

# CLASS NOTES

## FALL 2017

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## 36-47 FROM ALUMNI RELATIONS

**Fred Irvin "Silent Fred" Dickerson '36**, 106, of Mars Hill passed away Aug. 21, 2017, at John F. Keever Jr. Solace Center in Asheville. We extend our sincere condolences to his family and friends.

Our sincere condolences are extended to the family and friends of **Beal Brent "B.B." Plyler Jr. '40** who passed away on July 21, 2017, in Raleigh and those of **Edward Nisbet Maxwell Sr. '41** who passed away on Feb. 13, 2017, in Jeffersonville, Ind.

**Jim Mooney '41**, class secretary, checked in with our office during the summer. Jim and Barbara are still in Sun Valley, Calif. Jim also reached out to **Joe Gamble '38** to catch up. Both Jim and Joe grew up in town. Joe, heading home from Greenville, S.C., after the eclipse, visited campus for a quick hello.

**Julien McCall '42** and **Mac Morris '42** were on campus during reunion weekend for the Avant Garde festivities. They both also attended the Remembrance Ceremony at War Memorials, where Julien learned that words he wrote in 1942 were being quoted in the keynote address. Mac's return was a family affair—he was on campus with his son, Steve '74 and daughter, Pat Morris Harris '77, who was celebrating her 40th reunion.

We extend our sincere condolences to the family and friends of the following alumni: **Richard Thomas Sr. '42**, who passed away on Aug. 15, 2016, in Tallahassee, Fla.; **James Hampton Black Sr. '42** on May 5, 2017, in Mint Hill; **John McGee '43** on June 23, 2017, in Charleston, W.Va.; **Elliott White '44** on July 21, 2017, in Charlotte; and **Archibald Taylor Jr. '42** on Aug. 19, 2017, in Oakton, Va.

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## 48 AS TOLD BY: Fritz Vinson, Class Secretary

The good news is that there is still life out there! My plea for news of our classmates prompted two responses, one from Ann Haworth Hatchett, who wrote "My dad, **Homer Haworth**, called your article to my attention. He is almost 92, his mind is very sharp. His mobility has declined and he has had some falls and broken bones in the past few years. He and my mom moved to Salisbury in 2014 to Trinity Oaks, a retirement community. I live in Salisbury and keep a close eye on them! Up until then, he continued to play trumpet in church and in a dance band."

**Marshall Carper** wrote that he became 90 on June 16, 2017, and his daughter hosted his entire family (three children, four grandchildren, two great grandchildren with spouses, etc.) for a three-day gathering at her home in Elkins, W.Va., located on a spacious tract of farmland. Marshall and his wife, Lois, still sing in their Presbyterian church choir as they have done for 62 years and celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary last December.

I googled both classmates and found nice tributes to them on the internet.

As I write this, Luan and I are two days away from moving to the Lakes at Litchfield, a retirement community. This will be our second move in 53 years of marriage, and I hope it will be our last.

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**49 FROM ALUMNI RELATIONS**  
**Campbell Hendersen** passed away on July 13, 2017, in Walterboro, S.C. We extend our sincere condolences to his family and friends.

## 50 AS TOLD BY: Jake Wade and Bo Roddy, Class Secretaries

**Ben Vernon**, our "go to" classmate, sent us a copy of *Reflections* which was given by the late **Doug Rice** at our 50th Reunion's Men and Service. These *Reflections* are inspirational, and the following are bits and pieces of the relevant portions thereof:

"...I was asked for my reflections as to what the passage of time has meant to me, as the best class in the history of Davidson College—the Class of 1950—reunites on its golden anniversary...I spent a lifetime...I thought it was a lifetime...trying to achieve two goals. Both had to do with becoming a man. It seemed I would never get to be 21 years old and weigh 150 pounds. Achieved these two milestones in one heartbeat, and they were gone in the next. The date was Aug. 6, 1944—the time was 12:30 p.m. In Berlin in a B-17 airplane on fire were nine young men fighting for our lives—five died and four of us made it out. I became a man, or so I thought since that time, seconds, minutes, hours, days, months and years of time, I have gained 56 years and 35 pounds."

Our note: this was the occasion of Doug's heroic duty as a gunner on his B-17 craft when his plane was shot down and when Doug had to parachute into German-held territory, resulting in his capture and imprisonment in a camp pending the end of World War II. As it developed, another of our heroic classmates, the late Hal Mapes, in a different aircraft and also performing duty as a gunner and on a different occasion, was shot down in German-held territory in France and parachuted down from his plane and was also imprisoned as a prisoner of war pending the conclusion of World War II. Both Doug and Hal then returned to Davidson, never having met each other and both became outstanding athletes at Davidson.

Doug reflects: "I dreamed and I had an interview with God. 'Come in,' God said. 'So you would like to interview me?' If you have time, I said. God smiled. 'My time is eternity and is enough to do everything. What questions do you have in mind to ask me?' What surprises you more about mankind? God sighed and paused before he answered: 'That they get bored of being children again. That they lost their health to make money to restore their hearts. That by thinking about the future, they forget about the present, such that they live neither for the present nor for the future. They live as if they will never die...'

"God's hands took mine and we were silent for a while and then I asked, what are some of life's lessons you want your children to learn? God replied with a smile, 'To learn that it is not good to compare themselves to others, that all will be judged individually on their own merits, not as a group or on a comparative basis. To learn that a rich person is not the one who has the most but is the one who needs the least. To learn that it only takes a few seconds to open profound wounds in persons we love, and that it takes many years to heal them. To forgive—by practicing forgiveness. To learn that there are persons that love them dearly, but simply do not know how to express their feelings.

To learn that money can't buy everything. To learn that two people can look at the same things and see it totally different. To learn that a true friend is someone who knows everything about you. To learn that it is not always enough that you be forgiven by others, but that you have to have forgiven them... and then God held both my hands and looked in my eyes and said quietly 'People will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you make them feel.'

This is how I felt about everyone I have associated with from Davidson College, my classmates, the ones that have gone before us, the ones that are here today, and the ones for various reasons who could not make it today.

*I love you, not only for what you are, but for what I am when I am with you.*

*I love you for the parts of me that you bring out.*

*I love you for putting your hand into my heaped up heart and passing over all the frivolities and drawing out into the light and the beautiful, radiant things that no one else has loved us quite enough for us to find.*

*I love you for ignoring the possibilities of the fool in me....*

Then Doug, in his reflections, gives thanks to all "for making a man out of him when he needed a man to be made out of him," and he closes by reciting one of his many favorite prayers:

"May the roads rise to meet you, may the winds be always at your back, may the sun shine warm in your face, and may the rains fall soft upon your fields, and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand."

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## 51 AS TOLD BY: *John Hobart, Class Secretary*

**Bill Whitesides** has enjoyed an illustrious career in the world of choral and operatic music, having served as a university professor and also as a performer on tour in the United States, Europe and the Near East. He retired in 1996 as professor of conservatory music at the University of the Pacific in Stockton, Calif., having taught previously at a number of other colleges and universities. Bill and Demain, who died in 2008, are parents of three daughters, two sons and 14 grandchildren. He now lives at Sunrise Retirement Community in Arlington, Va.

**Woody McKay** writes: "Enjoying contact with six children, 17 grandchildren, four great grands and wife Linda's two active children and two grandchildren." Woody enjoys telling jokes to strangers in restaurants to share the laughter. "What did the fish say when he ran into the concrete wall? Dam!" Woody adds, "A concrete example." Coin collecting and humorous tidbits occupy his days. He stopped driving at night due to an eye injury, but daylight driving is OK. Otherwise, says he's living day to day.

**Maurice Marlette** is retired and lives in his hometown of Hayneville, Ala. He reports he's doing "pretty good now" and spends time with his daughter and two grandsons. As a missionary teacher in the Belgian Congo, now Zaire, he taught children of missionaries for eight years and served as principal of his school.

Maurice is a graduate of Troy State University with a master of science degree in education. His wife, Elizabeth, passed away in 2016.

**Bob Keever** has been in skilled nursing care for two years at Croasdaile Village Retirement Community in Durham. His son, Wythe, reports that his father suffers from aphasia, but otherwise is in stable condition. Bob is father of three boys and two girls and has 11 grandchildren. His wife, Ellen, died in 2012.

**Bill Mebane** and wife Marianne enjoy an active life in their Quaker retirement community in Gywnedd, Penn. Although legally blind, Bill's partial vision allows him to continue playing golf as a member of the Mid Atlantic Blind Golfers Association. He and Marianne no longer drive, but Uber gets them where they need to go. Bill enjoys gardening and his dog, a special breed known as a Carolina yellow dog. The Mebanes have a son, two daughters and seven grandchildren. Their first great grandchild was born in May.

**Claude Voils** lives in his hometown of Mooresville. He reports progress in recovering from rheumatism with the help of a walker and his caregiver. Claude is retired from National Starch and Chemical Foundation. He has two daughters and nine grandchildren. His wife, Helen, passed away in 2016.

**Arthur Balk** and wife Martha live in Augusta, Ga. Prior to entering Davidson he served two years in the Army and was stationed in Korea. Following graduation, he was in public education before founding Balk Construction Company, from which he is retired. Arthur suffered a stroke 12 years ago and for the past two years has been cared for at Georgia War Veterans Nursing Home in Augusta. He and Martha together have five children, nine grandsons, a granddaughter and seven great grands.

**Jim Brown** reports he's doing well, able to come and go, and get about. He is active in his Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church in Charlotte. He and his friend, Connie Knox, enjoy getting to Emerald Isle Beach occasionally. Following graduation, Jim served as an infantry officer for two years, the later part of which was in Korea. He retired in 1994 from Associates Commercial Corporation as vice president for marketing. He and his late wife, Peggy, who died in 2002, are parents of two boys, a girl and six grandchildren.

Music was once real MUSIC. Those were the days! But now yesterday's music can still ring in the ears on public television, Saturday nights. It's the "Lawrence Welk Show!" Music from the 30s, 40s and 50s. Big band! Like Glenn Miller's *Moonlight Serenade*, *String of Pearls*, *Chattanooga Choo Choo*. Artie Shaw's *Dancing in the Dark*, Cole Porter's *Begin the Beguine*, *That Old Black Magic*. Hogie Carmichael's immortal *Stardust*. Les Brown's *Sentimental Journey*. Remember that 1949 Tommy Dorsey concert in Chambers? Lead song: *I've Got Your Love to Keep Me Warm*. And the big dance weekends: Homecoming. Mid Winters, Spring Frolics. It takes a body back just to think about the days when music was as smooth and pretty as the girls who graced our journey along the way to that diploma.

Our sincere condolences are extended to the family and friends of **Hugh "Woody" Leach**, who died June 22, 2017, in Blacksburg, Va.

That's it: "All the news that's fit to print and then some."

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## 52 AS TOLD BY: *Bill Lee, Class Secretary*

**Ken Boyer** and his wife, Sylvia, live at Highland Farms retirement community near Black Mountain. Sylvia was hit by a car in a parking lot and is making slow recovery at home with Ken as caretaker.

Since the last *Journal* there have been three deaths of members of our class:

**Jack Arnold** died on April 18, 2017, in Bristol, Va. After graduation from Davidson and a short stint in the service, he joined the family business where he served for 35 years. He received the John W. Kuykendall Award for Community Service at Davidson, along with many other awards for service to his community. His son, Thomas, died in 1998.

**Earl Woodall** died on May 3, 2017, in Anderson, S.C. After graduating from Davidson and Union Seminary in Virginia, he served churches in Virginia, Tennessee and North Carolina. One of his sons, Woody '79, is a Davidson graduate and the other, Henry, is a Presbyterian minister serving in Alaska.

**Neil Underdown** died Jan. 25, 2017, in Hickory, where he lived most of his life. After graduating from Davidson, he served a stint in the U.S. Navy and then earned an MBA from UNC. He then returned to Hickory where he worked in the family business for 48 years. He and his wife reared their family there, where he was an outstanding leader in church and community.

We extend the sympathy of the class to the families of these classmates and remember them with deep appreciation for their lives.

I am sure that those of us who are still among the living are involved in many interesting activities, but you have kept them a secret from your class scribe, so I cannot pass them on. Please send me some news!

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## 53 FROM ALUMNI RELATIONS

In August, *Charlotte Magazine* shared the story of **Mike Myers's** creation of your "classmate" Bill Edwards. You can find it at [www.charlottemagazine.com/Charlotte-Magazine/September-2017/A-Davidson-College-Prank-Lives-Forever-on-Campus](http://www.charlottemagazine.com/Charlotte-Magazine/September-2017/A-Davidson-College-Prank-Lives-Forever-on-Campus).

We no longer have tales of Bill to fill the '53 Class Notes, so we would love to hear from you.

### NO CLASS SECRETARY

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## 54 AS TOLD BY: *Charles Hull, Class Secretary*

**Dan McCall** and his wife, Linda, are celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary this year on Sept. 7, 2017. Linda attended Queens College and graduated from Agnes Scott. They have four children—Dan Jr., Brad '84, George and Mary Linda—and eight grandchildren. After graduating from Columbia Seminary, Dan received another graduate degree from Princeton Seminary. He served a number of churches, ending at Reid Memorial Presbyterian Church in Augusta, Ga., for 22 years and continues to live there. Dan says he keeps in touch

with Edo Douglass '55 in Augusta, Ga., **Herschel Allen**, **Graeme Keith**, **Bill Glidewell**, **Dave Burns**, **Harry Lamon** and others from '54.

**Bob Southwell** and his wife, Dorothy, have moved from Holden Beach to Westminster Towers in Rock Hill, S.C. Bob was the Ford Automobile dealer in Kings Mountain for years, and after that he was controller and treasurer of Dicey Mills in Shelby. They have two children who both have children.

**Fred Stowe Jr.** passed away on July 23, 2017, in Fayetteville, N.C. We offer our sincere condolences to his wife, Kathy, and their family.

We are saddened to learn of the death of Hugh Leach '51, brother of Dan Leach and Neal Leach '51, on June 22, 2017, in Blacksburg, Va. Our condolences to the family.

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## 55 **AS TOLD BY: Chick McClure, Class Secretary**

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## 56 **FROM ALUMNI RELATIONS**

Though he has retired from the position of class secretary, **Hobby Cobb** sent over a note he received from Ann Ware, wife of **Moffatt Ware**. The Wares celebrated their 65th anniversary on July 3, 2017. They were one of the first married student couples to live on campus. Ann writes, "Grier Martin was our president, and Francis and Ted Reid lived next door. We both are from Kings Mountain. Moffatt was a high school student—four years at Blue Ridge School for Boys in Hendersonville, Summers at Chimney Rock Camp for Boys, Lake Lure, Plonk School of Art in Asheville and Brevard Music Camp. We both were in first grade together. Also with **Charles Mauney**.

We have five children—our oldest, Trip, died in 2003. He was the first Davidson student child. We spent lots of days pushing strollers on campus. Trip loved all the students."

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## 57 **AS TOLD BY: Bill Morrow, Class Secretary**

Well, we had a wonderful 60th reunion! As expected, **Pete Ashcraft**, **Charlie Fonville** and **Bob Majors** planned and executed a great weekend for all who attended. There were a few more canes visible, a few more walkers, and, alas, a few less of us. Lots of stories were told (again) about our four years together as Davidson's finest-ever class.

The Friday dinner was a bit non-typical. Rather than comparing medical information, grandchildren, etc., conversations were muted as we watched the big screen showing the Wildcat Baseball(!) team versus

Texas A&M in the NCAA Regionals. Great game until bad luck in the 15th lost it by one run.

Governor **Jim Martin** participated in the reunion weekend by discussing his recent book *Revelation Through Science* for all interested alumni on Saturday afternoon.

As we've matured it seems there's less interest in tennis and more interest in pickleball, less interest in full-time work and more interest in grandchildren (and great-grandchildren), less interest in "proving ourselves" and more interest in appreciating where we are.

**Greg Poole**, unseen by many of us for 60-plus years, was a welcome sight at the reunion dinner.

**John Maultsby** reports that he visits the gym daily but doesn't play golf any more, that he's been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease, as well as macular degeneration, but that his and Bunny's lives in Madison, Fla., are going smoothly.

**Jim Foil** sends word that he and Joan are still enjoying their life in Auburn, Ala., despite Jim's reduced eyesight. Jim keeps up with Clemson football in Auburn.

**Bill Gramley** was unable to attend the reunion (away competing somewhere) but sent a very insightful, witty, occasionally melancholy two pages of reflections and questions. His comments are available at the D.C. Reunion web page. **YOU GOTTA READ HIS MESSAGE!**

Thanks again to **Pete**, **Charlie** and **Bob** for the many hours of planning that went into this outstanding occasion. Their dedication to Davidson College, and especially to the class of '57, is much appreciated.

As I chatted with classmates during the weekend I thought of the many accomplishments of this group. Business, medicine, education, literature, government, science, religion...the list goes on. Being a part of this class is truly one of the many blessings of my life.

Sympathies are extended to the families of several classmates who passed away recently:

**Jack Graham** died Jan. 15, 2017, in Kitty Hawk.

**Jim West** died in Salisbury, May 8, 2017.

**Jack Traywick** died July 8, 2017, in Winston-Salem.

Detailed obituaries for these classmates are available at the Davidson College website under the heading *In Memoriam*.

Call, email or write me with your news. Best wishes to all. Bill M.

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## 58 **AS TOLD BY: Hayden Hollingsworth, Class Secretary**

The Class of 1958 scholarship continues to prosper; financial support was distributed to three students during the academic year: Allyson Arocha '17, a psychology major from Durham who studied abroad in Italy, and was a member of Rusk Eating house and STRIDE, the minority student program; Adam Flatt '19, from Lawrenceville, Ga., has not declared a major, is a varsity wrestling letterman and a member of Odyssey-Davidson Outdoors; and Mac Harris '19, from Mountain Brook, Ala., also undecided on a major, and is a member of Odyssey-Davidson-Outdoors. The scholarship fund was valued at \$255,158 and \$11,528 was available for distribution in 2017.

**Don Carmichael** continues his active life in Maine where he is turning out elegant hand-carved canes, which have attracted awards and sales to tourists. He suggests he will be glad to sell ambulatory aids to any

classmate needing one. Photographs are available. His performance life in jazz groups continues, I suspect. By the publication date **Willie Thompson** and Sally will have moved to Carolina Meadows retirement village in Chapel Hill. Last spring, they traveled to Costa Rica where Willie enjoyed bungee jumping and numerous zip lines on the rainforest canopy. He is currently writing a biography of the last surviving member of Stonewall Jackson's staff, who died in 1923, and had many strong connections with Davidson College.

**Ed Lupberger** expressed incredulity that we are in our eighties and many have returned to ashes. Happily, he reports never having felt better, which he attributes to yoga and continuing his quest for lifelong learning. He has established residency in Colorado where his vote counts in a two-party state, but still spends time in New Orleans, where he notes the diversity between his two locations keeps him guessing. His golf game is still searching for perfection. His only regret about Davidson was not taking philosophy under Dr. Abernathy; he said he was spooked by his intellectual classmates.

**Curtis Patterson** and Elaine have given in to Father Time's encouragement and have moved to a much smaller single-story house. They have celebrated Elaine's victory over cancer and hailed the arrival of the first GREAT grandchild. So far none of the 17 grands have chosen Davidson, but don't rule it out, says he.

With sadness, we note the death of **Bruce Shipley**, who died in Asheville on July 4, 2017. After a life of many contributions he will be missed by his family and host of friends. The college and his classmates extend their condolences.

The sudden death of **Little Howard** of Charlotte occurred on July 3, 2017. We send our condolences to his family and the community of which he was an active member

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## 59 **AS TOLD BY: Charlie Massey, Class Secretary**

I recently received notification of the death of our classmates **Samuel Wilson Smith III** on April 23, 2017, in Greenville, S.C., and **David Garvin Sr.** on Aug. 8, 2017, in Boone.

The obituaries are available at <http://blogs.davidson.edu/memoriam/>. Please join me in expressing our deepest sympathy to their families.

**Sam Clarke** sent me an article that he has in a magazine titled *Great Days Outdoors*. On pages 43 and 44 there was an article written by Corky Pugh, executive director of the Hunting Heritage Foundation, entitled "The Greatest Man, Grounded in Common Things"...referring to our now deceased classmate **Charles L. Rutherford**. Mr. Pugh referred to Charlie as "A man of great humility" in the following paragraph he wrote:

"Those who knew Charles will remember him as generous and giving, strong, but gentle, kind and patient. He valued humility and disliked arrogance. A highly accomplished physician and prominent landowner, he was grounded in common things... Charles Rutherford enjoyed strong friendships with a wide range of people, from judges to janitors. His friends literally came from all walks of life and bridged lines of age, gender, race and socio-economic status."

Sam, thanks for sharing this profile of Charlie Rutherford, our friend and classmate.

Our classmate **Don Byrd** studied English and modern languages at Davidson and afterwards studied applied linguistics at Georgetown University. For many years Don taught at the City University of New York. Upon retirement as professor emeritus there, he moved back south and now lives in Ansonville where he is the proud owner of historic Shady Oaks Plantation. Don is the fifth inhabitant of The Oaks. He has restored the main house (built in 1832), which includes six double bedrooms and two single bedrooms. Don serves as the innkeeper of Shady Oaks Plantation Bed and Breakfast...way to go, Don. Keep in touch.

Congratulations to **Buie Seawell** on his 80th birthday, his last lecture and retirement from Denver University...all in early July.

I received a letter from classmate **Allan Smyth** in June: "Hi Charlie. I'm one of the 'Invisible Alumni' from the Class of '59. I contribute modestly to the college funds, but I've been out of touch with my ATO brothers & other classmates. I've retired after 37 years of satisfying and challenging work as a PCUSA pastor and a professor at St. Andrews, and a stint as director of an international Peace Center in Hiroshima, working with folks from over 100 countries along the theme 'Nuclear Weapons are a public health hazard' ...we loved Japan.

"My Oregon-born wife and I now live near Bend in central Oregon, within sight of the Cascade Mountains where she taught climbing and rappelling, 54 years ago—marriage complicates those sorts of careers.

"Question: How can the college encourage more 'Invisible alums' to be in touch ...and contribute? Especially, how can we encourage the less illustrious ones...which is *most* of us?"

Allen, glad to hear of all you have accomplished since '59. You are not the only member of the class of '59 to ask how we can encourage each other to be in touch and involved. **Sam Clarke** reminded me of our classmate President Emeritus **John Kuykendall's** address given at a Weekend Reunion. He called upon the Avant Garde to apply lessons we learned at Davidson: "...lessons of character...such as honor and fidelity, courage, sensitivity, compassion and dedication...the sort of things you and I are convinced we learned on the (Davidson) campus." Let's hope all of us, the class of '59, give thought to John's words and prepare ourselves for our 60th Reunion in June of 2019!

Keep in touch... and make yourself *visible*. Please let me hear what is going on with any and all of you...and update your email address.

Stay healthy and take care of yourselves.

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## 60 AS TOLD BY: **John Huie, Class Secretary**

Kudos to **Gordon Spaugh**. Classmates want to express genuine gratitude to Gordon, who served as class notes secretary for many decades. Here are several notes of appreciation:

"Gratitude for many years of faithful service by classmate, Gordon Spaugh." — **Gus Burgdorf**

"I know we all appreciate Gordon's many years of excellent, faithful service and look forward to sharing highlights of these coming special times as our hair gets lighter and golden times get brighter." — **Joe Dulaney**

"Gordon has moved to Arbor Acres, a retirement facility in Winston-Salem that is very similar to The

Pines in Davidson. He seems to be enjoying his life there." — **Bill Davis**

Thank you, Gordon Spaugh, for your long and faithful service as secretary for the Class of 1960!

"I am very thankful that **John Huie** accepted the challenge to become our next Class Secretary in January 2017. I decided to give up these responsibilities after 47 years when I moved into the assisted living section of the Arbor Acres retirement community in Winston-Salem due to the effects of Parkinson's disease. The staff and facilities here are excellent and I am doing very well, despite having to use a walker.

"Please remember that John is dependent on you to send him news of your activities. It is very helpful to minimize rewriting time when you submit your news written in the third person. Whenever you read news of interest to you in Class Notes, please write to John about what you have been doing that your classmates will probably find equally interesting." — **Gordon Spaugh**

We heard from several other classmates as well. **Larry Baggett** writes: "One of my vivid memories is that German class with Dr. Beatty, and all the times John Huie and I crammed for those vocabulary tests and hoped Dr. Beatty would not throw an eraser at us.

"I am retired from the University of Colorado and still living in Boulder. Wrote a memoir, *In the Dark on the Sunny Side*, a few years ago. Had a nice visit to Davidson in 2013 (just making sure my book was in the library). Occasionally I speak with **Jack Carter** and **Jim Owens**, both of whom seem to be doing well." Haben Sie ein gute tag!

**Augustus Burgdorf** shared this update. "All is well with me. I saw classmate **Charlie Glass Smith** a few months ago in Greenville, S.C., at a Military Lecture Series featuring Porter Halyburton '63. Porter was a Navy pilot POW in North Vietnam for seven and a half years. What a powerful story he has to tell! I recommend all alumni get his book, *Two Souls Indivisible*, the story of his capture and the bond he established with Air Force pilot Fred Cherry, the first African-American officer pilot POW of the Vietnam War.

**Dick Smith** writes, "Like John Huie, Asheville was our city, too, until we moved to Chicagoland in 2013. I know, I know, Chicago. Why would we leave Asheville for Chicago? The simple answer: following grandchildren, who live in Naperville, a prosperous and dynamic town next to Aurora, where we live. We've discovered that Chicago really has a lot to offer, including terrific theater, beautiful city architecture, parks everywhere, museums and activities. Also, cold weather.

"After leaving the Army in 1968, I took my first and only job in Pensacola, where I helped get the new University of West Florida off the ground as part of its physics faculty. I retired from there in '96, following a 10-year stint as department chair, and then moved to the Asheville mountains in 2000 to escape the Florida heat and humidity.

"We live in a cohesive over-55 community here, where 40 guys meet weekly for breakfast and guest speakers. I publish a newsletter for the group, describing our local elections preferences, the exorbitant property tax structure, and regular monitoring of city and school board activities. Just last week we awarded our first annual scholarship to a terrific young Hispanic woman graduating from the high school."

**John Lund** retired a year and a half ago after 51 years with the K&W Cafeterias Corporation. He writes: "I did about everything from washing dishes to management. I think I'm one of the few Davidson

graduates that ended up in food service. I had a great time. I enjoyed using the Spanish I learned at Davidson with the Hispanic employees. The present CEO of K&W, Dax Allred, is a 2001 Davidson graduate."

In retirement John is enjoying organic gardening, cooking and "trying to elevate myself to a management position here at the house. My wife, Phyllis, and I attend First Presbyterian Church in Winston-Salem. My latest pastime is playing bridge two or three times a week, something respectable for a Davidson gentleman."

**Dave Mullen** is still practicing psychology in Sarasota, Fla. When he's not working, he's writing his fourth book, *Love in All the Wrong Places*. The third book, *I Never Cried for My Father: The Impact of a Father's Death on a Son*, got good reviews on Amazon.

He adds, "Judy and I are proud grandparents of Nathan Stephenson, who graduated last month from NC State. We have done a great deal of doing the cruise lines. I have been fortunate to get some speaking gigs on the travels. In addition to writing, I have put together musical groups to play benefits for nonprofits. I play the alto sax."

**Nam Park** says, "We are kind of enjoying old age travel. Two months ago, we came back from a one-month cruise trip—started from Houston, England through Italian coasts, middle eastern countries to Dubai. In October, we took another Rhine river cruise and will attend the Reformation 500 anniversary tour.

"When I was working for Chevron Oil Exploration, I took advantage of world traveling, but one of my memorable experiences was losing my way in the middle of Amazon jungle!

"I was officially inducted to Phi Delta Theta fraternity in 2011. Fraternity life was an unforgettable memory—brotherly love and care. Davidson and Phi Delta Theta were good to me. Thanks to all my fraternity brothers and friends.

"My wife, Alina, and I have two sons and three grandchildren, including Joe '85. David is settled in Jackson Hole, Wyo., and we were there Aug. 21 to observe the eclipse."

**Ned Gwathney**, "We have enjoyed living in Vail, Colo., where I practiced architecture, since 1981. Grown children, Ann Winston and Ted, live in Denver. Ted and his wife have our two grandchildren: Gryphon (15) and Teryn (12). I am really enjoying retirement and hope to get by Davidson this month."

From **Larry McNeill**, "We enjoyed being in Asheville at the Grove Park Inn on June 24 when daughter-in-law Caryn Coppege McNeill '88 was installed as president of the North Carolina Bar Association.

"We were happy to be in Anderson Auditorium on Aug. 6 where our niece and Davidson graduate, Mary Katherine Gregory Robinson '93, will be preaching. Mary Katherine is the senior pastor of the Black Mountain Presbyterian Church.

"Watts Auman '61 was my most able teacher in my quest to raise grapes. I have never broken even because I give away too many grapes. Any Davidson alums are welcome to come by in late September or early October for a tour of our 200 grapevine vineyard. I have a staff of five helpers during the peak season. Our three grandchildren labor in the vineyards some on weekends. Pat Henderson '59 and wife, Norma, have visited our vineyard."

After Davidson, **Woody Morcott** spent two years in the U.S. Army in Germany. He completed his MBA at the University of Michigan. From there, he was hired on with the Dana Corporation and stayed for 37

years, serving his last 11 years as chairman and CEO. He retired to Hilton Head, S.C., for five years before moving again to Hobe Sound, Fla.

Woody writes: "I married my life partner, Cindy, while at Davidson in 1959 (58 years ago—WOW!) That may be a record for the class of '60. We are both in good health. We golf a lot, have a boat, and Cindy still has horses (four, I think) and we travel a lot. Over the last 12 months we have been to Cuba, Italy, Portugal and Harbor Springs Mich. And we enjoy spending time in our summer place in Scotland."

Woody and Cindy have two children and five grandchildren. Their oldest grandson recently graduated Vanderbilt in mechanical engineering. Next, Trevor at University of Pennsylvania is majoring in artificial intelligence. Woody says: "I do not know any good questions to ask him!). Tegan, granddaughter, is a freshman at Wake Forest. "I have two more shots to get one to Davidson." Daughter Deborah and family live in Savannah, Ga.; and son Scott and family live in Lake Forest, Ill.

**Edgardo Pantigoso** recalls his arrival on campus, "In September of 1956, 24 hours after my departure from Lima, Peru, I arrived at Davidson College. My first impression of an English-speaking person on United States soil came through the kind words of welcome from John Huie, my assigned college roommate.

"I have been very fortunate to have had excellent and talented professors at Jesuit Prep in my hometown as well as at Davidson College, the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and at the University of Chicago, where I earned my Ph.D. I was a professor at the university level in several Illinois institutions, and for a few years in North Carolina. I have been chair of my department and have directed study abroad programs. I have traveled extensively in Spain and Latin America.

"I have been married for 51 years to a beautiful and intelligent woman, Barb, who is directly responsible for my residence in this country. I have three great kids and five grandchildren."

**Dan McAlister** writes: "I'm very happily retired and we're now living in a retirement community in Greensboro."

**Julian Pleasants** is well settled at The Pines in Davidson and swears he will not be writing any more books. He can be seen often at Davidson cultural and sports events.

Over the years, Julian has written nine books, mainly about Southern politics. His books have won many awards. "My most interesting book by far," Julian writes, "is *Hanging Chads: The Inside Story of the 2000 Presidential Recount in Florida*. Julian's most recent book, *Home Front: North Carolina During World War II*, was published in April.

Early in his teaching career at the University of Florida, Julian became involved in the civil rights movement. He writes: "When the segregationist president of the University of Florida expelled a large number of African-American students for protesting discrimination, I got my back up and wrote a scathing letter to the president. All of the black faculty and administrators resigned in protest. As a result, I ended up being, to the amazement of the black students, the only white director of minority affairs in university history. It was a very difficult and trying time, but we made some progress."

While he may not publish more books, Julian continues to do some writing, traveling and teaching adult courses in the Davidson Learns Program. He reports: "It is nice to be back in town with old friends."

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## 61 AS TOLD BY: Marshall LaFar, Class Secretary

**Bob Sargent** says that he has a few items of good news: His 27-year-old son Christopher has gotten his Type 1 diabetes under control. And his 50th wedding anniversary to Lia is coming up in December. Congratulations to you, Bob.

**B Millner** says, "I'm on a plane headed for Nairobi, Kenya, where 20 family members will gather for a safari, the trip of a lifetime for many of them. I've been twice before and Tina once, but it's a first for the rest. Ten adults and 10 children. We've been planning it for two years, so excitement is high. B."

**George Blalock** tells us: "I have been in Georgetown since 1972. Practiced general surgery from then until 1995 and have enjoyed retirement since, in what would be heaven except for mosquitoes and hurricanes. Daughter Elizabeth '93 (physical therapist) & family live at Pawleys Island and have been a joy for 17 plus years. We were last at Davidson for our 50th and hope to be there for our 60th."

**Joe Markee** writes: "Even at my 'advanced age,' as I am described by my physician, I am still able to work in Haiti, which I have done since 1983. My wife, Linda, and I lived there from 1997-1999 to learn Creole. Twelve years ago, we formed HFH, Haiti Foundation of Hope, in order to minister to the poor impoverished people of northern rural Haiti. We lead four medical teams yearly to work and teach alongside our Haitian colleagues in a permanent medical clinic located in a village of 2,000 people. It is quite a kick! Here is our website: www.haitifoundationofhope.org."

**John Ricks** writes: "I took a year of Russian 59 years ago at Davidson. I am sitting in a Starbucks in the St. Petersburg Airport. This is the first time I have been able to really use it. Cheers, John."

**Butch Rogers** tells us: "Betty, my wife, begins aggressive chemotherapy next week for ovarian cancer. Being treated by top people at CMC, but we need Davidson people to pray for us. Thanks, Butch."

**Art Lesesne** says: "Spending the last day of a wonderful week at Kiawah Island for my wife, Mary Wyche's, family vacation. We have been gathering here on the same street for the past 37 years. This year it took five houses for 40 of us. All of mine made it except for one grandson, who is working at a B & B in Alaska. This has been a great family tradition started by my father-in-law, Alfred Burgess, who graduated from Davidson in 1928 with Chalmers Davidson and Olin Puckett."

After a two-week Viking cruise from Amsterdam to Budapest in September, **Ervin Duggan** and wife Julia planned to return to The Pines at Davidson and an immediate hip replacement operation for Ervin. He plans to have every joint replaced, one by one, until he has an entirely new set, from head to toe.

**Bob Gordon** and wife Betty had dinner and a good visit with Page and **Ed Kizer** during what seems to be their annual golfing trip to Pinehurst on July 5.

Several of our class members were on campus on the second Saturday in June while the 55th reunion of the class of '62 was being held. Ervin made a terrific speech at the Avant Garde luncheon. No surprise to any of us!

**Jerry Cole** and Lib were in Illinois on June 10 to celebrate with their granddaughter, Kallie Cole, who graduated from the University of Chicago with honors.

Nothing like following in her grandfather's footsteps!

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## 62 AS TOLD BY: John Goodman, Class Secretary

Much about the 55-year reunion made it exceptional. Altogether 58 classmates attended, comprising 25 percent of living '62 classmates, plus spouses and other guests. Both the actual number and the percentage of living classmates attending set records for a Davidson 55-year reunion.

The highlight was reconnecting and renewing friendships that go back almost 60 years. Individual classmates made special contributions. **Graham Allison's** new book, *Destined for War: America, China, and Thucydides's Trap*, had just been published and was receiving worldwide attention, and his talk on this subject was timely and appreciated. **Harrison Wellford**, drawing upon 25 years in the alternative energy and political arenas, conducted a back-to-school class on alternative energy. "Love Songs in the Afternoon," a musical recital featuring operatic mezzo-soprano Rebecca Robinson and her parents, oboist **Joe Robinson** and violinist Mary Kay Robinson, capped off the weekend.

The development office commended the class's giving during the reunion year of \$377,850. Added to planned giving of \$949,772, '62's Reunion Class Gift totaled \$1,335,622.

**Randy Austin** and **Bob Auman** formed a special friendship as "armrest-mates" during Davidson chapel services; and because Randy was unable to attend the reunion, they got together for a long lunch in Brevard the weekend before.

**Wyndell Merritt** had to miss, as his presence was mandated at the Southeastern Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery's annual meeting at Sea Island, Ga., being the three-time reigning Iron Surgeon champion.

Three classmates vied for who would have the youngest grandchild at reunion-time. First, Reece Alexander Ambrose, **Bill Ambrose's** seventh grandchild, was born May 26. Next arrived Jay Malcolm Rozear, **Marvin Rozear's** seventh grandchild, on June 2. And early on the first day of reunion weekend, June 9, Quincy Constance Nitze arrived, ninth grandchild of **George Trask**.

**Lynwood Mallard** reports on the athletic feats of Gib Smith IV, grandson of our late classmate **Gib Smith**. Last year, in his senior year in high school in Westchester County, N.Y., Gib's hockey team won 25 straight matches and then the state championship. Gib was team captain, first team all-state and New York player of the year.

**Jerry Bussell** has placed his private law practice on temporary hold so he may serve as a presiding judge of the Fort Bend County, Texas, Court at Law.

We are saddened at the deaths of **Jim Gee** April 20 in Sumter, S.C., of **Robert "Butch" LeDoyen** June 16 in Afton, Va., and of **AC Millar** July 17 in Fayetteville.

We celebrate the marriage April 21 in Argentina of **Bert Kamm** to Maria Elena Kamm.

**Stewart Lillard** has published a Maryland biography, *Lost in the District: Lost in the Federal Territory: The Life and Times of Doctor David Ross, Surgeon, Sot-Weed Factor, Importer of Human Labor, of Bladensburg, Maryland, and related individuals* (2017).

This history of early Maryland in the 17th and 18th centuries, and the District of Columbia in the 1790s and early 19th century, is available on Amazon.

Two other classmates also are nearing completion of books. **John Williams** hopes to generate conversation throughout the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) on theological visioning through his upcoming book. Joe Robinson's memoir, entitled *Long Winded*, should be published soon. Expect further details for all three books authored by '62 classmates.

Class of '62-related people cheering the Wildcats at the Chapel Hill baseball regionals in June included Joe and Mary Kay Robinson, **Ed Hines**, **Tom Harris** and **DG Martin** with grandson David Bryan.

Although retired, **Harry Brown** continues to teach in the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Duke, in Sunday school at First Presbyterian, Burlington, and is sharing in a discussion of black poetry, which involves a black Baptist congregation. Plus, Harry has published several poems in *The Chautauqua Journal*.

**Lew Zirkle** writes about SIGN Fracture Care: "Road traffic accidents and conflict continue to cause severe injuries to the innocent in developing countries. SIGN is addressing the increased fighting in Afghanistan by starting eight programs in military and civilian hospitals. We are now negotiating with one hospital in Iraq to start a new SIGN program and one in South Sudan."

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## 63 AS TOLD BY: *Jim Hendrix, Class Secretary*

Classmates, please put these dates on your calendar: June 8-10, 2018—our 55th reunion! We will receive abundant information in the months to come from Alumni Relations but please, as those postcards we often receive say, "save the date."

I had a nice note from **Avery Burns** in January regaling me about the exploits he and wife Susan continue to make in their self-contained "Roadtrek" Van. They've traveled as far west as Montana, and to Prince Edward Island in the northeast, staying mainly in state and national park campgrounds. They also regularly make the 1,300-mile round trip from Charleston to Nashville to visit daughter Suzy and her family. All in all, the Van has piled up 240,000 miles in the past dozen years. When not cruising the highways, Avery is staying fit by swimming, enjoys gardening and cooking (including bread making) and bird/nature photography. Bring us some homemade bread and nice photos to our 55th, Avery!

**Bill Thompson** emailed that he, **Bob Cortile**, **Lawrence Kimbrough** and **Steve Clark** were regular attendees to watch the 'Cats in Belk arena last season. And he added that they were often joined by Andy Sherrill '62, Ed Hines '62, Billy Mills '64 and Howard Arbuckle '64. In June Bill continued his support of the 'Cats, joined by **Porter Halyburton**, this time to watch the baseball team sweep UNC, two games to none in the NCAA regionals in Chapel Hill. Bill took a little break from watching sports in May when he and Frances, taking a cue from a previous trip by Porter and Marty Halyburton, cruised the Baltic with Viking Cruises, finding the Norwegian fjords especially striking.

The day prior to writing this piece I received news that our class has once again done itself proud in support of our *alma mater*. Our class participation

in the Annual Fund was just short of 80 percent and may well be the highest of all classes this year. That exceeded our participation goal, as did the more than \$110,000 we gave. Thanks to all, and to **Toby Bethea**, **Phil Kraemer** and **Chuck Weaver** for leading our class effort.

We extend condolences to the family of **Rodger Durham**. He had been in declining health over the past eight years and passed away peacefully at his home in Greensboro on April 20, 2017. Rodger served in Vietnam and subsequently was a land surveyor, teacher and program manager for the State of North Carolina's Floodplain Mapping Program.

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## 64 AS TOLD BY: *Carlton Cole, Class Secretary*

**Bill Ferris**, UNC Chapel Hill professor, was featured in the July-August 2017 *Carolina Alumni Review* in an article about his lifelong work as a folklorist and author. About his new book, *The South in Color: A Visual Journey*, *Publisher's Weekly* wrote that Bill's photos "capture the soulful character of a community and the ambition of a young, curious photographer who's using his camera to better understand the people and place he calls home."

**Dick Fulp** passed away on Aug. 10, 2017, in Winston-Salem. Our condolences to his wife, Barbara, and the rest of the family.

**Grier Stephenson** writes that he has retired after 47 years of teaching at Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster, Pa. He and Ellen celebrated his retirement and their 50th wedding anniversary with a trip to Alaska in June and July.

I also have retired, or almost. Andrea and I sold our home in Coral Gables and moved full-time to the house we just built in Highlands. Our address is 472 Edwards Creek Road (Post Office Box 2746), Highlands, NC 28741. Our home phone is 828-526-4466. My cell phone remains the same, 305-302-3372. I am trying to navigate to a new email address, CarltonCole842@gmail.com, but will also continue to use my email address of 25 years, Carlton842@aol.com for a while longer. Please call, write, email or come see us.

Also, please let me know what has been going on in your lives. The college has a website for alumni, you can send information for Class Notes to alumniclassnotes@davidson.edu, and you can search for friends in the alumni section of the college website www.davidson.edu/alumni.

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## 65 AS TOLD BY: *John Curry, Class Secretary*

On a recent visit to Charleston's First Scots Presbyterian Church, I enjoyed a brief visit with **Rick Reed** and his wife, Grace, both of whom were brimming with enthusiasm. Rick indicated he was continuing to be active in his pediatric orthopedic surgery specialty. Also while at First Scots Church I noticed a prominent plaque recognizing the pastor of the church during the period 1880 to 1900, none other than William Taliaferro Thompson III. A subsequent call to our classmate **William Taliaferro Thompson III** confirmed my "suspicion" that he is the

namesake of that esteemed clergyman. Tee and wife Carey are surrounded by two daughters in Richmond and a third in Nashville who have blessed them with seven grandchildren, all of whom gather frequently at the Thompson abode.

Speaking of grandchildren, **Jim Bradley** has one granddaughter and four grandsons. The sub-teen boys are challenging their grandad on the links, as well as participating in baseball and basketball leagues. Jim says with pride, "they may not end up being extremely tall but they are strong and fast!"

Third wheel travel? Believe it or not a few minutes after I got **Mike Williams** on the phone, he told me he was in New Brunswick Nova Scotia. He and Sharon are inveterate travelers, pulling a three-wheel trailer behind their Dodge Ram diesel pickup. Having checked Alaska off their destination list in a previous season, they departed home in Jacksonville, Fla., last June for the Canadian Maritimes, including three weeks in Newfoundland followed by a western ramble to Spearfish, S.D., for a gathering of other "Third Wheel" aficionados.

**Will Jackson** was the first to inform me of the very unexpected loss of our classmate **David Grant**, who graduated in the same high school class as Will and his wife, and who was Will's roommate for two years at Davidson. Remembering both David and his other Davidson roommate, **Mac Mays**, Will's message contained the following poignant observation: "These losses are thudding reminders of how fragile life is and how blessed we are to share some of our days with such special people." Frances and Will have retired to Jasper in the mountains of north Georgia but spend considerable time communicating and visiting with their four children, one in Germany, one in Palo Alto, one in Burlington and one relatively close in Chattanooga.

Sometime after graduation, **Dick Vines**, a veteran of the Davidson Band, created his own orchestra called Richard's Heartstrings in which he was the featured clarinet and sax player. His show played in various venues throughout Virginia for several decades. Musicianship complimented his professional duties as a Presbyterian minister and counselor. Dick now resides in the Brookdale Midlothian Community in Richmond.

On behalf of the members of the Class of 1965, I extend deep condolences to David Grant's wife Jane and his entire family.

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## 66 AS TOLD BY: *Lee Fanning, Class Secretary & Jim Hyder*

**Tom Craig's** book of collected Civil War letters, published in 2009, has legs! Susan Rivers, author of the popular short Civil War novel, *The Second Mrs. Hockaday* (2017), cited Tom's book as follows in her note on sources. "I found three books in particular to be extremely helpful in [providing detailed information about the period, and for help crafting authentic voices for the main characters in the narrative]: Tom Moore Craig's *Upcountry South Carolina Goes to War: Letters of the Anderson, Brockman, and Moore Families 1853-1865*; ...In crafting a seasonal farm calendar for Placidia Hockaday and a set of wartime experiences for Gryffth, far away in Virginia (with the Brockman Guards), I was assisted by the letters of rural

Spartanburg County's antebellum families and at least one of their literate servants provided in Craig's collection... These letters provide firsthand accounts of Confederate military camps, battles and time spent in army prisons by the local men who fought with the 13th, 3rd and 5th SC Volunteer regiments."

Congratulations, Tom, on having your scholarly research popularized in a successful novel. Keep up the good work.

In June, **Jim Hyder**, just back from Iceland with a group from the college, and after the baseball team's historic season put down just a few thoughts about Davidson Baseball, then and now:

"As I think about what Davidson Baseball accomplished this year, I am reminded about just how far the program has come, especially in comparison to our senior year of 1966. I think it would be safe to say, the baseball team has come farther than pretty much any other team, even men's basketball. We had so few resources. Baseball was an afterthought. The field was awful, and 1966 was the last season it was used—the current field was first used in 1967. Some differences: 1966—absolutely no recruiting for baseball; 2017—pretty sure all 35 players were identified and recruited before enrolling; 1966—34 games played (record of 10-24); 2017—61 games played (record was 35-26); 1966—Tom Stevens was the head coach—no assistants; prior to 1966 he also was an assistant football coach and the head swimming coach, spread pretty thin; 2017—Dick Cooke is the head coach and we had two fulltime assistants and a volunteer coach, plus a trainer and strength coach; 1966—we had no fall practice and our first practice usually began the week after basketball season ended—or maybe a week earlier than that. None of our players played summer ball on summer teams as far as I remember. First game about March 15; 2017—team practices about six weeks during the fall with scrimmage games against other colleges. Workouts go through the winter. First game—about Feb. 15; 1966—conference games were usually double headers of seven innings each—16 games in total; 2017—conference games were part of three game series, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, nine inning games; 1966—home runs—I think we hit only two home runs in 1966 both of which were inside the park homers; 2017—the team hit 71 home runs. Quite a contrast; 1966—during the 60s—many of our best baseball players also played another sport—mostly baseball—but most of those players (**Dick Snyder**, Don Davidson '65, Barry Teague '65, Paul Briggs '65, Charlie Marcon '65—all basketball players) did not play their senior year as they did not want to make the annual Florida spring-break trip so soon after basketball season. We also had some football players who played baseball; 2017—none of the current baseball team played another sport; 1966—my guess is that we did not have more than 16-18 players on the team, at most. Few players played all four years. The only three players I can recall that played all four seasons included **Jim Terry**—catcher; **Howard Bryan** (he transferred in and only played two years) and me—shortstop. I recall that **John Little** played one or two years. Same for **Sonny Graves**. We had freshman baseball in those days. No such thing now. Dick Snyder did not play his senior year. By the way, Howard Bryan, an outstanding pitcher, still holds the Southern Conference record for complete games in a season—11. He was a good pitcher, but his pitching so many innings underscored just how thin we were in pitching. 1966—One uniform. That was

it; 2017—multiple uniform combinations—starting pitcher decides game uniform for home games; 1966—wooden bats; 2017—metal bats; 1966—we did not have a "program" as such; 2017—Davidson now has a baseball "program."

We did play Carolina back in those days just like we do now! So, from my perspective, it is hard to believe Davidson could have accomplished what we did this past year in baseball. I personally saw just over 20 home games this year. We struggled at times, but we had a solid lineup and we continued to get better as the season went along. Our hitting was outstanding, especially power hitting. Team chemistry and commitment seemed to be absolutely great. I cannot remember our ever "giving up" in a game. We played like we knew we were going to win—something that often has been a problem in the past. We were confident, well-motivated and inspired by the coaches. Now to do it next season.

## FROM ALUMNI RELATIONS

Ada Wall Fanning, mother of **Lee Fanning**, from Shelby, died at The Pines in Davidson at 96 years old on June 10, 2017. Lee says his mother, "was my main supporter for attending Davidson. She passed away peacefully and quietly left us to join my father above." *Contact: W. Lee Fanning, 5625 Fairway View Dr., Charlotte, N.C. 28277; 704-886-4177; w.lee.fanning@gmail.com*

## 67 AS TOLD BY: *Bryant Hinnant, Class Secretary*

Faith, reason, service and honor—such was the theme of our eminence grise, Dr. John Kuykendall's speech at our class dinner during our 50th reunion—he along with Will Terry are the two people I think of when I think of my time at Davidson. He said Davidson is best at supporting and promoting these traits, and his speech was one more indication of why he was such an influence on our class.

We had about 85 attendees from our class, plus spouses, so the official total was maybe 147. This included the widows of **Joe Jelks** and **Bill Jones**; a nice touch. The class meeting featured a montage of the 32 known members of our class who departed much too soon, hosted by **William Rikard** and **Jerry Kriebel**. Unfortunately, and unavoidably, it did not include my freshman and sophomore roommate, **Jim Gaul**, who died the Tuesday before our reunion. Please join me in sending condolences to Jim's family.

I started the weekend with the great intention of taking notes of everyone who was there. That of course was before I realized that so many wanted to be at what is possibly our biggest class reunion. There were lots of people who had never been to a reunion. So of course, everyone who mentioned, and joked, about my *Game of Thrones* notebook and notetaking will probably be disappointed I didn't deliver. Probably just as well, I can't master the art of taking notes and paying attention while asking questions—seems too impersonal.

Obviously, there are a few people to mention. Hats off to **Frank Goldsmith** for being honored with the Distinguished Alumni Award and **John Bailey** for being honored with the Alumni Service Award, both being given to recognize their long and meritorious service to Davidson.

Kudos to William Rikard and **Jim Houser** as our class

chairs, who with the assistance of 23 others pulled off the most enjoyable reunion of the many I have attended. No comments about fading memories, we're supposed to remember the old stuff better, I thought. This one was the best in my opinion, so thanks to both of you. Jim and William also announced that the class gift was the largest reunion gift in history.

On the fraternity front, **Don Carroll** with able assistance from **Chris Hawk** (who reputedly flew in from Alaska to attend this reunion), again hosted what may be the last Pika lunch on Saturday.

**Tom Frist** commented on his new book and apologized for the length; he said it was due to the large font he needed for his own withering eyesight.

**Hobs Allan** was the subject of some discussion but unfortunately did not attend. When I challenged him on this, he apologized and said it was the better part of valor—either attend his 50th or face the consequences of divorce for missing his 30th wedding anniversary.

And finally, to prove we still have some old classmates who have been seemingly lost to time, I offer up **G.L. Kluttz** who, along with his wife, Sandy, sat with me at the Friday night barbeque laughing as I tried to recall his name. I thought I could bid better than that. We had a great conversation anyway, which I offer up as a great testament to the strength of the Davidson bond.

**Willis Pope Jordan III** passed away on May 15, 2017, in Rome, Ga. Our condolences to his family.

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## 68 AS TOLD BY: *Bruce Weihe, Class Secretary*

The Woz (for those of you who don't know, that's a nickname that **Bobby Lanier** hung on me when we were freshmen at Davidson) has been busy visiting with children and grandchildren, and in the course of visiting Kate Weihe '04 in Sun Valley, Idaho, I had the pleasure of spending some time with **Doug Rhymes** and his wife, Susan. The Rhymeses reside several months of the year in Sun Valley, and the rest of the year in Seattle and Hawaii. Doug has been retired from the travel industry for a while, and now spends a great deal of time playing in member-guest golf tournaments mostly in the West, and commanding obedience (with some success) from his two pups, 14-year-old Angus and the younger Gracie.

Recently, I received a promise from **Augustus Bonner Cochran III**, aka Gus, that he will provide me with some tidbits of news, but I remain waiting. Gus does still serve Agnes Scott College as a professor of political science, and offered these as reasons for not contributing anything over the past 50 or so years: "anything I can think of seems either so mundane as to be boring beyond belief to everyone else, or if it's something a little unusual or special, it risks smacking of bragging." If indeed Gus is correct, I encourage all of the classmates to send to me their most mundane piece of news. In my sole discretion, I will read the entries and select the absolute worst, and we can all celebrate it as the GOAT most trivial non-news at our 50th Reunion next June.

Received a note from **Dave McInnis**—David and Margaret are enjoying a retired life on a small farm in Creedmoor (outside Raleigh), spending time with their five children and six grandchildren "who are a

great joy to us.” Margaret taught special education for 25 years, while Dave served as a Presbyterian minister and later worked as a general contractor. Putting his experience as a builder to good use, Dave recently flew on their RV9A airplane that took Dave forever *to build!* I’m still working on “building” a swing set for my oldest daughter, who was five when I started, and is now a bit older than 35.

After two tours of duty totaling 10 years, **Tom Cox** is recovering from local politics by entertaining the masses, playing mandolin with the Sugar Creek bluegrass band, along with wife Millie on guitar. Describing his marital bliss as having completed his “46th consecutive one-year contract with Millie,” the Coxes have recently become grandparents for the first time, of two granddaughters, one in London, another in Charlotte.

Indeed, Gus Cochran did send in a worthwhile bit of news before my deadline, commenting that at Agnes Scott he is still trying to understand American and Southern politics (according to Gus and others, “a quest that has suffered a significant setback in the last year”). Gus has now turned his sights toward even more southern politics, studying the differences between Brazilian and U.S. labor and employment law, and will be teaching under a Fulbright Fellowship from February through July of 2018 in the federal university in the southern Brazilian city of Florianopolis. Florianopolis is on an island with great beaches, according to Gus, so he is hoping for visits from his wife Cathy (also an Agnes Scott political scientist), daughter Molly (a development officer for the Oregon Historical Museum) and son Miller (a geospatial analyst for the Southern Environmental Law Center in Durham). I am sure that Gus would also welcome visits from any meandering classmates from the class of ’68.

As many of you may know, I gather information for these Notes by sending out random requests for information, usually a day or two before the deadline, after taking a few minutes to pore through our 1968 *Quips and Cranks*. Two questions: Is the *Quips and Cranks* still published in hard copy? ... and, why were there so many French majors in our class? Apparently, I missed out on some easy grades by taking Spanish instead of French.

Condolences: **Sam Bradley** passed away July 14, 2017. **Contact: Bruce Weihe, 1100 SE 6th St., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301; 954-607-6723 (w); bweihe@bawlawyer.com**

## 69 AS TOLD BY: **Tony Orsbon, Class Secretary**

The sun never sets on the British Empire or the class of ’69....

Our ageless classmate, **Joe Gardner**, has just retired from his position as professor of theatre, and erstwhile head of the department. Joe’s specialty was set design, and he won many awards for his work at Davidson and in the larger community of theatre. He and I began our acting careers at about the same time, and he quickly became a star, while I was an “extra.” Joe is featured well in the spring edition of the *Journal*. One would presume that in retirement Joe will be forever confounded how to design a set for “2001: A Space Odyssey.” I want the part of “Hal” the computer.

**George Cretekos** was honored by the University of Pittsburgh’s Graduate School of Public and International Affairs with the 2017 Distinguished

Alumnus Award for his career in public service that upholds the school’s mission of inspiring graduates to make public institutions better, to create a higher quality of government and to promote social responsibility. Wait a second. Did I just write that? George, our country and world need you desperately right now.

You may remember **Hamilton “Ham” Fuller**, who was at DC with us as freshmen. He was on my hall. His infectious laughter, his humor and his impish bent toward pure fun were a delight. He later became a member of the Episcopal ecclesia and forsook his roguish ways. Ham died in April of this year. We all remember Ham as a bright smile to lighten our days.

**Frank Wise** died in June this year in Augusta, Ga. After Davidson and the Army (a captain) Frank earned his MBA at Harvard, worked in various financial roles at well-known companies and retired recently. Frank was a true gentleman and we send our love to Kathy, and daughters, Betsy and Laura. Frank’s DC roommates were honorary pallbearers.

**Eddie Rice** died in a tragic car accident in June 2017. Davidson forwarded Eddie to the Medical University of South Carolina. His specialty was emergency medicine, performed mainly at North Charleston, S.C. He roomed across the hall from me our senior year, and he painted his entire dorm room black, every inch of it. He had a revolving reflection ball, and, in my infrequent visits, I found myself removed from space and time. Eddie was a gift to our world.

Quite obviously I find myself writing small memoria these days. This is not a pleasant task, but it is an honor.

Lest you think I have lost my sense of humor, I do want to report that I have concluded, in the theme of death and decrepitude, that the lint in the bottom of my dryer is the cremated remains of the socks I have lost over the years to the malevolent gods of laundry.

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## 70 AS TOLD BY: **Jim McAdams, Class Secretary**

**Dick Young** writes that he and son David ’05 have now been joined by the third generation of Youngs to attend Davidson, granddaughter Sunia ’20. Sunia and her mother, Masooda, have a remarkable story. Mother and toddler fled Afghanistan to Pakistan in the early 2000s to escape the Taliban and her late husband’s family. In Pakistan, the United Nations eventually arranged transportation for them to America where the International Rescue Committee (IRC) helped them settle in Atlanta, Ga. Soon, Masooda met David, then an intern at IRC. They later married and David adopted Sunia. Twelve years hence, Sunia, a Presidential Scholar, and her parents visited the Davidson campus where Sunia quickly fell in love with our alma mater and decided to follow in her father’s and grandfather’s steps. Congratulations all around to the Young family.

**Tad Lowdermilk** has received a great report from his neuro-oncologist at Duke Brain Tumor Clinic. She told Tad that, at 2.5 years out from the diagnosis of glioblastoma, he is defying the odds in that no further cancer has been detected. In the past two months, Tad and wife, Ellen, have celebrated that news by twice traveling to the Caribbean: in May they spent a week on St. Lucia soaking up the sun and SCUBA

diving; and, in July, they spent a week sailing a 48-foot catamaran with their children and significant others from St. Lucia to the Grenadines. Ever the sailor, Tad recounted the wonderful days of fabulous sailing with steady 15-20 knot trade winds but also admitted to one “oops” when they neglected to fully set the anchor one night and woke up a half mile or so out to sea.

Another attorney from the class has hung up his briefcase. **Richard Howard** writes that he has exchanged advocating for volunteering, including serving on the boards of Massachusetts Advocates for Children and Ipswich River Watershed Association, the town Democratic Committee, and School Building Committee. Wife Nancy has noted no fewer hours devoted to these tasks than he did when working as an attorney, just a lot less pay. Richard reports that daughter, Madeline, an attorney in Oakland, Calif., and her husband are expecting a child who will join grandson Silas (4). Son Malcolm works for the U.S. Forestry Service and lives with his wife in Ashland, Ore.

**Davie Burgdorf** is five years out from retirement as a Special Circuit Court judge in Orangeburg, S.C., a position in which he had served since 1986. Now Davie says he has exchanged his gavel for a John Deere tractor. Good trade, Davie.

After 26 years, **Bob Dunham** has retired from being pastor of the University Presbyterian Church in Chapel Hill. He and wife, Marla, plan to stay in Chapel Hill where he is hard at work representing the Great Class of 1970. On June 4, he joined classmates **Jamie May, Cliff Patterson** and **Cooper Brantley** at Boshamer Stadium to cheer Davidson to an exciting victory over the number two national seed UNC Tarheels in the NCAA Baseball Regionals. Go ’Cats!

In June, my wife Terrie and I took a Danube River cruise from Nuremberg to Budapest. The second morning, as I entered the ship’s gym wearing a Davidson T-shirt, I heard a young female voice exclaiming with great excitement, “you went to Davidson?” I turned around with a big smile, expecting to see a young and vibrant female Davidson graduate. Well, I got the young and vibrant part right. What I’d momentarily forgotten was that I’m no longer young and vibrant, of which she quickly reminded me when she said, “my mother graduated from there 40 years ago.” The next sound I heard was my ego crashing to the floor. The good news was that her mother, Katherine Kafoglis Lockwood ’77, was on board with her husband and several other members of her family. It was a real delight to meet all of them and chat with Katherine, a biology professor at the University of New Hampshire, about our respective experiences at Davidson.

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## 71 FROM ALUMNI RELATIONS

Even though he is no longer class secretary, **Nick Dumich** is still sending in class notes. Thanks, Nick!

In June, **Rick Snipes** was selected as the 2018 T. Boone Pickens Lifetime Sportsmanship Award recipient. He will join the ranks of nationally recognized individuals including 2017 recipient, Tom Brokaw, Ted Turner and a number of others. “I know that Rick has spent a great deal of time over the past 10 years working with an organization to protect quail. Apparently, there is a problem that is decimating the population. This is a real neat award for Ricky, as he moved to Texas a number of

years ago and bought a large ranch and is really into the outdoors life. He looks like the Marlboro man. He has turned into a real cowboy.”

We extend our sincere condolences to the family and friends of **Richard Reaves Louthan**, who passed away on March 26, 2017, and those of **George Thomas Ealy**, who passed away on June 25, 2017, in Jacksonville, Fla.

**NO CLASS SECRETARY**

If you are interested in this volunteer position please contact the Office of Alumni Relations (alumni.classnotes@davidson.edu or 704-894-2559).

**72 AS TOLD BY: Tom Holcomb, Class Secretary**

The diverse talents of our class were on display at our 45th reunion. There were many highlights, including the return to campus of several classmates for the first time in many decades. **Eric Minkin** spoke of his experiences playing basketball and living in Israel, and also gave a harrowing account of terrorism and warfare. The film, *On the Map*, which documents Eric’s Israeli team winning the European championship against incredible odds and cementing national identity was truly remarkable. It takes a while to grasp that a classmate experienced so much in a place so far away that is in the headlines. For more on Eric and his time in Israel, see the winter Class Notes at davidsonjournal.davidson.edu.

The reasoning behind the strange shape of my voting district was greatly clarified by **Tom Ross**, who gave an excellent presentation on the gerrymandering of political districts and the threat to representative democracy.

**Bill Lear** and **Howard Daniel**, freshman roommates on 4th floor East, are to be commended for their leadership of the reunion committee preparations. Howard also headed up the effort to fund our class gift of a scholarship, which got an exuberant start. Bill was given the Alumni Service award for his work in support of the college. Bill continued the tradition of delivering a poem about our lives as individuals and as a group progressing through the stages of life.

Also, to be congratulated is **Bernard Scoggins**, who received the JWK Community Service Award from the Alumni Association Board for his work providing essential medical services in southwest Georgia, and his annual overseas medical mission trips to India.

A nice addition to our Saturday class dinner was a one act play, *Stethoscope*, written by **Jack Hartman**, and performed by Jack and **Jim Case**. It had multiple layers of narrative, emotion and reaction that were condensed in a short time, and managed to have some laugh lines, and even a fight scene.

**Duff Bruce** entertained us with accounts of hijinks and misadventures in his student work at the College Union, and a dorm story about gorging on Fig Newtons that stuck with everyone.

We did take time together to recognize, and name individually, the 31 members of our class who have died. **Ty Tippett** conducted the memorial time, and closed with a strong and vibrant solo singing of a hymn.

It took me a little while to make a positive identification, but I ran into **Paul Nelson** wearing a red Davidson sweatshirt at the NCAA basketball tournament games in Greenville in March. He has been in Seattle for the last 35 years and is

the operations manager for Walsh Construction Company. He had recently reconnected with **Tim Groom** and also got Tim to the reunion. Tim lives in northern Arizona, worked as a home builder, but now enjoys mountain biking among other things. Tim came to Davidson from Colorado based on a basketball recruiting letter from Lefty Driesell.

Several members of the team that won the Southern Conference soccer championship our senior year were back for the reunion, including **Steve Culbertson**, **Dick LeVan**, **Charlie Heiner**, **Brian Tarr**, **Spencer Redding** and **Kelly McKee**.

Spencer was acknowledged by President Carol Quillen during her talk to the all-alumni gathering for his work with the student externship program.

**Trip** and **Ann Adams** celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary on the Saturday of the reunion.

For those of you who did not attend because you think reunions are just exercises in nostalgia, I would offer a couple of things that might persuade you differently. First, Howard Daniel gave multiple examples from his life of social, volunteer and business connections he has made with classmates he barely knew at school. Our relationships with the college and our classmates are organic, and can evolve and grow over time.

Also, at reunions you can run into class members who have quite a personal history, and some tales to tell worthy of a novel. Exhibit One is **Richard Wainio**, who grew up in Panama and who also got one of Lefty’s basketball recruiting letters. After college, Rick eventually returned to Panama and worked with the government during the transfer of the Canal from 1975 to 1998. Richard became friends with David Cornwell (John LeCarre). Their conversations over a period of time about what might be included in an espionage novel set in Panama morphed into Cornwell’s book, *The Tailor of Panama*. Richard is listed as a consultant in the credits for the film of the book. After serving as the CEO of the Tampa Bay Port Authority, he now works as an international business consultant.

So, make plans to attend our 50th reunion in 2022. There are all kinds of people you might want to meet. In the meantime, check out the class Facebook page, Wildcats ’72.

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**73 AS TOLD BY: Rich Wilson, Class Secretary**

Many thanks to everyone who helped us exceed the annual fund goal of our class for last school year. Our participation rate at 58 percent exceeded the 56 percent overall college rate. **Bob Dawson** and I appreciate everyone’s support.

We’ve been a bit thin on class notes recently. Please email me what you’re up to: work, retirement, family, etc.

May 12, 2017, was a special day for **Vic Fleming**. That was the day *The New York Times* published a crossword puzzle in which Vic collaborated with former President Bill Clinton to construct. Vic took the lead in laying out the grid and Clinton took the lead on developing the clues. The relationship between the Flemings and Clintons dates back to 1984 when Vic’s daughter, Liz, and Chelsea Clinton took swimming lessons from the same teacher.

**Rusty Boyd** (the only golf representative in the Davidson Sports Hall of Fame) shot his age (65) at a tournament at his club in Birmingham, Ala., on June 28. It’s impressive he’s shooting his age at this point! Contact: **Richard V. Wilson**, 513-321-1524; [rwilson14@cinci.rr.com](mailto:rwilson14@cinci.rr.com)

**74 FROM ALUMNI RELATIONS**  
**Jim Dorsett III** was recently written up in the City Club Raleigh Newsletter.

He shared that for their 30th wedding anniversary, he and his wife took a Danube River cruise that included daily bicycling excursions and stays in Milan, Budapest, Prague, Berlin and Amsterdam.

Our condolences to **Bill Giduz** and family on the passing of his mother, Helen, on Aug. 19, 2017.

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**75 AS TOLD BY: John Randolph, Class Secretary**

Greetings to all from northeast Oklahoma, where we’re enjoying a nice mid-summer break from the heat with nighttime temps getting down into the 60s. Super weather here!

**Woody Van Meter** was kind enough to share a photo taken at his daughter’s June wedding in Lexington, Ky. In it are Woody, **Bob Trumbo** and **David Boggs**, all sporting tuxes and bow ties. He gave me permission to post it in the Notes only if I could photoshop away the gray hair. Too much to expect of this tech-challenged oldster, Woodford! Speaking of bow ties, I’ve worn them now for well over 30 years (yes, **Gray Lindsey**, at least part of your prediction came true!). I’ll share my favorite bit of wisdom on the point: for those of you who still struggle with the task, here’s the easiest way to learn how to tie a bow tie. Ready? It’s just like tying your shoe laces... from inside your shoe. Think about it.

**Peter Alford** wrote to bring me up to speed on family matters. Waterbug daughter Olivia is now 4.5. Grandson Foxen is already 2.5 and lives with his folks, Peter’s son Tyler and wife Sara, in Asheville. Tyler works in Tupelo Honey’s corporate offices (great products btw!). Other son Davis works in Winston-Salem in medical device sales.

**Peyton Prospere** caught up with Peter mid-summer for a quick visit at the Davidson guest house while checking on various classmates. Peyton is still practicing law in Jackson, Miss. He is an honorary ambassador to Germany and goes to Berlin every other year. I’ve gotta hear more about that.

During a recent Alford vacation to Fripp Island, **Jud Cuttino** came up for a visit and lunch. He has three grandkids now. He just retired in March and claims to have time to squeeze in three rounds of golf a week in between performing honey-dos for his wife, Debbie.

I received a nice note from **Richard Gary Garvin** following my nod to his writing in the last Notes. Gary was originally in the previous class, but took his junior year to hang out in Paris. That moved him into the Class of ’75. He had been in San Jose, Calif., until about a year and a half ago, and was able to follow Steph Curry ’10 with the Warriors up close and personal. He pointed me to another of his pieces in *Numero Cinq*, to which I now direct you: <http://numerocinqmagazine.com/2016/10/30/prince-valiant-gary-garvin/>.

It's a great little note about freshman year life at the D in 1970. Enjoy.

**John White** checked in from the West Coast. He shares that it was great traveling to the 40th Reunion with **Steve Canterbury** and seeing our crew of 1975. He has lived in the East Bay (Berkeley, Oakland, Piedmont) region near San Francisco within a six-mile area, confirming that is where he's wanted to live since age 15. He says Davidson taught him something about place—find where you want to be and put down roots. Well said, John! He met his wife, Marcia Black, at psych grad school (John admits that makes them Drs. Black and White) and has had “a full, wide, satisfying career.” They have raised three kids who are in different areas of the helping professions (thus no Silicon Valley types); two of whom went to small liberal arts colleges, influenced no doubt by John's experience at Davidson.

He claims his Cali friends have trouble figuring out why he goes to church in East Oakland every Sunday, because psychologists are largely agnostic and “mindful.” He points to childhood years seated in the pews at Davidson Presbyterian with family and early experiences with Herman, the custodian on 2nd floor Sentelle, then running STEP tutoring and other diverse activities. John also found himself explaining to the locals his enthusiasm when a skinny Steph Curry '10 was drafted by Golden State in 2009. John had been on campus and saw him play his freshman year. John writes: “Now he's a sensation, but people are still trying to figure out what makes him tick. I say if you don't understand Davidson, you won't completely get it.” Agreed!

In closing, I must acknowledge hearing from Canterbury about the recent dust-up over our City of Tulsa flag. I'm not even sure how he tumbled onto that major news story. Some committee got together, decided our current flag was a bit stodgy, and came up with three, um, “creative” designs. The big reveal was a couple of weeks ago. Yawn... I guess we don't have anything more engaging to ponder at this point! Anyway, thanks for your “support,” Stevie!

Correction to last Notes: I must correct the record—an egregious error has been made. When I last wrote about hearing from **Prince Carr Norfleet**, I identified her as one of our junior year transfers from Mary Washington College in Virginia. Pardon my goof! Of course, Prince attended Mary Baldwin College (now University) in Staunton, Va. My poor aged mind wrote “sister” and followed it with the school my own sister, Ann, attended: Mary Washington. Apologies to all concerned!  
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**76 AS TOLD BY: Michael Pappas, Class Secretary**  
God love **Banks Peacock**. He says he has nothing too major to report, and follows it up saying he is standing by wife Deborah as she continues to deal with cancer. Banks, come on, that's hardly nothing! But he was always low-key; good to know he is consistent. Banks retired a few years ago and in between a trip to Iceland last fall and going to Atlanta this spring (that's a trip?) he managed to watch more baseball in the form of Davidson's run in the NCAA tournament than cumulatively since the last MLB players' strike two decades ago.

Speaking of dealing with illness, **John Stanfield**

couldn't make our 40th as he was dealing with cancer himself. John is a respiratory therapist in Greenville, S.C. He's been in remission for a full year and has taken up distance bike riding. He has logged a few thousand miles this year, including 252 miles (100 the last day) in the Alzheimer's Ride to Remember, which ended in Charleston in July. Keep pedaling, man, keep pedaling.

**Jim Guin** has retired from the bench after serving 30 years as District Court Judge for the 6th Judicial Circuit of Alabama.

Speaking of finally retiring, **Jim Spears** has taken that plunge. After a full military career, six years at the U. S. Department of State, and many years in West Virginia state service as a Cabinet Secretary, the state's Homeland Security advisor and chief of staff to the governor, capped off with over six years as senior vice president at a local college. By the time you read this, he will have hopefully seen others of us at an annual beach gathering hosted by his brother.

Any time **Wyndell Patterson** reports something, you know it's gotta be good. He hopes to do the retirement thing himself in a few years (he is secretly jealous that **Charles Bethea** already has), building his dream home, traveling to Hawaii and educating his three grandchildren, the oldest of which wants to go to the Naval Academy. With some golf thrown in for good measure, of course. In his words, “two more years with the government.” A line only Wyndell could deliver.

**Bob Rovigno** is still in the antique car business, but spending more time with his seven grandchildren, five of whom live with him and wife Lucy. All those kids are making him write children's stories, so much so that he's looking to contact literary agents. In a summer trip to Carolina Beach, he went by the campus for the first time in seven years—yo, Bob, make your next trip the Reunion!

**Ron Powell** is still in touch with nearly everyone. He reports that **Mike Blanchard** is now retired, and often visited at the beach by **Tom Blackwood**. **Gary Aston** has also checked out of the 9-5, but **Eric Hendrix** is still in the grout business, which is feeding his obsession with champion Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs. **Jay Powell** is just traveling—a lot. **Frank Stiefel** is in the Jersey suburbs of Philadelphia where he couldn't stay retired because he was driving wife Tracy crazy, so he took up consulting, which in other words is getting paid to take someone's watch and tell him what time it is. Great gig if you can pull it off. Jay mentioned that this band of merry men all went to Puerto Rico, where the wives put up with the mandatory telling of stories about the good ol' DC days, but only for so long so that their vacation could start! Understandably, they were more interested in dinners and Old Town San Juan. The boys did throw in some golf, complete with a Jordan Spieth imitation by Ron.

And **Bill Lloyd** is counting the days until he retires from the friendly skies, otherwise known as American Airlines. Bill tried to retire early by having shoulder surgery then tearing an Achilles tendon on his first flight back, but it didn't work (how do you tear an Achilles sitting in a cockpit?).

**Bill Smith** has an idea for retirement—European river cruises. He and wife Debbie have done the Rhine, and they may do the Danube. Hey, he must put his history major to use somehow! He fits those in between his new avocation as district lay leader for the United Methodist Church in and around Cincinnati, Ohio, which will involve lay speaking and a possible writing of a church history “longer than his 72-pager

for his Honors distinction.” Bill gets together with **Bill Cole**, just up the road in Dayton—as former track guys they both keep up with Sterling Martin.

One note of thanks from **Emelia Stuart Stephenson** and **Dave Cormak**, who head up the contact for the Fund for Davidson—we did our part by busting through our class goal in a big way, not only in amount but in percentage participation—great work, everyone!

Last and for your entertainment value, **Jose Rodriguez** reports that **Jim DeVille** is still the Most Interesting Man in the World—Jim's world, that is!  
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**77 AS TOLD BY: Sue McAvoy, Class Secretary**

As I write this, I'm listening to the wonderful playlist of songs that **Steve Peebles** compiled for reunion and recalling the joy and deep connections we all felt when we gathered in June. Our reunions feel more poignant as the years pass, and **Jerry Stallworth's** reminder about embracing the joy that is part of life's journey is particularly apt. So, thanks to all 104 classmates who showed up and shared in the lovefest!

We had a great start as 46 classmates attended our pre-reunion gathering at the former PAX house on Thursday night. Other items of note included gathering at the home of Don and **Meg Kimmel** on Saturday afternoon, David Shi offering words from the heart on the topic of happiness, **Dave Ellison** and his daughter's skit, **Graham Smith** reflecting on his father's life, **Bob “Butch” Beard's** photo contest, **Bill Burkholder's** slideshow and **Kat Morton Achtemeier's** video blessing over our Saturday night dinner. Perhaps the most moving part of the weekend was the memorial reflections portion of our class meeting where we remembered our six classmates who had passed away since our 35th reunion (**Paul Banta, Wayne Gullledge, George King, Steve Kruger, Billy McLean** and **Doug Stickney**), as well as the 13 classmates whose lives we had celebrated in 2012. We left that gathering with full hearts and a deep resolve to nurture dear friendships from days gone by.

Shout-outs go to **Marney Brent, Kevin Shelly** and **Dave Wolter**, who returned to campus for the first time since graduation, and to those who traveled farthest: **Mike Harris** and **Chris Mangelsdorf** from southern California, **Jerry Stallworth** from northern California and **John “Tenafly” Swanson** from Seattle. And a big shout-out to our Wildcat baseball team that entertained us with their fabulous run to the NCAA Super Regional Tournament. But biggest shout-out of all goes to **Richard Boyce** and **Becca Stimson**, our reunion committee chairs, for a job very well done. As **Terry Hummel** noted, our reunion was truly an elixir for the soul.

It was wonderful to see **Todd Sahlroot** (without a cane!) at reunion. Turns out that Todd discarded the cane over 30 years ago when he had his first hip replacement (surgery by Charles Engh '60); he now has two new hips, a new shoulder and an artificial heart (aortic) valve, too. Todd's personal experience in the medical area helped steer him to work on clinical trials (from the statistical side) at the National Institutes of Health and the Food and Drug Administration.

**Steve Holman** took a break from his life transition to join us; he is shifting from 33 years as a furniture maker in Dorset, Vt., to joining his family's 93-year-old

business in Haddonfield, N.J. The business was started by Steve's grandfather, and the move affords Steve the opportunity to spend time with his 91-year-old father and the rest of the family. Steve couldn't be happier with the change, plus he now lives three miles from **Kevin Shelly!** Steve and Georgine have been married 32 years, and they have two sons (Jeff who inhabits the world of museums in Boston and Brett who will earn an M.F.A. in film production from the University of Southern California in December). Steve still enjoys playing tennis but reflects that he is getting a little to a lot worse every year.

Having attended reunion, **John "Tenafly" Swanson** commented: "My happy update sits precisely at the median of all classmate news: I look like I'm retired, but I claim I'm not; my son's wedding was a recent highlight; my Dad's passing was complex and beautiful; grandbaby #1 is on the way; and, like all of you, I write haikus to restrain my tendency toward long stories: "Old oaks cool campus.

Warm greetings, smiles, memories.  
Ne Ultra moments."

One last reunion note: congratulations to **Becca Stinson** on her well-deserved Alumni Service Award, which she received at our Saturday night dinner!

We missed **Joyce Stahmann** at reunion, but here is her update. After Davidson, Joyce moved to New Mexico where she spent two years in medical school and had two children. The family then moved to Chapel Hill where she earned her master's in health education at the UNC School of Public Health. Following her divorce, Joyce stayed in Chapel Hill and began studying herbalism, which brought her great relief from personal health challenges and has remained an integral part of her life. In 2001, Joyce moved to Oregon, settling in Ashland where she studied at the Mederi Centre for Natural Healing. Joyce and Larry have been together for 14 years (and married for three), and Joyce's great passions are growing food, herbs and flowers; herbal medicine and wild foods; yoga; meditation; poetry; reading; and wilderness. And, of course, children and grandchildren!

Our women's beach weekend is nigh upon us: Nov. 2-5 at Ocean Isle Beach. Please join us for feeding of your soul.

Finally, we were stunned and deeply saddened to learn that **Howard Payne** had passed away in 1998. Fellow Rome, Ga., native **Anne Garner Douglass** made the discovery, and Ellen Ogilvie Edmonds '78 has reached out to Howard's sisters to relay our class's belated yet heartfelt condolences. As his roommate **Pat Hudson** noted, "Howard was a kind and gentle soul; generous and thoughtful, intelligent and talented. Many of us remember Howard as a cheerleader, Emanon officer, and College Union leader. Though quiet and reserved, he loved people and loved music; he loved to laugh and loved to dance. Howard's passing has inspired us to renew our efforts to make contact with those classmates with whom we have lost touch. RIP, Howard."

So that's the news from far and wide. All the best to you... and I love you, brothers and sisters.

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**78** AS TOLD BY: **Nancy Long Metzler** and **David Schmidt**, Class Secretaries  
Many thanks to all who responded with news! **Brian Cooper** writes that last July he

joined **Bill Gaynor** for Bill's 60th birthday party. In a world first, Bill was the cardiothoracic surgeon on a medical team at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia that successfully removed a fetal heart tumor *in utero*. Amazing! Just before his own 60th birthday, Brian blew out both knees while playing soccer—in medical terms, he sustained bilateral full ruptures of his quadriceps tendons. Everything was sewn back together and he's done tons of PT, so he's once again playing soccer and tennis.

**Sue Colan White** reports that although the weather was unbelievably hot, she completed the 2017 Boston Marathon! Besides reaching the finish line, the best part of the race for Sue was mile 22, when she glanced up at the cheering crowd and saw two guys with Davidson t-shirts on. She took time out to stop and talk to them and although their conversation was loud and somewhat incoherent, Sue loved having the support of fellow Davidsons. To top it all off, Sue qualified for the 2018 Boston Marathon—so no putting up those running shoes quite yet.

In May, **Ginny Newell** and husband Bob Wilkins walked 90-plus miles of the Santiago de Compostela, known as the Camino, the medieval pilgrimage route across Northern Spain. They began in Sarria and went all the way to Finis Terra—"end of the earth"—as named in Roman times. Ginny says reaching the cathedral in Santiago and giving thanks as thousands of other pilgrims have done was very humbling and powerful. When not dreaming up capers, she continues her ReNewell, Inc. Fine Art Conservation business of 34 years, and Bob sells residential real estate.

Next planned adventure: Italy with a bunch of Davidson friends and spouses: **Berta Allen Summerell Hamilton** and Frank '77, **Mary Amos Krick** and Mike, **Nancy Long Metzler** and Charlie, Jane Farrar Cranshaw '73 and David, and Jonathan Rhyne '77 and Martha Jayne. Other world travelers include **Laura Rankin**, who recently attended her son's wedding in Sant Pete de Ribes, Spain, with her daughter, Lila '09; and **David Tinkler**, who with wife Brigid enjoyed a Baltic cruise—their first vacation without kids in 15 years. **Randy Sherrill** shares that his wife, the Rev. Kathie Clontz Sherrill, recently retired from the Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church. She will join Randy in Mooresville, where he has begun his seventh year as the teaching pastor at Central United Methodist Church. The church is just three blocks from the old location of the Mooresville Bakery, AKA Grimm's.

**Bert Downs** lives in Athens, Ga., where he continues to help look after the musical and cultural legacy of the disbanded R.E.M.; work on providing "loving criticism and support" to the public education system through his actions on various boards, at conferences and in writings; and enjoy having a Dickinson '19 daughter and a daughter beginning high school. **Gregory Crawford** has joined the ranks of the retired after almost 24 years with Penn State Harrisburg, where he served as head of public services in the Penn State Harrisburg Library, director of the library, and interim director of the School of Humanities; he's now professor emeritus. He's also grandfather to Elliott, whom he's hoping he can convince to attend Davidson.

**Bob Foltz-Morrison** is in his fourth year in NYC as executive presbyter of the Presbytery of New York City. He's responsible for 103 faith communities in the five boroughs as well as ministries of compassion and justice in the city. His wife Leslie, also a Presbyterian minister, serves on the board of the New York

Disaster Interfaith Services, now in its fifth year of post-Superstorm Sandy recovery.

On a sadder note, we extend condolences to the following classmates: **Dave Thomas**, whose father, Richard Thomas Sr. '42 died Aug. 15, 2016, in Tallahassee, Fla.; **Hunter Boyd Murphy**, whose mother, Board of Visitors member Betty Boyd, died March 30, 2017, in Charlotte; **Steve Justus**, whose mother, Betty Ann Gesser, died May 24, 2017, in Hendersonville; and **Pam McClure**, whose father, Joe Stuart McClure '52, died June 7, 2017, in Knoxville, Tenn.  
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**79** AS TOLD BY: **Maria Patterson**,  
Class Secretary

Hello! I'm excited to be submitting my first set of notes as class secretary, especially during a year when so many of us hit the big 60! Excited and a little nervous, because I have to live up to my predecessor, **Kim Rieck Fisher**, who's done such a great job. Thanks, Kim, for all your work for our class.

The *Davidson Journal* arrived the day I returned home from dinner with **Diana Caputo**. She and her sister were up from North Carolina visiting their mother in New Jersey and came into the city for a ballet performance. Diana looks exactly the same as at Davidson. Maybe having a 15-year-old son keeps her young!

It was sad to learn that her father died in the spring of last year and, unfortunately, there are two other deaths in our Davidson family. Margaret Bondurant, mother of **Stuart Bondurant** and Nancy Bondurant '84, grandmother of Beth Bondurant '13, and mother-in-law of physics Prof. Mario Belloni, died on March 3, 2017. H. Earl Woodall '52, father of **Hunter "Woody" Woodall** and father-in-law of Sylvia Gordon Woodall '80, passed away on May 3, 2017. Condolences to all of those who suffered the loss of a loved one.

I expect that retirement news will increase over the next few years, and **T. Ashton Griffin**, "T" to all of us, retired from teaching chemistry at Wayne Community College at the end of July. That retirement, however, was occasioned by the fact that he's moving to Spartanburg, S.C., where his wife, Paula, has accepted a position with The Church of the Advent, and I wouldn't be a bit surprised if another educational institution snaps him up! He'll join **Joanne Hull** in Spartanburg, where she is associate pastor for Congregational Care and Deacons at First Presbyterian Church.

Speaking of educational institutions, I'm now in my sixth year of full time teaching at NYU's Stern School of Business and have retired from the practice of law, although I'll continue serving as a volunteer arbitrator in small claims court and do occasional other pro bono work.

Please do submit notes to me about what you're doing—retirements, job changes, grand-children, vacations, awards and honors—whatever is significant to you. I'll be reaching out to some of you to solicit information, especially if no one volunteers it, so please share your news!

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**80 AS TOLD BY:** *Burkley Mann Allen, Class Secretary*

**Mike Munger's** book, *Tomorrow 30*, on the new "sharing economy" will be published by Cambridge U Press in 2018. He got to teach again this summer in Prague in the Cevro Institute "PPE Program." Mike says, "I love North Carolina, but I don't mind missing a week of August."

**Sid Kilgore** and his wife Laurel took a six-week sabbatical in Grenoble, France in the fall, both hoping to be doing a bit of writing.

**Bunny Horine Renaud** and her husband Stuart made the trek to Nashville this spring along with **Tim Bode '79** and **Ruth-Ann Westervelt Bode '81**. We had a great reunion lunch with **Carolyn Watt Cantwell** and **Ann Garner Covington**.

**Michael Doran** has opened his own office, Doran Law Offices, in Salisbury with a principal focus on litigation. His two daughters got married in 2016, both living in Charlotte. The oldest, Katie Doran Campen, is an immigration attorney practicing in Gastonia, and his youngest daughter, Kelly Doran Pendleton, teaches AP Statistics at Ardrey Kell High School. His son, Michael, lives at home working his way towards an accounting degree. Michael's wife Adair Green Doran '79, teaches AP European history and AP psychology at Salisbury High School. They celebrated their 34th wedding anniversary in August.

I am sad to report the death of **Martin Hunter** on June 7, 2017. **Todd Bailey** says that the memorial service in Charlotte was very moving and underscored how much Martin meant to his friends and family there. Todd also says he had lunch with Alice "Ace" Egerton Miller '79 last May at Nine Mile in Asheville. More than 35 years after graduating from Pure Impulse, USA, they enjoyed reminiscing and catching up. Several guys from 2nd Cannon convened in July for their seventh annual Buddyism reunion at Lake Tillery (east of Charlotte). Their own "B7" as it were. The august group of alums included **Linc Ely, George Murdaugh, Charlie Martof, Dave Mohan, Steve (C) Smith, and Jim Jeffries**.

**George Brown's** youngest daughter, Garnet, has started at Davidson fall of 2017. She plans to run track for the Wildcats. George's oldest son, **Quin**, is a senior at Davidson. George is pleased to have big brother watching out for his new freshman.

**Ann Norwood** is still working three days a week as a pediatric nurse practitioner at a community health center while **Ken '79** is at U.Va. doing developmental pediatrics. They are very concerned about potential changes to Medicaid which would directly affect their patients in poverty and disability. They recently stayed with **Noelle McHugh** in D.C. who is busier than ever and still has her infectious laugh. They're looking forward to going on a fishing trip to Alaska in the fall with **Irv '79** and **Lynn '81 Wilson**.

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**81 AS TOLD BY:** *David Poe, Class Secretary*

Last issue we mourned the loss of Perrin Thompson Hall, daughter of **Weezie Mann Thompson** and **Tommy Thompson '80**. Please keep **Jack Hall** and his family in your thoughts and prayers also. **Doug Shanks** was kind enough to email that Perrin's husband, Joseph Hall, is Jack's son. Jack

and his entire family were extremely close to Perrin. Her obituary read she was also survived by, "Her in-laws, Jack and Cathy Hall; and sister-in-law, Alice Hall (who) loved her as their own." I failed to make the connection. I reached Jack, Head of The Walker School in greater Atlanta, to amend my oversight while he was participating in the SAIS New Heads Workshop. As expected, he graciously said "no apologies necessary... Joseph and Perrin (who met at Furman) were married three years and experienced a level of joy in their marriage that was a beautiful thing to behold. It was certainly very hard for all of us who loved Perrin to let her go, but, like Perrin, we trust in her Savior. Joseph has stayed in Richmond, where they moved in July '16, and is serving at Vertical Church. He is very close to Tommy and Weezie, as well as Perrin's two brothers. We are doing well and get to Richmond fairly regularly to be with Joseph." Joseph's wellbeing is certainly an homage to the Hall's faithful parenting.

**Ann Douglas** was heartbroken to read of Perrin's passing. She wrote, "I lived in Richmond for about 8 years after college and Weezie was my realtor when I bought my first house. We lost touch when my husband and I moved to Atlanta. I didn't know Jack was in the Atlanta area as well. I have a daughter getting married Labor Day just a year younger than Perrin. I can't imagine what they have gone through."

I promised news of **Joe Shea** and **Susan Beesley**. Just as many of us did, Susan tried her hand at something else (systems analyst at Bank of America) before becoming an attorney from Duke Law 28 years ago. According to LinkedIn, she lives in the Washington, D.C. area and has been in private practice for fourteen years after last serving ten years with FINRA (The Financial Industry Regulatory Authority). The organization is "dedicated to investor protection and market integrity. (They) regulate one critical part of the securities industry—brokerage firms doing business with the public in the United States. (They... oversee) virtually every aspect of the brokerage industry." According to her Facebook page, her twin 15-year olds apparently just finished their 9th grade at H. B. Woodlawn School, a very desirable public lottery school in Arlington, Va. Her friends describe it like a secondary school with a Davidson-like environment. And they can walk to school! Congratulations Susan! It was delightful to see your kids get in after so many lottery attempts.

**Joe Shea**, attorney with Alliance Group Title, LLC in Sarasota, FL noticed I mentioned him as "newsworthy" last issue. He couldn't send news by the deadline since, like a lot of us, he was "just a little too swamped at work." Not to worry, Joe. At least my "master news plan" is starting to work. Joe, my neighbor in Belk Hall sophomore year, came to my rescue after I tore my left latissimus dorsi lifting weights and could barely walk upright. I told him I was getting heat treatments from a trainer that were making it worse. He and his football team roommates sprang into action. The next thing I know, I'm face down on the floor and somebody throws a big bag of ice on my back! That did the trick... and some of **Mark Hayes'** Valium from his abdominal surgery! Thanks Joe (and Mark). I always remember that day whenever I tweak my back.

Please extend your condolences to **Mark Thomas**, his brother Dave '78, and their families. Their father **Richard Thomas, Sr. '42** passed away on August 15, 2016, in Tallahassee, Fla.

Finally, **Ruth-Ann Westervelt Bode** leaves us as class

ambassador for The Fund for Davidson, thanking us for our response to her solicitations: "We did it! We...surpassed our class goal of \$150,000... We raised \$247,358 with 48% participation... This recent fiscal year Davidson came in with 56.4 percent alumni support—making it one of the top in the country. (Class of 1981) let's go for 50 percent for fiscal year 2018!" Thank you, **Ruth-Ann** for all your hard work. Please send some news since I can't decide who may be newsworthy next time!

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**82 AS TOLD BY:** *Ann Parker, Class Secretary*

Unfortunately, I didn't get any updates from our 35th class reunion this past June. It sounded like a great time! Thanks to our reunion chairs, **Sally Sharp** and **Richard Strader** and the rest of the committee: **Lex Alexander, Van Beck, Howard Browne, Jean Soracco Berger, Betsy Holton Carmichael, Phoebe Ellis Forio, Dean Jones, Greg Kucera, Chip Legerton, Ann Parker, Bill Purcell, Jim Sasser, Agnes Stevens, Joanna Hunt Whitehouse, and Barbara Boyce Whitesides**.

At our class dinner on Saturday night **Jim Cheek** and **Kathryn Brown Dunn** presented the Alumni Service Award to **Barbara Boyce Whitesides** and **John Teague**. Congratulations to you both on this well-deserved honor and thank you for your service to alma mater. Hopefully more of us can make our 40th!

That said, I did get one update—and it's a doozy! Did you know **Joan Redding** has been living in London for 25 years? She writes: "I have worked in music publishing and then in various libraries, including 12 years at the BBC, then all over London in public libraries, and currently service development manager for adult and children's services for four London boroughs (Hounslow, Ealing, Harrow and Croydon). My husband ran the British Music Information Centre until it was no longer running, and is currently managing two music festivals in Northern Ireland, based in Derry/Londonderry: Walled City Music Festival and City of Derry International Choral Festival. We have two daughters; one is 21 and just graduated with a "first" in philosophy from Durham University; the other daughter is 14 and finishing up Year 9 and has her GCSEs over the next two years. I wish all my former classmates well and do let me know if you travel over to London—it would be great to see you!"

Our condolences go out to **Rip Singer**, who lost his father, Bill Singer, in April and to **Sally Sharp** who lost her husband, Richard Barnas, on July 28, 2017.

**FROM ALUMNI RELATIONS**

After nine years as class secretary **Ann Parker** would like to pass the baton to allow a classmate to enjoy this wonderful connection to the class. Thank you, Ann for your service as class secretary. Anyone who is interested in this vital volunteer role, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at [alumniclassnotes@davidson.edu](mailto:alumniclassnotes@davidson.edu) or 704-894-2559.

**83 AS TOLD BY:** *Anne Hurt Krieg, Class Secretary*

**Richard Wilson** and his son Tyler traveled to Shanghai in December to visit his sister. They joined a street eats tour of the French

Concession area for traditional Chinese street food. Tyler mentioned that he was a student at Elon and their guide said “I know Elon; I went to a small school in North Carolina.” Christopher Brantley ’01 has been in China since graduation having some great adventures and doing a great job as a tour guide.

In January, **Bill McFadyen** and his wife Susanna traveled to New York City, where they joined Molly ’14 and Bob Miller ’84 to watch the DC men’s basketball team dismantle Fordham in the Bronx. Bill, Bob and their wives played hard and were joined in food over-indulgence by **Todd Lambert**, Mike Iordanou ’82, and their wives. In June, the McFadyens flew to Chicago, where Joe McMullen ’85 and Jorge Strickland ’85 escorted them to Wrigley Field to see Tom Petty, an anniversary for Bill and Joe commemorating their 1983 Tom Petty concert in the old Charlotte Coliseum. In July, the Todd Lamberts hosted the McFadyens at Emerald Isle for a fine Independence Day fireworks show on the beach.

In February **Sandy Fossett** married Paul Strong; they split time between Cashiers and Lake Rabun in Lakemont, Ga. They were married in Jackson Hole, Wyo., where Sandy re-connected with **Alice Packard Boney** a year ago! Paul and Sandy were engaged last summer at the A-Bar-A Ranch in Wyoming where they saw her daughter Connery O’Brien ’16, Will Erwin (**Mary Frye Erwin’s** son), Wilson Waddill ’16 (**Danny Waddill’s** son), and Caroline Hagood (**Elizabeth MacMillan Hagood’s** daughter). Connery lives in New York and does social work in Brooklyn. Sandy’s spin studio (Lakemont Cycle Studio) is three years old and going strong. In addition, she originated and directs a fundraiser road race on the July 4 weekend every year. It’s a 5K/10K race and they just completed their 11th year with 750 runners every year.

In March **Skip Brown** celebrated his son Trey’s 21st birthday with a visit to Punta Cana, DR. Trey is attending Temple University. Skip and his wife Karen care for her father and his mother. With so many of us losing our parents, they are blessed to still have two of their parents. After 33 years, Skip is still riding on fire trucks however, he lets the younger firefighters do the inside work while he runs the pump and operates equipment. Karen and Skip are also contemplating a move from Pittsburgh to Davidson during their retirement years.

In April **Marian Hill Bergdolt** ran the Boston Marathon, 35 years after her first run and 31 years after her last run. Karen Kemerait ’88 joined her at the start for her first Boston Marathon. Despite the hot weather they both qualified for next year with hopes for better times in 2018. They were supported on the course by Marian’s daughter Kay after Heartbreak Hill as well as Marian’s nephew, Will Fletcher-Hill ’18.

**Marvin Overby’s** summer trip to Europe included a visit with classmate **Melis Nicolaidis**, who showed him around many of the highlights of his island home of Cyprus. Marvin enjoyed seeing Melis for the first time since 1983 and spending time with him and his wife. During the same trip, Marvin gave a talk on the Trump presidency at Eastern Mediterranean University, taught a summer study abroad program in Prague for the University of Missouri, and spent a couple weeks driving around Albania. In late July he traveled to Washington, D.C. and visited with his roommate **David Taylor** and John Haskell ’81.

**David Boone, Janie Larus-McShane, Greg McFadyen, Florence Hart Mogen, Laurie Noto Parker, Laura Terry Sellers, Laura Curry Sloan, and Dan Newsome** each are parents

of a member of Davidson’s class of 2017 and will be able to celebrate reunions next year on campus at the same time as their children! Dan Newsome’s older son, Michael, is in his second year working with him in the Newsome Financial Group in Marietta, Ga. They are also part time North Carolina residents after purchasing a home in Sapphire in February. For anyone in the Highland, Cashiers, Sapphire area please feel free to look them up!

Since 2007 **Lisa Draine** has worked for the LOOK3 Festival of the Photograph in Charlottesville, Va, a non-profit arts organization with a mission to celebrate the vision of extraordinary photographers. This past winter and spring, Lisa enjoyed freelancing for the Tom Tom Founders Festival—a week-long celebration of entrepreneurship, innovation, art, music, and food. Her husband Joel is a physician and professor at the University of Virginia’s Medical Center. Their daughter Rebecca graduated last May from the College of William & Mary and was chosen as a Henry Luce Foundation Scholar. Sophie is a rising fourth year student in UVA’s Architecture School. Joel and Lisa traveled to Ecuador, Malaysia, and Singapore and saw these countries through their daughters’ eyes.

**Kirsten McDonald’s** Carlos and Carmen book series continues to grow. Books 13-16 are currently in production and should be out in December 2017. Books 17-20 are under contract and scheduled for release in December 2018. She was the runner up for the Martha Weston Grant from the Society of Children’s Book Writers and Illustrators, which enabled her to attend the organization’s summer conference in L.A.

Six years ago, **Todd Thomson** cofounded Dynasty Financial Partners which has 45 firms in their network and over \$21B in advisory assets. His oldest son, Taylor ’15 works in Manhattan in Todd’s building so he’s fortunate to see him often. Todd is the primary investor in a Connecticut juice bar business and lead director of a Tel Aviv-based cybersecurity company. He lives in Manhattan and Connecticut with Eugenia Choi and their four-year-old Serena. Todd spends as much time as possible in Big Sky, Mont. Ethan studies film and journalism at the University of Southern California. Kaela is heading into her senior year in high school.

**Tim Johnston**, who writes fiction under his initials as T.D. Johnston, won the 2017 International Book Award for Best Short Fiction, for his short-story collection, *Friday Afternoon and Other Stories*. The book is available in bookstores and at Amazon, and can also be ordered signed by going to www.tjohnston.com. The title story is in film production in the San Bernardino mountains of California, and is due out in spring of 2018. Stacey and Tim are loving life in Beaufort, South Carolina, with their children, twins Brooke and Taylor (14), and son Nick (4), and would love to have classmates visit them on the Lowcountry coast.

On the second Tuesday of each month, **Bill Michel** is a DJ on the “Human Voice Show” on KKUP in Cupertino, Calif. The show features barbershop, gospel, doo-wop, and other vocal sounds.

After 17 years in McLean, Va., Ken and I sold our home and moved to Steamboat Springs, Colo. We’d love to hear from you if your travels bring you to that neck of the woods. One of my summer highlights was joining our daughter Meredith on our church’s mission trip with Habitat for Humanity in Charleston, S.C. It was a remarkable week in so many ways.

We extend our sympathies to those who are dealing with the care or loss of a parent. **Buncie Hay Lanners’**

father Samuel Burney Hay passed away this past May and we extend our condolences to her family.

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**85 AS TOLD BY: Tony Dick and Kathryn Clark Wells, Class Secretaries**

Condolences to **David Resnik** on the death of his wife Susan Preston Resnik, July 2017; to **Craig Detweiler** on the death of his father Charles N. Detweiler, July 2017; to **Dan Turk**, on the death of his father Robert S. Turk, ’52, March 2017; to **Laura Taft Paulsen** on the death of her sister, Deborah Taft Cummins, March 2017 and to **David Turner** on the death of his mother, Thelma G. Turner, November 2016.

Congratulations to eleven 2017 graduates of Davidson College and their 1985 parents! **Elijah Andrews** (Sherri & **Ernie Andrews**), **Andy Baay** (Peter & **Laura Helmus Baay**), **Taylor Brendle** (Amie & **Scott Brendle**), **Sydney Foil** (Lisa & **Marty Foil**), **Amelia Gaither** (Elizabeth & **Jay Gaither**), **Alex Gould** (Becky & **Warren Gould**), **Paul Henderson** (Bob & **Ross Thayer Henderson**), **Becca Jones** (Steve & **Becca Bates Jones**), **Ellen Keeley** (Rhonda & **Mike Keeley**), **Katie Leiner** (**John and Catherine Crosland Leiner**), **Eleanor Seaman** (David & **Kelly Sundberg Seaman**).

Notes in this edition are from classmates in North Carolina, Tennessee, Massachusetts and California.

From Durham, **Bill Bigger** updates, “Leigh and I have been in Durham for almost five years, where I have been pastor of Hope Valley Baptist Church. During the past year and a half, the church renovated an unused brick ranch home on the church property in order to use the house in partnership with World Relief Durham to provide temporary shelter for refugees when they first arrive in the country. The house was ready and dedicated in early March of this year, but because the number of refugees entering the country has decreased greatly this year, we have offered longer-term housing to a Congolese family (a mother and two teenagers) who entered the country a couple years ago but were facing a major health crisis. Our congregation has enjoyed the chance to show hospitality to a family in need and transform the political rhetoric about refugees into tangible stories of real people like us with needs like ours. We hope to transition the family back to independence and self-sufficiency in the fall and begin welcoming other refugees as they enter the U.S.” (Search on YouTube for “UNHCR in US: This land is your land - The Pastor”). Bill continues that he “was surprised to draw the attention of the United Nations High Commission on Refugees and to be featured in the video and even more amazed to be invited by World Relief along with 10 other pastors from seven states to be in Washington, D.C. on World Refugee Day to do advocacy on behalf of refugees with representatives from the State Department and with Senate and Congressional representatives.

“On a personal note, we are excited to be grandparents. Our son, Matt, and his wife, Lauren, have a six-month-old baby girl named Clara.”

Now in Knoxville, Tenn., **Pat Bryant** shares that

“Life has had its ups and downs, but blessings in all things. We were corporate gypsies for years in the consumer-packaged goods (CPG) industry with P&G, Campbell’s, Kodak, and consulting, and in 2008, I answered an interesting call from a close friend that brought us from Atlanta to Knoxville, Tenn., (which is where we are now) to lead sales, marketing, and broadcasting for a TV shopping network called Jewelry Television (for which **Muffin Alford** is a huge fan!). The company was in bad shape, and a great team formed to bring it back (along with 1200 great people there), and it’s thriving today. I decided to leave after six years of seven days-per-week working and return to CPG-land, working very closely with one of my best friends from Davidson—Bill Waitsman ’87, who started a brokerage & consulting firm in NW Arkansas over 10 years ago after a 15-year career with P&G. The company is called The Harvest Group, and serves small-mid size manufacturing clients at Walmart/Sam’s Club, while the portion I lead is focused on large manufacturers who need help with special optimization projects. Our family is walking down the life path, with our oldest, Stanley (27) living in Atlanta and working for Amazon as a senior operations manager. Spencer (21) is a junior at the Univ. of Tennessee, working on a business degree, and Annie is 12, and the light of our lives. She’s really captured our hearts in ways that have been an incredible blessing—we couldn’t love walking through life with her any more than we do.” Pat and his wife Lynda just celebrated their 31st anniversary—which Pat admits is “just a looney amount of time.

Like so many friends, we’ve lost family members through the years, but we’re grateful for the good health of our living parents (I lost my Dad in 1988, but our parents are otherwise doing well). Other passions have included tennis and occasionally music—but I fell out of the cycle after a few church choirs in several locations (we’ve lived in 10 different spots over the years), other than an interesting musical cameo in a fund raiser musical that turned out to be a bigger deal than I realized a couple of years ago. It was fun to be back on stage—maybe that itch gets scratched in later years...if I can still walk...”

From Davidson, **Kristin Hills Bradberry** shares that both her daughters are now in college: Phoebe, a junior at Bowdoin and Isabelle ’21 at Davidson. “Bowdoin is basically Davidson in the cold weather (though they are D-3). We’re so excited for both of them and pleased with their choices (and will be relieved when the tuition mountain is behind us). I have been continuing my work with nonprofits on fundraising strategy and some family foundations on meaningful and intentional giving. It has been rewarding to get to work with a variety of organizations (Charlotte Mecklenburg Library Foundation, Men’s Shelter of Charlotte, Johnson C. Smith University, HopeWay Foundation, Temple Beth El, Renaissance West Community Initiative are all groups I’m working with right now). Buck ’83 has some exciting things happening with the assessment tool he developed for entrepreneurs and interest from some higher education programs in Georgia and Chapel Hill. I get to see fellow Davidson friends **Susan Campbell**, **Kathy Bray** and Stephanie Bensinger ’84 pretty much. And, I play Words with Friends with **Tony Dick**.” Co-secretary TD’s admission: Kristin almost always wins. Also, Kristin has “been helping Braxton Winston ’07 on his campaign for City Council At Large.”

Up in Massachusetts, **Mark Batten** responds

that he is “a partner in labor and employment law at Proskauer Rose in Boston, mostly defending employers in wage and hour class actions, and in negotiations with their unions, alongside other employment counseling and litigation.

My wife Margaret and I have two daughters. The older, Caroline, is at Oxford pursuing a Ph.D. in Medieval English literature (hey, someone has to). Our younger, Annie, graduated from Carleton College last year and is working in a lab at Mass. General Hospital while thinking about med school or nursing school.”

Living in the Los Angeles area, where he is professor of communication and director of the Center for Entertainment, Media, and Culture at Pepperdine University, **Craig Detweiler** writes, “I am about to take my son on a college tour in the northeast so we’re going to stop in and see **John Marks** in Northampton for a couple of days. John has a new docu-series about the Scott Peterson trial that is premiering on A&E.

“I recently finished a doc about reforming the criminal justice system in Uganda. I was honored to get Angela Bassett to serve as the narrator of *Remand!*” Subtitled “*An African boy, an American lawyer, and their long road to justice,*” it can be found online. “It will be playing on the National Geographic channels in Europe. Still showing at film festivals in America this fall. My daughter will be majoring in journalism at Northwestern this fall. Interesting time to be studying politics and the media! I will also have a new book out in early 2018 entitled, *Selfies: Searching for the Image of God in a Digital Age*. It was a fun one to write.”

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## 86 AS TOLD BY: **Rand Hartsell**, *Class Secretary*

Ah, July was full of summer travels, hijinks, and pesto...tons of it. **Robert Lee** makes more than he can ever use. “All are welcome to come by for a pasta and pesto dinner.” (He recommends pine nuts over walnuts.) When not grinding basil, Robert keeps the electrons flowing as senior network administrator at Davidson.

My marching orders from **Tripp Martin** instructed me to... “include that **Pat Millen** proudly reports that he has won the prestigious Woodrow Wilson award for philanthropy. Below that note Tripp reports that he prank called Pat and told him he won the Woodrow Wilson award for philanthropy.” Davidson taught me check my sources. Pat would only say, “Go ahead and tell about Tripp’s new toupee.” Fair enough, although Tripp points out, “Takes guts to poke fun at guy about philanthropy when he is IN AFRICA GIVING AWAY COMPUTERS.” Pat and his daughter traveled to Kenya on a mission trip with DCPC in July.

**Frank Roberts** teaches periodontics at the University of Washington School of Dentistry in Seattle. “My oldest, Hannah, is a senior at Linfield College in Oregon, and my youngest, Lily, is a senior in high school in Seattle. I’m going tuna fishing for the first time next week off the Washington coast. I hope I don’t throw up on anyone.”

**Elizabeth Simpson Alrutz** wrote that her husband Doug and she are officially empty nesters. “Jim graduated

from Northwestern and is working in the city. Liza will be a junior at Northwestern and is living in Evanston, Ill. I’m scared Illinois may steal my children!” Elizabeth defends doctors in medical malpractice cases at Lewis Thomason in Memphis, Tenn. (“So, if any physician alums like to do case review/expert work and practice in a state contiguous to Tennessee, I would be happy to add you to my roster of experts!”)

**Caroline Kelly** broke her weekly social media respite to write: “I’m approaching my fifth anniversary as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Cumberland (in Western Md.) in mid-September. It’s been quite a change from my 21 years in Atlanta, Ga., but a good one. I’m the new vice moderator of the Presbytery of Baltimore. I’m also serving as co-moderator for a community strengthening group in Cumberland, working to bring people together to fight the opioid crisis in our area. It’s been a very rewarding way to get to know the full diversity of our community and connecting people who need each other to make a real difference in this epidemic. My husband, Jim, bravely gave up his landscaping business when we left Atlanta and now drives an 18-wheeler for a big food company. He is a great partner for me. We are celebrating our 10th anniversary in October.”

**Billy Coxhead**’s son, Cort ’18, is a co-captain of the Davidson soccer team for the 2017 season.

**Mary Mulhern Kincaid** was in Ireland with her sister Helen Mulhern Halasz ’85 and **Nancy Barber** in July. “We’re heading out to a pub tonight here in Dingle Bay to listen to Irish music and test the limits of our (much declined) tolerance for local beverages.” Mary planned to meet **Louly Peacock** in Paris. “My daughter Ellie ’20 just finished her first year at Davidson (she loves it), and Fran Houck ’87 has been working with me this year at Iris Group, my international development consulting firm, where her finely honed writing skills are in constant use. Davidson seems to be the gift that keeps on giving.”

**Catherine Melton Dockery** took the train from Charleston, S.C. to Washington, D.C., to visit **Laura Raney**. “We had a fun evening hanging out, eating tapas, and drinking sangria with **Carol Evans Renteria**. I’ll have dinner with **Darryl Cooper** tomorrow night to complete my Davidson-in-DC trip. Darryl and I were here way back when we were here for our first jobs out of college! I saw Tripp Martin and his lovely wife at a restaurant in Charleston.” Tripp, what’s your secret, the toupee?

A bit further up the Eastern Seaboard is **Sara Beasley**. “I’m still in New York: teaching English at Spence School, living in Greenwich Village, parenting my nine-year old son, and always trying to keep live music, film, and theater on my calendar. My father died last year. That particular life event is one that many of us have shared, I know. It meant a lot to me to see **Jamie Kiser** at my dad’s celebration of life service. (Jamie and I grew up attending the same church in Charlotte.)

**Carolyn Meier** can see the checkered flag, a year off in the distance. “I’m still working for LexisNexis as a senior legal analyst responsible for editing the official laws of the State of Delaware. The state typically drops about 2/3 of their bills for the year during the final week of June. I’m busy working to make law happen. I’m also T-minus one year from moving to Indianapolis, Ind., to pursue one of my favorite interests: IndyCar racing. Over the years, I’ve built up a network of friends including drivers, media (onscreen and off) and team support who have encouraged me to make the jump. See you at the track!”

Chip Knox writes, “Thought this funny story

may be update worthy. What do you do when you are flying to Hawaii with a stop in Las Angeles and you miss the last flight out at 10 pm? You call on our classmate **Roxanne Beckford Hoge** to help guide you to a hotel when everything within 30 minutes of LAX is booked! She was my de-facto travel agent who helped make a very stressful situation a lot better. I also had the opportunity to visit with **Frank Hobart** on campus when both our kids attended the McNab Program. For those unfamiliar with this who have rising high school juniors or seniors next summer, I highly recommend it.

**Lisa McNeilly** shared via the college's online community, "I have moved back to the east coast. I started a new job as the director of sustainability for the City of Baltimore. After nine years at UC Berkeley, it was an unexpected decision, but I'm excited by the challenge. The drive (with two pets, one in each car) was more difficult than expected, but my husband and I are already enjoying the city and adjusting to the humidity. And I'm looking forward to catching up with some Davidson classmates!"  
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**87 AS TOLD BY: Nelle McCorkle Bordeaux, Class Secretary**  
 Our fall theme is football, in honor of **John Woodward McNeill**, who scored a touchdown with his fine family and his thriving dental practice in Raleigh. Also, John's wife, Caryn Coppedge McNeill '88, brought one through the goal posts when she was honored by being installed as the president of the North Carolina Bar Association during its meeting at the Grove Park Inn in Asheville on June 24. Caryn has served for the past two years as the board chair of Ravenscroft School in Raleigh. The McNeills have three children; their oldest has a soccer scholarship to Sewanee. Caryn practices law as a partner with the firm Smith, Anderson in Raleigh.

Running long is **Diane Duvall Warner**, who has just moved to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, after 22 years at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Diane has always wanted to live in the mountains, so she and her husband, Todd Warner, moved there this summer. Their daughter, Katie, graduated this year from Davidson; Katie will study at Vanderbilt University for her master's degree in special education.

Nearing the end zone is **Alison McEntire Stilp**, who has two children close to college: her daughter is a high-school junior, and her son is a high-school freshman. They toured California colleges for her daughter this summer. Alison and her husband and children live in Austin, Texas.

An all-star and mother of two all-stars is **Laurie Osborn Moody**, who practices medicine in her hometown of Memphis, Tenn. Laurie and her husband, David, a certified public accountant, have two children, Jackson and Lizzie. Jackson just attained the rank of Eagle Scout. His Eagle Scout project was creating wooden signs with Bible verses for a prayer walk at A Country Place, a Christian camp. Jackson's court of honor was held this spring at Second Presbyterian Church.

Coming in as a quarterback is **Julian Wright**, who lives in Charlotte with his wife, Amy. Julian practices law at Robinson Bradshaw & Hinson. He was included in North Carolina's inaugural class of the N.C. Pro Bono Honor Society. Also, Julian continues

to work with the North Carolina Equal Access to Justice Commission after an appointment by North Carolina's Chief Justice to the Commission. Amy and Julian's son, Hugh, age 19, traveled with Julian to Costa Rica for two weeks this summer to preserve sea turtle habitat.

Doing a victory dance in the end zone is **Leslie Hamilton Thomas**, whose son, Will, is a graduate of University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill now working in Washington, D.C. Her daughter, Nelle, is a student at the University of Alabama. I love being Big Nelle.

Don't punt on our longtime friends! Give your latest stats to your friends.

Please send news to your co-class secretaries,  
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**88 AS TOLD BY: Lisa Cosgrove Cutting and Patti Lucas Moore, Class Secretaries**

We may be about to celebrate our 30th Davidson Reunion, but it doesn't seem that the class of '88 is slowing down. Many of you write about new jobs, fun trips, moves to a new city and even celebrating a new phase as empty nesters.

The first classmate to tell of life in a new city is **Ginger Broaddus**. She, husband Eric Whytsell, and their daughter moved to Denver, Colo., three years ago. Ginger is the executive director for Horizons at Colorado Academy. Horizons at CA is celebrating its 20th year in 2017: part of the national organization Horizons that provides comprehensive programming for underserved students, nearly 150 each year, from age 5 through high school graduation. It's a wonderful new adventure and a fitting opportunity for Ginger to emerge from her "retirement" or "three-year sabbatical" since their move west, depending on how one looks at it.

Their daughter Mary Blair enters middle school at Colorado Academy this fall, where Ginger's been delighted to see and work with Kristina Bell Espinoza '92. Ginger and Eric continue to extend warm and welcome invitations to anyone traveling through Colorado.

**Elizabeth Dick** checked in while in Davidson visiting her mom, uncle and aunt, all of whom live there. Her family celebrated the Fourth on the town green, having a picnic and listening to the band and dancing! They had just returned from a week at the beach on Bald Head Island—great place! Their children, ages 7 and 3, love swimming and visiting grandmother. Elizabeth and her family moved from Fort Worth, Texas to Memphis, Tenn., in December and are gradually adjusting to their new place.

**Mary Lou Daly** and her husband Michael moved to Charlotte in 2008 and spend a lot of time with **Bob** and Meredith **Sherrill**, **Matt** and Martha **Newsom**, and **Shel** and Stacy **Robinson**. Mary Lou is a client advisor at Bragg Financial Advisors, a family wealth management firm. Michael is a VP of Real Estate with Charter Communications.

Mary Lou and Michael spent the first part of their 4th of July weekend relaxing at Lake James with the Sherrills. For the rest of the weekend, they will be packing up their oldest son, Michael Gray. He recently graduated magna cum laude from Wake

Forest and is heading to D.C. where he will be a research assistant with Corporate Executive Board. Their younger son, Tyler, is painting houses for their neighbor and looking forward to his sophomore year at University of Richmond.

Earlier this summer, Mary Lou hosted a girls' night out for those of us who graduated in the late '80s. Everyone had a great time catching up with each other. Some of the 1988 grads were **Delia McMullen**, **Kristen Smith**, **Mary Beth Pope**, **Kate Willingham**, **Margo Whitley** and **Katherine Orrell**.

Of course, Davidson alums are finding each other all over the county. **Tom Gattiker** writes that he unexpectedly connected with Whitney Montgomery '87 last semester. His son Harris and Tom's son Will lived in a yurt together at Alzar School in central Idaho for a semester (when they weren't out backpacking and running rivers). Their families enjoyed getting to know each other.

Some of our class is taking their adventures overseas. **Jennings Craig Boone** celebrated the Fourth of July and Congolese Independence Day with some R&R and a few meals with friends from Germany, Canada (also celebrating their national day this past weekend!) and the Netherlands. They all enjoyed some cooler weather and rain. She sends greetings to everyone from Bunia!

**Christine Taquechel Mattei** returned to Spain this summer with her family, where they spent two weeks. Not quite the same as those study abroad days.

Traveling without children are **Debbie Niles Kunz** and her husband Paul. They explored the west coast trip in what they named their "WaM" (Woman and Man) Van trip. Their van served as their home as they camped through national parks and visited their son in Yosemite National Park. A highlight of the trip was climbing Half Dome with their son. They also loved exploring the Oregon coast tidal pools.

With all of the fun adventures, there have also been losses. We would like to extend condolences to several of our classmates. March hit many of our classmates very hard this year. **Manly Boyd** lost his mother Betty. Francyne Leontios Diedrich, mother of Andrea Diedrich Kumar, died in March as did Eva Pound Rothschild, mother of Elizabeth "Betsy" Rothschild. **Mary Olive Smith** lost her father Jeffery Dee Smith III '56 on April 20, 2017, in Winston-Salem. He is also the father of Davilla Smith '86 and Sandra Smith '91.

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**89 AS TOLD BY: Harry Broome, Class Secretary**

Did you love looking through the Guinness Book of World Records when you were little? I always thought I had a chance with sit-ups or pole sitting. Well, Carlo Orlando has exciting news writing, "We broke it!" In the late spring in Fontana, Calif., his company sponsored an attempt to break the Guinness world record for the longest pizza. Over a mile of pizza measuring 6,333 feet was made. (Photo available on request.)

**Charles Gowing** reports that he has left a 30 year "computer career" and is starting at Candler School of Theology at Emory University in August 2017. "I'll be working for an MDiv., and have registered as an inquirer with Presbytery of Greater Atlanta."

Erin Lyman celebrated a fabulous 50th birthday

vacation this summer with **Jenny Ingram Mitchell** and Martha Myrick Bentley '88, and a friend Lauren Campbell, who is a Tar Heel, but her oldest son is about to be a freshman at Davidson. They had a Wildcat week in California wine country. (Photo available upon request). Erin lives in Charlotte and is in her second year with CB&I (an energy infrastructure company) as a proposal coordinator in the Engineering & Construction Power division. "It's definitely an adventure making engineers better writers!"

**Charles Bratton** is relocating from the Swewoutheast and taking a job heading up the kidney and liver transplant department at Loma Linda University, in Loma Linda, California.

**John "Otis" Wightman** writes that since graduating Davidson he has worked in the medical insurance industry and has worked in the same building the entire time. He says he's much the same as he was in college—same favorite teams (the Wildcats and the Buffalo Bills), same weight, same crew cut hairstyle he used to get at Norton's Barbershop on Main Street. "I still tithe to my local church, think Ronald Reagan was the greatest president in my lifetime and take a peanut butter and jelly sandwich in my lunch every day to work." He also leads a lunchtime Bible study at work and recently celebrated his 15-year wedding anniversary. "My wife Sheryl and I have turned our suburban home into a Florida homestead with a garden, citrus trees and backyard poultry. I even won first place for brown eggs at the Greater Jacksonville Agricultural Fair."

**Alice Stubbs** vacationed this summer in Asheville rafting and off-roading with her sons Buzzy and Davis. "I'm an empty-nester because they are both at Andover now. Davis is a rising lower and Buzzy will graduate next spring. Nice to have them home for summer and away from the snow."

**Julie McCrorey Bell** reports that her oldest daughter, Caroline, graduated from Davidson in May, majoring in history (just like her Dad, Dudley Bell '87). Julie is savoring her last year of mothering at home, as her third and youngest daughter is entering her senior year of high school. "Hoping for one more Wildcat? We'll see!" She has just "retired" from a six-year volunteer job, launching a new ministry in Winston-Salem. It's called YoungLives—which is Young Life for teen moms. "We have worked with about 100 teenaged mothers and their children, loving on them and walking with them through life's challenges. The ministry is going strong, but I am excited to be moving on to whatever life has for me next."

**Alex McKeithen** recently took a trip to Tokyo, Osaka and his wife's town of Marugame—each quite interesting in terms of size, food, people and culture. "I am making collages and design and freelancing. I recently did a project for Habitat for Humanity celebrating their 25-year relationship with El Salvador...a glass painted collage of the national bird (Torogoz) and the national tree (Maquillishuat)..."

**Brett Morris** writes that his daughter, Emma (17), is heading to Rome for the world leadership conference for Operation Smile. She is starting her senior year of high school and is passionate about becoming a doctor. "Jean, Ava (14) and I will join her at the end of her conference and the four of us will have 10 days together in Florence and Barcelona." After 23 years of running businesses at GE and Xerox, Brett decided to take a strategy job and join Veeam Software out of Switzerland. "It's been refreshing, motivating and fun. I do travel more for work, but that gives me more

opportunities to connect with old classmates."

**Tom Whipple** and his wife Beth will soon be proud Davidson parents as their son, Marcus, will be joining Davidson's class of 2021. From his list, which consisted mostly of small liberal arts schools, Davidson is the farthest one from their home in Delaware. But certainly the best. . .

**Donna Peters** wants us to realize that while many of us have had children graduate from high school, some off to Davidson, she and Jonathan Darsey ('90) are not old enough to have kids. She notes they will eventually need someone to look after them in old age ("aka change diapers and make sure we eat,") and would consider hiring some of our kids for such purposes.

And finally, sad news about the passing of Bill Singer, father of Rip Singer '82 and **Marian Singer Rose**, on April 24, 2017, with services held in Lumpkin, Ga. Also, condolences to the family of C. Weston Houck who passed away in July. He was the father of **Charles Houck Jr.** and the grandfather of Meg Houck '20.

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## 90 AS TOLD BY: *Matt Terrell, Class Secretary*

Kids off to college, careers on the move, friends making valuable reconnections, artists showcasing their stuff. Our news is all over the place, so here's a scattershot peek at what's happening to '90!

**Lisa Howe Combs** had a chance to visit with classmates on campus. "It was really fun to see **Sarah Whitesell** and **Katie Bagby Humphries** on campus for the McNab Alumni Legacy Program earlier this month. They brought their daughters to the college to learn about the college admission process." A class legacy enrolls this fall too. **Emmie Cunningham Smith** writes: "Bill '91 and I are excited that our son, Will, becomes a Davidson Wildcat, Class of 2021, starting in August!" **Melissa Terry Furfman** lets us know that **Katherine Winfield** and **Alex Jung** will have both of their kids at Davidson in the fall. "Hannah will be a senior, and Jacob will be a freshman."

**Lucia Kendall Lloyd** has an accomplished daughter heading off to college as well. "Kendall just graduated from St. Margaret's School in Tappahannock, Va. She won the Foreign Language Award for her success in 5 years of Latin and 5 years of Spanish at the same time. She will be attending Kenyon College, and is very excited about it!" **Bert Williams** is still at Georgia Military College in Milledgeville. "Just finished my 20th year here. Have one son who is playing football for Georgia Southern and another who is a state champion thespian here at GMC Prep School."

**Stuart Vaughn** wins the award for most classmates in one post. "On July 6, 28 of us (we're) in Pinehurst for the 25th consecutive year. The group includes Davidson alumni from different classes. From the Class of '90, the participants include me, **Scott Irvin**, **Mike Bohan**, **Chris Todd**, **Kevin Grooms**, **Andy Cooke**, **Greg Wilcox**, **Jay Harris** and **Andy Tysinger**. The weekend keeps all of us close regardless of how far apart we live. It has become an extremely meaningful Wildcat tradition."

**Margie McCeney** updates us on her life and career in Laurel, Md.: "By the time this is in print I'm hoping to be back living in my own house. For the past year I've been living with my mother because she's had a lot of health issues. Throughout that I've been able to keep up my volunteer work with my local historical society; I

also sit on their board." Margie also works on her city's Historic District Commission and with Maryland Questers—an international organization concerned with historic preservation, restoration and education.

**Boyd Gillespie** moved west recently. "I recently moved from Charleston, S.C. to Memphis, Tenn., to be the new professor and chairman of otolaryngology—Head & Neck Surgery at the University of Tennessee. I have lots of room for guests who want to come and eat some 'cue and visit Elvis." **Jamie** and **Kendis Resesp McAden** also had a big move. Jamie writes: "In July, Kendis and I are finishing up a two-year assignment at the US Embassy in Yangon, Myanmar (Burma), where I have been serving as U.S. Defense Attaché, and heading straight to another overseas posting – this time for three years in Wellington, New Zealand. Burma was very interesting but challenging, so we are definitely looking forward to living in Wellington. We will have two kids in college beginning this fall (George Mason and Ithaca College), but our youngest daughter will be joining us in Wellington. This will likely be our last overseas tour. Come see us if you are in the neighborhood!"

On the career front, **Lenna Brubaker Applebee** was recently recognized as the Outstanding Academic Advisor – Primary Role at Georgia Tech. "I have been at GT since January of 2013, and love it more every day!" Additionally, she was selected as a Certificate of Merit winner at the national level by NACADA.

Artists abound! **Sarah Bayne Guthrie** had a museum solo show opening at Rawls Museum Arts in Courtland, Va., in June. "I installed 102 paintings, and was there at the opening to create a performance—I custom-made trading card-sized paintings for attendees on site as their 'Joy Painting Mixologist', and then attendees all played the 'Trading Joy' game that I designed." **Elizabeth Damewood Gaucher** has a new flash essay, *Undernearth*, published with Chop Suey Books of Richmond, Va. "I am a member of James River Writers, where **Katharine Armstrong Herndon** is the executive director. I'm thrilled to be moving with my family from Vermont to Virginia this summer. I plan to be even more involved with this fine group of Virginia writers, and extra excited to be closer to so many of my Davidson friends." **Melissa Terry Furfman** lets us know that **Liz Stubbs** has several books published and on Amazon (find her stuff there!), and has taken up photography and has had some exhibits. Also, **Melissa** writes: "I am taking courses online to become certified as a medical coder."

Ingrid Love Harding fills us in on her family with **Pete Harding**: "After 10 years with a Rett Syndrome diagnosis, our daughter Sarah recently had new genetic testing to reveal she has Pitt Hopkins syndrome. It is very rare—only about 500 cases known worldwide." Also, Ingrid shares, "our son Pierce is starting his freshman year at Rollins College in Winter Park, Fla. We're still living in Amelia Island, Fla."

Finally, a special thanks to **Tom Goodrum**, **Mary Adair Woodall Dockery**, **Paul Searle** and **Cathy Nelson Belk** for leading the efforts for The Fund for Davidson. (Thanks, Lisa Howe Combs for the prompt!). Contact: **Matt Terrell, 919-475-3271 (c); 919-843-6412 (w); mterrell@unc.edu**

## 91 AS TOLD BY: *Cecily G. Craighill and Bob Hornsby, Class Secretaries*

**Rob Lim**, deployed with an Army medical unit to the Middle East, put a call out on our class Facebook page for care packages to boost spirits

and classmates stepped up in a big way. **Joe Binns, Suzanne Spivey Brown, Ned Carroll, Stefani Story Carroll, Cecily Craighill, Cat Chang Earnest, Bob Hornsby & Minne Iwamoto, Doug & Lori Rockett Jobe, Liza White Richardson, Rafael Sanchez-Aballi** and **Jay & Melissa Garner Wylie** all contributed to the effort.

Also serving our country, **Mike Peters** reports, “I returned to Washington, D.C., in July after two years in Istanbul, where I served as the operations officer in a NATO headquarters. While it was a wonderful tour, terrorism, a coup attempt, and the ordered departure of family members by the U.S. Department of State made it a different adventure than I had expected upon arrival. I’m happy to be reunited with my wife and boys and to begin my new (and likely final!) job with the Army at the Pentagon.”

**Amitabh Sonthalia** recently Skyped with **Caroline Cicero** about West Coast colleges for his daughter and visited with **Trevor Wade** during her recent work trip to India. Cecily, also on an overseas work trip, visited with **Arindam Bhattacharjee**, wife Alpona and their kids at their beautiful house in London. **Derrick Willard** happened to be in England at the same time for a conference, but couldn’t get away to connect. Arindam continues as a private equity partner at Genesis Investments with a focus on North Africa, Asia and the Middle East.

Two weeks after her London trip, on July 1, Cecily married Bill Davis on Orcas Island, Wash. Her godson, Wells Schopen, served as ring bearer, overseen by his mother and matron of honor, Trevor Wade. **Gigi Cooke Tysinger** created the bridal bouquet. Other Davidson classmates attending included Joe Binns, Suzanne Spivey Brown, **Marjorie Havighurst Cooke, Kelly Crews Dayton, Miles Dean Engell, Berkeley Harris Gardner, Ashley Bryant Harbin, Marya Howell, Suzanne White Howell, Katie Furr Patten** and **Jenny McDonald Willard**.

We hear from **Kelly Petosky Reid**, the general manager of Spartanburg’s Sodfather Landscaping, a company incorporated by her Wofford graduate husband, Charles Reid, that she is embarking on a lobbying trip to Washington, D.C. in support of the H-2B guest worker visa program, as their business relies heavily on a temporary immigrant workforce from Mexico. “I use the Spanish (and psychology) I learned at Davidson every day and probably should have taken that JYA trip to Spain and Latin America instead of following the Grateful Dead ...” Their sons Seth (15) and Finn (13) benefit from the loving and talented guidance and teaching of **Farrar Bishop Richardson** and **David McPherson** at Spartanburg Day School.

Kelly keeps in touch with **Margaret Fields**, who works for the N.C. Nature Conservancy, **Michelle Thiedeman Garey**, an investment banker in Shelby, **Anna Peddy Warren**, mother of three in Asheville, and Tavia McLeod Barrett ’92, mother of two in Charleston, S.C., who frequently sees fellow Charlestonian and artist/entrepreneur **Jennifer Price**.

Congrats to **Neil Hayes** and his wife, Liza, for their new positions at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center. Neil becomes the assistant dean for cancer research, scientific director of the UT-West Institute for Cancer Research and the Van Vleet Endowed Professor in medical oncology; Liza will be promoted to professor in the Department of Medicine.

**Sarah Frances Brent Hardy** and **Meredith Gabel Harris** had a visit this spring with **Phillip Motley** at Elon University, where he teaches digital arts and design in the School of Communications.

**Bruce Koch** tells us, “While classmates were gathering for our 25-year reunion, my wife Gena and I were back in baby-mode. Timothy Evan Koch was born on Good Friday, March 25, 2016, joining older brothers Caleb (16), Nathan (12) and Simeon (10). Our late-in-life ‘surprise’ baby has been a real joy for our entire family.” Bruce has spent 20 years in California, the last eight with Gilead Sciences in the SF Bay area, where he is medical director for its cardiovascular and respiratory divisions.

He recently reconnected with **Holt Foster** who heads up Thompson & Knight’s Dallas office and practices corporate and securities law. Holt and his wife, Heather, a Wellesley and Boston College Law graduate who serves as assistant general counsel at the Fossil Group, have two boys, Holt IV (6) and Tate (4), and two English bulldogs, Petunia and Buttercup. “We spend most of our time chasing the boys and life could not be better.” *Contact: Cecily G. Craighill, 267-231-3987; cecilycraighill@gmail.com*  
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## 92 AS TOLD BY: *Monica Lide Swofford, Class Secretary*

Hello, Class of 1992! I am writing to you from sunny Bavaria in Germany. **Mark Swofford** and I moved here less than three weeks ago for his new assignment as Commander of the U.S. Army Medical Department Activity-Bavaria. We are excited and thankful to be back in Germany after 20-some years. Where does the time go?

I found myself asking that very question at our 25th Reunion just last month. It was great seeing everyone and catching up! Thanks to everyone who took time out of busy schedules to attend; for those who couldn’t make it, please know that everyone missed you and we hope to see you next time! Thanks to our planning and gift chairs, **Carla Naegele Cooke** and **Robert Rostan**; and the rest of the reunion committee: **Jackie Carberry Baratan, Kathy Beach, John Beyer, John Burns, Julian Cochran, John Cook, Phil Degnan, Carolyn Sherrill Fuller, Matt Gant, Stephanie Glaser, Drew Harriss, Gene Jones, Cammie Covington Mackie, Skye MacLeod, Prem Manjooran, Erik Moledor, Michael Moriarty, Carter Payne** and **Monica Lide Swofford**.

At our class dinner, on behalf of the Alumni Association Board, Stephanie Glaser and Carla Naegele Cooke, presented the Alumni Service Award and Distinguished Alumnus Award to **Prem Manjooran** and **Arjun Srinivasan**, respectively.

If you find yourself near Nuremberg, Germany, or anywhere in Europe, please give Mark and me a shout out. Our door is always open or we could meet somewhere. We’d love to have a Wildcat mini-reunion! *Contact: Monica Lide Swofford, 703-280-1899; mmswof@earthlink.net*

## 93 AS TOLD BY: *Nethea Rhinehardt, Class Secretary*

Save the date for our 25th reunion on June 8-10, 2018. I can’t believe it’s been that long since we graduated. I still feel 25 years old on the inside!

Congratulations to **Shelby Bailey** on her marriage to Eric Elwell on May 27, 2017, in Burnsville. The newlyweds honeymooned in the Mediterranean.

We have several career moves to report. **Amy Alston**

**Wells** has joined the law firm of Gaylord, McNally, Strickland & Snyder, LLP in Greenville. **Robert Coggins** was appointed by the U.S. Secretary of Commerce to be a judge at the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board. **Jesse Hamner** has bid adieu to academia to join Kubos Corporation, a satellite software development provider, as chief engineer.

**Kyle Garner** was selected to serve as chief of staff at Sarasota Memorial Hospital for 2018 after four years as chief of obstetrics and gynecology. Kyle and his wife, Kristi, have three budding ballerinas, Lauren (13), Leah (11) and Laine (8).

**Karen McDowell Cox** shared that her English coursework with Dr. Gill Holland prepared her for a lifetime of writing and proofreading. Karen has written speeches for elected officials and worked in a university public relations department. She currently writes book reviews for her church’s monthly publication, *The Bellringer*, and a prayer newsletter for Canyon Ministries. Karen also proofread the book *One Man, One Woman* by author Joel Beeke, which was published in the fall of 2016. She says these projects provide a rewarding complement to homeschooling and homemaking. Karen lives in rural Georgia with her husband, Jack Cox ’91, and their five children.

The Student Government Association office on campus was officially named for **Anthony Foxx** on May 2, 2017. Anthony was the first African-American student body president in Davidson College’s history. Our classmates are returning to campus with their children for college visits. **Melissa Hancock Ratliff** took the structured campus tour with her son, Benjamin, and introduced him to some of her professors. **Jon Brownlee** visited campus with his son, Jack. **Tracy Barwick Robison** is all too familiar with the process; her daughter, Mary Margaret, will be a Wildcat legacy in the Class of 2021. **Ellie Martin**’s daughter, Anne Adragna, was awarded the Baker-Vagt Scholarship as a member of incoming the Class of 2021.

We offer our deepest condolences to **Erin Forest** on the loss of her grandfather, Homer Robert “Bob” Long, on April 3, 2017.

I am so privileged to reconnect with classmates in person in New York City. I spent an evening with **Deidra Montague Couch** and Jana Player Pauldin ’92 when they came to town. I also had the good fortune to run into **Brad Griffin** in Central Park during his visit from the West Coast. I was heartened to lunch with **Leslie Goff McDow** during her business trip to the city.

There were also mini-reunions that I spied on Facebook. **Kristen Knipling Burke** and **Deidra Montague Couch** live 25 minutes apart. **Sandi Schmahlf Hoff** and **Ellie Martin** met up in Nashville, Tenn., while Ellie was touring Vanderbilt University with her son. Makes our hearts sing to see Davidson friendships standing the test of time.

We all love hearing about each other. So please keep sending news my way. Be well.

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## 94 AS TOLD BY: *Lisa J. Sitek, Class Secretary*

During the NASCAR Coca-Cola 600 in Concord over Memorial Day weekend, driver Austin Dillon had **Josh Harris**’ name on his windshield to honor the fallen Navy SEAL. Dillon won the race as Josh’s family watched from behind the pit crew. The family got to keep the windshield and is grateful

to Richard Childress, of Richard Childress Racing, for this unforgettable experience.

I would like to thank **Sally Gantt Davis** for the letter reminding me to donate to the Fund for Davidson. Those efforts are effective so keep up the good work!

As most of you know, I have been a physics teacher at Burlington High School (Vermont) for many years. This spring I was named the BHS Teacher of the Year which was quite an honor.

Facebook shows me that many of you are doing extraordinary things, take great vacations, are helping your communities, and have kids and family members who light up your lives. Please allow me to share some of that in the *Davidson Journal*. Pictures are welcomed for the online edition, so send in your pictures!

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## 95 AS TOLD BY: **Yvette Pita Frampton**, Class Secretary

**Scott Hile** reports that there are “lots of changes” afoot in the Hile household in 2017. Scott has left corporate mergers and acquisitions and is currently consulting early stage companies and non-corporate M&A companies. He and his wife, Tara, are living in Greenville, S.C., where Scott is also a founder of several startups and teaches courses in entrepreneurial law and in global business transactions at Clemson University’s MBA program. Tara started her own architecture and design firm, SHLTR Architects, and recently moved into a new space. Most notable, however, is the arrival of their first child, Jackson, on July 5. Congratulations!

**Max Hyde** has announced his candidacy for Spartanburg City Council. He writes: “The City of Spartanburg is entering a dynamic phase in its history. We learned at Davidson to lead and serve. I have always loved Spartanburg, and I would like to do my part.” For those who can find him on Facebook, he ran his announcement speech live on the site and mentions Davidson a few minutes in.

**Joanna Boyd Best** is kicking it with her band, Virginia and the Slims ([www.virginiaandtheslims.net](http://www.virginiaandtheslims.net)). She writes, “Come hear us when visiting Asheville.” She also teaches Music Appreciation and accompanies the chorus at Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College.

Lastly, there is, unfortunately, some sad news to report. Both **Laura Jordan Baker** and **Bill Bryan** recently lost their fathers.

Willis Pope Jordan III '67 passed away on May 15, 2017, in Rome, Ga., at the age of 72 following a short illness. In addition to being a Wildcat, Pope delivered over 3,500 children as an OBGYN. Pope was preceded in death by his first wife, Alice Lynne Garner, with whom he had four children, including Laura. Along with his four children, he is also survived by his wife, Della Fran Jordan, and a stepdaughter.

William Jennings Bryan Jr. died on July 14, 2017, at the age of 84. “Bill” was a founding partner at the actuarial firm of Bryan, Pendleton, Swats and McAllister in Nashville, Tenn., where he worked for over 25 years. From his obituary: “He was also a dedicated Meals on Wheels driver for 20 years, continuing in later years with his son-in-law as driver. They drove the route on the day he passed.” Bill and his wife, Ann, established the “Bryan Family Scholarship” at Davidson to benefit students with need from Tennessee “in honor of their children,

Elizabeth '90, Mary '92 and William III '95.” Sincere condolences go out to you both and your families.

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## 96 AS TOLD BY: **Jeff Kent**, Class Secretary

Let’s get started with **Alyson Browett**, who shared some big news about some impressive new bling. “Chris Souhrada popped the question while we were at our favorite local restaurant for my birthday dinner,” said Alyson. “Well, he didn’t so much as pop the question as set a ring box on the table, to which I said, quietly, before bursting into tears, ‘You’re not really #\*\$%ing doing this right here, are you?’ As I had supposed he would ask me on some mountaintop somewhere, I was completely shocked. No date has been set for the nuptials.

“In other news, we’re successfully tending a 5,000-square-foot ‘garden.’ So successfully, in fact, we’ve christened the plot Long Hike Farm, and we’ll be selling our ecologically grown produce through the local Food Hub and supplying some to the Valle Crucis Conference Center (which is expertly directed by Margaret Lumpkin Love '98). We have learned a ton (what a squash beetle looks like, how quickly buffalo clover weed can take over your land and your nightmares), and we hope to continue this adventure next year.”

Big congrats to Alyson. As someone with a well-documented black thumb, I have a lot of respect for anyone who can grow anything, anywhere. Oh, and the whole engagement thing is straight-up awesome as well.

Not to be outdone, **David Christopherson** shared some high-profile news of his own: “I’m the senior vice president and general counsel of Floor & Decor. This spring, we rang the opening bell at the New York Stock Exchange to celebrate our IPO.” He even sent a cool picture with lots of excited people in suits cheering near some giant bell.

Continuing the trend of impressive life accomplishments, **Nicole Howard Lock**, your former fearless class secretary, wrote to announce that she graduated on May 13, 2017, from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in South Hamilton, Mass., with the degree of doctor of ministry in transforming congregations. “As if graduate school weren’t enough of a marathon, to celebrate completing my dissertation, I ran my third marathon!” she wrote. “I also continue to serve full-time as a Presbyterian pastor in Atlanta.”

**Owen Covington** got in touch to say that, after working as a reporter and editor for a variety of newspapers in North Carolina and Kentucky, he made a switch last summer to join Elon University as the director of the Elon University News Bureau. He handles media relations and writes a wide range of stories about what’s going on at the university. “It’s a great mix for me, offering the opportunity to learn how to be on the other side of the table as a public relations professional while also allowing me the opportunity to continue reporting and writing about a great university that’s growing,” he said. Owen, his wife, Jamie, and daughters, Lucy and Miranda, live in Greensboro, where he grew up and where his family has been since 2010. “I certainly take every opportunity to tout Davidson (and have made a number of new connections at Elon with Davidson degrees), and it’s been a great year as I settle into this new position,” he added.

All of these laudable accomplishments were starting to make me feel a little like an underachiever, and then I received a strange message from someone who was almost certainly masquerading as **Scott Boyd**. It simply said, “The Boyds are still alive.” The unsolicited proof of life seemed a little suspicious, as if some nefarious character was trying to reassure us of Scott’s well-being. I’m hoping Scott’s not trapped in a crude pit beneath a house rubbing lotion on his skin as directed by a scary man with a lot of sewing equipment and pet butterflies. If anyone else lives in the general Houston area, maybe swing by and check on him.

That’s it for now, folks. Keep those updates coming. As always, you can reach me at...

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## 98 AS TOLD BY: **Dorothy Peterson Vollmer**, Class Secretary

Mark your calendars for our 20th reunion—June 8-10, 2018. Yes, 20 years. Look forward to lots of updates in person and to meeting some of the next generation.

**Kevin Ager** married Marni Lynn Grant in 2012 and they have a daughter, Thira Olympia (August 9, 2012). Kevin and Marni got to spend some time in Greece, and picked up on some names while there. After graduation, Kevin, a ROTC student, went to Iraq for 15 months with the 51st LRS Company from Fort Bragg in 2007 and then to Afghanistan with the 82nd Airborne Division in 2009. Today, Kevin and his family live in Fairview and Kevin is taking up the violin. Thank you, Kevin, for your service!

A note from **Chris Bagley**: “After three years of law school and a few temp gigs, I’m finally a practicing attorney. I started in May at James Scott Farrin in Durham, where I represent plaintiffs in personal-injury and consumer cases. I still manage to pull off the occasional poker session with Matt Griffith '96 and the occasional 100-mile bike ride. Holler if you’re in the Raleigh-Durham area and have a personal injury or want to try good local craft beer!”

**Andy Boswell** writes, “We are now playing man-to-man defense in the Boswell household. Carolyn May Boswell was born on May 5, 2017. All is well in South Florida, where Andy, Penny, Kathryn (4) and Carolyn are slowly but surely growing roots.”

**Mary Noel George** has a new business in St. Louis, Mo. In addition to her dermatology practice, she recently launched a new enterprise called Get Gorgeous, where she is performing mobile Botox treatments. You can find & like on Facebook and Instagram at [getgorgeousstl](http://getgorgeousstl.com). Mary Noel and her mom traveled Morocco in March and she headed to Croatia for some time on the Mediterranean in August. She writes, “My little Henry is almost eight, and is the best part of all of my days.”

**Sarah Hankins** is the new associate artistic director at Triad Stage in Greensboro. This season she will be directing *A Christmas Carol* and *How I Learned to Drive* for the company in the Winston-Salem location. She would love to see Davidson folk at the theatre!

**Tim O’Keefe** shares, “We’ve got some news! Marina

and I welcomed our newest bundle of joy, Noah Benjamin O'Keefe, on June 28, 2017! His siblings Drew, Abigail, Joshua, and Catherine are super excited. We're loving being in Glenwood Springs and seeing God growing the Crossroads Church community here. Would love to have any fellow Davidsonians stop by for a visit if you're in the neighborhood!"

**Mark Overbay** continues to make news and receive accolades for his Big Spoon Roasters nut butter business: "My small-batch nut butter business, Big Spoon Roasters, was honored with its third straight Southern Living Food Award this summer for our Hot Peanut Butter. The annual awards recognize the magazine editors' favorite Southern-made foods. We have previously won for our Mission Almond Butter (2015) and Vanilla Peanut Sorghum Butter (2016). The recipe for Hot Peanut Butter was inspired by my experience as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Zimbabwe (1999–2000), where people in my host community grew peanuts and made fresh-roasted peanut butter by hand, along with the Haitian tradition of blending peanut butter with spicy chilies. If any of you are ever a guest on The Late Show with Stephen Colbert, they serve our Mission Almond Butter in the green room!"

**Jessica Robblee** has caught up with a few classmates and saw **Tim O'Keefe** in Aspen, Colo., his home territory and her temporary territory for a show this summer at Theatre Aspen. Jessica also got to meet the sinfully cute children of **Ben Summers, Josh Gaffga, and Tuyet Linh Tran** recently, plus some quality time acting with **Ben Summers** in Ouray, Colo. She writes, "The fab **Avery Cook** and I met up at a Black Lives Matter theatre event in Denver... and I've taken up chewing a mouth guard that sticks out of my mouth most of the time, just to ride the coattails Steph Curry '10 as much as possible."

**Kelsey Sewell Stokes** has been busy. She writes, "I now work with Plexus Worldwide helping people with their health. Essentially, Plexus is a company whose products are focused mainly on establishing and protecting gut health. As a psychology major at Davidson who later got my masters in counseling, I am very interested in the gut-brain connection and the impact of gut health on the brain, mood, memory, and overall health. It has been an amazing journey this past two years working with Plexus and helping people achieve better health, energy, sleep, glucose metabolism, mood, etc."

My husband, Macon, Class of '97, is the VP in charge of operations at Amplifier, an e-commerce shipping and fulfillment company here in Austin, Texas. We have two kids (12 and 10) who more than keep us on our toes with their questions about life, their energy, and their enthusiasm for learning. Definitely proud to be raising some more nerds in the world!"

**Jeremy Tarr** left the US EPA a few months ago to serve as NC Governor Roy Cooper's policy advisor for energy, environment, and transportation. He lives in Durham with his wife, Julia, and three kids—Lillian (7), Forest (7), and Andasia (4).

**Benjamin** and **Jaime Moore Wall** have been busy with their business, as well as three children. Jaime writes, "Benjamin and I are happy living in Spartanburg, S.C., with our three children Rose (7), Adair (6) and Rutledge (6). Benjamin and I are running WJ Partners, our investment firm that Benjamin started in 2008. We have invested in some fun companies such as Pure Barre, a boutique fitness concept. I have enjoyed combining my passion for fitness with my professional goals. We have had a great summer thus far and recently returned from a trip to Colorado and Moab,

Utah. We did tons of hiking, biking and rafting!"  
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## 99 **AS TOLD BY: Hunter McEaddy Dawson, Class Secretary**

Hello fellow Wildcats! I hope that this issue of the *Davidson Journal* finds you all happy and well. As I write, it is late July and Charleston is quite hot and steamy, but the knowledge that by the time you get to read these notes it will be fall, brings to mind all sorts of lovely Davidson memories. Back-to-school days turning into crisp afternoons on the Union patio and cool fall evenings on the back porch of RUSK watching the bustle of Patterson Court. It's always fun taking a quick trip down memory lane and recalling so many of your faces and our glorious time at Davidson! If you are anything like me, life is chaotic and hectic and incredibly full. It is hard to find time to do the things that you must, let alone fill me in on what you have been up to. Please, oh please, do try and fill me in on your lives and adventures. A quick email will more than suffice, and I love hearing from you all! The wedding and baby trains may have slowed down a bit for our crew, but I know that you and your families are up to exciting things and everyone looks forward to hearing your updates. So, without further ado, it is on the tiny bit of news that I managed to drag out of folks.

A hearty congratulations to Theresa and **Jake Fischer** on the birth of their daughter, Anabelle Kaira Fischer. Anabelle was born on June 28, 2017, in Nashville, Tenn. Jake reports that everyone is doing very well!

On May 28, 2017, at the Ashley Hall Commencement ceremony, **Elizabeth Johnson** received another award to add to her growing list of accolades. She was the recipient of the Ashley Hall Distinguished Faculty/Staff Award, which recognizes, encourages and rewards the incredible efforts put forth on a daily basis by faculty and staff on behalf of our students. For teachers, this award celebrates excellence in teaching which includes making the classroom stimulating and encouraging a lifelong love of learning. Elizabeth currently teaches the pre-primary class of two-year-olds. Congratulations, Elizabeth!

I look forward to hearing from all of you in the near future. I am counting on you to be in touch so that my next column won't be quite so sparse!

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## 00 **AS TOLD BY: Mary Perrin Anderson Stark and Brendan Willmann, Class Secretaries**

I enjoyed meeting up with **Aaron Dunham** in Greenville, S.C., and **Josh Jones** in Spartanburg recently. Aaron has spent the past seven years in major gift fundraising for Clemson Athletics. Their most recent campaign was a \$63.5M rebuilt basketball arena which opened last year. Josh has been with Johnson Development since graduation, now serving as the director of their industrial real estate division.

**Rachel Horak** and spouse Tim Petrie are excited to announce the birth of twins, Allison and Elena Petrie on July 13, 2017. They join eldest daughter Audrey in Braintree, Mass., where they recently bought their first home. Rachel is also working as

a consultant for universities to improve teaching in online undergraduate biology courses, and continues to publish science research in both microbial oceanography and biology education.

Congratulations to **Nancy Livingston**, who married Steve Nelson on May 6, 2017, in a small ceremony and reception with immediate families in Nashville, Tenn. **Schaap Freeman** officiated and **Lindsay Meyers** provided some much needed logistical support. Steve teaches at Valor Collegiate, a charter middle school in Nashville, and Nancy has just started a new role with KIPP in Nashville, coaching principals. They plan to call Nashville home for a long time and extended an invitation to all visitors who enjoy life music and good food!

**Lindsay Meyers, Scott** and **Sarah Davis Herr, Leah Waits Lambert** and **Holly Edwards** joined **Ana Rosa Garcia Covaria** and her husband Jose Antonio for a trip to Cartagena, Colombia to celebrate Ana Rosa's 40th birthday. The group of 19 stayed in a 500-year-old house located within the walls of the old colonial city and took day excursions into the country and to the beach.

Congratulations to **Gilbert Johnston** who married Molly Tyler from Greensboro, in June. Gilbert wrote that they were "hitched in Linville with a night of dinner and dancing at Camp Yonahnoke. Hoping none of my fellow Wildcats will hold it against me, but I married a College of Charleston grad. Fellow Davidson alums in attendance were Ed Bonapfel '02, George Brown '03, **Sam Lentz**, Patrick Mincey '03, North Moore '03, **Jon Palma**, and **Jonathan Weed**. Mr. Moore's daughter, Isabel, was happy to serve as one of the flower girls. Molly is the director of clinical operations for Contessa Health, and I am the EVP for The Valletta Group, a revenue cycle management company based in Birmingham, Ala."

**Suzannah Bozzone**, her husband George Dawnay and three children (Gabrielle, Madeleine and Milo) have recently relocated from Sonoma, Calif., to Suzi's hometown of Chattanooga, Tenn. Suzi is a family medicine physician with the Erlanger group where she incorporates a lifestyle medicine approach, using primarily a plant-based diet, optimizing sleep, exercise and stress management to maximize health. She also teaches community yoga out of her practice. We offer our sincere condolences to Suzi and her family for the loss of her father Richard Bozzone of Aiken, S.C., who passed on May 8, 2017.

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## 01 **AS TOLD BY: Elizabeth Brantley Bostian, Class Secretary**

**Sarah Cottrell Propst** joined the board of trustees of the Grand Canyon Trust, which has worked to protect and restore the Colorado Plateau since 1985. Sarah currently serves as the executive director of The Interwest Energy Alliance, a non-profit trade association that brings the nation's leading companies in the renewable energy industry together with the West's advocacy community to expand deployment of a reliable, cost-effective, and diverse portfolio of renewable energy resources.

**Rob Heimburger** writes that he moved to Oxford, England to study theology at the master's and doctoral level, focusing on Christian ethics and migration.

Along the way, he met and married Lizzie Robottom, and they have two wonderful little boys. He is now a chaplain to graduate students with the Oxford Pastorate, is editing a journal, *IFES Word & World*, and is continuing to write and research, lately on internally displaced persons in Colombia.

Rob further notes that **Matthew Moretz** visited recently to become godfather to his younger son. Matthew married Megan Brandt-Meyer in New York last summer, where **Will Williams** and Rob were groomsmen. Matthew is a priest at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in Manhattan. Will married Leslie-Anne Dyer in late 2014 in Augusta, Ga., where Rob enjoyed catching up with **Trey** and **Jennifer Carlyle Davis**, and their children there. Will is teaching theology at LeTourneau University in Longview, Texas, and he and Leslie-Anne have a one-year-old daughter.

**Katherine Lorenz** is thrilled to announce the arrival of Agnes Itzel Lorenz Tirpak, born on Sunday, January 29, 2017. Itzel gets cuter by the day and seems to have kept up with her mama's travel schedule exceedingly well!

Joe and **Emily Carmody Kahn** and big sister Madelyn (3) welcomed Eliza Spenser Kahn on March 11. Madelyn says she cannot wait to teach Eliza how to walk!

John and **Eleanor Cross Young** have moved to a beautiful home on Concord Road across from campus—go knock on her door the next time you're in town!

**Rob McKeehan** reports that he and his wife, Ann, and have moved with their five-year-old twin daughters, Helen and Frances, to Princeton, N.J. (where they can almost see Ann's freshman dorm from their new front yard). Rob accepted a position at Johnson & Johnson as their primary environmental attorney, Ann is keeping her position at the Federal Reserve Board and working remotely, and their girls will start kindergarten in the fall. He says they would love to host any visitors—it's no Davidson, but it's not bad!

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**02 AS TOLD BY: Kerrin McKillop Heil, Class Secretary**  
Greetings from Dallas, Texas, where my family and I moved just after our phenomenal fifteenth reunion. My husband, Henry Heil '97, is the new Head of Upper School at the Episcopal School of Dallas. We are looking forward to connecting with our fellow alums in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. **Liz Shafer McClelland** also made a big move this summer, from San Francisco to Durham, where her husband, Steve, is starting an entrepreneurship program for undergraduate engineers at Duke University. Liz is thrilled to be reunited with her Davidson roommate of four years, **Blakely Blackford**. They aren't rooming together now, but will be living just a few streets apart.

**Andy Countryman** shared that after twelve years of law practice, including ten at one firm, he went out on his own in May. Countryman Law Firm is based in Mt. Pleasant, S.C. It is going very well thus far, and Andy is really enjoying the venture.

**Andy Wright** wrote that he and his wife, Jacki, were thrilled to welcome their son, Andrew Sullivan Wright, Jr., on June 8, 2016. He is healthy and happy, and they are really enjoying life as a family of three. On February 24, **Trevor Stanley** and Kate Morris

Stanley '04 welcomed Mildred Page Stanley. Big sisters Katherine and Sadie are especially proud of their new sister, Millie! **Dave Oxner** and his wife, Julie, welcomed Eleanor Frances, class of '39, into the world on April 15, 2017. Dave feels old just typing that. **Lauren Becton** wrote that she was sorry to miss reunion, but she and her husband, Mike, had just welcomed a second baby girl, Hazel Allen Carnette, on May 30, 2017. Hazel joins her older sister, Leah Cate. The Carnettes are back in Charleston, S.C. where Lauren is a pediatric nephrologist and Mike is an engineer and works for Boeing.

Finally, **Mike Tarver** shared that he and his wife, Tiffany, welcomed a daughter, Myla Marie Tarver, on June 26. Myla joins older brother, Chase, who is two years old.

It was great seeing so many of you and catching up at reunion. Please continue to send your updates my way, and if you ever find yourself in Dallas, come see us! Contact: **Kerrin McKillop Heil, 704-213-1544; kerrin.heil@gmail.com**

**03 AS TOLD BY: Shaw Hipsher, Class Secretary**  
**Ashley Price Holder** completed her surgical oncology fellowship at MD Anderson Cancer Center in June and couldn't be happier to be joining the faculty at Houston Methodist Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical School. She is a surgeon scientist with a clinical practice specializing in the treatment of gastric cancer and peritoneal surface malignancies and a lab studying nanoparticle therapies focused on the same. Ashley and her husband, Sean, love living in Houston and hanging out with fellow H-Towners **Sarah Beth Hively McClintock**, husband Jake, and their son, Owen.

**Tanner Worth** and his wife Miriam welcomed their second son, Samuel "Graham" Worth, in May of 2017. Older brother Carter is adjusting well and has only wanted to "give him back" a few times. The family was visited at their home in Los Angeles by **Graham Watson** and his wife Katherine who were excited to meet the new addition most certainly NOT, in any way, named after him.

**Andrew MacDonald** checked in to let us know that after five years stateside where he picked up a wife (Davida), a house (in Arlington, VA) and two kids (Claire, (3) and James, age 3 months), the MacDonald family moved to Morocco at the end of August where he and Davida are working at the U.S. Embassy in Rabat.

In 2015, **Tom Bennett** completed his Ph.D. in theology from Fuller Theological Seminary where he teaches as an affiliate assistant professor. He serves as the senior pastor at Coast Bible Church in San Juan Capistrano, Calif., and on August 1st, Baylor University Press is publishing his first book, *Labor of God: The Agony of the Cross as the Birth of the Church*. Tom is married to Erin (a UNLV alumna) and they have two daughters, Alice (5) and Olivia (3).

**Stephanie Corwin** checked in from New York City, where she has been living and working since 2006 as a freelance classical musician specializing in early music. She met her husband, Joseph Di Ponio, in the doctoral program at Stony Brook University and they were married in 2012. While she enjoys traveling a lot for her job, Stephanie always look forward to coming back home, especially since she and Joseph recently bought an apartment in the wonderfully diverse

neighborhood of Jackson Heights, Queens.

**Grant Lovellette** reports that his wife Alison Anderson '05 are still living with their girls Adelaide Quinn Lovellette (5) and Cressida Harper Lovellette (2) in Chattanooga, Tenn., enjoying the same jobs. Grant is an analyst for the Food and Nutrition Service, one of the agencies of the USDA. Alison is a self-employed financial consultant specializing in working with international non-profit organizations (her firm is called Lovellette Consulting). Life is stable and wonderful.

**Brad Becken** recently completed pediatric residency at Duke and is staying on there for a fellowship in pediatric infectious diseases. He has also been accepted as a fellow in the pediatric scientist development program, run through Cincinnati Children's Hospital, to help support his research at Duke investigating novel gut bacteria and their ability to counteract the obese state and metabolic disease.

**Piper Iles Griffin** writes that she and Page Griffin ('02) welcomed their second daughter, Amelie Brooks Griffin, this past November. Harper is turning 4 in August and loves being a big sister.

**Hannah Fulton Murray** is drowning in diapers these days as a stay-at-home mom to Lucy (5), Milo (3), Rhoni (2), Jack (1), and Pepper (1 month). The youngest three came to the Murrays via foster care in the course of the past year and have brought more joy and chaos than she could have possibly imagined. They celebrated Jack's adoption in April and hope to see Pepper adopted by the end of the year. Hannah is also creeping toward the December finish line of a Masters in Biblical Studies after 8 years of part-time seminary at Gordon Conwell in Charlotte.

**Kaitlin Thanhauser Flynn** writes that she and her husband Will (a W&L'03 grad) welcomed Oliver Irvine Flynn this December. He joins big brother Ford (2.5) in our increasingly crowded Manhattan apartment.

In her first contribution to class notes, **Gayle Jones Rudman** has many updates. She and her husband Kyle just bought a new house in Jacksonville, Fla., where they have lived for nearly seven years. Since they moved here, they've both been "working on the railroad" at CSX Transportation, Kyle in IT, and Gayle has moved around from finance to public affairs back to finance, and have landed in internal audit. Having completed an MBA at the University of Florida a little over a year ago, Gayle has gotten back into playing tennis again, and now have more time to devote to their family, which includes their four-year old and one-year old sons, Benjamin and Simon.

**Paul Nichols** and his wife Lauran Lightmas Nichols '04 remain in Davidson with two boys Drew (6) and Jack(3). They were fortunate to spend time at the beach and mountains this summer. Paul was fortunate to travel in late May to meet many Davidson alums in Florida, Georgia, N.C., N.Y., N.J....really awesome to get to meet so many people that care about Davidson. He is looking forward to a great fall and football season and hoping to see many of us back on campus at the games.

**Will Neville-Rehbehn** and his husband Daniel welcomed their son, Jackson, on October 24, 2016. After they moved to Brooklyn in 2013, Dan joined IDEO where he served as chief of staff to the NY partners and is working to expand the studio's public event offerings. Will leads the talent brand team at Prudential Financial, helping the company increase its focus on digital engagement, storytelling, and organizational culture. Jackson typically works from home, where he can be found sucking on his fist and

confusing the family cat, Connor.  
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**04 AS TOLD BY:** *Mary Carpenter Costello, Class Secretary*  
**Josh Craft** recently moved across the country to Salt Lake City, where his wife Elizabeth (William & Mary, '04) is now a professor of music at the University of Utah. Josh is now working at a non-profit that focuses on renewable energy policy. He writes, "While we miss the East Coast, we enjoy the access to the mountains and a place where our two-year old Anna can roam freely. We enjoyed getting back to southeastern North Carolina in June for my sister-in-law's wedding where we got to catch up with **Rob Haywood**, a cousin of the groom. We would be happy to connect with any Wildcat alums in the Salt Lake City area!" Also looking to connect with fellow Davidsonians in a new area is **Maele Fonteneau!** After seven years, Maele and her family of four (husband Bill and children Amanda (4); Oliver (1)) are leaving New York City and moving to the New Jersey suburbs. They'd love to connect with any Wildcats in/around Montclair, N.J.!

**Emily Mendenhall** recently led a series of articles on syndemics in *The Lancet*, a leading medical journal in global health, arguing for a critical new way to think about health and inequality. **Elizabeth Smith Brigham** started as the head of product marketing for software at Morningstar (think financial services, not veggie burgers) on May 15. She's excited to work in the Loop again and learn about a new industry! In February 2017, **Jonathan Crooms** started a new job as veteran services officer with Durham County in Durham.

**Erin Raffety** and her husband recently purchased their first home—an old tavern/inn built in 1785 and right down the road from where Washington crossed the Delaware—on the New Jersey side! The first year's houseguests have already included all of Erin's previous roommates from Hart 104—**Erin Berry Spalinski** and her husband visited first, then **Christina Cupani Jarvi** and her family and finally, even **Beth Daniel Lindsay**, all the way from Abu Dhabi! After three years teaching in the Writing Program at Princeton University, Erin also accepted a new position at Princeton Theological Seminary where she'll be a Lecturer in Youth, Church, and Culture. She is thrilled to be headed back to PTS, where she'll be seeking to use her training as a cultural anthropologist to reflect on childhood, disability, and theology. If that wasn't enough, she continues to minister part-time as an associate pastor at Grace Presbyterian, as well. Erin has also enjoyed sharing our family's story, especially that of her daughter, Lucia, who was born with Aicardi-Goutieres Syndrome, with so many of you and appreciates the advocacy efforts and support of Davidsonians across the country in fighting for rights and care for people with disabilities in this current climate.

**Julz Perry MacKnight** is finishing up a year as the XO for 3-227 Assault Helicopter BN at Fort Hood, where she was joined last winter by fellow Davidsonian and 1LT Mike Corbett '14—small world! She also wrote, "At a conference at Redstone Arsenal last summer, I got to hang out with **Eileen Beardsley!** I got the transition to fly Blackhawks last year; though the Scouts are my first love, I'm just happy to still be flying. Anneke will be two this August, and I'm so blessed that Shaun stays home with her; he's taught her so much sign language

that her verbal repertoire and syntax have just exploded in the past year, and I am a true believer. Next month I move to the XO gig in a different BN within the 1st Air Cavalry Brigade, and we deploy to EUCCOM this fall. I should be in Germany and am looking forward to a deployment where we actually have some weekends off, in a place I want to explore!" Best of luck to you and your family in Germany, jUlz!

**Michael Galdo** was honored to be a recipient of a Department of Justice Director's Award for Superior Performance by a criminal assistant U.S. Attorney at a ceremony in Washington D.C. on June 16 with Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein. The award was for "exceptional performance in prosecuting 19 individuals" which "...effectively ended the culture of corruption that pervaded not only Maverick County Texas but also nearby counties and opened the door for prosecutions of other corrupt elected officials." What a great accomplishment!

The D.C. area crew welcomed some new future Wildcats to their pack this spring! Trevor '02 and **Kate Morris Stanley** welcomed Mildred "Millie" Page Stanley on February 24, 2017. Big sisters Katherine and Sadie are in love, and Trevor is outnumbered! **Rory Adams** and his husband, Kenan Fikri, welcomed their son, Zeki, to the world on March 20. Finally, Brian and **Laura Turpin Borak** were overjoyed to welcome their daughter Claire Elizabeth Borak into the world this past May.

In other baby news from around the country, **Rob** and **Kelly Carraway Gould** are happy to report the birth of their second son, William Barrett Gould, born on March 31, 2017. Barrett is such a happy, smiley baby! Big brother Hudson, Rob, and Kelly are just smitten with him! **John Pitts** and family welcomed their third kid on June 15th. Phoebe "Bee" Pitts is doing great! John is currently a partner at Kirkland & Ellis in Houston. **Jodi McQuillen Roque**, Dario '05, and their family moved from Durham to Providence last summer. Jodi and Dario are both enjoying patient care and teaching medical students and residents at Brown. They welcomed Amaya to their family on May 3, 2017 and Ariana is enjoying being a big sister. Lastly, **Jackie Protos Smith** and her husband, Riley, welcomed Louisa Anne Smith on May 12 in Savannah, Ga.  
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**05 FROM ALUMNI RELATIONS**

We heard from **Gwendolyn Garrett Heasley** in August. "I'm excited to announce my Christmas novella *Miss Christmas* (published under pen name Gigi Garrett) will be a 2017 Hallmark Christmas film. It will star Brooke D'Orsay and Marc Blucas. I'm thrilled and counting down to the holidays. I'm now living in Naples, Fla., and hope any '05ers contact me if they find themselves in the area."

**Frankie Jones** has been appointed to the Goodwill Industries of Central North Carolina 2017-2018 board of directors. Goodwill Industries of Central North Carolina promotes the value of work by providing career development services and work opportunities for people with employment needs.

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**06 AS TOLD BY:** *Molly McGowan McNulty and Steven Gentile, Class Secretaries*

"What are these class notes you're referring to?" Spoken like a Davidson alumnus who has spent the last 11 years abroad. **Sean Sonni**, in response to my plea for an update, writes that, having just worked a few years in Singapore, he's back in Japan, retired from regular work for now and in search for his "next adventure for years 11 thru 20 after college." He is currently spending his days fathering a three-and-a-half-year-old and "reading all about the interesting things going on in the world." With luck, he'll read this *Davidson Journal* edition.

**Christie Murphy Sellers** writes that she and her husband, Scott, became parents to Margaret Frances in March. Christie teaches Spanish at Notre Dame High School in Belmont, Calif., while Scott completes his bachelor's degree at UC Berkeley. Scott served in the U.S. Army for 10 years before enrolling at UC Berkeley and, upon graduation, plans to enroll in a physical therapy doctoral program somewhere in the South, bringing Christie closer to Davidson.

Christie's first-year and sophomore year roommate, **Meghan Refinski Rodda**, and her husband, Duke (**Emily Rodda's** brother), welcomed their baby girl, Ryan Elizabeth, in May. Meghan and her family live in St. Paul, Minn., where she practices law and he works at 3M. Both Meghan and Christie are hoping for a future where Margaret and Ryan are also first-year Wildcat roommates.

**John Fry** is a doctoral candidate in English at the University of Texas at Austin, where he teaches as an assistant instructor and works as an assistant program coordinator in the University Writing Center. His dissertation, which "get[s] medieval," analyzes "how the construction of Chaucer as the 'Father of English poetry' depends upon a false distinction between what is religious and secular in the reception history of Chaucer's poetry." I tried to put his dissertation description into my own words but #EconomicsMajor #HonorCode. On a personal note, he and his partner, Julio Barrientos, became engaged in 2016. Congratulations, John and Julio!

After spending five years as a staff member at Davidson, **Rebecca Taylor** is enjoying her west coast adventures as the associate director of student life at Stanford University Graduate School of Business. Prior to leaving Davidson, Rebecca received her M.B.A. from UNC Chapel Hill Kenan-Flagler School. She also recently beat cancer and is "grateful for every day of feeling healthy again." We are, too, Rebecca.

Congratulations to **Doug Jackson**, who just left Raleigh for Washington, D.C., to become a Deputy Press Secretary for the Sierra Club. In a response to Doug, I started to tell him about a couple of alumni I know who live in D.C., but then remembered that seemingly half of Davidson alumni live there... he's set for any Wildcat community he needs.

Further congratulations to **Kathleen Cour D'Angelo** and Nick D'Angelo (an honorary Davidson alumnus but a Hokie at heart), who welcomed their son, Becket Raymond, on May 31, 2017. Becket is named for Kathleen's favorite saint, St. Thomas Becket, and her great uncle, Friar Raymond Cour. They reside in Charlotte, where she works as senior operations manager at Lash Group and he as COO at Enterprise Counterparty Risk Management at Wells Fargo.

**Lisa Collett Farnsworth**, her husband Andrew, and their three-year-old daughter, Lorelei, welcomed baby Alex into the family on March 10, 2017. Lisa reports that Alex is a very happy, laid-back baby and has allowed his parents to get some sleep. Lorelei is obsessed with

her little brother and smothers him with unwanted affection. Lisa went back to work in August as the music coordinator at Inman Park United Methodist Church in Atlanta. Andrew continues his work with the Office of Inspector General on drone regulation.

On March 11, 2017, **Tessa Davis** married Jon Huggett (Cornell University '08). Among many Wildcats in attendance, **Jamila Schwartz Goller**, **Brika Eklund**, and **Lucy Marcil** served as bridesmaids and Gagan Gupta '07 as a bridesman. The two were married in Columbia, S.C., where they've been living for a few years since she started at the University of South Carolina as a law professor. Jon and Tessa met in New Orleans when she was a visiting assistant professor at Tulane. He works as an engineer at Westinghouse in Columbia, S.C.

Thank you to all who provided an update. Molly and I are eager to hear from all of you. Please send us an email at the contact information below.

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## 07 AS TOLD BY: Carson Sanders and Jaimie Matthews Francis, Class Secretaries

I hope this edition of the note finds everyone healthy and happy. It was a pleasure to get together with so many of you in June for the occasion of our 10-year reunion. Even though a decade has passed and we have all gone our separate ways, I think many of you will agree that spending that weekend at Davidson together truly felt like being home. It was really more of a family reunion than a class reunion.

Just a few quick notes for this edition. Please, please send us updates anytime you have something you would like to share with your Davidson family. We always have room to put it in.

**Amy Trainor Ashby** and her husband, John welcomed a baby boy, Russell Charles on Jan. 22, 2017. Russell was cute as a button. He loves his big brother, Chase (9)!

**Duncan Berry** and his wife Emily (Georgia '08) welcomed their baby boy, James Duncan Berry, to the world on June 3, 2017. Duncan recently joined the faculty in the Department of Ophthalmology at Duke University as chief resident and is currently applying for a fellowship in vitreoretinal surgery.

I received a very long, very detailed, and in many ways, very odd email from **Henry Van Wagenberg** this past spring. I am not bright enough to follow most of the references in the email, but I did gather that Henry is living in Berlin (which he calls his "stage") and loving it. He is working as a freelance computer programmer helping entrepreneurs and startups in Europe and the United States solve technical problems. When not working, Henry has "joined a group of philosophers in Europe called "Apotheosis." He writes: "Apotheosis, founded by Jonathan Krude, is dedicated to the deceptively simple question: 'What should we do?' Our project is also ancient: to discover a rational way of life. Our confidence, our integrity—from the Latin integer "whole"—is as whole or as broken as the validity and soundness of the reasoning behind the arguments for what we do. Apotheosis is the opportunity for a new ethics based on the argument that if we don't know something important, it is rational to try and figure it out." Sounds like heady times for you, Henry, and I genuinely appreciate you keeping us abreast of all your conquests!

I was lucky enough to catch up with **Bryant Kirkland** over reunion weekend. Bryant came directly from the Charlotte airport to Davidson after arriving from Greece, having changed his travel plans just to catch up with old friends for a couple hours. Bryant spent the past year teaching at Kenyon College but will be moving to southern California this fall to begin a tenure-track position in the classics department at UCLA.

I will be doing an orthopaedic sports medicine fellowship at the University of Massachusetts for the next year and would love to connect with Davidson folks in the Bay State.

Finally, on behalf of our entire class, we wish to express condolences to **Jaimie Matthews Francis** and her husband Dave Francis '04 on the passing of Jaimie's father, Frank Matthews, in July. Having fiercely battled illness for some time, Frank was described by those who knew him best as having a "one-of-a-kind flair" that surely lives on in his daughter. Very genuinely, our thoughts and prayers go out to your entire family.

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## 08 AS TOLD BY: Rebecca Speiser Skipper, Class Secretary

It is hard to believe that fall is in full swing, and that in just a few short months we'll be gearing up to celebrate our 10-year reunion June 8-10, 2018! In the meantime, there are lots of exciting updates to share about our classmates.

Future Wildcats continue to join the ranks. Patrick Polenz and **Katherine Hernandez Polenz** welcomed their son, Theodore Alfred Polenz, on December 9, 2016, and **Phil Newsom** and **Bill Stokes** are godfathers. Patrick and Katherine shared that "we're looking forward to bringing Theo to Davidson for his first visit next June for our 10-year reunion!"

**Sarah King** wrote: "Just a quick note to say that Joe and I are delighted to share that George Francis King was born on January 16, 2017. Big sister Evelyn (2) was delighted to welcome her baby brother. She adores him—though that may change once he's mobile!"

**Casey Brewton Monda** and Garrett Monda '06 became a family of three on June 14, 2017 when Winston Garrett Monda arrived.

Congratulations to all of the families on their newest additions!

Wedding season also continues for the Class of 2008. **Anders Gustafson** married Heather Lumley in Reykjavik, Iceland on June 10, 2017—many Davidson friends traveled from far away to celebrate with the happy couple.

**Karina Todd Smith** and Aaron Smith were wed on June 17, 2017 in Asheville, and Davidson bridesmaids included **Tara Cockman Clayton**, **Anna Hamilton**, **Bree Berry Miller**, **Lizz Moore Nelson**, and **Rebecca Speiser Skipper**. Congratulations to the newlyweds!

**Martina Mustroph** shared: "I completed my MD/Ph.D. studies at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in May '17. In June, I started residency in neurological surgery at Harvard's Brigham & Women's Hospital, where I plan to postpone sleep until my late 30s." We are so proud of you, Martina!

Recording artist and singer-songwriter **Brit Price Drozda** celebrated the release of her CD, *Let Me Hang the Moon*, on March 24, 2017 with a performance on

*Charlotte Today* and a show at Petra's in Charlotte. You can also find Brit's album on iTunes and Spotify, listen to her music on Pandora, and view her music video online—check out [britdrozda.com](http://britdrozda.com) for more details. Congratulations, Brit!

We are sad to report the death of Janet "Jan" Reid Willis, mother of **Jennifer Willis**, on February 5, 2017. Our thoughts are with you and your family, Jen.

As always, I look forward to hearing from you with your updates for the next issue of the *Davidson Journal*. Contact: **Rebecca Speiser Skipper**, 704-526-8994; [rebecca.a.skipper@gmail.com](mailto:rebecca.a.skipper@gmail.com)

## 09 AS TOLD BY: Anna Marie Smith & Lee Mimms, Class Secretaries

Oh, hello, '09 Wildcats! Your devoted class secretaries were pleased to hear of your various and sundry updates. From our end—**Anna Marie Smith** and I, **Lee Mimms**, recently went to Sweden for no particular reason, where we met a famed Eurovision journalist and spent an entire day at the ABBA Museum. None of this should really be a surprise, probably.

But what else isn't a surprise? It's that y'all keep being super impressive and decorated! So many new degrees this time around. **Robert Lord Galloway** graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary with an MDiv. While there, he served as the moderator of student government. He's now returned to North Carolina to serve as the pastoral resident at White Memorial Presbyterian Church in Raleigh. Also in North Carolina? **Brad Bankos**, who graduated from Duke University's Fuqua School of Business. **Erin Jaeger** earned a degree from Columbia Business School. **Samantha Simpson**, who—fun fact—was Anna Marie's childhood pen pal via *American Girl Magazine's* pen pal matching system—graduated from her OB/GYN residency program and is moving to New Haven, Connecticut, to pursue subspecialty training in Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility at Yale University. And **Andrew Gorang** received an MBA from Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management and a JD from the university's Pritzker School of Law.

Wedding bells rang for **Emily Murray** this year. She and her husband, Tom Poulton, got married in England. She promised us they celebrated in true Davidson style amongst the presence of **Deborah Clarke**, **Liz Cooper**, **Molly Pallonis**, **Kathryn Steele**, **Ashley Strader Bankos**, and **Ambrice Miller**.

We're also pleased to welcome into the world a couple of new Wildcats. **Marian Schembari** and her husband, Elliot, introduced June Amelie Schembari into the world on May 20, 2017, which is also Cher's birthday, so I'm predicting big things from this little one. Marian's dear friend and Davidson roommate, **Desiree Domo**, is June's godmother. **Kittery Neale Van Sciver** and **Artie Van Sciver** welcomed their third child October 29, 2016 (Gabrielle Union shares a birthday, so again—big things are coming from this 'Cat). Artie will also be starting UNCC's master of accountancy program in the fall of 2017. **Brittany Narr Barr** and her husband, Bryant Barr '10 welcomed their son, Everett, and wisely didn't share the birthdate with me. Congratulations to all parents!

**Suzie Eckl**, **Devin Draudt Sundeen**, **Kevin Sundeen**, and **Lisa Zook Sorensen** went boldly where no Mimms has ever gone before—they hiked the historic Chilkoot Trail over five days! To reach the summit, they had to

climb hands-and-knees style up a 45-degree boulder field about a half-mile high. “It was intense. But so worth it!” Suzie shared. They continued into Canada from there and took the historic White Pass & Yukon Route railroad the 40 miles back. “What a way to see the 4th of July! Watching fireworks over the water in the bowl of snow-covered mountains in Skagway, Alaska—tough to beat.” I’ll say! **Peter Bakke** is on his own adventure; he moved to Seattle over the summer! And **Angelina Darrisaw** launched a partnership with Google in May to get entrepreneurs up to speed on digital tools to enhance their businesses. As a partner, she was selected to be the cover of their magazine that highlights Google partners and women who use Google to grow their businesses. Her business, C-Suite Coach, is two years old. Congrats, all!

That’s all the news we’ve got for you this time around. We’re awfully proud to know y’all, and please keep us posted on any developments in your lives! xoxo  
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## 10 AS TOLD BY: *Claire Asbury Lennox and Haley Cook Sonneland, Class Secretaries*

Hey there, Class X! We’re always excited to share news of our classmates with you, and here’s another round.

**Wes Calton** wrote in to share that he and his wife Kelly welcomed their third boy, Whitley Benjamin Calton, into the world on March 21, 2017. “Walker and Pack readily will tell anyone interested that we just need one more boy and we’ll have our own basketball team,” Wes says. “I guess they’ll let me play with them despite my age.” Go, Team Calton!

**Heath Pelham** says that he graduated with his MD from the University of Alabama Birmingham in June, and has moved to Memphis, Tenn., for his three-year pediatrics residency at UT and St. Jude’s. Congratulations to Heath and all our other newly-minted Wildcat docs. We’d trust you with our lives any day of the week.

Speaking of graduations, **Darry Spasova** shares that she graduated with a Ph.D. in biology from the Scripps Research Institute in July 2016, and is currently working as a post-doctoral fellow at the La Jolla Institute for Allergy and Immunology in San Diego, studying the role of inflammation in asthma and atopic dermatitis. Darry also married Christopher Martin on June 11, 2017 in Varna, Bulgaria. Her B102 roommates **Krista Timeus**, **Jordi Baron**, and **Vy Drouin-Le** were bridesmaids and, as Krista puts it, “had a great time catching up!” **Krista** also shares that she successfully defended her Ph.D. on how to develop the innovation capacity of public organizations at the Hertie School of Governance in Berlin. (Our classmates still never cease to amaze us!)

Wedding bells also rang for **Allie Ivanowicz**, who married Connor Walsh on May 27 in Wenatchee, Wash. The happy couple lives in Seattle and Allie has started a new job working as a physician assistant at a community health center. “Our home is always open to traveling alumni!” she writes. (Take them up on it, it’s gorgeous out there!)

Also on the West Coast, **Seyi Ayorinde** and his girlfriend Lissie Baker now call Marina Del Rey, Calif., home. “Lissie’s in grad school for education (she’s going to be a biology teacher!), and I’m

working as an Electronics Engineer for the U.S. Army Research Lab,” he writes. Ever the liberal arts man, Seyi’s also doing some acting, and especially enjoyed working with **Mark Jeevaratnam** on one of his final projects for his program at the American Film Institute (tell us more, Jeevs!).

**Jen Crawford** also walked down the aisle this spring, marrying Matthew Lowell (Denison ’11, which is not the same as Davidson or Dickinson) on May 28 in Charleston, S.C. Wedding party Wildcats included **Haley Cook Sonneland**, **Alison Antieri Blue**, **Karla Stockmeyer Boertzel** and Lily Graham ’11 with about 15 other Davidson alumnae in attendance. Davidson Lacrosse was well represented with head women’s coach Kim Wayne in attendance, plus one attacker, two midfielders and a goalie. (We’re sure, had there been opportunity for a game, that Team Lowell would have won.)

World traveler **Allison Kooser** writes, “I returned to Chicago after a year-long backpacking trip around the world (making stops to see **Anna Coon**, **Kennedy Catton Sanderson**, **Claire Asbury Lennox**, and **John and Kayla Layman Shields**, among others) to launch a content marketing company that helps nonprofits identify, create, and share their stories.” Check out the cool work Allison’s doing at [www.swellandgood.com](http://www.swellandgood.com)!

**Caroline Curtiss** reports that she’s moved back to her hometown of Denver, Colorado and is working as a school psychologist. Before starting her new job, she’s traveled around stateside — including catch ups with fellow ‘Cats **Martha Culp**, **Miller Williams**, **Karen Hasty-Zhang**, and **Brad and Christine Wright Carman** — and made a big trip to New Zealand and Fiji. Sounds like a great way to start a new chapter!

Meanwhile, **Brett Holloway** writes, “I recently moved over to work with one of my firms’ portfolio companies called Baby+Co. as VP of strategy and corporate development.” (He adds in parentheses, “Who better to manage the growth of a maternity care business than a single male with no kids?” Who indeed.)

**Tyler Lemons** writes on behalf of **Chris Fezza** with an important announcement: “Extremely happy to report the marriage of Chris to Kathryn Carski in Charlottesville on June 17. **Jack Middlebrooks**, **Liam Bracken**, **Will Lent**, and I were blessed to stand beside the famed DJ as groomsmen. **Duncan Salyer**, **Preston Eldridge**, **Annaliese Rosenthal**, **Reed Ryan**, and **Rob O’Donnell** were all there to celebrate. Although invited, Akon declined to attend; still some raw feelings from DJ Fez upstaging his performance on campus in the spring of ’10.” We don’t blame you, Akon.

**Lindsay Brownell** writes from Boston that she has a new job as a science writer for the Wyss Institute for Biologically Inspired Engineering at Harvard University. She’s also — no big deal — planning to climb Mt. Kilimanjaro with her brother this fall. Take a Davidson flag (or a Summit Coffee one) up for us! Lindsay says, “I had brunch with **Rob Cameron** during his five-hour layover in Boston last month, which was sadly my only Davidson interaction in recent history, but hopefully will connect with more Beantown Wildcats soon!” Bostonian Davidsonians, hit her up!

From our nation’s capital, **Krysta Cihni** shares that she continues to work at The Kennedy Center for the National Symphony Orchestra. “I recently managed and traveled on the orchestra’s tour to Moscow and St. Petersburg, Russia in March. It was such a nightmare to organize logistically that they named me Kennedy Center Employee of the Quarter as a result. Oh boy! Hand-holding 150 people through filling out extensive Russian visa applications is a pure delight.” We have

no doubt that you deserved that award, Krysta!

And speaking of awards, our very own **Darrell Scott** has been named a recipient of a 2017 Echoing Green Fellowship as the co-founder and director of PushBlack, the nation’s first mobile-based Black organizing group that aims to transform Black voting rates by building deep, daily relationships with millions of African-Americans through their phones. Darrell and **Tareq Alani** founded PushBlack in 2016, after winning the 2015 Davidson Venture Fund, which supports the college’s Entrepreneurship Initiative by awarding young alumni with investment capital of up to \$25,000 in support of their entrepreneurial ventures. We can’t wait to see what’s next for our classmates and the company.

And that about wraps it up this time around, friends! We love hearing from you, and are already counting down the years (less than three now!) ’til our 10th reunion.

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## 11 AS TOLD BY: *Savanna Shuntich and Khalil Jolibois, Class Secretaries*

Hi friends, hopefully everyone’s fall is going well. Fun fact: we started Davidson 10 years ago. Now that I have blown your mind and left you contemplating the complexity of time, your eighteen-year-old self (do I have some thoughts for her...), destiny, and a myriad of other weighty topics, you should take this moment of reflection and send us an update. We would love to hear from you if it has been a while.

I am pleased as punch to report the wedding of **Owen Swetenburg** and **Betsy Lyles** on June 3 at Davidson College Presbyterian Church. The wedding party was really just a Davidson alumni event. **Ben Justus**, **Nick Kruter**, **Danny Culpepper**, and Luke Farmer ’04, all served as groomsmen, with Owen’s father, Dr. Raymond Lee Swetenburg ’72, serving as the best man. I was a bridesmaid along with **Hannah Bohbrink**, Jan Scott Swetenburg Farmer ’04, and Hannah Lyon Lovaglio ’10. **Lisle Gwynn** was matron of honor. They held the wedding reception at the Union and everyone cheered when Owen played drums with the band for a song. The bridesmaids gave a poor but enthusiastic rendition of a Motown classic and we all ate too much of the delicious barbeque and paid homage to the Brickhouse. It was a delight.

**Christina Brown** was recently married to Jeff Escalante. They tied the knot on May 20, on the grounds of a summer camp in Pennsylvania. Among the bridesmaids were **Nami Patel**, **Nina Tschinkel**, **Elena Delvac**, and **Alanna Ford**. Christina also recently earned her MD from NYU and started a residency in pediatrics at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia in June.

**Mari O’Connell** has moved to the Chicago area to take a new teaching position. She is originally from the area and tells us she is “looking forward to connecting with other ‘Cats in Chicago!”

**Ania-Lisa Etienne** took a new teaching job this fall at La Cima, a charter school in Bed-Stuy, Brooklyn. She is an art teacher and is evidently fantastic at her job because she won a Teacher Excellence Award last year at her old school.

For years I have followed **Annie Temmink** on social media because she makes the most fantastical costumes.

Now one of her costumes was selected for the World of Wearable Art showcase in New Zealand, which Annie says is considered the Olympics of costume. She added that she was recently “selected into a costume and dance residency in Banff, Alberta Canada.”

We also received an update from **Matthew Capone**, who earned his masters of divinity from Covenant Theological Seminary last May. He moved to Colorado to become an Assistant Pastor at Cheyenne Mountain Presbyterian Church and establish an elementary Latin program in a charter school called The Vanguard School.

**Jay Lanners** finished up his Wharton MBA & MA in International Studies from the Lauder Institute of the University of Pennsylvania last May. Now he is enjoying living in Sao Paulo and working for Amadeus Capital Partners, where he will do Venture Capital investing for emerging markets.

**Joe McGinley** is a prosecutor with JAG stationed at the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center in 29 Palms, Calif, where he’s got “no wife, no kids, just a badass dog and a growing tolerance for heat.”

I am proud to say that several of our number have started companies. Earlier this year I mentioned Rhoback, an active wear brand founded by **Kevin Hubbard**, **Matt Loftus** and **I.S. Dunklin**. They are doing incredibly well. Kevin writes that “Rhoback, is growing faster than Under Armour did in its first seven months.” He invites us to follow both @Rhoback on Instagram and their four legged “real life brand ambassador/logo Bunker @bunkertheridgeback.” **Josh Zipin** founded a company called Handstand that is taking on world records and perfecting the scavenger hunt. Josh wrote that “Handstand, and I attempted to break the Guinness World Record for most people doing a handstand at once in San Francisco. We had 433 participate which is more than the previous record of 399. We’re submitting to Guinness to hear if we got it.” He added that “this fall we’ll be bringing our all-day, city-wide scavenger hunt, The SF Hunt, to San Francisco, Seattle, Boston, D.C., Oakland, and LA if any Wildcats are around to come play. The website is TheSFHunt.com.” **Jess Malordy** sent in an update about *Misadventures* magazine, an outdoors magazine founded by Jessica, **Marybeth Campeau**, and **Zoe Balaconis** a few years back. She wrote that “all of the *Misadventures* crew continues to work hard on growing the magazine, including **Sarah Connette** who has taken on the role of operations director full-time.” Everyone should visit the website and take in their delightful bios (<https://misadventuresmag.com>). For her part, Jess is working as the communications coordinator for the Girl Scouts of Southern Arizona.

Last but not least **Sarah Bates King** earned her masters of science of nursing at Vanderbilt University School of Nursing as a dual certified nurse-midwife and family nurse-practitioner in May. According to Sarah “Galen and I are currently loving life in Fort Benning, Ga while he completes his captain career course training.”

Khalil and I are both well and we wish you all the best.

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**12** **ASTOLD BY: Meg Jarrell, Class Secretary**  
 Hey 2012 Cats! A bunch of updates came in (thanks to the reunion possibly):

**Chase Culbertson** got married in June and will be started his MBA at the Wharton School of Business this August. He reports that **Rich Lockridge** recently relocated to Charlotte from Las Angeles and is now working at McGuireWoods LLP.

**Jennifer Burns** moved to San Francisco to join Pilot R+D, a food innovation firm. If you are in the Bay area, she encourages you to reach out!

This summer **Kelsey Lilley** bumped into **Layne Piper**, Caitlin Piper ’11, Stephen Piper ’78, and David Piper ’79 while enjoying the beautiful scenery of Banff, Canada. Wildcats certainly think alike while vacationing!

In academic news, **Patrick Hunt** joined Chase Culbertson at The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. **Christine Rua** is starting her J.D. Program at Columbia Law School this fall. **Ben Ireland** is now an assistant professor of French at Texas Christian University after receiving his Ph.D. in April from the University of Michigan. Another graduate is **Katherine Ness**, who graduated in May with a master’s of medical science from Wake Forest School of Medicine in the Physician Assistant Program. She will go on to work as a PA in family medicine in Norfolk, Va. **Alice Phillips** graduated from NYU Law in May. During her last semester, she worked at a death penalty defense clinic in Alabama with the Equal Justice Initiative. She and her husband, Bryce Bancroft ’11, recently relocated to Columbia, S.C. where she will work as a public defender while he teaches Latin.

**Jesse Johnson** has recently accepted a position at the National Immigrant Justice Center in Chicago as the Detention Project’s *pro bono* coordinator. He will help NIJC provide technical support to *pro bono* attorneys for detained clients seeking asylum.

After completing his degree at Wake Forest School of Medicine, **Bryce Robinson** matched at Cornell for his residency. **Brooke Senken** also just started a residency in Pediatrics at NYU Winthrop Hospital in New York. Congrats, you two!

**Tyler Hammet** married Samantha Lathrop June 3, 2017, in Kansas City in front of a slew of Wildcats. Tyler claims she is the “luckiest girl in the world.” As an attendee, I can certify that Tyler found his better (and much prettier) half.

I recently relocated to Memphis, Tenn., where **Joseph Cline** is in residency for orthopedic surgery, to begin law school. It’s a new city and area of the country for me, so please reach out if you are in town!

Keep the notes coming ‘Cats!  
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**13** **ASTOLD BY: Morgan Orangi and Robert Abare, Class Secretaries**  
 Friends, we report to you from humid Washington D.C., where at the time of this writing we’re probably trying to escape the heat of “the swamp” at a rooftop pool.

**Lucy March** moved to NYC from another (more aptly named) swamp: Gainesville, Florida, where she earned a graduate degree in mass communications from UF. She’s now working at the Weatherhead East Asian Institute at Columbia University.

**Peter Askini** and many other 2013 ‘Cats recently made

their summer escape with an “alum bum” weekend of river tube rides and bonfires, among other activities, in rural Virginia.

**Matilda Solinger** is leaving NYC, where she cut her teeth as a doggie doctor, to pursue her dream of becoming a vet at Cornell’s veterinary school.

After four years of studying medicine, **Matt Zarth** got to relax a bit before heading to his residency at University of Mississippi for anesthesia. **Nat Cubas Zarth** received her MBA and will be working at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in decision support and finance.

Classmate **JD Ike** also put in his four years, graduating Summa Cum Laude from Emory’s school of medicine, and is now at Duke University for his residency in internal medicine.

**Kevin Coughlin** is moving to Memphis, Tenn., for his residency in otolaryngology (that’s study of the ear, nose, and throat, of course), with a specialty in head and neck surgery, at the University of Tennessee. So if one of the infamous Davidson inchworms winds up in your ear, head to Memphis and pay Kevin a visit!

And **Sam Hughes** is specializing in family medicine at the Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center. So our class pretty much has all of your medical needs covered!

In other news, **Mark Angel** has been spotted in Denver continuing to pursue his mission to Insta the perfect sunset.

Shoutout to **Ayesha Shah** for her new job as an outreach and impact coordinator for Spitfire, a D.C.-based communications firm that focuses on nonprofits and civic change.

Also in D.C., **Michael Sargent** is currently conducting and discussing transportation research at the Heritage Foundation. In his spare time, he’s trying his best to avoid paying a repo man from Blockbuster Video, who claims Michael never returned a DVD of the *YaYa Traveling Pant Sisterhood*.

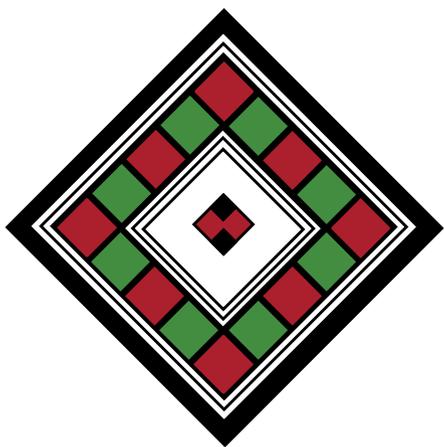
As part of her summer vacation, **Bettina Lemm Hepburn** ventured from the U.K. to Davidson with husband Will to show him the old stomping grounds.  
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**14** **ASTOLD BY: Caitlin James, Caroline Queen & Cyrus Saffari, Class Secretaries**

Wildcats about the Worl: **Becca Merrifield** returned to the U.S., “just after the election, insert facepalm emoji here” after two and a half years living and working in Rwanda. What’s next? Grad school in Sweden. Becca will be attending Lund University and completing a master’s in international development and management. She hopes to make it to the five-year reunion, but in the meantime, ‘Cats in Scandinavia/northern Europe should holla!

**Calley Anderson** begins her three-year program MFA in Playwriting at The New School in August. She is also excited to participate in the Salzburg Global Seminar Young Cultural Innovators Forum with four other Memphians in October. The week-long forum takes place in Salzburg, Austria and my participation is fully funded by the Kresge Foundation.

**Olivia Goolsby** returned to the U.S. after 27 months of service with the Peace Corps in November 2016. She married Scott Becker, a fellow Peace Corps alum, on December 10, 2016. Olivia and Scott now live in Georgia, where Olivia will start a master of arts in



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teaching program at the University of Georgia this fall.

Meanwhile, in Georgia (the country), **Sarah Richardson** finished up her service as a Peace Corps volunteer in and now has a new position as a development fellow with USAID Georgia. She will be working in Tbilisi with USAID starting in August.

After a year and a half each in Charlotte and San Fran with Bank of America Merrill Lynch, **Anna Ike** will be traveling for a couple of months, “Southeast Asia, Scandinavia & South Carolina (aka home sweet home, hoping to also make a Davidson pitstop (read: Toast pitstop))” and will then start as associate (investment professional) at HGGC, a mid-market private equity firm in Palo Alto, Calif.

On the world wide web, you can find **Caitlin Hickey’s** most recent project, <http://www.solosxxx.com/>, which was written up in *Thrillist* among other places earlier in the year.

If you need a good lawyer. . . **Chelsea Creta** just graduated from Washington & Lee Law School in May and she is starting over at Jackson Kelly PLLC in Charleston, W. Va., in August as a first-year associate focusing on commercial law and litigation.

**Cam Joe** just graduated law school too—from Indiana University-Bloomington. He plans to move back to North Carolina and practice. Current goals include stealing Jennifer Lopez’s heart from Alex Rodriguez.

**Brian Gerd** graduated magna cum laude from the University of Minnesota School of Law back in May and will be moving back to his hometown of Anchorage, Alaska to begin a yearlong clerkship with the Alaska Superior Court in August.

**Aiina Gomez** is starting her last year of law school at WashU in St. Louis and will be studying abroad in Hamburg, Germany for the fall semester and then graduating in May 2018.

**Nick McGuire** just finished his first year of law school and moved to Davidson for the summer to work for Ingersoll Rand. (can’t escape!) “It’s been a great experience filled with nostalgia—walking to Summit, watching the baseball games at Brickhouse, and avoiding that I-77 traffic at all costs!”

Speaking of nostalgia. . . **Scott Sellers** and **Tyler McFayden** visited campus recently with some other ’14ers to see little sibs walk the stage—all the nostalgia with none of the bad feels of imminently leaving all your friends.

’Cats, Rams, Blue Devils, Shellfish, Dogs, oh my. . .

**Rob Stevens** and **Laura Pinto-Coelho**, have to direct quote because it’s too good, “went to NYC together to see ‘Dear Evan Hansen’ and even though we had the second-to-worst seats in the theater it was amazing and we both wept! That was the second biggest highlight of our trip after their five-hour Megabus ride to D.C. We also went to bottomless brunch in D.C. with Abare but Abare did not partake! Also, **Katie Kalivoda** and I got Cookout milkshakes with Rob while he was on Percocet post-wisdom teeth removal.”

Rob is in DC to work for Accion Venture Lab, a seed-stage impact VC fund. He will be living with **Lee Crittenberger** in D.C. (Thank you to **Julia Ellis** for help moving) and like all the best wildcats, extends a standing offer to alums to come over and chat over a glass of Rosé. Meanwhile, Laura bought a condo in Chapel Hill and is proud to be a homeowner. “It’s probably the only thing keeping me from having a quarter-life crisis!” #Preach

Also in Chapel Hill, **Jip Richards** recently started a new job with The Rams Club as a development associate—major gifts with UNC Athletics.

**Savannah Erwin** is pursuing a Ph.D. in clinical psychology at Duke.

**Chester Lindley** is working at a shellfish hatchery in East Hampton raising oysters, clams, and scallops before going back to UCSB to finish my masters next year. I just had **Dan Van Note** out here for the weekend and I took him sea bass fishing.

Finally, we’ll leave you with this: **Meredith Makhoul’s** new corgi, Miss Cleo. Meredith has high expectations for social media status with Miss Cleo posts, “so far it’s working.” She will also be starting a master’s program at the VCU Brand center in the fall as a Strategy student.

**Elizabeth Harry** writes, “My life update: I left my position at Davidson and got a new job as shop manager + registrar at Greenhill Center for NC Art.” *Contact: Caitlin James, [caitlinhjames@gmail.com](mailto:caitlinhjames@gmail.com) Caroline Queen, [carolineelizaqueen@gmail.com](mailto:carolineelizaqueen@gmail.com) Cyrus Saffari, [cbsaffari@gmail.com](mailto:cbsaffari@gmail.com)*

## 15 AS TOLD BY: *Caroline Brooks & Michael Meznar, Class Secretaries*

Hey there, Class of 2015! We hope this summer finds you all well. If you work in a cube farm somewhere in corporate America, PSA that the sun is shining and it’s warm outside. A quick bit of news on our end first: **Caroline Brooks** recently wrapped up a fellowship in the Office of Annual Giving and since she has both a sparkling personality and abandonment issues, she’s decided to maintain close ties to alma mater by joining in as co-class secretary. This also means that you can stop ignoring her texts because she will no longer be asking you for money. You’re all welcome.

**Colin Schreiner**, in case anyone was wondering (his words; we were all wondering, Colin!), finished up a stint as a Junior Technician for Motor Operated Valves at Brunswick Nuclear Generating Station in Oak Island and then later at Limerick Generating Station in Pottstown, Penn., (both nuclear power plants) in the spring, and is now joining the Davidson College Advising Corps, where he’ll be stationed at East Rutherford High School in Forest City, helping kids apply to college. Can you imagine volunteering to wrestle with FAFSA on the daily? A hero among men, Colin, that’s what you are. And, perhaps, soon to be a hero to the mutant troglodytes, when one of those aforementioned power plants inevitably malfunctions in his absence.

In pop culture news, you may have spotted **Haley DeLuca** on the Tony Awards red carpet in June, as she’s interning with Broadway press agency DKC / O&M this summer. As far as we can tell, this entails dropping names and getting comp tickets to Broadway shows and also running errands in the rain a lot. Peep her social media to see her in action.

Our friends **Adam Stanaland** and **Julia Lindsey** will be leaving New York City—and each other, for possibly the first time in recorded history—for graduate school this fall. Julia is leaving her South Bronx kindergarteners and first graders for the University of Michigan and its Ph.D. program in Literacy, Language, and Culture; Adam, meanwhile, is heading to Duke University for a Ph.D. in social psychology and public policy. Send them your thoughts and prayers as they deal with the separation anxiety.

Adam, however, will find a thriving cohort of Davidsonians freshly moved to Durham: **Joey Allaire** and **Emma Fulop** both migrated over there from Greensboro: Joey to pursue a Masters of Social Work at UNC Chapel Hill, Emma for a master’s of environmental management at Duke. They’ll be living

together in a beautiful homestead in the Durham wilderness. **Kevin Roberts**, also on his way to Duke, for a Ph.D. in economics, will be saying a teary goodbye to long-time roommate **Scott Jeffrey**, as he heads to Vanderbilt after the same degree. They could probably use some thoughts and prayers, too.

**Grace Watt** is headed to Virginia Tech this fall to pursue a master's in electrical engineering and will be doing research in power electronics. Full disclosure—Caroline was in a physics class with Grace our sophomore year and Grace knew the answer to every question and Caroline only got the pass end of pass/fail because she cried in the professor's office on more than one occasion. Glad to see we're all headed in the right direction. Rounding out our grad school club is **Rachel Locke**, who's headed to the University of Florida College of Medicine this fall. Best of luck to Rachel and our many scholarly classmates!

Congratulations are in order for our friend **Tomas Husted**, who has recently embarked on a new adventure as a Princeton in Africa fellow with the International Rescue Committee in Freetown, Sierra Leone. This follows work in Washington, D.C. as a research assistant in the Congressional Research Service's Africa section, working mainly on Central and East Africa. Tomas is very excited to expand his knowledge of Sierra Leone and West Africa, gain insight into the challenges of governance and development in post-conflict societies, and (with any luck) learn a little Krio.

Speaking of Africa, **Adam Hunter** spent the summer in Lusaka, Zambia, with UNC Global Project Zambia doing research in ob-gyn and infectious disease. While there, he was able to visit Dr. Verna Case and the Davidson pre-med students working at UCZ Mwandu Mission Hospital. He says, "I went to Zambia for the first time with the Davidson group in 2013, so it was fun to end my trip where it all began in Mwandu."

Finally, we're very excited to share that our classmate **Ali Cobb** is now officially Mrs. Allison Kelley! Ali married Shawn Kelley on January 7, 2017, in Merritt Island, Fla., Fellow Wildcats **Erin Osment**, Natalie Atabek '13 and Jamie Durling '14 were members of the wedding party. Congrats to the happy couple!

The Class of 2015 runs the gamut: from college advising and nuclear engineering to burgeoning pop culture cachet and marriage, from research and work across Africa to a ton of continuing education at very impressive institutions here.... Truly inspirational! Thanks for reading, and we hope to hear from you for the next issue!

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**16 AS TOLD BY: Jackie Shiu, Savannah Haeger, Matthew Schlerf, Class Secretaries**

2016 Wildcats are still on the move: Following her Fulbright in Colombia, **Lauren Martinez** has moved to D.C. for a job with Population Services International. **Sean Vassar** is now down in Asheville, and we hear that he and other 2016 FIJI brothers scattered around North Carolina all meet up in Charlotte for reunions.

Speaking of reunions, Davidson recently overtook D.C.'s H Street when **Kyle Taylor** and **Colin Vaida** hosted friends **Dan Black, Shane Gilbert, Leslie Francois, Riley Mangan, Will Weisgerber, Wilson Waddill, and Ethan Whitener**. Proof that you can take the guys out of Davidson but you can't take Davidson out of the guys, this group engaged in the most intellectually serious game of Giant Jenga that H Street Country Club has likely ever seen.

Some members of our class are headed back to school: **Abby Preston** is now at UNCC for her masters of science in civil engineering. **Laina Cumber** started med school at Wake Forest University. Best of luck and study hard!

**Sara Jane Bush** married Nathan Nixon in South Carolina on June 24, with 2016ers **Angeline Pino, Beza Baheru, Colin Tyznik, Elizabeth Welliver, Emily Storms, Emily Taylor, James Stewart, and Rosi Goetz** in attendance. Congrats Sara Jane and Nathan!

Wedding bells also rang for classmates **Maggie Furlong Burns** and **Shane Burns**, who were married in July in New York state. The long roster of Wildcat attendees included: **Hannah Grace Heartfield, Brooke Brazer, Cy Ferguson, Laura George, Anna Marie Scoccimaro, Sam Shafley, Megan Feichtel, Liz Stevens, Alex Simonian, Marin Williams, and Adrienne Miller**. Strong turnout from the Davidson art history department, and strong wedding reception photo booth game.

Our social media creeping game only gets better with each set of notes, but keep sending your updates our way!

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**17 AS TOLD BY: Robert Kopf and Courtney McCullers, Class Secretaries**

**Ian Hicks** actually brought a party-sized bag of Fritos to an adult get-together at which several of Charlotte's intelligentsia were in attendance. His only justification was that his mother is originally from Albuquerque where Frito Pie is a local delicacy.

**Amanda Lee**'s #thots for the month:

Control the ants, control the world  
 Plants are animals too  
 Publix over Teetr

**Darby Williams** joined College Advising Corps, will be working in Hiwassee Dam H.S. in Murphy (which is two hours from any semblance of civilization), and is really enjoying this whole no-homework thing.

**India Gupta** will start her new position at Bank of America very soon. Perhaps more interestingly, she recently joined the Bushwackers Drum and

Bugle Corps as a mellophone player without prior marching band or brass experience. Curious what a mellophone is? See the following:

The lovely **Mary Frith** is already a few weeks into her MD/Ph.D. program at the University of Chicago. The total duration of the program is approximately eight years. We'll check back with her in 2025!

**Destiny Barnes** is currently killing it at the Carolinas Center for Oral and Facial Surgery in Charlotte as a surgical assistant during her gap year before she goes on to dental school. Be sure to hit her up to take care of your next root canal!

**Peter Donahue** is spending these summer days as a fellow at the American Institute for Economic Research before moving to Atlanta in August to work for McMaster-Carr. Unsure of his position? So is he. Then again, aren't we all?

In June, **Ethan Faust** began coursework at UPenn in their inaugural Day School Teaching Residency cohort. Through the program, he will be teaching English at the Gilman School in Baltimore while working towards a master's of science in education. For however bad we thought Davidson professors were, Ethan is sure to give them a run for their money.

**Ashley Alexander-Lee** is currently working as Davidson's cybersecurity fellow at ITS. It's a year-long position, and she's primarily looking at how to classify data and protect it accordingly. She'll also be singing regularly with the Charlotte Symphony Chorus! Like everyone, she's gonna take the rest of the year to figure out exactly what field she wants to commit herself to.

**Holt Evans** is great, man...

**Peter Hillinck** has everything under control, thank god. **Colin Bye** just signed a modeling contract with Red NYC after a very lucky open call and since then has been traveling Europe with his brother including a pilgrimage through Austria (129 km in six days) and an interrail trip. The contract and the pilgrimage are presumably unrelated.

We mourn the loss of Martin Hunter '80, father of **Elizabeth Hunter**, who passed away on June 7, 2017. A service to celebrate Martin's life was held on June 13th at Myers Park Baptist Church. Those wishing to make a contribution in Martin's memory are encouraged to consider the Council on Children's Rights, Myers Park Baptist Church, or the Conservation Land Trust for North Carolina. Online condolences at www.kennethpoeservices.com Phone: 704 641-7606. We love you Elizabeth!

After a jaunt through the Utah wilderness, **Walker Mogen** informed us that he has found employment in D.C. working as a paralegal for the antitrust division of the DOJ. Quick! Befriend him! This is probably the closest we'll get to a get out of jail free card!

**Andy Baay** has started work at Tresata in Charlotte along with four other new hires from Davidson. They just started a three-month training program to learn the intricacies of big data analysis. Big data? More like BIG DADA:

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