CLASS NOTES
FALL 2017

36-47 FROM ALUMNI RELATIONS
Fred Irwin “Silent Fred” Dickerson ’36, 106, of Mars Hill passed away Aug. 21, 2017, at John K. Creever 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 Real Brent “B.B.” Pyley 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.


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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 Havworth, 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 Capers 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 Henderson 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 36 years and 35 pounds.”

Our note: this was the occasion when 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 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 grandchildren. 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 Lowry has been in skilled nursing care for two years at Cradlesdale 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 Gwynedd, Pa. 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 Volis 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, Peguy, 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” Lach, who died June 22, 2017, in Blacksburg, Va.

That is: “All the news that’s fit to print and then some.”

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with Ed Douglass ’55 in Augusta, Ga., Herschel Allen, Graeme Keith, Bill Gildev, 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 Stone 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 Blackburg, 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 Aschraft, Charlie Farnie 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 5th lost it by one run.

Governor Jim Martin participated in the reunion weekend by discussing his recent book *Revolution 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, Fl., are going smoothly.

**Jim Foll** 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 Trapick** 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 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 spoooked by his intellectual classmates.

**Charles 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 is 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 Winston-Salem 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 Julie 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 alumni’ to be in touch ...and contribute?

Especially, how can we encourage the less illustrious ‘Invisible alums’ to be in touch and contribute? The college has a great opportunity to lift up some of these alumni who are doing great things. If your classmates don’t hear from you, they will think you are not interested in them, and most likely you are the most missed. So, get in touch. Let’s keep in touch.

“Gordon has moved to Arbor Acres, a retirement facility in Winston-Salem that is very similar to The Oaks. 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.” – Gordon Spaugh

“Arthur Bagdorfs 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 Chicago 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 Ashevile 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. Last week we awarded our first annual scholarship to a terrific young Hispanic woman graduating from the high school.” – John Lund

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 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 Vail, Colo., where I practiced architecture, since 1981. Our children and their spouses, 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 alumni 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 ’39 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...which is why I’m here today. Especially, how can we encourage the less illustrious ‘Invisible alums’ to be in touch ...and contribute?

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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 to Davidson.” Daughter Deborah and family live in Savannah, Ga., and son Scott and family live in Lake Forest, Ill.

Edgar Pinto says: “I made Edgar Pinto’s 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 sweers 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 Hungry Chao: 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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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 Lina is coming up in December. Congratulations to you, Bob.

B Hillmer 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 first for the rest. Ten adults and 10 children. We’ve been planning it for two years, so excitement is high. B.”

George Bladnock 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 Markoe writes: “Even at my ‘advanced age,’ as I 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 HFHI, 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 39 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 Leroy tells us: “After my wife, begins aggressive chemotherapy next week for ovarian cancer. Being treated by top people at CMC, but we need aggressive chemotherapy next week for ovarian cancer.

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 Paul and Trudy 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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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’ Trap, has 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, obisit 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 totalled $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.

Wynnell 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 grandson, was born May 26. Next arrived Jay Malcolm Rozear, Marvin Rozear’s seventh grandson, on June 2. And early on the first day of reunion weekend, June 9, Quincy Constance Nitze arrived, ninth grandson.

George Trask.

Lynwood Mallard reports on the athletic feats of Gih Smith IV, grandson of our late classmate Gih Smith. Last year, in his senior year in high school in Westchester County, N.Y., Gih’s hockey team won 25 straight matches and then the state championship. Gih 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 Athon, Va., and Robert “Butch” Ledoyer on June 16 in Atmon, Va., and of AC Miller July 17 in Fayetteville.

We celebrate the marriage April 21 in Argentina of Bert Kamm and 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 are also 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 basketball regionals in June included Joe and Mary Kay Robinson, Ed Hines, Tom Harris and D6 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.

Lev Zinkle 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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AS TOLD BY: Carlton Cole, 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 postscard we often receive say, “save the date.”

I had a nice note from Avery Burns in January regarding me about the expert 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 Cordie, Lawrence Kinbrugh 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 Arkuckle ’64. In June Bill continued his support of the ‘Cats, joined by Porter Haliburton, this time to watch the basketball 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 Haliburton, 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 $10,000 we gave. Thanks to all, and to Toby Betha, 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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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 Gryffith, far away in Virginia (with the Brockman Guards), I was assisted by the letters of rural

the Union: Alumni
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—wooden bats; 1966—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 doubleheaders 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 60’s—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 the 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—one of the current baseball team played another sport; 1966—I 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.”

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67 AS TOLD BY: Bryant Himnant, 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 the last Pika lunch on Saturday. 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.

68 AS TOLD BY: Bruce Weite, 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 Weite ’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 our classmates to send me any or 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.

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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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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 fed 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 Sunia quickly fell in love with Dave, then an intern at IRC. They later married and 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 grandsons Silas (4). Son Malcolm works for the U.S. Forestry Service and lives with his wife in Ashland, Ore.

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 Boshomer 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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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

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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 Israel 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 Scroggins, 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, Sisthescope, 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 layers of narrative, emotion and reaction that were...

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 ...
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 Cantery and seeing our crew of '75. 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 spent in the pews at Davidson Presbyterian with family and early experiences with Herman, the custodian on 2nd floor of Centelle, then running STEP tutoring and other diverse activities. John also found himself explaining to the locals his enthusiasm when a skinny Stephen 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 Cantery 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 of Tulsa fag. I’m not even sure how he tumbled onto that 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 of Tulsa fag. I’m not even sure how he tumbled onto that. Not so much so that he’s looking to contact literary agents. A line only Wyndell could deliver.

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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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 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 Betcher 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 Rovegno 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—oh, 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 great business, which is feeding his obsession with champion Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs. Jay Powell is just traveling—a lot. Frank Siedel 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 of 10 days, but only for so long so that their vacation could start! Understandably, they were more interested in diners 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 retired another two years, and now his 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 bursting 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! Contact: Michael S. Pappas, 636-207-7789 (h); mspappas@charter.net
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 Shell! 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 "Tenosly" 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 haiku to restrain my tendency toward long stories: "Old oaks cool campus. Warm greetings, smiles, memories. Ne Ultra moments."

Our next reunion note: congratulations to Becca Stimson 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 last weekend note 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 Olgilvie 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! in human and doggie brothers and sisters. Contact: Sue McAvoy, 404-373-1278; smcavoy@emory.edu

78 ASTOLD 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 Davidsonians. 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 in Haddonfield, N.J. The business was started 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 campus. After that, he went to work on providing "loving criticism and support" to the public education system in small claims court and do occasional other pro bono work.

Please do submit notes to me about what you're doing these days: 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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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 ASTOLD 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 Rick 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, "7" 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 Jeannie Null 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.

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

Danny Herne 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” Eggerton 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 Buds reunion at Lake Tillery (east of Charlotte). Their own “B7” as it were. The august group of alumni included Linc Ey, George Munrocha, 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 McLaugh 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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AS TOLD BY: David Poe, Class Secretary
Last issue we mourned the loss of Perrin Thompson Hall, daughter of Weeze 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 Weeze, 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 Weeze 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 adult and children’s services for four London boroughs libraries, and currently service development manager for 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 or 704-894-2559.

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 ambassador for The Fund for Davidson, thanking us for our response to her solicitations: “We did it! We... surpassed our 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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THE UNION: ALUMNI
Concession area for traditional Chinese street food. Tyler mentioned that he was a student at Elon and his 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 travelled 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 on their trip by 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 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.

Marvin McFadyen’s summer trip to Europe included a visit with classmates Melis Nicolaides, 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 Larsus-McShane, Greg McFadyen, Florence Hart Mogen, Laurie Noto Parker, Laura Terry Sellers, Laura Curry Sloan, and Dan Newseame 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 Newseame’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 art organization on 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.

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.tdjohnston.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, do-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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Davidson College and their 1985 parents! Elijah Andrews (Sherrir & Ernie Andrews), Andy Baay, (Peter & Laura Helmus Baay), Taylor Brendle (Amie & Scott Brendle), Sydney Foil (Lia & Marty Foil), Amelia Gaither (Elizabeth & Jay Gaither), Alex Gould (Becky & Warren Gould), Paul Henderson (Bob & Ross Thayer Henderson), Deby Jones (Steve & Becca Bates Jones), Ellen Koeley (Rhonda & Mike Koeley), Katie Leiner (John and Catherine Crouseind 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 house 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 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 path life, 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 “In 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 than he can ever use. “All are welcome to come by for a pasta and pesto dinner.” (He recommends pine nuts...tons of it.)

Robert Lee clearly recalls the summer of 2009, when he was working on a documentary about justice in Uganda. He was thrilled when Angela Bassett agreed to narrate the film, which he titled “Remand.”

The documentary was set to premiere on A&E this fall, but due to scheduling conflicts, it has been delayed until early 2018. “I’m excited to see how it will be received,” said Robert.

Robert is currently working on a new book titled “Selfies: Searching for the Image of God in a Digital Age.” He hopes to have it published sometime in early 2018.

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may be update worthy. What do you do when you are flying to Hawaii with a stop in Los Angeles and you miss the last flight out at 10 pm? You call on our classmate Roxanne Beckford Hage 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 McNeill 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!” Contact: Randi Hartwell, 217-410-8641; andhartwell@gmail.com or hartwell@illinois.edu

87 AS TOLD BY: Nelle McCorkle Bordeaux, Class Secretary

Our fall theme is football, in honor of John Woodward McCNeill, who scored a touchdown with his fine family and his thriving dental practice in Raleigh. Also, John’s wife, Caryn Coppedde McCNeill ’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 McCneills have three children; their oldest has a soccer scholarship at Sewanee. Caryn practices law as a partner with the firm Smith, Anderson in Raleigh.

Running long is Diane Dunlar 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 creating a new phase as empty nesters.

The first classmate to tell of life in a new city is Ginger Broadus. 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 their 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 country. Tom Gallagher 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 Taquecheled Mattel 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 Leonstis 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 setting. 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 6,332 feet was made. (Photo available on request.)

Charles Gowin 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 “Ots” 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 a very great person, but my main 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 a very great person, but my main

Alice Stubbs vacationed this summer in Asheville and taking a job heading up the kidney and liver transplant department at Loma Linda University, in Loma Linda, California.

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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. “I hope 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 Young Lives—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 McKeilhen 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 (Maquilishuat).”

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 Veem Software out of Switzerland. “It’s been refreshing, motivating and fun. I do travel more for work, but that gives me more opportunities for 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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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 enrollment 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 Fuhrman lets us know that Katherine Windfield 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 Vaughan wins the award for most classmate 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 Buhlan, Chris Todd, Kevin Grooms, Andy Cooke, Greg Wilcox, Jay Bissen, and Ginger Young. The weekend keeps all of us close regardless of how far apart we live. It has become an extremely meaningful Wildcat tradition.”

Margie McConey 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 Respass McDaid 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 Mixologists’, and then attendees all played the ‘Trading Joy’ game that I designed.” Elizabeth Danwood Gaucher has a new flush essay, Underneath, published with Chop Suey Books of Richmond, Va. “I am a member of James River Writers, where Katherine 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 Fuhrman 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 Goodman, Mary Adair Woodall Dockery, Paul Searle and Cathy Nelson Belt for leading the efforts for The Fund for Davidson. (Thanks, Lisa Howe Combs for the prompt!).

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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 Craigill, Col. Charles Earnest, Bob Hornsby & Minne Hwamoto, Doug & Lori Rockett Jhee, 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 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 Alpoma 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. Giggi Cooke Tynger created the bridal bouquet. Other Davidson classmates attending included Joe Binns, Suzanne Spivey Brown, Marjole Havigruette 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 Sophfather 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.


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 Battercup. “We spend most of our time chasing the boys and life could not be better.”

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Wells has joined the law firm of Gaylord, McNally, Strickland & Snyder, LLP in Greenville. Robert Coggin 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 building 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 Fox 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 Rattiff 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 Adraga, 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 Poulin ’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 Knippling Burke and Deidra Montague Couch live 25 minutes apart. Sandi Schmahl 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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to Richard Childress, of Richard Childress Racing, for this unforgettable experience.

I would like to thank Sally Canty 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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AS TOLD BY: Yvette Pitta 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). 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 OB/GYN. 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 architectural 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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AS TOLD BY: Jeff Kent, Class Secretary

Let’s get started with Alyson Brownett, who shared some big news about some impressive new bling. “Chris Souhradu 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 if 20%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 Christopher Boyd 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 pic 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 Conlignon 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 Boys 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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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 getgorgeousll. Mary Noel and her mom traveled Morocco in March and she headed to Croatia for Summertime 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’Keeke shares, “We’ve got some news! Marina
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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 already had 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, I hope that you’ll make a point to 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 Gaffta, 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 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 Andasa (4).

Benjamin and Jaime Moore Wall have been busy with their business, as well as three children. Jaime writes, “Benjamin and I are happily living in Spartanburg, S.C., with our three children Rose (7), Aadar (6), and Ruledge (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 Kaiya 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 and now serves 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 Johnson who married Molly Tyler from Greensboro, in June. Gilbert wrote that they were “hitched in Lilvile with a night of dinner and dancing at Camp Yonahloske. 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 Conterra Health, and I am the EVP for The Valletta Group, a revenue cycle management company based in Birmingham, Ala.”

Suzannah Bozzone, her husband George Dawney 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 Probst joined the board of trustees of the Grand Canyon Trust, which has worked to protect and restore the Colorado Plateau since 1983. Sarah currently serves as the executive director of The Intervest 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.
Stanley ’04 welcomed Mildred Page Stanley. Big sisters Katherine and Sadie are especially proud of their new sister, Mille! Dave Ozner 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

AGNES ITZEL TIRPAK, born on Sunday, January 02, welcomed a second baby girl, Hazel Allen Carnette, and another son, Andrew Sullivan Carnette.  

JOE and Emily Carnesey 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 McKeenan 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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Davida), a house (in Arlington, VA) and two kids after five years stateside where he picked up a wife and kids.

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 statewide where he picked up a wife (Davida), a house (in Arlington, VA) and two kids (Clare, 3 and James, 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 ’03 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 Bechen 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, Amelia 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 (5), 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.

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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 roommates from Hart 104—first home—an old tavern/inn built in 1785 and right in the Montclair area!“ Also looking to connect with fellow Davidsonians in a new area is Maelle Fontenot! After seven years, Maelle 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, NJ!
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 inequity. 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 Cupar 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.

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 ’06ers 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, 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 Solon, in response to pleas for an update, writes that, having just worked for 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 Rinfoldi 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 “‘ver[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, RebeccaTaylor 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, Frier 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

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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 Trainer 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 Krawle, 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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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 godparents. 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 Brevinton 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, Liz Moore Nelson, and Rebecca Speiser Skipper.

Congratulations to the newlyweds!

Martina Mustroh 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 on YouTube—check out 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
climb hands-and-knees style up a 45-degree boulder field about a half-mile high. "It was intense. But so worth it!" Suzie shares. They continued into Canada from there and took the Trans-Canada 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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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’ve got 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 U of 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 Tinebus, 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 Ivanovicz, 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, Seyl Ayorinde and his girlfriend Lizzie 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, Seyl’s also doing some acting, and especially enjoyed working with Mark Jeevaratnam on his final projects for his program at the American Film Institute (tell us more, Jeev!)

Jen Crawford also walked down the aisle this spring, marrying Matthew Lowell (Denison ‘11, it is not the same as Davidson or Dickinson) on May 28 in Charleston, S.C. Wedding party Wildcats included Haley Cook Sonneland, Allison Antieni Blue, Karla Stockmeyer Boeckert 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 Cotton 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!

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, Breit 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 parentheticals, “Who better to manage the growth of a maternity care business than a single male with no kids?” Who indeed.)

Tyler Lennox writes on behalf of Chris Fezza with an important announcement: “Extremely happy to report the marriage of Chris to Kathyrn Canski in Charlottesville on June 17. Jack Middlebrooks, Liam Bracken, Will Lent, and I were blessed to stand beside the famed DJ as groomsman. Duncan Saylor, Preston Eldridge, Annailese Rosenthal, Reed Ryan, and Rob O’Connell 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 we’ll connect with more Beantown Wildcats soon!” Bostonian Davidsonians, hit her up! From our nation’s capital, Krysta Celebi shares that she continues to work at The Kennedy Center for the National Symphony Orchestra. “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 Alanzi 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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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 Swetnburg and Betsy Lyons 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 groomsman, with Owen’s father, Dr. Raymond Lee Swetnburg ’72, serving as the best man. I was a bridesmaid along with Hannah Behrbrink, Jan Scott Swetnburg Farmer ’04, and Hannah Lyon Lovaglio ’10. Lise 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 rendition of a Motown classic and we all ate too much. The bridesmaids gave a poor but enthusiastic rendition of a Motown classic and we all ate too much.

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. Dunkin. 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/loopy Bunker @bunketheridgeback.” 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 Malory 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 bio (https://misadventuresmag.com).

For her part, Jess is working as the communications director for the National Immigrant Justice Center in Chicago as the Detention Project’s pro bono coordinator. He will help NJIC 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. Brookie 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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their summer escape with an “alum bum” weekend of river tubing, picnics 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 anesthesiology. Nat Cubas Zarth received her MBA and will be working at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in decision support and finance. She and her husband Will are putting 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 Lenn Hepburn ventured from the U.K. to Davidson with husband Will to show him the old stomping grounds. Contact: rob.abare@gmail.com

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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 Godshby 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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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 Makhoud’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 Henry writes, “My life update: I left my post at David and got a new job as shop manager + registrar at Greenhill Center for NC Art.”

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As Told By:
Caroline Brooks & Michael Mezzar, 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 / OKM 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 tearful 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 Hustad, 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 Mwandi 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 Mwandi.”

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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Mars Hill, N.C.
Died Aug. 21, 2017

Beal Brent “B.B.” Plyler Jr. ’40
Raleigh, N.C.
Died July 21, 2017

Edward Nisbet Maxwell Sr. ’41
Jeffersonville, Ind.
Died Feb. 13, 2017

Archibald B. Taylor ’42
Oakton, Va.
Died Aug. 14, 2017

Richard Thomas Sr. ’42
Tallahassee, Fla.
Died Aug. 15, 2016

James Hampton Black Sr. ’42
Mint Hill, N.C.
Died May 5, 2017

John McGee ’43
Charleston, W.Va.
Died June 23, 2017

James Dickson Phillips ’43
Chapel Hill, N.C.
Died Aug. 27, 2017

Elliott White ’44
Charlotte, N.C.
Died July 21, 2017

William Stafford Joyner ’48
Durham, N.C.
Died April 8, 2017

A.J. Ellington Jr. ’49
Raleigh, N.C.
Died April 27, 2017

Campbell Gilchrist Henderson ’49
Walterboro, S.C.
Died July 13, 2017

John Henry Welborn ’49,
Charlotte, N.C.
Died March 27, 2017

Hugh Kerr “Bud” Aiken Jr. ’50
Greenville, S.C.
Died July 10, 2017

Stewart Moore McMurray ’50
Lewisburg, W.Va.
Died March 6, 2017

Hugh “Woody” Leach ’51
Blackburg, Va.
Died June 22, 2017

Jack Arnold ’52
Bristol, Va.
Died April 18, 2017

Joe Stuart McClure ’52
Knoxville, Tenn.
Died June 7, 2017

Robert Turk ’52
Asheville, N.C.
Died March 6, 2017

H. Earl Woodall ’52
Anderson, S.C.
Died May 3, 2017

Fred Stowe Jr. ’54
Fayetteville, N.C.
Died July 23, 2017

Timothy Alden Williams ’54
Hendersonville, N.C.
Died Feb. 24, 2017

Corvin Hopkins “Corky” Clark ’55
Birmingham, Ala.
Died April 26, 2017

Jeffrey Dee Smith III ’56
Winston-Salem, N.C.
Died April 20, 2017

Jack Elliott Trawick ’57
Winston-Salem, N.C.
Died July 8, 2017

Jim West Jr. ’57
Salisbury, N.C.
Died May 8, 2017

Little Howard ’58
Charlotte, N.C.
Died July 3, 2017

Bruce Shipley ’58
Asheville, N.C.
Died July 4, 2017

Samuel Wilson Smith III ’59
Greenville, S.C.
Died April 23, 2017

Robert “Butch” LeDoyen ’62
Raleigh, N.C.
Died July 17, 2017

William Harold Morris Jr. ’62
Greensboro, N.C.
Died April 20, 2017

Richard Vance Fulp ’64
Winston-Salem, N.C.
Died August 10, 2017

Charles David Grant ’65
Atlanta, Ga.
Died June 12, 2017

Willis Pope Jordan III ’67
Rome, Ga.
Died May 15, 2017

Sam Bradley ’68
Kernersville, N.C.
Died on July 14, 2017

Edward A. Rice Jr. ’69
Charleston, S.C.
Died June 28, 2017

Frank Wise ’69
Aiken, S.C.
Died June 11, 2017

George Thomas Ealy ’71
Jacksonville, Fla.
Died June 25, 2017

Richard Reaves Louthan ’71
Jupiter, Fla.
Died March 26, 2017

Martin Hunter ’80
Charlotte, N.C.
Died June 7, 2017

David Emery ’83
Charlotte, N.C.
Died Aug. 29, 2017