presence at Columbia. The Institute — genuinely cross-disciplinary between social sciences and humanities — was a research operation only. Thus, I feel privileged today to have been able to represent this important tradition of German intellectual life in my classes at the very institution that offered these refugees shelter in exile, and to have received the Mark Van Doren Award for making this tradition come alive for my students.

Some of you may think that as a native German, I may be prone to seeing apocalyptic scenarios. But ethnicity is not everything. What I take away from my upbringing in Cold War Europe and from my readings of these most pessimistic traditions of German thought and criticism is this: The traditions of liberalism and the democratic enlightenment, which secular though it may be is not per se anti-religious, must be asserted anew, and not just defensively. How to do this is the big question today. My students kept pressing me on this matter last semester, and I thank them for it. Aware as they were of the problematic drift in this country and in the world, they did not want to buy into the pessimism of the dialectic of the enlightenment. For me, that was a sign of hope and proof that teaching can have its best unintended effects when the teacher does not have all the answers.
From the Other Side of the Water: Living by Malcolm S. Mason ’30. This second volume of Mason’s memoirs follows From the Other Side of the Water and focuses on family, personal interests and his connection to the atomic bomb (Xlibris, $21.99).

Herman Wouk ['34]: The Novelist as Social Historian by Arnold Beichman ’34. Using personal papers and manuscripts, Beichman examines the novels and plays of Wouk, one of America’s leading writers, investigating his work of the past two decades (Transaction Publishers, $24.95).

Hospital at War: The 95th Evacuation Hospital in World War II by Zachary Friedman ’36. Friedmanberg reminisces about how the doctors and nurses of the WWII 95th Evacuation Hospital effectively treated wounded soldiers in Africa, France, Italy and Germany and maintained a 99 percent survival rate (Texas A&M University Press, $32.50).

The United States and Cyprus: Double Standards and the Rule of Law edited by Eugene T. Rossides ’49 and Von Cosoulakis. This collection of papers contributed by U.S. officials examines the decision-making process of the arms embargo on Turkey and how it affects current diplomatic relations with Cyprus and Turkey (American Hellenic Institute Foundation, $30).

Introducing Game Theory and Its Applications by Elliott Mendelson ’52. In this introductory textbook aimed at anyone trying to understand the implications and applications of game theory, Mendelson provides basic methods for various games that relate to mathematics, economics and business (CRC Press, $69.95).

The Diabetes Diet by Richard K. Bernstein M.D. ’54. Extolling the virtues of healthful eating, Bernstein explains how diabetes can be controlled through proper diet and offers 100 low-carb recipes (Little, Brown & Co., $24.95).

Breast Cancer: The Complete Guide by Yashar Hirshaut M.D. and Peter I. Pressman M.D. ’55, foreword by Amy S. Langer. This handbook offers comprehensive information on the most common cancer among women and covers everything from prevention to diagnosis to choosing a type of treatment (Bantam, $17).

Exploring Philosophy: An Introductory Anthology by Steven M. Cahn ’63. In this second edition, contemporary authors comment on the historical texts of classical thinkers such as Plato, Descartes and Hume and cover essential philosophical topics such as knowledge, God, democracy and freedom (Oxford University Press, $39).

The Twelve Universal Laws of Success by Herbert Harris ’64. This handbook outlines Harris’ principles of personal success and provides lifestyle guidelines influenced by biblical and metaphysical texts (LifeSkill Institute, $14.95).

Principles of Law and Economics by Peter Z. Grossman ’70 and Daniel H. Cole ’96. An academic study of how political structure and economic policy frame each other, this text provides fundamental legal and economic principles leading to an investigation of the relationship between economics and law (Pearson Prentice Hall, $120).

Pirates of Pensacola by Keith Thomson ’87. In this debut novel, a mild-mannered man is thrust into pirate life when his ex-convict father kidnaps him and takes him on an adventure for $40 million in gold (St. Martin’s Press, $23.95).

Jacksonian Antislavery and the Politics of Free Soil, 1824–1854 by Jonathan H. Earle ’90. Earle revisits the idea of Free Soil, arguing that it started as part of the proslavery platform but eventually contributed to the antislavery agenda. He also explores its polarizing effects on local, state and national discourse leading up to the Civil War (University of North Carolina Press, $22.50).

Modernism and the Architecture of Private Life by Victoria Rosner ’90. Rosner examines the significance of the household and private life in British literature, especially its use by mod-
Ray Robinson '41 recalls his days as a delivery boy for a liquor store on the Upper West Side, where he and his family lived. On more than one occasion, the job took him to the doorsteps of Babe Ruth’s apartment building, where the aging baseball legend, always wearing a bathrobe, would come down and pick up his whiskey order. “He tipped very well,” Robinson remembers, noting that $1 during the Great Depression went a long way. Robinson, however, preferred the introverted Lou Gehrig '25, a former Columbia baseball star, over the flamboyant Ruth when he frequented Yankee games as a child in the late ‘20s.

Both stars, as well as numerous other “immortals,” are included in Robinson’s latest book, Greats of the Game: The Players, Games, Teams and Managers That Made Baseball History (Harry N. Abrams, $35; photographs compiled by Christopher Jennison). As a passionate baseball fan for more than 70 years, Robinson uses his knowledge of the game and an almost intimate familiarity with its personalities to highlight the careers and achievements of his baseball greats. Greats of the Game includes sections on legendary managers, the greatest games, moments, teams and World Series, and historical profiles of notable baseball stadiums. “It’s completely arbitrary,” Robinson says of his player selections for “The Immortals” section, “and when people see it, I hope some will agree and others will want to argue about it.” One of the great qualities of baseball, Robinson says, is its ability to furnish fans with topics for never-ending debates that enrich their appreciation for the sport.

For all his expertise and written work on baseball, it may come as a surprise that Robinson, now 84, was 65 when he began devoting a great deal of his time to writing about the sport. Until then, he worked in the magazine industry with posts that included managing editor of Seventeen and nonfiction editor of Good Housekeeping. While he built his career as a magazine editor, Robinson kept a close eye on baseball and wrote about it whenever he could. From the late ‘50s to the ‘70s, he coordinated the yearly publication of Baseball Stars, profiles by various sports writers of that year’s outstanding major league players. Robinson continues to write baseball-related articles as a freelancer for The New York Times, The New York Post and American Heritage magazine.

Since he left the magazine industry in 1986, Robinson’s output has been extensive; he has authored or contributed to more than 10 books, including baseball player biographies Iron Horse: Lou Gehrig [‘25] in His Time and Matty: An American Hero, about New York Giants pitcher Christy Mathewson. Robinson also has written biographies of non-baseball figures — Rockne of Notre Dame: The Making of a Football Legend and American Original: A Life of Will Rogers. In 2003, after years of collecting last words said by notable figures at their deathbeds, some recorded and others alleged, Robinson authored Famous Last Words, Fond Farewells, Deathbed Tributes, and Exclamations Upon Expiration, which he called a “fun book and a change of pace.”

With Greats of the Game, Robinson combines his sports journalist acumen with his fondness for the game. In many instances, his descriptions of players and teams include his reactions as a fan, such as his “infatuation” with the “out of town” Cincinnati Reds of 1939 and 1940. In his profile of pitcher Grover Cleveland Alexander, Robinson regretfully recalls a moment 60 years ago when he saw the former star, frail and troubled by alcoholism, at a fleacircus museum near Times Square telling stories or asking “for a few pennies.” While saddened as a fan, Robinson celebrated Alexander’s professional career, which included two victories over the formidable Yankees in 1926 as a Cardinals pitcher. Robinson’s lifelong experience with baseball — he attended his first game in 1928 — lends Greats of the Game the unique voice of a writer who is not only knowledgeable about baseball history but also has lived through a significant part of it.

Robinson, who lives in New York City with his wife, Phyllis, and Norwich terrier, Penelope, was honored in October 2004 with the Jacob Javits Lifetime Achievement Award by the ALS Association/Greater New York Chapter in its 10th annual Lou Gehrig Sports Awards. Robinson already is working on his next book, about Wendell Willkie, the Republican presidential candidate who lost to Franklin Delano Roosevelt in 1940. He also hopes to write a book on Jack Dempsey and heavyweight boxing.

As fan, expert and writer, Robinson periodically shares his passion for baseball with “a group of guys” — sports writers and other baseball experts — who have collectively published more than 100 books on the game. The group includes television broadcaster Bob Costas, who flies from St. Louis to attend the New York meetings.

“We share our knowledge about baseball and its history,” Robinson says. As reflected in Greats of the Game, Robinson believes that baseball enjoys a rich past, and in making that heritage more accessible to fans, Robinson continues to support the game he loves.

Peter Kang ‘05

After The Passion Is Gone: American Religious Consequences edited by J. Shawn Landres ’94 and Michael Berenbaum. In this essay collection, authors such as Elliot Dorff ’65 discuss how Mel Gibson’s film The Passion of the Christ impacted American audiences and transformed the ways films are discussed. The book explores the film’s issues and its reception, including topics such as violence and discrimination (AltaMira Press, $24.95).

Chatter: Dispatches from the Secret World of Global Eavesdropping by Patrick Radden Keefe ’99. Written while Keefe was a law student at Yale, this book describes the U.S. National Security Agency’s international surveillance networks and raises the question of whether such intelligence efforts are helpful in protecting national security (Random House, $24.95).

Franz Boas 1858–1942: An Illustrated Biography by Norman Francis Boas M.D. This biography of Franz Boas, Columbia’s first anthropology professor (1896–1936) and an outspoken critic of physical racism, covers his life and discusses how his research dismissed the myth of Anglo-Saxon superiority of the late 19th and early 20th century (Seaport Autographs Press, $25).

Laura Butchy ’04 SOA, Peter Kang ’05, Carmen Jo Ponce ’08

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W. Rudolf vom Saal, retired engineer, Whiting, N.J., on September 1, 2004. Vom Saal earned a B.S. from the Engineering School in 1933. He worked at the Bethlehem Steel Shipbuilding Facility on Staten Island from 1942 until his retirement as chief engineer in 1971. During his career there, he served as the test engineer for all machinery on the many destroyers and other ships built at that shipyard during WWII; he later designedpropellers for commercial and Navy ships. Vom Saal, who went by Rudie, was an avid tennis player into his 80s. He won several titles in public schools and with Boy Scouts in Manhattan. Survivors include his wife; daughter, Ruth; son, George; sister, Lucille Bayer; two nieces; two grandnieces; and one grandnephew. Memorial contributions may be made to the singing group Full Circle c/o Jennifer Voccom, Box 23, East Perth, VT 05043.

John E. Anderson, retired meteorologist, Melbourne, Fla., on February 25, 1950, from Miami. Anderson worked for Eastern Airlines at Miami International Airport. He was a member of the Eastern Airlines Retiree Association and a WWII Army veteran. Anderson is survived by his wife of 60 years, Jane T. Towle vom Saal; three children, including Walter Jr., six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Murray “Mike” Sylvester, attorney, Hanover, N.H., on September 16, 2004. Sylvester was born on May 23, 1914, in New York City, where he lived until 1998, then moved to Kendall at Hanover. Sylvester was educated in public schools and earned a degree from the Law School in 1940. His career included private practice and work as an assistant attorney general and clerk to a state Supreme Court judge. During WWII, Sylvester served in the Judge Advocate General Corps. In 1950, he married Betsy Bankart. Sylvester was devoted to his family and enjoyed music, singing, golfing, fishing and skiing. He delighted his companions with his intelligence, original sense of humor and encyclopedic memory for jokes. Sylvester volunteered in public schools and with Boy Scouts in Manhattan. Survivors include his wife; daughter, Ruth; son, George; sister, Lucille Bayer; two nieces; two grandnieces; and one grandnephew. Memorial contributions may be made to the singing group Full Circle c/o Jennifer Voccom, Box 23, East Perth, VT 05043.

Richard T. Davies, retired diplomatem and ambassador, Silver Spring, Md., on March 30, 2005. Davies was born in Brooklyn and played cricket as a youth in Plainfield, N.J. He earned a B.A. with honors in international relations and joined the Army infantry. Davies received advanced training in Germany to serve in the military government and was assigned to the forces advancing into Germany. In 1947, he was accepted into the Foreign Service; his first diplomatic assignment was in Warsaw as a vice consul that year. In Warsaw, he met Jean Stevens; they married on December 5, 1949. Together, they served in Regensburg, Germany, Paris, Moscow, Kabul and Calcutta, where he was consul general. In 1970, Davies was promoted to deputy assistant secretary of state for European affairs, the post he held when President Nixon sent him back to Warsaw as ambassador; he was ambassador to Poland in the waning years of the Cold War. As the American envoy in Warsaw from 1973-78, Davies established regular contacts with Cardinal Karol Wojtyła, the Roman Catholic archbishop of Krakow. Thanks to his reports, Wojtyła, an important Polish opposition figure, no longer was an unknown entity in Washington, D.C., when he became Pope John Paul II in 1978. Davies helped prepare the visits of Presidents Ford and Carter to Poland, and trade with the United States grew during his tenure. After he retired from the Foreign Service in 1980, Davies served as chairman of the Solidarity Endowment, an American group supporting the Polish workers’ movement, and was president of the Research Center for Religion and Human Rights in Closed Societies. From 1990-98, he was active in Partners for Democratic Change, an international organization founded to foster civil societies and institutions in Central and Eastern Europe. Davies spoke five languages, traveled with his wife to all 50 states as well as abroad and was an amateur Celtic historian. He is survived by his wife; sons, Stephen, John, Michael and Glyn; sisters, Linda; and grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be sent to Laramie Plains Museum, Attn.: Dan Nelson, 603 Ivinson Ave., Laramie, WY 82070-3299.

George A. Hyman, retired oncologist, Palm Beach, Fla., on March 23, 2005. Hyman was born on August 11, 1922, in New York City. He earned a degree from P&S in 1945. After two years of military service, Hyman returned to Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center and had a long career as a researcher, teacher and clinician in the department of medicine as an associate clinical professor with a specialty focus in hematology and oncology. For 35 years, Hyman shared an office on Fifth Avenue with his brother, Dr. Julian Hyman ‘45. His brother survives him, as do his sister-in-law, Elaine; his children, Lynn Butler; Barry ‘77 and his wife, Mizuki; daughter Terry and her husband, John Walsh; son Robert and his wife, Nicole; and five grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to P&S.

Bernard R. Gelbaum, mathematicspроfessor, Laguna Beach, Calif., on March 22, 2005. Gelbaum was born in Bayside, Queens, and served in WWII as a 2nd lieutenant in the U.S. Signal Corp. He earned a master’s degree in mathematics from Princeton. Gelbaum was a mathematics professor for more than 60 years and on the faculty of UC Irvine, the University of Minnesota and at SUNY Buffalo for more than 27 years. He is survived by his wife, Beatrice; sons, Daniel, David, and Mark; and eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.
Cliff Montgomery ’34, Rose Bowl Quarterback

Clifford E. “Monty” Montgomery ’34, the quarterback who called and executed the play known as KF-79 that propelled Columbia to a 7–0 upset of Stanford in the 1934 Rose Bowl, died on April 21, 2005, in Mineola, N.Y. A member of the College Football Hall of Fame, he was 94 and lived in Roslyn Heights, N.Y.

Montgomery was born on September 17, 1910, in Natrona Heights, Pa., and was raised there. He majored in history at the College, where his arrival in 1930 coincided with that of famed coach Lou Little. After the College, where his arrival in 1930 coincided with that of famed coach Lou Little. After serving as captain of the freshman team, Montgomery moved up to the varsity and led the Lions to a 23–3–2 record across three seasons. Like many of his teammates, Montgomery spent summers painting, repairing and nailing down loose boards at Baker Field’s wooden stadium, which was filled to its capacity of 32,000 when he played.

On New Year’s Day 1934, the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif., pitted Stanford (8–1–1), which had been scored on only four times all season, against Columbia (7–1–1), which had lost only to Princeton. For the three days before the game, torrential rains soaked the field. “When we arrived the day before the game [after traveling from New York by train], the Rose Bowl looked like a lake,” Montgomery, the team captain, recalled in a 1981 article in The New York Times. “The players’ benches were floating up and down the sideline like small boats.”

When the rain abated that day, a half-dozen fire departments began drying the field, pumping out 2.5 million gallons of water. But game day brought more rain, a muddy field and a general belief that Stanford, favored by 18 points in part because of a 17-pound-per-man advantage, could run the ball at will.

In the second quarter, with the game scoreless and Columbia in possession on Stanford’s 17-yard line, Montgomery decided it was time for KF-79, a trick play that Little had devised. From the single-wing formation, Montgomery took the snap, and the deception began.

“I thought Stanford would be expecting a play into the line, and KF-79 was designed to fool them,” Montgomery said years later. “We went into a single-wing formation to the right. I took the snap from center and spun. I slipped the ball to Al Barabas ’36, who put it on his left hip and circled out toward their left end. I now faked a handoff to Ed Brominski ’35, who headed toward Stanford’s right. I followed him, and almost the entire Stanford team clawed at Brominski and me. Barabas, by this time, was in the end zone.” Almost a half-century later, Montgomery could still picture the moment when Barabas made it to the Stanford end zone. “Seeing him there was one of the most thrilling sights of my life.”

The extra point made the score 7–0, and neither team could score the rest of the game. By winning the Rose Bowl, Columbia staged what is widely regarded as one of the greatest athletic upsets of the 20th century. Montgomery, a 6-foot, 165-lb. senior, was named MVP of the game, the only bowl appearance in Columbia football history. When the team returned home, New York City’s new mayor, Fiorello H. La Guardia, led a victory parade from Penn Station to Columbia’s campus.

The commander of a group of close-in fire support ships, he brought his flagship alongside a burning destroyer in rough seas to bring the sailors aboard before the destroyer exploded, according to the then-Secretary of the Navy.

Montgomery then spent 25 years as an advertising executive for McGraw-Hill, retiring in 1972. He served for almost 30 years as an on-field football official, officiating at five Army-Navy games. He also coached local football teams on Long Island.

In 1963, Montgomery was elected to the College Football Hall of Fame. He met seven U.S. Presidents during his lifetime, starting with Calvin Coolidge. He even appeared in a “Got Milk?” advertisement.

Columbia honors include being chosen to Columbia Football’s “Team of the Century” in 2000 and named “athlete of the century” by the Athletics Department the same year. In 2003, Montgomery was an honorary Lion captain at Homecoming.

Montgomery is survived by his wife, the former Nancy Hoyne, whom he married in 1976; son, Clifford; sister, Gladys Runco; and two grandchildren. His first wife, the former Helen Schorr, died in 1972.

Lisa Palladino

Joseph D. “Jody” Pope ’72

Joseph D. Pope, attorney, New York City, on February 28, 2005. Pope earned a degree from the Law School in 1977. He was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar who graduated as class salutatorian, summa cum laude, and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He did postgraduate study at Oxford on a Kellett Fellowship. A partner in the law firm of Cohen Pope in New York City, Pope was a former law clerk to the Hon. Morris E. Lasker, U.S. District Court Judge, and a former assistant U.S. attorney in the Southern District of New York. He is survived by his wife, Elaine Monchak; children, Charles ’06, Gus and Isaac; and father, Michael. He also is survived by Barbara Lisa Pope, Michele Pope, Jackson E. Dube and Ian Farrell; Barbara Illig Pope and Sally G. Pope. Memorial contributions may be sent to movement.org.

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Class Notes

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[Editor’s note: Clarifying Jerry Schau ‘35’s Class Note in the March CCT, he earned a master’s in chemical engineering from the Stevens Institute of Technology in 1965, and he and his wife moved to Winchster Gardens in December 2003.]

Charles Metzner ‘31, ‘33L: “After 40 years as a U.S. judge in the Southern District of New York, I retired to Sarasota, Fla., where my wife, Jeanne, and I are enjoying our future.”

Arthur A. Gladstone ‘32, ‘34L, writes, “I am relaxing and enjoying retirement. I was a federal judge in Washington, D.C., and retired in 1975. I was a consultant to various government agencies after that in matters relating to administrative law; did the same for law firms.”

Arthur moved to Reno in 1991, where he consulted for state agencies and was made an honorary member of the Nevada bar. “I was made settlement judge for Nevada Supreme Court, became general jurisdiction judge for a local Indian tribe, became tax court judge for another tribe and was justice of court of appeals for group of Indian tribes in Northern area. “I’ve had a great life! I am 93 and going for 100.” Classmates can e-mail Arthur at rsicjudgera@no.com.

Bernard (Bernie) R. Queneau ’32, ’33E, ’36 Ph.D UMinn., writes: “Nothing much new here. Still alive and kicking, doing a lot of traveling, as usual. Just returned from London, where I visited my old school, Mill Hill A lot of fun to see the old place again!”

Bernie taught “Metallurgy of Iron and Steel” in the old School of Mines building from 1938–41, when he went on active duty with the Navy.

Arnold A. Saltzman ‘35 donated his important collection of American Impressionist paintings to the Metropolitan Museum, which will house it in a gallery named for him and his wife, Margaret.

Raymond Horowitz, retired professor of medicine; then a consultant to Medicare for quality control until retirement in 1994. Since then, I have kept active in medical affairs, established an award for excellence in teaching, and participate in community life. This includes writing letters to the local newspaper — I was twice awarded ‘Correspondent of the Day.’ “Regarding Columbia, I was disturbed by the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on repression of academic freedom in the classroom. I can go back to my student days, when faculty prejudices were rampant. In the ‘50s, anti-Semitism was everywhere. Jewish admissions were by quota.”

Markham concludes that in light of history, Columbia must be alert to preserve freedom of
expression in the classroom, and that this goal must be pursued relentlessly.

John C. Carvey '38 writes, "As a member of the Class of 1938, I am one of the survivors, and it appears 'few' survivors. I spent five years in the Army in WWII, beginning as a 2nd lieutenant and came home from Germany a lieutenant colonel, retiring from the Army Reserve at 59 as colonel.

After WWII, I went back to law school and obtained a J.D. from Indiana University. I practiced law in Indianapolis until 1996, Indiana University. I practiced Army Reserve at 59 as colonel. I came home from Germany a lieutenant colonel, retiring from the Army Reserve at 59 as colonel.

As a young actor in New York, Schnitzer spent 10 years with the Walter Hampden Company, appearing in or stage managing Hamlet, An Enemy of the People, Richelieu, Henry V, Richard III, Caponsacchi, Macbeth and Cyrano de Bergerac. During this time, he also directed his own summer stock theater in Arden, Del. — one of the first barn playhouses. From 1936–39, Schnitzer was deputy director of the WPA’s Federal Theatre Project.

Several years of academic and regional theater followed the close of Federal Theatre and preceded three years with the American Red Cross in music and participating in the invasions at Anzio, Elba and southern France.

"On returning home, I tried to get a surgical residency, [but had] no luck because of so many discharged veterans. I spent 10 years in general practice and then took four years off to take a surgical residency at the New York Medical College. Dick Berlin '38 was now my professor.

"After my residency, I began a surgical practice in Yonkers. I also became board certified in surgery and was admitted to the American College of Surgeons.

"I retired at 65 and bought a farm in Accord, N.Y. I couldn’t take the severe winters (14 below at night) and decided to relocate to Maryland. I bought a home in Hagerstown and have been here since. I joined the computer club and camera club, making many new friends. At 88, I have slowed down a little but keep plugging away.”

Robert would love to hear from classmates: bmin@myactv.net."

Harold M. Newman '38 writes, "I reside in my home of 52 years in White Plains, N.Y., but plan to move into Kendal not-for-profit, Quaker-related retirement community being complet-

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**A Life in Theater**

A t 98, Robert C. Schnitzer '27 leads a busy and happy life in retirement after a lifelong theater career. After traveling overseas with a State Department program and running the University of Michigan theater department, he's now what he calls "a civilian." Yet Schnitzer keeps active by working with fellow residents on his Stamford, Conn., retirement community's resident council and serving on the Board of Directors of The Players Club, a theater club in the Gramercy Park section of Manhattan.

Born in 1906 in New York City, Schnitzer was educated at Horace Mann School for Boys before attending the College. He was a Philoxelian and counted Jacques Barzun '27 as a close friend. In fact, the two shared the theater critic job at Spectator and headed down Broadway together — if neither one was bringing a gate — whenever a new show opened. An international affairs major, he "was headed for the Foreign Service, but got sidelined into theater." Not surprising, as he had been in all four Varsity Shows during his undergraduate years and, as a senior, had a paying job in The Brothers Karamazov at The Theatre Guild on West 52nd Street, now The Virginia Theater.

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During his time with the program, Schnitzer was involved in sending 3,500 artists to 100 countries.

In 1960, Schnitzer became general manager of the American Repertory Company, which was formed by The Theater Guild at the request of the government to export the best in American theater. He arranged for three plays — The Skin of Our Teeth, The Miracle Worker and The Glass Menagerie — to tour 28 countries in Europe and South America in 1961, with a company that included Helen Hayes.

Schnitzer taught theater at Vassar, Smith, the New School and Columbia before becoming a full professor at Michigan, where he created and ran what became the Professional Theatre Program, the first program to integrate academic and professional theater. He shared leadership of this project with his wife, Marcella Cisney, a theater professor; film, television, stage and opera director; and the first female television director at CBS. They married in 1953; she passed away in 1989.

In the early 1980s and again in the mid-'90s, Schnitzer donated papers and records from his work to George Mason University to create the Robert C. Schnitzer Collection.

Lisa Palladino
ed in Sleepy Hollow.

“I do some marketing consulting for a money management firm and help write its quarterly newsletter to clients and prospects. On occasion, I do some fly-fishing for trout, but at 86, I am not as spry or competent at wading rivers as I was when I was 80.”

Paul H. Taub ’38, 39E retired from computer consulting in 1993. His first wife (of 46 years), Elsie, passed away in 1990. He met his second wife, Trudy, through skiing. He has four children, four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. He and Trudy moved from Great Neck, N.Y., to a wonderful retirement community, The Forest at Duke, in Durham, N.C. “Trudy and I are very happy here and recommend it highly. We would like to hear from anyone in the class.” You can reach Paul at 2701 Pickett Rd., Durham, NC 27705; 919-489-0542; or phl1938@aol.com.

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The September Class Notes will report on our 65th reunion, which took place in June. These notes were written in May.

Dan Edelman ’41J received a remarkable honor from the Graduate School of Journalism — he’s the first recipient of the Dean’s Medal for Professional Achievement and Public Service, which was presented at the recent annual reunion of all J-School classes. The medal honors “extraordinary lifetime achievement by graduates of the School, including those who have had outstanding and distinguished careers in journalism rather than journalism.” J-School Dean Nicholas Lemann commented, “There could be no better initial recipient than Daniel Edelman, who is both a world leader in his field and an outstandingly generous and public-spirited man.”

After the J-School, Dan received four battle stars and the Commendation Medal for Army service in Europe. After returning, he was a news writer for CBS before moving into public relations in New York. He started his company in Chicago in 1952. Last year, the firm had revenues of $255 million and 1,900 employees in 47 offices worldwide.

From Colorado, Hy Farwell sent me his new book, Point of Opinion: Adventures in Parliamentary Simplicity. It’s based on “nearly 40 years of practice as a certified parliamentarian, convention speeches, magazine articles and teaching at Colorado State University following his retirement from the Air Corps. The book proved to be an informative and enjoyable read, broadly relevant to important questions of effective democratic communication, beyond the coincidence of its timely arrival a few days before the Senate’s impending “nuclear option” filibuster debate.

Health problems prevented Hy from coming to New York this June, but the idea of a reunion in June 2006 strongly appealed to him — the Class of ’41, I understand, has been meeting annually for many years.

If I had an interesting phone chat with Justin Feldman, covering much ground. He’s still active at his law firm, spends summers at Martha’s Vineyard and travels winters, including visiting his grandchildren. His wife, Linda Freiberger, formerly a New York assistant D.A., is completing her eighth mystery novel.

Asher Hiesiger sent a long, newsy e-mail from Santa Fe, N.M., leaving me with the unusual problem of how to condense it.

Ed Gold ’40 received an award for “25 years of commitment to the College” and membership in the 1754 Society at a luncheon at the Columbia Club.

A large group of 1941 graduates, friends and family attended a College luncheon and lecture on May 12 at the Columbia Club, including (front) Joe Coffee and Trold Onsberg, and (back, from left) Leonard Shaye, Judy Mellins, Harry Mellins, Bob Witten, Helen Abdoo, Jim Dick, Ann Dick, Ray Robinson and Arthur Weinstock.

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Len Shaye has been traveling to Europe on a fairly regular basis, accompanied by Trold Onsberg. They were in Madrid for two weeks right after Christmas, enjoying good food, good prices, nice people and a “bright, sunny and clean city.” Len’s only regret was not speaking better Spanish. Six months earlier, they had a similarly enjoyable visit to Florence. This past February, Len and Trold were in London, which was, of course, cold and rainy, with a poor rate of exchange but had good theater and museums. Len has been working on an autobiography for the past few years. He expresses the opinion that we are not “the greatest generation” and invites any and all to debate that with him (leonard.shaye@att.net).

Gene Sosin, author of Sparks of Liberty: An Insider’s Memoir of Radio Liberty, published in 1999 by Penn State Press, reports it recently was published in Russia, sponsored by Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty in connection with its 50th anniversary. Broadcasts continue, Gene reports, not only to the former Soviet Union, but also to several Muslim countries in the Middle East.

Arthur Weinstock was the sole class attendee at Dean’s Day, but he met some friends from other classes. Many classmates attended a recent Columbia Club luncheon (see photo).

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Classmates frequently ask me about other classmates. This led to a spate of letter writing; some letters have even been answered, providing a major source of material for these notes.

Warren Baum and have written to each other several times of late. One of my sons lives near Warren’s Bethesda, Md., retirement community, so we are bound to see each other before long.
After competing his graduate work at Harvard, Warren went to Washington, D.C., where he remained for his entire career. He started at the Marshall Plan, did some planning that provided part of the foundation for what became the European Union and then spent 27 years with the World Bank. He achieved a senior vice presidency there and summarized his experience in two well-received volumes that deal with international development and programs for combating world hunger. Warren is retired but by no means inactive.

Frank Tobey retired from the Atomic Energy Commission and lives in Purcellville, Va. He has done a great deal of professional writing through the years. He shared some anecdotes with me; I’ll use only one this time. Several years ago, Frank visited an Elderhostel in upstate New York. Some place between Lake George and Lake Champlain, on a yellow school bus, he struck up a conversation with a contemporary. Frank “extolled the virtues of a place between Lake George and Lake Champlain” and his seatmate didn’t miss a beat and said, “You are describing Contemporary Civilization at Columbia.” They looked at each other in disbelief. The seatmate was Bob Cole. Bob lives in the Lake George area and is retired from a dental and orthodontic practice in Tarrytown, N.Y. More about Bob next time.

I’m sorry to report the loss of Dick Davies and George Hyman, who died recently and suddenly. [Editor's note: Please see Obituaries.] Both were distinguished professionally and active in many retirement activities as well as class affairs. Dick was a career teacher, a successful coach, with many overseas postings, including an ambassadorship to Poland. In later years, he was concerned with human rights in Eastern Europe, both before and after the breakup of the Soviet Union. George went into the service in his junior year, he went back to George, which has been his using since. George went into military intelligence and was sent to the University of Michigan to study Japanese. He was sent back to the Service during WWII occupation and later for the peace activist who had had a long career Foreign Service officer, has had been teaching since 1965, specializing, attending conferences and publishing. Among the features was an article about and photo of Sam Higginbottom, apparently an important supporter of the institute’s work! How many years ago did you know Sam? Several years ago, Sam was partying flight to a grand time in Acapulco? And now his philanthropy is working hard to alleviate a classmate’s Alzheimer’s symptoms. Three cheers for ‘43!

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[Editor’s note: C’T thanks Ralph Lane for his service as class correspondent and welcomes Henry (Rolf) Hecht as the new correspondent. Please send your news to him: T1 Evergreen Pl., Denarest, NJ 07627; hechteditorial@earthlink.net.]

George Oakley Totten retired in 1992 to his home in Los Angeles from the political science department at Southern Cal, where he had been teaching since 1965, specializing in the politics of China, Japan and Korea. We knew him by his middle name, but when he went into the service in his junior year, he went back to George, which has been his using since. George went into military intelligence and was sent to the University of Michigan to study Japanese. He was sent back to the Service during WWII occupation and later for the peace activist who had had a long career Foreign Service officer, has had been teaching since 1965, specializing, attending conferences and publishing. Among the features was an article about and photo of Sam Higginbottom, apparently an important supporter of the institute’s work! How many years ago did you know Sam? Several years ago, Sam was partying flight to a grand time in Acapulco? And now his philanthropy is working hard to alleviate a classmate’s Alzheimer’s symptoms. Three cheers for ‘43!”

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Bob Goldman wrote about his family’s long connection with Columbia and included personal notes. His late father-in-law, Dr. D. Edward Kronman ’10, ’12 P&S, was a devoted follower of Columbia football and attended every game at Baker Field with his daughter, Jocelyn. They watched the legendary Lou Little coach his famous quarterbacks: Clifford Montgomery ’34 [Editor's note: Please see Obituaries.] (Bob named a son Clifford), Sid Luckman ’39, Paul Governali ’43 and Gene Rossides ’49. In the early ’40s, Bob sold apples and pennants at the Columbia football games to earn money for his $400 tuition. He thought that Columbia’s 1945 victory over the 32-0 Army team, made possible by Rossides’ last-minute touchdown pass (any other ’45ers see that game?), was more remarkable than the Rose Bowl victory over Texas Tech in 1948. As a Spectator writer, Bob thought that Harry Carman and Dwight Minor ’46 were outstanding teachers. Bob joined the Navy and was
assigned to Columbia Midshipman School (he roomed on the 10th floor of John Jay, taking a long climb when elevators were off-limits for the first 30 days) and spent three years in the Navy as a communications officer in North Africa and the Pacific. After military service, Bob planned to enter the Journalism School, but his father’s sudden death forced him to join the family business. The failure of this venture led Bob to start a new business, Carnegie Fabrics, that now is recognized for its success of the business to the markets. Bob attributes the present architectural and interior design and distribution of textiles to the start a new business, Carnegie Fabrics, was Professor Vitaly Rubin, a had applied for emigration visas when he and his wife, Jocelyn, occurring in the summer of 1974 to Purchase and Bob to Fairleigh Dickinson. Bemie is on the board of the Jewish Community Center; he is the New Canaan, CT 06840 dearharry@optonline.net

Our class luncheon took place on May 6 at the Columbia Club. Nine ’46ers attended: Norm Cohen, Chuck Fabso, Mel Holson, Bob Kollmar, Mike Pincus, Don Summa, Bernie Sunshine, Nick Stathis and me. One interesting statistic was that the nine of us have produced 20 children and had 31 grandchildren. No grandgrands in this group. Everyone had great stories about their experiences, and we had a most successful affair.

Several have gone back to college as part of retirement: Bernie to Purchase and Bob to Fairleigh Dickinson. Most of the group are retired from business but do consulting work at home. Mike still handles estate planning.

There was a lot of volunteer and pro bono work being done by the group. Bernie is on the board of the Hasbro Children’s Hospital. Richard tutors ESL students, serves as a mentor for the TI/TIO school-based conflict resolution program and even finds time to cook for the homeless. Nick chairs the New York lawyers chapter of the Federalist Society. Don is involved with a variety of organizations in Rumson, N.J. Mel, along with consulting, is helping produce his daughter’s political satire revue, ‘The News in Review’. The show is playing this summer in Lenox, Mass., but will be at SUNY Farmingdale another night.

We all wished Chuck a happy 80th in June — no one else spoke of 80ths, but we figure there were a few present.

We were saddened to learn of the January death of Harry Garbett. He was a great pitcher for the Lions, and Nick remembered when he signed with the Yankees but only played for one of the farm clubs. Harry quit after a while because he couldn’t stand sitting in the dugout three days in a row waiting for his rotation to come up. Harry was a fine dentist and lived in Elmhurst, N.Y., at the time of this death. Your Class Scribe is lousy at taking notes so he has probably left a great deal out. [Editor’s note: See May CCT, Obits, online.

Howard Clifford called Bernie from Despair, Wyo. Despair was all he could think of for missing the luncheon. He is training puppies for a midget’s rodeo and is just too busy to leave the area. He said to make the 60th — so say we all.

A note from Warren Glaser follows: ‘Irv Ackerman and I met in Hanoi on February 28. Irv and his wife, Mona, were visiting with their daughter, Laurie, son-in-law, Jeff, and grandchildren, Marc and Jamie. Mona works for UNICEF. My wife, June, and I were on a tour of Thailand, Vietnam and Cambodia. We had a great visit and planned to meet again in May if not sooner for the 55th P&S reunion.”

Steve Seadler writes, ‘For the best account of how Pope John Paul II brought down the Soviet Union, see ‘The Decline and Fall of Soviet Empire’ in my Principia Ideologica, pp. 461–473. You can see the entire book on line at direct link from softpower.us. Click on author’s name for the complete Softpower Trilogy, now completed. From Terror War and Peace / With Desanctification of Jihad, you will see how to fight terrorism rather than terror.”

I had a wonderful letter from Paul Marks ’49 P&S containing the following: ‘I stepped down as president of Memorial Sloan Kettering in December 1999. For the past five years, I have enjoyed being back in the laboratory full-time. In the mid-70s, in collaboration with University Professor of chemistry Ron Breslow and Dick Rifkin, a P&S colleague, I began studies that have led to the development of an anti-cancer agent with a unique mode of action that is in Phase II of clinical trials. Merck acquired the rights and is pursuing its development with encouraging results.

“My wife, Joan, retired in 1998 as director of the graduate program in genetic counseling at Sarah Lawrence. This has given us more opportunity to spend time with our three children and six grandchildren. My oldest son, Andrew, is physiology and biophysics professor and department chair at P&S. My daughter and younger son are partners in art galleries in Chelsea.

“Thank you for continuing to keep us abreast of our classmates. I remain grateful to Columbia for the opportunities I have had.”

Despite the pleas in the latest issue of this journal — which should have arrived at classmates’ homes in early May — there are only a few new items. The first two did not directly emanate from class members. First, the American Academy of Arts & Letters announced its annual literature awards, scheduled to be presented on May 18. Inter alia, the “Arthur René Poetry Prize” was awarded to Dan Hoffman, characterized, quite accurately, in the awards bulletin as “an exceptional poet.”

The other item of interest to class members consists of a letter from Albion Man ’40, which had enclosed an autobiographical story by the late Reg Thayer, titled The Celebration, the piece recalls 8-14-45, the day WWII ended. It appeared in a collection edited by Paul Auster ’69, I Thought My Father Was God. Also enclosed was a manuscript of about 30 handwritten pages that Reg started in 2003 concerning that war and his experiences in it. Anyone interested in its publication, alone or as part of a collection, is welcome to contact me for further details.

When the class pleads for news or by sheer coincidence, Ed Gold reports that he received an award for “25 years of commitment to the College” and membership in the 1754 Society at a May 12 luncheon at the Columbia Club. Shortly thereafter, Bernard B. Washington D.C. published a book, Fashion, Retailing & A Bygone Era: Inside Women’s Wear Daily, of which Ed was one of the authors. Ed had been with Fairchild Publications for 40 years and manager of its book division for 25 of those years. Now retired, he lives in Greenwich Village and writes for The Village, covering, inter alia, the Clintons and the Manhattan borough president race. Quite evidently, age hasn’t slowed him down.

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Robert DeMaria, one of ’48’s literary lions, is interested in sharing thoughts with classmates on “the plight of American literature.” He recalls, “When I was an undergraduate, the literary scene was very active and our informal gatherings, some at my apartment on 113th Street and Broadway, were exciting.”

Bob describes himself on his Authors Guild website as “an undergraduate in the Beat Generation” who “eventually” earned a Columbia Ph.D. in modern British literature. He was an editor at Macmillan, taught writing at sev-
eral universities and was associate dean of the New School for Social Research. With Eliezer Hope Meyer, he published The Mediterranean Review, "an international review of literature and art that went broke in the '70s." He authored 15 published novels, which garnered positive reviews from publications such as The New York Times, Saturday Review and Newsday, during a writing career that spanned more than 40 years.

Bob started the Vineyard Press (www.thevineyardpress.com) in Port Jefferson, N.Y., "which has lost money for seven years." He's published short fiction and poetry in magazines and was working on an article, "Adventures in the POD Game," POD being the abbreviation for "print on demand," a new publishing gimmick that Bob calls "a Catch-22 situation that makes everything impossible." Bob is working on a memoir, My Secret Childhood. He divides his time between Port Jefferson and Deja on the island of Mallorca, which he visits for three months a year beginning in May. Vineyard Press has about 40 titles, including reprints of many of Bob's novels. "Having your own press is one way to beat the system," says Bob, though he adds, "There doesn't seem to be much hope for the small presses. I would like to be able to help someone else who is interested in the problem." You can e-mail Bob at debobaria@aol.com (Long Island or Mallorca) or call 631-928-3460 after Bob returns. His Mallorca mailing address is Vina Vieja, 3; 07127 Port de Soller, Mallorca.

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masterful preparation for our country’s entry into the conflict. From Stan Edelman M.D., “Ed Housepian and I were on our class committee when we presented a gift to P&S. The P&S class of 1953 awarded the Dr. Harold Brown Fellowship for Global Study to the medical school at a formal dinner dance at Chelsea Piers in May 2003. To date, we have approximately $400,000 in this fellowship program. We will shortly award fellowship grants to selected medical students, who will travel to Third World country medical centers, chosen by a committee, to further their medical education. Upon return, they will present their experiences to medical students and will be encouraged to publish a paper on this subject.

“Apparently, getting a new program started is the hardest part of the project. We are trying to get the Columbia medical center to assist. Some P&S deans have been most encouraging. Once we get this fellowship program up and running, it will become a benchmark for other medical schools.”

Here is wishing you a summer of fun, whatever your choice of same would be. I remain eager to hear from you with material for our next column. As I mentioned, the nuclear group of participants in alumni events can only be strengthened by adding to our numbers. If you are too far away or constrained from joining us by other priorities, you can be just as much “a part of the main” by sharing your thoughts and comments with this column. With apologies to the hovering spirit of John Donne: No man need be an island.

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This column will appear a month after our 55-year reunion, but CCT’s publication schedule makes it impossible to give you reunion coverage here. A full report of reunion activities, and who was there, will be published in the September issue.

Irving Kushner has joined the ranks of Golden Wedding Anniversary celebrants. But Irv and his wife, Enid, had a couple of other notable events to celebrate, as well. (See photo, page 35.)

Bernie Prudhomme and his wife, Jackie, favor river boat cruises for their recreation and they have made several. The most recent was in March, along the Danube from Germany to Hungary. River cruising, Bernie says, is a relaxing and scenic way to travel.

Sadly, we report the death of Jack L. Tooley of Evans Mills, N.Y., on February 10. [Editor's note: Please see Obituaries.]

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Thanks for the e-mails. Here is one from Al Outcalt, who lives at 83 Lake Dr. East, Wayne, NJ 07470. He turned 77 in April and wonders how he got so old so fast. Funny, because none of the others members of our class are experiencing that problem. Give Al a call at 973-696-8137 and tell him how we are all 39 and holding!

Al works seven days a week in his own business (marketing, advertising, sales promotion and public relations) and is always looking for new clients. His wife, Julie, tolerates his peculiarities, as does his dog, Toro III. They have a daughter, three granddaughters and two great-grandsons. Al would love to hear from classmates, especially those who wrote for Spectator and Jester or did broadcasting for WKCR. E-mail outcalt@optonline.net.

Earlier this spring, we had a conversation with Armin Behr. Following graduation, he spent two years in the Army, serving with an ordnance unit, mostly in Bavaria. He acquired a master’s from Cornell in industrial labor relations and was a management analyst for the Atomic Energy Commission, now the Department of Energy. Armin was married at 47 to Jean Fourcroy, an M.D. who had four children. Jean, a urologist, had a long career in consulting with the FDA and with pharmaceutical companies. Now retired, Armin lives in Bethesda, Md., but has his 250 acres in Bedford County, Pa. (an old dairy farm with considerable woodland). He has become interested in forestry, organized the Woodland Owners of Southern Allegheny and keeps in touch with Penn State, which sponsors integrated pest management programs encouraging modest use of chemicals and pesticides in agriculture.

Dean’s Day, held on April 9, was another exceptional alumni program on the Morningside campus. Enjoying outstanding lectures and fellowship at the luncheon were Lowell Ackiron, David Berman, Ted Bihuniaik, Willard Block, Robert Flynn, Edward Hardy, Archie MacGregor, Warren Nadel, Nils Petersen, Frank Raimondo, Robert Snyder, Elliot Wales and me. Classmates outside of the New York City area should keep in touch with the Alumni Office to learn about additional Dean’s Day events throughout the country (called “College Day” in other cities).

The Class of 1951 steering committee for the 55th reunion in 2006 will be working with the College Alumni Office in planning our Reunion Weekend. Within the next few months, information will become available about events, housing, programs, costs and registration procedures. Contact Christina Liu, assistant director, Alumni Affairs, at 212-870-2768 or cl2161@columbia.edu for preliminary information and dates.

Stan Schachter, our visiting reporter in Florida and elsewhere, celebrated his 75th birthday in April in Boca Raton with 10 Tau Epsilon Phi fraternity buddies and their wives (see photo). He reports that Frank Lewis practices law full-time in Phoenix. Frank’s wife, Sarah, retired from Arizona’s Supreme Court. Richard Brown and his wife, Helen, enjoy retirement in Aventura, Fla. Dick’s father was in the Class of 1919. The Browns’ sons are Columbia grads; Stephen ’82 is a doctor in Florida and Larry ’79 is a businessman in Philadelphia. Daughter Sheryl, a Wellesley graduate, is in business in Connecticut. Myron Winick and his wife, Elaine, are contemplating moving permanently to their home in Aruba. They have two sons who graduated from the College — Jonathan ’88, ’92 P&S, a doctor on Long Island, and Stephen ’90, a Ph.D. in Philadelphia. George Prozan and his wife, Sylvia, are retired and live in the San Francisco area, where their four children are. Their son, Michael ’82, is an attorney. Recently, class president Bob Snyder and his wife, Elaine, joined George and Sylvia to attend a performance of the play Red, White and Black Listed, written by the son of Dalton Trumbo, one of the Hollywood Ten sent to prison in the late ’40s for defying the House Un-American Affairs Committee. Afterward, the group met with Brian Dennehy ’60 for a discussion.

Noteworthy statistics: As of March 31, our class had contributed $39,470 to the Columbia College Fund. This figure represents a little more than 30 percent participation. The number of alumni in our class is 501. Of these, 367 are living.

If you read this column but have not responded to requests for information about you or your family, this summer would be a good time to send an e-mail. Updates always are appreciated. Vacation safely!

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Dean’s Day has come and gone, and here we are chugging along into summer. It failed to rain on Dean’s Day, a most unusual occurrence, and this may have helped to support another record turnout. Class of ’52 attendees, however, were in short supply, but an active and outspoken core group, including Alden Mesrop and his wife, Alida; Jack Rosenbluth and his wife, Roz; and Martin Finkel joined yours truly and my wife, Rosalie, in making our presence felt. Jack runs a research lab at NYU Medical Center, which is the focus of my studies, multiple sclerosis and other neurodegenerative diseases.
Since retiring in 1993 as Columbia's president, Mike has been more active than ever. He's been teaching at the Law School, chaired the New York State-New York City Commission on Integrity in Government as well as the New York City Charter Commission and is chairman of the board of Sotheby's Holdings. To add to his extraordinary list of activities, Mike is a member of the WNET/13 board, the Asian Cultural Council, and the Atlantic Philanthropies.

Congratulations, Mike, on your latest award. Keep up the good work!

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Dean's Day was held April 9 on campus. Once again, the Class of 1955 had a huge turnout, barely second only to the Class of 2007. (What were these undergraduates doing up so early on a Saturday?) From Long Island came Larry Bal¬lus, Jay Joseph and Herman Okean; from Westchester were Mike Schwartz, Bob Kushner and Herb Finkelstein; Paul Frank ventured down from Connecticut; Brooklyn was represented by Alfred Gollomp and Bob Loring; Bob Pearlman and Aaron Preiser motored across the bridge from New Jersey; Jesse Roth and Jim McCloskey came through another bridge from Queens, as did Nick Moore from the Bronx; and lastly, using public transport, were Anthony Viscusi, Don Krege and Julius Brown, who live in Manhattan. It was a wonderful day.

Stanley Lubman '55 was honored with an all-day conference on Chinese law at the Law School. Stanley co-edited Engaging the Law in China: State, Society and Possibilities for Justice.

If anyone is wondering why he didn’t see certain classmates at our 50th reunion in the time, previous engagements, travel plans and health problems were the major reasons. George Raitt, who lives in St. Michaels, Md., couldn’t make it but sent us his thesis. To All Who Survived the 1930’s, 40’s, 50’s, and 60’s. Classmates who wish to have a copy should send their favorite reporter an e-mail.

Mike Vaughn, professor of physics at Northeastern, was attending a business conference in Korea and stopping in Japan. As you will read, Mike sent his regards to Joe Folani. He mentioned that he has very long hair. A classmate and student of his might have been missed.

Ron McPhee, a Cardinal Hayes alum, gave up his golf, at least for a short while, to spend almost a month in China. Due to being a bit under the weather, Henry Abraham could not make the trek from London to New York. We’ll see him at our next reunion.

Dan Fuchs lives in New Jersey and is teaching at Rutgers University (New Jersey) at CUNY Staten Island. Before we celebrated our 50th, a few of the guys had a mini-get-together in midtown Manhattan — Alfred Gollomp (married 51 years), Mort Rennert (practicing dentistry in Manhattan and living in New Jersey), Ron Spitz (in the financial arena) and one of the many attorneys in our class, Don Lauffer.

With all the people at the reunion, you may have missed the update on John LaRosa, a major force in crew. John has been practicing thoracic surgery in Melbourne Beach, Fla., for almost 34 years. More recently, he has been on the medical staff at Florida State Hospital in Tallahassee, where he resides with his family. As for his tennis game ...

There was a “big time” event on campus a few months ago involving Stanley Lubman — an all-day conference on Chinese law at the Law School, in his honor, sponsored by the Law School and supported by the Asia Foundation. Close to 100 guests attended this function, mostly younger scholars of Chinese Law. In addition, Stanford University Press recently published a book that Lubman co-edited: Engaging the Law in China: State, Society and Possibilities for Justice. Another ’55er has won high recognition in his field! Herb Cohen received the prestigious Arnold J. Capute Award for Notable Contributions to the Field of Children With Disabilities. The American Academy of Pediatrics presents this award annually.

Three classmates recently passed away: Charles Krupin, Charles Hollandier and Warren Schindler. Our sympathy goes out to their families and loved ones. Fellow classmates and leaders of the Columbia College community! Thank you for making our reunion the best 50th (if not the greatest reunion ever) in Columbia history. First, thank you to my mom and my dad, who have always been there for me. Planning for the 55th will be getting under way shortly. Love to all! Everywhere!
Sal’s next Ford Scholar report was of George Hasapis, who, like Roy, was a member of lightweight crew at Columbia. George retired as an Old Boys’ Club chemical engineer. He and his wife have two sons: one, Peter ’90, is an M.D. in New Canaan, Conn. They have four grandchildren, two from each son. Sal and his wife, Sandy, visited George and his wife, Alice, at their winter vacation home in Naples, Fla., in March.

The rest of our Ford Scholars report is on Stewart P. Park Jr. (fencing), who retired after 40 years of New England railroading to his grandparents’ farm in Vermont. He was a v.p. of Maine Central RR.

Sal went to California in 1957 and attended USC, UCLA, Pepperdine and Southwestern University. He received a J.D. and practiced law for 24 years after 15 years in engineering. Retired since 1998, he arbitrates in securities law for NASA. Trying to find the well-traveled Alan Press, I spoke to his wife. Alan has made it past Libya, after three weeks there, and is in Iran for three weeks as I write. I hope when this column is read he will have returned safely with his usual photo collection.

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We need more area representatives — a new addition is Larry Cohn in Northern California. We need Southern California, Massachusetts, New England, Philadelphia, the Southwest, Pittsburgh, the Midwest (Ohio, Michigan, Minnesota, Kansas and points west), the Northwest and so forth. Please speak up if you are interested.

There is much going on at Columbia. Dean’s Day was well-attended by our class, and I attended Class Day and Commencement. I recently attended an excellent lecture about the Supreme Court by Linda Greenhouse of The New York Times. In April, Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O’Connor spoke at Barnard about her life; it was fascinating. A lunch at the Columbia Club honored Ken Jackson. There was a marvelous concert with discussion on campus with the Chinese Symphony of NYC, and of course, several of us went for Chinese food afterward — I could go on and on about this, but you would like me to stop. However, I must mention that one of the students I enthusiastically recommended for admission to the College after our interview was accepted! The admission rate is about 10 percent, but with Yale and Harvard behind Harvard, so it is tough to get in. Even Quigley, at Dean’s Day, said he was not sure he would be accepted now if he applied.

Please let me hear from you: 212-712-2369, fax 212-875-0950 or oldca@aol.com. Let me know about area representatives, join the expanding reunion committee and please tell me who is planning to attend reunion so I can compile a list to send out.

Here is wishing you, as always, health, happiness, a rising stock market, caring children and sentimental grandchildren. Love to all.

Ed Weinstein: “We had our bimonthly lunch on March 15. Attending were Bob Klipstein, Bob Zola, Marty Brothers, Al Anton, Joe Diamond, David Kinne, Marty Fisher, Ted Dwyer and myself. We enjoyed our usual eclectic conversation in beautiful surroundings at The University Club, with elegant and sumptuous food. Al announced that in about two months [May 2] he and his wife, Sara (née Sara Jane Lembcke ’58 Barnard) would be pulling up stakes in South Orange, NJ, and moving to Louisville, Ky., to join his daughter’s family as residents of the Bluegrass State. He says that any state with an economy built on horses, bourbon and tobacco can’t be all that sad … Al Kass was a late scratch. We hope he will become less busy and smell the roses with us at one of our lunches.

“On February 20, Paul Zola conducted one of his excellent backstage tours of the Metropolitan Opera. Attending were myself and my wife, Sandra, along with Carmella and Marty Brothers and their daughter, Paul. We are members of the Class of ’77 as his guests. Paul’s knowledge of opera and the Met was impressive, exceeded only by his passion for and absorption with opera. We are sure it began with Music Hum.”

Roy Wolff: “I retired from long-time trade association and other clients. I have been playing a little golf — at least that’s what I call it. I spent the winter in West Palm Beach and will spend the rest of the year in Bethany Beach, Del., visiting my children in NYC several times a year.”

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George Branan is an assistant professor in the department of preventive medicine at SUNY Downstate, where he teaches in the master’s of public health program. He writes poetry and recently was awarded the prize for best poem of the year of the Annuals of Internal Medicine. His wife, Joan, is a clinical psychologist who has been translating classic English poetry into Yiddish. Their son, Leonard ’02, graduated from Harvard Law and will clerk for a federal judge.

Tony Rizzuto, after 39 years of teaching, has retired as professor of French literature at SUNY Stony Brook. With his new leisure time, he is trying to track down some of his College friends; if Eugene Maue, Roger Lawrence, Howard Press or Fabrizio Melano want to get in touch with Tony, e-mail dorarizzuto@optonline.net.

Bill Esberg also retired from teaching, but not from his first love, bridge; he and his partner won the Levinstritt Silver Ribbon Pair at the American Contract Bridge League’s Spring Nationals, held in Pittsburgh.

Bob Levine’s book, Aging With Attitude, has been named an “Outstanding Academic Title of 2004” by the American Library Association.

Asher Rubin has finally confessed that when we were freshmen, he led a panty raid on Barnard. As 100 or so classmates stormed the dorms in search of underwear, Asher came away with his trophy, only to be confronted by a burly cop who snarled, “And what do you think you’re doing?” To which Asher replied, “Sir, I’m just trying to get an education.”

The class lunch is held on the second Wednesday of every month in the Grill Room of the Princeton/Columbia Club, 15 W. 43rd St. ($31 per person). E-mail Art Radin if you plan to attend, up to the day before: aradin@radinglass.com.

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Sorry that this column is a short one. A confluence of factors — no notes from YOU (please take a moment and send me something for the next issue) and my inatten-

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tion to the demands of the magazine’s publishing schedule — put me in a bind. I will try to make up for it in the fall. Anyway...

Jay Neugeboren reminded me that the story he read at our reunion, “If You’re Yor’e Yor’e, Yor’e Yor’e,” is included in his new book, News from the New American Diaspora and Other Tales of Exile, which came out in May. It is his third collection of short stories and focuses on Jews in various stages of exile and expatriation — strangers in strange lands far from home. I found it a fine read and recommend it to those who have not explored Jay’s short stories.

Steve Trachtenberg, president of The George Washington University, has been selected chairman of the executive committee of the Southeastern Universities Research Association, a consortium of more than 60 universities that was established in the 1960s to advance scientific research and to strengthen the scientific and technical capabilities of the country. Its jewel is the Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility, sponsored by the Department of Energy as part of its high- and medium-energy physics programs. Steve was awarded an honorary membership in The Society of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick at its 77th annual banquet. He attributes his selection to “the luck of the Irish.”

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Stuart Sloane’s daughter, Joanna, will enter the College with the Class of 2009. She is a star first baseman for the Sidwell Friends School softball team in Washington, D.C., and intends to try out for the Lions.

Semi is retired from his law practice (intellectual property) and is a regular member of our NYC class luncheon group, which meets monthly at the Columbia Club.

Louis R. Tomson was elected to the board of overseers of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. He recently retired as a partner in a New York financial planning company that invests in apartment projects for pension funds. He has founded 1911. Tom and his wife. Letty, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary this year. Their daughter, Sarah ’00, works for UBS. Their first grandchild was born in December 2003. Tom is a regular member of our NYC class luncheon group, which meets monthly at the Columbia Club.

Louis was the founding president of the Lower Manhattan Development Corp. prior to becoming president of his consulting company in 2003. He entered public service in 1967 as deputy counsel to the New York State Office of General Services and has held numerous government positions. In 1985, New York Governor George Pataki appointed him first deputy secretary with responsibility for New York’s state authorities including the New York Power Authority, Long Island Power Authority, Metropolitan Transportation Authority and Port Authority. In 1993, Tom moved to New Jersey. In the private sector, Louis has had a successful law career as a partner in the firm of Hiscock & Barclay and as a managing partner of Plunkett & Jaffe.

Recently, he was honored by the Alliance for the Arts and the New York League of Conservation Voters, which presented him with the “Celebrating a Greener New York Award.” Louis was named Man of the Year by the Municipal Forum of New York City and received the Ellis Island Medal of Freedom from the National Ethnic Coalition of Organizations.

Louis and his wife, Ingegerd, live in Voorheesville, N.Y. They have two sons and five grandchildren.
Bob Koehler '62 has been volunteering as a coach for the Columbia baseball team for the past five years and is entering his sixth and final year.

Once Bob and Shan move off Long Island, they expect to split their time between homes in Tennessee and Sun Peaks, B.C. Bob took up skiing at 46 and skis the backcountry with the "Big Dogs" of the mountain. Since Shan retired two years ago, they have traveled to more than 15 countries. Sounds as though Bob has learned how to live right!

Bob, who can be reached at rlk6@columbia.edu, stays in touch with many baseball players from his Columbia days and attends many Columbia events. Spectator ran a wonderful story about him on April 17, 2003, which you can read in full at www.columbiabaseball.com. Go to "Archives" and search for "Bob Koehler."

What follows are a few highlights from the article, "62 Years On And Off The Lions' Mound" by Jason Elliott '05: "Take a look into the dugout during a Columbia baseball game this season and you'll see a pitcher who, in one season, notched 90 strikeouts wearing a Light Blue uniform — a Lion record. That same year, his junior season, he finished with an ERA a fraction over 1.00 ... Bob Koehler, back as an assistant coach with the Lions after a 31-year hiatus, suits up today to help Columbia's current hurlers with the mental side of the game, something the lefty knows well. After being in first place in numerous Columbia records, including the top two spots in season ERA (1.04 in 1966 and a 1.11 in 1961), and three of the top six spots on the season strikeout list, including the Columbia record of 90 in 1961. "This is not my job, this is my love. And I wanted to give something back to Columbia," Bob said.

Bob retired from teaching American history at H. Frank Carey H.S. on Long Island nine years ago. His love for history derives from classes with Jim Shenton '49. Bob has three children and four grandchildren. Bob and Shan are moving to a large Tennessee Valley Authority lake 40 minutes south of Knoxville. They will dock their boat at their back door — a prerequisite for their move, for they have lived on the Great South Bay in Brightwaters on Long Island for 25 years with their boat at the front door. Bob is an avid angler in Long Island Sound, Canada and the Florida Keys.

Barry Leeds was deeply saddened by the news of the recent deaths of several classmates but is gratified by the compassion and depth with which Class Notes have covered both sad and happy news. So he decided to send us a little of both about himself. Please, classmates, follow his example.

Barry earned an M.A. (1963, Columbia) and Ph.D. (1967, Ohio University) in English. He began teaching at CCNY, then Ohio University of Texas at El Paso, then Ohio University. Since January 1968, Barry has taught at Central Connecticut State University (the principal campus of the Connecticut state university system). Barry was named a University Distinguished Professor, a distinction he doubtlessly earned in part by his scholarly research. Barry has written hundreds of articles and three books: one on Ken Kesey, whom he knew, and two on Norman Mailer, with whom he has a close friendship. Barry is v.p. of the Norman Mailer Society.

Barry married Robin in 1968, and they had two daughters. In 1996, their younger daughter, Leslie, died. She was an accomplished fiction doctor and fine artist. Barry writes, "Her death almost killed me. I don't know why I had to lose her, but as one of her favorite poets, Edna St. Vincent Millay, wrote: 'I only know that summer sang in me a little while/ That in me sings no more.' Subsequent (or more likely consequent) to Leslie's death, my 33-year marriage ended in divorce. But good news follows. 'I have made a new life with a wonderful woman, Beth Steinberg,' says Barry. Their daughter, Britt Ashley Leeds, is a tenured associate professor of political science at Rice and recently was awarded a prestigious Hoover fellowship at Stanford for 2005-06."

Barry is in his 42nd year of university teaching. "I teach senior/graduate level courses, direct M.A. theses, read manuscripts for university presses and am writing my fourth book, my literary memoirs. I'm still lifting weights (lighter ones) and have become a competitive weightlifter. I'm happy with my life and send my best regards to classmates. I may be reached at bhleeds01@snet.net. And we send our best to you, Barry, and our deep condolences for your loss.

In mid-April, I had a wonderful visit from Allen Young, whom I had not seen since our 25th or 30th reunion. Allen and I have many bonds, but perhaps the strongest is that each of us chose not to pursue the conventional career he had prepared for Allen for journalism and I for teaching — and instead we decided to make a living in a rural place, close to nature and the outdoors, the focus of our lives. Both of us are glad we did.

Allen has led a fascinating and unusual life. He left a promising career as a reporter for The Washington Post in the late '60s because he believed he could do more important work in the underground press. In 1970, Allen focused his attention on gay rights and turned his writing skills and personal commitments to that worthy end. His political involvement in gay rights as well as his coming out led Allen to join several other gay men to create a small, new rural settlement in north central Massachusetts.

There, he has become deeply involved in his community and built an octagonal, slate-roofed house that is the source of great pride. In Massachusetts, Allen has edited a local newspaper, directed public affairs for a hospital, written several books about the local landscape and history and is working on a short profile of a manufacturing business, celebrating its centennial.

"We spent a wonderful day together. We walked and talked and sat and talked and ate and talked. Although most of our conversations emerged from recollections of Columbia, they transcended that setting and led to more current and substantial matters. Allen can be reached at aaayoung@aol.com.

I received warm notes from John Webber '61, who lives in Portland, where he recently saw Charlie Rohrs, and David Blicker '61, who lives in San Francisco. They send their best regards to the class.
getting the e-newsletter and want to read the full notes your classmates are submitting (without my heavy-handed editing), send me your e-mail address.

The class lunch continues to be well attended — please plan to join us at one of the next few: July 14, August 11 or September 8. At the last lunch, we formed up plans for a mini-reunion around Homecoming Weekend. Start with lunch with your classmates on Friday, October 14, and then enjoy socializing that evening. On Saturday morning, we will meet at the Homecoming tent at Baker Field, then watch Columbia beat Penn that afternoon. We'll meet at the Homecoming tent at Baker Field, then watch Columbia beat Penn that afternoon. We'll

Hearing about David Orme-Johnson, which I asked him to boil down to a few paragraphs, and he did. “After getting my Ph.D. in experimental psychology, I have mostly been conducting research on transcendental meditation (TM), which drew me into a range of areas, including autonomic stability, EEG, intelligence, creativity, higher states of consciousness, blood pressure, medical care utilization, prison rehabilitation, international conflict resolution and most recently, fMRI neuroimaging. To my knowledge, I have conducted more research on meditation than anyone else in the world, and I have traveled to about 36 countries speaking about TM, including four times at the United Nations (see Orme-JohnsonResearch.net).

In the early 1970s, several of us who were interested in the educational potential of meditation to reduce stress and increase the clarity and creativity in students and faculty founded Maharishi International University (now called Maharishi University of Management) and Maharishi European Research University in Switzerland. My administrative role included being chairman of the psychology department, director of the psychology doctoral program and dean of research at MUM and vice chancellor of MERU. Our experiment in education from kindergarten to Ph.D. has been highly successful (MUM.edu), but sadly, other schools and universities have not yet included TM as part of their curriculum, as we had hoped.

By far, the most important of my research endeavors has been studies demonstrating that groups of meditators create an influence of coherence in collective consciousness, which improves the quality of life in the larger society, including reducing crime rate and armed conflict, even substituting international terrorism. Despite the controversial nature of this research, we have managed to publish some of our studies in leading journals. Our main focus is trying to establish large peace-creating groups of meditators around the world, which could be in schools, universities, businesses, prisons, retirement communities or the military.

“I live happily in Florida with my wife of 42 years, Rhoda Bonovitz (62 Vassar), where I write and pursue my lifelong interest in art (SeagroveArtist.com). The light of
our lives are children, Nate and Sara, and grandchildren, Cleo (8) and David (5).”

I said that I would try to include all your notes, but because I don’t want to edit it down, I’ve had to save Jim Johnson’s for the next issue — something to look forward to.

On a final sad note, I recently heard of the death of Alan R. Wolfson. If any of you knew Alan or know more of his life after Columbia, would you please share your memories with us?

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Following the rave reviews of last year’s reunion, many expressed regret that there are not more frequent occasions for classmates to see each other. In response, an informal group, which included Nick Rudd, David Victor, Ira Roxland and Dan MacLean, proposed a regular lunch gathering at the Columbia Club in Manhattan.

The goal is to meet every second Thursday of each month (except July and August), so that anyone visiting New York that day, or seeking a break from his work routine, can stop by the club and expect to find classmates for lunch. I will report on the first lunch in the next column.

Jim Akers took up oil painting four years ago and plans to pursue it as a career when he retires from Marriott general counsel’s office in Washington, D.C. He has already sold a few works. Jim chairs the annual May gala of the Cultural Alliance of Greater Washington. His sons, Jeremy and Chris, appear in television commercials, and in August, he will travel to Scotland, where Chris has the lead role in a play at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. Jim’s daughter-in-law, Angie, is a professional beach volleyball player who hopes to represent the United States in the 2008 Olympics.

Sheldon Hochberg is a partner at a major Washington, D.C., law firm, where he spends much of his time on international trade matters, which have included high-profile trade disputes over Canadian softwood lumber and low enriched uranium. Sheldon and his wife, Roberta, are celebrating their 40th anniversary. They met at a TEP party at Columbia in 1963.

“We enjoy spending quality time with our three grandchildren and are blessed that they all live within a few miles of our home.”

Martin Berger is retiring as a professor of history at Youngstown State University in Youngstown, Ohio. Happy retirement.

Don’t forget to e-mail me with news.

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I had to miss Dean’s Day this year. It’s always worth attending, and I certainly hope to be there on April 1, 2006. Carrying on without me were Joel Berger, Gene Feldman, Larry Guido, Gideon Oberweiger, Noah Robbins, Peter Sack, Steve Steinig and Serge Wind.

Of course, a whole bunch of us got together for our 40th reunion in June. A full report will appear in the September issue.

Arthur Sederbaum and Jayne Kurzman were married on April 1. Arthur insists it was for real, notwithstanding the date. Arthur practices trusts and estates law at Patterson, Belknap, Webb & Tyler in New York City. Rejecting diversification, he reports that Jayne, too, is a trust and estates lawyer, at DLA Piper Rudnick Gray Cary U.S. She is a former Vassar trustee.

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Cambridge University Press published Calvin Johnson’s book, Righteous Anger at the Wicked States: The Meaning of the Founders’ Constitution, a history of the Constitution in terms of what the framers were trying to accomplish. This website has chapters, reviews and discussions: www.utexas.edu/law/faculty/calvinjohnson/Righteous_Anger.

“Having cast this book out to sea,” Calvin says, “I would love to discuss its conclusions and implications; the website allows readers to talk back.”

Calvin wrote from Austin, where he is the Andrews and Kurth Centennial Professor of Law at the University of Texas School of Law. His e-mail address is cj johnson@law.utexas.edu.

From Jenkintown, Pa., David Tilman writes about our continuing quest to chronicle the life and times of Sam, the V&T waiter.

Dave writes, “As I was leafing through a pile of magazines prior to discarding them, I came upon CCT’s November ‘04 issue, and I read [the] entry in our Class Notes where I referred to Sam in my winning answer to the Golden ’66 Curmudgeon contest. I vividly remember Sam, his toupee and his famous quote, ‘The spaghetti is very very hot,’ from my frequent meals at the original V&T on 122nd Street and Amsterdam Avenue.

“I have been on Morningside Heights during the last four years because our oldest son, Avram Michael, is SEAS ’05. Our second son, Howard Jonah, is a resident of Evanston, Ill., where he finished his junior year at Northwestern University’s School of Communication.

He studies radio, television and film, and minors in Jewish studies. He recently was appointed sports director of WNUK-FM, where he will supervise a sports staff of 20 young journalists. Our daughter, Alana Miriam, has returned from the Alexander Muss H.S. in Hod Hasharon, Israel, where she and 48 other 11th graders from Akiba Hebrew Academy in Philadelphia spent the first semester of their junior year.

“Ellen and I soon will be married 24 years, and I am completing 30 years as cantor of Beth Sholom Congregation of Elkins Park, Pa. Last December, my four synagogue choirs and I presented a concert, ‘We Are Lights,’ an evening of music by Stephen Schwartz, the famous Broadway composer. Schwartz was present; he narrated, sang a set of songs and played the piano for the finale. I recently conducted the Box-Mont Chamber Symphony in a performance of the Enrico, Beethoven’s third symphony.”

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Bruce Chattman writes: “After Columbia, I worked for almost a year as a full-time substitute teacher in Harlem — great experience, many stories. In August 1968, I moved to Vermont. I had the promise of a teaching job but learned when I arrived that the position was cut due to a budget defeat — my first experience with Vermont educational budgets. I subsequently worked in construction for two years while I knocked on doors of many schools and finally landed a job in 1970 in Burlington as a middle school teacher. These two years were wonderful for me, as I traveled throughout Vermont on back roads (there was no interstate) on construction jobs, usually home construction. Many more experiences and stories ...”

“From 1970-93, I worked in the Burlington School System and rose through the ranks to become assistant superintendent. In 1993, I was appointed superintendent of schools for the City of South Burlington and after 12 years there, I retired in June. Again, many experiences and stories.”
“My wife, Diane, is David Blanchard’s teaching partner at Champlain Valley Union H.S.; this is how David and I reconnected. David is talking about arranging a Chelmsford reunion this summer in New England. He tells me that Gerry Botha lives in central Vermont. We are going to try to get Eric Dannennmann from Connecticut to join us. Who else is up there? "I would love to know what has transpired in the lives of any of you. Write to Alzonana when you have a chance.”

We heard from Carlton Carl: “Marty Nussbaum and I saw Spamalot, the Broadway musical based on Monty Python and the Holy Grail. Marty has changed law firms, but I’ll let him give you his news.

“I have a fancy new title at Association of Trial Lawyers of America, where I have been fighting for the legal rights of American families for more than eight years. I am the owner of most of the downtown of a little town of 1,000 people 30 miles southeast of Austin and seven miles east of San Marcos, Texas. Martindale has been a location for several movies, including Perfect World with Clint Eastwood and Kevin Costner. I have about three acres on both sides of Main Street, seven buildings with about 36,000 square feet, 16 seed silos, 300 feet of river frontage on the San Marcos River and lots of potential. Now I have to figure out what to do with it, but you can bet it involves having fun. I welcome creative suggestions from our classmates for a town waiting for rebirth, seven miles from the Austin-San Antonio corridor — which is almost totally developed.”

Mark Schlesinger writes from Boston: “I meant to write after the mention of Furnal Frog. Furnal Frog became Furnald A. Frog after the first week or so. Had more zip. I (or Furnal; darned identification confusion persists) didn’t win. Came in third. Got edged out in the last week by Bridget Leicester and the IBM industry. My wife of 34 years, Mahal in Atlantic City, ‘Bowzer’s Rock ‘n Roll Party Volume IV’ at the Trump Taj Mahal in Atlantic City, ‘Bowzer’s Ultimate Doo-Wop Party Volume IV’ at the New York State Fair, nine weeks a year on Royal Caribbean in Alaska and the Caribbean, and so forth. Apparently, rock ‘n roll really is here to stay!

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Paul Gallagher writes: “I ski more than ever, including six days with Tom Seligson (two in Vermont; my wife, Pam, and I have a house in Newfane) and four in Aspen (a retired Andover classmate lives there). I saw Nat Semple, who, like Tom, is Andover and CC, at the inauguration. Nat organized the second Bush Bash in honor of another Andover classmate. Most of my recent Columbia connections predate freshman year.”

George Ting reports having the worst golf game “of my life.” Even Tiger has an off day. George has a teenage daughter.

I have instant messaged with Jon Bauman and Peter Chenneff recently, as well as Mark Lebowitz ’74, who should be an honorary member of our class. Jon wrote: “Eli Bauman ’05 graduated in May; following in the footsteps of Nora Bauman ’02. Nora is an associate producer at CBS Sunday Morning. Eli is hoping to work in the film, TV or music industry. My wife of 34 years, Mary, is director of psychological services at the H.E.L.P Group in L.A., working mainly with autistic kids. We live in L.A. and the Santa Ynez Valley.

“I’m still doing shows: ‘Bowzer’s Ultimate Doo-Wop Party Volume IV’ at the Trump Taj Mahal in Atlantic City, ‘Bowzer’s Rock ’n Roll Party Volume IV’ at Mohegan Sun on August 6, and my usual run of Hershey Park, the New York State Fair, nine weeks a year on Royal Caribbean in Alaska and the Caribbean, and so forth. Apparently, rock ’n roll really is here to stay!

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He is in the city a good deal; we are having lunch soon, and I will report. I will recruit Paul de Bary for additional note-taking skills and hope to get a hold of Andy Herz, who went to Dean's Day. Maybe we can track down Bill McDavid and a few others for lunch with Ross.

Peter Finkelstein lives in Menlo Park, Calif., near Stanford, with three children ranging from 17 to 6. Peter is affiliated with Stanford Business School, where he uses his psychiatric training and social science background to consult and teach with corporations interested in leadership and organizational renewal. He's in frequent contact with David Nussbaum '69, who lives in Greenfield, Mass., and writes cookbooks. He sees, once in a while, Jim Stockinger, who teaches sociology at Berkeley, and he is in contact with Robert Siegel and Bill Bonvillian '69. He will see Larry Ellberger for the first time in many years later this year in New York and has maintained a long friendship with Marty Paul '68E. Peter, you need to insist that they send me information. We want to hear from everyone.

Bob Chapla notes: "The Yosemite Association invited me to teach painting in Yosemite Valley during the first week in May. My website (www.robertchapla.com) includes my activities, you are desperate for info." Thanks, Bob, we will check the website.

John Slattery, who hosted one of our reunion events and last sent an e-mail from a train in Spain, wrote: "I am engaged in my work as executive of Clery Gottlieb, where I have worked for 15 years. My wife, Kathy, sells residential real estate as a senior v.p. at The Corcoran Group. We live in Manhattan (and love it), and spend weekends in Quogue, Long Island. We travel a lot, but not as much as we'd like. Daughter Kate is an assistant shopping and going down to the beach. The Housatonic River runs along the bottom of our fields, and a rushing stream flows past our house and makes beautiful music all year. I am a partner in attorney in White Plains but only go down occasionally, and the rest of the time hang around the water cooler in cyberspace. I am on the boards of several organizations, mostly nonprofit, and have been trying to figure out a way to avoid meetings. There are a lot of chores to do here, such as drinking wine and reading books, skiing, hiking, canoeing, fishing, shopping and going down to the depot to watch a haircut."

Johan van der Hoeven lives in the Cape. He wrote: "I recently have been stepping up some real estate development activities ... an eight-unit condo project in Hanson, Mass., and the final phase of a condo conversion project on Lake Winnipesaukee, N.H., that consists of 14 units. These business ventures allow me to maintain a flexible schedule. I also fit in consulting with my prior employer, Collicot, principally in facilities and risk management. I have time for the family and the handicap (10). In order to get to Chatham, you drive through Sandwich. We are about three miles off the mid-Cape highway."

Janet Furman Bowman notes: "The June 2005 issue of Runner's World has a long feature article about me. The article's title, 'A Six Minute Difference,' refers to the change in my race times after substituting estrogen for testosterone. Being a running magazine, it focuses on the effects of an MTF transition on athletic ability, but there's plenty of general interest stuff that non-athletes will relate to." Sounds like Janet's running program is going well. I am ramping up my running again, as urged by Sandy Friedman '67, my cardiologist.

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Francis Levy is a writer whose short stories, humor and criticism have appeared in numerous publications, including The New York Times, The New Republic, The Village Voice and The East Hampton Star. He is co-director of The Philoctetes Center For The Multi-disciplinary Study of the Imagination. "The center's mission is to foster the study of imagination — funding research, organizing roundtable discussions, and offering courses and lecture programs. The center is developing a web-based clearinghouse on work related to the imagination: www.philoctetes.org."

Gerry Speca writes: I was surprised (and gratified) to see my name mentioned in the '68 Class Notes (Dan Carr '68's reminiscence of a past Admissions Office) and a flood of rich memories (man, I had a great time at Columbia ... learned stuff, too). I was impressed by the photograph (published in a less recent CCT) of a rather august and well-heeled-looking collection of characters who claimed to be classmates. I send my warmest regards to all and especially to those with whom I share a memory or two.

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since last August and will wind up the tour this August with a five-week stint in Tokyo. She's in the ensemble and understudies the role of Ulla (sexy Swedish secretary). My wife, Diane, and I went to see the show at Miami Beach a few weeks ago, and saw Erica as Ulla for the first time on her 25th birthday. In my unbiased opinion, she was great! Dick Heyman and family saw it in Columbus and gave her four stars. Erica graduated from Wake Forest in 2002 with a degree in political science and did no theater while in college. Go figure!

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Steve Conway posted a terrific reflection on his Columbia days on the University’s Columbia Connections website: “As one of seven kids in a Philadelphia working-class home, I never expected college, but a National Merit Scholarship made it feasible. My Princeton visit convinced me I’d be a misfit there (all blond guys in blazers). A train trip when I was 7, to see the Giants and Dodgers play, and the subway and Central Park made me long for New York.

“The Columbia College of the mid-1960s was a wonderful and baffling mix: scions of the WASP-ocracy that once had been ubiquitous on campus (all blond guys in blazers), lots of eager middle-class sons and a smattering of working-class boys. When I caught the anti-Vietnam War fire, my father said I was a fool and ‘all those middle-class radicals will be doctors and lawyers in 10 years. It’s not the same for people like us.’ It wasn’t, and neither did all the middle-class radicals become doctors and lawyers (not that that’s bad). A few became my lifelong friends.

“I run a one-person marketing/public relations agency with high-tech business in the United States, Europe and Japan. I recently returned from Warsaw. My wife and mother are impressed. It took me until I was almost 40 to have anything resembling a career, so I don’t take these things for granted. I remember flipping burgers for a living, and other jobs too hideous to mention. I’m much happier now.”

Neal Flomenbaum, an Alpha Omega graduate of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, completed his internal medicine residency at Albert Einstein (Robb) Municipal Hospital Center and afterwards served as associate director of emergency services at Bronx Municipal Hospital Center (1977–79). Between 1979–87, Neal was associate director of Emergency Services at Bellevue and NYU Hospital Centers and from 1987–96 was chairman of emergency medicine at The Long Island College Hospital. In 1996, Neal became the first emergency physician-in-chief at The New York Hospital and a professor of clinical medicine at Weil Cornell University Medical College. He has held academic appointments as assistant professor of medicine at Albert Einstein College of Medicine (1979–79) and NYU School of Medicine (1985–85). Neal was also the associate professor of clinical medicine, with tenure, from 1985–88. Neal was associate professor of clinical medicine at SUNY Health Science Center at Brooklyn from 1988–96.

In addition to his hospital and medical school responsibilities, Neal is a senior examiner for the American Board of Emergency Medicine and consultant to the New York City Poison Control Center. He is an American College of Physicians Fellow and a member of the American College of Emergency Physicians and the New York Academy of Medicine, where he is founding chairman of Emergency Medicine Section (since 1992) and member of the Academy’s Continuing Medical Education Committee. Neal was national president of the Albert Einstein Alumni Association Board of Governors from 1997–99. He is a senior editor and author of Goldfrank’s Toxicologic Emergencies (six editions), Emergency Diagnostic Testing (two editions) and Emergency Reference Guide (four editions). He has co-authored more than 20 review papers and several review clinical research papers. He serves on the editorial boards of the American Journal of Emergency Medicine, Poisindex, Emergindex and several other medical publications.

As a clinical toxicologist, Neal always has been interested in the adverse effects of medicine on the elderly. Since coming to NewYork Presbyterian Hospital / Weill Cornell Medical Center (NYPH-WCMC) in 1996, Neal has developed an interest in the emergency care of geriatric patients. In January 2005, he established the first Geriatric Emergency Medicine Fellowship, to begin July 2005 at NYPH-WCMC.

As all this shows, Neal has devoted a substantial part of his professional career to helping establish and support emergency medicine as a specialty and to providing the highest quality emergency medicine education and training for students, residents and attending physicians. He has married to Meredith, a former inquiry Flomenbaum, RNP, whom he worked with in the Bellevue Hospital Emergency Service. They have three children: Adam (17), David (9) and Sara (9).

Neal’s impressive and detailed biography with some questions, prompting an e-mail interview.

MO: First, the obvious question you must always be asked: Do you watch ER, and is it accurate?
NF: I watched ER frequently during the first few seasons, and I think it does a good job of capturing the spirit and feel of emergency medicine, although each episode seemed to contain about six months’ worth of my experiences. I think ER portrays illnesses and trauma with reasonable accuracy. I believe that the program has inspired some bright and talented med students to choose emergency medicine as their specialty. If you don’t watch it regularly now, it is because I get home too late. Incidentally, my favorite ‘doctor show’ of all time is St. Elsewhere.

MO: Was it part of a grand scheme to have the geriatric fellowship in place in honor of your aging classmates? We should tell classmates if, in an emergency, they should ask to go to Presbyterian. Do you think you'll have the Mustard class?
NF: With respect to starting the geriatric emergency medicine fellowship, I think my focus was even narrower than concern for my classmates. I wanted a good place to go for emergency care in a few years! Seriously, though, you are quite right in making the connection between our generation of baby boomers and the program. Isn’t it fun to go through life rethinking all of the socioeconomic factors to suit our needs? I sometimes wonder when some of the preceding and succeeding generations will come to this realization and begin to resent us.

“In any case, you might say that geriatric emergency medicine is ‘a time whose idea has come.’ I hope that our classmates successfully avoid spending time in any emergency department, but if they do find themselves in the NewYork-Presbyterian / Weill Cornell ED, please ask for me (York Avenue and 68th Street).”

“I know that it has become a cliché, but many of my happiest times were spent on Morningside Heights (and Funnal Hall).

Regard to all.”

Each of our daughters are College graduates. Chloe ‘00 is an anesthesiology intern at University Hospital in Cleveland. Delia ‘04 works for Italian Wine Merchants in Manhattan, and sings with the Columbia Bach Society. The four of us have spent 22 years (so far) at CU.”

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Post-reelection ennui, coupled with the heat of summer, has left a large void for this column. I beseech you to make up for this gap by e-mailing me some fresh news (or even recycled) for the next edition of CCT.

Your punishment for this lack of news is my preview of the upcoming football season. As an eternal grid optimist, I think that the 2005 Lions will be better than last year’s 1-9 squad. This will be due in large part to the fact that Coach Bob Shoop’s recruits finally will have a major impact on the team. Shoop’s in his third year, and his junior and sophomore classes will play key roles on the team. While we will not be in a
position to challenge for the title this season, we should be able to win several games. We are still a year away from mounting a serious challenge for the title. I will be enacting in my new forty yard line seats along with my usual crew of Professor of Ivy Football Bernie Josefson, and the Mike and the Mad Dog of Columbia sports, Dennis Graham and Terry Sweeney. Please join us for some good fun at Baker Field.

Jim Shaw

Paul Berman: “I’ve been a freelance writer, writing about what used to be known among the Trilling circle at Columbia as ‘literature and politics.’ I have a new books coming out, Power and the Idealists: Our Own John Deutch, Fischer, and Its Aftermath, which describes the political trajectory of the European left-wingers of the 1968 generation, and how some of those people ended up as liberal interventionists in regard to the Kosovo War, and then disagreed with one another over the Iraq War. This book follows in the footsteps of two of my earlier books, A Tale of Two Utopias and Terror and Liberalism.”

Alan Kuntze ’71, after almost 25 years of legal work for the Swinomish Indian Tribe in LaConner, Wash., retired, stepping down as chief judge of the Swinomish Tribal Court System.

Ken Lohn: “I am thriving in a law firm in northern New Jersey — the oldest continually practicing firm in Bergen County — and living in South Orange. In the May issue of New Jersey Monthly magazine, I was named as one of New Jersey’s ‘super lawyers’ in business litigation, based on a survey of 35,000 peers. Neither of my father’s kids chose Columbia; one attended Yale (s/he opted for its directed studies program in his first year, Yale’s knockoff of the Cornell–) and the other opted for Williams, an environment that is hospitable to athletes such as he — he is an All-New England Division III baseball player. My daughter lives in San Francisco and engages in labor organizing and such for a union representing security guards, and my son teaches and coaches in a private school in Greenwich, Conn., while he contemplates med school. I hope by surfacing in the Class Notes I will inspire e-mail from long-out-of-contact classmates, who can reach me at klkent@winnebanta.com.”

Elliot Frank: “After lo these many months of reading about classmate’s successes and triumphs, I am aligning with recycled electrons to provide an update on my hejira. After Columbia, I spent almost 30 years in the technology orbit, starting in NYC and aligning in the SF Bay area in ’78. I am married with one daughter, and I’m soon to be a grandparent. After technology, a bout with Hodgkin’s in ’89 and a stent placement in ‘01, I ended up in the insurance business by way of a few years as a bail agent (still licensed, should any classmates in California be in need of such services). Authored no books, wrote no papers, chaired no committees, received no awards. It’s been a full life.”

Alan Kuntze: “After almost 25 years of legal work for the Swinomish Indian Tribe in LaConner, Wash., I have officially retired, stepping down as chief judge of the Swinomish Tribal Court System. This newfound free time should enable Libby and I more opportunities to hike, bike, ski and travel around our Paul North Cascades bioregion. We plan to indulge our insatiable wanderlust by further exploring the Spanish and indigenous lands and cultures of Central and South America. This will be done with the requisite binoculars for the birds, butterflies and other jungle wonders that ‘rock our world.’ In 2005, I became an emeritus member of the Washington State Bar Association and as such will be devoting some time to pro bono work for local nonprofits serving the legal needs of low-income individuals. As for the truly important questions in life … I continue to struggle to find that delicate balance between ‘the talk and the do,’ to always remember that to learn is more important than to know, and in the words of the third Zen patriarch, to understand that ‘the Great Way is not difficult, only picking and choosing.’”

Ed Wallace is a shareholder (what would be a partner if the law firm were a partnership and not a corporation) in Greenberg, Taurig. His areas are governmental affairs, corporate affairs and real estate. The former New York City Council member’s biography is an in the law firm’s website, www. gtlaw.com. Ed reports: “My wife, Pamela Falk ’92L, is the CBS expert on terrorism and on the United Nations. She often॥with Arthur Hellton on refugee issues and helped bring El Duce’s kids to NYC. More recently, she helped 50 Muslim dancers win asylum to dance in Las Vegas. I have two sons: Richard (14) is an Exeter freshman; Will (12) is in the seventh grade at Fieldston. We live at West End and 104th. I frequently see David Shack, Rick Levine and Rick’s wife, Janet Gold ’72 Barnard.”

I contacted Ed after his being quoted in a March 17 New York Times article about Joe Namath signing New York Jets mini helmets. Namath had appeared at a luncheon for lawmakers and others, at which the Jets gave mini helmets as souvenirs. Namath signed the gift of his signature, with the city can give a New York City official, and the $75 limit for gifts that a lobbyist can give a New York State official. The Times cited Ed as a lawyer who advises the Jets on how to comply with ethics and lobbying laws. He referred to the dollar limit as the “doughnut” exemption, and said that Joe acted spontaneously and out of kindness and not in a planned way, and that the gift of his signature did not come from the Jets. (I guess it could be said that giving his signature, unlike his victory over the Colts, was one thing that Namath did not guarantee.)

The ’71 e-newsletter continues to grow with positive response. If you are not receiving it, e-mail me your preferred e-mail address.

Paul S. Appelbaum

“Bill also is my editor for a book I am writing about Edward W. Said and our 1972 cohort. Said was my undergraduate adviser for four years; those years were formative for him as well as for us. On that score, I welcome news and reminiscences from classmates, and would like to interview them.” A sample of Harold’s work on Said, “Said and Us,” was published in the journal Politics and Culture, and can be found here: http://aspn.com/PoliticsAndCulture/page.cfm?key =298.

Jody Katz, that Jody Pope died of a sudden illness on February 28. Jody was one of the most brilliant and mercilessly witty guys in our class and was a dear friend of mine from childhood. He was our salutatorian and was awarded a Kellett Fellowship to Oxford. Jody went to Columbia Law, clerked for Federal Judge Harold Lasker, served as an assistant U.S. Attorney in the Southern District of New York and became an outstanding litigator with a number of firms, most recently his partnership, Cohen Pope, in Manhattan. He leaves his wife, Elaine Monchak, and three sons: Isaac (4), Gus (8) and Charlie ‘06 (21). There was a private ceremony in St. Paul’s Chapel on March 3.” Our sincerest condolences go to Jody’s wife and children. [Editor’s note: please see Obituaries.] Eric Tucker catches up on his life since leaving Morningside Heights. After graduation, he spent a few years living on a kibbutz, then went to law school in Toronto, where he settled. He has been the faculty at Osgoode Hall Law School of York University since 1981, with his teaching and research focused on labour law. (The ‘u’ in labour signifies the extent of my Canadianization.) Eric has two children (22 and 19) in university. “I was probably a bit less connected to the class than many, since I transferred in with two years of credit and only spent two years at Columbia before graduating. Nevertheless, it was an intense period, and I fondly remember the intellectual and political excitement that I found there.”

Harold Veeser stayed around Columbia long enough to get a Ph.D. in English and comparative literature, then headed to Kansas, where he taught for 15 years, including courses in his specialty of 17th century literature as well as Spanish, among other things. Now on the CCNY faculty, Harold spent a year along the way at the Humanities Center of the University of Utah and several semesters at the Center for Literary and Cultural Studies at Harvard. He has collaborated with William Germano, v.p. and editorial director at Routledge, a publisher, on three books, including The New Historicism. “Bill also is my editor for a book I am writing about Edward W. Said and our 1972 cohort. Said was my undergraduate adviser for four years; those years were formative for him as well as for us. On that score, I welcome news and reminiscences from classmates, and would like to interview them.” A sample of Harold’s work on Said, “Said and Us,” was published in the journal Politics and Culture, and can be found here: http://aspn.com/PoliticsAndCulture/page.cfm?key =298.

Jamie was kind enough to send word from our “terrific” class luncheon on April 19, “at which Columbia art historian Hillary Balon presented part of her conscientious reassessment of Robert Caro’s largely negative take on Robert Moses’ impact on NYC. Among those present were Peter Frank, Charles Kaiser, Rick Johnson ’71, Peter Darrow, Marc Jaffe ’73, Harold Veeser, Doug Allabed,
Three College Alumni Receive Federation Medals

Geoffrey J. Colvin '74, '77L, '78 Business, P'08, chair of the College Fund and member of the Board of Directors of the CC Alumni Association, was among 10 University alumni honored for their achievements and devotion to Columbia and presented with Alumni Federation Medals at a luncheon following Commencement. Two other College alumni also were honored:

Arthur M. Delmhorst '60, '64 Business and Laurence J. Guido '65, '69 P&S, P'00.

A member of the Committee on the Future of the College and chair of the fund's Development Council, Colvin also has been active in reunion planning and has served on selection committees for the John Jay and Alexander Hamilton awards. He is a partner in CEW Partners, a family investment firm with interests in publicly traded securities, private partnerships and real estate. Previously, he practiced law at Proskauer Rose in New York. "Geoff has been a visionary leader for the College Fund," said Susan Birnbaum, executive director of the College Fund. "He is a tireless worker who has been equally effective leading volunteers and partnering with the professional staff at the Alumni Office."

Delmhorst is president of the Columbia University Club Foundation, past president of the Varsity "C" Club and chair of the crew committee. While attending the Business School, he was coach of the varsity lightweight crew. Delmhorst, a real estate consultant, has been on several class reunion committees.

A diplomate of the American Board of Neurological Surgery and a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, Guido has served as assistant director of the College Fund and director of the University Office of Alumni Relations. He is president of the Columbia University Club of New York and has been responsible for reorganizing and stabilizing the club's infrastructure, its financial status and its relationship with the Princeton Club while strengthening and defining its affinity with the University.

Also receiving Alumni Federation medals were Melissa Bell '93 GS, Helen Hartley Platt du Pont '76 SOA, Bernard Fisher '42 SW, James M. Li '68E, '70E, '76E, Shearwood J. McClelland '74 P&S, '96 PH, Jacqueline R. Rivkin '88J and Joyce Seidman Shankman '55 Barnard.

Don Bloomfield, Gerard Aquilina and a couple of others (this is from memory), as well as Karri Brady and Sharen Medrano from the Alumni Office. “
another life-saving patent. You may recall that Peter's earlier patent was for a mask that hooks on to the temple of glasses (instead of over the ears), thus eliminating the dreaded "elastic ear headache." Now Peter has invented a disposable patient protective mask and eye shield that saves patients from irritating splatter during power teeth cleaning. (Louis Pasteur's position in medical history is safe.)

Almost a year ago, I noted that "Nixon couldn't draft us in the early '70s and Bush won't be able to draft us either!" A couple of columns ago, I reported a correction from Cleveland ophthalmologist Sam Salamon, who said Nixon "could have drafted us if we had bad luck in that lottery." Like on Who Wants to Be a Millionaire, I used my "lifeline" to ask for others in the class to help remember the details of the lottery and fighting through the rice paddies of Vietnam. The first response came from New York architect Peter Budeiri, who recalled, "I remember waiting for the lottery results anxiously and finding myself in the first third (certain to be called up)." I recall being in the first group to benefit from the end of the draft.

Tim Marcovy provided a more detailed response: "My recollection is that, while the draft lottery was instituted a year or two before we got to Columbia, it didn't reduce the deferment only phased out a year or two after. It also seems to me that, if we had the deferment, we kept it. This memory is particularly sharp for me, as my draft lottery number was (drumroll, please) 2. I was thus up to age and not in your free time. Also, let me know who in the class you are still in touch with after three decades!"

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After writing about my former roommate, Jose Martinez, I heard from Joe Cervone and Charlie Lindsay as a result.

After majoring in German, Joe went to NYU's business school, got an M.B.A. in accounting and tax, went to work for an accounting firm, and passed the CPA exam. He practices in White Plains and lives in Scarsdale. Joe and his wife, Andrea, recently renewed their marriage vows after 20 years. They have two children, John and Catherine. Joe stays in contact with Edward Steves, who went to the Law School after the College. Joe would like to hear from members of the freshmen lightweight crew team of 1971-72.

Jose has good memories of the time he and Joe spent together on the freshman lightweight crew, and he has a great story. After the competitive season ended and they were rowing for fun, Joe and Jose took out a two-man shell. As they were rounding the bend to connect the White Plains and Greenway streams, they were swamped by the wake of the Circle Line tour boat that goes around Manhattan. They swam to a nearby dock and were later picked up by the coach of the varsity crew, who took them downstream to retrieve their boat. (They had taken the oars with them.) Jose says, "Pretty embarrassing." Do you remember that, Joe?

Charlie is experiencing his third career since graduation. He started out in the early '70s as a freelance journalist, waited out his deferment, and then took on a legal career. He then started a merchant banking operation and devised and financed deals as different as the sale of the Empire State Building to the establishment of a home shopping channel in joint venture with Beijing Media Group in China. In 2001, he formed Heeltap! Entertainment, a homage to the 1754 H.C. Earwicker Heeltap Reunion from Columbia days. He created and co-produced the Emmy Award-winning HBO film, 61*, the story of Roger Maris and Mickey Mantle and their chase to break Babe Ruth's single season home run record. Working with Joe Seldner '73, Heeltap! sold Paramount Pictures a $75 million action/adventure film based on the life of Robert Ripley of Ripley's Believe It or Not fame. Charlie will produce the feature. Joe and Charlie also are developing a feature based upon the life of Ernest Hemingway, and they have the first-time syndication rights from the Hemingway family. Charlie recently took over the branding and licensing for the Ripley's brand and Joe Seldner '73 heads up that operation. They are busy pitching tele- vision shows and board games, wireless deals and much more.

Charlie has been married since 1982 to Fern Morgan, and they have four children. Michael, the oldest, is a freshman at Yale (Charlie says he's out of the will). Following him are Max (14), Susan (12) and Sally (11). The family splits its time between Greenwich, Conn., and Palm Beach. Charlie keeps in touch with Jay Lindsey and recently saw Brad Higgins '74. He would love to hear from Cindy Pain and Sally Taylor. Charlie also remains close with friends from his College years, especially Joe Seldner, David Stein and James Wintzer '73.

After 30-plus "years in exile," David Gawarecki has left New York with his family. He says that "life in exile is preferable to rule by the ignorant!" He lives one block from the Paseo Montejo — the Beaux Artes section of Merida, Mexico. A local bank has the same outdoor light fixtures as Butler Library, which makes him a little homesick every time he walks by. After college, David worked at a law firm, thinking he might go to law school, but preferred sitting around reading CSC texts he'd never finished and playing cards all day (with Matt Buchwald, Sandy Galone and Jeff Burststein, as well as Eric Edelson and Howard Golding).

After a sojourn in Venice, Calif., David returned to the East Village. Later, he studied stone carving, became a freelance journalist (mainly spending time in West Berlin before the wall came down) and finished at SIPA in 1990. Years later, he moved to the ghetto of Mount Vernon, where he become a cult figure, largely because he owned a large dog that earned him a modicum of respect. Traveling around London, Paris, Central America and finally Mexico, where he wrote from an Internet cafe, David visited more than 40 Mayan sites and is possibly the first person of European origin to see recently discovered cave paintings in the southern Yucatan. (He attended a conference on Mayan Culture the next week where the discovery was announced, but withheld saying, "Yeah, I saw them last week.") Now, he's headed to Europe, where he will get formal archaeological training in Poland. Classmates who remember him will appreciate that he continues to live his life by impulse!

Deported Columbians Charles Tolliver and Henry Winters were good friends of ours who "were gone much too soon from this life." Henry put his reputation on the line to convince people on the yearbook committee to have David write the lead article, which he never bothered to do. David visited Henry's grave shortly after his death; it was fresh enough that he could still feel something of Hank's presence. For what it's worth, David apologized about the yearbook article. He sends his best to classmates and friends.

Rabbi Dov Fischer, who represented us as one of the two College students elected to the University Senate during his political activism days on campus, has become senior rabbi of Congregation Beth Israel of the Orthodox congregation in Irvine, Calif., and is adjunct professor of law at Loyola Law School, where he teaches the law of advanced torts and strategies in California civil procedure. After graduation, Dov studied for rabbinical ordination at Yeshiva University, where he was ordained at the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary. After 10 years' service in pulpits in New Jersey and California (and a two-year stint in Israel, where he was one of 40 families that established the Jewish community Naveh Aliza in Samaria), Dov studied for a law degree at UCLA, where he was selected chief articles editor of Law Review. His law review comment on liability of directors at depository institutions has been cited in nine published federal court opinions.

Alexander Motyl '75's new works were presented at the Ukrainian Institute of America at an exhibition last spring.

Dov then clerked in the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit for the Honorable Danny J. Boggs. During the next decade, Dov practiced complex business litigation, primarily at the Los Angeles offices of Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue and at Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld. In 2002, he returned to the rabbinate as rabbi of Young Israel of Calabasas, while he practicing law part-time with stints in the employment law section of Baker & Hostetler and as personal counsel to Donald T. Sterling, owner of the Los Angeles Clippers. He returned to the rabbinate full-time while teaching law as an adjunct. Dov has published two books and a wide range of opinion pieces in journals including The

Steve Krasner has been a sports writer for the Providence (R.I.) Journal since summer 1975. Since 1986, his responsibilities have included home-and-away coverage of the Boston Red Sox. Yes, he was with the Sox during the eventual October of 2004, chronicling Boston’s first World Championship in 86 years. Steve also has been part of the Journal’s coverage team for the New England Patriots’ three Super Bowl championships in the last four years.

Steve will have another baseball book out soon — Play Ball Like the Hall of Famers. It’s for kids 13 and up, those who have moved from the small little League diamond to the full-size diamond, and includes interviews with 19 Hall of Famers. Each chapter talks about various skills, especially the mental aspects of the respective positions / skills, as well as the player’s youth baseball memories, big-league memories and superstitions, in addition to a section called “The Mental Edge.”

This book is a sequel to Play Ball Like the Pros, which is for 8-12-year-olds and their coaches. It has a similar construction, with interviews with active players and the players’ memories. The books were published by Peachtree in Atlanta; the first Play Ball book won a Parents’ Choice award. Steve is on the Hall of Fame’s Education Advisory Council.

The Ukrainian Institute of America, in association with the Tori Collection, presented new works by Alexander Motyl (Visible Traces: Still Lifes and Figures) during an exhibition last spring. You can see some of the paintings here: www.hebrewart.org/news/press/021018artexhibit-motyl.html.

Alexander received his Ph.D. from Columbia in 1984 and is professor of political science, deputy director of the Center for Global Changes and co-director of the Central and East European Studies Program at Rutgers-Newark. He has authored six books and edited many additional publications. Alexander recently was at the London School of Economics for a conference organized by the Association for the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism, where he presented a paper on recent theories of empire. His daughter, Katya, is a Barnard student.

The Class of 1975 was well represented by the Class of 1976. They have two children, four grandkids, and they have four active children and grandchildren. Sarah (14), Keith (12), Rachel (9) and Kevan (5). Sarah is a “band geek” who loves hearing about Monte’s exploits in the “cleverest band in the world.”

Rob Erlanger, a civil litigator with his own practice in NYC (www.erlangerlaw.com) who primarily represents plaintiffs, is spearheading an effort of attorneys across the United States in suing C.B. Fleet, manufacturer of the biggest selling phospho-soda, under state products liability laws. Rob writes: “We’ve all reached the age where a colonoscopy is recommended every five years unless family history indicates a shorter

interval. A colonoscopy can be a good thing, but if you use any phospho-soda product to cleanse your bowels before the procedure, you may be in trouble in the future. Research from a group of Columbia-New York Presbyterian doctors has shown 100 percent causation between phospho-soda use and kidney failure, particularly in the elderly. In younger people like my wife, kidney damage is not present so a damaged kidney can shift function from one part to another without producing symptoms.”

Interestingly, Domingo Nunez, a general surgeon at Lenox Hill Hospital, saved the life of one of Rob’s clients who was being treated by performing emergency surgery for a condition that arose from her use of the Fleet product.

Peter McCam ’75, an orthopedist specializing in shoulders, performed Rob several years ago in a successful surgery.

Spence Halperin ’77 is clinical manager for Village Care of New York’s AIDS Day Programs and an adjunct lecturer at Hunter College School of Social Work.

Spence Halperin is clinical manager for Village Care of New York’s AIDS Day Programs and an adjunct lecturer at Hunter College School of Social Work. He soon will start a doctoral dissertation in social welfare (“Supportive Housing for Homeless People Living With HIV/AIDS”). Good luck!

After practicing law in Boston and Manhattan, Charles Tripe moved in 1994 with his wife, Pam, an anesthesiologist, and three kids, Jim, Marta and Doug, to Jacksonville, “one of the best-kept secret in America” (except now we know), plus, “Since the Super Bowl, we no longer have to say Jacksonville, Florida.” Only thing missing: “There aren’t too many Columbia alumni in the area.” Is any place perfect? I am starting a poll.

The following attended Dean’s Day: Gary Galperin, Bill Kreindler and Ron Wolner.

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Carl M. Sherer sent this “Passover” letter to his contacts and included us on the list this year. Given that I write this column as our President commemorates the 60th Anniversary of V-E Day, I thought it was a fitting topic.

“As those of you who have received these missives in the past know already, I try to send you an inspiring story along with my good wishes and optimistic reports about my practice. But this is not a story, but rather a prophylactic for all of you about the future that will, I hope, bring you joy and contentment.”

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of the Israelites' exodus from Egypt that is behind the Passover holiday, and I challenged upon a prayer so that I would have to share it with you.

"To understand the prayer, some of you may need one bit of background: Other than the Seder — the festive meal on the first night of Passover (on the first two nights outside of Israel) at which the Haggadah is read — the main feature of Passover is that we do not eat leavened bread and bread products, but only Matza. Matza, or Matzot in the Hebrew plural, are cracker-like wafers that are baked quickly so that they will not be leavened and are made only from flour and water.

"The prayer that I found was written by the rabbis who were present at the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp in 1944. I found the prayer in the introduction to the Haggadah that was published this year from the writings of Rabbi Avigdor Nebenzahl, who is the rabbi of Jerusalem's Old City. This is the prayer (translated by me, so any errors are mine):

"be careful and take good care of your children. | You may remember reading on your

"The secret to a successful marriage. John Luisi for President. That's 24 years, for those of you keeping score. You may remember Doug's wife, Audrey, who spent two years at Barnard before transferring to Sarah Lawrence but logged more time on 116th Street than many residents. Their son, Peter '07, finished his sophomore year. Doug left New York for Old Greenwich, Conn., about 12 years ago, where he practices law, sells real estate and generally lolls about the beach.

"Steve Masier is another 24-year marriage man. He and his wife, Tricia, live on Long Island with their four kids. Steve's former (not old) roommate, Ilan Hartstein, practices ophthalmology in Los Angeles, and former (OK, old) suitemate, John Geanuracos, lives in London and is a business consultant at IBM. Steve practices psychiatry. He's looking to reconnect with his freshman floormates from 8 Carman, perhaps for a clinical trial on the long-term effects of extended high-level decibel level exposure to The Ramones.

"Martin Wilner is in private psychiatry practice. He also is an
Michael Pleters '81 is assistant chief counsel for the Department of Homeland Security.

Stephen Wermert has been in Manila for the past two years, working for the Asian Development Bank. He went to Manila via Singapore, where he had worked in 1991, and had been working for two large European banks in Asian private infrastructure finance with projects throughout Asia. Stephen spent the 1980s in Chicago working in infrastructure finance and as well as startup initiatives in municipal finance.

Eli Hauser '81E lives in the greater Boston area with his three kids, Ethan, Shelby and Austin. He works in high tech, with SolidWorks Corp. in Concord, Mass., as director, strategic initiatives. Eli’s responsibilities include developing sales channel metrics, competitive positioning, and market share assessment and measurement.

Breathe easy, everyone. Michael Pleters is assistant chief counsel for the Department of Homeland Security. Following Columbia, he worked at Barnard’s development office for eight years, leaving as director of corporate and foundation relations. He then attended the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, and in 1992 Michael left New York to work for Chief U.S. District Court Judge Harry Lee HUDSPETH in El Paso. Following his clerkship, he worked in the El Paso District Attorney’s Office. During his tenure as a law clerk, he met and married Veronica ESCOBAR. They have two children, Cristian Diego (8) and Eloisa Isabel (6).

Barry Waldman sums up his life thusly: “Born-raises, college-grad school, reporter here and there, then marry — perhaps the other way around.” I live in beautiful and historic Charleston, S.C., where the Civil War began and continues. I am Splendid Poobah of Communications for United Way, play softball nine months a year, volunteer for every goody two-shoes charity in town and generally make an e-mail nuisance of myself to North- erners every time there’s a 60-degree temperature difference.”

I managed to pry a bit more out of the taciturn communications man: His wife, Michelle Suve, is a pediatric occupational therapist. Barry’s journalism career was largely as a radio reporter, serving as news director of several radio stations, and as AP Radio Capitol Correspondent in Albany. He also did a lot of freelancing for radio and a weekly business paper and wrote regularly for the local news and arts publication there. Then there’s that matter of Barry and that hole in the wall of the base ment of Hewitt Hall, but perhaps the less said about that the better.

And finally, making great use of the third person — perhaps in homage of Reggie Jackson’s three-home-run World Series game during our freshman year — Richard Peltz writes: “What in the world did the music lover Rich do with his meager major in German? As of 2003, he found a gig asorganist in a Lutheran church in Virginia, naturally! Then, last year, he assumed the duties of the outgoing church administrator (bookkeeping and bulletins, tons of ‘em). Rich spends his Saturdays mostly asleep.”

Send more news of books, homes, marriages and sleepy Saturdays to me at the e-mail address at the top of the column.

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Unfortunately, I have no news to report this time. For the next issue, I will begin e-mailing classmates for news, so look for a full report in September.

In the meantime, don’t wait for me to e-mail you! E-mail me at the address above. Your classmates want to hear from you.

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Professor Karl-Ludwig Sellig was an honorary guest at the 84th annual Alumni “C” Club Event. Michael Cataldo received a copy of the Wall Street Journal article on Don Quixote. It’s the book’s 400th anniversary!

Ted Kessler: “I’ve been married for six years. My wife, Judy, and I have two kids: Korina, who, she will tell you, is almost 4; and Daniel, who Korina will tell you, is almost 2. We live on Long Island, although we are spending next year in Israel. (Judy is a recipient of the Jerusalem Senior Educators Fellowship.) While in Israel, I plan to finish my doctorate from Teachers College in the curriculum and teaching department (and become fluent in Hebrew and seize the opportunities to travel through the Mediterranean regions of the world). I am a literacy staff developer through the TC Reading and Writing Project, most of the time at the schools of New York City but also in the metropolitan area and other parts of the country. I plan to travel to the United States periodically next year to continue this work part-time.”

Victor Cha: “I enjoy CCT and also wanted to pass on somewhat noteworthy news. Effective December 2004, I have taken public relations from my professorship of political science at..."
Georgetown to take a position as director of Asian Affairs at the National Security Council in the White House. When the news was announced, it was written up in the papers as the highest ranking appointment for a Korean-American in a policy position related to Asia (I am not certain if that is true, but that’s what was said). I am responsible for implementing the President’s agenda regarding Japan, the two Koreas, Australia, New Zealand, Pacific islands and larger regional architecture issues. I was teaching at Georgetown since 1995 and had written books and articles on United States-East Asian relations that caught the attention of people in the first Bush administration. 

Michael Teplow: “In 1990, I made aliya to Israel with my wife, Naomi Oster Teplow ’84 Barnard. We immediately moved to Karmei Shomron, a beautiful pastoral community in Samaria, 15 kilometers east of Kfar Saba. Despite a difficult security and political situation, Nomi and I are grateful to contribute in this way to Israel, along with our children Rachel (16), Eli (12) and Hadas (10). “Since 1993, I have operated my own law firm in Tel Aviv. I practice mostly general corporate law; however, since the 1994 Oslo Accords, I have developed a speciality in administering mixed communities which involves assisting Arabs who have helped Israel and Arabs whose lives are threatened by the Palestinian Authority. During my first decade in Israel, I was active in Israeli politics. I was legal counsel to the peace process, helping found two (Aliya — the first political party of Russian immigrants — and later helping found Herut and the National Unity Party (Ichud Leumti)). I also served as a town councilor for five years in Karmei Shomron and as chairman of the local lands committee. Today, I donate my time to charitable causes.

“Nomi is active in the music world. As a singer / recording artist, she released a CD of her music and is working on another album. She also produced a CD with one of her choirs. She performs all over the country, teaches voice at the Jerusalem college for women and privately and conducts several choirs.

“I would love to hear from any classmates passing through Israel. They are more than welcome to contact me — I am the only Teplow in the Tel Aviv and Karmei Shomron phone books.”

Jay Skeptic: “Although I received my degree in January 1983, I consider myself a member of the Class of ’80. I attended four years straight through from September 1976—May 1980, but had seven incompletes (a year-and-a-half as features editor / associate editor at Spectator). I’ve taken my time completing a sufficient number of them to receive the B.A. I hope all is well with you ‘83 was a fine class, as I recall!”

Don Innamorato: “I’m an employment lawyer and partner at Reed Smith, where I’ve been practicing in our Princeton and Philadelphia offices for about 19 years. My wife, Laura, and I live in Voorhees, N.J., with our children, Anthony (6), Gabby (3) and Max (1). I try to catch games when our guys come down to Princeton or Penn and make it up to Columbia for Homecoming once in a while. I haven’t seen many of our classmates for a few years but I have run across Tom Horan and Chris Angelone down this way.”

Wayne Root shares this: “Tarcher/Penguin, a member of Penguin Group, announced that Wayne Allyn Root’s book, Millionaire Republican: Why Rich Republicans Get Rich — And How You Can, too, will be published on September 22. The book is the story of how Root became a Millionaire Republican and how the Republican secrets of mega wealth got him there. Ironically, Root learned the lessons of Republican Rockefeller’s blue collar butcher father who taught him, ‘The Republican Party is NOT the party of the rich — it is the party of anyone who wants to be rich.’ Fox News recently referred to Root as ‘a one-man party.’ The Los Angeles Daily News said, ‘(Root) has built a TV sports prostagotocuting empire.’ In Millionaire Republican, Root will teach readers how they can acquire wealth and success by following Republican rules and why thinking like a Democrat will keep you poor, hopeless, helpless and clueless. Wayne was also featured in a Wall Street Journal article on March 14, 2005.”

Teddy Weinberger: “Pope John Paul II called for ‘a new and profound understanding between the Church and Judaism everywhere, in every country, for the benefit of all.’ The two most significant initiatives that the Pope undertook toward this end were his visit to the Great Synagogue of Rome in 1986 and his visit to Israel in March 2000. Thankfully, the Pope’s visit here came several months before the start of the intifada in fall 2000 (else it probably would not have occurred). In the wake of the Pope’s death, it’s worth looking back upon his pilgrimage to the Holy Land. The Pope’s visit was exciting in terms of the tens of thousands of pilgrims and the 2,000-strong press corps that it brought to Israel. And the Pope deeply impressed people with his honest spirituality. A rabbi friend remarked to me then, ‘The Pope is the holiest person we’ve had around here for a long time.’ Now, perhaps Jews and Christians everywhere will take up the Pope’s challenge for a ‘new and profound understanding’ between the two religions. Im yirtzeh hashem, Inshallah, God willing.”

Ann Coulter mentions Miguel Estrada in her book, How To Talk to a Liberal. She states, “Schumer then voted against Bush nominee Miguel Estrada — who had graduated from Harvard Law School magna cum laude, where he had been an editor of the law review; had clerked for the Supreme Court; had been a federal prosecutor; had served for almost five years as the solicitor general’s office; had argued more than a dozen cases before the Supreme Court; and was then a partner in one of the most prestigious law firms in the country — because Estrada had not given the Democrats a blood oath that he would uphold abortion on demand.” Coulter acknowledged Miguel as a contributor to her book.

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David Terhune was quoted in the New York Post about a show that his band, the Kustard Kings, had just performed. “We did a Loser’s Lounge tribute to the music of Sesame Street at Symphony Space. It was great fun, full of kids running around (and parents running after them). The highlight was being able to play behind Sonia Manzano, who played Maria on the show. My three daughters attended the show with my wife, Nancy.”

David Branner was awarded tenure at the University of Maryland last May, 16 years after entering graduate school to study Chinese linguistics. “Once my tenure letter came, my wife and I moved back to New York, where we can look after my mother. But here I can most easily do my research on Chinese dialects. I commute to Maryland [for] the kind of research that I was inspired to pursue as an undergraduate.”

One classmate who may be in need of David’s expertise is Brian Peyton. Brian and his wife, Margaret, recently traveled to Changsha, Hunan, China, to adopt a daughter. Brian is director of regulatory affairs at the University of Washington Medical Center.

Dan Niendorfer has returned to terra firma, sort of. “After three exciting years at Columbia as lead administrator at the Earth Institute, my family and I are moving to sunny Arizona this summer. I will work at ASU in Tempe as director and general manager of a new high-tech venture, MacroTechnology Works. MTW is a new product from Skunkworks and Clean Room Foundry focusing on technologies and manufacturing relating to sensing, fuel cells, photovoltaics, flexible electronics and nano fabrication processing. The first challenge is to fill the remaining 30,000 square feet of clean room and 150,000 square feet of lab/office space with partners and researchers! I’m looking forward to summers back east.”

Langham Gleason and his wife announce the birth of their daughter, Langham’s fifth. “Each has brought more joy than I ever thought life could while I was a youngster at Columbia. I invite any classmates driving through Wichita Falls to stop by. I’ve enjoyed interviewing applicants to Columbia and recommend it to classmates, particularly those in rural places who might not otherwise have an Alumni Representative Committee member. Brain and spine surgery continues to be a rewarding challenge.”

Alfredo Brillembourg has distinguished himself as an architect with offices in Caracas, Venezuela and Manhattan. He lives in N.Y. with his wife, Ana Maria, and their three children.

The Columbia crew is proud to announce the birth of its 2003 captain, Evan Charles Weinstein, son of Alicia and James Weinstein. The bris was a success.

Evan Charles Weinstein

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As you read this column, our 20th reunion will have come and gone. Full coverage will be the September issue.

Tom Scott lives in Medfield, Mass., with his wife, Karen, and daughter, Anne. Last year, he and Karen celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary. Since getting his M.B.A. from the Business School in 1988, Tom has worked in retail and corporate lending and now is in consulting. He is a managing
director at Gordon Brothers Group in Boston, providing advisory services to lenders and private equity groups all over the United States and Canada. Much of Tom’s work is with troubled companies and turnaround situations, always a challenge.

Larry Gallagher has been living in San Francisco for the last 18 years, “minus the three years that I spent in San Francisco for the last 18 years, “minus the three years that I spent in San Francisco for the last 18 years.” A number of Tom’s work is with troubled companies, always a challenge.

An Endless Chain of Accidents, a collection of my songs arranged for brass band, string quartet and a number of other eclectic ensembles (www.larrygallagher.com). Apparently, I didn’t lose enough money on the first CD, so I’m recording another. I have recently made an effort to hurl myself back into the world of prose and have some recent writings for view on www.wsfgate.com. I’m getting married in September.”

At the end of June 2004, Erik S. Gaull and his wife, Karen, returned from a year living abroad in the Commonweath of the Northern Mariana Islands.

“The island life was OK for a year, but I am happy to be back. I am a self-employed consultant/educator, specializing in public safety/homeland security issues. I live in Washington, D.C.”

My fearless Kingsmen leader David Zapolsky has been traveling the world; this year’s destinations have included the Everglades, Kauai, Colorado, South Africa and Zambie. I find myself in my eyes. Heaven knows, that’s extremely exciting, and a bit nerve-racking, starting up a new business. However, it’s been one of the more rewarding experiences I’ve undertaken professionally. Laurent Rosen Herman, mother of four written from the horse’s mouth in California. "It has been almost six years since we moved (back) to Israel. About two years ago, we moved to the city of Modi’in, which is midway between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. Having lived in the southern-most region of Israel before this central location is quite a change, and we love it! We live near my husband Gideon’s family, so the kids are growing up with a local grandmother, aunt, uncle and cousins. I work full-time as a pediatrician for one of the major HMOs (Clalit) in an outpatient clinic that’s a 10-minute walk from our house. I love living and working in the same community. I feel that I know my patients from multiple facets. Now that we live in the center of the country, it is much easier to get to conferences and lectures … now the only issue is getting out of clinical duties to attend! My triplets, Eden, Gabriel and Noa, are 8 and in so much grade. They started to learn to read and write in English this year, much to the pleasure of the American family! Our little guy is in kindergarten. "I get to the States twice a year, usually one short hop (me and kid two) and one long visit (all of us). Last summer, the kids went to day camp in New Jersey. This summer, we will give them an Israeli camp experience. In honor of my 40th birthday, I started exercising and treated myself to reading a Colombian novella. I look forward to hearing from classmates, especially the women of ’86.” Lauren can be reached at gidlaure@email.com.

Kevin Hall got his master’s in international affairs from SIPA in 1988 and his law degree from Cornell in 1991. After working for White & Case, he joined Linklaters’ NYC office in 1998 and became partner in 1999. “My practice consists of mainstream banking, including leveraged acquisitions and secured and non-secured lending, bilateral and syndicated, as well as asset finance. I am co-head of recruiting for the U.S. practice. I live in Greenwich Village with my partner, Gianni Montaldi, and our two daughters. He’s a pediatrician in the American family! Our little guy is in kindergarten. Our little guy is in kindergarten. "I get to the States twice a year, usually one short hop (me and kid two) and one long visit (all of us). Last summer, the kids went to day camp in New Jersey. This summer, we will give them an Israeli camp experience. In honor of my 40th birthday, I started exercising and treated myself to reading a Colombian novella. I look forward to hearing from classmates, especially the women of ’86.” Lauren can be reached at gidlaure@email.com.

Congratulations to Harry Lipman and his wife, Julie, on the birth last year of twins Nicolas and Olivia! And on his law firm making him a named partner at Rottenberg Lipman Rich.

Martin Leung lives in San Francisco with his wife, Josefina Shen ’89, and children, Nicole (5) and Michael (3). After graduation, Martin worked at IBM for seven years and then, while visiting Hong Kong in 1992, attended a Columbia alumni reception where he met his future wife. They moved back to Hong Kong and stayed there for nine years while Martin worked for IBM, Computer Associates and his current company, CellStar, a mobile phone distributor. Martin helps CellStar source cutting edge mobile phones and accessories from Asia to the United States, and vice versa.

Gabe Kuperminc, his wife, Melissa, and daughter, Mia (3) live in Atlanta, where he is associated with the president of Georgia State University.

With the help of his brother, Bram ’84, Josh Moreinis launched his website, www.joshpaintings.com. Josh focuses on small- and mid-size oil paintings that trace the imprint of towns and cities on landscapes from Scarborough to Seoul. When not painting, Josh is a senior urban planner with Tim Miller Associates of Cold Spring, N.Y., and resides in Croton-on-Hudson with his wife, Pamela.
Ray Mitchell has been working for American Express for the past 15 years and is director of credit services for Canada. He’s moved around a few times within the company (Greensboro, Phoenix, Miami Lakes) and lives in the Toronto area with his wife, Pamela.

Tom Luongo has been teaching medieval history at Tulane for six years, where he’s associate professor and researches the civic and religious culture of late-medieval Italy. “I have a book coming out in December on the political activities of Catherine of Siena (1347–80). (Look for lines out the door of your local B&N on the publication date!) Next year, I will be in Rome as a Fellow of the American Academy in Rome. My wife, Lisa, and I have three boys, ages 2, 6, and 8. I have also become, late in life, a devoted and competitive long-distance runner. I think I might be the fastest medievalist in the United States at distances longer than 10K. Or maybe the fastest over 40. In the Gulf South region. Maybe. I’d love to hear from old friends passing through Rome next year, or New Orleans in the years thereafter.” Tom can be reached at tlouongo@tulane.edu.

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A shorter column this issue — testament to the fact that I really need your help to keep this column long and strong!

“I keep in touch with the usual suspects. I recently joined the Columbia Football Advisory Committee, so I get to stay close to the program. We remain optimistic about next season under Coach Shoop’s leadership.”

Perhaps all the female offspring of our former football players (Pete Davis, John Alex, etc.) might create a co-ed football team in decades to come?

Tu Lynn Smylie wrote an inspiring note about her life in El Segundo, Calif. “I obtained my law degree from UCLA in 1994, but since then have eschewed the legal profession in favor of nonprofit work. I have worked at a variety of nonprofits in the past 11 years, all focusing on the rights of women, children and other vulnerable populations. Recently, I became executive director of a battered women’s shelter. I love the agency and my staff. A couple of weeks ago, a Cambodian woman came to our outreach office. She was bruised from her most recent encounter with her longtime boyfriend. The

Tu Lynn Smylie ’89 married Kevin DiCerbo in September 2004 in El Segundo, Calif. Attendants in the wedding party included Anita Ma ’89 and John Liu ’89.

PHOTO: TERRY CASILLO
batterer had brutally beaten her and sexually assaulted her, so much so that she could barely stand up straight when we saw her, and she was unable to walk normally for days. My staff immediately got her medical attention, and we brought her into shelter.

“This woman’s story is all too familiar. We have since transferred her to another safe shelter, because her batterer is from a nearby area and had been in the neighborhood asking questions. Stories like this abound at our shelter and outreach programs, but I keep myself from drowning in the awfulness of it all with the thought that we are doing something important for these women and their children. My job has long hours and relatively low pay, but it is worthwhile in the end, and I hope to stay here for a long time.

“I was married in September 2004; Anita Ma ‘89E and John Liu were attendants (so to speak). My husband, Kevin D’Cruze, hail from Cornell. Kevin is a successful entrepreneur who has started and ultimately sold several companies. After the wedding, we took a month-long honeymoon to Italy, Greece and Turkey. It was an amazing trip, but we were happy to return to our lives in southern California and the good old U.S.A.

“During the winter holidays, we spent a week in New England and caught up with a lot of Columbia friends. In New York City, we hung out with Anita, John and Jill Tannenbaum. Anita is successful at Con Edison, where she is high on the chain of command. Jill and her husband, Barry, are happily ensconced in the city with their son, and Jill runs her own consultancy business. John recently joined New York’s finest, where he already is carving out a fantastic second career (and keeps us entertained with the stories of his exploits).

“We attended an impromptu dinner party at the lovely new house of Steve Metallios and his wife, Joy Kim Metallios ’90. It was a fun evening, and we saw a bunch of our friends from the old days’ as well as Steve and Joy’s children. Finally, it was on to the Boston suburbs, where we visited Rachel Kalikow, her husband, David, and their two daughters. They had just returned to the United States from a stint in England. It was warm and sunny, and we were happy to hear their news. Everyone was happy and successful.”

Also writing from the West Coast, Dan Bromantz shared his news and some College confessions, “I moved to the Bay Area right after school, where I met my wife, Barbara, a California native. We’re still here, in the East Bay, all these years later, now with two kids, who are 7 and 4. By day, I’m the publisher for graphics and digital photography books at an independent press, Sybex. By night, I’ve been writing poetry and tunes and short audio pieces, much of which can be found on my website: www.cecilvortex.com. Most recently, about 35 of us used the site to host a group-read of Gravity’s Rainbow (an amazing book). About 14 are soon going to make it all the way through. This ‘Gravity’s Rainbow Deathmarch’ was triggered in part by a great class I had on Pynchon’s V with Richard Locke at Columbia. I hadn’t read V in time for the class. And I still haven’t, unfortunately. But I never forgot that class. He was a helluva teacher. And he left me thinking that one of these days I need to open a Pynchon and make it through to the other side. I guess I’ll leave V for my 40s.”

Congratulations to Dr. Tracy Heisler and her husband, Jason Reich, on the birth of daughter Cayden Jane Reich, their first child, on March 8.

Thanks all for your great updates — keep them coming!

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This column is dedicated to wonder. You’ll see why.

Lisa Berger has answered my “Where Are You?” call. Lisa practices internal medicine in Lake Success, N.Y., and lives on Long Island. She attended Syracuse for medical school and did her residency at University of Pittsburgh, where she met her husband. Here’s my favorite part: his name is Jeff Berger. I wonder if we have any other classmates who married someone with the same last name. If this is you, please identify yourself.

I also wonder about our classmates in public service. For example, in January 2005, Rick St. Hilaire ’90 began serving his second elected term as Grafton County Attorney. He was recently honored by the Union Leader and the New Hampshire Business Industry Association for being one of the 40 top leaders in New Hampshire under 40 years old. Do we have any other elected public servants among us?

A little bird told me that hearty congratulations go to Colin Campbell for receiving tenure from Rutgers. With friends and family in the professor business, I know how competitive getting tenure is these days. Colin, on behalf of our classmates, we’re proud of you! I wonder who else has tenure. Please identify yourselves. Don’t be shy or modest — life is short, and accomplishments need to be celebrated.

Paul Greenberg reported the August 2004 birth of his daughter, Lorelei. Paul has been with MusicNet, a company that sells digital music, for about three years. He has been involved with announcing, broadcasting and entertainment since high school. I wonder if Lorelei got those genes. I am the aunt of identical twin nephews, born to my brother and sister-in-law on April 5. Presumably, you all wonder along with me if any of our classmates have identical twins or triplets.

Are you wondering about classmates of yore? Maybe I saw them at reunion. Stay tuned for our next column to read about what I was getting into. Obviously, I didn’t.

“I toured Japan, Europe, Southeast Asia and Japan again, working on everything from setup to booking. My second go-around in Japan was with a Las Vegas-style show that Ringling Brothers was producing and testing on the Japanese crowds. Along the way, I fell for Stacey, a dancer on the show, and started thinking about returning to the States and what the hell I wanted to do with myself.

“With that in mind, I saved enough money for two years of post-baccalaureate expenses [I had to redo a few of those hazy first semesters at Columbia] and planned to go into orthopaedics. I know, not many people run away from the circus to go to medical school. I’m glad I can almost see light at the end of this tunnel. All is well though, and I have been glad for each of these adventures.”

‘I keep up with Matt Baldwin, John Chun, Bowman Hastie and Joel Barron. I am very happy these days, as our daughter, Zoe, approaching her first birthday is much more fun than being a resident.

“I hope everything is going well with everyone else in our class. Go Lions!” This greeting is from Greg Schulman, who lives in Las Vegas with his wife, Debbie. Greg is a partner in the law firm Worthington and, of course, Debbie is an elementary school teacher. Greg sent this news of his fellow Carman 11 and Shapiro 9 pal, John Baick, with whom he has remained friends. “John Baick and Ali (Bers) Baick ’93 (John and Ali met on Shapiro 9) had their second child, Sarah Bers Baick, on March 10. She weighed 6 lbs., 12 oz. and was 19 inches long. She joins her older brother, Michael. All are doing well and reside in Massachusetts.”

Congratulations to Milton Vilanueva and his wife, Ivelisse, who welcomed Alejandro (6 lbs., 6 oz.) on March 11. The family live in the Columbia neighborhood and Milton works in Washington Heights as a Department of Education social worker for children and adolescents, ages 5-10.

Chris Front writes, “I live in St. Louis and teach U.S. history and government at an independent day school, John Burroughs School. In October, my wife and I had our first child, Eli Benjamin J U L Y  2 0 0 5 5 6
More Than a Survivor

By Rammy Park ’04

"I would like to be a local survivor, please."

Six weeks after being diagnosed with multiple myeloma in January 2002, Dina Kotkin Feivelson ’91 was on the phone saying these words, volunteering with the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. A year-and-a-half later, she was traveling the country, giving talks as a Myeloma Mentor, and she’s still at it. Even as she searched for a bone marrow match of her own, Feivelson organized a blood and bone marrow drive with Columbia Hillel. Since then, more than 200 people have registered in her name, while countless others continue to provide funding.

Meeting Feivelson, it’s hard to tell that she suffers from one of the world’s most rare — and lethal — cancers. Multiple myeloma is difficult to treat; the five-year success rate is only 30 percent, meaning seven of every 10 people who have the disease do not survive past five years. Feivelson’s case is particularly problematic because she has not responded well to many of the available drugs and procedures. Even so, she has vibrant energy and wit; she laughs at herself and, at times, her situation. Case in point:

Feivelson notes that the illness usually affects elderly male African-Americans. Then she points to her young female Jewish self and smiles sarcastically.

Feivelson, who received the 2005 Columbia College Women Alumna Achievement Award on March 30, volunteers with Team-In-Training, a Leukemia & Lymphoma Society program. Teams train for and participate in endurance sports to raise money to research blood cancers: leukemia, lymphoma, myeloma and others. Being a local survivor, but unable to physically train for a marathon, Feivelson joins the team as an "honored patient," someone who inspires teammates and gives a face to their cause.

Emily Young, campaign director for Team-In-Training, calls Feivelson "an exemplary volunteer … one who has helped us to achieve a deeper connection with our participants." But Feivelson says she’s more moved by volunteers who do not have cancer. "They’re running 26.2 miles, they’re raising $3,900 and they don’t have to? That’s inspiring."

In May 2003, Feivelson helped charter the Myeloma Mentor program within the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation. As a mentor, she travels the country speaking to support groups, professors and doctors. She helps people cope with myeloma by talking about her experiences and offering advice. She enthusiastically recounts her first time being interviewed on television on the show Healthwise in North Carolina; the memory brings an enormous smile to her face. Feivelson hopes to continue advocating with more television and speaking appearances.

She even talks to pharmaceutical companies because she believes that it’s essential to teach them to humanize cancer treatment. "They only know the drugs," Feivelson says. "They don’t know the patient who has to deal with them and what they do to the patient’s quality of life. They need to know."

Feivelson’s Columbia education prepared her well for this kind of work. After earning a B.A. in English and comparative literature, she earned a master’s in public health in population and family health (’97 PH) and a master’s in philosophy in sociomedical sciences (’02 GSAS). While juggling her hectic volunteer schedule, she is pursuing a Ph.D. in sociomedical sciences at GSAS. She initially wanted to study reproductive medicine advocacy and policy, but after discovering she was ill, she shifted her focus to oncology, the study of cancer.

After finishing her Ph.D., Feivelson plans to work in medical ethics while increasing her cancer advocacy work. She wants to travel and speak more, and credits her boundless energy to her husband of nine years, Neal Feivelson ’91E. "He takes care of everything so I don’t have to," she says. "He’s incredible."

Feivelson was awarded CCW’s highest honor because she views her illness as an opportunity to advocate for others rather than a setback. She considers herself a resource not only to raise money for cancer but also to help others who are going through the same ordeal. And she never seems to tire of it. Before accepting her CCW award, Feivelson circulated a clipboard asking attendees to sign up for the bone marrow registry. When asked about a link to include in case College alumni were interested in registering to be donors (www.marrow.org), she replied, "I wonder if we could schedule a drive in time so that it can be announced in the article?"

While Feivelson’s schedule didn’t allow for that, her endless enthusiasm will undoubtedly inspire others to support her cause.

Rammy Park ’04 is a freelance writer who works in television news at NY1.
Greg Ostling, who practices law in NYC, and his wife, Angela Tu, had a son, William, a month earlier, almost to the day. Jeff Ordower is back in St. Louis, and I see him frequently.

Have a great summer! Please note my new address: After 11 years of being married with kids in Morningside Heights, Mike and I are taking the plunge and going to the suburbs.

[Editor's note: An incorrect website was listed in the May Alumni Profile of Rob Endelman’s new cooking venture. His site is www.cookwithclass.org.]

Scott Black had all sorts of personal and professional news. He joined the SEC’s New York office as a senior trial litigator. He also reported on a get-together that he and his wife, Marnie (née Jakubowski ‘94 Barnard) and Lisa (formerly Wasserman) and Ezra (formerly Zuckerman) Sivan all got together recently at the Sivans’ home in Massachusetts, where they spent time with the Sivan children, Jack (8), Nina (6) and Jesse (3). Scott said that Ezra was awarded tenure as a professor of strategic management at the Sloan School of Management and that Lisa runs her own business as a design consultant to architects and contractors.

Scott wasn’t the only lawyer with good news to report for this column—Scott’s cousin, Suzan Kedron, a partner in Jackson Walker’s Business Transactions section, has been named one of the “Best Lawyers in Dallas” by D Magazine. Congratulations!

Another first-time writer, Andy Rodin, lives in Charlottesville, Va., with his wife and 5-year-old twin boys. He is the head of the upper school at St. Anne’s-Belfield School, an independent PK-12 grade school right next to the University of Virginia. Andy stays in touch with several classmates, including Peter DiMaggio, Nick Primavera, Michael Connolly, Phil Schroeder ‘92E, Larry Mackay and Julie Holt (who, Andy pointed out, also has twins). Andy was one of several CC’92 attendees at Larry’s wedding in Iowa.

I’ve learned from CCT class correspondent Colleen Haia ‘02 that Ben Appen and Lesly Chang have, in addition to marrying each other, accomplished a lot since graduation. Lesly is a published author, including such titles as Beyond the Narrow Gate. Ben is a partner at the private investment firm Magnitude Capital, having previously worked for D.E. Shaw & Co., the venture capital and hedge fund company set up by former Columbia professor David Shaw. Ben and Lesly had their first child last year. Let’s keep the momentum going, gang. Keep the news coming, and I’ll keep getting it into the column. Fair enough? ’Til next time.

Two weddings grace the Class Notes pages in print and pictures. Paul Sangillo married Alexandra Miranda on January 17 in La Romana, Dominican Republic. Paul began a new position as in-house counsel with Platform Learning and is enjoying married life.

Nina Abraham married Neil Lieberman on March 26 at Temple Adath Israel in Merion Station, Pa. Attending were Karen Sender ‘94; Don and Jennifer Woods (née Hays); Rachel Mintz; Alan Cohn and his wife, Becky; and Rob and Anne Klee (née Labowitz ‘95).

Greg Schulman ’91 shared the happy news that John Baick ’91 and Ali (Bers) Baick welcomed their second child, Sarah Bers Baick, on March 10. She weighed 6 lbs., 12 oz. and was 19 inches long. She joins her brother, Michael. The family is doing well and lives in Massachusetts.

Ken Ehrenberg is finishing a Ph.D. at Columbia, combining philosophy and law. Ken did one year in GSAS and earned an M.A. in philosophy before heading off to Yale Law to become classmates with Jay Michaelson and Brett Cohen. Ken worked for two years as a lawyer, one with the NYC Parks Department and one with O’Melveny & Myers in New York. He went back to GSAS for his doctorate; his dissertation is on the methodology of legal philosophy. Starting next year, Ken will be a tenure-track assistant professor of philosophy and a research associate professor of law at SUNY Buffalo. Ken reports that Jay has become something of a minor celebrity after starting a literary magazine called Zek that is doing well. Jay regularly publishes articles in the Jewish press and teaches classes on Jewish mysticism, meditation and ecology, among other topics.

Tom Hilbink is an assistant professor in the department of legal studies at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, He is appreciating life in what is known as the “happy valley.”

Please make your class correspondence happy with news and updates.

Monique (Williams) Morris is director of the Discrimination Research Center, a Berkeley-based group that conducts objective studies documenting the prevalence of discrimination in different settings. The center, a program of The Impact Fund, a nonprofit foundation, combines social science research, testing, advocacy and public education to determine the extent to which unlawful barriers to equal employment and access to public services exist. Prior to taking the helm of the Discrimination Research Center, Monique led research and advocacy campaigns at the National Council on Crime and Delinquency to address racial and gender disparities in the criminal justice system.

Danny Franklin is a consulting editor at the political magazine The Washington Monthly, where he edits and develops feature stories. He also is a freelance speechwriter in Washington, D.C.

I hope this finds you doing well, and please keep the news coming!

In case you are wondering about news from our 10-year reunion, it will be included in the next issue.

Congratulations to Gabriel Said Reynolds and Svetlana Brook Bohchman, who are new parents and Ph.D.s. Gabriel writes from South Bend, Ind., where he teaches Islamic studies in the context of the history of Notre Dame. Since graduation, he married Lourdes El-Khoury in Byblos, Lebanon, in 2002, finished a Ph.D. at Yale in 2003 and in January became the proud papa of Luke Elocious. He also published a book, A Muslim Theologian in the Sectarian Milieu. His interest in Islamic studies began during his CC days, especially during a summer abroad in Jordan with Andisham Elkousaft.

Svetlana sent her update from the Upper West Side. She and her
husband are the proud parents of Rachel Alice. Svetlana earned a Ph.D. in English literature from the CUNY Graduate Center. She’s had a busy spring. “I defended my dissertation on April 8 and gave birth on April 27,” she writes.

Kendra Crook writes that Sarah Lorge Butler moved to Emmaus, Pa., near Allentown, with her husband, Charlie ’85, and daughter, Leah. Sarah left Sports Illustrated and is now a freelance writer whose work has appeared in C&IT, among other publications. Jenny Kim lives in San Francisco and, at the time of Kendra’s note, was studying for the California bar exam. Rich Altman works at Deloitte & Touche as a senior manager for merger and acquisition services and often travels to Washington, D.C., and Boston. Jason Kleinman recently got married. Erin Bertocci works at Accenture and lives in Bronxville with her husband. Adam Epstein got married and is now an account executive at Conductive Corp., a marketing firm. James Stoterra is writer and producer on the WB show One Tree Hill. He lives in Venice, Calif.

Bryonn Bain has been teaching spoken word at NYU for the past three years. He teaches a course created with university students and incarcerated men at Rikers Island through Columbia’s Institute for Research in African-American Studies. His nonprofit group, Blackout Arts Collective, for five years has been performing and conducting workshops at prisons and in 10–15 cities each summer. Read more about Bryonn at www.bryonn Bain.com. Kendra noted that Bryonn performed at an educational forum about Malcolm X’s legacy at Columbia’s earlier event at MrKadish@yahoo.com.

You may have noticed a familiar name in the Vows section of the New York Times this spring. The paper featured Gene Mazo’s nearly two-year courtship with Gwen Parker, a fellow law school student at Stanford. Gene took Gwen on a first date to a memorial service for a local scholar, according to the story. The next day was a tour of San Francisco “in a car with a gazillion miles and duct tape holding closed the glove compartment door while playing one song over and over on the CD,” Gwen said in the article. “I couldn’t tell if he was really nice, nervous and excited, or just really bizarre.” Gene proposed in playing one song over and over in a fortune cookie; the couple married in Palo Alto on April 17. The paper featured Gene Mazo’s engagement party. Beth and her husband, Ari, live in Palo Alto, and Beth is finishing her Ph.D. in math. Gail and Mayer had a great time at their wedding — Simona Weinberg Heumann and Shani Offen also were there. Right after the wedding, Gail and Mayer moved to Los Angeles. Gail is a patent attorney at the law firm of O’Melveny and Myers. They are excited to be there, but it was hard to leave NYC.

A year ago, Hilary Larson quit her job as a staff/arts writer for The Southampton Press, gave up her cottage by the sea and moved to Barcelona, where she enrolled in a language school. She spent the summer becoming bilingual and exploring the Catalan coast; during a period of several months, she traveled in France, London, Scotland, Buenos Aires and Uruguay. The experience confirmed her decision to transition out of journalism; her new goal is to apply for graduate programs in Spanish and return to academia, which she realizes suits her better than anything she’s done since Columbia!

Hilary has started a full-time job writing for the Global Education department at Estée Lauder in Manhattan and moved to Park Slope. She does freelance journalism on the side, including a travel column. Hilary writes: “As I approach my 30th birthday and start over in New York City, I feel like my life is finally starting in all sorts of interesting ways. I’m incredibly happy.”

Alyson Moyal is doing a double residency in neurology and psychiatry at NYU. She loves being back in the city, and her horses Ed Teng, Joan Moen, Edward Voegel, Derek Brinkman and Matt Rosenberg are keeping her sane during internship, which is almost over. She recently went to a fabulous N.Y. grad school mixer organized by Manish Parikh, who is a surgery resident at NYU.

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Jaydeep Bhatt updates us on his life since graduation. Jaydeep stayed in New York and went to NYU School of Medicine, where he received his M.D. in 2002. He’s
Rachel Ford ‘98 married Alejandro Marx ‘98 on August 28, 2004, at Waveny House in New Canaan, Conn. Many Columbians attended, including (top row, left to right): Jonathan Tua ‘98, Premila Reddy ‘99 Barnard, Megan Robertson ‘00 Barnard, Amy Kushner (TC), Camilla Feibelman ‘98 and Lisia Akkola ‘98; (middle row) Jennifer Credidio ‘98, Lindsay McDevit ‘98, Sue Hyun Kim ‘98, Tina Fortungho ‘98, Jameel Bankley ‘97 and Chaumontt Huq ‘93; and (front row): the groom, the bride, Maria Ramirez ‘92 and Yvonne Maldonado ‘95.

Photo: Reina McCuskey


Jaydeep provided the following updates: Sanjeev Mehta worked for Anderson consulting after graduation, then went to Fordham Law and is a patent lawyer with Ropes & Gray. Nan-Ting Kuo is an equities trader on Wall Street who works for a Manhattan firm … Jon Tua worked for PriceWaterhouse after graduation recently graduated from NYU’s Business School … Kevin Glenz moved to Japan after graduation and has been there since; he is an English teacher and freelance writer and recently was married … Samer Cortas worked in investment banking with CIBC Oppenheimer after graduation in NYC for a few years, moved to the London office and later opened his own investment firm in London, Blenheim Advisors. Jaydeep lived with all of those guys in Hogg 4A during our senior year. They are still close and travel together often. Nisha Gupta has worked for the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta for four years. She went to Yale School of Public Health.

Jaydeep says Boston-area classmates who want to get in touch should e-mail: jmb73@ columbia.edu.

Alejandra Montenegro married Jorge Almonte on February 26 in New Orleans with many Columbia friends in attendance. Lisette Camilo, Natalie Edwards and Stephanie Meade were bridesmaids. Cristina Barbosa, Sherri Salimi, Eunie Suh, Arete Koutras, Robert Diaz, Christos Yaholil, Sofia Berger ‘01, and Marysol Sanchez ‘99 also were there, as was former Dean Roger Shebecka ‘67. Alejandra and Jorge are attorneys in D.C. and live in Alexandria, Va.

Rachel Ford and Alejandro Marx were married on August 28. The ceremony and reception took place at Waveny House in New Canaan, Conn., and there were quite a few Columbians in attendance, including Jonathan Tua, Camilla Feibelman, Lisia Akkola, Jennifer Credidio, Lindsay McDevit, Sue Hyun Kim, Tina Fortungho, Premila Reddy ‘99 Barnard, Megan Robertson ‘00 Barnard, Amy Kushner, Jameel Bankley ‘97, Chaumontt Huq ‘93, Maria Ramirez ‘92 and Yvonne Maldonado ‘95.

Rachel and Alejandro live in Riverdale, the Bronx. Alex teaches English and ethics at the H.S. for emerging individuals in creative professions” funded and published by 28-year-old co-founder Christopher Bollen graced the April cover of the Discovery Center, which celebrated its 40th anniversary this spring. She is working on a master’s in psychology in education at Teachers College.

Some updates from Rachel and Alejandro: Camilla Feibelman is a community organizer and media relations specialist at the Sierra Club in Washington, D.C. … Lisia Akkola lives outside Boston in Natick, Mass., and for work travels all over the country, and sometimes abroad, training organizations to use the Raisers Edge database software … Tina Fortungho returned from the desert a couple of years ago; she was a student at University of Arizona earning a master’s but moved back to Manhattan, where she works in anthropology / archeology … Jenn Credidio is a city councilwoman and attorney in her hometown of Guttenburg, N.J. … Sue Hyun Kim earned an M.B.A. from NYU, in the same class as Jon Tua … Lindsay McDevit recently finished medical school at Pitt and is in the first year of her residency in family practice in Washington, Pa., outside Pittsburgh. She was recently engaged to Micah Weglinski; they will be married at the end of this summer.

Rachel keeps in touch with several classmates who were not at the wedding: Nusrat Choudhury is working on not one but two graduate degrees, moving back and forth between a law degree at Yale and a degree in Public Policy at the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton. Jenny Ramirez graduated from Fordham Law School. She and her husband are in Washington, D.C. and live in Alexandria, Va.

Congratulations to Amerigo Rossi and Monica Ortiz, who recently were engaged (after a 10-year courtship that began on the Columbia track). The wedding will be held in the Dominican Republic. Monica and Amerigo live in Arizona earning a master’s but recently moved to Washington, D.C. Tanya Reznichenko has been living and working in Paris and loves it. Tani Berman is in the midst of his internal medicine residency at Cornell Hospital.

Christopher Bollen graced the April cover of Me Magazine, "a quarterly magazine devoted to emerging individuals in creative professions" funded and published by 28-year-old co-founder and creative director Claudia Wu. Christopher is editor of V, a hip bi-monthly fashion magazine. The New York Times wrote about Christopher’s issue of Me last April in an article called “For Every Hipster, 15 Minutes of Fame?" Read more about Me at www.memagazinenyc.com.

Congratulations to Ben Kornfeld and Jeannette Jakus, who became engaged in January after several years of dating. Jeannette, who graduated with a Columbia M.B.A. in 2004, is finishing an M.D. at Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia, while Ben graduated in May with a combined M.B.A./M.S. from the Business School and the Architecture School. They plan a spring 2006 wedding.

Many thanks to Jaydeep, Rachel and Kapil, who wrote in for the first time in seven years! I hope you have an amazing summer and find the time to update us on your personal and professional achievements.

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an offer to work for the Goldman Sachs office in Sydney, Australia, for a year beginning in August. Thus, my days of living in New York are likely done, but I hope to see as many of you as possible before I leave."

Ariel Neuman is excited about his clerkship in Los Angeles for a federal judge and the work that will follow at a law firm. He would love to reconnect with anyone who is in L.A.

Ariel noted, "Sofia Berger is back in NYC, running an engineering project involving bridges on the West Side Highway. She, Rahul Prasankumar and I celebrated Mardi Gras in New Orleans."

Lindsey Bordone '03 announced her New Year's Day engagement to Michael Merley; they are planning a June 2006 wedding following Mike's graduation from UT-Austin Law School. Lindsay is studying medicine at Robert Wood Johnson in New Jersey and expects to graduate in 2008.

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Dina Epstein recently participated in a grueling 250-mile, five-day bike ride in Israel (from Jerusalem to Eilat), benefiting the Arava Institute for Environmental Studies. Dina showed incredible tenacity as she prepared to conquer the Israeli desert on her "Specialized" wheels. Congratulations on completing the demanding ride and for raising so much for such a worthy cause!

And finally, last but certainly not least, I'm delighted to announce that Jamie Rubin '01 Barnard and I got engaged on May 12. Take care, and be in touch!

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Hey, CC '02 — hope you've been well. Here is the latest news on our classmates.

Georgia Freedman recently married Joshua Wand, whom she met while "living and learning" in Wallach. Elizabeth Leeds Lobel and her husband, Josh, will live in Jerusalem during this coming academic year. Elizabeth will work at a lab while Josh studies. Both will finish their final years of school in 2006/7; Elizabeth will get her M.D. and Josh will be ordained as a rabbi.

Greg Shill, Andrew Cheung

begin a clerkship for the Honorable Joseph A. Greenaway Jr. '78 in the United States District Court in the Central District of California. In 2006, she'll

and Dan Hammerman spent June in Ecuador and Peru. Greg reports, "We will be riding turtles on the Galapagos Islands (or at least attempting to), hiking the Inca Trail, practicing our emergency Spanish and trying not to get kidnapped by Colombian guerrillas."

Bryony Rowneet will return to Harvard this fall to begin studying toward a Ph.D. in religion and human rights. Having spent the past year in New York working a succession of increasingly odd jobs, she is pleased with this new development. She also is pleased to report that she is spending almost as much time with Abby Wilson, Emily Erding and Ksenija Boutov as she did while at CU and that they are all doing swimmingly.

Elisabeth Neubauer graduated from the University of Michigan Law School and started clerking in Los Angeles for the Honorable Margaret M. Morrow in the United States District Court in the Central District of California. In 2006, she'll

pany in Manhattan that I started up a number of months ago with one of my friends as a means to garner enough money to keep my acting habit possible.

"I was in a national commercial for Jackson Hewitt during tax season, supposedly it was showing on ESPN but I never saw it. I do random plays and indie films in the city and am trying to get into television. I run into CU alumni all the time; we seem to climb in every crevice of this city like bees in a hive. I'm working on a number of projects — screenplays, plays and trying to put together a book about collegiate track and field."

Trushna Jhaveri writes, "I'm back home in Bombay (Mumbai), India; moved here soon after we graduated and started working in equity research with DSP Merrill Lynch (Merrill Lynch in India). After spending a year-and-a-half there, I shifted to the asset management side of the business, marketing mutual funds, which is a lot more fun! The stock market is pretty sweet, 'cause I live at home and have a beautiful 10-minute drive to work along the sunny seafront... the work environment is great too, as there are only about four people in my department, handling marketing for the company, so I get a lot of exposure and there's a lot to learn. Bombay, as a city, is really coming up, too — clubs, bars, new restaurants and tons of arty-cultural things to do. I'm considering grad school, but nothing concrete on the horizon yet. I'm in touch with Yael Sadan, who's in med school at Valhalla."

Alexandra Lopez is a senior project manager at a supplier for the big three (automotive) for the last year-and-a-half under the DaimlerChrysler account, specifically with its dealings across the country. The account works jointly with Chrysler's branding division to brand its dealerships. She writes, "In March, I visited friends / classmates as part of our mini-reunion. It was lots of fun! I want to say 'I miss you' to Julie Quon, Crystal Musse, Ana Villasenor, Kam Sam Leon, Joe Moreno, Roy Rodriguez '04 and Nik Johnson '03."

Harry Layman recently began a job in proprietary trading at Morgan Stanley. Phoebe Sorkin is marrying Gahl Spanier in September. She is an assistant editor at Little, Brown and Co. Books for Young Readers in New York.

Joseph Bernabucci recently returned from a trip to India and started a new job in the office of the Secretary of Defense.

Stephen Pan will take a year off from medical school in Pittsburgh at the end of this month to move to Bethesda, Md., to do a

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year of research at the National Howard Hughes Medical Institute Mary Mammana ’04 can be found Betty Lai, Anna Nelson, Ian Munoz, Richard Mammana and on Tuesday nights at The West 2004, Richard took over as editor attempts to win free beer. In July Seminary.

She will embark on a graduate program in social anthropology at 2005, after the Columbia Medical Center beginning in the summer. Michael, Ben Fishman and Jonas Divine recently had brunch in Greenwich Village. Ben works in Washington, D.C., at the Washington Institute for Near East Foreign Policy for Ambassador Dennis Ross. He recently published an opinion piece in Newsday on the controversy surrounding Columbia’s Middle East and Asian Languages and Cultures department.

Hello, everyone. I hope you are having a wonderful, restful summer. As always, I’m looking for more submissions for Class Notes, so please don’t be shy about sending updates!

Congratulations to Sharon Bartel, who recently married David Form ’02.

Hamesh Mehta writes, “I recently returned from an intriguing trip around India and the Himalayas and am in Korea for work. I ran into Zvi Galil, SEAS dean, and other Colombians in early March at an alumni event in Singapore.”

Nya Noel writes, “I am volunteering in Johannesburg for six months until early July, after which I will start medical school. I work at the Planned Parenthood Association of South Africa and Ikhaya Lethemba Center for Victims of Domestic Violence and Abuse.” Also in Africa, Menal Jhaver will be there to work for the GAVI Alliance. She will visit her in Zambia, where she will start medical school. Her good friend and senior roommate, Ai Ogawa, will visit her in Zambia so they can go on safari in South Luangwa National Park. She is working for a public art and architecture firm in Tokyo.

Elsewhere in the world, Aryeh Kaufman writes, “I’ve been traveling around South America and enjoying things before law school. Good times.”

In New York, Davey Volner is director of membership at the Accompanied Library, one of New York City’s hot new clubs (according to New York magazine).

Michael Wiener finished his first year at NYU Law and is working for a federal judge in New York for the summer. Tom Berman worked
much already — there will be plenty of time for that later. But please, update us on your activities and latest exploits, or at the least, tell us where you’re hanging out these days! Time for some Class Notes:

Chaim Kagedan, who graduat ed after the fall 2004 semester, will continue as a paralegal at the New York offices of Heller Erhman, a San Francisco-based firm. In late August, Chaim and his wife, Heather, will move to Boston where Chaim will begin his first year at Harvard Law.

Yuma Terada will work at the Merchant Banking Division of Goldman Sachs, based in Tokyo. He hopes to return to New York soon to pursue graduate studies.

Phil Sandick writes: “After sailing from NYC to Martha’s Vineyard with my aunt and a brief stint in Napa Valley, I started work on June 20 at Skadden, Arps — two years as a legal assistant.”

Rick Lipkin looks forward to his position as a research assistant/lab technician at The Research Foundation for Mental Hygiene: The Department of Biological Psychiatry at the New York State Psychiatric Institute.

Marc Tobak, David Zions and Rachel Feinmark are headed to Cambridge to pursue graduate degrees. Marc and David will be at Harvard Law while Rachel will be across the pond at the University of Cambridge in England.

In New York, Ravi Desai will be an analyst at Yuma Terada will work at the New York City Mayor’s Office. He also will direct the NYC Mayor’s Office of the Ad Hoc Committee report submitted in April. It was pleasant to have a look at the painting once known as “The Gold Standard Fighting Off the Greenbacks.”

Henry W. Rosenberg ’73
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More on MEALAC

I commend Dr. Jonathan Reich ’85 on his letter in the [May] issue of CCT. I echo many of his sentiments. I have received, at my request, the full and alleged unabridged copy of the Ad Hoc Committee report submitted in April. It may be “politically correct,” but it hardly reaches the root of the problem. In addition, there is the inclusion in [the May] issue of a chair being endowed for Israeli and Jewish studies. Professor [Michael] Stanislavski states that this new chair is “not a political appointment, but an academic one.” In truth, he undermines the intelligence of Columbia College alumni in making such a statement. The purpose of the new chair is appeasement, pure and simple, to the problems Columbia has created.

Robert Goldberg ’49
Lawrence, N.Y.

Your editorial on the Grievance Committee’s report, like [Brian] Krisberg ’81’s appeal for calmer waters, like the committee’s report, was an utter whitewash. The outcome of the stacked committee’s investigation, as The New York Times commented immediately after the report’s release, was a foregone conclusion. It has nothing to do with “academic freedom” after all, and everything to do with the economics of alumni giving. Spare us your iber-ethics. President Lee C. Bollinger may make the case for a “system of self-government,” but we who ultimately pay his elevated salary are entitled to a significant role, too. His notion that outsiders have nothing to say smacks dangerously elitist.

David B. Goldberg ’78
Jerusalem

Your pageant is woefully inadequate. You have not mentioned the Low Library, the library that is the cradle of Columbia University. Its history is the story of the university itself. It stands as a monument to the ideals of Columbia University. It is the heart of the university, the place where the students learn and grow. It is the place where the professors teach and the visitors come to see the library. It is the place where the history of Columbia University is written. It is the place where the stories of Columbia University are told.

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For decades, Columbia and its intercollegiate athletics program have had a less than satisfying relationship. The University acknowledges the place of athletics at a great research university; indeed, Columbia participates in 29 intercollegiate sports and spends millions of dollars on the department each year. The results indicate, however, that the University simply has not demonstrated the same commitment to quality and excellence in intercollegiate athletics that it gives to the academic experience.

With the arrival of President Lee C. Bollinger in 2002 and Director of Athletics M. Dianne Murphy in November 2004, the University is beginning to address in a serious and methodical manner the issues and problems that have caused the department to underperform for so many years. By any measure, there is only one direction Columbia can go in intercollegiate athletics overall, and that is up. In the past decade, Columbia has won the fewest Ivy sports championships. In the same period, Columbia ranks last in its overall Ivy League finish ranking measured separately across 11 men’s core sports and 12 women’s core sports. On the women’s side, Columbia isn’t even close to seventh place.

None of this is meant to take away from the success achieved during this period by individual teams such as fencing, tennis, lightweight crew and women’s cross-country, or individual athletes such as Cristina Teuscher ’00 or Caroline Bierbaum ’06.

Why, you might wonder, has broader success in intercollegiate athletics not been achieved? Athletics has consistently been put aside at Columbia in favor of other priorities deemed more pressing. These priorities included the 1970s focus on “quality of life” issues (such as fixing dormitories and dining halls), the 1980s focus on implementing coeducation and improving student life (including construction of Alfred Lerner Hall, the student center), the 1990s focus on strengthening the Core Curriculum, renovating the College Library and Hamilton Hall and improving alumni relations and admissions and the 1990s focus on hiring quality individuals, keeping them in the department and raising overall morale.

Success in athletics is a priority for this president. For students, parents, alumni and administrators who follow Columbia’s intercollegiate athletics programs, there is reason to believe that athletics will be a higher priority in years to come. The new leadership has a positive and refreshing attitude, recognizing that the current state of affairs is not working and seeing this as an opportunity for change. Clearly, this is a long-term proposition that will require many years and a continuing commitment on the part of the University, especially in the area of facilities, where Columbia lags well behind its peers. With increased resources, an environment conducive to better results and a focused vision from the top, Columbia’s performance in intercollegiate athletics should rise and become a source of pride to match the experience students receive in the classroom.

Making Athletics a Priority

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Famous Alumni

Countless Columbia College alumni have made their mark on the world in the last 250 years. Can you name the 35 in this puzzle?

Answers on page 63.

ACROSS
1 Star Lion as passing tailback; Chicago Bears Pro Football Hall of Famer
5 World-renowned architect, designed Broadway Residence Hall
11 Columbia history professor for 50 years; immigration, ethnicity expert
14 Entrepreneur, philanthropist; created Metromedia
16 One of NAACP’s first leaders; literary critic, professor, publisher
17 Nixon and Ford speechwriter; hosted Emmy-winning Comedy Central quiz show
19 University Professor key in developing Core Curriculum; Presidential Medal of Honor awardee
26 Four-time All-American fencer, NCAA female athlete of the decade for 1980s
31 Lit Hum professor; writer, literary critic, intellectual
32 Leading Continental Congress and Convention figure; secretary of the treasury
33 Created Wide World of Sports, 20/20, World News Tonight, Nightline

DOWN
2 Civil rights leader; Columbia’s first African-American trustee
3 Lawyer known for oratorical skills, defending many who were blacklisted in 1950s
4 Former Jester editor, 1952 Pulitzer-winning author who examined the Jewish experience
6 Founded Random House, revitalizing 1920s book business
7 Outstanding contemporary pianist; won 3 Grammys
8 Judge, statesman, abolitionist, first U.S. chief justice
9 Folk singer, teamed with childhood friend to win several Grammys
10 Published 470+ books on many topics, notably science fiction
11 Dancer, Broadway/screen actor; tough guy in Hollywood gangster films
12 Monk and author after dramatic conversion experience to Catholicism
13 Dramatist known for Pulitzer- and Tony-winning play turned successful HBO film
15 At NASA, negotiated creation of first space shuttle and Hubble Space Telescope
18 Two-time Olympic medal-winning swimmer, including a 1996 gold
19 Citizen Kane writer; won 4 Oscars in consecutive years for Best Screenplay, Best Director
20 WWII hero nicknamed “Wild Bill,” started pre-CIA Office of Strategic Services
21 Oklahoma!, The Sound of Music composer; won 35 Tonys, 15 Oscars
22 Controversial political commentator; helped found neo-conservative movement
23 Actress famous after Secretary Golden Globe nomination
24 Former College dean; argued Brown v. Board of Education before Supreme Court
25 Dramatist, winner of four Tonys, Emmy, Pulitzer Prize
27 Random House editorial director for 40 years; helped found The New York Review of Books
28 New York senator, governor known for efforts to build Erie Canal
29 Beatnik and poet twice expelled from the College
30 Former assistant attorney general; NYC school chancellor
Members of the Class of 2005 celebrate at Class Day as they make the transition from seniors to alumni.