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*Though they were scattered around the globe as Second Formers, this year's graduating class stayed together through uncertain times.*

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The pathway along the Crescent may be called Corrente Walk, but that doesn't mean it has to be taken one step at a time. Skateboarding to class on a spring day does the trick, too.

# FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL



## ON CERTAINTY

In my parting message to our graduating Fifth Formers at our Baccalaureate ceremony in the Chapel, I cautioned against unexamined certainty, that life is more often characterized by uncomfortable complexity, contradiction, and uncertainty.

I referenced an opinion piece in *The Washington Post* by Dr. Ilana Redstone of the University of Illinois, who studies campus discourse across ideological divides. She wrote about recent strife on Stanford University's campus that arose over an invitation to allow a conservative scholar to speak. And in describing the events on campus, she refers to what she calls "the certainty trap," which "gives us the satisfying sense of righteousness we need to judge harshly, condemn, and dismiss people with whom we disagree."

According to Redstone, the protestors made a number of unexamined assertions that, when unpacked, had not been entirely or sufficiently scrutinized. "Those issues," she writes, "where we feel most threatened by disagreement are the ones where we most need to be able to talk with one another," and it is frequently our moral certainty that "holds us back" and "puts up walls."

I brought up Dr. Randall Kennedy, a professor at Harvard Law School whose parents fled the Jim Crow South of the 1950s. He is known for taking on prevailing societal attitudes, for inviting debate by asking difficult questions that challenge our comfortable assumptions and convictions. I heard him speak on the question of Woodrow Wilson's complicated legacy at Princeton. Kennedy was not there to defend Wilson – quite the contrary – but he merely asked that if we are to condemn the former president for the wholesale and humiliating re-segregation of the U.S. Postal Service, don't we need to apply that same standard evenly?

He cited the example of Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth, a Civil Rights-era minister in Birmingham, Alabama, who was called by Dr. Martin Luther King, "the most courageous civil rights fighter in the South." In his later years, as a conservative Christian leader in Cincinnati, Rev. Shuttlesworth sided against gay rights protections being sought by politicians in the city. Should we, asked Kennedy, remove the reverend's name from the Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport? Do we cancel his memory?

We can't have it both ways, argues Kennedy. One can and should condemn President Wilson for many things that he did, but our righteous indignation needs to extend to issues equally. If we demonize some with whom we disagree while giving others a pass – or even putting them on pedestals – might we be guilty of hypocrisy, of selective morality?

How do we here at Lawrenceville, I asked our students, manage campus discourse? How do we work at taking a principled stand on important issues and yet remain open and respectful of opposing views? How do we avoid the "certainty trap"?

In my view, we are at our best around the Harkness table, when we respect the overall ethic of informed debate, that opposing views, even fundamentally *different*

views, are to be examined, not rejected out of hand. This draws us together, makes us closer around the table even as we disagree. And we are at our best when we extend that ethic beyond the classroom, when that respectful discourse characterizes our interactions in the House and across the campus. We are not perfect, but my message to our graduates was that I have seen extraordinary courage and leadership from them in ways that brought us closer, that helped us bridge our differences.

In some communities, the impulse is to put up walls: Politics, for example, quickly becomes divisive, with everyone hunkering down behind their unassailable convictions – "for me to be right, you have to be wrong." Here, our seniors brought us *together* over politics with our new tradition of Democracy Day, emphasizing the non-partisan value of civic engagement.

In the wake of the tragic loss of a student in January, Student Council re-imagined School Meeting as a way to help us be more present, stay *more connected*. It was our students who helped envision our spring Community Day, and the Alumni Panel they invited modeled diversity of opinion and diversity of experience at Lawrenceville. It *brought us closer together*, perhaps made some of us in this community feel less alone.

In the final days of May, I walked through Kirby Science Center and the Gruss Center for Art and Design, where we were holding our final Academic Showcase of student independent studies. I saw an extraordinarily impressive diversity of academic interests and creative projects, with much of the school turning out to celebrate the impressive work, and the sharing of such a broad range of ideas *drew us together*.

This is the tone our graduates set as leaders; this is the year they helped to create. And they did this amid countless challenges that were not of their making. Their time here was never characterized by comfortable *certainty*. A pandemic can strike and change entirely how high school years were supposed to play out. The past four years, if nothing else, taught them that events in life can unfold with tremendous *uncertainty*. Absolute certainty, while tempting, is illusory. The world offers complexity, irony, even tragedy at times, and no amount of wishing will change that.

What I do know is that they are prepared to take this on, to embrace life, knowing they can't always control it. They will thrive as they work to make their mark and improve their part of the world, just as they have made their mark here, refusing to let the *uncertainties* they encountered define their experience. They chose, with courage and determination, to write a very different story about their time here, and in doing so, they left Lawrenceville a better, stronger place. Of that, I am certain.

Sincerely,

Stephen S. Murray H'54 '55 '63 '65 '16 P'16 '21  
The Shelby Cullom Davis '26 Head of School

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Walter Whiteley '67 has been handcrafting furniture for nearly 50 years. (Photo by Dan Z. Johnson)

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## FROM THE BASEMENT OF POP HALL

In June, around the time I sat down to write this message, the *New York Times Magazine* ran an essay by Brian Dillon titled "To Truly Understand the Past, Pick Up an Old Magazine." I do this all the time. I have a small collection of vintage periodicals I've accumulated over the years – *LIFE* and *Sports Illustrated*, but also *Better Homes & Gardens* and other magazines whose contemporary issues don't interest me nearly as much as their ancestral editions do.

"Old magazines are cheap time machines," Dillon writes, adding that each old magazine contains a finite and manageable lens into the culture of the times. "You will execute no deep dive, vanish down no rabbit hole," he says; "your reading is instead a lateral slice through a culture, class, or milieu."

It's true. From the cover stories down to the advertisements, a magazine from 1940 can give you a cleaner view into its time period than you can get through the accounts, mediated by time, of contemporary writers. It works with this periodical, too. In my office, I've got a copy of every issue of *The Lawrentian* since its 1937 debut and those magazines often surprise me with the way they portray a particular time or event. Then I remember I'm engaging with history reported in the moment, not in the way we choose to remember it now, lodged into its eventual perspective by time and shifting attitudes.

It got me wondering how the COVID-19 era will be remembered at Lawrenceville. Merriam-Webster says an era is a "period identified by some prominent figure or characteristic feature," so I think it's fair to call it that. The graduating Class of 2023 is the one I most associate with this era. They weren't necessarily the one most affected by it; the Class of 2020, for instance, lost their entire spring term with each other on campus and graduated virtually. But this year's group lived the entire arc of the pandemic as Lawrenceville students, from its rapid blitz when they were Second Formers to today, when it has receded into the background in every visible way. They are the last ones who remember "before."

This issue's coverage of Commencement, which alludes to this arc, is likely the last time any mention of COVID-19 will find its way into our coverage of life at the School. In that sense, the era has come to a close. And that's good.

But eighty years from now, I wonder how this era will be recalled and interpreted by readers digging into our archives. Will our coverage surprise them? What will they think of us and the way we responded? Will this time be remembered at all? It's in the hands of history now.

All the best,

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# A Sign of Things to Come

Their first winter on the ice of the new Tsai Field House brought unprecedented good news to the boys' hockey team and plenty of reason for their fans to cheer. Big Red won the Lawrenceville Invitational Boys' Tournament in December for the first time in the event's 74-year history. The oldest prep school tournament in North America drew eight of the best boys' hockey teams in the northeastern United States to Lawrenceville and Princeton's venerable Hobey Baker Memorial Rink. Big Red goalie **Kyle Ozgun '24** was named Tournament MVP following the final against Belmont Hill.



# Scott Describes the Future of Strategy

Strategic planning that drags the assumptions of today and drops them into a view for the future is probably lethal to an effective strategy. So says **Marquis Scott**, assistant head of school, in his article, "All Systems Go," published in the winter 2023 issue of *Independent School* magazine.

The faults in this "drag and drop" approach have been laid bare by the past two years, Scott writes.

"[I]t is difficult to prepare for the unexpected and easy to feel enticed by the idea of the strategy that worked before — why would it not work again, why would we not take the same approach? But the context for those reasons will be different tomorrow than it is today."

Scott adds that his doctoral research, combined with his observation of inspirational leadership, have underscored for him the value of creativity, adaptability, and systems thinking, which allows complex systems to be understood by learning how their components are interrelated and could contribute to or affect a possible outcome.

"Uncertainty and unpredictability seem to be the only constants," he writes. "Instead of remaining faithful to conventional strategic planning methods in this rapidly changing and interconnected world, reframing strategic planning through a systems-thinking approach ensures that schools systematically, deliberately, and creatively prepare for the future."

*Independent School* is an award-winning quarterly magazine published by the National Association of Independent Schools for more than 75 years. It provides thought leadership for education leaders, administrators, and practitioners on topics that range from operations and administration to teaching and learning to student wellness to governance, and more. ■

► "All Systems Go," written by Marquis Scott, assistant head of school, anchored the winter 2023 issue of *Independent School* magazine and its "Future of Strategy" theme. You can read it by scanning the QR code below.



A member of the Redhawk Native American Arts Council helped explain the meaning behind traditional Native music and dance to Lawrentians.

## Celebrating the Area's Indigenous People

Through dance, song, and storytelling, members of the Redhawk Native American Arts Council celebrated the culture of Indigenous People, particularly those native to the New Jersey/New York area, with students at Kirby Arts Center in December.

Artist and Redhawk cultural director Clifton Matias led the program, explaining the meaning behind each performance. Lawrentians were invited to the stage to join in an Iroquois dance, celebrating the spring season.

Matias spoke movingly about the struggle of Indigenous People to maintain and foster an awareness of Native cultures from an historical standpoint, with a focus on contemporary practices. Matias, who protested at sacred spaces at Standing Rock in the Dakotas and Mauna Kea, Hawaii, spoke to interested students at lunch about the fight to end the use of Native Americans as sports mascots and the increased interest in land acknowledgements. ■

## Teeley Appointed Dean of Academics

The English chair and girls' rowing coach has been at Lawrenceville since 2012.

Lawrenceville appointed **Bernadette Teeley P'24** as its next dean of academics in April. Her appointment is effective July 1.

Teeley, who finished the 2022-23 academic year as the chair of the English Department, will now oversee all aspects of academic life, balancing respect for tried-and-true practices while nurturing a climate of pedagogic and curricular innovation that ensures an exceptionally engaging, highly challenging, developmentally appropriate learning environment for Lawrenceville students.

"Bernadette is a strategic thinker who will use data to define issues and solutions that will reinforce our Harkness teaching culture, experiential learning, cultural competency, cutting-edge teaching technologies, and ethical decision making," said **Emilie Kosoff H'88 '96 '00 '18 '20 S'88 P'19**, assistant head of school and dean of faculty.

In her role as dean, Teeley will continue to enhance the Lawrenceville experience for students and faculty. She will collaborate closely with Kosoff to ensure that a Lawrenceville education meets the very highest standard, by any measure, and that the pedagogy in Lawrenceville classrooms and the content of the course offerings remain forward-thinking and directly relevant to the world that students at the School navigate.

"As a student-centered educator who understands the daily challenges of working with teens at this moment in our society, I'm inspired to take this step in service to the teaching faculty and students," said Teeley, who arrived at Lawrenceville in 2012. "I look forward to working with and supporting my colleagues to ensure that each of our students finds a pathway of success through Lawrenceville."



In addition to a litany of leadership positions she has held at Lawrenceville, Teeley was also named a Salzburg Global Fellow in 2022 for her ongoing research and international policy recommendations in the areas of transforming education systems to meet global challenges, socio-emotional learning, literacy, service learning, youth forums, global project networks, faculty well-being, and disparities in educational attainment in the U.S. education system. ■

### BERNADETTE TEELEY P'24

#### PROFESSIONAL

- Oscar H. McPherson '01 Distinguished Teaching Chair, 2018-23
- Rawleigh Warner '09 Junior Faculty Chair, 2015-18
- Chair, English Department, 2021-23
- Executive director, Lawrenceville Summer Scholars, 2016-20
- Head of Carter House, 2014-23
- Head coach, girls' rowing, 2012-present

#### EDUCATIONAL

- M.A., higher and post-secondary education policy, University of Michigan
- B.A., English with a secondary education teaching certification, University of Dayton

# OLMSTED'S TIMELESS APPEAL

**LAWRENCEVILLE WAS HONORED IN** the 13<sup>th</sup> annual Historic American Landscape Survey (HALS) Challenge: Olmsted Landscapes, announced in December at the American Society of Landscape Architects Conference on Landscape Architecture.

The School, with its National Historic

Landmark status campus, received the National Association for Olmsted Parks Certificate for Non-Park work of the Olmsted Firm. Frederick Law Olmsted Sr. (1822-1903) served as the master planner and landscape architect for the Circle area of campus.

The awards are sponsored by the National Park Service, and the School's entry was prepared by **Elaine Mills P'05**, a registered landscape architect and arborist and author of *The Trees of Lawrenceville*.

In the entry, Mills explained: "*Olmsted's ... forward-looking campus master plan and landscape designs, which began in 1883 and thrives to this day, supported the School's progressive educational and social system with aesthetic and functional manipulations of the*

*architecture and landscape. Olmsted arranged the campus in a picturesque and uncommon circular fashion and established each building as a public building in a park with a north front and a south front.*

*"Olmsted set the 50-acre residential educational community within a 'museum of botany and dendrology,' and insisted on advanced facilities for public health including, exercise, water supply, drainage, sanitation, and building orientation. Additionally, in anticipation of future land acquisitions, he established a new axis leading from the Circle to guide the next expansion of the school. The Circle remains a rare surviving example of an educational institution where architects and landscape planners collaborated successfully to change the quality of life of its inhabitants." ■*

Lawrenceville's iconic Circle is emblematic of Frederick Law Olmsted's landscape design at the School.



Photo by Noah Laubach '23

## Sports Illustrated Tabs Welborne a Wolverines Greatest

**Tripp Welborne H'58 P'21 '24**, Lawrenceville's dean of athletics and co-curricular education, was selected by *Sports Illustrated* as one of the 22 greatest players ever to take the field in the 133-year history of the University of Michigan's storied football program. The magazine says its first-team choices encompass "the greatest Wolverines ever ... battle-tested tough guys, athletes of historic versatility." Welborne was named to the Michigan's Athletics Hall of Honor in 2020.

"This is truly a wonderful honor. Just to be mentioned in the same breath as Wolverine greats is a testament to the collective commitment of teammates and coaches who were instrumental in my journey," said Welborne, a three-year starter at safety under College Football Hall of Fame coach Bo Schembechler. "Great things are always possible when the path to success is focused on The Team, The Team, The Team."

A four-year letterman from 1987-90, Welborne is the only Wolverine in history to earn unanimous All-America selection at least twice during their career, and is one of just 21 players in school history to be named first-team All-America at least twice during their career. The two-time first-team All-Big Ten choice won the 1990 National College Defensive Player of the Year Award after being a finalist in 1989.

Welborne's focus on "The Team" rings true, too: He was an integral member of three consecutive Big Ten championship teams from 1988-90. Big Blue finished in the top 10 of the final national polls in three of his four seasons and in the top 20 all four years, topping out at No. 4 in 1988. He was drafted by the Minnesota Vikings and was a member of the 1992 NFC Central Division championship team. ■



Tripp Welborne H'58 P'21 '24, dean of athletics and co-curricular education, is one of the 22 best football players to ever take the field for the University of Michigan, according to *Sports Illustrated*. The 1990 National Defensive Player of the Year has been at Lawrenceville since 2015.

# ‘YOU DON’T KNOW WHAT YOU DON’T KNOW’

The Heely Scholars in Archival and Historical Research investigated World War II and much more.

If the Lawrenceville Heely Scholars in Archival and Historical Research have a mantra, it comes courtesy of **Anne Louise Smit P’10 ’13**: “You don’t know what you don’t know.”

The departing history teacher and Heely Scholar program director uses the adage to remind scholars to expect the unexpected, that the expansive scholarly research they are about to undertake is almost certainly going lead down unexpected paths.

“You never know which direction,” Smit explained. “It’s a journey.”

Each year, eight rising Fifth Formers are nominated and selected by Lawrenceville history teachers to become Heely Scholars. Their goal is to address topics that place Lawrenceville within the context of national and global events, such as 2022’s exploration of World War II. The program begins with a two-week boarding summer seminar that introduces students to primary research from the School’s collection in the Stephan Archives and local research institutions. Students become fast friends, Smit said.

“They are so deeply immersed in getting so much done that there’s a pride that comes out of it that’s very different than the more predictable pattern of their academic year,” she said. “It’s a real deep experience.”

Not only does the program enrich scholars’ knowledge of this historic event, but it also deepens their understanding of their school.

“Some of the most surprising things I learned were the ways that Lawrenceville operated during the 1940s. While there were many differences from how Lawrenceville is now, there was a surprising amount of similarities,” said **Lillian Gessner ’23**. “We got the opportunity to read files such as minutes from trustee meetings or personal correspondence of alumni in the war that other students may never get the chance to see.”

For Gessner, the best parts of the program were the hours spent in the Stephan Archives, where she and her cohort spent “hours on end” reading historical documents.

“Every now and again we would break and share interesting things that we found,” she said, “and it was a really great opportunity to learn about what everyone was finding.”

Once such discovery Gessner made was a rendering of a World War II memorial plaque designed for one of her favorite campus



The Lawrenceville Heely Scholars in Archival and Historical Research balanced their time between intense research, such as here at Barnard College, at top, and hanging out.

buildings, Edith Memorial Chapel. After speaking with several staff members in the Alumni office, former School chaplain Rev. **Sue Anne Steffey Morrow H’12**, and **Sarah Mezzino**, the Archives’ curator of decorative arts and design, Gessner learned that the plaque was never actually commissioned.

“I then created my summer project on this and presented it to the Lawrenceville School Trustees, who were very receptive to helping get it created,” she explained.

In the fall, Heely Scholars enroll in an advanced research course to expand their summer inquiry into a senior thesis, which is presented to the School. Throughout the program, Scholars learn how to use tools they will need for university-level research.

“Everything is not ‘Google-able,’” Smit cautioned. “You need to develop the tenacity to find books, primary documents, competing resources, and how to use those resources to find others. You have to read enough first to have an historical question, then to develop a thesis that drives your paper.”

**Ely Hahami ’23** focused on the efficacy and impact of World War II fiscal policy, specifically President Franklin Roosevelt’s Fair Employment Practices Committee (FEPC).

“I analyzed whether the FEPC was effective in providing jobs to African-Americans and whether or not that helped increase the economic status of Black Americans and reduce economic inequality,” Hahami said. “While I found that the FEPC in many aspects failed – for instance, it had weak enforcement mechanisms and did not improve the *quality* of jobs for Black Americans – it did set the framework for the ensuing civil rights movement, which has important implications today.”

Smit calls the Heely Scholars program “an independent journey,” and she provides a sounding board or occasional pushback to ensure the students think more deeply. Hahami says it has all strengthened his critical reasoning abilities.

“I had to adapt a whole new perspective on how to approach historical research that I had never encountered before,” he explained. “It challenged me, but Heely made me a more careful reader, a more thoughtful thinker, and a clearer communicator.” ■

— Lisa M. Gillard H’17



## ARE TWINS NATURALLY DRAWN TO LAWRENCEVILLE?

It seems possible, as there are more than 10 pairs on campus. Twins do a lot of sharing, bringing up some interesting questions: Do they have the same personality? Do they have twin-telepathy? Going to a boarding school where social networks expand easily, how does a twin deal with having mutual friends with his or her biological counterpart? We asked three sets of twins to clear up some of these questions. Here’s what we learned:

As **Frances Brooks ’25** and **Matthew Brooks ’25** adjusted to life at Lawrenceville, having a built-in best friend made navigating boarding school more comfortable. They don’t mention being twins often, so many people are surprised to find out they are. Since they no longer see each other all the time, their go-to hangout spot together is Wildflour Cafe, an excellent gluten-free option on Main Street for the duo, who also share celiac sprue. Both have quickly involved themselves in campus life, with Frances pursuing squash and guitar and Matt performing in the Impulse comedy troupe. When asked who the better twin was, they were surprisingly in agreement: It’s Frances.

From co-founding climate organizations to working together on research projects, **Alex Noviello ’23** and **Andrew Noviello ’23** regard their relationship as similar to co-workers. They believe that their experience at Lawrenceville has changed their relationship with each other for the better, growing to be more cooperative than competitive, something they attribute to living in separate Houses. The Noviellos are

SEEING DOUBLE  
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affectionately referred to as “the Novis,” which helps others avoid the awkward moment of not being able to distinguish between the two identical twins. One clue: Both Noviellos agree that Alex’s wardrobe includes cooler colors, while Andrew typically opts for warmer tones.

Hailing from Russia, **Nico Montenecourt ’26** and **Sofia Montenecourt ’26** are excited to pave their own ways at Lawrenceville; Sofia swims, while Nico plays football. Both of them agreed that being a twin has peers often identifying them as having a singular identity, though Sofia says their personalities are “polar opposite.” Their living arrangement has given them the opportunity to find their own identity separate from each other. In their respective Houses, for instance, their twins status is a quick conversation starter, which in turn evolves into conversations about themselves. An interesting fact about the Montenecourts is that although they have spent their entire lives living in Russia, they were both born in the United States; dad **Marcus Montenecourt ’87 P’26** is a native of New Jersey.

So, there is no telepathy, at least between the pairs we interviewed. However, having a twin does give you someone to rely on. All three pairs of twins share different relationships; some are strengthened by their differences, while others are enhanced by their similarities. In short, Lawrenceville is an ideal location for twins to thrive. ■

— Angel Xin ’26 and Stephanie Schloss ’26/  
The Lawrence



## CELEBRATING UNDERFORM ACHIEVEMENT

Lawrenceville gathered to honor Second, Third, and Fourth Form students at the Underform Prize Ceremony in May. Recipients of the various honors excelled in academic, athletics, the arts, and community service. Below are all underform awards; prizes awarded to graduating Fifth Form students are listed in the Commencement 2023 coverage on page 28.

**The Visual Art Department Faculty Award for Fine Art**  
Thalia Honorat '24

**Visual Art Department Prize for Technical Design and Fabrication**  
Ava Martoma '25

**Visual Art Department Prize for Design**  
Qiuen Yu '26

**Visual Art Department Prize for Drawing**  
Joseph Barnes '25

**Visual Art Department Prize for Painting**  
Sofia Keith '25

**Visual Art Department Prize for Filmmaking**  
Na'imah Ford '25

**The Performing Arts Prize**  
Cassandra Dillard '24  
Sonia Singhal '24

**The John H. Imbrie Humanities/English Prize**  
Brooke Bartlett '25

**The English Department Prize for General Excellence in the Third Form**  
Clementine Sutter '25

**The English Department Prize for General Excellence in the Fourth Form**  
Claire Jiang '24

**The Poetry Out Loud Competition School Champion Award**  
Antonia Comanicu '25

**The History Department Prize**  
John Gottschalch '25

**The John H. Imbrie Humanities/Cultural Studies Prize**  
Isabella Spencer '26

**Mr. and Mrs. W.R. Niblock Award**  
Ian Lee '24

**The John T. O'Neil III Mathematics Team Award**  
Anthony Woo '26

**The Sterling Morton Prize**  
Emily Pan '24

**The Colin Sullivan Award**  
Luke S. Park '24

**The Lawrence L. Hlavacek Bowl**  
Avery Bilanin '24  
Jacob Trupin '24

**The Dwight D. Eisenhower Leadership Award**  
Nishka Malik '24

**The Peter W. Dart Prize**  
Cassandra Dillard '24

**The Beverly Whiting Anderson Prize**  
Isabella Jin '26  
Bastian Bocklage '26

**The Marcus D. French Memorial Prize**  
Olivia Codjoe '26  
Kellen Fisher '26

**The Smith College Book Award**  
Jane Atkinson '24

**The Brown University Book Award**  
Sofia Carlisi '24

**The Williams College Book Award**  
Sameer Menghani '24

**Dartmouth Club of Princeton Award**  
Garrett Heffern '24

**The Yale Club Book Award**  
Anabel Guerreiro '24

**Harvard Club of Boston Book Award**  
Lucas DiMarco '24

**Princeton Area Alumni Association Book Award**  
Christopher King '24

**Eglin Society Pins**  
David Edenbaum '24  
Garrett Heffern '24  
Luke S. Park '24  
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James DeCillo '24  
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Allison Calderon '24  
Jane Rubenstein '24  
Malia Zovich '24  
Nishka Malik '24  
Emily Piggee '24  
Sneha Kumar '24

**The Reuben T. and Charlotte Boykin Carlson Scholarship**  
Reed Cloninger '25

**Jeremy K. Mario '88 Award**  
Clarissa Schmitz '24  
Cesar Rodas-Menendez '24

**The Katherine W. Dresdner Cup**  
Kirby House

**The Foresman Trophy**  
Cleve House

## NEW SCHOOL PRESIDENT IS HOUSE-CENTRIC



Promising to rejuvenate School spirit through House life, **Bryce Langdon '24** was elected by Lawrentians as their student body president for the 2023-24 school year. He succeeds **Andrew Boanoh '23** as the head of student government at Lawrenceville.

"At the top is being in the House, being in the Dickinson House. We won House Olympics this past year, and that was an unbelievable moment," Langdon said when asked by *L10 News* anchor **Maggie Blundin '24** what the best part of his experience at the School has been. "Being in the House, late-night common room with friends, playing ping-pong, feeds with your friends on Saturday night ... those are the moments that have been the best at Lawrenceville for me."

Langdon's framing of those smaller, more informal elements of student life at its most consequential serves as a lens into his larger concept of elevating the experience for all students.

"A lot of my platform focuses on revitalizing School spirit and our social life at Lawrenceville and a lot of that is through the House," said Langdon, who will develop ways for House members to showcase their skills, talents, and House pride at all-School Events.

Langdon added that the properly balanced student experience makes room for friendships and the bonding that occurs through close, House-driven relationships.

"I want to make weekends engaging and fun," he said. "I want to encourage everyone to stay on campus and really build an atmosphere where we feel we have a balance with academics, athletics, and a social life."

Langdon is not the first member of his family to earn the title of president in an educational setting. His grandfather, **George D. Langdon Jr. GP'24**, was the 12th president of Colgate University, from 1978-88. ■

## Grappling With a Complex History

A recent discovery about Lawrenceville's past shared with students in April

Students gathered in the Kirby Arts Center in April to learn a previously unreported history involving Lawrenceville's founder, **Rev. Isaac Van Arsdale Brown**, that complicates the story of the School's first head.

After recent research by **Jacqi Haun**, senior archives librarian of the Stephan Archives in Bunn Library, and based on newly available archival information in New Jersey, it seems apparent that at one point in time, Brown held in slavery a young woman by the name of **Elsey**. She was manumitted at age 21 by Brown in 1822, 12 years after the School's founding. By the 1830 census, all Black people residing on the Lawrenceville Academy campus were free. It is unknown how many other enslaved people would have been in the Brown household prior to 1830, or their lived experiences.

"As with many tellings of history, this story is complex," Head of School **Steve Murray H'54 '55 '65 '16 P'16 '21** wrote to parents and guardians of current students in April. Murray explained that Brown was a founder of the American Colonization Society, which promoted the idea that while enslaved people should be freed, Black and White people could not live together after emancipation.

Brown consequently supported the "repatriation" of freed Black people to Africa, a settler colonial mission that ultimately would

result in the founding of Liberia. In 1858, Brown published "Slavery Irreconcilable With Christianity and Sound Reason," arguing that slaveholding was a sin and declaring his strong belief in the basic equality of all races. Nonetheless, he remained firm in his belief that the institution of slavery had had such a damaging impact on American social relations that a multiracial society was not tenable at that time.

"What is clear is that our information on Rev. Brown and Elsey is incomplete and preliminary at best," Murray wrote, "and there are aspects we may never be able to fully ascertain, but our work to understand the full context of the School's history – and to facilitate community conversations around the nuances and complexities of this history – will continue."

As part of the School Meeting, students also screened Part One of the PBS documentary *The Price of Silence*, which examines the history of slavery in New Jersey and the ways in which it contributed to concentrations of wealth in the state.

In his letter to parents and guardians, Murray underscored the many positive elements of Lawrenceville's history but asserted that the School is committed to a full telling of this history through multiple lenses.

"For several years, our archivists have been researching and documenting the history of the land on which campus was built, as well as of the enslaved people who lived among these 700 acres," he wrote. "It is our belief that these efforts will support our continued endeavor to prepare our students to ask critical questions, to engage in thoughtful discussion, and to form their own understanding of our School and its complex history." ■

## INSIDE THE GATES

**3** Things we learned producing this issue of *The Lawrentian*

**1.** There were ten pairs of twins enrolled at Lawrenceville during the 2022-23 academic year.

**2.** Craftsman **Walter Whiteley '67** is fashioning a piece of furniture for the home of former Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf, news relayed to *The Lawrentian* by photographer Dan Z. Johnson, who was shooting Walter for "Take This Job and Love It."

**3.** **John Burrell '65** set a new Ultra Cycling record for his age group in the 100 km last September.



## CLUB HOPPING: TOUR GUIDES

**Founded: 1939 (As the Open Door Committee)**

**Purpose: Tour Guides work with the Admission office, serving as student hosts to welcome prospective community members visiting campus.**

Often the first in-person interactions prospective students and their families have at Lawrenceville is with one of the School's student Tour Guides. "And with this comes great responsibility," says **Max Blecher '23**, one of two head guides this past academic year. "I try to remind myself every time that I tour that this can be the difference between applying to Lawrenceville or not." During the busiest times of year, Tour Guides can give three or four or even up to six tours in a week during their free periods. They want to showcase the School but also present an authentic slice of life, says **Stephanie Xu '23**, Blecher's co-head guide. "On every tour, we do our best to talk about the specific facet [of student life], club, or activity the student is interested in," she says, "and usually, we'll have a lot of personal background and experience in that activity. All of my tours are slightly different depending on the student and their interests."

# 5Q4



**5** questions for **Thalia Honorat '24**, who tells us what she'd most like to have on her proverbial desert island, what superpower she'd like to have, and exactly what it would be good for.

**If you could have any superpower, what would you choose?**

The power to control time: Pause, play, and rewind. Great for consequence-free power naps in class.

**What song can you listen to on repeat?**

Depending on my mood, "Lost in Translation" by Logic or "Sea, Swallow Me" by the Cocteau Twins, with headphones on full volume.

**What is your favorite time of day?**

If I feel fully awake, 3-5 a.m. I love being productive when the world is asleep (especially with a good soundtrack), and then being able to appreciate some crisp early-morning air as the sun rises.

**What's one thing you've always wanted to try, but you've been too scared to do?**

I really want to get into horror movies, but visual scares are way more intense than auditory/literary ones and it would definitely be outside my comfort zone.

**If you had to be shipwrecked on a deserted island, but all your human needs, such as food and water, were taken care of, what two items would you want to have with you?**

Can I find a big cliff face? If so, a screen projector set to play all seasons of *Gilmore Girls* and a lifetime supply of popcorn. I would honestly just rewatch it for the rest of my life.

THEY SAID IT

"Lawrenceville should not be a means to an end, a stepping stone to a prestigious college and a successful career. Yet even then, such matriculations – the unspoken goal of many who come here – would not be affected by a class of highly specialized graduates with both clear passions in niche areas and broadly applicable skills of thoughtful contemplation and discussion. Academic pride and academic rigor are not mutually exclusive – in fact, they complement each other. Such a culture may take years to truly cultivate, and it will require students to be truthful with themselves about their own aspirations, but I hope that eventually, every new Lawrentian will learn to celebrate a love of learning from the moment they arrive."

—Ben Cavanagh '23 in "There's Change Coming, Once and For All: How to (Finally) Find Happiness at Lawrenceville," which appeared in the February 3, 2023, issue of *The Lawrence*.

## ONE TO WATCH

**A Step Ahead of the Storm:**  
**Antonia Comaniciu '25**



- Antonia was first author on a paper titled "Early Prediction of Seasonal Atlantic Hurricanes Using Sea Surface Temperature Maps and Neural Networks," presented at the Oceans 2022 Conference last October.
- Working with co-author and adviser Hiroyuki Murakami of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), she proposed an original method to predict an upcoming hurricane season's intensity.
- Antonia used convolutional neural networks to develop a model with results 20 percent more accurate than the seasonal predictions issued in May 2022 by NOAA, which uses geophysical models.
- "Neural networks are able to analyze hidden patterns in data and, specifically, by treating the maps as images, it can exploit their spatial information," Antonia explains.
- Visit [hurricaneprediction.net](https://hurricaneprediction.net), where Antonia annually publishes her results.

## Boatloads of Comedy

### THE PERIWIG CLUB CELEBRATED

35 years of coeducation this spring by running downstream in *Men on Boats*, directed by English teacher **Maddy Smith**. Despite its title, *Men on Boats* featured the first all-female production in Periwig's theatrical history, according to Smith.

*Men on Boats* adapts John Wesley Powell's account of his government-financed 1869 expedition, when a one-armed captain and



his crew of rather unprepared volunteers set out to chart the course of the Colorado River.

"At its core, *Men on Boats* is about teamwork," Smith wrote in the show's program, adding that its characters

"represent the heart and soul of what it means to go on an adventure. [...] It's my honor to honor those young girls who, 35 years ago, rode the rapids and made the trip for our cast to follow and bring this show to you." ■



### April Dance Series: Lights, Color, Action!

Afro-fusion, jazz, contemporary, Indian classical, Latin style, and ballet were all on display at the April Dance Series performance in Kirby Arts Center. The show featured the Lawrenceville School Dance Collective, along with School dance ensembles Suave, Tour de Force, LKREW, Nachale, FRObeats and the Lawrenceville Dance Team.

## ANSEL ADAMS: *Sharply Focused* Highlights Hutchins Galleries

LAWRENCEVILLE'S HUTCHINS GALLERIES PLAYED host to more than 70 original, signed Ansel Adams prints in May and June. *Ansel Adams: Sharply Focused* was generously lent to the Gallery by **Glenn H. Hutchins '73** to highlight his class's 50<sup>th</sup> reunion in June. The exhibit's "Museum Set" includes many classic and iconic images by the famed photographer, writer, teacher, advocate and environmentalist.

Curated by Adams in the last years of his life, the works include a medley of expansive landscapes, candid portraits, environmental still lifes, and iconic architectural images that demonstrate his ability to capture photographic sharpness, texture, and gradients of light in the American West. The exhibition features a self-portrait and one of Adams' earliest photographs from San Francisco, created in 1915, when he was just 13 years old.

"Ansel was trained as a concert pianist," Hutchins said. "He was famous for saying, 'The negative is the score; the print is the performance,' and he printed all these photos personally."

Hutchins said he began collecting Adams' photography for several reasons, noting his appreciation of the impact photography had on the

art world when it originated in the late 1800s. He's also interested in the medium as it stands at the intersection of art and technology and offers an ability to own a masterpiece.

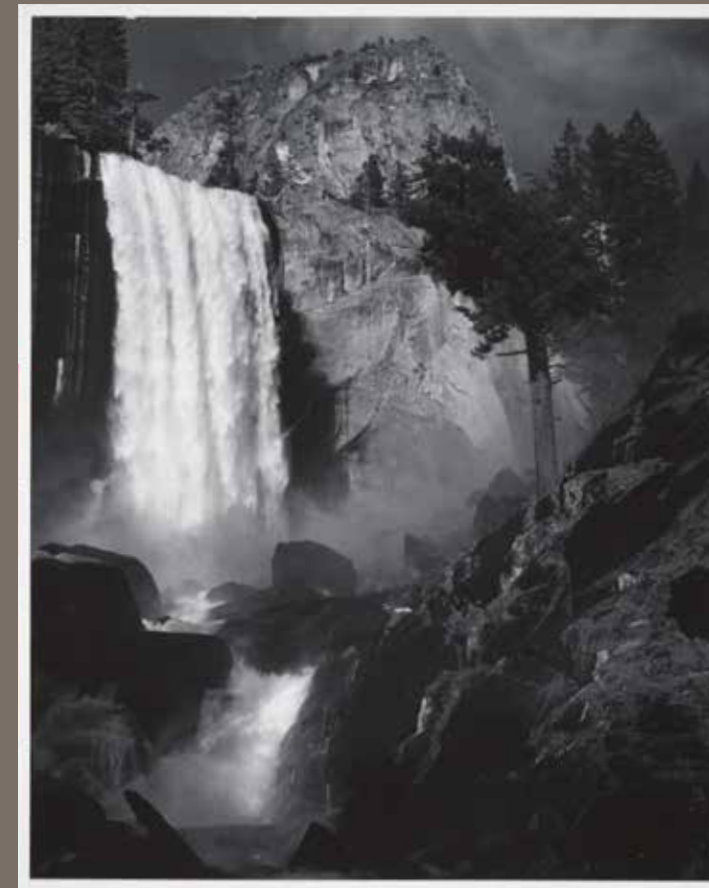
"Finally, he is America's greatest — he is the greatest photographer," Hutchins said.

Hutchins returned to campus to celebrate his 50<sup>th</sup> reunion during Alumni Weekend and said he expected to think about his parents when he visited the eponymous Galleries.

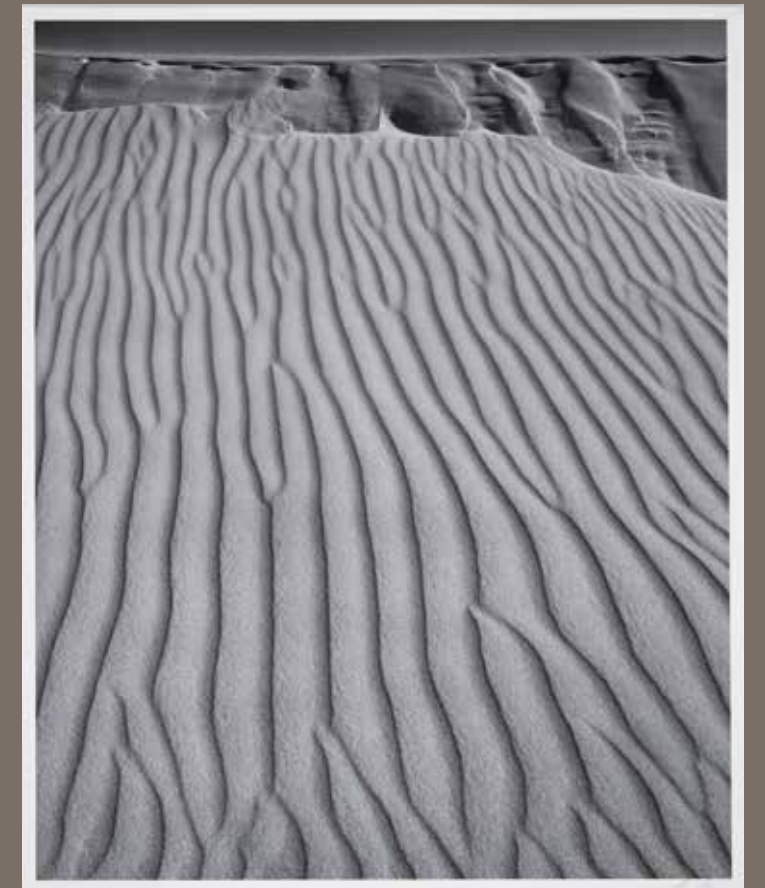
"The Hutchins Galleries are named after my parents; it was my mother who would take me to museums all around the world," he explained. "My father spent his life fighting hunger and poverty — concepts that are explored through [Lawrenceville's] Hutchins Institute for Social Justice."

*Ansel Adams: Sharply Focused* was coordinated by **Melina Guarino**, curator and gallery director of Hutchins Galleries, **Richard Gadd** of Weston Gallery in California, and **Sarah Mezzino**, curator of decorative art and design in the Stephan Archives. ■

— Andrea Fereshteh



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Vernal Fall, Yosemite Valley, California (c. 1948). Photograph by Ansel Adams; ©The Ansel Adams Publishing Rights Trust.

# Lucky Duck

Nikita Nesterenko '20 made his NHL debut with the Anaheim Ducks on March 21.

Four years ago, it wasn't a staggering leap of imagination to project **Nikita Nesterenko '20** as a future National Hockey League player. As a Fourth Former in 2018-19, Nesterenko scored 30 goals for Big Red on his way to a 59-point season and a selection to the All-U.S.A. Hockey third team. But finding a spot in the best league in North America requires more than talent.

On March 21, Nesterenko took the ice for the Anaheim Ducks at the team's Honda Center against the Calgary Flames. With his father in the arena and his mother and two siblings watching from home in Brooklyn, the 21-year-old center played 13 minutes and managed four shots on goal – equaling the team's best on the evening – in the Ducks' 5-1 loss. His level of offensive involvement and activity was unusual for a rookie making his debut, but Nesterenko says his teammates and coaches encouraged him to be aggressive with the puck.

"They made me more comfortable," Nesterenko told Eric Stephens of *The Athletic*. "Just kind of said: Play your game. Take your chances. Be aggressive. I wasn't trying to hold up."

Being ready for those chances allowed Nesterenko to notch the first NHL goal of his career four nights later, on March 25. He took a hard pass from center Mason McTavish and poked the puck between the legs of St. Louis Blues defenseman Torey Krug from the right side of the net to give the Ducks a 2-1 lead in the first period in Anaheim.

"He'll never forget that one, and I think anytime you're a teammate, or a coach ... those are always feel-good moments like a kid's first game the other night," Ducks coach Dallas Eakins told Lisa Dillman of the *Orange County Register*.

Lighting the lamp in just his third NHL game unburdened Nesterenko of the eagerness that can weigh on new players.

"The relief, I guess," Nesterenko told the *Register* about what went through his mind after the goal. "I pointed to Mac-T [McTavish]. It was all him on the pass, so gotta celebrate with him for setting it up. Lot of relief, for sure."

McTavish, who finished third in scoring among all rookies this season, sounded eager to share more ice time with Nesterenko.

"I really like playing with him, actually. He's got a really good stick, creates a lot of turnovers with his speed. Really smart player. Finds

## ONE TO WATCH



### He's Got Goals

**Name:** Nikita Nesterenko '20

**Age:** 18

■ Nikita was selected by the Minnesota Wild in the sixth round (172<sup>nd</sup> overall) of the 2019 National Hockey League entry draft in June. The forward scored 30 goals with 29 assists in 31 games for Big Red last season.

■ "Playing in the National Hockey League has been a dream and goal of mine ever since I was little kid," said Nikita, a native of Brooklyn, New York, prior to draft day.

■ Regarded for his "high-end speed and dynamic puck-handling ability," Nikita earned a spot on the six-member *USA Today* All-USA Boys' Hockey third team in 2018-19.

■ Nikita is committed to play for Brown University after spending the 2019-20 season with the Chilliwack Chiefs Junior A team in the British Columbia Hockey League.

WE CALLED IT: The *Lawrentian* predicted a bright future for Nesterenko in its fall 2019 issue.

space to get open, like on the goal," McTavish said. "I've been really impressed with him and hopefully can keep playing with him."

Nesterenko left Lawrenceville in 2019 to play junior hockey with the Chilliwack Chiefs of the British Columbia Hockey League. In his sole season in Western Canada, he logged 56 points in 56 games,



including 20 goals, before coming back east to play for Boston College. After being drafted by the Minnesota Wild in the sixth round of the 2019 NHL Draft, Nesterenko contributed immediately for Boston College, claiming Hockey East Co-Rookie of the Year honors after leading all of the league's first-year players in goals, assists, and points.

It's been a whirlwind year for Nesterenko on and off the ice in 2022-23. He tallied 34 points in 26 games this year as a junior, including a hat trick against UMass in February. Four days after his collegiate season ended on March 11, the Ducks signed Nesterenko to a two-year, entry-level contract after acquiring his rights from Minnesota in a trade.

Just a week after that, he was skating in his first NHL action.

Nesterenko's last season at Boston College saw his offensive production rise, and his increased competitiveness caught the eye of Ducks general manager Pat Verbeek.

NET RESULT: Nikita Nesterenko '20 of the Anaheim Ducks was all smiles after scoring his first NHL goal off an assist from teammate Mason McTavish (37) against the St. Louis Blues in March. (John Cordes/Icon Sportswire via Getty Images)

"Uh, yeah, I would agree with that," Nesterenko told Stephens in *The Athletic*. "The BC coaches have been harping on that, getting me to compete, obviously. You won't stay in this league very long if you don't compete."

As a player drafted four years ago, Nesterenko could have opted to become a free agent but chose to sign with Anaheim in large part because of the opportunity he saw with the team.

"I had a really good conversation with Pat. He liked my game. He had a lot of belief in me, which was positive," he explained to Stephens, adding, "once Anaheim traded for me, I looked into that and that was a great fit. Super happy to be here." ■

## A VIEW FROM THE TOP

### Boys' Lacrosse Wins National Prep Championship

Heading into the final games of the regular season, Lawrenceville's boys' lacrosse team had already reached a rather lofty perch: No. 1 in the country. After racing out to a 15-1 record, Big Red occupied the top spot in both the Nike/USA Lacrosse High School Boys' National Top 25 and the Inside Lacrosse National High School Power Rankings during the week of May 8. Head coach **Jon Posner's** squad had also clinched the top seed in May's National Prep Lacrosse Championship.

They were just getting started.

After winning their final two regular season games, Big Red stormed through their first game of the national tournament, routing Deerfield, 16-8, to set up an epic matchup against Brunswick in the finals. It did not disappoint. Lawrenceville came back from a three-goal halftime deficit to force one overtime, then another, before scoring with 3:06 remaining in the second overtime for a 14-13 win and the national championship.

Posner said he was "honored to have the great privilege of leading such an incredible group of young men.

"At the beginning of this school year, this team was focused on being successful, and they put that work in together from day one," he said of his team, which finished 19-1. "From captains' practices to team lifts, pre-season scrimmages and every game this season, they gave their all in everything they did."



▲ Boys' lacrosse rolled through the spring, finishing No. 1 in two national top-25 polls and winning the National Prep Lacrosse Championship.

According to *USA Lacrosse Magazine*, Lawrenceville had six players with at least 28 goals, and four players had 26 or more assists. **Hunter Chauvette '23** and **Chris Matia '24** led the team with 82 and 79 points, respectively, while **Robert Simone '23** won 59 percent of his faceoffs. **Timmy Piacentini '24** stopped 59 percent of the shots on goal he faced. Ten members of this year's team will compete collegiately next year.

"To see their hard work pay off and achieve their goal together is so rewarding," Posner said. "I'm proud of them for their commitment to working hard on behalf of their team and the School." ■



## Records Are Made to Be Broken

Whether indoor or outdoor, girls' track and field spent the first half of 2023 smashing program records. Fifteen new standards were set, with **Sofia Swindell '25** leading the way. Swindell, who seems poised to keep rewriting history over her final two years at Lawrenceville, was part of nine individual and relay records during the winter and spring seasons, including three individual program marks in one day – in the 100-meter hurdles, long jump, and 200 meters – at the N.J.I.S.A.A. State Championships in May. Classmate **Rhianna Scott '25** set records in the triple jump (indoor) and long jump (outdoor) and was part of three record-setting relay teams. Fellow Third Former **Audrey Cheng '25** soared to new heights in the pole vault. ■

◀ Sofia Swindell '25 turned several established Big Red track and field records into history this year, setting new marks in nine individual and relay events, including three in one day at the N.J.I.S.A.A. State Championships. (Photo: @gamedaypix)

## WINTER SPORTS ROUNDUP

### BOYS' BASKETBALL

Record: 10-10  
**First Team All-M.A.P.L.:** Hampton Sanders '23  
**First Team N.J.I.S.A.A. Prep A:** Hampton Sanders '23  
**Coach:** Doug Davis

### GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Record: 4-18  
**First Team All-M.A.P.L.:** Hayla Dora '24, Anna O'Keefe '24  
**First Team N.J.I.S.A.A. Prep A:** Anna O'Keefe '24  
**Coach:** Tripp Welborne H'58 P'21 '24

### BOYS' ICE HOCKEY

Record: 14-14  
**Two Nations Prep Hockey League Tournament Champions**  
**Lawrenceville Hockey Tournament Champions**  
**Coach:** Keith Dupee

### GIRLS' ICE HOCKEY

Record: 15-4-2  
**Coach:** Nicole Uliasz

### BOYS' FENCING

Record: 7-1  
**N.J.I.S.A.A. Champions**  
**N.J.I.S.A.A. Foil Champions**  
**First Place, Foil:** Ethan Leung '23  
**Coach:** Rich Beischer

### GIRLS' FENCING

Record: 6-0  
**N.J.I.S.A.A. Champions**  
**N.J.I.S.A.A. Sabre Champions**  
**Coach:** Rich Beischer

### GIRLS' INDOOR TRACK

**M.A.P.L. Champions**  
**N.J.I.S.A.A. Champions**  
**Mercer County Champions**  
**School Record:** Rihanna Scott '25, triple jump  
**Coach:** Derrhyl Duncan



### BOYS' INDOOR TRACK

**M.A.P.L. Champions**  
**N.J.I.S.A.A. Champions**  
**Coach:** Derrhyl Duncan

### BOYS' SWIMMING AND DIVING

Record: 6-3  
**N.J.I.S.A.A. Champions**  
**Hill Relay Champions**  
**Coach:** Stefanie Harrison

### GIRLS' SWIMMING

**Hill Relays Champions**  
**Record:** 3-5  
**Coach:** Stefanie Harrison

### COED DIVING

**Mercer County Diving Championships - Silver:**  
 Dylan Oster '24  
**Coach:** Kirk LeCompte

### BOYS' SQUASH

Record: 9-6  
**13th at Nationals**  
**Coach:** Rob Krizek

### GIRLS' SQUASH

Record: 8-4  
**M.A.P.L. Champions**  
**4th at Nationals**  
**First Team All-M.A.P.L.:** Daphne Volpp '24, Frances Brooks '25, Stephanie Schloss '26  
**Coach:** Rob Krizek

### WRESTLING

Record: 3-8  
**First Team All M.A.P.L.:** Jalen Lespinasse '23  
**Coach:** Johnny Clore H'02

## SPRING SPORTS ROUNDUP

### BASEBALL

Record: 10-8  
**N.J.I.S.A.A. Runner-up**  
**First Team All-M.A.P.L.:** Hugh Devine '23, Shaun McMillan '23, Liam O'Hearen '23  
**Coach:** Steve LaRochelle

### SOFTBALL

Record: 7-13  
**First Team All-M.A.P.L.:** Mia Bocian '23, Emma Sung '25,  
**Coach:** John Schiel H'78 P'97 '08 '10

### BOYS' LACROSSE

Record: 19-1  
**National Prep Champions**



**M.A.P.L. Champions**  
**First Team All-M.A.P.L.:** Hale Brown '23, Ford Collins '23, Will Ford '23, John Okupski '23  
**Coach:** Jon Posner

### GIRLS' LACROSSE

Record: 14-5  
**M.A.P.L. Champions**  
**Mercer County Champions**  
**First Team All-M.A.P.L.:** Jaelyn Bennett '23, Chloe Babich '24, Hayla Dora '24, Lexie Koch '25  
**Coach:** Lisa Ewanchyna P'23

### BOYS' CREW

**Brown Cup Champions**  
**M.A.P.L. Champions**  
**Coach:** Benjamin Wright P'10 '21

### GIRLS' CREW

**Brown Cup Champions**  
**Coach:** Bernadette Teeley P'24

### BOYS' GOLF

Record: 8-3  
**N.J.I.S.A.A. Champions**  
**Mercer County Champions**  
**Crooked Stick Winner**  
**Leibovitz Cup Winner**  
**First Team All-M.A.P.L.:** Adrian Jordan '24  
**Coach:** Etienne Bilodeau H'01 '20 '21

### GIRLS' GOLF

Record: 5-3  
**Coach:** Curtis Robinson

### BOYS' TENNIS

Record: 8-3  
**M.A.P.L. Champions**  
**All-M.A.P.L. Singles Team:** Joe Morsman '23, Ryan Mitsch '23, Reid Farrington '24  
**Coach:** Kim McMenamin

### BOYS' TRACK & FIELD

**M.A.P.L. Champions**  
**Mercer County Champions**  
**Coach:** Derrhyl Duncan

### GIRLS' TRACK & FIELD

**N.J.I.S.A.A. Champions**  
**M.A.P.L. Champions**  
**Mercer County Champions**  
**Coach:** Derrhyl Duncan

By ADAM GRYPBOWSKI

# Built to Last

Trained by old-world masters in France, Walter Whiteley '67 has been handcrafting furniture for nearly 50 years.

Upon returning to the United States in the mid-1970s from France, where he had apprenticed as a furniture maker, **Walter Whiteley '67** learned a lesson about his new craft. Its message was harsh but true.

"If you have a plumbing problem, you are definitely going to call a plumber," he says, recalling the realization, "but not everyone needs to have a piece of furniture made or restored."

Overcoming that reality, Whiteley has carved out a career as durable as one of his chests of drawers. But approaching a half-century in business, he wonders if he is the last of a dying breed and, if so, who in the future will restore, let alone create, the traditional reproductions he specializes in – the type of furniture capable of lasting generations and becoming beloved family heirlooms.

"There are fewer and fewer people who do what I do," Whiteley says. "Schools today don't even get into teaching restoration. In general I think my children's generation is less interested in formal furniture, and the pieces most people buy today won't last from one generation to the next."

Unlike today's disposable, factory-produced furniture, Whiteley's work is built to last. During his long career, he's seen his original pieces survive their owners, and he hopes they will last well beyond that.

When it's well cared for and built soundly with high-quality materials, furniture can last decades. Recently, a local businessman asked Whiteley if he could fix a rocking chair that had fallen out of the man's pickup truck. Whiteley determined the chair was made in York, Pennsylvania, where he lives and maintains his workshop, and that it was built in the late 1860s, meaning it had survived the administrations of twenty-eight or twenty-nine American presidents. Whiteley's job was to ensure it would see a thirtieth.

The fall had shattered the chair into "umpteen pieces," Whiteley said. "It was truly a mess." Multiple grafts were needed to restore the chair to one piece. Whiteley also had to create an entirely new crest rail, the top rail of the chair's back. For the longtime craftsman, this was gratifying work.

About five decades earlier, when he was a novice just beginning to learn his craft, Whiteley certainly couldn't fashion a crest rail, and he probably didn't even know what one was. He had never taken a single shop class when he arranged, in the early 1970s, for a trial week at old-world furniture makers Lacombe & Lacombe in Rodez, France. At the time, Whiteley was living there with his French wife, whom he had met a couple of years earlier while traveling abroad. The trial turned into a three-year apprenticeship, giving him the opportunity to learn time-honored techniques from master craftsmen.

"I knew that I wanted to do something with my hands," Whiteley said. "Working with wood seemed like a viable way to express that desire. The more I got into it, the more I realized that I wanted to pursue it, but it was a novel adventure for me."

Today, his business is split between restoration and custom building. For the latter, some customers hire him to reproduce furniture of a specific style or time period. Others come to him having found a piece of furniture that does not fit into their living space but they feel they cannot live without. Whiteley customizes similar pieces for them, with dimensions better suited to their homes.

Sometimes customers want a piece made with particular hardware or their preferred types of wood. Whiteley has been working with wood for so long – indigenous varieties mostly, such as cherry and walnut, as well as maple and birch for accents – that he can identify varieties on sight. While more and more mass-produced furniture is made of wood composite or plastic, these cheaper materials sacrifice qualities that lend dining room tables, rolltop desks and other heirloom-worthy pieces their beauty, uniqueness, and durability.

No matter what type of wood it's made from, Whiteley can work on a single piece of furniture for weeks or even months. When his work is complete, he finds pleasure in delivering the products to his customers.

"I'm happy to get them into the home they're destined to be part of," he says.

In earlier eras, furniture makers weren't jacks-of-all-trades like Whiteley but instead were artisans specializing in tasks such as carving or turning.

"What's different now is that you as an individual have to incorporate all of those gestures," Whiteley says. "I need to be relatively skillful in all of those areas."

For having fashioned such a long career, Whiteley owns surprisingly little of the furniture he has made. Especially early on, operating his business left little time to create for himself, although that has recently begun to change. A few of his pieces have joined the furniture he and his wife brought over from France, as well as what they inherited from his grandmother. One chair, which predates the Declaration of Independence and was built in Philadelphia in 1760, is particularly prized.

"It's testament to the proper joinery that it's lasted this long," Whiteley says. ■



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*Walter Whiteley '67 is currently working on a commissioned piece of furniture for the home of former Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf.*

# Photographs and Memories

For nearly 140 years, the *Olla Podrida* has catalogued life on Lawrenceville's campus.

**N**OT LONG BEFORE COMMENCEMENT EACH YEAR, Lawrenceville's annual yearbook, the *Olla Podrida*, is distributed on campus to graduating Fifth Formers, faculty, and others. Named for a classic Spanish stew that combines a broad array of meats, beans, and vegetables, and translated literally as "rotten pot," the phrase found its way into English beginning in the 1600s as a metaphor for a "diverse mixture of things or elements."

The similar meaning of the French word *potpourri* is not coincidental; *pot-pourri* began as the literal French translation of the Spanish *olla podrida* dish, although it evolved as a French shorthand for the now familiar mixture of fragrant dried plant materials. It is not recorded anywhere why the first publishers of Lawrenceville's yearbook chose this tongue-in-cheek title, but the first few issues of the annual were often introduced lightheartedly as if describing a tasty dish prepared for the reader.

The tradition of academic yearbooks began as personal scrapbooks in the late 17th century among the oldest established schools in the northeastern American colonies. Students were encouraged to collect items from their school life as memorabilia and to sign one another's books with poems, comments, and quotations. In 1806, Yale University published the first official academic yearbook in the United States, containing information about the school year, the students, and the faculty. It would become the model for those that followed.

Lawrenceville's *Olla Podrida* was published for the first time in 1885, two years after the reorganization of the School under the John Cleve Green Foundation. The initial, paper-bound issue was eighty pages long, of which thirteen pages were advertisements for local businesses of interest to schoolboys or their parents. Information



▲ The illustrated cover page of the debut edition of the *Olla Podrida* in 1885 highlights still-popular extracurriculars like sports and music.

in the volume included the annual school calendar; lists of school founders, trustees, and faculty; and names of students who had attended in both the 1883-84 and 1884-85 school years following the reorganization.

Although there was an engraved image of the newly built Memorial Hall in that first issue, the Circle Houses were not yet complete, so the House directory included engraved drawings only of Hamill House and two Main Street houses no longer used today as student residences. Athletics and clubs, then as now, were popular and took up more than a quarter of the volume with detailed rules, statistics, and student-drawn illustrations. The issue also included detailed Retrospectives of 1883-84 and 1884-85, giving a timeline of notable campus events.

It didn't take long after the first edition was published for the more casual "Olla Pod" moniker to catch on, and the new yearbook quickly evolved, too. The first class and team photographs appeared in 1888 and by 1891, the book was bound for the first time in hardcover and included club photos as well as class histories for all grades. However,

photographs were provided only for those teams or organizations able to pay for their inclusion.

The yearbook price was increased from 75 cents to one dollar (a jump from \$24.46 to \$32.62 in 2023 dollars) in 1892 after the *Olla Podrida* board argued that the yearbook would be more affordable for a student under the new flat fee. Thus, the existing 35-cent fee (today's \$11.42) previously charged to all students to have their names included in the book was waived.

By 1895, group House photos had been introduced, although the primary form of artwork for the yearbook continued to be drawings submitted by students. Illustrations were initially drawn for every House, sport, and club, but by the late 1920s, the hand-drawn illustrations were generally reserved for the cover pages of various sections of the yearbook.

Drawings were solicited from all students, and by 1920, the student who had the most sketches selected for use earned a leather-bound copy of the yearbook for himself. Surprisingly – or perhaps not – many of the illustrations during the days when Lawrenceville was still an all-male school featured attractive young ladies, from Gibson girls wielding golf clubs to glamorous flappers in the Roaring Twenties.

From the 1920s through the 1960s, the fundamental contents of

the *Olla Podrida* became somewhat standardized and focused largely on providing official information. The faculty section expanded significantly to include not only faculty photos, but a detailed overview of all their role at Lawrenceville beginning from the year in which each had been appointed: heads of houses, coaches, and administrators, for example. In keeping with a Lawrenceville tradition, from 1922 until 1969, faculty members were not listed alphabetically but by order of faculty appointment, a custom still reflected in the order of faculty procession at formal ceremonies such as Commencement.

Prior to World War II, Fifth Formers – first consistently pictured with individual senior photographs in 1906 – during this era had an entire page to themselves with a formal portrait, a candid photo, details of all their activities and associations at Lawrenceville, and an essay written by the yearbook staff describing their personalities or sharing stories. House histories summarizing the events of a given year were introduced in 1910 and would remain a prominent part of the yearbook until 1972.

▼ This image of Kinnan House was the first color photograph to appear in the *Olla Podrida*, in 1931.



Perhaps the most revolutionary issues of the *Olla Podrida* are those of the 1970s, where almost every year brought an experimental change to what had come before. The 1970 Olla Pod became more visual, introducing large candid photos for the graduating class and faculty, rather than the traditional portraits.

In 1971, the *Olla Podrida* again broke tradition and printed the annual not as a single volume but as three different volumes boxed together, a format repeated in 1973. The move was driven in part by a dilemma that had challenged *Olla Podrida* editors since the beginning: how to document spring activities and yet have the yearbook complete by Commencement. For decades, the solution had been to include spring sports and activities in the following year's edition, but by the 1960s, editors began to print spring information as paper supplements to be inserted in the back of the correct yearbook at a later date or, in some cases, bound separately, well into the 1990s. Today's more rapid publication technology allows at least the spring sports to be included, although Commencement



itself remains too late for publication.

Following the avant-garde approach of the previous decade, the 1980s editions of the *Olla Podrida* marked a move toward today's format. Group photos of academic and professional staff departments



▲ The 1906 Olla Podrida was the first to use multicolored illustrations. Somewhat predictably, the all-boy staff selected works idealizing lovely young women.

replaced individual faculty portraits, while technological advances and the decreased expense of color printing have also allowed the yearbook to be printed fully in color since 2006.

Perhaps the most distinctive feature of the modern *Olla Podrida* are the approximately one hundred pages of congratulatory family ads in the back of the yearbook. While sponsors have always been part of the publication, ads placed by families to honor their graduates have almost completely replaced those of businesses. Designed by the *Olla Podrida* staff using images and words provided by the families, the family ads have proven financially successful; revenue from the ads, combined with the school-provided baseline budget, permit the \$120 Olla Podrida to be provided free of charge to all two-hundred graduates and to faculty.

In many ways, the line from the early scrapbook-style annuals upon which early yearbooks were based to the 21st-century *Olla Podrida* remains clear. Fifth Formers' entries continue to focus on relationships, including lengthy "thank yous" to friends, family, and faculty; quotes and reminiscences; and photo montages of pals who shared their special Lawrenceville years. ■

▲ Jacqueline Haun is the senior archives librarian of the Stephan Archives in Bunn Library.

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▲ The 1901 Olla Podrida contained advertisements from sponsors, including one for class pipes from John Middleton Co. of Philadelphia. Today, a descendant, John S. Middleton, is principal owner of the Philadelphia Phillies.



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# COMMENCEMENT 2023

## *'Always Full of Heart'*

*The last students to recall a pre-pandemic Lawrenceville, the Class of 2023 navigated a fragmented journey to come full circle by Commencement.*



**T**HEY WERE THE LAST CLASS AT LAWRENCEVILLE TO REMEMBER “BEFORE,” that almost naïve time before a worldwide pandemic cleaved their Second Form year in two. In those tentative early months, they were just learning to interrogate the truth around the Harkness table, absorbing the meaning of “House,” and laying the foundations for what would become lifelong friendships. Then they departed for spring break in 2020 without the full realization that it was the last time the members of Class of 2023 would see one another in person for nearly six months.



But even scattered around the globe, the Class of 2023 still had heart. Shaped by uncertainty but tempered by their resilience and adaptability, they authored their own unique story. By the time they received their diplomas at Commencement on May 28, their daily lives once again largely resembled the kind they had anticipated upon entering Lawrenceville in 2019, but their history wasn’t anchored completely within these familiar gates.

“For us, looking back at Lawrenceville isn’t reminiscing about one place. Scattered away from the place we wanted to be by the pandemic, we all tried our best to do Lawrenceville from the vantage point of different locations and time zones,” said **Satvik Dasariraju ’23** in his valedictory address in the Bowl, shielded from the sun by a massive white 320-by-100-foot pole tent. “Despite the swirl of uncertainty and loneliness at those times, the heart of this school still beat on. Even more, Lawrenceville for us means something entirely different from a single, linear story.”

Dasariraju, who will study human developmental and regenerative biology at Harvard, pointed toward the distinct eras of their time as students that were shaped by the pandemic.

“In some ways, our time here has been fragmented. There are moments that cut up our time here into before and afters,” he said. “Even though I’m meant to look forward, I want to acknowledge and honor this unprecedented, complex, and undoubtedly formative period in our lives.”

Head of School **Stephen S. Murray H’54 ’55 ’63 ’65 ’16 P’16 ’21** presented the Edward Sutliff Brainard Prize, given annually by the faculty to the Fifth Form student whom it holds in the highest esteem, to **Jack Patel ’23**. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Murray also presented the Trustees’ Cup, recognizing that student who has most influenced the School for good, to **Madeline Laws ’23**. He also recognized the three members of the class who will attend service academies in the fall: **Benjamin Reiland ’23**, who accepted his appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland, and **Madeleine Rygh ’23** and **Robert Simone ’23**, who will attend the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, New York. **Andrew Chen** and Dasariraju will be a part of the ROTC programs at Vanderbilt and Harvard, respectively.

In his remarks, Murray acknowledged the uncertain times in which the Class of 2023 experienced Lawrenceville.

“You have navigated difficult waters with remarkable persistence, courage, and grace. In your time here, you have demonstrated a determination to prevail, unsure of yourselves at times, I suspect, but always full of heart,” he said. “And in doing so, you acquired resilience and a kind of wisdom that many adults never quite attain. I am certain that you will take with you this wise understanding of the world and you will find the success that suits you.” ■



# FIFTH FORM PRIZES

- Valedictorian**  
Satvik Dasariraju
- Edward Sutliff Brainard Prize**  
Jack H. Patel
- Trustees' Cup**  
Madeleine E. Laws
- The Aurelian Honor Society Award**  
Jaelyn Bennett  
Jack H. Patel
- The Excellence in Leadership – Performing Arts Prize**  
Autri Basu
- The Jean S. Stephens Performing Arts Department Prize**  
Harris Lynch
- The Peter Candler Periwig Award**  
Emily Hammond
- The James E. Blake Prize**  
Lily Hooge
- The Excellence in Leadership – Dance Prize**  
Oleksandr Mykhantso
- The Addison H. Gery Jr. Jazz Prize**  
Grant S. Shueh
- The Excellence in Instrumental Performance Prize**  
Praachi Chakraborty

- The Excellence in Vocal Performance Prize**  
Roan B. McDonald
- The Matthew Dominy Prize**  
Alistair Lam
- The R. Jack Garver Visual Arts Department Prize**  
Frances Hsu
- John R. Rose Jr. Prize**  
Stephanie Xu
- The Visual Art Department Faculty Award**  
Jisu Kim
- Visual Arts Community**  
Rania Shah
- The English Department Prize for General Excellence**  
Yewon Chang
- The English Department Prize for Achievement in Creative Writing**  
Ashley Wang
- The Owen C. Smith Poetry Prize**  
Jocelyn R. Acosta
- The Religion and Philosophy Department Prize**  
Turner W. Hamilton
- The James Sipple Award**  
Adeline N.L. Zhou
- The Religious Life Prize**  
C. Christabelle Sutter
- The John W. Gartner Prize**  
Grace Gellatly
- The John P. Phelps Jr. Prize**  
Yewon Chang
- The Chinese Language Prize**  
Jisu Kim

- The Benjamin H. Trask Classics Prize**  
John E. B. Williams
- The Frederick P. King Prize**  
C. Christabelle Sutter
- The Paul L. Marrow Award**  
Thomas C. Irvine
- The Richard C. Smith Physics Prize**  
Satvik Dasariraju
- The Lever F. Stewart Prize**  
Mia E. Bocian
- The Wendell Hertig Taylor Prize**  
Madeline E. Laws
- The Benjamin F. Howell Jr. Science Prize Fund**  
Ely Hahami
- The Lawther O. Smith Computer Science Prize**  
Julina Savela
- Walker W. Stevenson Jr. Prize**  
John E. B. Williams
- Free Enterprise Award**  
Thomas C. Irvine
- The Megna-Schonheiter Award**  
Kevin Chiang
- Parents at Lawrenceville Community Service Award**  
Sara E. Chiang
- The Robert Mammano Frezza Memorial**  
Iris Wu
- The Richard H. Robinson Prize**  
Kyle Park

- The Henry C. Woods Jr. Critical Writing Award**  
Jack H. Patel
- Independence Foundation Prize**  
Autri Basu
- The William Mayhew Dickey '64 Prize**  
Kyle Park
- The Thomas F. Sharp Interdisciplinary Award**  
Walter O. Murdoch
- The Mathematics Faculty Award**  
Ava K. Noorchashm
- The Howard Hill Mathematics Award**  
Satvik Dasariraju
- The Herman Hollerith Prize**  
Alexander B. Noviello  
Andrew C. Noviello
- Aldo Leopold Ecology Prize**  
Alistair Lam
- The Henry and Janie Woods Prize For Research Science**  
Madeline E. Laws
- Hubert Alyea Chemistry Prize**  
Ria Patel
- The Class of '95 Journalism Award**  
Autri Basu
- The Nick Gusz Best Male Athlete Award**  
Cole S. Shannon
- The Melissa Magee Speidel Best Female Athlete Award**  
Caitlin E. Hoover

- The Tommy Sullivan Award**  
Hampton K. Sanders
- The John H. Thompson Jr.**  
Mia E. Bocian
- The Adam and Mackellar Violich Award**  
Max J. Blecher  
Julia Chiang
- Major L Blankets**  
Madeline E. Laws  
Jalen S. Lespinasse  
Sean Scarpa
- L12 Award**  
Anna L. Gill
- The Kathleen Wallace Award**  
Joseph Morsman
- The Director's Award**  
Andrew P. Boanoh
- The Boczkowski Award**  
Lillian G. Gessner
- The Deans' Award**  
Lucas Garcia
- The Elizabeth Louise Gray Prize**  
Rory M. Murphy
- The Andrew T. Goodyear Class of 1983 Award**  
Samuel Huh
- The Max Maxwell Award**  
Eric Frankel
- The Phi Beta Kappa Award**  
George R. Northup
- Scholar's Prize**  
Mia E. Bocian



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# EMERGE TRANSFORMED

## THE CAMPAIGN FOR LAWRENCEVILLE

Thank you to our global community for your tremendous support of *Emerge Transformed: The Campaign for Lawrenceville*, which concluded on June 30. This historic campaign will have a lasting impact on the School and our students for many years to come.



Whether from the rubble with bombs falling around him, or rallying support back home, Will Semmes '88 is determined to connect battle-weary Ukrainians with the humanitarian aid they need.

# Bridging the Longest Mile

BY VERONICA DRUMM



"YOU COULD HEAR ARTILLERY COMING IN A FEW MILES AWAY."

**Will Semmes '88** is at a grocery store in Kramatorsk, in eastern Ukraine. The power is out so he's using the light on his phone to see the food. "Oddly, the prepared-foods people are still in the back putting food in little boxes and stuff like that under flashlights," Semmes continues.

◀ A colorful mural in downtown Bakhmut is pockmarked with bullet holes but remains largely intact, a reminder of the city's recent vibrancy.



▶ A former Marine, Will Semmes '88 was on the ground in eastern Ukraine last November with the Mozart Group, composed of volunteers with military experience, to provide military training, civilian evacuations, and rescue, medical triage, and humanitarian aid distribution to beleaguered Ukrainians.

He hears the beeping of a cash register coming from the front of the store so he walks up, curious about how that can be when there's no electricity. He sees that they've rigged a generator up to the cash registers and put lights over them so people can buy food. It's unbelievable, Semmes thinks. As he's paying for his groceries the woman at the register looks him straight in the face and asks, in Ukrainian, "Do you want a bag for 5 cents?"

"I'm like [thinking], *You could be dead in two seconds ...*" The casual nature with which the woman conducted business was completely incongruous with the peril that pervaded the surreal moment, when the next airstrike could arrive without notice. It was one of many such experiences Semmes recalled during a conversation in early March from his home in Washington, D.C., shortly after the first anniversary of Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Semmes spent two weeks last November in Ukraine with the Mozart Group, a privately funded organization of volunteers with military experience, there to provide military training, civilian evacuations, and rescue, medical triage, and humanitarian aid distribution to Ukrainian citizens. Founded in March 2022, the Mozart Group was established to counter the ruthless Russian mercenary Wagner Group, which, prior to a split and attempted revolt against President Vladimir Putin in June 2023, fought in support of the Russian military against Ukraine.

"Expressly the opposite of Wagner, which are basically a bunch of murderers," Semmes says. The group chose its "Mozart" moniker as a tongue-in-cheek counterpoint to the private military group named for that other German-speaking composer.

"I went over with the team because the other guys who were there were folks I'd served with," says Semmes, a former U.S. Marine officer. He went to Ukraine to document the situation on the ground and assess the organization's needs in order to effectively communicate the need for funding and support back home in Washington, D.C. Volunteers with the Mozart Group did not carry weaponry, nor were they involved in combat, though they often found themselves perilously near it.

Semmes flew to Kraków with other volunteers and journalists before driving to Kyiv, where they spent a couple of days meeting with U.S. State Department personnel and others working there under threatening conditions to help the Ukrainians. From Kyiv, they drove down to Kramatorsk, a larger town near Bakhmut, where they spent most nights, going into Bakhmut during the day.

"The reason we didn't stay in Bakhmut is because it was constantly being shelled and there weren't many people left," he explains. Humanitarian agencies are able to bring aid packages of food or warm clothing to areas that are relatively safe from artillery and aircraft, but the intended recipients of this relief aren't necessarily in those spots. The Mozart Group was "covering the last mile, so to speak," Semmes says.

"The people living there would have to go to that central point to get humanitarian aid, and a lot of these people are stuck," he continues. "They have no car, they don't have gas, there's absolutely no power, no water – for months at this stage."

The Mozart Group bridged that gap by delivering aid directly to the people in those vulnerable situations. Semmes shares a series of gruesome photographs and videos he captured on his phone. The sounds of artillery fire and military aircraft overhead are chilling.

"In east Bakhmut, this is kind of what you would hear, because



▲ Semmes and a woman named Galina, who accepted the Mozart Group's aid but refused evacuation: "I'm not leaving," she insisted. "This is my house."

we were really close to the Wagner Group lines," he says, pausing to listen to the whistle of descending artillery, followed by concussive explosions on the ground, somewhere out of view.

"And what's happening is that everything has 'artillery splatter' all over it," Semmes adds, referring to the thorough scarring that has altered the landscape of everything in sight. The Russians, he says, have been firing an average of 20,000 shells a day in Ukraine.

Looking on at his footage, Semmes also recounts the trips in and out of East Bakhmut and surrounding villages. They show endless devastation in the wake of Russia's attacks. Entire towns in ruins, home after home demolished, the sounds of battle constant, and lifeless bodies amid the wreckage.

**W**ALKING THROUGH A HOUSE RAVAGED BY BOMBS and largely consumed by fire, a china cabinet catches Semmes' attention. He is about twenty-five miles northeast of Kramatorsk, near the town of Lyman, which was bombarded during the first wave of attacks. This cabinet, normally a mundane furnishing, leaves him astonished.

"It was leaning slightly against the wall, but it was perfect. There wasn't a single broken glass or plate. ... The whole rest of the place was completely destroyed." Semmes says, marveling at the implausibility of the pristine cabinet. It seems suspended in time, moments before its owners were displaced – or worse.

Semmes and his Mozart Group colleagues know a man who lives nearby, and in visiting his home to check on his welfare, they find a crater where his street had been, blown open by Russian ordnance. The man's home is intact – "untouched, not a broken window," Semmes says – but one very nearby has been leveled. The group pleads with the man to leave, advising him of the Wagner Group's

imminent approach and the likelihood that he wouldn't survive.

"He's like, *I don't mind. I'm dying here,*" Semmes recalls. Asked why, the man reasoned: "My wife was killed in that explosion. I buried her in the backyard two days ago."

"Seeing this guy just look us in the eyes and say, 'I'm dying here, too,' was chilling in a way, but also very heartening," Semmes says. "Here's this guy that's like, *I'm not running. This is my land.* And this is what you've seen nationally with Ukraine. They said, *This is our land. We're not leaving.*"

As Semmes narrates the footage he shot with the Mozart Group, the resolve of the Ukrainians is evident.

"We went in and out of downtown Bakhmut, where families were just cooking food out in the front yard of their apartment building, just figuring out how to make do," he says. "And you see bullet holes in everything."

One woman, Semmes says, offered the Mozart volunteers some of the little food she had as they walked by. They were there to help her but she wanted to take care of *them*. As Semmes' video pans to the left, a row of buildings gutted by aerial bombings moves along the screen. On the outside wall of one, there's a brightly colored mural perforated with bullet holes but mostly intact, with its quilt-like aesthetic, a patchwork of patterns and natural elements. There's a landscape scene featuring a field of trees with a bird in flight, wild flowers, berries, and selburose patterns stitched by the artist's paintbrush. Simple, colorful beauty and peaceful imagery in stark contrast to the war and devastation surrounding it, a remnant within ruins of the vibrant community that lived there.

Seeing Ukrainians adapt to these ravages is simultaneously inspiring and heartbreaking to Semmes. Not long before leaving the country, Semmes and the Mozart Group were in downtown Bakhmut, where the constant onslaught had compelled them to pull out of the city.

"We were getting artillery hits two or three blocks away the whole time we were there, and so we stopped at one point to try to see this family, and you hear *this,*" he explains, pausing his narrative to play another video clip in which the sound of frequent, nearby blasts are audible.

"So artillery's coming in and the people, the locals, they didn't even

flinch," he says. He ponders the residents' new reality: becoming so inured to the omnipresent danger that not even earth-shaking detonations produce a reaction.

**B**ACK AT HOME IN WASHINGTON, SEMMES REFLECTS ON his time in Ukraine and how it shapes his perspective. His workaday tasks seem insignificant at times when compared with the weightiness of his work on the ground in Ukraine.

"When you're over there," says Semmes, who returned home just before Thanksgiving, "you really do have a tremendous sense of purpose, mission, and vision for what could be done to help these people out."

The Mozart Group ceased operations in January 2023 after conflict between its co-founders, retired U.S. Marine colonels Andrew Milburn and Andy Bain, split the organization. However, Semmes' work endures through Task Force Sunflower, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit developed to raise money and finance the types of humanitarian aid efforts that animated the Mozart Group, which it funded. Semmes sits on its board and helped Task Force Sunflower create awareness, lobbying Congress to take a practical interest in supporting Ukraine against Russian aggression. The organization is also heavily invested in training Ukrainians in medical triage and trauma care.

"This was a huge problem even until recently, where Ukrainian soldiers and civilians were dying of treatable wounds because they just didn't know how to put on a tourniquet, or they didn't know how to deal with a sucking chest wound or whatever the issue is," Semmes explains. "They didn't know, because these are just clerks and people working in machine shops or whatever it is, who all of a sudden now have a rifle in hand, and so they need to be trained."

Above all, he remains most interested in connecting the war's most vulnerable and isolated victims with the aid they desperately need – bridging that last mile. He rattles off the names of aid organizations doing yeoman's work, such as the International Medical Corps, National Rescue Committee, and World Central Kitchen.

"Those are the guys we were working with in Bakhmut," he says. "Fantastic, incredible people, but they just don't really have the means to get stuff where it needs to go. ... We were able to fix this last-mile problem." ■



► CLOSE CALL: A massive crater in the street from an aerial bombing that left the adjacent homes standing.

# CLASS NOTES

SHARE WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR LIFE

SPRING/SUMMER 2023



"I ate the untouched Clif Bar tucked in my jersey as I waited for confirmation of the electronic timer results. I got the world record: 100 km in 2 hours, 48 minutes, and 27 seconds at an average of 22.1 mph. I have one ask of my classmates: Please don't break my record. It was too hard to set!"

— **John Burrell '65**, who set a new Ultra Cycling for his age group in the 100 km in September. (Page 45)

"**Mike Kasperzak** stepped out of his native California to take in the cooler temperatures and wildlife in Antarctica. When I asked him if he'd seen any polar bears, he shot back "No polar bears in Antarctica! Where'd you go to school?" Chastened, I looked it up and he's absolutely correct. There are no polar bears – nor any bears, for that matter – in the southern hemisphere. Learn something new every day."

— **Bruce Hager '72**, taking the hit for the scores of us who also did not know this. (Page 50)

"**Eleni Lefakis** and **Lucrezia DiVincenzo** spent their Thanksgiving breaks visiting **Ria McDonald** at Oxford. There, they drank a lot of hot chocolate, relived their times sleeping on the floor of Stephens House, and lost their minds over a very, very old rock. There is a picture, and if it looks blurry, it's not the photo; it's you."

— **Brian Ruan '21**, relaying his classmates' specious explanation about their travel photography. (Page 75)

## From the editor:

Most of these notes were submitted by February in anticipation of a spring publication. Class Notes recapping Alumni Weekend activities will appear in the fall *Lawrentian* in or about late September.

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## 1946

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We received word from Elliott Wislar '78 P'09 '10 '14 that his father, our **Edwin Wislar**, passed away March 2 at Penn Medicine in Plainsboro, N.J. A full obituary is included in the Memorials section of this magazine.

## 1947

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Our highly admirable and persuasive class president, **Bill Allen**, has recruited me to record whatever highlights and gossip I can obtain that relate to any and all of us left. Following our late and much missed **Paul Mott P'76 '85 GP'18 '20** in this job is challenging to say the least. I will do my best and I ask for your necessary help. Let me know where you are, what changes or happenings in your life we could be interested in, and especially anything relating to Lawrenceville, past or present, you would like to snare with classmates. My cellphone is 707-489-9200 and my email is [gcg@sonic.net](mailto:gcg@sonic.net). My normal office hours are Wednesdays from 12:30-1 p.m. but Lawrenceville classmates can call any time after 10 a.m. Pacific time!

I spoke recently with Elise Wright, who told me of **Wesley** having a major stroke last summer, which has put a brake on his activities and precipitated their move from Richmond to Virginia Beach, where everyone can be more comfortable.

She says Wesley would want to say hello to us all. A great guy.

**Broadus Bailey P'77 '78** has had the dreaded COVID-19 experience twice. He is well now but says the virus is very uncomfortable for a while. He says he is now "vertical and verbal," perhaps a desirable state for us all. He and Betsy are grateful for the outstanding health attention they receive from the staff at their senior retirement quarters.

As for me personally, Mary Moore and I look forward to our 72<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary in August and more of the relatively blessed health we have had. Our six children are still out of jail and none takes any government assistance. Best of all, they like us and each other. She and I continue hunkered down in the Anderson Valley, about two hours north of San Francisco.

Please be in touch. Thanks.

## 1948

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We continue our good fortune – no memorials this issue. We are still 28 strong (26 plus two honoraries) and this column will be reaching you sometime near our next Alumni Weekend on June 2-3.

As you may recall, the School celebrates the return of the "5-year" classes and it should come as no surprise to hear that we, the 75<sup>th</sup> reunion class, are the oldest one to be honored that day. The 80-year class, 1943, may have a few living members but none generally are able to return. So – you guessed it – this is the last time any of us will meet as a class.

If you can make it, this is the time to return, to revisit our magnificent campus where, for better or worse, we were molded into young men.

Your reunion committee – **Tony Bryant P'91**, **Warren Schneider**, and our honorary, **Zorela Jimenez H'49 '54** – have pledged to be there ... and we hope some of you will join us on this important occasion.

Last chance to "whoop'er up for '48, a jolly set of men!"

## 1949

**Robert Sobel**  
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**Roy Sheldon** reports that the alumni gathering on January 11 in Dallas was a Texas-sized turnout that he and his wife, Lynn, truly enjoyed attending.

Head of School Stephen S. Murray H'54 '55 '65 '16 P'16 '21 was unable to attend because of the nationwide airline shutdown.

## 1950

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## 1951

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## 1954

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## 1955

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It's been another pretty quiet year as Susan and **Loring Green** are both at very high risk for COVID-19, but they press on. They remain generally healthy with the usual maintenance problems that come with high mileage. Loring is still very active in Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Arizona, teaching and taking classes and helping out with the technology side of things. They do manage some travel in their little travel trailer, since it's a very safe way to travel, but long distance driving is getting to be a little more difficult.

Loring had another great racing season at the North American Blokart Sailing Association national championships and again won his class, but had to admit that 10 days of racing and cooking for 50 racers was a little too much and decided to retire from the sport. It was a great run for 14 years, but the time had come.

After 50 years of public service including the U.S. Navy, the NYC Department of Welfare, the U.S. Foreign Service, NATO, and the George C. Marshall European Center for International Security Studies, **John**

**Kriendler** retired to a pretty place, Bridgehampton, N.Y. It's where he grew up and where he and Victoria delight in their daughter, Sara, her husband, Danny, and their 2-year-old grandson, Noah, who live a mile away. John regrets having lost contact with Lawrenceville friends and not having returned to Lawrenceville in 67 years, but a good part of the time, he was out of town.

**John Wellemeyer P'18 '18**, his wife, Louise P'18 '18, and sons Douglas '18 and James '18, went to Egypt over the winter break; visited the pyramids at Giza, the Aswan Dam, the Valley of the Kings and Queens, Luxor and Alexandria. John says: "The tomb of Nefertari was truly amazing. She was the favorite queen of Ramses II and was buried about 3,200 years ago. The wall paintings were perfectly preserved and looked as if they had been painted relatively recently."



Henrique Salas-Romer '55 and family wishes his classmates and all Lawrentians a Merry and Blessed Christmas or whichever holiday is coming up when this is received. Henrique is America's wonderful gift and Venezuela loss, says class secretary John Keyser '55.



John Wellemeyer '55 P'18 '18 enjoyed some time in Egypt over the winter break with his wife and sons.

## What a Racquet!



Don Mills '57 was presented with the W. Stewart Brauns, Jr. Award by Tim Zimmerman, chair of the Country Club of Cincinnati Sports, and Kevin Klipstein, president and CEO of US Squash, in February.

US Squash presented **Donald Mills '57** the W. Stewart Brauns Jr. Award – one of the organization's highest honors – in a ceremony during the 2023 Bahl and Gaynor Cincinnati Gaynor Cup Squash Championship in February.

A star player at Trinity College in the early 1960s, Mills has for decades been a top masters player. In singles, he won the U.S. men's 50-plus championship in 1989 and captured the U.S. men's 65-plus in doubles in 2004, teaming with Sam Howe. He, along with Ritchie Bell, also claimed the 70-plus title in 2009-10, 2011 (with Ted Marmor), and in 2013 with Bart McGuire. Mills and Bells earned the 75-plus championships in 2014-15.

Off the court, Mills has been one of the most impactful coaches in U.S. squash history. For over three decades, he was the innovative leader of the squash program at the Cincinnati Country Club, training hundreds of juniors and making it a center of excellence in the Midwest, more than three dozen of which became captains of collegiate teams. Among them, many became national champions and a sizable number have followed in Mills' footsteps to become leaders in their own right in the squash community.

Kevin Klipstein, the president and CEO of US Squash, said Mills' coaching has influenced thousands of players nationwide due to the cascading impact of the people he reached and those they coached and mentored subsequently.

Named for the longtime leader of US Squash and awarded annually since the 1980s, the W. Stewart Brauns Jr. Award is given by the US Squash board to a person who has made sustained administrative, off-court contributions to the game of squash. US Squash is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that serves as the only national governing body and membership organization for the sport in the United States. Founded in 1904, it is a member of the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee, the Pan American Squash Federation, and the World Squash Federation.

The Wellemeyers also visited the museum in Cairo where much of the contents of King Tut's tomb is on display. It was part of an exhibition that traveled around the U.S. several years ago. John and Louise both had COVID last summer, are well now, and exercise religiously.

Kerry and **John Keyser** live in Charlevoix, in Up North Michigan, a beautiful small town. John writes weekly for the county newspaper, one article about a community leader, another about general leadership principles. Kerry teaches religion at St. Mary School. Enjoying life and good health. We are blessed!

## 1956

**James M. Beardsley P'88**  
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**Ross Langhorne P'87** sent along the following shortly after the deadline for the last *Lawrentian*: "After L'ville I spent time at Bucknell University, Pace University, and NYU with a bachelor's degree in finance, a master's in international business and a certificate in radio, television, and film, followed by most of my working life in London, Europe and the Middle East. Noemi and I were stuck in the U.K. pandemic in 2021 and spent November to March at our cottage there followed by return to Wyoming in March and the remainder of a cold snowy winter. Since then I was back in the cycling saddle training but not racing in senior division competitions due largely to worries about COVID. Training is going well, and I had to decide by the end of August whether to go for the Senior World Championships in 2022 or back off until 2023 when, hopefully, COVID and the pandemic issues will be less of a problem. Later in 2022, we leave for the U.K., then on to the Philippines to visit Noemi's family and our charity there, which has not been possible due to pandemic restrictions in the Philippines.

"A few months ago I participated in a very interesting Lawrenceville Zoom lecture by English teacher and baseball coach Stephen LaRochelle. The subject was baseball. Among the 13 participants were **Bob Lettieri P'81** and **Ira Thomas**. Bob showed great interest in the subject.

"I received information that **Chuck Richardson P'80** died in September 2022 in Darien, Conn. Chuck had careers in sales, advertising and the executive search business before joining Korn Ferry International as a senior partner in the legal practice, where he retired. He was active in golf, platform tennis, and squash, and ran 25 marathons.

"My son recently moved to Vienna, Austria, where he is with the International

Atomic Energy Agency, which has become active in protecting nuclear reactor sites in Ukraine. Our four children are now in Florida, California, Austria, and South America."

**Frank Roosevelt** reports, "The key thing is that I go swimming three times a week in the Columbia University pool nearby. Jinx and I are basically fine."

## 1957

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On January 10, I (**Don Mills**) sent the following email to the 68 classmates I have in my contacts: Dear '57 classmates, **Bill Haddad's** and my Class Notes are due to *The Lawrentian* on January 16, 2023. I don't have anything to submit at this point. Please send two sentences about yourself, your loved ones, kids, grandkids, great-grandkids and great-great-grandkids.

None of us is under any work pressure time constraints that we can't just submit a few bon mots to brighten our fellow brethren's day in the next *Lawrentian*.

My two sentences: Judy and I fill our days with two-mile walks on a hilly golf course or 10-mile bike ride when the temperature is above 60. Our evenings are filled with enjoying the cultural scene in the Cincinnati area and going to dinner with family and friends.

That's all there is to our request.

Subsequently, I received the 20 emails below. Thank you, and please continue to stay in touch. We are 92 strong (24 email addresses are not in my contacts. If you would like to be included in our communications – 5 to 6 per year – please send me your contact information – no fundraising will be done through class email list) and would like to hear from the other 72 of you.

And, as you'll see below, we did.

**Jay McGowan**: "Everyone inside was fine. The helicopter was not. I was not qualified in Huey auto-rotations so I did it like I learned on the little H-23 Trainer. Pop the blade pitch and the Huey blade flexes down and cuts the tail rotor drive shaft and we drop like a rock the last 30-40 feet. Notice the back of the skids are pushed up into body of Huey. As Doug Moore says there, very lucky ... or maybe an inkling of skill as well!"

"Sixty years ago I started Army Flight School finishing fixed-wing and rotary-wing schools. In 1964, I went to Vietnam to fly medical rescue and evacuation missions. In my year there, I had the above-mentioned experience, which

scared the crap – almost – out of me. One of life's unforgettable moments.

"All is well in with us in this year of turning 85 and I like your idea of Zooming."

**Bill Bright** and I talked for a half hour. He recently lost his brother, **Jack Bright**, to heart disease. After graduating from Colgate, he became a U.S. Navy officer. Subsequently he served in the financial departments for various large corporations. He enjoys his retired life in Ligonier, Pa., where he walks on trails as many days as the weather will allow.

**Luke Ward**: "Hi Don and Bill, living in Boynton Beach, Fla., where my wife, Dr. Barb, retired radiologist, and I enjoy the sunshine, golf, and cultural aspects of living close to and between both Palm Beach and Ft. Lauderdale. As Barb says, if you're standing, we're going. And go we do with lots of travel, a cruise here and there, and visits with our four children and families spread between California and London. A few health bumps for me, but daily exercise keeps me upright."

"Wow! Class of 1957. I do remember we even had lights in Dawes back then! Love to all."

**Bill Semmes P'88**: "Our classmate **Bert Berdis** passed away in his all-glass house in the Hollywood Hills after a long and heroic battle against COPD. He started in Kennedy House as a junior and was in Kinnan for his senior year."

**Jon Greenawalt P'87**: "I remain active in my consulting business, which I founded in 1987. In addition, I am part of a team of educators here in New Hampshire forming a new classical charter school in the lakes region in the crusade to counter the 'woke' ideology prevailing in traditional public schools throughout the USA."

**John McKenzie**: "To my remaining classmates: I take care of six orphans, four Russian-born, one American and one from Yemen, so I get to speak various languages and eat exotic food, and I get to hear really bizarre opinions sometimes. I have a documentary film company here in Europe and we are preparing for the day when we will be able to travel freely without the threats of warfare and deadly viruses. We are going to make a film that explains *everything*, so I can then gracefully disappear into 'whatever.'"

"I haven't played golf in sixty-five years. I teed off on a par-3 on the back nine at Princeton and my ball spun backwards into the hole. No one was there with me. It was around 1956. I never played again. No need to, really. I read a lot, but because only one eye now works I have a tendency to read a sentence over and over again, which perhaps is actually useful since my short-term memory is going. In general I try to find benefits in my increasing number of disabilities. I

miss my good friends who have already graduated from earthly life, but I confess I am not at all motivated to go look for them. Why hurry? There is so much left to do."

**Charlie Rippin**: "This past fall and early winter, I had the great pleasure of taking two 'Lawrenceville Legends Harkness Virtual Classes.' One was the 'Apology of Socrates' (a Plato dialogue) presented by Alexander Kocar, who teaches in Lawrenceville's History/Religion & Philosophy Departments and who had a doctorate in religion from Princeton University; and the other was 'Biological Roots of Human Behavior, taught by Lawrenceville science teacher Cynthia Hill, who earned her doctorate in STEM Education at Tufts University. Both classes were skillfully given by top-notch teachers/scholars."

"On November 11, 2022, I joined the Virtual Veterans Day Gathering hosted by the Lawrenceville Veterans Alumni Association (LVets), superbly organized along with the two Legends Harkness Virtual Classes by Advancement's Alumni Engagement team."

"In early January '23, I attended the Lawrenceville Holiday Party, a delightful occasion in the Abbott Dining Hall, again ably organized by Alumni Engagement, where I had an opportunity to get acquainted with a number of Lawrenceville parents. I've long felt the wonderful education I received at Lawrenceville would have been enough to go directly out into the world. I can clearly see from the impressive caliber of our faculty today that the educational experience at Lawrenceville is, if anything, now even better – indeed, the very best!"

**Bill Haynsworth**: "Living in Vermont. Have a place in Hilton Head. Playing a lot of golf. Trying to walk a couple of miles five or six days a week. ... Obsessively paying very close attention to sports and politics. Colts, Orioles, and Celtics fan. Eleven grandchildren provided by four daughters. No great grandchildren yet. Missed the 65<sup>th</sup> reunion to my great regret."

**Rich Davis P'84 '88**: "Hi Don, My purpose is to thank you for sending the YouTube recording of Mr. Williams singing 'O Holy Night' in Edith Memorial Chapel in 2008. It was magnificent and reminded me of the many fine events experienced there during our undergraduate years. Programs like this one provide the best memories of Lawrenceville. Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness."

**Paul Visconti**: "My wife, Lois, and I divide our time between Scottsdale, Ariz., and Washington State (in the summer) where our daughter, Jodi, lives with her family. Retired from the practice of medicine (pathology) and thankful for enjoying life."

**Chris Perry**: "Nancy and I are enjoying life in Ford's Colony, Williamsburg, with walks on our 14 miles of trails, golfing on one of three 18-hole courses, dining out with friends in the great restaurant choices in the area. Our daughter and son-in-law were here for the holidays. Life is good."

**Hardy Ballantine**: "I've taken to walking with a cane; not just to keep me upright out there on the trail (sidewalk), but to start a conversation with some other ol' gent who is standing or sitting there, alone. I expound on how I have found another use for my cane: It is an effective way to fend off young women. This always brings on a chuckle and a back-and-forth ensues."

**Fred Levert**: "Miraculously, I remain alive! I have a magnificent wife named Martha, and three children, of which two remain alive. They have given us five

grandchildren. Our son, John, lives just across the street in Lyford Cay, Nassau, Bahamas. We spent 17 years living full time on our boat raising our son. Our daughter lives with her mother in New Orleans, where she, her husband, and three children live. So far, so good!"

**Austie Sullivan P'96**: "2022 was a year of renewed travel for us. Marti and I made two trips to Ireland, the first for a posh house and garden tour (don't snicker), the second a month later with our entire family – 24 of us – for a week in and around County Kerry and three days in Dublin."

"Marti and I then went on to England for a week where we saw a lot of the inside of our hotel room courtesy of COVID. In December, Marti spent a week in Rome, after which I joined her for a week in Salzburg and Vienna. Lots of great music and Christmas atmosphere."



Lamentably, Bill Gross '58 and Larry Prince '58 were the only members of their Lawrenceville class to attend their 60<sup>th</sup> Yale reunion.



Both the Burkhardt twins from the Class of '58 showed up at the Princeton Class of '62 60<sup>th</sup> reunion last May – even the one never matriculated on Nassau Street. From left, Robert Burkhardt P'07 '09, Sandy Ackley '58, Dartmouth grad Ross Burkhardt '58, Rich Smith '58, and Pat Bernuth '58 outside Princeton's chapel.

“Home base is Savannah where I’m active on the board of the United Way, focusing on breaking down barriers to opportunity and creating upward mobility for those we serve, two-thirds of whom are African-Americans. I’m also on the board of Bethesda Academy, the first orphanage in the U.S. (Benjamin Franklin was an early contributor), which is now a small private school for boys, almost all of whom are disadvantaged. A high percentage of its graduates go on to college and the rest wind up in good jobs with upwardly mobile career paths.

“My hockey career ended at age 76 when I developed significant neuropathy in my legs. It limits my ability to play other sports but that frustration is small potatoes alongside the health issues that others are dealing with. When I look back, around and forward, I can’t help thinking that we were fortunate to have lived when we did. I’m very grateful.”

**John Van Voorhis:** “Muffie, my wife, and I live in a retirement community in Scarborough, Maine, and summer in our home in Boothbay, Maine. I’ve been retired for many years and have spent them traveling, golfing and, until recently, boating. My working career was in banking.”

**Calvin Balsam:** “Retired pres. of Crest Monitoring & Reports Corp. Five children, three boys, two girls, 10 grandchildren ... Missing Griswold and company.”

**Ken Beall P’94 ’96 GP’24 ’25:** “I have two grandsons at Lawrenceville, one in the Third Form and one in the Fourth Form. The older one played varsity soccer this fall.”

**Jim Evans P’87:** “Gail and I are still bouncing between Franklin and New Orleans. I am looking forward to Mardi Gras balls, parades, dinners and other activities. Gail, not so much. Tavo, grandson, and I attended the Saints games. I am trying to explain to him that the Sean Payton-Drew Brees era was an anomaly and that this season was more like the other 40 Saints seasons.”

**Tom Havens:** “After 57 years as a professor and 10 books on Japan in print, I retired from teaching at age 82 but remain busy as a professor of the UC Berkeley Emeriti Academy researching the fascinating history of astrophysics and cosmology in East Asia. My wife, Karen Thornber, a comparative literature scholar, writes books on ecology, health care, and gender while teaching 200 Harvard undergrads about mental health and literature.”

**Don Mills:** “Our class Reunion Committee is working with the School to set up a one or two-hour Zoom reunion this coming April or May. If you want to participate, please forward your Zoom contact information to me.”

## 1958

**William S. Ballenger III P’92**  
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We have lost another great one, as many in the class already know. One of our top three School officers, our first secretary, **Johnny Peck**, died last October 1 at his home in Corning, N.Y. John was a day student who was a star performer on campus in many ways. He excelled at soccer and baseball, but he was even co-captain of his 1956-57 Raymond House basketball team, a sport he didn’t even care that much about. His pseudonymous father (Arthur Peck P’58 ’60 GP’80 ’82 ’88) was on the Lawrenceville faculty and his beloved mother, **Mary Peck P’58 ’60 GP’80 ’82 ’88**, was an honorary member of our class. Here is the full obituary that it appeared in the Livingston Co. (N.Y.) News:

“On October 3, 2022, Arthur John Peck Jr., of Corning and Penn Yan, New York, passed away peacefully surrounded by family, at his son’s home. He died from a glioblastoma brain tumor at the age of 82.

“John was born on March 2, 1940, in Trenton, New Jersey, to the late Mary Kelly Peck and Arthur John Peck. He spent his childhood in Lawrenceville, New Jersey, and graduated from The Lawrenceville School in 1958. John was captain of the soccer team at Yale University and a Bones man. After graduating from Yale University (1962), he worked at The Lawrenceville School before entering Washington and Lee University School of Law, where he earned his J.D. in 1968.

“John began his career at Sherman and Sterling Law Firm in New York City. He moved to Corning, New York, in 1972, where he joined the Corning Glass Works legal department as assistant counsel. John spent 32 years with Corning Inc., serving as senior vice president and corporate secretary at the time of his retirement.

“John was a loving husband, devoted father, and man of deep faith. For fifty years, he was an active member of Christ Episcopal Church, serving as a lay reader, warden, and vestry person. He understood the importance of community and service, volunteering countless hours with social and cultural organizations. After Hurricane Agnes, he was instrumental in setting up the Market Street Restoration Agency, the Elmira Corning Community Foundation, and the Stewart Park Housing Development Fund, which provides safe and affordable housing for families. He also played an important role in establishing The Rockwell Museum, the Corning Classic LPGA, Corning Enterprises, and reviving

Watkins Glen International Racetrack. In addition, John was active on the boards of the Corning Museum of Glass, the Guthrie Healthcare System, 171 Cedar Arts Center, and The Arts of the Southern Finger Lakes.

“During retirement, John was an avid golfer and ever-improving painter, with many works of art displayed proudly on family walls. He continued to embrace what mattered to him, traveling with his wife Susan on Red Cross disaster relief missions to Louisiana after Hurricane Katrina, Texas following Hurricane Ida, and California to support wildfire relief. Locally, he and Susan delivered meals to the homebound through Meals on Wheels.

“John married Susan Lodge Peck on July 18, 1970, in Brooklyn, Connecticut, and celebrated fifty-two wonderful years together this summer. He was a truly great man who always did what was right and noble. He will forever be remembered by his loving family and friends for his laughter and enjoyment of life, quiet fortitude, generous heart and positive, kind nature, and for enriching the lives of those he loved.

“John was preceded in death by his younger brother James Peck (2017) and brother-in-law David Lodge (2003). He is survived by his beloved wife Susan Lodge Peck; children David (Stephanie) and Emily Peck; grandchildren Dana and John Peck; sister Patty (David) Schorr; sister-in-law Gigi Lodge Lyons and many loving nieces and nephews.

“In lieu of flowers please consider making a donation to Corning Meals on Wheels, cmowheels.com.”

**Larry Prince** says his health has been good, although as his mother used to say, “Most of my time is spent in doctor’s offices or at funerals.” Larry says the good news is that he and Judy were finally able to retire in May after 46 years building J. B. Prince Company, plus several jobs before that. The business is growing, and the new owner, his friend and longtime employee, Tim Mussig, thinks it’ll be 100 percent back by the end of this year. The Princes’ son, Seth, is in Boulder, Colo., but planning to move back east in 2023. He continues to pursue his passion for bikes and biking and is now expert in both.

**Felix Davis P’90** and his wife, Jane, are still living at the Ventana by Buckner Senior Living Community in Dallas, where they have resided since 1989. However, they continue to be world-class travelers. Their next trip of three weeks is scheduled for August, this one to Iceland and the Northwest Passage. Retired since 1999, Felix and Jane have also traveled to China twice, Tibet, Mongolia, Vietnam, Chile and Easter Island, Galapagos, Moscow and St. Petersburg, Antarctica, Kenya, and Tanzania.

[Ed. Note: The following notes were inadvertently omitted from the previous issue. The editor apologizes for this oversight. – S.R.] **Larry Prince** sent a photo of him and **Bill Gross**, who, unfortunately, were the only Lawrenceville/Yale attendees at their 60<sup>th</sup> Yale reunion. Larry writes: “There were 18 or so of us from L’ville who went to Yale. Poor performance compared to your [Bill’s] Princeton reunion. Ah, well.

“Gross is in good shape and still belts out songs just like he did 60 years ago although he claims he’s retired from singing. I suspect it’s because he no longer gets the lead roles opposite the 20-something ingénues. He still sings with the Whiffenpoofs at their semi-annual get-togethers.

“He has lovely and interesting wife and they’re still living in Merion Station, just west of Philadelphia, on the Main Line.”

## 1959

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## 1960

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Looking back on 2020, our 60<sup>th</sup> reunion originally planned for that May three years ago, was terminated due to COVID. At last, our 60<sup>th</sup> was rescheduled for May 6-8, 2022. Other classes arrived at the same time for the same reason. All encountered a strong thunder, lightning, and rainstorm for the weekend. Representing our class were **Phil Ringo P’88** and Sandy, **John Lundy P’88** and Linda, **Doug Luke** and Sarah, and my wife Sue and me. We all bailed out by Saturday evening. Not giving up, both Phil and I attended our Harvard Business School reunions on June 7-8, both sunny days. Now we’re looking ahead to 2023.

## 1961

**William F. Hofmann III**  
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“Sorry I am late or negligent in keeping up,” writes **David Preefer**. “It has been a very busy year. But now I have some good reasons to be thankful this Thanksgiving season.

“My daughter, Alexandra, was married in July in our back yard to her husband, Eric Bernstein, with 120 guests. Most were swimming in the pool to a country-western band and excellent ribs and greens and mac and cheese were

excellent wedding fare. After the long wedding day, we had to throw out the stragglers at midnight. Both my daughter and her new husband both said after the event: ‘This has been the best day of my life.’ What more can you ask of the bride and groom?

“I have been treating bladder cancer for four years, and in April 2022, I had it removed. I am now cancer-free and feel better than I have in years, except that I now pee into a bag on my belly. However, I no longer need to get up four or five times a night.

“My wife, Karen has finally retired as a market researcher and loves the free time. We have encountered the horror of freezing in the dark over the winter, so we are planning to take a month surveying the beach towns in Costa Rica. Sounds like an adventure to me, along with some sweet ocean swims and jungle treks.

I am sorry to have missed the reunion last May, as I was otherwise engaged (see above), but I will be there next spring, hoping to see those of us still walking and enjoying life.”

## 1962

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**Art Clark** maintains a strong interest in investments, much to the benefit of Lawrenceville and Franklin & Marshall College, where he has donated generously. Art has worked closely with Lawrenceville’s Alumni & Development Office in funding some substantial gift annuities. Meanwhile, Art is keeping in good health so he can join a Pinehurst, N.C., area age 80-plus softball team in 2024.

**Ted Adriance** turned 80 in September but, always in great shape, still enjoys running the excavator business that he founded in 1977 in N. Sandwich, N.H. Daughter Vanessa continues to practice law with DLA Piper in Los Angeles.

**Bill H.** traveled to the Burma/Thailand border in January 2023 on behalf of his

foundation, Education Burma Thailand Myanmar, or EBTM. We all know who our classmate “Bill H.” is, but in case Burma’s military junta is trolling the internet, we don’t want them to know that he is in town. EBTM continues its education programs and has embarked on a new, much-needed mental health initiative.

The military coup in 2021 triggered a crisis in mental health. Bill says: “We are working with highly regarded psychologists in Thailand and Burma to design a program tailored to treat the unmet mental health needs of the young, traumatized Burmese. April 1, 2023, is the anticipated date for Phase 1 campus completion and the welcoming of our first 30 clients.”

Bill extends his thanks to all Lawrentians who have generously supported EBTM.

We caught up with **Bo Hitchcock P’96 ’99** right after Thanksgiving. Bo retired five or six years ago after a long career in engineering. He was director of facilities for the Lawrence Township (N.J.) Board of Education for many years. Bo still lives in Lawrenceville. His son and daughter

both graduated from Lawrenceville School. As our classmate, Bo was an outstanding varsity swimmer and soccer player. However, these days Parkinson’s has slowed him down and made him wary of COVID. These considerations caused him to miss our 60<sup>th</sup> reunion.

**Googan Bunn P’93 ’01 ’03 ’07 GP’23 ’25** reports that, “On March 9, **Buzz Hannum** and Mary and **Gregg Miller** drove up from West Palm Beach for lunch in Hobe Sound. Suzanne and **Ted Lyons P’86** got waylaid with a brief hospital visit, but Jim Riepe from Penn’s Class of ’65 joined us. Jim was the captain of the Penn football team the year before **Jock Hannum P’88 ’94** and has been good friends of Buzz and Jock and their families since those days. We had a jolly time.”

In February, there was a mini-reunion of five L’62ers in the Palm Beach-Jupiter part of Florida: **Googan Bunn, Buzz Hannum, Don Weiss, Ted Lyons, and Gregg Miller**. A few rounds of golf were played, highlighted by Don Weiss’s Banyan Cay Club. Some great lunches and dinners were enjoyed, especially at

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### Class of 1925 Award

To the class giving the most dollars to The Lawrenceville Fund  
Reunion: The Class of 1973  
Non-Reunion: The Class of 1986

### Class of 1940 Cup

To the class having the highest number of contributions to The Lawrenceville Fund  
Reunion: The Class of 2003  
Non-Reunion: The Class of 1991

### The Fred A. Eichelberger Award

To the class with 15 or more, but fewer than 100 members having the highest percentage of participation to The Lawrenceville Fund  
Reunion: The Class of 1958  
Non-Reunion: The Class of 1955

### The Bruce and Mary Elizabeth McClellan Award

To the class with 100 or more members having the highest percentage of participation to The Lawrenceville Fund  
Reunion: The Class of 1973  
Non-Reunion: The Class of 1966

### Class of 1965 Award

To the class that most significantly furthered enthusiasm for and support of the School, selected by the Lawrenceville Fund Team  
The Class of 1973  
The Class of 2003

### Charles M. Dickson ’58 Class Agent of the Year Award

To the Class Agent who exemplifies the role’s purpose of raising funds and engagement from their classmates for the School, selected by The Lawrenceville Fund Team  
Steve Lockton ’58

Googan Bunn's beautiful club on Jupiter Island. Many of the wives were able to join us, including Suzanne Lyons P'86 for golf.

Suzanne and **Ted Lyons** and Mary and **Don Weiss** visited Andrea Williams and **Chas Dewey P'03** at their condo in Key Biscayne, Fla. They drove from West Palm Beach, where Don has a home and Ted rents a house for six weeks. The luncheon discussion went from the good old days in Perry Ross House to Andrea and Chas's son's career. Mark Williams is a film (*The Accountant* with Ben Affleck) and TV (*Ozark*) producer and director of two recent films starring Liam Neeson. Discussing the range of talents and complexity in making a movie made for interesting conversation. Andrea and Chas's home is in Denver and they were enjoying their Florida vacation.

## 1963

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In January, I caught up with **Harry Saxman** in Brattleboro, Vt., where they are experiencing the warmest winter on record. He and his partner, Sue Lederer who has just retired from her career as a psychotherapist, moved from nearby Guilford to Brattleboro in 2019. That year they sold their hilltop house and 11 other buildings that they had built over time, starting in 1990, as upkeep and maintenance proved to be too much for them. Having curtailed regular travels in the past due to COVID, Harry now lays low and keeps busy in his woodworking shop, continues to do some photography work, walks their dog, and has started going back to the gym to stay in shape. He says his health is good and that he has managed to stay away from the virus, not like his sister and brother-in-law who recently traveled to Florida to see family and came down with it – just like most of us by now.

He keeps in touch with **Don McLean**, his ex-neighbor in Guilford, who on January 10 underwent triple bypass surgery at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, N.H. We all wish him well and look forward to seeing both Don and Harry at the 60<sup>th</sup> class reunion in June. Latest news was that Don was recovering well from the operation.

For more health news, **Bob Moore** had back surgery in Maine in early January for bulging discs but was recovering well at home and planned to start driving again by the end of the month. Bob had plans to get back to his winter home in Hobe Sound, Fla., by sometime in February and he plans to attend the 60<sup>th</sup> reunion in June as well.

**Peter Lee P'86 '90** continues to enjoy retired life with his wife, Linda. They have sold their home in Lawrence Township and now have a house in the Constitution Hill community in Princeton. They spend about six months of the year in Princeton and another five months at their place on Nantucket with the remainder of the year spent traveling. They have gone to Italy multiple times and have also enjoyed driving trips around France and England recently. From their two Larrie sons, John '86 and Justin '90, they have five grandchildren ranging from 24 years to 10-year-old twins. Pete said that he would like to attend our 60<sup>th</sup> reunion but that it depends on plans for travel and house renovations.

**John Loud P'93** is now retired in Burlington, Vt., and, in addition to exercising and reading, he and his wife, Phyllis, spend their time getting together with son, Jack, and family who live nearby. They also enjoy visiting with the many friends they made in the 25 years that they had lived in Vermont before they moved to South Carolina for a short spell. John says he's planning to be at the 60<sup>th</sup> class reunion. Recently he has tried to get in touch with **Randy Watts** but has been unsuccessful in tracking him down. Randy, if you're out there, please give John or me a shout!

**John Nelson**, like the Eveready Bunny, continues to labor on and on at his work in the field of hematology. He says that there have recently been great advances in his profession and that this keeps him excited and makes it difficult to walk away from it. His wife, Hannah, is a retired executive from the Jacobi Medical Center and apparently a very good cook. I had to call him back after dinner to allow him to finish up Hannah's delicious lobster rolls!

In addition to their son, David, who runs a restaurant in Connecticut, they also have two of their children living in Israel with their families. One, Jonathon, teaches language and the other, Leilani, does volunteer work. Altogether, they have 16 grandchildren and five great grandchildren which has to make him one of our most prolific classmates. He spends his free time gardening, visiting friends and fooling with his model train layout in their basement in addition to keeping up with the political scene. He has followed the developments at Lawrenceville since our time there and sees a positive evolution in the direction of the school.

Economists at the Bank of England invited **Lawrence Marsh** to present a paper at their session at the American Economic Association Conference in New Orleans in January. Lawrence, a professor emeritus in economics at the University of Notre Dame, presented on the subject of "New Digital Currency

(CBDC) Monetary Policy Tool to Stop Inflation Without Causing a Recession." He says: "When I was a boy, you could go to any post office and set up a savings account. If they existed today, offering 10 percent interest on savings would not only give individuals a safe and secure place to put their money during this inflation, but it would also absorb the excess demand relative to supply that is causing the inflation. Please tell your representative in Congress to recreate the Postal Savings Act of 1910 with a 10 percent rate on savings up to a maximum of \$10,000."

Our long-lost classmate Alphonse "Nark" Aadnarkio, buddy of **Bob McGrath**, **Harry Saxman**, and **Dick Quintal** reports "for the last few years I have again been a guest at a federal facility. I maintain that my activities on that January 6 outing did not violate the terms of my witness protection agreement. Still, I have applied for a furlough to attend our reunion. It is my hope to dig up my hidden collection of Chaucer and Y.A. Tittle New York Giants football cards buried next to the Lavino Field House before excavation destroys them. My former wife, Sandy, who was abducted and continues to have sway with the Arstenians (who reside beyond middle earth) and other power brokers in that distant dimension, may intercede in my behalf. She continues to believe that Lawrenceville may have been my closest tangent to something. So, if all this works, and those other stupid agents don't interfere, we'll see."

Hope to see you in June at the reunion!

## 1964

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## 1965

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So much good news! **John Kelsey GP'25** is back to himself after a siege against mantle cell lymphoma. John never lost his spirit, confidence, or especially, his sense of humor. John, you set a wonderful standard of behavior under pressure.

**Joanne (Adams) Rafferty H'65 '81 '03 W'65 P'93** reports, "I have just rented an apartment in Center City Philadelphia and plan to divide my time between my daughter's in Titusville and my place in Philly and enjoy the best of both worlds."

Dean of Faculty Emilie Kosoff H'88 '96 '00 '18 '20 S'88 P'19 reported to the faculty about Sarah and **Steve Murray's** great news: "I write with happy news that Steve and Sarah are now first-time



Pam Kelsey GP'25 and John Kelsey '65 GP'25 hosted Joanne (Adams) Rafferty H'65 '81 '03 W'65 P'93, who was behind the lens for this shot, for lunch.

grandparents! Frances Elizabeth Murray Bienstock, 7 lbs. 11 oz., born Dec. 23 to Maggie Murray and Doug Bienstock of Brooklyn, N.Y. All are healthy and well."

Prediction: Before we even know it, it will be Frances '41.

While I am on the topic of the Murrays, please take a long moment to recognize and appreciate people who have truly made a difference. See you in two years at our 60<sup>th</sup>, at which time I implore (and compel, if that isn't too bossy) each of you to face Sarah and Steve and thank them for their impact on Lawrenceville and the corresponding "butterfly wing" impact Lawrenceville has on the world.

**Bob Fishman** was, as always, modest about his achievements, so I Googled with this result, "... CBS' legendary director of televised sporting events will be awarded one of the Directors Guild of America's highest honors: the Lifetime Achievement Award for Distinguished Achievement in Television Direction. It will be presented February 18 during the 75<sup>th</sup> annual DGA Awards."

Sincere heartfelt congratulations. Bob is already a member of the Sports Broadcasting Hall of Fame, and I am compelled to add part of his work experience: "...38 NCAA Final Fours. 27 U.S. Open tennis championships. 20 Daytona 500s. Three Olympic Winter Games. Two World Series. Plus the NFL and NBA playoffs, college football, Triple Crown horse races, and so much more during 47 years at CBS Sports. 50 years in all."

[Ed. Note: Read more about Bob's storied career with CBS in the adjacent installment of *Lawrentian Laurels*. – S.R.]

Speaking of modest, our very own **Reid Byers** did not let me know he was featured speaker at the Boston Book

Fair in November 2022, "The Private Library..." now in its third printing (!). Given his wonderful talk at the Grolier Club a few years ago (which you can see on YouTube), I am sure he gave an engaging, interesting, and humorous chat, but as *he did not let us know about it*, I was not present. Harumph.

Our classmate writes: "Both Martha and **John Welborne** and their helpful civic activities are mentioned in author Michael Connelly's 2021 Harry Bosch and Renée Ballard book, *The Dark Hours*. Is truth stranger than fiction? Careful observers also can see John sitting with a Musso & Frank's martini at a dining table (with Connelly) in the blurry background behind star Titus Welliver at the bar in the final episode of the final season of Amazon's *Bosch* streaming detective series. Has John finally 'gone Hollywood' after 75 years?"

Yes, John, truth is stranger than fiction.

And here's an historic item between **Somerset Waters** and **Malcom Lewis**: "This week ITV broadcast their documentary *Our New King*. I nearly didn't watch it because we have been saturated with royal TV since the Queen died. My attention was suddenly grabbed when you appeared with John Stonborough talking about Charles's time at Gordonstoun School. Then I remembered – I hope correctly – that when you were in the U.K. that year I think my parents may have provided a bit of hospitality in London, doing their bit to support visiting students on the English Speaking Union scheme that I had been on at Lawrenceville in 1965. I'm vague about whether we actually met then. I may have been away at York University. But I do have a memory of my mother mentioning you (I hope not a false memory), so the programme has prompted this attempt to check in with you for old times' sake."

Had an impromptu birthday lunch for **John Gore H'61 '64** with **Stanhope, Myers**, and Rob McClellan H'78 P'10 present, along with Regan Kerney H'49 '95 '98 '99 '03 '11 and Sean Ramsden, editor of *The Lawrentian*. Sean coined the wonderful phrase, "... but at a place like Lawrenceville, enduring throughlines always remain."

Last year **Matt Dominy** retired after three years on the AAEC – thank you, Matt, for your service to Lawrenceville on the EC and your many, many years as class agent.

Willy and **Hsiung Chen**, Carol Ann P'97 '02, and I got together for a lovely and lively lunch and found various coincidences, such as living in Mexico within blocks of each other, but at different times. There was also a Hill School/Mexico City/American High School connection ... Amazing.

More importantly, Hsiung has overcome a long-term illness.

Still pending, my work with the recordings **Terry Blood** sent me! Mea culpa.

Early in the day on October 15, 2022, **Howard Myers P'10** invited me to ride shotgun on his combine to harvest corn. Howard rents several hundred acres in the Lawrenceville area to grow soybeans and corn, and I was delighted for the opportunity to observe him at work.

We rode his semi to the fields, climbed up the ladder into the combine, and then drove up and down rows of corn converting rows of stalks into tons of kernels. The corn was unloaded from the combine into Howard's trailer, then driven back to Howard's farm, unloaded into a holding bin, run through the corn dryer, then conveyed to a storage bin. Back to the field, repeat. Again and again.

To give an idea of scale, see the picture – that's Howard on the left next one of four big grain bins. His truck is on the right and the long tube is just one of several similarly sized augers used to move corn from one bin to the next.

Beginning in 2007, one of **John Gore's** initiatives to celebrate Lawrenceville's bicentennial was to locate and celebrate each former head master's tombstone with a rosette. John located the Rev. Isaac Van Arsdale Brown's resting place in the cemetery across from the Trenton Transit Center – a cemetery that appeared needing much maintenance. John, after a very long and complicated process (much helped by Judge Paul Levy '54), had the Reverend moved to The Lawrence Cemetery, where he now safely rests under his very large tombstone and obelisk (which required a rigging crew to move; there must have been up to a dozen people present at the disinterment, including me).

One of the legal requirements to make the move was to obtain permission from a descendant. John found the Reverend's great-great-great grandson, Earl Garretson Lawrence Cilley '54, in Bellingham, Wash., who gave permission for the move and actually visited the campus. Earl passed away in January but should be remembered for his generous help to John and Lawrenceville. Can you believe this? Judge Levy and Earl were Lawrenceville roommates.

We have a world record holder in our midst. **John Burrell** relates: "After breaking my neck in two places, replacing my hip and shoulder, and finally enjoying a cardiac ablation it was time to try something different.

"For years a good friend and Ultra Cycling World Record holder encouraged me to go after my own world record. The shortest Ultra record distance is 100 km,

## LAWRENTIAN LAURELS: BOB FISHMAN '65

### Calling The Shots



Longtime CBS Sports director Bob Fishman '65 received the Lifetime Achievement Award for Distinguished Achievement in Television from the Directors Guild of America in February.

The NCAA Division I basketball championship's Final Four was notable for what transpired on the hardwood this April, but the this year's iteration of college basketball's signature event also marked the first time in more than 40 years that its television coverage was not directed for CBS Sports by **Bob Fishman '65**. When it comes to the Final Four, "Fish" was more of a fixture than Duke, Kansas, or North Carolina, but the 2022 championship was his finale.

In February, after a brilliant career spanning more than 50 years, Fishman became just the fifth-ever recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award for Distinguished Achievement in Television from the Directors Guild of America.

Fishman says capturing the human side of the game for viewers was as important as any game-winning basket his cameramen captured. The image of the late coach Jim Valvano scrambling up the court, looking desperately to latch onto one of his jubilant players and share the euphoria after their North Carolina State team toppled heavily favored Houston to capture the 1983 NCAA championship is something that lives in the lore of the sport 40 years later. That viewers were able to enjoy the scene amid the on-court chaos is a testament to the awareness and storytelling talents of Fishman, then in just his second year directing the Final Four for CBS.

"For me, it's about a reaction shot," Fishman says. "It's not necessarily the winning shot; it's the shot I see in front of me and decide to put it on the air."

Fishman didn't always work in sports. In 1972, he was the only on-site member of the Directors Guild of America when CBS's scheduled director fell violently ill prior to the launch of Apollo 17. The network turned to him to quarterback its coverage of NASA's final mission of its Apollo moon program. He was 26 years old.

"That was kind of a make-or-break thing, because if I had not done a decent job on it, I would have gone down a peg on the ladder of prospective future directors, that's for sure," he says. "But things happen for a reason."



John Burrell '65 established a certified world record in the Ultra Cycling 100 kilometer (or 62.1 miles), completing 262 laps without stopping in 2 hours, 48 minutes, and 27 seconds at an average of 22.1 mph.



To get an idea of the scale of the various farming staples Howard Myers '65 P'10 uses, that is Howard to the left of one of his four large grain bins containing soybeans and corn.

or 62.1 miles. This meant riding 262 laps in our local velodrome without stopping, averaging over 20 mph. After two months of race-specific training I launched my attempt at 6:30 a.m. on September 14. To say it was difficult is dramatic understatement.

"When I finished I had to be helped to stand up. When I finally stood, I almost blacked out. Fortunately, my wife stuck a bottle of recovery drink in my mouth, which stopped me from feeling sick. A few minutes later, I ate the untouched Clif Bar tucked in my jersey as I waited for confirmation of the electronic timer results. I got the world record: 100 km in 2 hours, 48 minutes, and 27 seconds at an average of 22.1 mph. I have one ask of my classmates: Please don't break my record. It was too hard to set!

Congratulations, John! I don't think you need to worry about any of us challenging your record.

## 1966

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Historic announcement: For the first time in its 74-year history, the Big Red won its Christmas hockey tournament, the oldest prep school tournament in the country. The tournament features top-notch prep teams from New England and Canada and has always great matchups. Congratulations to the boys' hockey team from someone who experienced two years of winless tournament play.

In case you throw away a mailing from our class, there will be an off-year reunion this fall in New Bedford, Mass. The dates look to be the weekend of October 6-8. If you would like to attend or need more info, please contact **John Preefer P'07** at Jplawyer@aol.com.

In late 2022 I came across an article about a thoroughbred racehorse trainer who was found guilty of doping nearly all his horses. **Stuart Janney**, chairman of the Jockey Club, was acknowledged for his assistance with the Justice Department to bring down the kingpin of organized crime and abuse.

When I checked up on **Bryan Oliphant** after the Florida hurricanes, I discovered he missed all the action as he was in Portugal when all the excitement hit the Sunshine State. Bryan and Alexandra will be in France for three months beginning in February. Alexandra is from France, so Bryan has an excellent guide.

I am sure most of you have watched the severe weather in the west and particularly what has happened in California. **Bob White**, who resides in the Lake Tahoe area, is enjoying the massive snow accumulation. However, Bob is into cross country skiing, so too much snow may make the going tough. Then there is **John Bates** and **Page Roos**, who live closer to the coast. John lives in the mountains and has experienced rain and high winds. Page, who lives in Montecito, was under a mandatory evacuation order and took up residence in the Miramar Hotel in Santa Barbara. Here's hoping all West Coast classmates survive the severe weather that has been hitting their area.

**Maurice Hakim** has checked in to let us know that while he and Carol are permanent citizens of Clinton, Conn., they spent December in Florida, where Maurice experienced two root canals. They took the auto train north and spent a night with **Bob McEwan P'97** in New Hope, Pa. It is there that Maurice slammed a car door on his hand resulting in a broken middle finger.

Maurice's tea business is taking off. Earth Fare stores have ordered 4,500 cases of ice tea and lemonade along with another chain taking 2,500 cases. Maurice states he is looking forward to the New Bedford reunion this fall.

I am in my 13<sup>th</sup> season as a volunteer lacrosse coach at Washington and Lee. I thoroughly enjoy my time with players who are academically very strong as the admission requirements at W&L are very high. Current freshmen class had a combined SAT score of 1450 and all our seniors have their careers secured as they all returned in the fall with employment lined up.

Hoping 2023 will be a year of good health and great memories.

## 1967

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**Rolf** reports that "Not surprisingly, the Hill Weekend kickoff luncheon was fun, largely due to alumni and friends from a wide span of classes. Our own **Paul Fitzgerald P'03** was front and center showing off his clan. My unofficial stepson Henry and I had a chance to stroll around campus with *Lawrentian* editor Sean Ramsden, who is as nice as he is talented. [Ed. Note: Aw, shucks... - S.R.]

"Seeing the campus through someone else's eyes always renews my appreciation of the place, especially on a day with picture-perfect weather. Henry knew about the School from his Columbia schoolmates and me but had never actually seen it in person. He was impressed. The new field house/dining center is over the top in anyone's eyes. Oh, yeah ... the game: Big Red won 56-21.

"Where can one go to learn about industrial abrasives, Pickett's Charge, and apple farming all in one weekend? Glad you asked. Hannah and **Arturo Ottolenghi's** domain in Gettysburg, of course. Barbara and I went out for a getaway that could not have been more enjoyable or interesting. Arturo showed us the impressive business that he built and runs selling various types of sandpaper (an oversimplification) ranging from what is used by hobbyists to those for industrial purposes. What struck me was how he fabricated mechanical components when his foreign sources dried up. The battlefield tour took on additional depth when guided by such a knowledgeable duo. Finally, we were treated to the finest apples that we picked ourselves from their orchards. The distinctive varietal flavors are clearly discernable when fresh from the tree. Aside from being gracious hosts, it was obvious that these friends stay very busy. We all know Arturo as the raconteur extraordinaire, so many people, including me, have suggested that he write a book about his experiences. Well, he is doing just that and the drafts of the three chapters he allowed me to preview suggest that it will be a fascinating read.

"Phone conversations with **Bill Robertson** have covered a lot of ground over the decades and are always interesting. Pleased to report that he is hale and hearty in Florida and has revived his musical pursuits. Many of us will recall

Bill playing in a rock band on campus with **Dave Marquardt**, though who actually played lead guitar remains in dispute. More recently, Bill has been writing music. Why not? It certainly worked for **Hugh Cregg**.

"Speaking of Hugh, we know that his band, Huey Lewis and the News, provided the enormously popular theme song "The Power of Love" for the hit movie *Back to the Future*, in which Hugh had a cameo role. Since the stage version of *Back to the Future* has been a hit in London, it is now scheduled for a Broadway opening on June 30."

**Spencer** thinks "This is a good segue for some more show business news. The revisionist Revolutionary War script that Sony commissioned Bill Macdonald and me to write is out to a short list of A-listers to play George Washington. The studio wants Leonardo DiCaprio to play our soldier president, but I'm not holding my breath. While we're waiting for any good GW news, Bill and I are preparing a TV miniseries for Roku about enterprising madams and the birth of jazz in Storyville.

"My musical based on the wild life of Nikola Tesla is now looking for the right space to mount a pre-Broadway production in a regional theater like The McCarter in Princeton or The Old Globe in San Diego. After we nail down the regional house, we'll crank up two months of rehearsal nearby followed by two or three weeks of performance at the theater.

"Like most musicals headed for Broadway, we need first to present a stripped-down, out-of-town production in order to prove we're worthy of opening in New York. Having lived through the development of Broadway musicals like *Peter Pan* and *Bubbling Brown Sugar*, I know what it feels like to be building a hit show. *Tesla* is a hit show.

"While communing with the universe, our hero falls in love with Sarah Bernhardt and takes on Edison, JP Morgan, and J. Edgar Hoover. Arguably the smartest person ever born, Tesla was also an astounding showman and our show delivers electrifying special effects like no one's seen before. Tesla's life story is so extraordinary that it's hard to believe it's true. But it is, and with our surprising book and beautiful score, we'll open on Broadway by the end of 2024.

"On the non-show business front, I can report that the dynamic duo of **Chester Burley** and **Alex McNaughton** have once again joined forces for more shenanigans. This time Chester stepped up to the plate to help Alex downsize his real estate holdings in Bridgewater, Conn. After decades lordling over fields dotted with horses and wildflowers, Alex decided that it was time to move into a much smaller place with his dog and pet snake. Alex was forced to scale down his furniture



"Looking at You," a 7-by-20-inch acrylic on paper painting by Dan Cooper '66, shows "The cows, standing and lying in pasture grasses, notice our presence. They turn their heads to look and assess, ears outstretched like turnstiles at an amusement park. Dare we intrude?"

supply, and the stuff that made the cut was handed over to the professional moving men.

"Certain key items had to be handled by non-professionals, and Chester braved a hernia transporting endless crates of wine, heavy humidors, and a number of firearms used to drop dinner from the sky. Alex and the dog have adjusted to the move. The snake is still unsure.

"Your humble secretaries are hungry for news from our classmates. Can you put down that delicious beverage and send us a few sentences? You don't have to go anywhere. You don't have to put pants on. We three are standing by. We are ready to receive. We know you've been up to something. Don't keep it a secret. Come on! Tell us something. You can do it!"

## 1968

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Fellow classmates: I'm writing this column on a miserable, snowy, sleeting January winter day here in coastal New England. Believe it or not, I'm having all new windows installed throughout my house as I write this after the mandatory six-month wait for them to arrive, wondering why if they were ordered in balmy August they are being installed in the dead of winter!

But that also makes me mindful that what I submit today will not be published (in print) until spring has arrived. Some of the information our classmates have included may not be quite timely at that point, but hopefully you will have already viewed these notes on the class website (lawrenceville68.org).

All of the notes of the last several years are in a file on the site and you can always review them if you choose to do so. In particular, details of the class's 55<sup>th</sup> reunion are constantly being updated on the site and if you haven't already



Dr. Darrick Antell P'06 '08 '12 '16 '18 captured this image of his colleague, Dr. Alex Swistel '67 at The Medical Strollers Society at the Union Club of New York. Alex, a world leader in breast cancer surgery who was elected president of The Medical Strollers in April 2022, is holding the presidential staff in front of a painting depicting some of his notable predecessors.



Rolf Reinalda '67 and his companion, Barbara, enjoyed Lawrenceville Holiday gathering this past winter.

checked them out, it isn't (hopefully) too late to do so. On that note, I defer to the Reunion Committee and in particular to **Ernie Norris**.

Ernie wanted to include this note that "The Reunion Committee is waiting at present for definite word from the School about where our Saturday night dinner venue will be. [Ed Note: it appears the dinner will take place in Dresdner Hall/ Clark Music Center. –S.R.]

"Also to hear about the location of our class 'clubhouse' (the HQ we'll use on campus for meet-and-greets, Happy Hour, etc.). **Ron Mangravite P'18** asked me to take charge of entertainment and, along with support from others on the Reunion Committee (**Ron Horvath** and **Bernie Metzger**), I'm happily collaborating with **Hugh Landwehr** and **Compton Maddux** to bring some surprises to our 55<sup>th</sup>. I can't provide much detail until the School gives us the green light on the aforesaid. But I will say that I'm thrilled at the way plans are shaping up ... and stay tuned! We'll have a lot more to say about it soon!"

Speaking of our class president, **Ron Mangravite** decided to make up for not contributing to some of our recent past notes and included some great and fun information for us all to share: "As my term as class president is nearing an end, I have been looking back on all that has happened during my term of office. I am thinking that I owe the Class one final letter about what I have learned, but that must wait until another time. Amidst that contemplation, I realized I have not contributed anything to our Class Notes for quite a while, so here goes ...

"Part of the satisfaction of serving as a class officer in various capacities has been the opportunity to engage in some very interesting and often witty correspondence with classmates far and wide. Lately, I have heard from **Eddie Haensel Herbach** in Santiago, Chile, and **Tom McAuliffe** in Germany, and I keep up regular chats with **John Eustace P'00**, **Darrell Fitzgerald**, **Tom Borgia**, **Jay Maddock P'94**, and **Phil DeMuth**.

"As you may recall, Phil is a top-ranked financial advisor who is also a regular contributor to *Forbes* magazine and an occasional op-ed contributor to *The Wall Street Journal*. Besides Lawrenceville, he and I have several other things in common, including parallel careers in show business, which began during our time at school. As Phil puts it, 'Lenny & The White Knights was my band senior year – all Lawrenceville, of course (Lenny Stone '70, Phil Ulanowsky '70, Fred Mueller '69, Bill Barker '69, Fraser MacLeod '67). We played 'Turn! Turn! Turn!' in the Chapel, the prom, and at assorted Tea Dances around the campus. At the end of summer following



Trustee Emerita Edith Eglin H'52 '65 '66 '67 '70 GP'19 caught up with longtime English Master Fred Gerstell H'68 '77 in Florida.

graduation, we played our farewell gig at the Steel Pier in Atlantic City, opening for 'Herman's Hermits.' My life has been downhill ever since! Current band is 'DTF' (or Dept. of Taxation & Finance, due to the heavy industry representation among its members). Our mission is to bring classic rock 'n' roll to the unwashed masses. The band is continuing its march up the Sunset Strip, having just played the Viper Room again in early January and appearing later this month at (yikes) the Troubadour!"

**Ron** continues: "On the home front, 2022 was a year of travel for our family. In both the spring and fall, Sandra and I took several trips to Michigan as younger daughter Francesca applied to and then began attending Hillsdale College. I was invited to teach a few workshops for the theater department there and will be doing more this year. Also in the spring, we were in NYC to attend a gala hosted by the *New Criterion* magazine at the Metropolitan Club for their annual Edmund Burke Award.

"In early June, our family headed out on a long delayed trip to Europe, and I particularly enjoyed our week in Venice. We stayed at a waterside apartment in the Dorsoduro, away from most of the tourist bustle, where the gorgeous art of the Academia, concerts of Vivaldi with original instruments, and ultra-cool wine bars with chic Veneziani were just steps away – abundant proof why Venice is rightly called *La Serenissima*.

"From thence we caught a train to Verona for a gigantic production of *Aida* at the 2000-year-old Roman arena, followed by a few quiet days up along Lago Garda and a week at a 16<sup>th</sup>-century villa in the Veneto near Treviso, which is still owned and managed by the Venetian family that built it.



All the Clevies who attended the Class of 1968's 50<sup>th</sup> reunion in 2018: Bob Maguire P'96 '00, Robin Mattern, Tom Borgia, Bill Howard P'93 GP'22 '25, the late Jay Miller, John Etherington, Eric Winter P'04, and Chris Cella.



Ron Mangravite 68 P'18 and wife Sandra Mangravite P'18 were at the Metropolitan Club in New York for a gala hosted by *New Criterion* magazine for its annual Edmund Burke Award.

"The second leg of our journey took us to Athens where we traveled down to the Piraeus where Plato walked, and then visited the isle of Naxos with its beaches and ruined temples in the mountains. Next was Epidaurus on the Peloponnesian peninsula, the site of one of the great ancient theaters where Sophocles and Euripedes premiered some of their plays. We stayed very

close to the town, hard by an ancient palace, discovered in 1970 which to this day is still under excavation, and a sunken city that lies twelve feet below the waters of the bay, perfect for snorkeling.

"Our revels had not ended; our final episode was a short stay in London on the way back to Miami. Sandra and I took our daughters to visit some of the haunts of our earlier days when both of

us lived in London, though well before we met one another. We finished off by catching a revival of *Anything Goes* at the Barbican that was, in the parlance of P.G. Wodehouse, who wrote the book for the show, positively ripping!

"Now that spring '23 has arrived, it's time to focus on our class reunion in June. A dedicated coterie of our classmates led by **Ron Horvath**, **Bernie Metzger** and **Ernie Norris** is working hard to produce what I am sure will be an epic event during the first weekend in June. Come join us!"

**Tom McAuliffe** and wife Monika *definitely* had lots to say and much to be envious about! Looks like the McAuliffes and the Mangravites are either telepathic or certainly thinking on the same levels! Tom thought it was time to, once again, summarize the occasions of an eventful

year. "Since we thought the pandemic was pretty much over, we decided to celebrate my birthday in mid-February with a 'wellness weekend' in the Black Forest. It wasn't bad but the food could have been better, as well as the pool facilities. Unfortunately, there was a larger problem. When we returned home, I tested positive for COVID-19 (even after three injections at that time) and then passed it on to Moni. Fortunately, it was mild for both of us and we put it behind us.

"After getting our fourth inoculation against COVID in May, we embarked on our long-awaited trip to Northern Italy. After having paid for top seats for the opera in the Arena of Verona in late 2019, the trip was canceled both for the original date in June of 2020 and June of 2021 due to COVID. Fortunately, the Italians were kind enough to still honor our original tickets so we got to see *Nabucco* this past June. The weather was beautiful, we had great seats and the opera was wonderful.

"We also spent several pleasant days at Lake Garda. The summer was very hot and extremely dry so my lawns suffered terribly and turned yellow/brown but fortunately, a rainy late summer made them green again. The next highlight was a guided trip throughout Brittany in September. We wanted to go back to France again (our second favorite country after Italy) to celebrate Moni's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday. It was great to be back on the Atlantic coast (for those who might have forgotten, I am originally from Boston) to enjoy fresh seafood, take in the sights, the people and the culture. We are still debating about which cuisine is better – French or Italian. Whatever, we love them both and truly enjoyed the trip.

"Finally, the major highlight of the year was celebrating our golden wedding anniversary on December 1. It is amazing how 50 years of marriage fly by. We originally wanted to go to a favorite hotel of ours in Southern Tirol (Italy), but they were closed until the New Year. We plan a trip there at apple blossom time in the spring.

"In an added note, the mayor of our town here visited us to congratulate us personally as well as brought along a document from the governor of our state (Baden-Württemberg) to also pass on his best wishes to us. Nice touch.

"Well, I think that just about covers our major news for this year. Hope all is well with you and your families. Stay safe and healthy."

In a separate note, Tom sent along the good news that he and Monika will be joining us for our 55<sup>th</sup>! He says: "Hello, Tom and Ron, You convinced us! Monika and I now want to attend our 55<sup>th</sup> reunion in June. We will need your help to make

the arrangements. My sister and her husband live in Greenwich, Conn., so we plan to visit them first, rent a car and drive down to Lawrenceville."

**Leon White** sent along this "train of thought" kind of memo: "I would say we're OK. Health issues of back, neck etc. continue for the 19<sup>th</sup> year. Makes it hard to travel but maybe we'll make some improvements. Still living with my beautiful Judy for year number 48. Live near our son here on the peninsula west of Seattle. (I've never been into town). We left Los Angeles two years ago and have not missed it.

"I teach music and guitar online to various continents and enjoy that. I have a few select advanced students, so that's fun instead of beginners. I'm working on some instruction manuscripts. We keep our third springer spaniel (age 12) romping along; we've had female springers for 45 years). I've chatted with KC and **Marty Walsh** in the last year. That's my side of the coin. I read your adventures as they appear, but would welcome an update."

In a note to **Si Kopf**, **Sam Kephart** gave us a fairly good summary of what has been going on in his life for the last several years. Si is working on the Woodhull members of our class to get them to attend our 55<sup>th</sup> reunion. Sam writes: "Thank you for including me in your invitation. Please put me down as a strong 'maybe' at this juncture. I'd very much like to attend; however, my considerations are financial. In March 2015, my wife, Sammie, gave me a 'Pearl Harbor' request for a divorce after 27 and a half years together, 25 married. We were divorced in August of that same year. The dissolution was 'clean' and very fair, yet it hit me pretty hard financially. No trailing issues.

"Then, in 2017, I had a 'rebound' marriage with a lovely Brazilian woman. We got on very well, but she hated the cold winters and small-town living here in the Northern Black Hills of Western South Dakota. She returned to southern Brazil in 2018 and we subsequently got divorced. We remain good friends, but I've not seen her since she left the U.S.

"In any event, my senior years have been a bit of a scramble, although I have a decent place to live, two loving Daxies, and my health has generally been good. I'm still working full-time as an outside sales rep for a family-owned regional broadcast group. I started there in 2018 and was building my book of business when COVID-19 hit. I'm in the process of re-ramping my residual business."

**Bob Owen** is always right there for me with some great updates! "January 6 is my day to celebrate All Kings Day with my own present – tickets to our JAX Symphony performing Copland's *Rodeo*

and renditions of Mexican composers Chavez and Marquez.

"I do have resolutions for 2023. Three so far: exercise three times per week (pickle ball and swimming at the Y), subbing at an elementary public school twice per week, and caring for my Betty as we evolve in this later life. And I look forward to our 55<sup>th</sup> reunion hoping to see most of you. Afterwards, Betty and I fly to Toronto and will be visiting my sister, Kika, and touring around. Then on to our hideaway in the Laurentians, QC, until the 'wawa' (geese) head south, like we do, to our home in Jacksonville, Fla. Keep well, classmates!"

Good news from **Gary Gilpin**: "We are going to try to attend the 55<sup>th</sup>. Just got back from a nearly month-long trip from Athens to Dubai. Sounds much more glamorous than the reality. I love Athens and Dubai was fascinating, but if I never return to the Middle East, I'll be a happy man. Planning on renting a house in Tuscany or the lake country next year in the spring around the reunion time. Let me know if there are any interested participants. I can promise good food at the very least. I wish everyone health and happiness this new year."

After reading many of the notes from you, I've come to the conclusion that I really, truly lead an exceptionally and very boring life! Since my trip in June to London, the Normandy beaches and Paris, along with **Ernie Norris** and **John Heron**, my only "excitement" has been a trip to Louisville to spend Thanksgiving with some of my family. It was supposed to have been a complete family reunion, but my only grandchild developed an ear infection the day before she, my son, and his wife were to fly in from Denver, preventing them from traveling and making the time considerably less enjoyable than we all had hoped for. On another note, I am pretty much the bearer of bad news as well as the good as you all already know, and we have again lost a number of our classmates over the last several months. I took the unexpected loss of **Jay Miller** especially hard as I had expressed when I announced his passing, and many of you wrote me some of the most beautiful and meaningful words I have ever read. While they were all beautifully and thoughtfully written and graciously received, I want to express my deepest gratitude to **Tom Lyon**, **Martin Millichap**, and **Gene Brissie P'13** for their exceptional sentiments and most welcomed words of comfort. You guys are the best!

I have included a picture from our 50<sup>th</sup> reunion of the "Clevies" who attended, with Jay prominently seen in the middle. I will also be eternally grateful to **Sam Kephart** for enlightening me (and satisfying my curiosity) as to the origin

of the quote that "Youth is cruel" (the actual quote is "Youth is cruel and has no remorse") as being from T.S. Eliot's poem "Portrait of a Lady." That sure has saved a bunch of sleepless nights wasted trying to remember where I had read it!

I remind everyone once again to read the website on a regular basis – make it a habit to check in every few weeks. Now, with our 55<sup>th</sup> right around the corner, it is your best source for all the information you'll need to attend and make the most of what is shaping up to be yet another memorable and enjoyable event. I know I echo the Reunion Committee in urging everyone that can attend to do so. The dates of the reunion are Friday, June 2, to Sunday, June 4, but if possible, plan on arriving before the evening hours on Thursday, June 1 for a possible unofficial "warmup" meeting. More information on all the details is coming so watch your emails, your snail mail and of course, our very own website!

## 1969

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I am sorry to report that I have learned of the passing of our classmate **André Loh**. Please see the notes from **Harry Mirach** below for some additional information.

I am writing these notes in the middle of January 2023. It has been raining a lot over the past two weeks in San Diego. The northern part of California has received destructive, record amounts of rain and snow. The good thing is that the rain and snow will help refill the reservoirs, rivers and lakes. I am hopeful that the threat of wildfires will be reduced as long as the ground can absorb the fast-falling water well enough.

From **Harry Mirach**: "I am sharing with you that I attended a memorial service for our classmate **André Loh** on December 18 at the Upper Ridgewood Tennis Club in Ridgewood, N.J. They created an annual award in his name: The André Loh Community Service Award in recognition of his volunteer work at the Tennis Club. I met his sister, Mignon, his children, Amanda, Alexandra, and Kevin, along with his many friends and fellow classmates from Babson College. The was an eye-opening and dignified recollection of André's life."

From **Brent Hyder**: "I wanted to let you know that I visited Mr. [Ted] Graham H'65 '66 '67 '68 '72 P'85 and his wife, Barbara H'67 '72 P'85, at their beautiful home and farm outside Hardwick, Vt. It is so rustic out there and seemingly in the middle of nowhere, but a beautiful nowhere! They seem to be in excellent health. Barbara Graham still looks great,

and Ted looks 10 or 15 years younger than his age! He is as sharp as ever.

“My new bride, Elisabeth, and I did not stay the night because we had a long drive to Camden, but Barbara made us a wonderful country lunch. I would like to stop by and see them again, probably next summer.

“I attended a small gathering of Lawrentians hosted by Burk Murchison '67 at Brook Hollow Country Club in Dallas last night. Head of School Stephen Murray H'54 '55 '65 '16 P'16 '21 was supposed to attend and give an update on the dining hall et al. reconstruction (\$425 million!) on campus but was unable to attend so made a presentation via Zoom. The only other one besides me from our class attending was **Steve Swenson**, who seems to be in good form. It was a pleasure to see Burk also Ward Skinner '67, who I believe was his old roommate. I think Burk has just authored a new book on the Dallas Cowboys which I need to check out...”

From **Christopher Hill**: “I am living Groundhog Day in paradise on a small farm on the Big Island of Hawaii. I play golf five days a week and accept that my golf may not be what I wish it to be, but the fun is in the challenge to change that.”

From **Maynard Holcombe**: “Hello, fellow classmates of '69, the greatest class of all! I am now retired from my several careers (lawyer for 20-plus years and then restaurant manager for 10 years, with a few detours along the way). Wife Karly, daughter Elizabeth, and I now live outside Cincinnati in a nice ranch home we had built eight years ago. Liz is a rising senior in high school and planning to start at University of Cincinnati next fall. Karly is a mental health therapist with a great practice in an office-sharing group. We are both involved in Kiwanis Club and enjoying the many perks of living close to great parks, restaurants, sports teams (go Bengals!) and social friends. We try hard to get to a beach (South Jersey, Hilton Head, or Naples, Fla.) at least once a year and are headed to HH shortly. Gatlinburg, Asheville, and Las Vegas are also on our traveling radar.

“For those of you with older L'ville sibs or long memories, I can report the passing of my older brother Bob '60. My younger brother, Andy '71, is thriving in Chico, Calif., and is a frequent contributor to his Class Notes in these pages. My grown children, Rebecca, Emily and Sarah, are all married, live far from Cincinnati and collectively have produced seven grandchildren to date. On the other hand, stepdaughter Kristina lives very near us and has two sons, who we see frequently.

“My life is good and fulfilling as I begin navigating my retirement years. I have great memories of my two years at Lawrenceville, and I would welcome

catching up with any of you who might wander this way.”

From **Bob Froeber**: “I've talked to **John Richards** and **Alec Wiggin P'04 '05**. J.R. seems to be slowing down his law practice and spending more time with grandchildren. Wiggie has negotiated a deal with the lovely Gail P'04 '05 whereby he sits in a special chair that allows him to do nothing and she can't berate him for doing nothing.

J.R., Wiggie, **Jeff Kerr**, and I are going to have a golf foursome sometime this year. **Bill Barker** is now a “friend” on Facebook. I enjoy his posts. He is still beating the drums.

Starting to get some orders for my socks on affirmativerx.net. Check it out! Eating is my favorite thing, and if I can sell some socks, I can continue to do it.”

From **Lindsey Straus**: “Nothing much new to report from Ye Olde Cape Cod. Still practicing law, singing in two choral groups, golfing, and spending time with friends and family, especially my now 5-year-old granddaughter. Was saddened to hear of the death of **André Loh**. No one has taken me up on my standing invitation to stop by if they happen to be in the area but hope springs eternal.”

## 1970

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**Steve Kuni** writes of late classmate **Kirk Broaddus**: “So glad I (we) had the chance to see Broaddus at Reunion. He personally challenged us at Abbott 'see you in 2025.' One more immortal bites the dust. God Bless.”

## 1971

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## 1972

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I want to start this Class Notes with an apology of sorts. Although our 50<sup>th</sup> in 2022 took place about a year ago, the written recap didn't appear until 2023 due to *The Lawrentian* publishing schedule. Hence, those who've been inquiring about what happened have hopefully read it by now and know the story. So sprinkled among these reports are references to the reunion, starting with the following from **Doug Watkins**:

“It was great returning last May for the 50<sup>th</sup> and seeing so many familiar faces. In another reminder (as if needed) that *tempus fugit*, twins Jackson and Maddy will graduate this spring. Jackson distinguished himself at UNC as a member of both Phi Beta Kappa and the Tar Heel men's basketball team. He starts at Goldman Sachs in NYC this summer. His sister Maddy will graduate Barnard/Columbia majoring in theater, psychology, and German. She may attend graduate school in the U.K. next year. All is well here in rural North Carolina but for some of the medical issues inherent to us old codgers.”

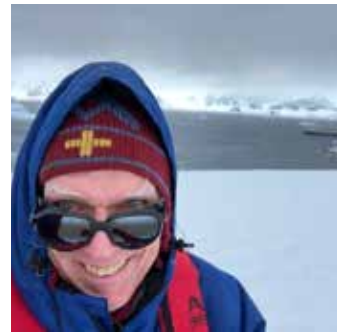
Well done, Doug!

**Mike Kasperzak** stepped out of his native California (just in time, I think, given the storms that almost washed the state out to sea) to take in the cooler temperatures and wildlife in Antarctica. When I asked him if he'd seen any polar bears, he shot back “No polar bears in Antarctica! Where'd you go to school?” Chastened, I looked it up and he's absolutely correct. There are no polar bears – nor any bears, for that matter – in the southern hemisphere. Learn something new every day.

Speaking of bears, here an update from **Mike Gibson** on one well-known and regarded *ursus Lawrentian*: “I received a letter from Mr. Fred Gerstell H'68 '77 who was, of course, the housemaster of Thomas House in the 1968-69 year in my Second Form year. He is in Florida and doing well. He reports to be still playing tennis and commented on a number of past and present L'ville happenings.

“As for me, I have a couple of travel plans in the coming weeks and months. My wife Celine and I are headed to Rio de Janeiro in later January for a week and in May for a cruise starting in Venice then along the coast of Croatia. Both are new places for me (my first South American excursion) even though I travelled to many places worldwide during my work career with P&G. Other than that, still puttering around with my little music studio writing music. I've been putting it out on streaming services, which anyone can do.”

Another classmate who made good on travel plans was **Hank Clifford**. Here's his report: “Truthfully, I am often uncomfortable discussing my leisure trips in this forum, because it feels a tad bit narcissistic, but I do so partly to help **Bruce Hager** maintain his status as 'greatest class secretary in the history of Lawrenceville.' So here goes. My wife and I experienced a truly spectacular voyage to Peru and Machu Picchu, made even more amazing by the travel agency that organized it (classmates interested in a referral to this travel agency can reach out to me privately). The private excursion



**Mike Kasperzak '72** stepped out of his native California to take in the cooler temperatures and wildlife of Antarctica.



**John Mann '72** ran a 5k race along the waterfront in Jersey City.

was designed as a culinary trip focused partially on the truly unique cuisine of Peru (targeting a weight increase not to exceed 5 lbs. due to excess consumption of *ceviches* and *causas*).

“But the highlight of the trip was experiencing in all its glory, Machu Picchu, the iconic lost city of the Incas, a UNESCO World Heritage site that is unparalleled in its dramatic beauty. Travel to Machu Picchu is only possible by train (unless you opt to make the four-day Inca Trail hiking/camping trek), and I would strongly recommend taking the three-hour Belmond Hiram Bingham, a luxury Pullman train (similar to the famed Orient Express), which chugs along at 28 mph through the breathtaking Sacred Valley, while you dine on a five-course meal at your private table, mesmerized by the gorgeous scenery passing by your window.

“For those of you tempted to spend four days wheezing and gasping for air at 10,000 feet while you hike and camp along the famed Inca Trail trek, consider spending those four days instead exploring Cusco and the Sacred Valley. As we walked about Machu Picchu, I asked several hikers who had just arrived from the long Inca Trail trek (and who looked like they had just gone 10 rounds with Mike Tyson) if ‘it was worth it’ ... and their long pause and vacant stare as they wrestled with their response, told me all I needed to know.

“Another highlight of the trip, and one that I would also strongly recommend: Try to be in Cusco's Plaza de Armas on June 24, when Peruvians celebrate Inti Raymi, the sensational Incan Sun Festival, where 800-plus authentically dressed participants in a highly choreographed street pageant reenact a celebration of Incan history. It is one of the most spectacular street festivals you will ever witness. Carnival in Rio de Janeiro is a close second.”

Next up is **Dan Nunn**, who reports: “I had the great pleasure and good fortune to enjoy the hospitality of Ann and **David Goldberg** in early December. At the end of a trip to Prescott and Phoenix to visit family I managed to mooch a delightful dinner and a five-star place to sleep. Knowing I would be in the lap of luxury I was expecting to find David's much deserved Alumni Service Award prominently displayed but unfortunately it did not warrant inclusion with their impressive and extensive art collection. I recommend any and all classmates to visit Scottsdale and enjoy the Goldbergs' gracious red carpet treatment!”

Speaking of Classmates, in mid-December **Elton Hyder** trekked from Blowing Rock, N.C., to watch the World Cup Final and attend a Carolina Panthers game with **Bill Spencer** and me. A fun-filled day although paying off Elton after Argentina's victory was frustrating. Elton has visited Charlotte numerous times since our 50<sup>th</sup> reunion and the recollections he and Bill share of their times at L'ville and UNC are hilarious and endless.

And next is this report from PG-emeritus **T.J. Walker**: “A proud and interested in PG who did not make the reunion cause of conflict with my hometown high school reunion (because of COVID) a year late, I reluctantly passed on our '72 class gathering last year. I know I disappointed my North Carolina neighbor **Dan Nunn**, who is loyal as they get and whose friendship I cherish.

“At this stage of my life I am an innkeeper of 25 years and it's taken all of that time to modify expansion so to make it a country four-star on a whitewater

river in the mountains of North Carolina outside Asheville, Dillsboro Inn (dillsboroinn.com).

“Besides my wife and I living at our business, which restricts our travel seven months a year, we take hospitality seriously. My environmental background carrier wise has served me well being a steward of our watershed (including suing Dan's corporation, Duke Energy, over dam removal/river restoration mitigation issues a decade ago, which my lawyer and I successfully enabled a proper dam removal on property I own in our backyard). I think my agreement not to engage in public comment in the matter has expired and by that time Dan had just retired from a different division of Duke. But said chapter made life interesting for a few years. So now I am a semi-retired innkeeper/riverkeeper living at his business but able to practice ecotourism for a living.”

**Sam Waugh** attended a January L'ville reception in Houston with Head of School Stephen Murray H'54 '55 '65 '16 P'16 '21. Sam's report: “I got to hang out with **Brian Smyth**, with whom I discussed running as he has taken up the pursuit with a vengeance even as my own commitment has faded somewhat. In conversation with other fellow alumni, I realized that in the town of Marathon, Texas – fewer than 400 people in Brewster county, a county larger than Connecticut or Delaware and Rhode Island combined with no stoplights – improbably three Lawrentians own property: myself; Bill Woodward '70 (a classmate of my brother Ben and with whom I visited at the reception), and Guy Combs '63.

“I also learned from Bill Woodward '70 and Tommy Carter '70, the reception's host, that when both landed together from Texas as Third Formers in my father **Jim's** (H'67 '68 '74 '81 '85 '88 P'68 '70 '72 '74 '76 GP'12 '14 '16), English class, he referred to them collectively, possibly affectionately, as ‘chowderheads’; being from the frontier, this was a term with which neither of them was familiar. They had to research it to determine that it was clearly uncomplimentary, if not as harsh as other possibilities, but certainly not a term of endearment (even if my father intended it that way). They also acknowledged that given their admittedly insufficient seasoning in the Lone Star State, the sobriquet fit; welcome to prep school.”

**John Murphy**: “Had an awesome reunion with **Brian Smyth**, **Dave Goldberg**, and too many to name other classmates. What a blessing to have known so many terrific folks. I lost my uncle and mentor Tom Murphy from CapCities fame this Christmas. The world was a better place with him in it and he

never lost faith in me. You may remember his other nephew, K.C. Murphy '70, who was School president. I flunked retirement after my wife, Marcia, died and I am back buying defaulted loans and never happier.

“Dave Goldberg come over and bought breakfast (again!) He is a mensch for sure. Any one in San Diego is urged to look me up.”

Finally, this from the imitable **John Mann**: “As noted in my ‘almost finished’ volume on days of yore at L'ville, which I am yet committed to unleashing on unsuspecting world, I still ‘see’ **Dave Goldberg** hustling along walkways, clearly on one or more missions.

“I also remember at start of each football practice for Raymond House that Coach John McGee had us run round big field to ‘warm up.’ Until then I had never been marked as ‘runner’ in my entire young life. However, somehow the spirit welled up and I took off like rabbit each time, daring anyone to catch me, ha ... which of course **Danny Nunn** and others did every time – though I must say I recall they were surprised how long it took!

Happy Thanksgiving y'aLL. I'm trying out my ‘best’ drawl. About four summers gone by I drove upwards of thousand miles throughout Lone Star State, which is quite easy of course. Home on range of my own entry into this realm way back when, via Big Spring, even though I have lived essentially all cognizant life within boundaries of the Garden State ... and that may change next year.”

John was writing just before a 5k race along the waterfront in Jersey City. He continues: “These days I walk ... as fast as feasible! Had not entered one of these for too many years. A tad slower though not too shabby – though I betcha **Sam Waugh** would have won, again!”

This, of course, prompted multiple responses, including from **Sam Waugh**: “As much as I love it here (Texas), Jersey holds a sentimental spot for me that can never be replaced. It's where I really grew up, and it is one of the few states that has a real persona. Have you seen the movie *Baby It's You?* It came out in the early '80s starring a young Rosanna Arquette and Vincent Spano. It totally captures Trenton and Jersey in general – diners, the shore – with a score by Freehold's Finest, Bruce Springsteen, the Boss, and Hoboken's favorite son, Ol' Blue Eyes himself, Frank Sinatra. Plus one scene was shot on the L'ville campus, with, I think, Dickinson filling in for Bennington College; I think Woodhull makes a cameo, too. Anyway, I bust it out on DVD when I need an N.J. fix – that and the latest edition of *Weird N.J.*, my all-time favorite magazine.”



**Dave Donahue '73** visited **Ren Scott '73** at Ren's home in Florida. Dave was at the U.S. Central Command's HQ in Tampa for a meeting and had time to visit Ren and his wife, Kimberly. Dave is still with the Naval Criminal Investigative Service and is on a three-year assignment to the U.S. Naval Base in Yokosuka, Japan.

## 1973

To submit news for the Class of 1973 column, please send them to [classnotes@lawrenceville.org](mailto:classnotes@lawrenceville.org).

## 1974

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We'll start the column with the latest from **Eric Tucker**: “In 2022, in addition to my annual treks to St. Martin, the Dominican Republic, and Jamaica, I cleared another bucket-list item. I visited Mombasa, Zanzibar, and the Serengeti. Less than a first down from sleeping lions and a bit further from Cape buffalo and other herbivores. Saw all the ‘Big Five’ and many others. Sleeping in the tents sucked, so if you go, get the luxury package like I did after the first night.

“Got to scuba in the Indian Ocean off Zanzibar. Not particularly impressive, that's in large part the location. Started the trip in Rwanda and visited the famous ‘Hotel Rwanda,’ actually called *Hôtel des Mille Collines*, which I think translates to ‘hotel of 1000 hills.’ Looks nothing like the movie, but there's been a lot of development since the movie. The holocaust museum and the related history was very interesting. Finished the trip in Ethiopia. Still marvel at the country never being colonized and defeating the mechanized barbarians in World War II on



Eric Tucker '74 knocked one item off his bucket list: traveling to Mombasa, Zanzibar, and, as we see here, the Serengeti.



Bill Heffern '75 was in the house at Patriots Crossing Tavern in Titusville, N.J., for a recent show by MLC Band, featuring Dave Christoffersen '75.



Rick Stys '76 P'14 married Jill Jarvis in West Hartford, Conn., in October.

horseback with old school weapons. Look forward to returning sometime this year."

**Cam Cooper** was in Hawaii, bodysurfing.

**Craig Willis** is back home in Cleveland, working as a substitute teacher in Northeast Ohio since retiring from Shelby County government in Memphis. He says: "Also working on a sustainable, eco-friendly, start-up mobility venture in the Heartland. If any alumni have an interest in learning more, please let me know." Writing in during the week of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Craig shared his lesson plan for the next day: "My lesson plan day after MLK Day:

"I am a dreamer ...  
 'I Have a Dream'  
 ... You Are the Dream!"

"Write Name of each student in class on Whiteboard, and pose the following questions:

"What did MLK want for you?  
 "How are You the fulfillment of MLK's Dream?"

"If MLK were alive today, do you think he would still have a dream or a nightmare?"

## 1975

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**Clint Brown:** "I had the good fortune of attending the Lawrenceville Invitational Hockey Tournament in December and watched the Big Red team win their first tournament in its 74-year history. L'ville scored two goals in the third period against perennial power Belmont Hill to tie the game and then won in OT. The win was a great way to christen the new rink. It is one of the oldest prep school tournaments in the country, and the selection committee only invites top quality prep school teams from New England and Canada.

"I phoned the good news to former teammates **Bill Heffern**, **Rob Andresen**, **Warren Dean P'07 '09 '10**, **Bob Gadsden P'10**, **Mike Hill**, **Marsh Chambers '77**, **Bob Plumb '76**, **Bill Burchfield '74 P'07 '08 '10**, and brother **Buzz**, plus **Mike Kamm**, **John Stewart**, **Hans Kobelt**, **Dave McKissock**, **Quinn McKean**, and **Pete Parent '74**."

**Jim Bryan:** "I have one more year before I retire with a 30-year career at the North Carolina Judicial Branch. The past year I said I wanted to leave the place better than I found it and to use my remaining time to train, mentor, and teach the young'uns, and I was honored

with assignment to a new position to do exactly that, and with the authority to do it well. I am now the 'Network Services Site Support Supervisor' for the N.C. Judicial Branch.

"Last April Tracie and I spent three weeks traveling a self-planned, self-directed itinerary in Portugal. We stayed in nine different places that included cities, hill towns, coastal locations, castles, and wineries. The views, wines, food, and locations were supreme, and I highly recommend that trip. Now Tracie and I are renovating our future home-away-from-home in Atlantic Beach and are excited at the pending graduation of our son, who is completing his degree in computer science at UNCW and well on his way to a successful career after a summer internship with a banking security software company. Life is really good in N.C."

**Dave Christoffersen P'14 '18:** "I bumped into Trustees **Hyman Brody P'07 '08 '11** and **Jon Weiss** in the new Tsai Dining Hall. They made me do pushups. **Bill Heffern** caught a recent MLC Band (my band) show at Patriots Crossing Tavern in Titusville."

**Jim Nevius:** "I am semi-retired but still teaching as an adjunct, making music, and doing ministry. My song 'Love's Got a Hold on Me' is background music in a couple films. I have an independent single coming out with my band, **Neighbors and Allies**, on which all five original members appear for the first time in 40 years. **Neighbors and Allies** attracted some notorious fans back in the day, such as David Bowie, Mick Jagger, members of Blondie, and Brian Setzer. But now I'm trying to get the great and inimitable **John Trubee** out to the East Coast to record another Gloopnox and the Stick People record."

**Dan Reagan:** "Last May I retired after teaching political science at Ball State University for 33 years. I loved (most of) my work, but so far I have to say that retirement feels pretty good. My wife and I have taken trips to Boston, Maine, and Quebec, I've read a bunch of books I'd been meaning to get to, have baked some, and have puttered around on a few house projects. And we're looking forward to more visits to our daughter in D.C. and to our son in Austin. I'm in regular communication with **Andy Richards** and **Dave Smith** and would be glad to hear from other Lawrentians."

**Ward Sener:** "I figured I'd respond for once while sitting here in the Incheon Airport Asiana Lounge waiting for my flight back to the States. I retired from General Dynamics in 2019 but was doing casual work for companies when COVID hit. Then I was approached by another company asking if I was interested in returning to full-time employment. Since

my wife and I couldn't travel, I figured *What the heck?* It has required my traveling back and forth to South Korea nine months this year. Now my boss has quit and they want me to run that division. Still on the fence on that decision. If I decide to take it, I'll be all in for the next several years.

"In the meantime we've have settled in a small ranching community in Southern Arizona that happens also to be in the middle of Arizona wine country with a dozen or so wineries a couple of miles from the homestead. My wife and I have found time to start traveling again despite my busy schedule, spending time in Puerto Vallarta and Cabo in October, and just booked a cruise to Southeast Asia for next December. I look forward to attending our 50<sup>th</sup> reunion. I have been remiss in not getting back since our 20<sup>th</sup>. I hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday and new year!"

**John Trubee:** "Dear Sir: Here are my class notes as requested: I am busy playing solo electric guitar on Prime Rib Night at Dolan's Den, a neighborhood bar/restaurant here in Santa Rosa. I recently taught myself to play 'Diamond Girl' on guitar. It is fun as hell to play. It helps me recall my summer at age 16 when the world burst with nebulous, anticipatory excitement about the future. I still do my best to nurture this feeling despite my past expiry date. I also play for pay at brewpubs and BBQ joints and at senior retirement homes. My absolute favorite audiences are memory care seniors. I keep hustling for more gigs as a solo guitarist as well as for my band **The Ugly Janitors of America**. I released a double album CD of my own music entitled *The Deserts of Eternity* and *Satan Killed Me Today*. I licensed it to Cordelia Records in the U.K., who had them manufactured in Poland. Folks have been sending me mail orders for them. This cash helps me buy groceries."

## 1976

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**Rick Stys P'14** got married on October 1, 2022, in West Hartford, Conn. "Life is good," Rick says. "I am still working but spending a lot of time on Kiawah Island, S.C. One daughter is getting married on February 11 to an Air Force pilot, and the other, Audrey '14, is living in San Francisco working for an early stage renewable energy company after being with JPMorgan for several years. My plans are to work for a couple more

years – I enjoy what I do! – then move permanently to Kiawah Island. It was nice catching up with **Seth Waugh P'19 '21** and **Phil Yuchmow** at the PGA Championship there last year."

Twenty twenty-two was an amazing year for **Jon Krosnick** the jazz drummer. New CDs by his two bands, **Charged Particles** (chargedparticles.com) and **The Lunar Octet** (lunaroctet.com) got rave reviews and airplay on hundreds of radio stations worldwide. And all that led to a busy touring schedule, including performances at the famed Birdland jazz club in NYC, Blues Alley in Washington, and concert halls and clubs in North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, Albany, New Hampshire, Colorado, Texas, Oklahoma, Utah, Minnesota, California, and England. **Charged Particles** toured with guest saxophonist **Tod Dickow**, playing the compositions of the famed and late jazz superstar **Michael Brecker**. And in New York, Washington, and Denver, the quartet was joined by guest trumpeter and jazz superstar **Randy Brecker**, **Michael's** brother.

The two bands' CDs were included on numerous "Best of 2021 and 2022" jazz CD lists. Jon still can't quite believe the standing ovations at the concerts and such praise from the critics. This year can't possibly live up to 2022 musically!

Still a professor at Stanford, Jon's latest book, *The Handbook of Implicit and Explicit Bias*, will be published by Cambridge University Press. The book reviews the huge social scientific literature on racism and prejudice and reaches conclusions at variance with many presumptions being made these days. And amidst all of this, he continues to serve as an expert witness in litigation, including in efforts to compel states to design election ballots more fairly and avoid giving advantages to some candidates over others.

## 1977

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## 1978

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It's been a while since I've added notes to this section. Largely that's because so many of us stay in touch in various social media sites that it's hard to repeat or summarize the smiles and notes of travel, joy, family events, parking violations, humorous quips and shout-outs from Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter and Instagram. What I do know is that



Andrew Hahn '79 had lunch recently with Steve Ciabattini '79 in New York City.



Mike Cantor '79 and his partners are restoring the presidential yacht, the U.S.S. *Sequoia*, in Belfast, Maine. The craft, once known as the "Floating White House," was used by U.S. presidents from Hoover to Carter.

I'm excited to see as many of you back at our 45<sup>th</sup> reunion. We'll be hosting some opportunities to dial in to see familiar or not so familiar faces after time has passed, but nothing replaces that one on one and face to face gathering we came to yearn after COVID. Hope to see you back in June.

## 1979

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As your new scribe (having taken over the role from **Jeff Hirsch**), let me first say that anyone else who would like the job as secretary, please raise your hand. As one who does not use Facebook or other social media (except a moribund LinkedIn account), I am underqualified. But I will try my best and I therefore report the following.

A fresh copy of **Jim Popkin's** new book, *Code Name Blue Wren*, arrived on



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my doorstep two days ago. It is the true story of Ana Montes, a former top analyst for the Defense Intelligence Agency who worked as a double agent for Cuba. From what I have read so far, this is a fast-paced, real-life thriller and Jim, as we know, is an excellent writer.

It was **Mike Cantor** who alerted me to the publication of the book. So speaking of Mike, **Rozzi McDowell** and our respective wives met in Belfast, Maine, this summer, where we went and saw the work Mike and his partners were doing to restore the Presidential Yacht, the U.S.S. *Sequoia*. I have enclosed a picture. An interesting side note is the yacht and its first owners were the subject of an interesting tax case. Losses claimed for maintaining the yacht cannot be set off against gains on securities, particularly when the “losses” were really the cost of upkeep for a personal pleasure yacht.

And speaking of Hirsch, **Jeff** just completed his tenure as assistant secretary of the Maryland Department of Transportation. He says there was never a dull moment serving the citizens of Maryland during COVID, the events of January 6, and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Acts.

I had an email from **Crawf Jamieson P'13 '15 '17**, who said he was finally returning to Hong Kong after weathering the COVID storm here in the U.S.

For myself, I split time between Maine and Miami. I will close this write-up with another mention of spies. Only this spy was for America and double-crossed Great Britain. You can watch me on the streaming service Fox Nation in Season Three, Episode Two of *Untold: Patriots Revealed*, which was filmed at Washington Crossing State Park. In the episode, I tell the story of John Honeyman, one of Washington's spies who helped the Colonists win the Battle of Trenton in 1776.

## 1980

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## 1981

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**Mark Goodman** recently had dinner with Jim Popkin '79. Check out Jim's new book, *Code Name Blue Wren: The*

*True Story of America's Most Dangerous Female Spy – and the Sister She Betrayed*, published by Harper Collins in January.

**Joel Holmes, Todd Hamilton, Bill Rademaekers, and Norb Garrett** met up in London to see the Giants play the Packers this past fall.

**Jeff Levy P'20, Eliot Heher P'16, Mark Goodman, Steve Friedman, and Bob Schwartz P'17** met at Eliot's house in Newton, Mass., for an amazing home-cooked meal. They shared an '82 Margaux, one of the last bottles from Fairway Drive in Princeton. Eliot also hosted Jeff, Steve, and Bob for a round of golf at The Country Club in Brookline, which recently hosted the U.S. Open.

**Mark Winston Griffith P'22 '26** recently earned the prestigious David Prize, which is awarded to people who create a better, brighter New York City. Each recipient of the award receives money to continue their good work helping New York.

Griff also writes: “In April 2022, I left the Brooklyn Movement Center, the organization that I founded in 2011. This past summer I finished the second season of the podcast documentary that I co-created, *School Colors*, which was distributed by NPR. Right now, I'm working on an initiative at the news network, Free Speech TV, and I'll be starting a journalism residency at the news agency, The City, in 2023.

“Earlier this year this year, I ran into **Chis Nathan P'10 '12** on Nassau Street. This fall I bumped into **Bart Zantinger P'09** in the Starbucks across the street from Lawrenceville. And **Dan Sambursky P'26** and I hugged and chatted in Raymond. His son, Isaac '26, and my son younger, Ayodele '26, are both Second Form boarders and friends at Lawrenceville. My older son, Manoc '22, graduated from Lawrenceville this past spring. That's him on the cover of the graduation issue of *The Lawrentian*.

“With my kids circulating through the ranks of the student body, I see my uncle, **Max Maxwell H'72 '74 '79 '80 '91 '00 '01**, and aunt, Barbara Maxwell, several times a month. Max retired from teaching years ago, and is in his last year of tutoring at Lawrenceville. In the meantime, Max and Barbara are doing well and live in Yardville, N.J.”

**Kinsey Dyckman P'17 '20** retired in August after 17 years at Credit Suisse. “Feels great,” he says. “Am keeping plenty busy and enjoying not having work stress for sure.”

**Jon Krieg** and his American Friends Service Committee colleagues visited Angkor Wat in Siem Reap, Cambodia, as part of a planning meeting of AFSC peace-building staff from around the world.



Roger Dunnavan '81 and family celebrated his son Dane's wedding.



Mike Ciccolini '81, sporting a beard that is part Metallica and part hockey, met up with Dave Goldberg '81 in Las Vegas at a Toyota dealers meeting.



Life got a little better for Kinsey Dyckman '81 P'17 '20 and Carrie Dyckman P'17 '20 following his retirement last August.



Bill Rademaekers '81, Joel Holmes '81, Norb Garrett '81, and Todd Hamilton '81 met up in London to see the Giants play the Packers this past fall.



Jeff Levy '81 P'20, Eliot Heher '81 P'16, Mark Goodman '81, Steve Friedman '82, and Bob Schwartz '81 P'17 shared a bottle of 1982 Chateau Margaux and a delicious dinner at Eliot's Newton, Mass., home.



Budapest was just one stop for Russ Gibson '81 and his husband, Duncan Calhoun, during a European vacation in September.



Rob Lettieri '81 took a motorcycle trip through India, stopping to meet folks along the way.



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Dave Phillips '81 and his daughter, Lexi, have been enjoying some travel.



Scott Chace '81, Fannie Sparrow '81, and James Varney '80 back in the day, and now, 46 years later.



Luis Saunders '81 and his wife, Connie, took in a Pittsburgh Steelers game this past fall.

**Dave Phillips** is enjoying a professional pause after 30-plus years. So far, no problem filling his new found hours with reading, travel and outdoor activities – hiking, skiing, surfing. He would love to reconnect with any classmates passing through NorCal (Sand Francisco or Marin).

**Russ Gibson** and his husband, Duncan Calhoun, took a fantastic trip on the Danube and Rhine rivers from Budapest to Amsterdam in September. They also traveled to Vietnam and Cambodia in November. Next, they are off to Antarctica – and will send pics for next issue.

**Rob Lettieri** took a motorcycle trip through India. Never a dull moment. He's still working in the commercial and wedding, photography world, and spending time in the Northeast in Scranton, Pa., and the west in Santa Barbara, Calif. Still cycling at 60.

**Mike Ciccolini** recently met up with **Dave Goldberg** in Vegas at a Toyota dealer meeting.

**Carl Wegner** and **Neil Smith** recently caught up for a drink in New York City.

**Chip Zahner** says hello to all in '81 and to Art Fullerton '80. He was sad to hear of the passing of **Mr. [Jim] Waugh H'67 '68 '72 '74 '85 '88 P'68 '70 '72 '74 '76 GP'12 '14 '16**. Chip write, "I owe **Jeff L.** lunch somewhere over a bet I made against him on central vs. eastern time zones last year."

**Luis Saunders** reports, "My dad passed a couple of years ago, so Connie and I made the decision to move to Tulsa late in 2020 to support my mom following many wonderful years in San Diego. It was a move back home for me, and Connie is from Texas, so now closer to her family.

"I spent my first year working for an EV charging infrastructure startup. Had a great time traveling the country qualifying DCFC sites and closing leases but alas second-round funding didn't come through and I was part of subsequent layoffs. Currently working in strategic accounts for a restaurant technology company; when your McDonald's fries taste consistently great you can thank us.

"Following 25 years in the fitness industry Connie made a change and quickly secured her real estate license soon after we moved. She is also working in fundraising, event planning, and home remodeling. We're fortunate, as we've comfortably settled into Tulsa and life is good.

"Most of the fun lately has been sports-related as we enjoyed watching the Astros win another World Series (Connie's dad pitched for them in the '70s, way before trash cans), won our fantasy football league, and watched the Steelers play their last game of the season. Our 45<sup>th</sup> will be here before we know it!"

## 1982

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I'm typing this in mid-January, and this will arrive in your spring *Lawrentian*. I feel like so much has happened since the last update, probably because I can't even remember when the last update was published. No, my memory is fine, but the publishing schedule has been a bit fluid. For this reason, if you submitted something to me and have never seen it published, I sincerely apologize. Get in touch with me, and I'll make it right. [Ed. Note: **Jim** is correct; *The Lawrentian* published a combined fall/winter issue in February, and readers may have noticed a longer-than-usual lag between the time they submitted those notes and when they finally read them. With this spring issue, we are back to normal. – S.R.]

For this round and no apparent reason, we have a mountain theme to share with all of you, starting with **Don Ross P'11**, who wrote that he trekked north to Jackson, N.H., to finish the last few peaks en route to climbing all 115 of the highest peaks in the Eastern United States. I had asked Don if they had joined him on the climb, and he wrote: "Did the Presidential Range with Ed and several others, including his daughter, Laney. He has been chunking pikes off for many years. I have done several of the long weekend jaunts in N.H. and Maine. Betsey P'87 '98 and Sam Harding H'85 '86 P'87 '89 did a few many years ago. They came over from Maine specially to have dinner with Ed, me, and the group. The night before climbing we stayed in Jackson, where the Hardings used to live. Ed is very close with Sam and Betsey. Sam taught him Russian and Ed ended up doing undergrad at Dartmouth in Russian and got a grad degree from Middlebury, also in Russian. Did business for years in Russia. Helped Sam with the Russian orphanage.

I don't recall any of my Dickinson housemates as mountaineers back in the early '80s, but after Don sent me his note, **Jeff Bell** sent me his own picture atop Mt. Rainier, which he climbed last spring. He thinks Mt. Rainier would be a great place for a class gathering. So long as he organizes it and I can spend my time at base camp – which would have to have heat, hot and cold running water, and at least one other tap – I'm all for it! I'd even cook.

Sticking with the mountain theme, **Joe Platzner** sent me a note saying he converted a van into a camper, which is "far, far from being done." Nonetheless, he and his wife, Michelle, christened the new vehicle with a trip to Jasper, Wyo.,

in the fall. Joe added that as the world emerges from COVID-19, he's been traveling much of it again. If anybody is in the market for airplane parts, Joe's your guy!

Finally, I received this nice recap of a Gettysburg adventure from **Eric Lapp**:

"No landscape is more beautiful than a Pennsylvanian rolling hillside with an occasional fieldstone farmhouse and red-painted barn. Yet autumn's colorful leaves in the Gettysburg woods and fields failed to hide the tragedy suffered by over 23,000 soldiers who perished there between July 1-3, 1863. Last October 7-9, fellow history enthusiasts **John Erath, Jim "Gid" Gidicsin P'17, Michael Jacksonis, Pete Maruca, Michael Hansler,** and I closed ranks and got together for the weekend – some of us for the first time since graduating from Lawrenceville some 40 years ago (!) – to explore this vast battlefield, an expedition expertly led by John himself.

"Before encountering this national military park, though, our L'ville cohort visited the museum where impassioned discussions ranged from Union General Daniel Sickles' amputated leg (currently stored away in the National Museum of Health and Medicine in Silver Spring, Md.) and lead bullets with deep teeth impressions reflecting the excruciating pain of surgery without anesthesia. A highlight of the museum is the Gettysburg Cyclorama painted by French artist Paul Philippoteaux in 1884 showing the battle and Pickett's Charge.

"Not all our time focused on history, though. Lunch was enjoyed in town at Hunt's, which had darn good cheese steak sandwiches (just like TJ's) and homemade French fries. (This, in contrast to the all-but-empty 'haunted' brewery with its 'deep-fried-everything' menu!

Uh, we lasted there around 8.3 minutes.) We completed our sojourns sipping an assortment of fine Kentucky bourbons on the front porch of the historic B&B reminiscing about stories past, and agreed that Joel Greenberg's [H'77 '93 P'13] Literary Criticism ('Lit Crit') course was extraordinary."

I concur with Eric's assessment. It was a quintessentially perfect fall weekend that allowed us to see across the vast fields, easily imagining the battles that raged there nearly 160 years ago. Everything else was just as perfect as the weather. I had never visited Gettysburg before and highly recommend it to anybody looking for an interesting getaway weekend. Aside from the battlefield, the town of Gettysburg has some very nice shops and restaurants that do a good job of distracting you from the battlefield draw. They're well worth visiting on their own.



Mountain Man: Jeff Bell '82 climbed Mt. Rainier last spring.



The Class of 1982's Eric Lapp, Mike Hansler, Mike Jacksonis, John Erath, Jim Gidicsin P'17, and Pete Maruca inspected one of the many artillery pieces at the battlefields of Gettysburg.



Joe Platzner '82 and his wife, Lizzie, stopped for a selfie in Jasper, Wyo.



Class of 1982 pals Mike Jacksonis, John Erath, Eric Lapp, Jim Gidicsin P'17, Mike Hansler, and Pete Maruca visited the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitors Center in October.



Betsey Harding P'87 '98, Don Ross '82 P'11, Sam Harding H'85 '86 P'87 '89, and Ed Rowland '76 enjoyed some time together in Jackson, N.H.

## 1983

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## 1984

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## 1985

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**John Rogula** (John.Rogula@ey.com) wrote: "All is well. Annie is a sophomore at KU. Loving the basketball team's success. She is also the second division one athlete in the family (first being me of course), doing Equestrian for KU. Jack is a senior in high school. Looking at colleges in the Northeast, and Kate is a freshman playing lots of volleyball."

**Phil Schluter** (philippschluter@gmail.com) sent in a picture of the first Fatty Paddle Tourney. He said the pic is "from the day after we honored **Richie Stewart** (aka Fatty) in our annual remembrance of him at the Lawrenceville hockey tourney this past December. **Chris Lauricella** is indefinitely suspended by the USPA for cheating, FYI. Great time had by all. **Motts**, both **Duffys**, **Claps**, **Smallhorn**, **Bobbie Richie** and **Bob James** were there. Thanks for hosting Kearns, a Hun grad but great Richie friend."

**Jim Strader** (jstrader@quattromedia.com) had a chance to catch up with **Chris Lauricella** briefly at the recent get together with the Head of School Steve Murray H'54 '55 '54 '16 P'16 '21 at the Roosevelt Hotel. Chris is still at DirecTV and lives just south of the city of L.A. He says: "I may have scared Mary Kate Barnes H'59 '77 P'11 '13 '19 a little at the Steve Murray get-together with some tales from our old pre-coeducation days. I kept everyone anonymous so don't anyone be alarmed. I'm swimming nearly every day at this point, getting in between 4 and 6.5k in terms of yards most days. I may even do some masters swimming meets if I manage to finally get in shape. I also had a chance to catch up with **Rodney Yap** for lunch recently, who looks great."

We heard from **Rollie Wagner** (rmwagner@bluewin.ch), who wrote, "Hi everyone! This is Roland, or Rollie, as you guys called me back then, and

you may still call me that today. I'm living in beautiful Zurich, Switzerland, close to where I grew up, a small but notorious town called Zug, known for its low taxes and now called crypto valley of Switzerland. But I'm not into finances at all. Although, I've started my career working for Credit Suisse, Shell and IBM, which sounds a lot like big business. I've always been more interested in purpose and the human being as such. So it may not surprise, that after being a master in economics and psychology, I've added a full time study at art school and became a performance and action artist.

"I've also lived for two years in Berlin, Germany, one of the major cultural capitals of Europe, where I worked as an art teacher. But now I've returned to my hometown. After all, also an artist wants to make some money and have a good life. I have two lovely daughters, both in their early twenties, Anouk and Saskja, from my second wife. They both work as midwives and one is studying at art school. What a surprise.

"Momentarily, I'm quite settled. I'm CEO of a nonprofit organization (around 50 employees) that is working for different aspects of improving the quality of life of people with disabilities. As my brother has had a disability all of his life, this seems very purposeful to me. But that does not mean, that I will continue this job all my life. I have other plans. For example, with my current partner, a Ghanaian born woman, brought up in the U.K. So next time you will hear from me, I'm sure I will have lots of new things to tell you. That might be in ten or twenty years, so you better watch the Class Notes of 1985 very carefully. I hope everyone who remembers me is doing fine, and also their families are at their best. Family is king. If you are in Switzerland, get in touch, so I'll show you around."

**Marcus Mabry** (mmabry@gmail.com) writes, "I'm the head of all CNN Digital editorial now, everything on cnn.com and the app. Fun! Exhausting! Hope everyone and their families are well!"

**Lee Orr** (mleorrr@gmail.com) wrote, "I live in Dallas, where I grew up. I have worked in industrial land and building development across Mexico, Southern California, and DFW since graduating from SMU in 1989. Between 1996-2000, we lived in Monterrey and Queretaro, Mexico. Then from 2002-07 we lived in Newport Beach, Calif., before returning to Dallas permanently.

"Maria and I celebrated our 31<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary in December and we have three 'children': Caswell is 27 and works for a nonprofit in Austin (UT grad); Gaby is 25 and works for a private equity fund management firm in Dallas (Ole Miss grad); and Ellie is 22 and graduates from UT in May (advertising/



Members of the Class of 1985 and other friends remembered the late Richie "Fatty" Stewart '85 with their annual Fatty Paddle Tourney in December, the day after he was honored at the annual Lawrenceville Hockey Invitational.

PR degree). Any L'ville folks in that field hiring in Austin?

"And I get to see three other L'ville classmates from time to time who were also PGs in 1984-85 and grew up in the same neighborhood with me: **Neill Touchstone**, **Patrick Jordan**, and **Richard Emery**.

"I also serve as a deacon at Highland Park Presbyterian Church in Dallas.

"For what it's worth, fondest memories of L'ville include:

"Hanging out on the weekends in NYC and New Jersey with **Chuck Wimbley** and **Mark Pineda** (I still speak with Wimbley all the time and we get to connect every few years). How do I find Mark?;

"Learning on my first day upon arrival at L'ville, fresh off the train with bags still in hand, what a lacrosse stick and ball were – I had never seen that before;

"Mr. Waugh's English class;

"Skeet team practice early in the mornings out in the campus hinterlands;

"Learning how to wrestle and competing for L'ville with Wimbley, even though I was clearly less than competent at it; and

"Putting on 30 pounds my PG year thanks to that pizza place across the road. All the best and hopefully I'll make it to an event one of these days. Take good care."

We also heard from **Gregory Davis** for the first time in a while: "My son, Spencer Davis, graduated from Clemson University last May and accepted a transformation consultant job with Grant Thornton in Charlotte, N.C. My daughter, Sabina Davis, ran the NYC Marathon last fall; she lives in the city. I'm sad to report that my wife, Elizabeth Davis, passed away suddenly and unexpectedly in 2021."

**Tom Smallhorn** writes: "After 33 years of sales and brand management in

consumer-packaged goods I've decided to try something new. I recently started as a 'Professor of Practice' at Clemson University. A Professor of Practice is basically an old guy with a bunch of experience. So, I'd rather you don't call me 'professor.' I'm teaching two marketing classes. So far so good!"

Seems like that's all for now. Please drop us a note about what you're all up to. Take care.

## 1986

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Hello '86ers. The years keep flying by like the highline poles, yet folks out there say that 1984 has arrived. Thanks to you, my brain reacts to this first with flashes back to Kennedy House comedy before sauntering into an Orwellian hellscape. Ever the optimist, I did play around with ChatGPT to see if it could write our Class Notes, hoping that it could. Nevertheless, I am relieved that it cannot.

Let's get started with this from **Joe Chou P'20 '22**: "In the 36 years since we graduated, I've never submitted anything to our Class Notes, mostly because I'm still an antisocial dork, but also I've never thought I've accomplished anything particularly worth sharing. But this year, it seemed appropriate to finally make an exception. Both my kids have now graduated from Lawrenceville: Elyssa (Elizabeth) Chou '20 and a more recently, Rebecca Chou '22. Watching them grow into two such incredible human beings – smarter, more talented, and harder working than I ever was – and I can take pride in perhaps helping them become who they are. I'm so very proud of them. Hope all is well with everyone!"

**John Gauch**, who we had also not heard from in a while, sent this update: "Chip Royce '87 and I reconnected via LinkedIn and then a follow-up conversation. It was fantastic to hear what he's been up to, how he's doing, and talk about shared interests (building companies).

"My family and I are well – with one daughter in college in Texas and one daughter in 11<sup>th</sup> grade at an arts-themed high school. My wife is still writing books and running a small, growing writing-education company.

"The big news: We moved to Toronto, which has been a thrill. Wishing everyone the very best."

We have news from another John who also has moved to Canada, **John Hsu Lin**: "We moved to Vancouver Island, British Columbia, which is a stark contrast to squeaky-clean, city-living in Singapore. It's peculiar how often I think about our Lawrenceville days as I watch the kids grow up – my eldest being 23 and youngest now 11. Big shout out to all Larries and an open invite if you're around these woods. If figured out the remedy to Canadian winters ... Spend Christmas in Asia."

From a location much closer to Lawrenceville, **Peter Farrell** sent us this update: "Happy to be celebrating the fifth year of my brand marketing and communications firm, Alice & Albert (inspired by the creative wisdom of Alice in Wonderland and the imaginative science of Albert Einstein), having lots of fun and feeling blessed!"

"Had a busy festival season performing and got to see Amy and **Dave "Piggy" Robinson** at his son Luke's regatta in Conshohocken, Pa., late last summer, which was epic. Wishing all of you '86ers a great 2023! Meghan and I are just outside Philadelphia in Glenside, Pa. Swing by if you're in the area!"

We have news from **Eric Mitchell** living in Boston. "I'm not sure when I last shared an update. So I just finished two years as president and CEO of a nonprofit north of Boston. Made the transition during the pandemic and still here. If anyone wants to come join me for our golf tournament in May, hit me up. And I'm dying to hear from **Lee Underwood** on his move to Puerto Rico."

For **Brian O'Callaghan** I present his Oakie Update: "Hello everyone. Hope life is good. Oldest son Will is a freshman at Miami after graduating from Berkshire. Second, Jack, is a senior at King and heading to Denison. Third, Maggie, is a sophomore at King. Suzanne is my hot wife. Two yellow labs. Work is fun. Seeing **John Liu** this week. Saw **Michael Chae** recently. Take care, everyone."

Long-time metro New Yorker **Randall Krongard** has this news for us: "Living



Ari Klingman, Will Semmes, Alexander Durst, Daniel Rose, and Simon Wasserberger had an impromptu Class of '88 get-together on 42<sup>nd</sup> Street in New York.

in Florida as a baseball dad with my son, Brandon, a sophomore in high school. Why baseball and not lax? Who knows. I've been producing personal legacy documentaries for families and as we get older, demand is strong! See [www.legacyfilm.me](http://www.legacyfilm.me) for samples.

"I'm also into Wim Hof Breathwork/ Cold Exposure training. If you don't know what that is, look it up. It will extend your life five years, boys! Love to hear from anyone so email me at: [RK@inthepaintfilms.com](mailto:RK@inthepaintfilms.com)."

For me, the past year included becoming an empty nester, (Jack at U.Mich), seeing our older son, Dulaney, graduate from college (U.Florida), and big changes on the work front for me and my wife, Tanya. My most recent classmates encounter was in Chinatown NYC with **Erik Hodgetts**, **Doug Brown**, and **Ian Muir**, and I can confirm that **Phil Johnston**, **James Loutit**, **Rich Phelan**, **Manish Gautam**, **J.C. Keeler**, and **Dave Dodge** are also alive and well. Thanks very much to all who contributed here. Any classmates reading this who are not receiving my emails, please send your current email/contact info to me at [mglen6@yahoo.com](mailto:mglen6@yahoo.com) and I'll put you in the loop.

catch up on his family's escapades. He is now the proud papa of a horse. His three daughters and wife, Brooke, love spending time riding ... Bob, not so much.



The intrepid Will Semmes '88 scaled Mount Rainier in Washington – all 14,410 feet of it – in July.

It had been several years since we last saw him and his clan in Utah when they were kind enough to host us for a joint family ski week. Unfortunately, our daughters' school vacation schedules have not coincided since.

In August, I had a near miss with **Scott Aversano** in L.A. I was out there for business and messaged him last-minute to meet up for drinks, but, unfortunately we were not able to coordinate. Perhaps, next time. Similarly, I reached out to Bron Jones '88, but he was out of town at the time. If you're ever near L.A., pop in to see him at Venice Underground.

We begin with **Will Semmes**, for whom last year was one of high adventure. First, he summited Mount Rainier, Washington (14,410 feet), in July. He said it was a genuine physical challenge, but one that he was so glad to have done. Then in the fall, he journeyed to Ukraine



Alex Lippincott '88 was working as a sternhand on a lobster boat and says he's never been in better shape.

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Meghan Hall Donaldson '90 P'24 and George Cooper '88 were in Michigan, the place they visit every summer with their respective spouses.



Lindsey (Zeller) Spindle '90, her husband, David, and son, Archer, hosted Jim Joseph '90 and his daughter, Eve, for dinner in Orange County, Calif.



Natalie Lewis Dougherty '91 teaches young learners at the "Harkness Table Pre-School Edition." Seated at the table is the daughter of Ashley Albahary '03 and granddaughter of Scott Albahary '77 P'03 '10 '20.

with the Mozart Group, an organization made up of volunteers with military experience who provide military training, civilian evacuations and rescue, and humanitarian aid distribution in Ukraine. (As longtime readers will recall, Will himself served as a Marine officer for several years.) The name of the group was chosen as a counterpoint (music majors, see what I did there?) to the Russian mercenary Wagner Group, both named for German-speaking composers.

This was no small adventure – Will made it all the way to the frontline city of Bakhmut. But perhaps most daring of all Will's jaunts in 2022 was his cross-country move from sunny California to the swamps of D.C. He now lives in the (not-at-all-swampy) multibillion dollar mixed-use development known as "the Wharf" on the D.C. waterfront.

In more news of military classmates, **Taylor Hwong** and I (**Flip Romanelli**) have joined **David Jones** in retiring from the Army as full colonels after long careers. DJ served on active duty all that time, while Taylor and I were Army Reserve officers, all three of us serving multiple combat tours in hot, sandy places. Taylor is now living in the much less arid region of Bernardsville, N.J., where he serves on the Princeton Day School alumni board and is a vestryman at Saint Bernard's Episcopal Church.

Not long ago, Vivian and **Adrian Argento** and family joined Taylor and me for a service there. Last year, the Argentos relocated from Connecticut to the charming town of Manchester-by-the-Sea, Mass. Vivian is associate chief medical officer for the hospital there, and the company Adrian founded, Argento Scientific, is continuing to grow. There is a marvelous beach nearby where Adrian likes to go swimming far too late into the season.

Also in New England, **Alex Lippincott** is serving as stern hand on a lobster boat somewhere off the coast of Maine – very Jack London, a la *The Sea Wolf* – and says he's never been in better shape, given the hard physical labor the job requires. A picture should accompany these notes, and Bis looks rather stern, indeed.

Closer to (my) home, Jin and **David Kwon** and their family have also done the cross-country move from California to the D.C. area, in large part to be closer to both sets of parents. They built a beautiful new home in Aldie, Va., which is quite a bit to the west of the city (so much so that on the map it just says "here be dragons"). I particularly envy how much space they have, but with three (great) kids – Peter, Sophia, and Alison – they need it.

Further afield, **Jonathan Englert** is a serial entrepreneur in Australia, but lately has made more trips back to New York to see family and friends. Last year,

he, **Jerry Rudasill**, and I all got together in Wilmington, Del. – Jerry lives there now, after decamping from Philadelphia. It was great to see those guys, and to reflect on how the intervening years melt away when you get back together with good friends.

And that is a perfect segue to a pitch for our (gulp) 35<sup>th</sup> reunion, June 2-4, 2023. Plans are already underway for another great get-together – hope to see you there!

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Hi, kids! After much cajoling, I was able to get some responses this time around! The Class of 1990 continues to impress me with their careers, travel and families. Here are some highlights! And most of us entered our fifth decade this year, so here's what we were up to!

**Laura (Windatt) Galante P'25** reports "our youngest is a Third Former in Stephens. We're still in Darien, Conn., and adjusting to life as empty nesters! Our oldest graduated from SMU last spring and is living on the West Coast. We've got a junior at Villanova and a freshman at Syracuse University. I'm down visiting L'ville a lot and love how beautiful the campus is looking – although I now don't know where anything is because of all the amazing new buildings. Said goodbye to the Irwin Dining Center this fall as the new Tsai Dining facility opened up. If you're ever in the area it's worth a visit! Looking forward to lots of lacrosse games this spring."

Thanks, Laura!  
**Lindsey (Zeller) Spindle** checked in from Southern California. "I loved connecting with James Joseph and his wonderful daughter, Eva. They were in town last weekend for college touring; we hosted them for dinner. Loving my new home in Orange County, Calif., and first season having an executive role with the Anaheim Ducks. Any hockey lovers – let me know if you are ever in town so I can treat you to a game at the Honda Center."

**Jeremy Moss** saw **Bob Halk** in Colorado they spent a day at Breckenridge! "He was my Upper West roomie; it was so cool to catch up. Didn't get a chance to see his wife, Elizabeth, or

his daughter, Charlotte, but it seems like they're loving living up there. We had a great time reminiscing about L'ville and I think both of us appreciate how we've remained close as a class. Means a lot to me, we have so many good people from our time together."

Bob enjoyed meeting Jeremy's much photographed cat, LJ.

I always love an update from our Academy Award-winning classmate **Jim Rash!** "I'm currently in Atlanta for an extended period 'acting as best I can' in a movie for Apple+ called *Project Artemis*, starring Scarlett Johansson and Channing Tatum. And I recently secured financing for a small indie I wrote that will star Allison Janney and Andrew Rannells. Hope to shoot in June and will be my first solo directing."

Thanks, Jim!  
**Sean Glickenhau** checked in as well! "I'm living in StuyTown in Manhattan. Started a new job in January at American Century Investments, analyzing emerging markets' corporate debt. Currently on a vacation of a lifetime on a nine-day liveboard diving by Socorro Island, Mexico, about 250 miles south of Los Cabos."

**Casey Bauer** reports "In May 2022, we moved into the house we spent nearly five years building, and I am enjoying living it so *much*, but more than anything I am enjoying *not building it* anymore! Also enjoying some exciting volunteer work, focused on the development of a community calendar, and – hopefully – a community/local news outlet."

**Meghan Hall Donaldson P'24** wears many hats at L'ville: alumna, current parent, and assistant admission director. Because of this, she's in touch with many alumni throughout the year, including George Cooper '88, **Greg Vinson**, and **Dirk Reinhardt**, who lives between New York City and Bozeman, Mont.

Speaking of **Greg Vinson**: "We are still living in Barcelona – it's been over six years already! It would be great to catch up for some tapas with any classmates who find their way over here."

It was nice to hear from **Ralston Morris** who reports.... "My daughter, Grace, went to Kent Place, and is now at Princeton. My son, JR, is at Newark Academy. I spent my 50<sup>th</sup> last February at Top Golf with friends and family, including **Damien Dunkley** (who turns 50 in 2 days). Hope all is well with you and yours."

I loved hearing from my Haskell housemate **Cristina Suarez!** She wrote, "Happy New Year. Valentina, my 11-year-old, and I went back to Africa for three weeks during Christmas break. Makes you realize how little you really need ... and how nature is so magnificent – just to observe animals in their own untouched habitat. Otherwise, life is good here in

Austin. Said farewell to 50 two weeks ago – somehow it's hard to fathom we are in this decade when we feel so much younger, no?"

My Class Notes wouldn't be complete without an update from **Paci!** "Not a lot has changed for me here in Munich. Celebrated 20 years at State Street last June and still can't believe that I've been living in Germany for six years. Last summer we took the RV to Sardinia for two weeks of incredible vacation. I could not believe how beautiful and clear the water was. Now that corona restrictions have lifted I got to get back to the Munich basics: Oktoberfest in September and the Christmas Markets in December.

"Both of my daughters are attending all-girls schools here by their own choice, which makes me breathe a little easier. I was back in the Boston area for work back in September and took the time to meet up with **Chris** and **Chip Trowbridge** for a nice dinner in Swampscott. It's always great to catch-up with them and swap stories about things long ago."

Former school president **Scott Froehlich** checked in! "Yes, still married and living in NYC. Boys are 18 and 15. Oldest is in day school here and off to Wake Forest next year and my younger is a sophomore at Hotchkiss, who, as we speak, is returning home with COVID for the second time."

As for **me, the author**, I'm still living in Locust Valley, N.Y. My oldest daughter is a sophomore at Boston College, my son is headed to SMU in the fall and my youngest daughter is still in school at home. I started a TV and film locations company last year, which has been a blast. Priority One Productions, hopefully coming soon to a town near you! Cheers everyone!

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In December, **Michael Barret Jones** left the metropolis of New York City for the green suburbia of Northern Virginia. He and his husband Kerry moved to Reston, where he has assumed the duties of chief philanthropy officer of the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia, overseeing both fundraising and donor



Darren Garrity '91 P'23 and his son, Sean Garrity '23, celebrated Lawrenceville's historic win at the 74<sup>th</sup> annual Lawrenceville Invitational Hockey Tournament in December.



That's Them, Officer: Chris Gordon '91, Tree McLerran '91, and Olly Wessely '91 were suspected of having a good time at a Roaring Twenties party.



Dan Valen '91 introduced the world's first fully electric semi-autonomous utility tractor, which does everything a diesel machine will do and more, and is 100 percent emissions-free.



Hiroki Uchimoto '94 and Yuki Tanaka '94 got together in December.



Tanique Dunkley '94 enjoyed a moment in the sun in Mallorca.



Tanique Dunkley '94, Sarah Dinkins Antor '94, Robin Wood Sailer '94, Isa Santos '94, Ana Santos '92, and their children circled up for a great time in Mallorca.



A very somber Jon Krieg '81 and spouse Patti McKee spent some time clowning around.

advised fund programs. Drag alter ego Witt Repartee has moved with them and expects to make pop up appearances throughout the D.C. Metro Region, or hosting virtual drag bingos for corporate ERGs, pride and holiday celebrations!

**Darren Garrity's** son, Sean '23, is currently a PG at Lawrenceville, 32 years after his dad. Sean is on the hockey team that just won the 74<sup>th</sup> annual Lawrenceville Invitational Hockey Tournament for the first time in the School's history. Darren reports: "It was a pretty special moment to have my son be part of a great team of young men and families to finally win a championship that evaded many teams and generations, so much so that there were some tears shed as the team and families/alums celebrated the historic victory on the ice. Adding to the drama, they won the last two games in overtime against Northfield Mount Hermon to make it to the championship game and Belmont Hill in the finals. The moment was historic in a few ways, not only the first win for the School's hockey program at their own tournament in 74 years but doing so in the first year of the new hockey rink in the Tsai Field House was pretty special."

**Chris Gordon** recently celebrated his 50<sup>th</sup> birthday with **Raj De**, **Tree McLerran**, **Oilly Wessely**, and **Ed Culotta '92** making the trip to celebrate with him. He reports that none of them has changed a bit! (At least they all agreed on that.)

**Lexie Markarian** received master's No. 2 from the Northwestern Medill School of Journalism in December and was a Stanley Tannenbaum Memorial Award recipient.

**Elizabeth Graupner Mayberry** is moving back to the northeast and recently interviewed at a school she once attended as a student!

Lots of classmates celebrating the Big 5-0. Recent posts of festive celebrations

from **Joanna Weinstein Partridge**, **Bob Waldner**, and **Kelly Prout Glauber**, among others. Happy Birthday to all!

**Dan Valen** continues his work to make farming more environmentally sustainable: "On the professional front, since changing positions in the company (same company...27-and-a-half years and counting) I have been fortunate enough to have been working in electrification of the agriculture industry as well as alternative fuels outside of methane. I had the pleasure to introduce to our dealer body the results of two years of work – the world's first fully electric semi-autonomous electric utility tractor. It's a game-changing machine – it does everything a diesel machine will do and more, and is 100 percent emissions-free."

**Lexie Markarian** says things have been interesting for her lately. "I completed my 11<sup>th</sup> full Ironman in October at Ironman Sacramento," she writes. "It was a nice milestone in what turned out to be a challenging day with unfavorable weather. In December, I graduated from Northwestern's Medill School with my second master's degree. I added an M.S. in integrated marketing communications to my M.B.A. I am still living outside of Chicago and spending time in Florida during the winter to compete at the Winter Equestrian Festival with my long-time horse."

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What's up, 1994? We're back! Hope you guys are doing very, very well and starting 2023 in stellar fashion!

**Nan Ramnath Wilcke** certainly is. She wanted to let us know that she and the fam are doing great and really trying to make the most of their time in East Africa: "We've traveled all around Kenya and just spent a week in Uganda, tracking gorillas – which was incredible – and whitewater rafting on the Nile. We were in Tanzania in October where we spent four amazingly relaxing days at **Stephi Hill Said's** gorgeous beach house in Zanzibar – where she hosted us even though she wasn't even there! Thank you, Stephi! (I hope to actually see her before leaving East Africa!)"

"Looks like our tour here may be ending this summer, but it's been an incredible experience so far especially for our boys, aged 11 and 14; the older one is off to climb the 5,000-meter Mt. Kenya on a class trip in February! Hope all you '94ers are doing well. All best wishes for 2023."

Yup, typical '94 rock star!

And so excited that **Ryan Goldman** helped us track down **Kourtney Heavey** (I finally spelled it right!). Kourtney has been living in Jersey and working as a school psychologist. She says: "I'm busy with my 14-year-old daughter, Maureen, who is playing lacrosse, so I have been roped into coaching quite a bit. We're traveling to tournaments, which is so fun because I get to run into alumni like **Kimmy Lubin Green '95**, whose daughter also plays. I was also really, really lucky to be able to have my daughter see me get inducted into Loyola's Hall of Fame along with my 1997 team."

What an amazing experience to share with your daughter, Kourtney, and congratulations!

She continues: "Besides that, my daughter and I spend as much time as we can surfing with her Uncle James '92 (*What up, James! – F.M.*). He enjoys embarrassing her as much as possible (*Sounds like the James I remember!*) and chasing off any boys who may be trying to date her, so he hasn't changed much from Lawrenceville lol!"

Enjoy every minute, Kourtney. My oldest is 15... feels like a blink.

Anyway, onwards. And boy, oh, boy do we have some incredible pictures!

We have gorgeous ladies and some global playahs!

Oh yes, **Hiroki Uchimoto** and **Yuki Tanaka** got together before Christmas. Hiroki tells us that Yuki moved to London in the summer, as the bureau chief in London for Fuji Television (Fuji News Network). That's legit, boyeeeee! "Good to have finally caught up with him since we graduated from L'ville," Hiroki says.

And then we have the ladies! These pictures should be in the magazines. (Oh wait, now they are!) So fun to see the crew in Mallorca: **Tanique Dunkley**, **Sarah Dinkins Antor**, **Robin Wood Sailer**, **Isa Santos** and sister Ana '92 and their beautiful kids – wow! And **Corey Vietor P'26**, **Robin**, and **Jen Lloyd** in, of course, a very cool bar! Shout out to one of our fave 9-to-fivers, **Jen Lloyd**! By the way, say hi when you're up in Rowayton!

Speaking of players, I've been hearing from a few of our entrepreneurs, specifically those navigating the cannabis business. Some are too early for prime-time news like *The Lawrentian* but our beloved **Carlos Anderson** has been very successful in raising assets for a cannabis endeavor that appears to have solved for the arduous state provisioning that these new enterprises are forced to deal with. The investment team continues to expand their intellectual property across multiple states, gaining a competitive edge on others in the space. Definitely reach out to **Carlos** (**CarlosAnderson03@gmail.com**) for education and opportunity.

Before we go any further, we need to really focus in on one of our most special classmates, **Robin Wood Sailer**. Typically, she's making sure we know about someone else's exciting news but I finally got her to share about her own family. Frustratingly, I got her note just after my last submission so please forgive my delay. But Robin let us know that she is currently living in New York City with her husband and two children. At the time of this writing, she proudly was watching her kindergartner hustle Girl Scout cookies at the playground: "Don't worry if you don't have cash, we take Venmo!" (*Yup, she's legit!*)

Robin also cheered on her 4-year-old son while he may or may not have been singing under his mask in the church choir! So cool that in 2022 she wrote and played in Tibetan Singing Bowls and then helped produce *The Field*, a WSJ Custom Events' award winning VR narrative and networking experience that debuted at The Future of Everything Festival (amazing, Robin!). She says: "I would love to invite everyone to put on their best headset and have an impromptu VR class reunion and dance among the bioluminescence in *The Field*."

Of course, Robin, being Robin, also



Gary Calnan '96 (second from right) rode on a NASA-funded Zero-G flight in November to test his company's prototype space foundry, which can process metal in space.

reconnected me to **Jaithan Kochar**. Now I haven't heard the full scoop yet from Jaithan but we got a teaser from Robin. Then I got curious and ended up checking out a very impressive article on his company, Maximalist Studios. Now I don't want to steal his thunder but if you appreciate an insanely beautiful approach to very cool style, you have got to Google the article, "Inside the Design Empire of Wayne's Eddie Ross and Jaithan Kochar" on MainLineToday.com. I also hear that he's working on his next book which should be out by reunion! And as if that's not enough, he and Robin are also collaborating on a play together, conceived during the pandemic, called *Six Feet Apart* ... ummm, free tickets for '94s?

Finally, I hereby award **Julie Seckel Ambrose** the MVP of this edition of Class Notes! I am very appreciative that she took time to send along two classmates on my infamous (self-proclaimed) list of classmate emails that I don't have. We now have **Ruth Andrews Mattingly** and **Jeff Husdon** in the fold and will be working them too (Let's go!). OK, enough. You guys rock, peace out all...

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**Matt Leggett** is on the move, joining the global law firm K&L Gates as a partner in the public policy and law practice group. Matt has worked on Capitol Hill for 17 years, including the last ten for U.S. Sen. John Barrasso from Wyoming.

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**Gary Calnan** writes: "I went on a NASA-funded Zero-G flight in November to test our prototype space foundry made to process metal in space. We tested two devices and both worked well. We are planning another flight in May. The year is off to a strong start with major wins to be announced soon. I saw **Yung Liu** in November when he was passing through for a conference in Denver. Over the summer, I went to France with my wife, Sabrina, and daughter, Eliana. On the way we had a long layover in Zurich and saw **Moritz Suerdieck** and his family."

**Carolyn Levine Lanzetta P'26** writes: "My daughter, Lily, is now Class of 2026 at L'ville and absolutely loving it. She is also lucky enough to get **Emilie Kosoff H'88 '00 '18 '20 P'19** as her history teacher this year! It was quite a change being a parent during Parents' Weekend this time around, but it was fun to see other alums there like **Randall (Wallace) McKeon P'24**, **Steve Card P'24 '25**, **Cory Vietor Appleman P'26**, **Nancy Bunn Brown '95**, and **Tyler Cornell '95 P'26**. There's nothing better than watching your own child making L'ville their own."

**Tyler Wean** writes: "Things are going well for us in D.C. I am working with the Department of Energy and our kids are now 3 and 5. The four of us just returned from an amazing trip to Australia and Fiji. We traveled to Sydney and Melbourne. We saw the Opera House and I climbed the famous Sydney Harbour Bridge.



Gary Calnan '96 met up with Moritz Suerdieck '96 during a long layover in Zurich.



Meriwether Voris, the daughter of Alex Buckley Voris '96 and Michael Voris, and Daisy Weekes, daughter of Lilly Bunn Weekes '99 and Chris Weekes '96, decided that sharing was caring this winter.



On a trip to Australia, Tyler Wean '96 climbed the iconic Sydney Harbour Bridge in Sydney.

We spent a day at the Australian Open, and then met my wife Kristi's friend and family, who live in Fiji where I did an amazing shark dive."

**Amy Pyne Sykes** and **Becca Parsons Bartels** caught up with **Randall (Wallace) McKeon** and her husband, Steve, in Florida over Christmas.

**Alex Buckley Voris** writes that "among the best parts of having old friends is the chance to watch your children form friendships with theirs and lately, I've gotten to see lots more of **Chris Weekes** and Lilly Weekes '99 thanks to our daughters, who recently completed a sleepover marathon that spanned three days.

Speaking of **Christopher Weekes**, he writes: "Still at Cowen – will be 10 years in March and coincides with the time we are closing the sale of the firm to TD Bank! Family is great. We're still loving it in Manhattan. Grace Weekes, 14, will be graduating eighth grade from Spence and will be heading off to boarding school in the fall; Daisy is 12 and in sixth grade at Spence, and our youngest, Charlie, will be 6 in October and applying to kindergarten for the fall.

"We recently spent the holidays with family and a bunch of fellow Lawrentians including my brother Gage Weekes '93, his wife Cary Hughes Weekes '98, and Lilly's family George Bunn '59, Sybil Bunn Pool '05, and Palmer Bunn Earl '97, all Lawrenceville grads! I also got to hang for a little bit with **Morgan LeConey** down in Florida. I also see a lot of **Parker Kelsey**, as both of our children play hockey at Beaver Dam in Long Island!"

In that vein, **Alana Kakoyiannis Shaftacolas** was thrilled to run into **Emily Small** at the Kent Place School ice cream social, where both of their daughters now attend primary school.

**Ali Frost** enjoyed working with Emily Starkey '03 to organize an L'ville happy hour in Palm Beach, Fla., this past fall. Sadly, the event was postponed not once, but twice, due to pending hurricanes – the perils of living in the Sunshine State!

**Aidan Wynn** is still living in Aspen. He's not married but has had two canine companions for the past 13 years. He teaches skiing, coaches youth lacrosse, and runs the men's lacrosse league in the Roaring Fork Valley. He also works for a company called Conundrum Technologies that does solar and energy storage solutions as well as home integration with technology.

**Paige Kollock** enjoyed hosting **Sophie Lippincott Ferrer** and her family in November during the FIFA World Cup in Qatar. The Ferrers attended over five matches in the six days they were in town, and even managed to squeeze in trips to the desert and the Inland Sea!

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Hello, Class of '99! Just putting out there that we are about a year away from our 25<sup>th</sup> reunion. *Twenty. Five.* That is a truly insane concept. Start planning now though, people! It's a landmark reunion and we will be opening our time capsule. You have a year to plan. No excuses!

In the meantime, here is the news:

Coming in literally *five* minutes before I hit submit on these notes is **Jenny Kim-Jansen**! She writes, "Might be too late for this notes, but we ended up delivering our second child last Friday. Our son, Timothy, was born on February 3, 2023, at 5:40 a.m. weighing 7 lbs. 9.5 oz. Our older son, Theo, is super excited to be a big brother." Congrats, Jenny! That is so great.

**Tara Ganguly** writes, "I think this is my second update in over 20 years! I live in beautiful western Massachusetts. I work on dismantling the prison industrial complex by day (I write post-conviction legal briefs for people in prison), and spend the majority of my free time riding my horse through the woods and local trails. One of my 2023 goals is to get myself into forearm stand in yoga. I hope everyone is happy and healthy!"

**Mike Walsh** writes, "I moved down to Northern Virginia about seven years ago after taking a job at a small FinTech company. I did not anticipate staying this long but I found myself enjoying a lot of what the greater D.C. area has to offer. This includes catching the occasional Caps game with **Brad Boyer** and **Matt Gallagher**. I hope everyone is doing well! Other offerings of the Northern Virginia area are **Adam Fein** and **Michelle Miller Mikol**!

**Daesha Ramachandran** writes, "My crew is well. We still call Portland, Ore., our home. The kids are growing fast! August is almost 11 and Noor is 6. I remain busy with my company, Tusk, and am excited to resume work travel and in-person public speaking this year. I'll be in Munich, L.A., and the Bay Area and will head out to the East Coast as well – I'd

love to reconnect with Lawrentians who are in the area and down to meet up!"

**Alice (Engel) Vartan** writes, "Happy New Year! So far so good in 2023. **Hovig Vartan** is building a town in central Pennsylvania and I took a new job with a Guatemalan carpet outfit, Mitchell Denburg Collections. Hovig spent the holidays practicing for a piano concert and chasing the kids around. I lost my father in a car accident just before Thanksgiving and am so grateful for the outpouring of love and support. Silver linings."

**Matt Kasper** writes, "Hope all is well with the Class of '99. I'm just wrapping up a visit to Las Vegas for the International Builders Show. Looking forward to implementing some new designs and ideas when I get back to Wyoming. I'm currently working with city officials on rezoning 10 acres to allow for a 207-unit luxury apartment building and constructing 13 new homes in two subdivisions in Cheyenne."

Maybe we should host reunion at Matt's apartment building in Wyoming...

**Rudy Lewis** and his wife resigned from their posts in January and will be embarking on a sabbatical. First stop is Hokkaido, Japan, for some skiing and then they have a one-way ticket to Bali. The rest is TBD, but they are open to suggestions! I'm going to recommend Lima, Peru, and then the Peruvian coastline down into Chile and ending in Patagonia. Central restaurant in Lima is not to be believed. As is the sister restaurant upstairs Kjolle.

**Audrey Robertson Kinsman** writes, "All is well in Colorado, lots of fun and work. My oldest son, William, is applying to L'ville... yikes!"

**Cat McManus** writes, "Our little family had a quiet holiday, mostly at home. We rented a house for a few days in Vermont and took our city kids skiing for the first time (well, they did a 90-minute lesson and we drank beer by the fire...). It was a win! The dog loved the unleashed outdoor time and we enjoyed indulging our nerdiness as a family, visiting the family home of Robert Todd Lincoln, the son of President Abraham Lincoln. My kids were fascinated by the restored Pullman train car on the property, the working goat farm, the player organ, and the 'natural' Christmas tree they cut down somewhere on the property. We white-knuckled it out of New England to miss the massive East Coast storm, flying over the bridge to Pennsylvania just as the temperature was dropping into dangerous (read: ice) territory. We kept it local for Christmas, and low-key. As for New Year's, well... I think we watched about five minutes of Miley Cyrus and Dolly Parton dueting before the ball dropped, we smooched,

and we went to bed. I'm clearly settling into my 40s. Happy 2023 to all!"

It was a festive time indeed at **Gillian Hearst's** holiday party. There was plenty to do for the kids including a Santa and tons of arts and crafts, and carolers! In attendance were myself, **Amory Donelly McAndrew**, **Laura Kornhauser**, **Dane Almassy '98**, and **Mike Kornhauser '96**.

I saw **Simone Sobel** recently for an extremely challenging Megaformer workout. If you've never tried that workout and want to be sore for a week, get on it! Simone also saw **Courtney Andrews Jackowitz** for a catchup during her trip out east.

**Courtney Thompson Friel** entered a sharpshooter competition and hit the bullseye 11 out of 12 times to give her the county championship.

**Stu Lord** had a revelation. There he was designing next-generation, trend-setting homes for his high-profile clients in places like Malibu and Beverly Hills: "Why haven't I designed something eye popping for myself?" So he did just that. With some very important, and as Stu puts it, "Impressive" input from his wife, Hannah, they are in the middle of a gut renovation of their home in Santa Barbara. "You guys remember that old hair-club commercial from the '80s? 'I'm not just the hair club president, but I'm also a client.' Well I'm doing the architecture version. I don't just design cool spaces for clients, I design them for myself as well."

I will say, Stu started with something unconventional. He has an architecturally significant pull-up bar in his back yard. German-designed, I must say, as strange as it sounds, it is the coolest pull-up bar I have ever seen. Stu does pull-ups all the time on it.

On a completely separate Stu Lord update, you know what they say, 'once is an anomaly, twice is a coincidence, three times is a pattern.' Well, Stu joined a pickle ball team in Santa Barbara that has won not one, not two, but three tournaments and they are gearing up for the qualifiers to go pro. "When I think about who to thank, outside of obviously my parents, and **Naseem Salamah**, it has to be David Cantlay H'89 '91 '93 '94 '15 P'07 '09 '11. He instilled the discipline in me that has allowed me to prosper in this mini-tennis sport.

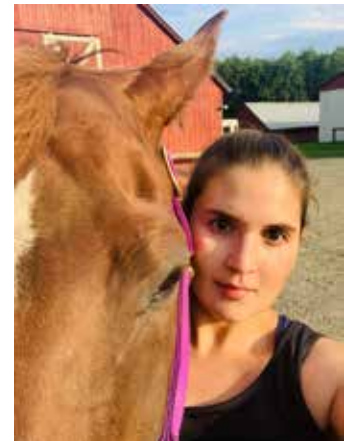
**Adam Fein** went to Colorado to ski and came back a battle-hardened travel veteran ready to take on the world. After enduring the wrath of Mother Nature's bomb cyclone, he then navigated the broken airline system to somehow get back to D.C. after 38 hours of travel, just in time to perform some critical cardiovascular surgeries. The amount of... well, *heart*, this guy has is special. While some people would never travel



Mike Kornhauser '96, Laura Kornhauser '99 (holding Ayden Almassy), Dane Almassy '98 (holding Axel Almassy), Hadley Hearst, Gillian Hearst '99, and Perry Kalmus '99 got together at Christmastime.



Amory Donelly McAndrew '99 and Gillian Hearst '99 were all smiles at Gillian's Christmas party.



Tara Ganguly '99 enjoys riding her horse through the woods and local trails in beautiful Western Massachusetts.



Mike Walsh '99, Matt Gallagher '99, and Brad Boyer '99 took in a Washington Capitals game this past winter.

again after what Adam endured, Adam is already gearing up for a true city-slickers adventure in Montana this summer. “I don’t want the glamping, luxury experience. I want to get my hands dirty (but not too dirty. I need them to perform surgeries!). So I’m going to be herding sheep with real cowboys. Yee-haw!”

**David Pryor** continues his mission to eat at every Burmese restaurant in Chicago. David’s wife, Stephanie, went to the U.S. Open tennis tournament in the fall and fell in the love... Thankfully, with the sport.

Dave’s superior brother Chris Pryor ’96 has left the school administrator world, but not the world of education. He has now launched LeadTeam partners. If your school is in need of help, Chris will be there to save you.

**Reed Simonds** is out for redemption. After a thrilling whitewater rafting trip in July for **Stu Lord**’s bachelor party, where, in the words of Evan Gilbert, “Reed just underperformed. No big deal. He’ll get his mojo back on the next run.” Well, Reed is going to be conquering that next run soon. Stay posted!

At this point, I have lost count of how many families **John Walsh** has helped downsize and declutter their homes. All I know is that we are well into four figures and John is becoming far more impactful than Marie Kondo could ever be. Walsh Senior Solutions is rocking the New Jersey and Southeastern Pennsylvania regions and with my encouragement, they will be expanding soon. Because more people need John’s help!

**Naseem Salamah** is very interested in Kentucky, specifically the bourbon business. Although, my suspicion is that he just wants to sponsor the Kentucky Derby and get free access to the fastest 90 seconds in sports.

**Justin Massimo** and I communicate often about social media. He has critiques. I counter with fact-based evidence. Justin has been spending many a Sunday at the Linc, supporting his Philadelphia Eagles. He will be rooting hard this Sunday at the Super Bowl!

**Annie Whittaker** is in the... snow-shoveling business? Her entrepreneurial-minded son is *obsessed* with the shovel. One day, he was shoveling a neighbor’s sidewalk when the neighbor witnessed the event and told him to “*get off my lawn!*” Just kidding. The neighbor was so grateful that he paid handsomely. And so Whittaker Snow Removal was born. He only has two customers at the moment. But that is a 50-percent month-over-month growth. Sky is the limit!

**Deb Fisher** and I communicate often. She is fantastic.

**Devin Farrell** won his neighborhood competition for the best holiday lights.



Matt Grabis '00 married Eliza Higgins in Fairfield, Conn., in October.



Chris Gill '00 sent Matt Grabis '00 into married life with a bear hug... and kiss.



Hagen Lee '00 and his daughter are enjoying the crisp air of the Rockies.



Vamsee Chaguturu '00, who is currently working at Rutgers-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School as an addiction psychiatrist, supervised Alexander Luo '13 during the latter’s medical school elective for substance use disorders.

He had an entire flock of reindeer, four snowwomen (the future is female!), and he even “grounded” his son from driving for a month so that he could cover his car in lights. It was epic to say the least.

## 2000

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Twenty-three years after being Fifth Formers, our classmates appear to be happy and healthy. **Hagen Lee** and his family of four are living in Boulder, Colo., and welcomes any Lawrentians to reach out on their way to family camping trips and ski trips into the Rockies.

**Katharine MacGregor** is living in Jupiter, Fla., and loving life! She also mentioned how excited she is that **Vanessa Chau** had a baby! Congratulations to Vanessa!

**Charles Wan** is busy as can be, holding down a new job and taking care of his 16-month-old son. He told me that he was foiled by travel restrictions, but he had hoped to meet up with **Shawn George**, who recently spent three weeks in December travelling around Southeast Asia, Thailand and Cambodia.

**Lyvonne Briggs** (aka “Livy”) is celebrating her debut book, *Sensual Faith: The Art of Coming Home to Your Body* (Convergent/Penguin Random House) out March 21, 2023 – and you can preorder before then! She is also co-hosting *Sanctified*, a faith-based podcast centering the spiritual journeys of Black

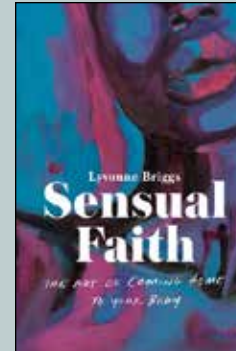
women, on Jemele Hill’s Unbothered Network (only on Spotify!). You can also tune in to her solo podcast, *Sensual Faith*, which is produced by Kobe Guilford '17.

[Ed. Note: Read more about Lyvonne’s new book in the adjacent installment of *Lawrentian Laurels*. – S.R.]

**Chris Gill** shared a big story about the wedding exploits of **Matt Grabis**. He writes: “In mid-June 2022, to put it mildly, things were looking bleak. The Shirtless Beer Brigade had recently returned from Matt Grabis’ bachelor party in Atlantic City, and you might say things got a little out of hand. Matt’s brother, Andy, put it best on Sunday when he said: ‘Chris Gill, I hope I never see you again.’ Unfortunately, the drama didn’t stop there. Everybody got COVID, including Matt’s fiancée, the wonderful Eliza Higgins, leading to an engagement party

## LAWRENTIAN LAURELS: LYVONNE BRIGGS '00

### Celebrating Self Care



Lyvonne Briggs '00 is the author of *Sensual Faith: The Art of Coming Home to Your Body*, published by Penguin Random House in March. (Photo: © Bukunmi)

“Home is not an address,” writes **Lyvonne Briggs '00**. “Home is where you feel safe. And your body is aching to be your home.”

The poignant line, from Briggs’ new book, *Sensual Faith: The Art of Coming Home to Your Body*, reflects her longtime work as a body- and sex-positive womanist preacher, speaker, and coach. Briggs’ journey toward body positivity began when she sustained a scarring injury to her inner thigh on an escalator in her native New York City at the age of 4. “My mother offered to pay for plastic surgery for my 16th birthday, but I refused,” she says. “My scars were a part of me. And while I once did my best to hide them, I am now proud of them.”

Briggs, a graduate of Seton Hall University, Yale Divinity School, and Columbia Theological Seminary, developed workshops to help her fellow Black women face, name, and integrate their sexual trauma into their lives. “By shattering silence, we are removing the stigma attached to sexual abuse, creating a culture of belief for survivors of childhood sexual abuse and/or male sexual violence, ending victim-blaming, and holding perpetrators accountable,” she says.

Now, in *Sensual Faith*, Briggs puts her own theological training to work helping Black women to shed the shame of their bodies and their sexuality that “colonized religion” has inculcated within them, “ma[king] us feel like our bodies are... mere apparatuses that we need to subdue.” Conversely, she insists, loving one’s body is intrinsic to loving God. Briggs charts a path for women to practice spiritual wellness that aligns and harmonizes their bodies with pleasure and sexuality by centering the rich traditions of ancient West African spirituality. *Sensual Faith*, published in March by Penguin Random House, prescribes wellness rituals, journal prompts, affirmations, and practices as a course for women to “celebrate our bodies as our very homes.”

Briggs is the host of the *Sensual Faith* podcast and has been featured in *Essence*, *Cosmopolitan*, *Rolling Stone*, and *The Washington Post*. *Sojourners* named her one of “Eleven Women Shaping the Church.”

cancellation and the stark realization ‘Oh no, we might have ruined Matt’s special day.’

“Sensing panic and desperation, I went into BFF mode and started working the phones. ‘**Adam Dole**, I’m going to need you in Fairfield in October.’ ‘**Vikas Raj**, I think it’s best if you sit this one out.’ ‘Sure Matt, no problem, I will spend my life savings on a new tux, velvet slippers and colorful suspenders.’ ‘Eliza, I promise I won’t let **Chuck Gorra** sing *La Bamba*, but if it were me, I’d give him the microphone.’

“It wasn’t easy, but we got back on track. Come October, the bride and the RCG (Resident Cake Groom) were dialed in and ready to go, surrounded by Lawrentians far and wide: Adam Dole, **Oliver Longwell**, Erin Kornfeld '01, **Matt Scanlan**, **Matt Fishbone**, **James Fitzpatrick**, Charles Gorra, **Laetitia Stanfield**, Vikas Raj, **Lucien Pleasants**, **Chris Michaels**, Timmy R and the Catman.

“Matt’s vows tugged at the heartstrings and left all of our wives asking the rest of us: ‘Where are my seashells? Why don’t I get chocolate chip pancakes every Sunday?’ Let me tell you why, honey. Because there is only one Matt Grabis. Congrats, big dawg!”

Congratulations to Matt and his new wife, and thanks to Chris for the update.

**Vamsee Chaguturu** is currently working at Rutgers-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School as an addiction psychiatrist. In August, he supervised Alexander Luo '13 during his medical school elective for substance use

disorders. He relayed what a joy it is to teach the next generation of physicians!

I (**Gena Reisig**) am doing well in NYC! I’m finishing up my five-year stint as history department chair at Regis High School and am enjoying running the school’s theatre program. If anyone in NYC wants to get together for drinks or coffee, let me know! I would love to catch up with you all.

**Lucinda Halpern** celebrated officially entering mid-life in Paris, alongside her husband, mother, and L’ville alums Mark Blumenfeld '10, Adare Blumenfeld Yanagihara '02, and **Katie Larkin Tricot**. It was thrilling to be back in that gorgeous city! Her daughter Gracie, 4, will join her sister Olivia, 7, at alma mater Nightingale-Bamford next year – repeating history. The biggest news: Lucinda is under contract for a book based on the courses she offers to aspiring authors on how to find an agent and publish their books. *Get Signed* will be released in February 2024. What a meta experience for a literary agent!

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Plenty of Lawrentians turned out for the wedding of Natasha Mejia to Brandon Blattner '01 in October, including his classmates Chris Leddy, Steve Miller, Katie Baker Doppelt, Byron Lescroart, Frankie Masterson, Adam Treiser, Michael Maguire, Rich Cook, Simon Hong, Mark Morrison, and Layna Rolnick '03.



Nigel Glenday '01 (right), CFO of Masterworks, the only platform that lets clients invest in multimillion dollar works of art by artists like Basquiat, Picasso, Banksy, or this piece by Gerhard Richter, also works with Lawrence Cummings '16 and Courtnie Baek '14.



Sam Washington '81 H'04 P'14 '17 invited Dwight Draughon '04, Leo Mensah '04, and Jamal Ricks '04 to join him for the Knicks-Nets game at the Barclays Center in Brooklyn.



Under the watchful eyes of Sitka the dog and dad Ted Keller '05, Tala Antoinette Keller has little to fear. She was born in November.

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**Sam Washington '81 P'14 '17** invited **Dwight Draughon**, **Leo Mensah**, and **Jamal Ricks** to join him for the Knicks-Nets game at the Barclays Center in Brooklyn. The group enjoyed catching up in person with an exciting game as the backdrop.

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**Charlie Kline** finished his deployment to Poland to support NATO's Enhanced Forward Presence Battleground in October. Since then, he's relocated from Everett, Wash., to his hometown of Kansas City, Mo. He will be transitioning over to an Army Reserve unit there and going from the Engineers to Civil Affairs. On the civilian side, he started working for CDM Smith supporting their federal projects.

In August, **John Walker** married to Abigail Hall. Lawrentians in attendance were **Nick Bunn**, **Peter Shaheen**, Richard Griffith '02, John-Michael Chadonic '02, **Kirby Hosea Shaheen**, **Sybil Bunn Pool**, and **Logan Morris McIntosh**. Congrats, Walker!

**Matty Atwater** still lives in Ireland with her husband, two dogs, and a cat in a little

stone farmhouse and recently added three chickens to the mix. She would love to buy you a pint if you come through West Cork!

**Julia (Merriman) Traggorth** still works in the public schools in Massachusetts, but has transitioned into a supervisory role as the last year brought her retail business, Four Corners Supply Co, to brick and mortar. They ship nationwide, so if you are looking for sustainable, eco-friendly, plastic-free, thoroughly vetted products, check it out!

**Ted Keller** and his wife, Sormeh, had a beautiful baby girl, Tala Antoinette Keller, on November 5, 2022. Ted, Sormeh, Tala, dog Sitka, and chinchilla Pudgy are currently hanging out in Lebanon, Pa., with both sets of grandparents and moving back to the Upper West Side in NYC by the end of February 2023. His sister, Elizabeth Keller '02 and her husband, Josh Ritz, visited over the holidays (and gifted him a great shirt). **Marc Rudner** has been helpful sharing tips on girl dadding.

**Logan Burgess** and his wife, Eva, welcomed Constantin Nicanor to the world in September. His big brother, Caius, is overjoyed.

**Katya Akulinicheva** is currently on maternity leave after giving birth to her daughter, Astra on October 27, 2022. **Brendan McCullough** has been appointed as her "guide father" (humanist version of godfather) and was delighted to accept the position. Katya's company, ZeroAvia, continues to make history in her absence, most recently by flying a 20-seat aircraft using zero emission hydrogen-electric propulsion in January – bringing guilt free flying one step closer to reality.

**Christine Colello** took a new position with her company and relocated from D.C. to Hoboken, N.J. She is looking forward to being closer to family and many Lawrenceville friends including **Noelle (Clarke) Johnston**, **Ali Hoffman Ceglarski**, **Logan Morris McIntosh**, and **Sarah Kirk**. **Bayless Sword** is jealous as she transcribes this. Recently, they all celebrated Logan's birthday together in Princeton where they also were able to catch up with **Chris Cortina**. She will, however, miss her D.C. meetups with **Ataefiok Etukeren** and **Clayton Crooks**.

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## 2007

To submit news for the Class of 2007 column, please send them to [classnotes@lawrenceville.org](mailto:classnotes@lawrenceville.org).



Katya Akulinicheva '05 asked classmate Brendan McCullough '05 to be a "guide parent" – a humanist, secular version of a godfather – to her daughter, Astra, who was born in October.



Tom Dethlefs '08 served as best man at the wedding of Haley Carstensen '08 to Derek Johnson, who were also introduced to each other by Tom.



Tess Liegeois '08, Pete Devlin '08, and Gabe Debenedetti '08 attended the wedding of classmate Haley Carstensen in October.

## 2008

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**Tess Liegeois** writes: "Evan Kalkus, **Sam Coggeshall**, **Gabe Debenedetti**, **Mike Sisti**, and I (plus all significant others) went to Sweden in August of 2022 to celebrate **Pete Devlin**'s wedding. We were pleasantly surprised that the trip did not end like the 2019 folk horror movie *Midsommar*."

Kudos as well to **Gabe Debenedetti**, who published his first book in September 2022: *The Long Alliance: The Imperfect Union of Joe Biden and Barack Obama*, about the relationship between the 44<sup>th</sup> and 46<sup>th</sup> presidents. **Sam Coggeshall**, **Pete Devlin**, and **Tess Liegeois** were present at the launch party in New York.

**Mythili Iyer** continues to enjoy living in London. She had a chance to meet **Gaia von Meister** while "working" in Paris, **Kevin Yeh** and **Aileen Yeung '10** when they came to visit, and spent Christmas with **Lindsay Dow** as per tradition.

Wedding bells for **Haley Carstensen**, who got married to Derek Johnson in October of 2022 in Shelter Island, N.Y., where **Tom Dethlefs** was both best man and responsible for introducing the couple! In attendance were **Ariana Verdu** and **Tess Liegeois**.

Last but not least, congratulations to Nicholas and **Payson Sword Houfek**, proud and overjoyed parents to Helen "Hattie" Pitcher Houfek, born on March 31, 2022!



Who has a bigger smile than baby Helen "Hattie" Pitcher Houfek? She was born in March 2022 to Payson Sword Houfek '08 and her husband, Nicholas.

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**Cristina Ayub Creel** and husband, Luis Cerda Herrera, currently live in Morelia, Mexico. They got married on April 10, 2021, and are overjoyed to share that they are expecting a baby boy, due in May 2023.

**Jon Rathauer** has transitioned to the world of alternative proteins and is leading the Eggmented Reality, which uses bioinformatics and precision-fermentation to identify, then produce, proteins with greater functionality – "think gelling, binding, foaming," he says – than the ingredients of today afford us. This approach is vegan, non-GM, clean-label and environmentally friendly. In November, Jon appeared on a leading food-tech podcast, *FoodTech Junkies*, produced by Edible Planet Ventures, whose founder and CEO is Sharon Cittance '93.

**Lara Wik** sends greetings from snowy Oslo, where she has recently joined the legal team at The Norwegian Ministry of Justice. While stateside this holiday season, she spent an evening catching up and eating homemade cookies with **Jon Sung** and **Emily Sung '07**.

After three years working at his family's craft distillery, Sourland Mountain Spirits, **Sage Disch** was promoted to CEO! If you are in the New Jersey area please stop by for a tour and tasting!

After exploring the beautiful villages of Cinque Terre, Italy, **Gavin Leung** and his partner, Tristan Badard surprised each other by having a double proposal – without knowing the other person planned to propose.

**Helen Bao** and **Tim Shen** got married on September 2, 2022, at the Loeb Boathouse in New York's Central Park. Audrey Shen '12 officiated the ceremony.

**Suzy Xiu** married Eric Dodd on August 6, 2022, at the beautiful Hempstead House in New York.

**Katharine Sharpstone** married Patrick Izzo on April 30 in Sea Island, Ga. Lawrentians in attendance included **Mary Katherine McNeill**, **Katie Delaney**, bridesmaid **Marla Jalbut**, **Carter Ashforth**, bridesmaid **Alison Wessner**, **Chloe Gogo**, and **Emily Doll**.

**Matt Frakes** and Brianna Kirk were married June 3, 2022, in Newtown, Pa. The couple met in graduate school at the University of Virginia, part of the same cohort in their Ph.D. program in history. They currently live in Charlottesville, Virginia, as they complete their doctorates at UVa.



With plenty of Lawrentians in attendance at the Loeb Boathouse in New York's Central Park, Helen Bao '09 married Tim Shen '09 in September. Audrey Shen '12 officiated the ceremony.



Suzy Xiu '09 married Eric Dodd in August 6 at the beautiful Hempstead House in New York.



Matt Frakes '09 and Brianna Kirk were married in June 2022 in Newtown, Pa.



Sage Disch '09 was recently promoted to CEO of his family's craft distillery, Sourdland Mountain Spirits in Hopewell, N.J. Sage is pictured here with his father, Sourdland Mountain founder Ray Disch P'09.



After exploring the beautiful villages of Cinque Terre, Italy, Gavin Leung '09 and his partner, Tristan Badard, surprised each other by having a double proposal – each without knowing the other person planned to pop the question!

**Charlotte Mitchell** also welcomed a baby boy on November 29 named Max Roberts Riley!

**Dorothy Sprague** and her husband Jeremiah welcomed their second child, a son named Dylan, in June 2022. Dylan came faster than expected, resulting in an unplanned home birth where Jeremiah delivered! Dylan was born healthy at 6 lbs. and enjoys hanging out with his big sister, Stella.

**John Ogden** and his wife, Caroline, have given birth to their first child, a baby girl named Georgia, in June 2022. They feel incredibly blessed that she was born happy and healthy. They are currently living in Rowayton, Conn., full time after moving out of NYC in early 2020.

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**Kathryn Colina** and **Owen Rosenberg** are engaged after meeting at Lawrenceville 10 years ago!

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**Kevin McDonough**, **Grayson Helm**, **P.J. Finley**, and **Alistair Berven** competed together in the Ironman 70.3 Indian Wells La Quinta in Southern California on December 4. Kevin led the pack with a time of 5 hours, 43 minutes!



Katharine Sharpstone '09 married Patrick Izzo on April 30 in Sea Island, Ga. Lawrentians in attendance included Mary Katherine McNeill '09, Katie Delaney '09, bridesmaid Marla Jalbut '09, Carter Ashforth '09, bridesmaid Alison Wessner '09, Chloe Gogo '09, and Emily Doll '09.



Crosby Belair McNamara was born in December to Laura Belair '09 and Henry McNamara '09.

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Greetings Class of 2014! Lots of updates to round out 2022 and kick off the beginning of 2023. Warm congratulations to **Mary Larkin** on her marriage to Patrick Deen in Kingsville, Texas, in October. **Kate Gulbrandsen**, **Megan Norris**, **Carla Tuan**, **Izzy Steiner**, **Joe Slawek**, **Christian Belardi**, **Jess Castelo**, and I (**Carter**) were in attendance to celebrate Mary and Patrick in big Texas fashion.

In August, many of the same group belatedly celebrated **Megan Norris** on her engagement to fiancé Jake Grant in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., and look forward to convening again for her wedding day this spring in Palm Beach, Fla. Congrats to **Megan Reilly** on her marriage to Brendan Russo. **Maevie Devlin**, **Kennedy Levee**, and the Larson Family were in attendance to help Megan and Brendan celebrate their big day.

In early November, many turned out in force to support **Jess Castelo**, **Joe Stancato**, and other Lawrentians who ran in the TCS New York City Marathon.

**Andreas Vandris** proposed to girlfriend Alyssa Mehta in Carmel, Calif., this winter. And in December, **Courtnie Baek**, **Nigel Glenday '01**, and **Larry Cummings '16** celebrated the end of the year at the Masterworks holiday party in New York.



Caroline Ditrich '09 married Andrew Robreno in June in Philadelphia. She was joined by her fellow Kirby girls Alison Rooney '09, Taylor Bloom '09, McKenna Vanderbeek '09, Lucy Dean '09, Becca Smith '09, Laura Belair '09, and Samantha Spiga '09, as well as Henry McNamara '09 and Warren Dean '75 P'07 '09 '10.



Last summer, after six seasons leading the team's analytics department, Arik Parnass '11 celebrated a Stanley Cup championship with the Colorado Avalanche, last September. Arik got to celebrate his day with the cup.



Kevin McDonough, Grayson Helm, P.J. Finley, and Alistair Berven from the Class of 2013 competed together in the Ironman 70.3 Indian Wells La Quinta in Southern California on December 4. Kevin led the pack with a time of 5 hours, 43 minutes. Also pictured is a friend of the group, Alex Fish.



Jess Castelo '14 nears the finish line of the 2022 New York City Marathon.



Mary Larkin '14, Kate Gulbrandsen '14, Megan Norris, Joe Slawek '14, Carla Tuan '14, and Jess Castelo '14 celebrated the engagement of Megan Norris '14 last summer in Saratoga Springs, N.Y.



Maeve Devlin '14 and Kennedy Levee '14 were on hand to celebrate with Megan Reilly '14 on her wedding day in August.



New bride Megan Reilly '14 was joined by with Becca, Ella, and Amy Larson.



Izzy Steiner '14, Christian Belardi '14, Megan Norris '14, Kate Gulbrandsen '14, Jess Castelo '14, Carla Tuan '14, Joe Slawek '14, and Carter Cikovic '14 were together on classmate Mary Larkin's wedding day in Kingsville, Texas.



Newly engaged Andreas Vandris '14 and Alyssa Mehta set their plans in California this winter.

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Quarter-life crises have descended upon the Class of 2016. Having been out of college for a couple of years now, members of the Class of 2016

are now grappling with the profound concepts of identity, purpose, and self-actualization. They must ask themselves the difficult questions of who they want to be, what kind of life they want to live, and then consider whether the path they're on is congruent with the answers. These are not easy questions, and the pursuit of lives of adventure and romance is no easy undertaking, but the important thing is that they do it together as a class. The Class of 2016 is a class bound by the human journey, its shared Lawrenceville experience, and most importantly by its collective aim to be the most good-looking *and* most fulfilled/accomplished class in Lawrenceville history.

With that, the esteemed Class of 2016 is excited to share some recent developments:

Her humble servants **Jake Pothast**, **James Stevenson**, and **Akash Bagaria** have ascended by divine right to the ranks of class secretaries.

**Leeann Passaro** visited Lawrenceville in December to speak to the Class of 2023. She shared stories from high

school and college, and spoke about her blended career of being an independent school teacher, a sports coach, and a nonprofit CEO. This fall, Leeann was featured in *Women's Health* magazine and her nonprofit, The Hidden Opponent, continues to be the leading resource addressing mental health in athletics. Her final message to the Fifth Form was to cherish the teachers, coaches, and mentors that Lawrenceville has to offer. Nice job, Leeann!

**Matthews Joy** says, "I've lived in seven different countries (India, UAE, Canada, Italy, U.S., Saudi Arabia, and Finland) and Finland is my favorite country that I have lived in. My podcast's premise is to highlight Finland's strengths and weaknesses. Initial focus is tech entrepreneurs here. My first guest is Peter Vesterbacka, founder of Slush (one of the world's biggest startup and venture capital events in Helsinki) and founder and former CMO of Rovio, the company responsible for Angry Birds. Make sure to connect with me on LinkedIn if you want to stay updated on when I publish this podcast."

We'll make sure to stay tuned, Matthews!

**Jack Kraus** lives in Fayetteville, N.C., where he is a pilot and platoon leader in the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division. He flies the AH64E Attack Helicopter and leads a platoon of four helicopters and twenty pilots and maintainers. He bought a house and will be based out of Fort Bragg, N.C., for the next two years, until his next assignment. Good stuff, Kraus!

**Lily Cohen** curated an all-female, multigenerational art show in Long Island City, titled *Lux Feminae*, which means "the light of woman" in Latin. The show took place at a raw industrial space, with hundreds of visitors coming to view the opening. Great job, Lily!

**Jake Pothast** ran the 2022 NYC marathon and raised money for the American Cancer Society. More impressively, he also has a girlfriend. Good work, Jake!

**James Stevenson** enjoyed the holidays, and shares that winter is his second favorite season. He had to pay a visit to the Rockefeller Center Christmas tree by himself this year because his

# Save the Date!

**Alumni Reunion Weekend 2024**  
May 31-June 2, 2024

All Alumni are invited back to campus to celebrate milestone reunions for classes of 2019, 2014, 2009, 2004, 1999, 1994, 1989, 1984, 1979, 1974, 1969, 1964, 1959, 1954, and 1949.

Join us for a weekend filled with treasured traditions and new additions!





Courtne Baek '14, Nigel Glenday '01, and Larry Cummings '16 had a fun time at the Masterworks holiday party in December.



Leeann Passaro '16 returned to Lawrenceville in December to speak to the Class of 2023 about her blended career of being an independent school teacher, a sports coach, and a nonprofit CEO.



Lily Cohen '16 curated an all-female, multigenerational art show in Long Island City, titled *Lux Feminae*, in a raw industrial space. The opening drew hundreds of visitors.



Living now in Finland, Matthews Joy '16 (left) hosts a podcast focused on his country's strengths and weaknesses. Initial focus is tech entrepreneurs here. He recently hosted Finnish entrepreneur Peter Vesterbacka (center).



**It's Not Blurry; You're Blurry:** Eleni Lefakis '21 and Lucrezia DiVincenzo '21 spent their Thanksgiving breaks visiting Ria McDonald '21 at Oxford, where they delighted over a "very, very old rock."



Jack Kraus '16 (right) is a pilot and platoon leader in the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division, flying the AH64E Attack Helicopter and leading a platoon of four helicopters and twenty pilots and maintainers.



Tyler Mininno '22 and his mother, Kathleen Covert-Mininno P'22, climbed all 19,341 feet of Mt. Kilimanjaro together, reaching the summit after eight days on February 6 just as the sun was rising.

roommate, a fellow Lawrenceville alumnus, did not care to join him. Despite this, he enjoyed a rare moment of solidarity and appreciation amongst a sea of strangers, some of whom actually ended up being pretty chill. Cool stuff, James!

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**Eleni Lefakis** and **Lucrezia DiVincenzo** spent their Thanksgiving breaks visiting **Ria McDonald** at Oxford. There, they drank a lot of hot chocolate, relived their times sleeping on the floor of Stephens House, and lost their minds over a very, very old rock. There is a picture, and if it looks blurry, it's not the photo; it's you.

## 2022

To submit news for the Class of 2022 column, please send them to [classnotes@lawrenceville.org](mailto:classnotes@lawrenceville.org).

**Tyler Mininno**, who is enjoying a gap year before he leaves for Harvard in the fall, wanted to travel and also try something he's been thinking of for years. So, in February, he and mom Kathleen Covert-Mininno P'22, climbed

Mt. Kilimanjaro together – all 19,341 feet of it. It is the highest freestanding mountain in the world, and the tallest mountain on the African continent. They chose the eight-day Lemosho route and after climbing by the light of their headlamps for 12 hours, Tyler and Kathleen reached the summit just as the sun was rising, 6:44 a.m. on February 6. Afterward, their adventure wasn't done; they enjoyed the beautiful country with a multi-day safari in three parks spotting the big five and so much more!

## Marriages and Commitment Ceremonies

### 1976

**Richard Stys P'14** to Jill Jarvis, West Hartford, Conn., October 1, 2022

### 2000

**Matthew Grabis** to Eliza Higgins, Fairfield, Conn., October 1, 2022

### 2001

**Brandon Blattner** to Natasha Mejia, Grounds for Sculpture, Hamilton, N.J., October 1, 2022

### 2005

**John Walker** to Abigail Hall, August 12, 2022

### 2008

**Haley Carstensen** to Derek Johnson, Shelter Island, N.Y., October 8, 2022

**Pete Devlin** to Allyssa Deorocki, August 2022

### 2009

**Helen Bao** to **Tim Shen**, Loeb Boathouse, Central Park, New York City, September 2, 2022

**Cristina Ayub Creel** to Luis Cerda Herrera, April 10, 2021

**Caroline Dittrich** to Andrew Robreno, Philadelphia, June 11, 2022

**Matthew Frakes** to Brianna Kirk, Newton, Pa., June 3, 2022

**Katharine Sharpstone** to Patrick Izzo, Sea Island, Ga., April 30, 2022

**Suzu Xiu** to Eric Dodd, the Hempstead House, New York, August 6, 2022

## 2014

**Mary Larkin** to Patrick Deen in Kingsville, Texas, October 8, 2022

**Megan Reilly** to Brendan Russo, Tuxedo and Sloatsburg, N.Y., August 13, 2022

## Births

## 1999

**Jennifer Kim-Jansen** and her husband, a son, Timothy, February 3, 2023

## 2005

**Katya Akulinicheva**, a daughter, Astra, October 27, 2022.

**Logan Burgess** and his wife, Eva Olariu, a son, Constantin Nicanor, September 2022

**Ted Keller** and his wife, Sormeh, a daughter, Tala Antoinette Keller, November 5, 2022

## 2008

**Payson Sword Houfek** and her husband, Nicholas Houfek, a daughter, Helen “Hattie” Pitcher Houfek, March 31, 2022

## 2009

**Laura Belair** and her husband, **Henry McNamara**, a son, Crosby Belair McNamara, December 11, 2022

**Charlotte Mitchell** and her husband, Blake Riley, a son, Max Roberts Riley, November 29, 2022

**John Ogden** and his wife, Caroline, a daughter, Georgia, June 2022

**Dorothy Sprague Brown** and her husband, Jeremiah Brown, a son, Dylan, June 2022

## Deaths

**Paul B. Dickey '47**  
**Charles F. King '48**  
**W. Grant Hellar III '54 P'87**  
**Robert E. Van Vranken Jr. '54**  
**Henry R. Hamman '55**  
**Bert J. Berdis '57**  
**Richard L. Doege '57**  
**Stuart G. Dow '58**  
**Verne L. Skjonsby Jr. '58**  
**Bailey L. Wiener '58**  
**B. Russell Formidoni '59**  
**William E. Welch '59**  
**John T. Battin '60**  
**Thomas Smidt II '64**  
**André Loh '69**

**Gilbert J. Chin '74**  
**Daniel Jones Jr. '79**  
**Scot W. Myers '80**  
**Sameer M. Bhatia '15**  
**Stella K. Paterson '24**

## Memorials

### George Ross Fisher III '42 GP'01

**George Ross Fisher III** passed away March 9, 2023. Born in Erie, Pa., he was 97 years old.

At Lawrenceville, George lived in Cleve House. He graduated from Yale University in just three years, due to World War II, in 1945, becoming the only person ever to graduate from Yale with a Bachelor of Science in English literature. George attended the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, where he met the love of his life and future renowned Philadelphia radiologist, Mary Stuart Blakely.

After training at the Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia where he was chief resident in medicine, and spending a year at the National Institutes of Health, George opened a practice in endocrinology in the city, where he practiced for 50 years.

George’s patients also told him their stories, which gave him an education in all things Philadelphia, the city he passionately loved. His online chronicles became the basis of his 2022 book, *Philadelphia Revelations: Twenty Tours of the Delaware Valley*.

A true Renaissance Man, George’s interests spanned medicine, history, literature, economics, investments, politics, science or even lawn care for his home in Haddonfield, N.J. His dedication extended to his many years representing Pennsylvania to the American Medical Association.

A gregarious extrovert, George loved meeting fellow Philadelphians at the Shakespeare Society, the Global Interdependence Center, the College of Physicians, the Right Angle Club, the Union League, the Haddonfield 65 Club, and the Franklin Inn. He faithfully attended Quaker Meeting in Haddonfield for over 60 years.

George is survived by his dear friend and companion, Janice Gordon; children George IV, Miriam, Margaret, and Stuart; eight grandchildren, including George Ross Fisher V '01; and three great-grandchildren.

### Edwin W. Wislar '46 P'78 GP'09 '10'14

**Edwin Wakefield “Ed” Wislar** passed away March 2, 2023. Born in Trenton,

N.J., he was 95 years old.

At Lawrenceville, Ed lived in Woodhull House, played baseball and soccer, and was a member of the Glee Club, Pipe and Quill, and the Publications Committee. He earned his bachelor’s degree at Yale University before joining the U.S. Marine Corps and serving in the Korean War as a captain, based on the battleship U.S.S. *Iowa*. Ed served a reconnaissance officer, sighting enemy installations in North Korea from helicopters.

Ed married Mary Elizabeth Elliott on September 15, 1957, and they raised six children together before she passed in 1987. After a successful career in the corporate insurance industry, Ed remained active, continuing to invest in the private and public equity markets.

An avid sportsman, Ed enjoyed fly-fishing throughout the United States, Canada, and Argentina, as well as small bird hunting and sailing with his friends and family. He was also a passionate golfer and founding member of the Bedens Brook Club of Skillman, N.J. Ed was often found casting weekend afternoons on the Ken Lockwood Gorge in Califon, N.J.

Ed was dedicated to coaching his sons’ hockey teams and attending his daughters’ events. He supported many foundations and institutions including serving on the board of The Chapin School of Princeton, further involvement with the Newgrange School, Stuart Country Day School of the Sacred Heart, and Lawrenceville.

Ed is survived by his wife Brenda K. Wislar; children Elliott W. Wislar '78 P'09 '10 '14, George Wislar, Adam “Tad” R. Wislar, John B. Wislar, Allison E. Wislar, and Margaret E. Wislar, 11 grandchildren, including E.J. Wislar '09, Mackenzie Wislar '10, and Wes Wislar '14; and great-grandchildren.

### Thomas J. Mangan III '48

**Thomas J. “Tom” Mangan III** passed away May 3, 2022. Born in Washington, D.C., he was 92 years old.

After graduating from Haverford School, Tom came to Lawrenceville as a postgraduate, living in Upper House and playing football, excelling in the School's undefeated 1947 team. He earned his bachelor’s degree from Princeton University, where he was a member of the Cap & Gown Club, in 1952.

Tom was a New York Stock Exchange member, starting in 1967 and was a trading partner and specialist with McKenna Cloud, among other firms. Previously he worked for John I. Haas, Inc., of Washington, D.C., a family business specializing in the cultivating and sale of hops for the brewing industry.

A longtime resident of Short Hills, N.J.,

Tom loved sports, both as a participant and especially as a supporter and spectator of many family members’ athletic activities. He was an excellent and advanced competitive skier, but Tom was most passionate about football. He excelled as a fullback and a linebacker, earning Haverford’s Most Valuable Player Award in 1946 and later, induction into its Hall of Fame in 2010. Tom also played on Princeton’s nationally ranked teams from 1949-51.

Tom served in the U.S. Army 1952-54, based in Staten Island, N.Y. He was a member of the Merion Cricket Club in Haverford, Pa., and Edgemore Club in Bethesda, Md, and a 50-year member of the Short Hills Club.

Tom is survived by children Thomas Mangan, Timothy Mangan, Sandra Nestler, Bobo Delaney, and Michael Kirkland; 12 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

### Charles I. Olin '49 P'80 '81

**Charles Irvin “Chuck” Olin** passed away January 26, 2023. Born in Rochester, N.Y., he was 93 years old.

At Lawrenceville, Chuck lived in Dickinson House and played hockey, football, and baseball, and was a member of the House Council, Student Council, and Glee Club. As an alumnus, Chuck continued to serve the School as a class president and an admission interviewer.

After attending Dartmouth College, where he met his wife of 68 years, Betty, Chuck earned his bachelor’s degree at the University of Rochester and his doctorate in medicine from the University at Buffalo Medical School. He completed his training in pediatrics in Boston.

Chuck was dedicated to the health and well-being of a large pediatric population throughout Rochester, where he practiced for nearly 50 years. Chuck and Betty created a life around family, which took them from Boston to Fort Riley, Kan., before settling in Rochester. He had a great love for the outdoors as seen by his hunting at Raven Lake with dear friends and meeting his children and their families in the Adirondack Mountains for vacations.

In the late 1980s, Chuck returned to his boyhood roots by purchasing a farmhouse where he took great joy in caring for his horses and barn cats and tending his gardens. He loved having his entire family visit so they could enjoy spending time in the outdoors, one of his true passions.

Chuck is survived by daughters Karen and Martha; sons Charles H. “Chuck” Olin '80, and John H. Olin '81; and four grandchildren.

### Samuel B. Fullerton Jr. '50 P'72 '80

**Samuel Baker “Sam” Fullerton Jr.** passed away January 28, 2023. Born in St. Louis, he was 91 years old.

At Lawrenceville, Sam lived in Raymond House and was a member of the wrestling team. He earned his bachelor’s degree in business administration from the University of Arkansas in 1954.

Sam served as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force, stationed at Mobile, Ala., where he served as a war planner and in military logistics. Following his return to his hometown of Warren, Ark., in 1956, Sam worked as an executive in the Bradley Lumber Company. He later founded and led Moro Gravel, Moro Inc., and L.A. Log Trailers. He also served as a director of the Arkansas General Contractors.

Sam built many sections of the Arkansas interstate system, as well as many secondary roads and bridges throughout the state. Following his retirement, Sam was inducted into the Arkansas Construction Hall of Fame in 2004.

A longtime supporter of the Warren Public Schools, Sam served three decades as the school board representative and chair of the Bradley County Equalization Board. He served as a charter member of the Southeast Arkansas Regional Intermodal Authority and as its treasurer from 1998 until 2011. He was both an elder and a deacon at the First Presbyterian Church in Warren and served on the Board of the Arkansas Presbyterian Foundation and the Ferncliff Board.

Sam is survived by his wife of 69 years, Tomme “Fufa” Fullerton; children Samuel Baker Fullerton III '72, the Reverend Dr. Fairfax Fullerton Fair, and Arthur King Fullerton '80; a grandson; two great-grandchildren; and a nephew, Noel J. Seeburg '87.

### John B. Levert Jr. '50

**John Bertels Levert Jr.** passed away December 18, 2022. Born in Mountain Brook, Ala., he was 91 years old.

At Lawrenceville, John lived in Griswold House and The Lodge, played baseball and wrestled, and was a member of the House Council and the *Olla Podrida*. He earned his Bachelor of Arts in English from Tulane University in 1954. John had transferred to Tulane after a year at the University of Virginia to be with Anne Barrington King, who became his wife of 65 years.

After serving in the U.S. Army’s Counter Intelligence Corps, John returned to New Orleans and became a salesman for Carl E. Woodward Construction and

then the executive vice president of Metal Building Products. In 1970, John joined Howard, Weil, Labouisse, Friedrichs, Inc., and was named president in 1975 and chair and CEO in 1977. He was named a Legg Mason director with its acquisition of Howard Weil in 1987.

An active member of the New Orleans business community, John was affiliated with many organizations and was active civically as well. He was president of the United Way Greater New Orleans, chair of the Archbishop Community Appeal, and a recipient of the Arthritis Foundation’s Humanitarian Award. John had a long and dedicated involvement with Loyola University in New Orleans, serving on its board of trustees from 1989-97, and as chair from 1992-96. Most important to him, John was the recipient of the Papal Knight of St. Gregory Award for his part, along with Archbishop Philip Hannan and Bubby Hartson, in securing initial funding for Second Harvest Food Bank.

John is survived by his children, John B. Levert III and Anne Lee Levert; three grandchildren; and a brother, J. Alfred Levert II '57.

### David S. Summers '51

**David S. “Dave” Summers** passed away April 2, 2022. Born in Davenport, Iowa, he was 88 years old.

At Lawrenceville, Dave lived in Griswold House. He earned his bachelor’s degree in economics in 1955 from Princeton University, where was also a member of the Ivy Club.

After graduation Dave spent three years in the Army’s Counter Intelligence Corps, then earned an M.B.A. from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania.

Dave spent his career was as a manufacturers’ representative, working with major automotive firms.

A passionate golfer who especially loved to play at The Greenbrier, Dave also enjoyed travel. His Lawrenceville classmate and Princeton roommate, Doug Carpenter '51, said, “Toward the end I talked with him frequently by phone, and he never lost his great sense of humor. As he began losing his memory, he still remembered Princeton and enjoyed talking about the time Albert Einstein visited his math class, sat right next to him, and kept blowing smoke from his pipe in Dave’s face.”

Dave is survived by sons David Summer Jr., Michael Summers, Paul Summers, and Matthew Summers; daughters Elizabeth Skau and Denice Claridge; and 10 grandchildren.

### Richard W. Taylor '51

**Richard Winslow “Dick” Taylor** passed away December 7, 2022. Born in

Springfield, Ill., he was 90 years old.

At Lawrenceville, Dick lived in Hamill House. He earned his bachelor’s degree from Ohio Wesleyan University.

After serving as a pilot in the U.S. Air Force, Dick enjoyed a career as a financial adviser, working with Merrill Lynch, Salomon Smith Barney, and Morgan Stanley, from which he retired.

An avid sports fan and competitor, Dick could always be found on the golf course in retirement, particularly that of Moraine Country Club in Kettering, Ohio, where he was a longtime member.

Dick is survived by children Rick and Sallie; and three grandchildren.

### John H. Benisch '53

**John Henry Benisch** passed away November 27, 2022. Born in New York, he was 87 years old.

At Lawrenceville, John lived in Griswold and Upper Houses. He earned his bachelor’s degree from Dartmouth College, where he ran track and played lacrosse, in 1957. John also met Muriel Jorgensen during their college years; they wed in 1959 and raised their family in Plandome, N.Y.

A commissioned officer in the U.S. Naval Reserve from 1953-68, John served active duty on the U.S.S. *Willis A. Lee* from 1957-59. He began an exceptionally successful career in commercial real estate in New York City with the firm Cross & Brown and continued with two partners when he formed the firm of Abrams, Benisch, Riker. ABR, as it was known, was a force in the commercial property market in New York. Two of the many notable projects John brokered were the sale of the Celanese Building (known today as the News Corp. Building), which was the largest commercial property sale at the time, and the leasing and management of the iconic Seagram Building on Park Avenue.

Outside his work John was a wise and trusted adviser to many, lending his realty expertise to numerous organizations including M&T Bank, The Salvation Army of Greater New York, Trinity Church on Wall Street, St. Mary’s Hospital for Children in Bayside, N.Y., and Dartmouth College. He was honored by the National Kidney Foundation of New York/New Jersey with its 1999 Man of the Year award.

John is survived by children Susan, Loel, Diane, and John; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

### Paul R. Rubincam Jr. '53 P'88

**Paul Rice “Herky” Rubincam Jr.** passed away February 7, 2023. Born in Abington, Pa., he was 89 years old.

At Lawrenceville, Herky – so nicknamed as a child when he imagined he was a strong as the mythical hero Hercules – lived in Hamill House and The Lodge, excelled at baseball and basketball, and was a member of the Choir, Glee Club, and Periwig. For his athletic exploits, Herky was inducted into the Lawrenceville Athletics Hall of Fame in 1998. He also served the School as a class agent and as a member of the Reunion Committee.

Herky enrolled at the University of Pennsylvania, beginning a nearly lifelong association with the institution. After playing basketball and baseball for Penn, he graduated from its Wharton School of Business in 1960 with a bachelor’s degree in economics. He then served as an assistant coach on the men’s basketball team for three seasons, and as assistant dean of admissions, director of conferences, and director of alumni affairs for the Wharton School before returning to Penn Athletics as director of athletics and recreation, and later, director of special gifts development.

Already a towering figure in the Philadelphia intercollegiate athletics landscape, Herky served 11 years as executive director of the Philadelphia Big 5, the annual round-robin tournament that in which Penn, Temple, Villanova, Saint Joseph’s, and La Salle universities’ men’s basketball teams compete for city supremacy.

As Penn’s director of athletics from 1985-93, Herky made three of the most significant coaching hires in the Quakers’ history: Fran Dunphy as head coach of men’s basketball, Al Bagnoli as head football coach, and Roger Reina as head wrestling coach. Those three won 27 Ivy League championships and made the Quakers Ivy League and national powers during their respective tenures. For his excellence and devotion to Penn Athletics, Herky was inducted into its hall of fame in 2019.

Herky is survived by his wife of more than 60 years, Penny Cook Rubincam P'88; children Paul Rubincam III, Lindsay Rubincam, and Peter C. Rubincam '88; and six grandchildren.

### John P. Bergan Jr. '54

**John Philip “Jack” Bergan Jr.** passed away December 20, 2022. Born in Highlands, N.J., he was 87 years old.

At Lawrenceville, Jack lived in Woodhull and Upper Houses, of which he was vice president, and was a member of the football and track teams and Periwig. He also served on the House Council. Later in life, Jack was a member of his class’s 65<sup>th</sup> Reunion Committee and a class agent, as well as an admission interviewer.

After earning his bachelor’s degree from Yale University in 1958, Jack was in the Insurance business for over 60 years and held several board positions at nonprofits as well as participation in professional organizations.

Jack is survived by his wife of 67 years, Janet Werner Bergan; children Kim Pugh, John Bergan, Erin Malyj, and Jennifer Yoo; 14 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

#### Earl G. L. Cilley ’54

**Earl Garretson Lawrence Cilley** passed away January 11, 2023. Born in Bellingham, Wash., he was 87 years old.

At Lawrenceville, Earl lived in Perry Ross, Kennedy, and Upper Houses and was a member of *The Lit*, *The Lawrence*, Periwig, and the House Council. Later, he served the School as an admission interviewer. Earl’s Lawrenceville lineage extended as far back as anyone; he was a direct descendent of the Rev. Isaac Van Arsdale Brown, the School’s founder and first head master.

Earl earned his Bachelor of Arts in the classics in 1958 and his M.B.A. from Stanford University in 1962, also serving in the U.S. Army during those years.

Earl worked for KGMJ Radio in Bellingham before returning to the Bay Area in 1964, accepting a position in the Stanford administration where he would spend the rest of his working years. He spent much of that time as the director of sponsored projects before completing his career as a managing auditor. Earl was also the university’s first research administrator emeritus.

After retiring, Earl traveled the world. He spent many months over many years trekking in the Himalaya Mountains from such diverse countries as India, China, Nepal, Bhutan, and Tibet. He also loved exploring the North Cascades, Tetons, and Sierras among other mountainous regions.

After returning to Bellingham, Earl participated in many community groups and projects, such as the Hobby Club, the Bellingham Music Club, the Mount Baker Theater Organ Society, the Bellingham Maritime Association, and Circus Fans of America. He also served on the board of directors of the Woodstock Farm Park.

Earl is survived by his longtime companion, Anita Aparicio; son Earl R. L. “Pete” Cilley; three grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

#### Donald H. Funk ’55 P’85

**Donald Hay Funk** passed away March 2, 2023. Born in Chicago, he was 85 years old.

At Lawrenceville, Donald lived in

Kennedy House and was a member of the House Council, Student Council, and *The Lawrence*. He earned his bachelor’s degree from Northwestern University and his law degree from Northwestern School of Law. Donald also served in the Illinois National Guard Reserve and was a Navy Judge Advocate General officer.

Donald had a distinguished career in the legal profession, practicing law in Illinois from 1962 to 2014. He also served on the Illinois Supreme Court Board of Admissions to the Bar from 1981 to 2014, serving as secretary-treasurer from 1984 to 2014. He was a trustee and former president of the National Conference of Bar Examiners.

A lifelong Springfield, Ill., resident, Donald was active in a variety of organizations including serving as a board member of the Abraham Lincoln Association. He was an avid Chicago Cubs and St. Louis Blues fan and after many decades of heartbreak, was happy to see both win championships.

Donald is survived by his wife of 60 years, Deanna Faye Dean Funk; his daughter, Anne Funk; his son, Donald Funk; and two granddaughters.

#### Frederick O. Lamparter ’57

**Frederick Oscar “Fred” Lamparter** passed away June 22, 2001. Born in Plainfield, N.J., he was 80 years old.

At Lawrenceville, Fred lived in Dawes and Kinnan Houses and was a member of the Astronomy Club, the Inquirers Club, Radio Club, and the Science Club. He earned his bachelor’s degree in English from Princeton University in 1961.

Following Princeton Fred joined the U.S. Air Force as a pilot. Stateside, he flew a C-141 out of the Carolinas. He spent a year in Vietnam as a forward air controller, flying 295 combat missions and providing essential intelligence and ground support in a “low and slow” aircraft over dangerous terrain, winning the Distinguished Flying Cross.

After his service, Fred married Mary Anne Nelson, settled in New Jersey, and worked in advertising with Ogilvy & Mather. Married almost 20 years, they had three children, whom he often took to football and basketball games at Princeton.

Fred retired in the early 2000s and moved to Myrtle Beach, S.C., where he was a consultant/trainer for the Baron Group for a decade, while enjoying his grandchildren. In 2019, he joined his daughter’s family near Houston.

Fred is survived by his children, Kyle, Joanne, and Bryan; and seven grandchildren.

#### David M. Skillman ’57

**David Martin Skillman** passed away

February 15, 2023. Born in Philadelphia, he was 84 years old.

David came to Lawrenceville as a postgraduate after graduating from Lower Merion High School in his hometown of Narberth, Pa. He lived in Upper House and was a member of the football and track teams. Afterward, he earned his bachelor’s degree from Cornell University in 1961.

A retired businessman, David a faithful attendee of Community Christian Fellowship in Lowell, Mass.

David is survived by his wife of 53 years, Sonia; and children David N. Skillman and Christina (Skillman) Valenzuela.

#### George J. Willock ’57

**George J. “Wick” Willock** passed away January 21, 2023. Born in Pittsburgh, he was 84 years old.

At Lawrenceville, Wick lived in Dickinson House.

Wick spent most of his business career at the Neville Chemical Co. in various sales roles, starting from the bottom of the ladder and finally retiring as vice president of sales, for which he had a true passion. Wick was a true believer in the art of listening, allowing him to excel at salesmanship, relationship building, and networking with others in all fields across the United States and the world.

After meeting the love of his life, Kitsy, at a debutante party when they were just 13 years old, Wick married her in 1959 at the Chapel of St. John the Divine in Houston and had been happily married ever since. Wick was a faithful man of God and did not waiver after reading, collecting, and questioning hundreds of books on Christianity and ultimately becoming a Roman Catholic in 1977 along with Kitsy, his children, and few other very special families of faith.

Wick loved his winter months at The Hillsboro Club in Florida with his extended family of multigenerational members there. He was also an ardent golfer at The Fox Chapel Golf Club and a member of The University Club and The Hollywood Social Club.

Wick is survived by his wife, Katharine “Kitsy” Willock; children Katharine Curry, Susan Greulich, George “Lock” Willock, and Kimberly Pardiwala; 12 grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

#### William A. Atlee Jr. ’60 P’82

**William Augustus “Bill” Atlee Jr.** passed away November 11, 2022. Born in Lancaster, Pa., he was 80- years old.

At Lawrenceville, Bill lived in Dawes House and played soccer and baseball. He earned his bachelor’s degree from

Duke University in 1964 and a law degree from the University of North Carolina School of Law.

Throughout his life, Bill pursued the advancement of justice and advocated for the rights of others, leading him to participate in the March on Washington for civil rights, as well as the anti-war movement during the Vietnam conflict.

Following law school, Bill returned to Lancaster to practice as a lawyer and eventually establish his own firm in 1980, which still operates today as Atlee Hall, LLP. He was recognized for his accomplishments by many legal organizations, including Best Lawyers in America, the American Board of Trial Advocates, and was a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, a select group of lawyers throughout the United States. Bill served on numerous legal committees and lectured on the trial of cases at conferences throughout the country.

A voracious reader, Bill explored each of his interests in great detail. He studied flamenco guitar, appreciated contemporary art, and enjoyed photography. He also enjoyed time spent near the ocean and many years at the family’s house in the Outer Banks of North Carolina.

Bill is survived by his wife of 51 years, Judith Reichard Atlee; sons William Atlee III ’82, Matthew Atlee, and Mark Atlee; two grandchildren; brothers Benjamin C. “Champ” Atlee ’62 H’74 ’75 ’79 ’80 ’83 ’84 ’87 ’89 ’06 P’92 and Samuel Atlee ’69; cousins Simon Zimmerman ’50, Edward Zimmerman ’51, Herbert Zimmerman ’54, and D. Patrick Zimmerman ’60; and niece Ana Atlee ’92.

#### Robert A. Bower ’62

**Robert Alexander “Sandy” Bower** passed away February 15, 2023. Born in Pittsburgh, Pa., he was 78 years old.

At Lawrenceville, Sandy lived in Dawes House and was a member of the cross country, football, wrestling, and track teams, as well as of the House Council.

He earned his bachelor’s degree from Colgate University, where he was a member of the track and cross country teams. After serving in the U.S. military, he received his M.B.A. from Babson College and a master’s in taxation from Bentley College.

Sandy’s career in accounting included roles at Coopers & Lybrand, Curry College, and the National Institute for Children’s Health Quality, as well as at Wellesley College, where he spent many years as controller. He also spent most of his adult life in Wellesley before moving to Denver in retirement to be closer to his children and grandchildren.

Throughout his life, Sandy was a dedicated runner who completed numerous marathons. Later in life, he enjoyed long distance biking. Later in his life, he enjoyed long-distance biking and rode in the three-day, 275-mile Northeast AIDS ride from Boston-to-New York, now known as Cycle for the Cause.

Sandy is survived by his wife of 51 years, Gina; daughters Christine Baca and Anne Saddler; and five grandchildren.

#### F. Sugden Murphy Jr. ’62

**Frederick Sugden Murphy Jr.** passed away December 10, 2022. Born in Essex Fells, N.J., he was 78 years old.

At Lawrenceville, Sugden lived in Upper House. He earned his bachelor’s degree from Wesleyan University, where he was a proud member of Chi Psi fraternity.

Sugden attended the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth and then returned to New Jersey to raise his growing family in Chatham and Basking Ridge. While he worked full time on Wall Street for Dillon Read, he also dedicated his free time to community service, especially with the Chatham Jaycees, where he served as president and as chair of the Chatham Heritage Committee. He was recognized in the 1972 edition of Outstanding Young Men of America.

In the late 1970s, Sugden returned to the New Hampshire Seacoast and built a strong network of friends, old and new. He spent long hours commuting to Boston to work for E.F. Hutton and Prudential Bache, and it was through this job that he met the love of his life, Sarah “Sally” Haug Murphy. They were married in 1984 and built their home in North Hampton where they lived for 10 years before moving to the island of New Castle, N.H.

Through the years Sugden tirelessly and quietly gave back to his community through financial support of many charitable organizations. He and Sally would visit the local hospitals on Christmas Eve dressed as Mr. & Mrs. Claus to cheer up patients young and old.

Sugden is survived by his wife of 39 years, Sally Murphy; children Meganne Fabrega and Duncan Murphy; and three grandchildren.

#### LeRoy W. Bensel Jr. ’63

**LeRoy Walter “Bud” Bensel Jr.** passed away October 22, 2022. Born in Trenton, N.J., he was 77 years old.

At Lawrenceville, Bud lived in Raymond House, played basketball and baseball, and was a member of *The Lawrence*. Later, as an alumnus, he served on his Reunion Committee. He earned his bachelor’s degree at Saint

Joseph’s University in Philadelphia.

During his academic years, Bud became inspired by all things aviation. He earned his pilot’s license at the minimum age, and enlisted in the Army National Guard. In January 1967, at 22 years old, he was hired by Trans World Airlines as a pilot, climbing quickly through the ranks to captain. He flew international routes during his 36-year career before retiring in October 2003. With TWA, and later, American Airlines.

After retiring from the skies, Bud continued his work in aviation. He was sought after by engineering firms, the FAA, attorneys, and airlines to provide his expertise in safety, simulation, airport design, capacity enhancement, and regulatory matters.

Bud spent his time with his beloved boat, *Baby Huey*, fishing for the “big one,” making delicious meals for his family, dining out at his favorite restaurants, teaching everyone about everything to those who were interested in listening. Bud’s greatest joy was spending time with his grandchildren, who referred to him affectionately as “Poppy,” and creating memories with all those he loved.

Bud is survived by his wife of 55 years, Anne E. Harris Bensel; children Eryn A. Snyderman and Bryan T. Bensel; and five grandchildren.

#### Robert Foote Shannon ’63 P’82

**Robert Foote “Bob” Shannon** passed away February 2, 2023. Born in Kansas City, Mo., he was 77 years old.

At Lawrenceville, Bob lived in Cleve House and was a member of the swimming team, Pipe and Quill, and *The Lawrence*, and he was editor-in-chief of *The Lit*. He earned his bachelor’s degree from Yale University in 1967 and his master’s degree in architecture in 1970.

Following graduate school, Bob moved to Windham, Vt., to start his practice. Bob was an architect of note, an artist, inventor, and writer. His life and his life’s work focused on sustainable living through creative design. He founded the Fourth Corner Foundation in 1995 and developed a campus at his home in Windham. Later, he established a winter home and second campus in Santa Fe, N.M.

Bob is survived by his son, Thomas Foote Shannon ’82, and daughter, Elizabeth Thankful Shannon.

#### Charles W. Tiernan Jr. ’63

**Charles Wallace “Chuck” Tiernan Jr.** passed away February 23, 2023. Born in Washington, D.C., he was 78 years old.

At Lawrenceville, Chuck lived in Hamill House and captained the hockey team. He earned his bachelor’s degree

from the University of Vermont and his M.B.A. at Rutgers University. Chuck had a long and successful career in New York as a financial adviser and account executive, ultimately for Wells Fargo.

An avid sailor, Chuck sailed competitively for most of his life. In recent years, he sailed with his brother, Dick, on *Buccaneer*. Chuck was proud of the fact that he had sailed for more than 60 consecutive years in the Off Soundings Club regattas. He, together with wife Carol, competed together for 40 years in the summer series at the Shelter Island (N.Y.) Yacht Club, where he served as a club trustee and secretary and remained an honorary trustee. For many years, Chuck could be found cruising the waters of Peconic and Gardiners bays in their sturdy workboat, the *Carol T*.

As a trustee of the Mashomack Preserve of The Nature Conservancy, Chuck enthusiastically spearheaded Mashomack’s shellfish restoration initiative.

He and Carol were regular golfers at Gardiner’s Bay Country Club and played to a respectable handicap. He followed sports, including his beloved New York Yankees, the PGA Tour, and the University of Vermont Catamounts hockey team.

Chuck is survived by his wife, Carol; brothers, Richard Tiernan ’66 and Timothy Tiernan ’72; and cousins Michael Tiernan ’68 P’01 ’05 ’09, Martin Tiernan Jr. ’75, Bruce Swenson ’64 P’98, Stephen Swenson ’69, and Christopher Swenson ’70.

#### Mark E. Woodford ’79

**Mark Edward Woodford** passed away December 28, 2022. Born in Minneapolis, he was 61 years old.

At Lawrenceville, Mark lived in Kennedy House before graduating from Mankato (Minn.) West High School, where he ran cross country and track and played golf. He earned his bachelor’s degree from the University of Minnesota in 1984.

Mark, who married his wife, Katie Scott, while they were students at the University of Minnesota, taught math for one year at Hill-Murray High School in Maplewood, Minn., before beginning his career as a software engineer. In 1990, he accepted a position at GE Medical Systems in Waukesha, Wisc., and spent 30 there years before his retirement. He shared his gift of music, singing, and playing his guitar first for Katie, then his children, then as a member of praise bands at several Evangelical Lutheran Church of America assemblies. He also participated in many sessions of Weekend Warriors through the White House of Music in Waukesha where

he met his rock ‘n’ roll bandmates of many years.

Mark shared his love of sports with his children and also took up photography, taking thousands of action shots of his children and their teammates in youth and traveling sports and at Waukesha South High School. Mark had begun bicycle riding for enjoyment and he was so looking forward to renewing his passion for golf before he was just physically wiped out by cholangiocarcinoma, diagnosed in July 2021.

Mark is survived by his wife of 41 years, Katie; children Molly Woodford, Libby Ives, Tim Woodford, and Brad Woodford.

#### Henry F. Friedler ’12

**Henry F. Friedler** passed away December 1, 2020. Born in New Orleans, he was 27 years old.

At Lawrenceville, Henry lived in Kennedy House before ultimately graduating from Isadore Newman School in New Orleans, where he won the Louisiana State Doubles Championship as a junior. He spent a year at Millsaps College, where he played third singles on the tennis team and was an Academic All-America choice. Henry earned his Bachelor of Arts from the University of New Orleans.

A deeply creative soul, Henry was funny and brilliant and curious about just about everything under the sun, whether culture, science, politics, food, art, music, or people. A seeker and a romantic, he cherished his time at Watervale in Michigan, a family resort where he was beloved.

Henry brought a singular kind of beauty to the things he did and to the people he loved. His tennis game was powerful and graceful. He loved children and their non-judgmental goodness. A coach and a teacher, Henry was an extraordinarily gifted artist who sought refuge in his music.

The world is not always a gentle place but Henry was a gentle soul walking and often running through it. Compassionate and kind, Henry had a beautifully sweet nature. His heart was unerringly located in the right place even when his mind was not. Henry died by suicide after decade-long battle with bipolar disorder.

Henry is survived by his parents, Heidi and Tripp Friedler; and grandparents Pam Friedler and Chuck and Lori Hackley.

# OLD SCHOOL

## 80 years ago in The Lawrentian | SPRING 1943

### BOYS FROM PERSIA

In February the School enrolled two new boys from Persia. This fact creates a genial link with our genial neighbor, Colonel H. Norman Schwarzkopf, who is one of seven prominent Americans lent to Persia by the United States Government.

Colonel Schwarzkopf, who is a graduate of West Point, and who organized, and headed for 15 years, the New Jersey State Police, left Lawrenceville for Persia in late August 1942. Prior to his departure, he was in command of the Army forces guarding the coastline of New Jersey and Delaware. His new duties include the organization of a rural gendarmerie and its coordination with the regular military force of Persia.

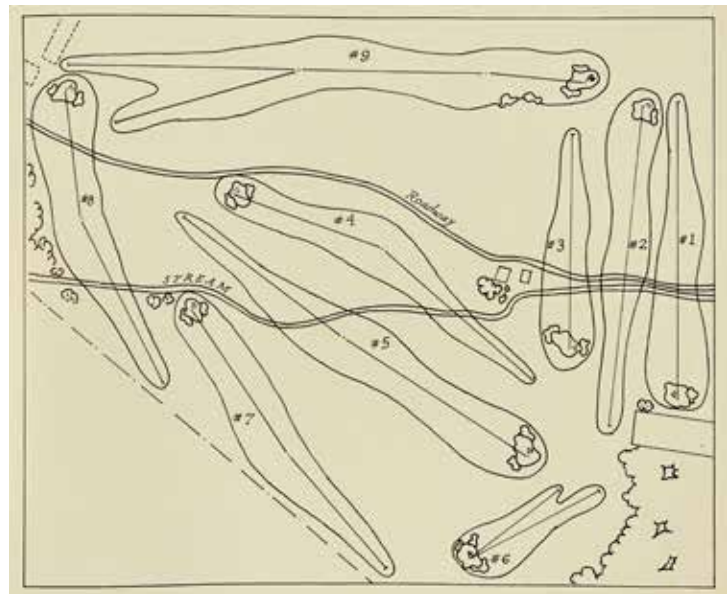
Alumni will be interested to know that for several years Colonel Schwarzkopf and his family have resided in the old Green House,



*New Jersey State Police Superintendent H. Norman Schwarzkopf (right, in black suit), escorted famed pilot Charles Lindbergh following grand jury testimony in 1935. Schwarzkopf lived for years in Green House.*

with which is associated “Dink Stover” of Varmint fame, Dr. Fletcher Durell, and other Lawrenceville figures of note.

— From news item by **A.R. Evans H1909, 1924**, a longtime School administrator. A later generation will likely recognize the Schwarzkopf name through the military exploits of the colonel's son, U.S. Army Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf Jr., who led all coalition forces in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm in 1990-91.



## 70 years ago in The Lawrentian | SUMMER 1953

Lawrenceville has one of the oldest golf courses in the country. But very little is left of the original course, and what does remain is inadequate and outdated. With the building of the central heating plant in 1948, half of the long sixth and all of the seventh and eighth holes were eliminated, reducing the course to an extremely short seven holes. Only on the first and third are there hazards, and they are the old-fashioned raised bunkers of the 1890s; nowhere else on the course is there a single sand trap. [...] These conditions led, even before the building of the heating plant, to transferring of the School squad to the excellent course of the neighboring Greenacres Club.

— By **Sidney M. Shea**, longtime history master and golf coach.

*Architects' plans for a revamped Lawrenceville golf course. The outdated and old-fashioned track had forced Big Red golf to compete at nearby Greenacres County Club, a mile south on Main Street. Greenacres became Cobblestone Creek Country Club in 2018.*



## STAR TURN

This star magnolia outside the Hutchins Institute for Social Justice enjoyed the dappled sunlight of a warm spring day.

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