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From a fishing
wharf in Maine,
Merritt Carey '87
carries on a
coastal legacy.



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The Rev. Dr. Michael Eric Dyson signs his latest book for Seho Myung '18 (left) and Sekou Bolden '18 in Ford Cottage.

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Merritt Carey '87 works on the water near Tenants Harbor, Maine.

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POSTCARD

Young and Ancient

Skylar Nieman '20 (left) and Tanéyah Jolley '20 write in their journals during a visit to Italica, the ancient Roman ruins site outside Seville. As part of a sophomore humanities program, 24 students and four teachers spent two weeks traveling in Morocco and Spain, seeing their world history, religion, and literature lessons come to life. In this photo, Jolley says, "We were in the amphitheater of the ruins, and we were reflecting about what our role would be at that time and place in history."

Journaling required the students to become better observers, which is "the antecedent to being able to think, read, and write critically," says English teacher Meg Eisenhauer, who also went on the trip. "Travel is the ideal opportunity to practice this because the sense of novelty and wonder has us so much more alert than we tend to be in our daily lives."

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LEADING LINES

Valediction

We all leave NMH shaped by its mission.



Peter Fayroian and his daughter, Sofia

I write these words, my last ones in these pages, a day after a nor'easter laid a down comforter over the campus. The students and most of the faculty are away on spring vacation, but our plant and property crew still made quick work of the wet snow, pushing icebergs onto the sides of the pathways and roads. By the time you read this, the view from my Holbrook window will be much different: Daffodils will tumble down the hill from Memorial Chapel, and Cottage Row will be mostly obscured by newly opened leaves. This is an exquisite place, where spring is both welcomed and earned.

From my next office window, I will look out at a similar climate — Michigan is not so different from western Massachusetts — but I won't be so moved to wax poetic about the landscape. There are few heads of school privileged with a campus like ours. I'll miss this hill, this actual hill that I've traversed, up and down, thousands of times in the past six years. I'll miss Mount Monadnock craning its head through the notch across the Connecticut River on a clear day; I'll miss seeing my dog race after squirrels in the forest behind Ford Cottage, and hearing the low hoots of resident owls at dusk. I'll even miss the occasional black bear rummaging through post-reunion food tents in the early morning.

"If you don't know where you are, you don't know who you are," wrote Wendell Berry, a sentiment that any of us who have lived on the campuses of Northfield Mount Hermon know well. Place — this place — is in us every day when we are here and every day when we are elsewhere. I will most certainly take this place with me when I leave.

What I will also take with me is a new understanding of why the history of a place is so important, more

specifically, how this school's history has shaped the men and women — students and teachers alike — who have walked and talked, worked and learned here. The world is a better place because of their experience. I am incredibly proud and honored to have represented a school with such a clear mission — to act with humanity and purpose — and to know firsthand the contributions of 134 years of graduates (and even non-graduates). As head of school, I have been privy to the lives of so many alums, not just those recognized by the world but also those who live strong lives without accolades or awards. They better their communities, their families, their workplaces; they are good friends, caring partners, and loving parents.

Like all of you, I have been shaped by NMH's mission and by the people with whom I have walked and talked, worked and learned. I am a better human being as a result, and for that I am grateful. Thank you, all of you: D.L. Moody and founding mothers and fathers; Northfielders, Hermonites, and NMH-ers; colleagues, students, parents, and friends. Thank you for your support and guidance during these past six years, as NMH has continued to maintain its rightful place as one of this country's great institutions. As a student of NMH history, I know that its buildings and programs, its financial sustainability, and, perhaps most important, its commitment to financial aid depend upon your appreciation and your advocacy. I join you now as someone who will be paying close attention, albeit from afar, to this school's continued success.

Thoreau wrote, "Nothing makes the world seem so spacious as to have friends at a distance; they make the latitudes and longitudes." I look forward to seeing you again, as an NMH-er and friend. [NMH]

CONNECT



FERLINGHETTI

When I was a senior at Trinity College, I took a creative writing class from Stephen Minot. One day we had a guest speaker: Lawrence Ferlinghetti. I didn't know until I read the Fall 2017 *NMH Magazine* that he graduated from Mount Hermon. What a surprise! At Trinity, Ferlinghetti took us outside and asked us to lie under a tree. I forget what his specific instructions were, but I believe it was to contemplate the tree, the sky, and the universe. After about 15 minutes, he asked us to get up. He then told us that we had each written a poem. Back in the classroom, he read some of his own poems. It was, to say the least, an inspiring and memorable class.

George Whitehead '63

Salisbury, Maryland

I was pleased to read the article about Lawrence Ferlinghetti ("Portrait of a Hero," Fall 2017). I was at NMH during years of great upheaval in America and at the school, and thanks to outstanding and patient teachers, I fell in love with writing, poetry, anything that strung words together. In that environment,



Sugaring brings back memories of hauling buckets and sneaking sips of sap. #sweetlife



NMH provides a gorgeous venue for a wedding! #NMHalumni #truelove



The #NMH mail center crew, including students, handles tens of thousands of packages every year. #NMHlife



it was a special treasure to be told that Lawrence Ferlinghetti had walked the same halls, perhaps sat in the same seat or lived in the same dorm as me. This was exciting, inspiring, hopeful, and a bit outlandish all at the same time. While I have lived my whole life as a pastor, I have used writing to expand the world of faith and church and imagination.

David Johnson Rowe '64

Fairfield, Connecticut

FINANCE FACTS

I was pleased to read the "Let's Talk Money" article in *NMH Magazine* (Fall 2017). Offering alumni a better understanding of the school's finances is critical. Many have already checked out NMH's financial position and will respond favorably to facts.

Peter Guild '64

Cornelius, North Carolina

NEW STANDARDS

The Fall 2017 issue of the magazine sets new standards of excellence and accomplishment: the explanation of NMH finances and financial strategies; the informative tribute to one of my best Hermon buddies, Bill Compton; and the splendid write-up of Peter Fayroian's visit with Lawrence Ferlinghetti. The essay "The Forest and the Lake" revived my vivid memories of Shadow Lake in winter and the road through the woods in back of campus, all the way around to Dwight's Home — where I was once quarantined for a spring vacation with German measles.

Charlton (Charlie) Price '44

Bainbridge Island, Washington

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@NMHschool Head Peter Fayroian channels #NMH founder D.L. Moody in a carriage, driven by #NMHfarm director Jake Morrow, that was once Moody's own. #NMHtradition



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Departing head of school
Peter Fayroian and
2018–19 interim head
Charles Tierney.

Transition Team

The search for Northfield Mount Hermon's next leader is underway.

BY JENNIFER SUTTON

Hiring a new head of school is an all-hands-on-deck process, according to Stephen Fuller '58, P'98, chair of the NMH Board of Trustees.

"It's the most important responsibility we have as trustees, but it's a common goal for the entire school community," he says. "We are committed to appointing an outstanding and proven leader who will join us in embracing our school's mission and values."

This summer, Peter Fayroian, NMH's 10th head of school, will leave western Massachusetts to return to Greenhills School, the day school in Ann Arbor, Michigan, that he led for seven years before coming to NMH in 2012. NMH's associate head, Charles A. Tierney III P'16, '19, '20, will

step in as interim head for the 2018–19 academic year, while the board of trustees conducts a search for Fayroian's replacement. The search is expected to last an additional six months, with a new head named in December 2018. "We will miss Peter's energy and his deep commitment to NMH," Fuller says, "but a head search is a great opportunity for all of us to help take NMH to the next level."

Under Fayroian's leadership, NMH developed a five-year strategic plan, created its Center for Learning Through Action, and built new faculty housing and an early-childhood education center that serves both NMH families and the surrounding community. Fayroian also led the development of three forthcoming projects: a new boathouse and riverfront facility; a new fitness center; and the Gilder Center for Integrative Math and Science Education, for which the school received the largest cash gift in NMH's history.

"Peter has helped steer NMH into a position of strength among boarding schools," says Fuller. "He has totally embraced NMH's mission and history, deeply engaged our alumni, and celebrated all that makes the school so unique."

Fayroian calls the decision to leave NMH a difficult one. While he and his wife, Rachael, ultimately needed to be closer

“A head search is a great opportunity for all of us to help take NMH to the next level.”

to their extended family in the Midwest, he says, “My heart and soul are so aligned with NMH’s mission and the great work this community does every day.”

Tierney will assume his duties as interim head on July 1. “He has the expertise and support to continue NMH’s momentum as a leader among independent schools,” Fuller says. Tierney has been immersed in NMH life for two decades, including as interim head in 2011–12. He worked as an NMH history teacher, coach, dorm advisor, dean, and accreditation coordinator before he became assistant head, and as interim plant facilities director and interim communications director. From 2014 to 2016, he was the head of the Tatnall School in Wilmington, Delaware.

The search for NMH’s next leader is proceeding with help from Carney, Sandoe & Associates, a consulting firm that specializes in independent-school leadership searches. “They are guiding us in conducting an inclusive and thorough hiring process, and in reaching out to prospective candidates around the world,” Fuller says. The final decision and appointment will be made by the board, but “we are including all school stakeholders — faculty, staff, students, alumni, and families — as we move ahead,” Fuller says.

Learn more about NMH’s leadership transition at www.nmhschool.org.

LISTENING TO UNHEARD STORIES

When Merle Smith ’05 enrolled at NMH 15 years ago, he was a “knucklehead,” he says. At 16, he had dropped out of high school after an injury left him unable to play football, and he was living on his own, working odd jobs, while his parents waited for him “to realize the path I was on was leading nowhere but stagnation,” he says.

They, along with a former coach, pointed him toward NMH, which he says was one of the best things that ever happened to him — and also one of the biggest shocks he’d ever experienced. “I was coming from absolute freedom, where I believed I could do whatever I wanted, to my first night on campus, when this small white man was telling me to turn my lights out at 9 P.M. I remember thinking, ‘Where am I?’”

Smith, now vice president for capital markets at CIT Bank, shared this experience with NMH alumni in New York City last fall as part of a new initiative called “Our Stories.” It launched in 2016, after the school learned that alumni of color constituted just 1 percent of people who stayed connected to NMH. “We wanted to find out why that was happening, and what we could do to change it,” says George Tiggler ’94, an associate director in the advancement office, who conceived the program with the school’s Alumni of Color Advisory Group.

Step one: They invited alumni of color to share their high school experiences in an open panel discussion during the 2016 reunion. It was standing room only, according to Tiggler. The school then invited small groups of alumni of color in New York, Boston, and Washington, D.C., to “tell us why they haven’t been involved, how we may have alienated them,” says Tiggler. The school followed each of these “listening dinners” with a larger “Our Stories” event open to all alumni.

Even though NMH prides itself on its diversity, Tiggler says the “Our Stories” program makes clear that living on campus was a struggle for many students of color, especially those who graduated in the 1950s, ’60s, and ’70s. One alumna in Atlanta recalled discovering that NMH administrators had called her white roommate’s parents before the school year started, asking permission to assign their daughter a black roommate. Her parents, who were black, had received no such courtesy call about their daughter having a white roommate.

“That left a bad taste in some people’s mouths,” Tiggler says. But the program is powerful precisely for those reasons. “It opens up people’s eyes. People are able to get things off their chest. There’s some healing that happens.”

Besides being cathartic, the “Our Stories” events are a tangible way for NMH’s alumni and advancement staff to demonstrate “that we understand what they went through,” Tiggler says. “We are working hard to be a better school.”



Arielle Cook '03 and Ryan Fluence '10 helped lead the “Our Stories” discussion in Washington, D.C.

On Top of the Tower

Graduating seniors say goodbye to their campus.

On the morning of Commencement, dean of faculty and English teacher Hugh Silbaugh wakes in the dark, pulls on a warm jacket, and gets to Memorial Chapel at 4:45 A.M. Security officer Bob Felton unlocks the door, and inside, Silbaugh climbs a narrow set of stairs, then an even narrower ladder, emerging through a trap door onto a platform at the top of the chapel tower. Then he waits.

The first students appear at 4:58, as the sky starts to lighten. “Jim Block started a tradition of bringing students from Crossley up here to watch the sun rise before graduation. I thought everyone should get to do this,” Silbaugh says. So for nearly a decade, he has welcomed seniors to take in a view of campus they’ve never seen before, from 90 feet up.

“Holy crap!” exclaims one boy as he leans on the waist-high parapet. “This makes the campus look so small.”

In sweatpants and hoodies, the students climb up the tower a dozen or so at a time. They have five or 10 minutes to look around at the hills across the Connecticut River, the campus fields and buildings they know so well, the green of late spring. They take photos with their phones, and then Silbaugh sends them down the ladder so another group can take their place. “It’s literally a peak experience,” he says.

Some of the seniors are gleefully in the moment: “This is like a roller coaster!” Others are more reflective. “I was so worried I was going to mess things up this year,” one sighs, gazing out at the horizon. “I can’t believe this day is here.”

Down on the ground, a handful of faculty members have set up a table with doughnuts, hot chocolate, and coffee. Some students straggle back to their dorms for a few more minutes of sleep; others linger, sitting on the grass with their coffee cups, savoring their last morning on campus together.

On top of the tower, Silbaugh greets the final group of students. “I hate heights so much,” one girl frets, hesitating on the ladder. “Four years of hard work, just to plummet to my death?” Silbaugh offers a hand and pulls her onto the platform; her friends, wrapped in blankets, huddle around her as they look out over Thorndike Field, into the sun. “OK, this is worth it,” she says.



Whether it’s a blue-sky day or cloudy, climbing to the top of the chapel tower is a “peak experience,” says faculty member Hugh Silbaugh, top, with former advisees Marilynne Cheng ’16 (left) and Lauren Downes ’16.



BLOWN AWAY

“Dandelion Girl,” by Zitong (Ann) Xu '19 (above), won top honors in the 2018 National Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, and will be shown — along with two other award-winning works by Xu — at the Art.Write.Now.2018 National Exhibition and Student Showcase in New York in June. “I hope people who look at this will not over-think, over-interpret, like they’re over-discussing a passage in literature,” Xu says. “I just want them to feel.”



From left: guard Grace Heeps '19; forward Kyle Valiquette '18; Salli Lubbe '21 swims butterfly; Aran Zecha '18 on the giant slalom course.

Winter Winners

From the hardwood to the mat, from the pool to the ice and snow, the season brought numerous team championships and individual accolades — not to mention tremendous excitement.

BY SAM KEATOR

The drumbeat of national recognition continued unabated for the **boys' basketball team**, which finished the season with a 31–4 record, captured the New England Prep School Athletic Council (NEPSAC) Class AAA Championship, and earned its ninth consecutive invite to the National Prep Championship tournament and its fourth trip to the final championship game.

In individual achievements, **Nate Laszewski '18** (Notre Dame) set NMH records for most points in a season (685), 3-point shots in a season (132), and 3-pointers

in a career (265); was named MVP of the 2018 New England Championship tournament; and earned All-NEPSAC first-team honors. **Noah Kirkwood '18** (Harvard) and **Ryan Greer '19** earned All-NEPSAC second-team honors, and **Kai Toews '18** (University of North Carolina Wilmington) and **Max Lorca '19** earned All-NEPSAC honorable mention honors. **Chuck Hannah '18** (Elon), **Davis Franks '18** (Brown), and Toews also received recognition as Esmark All-Americans.

The **girls' basketball team** won its third straight Northeast 8 Tournament, and secured a top-four berth in the

prestigious Class AA New England Championship tournament. NMH wrestlers continued to rack up championships, adding to the success of the storied program. **John Hayes '18** (Trinity), **Brett Rezendes '18**, **Yaraslau Slavikouski '19**, **Hunter Hockensmith '20**, and **Aiden Hanning '21** all won Class A championships in their respective weight classes, while Slavikouski and Rezendes were also crowned New England Champions and All-Americans.

The **boys' varsity hockey team** experienced a renaissance, racking up a record of 24–7–2 and earning



the No. 1 seed in the New England Prep Hockey Large School Tournament. Anchored by All-NEPSAC East goaltender **Eric Green '18** (UMass Lowell), the team provided spectators with thrills to go along with the chills in McCollum Arena, with huge wins over perennial New England powerhouses such as Cushing Academy, Avon Old Farms, Loomis Chaffee, Taft, and Belmont Hill. Second-year head coach **Kevin Czepiel '07** was named “Coach

of the Year” by both the *New England Hockey Journal* and Neutral Zone Prep Hockey.

In the pool, **Salli Lubbe '21** set a school record in the 100 freestyle with a time of 54.37, the first individual school record for girls’ swimming since 2004.

The **boys’ Alpine team** won both the New England and Mount Institute Ski

League (MISL) championships, finishing the season undefeated, with an unbelievable record of 57–0, their first New England Championship in 20 years, and the No. 1 skier in the MISL — **Aran Zecha '18**. The **girls’ Alpine team** captured their sixth consecutive MISL championship. The dual MISL championships represent the first time in decades that both teams took home the league crown in the same year.

Have Toiletries, Will Do Good



Heidi Leeds '18 (left) and Isabella Lombino '18 with the shampoo-transfer tool that they designed and built.

Two NMH entrepreneurs saw an opportunity where others saw only waste. After noticing that hotels discard hundreds of half-empty shampoo bottles every day, Heidi Leeds '18 and Isabella Lombino '18 launched a service that both reduces trash and helps people who are homeless.

For nearly a year now, the “Shampoo Shuttle” has collected shampoo from hotels and redistributed it at local shelters. It’s a class project, too, for the Rhodes Fellowship Course in Social Entrepreneurship, which teaches students like Leeds and Lombino how to develop ideas into viable ways of improving the world.

Every few weeks, Leeds and Lombino collect left-over toiletries from the Hampton Inn in Greenfield, Massachusetts, repackaging them, and deliver full bottles to places where people need them, such as the Salvation Army in Greenfield.

At first, Leeds and Lombino emptied the hotel shampoo containers by manually squeezing the liquid from each one. Their hands soon ached. So they used their engineering skills to design a tool with 26 shampoo-bottle-shaped holes, which they fabricated with an on-campus 3-D printer. Now they snap the bottles into the lid, let them drain into a funnel, and use a large syringe

to transfer the liquid to clean containers. Their invention sped up processing time, as did recruiting other students to help.

They felt nervous the first time they delivered the shampoo to the Salvation Army. “We didn’t know exactly what we were doing or how receptive people would be to our product,” says Leeds.

Social Entrepreneurship teacher Grant Gonzalez encouraged them to speak with the people using their products. “By meeting them and conducting a survey, we developed our ideas further, saw what effect we were having in the community, and considered how to do more,” says Lombino.

Leeds says the course provided structure, tools, and constant feedback about their ideas. “Having people asking us questions along the way helped us articulate our plans more clearly and think through all the little details.”

Leeds and Lombino have added a shampoo drop-off at the Northampton Survival Center, and hope to deliver additional products requested by their clients, such as toothbrushes and feminine hygiene products. They plan to continue Shampoo Shuttle at their respective colleges next year, handing over the NMH operation to younger NMH students.

“Shampoo Shuttle is easily replicable in any location. We are building a formal model that can be handed to anyone that wants to start a branch,” says Lombino.

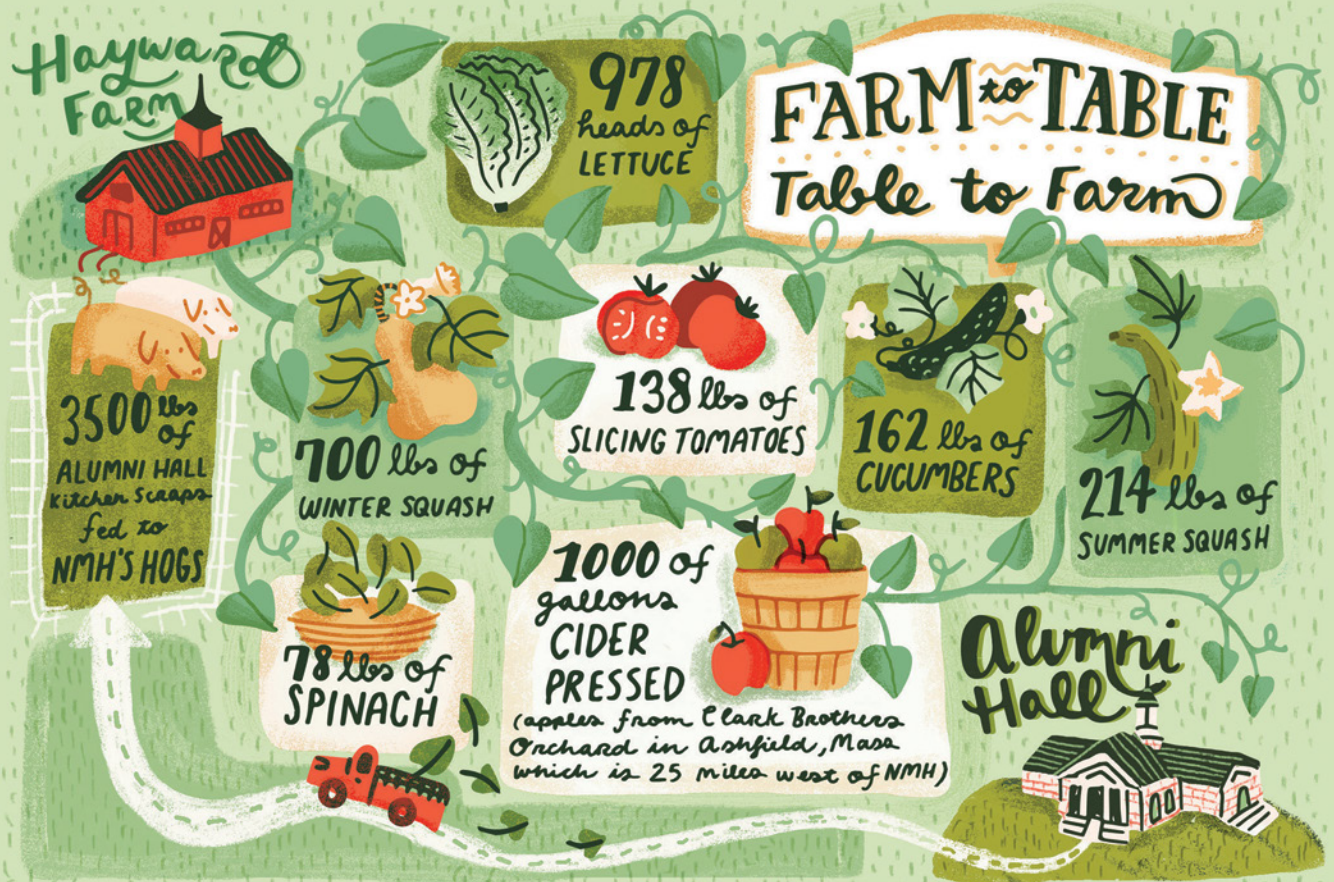
The Social Entrepreneurship course and the success of Shampoo Shuttle have given Leeds and Lombino a “solid foundation,” says Leeds, for incorporating service not only into their academic lives but also their future careers. “We’ve always wanted to make a difference in the world, but it’s hard to know where to start,” says Lombino. “Shampoo Shuttle showed us that you can start with something small and work your way up.”

—Emily Harrison Weir

“Shampoo Shuttle showed us that you can start with something small and work your way up.”

Students Speaking Out

Nearly 50 NMH students joined 3,000 people in Northampton, Massachusetts, for a “March for Our Lives” to protest gun violence after the deadly Feb. 14 shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. It was one of hundreds of marches that took place simultaneously across the country on March 24. The event’s closing speaker was Mia Flowers '19 (far right), who said, “When a student dies, we just pray and walk away, but why? Why do we walk away?”



FOOD CONNECTIONS Between the NMH Farm and Alumni Hall is what Farm Director Jake Morrow calls “a closed nutrient cycle” that boosts NMH’s sustainability. Scraps from Dining Services’ food prep are fed to the farm’s pigs, who fuel the making of super-rich compost — 1,600 bushels in six months — which, in turn, fertilizes the vegetable fields. “The result is that we are able to produce really high-quality vegetables for the school community,” Morrow says. “And the best part is that students can participate every step of the way.”

IN CLASS

The Science of Guilt and Innocence

A forensics class mixes chemistry, biology, and the law.

BY JENNIFER SUTTON

It's a regular Tuesday morning, but something is amiss in the library. There's yellow police tape cordoning off several corners of the reading room. Chairs and tables are tipped over, and the sun streaming in the window glints off several little plastic baggies scattered on the floor.

A group of investigators wearing blue vinyl gloves place evidence markers by each plastic baggie and take measurements with an oversize tape measure. One snaps photos with his phone; others take notes and start sketching the scene.

Chemistry teacher Michelle Hurley staged this “crime scene” as part of a toxicology unit in her Forensic Science class, an elective for NMH juniors, seniors, and postgraduates who've already studied biology and chemistry. It's an opportunity, Hurley says, to think analytically and critically about scientific data, and to connect a variety of scientific concepts to real-world scenarios.

In the library, Hurley's students collect and document the evidence, then take it back to the chemistry lab for analysis. They use a procedure they practiced in class the previous day called a presumptive color test, in which the substances from the baggies are mixed in test tubes with tiny amounts of reagents such as sulfuric acid and hexane. Certain



In the lab, Amanda Savinski '18 tests “evidence” discovered in the library — fake drugs such as barbiturates (confectioners' sugar) and pot (oregano soaked in iron chloride).

Teacher: Michelle Hurley
Years at NMH: 20
Other courses: chemistry and AP chemistry
Education: Johns Hopkins University, bachelor's degree in Earth and Planetary Sciences
Before NMH: teacher, West Nottingham Academy; park ranger, Rocky Mountain National Park, Colorado; certified Emergency Medical Technician

colors indicate a positive result; anything else is a negative. “You’re concluding as much as you can, and ruling out as much as you can,” Hurley advises the students.

The “narcotics,” of course, are fake; the tests, simulations that Hurley developed for the class. Benadryl stands in for cocaine. The barbiturates are confectioners’ sugar. The marijuana is oregano soaked in iron chloride. The crime scene is “a means to teach scientific techniques and lab skills,” Hurley says, and to integrate ideas from different disciplines.

Hurley’s students appreciate the tangible, hands-on nature of the class. “We learn something and two days later we’re applying what we learned,” says Brian Bennett ’19. “There’s an intensive activity every week, like the crime scene in the library.”

Over the course of the semester, Hurley pushes the students to consider information in ways they may not have before. What kind of data do you need to answer a question? How do you collect data properly? What’s the quality of that data? How does the quality affect your analysis?

Lydia Obi ’19, who wanted to learn about the science behind her favorite TV crime shows, says the class is making her more observant. In the library crime scene, she says, there was a little strip of paper — a simulated tab of LSD — on a table among a pile of magazines. “Normally I wouldn’t have noticed that, but I was in the mindset of looking really specifically. I’m definitely paying more attention to details.”

Testing evidence like that little strip of paper means “looking for what the data tells us and what it doesn’t tell us,” Hurley says. “That can be challenging because a lot of students are used to being able to solve a problem and have one right answer. It’s hard to reconcile that ‘it might be this but it also might not be’ is the correct response.”

Forensics, technically, is science that pertains to the law, so “as a scientist, you might be frustrated at not having a definitive result, but in the interest of justice, ruling things out is just as important. If you’re a suspect and you’re innocent, any piece of evidence that can exclude you is critical,” Hurley adds.

The class also covers neuroscience and how the brain tends to fill in gaps in information, which is why eyewitness testimony leads to so many wrongful convictions. They talk about environmental science, which might mean tracing the source of groundwater contamination to a particular company. They use current events to frame their work when possible; after Michael Brown was fatally shot by a police officer in Ferguson, Missouri, in 2014, the students compared and interpreted the autopsy reports.



Brian Bennett ’19 sketches the crime scene.

Hurley launched the class five years ago, when forensics classes were unusual in high schools, because she wanted to offer students “a different kind of science experience.” She was inspired in part by the popularity of TV crime shows such as CSI and NCIS, but says, “the class is not about blood and guts — it’s about the scientific process and how to improve it.”

Still, there are parts of the course that may not appeal to the squeamish. When Hurley and the students discussed blood chemistry and bone composition, she gave them the option of watching a video about body farms — research facilities used by forensic anthropologists to study human decay. Sonya Green ’18, who hopes to join the FBI someday, was grossed out but also pleased. “How often,” she asks, “do you get to talk about the decomposition of a human body — in school?” [NMH]

Yesterday's School, Today

Even as NMH evolves, Moody's spirit lives on.

BY JAY WARD '68, P'07, '10



“This is a better, stronger place because of all its changes.”

Jay Ward teaches physics and is the NMH registrar. This essay is adapted from remarks he delivered on Founder's Day in February.

What would school founder D.L. Moody recognize in the NMH of today?

As someone with a long association with the school, I often wonder. I have been present for 46 Founder's Days in Memorial Chapel, and I will soon celebrate my 50th reunion. NMH is not only my home but also the place where I became the person I am today.

Moody's two schools, founded to deliver religious as well as academic and skills-based education, had evolved a great deal by the time I was a student, but we still had required chapel services and took Bible courses every year. It is doubtful that Moody would be comfortable with our present-day embrace of many spiritual traditions and optional worship, but there are parts of the school he would still recognize and appreciate.

Our work program, for example: From the beginning, every student, no matter their background, has assisted with running the school. My job freshman year was to empty, clean, and refill all the sugar bowls on the tables. Sophomore year, I graduated to the more glamorous job of cleaning the salt-and-pepper shakers. Not only did student labor help keep costs down, but Moody believed that when everyone pitched in, there was a deeper sense of shared community.

Besides the work program, I am pretty certain that Moody, who loved music, would enjoy all the musical groups we have at NMH today. In my day, every Northfield girl belonged to a choir, while at Mount Hermon we had both Glee Club and choirs, and we sang every week in chapel services. In my senior year, I could not stand being left out of all the fun, and I worked up the nerve to try out for the choir. Despite a terrible audition, I was allowed to join, and it was one of the

best things I did. Vespers and Sacred Concert are more awesome when you are directly participating.

In addition to work and music, Moody's schools were characterized by their diverse student bodies. Educating students who were otherwise overlooked was unique among private schools then. Many of these students, like Moody, came from poor educational and economic backgrounds, and their tuition (\$100 in 1900) was funded by the school. Students who could pay full tuition were not accepted, which is one reason NMH is less well-off today than other schools. Even now, tuition is a fraction of the total cost of a student's education. In that sense, every student is on financial aid.

In my years with NMH, the school has become more ethnically and economically diverse. I have also seen the change to coeducation; the introduction of longer, college-like classes; the consolidation from two campuses to one; and an increased emphasis on social justice. I can tell you with confidence that NMH is a better, stronger place because of all these changes. No matter how the school changes over the next 50 years, I bet it will remain a place that prepares students to make a difference and act with humanity and purpose in whatever culture they find themselves.

So be proud of your school. See Moody's influence in the work program, in the music we make and enjoy, in our commitment to scholarship and service, and in our willingness to adapt — to be the best place for students to grow and learn so they can have happy and productive lives. NMH is not the same place that Moody founded, but his spirit still challenges us all to make the world better in both small and large ways. [NMH]

A CONVERSATION WITH ...

Wendy Young

Senior Athletic Trainer

When students pull a muscle on the soccer field, jam a finger playing basketball, or twist an ankle on the cross-country course, their coaches point them toward the basement of Forslund Gymnasium, where Wendy Young has been caring for NMH students for 20 years. “My main goal is to prevent injury, but that’s pretty much impossible when you have teenage athletes competing in high-collision and high-endurance sports.”

HOW AND WHY

Young tore her ACL (anterior cruciate ligament) playing basketball in high school, and had to have it reconstructed and go through rehab with an athletic trainer. “At the time I wasn’t focusing on what I was going to do with my life, but I remember thinking, ‘This looks like a pretty cool job.’ Being an athletic trainer is a great way to stay involved in sports — helping athletes identify their problems and guiding them on the road to recovery.”

TEEN SPIRIT

After grad school, Young’s first job was in a physical therapy clinic, where she worked with everyone from high school kids to middle-aged people. “Teenagers are a lot more fun to work with. They’re quirky, they have a lot of energy — and they get better a lot faster than adults. I see them go from what’s probably one of the worst moments of their lives — getting injured — to working through their injuries and getting back out there.”

NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND

Young works with hundreds of students every year, from varsity athletes to rookies. “NMH has a sports requirement, so we see kids who are just starting to compete against others and push their bodies. They have less understanding of what’s an injury versus what’s natural when you play a sport. So we do a lot of educating. We are very patient.”

MOST COMMON INJURY

Each sport tends to have a specific affliction, but Young says that ankle sprains are the most common injury across sports. “An ankle sprain can be pretty traumatic for someone who’s never had one before, but I’ve seen hundreds — probably 15 or 20 every sports season. A lot of kids ask how many ankles I’ve taped over the years. I wish I kept count.”

KEEP CALM, SAFETY FIRST

Part of Young’s job is to calm down an athlete who’s been injured. “I’ve had to call many an ambulance, but you can’t be an athletic trainer if you’re going to get freaked out about something. I just lock into my head and think in a sequential fashion — what needs to be done next. I would say that I’m not a very excitable person.”







WORDS OF
WISDOM

The Rev. Dr. Michael Eric Dyson is one of America's most prominent public intellectuals. He debates ideas with presidents, cultural leaders, and fellow scholars. Except for one day last January, when his conversation partners were NMH students.

He begins many of his sentences like this: “When I was interviewing President Obama ...,” or “Jesse Jackson once told me ...,” or “I was talking with Lin-Manuel Miranda the other day ...” But when the Rev. Dr. Michael Eric Dyson visited NMH and sat down with a couple dozen students for a question-and-answer session, he spoke with them as if *they* were the luminaries.

It was intimidating at first. “He’s a professor at Georgetown, he has a Ph.D. from Princeton — there are so many things that put him so high up in the social hierarchy we have in the United States,” says Melvin Mercado Bulacio ’19. “But I dropped my fear immediately after our first words with him, because he was really welcoming. He made the conversation feel like a shared dynamic, like we were equals.”

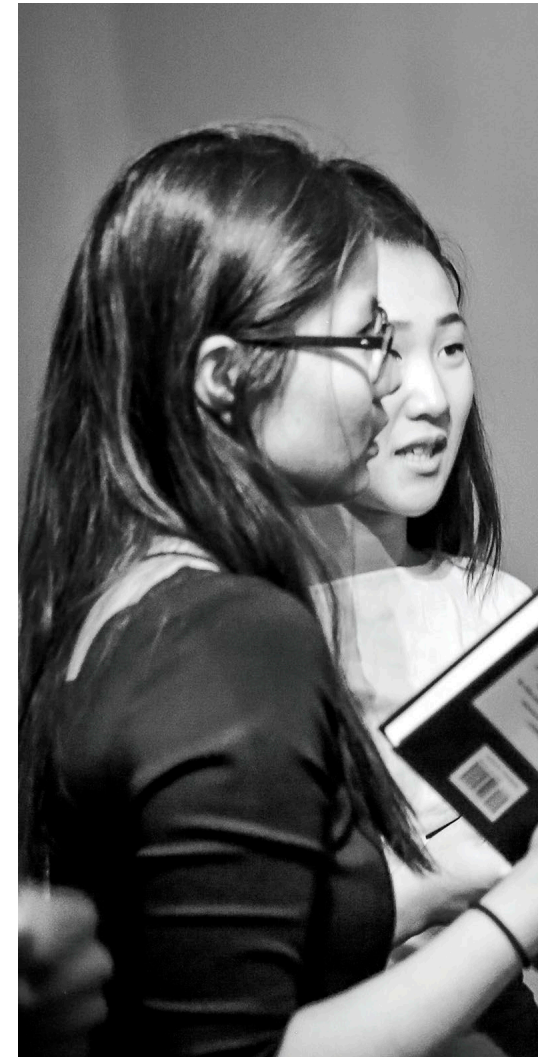
As the highlight of a week of events honoring the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Dyson delivered a keynote address to the whole school community in Memorial Chapel, and held forth at a dinner in Ford Cottage hosted by Head of School Peter Fayroian. Before those events, though, came the student Q&A. Illustrating his points with recitations of rap lyrics, Dyson shared his thoughts about social justice, politics, hip-hop music, and his journey from high school dropout to college professor.

(The following questions and responses have been edited and condensed.)

Have you always been a thinker and a writer? Did you like school when you were younger? I was always curious as a child, but when I was young in Detroit, I would skip school to go to the library because I knew I was getting a sub-par education. I’m making a distinction between schooling and education. Education is a lifelong thing; it’s what you do because you’re curious about the world around you.

So I read a bunch of stuff. I won spelling bees in fourth and fifth grade, an oratorical contest in seventh grade. I discovered James Baldwin. And later, Toni Morrison. I went from an inner-city Detroit

high school to a private school — Cranbrook — but I got kicked out and ended up graduating from night school. I got a girl pregnant when I was 18, had a son, worked in a factory, and didn’t go to college until I was 21. Going to school late allowed me to be more serious and focused. I was ravenous; I wanted to learn and I wanted to be able to take criticism. And I got it. I was kicked out of one of the colleges I went to for protesting the lack of black speakers in the chapel. And after I got ordained, I got kicked out of a church I was pastoring because I tried to ordain women deacons. That was in 1983.



But by then I knew my calling was to be a writer. I started writing professionally my second year of graduate school at Princeton — music criticism for the local paper. They sent me CDs, and I wrote for free. It became an obsession that continues to fuel me.

How do you blend hip-hop music into your academic work? I’ve taught a class at Georgetown on Jay-Z. I’ve taught a class on Kendrick Lamar. I’m what Georgetown calls a “university professor,” which basically means you’ve written a lot of books and you have a lot of academic latitude.



Dyson shares ideas with (from left) Chianna Cohen '18, Wendy Matt '18, and Marleyna George '19.

ABOUT

Dyson is a professor of sociology at Georgetown and an ordained Baptist minister who has written 20 books on race, civil rights, music, and American society, including the 2017 best-seller, *Tears We Cannot Stop: A Sermon to White America*. He contributes to *The New York Times*, *The New Republic*, *Time* magazine, and ESPN. *Ebony* magazine named him one of the 150 Most Influential African Americans in the nation, and he now hosts the TV talk show "The Raw Word."



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My course is in the sociology department, so when my students and I talk about Jay-Z, we talk about the projects. Urban space. New York City. Gentrification. Jay says, "God forgive me / for my brash delivery / but I remember vividly / what these streets did to

me." We break down not only the lyrics but also ideas: fatherlessness, the impact that public policy has on poor neighborhoods, the rise of Ronald Reagan.

Think about Kendrick Lamar's second album, "good kid, m.A.A.d city." There was this guy named

Reinhold Niebuhr; he was a theologian and public intellectual who went through a lot of phases. He was a Marxist, then a Cold Warrior; then he developed this theory called Christian realism. He wrote a book, *Moral Man and Immoral Society*. Same idea as "good kid, m.A.A.d city." Now I'm not saying that Kendrick Lamar read Niebuhr, because I don't think he did, but that makes the album even more ingenious because Kendrick came up with it on his own.

How has hip-hop addressed issues of social justice? One of the earliest raps was a rap of social conscience: "Don't push me cause I'm close to the edge / I'm tryin' not to lose my head / It's like a jungle sometimes / It makes me wonder how I keep from going under."



Dyson awaits his turn to speak in Memorial Chapel, flanked by (from left) Coby Shalam '19, Nashely Alvarez '20, and Jada Scotland '19.



Stay true to your own game. There are chops you've got to develop, a security that comes through repeated excellence that becomes a habit."

That's Grandmaster Flash — what was it, 1982?

At the time, hip-hop culture was close to the ground, close to communities. It was seen as a form of hijinks for young kids, so they could blow off steam. Instead of beating each other up, instead of gang warfare, there was break dancing. Older people hated the music then, but now they're all nostalgic for it. They're saying it had substance, it wasn't misogynistic, it wasn't all a bunch of obscenities; and it was politically aware.

As hip-hop developed into its golden age, and spread to the West Coast, there was NWA saying, "Police think they have the authority to kill a minority / [messing] with me 'cause I'm a teenager / with a little bit of gold and a pager." That was 1988, four years before the Rodney King beating and the Los Angeles riots. Had America been listening to the urgent expression of social pain and trauma from its rappers — its urban scribes — it might not have been surprised by Rodney King.

In 1994 and 1995, there was Nas, cutting his teeth on social conscience: "It's too dark to see tomorrow."

Think about Paulo Freire, the philosopher who writes about the pedagogy of the oppressed. How do people on the ground — those who are hurt, vulnerable, who have no resources — teach us, in their oppression, about learning and absorbing knowledge and thinking critically about the world around them?

But hip-hop's social awareness got challenged by every marketable ideal in America. It got seduced. It turned into, How many cars you got? How many big trinkets?

How do you view the conflict that arose in the media between Cornel West and Ta-Nehisi Coates — powerful black men, intellectuals, and writers? It's not unlike rappers, right? Teachers and preachers like to think they're better, but they can be haters,

too. There are haters everywhere. Human beings are flawed.

I've got tremendous love and respect for who West is and his remarkable intellect, but there has been a shift in him, an inability to see other people — younger people — coming along who may be making him look obsolete.

Ta-Nehisi Coates is a black college dropout, but he's smokin' Ivy League professors. Yes, he's got his own swag; he's trying to be the best writer in America. But why wouldn't we want him and the next generation to progress, to go further? With West, I see a resentment of the fame, of the skill, and the way Ta-Nehisi has been greeted by white America.

When you see someone write a beautiful sentence, don't be mad. Say, "Oh my God, that's extraordinary." That's the difference between envy and jealousy. Envy is, "Man, how did you write that sentence? I wish I had written it." Jealousy is, "Goddammit, how did you write that sentence? I wish you never had." Now you're begrudging someone else's success.

Look at Jay-Z, who got nominated for eight Grammys this year and he's 48 years old. He's still making relevant rap songs, but for him, it's not about that white-hot moment anymore. He's got a different mindset: Elevate your skill; be inspired, but stay true to your own game. You're coming to grips with your vulnerabilities — that's something an older guy can do that a younger guy can't. The kind of security a Margaret Atwood has — that may not be the first novel of a younger woman. There are chops you've got to develop, a security that comes through repeated excellence that becomes a habit.

Why has Colin Kaepernick [the former San Francisco '49ers quarterback who, in 2016, began kneeling when the national

anthem was played before football games to protest police brutality against black people] drawn so much criticism? Here's an all-American kind of guy who spoke out through his actions. At first he was sitting during the national anthem, and Nate Boyer [the former Green Beret and Seattle Seahawks player] told him that was disrespectful. Boyer said, "Why don't you kneel? That's a symbol of reverence." So that's exactly what Colin Kaepernick did.

You can't dictate the terms of protest to people who are protesting. That cuts the protest. The inconvenience is the point. It's like saying, "Could you rebel only between three and five o'clock?" Imagine saying to George Washington, "You can rebel, but only at a certain time when the queen is not available, and don't throw the tea overboard, OK?" Colin Kaepernick is on the side of American history and its origins.

Isn't this what we tell athletes to do? Use your platform, don't be narcissistic, don't just worry about your money, help someone else out. The moment Kaepernick does it, he pays a price. The same thing happened to Muhammad Ali. The man protested the war in Vietnam and got his championship belt taken away. Eventually the U.S. Supreme Court sided with him. First he was reviled; then he was celebrated. The stand Kaepernick is taking will someday be seen as one of the most courageous things an American athlete has done. He is literally giving up his career to defend his values and his vision of what should happen in his country.

But you know what? When people are trying to oppress you, it ain't about your style. It's you.

Is it possible for white people to enjoy art and music created by black people without disrespecting their culture? Absolutely. The

notion of cultural appropriation comes about because of unequal relationships, and who gets to own culture, and how people can take someone else's culture and make a bunch of money off it while the people who originated it do not. Little Richard can make the song "Tutti Frutti." Pat Boone can rerelease it and sell millions.

What does Eminem, the white genius from Detroit, say? "If I was black, I would sell half." He understands that it's his whiteness that allows the commodification of black culture. Black art is packaged, distributed in the marketplace, bought, and consumed, but Eminem, as a white person, innovates within that black sound — and is received as the greatest expression of it. When political commentator Keith Olbermann heard Eminem's tirade against Donald Trump last year, he said, "Now I get it. Now I see rap is an art." Is he for real?

But yes, black art is worthy of your appreciation and support. Jay-Z *wants* you to buy his album.

What do you think about national politics in America today? I'd be lying if I said I voted for the man who's in office right now. But I also had criticisms of the man who occupied the office before he did. I wrote an entire book about it. We must always ask questions and challenge each other. We should do that with every president.

But why do so many of us continue to believe that if you don't do it my way — think my way and talk my way — then you are not articulate, or responsible, or intelligent, that you do not express the good character of the American dream? I'm not talking about left versus right, or Republicans versus Democrats. I'm talking about basic humanity. Are you — are we — invested in the humanity of the other? [NMH]

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Coastal Legacy



Maine's fishing industry has changed dramatically over the past decade, and a way of life — of earning a living — is at stake. Two women, generations apart, dedicate themselves to keeping the working waterfront alive in one small town.



ll along the Maine coast, thousands of lobster boats rumble to life at 3:30 or 4 A.M. and head out into the North Atlantic. One of them belongs to Peter Miller, who's been fishing in the tiny village of Tenants Harbor, about two hours north of Portland, since 1974. On a typical workday, he'll motor 10 or 15 miles from shore and haul a couple hundred traps, returning to unload his catch at the small wharf his family owns in town.

It's the same work his three brothers do — Dan, Hale, and Tad Miller — and one of his sons, and several nephews. “My two granddaughters have some traps out, too,” Peter says. “They're 12 and 10, so it's definitely in the family.” All of these Millers are offspring of Anne Whitehouse Miller, who graduated from the Northfield School for Girls in 1945. For decades, Anne ran Cod End, a gray-shingled fish market and restaurant at the water's edge in Tenants Harbor, selling what her family brought back from the sea.

One morning last August, Peter navigated his boat through thick fog a few miles outside the harbor, stopping at the yellow and red buoys that mark his lobster traps. Working alongside him was Merritt Carey '87, a marketing entrepreneur and former lawyer who lives in Tenants Harbor in the summer and has known the Millers since she was a child. Carey doesn't fish for a living, but she often fills in as a “sternman.” On the back of Peter's boat, she moves rapidly, skewering silvery herring and stuffing them into bait bags, extracting lobsters from traps hoisted up from the ocean floor, measuring each one, and tossing the small ones and egg-bearing females back into the water.

Carey is also moving rapidly on a larger mission: to protect the working waterfront in Tenants Harbor that Anne Miller helped build. In recent years, small-scale “day boat” fishermen like Peter Miller and the 100 or so others in Tenants Harbor have had to work harder to do their jobs amid shrinking fish stocks, stricter permitting regulations, and pressure from real-estate developers looking to buy up shorefront properties.

So a few years ago, Carey started talking to the Miller family about “alternative ways to earn a living from the sea,” she says, such as farming scallops, harvesting seaweed, and partnering directly with restaurants and grocery stores to sell their catch instead of selling to a distributor.

Change doesn't come easily in Tenants Harbor, according to Peter, who says, “A lot of us are geared into “This is how I've always done it.”” But he and his brothers trust Carey, and other fishermen in Tenants Harbor trust the Millers. Because she's been connected to the wharf and to the life of fishermen for decades, Carey says, “I could begin a dialogue with these guys that maybe someone else couldn't.”



In the late 1970s, Carey got her first job on the Millers' wharf. Her dad had given her a used 13-foot Boston Whaler when she was 9 or 10 — “up here, that's normal,” she says — and took her to see Anne Miller, who hired her to ferry orders of cooked lobster and clams from Cod End out to the recreational sailboats that moored in the harbor on their way between Portland and Bar Harbor.

Susan Miller, one of Anne's daughters, says her mother was a “matriarch” on the small family wharf where about a dozen fishermen made their living. Anne and her husband, Red, met and married at Colby College and had nine children in 12 years. Anne was an early feminist, raising her kids in the 1950s and 1960s while also earning a master's degree in education at the University of Southern Maine and launching a career teaching grade school. “She was more like a today person — she did things back then that most people didn't,” says her oldest son, Dan. The family lived on the water in southern Maine, where Red fished in the summer and put his kids to work on the back of his boat. “We were never just along for the ride,” says Peter, who started setting his



Far left: Anne Miller '45 at her fish market and restaurant in Tenants Harbor, Maine. Left: Merritt Carey '87, Chris Cook '82, and Peter Miller sort scallops for the Maine Aquaculture Co-op.

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own lobster traps, in his own skiff, when he was 10.

One by one, the family migrated northeast after Red’s brother bought the small wharf in Tenants Harbor in the early 1970s. Peter and Dan went first, to fish full time; their brothers followed. Anne and Red came in the summers

and eventually retired in town.

Red joined his sons on the water, and Anne opened the fish market, which evolved into a restaurant — the Millers call it a “cookhouse” — and became an attraction for both locals and tourists.

“We’d come in with 5,000 pounds of fish every day, and my

mother would be there to help unload the boats,” Dan says. There was lobster in the summer and fall, shrimp and scallops in the winter, and also ground fish such as cod, haddock, and flounder. In the summer, Anne took what she needed for the market, and the rest would get trucked down to the Boston Fish Pier by one family member or another. Anne spent long days cutting fish and running Cod End. “She had high standards and a strong will, and was not a wimp about anything,” says Susan, who worked alongside her mother.

“The fish market was kind of like daycare for us when our dads were out fishing,” recalls Anne’s grandson Josh Miller — Peter’s son — who’s now chair of the Tenants Harbor Fisherman’s Co-op. Anne taught the grandkids how to cut fish and count out change for customers. “She was a good teacher,” Josh says. “She’d show you something once or twice and then you had to figure the rest out yourself.”

Meanwhile, Merritt Carey was growing up on the wharf under Anne Miller’s watchful eye, too. It was Anne who told Carey about Northfield Mount Hermon, who wrote a letter of recommendation when she applied, and whose high standards Carey recalls as clearly as Anne’s children and grandchildren do. “Mrs. Miller was steady, confident, bright,” Carey says. “She modeled hard work, perseverance, dedication, and kindness.”

Carey went on to Brown University, started sailing competitively — having learned the basics in Tenants Harbor — and joined an



Carey and Cook (left) join Miller sons, grandsons, and great-grandsons on the lobster boat of Peter Miller (far right).

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all-women’s team for the 1993–94 Whitbread Round the World Race and the first all-women’s team to compete in the America’s Cup, in 1995. She says, “I have a high tolerance for risk. Not in a reckless way, but in taking chances. I’ve always been the kind of person who says, ‘Let’s do this.’” After practicing employment law and starting her own family, Carey returned to her roots on the waterfront, working for the Maine Lobster Marketing Collaborative, Coastal Enterprises

Inc. (CEI), and other organizations that focus on fisheries and rural economic development.

When Anne Miller died in 2007, her daughter Susan took over Cod End, and kept it going another six years, through the recession. But the Maine fishing economy had changed. The diverse catch of the 1970s, ’80s, and ’90s was vanishing. State regulators closed the shrimp fishery because warming ocean temperatures had drastically shrunk what fishermen were able to catch.

Scallop licenses became almost impossible to get. Ground fishing quotas went to the fishermen who could afford to buy them, which increasingly meant corporations with fleets of boats, not small one-person day boats. And lobstering, which dominates fishing in Maine today, has gotten much more competitive and “industrial,” according to Peter. “I can haul a couple hundred traps in a day, but the bigger, faster boats with more people working on them can haul a lot more.”

Holding onto the wharf — one of the few places in town that was still owned by a local family — was getting harder, too. “Fifty years ago, you didn’t have people from out of town coming down to the water with \$10 million to spend,” Josh Miller says. “Traditional places like us face higher operational costs, higher taxes,” Peter adds. “What can you do? You start to think about selling. It’s happening up and down the coast.”



One of Carey's first projects with the Millers helped solve that problem. The Millers applied to the Maine Working Waterfront Access Protection Program, which was administered by CEI, where Carey had worked. Her knowledge of the wharf and the Millers helped steward their application through. They were rewarded with a \$250,000 grant to lower the wharf's operating costs, as well as a guarantee that the wharf will always be used for commercial fishing. It can never be developed for another use, even if the Millers sell the property

Around the same time, a group of about 10 local fishermen — led by Peter Miller's brother, Hale — decided to form a co-op, to pool their resources and split costs. Co-ops aren't new in Maine, but the Tenants Harbor Fisherman's Co-op was unique. Most co-ops sell their catch to a distributor, which sells it to a fish market or a restaurant, which sells it to consumers. The fishermen aren't connected with their "end user." But in Tenants Harbor, Carey joined the co-op's board and brought in Luke Holden, the Maine native behind the international Luke's Lobster restaurant group. He agreed to buy every lobster the co-op members caught to sell in his 32 lobster "shacks."

He sits on the co-op board, so "the fishermen have access to him, which is fairly unusual," says Peter. "We talk to him; he talks to us. It's a good model for getting things done." Holden also opened a Luke's Lobster shack in the empty space on the family's wharf where Anne Miller's Cod End used to be, and gives half the profits back to the fishermen's co-op.

To try to diversify fishermen's income and move away from a complete "lobster economy," as Josh Miller calls it, Carey and Peter started Maine's first aquaculture co-op, farming scallops in Tenants Harbor with grants from the Maine Technology Institute and the Maine Department of Agriculture. (They're working with Chris Cook '82, who grew up in Tenants Harbor and has fished off and on his whole life.) Carey learned about Japanese scallop-farming techniques through work she did for CEI, and she persuaded members of the Tenants Harbor Fisherman's co-op to try setting "spat bags" in their respective fishing territories. The mesh bags fill with spat — larvae — which grow into baby scallops that, in a few years, become a highly marketable product.

"Aquaculture is definitely change," Carey admits. "But it makes sense if you want to develop a sustainable fishery. And a lot of people, fishermen in particular, are watching."

"Whatever the barriers are, they don't bother Merritt," says Josh. "This is a small town, and she's trying to engage fishermen, who are a pretty closed bunch of people. And she's a woman. Most of the people she's talking to are men. But she jumps in. She talks *and* she listens. She's sincere about helping rural areas get better access to economic opportunity."

The projects keep coming. Carey connected the fishermen's co-op with Nature Conservancy researchers to test bait alternatives to the traditional herring, which can frequently be in short supply. She

is helping co-op members pilot an initiative to fish mackerel to sell to Ducktrap River, the internationally known smokehouse in Belfast, Maine, and the Hannaford grocery chain, which wants to see more local seafood on its shelves. She's collaborating with the University of Maine to gather feedback from small aquaculture farmers up and down the coast, to ensure they have a say in how state policies are developed as bigger corporations enter the aquaculture market.

Most recently, Carey agreed to begin running the Luke's Lobster shack in Tenants Harbor, returning to work on the wharf where she began more than 30 years ago. She says, "It's both rare and wonderful to have your first work experience cut such a wide swath through the course of your life, and influence so considerably who you become."

What would Anne, the Tenants Harbor matriarch, think of these new initiatives? Dan Miller says his mother would be all for the co-op and the working-waterfront program. "She'd like the idea of fishermen being able to keep a place of their own on the wharf. She'd like the aquaculture, too — science was one of her strong suits."

Carey sees her myriad collaborations in Tenants Harbor and along the coast as a continuation of what her former boss helped start back in the 1970s. "Mrs. Miller was one of the first people to bring local, fresh fish directly to the consumer. We're simply building on that idea," Carey says. "I can't go out and haul hundreds of lobster traps in a day, but I can get on the back of a boat and help out, and I can apply for grants, fire off emails, set up meetings, do a PowerPoint in a boardroom, and get people working together. I'm working with fishermen who have decades of experience, and we have the capacity to make meaningful changes along this coast." [NMH]

DIGGING

When **Leighlani Sanchez '18** starts Columbia University in September, she'll be the first in her family to attend college. Last fall, she delivered NMH's annual Spade Oration, a call to work hard in the coming year. She told a story of strength and determination — her mother's and her own.

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DEEP

I AM HERE TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT A SPADE. Not just any spade, but Northfield Mount Hermon's ceremonial spade. It's been a long-standing tradition at NMH for a member of the graduating class to pass down this spade to the rising senior class. That senior class will then use the spade to plant a tree and attach a colored ribbon, marked with their class year, to the handle. The spade represents dedication and hard work — concepts that all of us are very familiar with. But because they're so familiar, we seldom stop to think about them or question them. So I'll ask: Why do you work hard? What have you worked your hardest for? What does hard work look like to you?





Sanchez delivers her oration in Memorial Chapel last fall.

“I work hard to break myself – and my family – out of the expectation that because of our ZIP code, ethnicity, and education, we won’t amount to anything.”

TO ME, HARD WORK LOOKS LIKE MY MOTHER, stumbling into our apartment in Springfield, Massachusetts, at 4 A.M., just out of work, rubbing off the remnants of her makeup and collapsing into bed — only to be up again at 8, clenching a cup of coffee like it was the only thing keeping her standing. She’d make breakfast for us, apply a fresh layer of makeup, and head back to work, like it was that simple. My mother was very good at making things look simple when there were always a myriad of problems just beneath the surface.

For a while, she managed to hide all of the ugly. When the electricity was cut, she quickly adapted, and got us to do the same. How fast can you get something out of the fridge without releasing the cold air? Reading by candlelight is way more romantic, anyway. Monopoly beats watching TV, any day. Even when the heat and water were gone, no one seemed to mind. While we were busy making a game out of everything, my siblings and I knew how hard our mother was working to keep everything from falling apart. It was her dedication to us that never gave us a reason to complain.

Eventually there was nothing more to cut and our little apartment was ours no more. Soon, home became whatever couch, trailer, or guest-room floor was available for a few nights. Our favorite was the trailer because there was a raccoon that slept in an abandoned shed nearby. We named him Jerry and theoretically adopted him as our pet. Anytime it was about to feel like too much, like we’d reached the brink of our optimism, my mother would bear that weight for us and things were all right again. In this time, as we shifted from floors to couches to trailers, the words “homeless” or “broke” never emerged. Despite our circumstances and the hurdles placed in our lives by unforeseen forces, my mother never put the word “victim” into our vocabulary.

As my mother continued to work hard in her own way, I struggled to contribute. School became my escape route from the cycle of poverty, dropouts, and teen pregnancies that persisted in my family. Neither of my parents graduated from college and only one finished high school. The other had to begin raising me during her senior year of high school.

From the start, no one really expected much of me. I was just another Puerto Rican teen baby from the demonized city of Springfield. If I didn’t do well in school, no one would have blamed me. But because I saw the greatness in my mother that other people tried to claim wasn’t there, I found my motivation for working hard — for getting out.

I work hard to break myself —and my family — out of the expectation that because of our ZIP code, ethnicity, and education, we won't amount to anything. I'm the oldest of four, soon to be the first in my family to attend college, but that won't be enough. The thing about hard work is that you only ever have to work as hard as you expect of yourself. How much do you expect of yourself?

At NMH, students are expected to work hard. It seems obvious for me to say this. But through all of the finals weeks, exams, projects, late nights cramming, and counting down the seconds until 12:09 — the devastating moment when our Wi-Fi is turned off — think of your answers to the questions I first asked you. Why do you work hard? What have you worked your hardest for? What does hard work look like to you?

Take your answers to these questions and set new limits for yourself. Once you've reached that limit, set another. Find your own spade and plant your own legacy. [NMH]



Sanchez at her grandmother's home in Springfield, Massachusetts.

The Backstory

Why did you want to tell this story to the NMH community? To put something in people's minds that I hoped they would think about even if it wasn't a part of their own lives. I knew it might make people take a step back. But it's about who I am, where I come from. My mom is Puerto Rican. She didn't get to start from the same place as a lot of other people when she was raising kids. She didn't grow up in an easy way: Her family's not rich; she has a lot of siblings. She did the best she could, and she did an amazing job raising us. I wouldn't be who I am today if it weren't for her.

Where does your ambition come from? When I was a kid, I saw what made my parents most excited was when I brought home my report cards and they were good. It made my mother smile, and I wanted to continue doing that. My little sister and brothers started to look up to me, and when they struggled in school, they would come to me for help. I realized I was becoming a role model for them. I'm setting a precedent in my family by going to college, and I guess it's a burden, but I don't mind it. My family is incredibly proud of me. And I want my younger siblings to see this — school — as an option.

What goals do you have now? I've known what I wanted to do for a long time: work in East Asia, probably South Korea — something having to do with foreign policy, in an embassy, maybe eventually become a diplomat. I finished the Chinese curriculum at NMH, and I did an independent study in Korean language. In college, I want to major in East Asian languages and cultures.

How did that interest evolve? It's more of a feeling I've had, not a logical sequence of events. When I was 10, I took Chinese for the first time, and I thought it was so cool, and I've studied Chinese ever since. Then I had a best friend in middle school who really liked Korean pop music and that was cool, too. It all kind of spiraled from there.

How would you describe your NMH and Upward Bound experiences? They really shaped who I am and I'm happy with that. And it's been fruitful; I came here for something, and I'm definitely leaving with it. I'll really miss the relationships I've cultivated with teachers. I didn't think it was possible to know people who are so intellectual but also so down-to-earth, and who care so much.



BY CALEB DANILOFF '88

Red Sparrow author
Jason Matthews '69 is
an ex-spy-turned-novelist
who's been compared to
Ian Fleming and John le
Carré. Hollywood has taken
notice of his Russia-centric
thrillers. Has Putin?

THE CLANDESTINE JOURNALIST



“Your dad broke one of the basic rules,” retired CIA operative and best-selling novelist Jason Matthews tells me. “Never, ever accept a package on the street.”

I’m interviewing Matthews ahead of the publication of his third spy thriller, *The Kremlin’s Candidate*, and the nationwide release of the 20th Century Fox film starring Jennifer Lawrence, based on his 2013 debut novel, *Red Sparrow*.

Matthews, 66, is referring to the KGB’s arrest of my journalist father, Nicholas Daniloff, in 1986 on bogus espionage charges. I was a junior at NMH at the time. Matthews was serving in Eastern Europe behind the Iron Curtain and remembers the incident surprisingly well. “Your dad was fluent in Russian. He was famous for having lots of contacts and friend drop-overs, and to the Russian paranoid mind, that only confirmed that he needed to get popped.”

And that’s just what happened one August morning in the Lenin Hills overlooking the Moscow River. Wrapping up a five-year tour for *U.S. News & World Report*, my father met a trusted source, who pressed a package upon him, a going-away present, the man insisted. Before my father knew it, the man was gone and an unmarked van screeched up. Next stop: Lefortovo Prison, where the parting gift was ripped open, revealing phony maps and photographs stamped “top secret.” It was retribution for the FBI’s arrest the previous month of a Soviet U.N. representative caught receiving classified information. “The Russians were beasts then,” Matthews says, “and they are beasts now.”



Matthews’s *Red Sparrow*, (above, left) the first of a trilogy, is “a primer in 21st-century spying,” according to *The New York Times Book Review*.

After serving everywhere from Asia to Eastern Europe to the Caribbean, Matthews retired from the CIA in 2010, after 33 years on the job. According to the author bio on his dust jackets, he “engaged in clandestine collection of national security intelligence, specializing in denied-area operations.” Or, as he puts it, “we stole secrets for the U.S. government.” It’s the only career he’s known, though not one initially on his radar. In 1975, fresh out of the graduate journalism program at the University of Missouri, Matthews made his way to Washington, D.C., to pursue writing work, with little idea where he might end up.

“I had an uncle at the State Department and he set me up for a bunch of interviews for quote-unquote writing jobs, at the departments of the Treasury, State, Interior,” Matthews recalls in the measured tones of a documentary narrator. “I could have been writing park service brochures; I didn’t know. And one gray day, in a gray building, I talked to a little gray man at the CIA.”

Once his general application was approved, Matthews said he had to take a polygraph test and “pass a horrendous background investigation where they find your kindergarten teacher and see whether you had any Communist tendencies.” But all went well and he was recommended for the CIA’s Clandestine Service. Next up: two years of training, which included mastering tradecraft such as “dry cleaning” (slipping surveillance tails), “car tosses” (making



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Matthews started writing fiction after he retired to Southern California.

exchanges via open car windows), and “dead drops” (leaving packages in secret locations).

During that time, the agency was being hollowed out by the so-called Halloween Massacre: In 1977, budget-obsessed CIA director Stansfield Turner shifted focus away from human intelligence gathering and culled the ranks by nearly a thousand positions, mostly senior officers. A lot of language talent was lost. Matthews hails from a Greek family and at the time spoke Spanish and French, both of which he studied at NMH. (“I remember my French instructor Rudy Weber, a roly-poly Swiss Frenchman, imbuing his classes with the love of the language.”) So, still in his mid-20s, Matthews was activated and sent abroad for

the first of his 10 foreign postings. He ostensibly worked for the State Department. “We would have a cover job at the embassy, either stamping visas or doing political or economic reporting, and then when the sun went down, we met intelligence sources behind the soccer stadium at midnight.”

A droll and easy conversationalist, Matthews is cagey, however, when it comes to his assignments, having signed a secrecy agreement when he was first hired. “I can’t confirm anything, but I’m very familiar with places like Madrid, Rome, Budapest, and Istanbul; coincidentally, I’m very familiar with places like Havana, Cuba, and Hong Kong, and Athens.”

Matthews, who comes off more university administrator than

Jason Bourne, likens spy work to newspaper reporting and often uses the term “clandestine journalism” to describe the activity.

“You know what kind of stories you’re looking for,” he explains. “You have to find a source. You have to schmooze the source and convince the source to talk to you. Then you have to write your news story and file it with your editor back home, and all the while you have to protect your source.”

In many ways, agents must be armchair psychologists. Matthews says the CIA operates on the basis of four major human motivators — money, ideology, conscience, and ego (referred to as M.I.C.E.) — and it can take a few months to several years to convince someone to start spilling secrets. “And don’t forget all this is done in a foreign language, which is doubly hard. You have the language barrier and

the cultural filters. Some cultures, they have no problem lying, so polygraphs and other tests don't make a difference to them." (Over the course of his work, Matthews would pick up three more languages for a total of six.)

Rendering his career even more interesting, Matthews' wife, Suzanne, was also a CIA spy. They met during his first assignment in the Mediterranean in the late '70s. In agency-speak, they operated as a "tandem couple."

"Sometimes we worked together, sometimes apart," Matthews says. "In their ponderous chauvinism, the Eastern bloc Communists never assumed that women would be doing operational acts, so many was the time when I would go off and drag the surveillance with me, and Suzanne did her thing, met the agent, put down or retrieved the package."

Despite cultural depictions, Jason Matthews says the spy game is not as perilous as most believe. "People ask what's the most dangerous thing you ever did and I say, 'drive on the 405 freeway in Los Angeles.'"

In fact, there are unspoken rules between opponents, and most of the time, getting caught means being thrown out of the country. "The Russians would never commit violence on a foreign operative, even in Moscow, because they knew reciprocity could happen in Washington. You never screw around with [an operative's] family, you never screw around with violence. That's something Hollywood doesn't always get right."

But still, while Matthews was serving as a CIA station chief in

southern Europe, the local police found his name on a terrorist hit list during a raid. "So they came to me and said, 'Have your wife start your car in the mornings ...' That's a joke," Matthews says.

The couple also had young kids at the time, 2 and 5 years old.

"Jason had an armored car," Suzanne recalls. "We didn't go too many places with him. Before we got in the car, a guard would look underneath with a mirror on a stick, looking for small magnetic bombs. Our kids were so young and we didn't want to scare them. There were a lot of cats in the street, so we told them that the guards were looking for strays under the car so we didn't run over them."

After a rocky posting in a former Eastern bloc country riven by ethnic strife—which involved several evacuations and a looted home—they returned to the United States and shared the family secret with their daughters. "We took them to see the movie *Spy Kids* and then told them *they* were spy kids and they thought that was pretty cool," Suzanne says. "They were a little young, second and fourth grade. Typically, you'd want to wait until high school when they are more mature. But we didn't think we were going overseas again."

An oft-recycled Hollywood trope has retired CIA spies re-recruited for dangerous missions. "In reality, that never happens," Jason Matthews says. "Once you're out, you're out. But it's a very experiential kind of career. You're always on, 24/7. So when it's over, there's a real gap."

Not one to take up golfing or fishing, Matthews found himself



In the movie version of *Red Sparrow*, Jennifer Lawrence plays a Russian ballerina who is forced to become a brutally violent spy. Reviews have called it "gritty," "shocking," "admirably bold," and "preposterously entertaining."

in Southern California noodling on the page, the writer in him still very much kicking.

"In the CIA, all we do is write," he says. "The time on the street is like 10 percent and the rest is back in the office writing cables to HQ, contact reports, operational proposals. There was no absence of writing during my active-duty career. When it was over, I started on a whim, writing disparate chapters, fiction but based on people I knew, cities I knew, and operations we had done. Before I knew it, I had 130,000 words."

Those words painted a suspenseful world of spies, double agents, mole hunters, and internal turf battles, with much of the action unfolding in Vladimir

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Putin’s Russia. The story, driven by a romance between a charismatic Russian operative and her CIA handler, is rich with old-school cat-and-mouse games and cool gadgetry. Putin even appears as a minor character. Drawing on his globe-trotting career, Matthews takes readers beyond Moscow and Washington, D.C., to Athens, Rome, and Helsinki, among other settings. He ends each chapter with a folk-style recipe for the local fare described in the preceding pages, from “Spanish Embassy Tortilla Española” to “Moscow Airport Cuban Sandwich” to “Caviar Torte.” (Matthews is a foodie.)

The manuscript eventually landed on the desk of Colin Harrison, the renowned editor-in-chief at Scribner.

“My first impression was that this was not your regular first-time novelist,” says Harrison, who has published eight acclaimed thrillers of his own. “The quality, from a pure storytelling point of view, was extraordinarily excellent and the writing quite remarkable. Then you take the fact that it was about the CIA, and knowing that the writer had been in the CIA took it to a whole other level. This guy was special and he was writing a special book.”

That book became *Red Sparrow* and was published in 2013, landing on best-seller lists, nabbing an Edgar Award, and pricking the ears of Hollywood. Critics began mentioning Matthews in the same breath as literary legends John le Carré and Ian Fleming, both of whom also served in intelligence agencies. “[Matthews] is smart and fluent, with a terrific ear for dialogue and a gift for quick, effective characterization,” author Charles Cumming wrote in his *New York Times* review.

Having called the U.S.S.R. home for five years as a teenager, I was impressed with Matthews’ spot-on rendering of the Russian mindset and Moscow street vibe, even some of the salty Russian vernacular he chose to include. While he said he consulted with Russia experts at the agency, he relied just as much on more readily available sources. “Thank God for Google Earth and Google Translate,” he says.

In fact, reading *Red Sparrow* reminded me of the old Soviet Union. Some of the scenes set in the bowels of Lefortovo Prison, where my dad was interrogated for two weeks, were unsettling. Matthews says that’s because the espionage game between the Russians and Americans remains remarkably similar despite the collapse of the Soviet empire. “We’re in the midst of a second Cold War. The Russians’ basic instincts and inclinations haven’t changed.”

Despite the impressive ventriloquizing, both Suzanne and Jason Matthews insist they have never worked in Russia.

“Honest to God, we’ve never been,” Suzanne says. “When *Red Sparrow* was about to be published, I said to Jason, ‘Please can we take a cruise through the Baltics and at least see St. Petersburg. I don’t care about Moscow. Because once these books come out, there’s no way we’ll be able to go there.’”

For all the compelling espionage methods and technology Matthews describes in the *Red Sparrow* trilogy, you’d think Langley would have balked at the content. But all the material was vetted by the agency’s Publication Review Board — as per CIA protocol — which only asked for a handful of minor adjustments. “A dead drop or a car toss are the same no matter who does them. These are immutable techniques as old as history,” Matthews says.

Whether onscreen or on the page, Matthews believes the public will always be fascinated by the spy game. “In biblical times, the Judeans were putting down dead drops to outfox the Romans,” he points out. “There’s a morbid fascination for the catechism of betrayal and treason. There’s only one profession that’s older. Obviously, all the tradecraft stuff and tech toys are evocative and interesting. But well before Ian Fleming invented James Bond, people were writing about spies.” [NMH]

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ALUMNI HALL



The motto of Connelly's company, Resource Management, Inc., is, "Let us put your organic waste to work."

Waste Not

Shelagh Connelly '82 recycles what gets flushed down the toilet.

BY TARA JACKSON

Go ahead, cue the poop jokes. She's heard them all before. As president and co-founder of Resource Management, Inc. (RMI), Shelagh Connelly '82, P'14, '18 doesn't like to see anything go to waste, including what ends up in our sewer systems. "Why wouldn't you recycle those valuable nutrients?" she asks.

Connelly's company collects and recycles commercial and municipal byproducts such as wood ash, paper fiber, and biosolids — treated sewage from wastewater treatment plants, which comes from what we flush down the toilet. Her goal is to keep these materials out of landfills and put them to work building healthy soils that help farmers grow crops. "We modeled our work on the idea that materials once considered waste should actually be treated as resources," she says.

Its full-circle approach to recycling three different byproducts makes the Holderness, New Hampshire, company unique among other residuals management companies in New England. RMI reuses wood ash, which is the byproduct of burning wood chips for electricity, as a potassium fertilizer and liming agent to improve soil alkalinity, supplying it to hundreds of farms throughout New England and New York state, including the NMH Farm. RMI also recycles about 35,000 tons of paper fiber from paper mills each year, and uses it to add organic matter to poor soils to help them retain water. And biosolids are rich in nitrogen and phosphorous, making them a valuable, slow-release fertilizer — a vitamin for the soil.

Before Connelly was a business owner, her ninth-grade NMH biology teacher, Alice Kells, sparked in her "a love for the outdoors and the environment and how it all works," she says. She put her interest into practice working on the NMH Farm with former farm manager Richard Odman.

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After graduating from Wesleyan University, Connelly went home to New Hampshire and stumbled into a job as a soil sampler for a company that recycled wood ash from newly built biomass plants. Within two years, she was managing the company's New Hampshire and Vermont operations.

When the company was bought out by a large waste-hauling company, Connelly and her husband, Marty Riehs, took stock. The corporate culture of the waste-hauling company wasn't a good fit for Connelly, especially as a woman in the field. A coworker proposed starting their own residuals management company, which was "risky," Connelly says. "Other professions like medicine and engineering have paths." RMI would have to create its own path.

But the company was launched in 1994, and after nearly 25 years in business, it now employs 30 people and operates in seven states. Connelly says RMI was built on a passion to "do the right thing for the planet," and partners only with companies that "share the belief in beneficial recycling of organic byproducts."

Among RMI's partners is NMH, which, because of its rural location, operates its own wastewater

treatment plant. Everything that goes down the campus drains ends up in three lagoons east of campus to be treated and discharged into the Connecticut River. "It's a big responsibility, and NMH takes it seriously," Connelly says. The lagoons, which each hold two million gallons of water, are cleaned out every 15 years, and in the past, the solids from the lagoons were delivered to an incinerator. Connelly says, "That, to me, is a tragedy — because all of the nutrients that you could be recycling back to the fields."

Last fall, Connelly came to campus to oversee, with NMH utilities manager Everett Wickline P'08, the removal of the school's biosolids — in other words, to pump the wastewater solids out of the lagoons. RMI processed the solids and converted them to fertilizer for use on local farms — including a load that was brought to the NMH Farm earlier this spring for use in the pasture. The project was more than a business proposition for Connelly. "It's important to me to see the values I got here at NMH translating into doing something good for the school," she says.

As the biosolids removal was underway, students in NMH's Global Ethics and Climate Change class joined Connelly and Wickline for a tour of the wastewater treatment plant. Connelly's enthusiasm was unwavering, even as some students hung back and covered their noses. She told the students about the lagoon-cleaning project: "We're repurposing all the nutrients you guys leave here with your own bodies, with your own daily flush."

Olympic Insider

Jaeyoul Kim '87 worked behind the scenes in PyeongChang.



Before the 2018 Winter Games, Kim led Korea's delegation to the 2014 Olympics in Sochi, Russia.

If you were captivated by the winter athletes speeding, flying, and leaping across the snow and ice in South Korea three months ago, you were watching the work of Jaeyoul Kim '87.

Describing himself as an "Olympics fanatic," Kim has spent the past seven years as the executive vice president of the organizing committee for the 2018 PyeongChang Olympics and Paralympics. He helped plan and produce the spectacle that not only showcased the world's top athletes but also provided "a neutral stage to initiate historic dialogue

between North and South Korea," he says. "We are very proud to have done that."

During the three weeks of the Winter Games, Kim served, in effect, as a behind-the-scenes diplomat and trouble-shooter. "My main responsibility was facilitating communication and collaboration between the organizing committee and all international stakeholders," he says — the International Olympic Committee (IOC), the international sports federations, and the major media outlets. If the IOC, for example, had a problem with a slope at the Jeongseon

Alpine Centre and couldn't solve it with the venue managers, they'd go to Kim. "I dealt with the users of all the spaces," he says.

Kim has spent much of his career as an executive with Cheil Industries in Korea, but loves sports; he played soccer and lacrosse at NMH and volleyball at Wesleyan, and was president of the Korean Skating Union. His work in PyeongChang followed stints as vice president of the Korean Olympic Committee and chief of the Korean Olympic delegation for the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia.

His PyeongChang job began in earnest a full 21 months before the Olympic torch was lit, when he ran a full season of winter-sports competitions from October 2016 to April 2017 to test each of the Olympic venues. "We worked hard to deliver great conditions, so the athletes, the stars of the show, could perform to the best of their abilities," Kim says. Now a member of the IOC's Coordination Commission, he'll share his experiences and advice with officials in Beijing, where the 2022 games will be held.

Beyond all the athleticism, Kim points to the joint North and South Korean women's hockey team as one of the highlights of the games and an example of "how the power of sports helps people put aside their differences." But don't press him to name his favorite Olympic event. "As an organizer, I love all the winter sports," he says diplomatically. "It was just amazing to see everything happening as we planned."



A WEEK OF POWERFUL COMPETITORS

The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) awards weekly honors to top athletes across the country, and in one week in January, five NMH graduates were lauded for their stellar play.

- In women's hockey, All American **Courtney Moriarty '15** (above) of SUNY Plattsburgh was NEWHL Player of the Week. Her team, the Cardinals, was ranked No. 1 in the country, and went on to win the D-3 National Championship.
- In men's basketball, NMH alumni cleaned up: **AJ Brodeur '16** of the University of Pennsylvania was the Ivy League Player of the Week; **Jerome Desrosiers '17** of Princeton University was the Ivy League Rookie of the Week; **Kellan Grady '17** of Davidson College was the Atlantic-10 Rookie of the Week for the third time of the season; and **Tomas Murphy '17** of Northeastern University was the Colonial Athletic Association Rookie of the Week, his second time earning that award.

ALUMNI COUNCIL SPOTLIGHT:

BEVERLY BOLTON LEYDEN '53, P'76, '80, GP'14



Hometown: Hebron, Maine

Number of years as an NMH volunteer: 20

Point of pride: More than 40 family members are fellow alumni

Turning point: When her future husband, the late John Leyden '53, engineered a blind date with her during their freshman year by telling another boy to ignore her invitation to a dorm party in Revell Hall.

Influence: The school "opened my eyes to the rest of the country and the world ... hearing ideas from people

whose background was different from mine."

Memory: I was a day student, and one year on Mountain Day, we walked by my aunt's house in Northfield and my grandmother was sitting on the porch. I yelled, "Hi, Grandma!" and waved to her. There followed many more "Hi, Grandmas" as we walked along.

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How to Build a Better School

Charter school founder Todd Sutler '94 says, “Stop innovating and start copying.”

Today he's a co-founder and leader of the Compass Charter School in Brooklyn, New York, and he's on a mission to reform public education in the United States. But when Todd Sutler was a bond trader with Merrill Lynch right after graduating from Amherst College, he liked to walk around the office with a folding chair and a phone cord so he could listen in on the calls of seasoned traders.

He employed a similar strategy when he was in graduate school at the Bank Street College of Education. He spent 18 months apprenticing at two Manhattan schools, observing, asking questions, and reflecting at the end of each day.

And when he and his Compass co-founders were designing their ideal school, they embarked on what they dubbed the Odyssey Initiative: an international tour to document and share best education practices. Funded by a Kickstarter campaign, they set off in September 2012 and visited 80 schools in 25 states, as well as schools in Finland and Italy.

“We found programs across the country that demonstrated a dedication to rigor, structure, and student engagement, as well as attending to the developmental needs of their children,” says Sutler. They saw schools focused on sustainability, schools where teachers “looped” — changed grades and moved up — with their students, and schools

that made time during the academic year to assess their work and change direction to better meet their students' needs.

As Sutler and his partners conducted their Odyssey Initiative research, they shared it with the Brooklyn families they hoped their school would serve. “One of the raps that charter schools get is that they just kind of show up and start going. They don't build with the community,” Sutler says. So when he wasn't traveling, he was giving presentations at neighborhood libraries and community centers. And the result launched in 2014: an inquiry-based, arts-integrated, and sustainability-focused school that now has 43 teachers and 260 students in kindergarten through fifth grade.

As co-leader of strategic development at Compass, Sutler is responsible for the school's operations, finance, and development. But he also thinks about the next step for the Odyssey Initiative, which he hopes will evolve into an online, interactive learning community and database. He envisages “a smart, teacher-driven professional development studio,” with master teachers leading video conferences for new teachers hungry for mentorship — a digital apprenticeship program.

“My vision for the future of public education is to stop innovating and start copying,” Sutler says. “We need to study what is already working in American schools, and then legislate accordingly.” The more that teachers and school leaders can share information and learn what their peers are doing, he believes, the better education can be. — *Tara Jackson*



Sutler on school picture day with a Compass student.

CLASS NOTES

DINNER IS SERVED
Mount Hermon students
waited tables for sit-down
meals until the late 1960s,
when the school switched
to cafeteria-style dining.



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Our memories are of classes in old Recitation Hall and Silliman. I was actually there on Alumni Day and watched when Silliman burned down during the football game. But with all the beautiful new buildings over the years, the education experience is certainly enhanced. What a marvelous opportunity for the youth there on campus now. We can be pleased that the support over the years of our class of '42 is still helping.

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Although **Bobbie Fink Renfrew** has a heart problem, she is active in her Spanish class at

her church, reads poetry to shut-ins, and has shown and sold her artwork. Except for her son Jim's help with heavy tasks, Bobbie is doing great on her own. Northfield girls are tough!

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All our classmates turning 90 boast about their fairly good health and ability to drive and shop on their own, except for me. • **Irma Klein Schachter** had a wonderful Thanksgiving with her three sons and nine family members, including a 3-year-old great-grandson. Her family traveled from points all across the country to her home in Westport, Conn. "We continue to keep the medical profession busy," wrote Irma, "but we are still in our home and quite active in both social and community activities." • **Irene Eldridge Derby** turned 90 in December. Her family paid her a surprise visit and threw a lovely party over Veterans Day weekend. "To keep occupied I read many good books, knit, do crosswords, color (the "new thing"), brag about six grands and two greats, watch the news channels, and take walks," said Irene. She listed the activities that ladies of our age do to keep busy. **Grace Megirian Brewer, Enola Miles Dickson, Jackie Snyder Johnson, Arden Fish Pierce, Irma Klein Schachter, Ele Cox Lawrie, Barbara Baldwin Knapp,** and I agree! • **Grace Megirian Brewer** spent Christmas week in Hawaii with some family members. Her three sons and daughter remember their NMH days far more than their college days. They have master's degrees, and one

his Ph.D., and all are teachers. • **Patricia Browning Paige** turned 90 in February. "My cataract surgery has given me excellent vision, so I can read a lot and see the music," said Patricia. She practices her music daily to retain some of her past repertoire. Her mission is to promote music by bringing top-flight musical artists to the Performing Arts Center in Antelope Valley, Calif. Patricia's daughter, Roxanne, visits often. Last summer, Roxanne traveled to Sicily with Patricia's sister, Toni Browning Smiley '54. • Last year brought significant events (for **Arlene Finch Reynolds**). In February 2017, my church honored me for my 32 years coordinating Bethlehem on Broad Street on Christmas for the homeless and lonely. On my 90th in May, 90 family members and friends surprised me. In October, my daughter, Annette, and I flew to Boston; toured Newport, Bar Harbor, the White and Green Mountains, and Northfield, where we peeped at leaves; took bus and boat tours; and visited with my family: Carleton Finch '41, Ed Finch '46, and Ellen Finch Flewelling '54. • **Enola Miles Dickson** still sings in her church choir. Her Baptist church has a mission in Burma, which has brought 400 active new members to Utica. Bob and **Ann Miller Dean** celebrated their 66th anniversary with their daughter and son. They still love singing in their church choir and getting their act ready for their cabaret! • **Faith Pelton Conlon** has moved with her husband into assisted living at The Arbors in Manchester, N.H. She has heart difficulties and uses a walker. • **Dorothy Morse Cooper** lives in assisted living in San Francisco, her son in San Antonio said. She has dementia, but loves reminiscing about the old days. • **Jackie Snyder Johnson** traveled with a friend up the coast of Norway by Hurtigruten to the Arctic, and flew back to Oslo. Three of her grandchildren married in 2017. Jackie is still busy with the Shaw Festival and Meals on Wheels. • After graduation and before her marriage, **Carol Bengston Stuart** worked as secretary to the president of a large corporation. Married for 62 years before her husband's death, she is the proud parent of five children, 13 grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren who live across the U.S. • **Connie Caldwell Lambert** still spends time in both Ithaca, N.Y., and Florida, teaching folk dance and working weekly in her church's thrift store up north, and holding dance parties on her deck down south. Her grandson,

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Christopher, had rowed with his Cornell lightweight national championship crew twice at Henley prior to graduation. Connie has eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. • **Georgette Haigh Daugherty** suffered a severe stroke in February 2016 in Bow, N.H. As of June 2017, she has recovered very well and is using a walker. She is proud of her three children, six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren! • **Natalie Cole Hamilton** wrote, “We had our 66th wedding anniversary! We moved from our home of 22 years here in New London, N.H., into a lovely one-level condo in a country-style area called Hilltop Place, where we are close to most of the town facilities.”

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Louis G. Gallo, nicknamed “Louie” and “George” subsequently, passed away on 7/4/17. He attended Haverhill, Mass., public schools before transferring to Mount Hermon for the last two years. As World War II was ending, he served in the Army while stationed in Austria. He returned to the U.S. to attend Northeastern University and graduated from Boston University with a degree in economics. He married Ann Miliotis, ran a shoe factory in Haverhill, and moved to Puerto Rico to build and run a shoe factory. Louis lived in Andover, Mass., for 18 years before moving to Sarasota, Fla., to open a delicatessen and gourmet food store. He and his wife retired to Orleans, Mass., in 1998, where Ann predeceased him in 2006. Louis is survived by three children: Anthony, Mark, and Katina, and four grandchildren. • **Carnot Evans**, affectionately known as “X,” passed away on 8/16/17. He was a longtime class secretary before me, and was a good friend. After attending Dunbar High School and then Mount Hermon for two years, Carnot graduated from Howard University and its college of medicine to practice dermatology in the Washington, D.C., area. While at Mount Hermon, he played football, basketball, and baseball, and was active in the choir, a cappella, and Hermon Knights. Classmates enjoyed playing golf with Carnot at many Mount Hermon reunions. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Judith; three children (Monica, Carnot III, and Claudia); and two grandchildren. • **Clarence Ross** passed away on 8/31/17 at his home in Bennington, Vt. He attended Mount Hermon for the last two years of high school, followed by Army service as a tank instructor. At first, he worked temporarily in a paper mill and as a TV repairman and satellite TV installer.

He later enjoyed a 35-year career with the U.S. Postal Service as a mail carrier and later as postmaster of Dorset, Vt. Clarence was active in the American Legion and Elks Lodge, and enjoyed fishing, boating, music, motorcycle riding, and the Boston Red Sox. He is survived by his wife, Geraldine; son Gary; daughters Debbie, Rebecca, and Donna; several stepchildren; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. • Altogether, seven of our classmates passed away in 2017. Our class list is now reduced to 32 of the original 183, and 25 out of 138 were in our *Gateway* yearbook to graduate in June 1945. • I continue to correspond with **Jack Deveneau** and periodically visit and play golf with **Cal Swan** on our winter trips to Innisbrook Golf Resort in Florida. As I am writing these spring 2018 class notes in November, we received notification that our application for two tickets for four soccer World Cup matches in St. Petersburg and Moscow in June 2018 have been approved. Unfortunately, the USA team, which has been progressively improving, failed to qualify. The highly ranked Italian team also did not qualify. Oh, well! We will have to cheer for my wife’s English team.

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Caroline Freeman Jacobson is living in a Quaker community in Hanover, N.H. Sadly, her husband, who had been the editor of mathematics textbooks, died in 2016. After Northfield, Caroline went to Wellesley College, then to Middlebury for a master’s in French, and later to Simmons for a master’s in library science. She taught French in private schools around Boston and spent a year in Bordeaux, France, teaching English. Later, she was the librarian of Harvard Business School. Caroline has two children and two grandchildren. Her son, Barry, went to Harvard Divinity School and has been the pastor of the Congregational Church in Franconia, N.H. Her daughter, Amy, is an attorney in New York. • **Mary Dunham Scott** and her twin sister, **Ann Dunham Woodward**,



In a small retirement community in Altadena, Calif., are not one, not two, but three NMH alums: (left to right) Jan Glotzer Michaels '47, Jim Lyon '49, and Ralph Perry '54.

were postgraduate students connected to our class. Mary was also one of **Anne Hardman Allen**’s college roommates. Mary married a minister, had four children, and lived in numerous cities and towns. In 2003 she had a severe stroke that left her with limited mobility. Her husband died in 2015, and she has since lived in a nursing home in Stone Mountain, Ga. Two of her children live nearby, so they’ve been very helpful to Mary. A son lives in California and another daughter in Connecticut. Mary attends church every Sunday with her daughter in Connecticut via Skype! She sees and hears the whole ceremony and even greets some of the people on the way out. Isn’t technology amazing? And so is Mary! • **Geri Rutman Karno** and her second husband, Marty, who is a retired orthopedic surgeon, now live in Palm Beach Gardens. Very sadly, Geri’s older son, Will, died in May 2017. Her younger son, Tom, is now retired, having had a successful career running an automobile agency in New Jersey. One of Geri’s grandsons, Max, went to Dartmouth Medical School and is now a doctor at the Yale New Haven Hospital. Her other grandson, Ben, works in finance/acquisitions in New York City. • I want to encourage all of you to send in your info — we love hearing about your life, your kids and grandkids, etc.! Best to you all. — **Diffy** and **Anne**

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It’s amazing to me how active our class remains in retirement. **Bob McManus**, who has long been active in bio-friendly insect control, recently co-authored the patent application for “wireless controlling and performance tracking technology” that can be applied to areas that harbor mosquitoes carrying malaria and the Zika virus. Bob is

looking for “partners with younger legs” to take on the development and marketing of his patent. Congratulations, Bob, on your progress in this critical field. • **Hank Kusel** assures us that he is “still above the grass and working every day.” Like several of our classmates, he is concerned that NMH is still true to biblical teachings and the U.S. Constitution, which always reminds me of the old refrain, “I’m always true to you in my fashion” as the seasons change over time. Hank is also one of what we call “snowbirds,” going to Florida for the winter months from his home in New Jersey. • **R.S. Elliott** is on the mend from medical issues and walks 45 minutes daily and manages to hit a few golf balls occasionally. Like many of us, he can’t believe his longevity but will savor it as long as possible. • Ever the source of school hijinks, **Roly Coates** confessed that he and his roommate, **Bruce MacLean**, would open the windows in their top-floor corner room in Crossley to create a crosswind that wafted away any cigarette smoke that Roly might make. That saved him many trips to the Nook. • Christmas Vespers 2017 was accompanied by the organ designed by **George Becker** and adorned with the sculptured woodwork donated by our class, so we are always present in these NMH Chapel programs. **Leon Carapetyan** is still singing in the Oswego (N.Y.) Festival Chorus that he directed for many years, and prepared for a Christmas concert of Charpentier’s *Messe de minuit pour Noel*. **Chuck Kennedy** sings with the Triple H Singers in Concord, N.H., and is looking forward to a spring production of *Man of La Mancha*. • Your classmates are always interested in hearing about you, so keep those notes coming.

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We lost a passionate and talented hot-air-balloon pilot when Mount Hermon’s **Walter “Barry” Nixon** passed away on 8/22/17. Barry had an enduring love for flying, but his aviation background was not confined to ballooning alone. He spent his working career as a flight research pilot and corporate pilot/airport manager at Princeton’s (New Jersey) Forrestal Airport. Barry flight tested unique, experimental aircraft such as the Goodyear rubber airplane, a gyrocopter, and a variety of air cushion vehicles.

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Katherine Spry Goldstein was the first one to reply to my request for news, so I think it fitting she should be first in the column. She has just recovered from three years of treatment for colon and ovarian cancer. She hopes she is in remission for a while. We all pray for you, Katherine. Husband, George, is doing well. They live in Florida and love the winters, not so much the summers. If she could, she would opt for a place near the North Pole. • **Lois Seekamp Dole** and husband George celebrated 60 years of marriage in September. George is still running races and recently came in first in a Rotary 5K race. He has a couple of online classes, has a book in the pre-publication phase, and is working on another. Her son, Andrew Dole ’84, made full professor in the Religion Department at Amherst College. Lois’s granddaughter, Genevieve (7), has inherited the running gene. She runs every

day before school. Lois has stopped doing the jobs that required driving down the long peninsulas that decorate the coast. She does flower pressing in her “bee garden,” and has fun putting them into cards, bookmarks, and pictures on the wall. Her recent cataract surgery makes everything so much brighter. For Thanksgiving, she simplified the menu: she served hot turkey sandwiches for 10. Very resourceful, Lois. • **Jean Cook Glidden’s** husband, Dick, passed away in July 2017. She is struggling with his death, one day at a time, and described him as “an incredible guy, dedicated to all women’s health issues and his family. That dedication is a rarity, and our family was terribly proud of him.” A public service was held for him at Moravian Manor, where they lived, followed by a private service weeks later for close friends and family at daughter Jennifer’s Heartwinds Farm. Dick rests next to a pond and a willow tree. Jean and Dick were surrogate parents for three nephews, who traveled from Colorado for the service. Our class extends its condolences, Jean. • **Betty Jane “B.J.” Graves Porter** reports she may be moving *again*, this time to a newly built facility in Pensacola, Fla. “Frightfully expensive, but I deserve something wonderful for my final years,” said B.J. She



Before there was a hog, there was a duck. In 1948, the cheerleading team showed off the school’s unofficial mascot, which belonged to a faculty member.

will be at our 70th reunion in 2020, God willing. • **Diana Bond Holthouser** said that she is feeling her age now, and after living 19 years in one place, she has moved to a one-bedroom apartment in a senior facility. Her kids have been packing, selling, and giving away things she won't need in her new home. • **Judith Myers Shinn** has been living in a retirement home for a year. She still has her car, plays duplicate bridge, and tries very hard to stay healthy and mobile. We are all aiming in that direction, Judy. • **Constance Streeter Reilly** and her husband have been married 62 years. She still plays with the American Contract Bridge League. Constance cooked Thanksgiving dinner for five and spent Christmas at her daughter's in Litzitz, Penn., with three great-grandchildren. She is doing cross-stitch for the newest great-grand, Grace (6 months old). She also reported that Moravian Manor, where **Jean Cook Glidden** lives, is great. • **Patricia Lawrence Schwartz** is recovering from bad health this past year but received medication to help her get around. She's had another great-grandson, which now makes 16. Patricia loves her retirement home, and keeps busy with family, church, and community associations. • **Connie Meehan Chapin** retired at 78 after a wonderful 37-year career teaching English at Derby Academy in Hingham, Mass. Since then, she's been enjoying seeing more of her eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Some of Connie's former students attended NMH and loved their experiences there! She was at our 65th reunion and was pleased to see how the two schools have melded together. A close friend of Connie's, the head of an independent school, now runs a summer program on the NMH campus — Summer Stars — for inner-city students interested in the arts. When the friend was looking for a campus to set up this program, Connie mentioned NMH, and it has been a good match ever since. She is glad good things are happening, especially the gift from Dick Gilder. Connie is not planning on attending our 70th reunion but may reconsider if she can still walk, talk, and remember who and where she is! No doubts, Connie, you will have those abilities. • **Fred Monett** attended a new conference on the Northfield campus, "Restore and Revive," by the New England Alliance, this past fall. Curiosity made him attend, and he found that Northfield is alive! "The campus looked great, and it was good to room in Merrill-Keep," said Fred. He had worked there years ago and, of course, our class roomed there at our 55th. You can view some of the conference on YouTube (search

"New England Alliance Fall Update 2017"). Fred will cruise with the David Jeremiah Ministries in the new year. He plans to be at our 70th reunion. • **Dick Whelan** has been vigorously fighting back from his surgeries, including complete knee replacement last July, with aggressive rehab, and is now walking without a cane. His family came to him for Thanksgiving and Christmas. The new year started with a trip to Texas to see friends and family and spend some time in Hill Country, followed by two weeks in Hilton Head. Hopefully, it will be warmer and he can get back on his bike for some longer rides. He and Carol have been married 16 years, second marriages for both. All children — Dick's and Carol's — are doing well (except for choosing grandkids' colleges). Carol has a daughter and granddaughter who are international flight attendants, which makes Dick reminisce about the good old days (1950s) when he was flying USMC transports around much of the world. He had a "small world" occurrence from the 1950s. It was a predawn breakfast line during a stopover at Lajes Air Force Base in the Azores in the late 1950s. He felt a tap on his shoulder. There was Dick Seigrist '51. They had a very short reunion, then went on their way. • **Jim Lacey** has been married 64 years, has two children, three grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. They have lived in Paris, Tenn., since 2004, where the living is easy and the taxes are low-weather. Jim doesn't anticipate attending our 70th reunion. Sorry to hear that, Jim. • **William Lohman** lives in Bloomington, Minn. He spent his career at Northwestern National Bank, which became Wells Fargo. He moved into a senior facility, which he enjoys. He has a son and grandchildren who live nearby. Because of the distance, William has made only a few trips to the NMH campus, which he's always enjoyed. He sends his best to former classmates and remembers great times spent at Mount Hermon. • **Bruce Dunn** has completed the fourth book of his tetralogy. He's not sure if his writing days are over, but his bicycling days are not. Congratulations, Bruce, on completion of the series. • **Stuart Lohr** is busy getting his house ready to go on the market, and he's looking forward to downsizing in 2018. As of this writing, Stuart wasn't yet sure where they will go once they sell. He looks forward to our 70th reunion. • Memories of the school on the hill were brought to mind last October when **Vic Scalise** returned to New England from Seattle. When he and wife Carolyn went to their summer place in Ocean Park, Maine, they visited Vic's former roommate,

Jim Allen '51, who lives nearby. Another memory was triggered for Vic at the Harvard vs. Dartmouth football game, won by Harvard. His grandson, Greg, is a Harvard senior and in the band. Sitting in Harvard Stadium and seeing all the white knit sweaters with a crimson "H" on them reminded Vic of his cheerleading days at Hermon. Mount Hermon memories arose again when Vic was preaching at three worship services at Brewster Baptist Church on Cape Cod, where his son, Doug, is the lead pastor. The three services concluded with the singing of "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God." Each singing brought Vic back to the times that 500 young Mount Hermon men lifted the roof off the school's chapel with that hymn. A big thank-you to Vic, as I received a package in the mail containing his published autobiography, *The Influence of Others*. • I am so honored and grateful that my family, the **Whitleys**, continued amid problems as summer turned to fall. Gene had six nerve-killing injections around his spine, which stopped the terrible pain in his back and both legs. Hopefully, it will hold up. When our youngest son, Brian, died in 2001, two days after his 43rd birthday, he had achieved the two major goals in his life: to move his family to the country and to run his own business. His boys were 8 and 12 at the time of their father's death. Brian II is now 28. He also had two goals: to become a fireman, and to do so in his hometown — at the Vacaville Fire Department. In December he was sworn into the department as a fireman/EMT, as only four out of 350 applicants achieved this distinction. We are looking forward to August when three grandsons will be showing cattle in 4-H, just like their grandfather and great-uncles did 51 years ago. • The fall issue of *NMH Magazine* listed the passing of **Ruth Salmon, Katherine Jente Siebel, Elisa Scatena, and Margery Ryder Howes**. To that list, I must sadly add **Carroll Gillespie Pettengill** (10/30/17) and **Irwin Severance Jr.** (8/6/17). The class sends out condolences to their families.

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From **Pat: Jean Abbey Wisley** reported that summer of 2017 was a time for her Swedish family to visit: "Brad was here for the first time in 10 years, which was great for all of us. Three of his daughters and their

significant others also visited. They were three of the nicest young men anyone could meet.” That had to have been an exciting time for Jean’s entire family! • With the help of her son and daughter-in-law, **Carol “Maxie” Maxham Whittall** was able to attend a family reunion in Vermont. In lieu of long-distance travels, Carol participates in and helps plan local senior citizen events. She keeps her mind active with cribbage and mah-jongg. Of course, her three great-grandchildren also add spice to her life! Carol and I shared our first dummy, dinner prep, while living at South Hall, an adjunct of the old Northfield Hotel. Our job was to take food from there to our classmates in a separate dining room. It was not a bad start for two freshmen hundreds of miles from home. • **Judy Ives Hubbel**, traveling with friends, has been to the Columbia and Snake Rivers, the Canadian Rockies, and the Canadian Maritimes. Judy lives close to her 2-year-old grandson, Ben, in Richmond, Va. Perhaps our support of NMH will help him,

or others like him, realize the potential of NMH in the future. Judy welcomes you if you’re traveling in the area. • **Marilyn “Skip” Smith Noll** reminisced about travels to Great Britain, Spain, Turkey, Greece, and Baltic Sea countries with her late husband, Walter. Due to his well-known accomplishments in his field of mathematics, he was often invited to lecture around the world. Skip is thankful for the privilege of spending 17 years with him in their retirements. In Skip’s words: “During our last long trip to Indonesia in March 2009, we were thrilled to be able to snorkel in two sites at the Great Barrier Reef, just as Walter had always longed to do. A precious environmental heritage in our world, we hoped it could be preserved in all its beauty for future generations.” Their large blended family includes five children, 10 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren. • **Mary-Ann Efid Higgins** wrote of two recent memorable trips with her brother, Jack. During the summer of 2016, it was a cruise to Alaska. The scenery was spectacular, but she found it difficult sharing stories with more than 4,000 shipmates. In summer 2017, they cruised 12 days along the coast of Norway. Onboard a small boat with only a few hundred others, she was able to sit and cross paths with those from other countries and cultures. It sounds as though the more intimate environment provided added joys to this cruise. • **Ann “Mitch” Mitchell Seemann** suffered a “stupid fall” that recently put her out of commission. However, she went on to describe her 2017 trip to Salisbury, England, to visit an old friend and colleague. As an exchange librarian from St. Andrews, her friend had worked with Mitch for six months, and they have stayed in touch for over 30 years. Mitch was treated to the many exciting sights that area of England has to offer. These included Salisbury Cathedral, viewing original copies of the Magna Carta of 1215, and Buck House (known to locals as Buckingham Palace). Back in Wakefield, R.I., Mitch keeps a quiet, comfortable home with Mr. Bentley, her dog. • As for Herb and me, we enjoyed a trip to Colorado in early October 2017. Although somewhat restricted from high altitudes, we were chauffeured around Rocky Mountain National Park, Garden of the Gods, and Red Rocks Amphitheater. I never thought I would ever see fall colors as beautiful as those in New England on Mountain Day. However, the aspen groves with multiple shades of yellows, golds, and browns are a close second! The weather was clear and sunny, requiring only a light jacket. Of course, we woke up to a few inches of snow the day before we came home! It was

still beautiful out there in the mountains, regardless of the white carpet. • Seems like this column turned into a travelogue! Where else has our class been lately? We would love to hear about it, so please share. Happy spring! — Pat • From **Fred**: Congratulations and happy (belated) birthday to all of you who were born in 1932. That means you and I have reached or passed our 85th birthday sometime last year. Wow! We have all slowed down a bit, I’m sure. Maybe a lot. • **Don Huene** in California shared, “I’m still in practice in orthopedic surgery, but only do consultations and surgery assisting. I still race horses and had one in the Breeders’ Cup race last October; came in eighth in the \$2 million race. I’ve been widowed 10 years now, and last year my youngest son was killed in a tragic plane accident. Otherwise, I’m doing well and happy to be on this side of the grass.” • Your class agent/secretary, **Fred Miller** in Illinois, welcomed his first great-grandchild, Adeline Grace, in St. Louis, Mo., on Thanksgiving afternoon — three days after Fred’s birthday.

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After many thanks to **Mel Smith** for his leadership in making the mini reunions possible, he is stepping down in that role. Three classmates — **Mimi Hollister Gardner**, **Steve Waters**, and **Sybil Benton Williamson** — are meeting to make plans for the 2018 mini. They are looking into places available in October and November that are amenable to small gatherings and have quiet places for reminiscing, good food for nourishment, and pleasant overnight arrangements. NMH no longer appears to want to host us for the mini reunions, so it has made new arrangements necessary. Since these three are busy people, we will hear from them when there is news to report, and it will be conveyed through class notes communications. • **Mimi Hollister Gardner** reported that she and Don made a trip to China, where she enjoyed a Founder’s Week celebration honoring the history of the Shanghai American School, which she attended in seventh and eighth grade. Did you know there were three other NMH classmates at the school with her: **Stape Roy**, **Mary Newman McMahon**, and **Anne Scovel Fitch**? Mimi saw many places of her favorite memories, including the hospital of her father in China. • Some of our classmates are moving into senior retirement places and others are remaining in their homes of many years. Sometimes it means a simpler home on one level,

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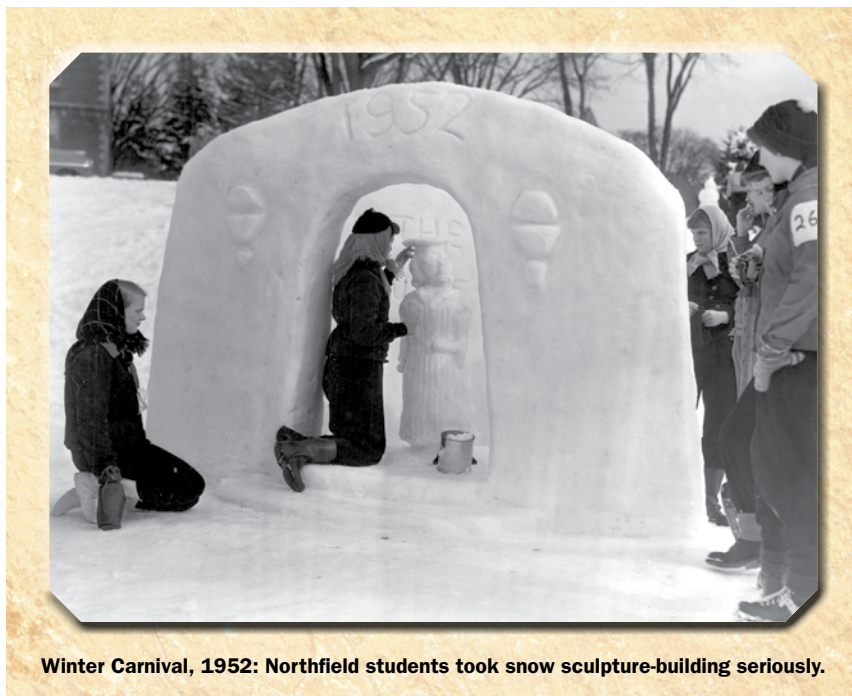
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sometimes it is an apartment in a busy city such as New York. Several classmates who have frequented the mini reunions have chosen the senior retirement areas. **Muriel Hopkins Beahm** and husband, Barc, moved into RiverMead Retirement Community several years ago. Located in Peterborough, N.H., it is a large assortment of cottages and apartments. Muriel just moved into the “Memory Unit” and is content there, with Barc nearby in their cottage and family living in nearby towns. Muriel greets visitors with a cheerful demeanor, recognizing old friends but unable to hold that memory in a timeline (the memory is gone soon after one leaves). It is reassuring that there is extra loving caregiving at RiverMead, with Barc and family members visiting often. • Though **Arlene Bailey Leinbach-Prince** has been living in the Seattle, Wash., area for many years, she is unable to attend the minis. She, too, has moved into a senior retirement community — Ida Culver House Broadview — where she joins old friends and a comfortable living arrangement. • Opting to stay very active in New York City, **Bill Rosser** and wife Phyllis are enjoying life in the big city. Bill gives tours of Grand Central Terminal, creates monthly programs for Harvard Business School seniors, and attends talks at New York Academy of Sciences. Phyllis creates sculptures and is currently in three exhibitions. • We received news of the death of classmate **Niki “Dottie” Nichols Friedberg**. She had an active life working for Polaroid, Crimson Travel Service, and Tufts University, and a passion for contemporary art. She was also president of the board of the Institute of Contemporary Art in Boston for 50 years. Niki loved to share her love of travel, the Red Sox, and Martha’s Vineyard with her family. • **George Bissell** and wife Nancy enjoyed seeing both of the Northfield and Mount Hermon campuses on a beautiful sunny day last October. George noted the Northfield campus is well cared for and he discovered the many changes on the NMH campus since 1952! The Bissells had ties to the campuses and relived some of their best memories. They moved to a one-level home three years ago and are enjoying life there. • Though **Sybil Benton Williamson** spent some time in the hospital for a gallbladder operation last fall, she has been busy thanking **Mel Smith** for his 20 years of dedication to and love of the class of 1952 and its mini reunions. She also is helping to make them possible and keeping the communications line active. • **Nan Lauder Eckfeld** has a lively and much enlarged family group: only two married daughters,



Winter Carnival, 1952: Northfield students took snow sculpture-building seriously.

but there are 12 grandkids (six of them married) and 16 great-grands. • Last I heard, **Suzanne Brown Longacre** and husband John were awaiting news of how their catamaran had survived Hurricane Irma. They are contemplating settling into a retirement area but haven’t made plans yet. They are always hopeful that they will be able to make a mini reunion. • When **Luella Wilson Rainbow** lost her husband, **Anne “Cokey” Lanoue Weber** made sure she kept in touch from a distance by telephoning every week or so. Luella still works for the Disney Cruise Line and loves it. • That’s some of the news covered in class notes since last fall. The class newsletter helps those without computers keep in touch and get news of other NMH classes and their activities. Sorry if your news gets abbreviated in the magazine due to space. It can be more detailed in the class newsletter. • May your spring be a joyous one of rebirth in the world of nature and many healthy years ahead! Keep in touch with your scribe, but also with classmates and friends. Fondly, **Julie**

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From **Will**: I got a rather mysterious note from **Bob George** on the West Coast, saying they’re “fine, but haven’t been in recent days.” Glad to hear whatever it was has

departed. They visit kids and grandchildren. • **Gus White** delivered the 2017 commencement keynote address at the Stanford School of Medicine commencement last June. His message urged graduates to help mend the nation’s health-care system. He also presented the keynote address at a symposium at Tufts University School of Medicine in Boston in the fall, titled, “Breaking the Silence: Impact on Bias in Health, Part 2.” A panel and roundtable discussion followed his speech. Gus also accepted the invitation to be the honorary captain of the Brown University football team. He represented Brown military veterans at midfield and flipped the coin to start the Brown vs. Penn game in Providence, R.I. • **Andrea Bear Rugh** and **Bill** moved into the Linden Ponds retirement community (Hingham, Mass.) in 2016. Five months of the year is spent in Cape Cod with their seven grandchildren. “Bill is teaching about the Middle East at Northeastern University,” Andrea said, “and I am on my 13th book. We both are teaching lifelong learning classes at Linden Ponds. So far, aging is treating us well. *Humdullilah* (thanks be to God), as they say in Arabic.” • **Holly Goodhue VanLeuven** frequently breaks my heart with photos of her and her friend, Bert, doing exotic stuff. Their family reunion included a world-class collection of cars, belonging to a friend of theirs who hit the jackpot. • **Judy Snow Denison** wrote, “Saw total eclipse in Glendo, Wyo.;

unexpected feeling of apprehension as sky suddenly darkened! Sang Mozart's Requiem in Catholic Church in Steamboat Springs, Colo.; astonished at their copy of Saint John's Bible and statue of Joseph holding baby Jesus. Am tutoring refugees in English. I see more and more how Northfield School for Girls affected my values and activities in life. Thank you, Northfield." • From one of my favorite professors, **Gottfried Brieger**, "In light of the assault on our national image and purpose, at this late stage in life, I have switched my remaining energies to politics. I am a member of an advocacy team. These teams are local, but supported by the Friends Council on National Legislation, a nonpartisan Quaker lobbying group in Washington. We approach our members of Congress on specific issues, currently the excessive military budget and the consequent decimation of our domestic social programs. In our neighborhood, we have joined the Indivisibles, with the innocuous name of Mi9, which stands for Michigan's 9th Congressional District. This group engages Congress by all means available, to straighten up their act." • Last year's hot Oregon summer produced a good crop of heirloom tomatoes for **Ellin Messolonghites Johnson**. Ellin volunteers with local groups and her church, plays in a tennis league, and celebrated husband Fletcher's 80th birthday. "A Seattle trip provided a lively lunch with **Carolyn Scott Walden** and Mary Merin Tinkham '52," said Ellin. "Soon I'll have been my Wells College class secretary for 50 years." • Karen and **Bob Holton** went on a 12-day cruise to France, Italy, Greece, and Malta. They're now old settlers at Coldspring, their retirement community, and regretting the number of funerals of friends. Hurricane Harvey did



Class of '54 represents! From left: Nancy Wickens, John Norton, Ann Newman Sundt, Dennis Kelly, Toni diStefano Norton, and Gail Schaller Storms painted the town in Baltimore, Md.

a job on the dock and boat shed at their lake house, so they're probably going to let that "little piece of Heaven" go in the near future. • Winter is beginning to take hold in Vermont as I write. To prove it, I fell on the ice in the yard this morning. I don't think anything's broken; only hurts if I move. Ida is still in her nursing home, no better or worse that I can see. I visit daily, we chat about friends, I read to her for half an hour or so. Then it's back home to let my puppy out (Kiki, an irresistible extrovert rescue terrier from Texas), with whom I also have a daily date in the local woods. Hope to see as many of you as possible at reunion in June.

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From **Dennis**: The second episode of Ken Burns's *Vietnam* documentary series was almost exclusively narrated by **Neil Sheehan**. Neil spent several years in Vietnam as a reporter for UPI in the early 1960s and published the definitive history of the war in 1989, titled *A Bright Shining Lie: John Paul Vann and America in Vietnam*. Neil was our valedictorian and went on to Harvard on a full scholarship. • I had the pleasure of having dinner with **Phil McKean** and his wife, Deborah Adams McKean '56, at the East Wind Inn in Tenants Harbor, Maine, in August. Phil has a summer home in Cushing, a few miles away, and I was sailing with some friends again on the Maine coast. Phil lives in Southern California during the winter months and often sings with **Ralph Perry** at their local Episcopal church. • **Arnie Buchman** moved from his retirement home on the coast of Oregon to an independent living facility in Scottsdale, Ariz., to be close to a big-city medical center, should the need arise. We hope to see Arnie at our 65th reunion in June 2019. • **Ann Newman Sundt** and **Ed Sundt** hosted a three-day knockout dinner party with outings last October at their lovely home in Garrett Park, Md. In attendance were **Toni diStefano Norton** and husband John (Boston), **Nancy Wickens** (Mebane, N.C.), **Dennis Kelly** and wife Betty (Bay Head, N.J.), **Betty Vermey** (Bryn Mawr, Penn.), **Mardy Moody O'Neil** and her husband (Potomac, Md.), **Toni Browning Smiley** and daughter Sim (Washington, D.C.), and **Gail Schaller Storms** (Bristol, R.I.). **Marsha Samuel** was invited but couldn't arrange transportation from Hackettstown, N.J.

Events kicked off with a buffet dinner, wine, and good conversation. The following day, we visited museums in D.C. That evening, we had a catered dinner at Ann and Ed's place. On the final day, most of us went to Baltimore for a tour of the Walters Art Museum, followed by lunch on the Baltimore waterfront. Ann and Ed will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary this year. • **Taghi Zolfaghari** is a classmate who was not in our Mount Hermon yearbook. He was from Tehran, Iran, and has not returned for a reunion. We've had no letters from him, but his name and address is on our class list. I wrote to him in November to invite him to return for our reunion but have not yet heard back. • **Charley Blatchford** and Judy live in Fair Oaks, Calif. Charley was diagnosed with COPD in 2005 and it has gradually become worse. He would love to hear from friends either by email or regular mail. Please drop Charley a line or two, and contact me to receive his email and/or home address. Our prayers are with him, and we all wish Charley a strong recovery. • We mourn the passing of our classmate **Bruce Bradley** on 12/22/16. Bruce was from Oakland, Calif., and went on to Princeton and then to medical school at the University of Virginia. He was on an internship at the U.S. Naval Hospital in Washington, D.C., when President Kennedy's body was brought in for an autopsy on the evening of 11/23/63. Bruce then went to the University of Washington for a residency in orthopedics and liked Seattle so much that he stayed there for the remainder of his life. He began rowing while at Princeton and continued to row throughout his entire life. Our thoughts are with his family. • **Toni Browning Smiley** drove down to Charleston, S.C., to view the total eclipse of the sun last fall. Toni is also an accomplished artist, having studied painting at the Corcoran School of Art in Washington, D.C. A couple of years ago Toni was a great help to me in my struggles with an IRS audit of my tax returns, and I was impressed by an abstract painting of hers that hangs in her office. Toni is still a practicing CPA with a thriving business. She and her daughter, Sim, traveled to New York City to attend a special conference on international taxation and also attended several Broadway shows. • I was at my rental place on Hilton Head Island in late September attempting to make some repairs after a hurricane and the summer rental season. We got together with **Debbly Brown Boots**, who has retired to Hilton Head and lives in a very nice independent-living facility nearby. She came over to our place, and we went for cocktails and snacks at the



Stan Peck '54 at the Bay Head Yacht Club, New Jersey, summer 2017

Quarterdeck, an outdoor café in the Harbourtown section of Sea Pines. The café had live music, and after the music stopped, we came back to my house, where I taught Debby the game of dominos, which I have become addicted to. • We mourn the recent passing of two more classmates: **Burt Karp** on 7/4/17 and **George Hamilton** on 5/30/17. Burt was from West Hartford, Conn., and went on to earn a B.S. in business at the University of Connecticut. He then took over his father's roofing business and became a major roofing contractor. He took up sailing in midlife and settled in Essex, Conn. George was captain of the Mount Hermon varsity soccer team. He went on to Colgate University, earning a B.A., and then a stint in the Army. In 1964 he joined the FBI and became a special agent assigned to Tulsa, Okla., and remained there until his retirement in 1986. George was an avid golfer and a loyal NMH alum who always attended reunions and enjoyed the company of his classmates. We will miss George, and our sympathies go out to his family. • Last Thanksgiving, I invited **Stan Peck** and his wife, Nancy, to join us for dinner at the Bay Head Yacht Club. It was a delightful afternoon. Stan lives in Glen Rock, N.J., but is looking for a smaller place near the Jersey shore and maybe near Bay Head. Nancy's family always had a summer home in the adjacent town of Mantoloking, and Stan used to come down to Bay Head in the mid-1960s as a weekend escape from his job as a Wall Street stockbroker. • The last sad note I have to report is the passing of our beloved cross-country coach and math teacher, Sam Greene, in November 2016. Sam and his wife, Phyllis Ganz Greene, a Northfield math teacher, attended our 60th reunion as honored guests and the last faculty members of our class. Sam arrived at Mount Hermon in 1952 and was assistant cross-country coach to Fred McVeigh, who had coached winning teams at NMH since

1936. I remember when we traveled to Williams to run against their freshman team, Fred said, "I graduated from Williams, so take it easy on the boys." Sam then said, "Well, I graduated from Amherst, so run them into the ground." Sam and Phyllis always came to our reunions and enjoyed themselves immensely. We will greatly miss Sam. • **Fred Rice** is still trying to sell his boat. We have a prospective buyer from Brooklyn who is awaiting the final completion of some minor repairs. Then I plan to deliver the vessel up to Brooklyn for Fred. Fred lives in Maine, but may come down to Hilton Head to shop for a small retirement home for the winter months. • I had a pacemaker installed a year ago and went back to the University of Pennsylvania Medical Center in Philly for a checkup. I called **Betty Verney**, who lives nearby in Bryn Mawr, to see if she would like to have coffee with me. I think I have the last remaining letter of 1953 from Betty, accepting my invitation to some function on the Mount Hermon campus. • **Cathy Olney Irzyk** lost both her son and her husband this past fall, within a couple of months of each other. Our hearts and sympathies go out to Cathy. She spent a career in nursing on the West Coast and loved it, but moved back to her family's home in Dunstable, Mass., a few years ago. • I've been collecting memories of the first paying jobs from some of our classmates and the collection is modest so far, but growing. For example, **Susie Craig Hastings** sold girdles door to door in Idaho; **Debby Brown Boots** picked strawberries for five cents a quart; **Cathy Olney Irzyk** waited tables at a resort on Lake George, N.Y.; and **Stan Peck** was a Western Union messenger in uniform and rode a bike through Queens, N.Y., delivering telegrams. I was a "tamper" for an asphalt paving company at 75 cents per hour and would have to tamp down the asphalt that the heavy roller couldn't reach. **Ed Sundt** was a "hayer" on a farm, cutting and drying hay in preparation for baling. **Dave Jansky** was a Good Humor ice cream truck driver, and **Toni Browning Smiley** was a script girl for a small movie producer in Chicago that specialized in TV commercials. She then had the opportunity to pose for the cover on the first issue of *Playboy Magazine*, but the cover went to Marilyn Monroe. Too bad, because Stan used to boast that he had sneaked the first issue into his dorm room at Mount Hermon. • Thank you all for your generous contributions to the McVeigh Scholarship Fund. We established the fund at our 45th reunion to honor our beloved cross-country and track coach and French teacher, Fred McVeigh. We began with

pledges of about \$33,000. As of June 2017, the fund is over \$177,000, and I receive a nice thank-you letter from each recipient every year. Let's try and make it \$200,000 by our 65th reunion. The scholarship is open to anyone, but with all things being equal, preference is given to students who run on either the girls' or the boys' cross-country or track teams. So stay healthy, eat wisely, and get plenty of exercise, and we'll meet again just a year from this coming June for our 65th.

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From **Lisa: Bonnie MacGregor Snow** has had two of her articles published. In the book *I Am of Cape Cod*, Bonnie contributed by writing about her work educating people on the history of Orleans, Mass. For Cape Cod Genealogical Society's magazine, she wrote about the generations of the Mayo family who lived on the Mayo Farm homestead. • **Sylvia Barnard's** 80th was celebrated with a party given by the Doane Stuart School for her and her 14 Latin students. Sylvia and her daughter, Siobhan Reagan '87, went to London, Bath, and Wells, England, last summer. • For her 80th, **Sally Barlow Jorgensen** took her family of 16 on a barge trip on the Rhone in Provence. Rather than using a taxi service, Sally recommends calling senior transportation GoGoGrandparent if you need a ride in one of the 200 cities listed on its website. • **Barbara Zschiesche Cooley** wrote that she, **Helen Bogle Crawshaw**, and **Emily Barry Lovering** attended **Susanna Whitney Grannis's** 80th birthday party on December 17. • **Mary Cree Marker** points out that NMH should recognize its women by referring to alumni as alumnae. Mary made a second trip to Muscat, Oman, to visit her daughter and new husband. She visited her son-in-law's welcoming family in their village 100 miles out of Muscat. She watched his middle-aged sister climb a date tree barefoot and decided against copying that feat. Mary also enjoyed going to the souk (ancient market) and bargaining for purchases, and attending the Muscat Festival. While walking across a plaza, she was surprised to be greeted in English by a young Omani woman, who welcomed her to Oman and thanked her for visiting. • Last October, **Elizabeth Tuttle Edge** and her husband spent more than two fascinating weeks on a grand tour of Greece climbing many ancient ruins, revisiting Greek mythology. The trip culminated in three days basking in the sun

in Santorini and a sunset dinner cruise on the caldera. • Several classmates enjoyed a mini reunion in September 2017, organized by **Svein Arber** and **Don Freeman**. The highlights were lunch in West Hall, a walk through a beautiful city flower garden where Margaret Freeman volunteers, cocktails and dinner at the Freemans', a walk around the Northfield campus, cocktails at Svein's, and dinner at Wiggins Tavern. The school did not encourage us to spend much time there, but the most enjoyable aspects were hanging around with classmates at all the venues and visiting the farm to pick up my year's supply of maple syrup. • In December, **Nancy Jones Cicia**, **Svein Arber**, and **Don Freeman** attended a celebration of the life of **Elaine Rankin Bailey** in Andover, Mass. The service included familiar traditions such as singing "Be Thou My Vision," a hymn sing, and the Northfield Benediction. • From **Don**: Brenda and **Ron Sewell** traveled to Ireland in fall 2016 to explore an area not often seen by tourists called the Great Atlantic Way, a road along the northwest coast through a land north of Shannon and Galway inhabited by "more sheep than people," said Ron. Ron celebrated his 80th birthday last May with family and friends. • **Rich Rice** snagged a "nice little retirement gig" directing Gary Sandy (of *WKRP in Cincinnati* fame) in a stage version of Mickey Spillane's final Mike Hammer episode, with Zev Buffman, in Clearwater, Fla. • **Ernie Imhoff** wrote, "When I was 10 in December 1947, my dad gave me an empty 1948 diary. He knew I liked to scribble about things I had experienced. I took the challenge and wrote in the diary almost every day that year. I and others also took pictures with a Brownie and other cameras. I then put the diary aside for more than 50 years without looking at it. But I saved it, and when I took it out a year ago to read it, my wife laughed at some things I wrote and said this would be good as a present for the family. So I had it secretly printed as a 124-page diary book with pictures called *Boy, Do We Have Fun: The 1948 Diary of a Young Scribbler*. The book was a Christmas 2017 surprise for my three kids, five grandchildren, and a few close friends." • As befits the life of an old English teacher, **Svein Arber** took part in various literary happenings in 2017. In August, he attended the Dickens Universe, an annual conference at the University of California, Santa Cruz, and later the same month taught a weeklong class for Road Scholars on "The Harlem Renaissance" at Pilgrim Pines Conference Center at Lake Swanzey, N.H. In October, Svein published his novel, *Jumping to Conclusions*, as a

Kindle book, with a paperback scheduled to appear in the spring of 2018. And to top off the year, on 12/7/17, his daughter, Gyda, and her husband, Stephen, presented Svein with his first grandchild, Richard. • We also had some losses. Our classmate **Dick Weed** passed away in Charlotte, Vt., on 12/17/17. Also, **Svein Arber** and **Don Freeman** drove to Andover, Mass., to attend the memorial service of our Northfield classmate **Elaine Rankin Bailey**, who died 11/26/17 on her 81st birthday. Svein and Don joined **Nancy Jones Cicia** at the ceremony.

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From **Caro**: **Pattie Pelton Lanier** wrote, "The summer before I entered Northfield, Hurricane Carol demolished my family's flimsy rented cottage in Marion on Buzzards Bay. Clothing and linens so carefully name-tagged, sewn by hand, were swept out to sea. The memory of that storm prompted me to evacuate when category 5 Irma was bearing down on Sarasota. I opted for two nights at the local high school. FEMA's list of what to take to the shelter: meds, important papers, a flashlight, snacks, pillow, blanket. My list for next time: a better mattress (poured concrete flooring is very hard); food to supplement school meals of chicken tenders and PB & J in cellophane; a power strip (wall plugs are few and far between); and a sleep mask (hall lighting stays on 24/7). Irma broke apart just north of Naples, so we experienced only a category 2, still enough



Longtime friends John Mitchell '56 (standing), Dorrie Krakower Susser '56 (seated left), and Benita Pierce '56 reunited on Cape Cod, Mass.

to topple trees. My survival skills were well tested by being without electricity for nine days. A gas stove made candlelight dinners with two friends almost fun. The last three nights were bearable when a neighbor ran an extension cord from his house to power my fridge, a lamp, and a fan." Pattie and her house survived, with no damage. • **Lyn Foote Marosz**, who lives just north of Sarasota, also evacuated to a shelter along with her husband and dog. They and their home also survived thanks to the downgrade of Irma, but she has tales to tell of life in a shelter with other people and their dogs. Now they are back to enjoying EarthBox gardening, harvesting beans, tomatoes, lettuce, and herbs. • **Caro Woolley Peterson**, whose winter home south of Sarasota is in Venice, watched Irma on TV from up north, as did **Lanie Tetreault Smith**, whose winter home is in Sarasota. No shelters for them, but a nerve-racking experience. Both their homes also survived. • **Kim Buck** moved from Admiral's Hill in Chelsea, Mass., to Elliott Landing in Beverly, Mass., near Harriet Davis's ('59) hometown of Hamilton. Kim's daughters, Kay and Jecca, helped her set up all the electronics. She hopes to "age in place" in a one-level, fourth-floor condo apartment with a covered, same level attached garage. A part of Cummings Center, her new home has numerous doctors' and dentists' offices within walking distance. She is still downsizing, and especially wants to give away a 64-inch, 36-bottle wine rack. • In a Cape Cod summer rental, **Walt Jones** had a party gathering of NMH '56ers. His home in Naples, Fla., was very much on his mind, but classmates **Dorrie Krakower Susser**, **Benita Pierce**, **John Mitchell**, **John McClintock**, **Bruce Zimmerli**, and **Caro Woolley Peterson** provided diversion as they enjoyed a good time with a delicious dinner. When Walt returned to Naples, Irma had left his home intact, but not without some damage. • Christmas Vespers 2017 in New York City was celebrated with yet another gathering of '56 classmates. • We encourage you to send along any news in your life to either Kim or Caro, who are co-class editors and now have a reason to get together. (Kim and Caro both came to Northfield from Glastonbury, Conn., and grew up together.)

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A year ago, 16 of us gathered at NMH to celebrate the 60th anniversary of our graduation from Northfield and Mount Hermon. In 1957, our classes and campuses



Carol (left) and Nelson Lebo '56 (far right) spent time with their long-distance grandchildren.

were not only separated by the Connecticut River, we were separated by the culture and customs of that time. Northfield and Mount Hermon empowered us to think for ourselves, to be lifted by what we learned, and to use our experiences to improve our world in small and large ways. We've all done that and more. During the intervening 61 years, we've bridged those cultural gaps and become a single class. At our 45th reunion, **Darrell "Coop" Cooper** saw the potential of one class and for the next 15 years made a commitment to make it happen. It was Coop who proposed the fall get-togethers in Maine at his home, with a lobster bake in his backyard. Then to make sure it happened, he and Judi committed to doing that fall event every year for 15 years. Maine Madness was born. For a few years, Maine Madness became so popular that the NMH Alumni Association helped sponsor it. Now it is back to being our own class event, still attracting '57 classmates from as far away as California, Oregon, and Texas. Thank you, Coop, for all the work you've done over the years to bring us together and help us have so much fun! • Maine Madness 2017 happened in September at Judy and **Bob Mansfield's** in Bath. Barbara and **Steve Springer** were there, ready to get the group planning our 65th reunion in 2022. Steve wrote, "As reunion chair for our 65th reunion, my commitment is to work with class leadership, school personnel, and others to plan a reunion event that is meaningful for those willing to attend. Many of the Reunion Team and others met to consider the general aspects of Reunion 2022 and enjoyed each other's company. Present were NMH Associate Director of Advancement Jocelyn Merrick, Pat and **Dave Williams**, **Ann Boothby Dickens**, **Joe**

Harrington, **Marsha and Bruce Johnson**, **Ginger Roe Lang**, Sarah and **Lloyd Mitchell**. Other members of the team include **Ellie Gross Pendleton**, **Jeanne Schwartz Magmer**, and **Sarah Drew Reeves**. Prior to the meeting, we paused to remember **Chuck Streeter**, our recently deceased president, who from our student days was a symbol of what is good about our school. **Dave Williams** was elected to be the new class president. He has big shoes to fill, and, with our help, we are confident he will do his usual superb job." • The Maine Madness itinerary included a lobster and clam dinner, a guided tour of Maine Maritime Museum (conducted by **Bob Mansfield**), and a presentation by **Joe Harrington** on conducting a New England town meeting. By the end of our Madness, we agreed to make next year's gathering a New Hampshire Madness, hosted by **Bruce and Marsha Johnson**. • We are committed to working toward a meaningful 65th reunion, which will include several recommendations made by classmates following our 60th. Watch this class notes column and our '57 class website for New Hampshire Madness and 65th reunion plan updates. • **Dave Williams** said, "I appreciate your confidence in my leadership by officially electing me '57 class president after **Chuck Streeter's** many years in that office!" Dave checked his role in Robert's Rules and discovered that it is essentially that of moderator or chairman. • **Ginger Roe Lang's** life changed when her husband, John Alden Lang, died in June 2017. She and John were married for 58 years. They met during Ginger's senior year at Northfield and were married two years later. Ginger and her daughter, Priscilla, are staying at their condo in Concord, Mass., and continue to run her business, Ginger's Journeys. She enjoyed being at the Maine Madness reunion and visited **Bob and Joyce Moore Arthur** in October. Ginger's son, Jon, and his wife, Summer, took Priscilla and Ginger to Kenya and Tanzania late last year. • **Joe Harrington** wrote, "I lost my wife, Diethild, on 5/9/17. Family and friends rallied around me, not least among them my '57 classmates at our 60th reunion. When people ask me now, 'How are you doing?' my answer is, 'I'm doing.' Not 'fine,' and I am moving forward as one must, making plans, preparing the house for sale, and jettisoning a lot of unnecessary stuff that has accumulated over 44 years. I'm not the first of our number who has had to do this, nor will I be the last. Onward." • Many of us do keep up those wonderful friendships we made with roommates and classmates. **Judy Wagner McKernon** and **Phebe Townsend Banta** were

Northfield buddies and then went on to be friends at Vassar. They met last fall for lunch in Lakeville, Conn. Judy also visited **Wendy Hsu Lee**, her Northfield roommate and dear friend, for an overnight in Walnut Creek, Calif., over the Thanksgiving holiday. Judy and **Terry Verros** visited the NMH campus for a second consecutive year, attending Christmas Vespers 2017. "It's all quite wonderful and a lovely way to start the holiday season," Judy said. • **Phebe Townsend Banta** wrote, "George and I have not retired. We're busy with our properties, including motels and restaurants, most notably, four Buffalo Wild Wings, with another on the way, and our Beekman Arms in Rhinebeck, N.Y. Family all lives in Poughkeepsie (son and son-in-law are in the business). I love my garden clubs and supporting Planned Parenthood." If any of you are near Rhinebeck, don't miss the Beekman Arms. It's amazing and the dinner was the best Mike Litt and I had on our June 2017 East Coast trip. • **Terry Verros** shared, "I am moving from my beautiful home in Popponesset Beach on Cape Cod. I've been living here full time since 1995, when I was hired as the director of guidance at a middle school in Hyannis. I am downscaling and renting an apartment closer to Boston. My spouse of 23 years passed away four years ago, and living alone in a vacation area is challenging. Moving to the city will afford me excellent medical care, public transportation, and more cultural opportunities. I have been doing hospice work here on the Cape and hope to continue when I move. One chapter of my life is closing and another is opening. I'm sure many of our classmates are dealing with a similar transition." • **Lloyd Mitchell** spent a delightful evening with **Oliver Woshinsky** and his wife, Pat, when they came through Philadelphia in October 2017. Oliver and Lloyd sat next to each other in Sam Greene's math class. "Oliver always scored a couple of points higher than I did on exams, but in college he majored in political science while I majored in math. Go figure!" said Lloyd. • **Malcolm Peck** surprised **Darrell "Coop" Cooper** during the 2017 Thanksgiving weekend while Malcolm was visiting his sister in Maine. Malcolm, wife Aida, and his sister and brother-in-law had dinner at Coop's house. In early October, Darrell and Judy spent an enjoyable fall day with **Bob and Joyce Moore Arthur** at the Arthurs' lakefront home in Connecticut. • **Marti "Betty" Welsh Gladstone** and **Jeanne Schwartz Magmer** spent two weeks on the Danube in April traveling through Eastern Europe with the Boston-area women's group

they traveled with two years ago. • Despite degenerative arthritis, **Michael Doudoroff** is alert and mobile and his “disposition is only moderately degraded.” In March 2017, he traveled with his son and sister to Russia and Finland. Michael also spent last October in Japan with his companion, Elaine, and his son and daughter-in-law. Elaine is a professor of Japanese language and literature at University of Kansas, so Michael tagged along on her sabbatical. Other trips last year included California, New York, New England, Hawaii, Montreal, Quebec City, Oregon, Colorado, and New Mexico. Michael has moved to smaller, more age-appropriate digs. He continues to record books for Audio Reader, a radio and online broadcast service for the visually impaired (reader.ku.edu). And he periodically cooks vats of his mother’s Depression-era spaghetti recipe for a church-based soup kitchen. • Life for **Nelson Hulme** and wife Dorothy is “routine, which, at our ages, is a good thing!” They are planning to visit Alaska this summer or early fall. They made several visits to see younger son Richard and his family in Medfield, Mass., and took their annual trip to Orlando, Fla., to visit older son David and his family, with stops to see friends and family along the way. • **Aldie Howard** still lives in Forest Grove, Ore., with his partner, Sue, and a cat named Smidgen. He’s working on a 1970 Nova, splitting firewood, raking leaves, and cleaning gutters. They enjoyed Thanksgiving and left for St. Petersburg, Fla., soon after Christmas 2017. • **Walt Mockett’s** posterity continues to increase; it now stands at six children, 27 grandchildren, and seven great-grands. He still enjoys playing league tennis in Atlanta, Ga., and admits he is slowing down. • **Martha Johnson** is keeping up with all of us even though she missed the reunion and Maine Madness last year. Hopefully, for our 2022 reunion, we will be old enough to secure first-floor, easy-access accommodations where Martha, **Joy Goddard Knightly**, and anyone else with a walker can join us. • Meanwhile, **Darrell Cooper** has an assignment for us: “Add some of our classmate authors to your reading list.” Coop recently finished reading *Worlds to Discover* by **Jim Payne**. This is Jim’s fourth book on his solitary kayaking adventures. Coop has read all of them and says each one gets better. **Vic Cino’s** book, *Little Gangster*, is a must-read for all Hermonites. We Northfieldites have authors, too, including me, **Jeanne Schwartz Magmer**. The latest book I’ve edited, *Rogue River Guide and His Gold*, was published December 2017. For our next reunion, it would be interesting to have our ’57 class

authors share their stories with us. • If you missed being included in this column, please use **Lloyd Mitchell’s** ’57 class website at classcreator.com/Mount-Hermon-Massachusetts-Northfield-Mount-Hermon-1957 to let us know how you are. Just log onto the system and create or update your profile.

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From **Helen: Debby Martin Pearce** spent winter in her new two-bedroom condo in the little town of Gulfport, Fla., southwest of St. Petersburg, and will stay there until May. The Pearces’ four children, spouses, and seven grandchildren were planning to join them for Christmas and New Year’s. Unfortunately, Hurricane Irma wiped out their wonderful island, Jost van Dyke, in the British Virgin Islands, including destroying their little hotel and the Soggy Dollar Bar (which the Pearces sold in 2005). “Residents have a great attitude and expect to have things up and running for the coming season,” added Debby. • **Ellen Watson Payzant’s** grandson, T.J., graduated from Iowa State University in May 2017. Last June, Ellen and Tom attended their 55th college reunions from Connecticut College (Ellen) and Williams College (Tom). The Payzants’ daughter, Kristin, married last July and wore Ellen’s vintage wedding dress, which Ellen wore for her own wedding in 1962. Granddaughter Emily’s wedding was in Minnesota, also in July 2017, which the Payzants flew out for. The third wedding of 2017 was in early October: Tom’s cousin’s daughter, Connie Floyd ’08, and Marty Tarantino ’08 married at Mount Princeton Hot Springs Resort in Colorado, another beautiful outdoor wedding and family reunion. Ellen and Tom will meet at NMH to celebrate our class’s 60th reunion with Connie and Marty, who will celebrate their 10th reunion. The Payzants also traveled to Oregon and Utah (during the week of the eclipse). “I have been serving on a national committee exploring options for a research study on Alzheimer’s,” wrote Ellen. “Tom is hanging in, but has slipped some. He attends Neighborhood House, an adult daycare for those who cannot be home alone. The kids are great with him and also help keep him busy. We both sing in our Unitarian Church choir and go to the gym often. We look forward to our 60th this June and reconnecting with everyone.” • **Trinka Craw Greger, Joan Millett Walker**, and I have agreed to serve on the committee planning

our 60th reunion, June 8–10, 2018. You should be receiving letters from the school and your committee early in 2018. Mark your calendar for the last official reunion of our class. • From **Bill**: When you read this, we will be about to embark on our 60th reunion on June 8–10, 2018. Hopefully, you will be attending reunion, where we can share our reminiscences and catch up on our current activities! • **John Abel** remains busy with volunteer work, serving as a board member of the Cayuga Lake Watershed Network, and is heavily committed to the International Association for Shell and Spatial Structures (IASS). For the latter, he is a co-organizer of the 2018 IASS symposium to be held at MIT in July, and he is chairing the committee developing the transition to a new online association management system. John’s son, Bill Abel ’91, lives with him, and the two remain devoted attendees at Cornell hockey and lacrosse games. Using the 2017 annual IASS symposium in Hamburg as an “excuse,” the two of them traveled to Hamburg, Lübeck, and Copenhagen for two weeks last autumn. John is hoping to attend our 60th reunion despite a near conflict of his grandson’s high-school graduation in Plymouth, Minn. • **Norm Barstow** and **Steve White** ran in the Pie Race, both winning pies. They undoubtedly owe some of their success to coaches **John “Stoney” Stone** and **Trinka Craw Greger**, who attended the race and dinner at the school. • **Dale “Beetle” Bailey** read his senior-year roommate **Dave Eberhardt’s** autobiographical book, *For All the Saints*, while on a five-week Voyage of the Vikings cruise through the Maritimes, Greenland, Iceland, Norway, Ireland, and Scotland. Beetle concluded that the Vikings, as compared to Dave, had it easy! • I recently learned of the death of **Zoltan Bary** on 11/29/12. The discovery of his obituary (yale62.org/obituaries/bary1117.html) was the result of an inquiry from Dave Edsall ’66, a Mount Hermon swimmer, who hoped to meet Zoltan at our upcoming reunion.



(From left) Steve White '58, John Stone '58, and Norm Barstow '58 reunited at last November's Pie Race.

Zoltan fled Hungary in 1956 after the uprising against Communist rule was crushed by the Soviets. He was an outstanding swimmer at Mount Hermon, particularly in the 100-yard breaststroke. According to Dave, Zoltan set the school record for his event that stood until at least 1966, when Dave came within one-tenth of a second of it. "Zolt" came within three-tenths of a second of the national record in the 100-yard breast stroke in his last meet during his senior year. After graduation, Zoltan attended Yale. He left competitive swimming after his sophomore year and withdrew from Yale to accept a job in Paris with Pan American Airlines. He then entered the U.S. Army, where he served as a journalist and competed for the Army water polo team. He later returned to the U.S. and earned his B.A. from the University of Maryland. Zoltan worked as an executive chef, instructor, mentor, kitchen manager, and consultant. He is survived by his wife, Susan, daughter Svenja from his first marriage, and two grandchildren. • **Trevor Dupuy '59** live in the Texas Hill Country, where the deer and the antelope play and seldom is heard a discouraging word. Trevor reports that all is good in God's country, especially now that there are fewer Feds running around telling them how to live! • **Julian Hargraves** has been retired for 10 years and lives in Maine near his youngest daughter and two grandchildren. Julian stays busy as finance chair of his church and president of his condo association. He also volunteers weekly at a food pantry in Portland. • **John LeBaron** continues to work on his French conversation, having missed a golden opportunity growing up in Quebec when his mind, such as it was, was supple. John's wife, Faith, works on her writing, focusing on stories from her childhood, partly to keep vignettes from her small Connecticut farming town alive for the coming generation of granddaughters. The eldest of these, Alexandra, joined John and Faith for the Handel and Haydn Society's live orchestration of the magnificent, if highly fictional film, *Amadeus*. On the way home, Alexandra was busy on her smartphone researching Salieri, Süßmayr, and Emperor Joseph II of Austria. John wondered if he would have been so curious at age 16. • **John Patten** left Mount Hermon early and graduated from high school in Lebanon, N.H. He then qualified for the Air Force Pilot/Navigator Aviation Cadet Program. When John separated from the Air Force, he was employed by Boeing in 747 static fatigue testing for four years. He then worked in the long-haul trucking business until he

retired at age 75. During his trucking career, John traveled to 49 states and 12 Canadian provinces, and with a perfect driving record. • **John Quenell** and Constance (aka Mike) joined the ranks of the snowbirds a few years ago and now spend some of the winter in The Villages, Florida. John says that coping with the long winters in the Adirondacks simply began to lose its appeal. John and Mike have also retired from the local volunteer fire department and have taken up a milder public-service activity, providing radio support to regional events such as canoe races and manhunts. John is, among other reunion-related activities, compiling the yearbook of biography updates for our 60th reunion. • As this column was being prepared, we were greatly saddened to learn of the death of **Walt Wheeler** on 12/2/17. Walt had been actively helping to plan our 60th reunion as a member of the Reunion Committee, and he created a Facebook page for the class. The next edition of the notes will include an appropriate tribute to Walt. • **Bill Hawley**, your reporter, delivers food about once a week to clients from a local food bank and teaches downhill skiing to mentally and physically handicapped children during the winter months. Betsy and Bill plan to travel to Ethiopia this winter.

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From **Nancy**: Bart Dawson '60 wrote the following about his wife, **Marcia Ziegler Dawson**: "In December 2016, Marcia had a nonmalignant brain tumor removed in a five-hour surgery. The common name is acoustic neuroma. It was about the size of a walnut and was pressing her spinal column. She has completely recovered and regained almost all of her balance. We are still walking and remain physically active. I help build pipe organs, and Marcia and I still sing in our church choir. For 39 years, I was an engineering manager helping design Boeing commercial airplanes, and I'm now retired." • **Diana MacKinnon Love Weed** wrote, "Our big news is about Houston and Hurricane Harvey. Thankfully, we were spared and our home didn't flood, but the water came quite close. We were isolated for about a week until the water receded. We did have food, water, and electricity, but many friends and

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neighbors didn't. Instead of leaving on our planned trip to Yellowstone and Jackson Hole, we stayed and helped in the recovery effort. I had a delightful conversation with **Bob Meyers**, who called to check up on us." • From "Down Under," **Anne Roeser Bloemen** wrote: "My husband, Antoine, and I have rented an apartment in Perth to be near our daughter, who has returned from China after 20 years with UNICEF. Sankara is our only grandchild living in Australia; the other three live in Singapore. We're keeping our home in Broome and will move between the two. In the meantime, we're enjoying lots of fun time with our 11-year-old grandson and his mother while we're in Perth. I'm recovering well from the effects of a bad fall on a cruise ship last August due to my impatience and stupidity. I broke my upper femur in two places and my wrist sustained a compound fracture! Thanks to surgery in Hong Kong and Perth, plus excellent physiotherapy, I'm doing well and wearing one built-up shoe, having lost an inch in my upper leg. But I can still jitterbug if I get the chance!" • **Jane Johnson Fanning** wrote,

“Over a year ago we moved to Westminster Palms after living in our house for 44 years. It’s a great location, with beautiful views; we can walk to downtown St. Petersburg and enjoy an extensive park.” They have two college-age grandkids and the two young ones who live in Los Angeles (ages 2 and 5). Jane is on the board of the Florida Orchestra, where Sting just performed at their annual gala. • **Linda Knight Shane** and her husband, Orrin, still live in Portland, Maine. They celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary in August. They traveled last May to Minneapolis for their grandson’s high-school graduation band concert and went to California to visit their son near San Francisco and Linda’s sister in San Diego. • **Ginny Lane Thompson** works part time in a K–12 public school library. “What’s not to love about being around and connecting children with books?” said Ginny. The Thompsons live in Branson, Colo. Their daughter, Kari, is the head of the post office in town, and their son-in-law, Jeff, is the lead math teacher at the high-school level. Ginny’s husband, Emery, underwent cardiac bypass surgery in December 2016 and is alive to tell the tale! • **Emily Smith FitzRandolph** pursues her interests in social justice issues, both one on one and in groups of like-minded women. “Quincetta, my therapy dog, helps to ground me and give me purpose in our visits,” wrote Emily. “She was my travel companion on my first solo road trip since I moved to Colorado. This was a major accomplishment for me. Our destination was Las Cruces, N.M., to visit a relocated friend. We explored White Sands National Monument and pistachio orchards! Spending time with my children was precious; Peter appeared briefly on the train platform in the spring, and Pamela and I had one of our best visits ever, sharing time at a mountain dude ranch.” • Our honorary classmate, Jim Kondras, sent a note: “Thank you for including me in the invitation for comments and/or news for the next issue of *NMH Magazine*. I’d like to thank the entire class of 1959 for your prayers and support since Barbara died. Calls, notes, cards, and emails were appreciated more than you could ever imagine ... Until I needed your care and support, I didn’t appreciate how close the class was. Special thanks go to **Peter Welsh** and his postings online, which kept me laughing when I wanted to cry. Let me take this opportunity to urge everyone who is able to attend our 60th reunion in June 2019. I’m planning to attend so I can thank all of you in person.” • Signal Mountain, Tenn., has been home for **Valerie**



Anne Roeser Bloemen '59 and her husband, Antoine, enjoyed time with their grandson, Sankara, in Perth, Australia.

Parsons Gibson these many years. Her life revolves around teaching studio art at the Mountain Arts Community Center while sharpening her painting skills that began when coerced by Northfield roommate, **Phoebe Archer**, to be her art editor for the NSFG literary magazine. Valerie is also studying to become a licensed lay preacher in the Episcopal Diocese of East Tennessee. She continues to teach in the English class for refugees that she started with her husband, and she’s proud of their graduates who have gone on to become U.S. citizens. “I cherish my memories of Northfield and love to read news of our classmates,” wrote Valerie. • **Nancy Goode Treadwell** underwent successful cervical fusion surgery of four vertebrae. She has every intention of being back on the golf course this summer. A proud grandmother, her five grandchildren are all in college or graduate school. Nancy had a wonderful trip through the West, visiting Mount Rushmore, Little Big Horn battlefield, Yellowstone, Bryce Canyon, and the Grand Canyon. And a labradoodle puppy is now in Nancy’s life! • **Jaquay Phelps Schmid** retired from her 24-year soloist position at the Christian Science Church on Hilton Head. For her final solo during Christmas service, she sang Northfield’s version of “Sing We Noel.” “I’m enjoying life in general and think Northfield was the best educational experience I ever received,” remarked Jacquay. • I (**Nancy Bissell Goldcamp**) also had to give up serious singing, owing to the dryness of the high desert climate and taking medication to help with the after-effects of shingles, which dries me out even more. I can still sing the hymns and responses in church, but that’s about it. I, too, think of NMH as my educational “home,” and I regret that I can’t get to Sacred Concert anymore. I do hope to make it to our next reunion in 2019 and get a hug from Jim Kondras! • From **Tom**: I enjoy my volunteer work at NMH — I got back to campus three times

this year. My first sit-in on a Board of Trustees meeting was very interesting; I enjoyed hanging out with **Ty Bair Fox** and **Randy Foster**. Our class members have always thought of themselves as being movers and shakers. I am thinking we are all a little more shaky now that we are just a little older (I know I am). But aging beats the alternative. • **John Warn** and wife Shirley went to Finland last July with side trips to Vyborg, Russia, and Tallinn, Estonia. They found the side trips interesting because Vyborg is a city that still looks like 1945, while Tallinn is booming and shows the effects of new capitalism. The Warns also traveled as north as Rovaniemi in Finland, on the Arctic Circle. • **Bennie Lee** is still in the fuel-cell systems business and happily taking on the double challenges of commercializing a disruptive technology as a for-profit social enterprise. “Knowing either one could make a difference in the world for a billion people keeps me energized,” wrote Bennie. • **Bob Hoffman** is semi-retired from Harbor Linen (Bed Bath & Beyond) and no longer in sales. He now helps the company obtain projects in the skilled nursing, assisted living, and senior housing space, working with designers and contractors. Bob was elected northeast regional director and national board member for Mended Hearts, the largest cardiac support group in the country, and he represents the organization in Washington, D.C., as an advocate for people with heart disease. He hopes to attend our 60th reunion in 2019. • A national training program for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) brought **Peter Crumb** back from retirement. Training as a recovery coach, Peter’s role will revive the lost communication from one recovering person to someone seeking recovery — a kind of a paraprofessional cross between clinician and 12-step sponsor. Also interning where he was a clinician, Peter will eventually become licensed and certified to work independently or with an agency. The Crumb family life continues happily, with the addition of their great-grandson, Rocco (3). Peter still lives in Belchertown, Mass., and plans again to host the “Friends of Bill and Lois” meetings at the next reunion. • **Ken Boyle** visited London, England, where he won the Great Britain National Indoor Rowing Championship for his age category. • **Bill Sihler** has been living in Arizona for 24 years. “Trouble with staying at the same place for so long is that not only do the occupants start breaking down, but so does the dwelling,” said Bill. “Cracks in the walls, roof leaks, and garage

door won't stay down. Had full right shoulder replacement a couple of years back. Totally believe in climate change; we are breaking high temp records every year in this state." Bill substitute teaches each week at a local high school. He's the proud grandpa of twins Maria and Rachel, who are first-year students at Arizona State University and maintaining high grades. • **Paul White** moved to Bend, Ore., after 42 years in Los Alamos. The motivation was the desire to shed the responsibilities of homeownership and be in a larger retirement community with convenient services. "I like to think I'm still in reasonable shape," wrote Paul, "but Margaret has been dealing with more frequent orthopedic issues and it was time to ensure her access to care when needed." Paul and Margaret occupy an independent-living apartment overlooking the Deschutes River and surrounded by ponderosa pines. Prior to their move, Paul helped finish a major book project as one of the senior editors for *Doomed to Cooperate: How American and Russian Scientists Joined Forces to Avert Some of the Greatest Post-Cold War Nuclear Dangers*. At nearly 1,000 pages, the book took several years and several trips to Russia to collaborate with Russian co-authors. The Whites are happy to welcome any '59ers to Bend. • Charlotte and **Dan Waugh** embarked on an interesting Yale Educational Travel trip to Myanmar and Cambodia. Myanmar has been much in the news recently for unfortunate reasons, but that grim reality did not impinge on what they saw. Now it's back to work for Dan, editing the last volume of the Silk Road annual and anticipating grandson Tasman's first steps. • At 77, **Jack Stebbins** decided to retire last August. For the last 37 years, he's been tuning pianos, and for 30 of those years he taught piano technology at North Bennet Street School in Boston (retiring from that position at 75). Owing to this high-visibility position, Jack taught classes and made friends and

connections throughout the country in the Piano Technicians Guild, the foremost professional association in the industry. "In September, I moved to Tennessee," Jack said. "I expect winters to be more moderate from being in Tennessee and summers to be more moderate from being elevated 2,000 feet. We'll see!" • **Bob Friedman** moved to Sarasota, "a booming, growing town, endowed with amazing cultural and outdoor opportunities," wrote Bob. "We spend almost half the year splitting our time between our home in Storrs, Conn., and New Harbor, Maine. I no longer miss working; 36 years of practicing dermatology was long enough." Bob walks two miles each morning. • **Ken Whiton** reminisced about the album recorded during junior year, "The 1958 Hermon Knights," that included bandmates **Kevin Cramer, Russ Pekrul, and Dave Winchester**. • **Peter Olsen** is looking forward to our 60th reunion. "Hard to imagine that only a few years ago we were all students on the campus," said Peter, "but dementia has a way of making all things seem possible for us older people. Health holds out for me, so I'm still able to make plans for the future and chase my grandchildren around the backyard." • **Mia Bulgarin Gay** shared, "I've lived in Tucson since 1975, same house for 42 years — cluttered, genteel, and beautiful still. I read that **Tom Bethea** and his wife now live north of Tucson, and I would like to reconnect. I read that they met in March with Clay Pruitt '58 and **Dan Poteet** at the Arizona Inn, a mile from my house! If Tom is interested and has time, he could contact me. It may be lots of fun!" • **Tom Bethea** to Mia, "Yes, we decided to become Tucson year-rounders in 2016, after five seasons of snowbirding from Chicago. We are in the Sun City section of Rancho Vistoso on Oro Valley's north side. We'll look forward to getting together and hearing more of your time here." • And **Charles Wantman** joined the fray (to Mia and Tom): "Looks like

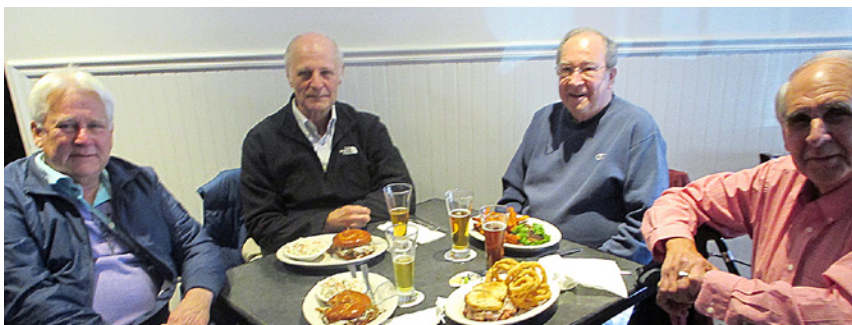
Tucson is getting to be quite a destination for gently aging NMH alums! I look forward to getting together with y'all. When we arrive, we will be leaping into the final stages of renovating a house." • **Tom Baxter** had a great phone conversation with **Bud Brennan**, who was somewhere between the Cape, Vermont, Amherst, Mass., and Florida.

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From **Phil**: Many thanks to **Layng Martine** for sharing memories of **Tom Draper**, our classmate and cherished friend. (See next page.) Tom died on 9/8/17 after being hit by a pickup truck while on his early-morning bike ride near his Delaware home. "**Mike Healy** and I attended Tom's funeral service and the scene and events were nearly indescribable," said Lyang. "Tom was one of the most treasured and important people in Delaware. The funeral service included stirring emotional music, featuring a multitude of singers and accompaniment. Ten people spoke, including a touching tribute by NMH's Bill Batty. There were 800 present at the funeral, riveted by the songs and the stories of affection, respect, and thanks to Tom. At the visitation, Tom's family and his wonderful longtime girlfriend, Francesca, greeted and comforted visitors. The funeral procession to the burial was for family and close friends only. Vehicles from WBOC, Tom's TV station, were lined up outside the church before the procession to burial — news cars, remote TV trucks, and the WBOC traffic helicopter with blades spinning. Like all of us, many of Tom's sensibilities and much of his empathy were formed and nourished at NMH. He felt that always, and said so often. Tom was a most generous giver to the school, with special effort and support toward Christian fellowship. Many of Tom's good works were under the radar, including his sole support of a Delaware Christian school for several years until it got on its feet, and the purchase of 15 or so farms on which he removed all possibility of future development. On Linda's and my wedding day in 1965, Tom was our best man. Nothing has changed." • **Doug Barrett** wrote, "We were all shocked and saddened to hear of **Tom Draper's** accidental death. The class of 1960 has lost a super leader, teammate, friend, and significant contributor. It would be great to recognize his contributions to Mount Hermon at our 60th reunion." Sally and Doug hosted 21 for Thanksgiving dinner in Connecticut. The Barretts returned to Jupiter, Fla., after Christmas. Doug keeps up with the many activities of his



Mount Hermon '60 boys (left to right) Dave White, Karl Radune, Marvin Kelley, and John Gregorian enjoyed lunch at the Black Cow Burger Bar in Turners Falls, Mass.



Faithful Pioneer

Former NMH trustee and community leader **Thomas Draper '60** passed away on Sept. 8, 2017, after being struck by a pickup truck during an early-morning bike ride near his Delaware home. He was 76.

At Mount Hermon, Draper was an athlete and a student leader — a “big man on campus,” says Archivist Peter Weis '78, P'13. Draper went on to be a pioneer in the broadcasting business in his home state of Delaware, building and expanding radio and television stations and “changing the media landscape” in the Delmarva region, according to a statement from WBOC, the station he owned and led for decades.

Classmate Layng Martine says, “Many of Tom’s sensibilities and much of his empathy were formed and nourished at NMH. He felt that always, and said so often.” Tom’s connection to NMH remained strong long after he left the school. He served as a trustee, was the father of current trustee Mariah Draper Calagione '89 and Thomas Draper Jr. '94; the father-in-law of Sam Calagione '88; and the grandfather of Sam Calagione '18 and Grier Calagione '20.

“Tom had a generous spirit that was guided by his faith and by his desire to help,” says Head of School Peter Fayroian. “All of us at NMH have been, in one way or another, recipients of his generosity and graciousness.”

grandchildren. • **Skidge Skidgell** shared, “I think of Mount Hermon often, remembering how exciting it was to plan for all the days ahead. After Stanford, I went on to become a psychologist, as is no surprise to those who knew me.” • “I notice more and more art-related activity at NMH,” wrote **Gary Walters**. “There wasn’t much in our day, but Mr. Baldwin’s senior English class was given a great assignment: choose a concept and express it in five different media. The same progress has been made at Princeton, which has a new art center. Art is a good way to dodge the devils of the politically correct. I have been living in Canada, first teaching at McGill, then taking up a full-time art practice. I lost my beloved partner of 45 years last year to Lewy body disease. Peter always insisted he had gone to Deerfield. Very best wishes to the class and the school.” • **Jon Ross** is still working full time with a law practice, Primmer Piper Eggleston & Cramer PC, which is limited to domestic relations cases, primarily divorces. Eli Emerson '93 is one of Jon’s partners. Active in the American Bar Association (ABA) and serving on the Standing Committee for Pro Bono and Public Service and on the ABA Day in Washington, D.C., Planning Committee, Jon gave up his seat in the House of Delegates so that younger New Hampshire lawyers could be involved at that level. Last summer, Jon and Kathy traveled with their middle daughter and her husband to California wine country. They also traveled to Washington, D.C., for John’s 50th law school reunion at Georgetown. They had the pleasure of seeing Bette Midler in *Hello, Dolly!*, and then *Hamilton* while they stayed in New York City. They also visited Ellis Island and the New York World Trade Tower Museum. The Rosses feel fortunate to have good health, wonderful children and grandchildren, and a marriage in its 54th year. • **Fred Black**’s wife, Jean, had been in remission for nearly 10 years, but her cancer returned in July 2017. (They removed two tumors those many years ago.) Jean’s doctor said it was OK if the Blacks went to their Maine cottage for the month of August, but she needed to start chemo immediately upon her return home. After enjoying perfect Maine weather, and upon their entry home, they saw a carpenter still working on the remodeling of their kitchen, which they had been led to believe was done. It’s now finished and is lovely, reported Fred. Because of Jean’s condition, their two sons prepared the Thanksgiving meal. Fred and Jean plan to visit Ireland and Scotland in September and, of course, July on Bailey Island in Maine. • **Bob Anderson** wrote, “I still have

my hair, my teeth, my wits, and my good looks (women of all ages swoon). The chase has been my passion: 15 years as master of foxhounds and huntsmen for the local hunt and 40 bird dogs almost daily in pursuit of woodcock, ruffed grouse. As I live just across the Vermont state line, I hunt pheasants in the Northfield cornfields along the river (and glimpse on the horizon the Mount Hermon Chapel, now looking forsaken and forlorn). I am in occasional contact with the New Mexican poet **Dick Bodner**, my roommate of two years. He is still scintillating, brilliant, and frequently confusing. I have lost contact with our old school, but have had close relations with St. Paul’s, from which my son graduated. I published a privately printed limited-edition book for the school this past year. As a bibliophile, I belong to the Club of Odd Volumes and the Society of Printers (to foster the art of printing), both on Beacon Hill.” • **George Banziger** is the convener of an interfaith dialogue group that hosted the internationally famous Interfaith Amigos in three communities in southeast Ohio. “This trio, comprising Rabbi Ted Falcon, Pastor Don Mackenzie, and Imam Jamal Rahman, present a compelling case for interfaith dialogue with warmth, humor, and intellectual depth,” said George. “I encourage anyone with an interest in the topic to invite these three to their community.” He is also fundraising for a cycling-running-walking trail in his community, “with fond memories of bicyclist classmate, **Tom Draper**,” George added. • **Dave Clapp** and NMH Director of Choral Music Sheila Heffernon are organizing an adult choir tour. They are gathering a group of people who love to sing to travel to Croatia for 10 days, singing American (and some Croatian) music, engaging in cultural exchanges, and experiencing the extraordinary beauty of the country. Ever since Dave organized a trip to Russia for the NMH Singers, we have wanted to offer an opportunity for adults. • As class secretary, many thanks to all contributors, and a wish for more in the spring. Are you thinking about our 60th reunion? — **Phil**

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From **Sandi**: **Judith Howland** keeps busy with part-time work as an elder-care provider and her hobby of genealogical research. Her volunteer work includes helping out at her local food shelf, performing housekeeping duties for the First Universalist Society of

Hartland (Vermont), serving on the board of supervisors for the Ottauquechee Natural Resources Conservation District, representing the town of Hartland on the Connecticut River Joint Commissions, and being a town official. Judith is also the town grand juror and the town agent for Hartland. She pens a weekly column of Hartland news for the *Vermont Standard*. “For fun, I have joined the Vermont 251 Club, which encourages members to visit all of Vermont’s 251 towns,” said Judith. • **Anne Rodgers** in Hendersonville, N.C., had 12 inches of snow this past winter. She is interested in genealogy and volunteers in church. • **Gail Buerger Kerr** is launching a new company promoting psychotherapy through telehealth. If anyone endured knee-replacement surgery, as Gail did last year, feel free to reach out to her for encouragement. Gail went on a Fulbright specialist assignment at Nelson Mandela University Business School in Elizabeth, South Africa. She returned via wheelchair with emergency entry into Massachusetts General Hospital, where she received the best care from a “super doc” surgeon. • **Astrid Previtali Von Baillou** loves living in Manhattan and is a headhunter for corporate boards with the search firm Kinser Baillou. • **Karen Conant Hyland** also loves living in Manhattan! She’s called “RC” and has three children and four grands. • **Monica Bodenhurst de Navarro** lives in Ecuador, is well, and is active in her landscaping company as well as enjoying painting. (She has gorgeous photos and paintings on Facebook!) Monica has four children — one son in Boston, one in St. Louis — seven grandchildren, and three great-grands! • **Jane Dawson Kidder** said her daughter and her family have moved back home to pursue her medical practice in her hometown, so Jane has all the “pleasure” of additional construction and having little children in her home again. Jane still works in her family’s metal manufacturing business and her husband is an attorney. They have four kids and 11 grandchildren. • In fall 2017, **Rea Brazeal** was invited to join the American Academy of Diplomacy. Of course she joined! • **Barbara Baldwin Joe** had back surgery in spring 2017. It worked for three months, but now she is in constant pain 24 hours a day. Bobbi still has her great sense of humor, though! • My family did another Mediterranean cruise last summer and rented a villa in Tuscany for a few days. We also went to Bomerano, Italy — my mother-in-law’s hometown. It was a great trip with both daughters and their families. My older granddaughter is a sophomore at Union and her cousin is a sophomore at Clemson.

My husband is still an active developer, and I continue to work in sales. I love getting out and helping people! • Your news isn’t here? Send some for next time! The last day for me to submit our next class notes column will be June 15 for the fall magazine issue. • Don’t forget to donate. In case you didn’t know, NMH gets grants based on percentage of alumni donations, not just total amounts. So, even one dollar helps! • From **Craig Bruce Schwanda** reports that he is still active in his international marketing and acquisition consulting business. On the downside, there have been a couple of recent shoulder surgeries. Wrestling damage, no doubt. Bruce wrote that he was hoping to play some golf with **Pete Donovan**, and to visit **Al Simpson** and **C.J. Stillman**. • **John Bryan** and his wife went on a delightful trip to Portugal. They stayed at an Airbnb for a few days in Lisbon, then drove north. John wrote, “Two highlights: staying overnight in the 10th-century Moorish walled city of Óbidos, in the castle, and then to Tomar to see an incredible 12th-century castle built by the Knights Templar, who had returned from the Holy Land to fight the Moors. Talk about being transported back in time!” • My wife, Connie, and I have been traveling. This year it was Naples, Italy, and a boat trip from Dublin to London. Inspired by a couple of trips to Greece, I am attempting to learn Homeric Greek. Tough, but interesting.

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My only significant news is very sad: my brother, Bill’s, sudden death at 66 of complications of pneumonia in April 2017. It came as a huge shock but brought family members, including my sister Ginny and brother Dan Cole ’66, together to celebrate Bill’s all-too-short life. Brother Jon Cole ’65 was unable to attend. • **Susan Bunce Stearns** has “half-retired” after 40 years at Upstate Medical Center, where she has taught anatomy to thousands of doctors. As an award-winning professor, her commitment does not diminish. • **Ann Wilcox Lockhart** has been in Seattle for the last 18 years, and is now happily retired from a health-care company, where she was part of the web team dealing with electronic medical records. Her daughter, Catherine, is a high school teacher and a veterinary technician in Alaska. Son Benjamin lives in North Carolina with his wife and three children. Last summer, Ann visited **Anne Morse Toppie** and her family as they were on their way to an Alaskan cruise. “Three of my retirement

passions,” said Ann, “are labyrinths, handmade books, and the Saint John’s Bible, a 21st-century Bible, made as they were before the printing press.” • After leaving Northfield, **Judy Coffey Russell** continued her education at a Catholic high school, and later college, in Washington, D.C., having converted to Catholicism at Northfield. Still a practicing Catholic, Judy is the dean of university libraries at the University of Florida, a position she’s held for the past 10 years. She lives in Gainesville, Fla., and welcomes visits from anyone who may pass through her area. • **Johanna Marschner Gwinn** is busy with volunteer activities and spending time with nine grandchildren. She relayed that **Betty Allman Mitcheltree** was ill and in a Manchester (New Hampshire) hospital in November 2017. At Johanna’s visit, Betty appeared well and in high spirits. She has weakness on one side of her body but is doing rehab, which will help her gain her strength back. “In May 2017, I traveled to California to spend five days with **Chuck Oakley** and his wife,” said Johanna. “They were great hosts and took me to several iconic spots.” • **Pam Batson Healey** works with high-school-age students on remediation, enrichment, and academic counseling. After meeting a father of a young woman applying to private schools, Pam suggested NMH, and later met them at the NMH campus while she was attending a student panel discussion. “I found myself bringing my own memories to what [the students] shared,” wrote Pam, “easily bridging the half century.” Checking off one of her bucket-list items, Pam ran/walked the 4.3-mile Pie Race. “Since I have celebrated our [class’s] 50th, I just *had* to cross the finish line still breathing to ‘win’ an apple pie,” remarked Pam. • **Cathy Eten** shared, “I lost my oldest brother, Frank Eten ’58, about six years ago, and I have to say losing a contemporary is very difficult, especially when it is premature and unexpected, and when you have a bit of longevity in your family. My brother John Eten ’59 came down from Cape Cod to take care of me after a knee replacement ... I am forever grateful for his help getting me through that initial post-op period.” Cathy has been running her dogs in agility ever since she retired 13 years ago. She is active in dog sports with her champion Westies. • **Beth Black Miller** has been busy with volunteer and church commitment activities. She reads to children at two day-care facilities in Freeport, Maine, where she and her husband live in a beautiful home they designed themselves in 1997. Beth sings in her church choir and participates in church

committees. She also works part time for College Guild, a nonprofit that offers free nontraditional correspondence courses to prisoners in the U.S. Her husband, Richard, had quintuple bypass surgery over a year ago, and Beth maintains good health, although she has fibromyalgia and osteoarthritis in her knees. • **Sherry Brush Geddes** wrote in December, “My partner, Ted, and I are spending the winter at our home in Belize after spending the summer remodeling a home we have in California. In May, we’re going on a trans-canal cruise from Florida to California, will spend some time visiting my daughter and friends, attend Ted’s reunion in Washington, and back to Belize for the summer. We’re healthy and enjoying life. I spend quite a bit of time on political activism. Any classmates interested in visiting Belize should give me a shout.” • **Ellen Reiss Barry** lost her husband, Paul, in 2014 after an arduous seven-year battle with cancer. She has now returned to acting and works with several theater companies assisting with fundraising, marketing, and fiscal management. Her favorite cause is Theatre Breaking Through Barriers, a company dedicated to providing opportunities to artists with disabilities. Offstage, Ellen’s favorite companions are her daughter and grandchildren. • Five of **Carol Atwood-Lyon**’s dear friends (and classmates) traveled to Durham, N.H., in October to celebrate the life of her husband, the Reverend Fred Atwood-Lyon. “It was very comforting to be surrounded by good friends at a time of deep loss and grief,” shared Carol. Fred and Carol, married 42 years, traveled extensively, sang in church choirs, and captured images — Fred via photography, Carol with oil and watercolor. Prior to their retirements in 2009, the couple served in United Church of Christ parishes in five U.S. states. • **Kathy Elsasser Worthington**’s husband passed away unexpectedly in July 2016. She has since sold her home and bought one with her son, where she lives with his family. After living in a remote area of South Carolina, she now lives closer to amenities in a suburb of Greenville, S.C. “It’s been wonderful getting to spend more time with my grandson,” said Kathy. She is a freelance copyeditor working mostly on academic papers from foreign students who struggle with the peculiarities of English, as well as doing some book editing. • While attending University of Hawaii after graduating Northfield, **Kathy Freeman Tirrell** worked in a scuba-diving shop, and later bought her own dive shop. After a number of years, she returned to school to become a registered respiratory

therapist. Working in hospitals in Maine, Arizona, and California, Kathy earned her B.S. and M.B.A. while working in hospitals. She and her husband adopted a premature baby girl from the hospital where Kathy was working at the time. Her daughter is now 39 years old, and Kathy has two grandsons. Moving back to Hawaii in 1998, the last 12 years of Kathy’s career was as vice president of operations for a large social-services agency. She retired in 2011. Kathy has settled on Orr’s Island, Maine, to be closer to her daughter. “The one thing I know for certain,” she said, “is that the education I received at Northfield made it possible for me to succeed in everything I tried to do.” • **Wendy Horton-Leigh** wrote, “We sold our weekend home in Great Barrington, Mass., in 2009. We moved there full time when my husband became ill and the recession took my job at Baccarat in Manhattan, where I had been 11 years and loved every minute. I am now living in Pittsfield, Mass. My husband passed last March [2017]. I worked for seven years at a small upscale boutique and am now retired. I have lupus ... affecting joints, skin, lungs, and my eyes.” Wendy is busy doing much volunteer work, such as her church’s soup kitchen, the Altar Guild, and the Altar Flower Arrangement Committee. She also belongs to a book club and takes yoga lessons. **Catherine Eten** put her in touch with a dog breeder in Pennsylvania; Wendy’s sister, Kerry Horton Donovan ’64, drove her there to bring home some beautiful dogs last autumn. • **Betsy Wabeke Hayes** wrote, “We are spending our retirement winters in Albuquerque, N.M., where a son and daughter-in-law teach at the University of New Mexico, and we can help out with two of our grandchildren. It is fun playing games,

going to recitals, making cookies, and driving. Our other two sons live in Seattle and New York City, so we travel a lot. Planning trips is my favorite diversion from the troubles of the world. Otherwise, back home in Ohio we are dealing with a house full of years of accumulated stuff. One consolation is being able to visit frequently with sophomore roommate **Sharon Deevey**, who lives only 45 minutes away. We enjoy reliving our youth!” • **Sally Walbridge** writes that she and her partner, Henry, spent four days in Iceland in October, a stopover en route to Germany to visit her daughter (Alexis Moore O’Connolly ’92), son-in-law, and grandchildren. “We loved the people and the spectacular scenery in Iceland; we’ll definitely go back!” • “I am theoretically retired though I still do pulpit supply preaching,” wrote **Gail Ryerson Parsons**. “I am also working for a wonderful organization called Seniors Helping Seniors, which is just what it sounds like. We provide transportation, help with meal prep and light housework, companionship, and other needed services. I sing in the church choir when I am not preaching somewhere else. Music is an important part of my life, and I am now president of our Watertown Musicales, which provides scholarships for students graduating from high school and going on to study music, as well as providing an opportunity for local musicians to perform.” In Gail’s spare time, she makes jams, jellies, pickles, and relish — all from local ingredients — and gives them as gifts. • Since her retirement from the USAID Foreign Service several years ago, **Pam Thompson Baldwin** and her husband, Malcolm, have been running a small rural business on their farm in Lovettsville, Va.



Northfield '62 friends lent their love and support to Carol Atwood-Lyon '62 at her late husband Fred's Celebration of Life in October 2017. From left: Blanche Houseknecht, Cynthia Maurer Barnard, Roz Rockwell Gianutsos, Sally Walbridge, and Emmy Zapata Doherty.

"We grow wine grapes and maintain a flock of sheep, along with two guard llamas," said Pam. "We are also a wedding venue and B&B, hosting overnight guests in our two cottages. We especially invite stops from any NMH visitors, whether from 1962 or otherwise. Contact me at pamela@weatherleafarm.com." Pam sees **Tabby Finch** frequently, as Tabby is a librarian at the local library and plays keyboard and dulcimer with several Celtic music groups at gathering spots and festivals. • It's great to receive your news. Your deadline for submitting class notes to me for the fall issue is June 8, 2018; and the spring 2019 issue deadline is December 8, 2018.

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Bill Arnold fortunately was high and dry during Hurricane Harvey, but a short bike ride showed incredible devastation. It affected all income levels and had several secondary sources: flooding rivers and bayous. Unprecedented dam releases also came without warning as people slept. Cathy organized a neighborhood clothing drive for the 10,000 who took shelter in the Convention Center during the storm. On a happier note, Bill joined friends in Alaska for his 10th fishing trip for oversized rainbow trout. The fishing was good and the bears were fat and contented. • **Brent Bowers** is "reading, traveling, writing ... living the good life. Grandson Owen took the news that Santa doesn't really exist in stride, claiming he knew that all along. Four-year-old grandson Zev (means 'wolf' in Hebrew) has taken to calling women 'sweetie.'" • **Ruth and Hank Herrera** have moved to Bedford, Texas. • **Hill Huntington** is still involved with energy issues at Stanford. He celebrated his younger daughter's wedding last fall, and he rejoined his Peace Corps volunteer group from Liberia for a 50th reunion in New York. • **Carl Stearns** retired from his partnership position at Crawford & Stearns, Architects and Preservation Planners, staying on part time as a consultant. "**Sue (Bunce Stearns)** and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary in September, remembering making the very best of a time when I was otherwise getting ready to go to Vietnam with the U.S. Navy Seabees. Daughter Sarah is director of promotions for a women's career firm in Boston, and we finally have a grandson, 3-year-old George!" Still in their first house in Syracuse, the Stearns maintain Carl's family farm near Cazenovia, N.Y., producing maple syrup and hops and sawing timber from the forests and meadows. The 30-year restoration of

the 1840 Greek Revival house is almost complete. "From that family location in central New York, Dad would drive my twin, **Donald Stearns**, and me to Mount Hermon in a 1960 two-speed Ford sedan at up to 90 mph. I think we've slowed up in many categories!" • Your correspondent traveled to a photography workshop in Croatia and Slovenia in fall 2017, and prepared for a Christmas Market Rhine River cruise leaving just after Thanksgiving. In addition, we're planning a Southeast Asia and Japan trip in 2018. We decided that we're not getting any younger and it might be a good idea to travel while we still can. • Claire and **Richard Mueller** continue to settle into Golden, Colo. Activities revolve around the grandchildren there and in San Francisco. "I see **Bill Holbrook** periodically," said Richard. Richard spends his time writing about foreign affairs, China, education, as well as serving as trustee of an international school in San Francisco. He's working up to a memoir on his diplomatic and education careers, with a variety of reflections. "NMH would figure in it, since it was the first school I ran after being American Consul General in Hong Kong," Richard added. "I also enjoy writing to our elected officials to get things off my chest! Seldom do they bother to reply. We need more term limits, and many other changes." • You may have noted that **Jim Dunsmore's** death was reported in the Vital Statistics page in the fall 2017 issue of *NMH Magazine*. The world is a little less fun, and maybe slightly more predictable with Jim gone. • I would be remiss if I did not comment briefly on Bill Compton's passing, even though you will read this almost a year after his death. As our class teacher, Bill was a constant in our lives for over 50 years. Always approachable, his advice could be counted on to be reasoned and appropriate. He was the good adult friend when we needed that. He and Mary will be sorely missed. • That's all, folks. Broken wheel speaking here; I need your input!

Editor's note: Sadly, this was Scott Calvert's last column. He passed away on 3/16/17. More in the '62 class column in the the Fall 2018 magazine.

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From **Diane**: We all wished **Linda Olson Coblentz** well after the Hurricane Harvey floods. We can also report on **Molly Hogan** and **Betsy Sigler Roman**, who had to deal

with the fires in California wine country. Thankfully, they made it through unscathed. I also learned of **Susan Hemenway Nealon's** trips to Europe and around the country via Facebook. I recommend all of us create a Facebook page and friend each other to enjoy these chances to keep in touch via the internet. • I hope you are planning to join us in June for a '63-style reunion. We aren't the stars of the show this year, so plenty of time to just hang out together. • **Bobsie Rowe Betjemann** sings in the choir and helps with Sunday school at the Bow Lake Free Will Baptist Church in Strafford, N.H. She and her husband published their third book on restoring old motorcycles. She still draws and paints as often as she can. Their daughter is married and works for New England Grassroots Environment Fund, and their son is an architect, also married, and lives in Portland, Maine. • Last year, **Sue Hines Rohrbach** went to her 50th college reunion at Brown. "In September, Chick and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary. Our children all came for Thanksgiving and had a wonderful party for us — and we will be going to Paris in April. We are thankful for them and for our 50 years together!" • **Molly Hogan** assured us, "Came through the [California] fires OK. Lots of smoke, but no fire. Some people I know lost their homes. Sang in Monteverdi's 1610 Vespers before Thanksgiving at the Green Music Center." • **Joan Erlanger** carries on with volunteer work, and she feels blessed to "still be on the top side of the lawn." • **Mimi Woodcock Karlsson** had a lovely Thanksgiving dinner with Bob and **Dee Freund Borden** at Mystic Seaport's Latitudes Restaurant. "Our planned 2018 Blount Small Ship cruise to Cuba has been cancelled due to Trump's new rules," said Mimi. "We had hoped to snorkel their pristine southern reefs before tourism destroys them. So we will fill our winter with raising a litter of Portuguese water dogs! Looking forward to the reunion." • **Suzanne Abbott Ries** shared, "Joseph and I were recently married. We are taking our honeymoon Royal Caribbean cruise in February to Cozumel!" • **Elise Elderkin** now keeps in touch with more people than she did before our 50th reunion, and that's largely due to all the email conversation that occurred beforehand, emanating from people's reminiscences of Christmas Vespers 1962. • **Lydia Adams Dennis** hopes to attend reunion this year. She is keeping the date "performance free" as much as possible, but she will need to hitch a ride with someone to get there from Beacon, N.Y. Keep up with Lydia's musical news on her website,

lydiaadamsdavis.com. Her daughter, Romeyn, is recovering after a hit-and-run in Paris. • **Dee Freund Borden** continues to see classmates on a regular basis: Thanksgiving dinner with John and **Mimi Woodcock Karlsson**, a lobster roll lunch during the summer and dinner with Roger and **Pam Sargent Ryley**, lunch with Phil and **Katie Steinmetz Dater** at their shoreline place last June, and breakfast with **Pete Waasdorp** in May 2017 when the Bordens were on the Cape. • **Betsy Sigler Roman** cited this year as a wild ride. “Politics alone would’ve been enough, but here in Napa [California], we’ve mopped up from flooding; made a ‘rescue run’ to the Sierras to help extract my daughter and granddaughter out of a snowbound cabin; endured recording-breaking summer temps that stewed my tomatoes on the vine; and then came the fires. There is no way to adequately describe the extremes of what I witnessed — walls of fire in three directions; exploding trees shooting out embers to more trees and roofs; so much lost, so much saved; the incredible helping hands of anyone and everyone. After nearly two weeks of evacuation, I returned to my standing home, with the fire that had been moving at 3–4 mph having been stopped just one mile south of our property.

I’m swimming in gratitude.” • **Karen Eldred Stephan** and Erwin continue to do concerts and productions with students, and have brought successful performances to Prague and Vienna. Unfortunately, Karen is not yet singing (still coughing), but she hasn’t given up. When her voice is healed, she would love to meet the alumni chorus and sing with them in Croatia in June. Karen is busy with many graphic projects — posters, flyers, pamphlets, websites — as well as set design and costuming. • **Heidi Herrick Davis** wrote, “Earl and I both still work, bookshop for me a couple days a week, and he is still full time in marine geophysics. Daughter Whitney and son Taylor have provided us with six little kids to scamper around in our lives here! To any of our classmates, our cottage is now all closed in and our beautiful porcelain toilet is now hidden away discreetly inside a ‘real’ bathroom, so we do have more or less upstanding accommodations for any of you adventurous enough to venture west! I certainly am looking forward to seeing many of you at our epic 55th! I have staged the slides, so they are ready and waiting to travel back east!” • From **Will**: Our reunion this year, as Diane said, will be a ‘63-style reunion: low key, but lots of fun and social time at a nice “new” dorm (Mackinnon

Cottage) by the chapel, with great amenities and comfortable beds. • While on holiday in Bermuda, **Chris Frederick** met actor Michael Douglas, who was born and lives there. “He was quite chatty and personable and apparently likes to welcome visitors to ‘his’ island. I mentioned NMH to him and he wanted to know if I had ever met Laura Linney, so NMH’s reputation does get around, even in Hollywood!” Chris is always available to talk to any alums who would like to make a contribution to the school during their estate planning. • **Tom French** and his wife, Carol, fulfilled a dream of 50 years by taking 10 weeks off to drive from Connecticut to Alaska and back. The highlight was Denali National Park, where they took a close-up flight to the south face. At the Talkeetna Ranger Station, they learned that Walter Harper, a 1916 Mount Hermon graduate, was the first person to set foot on the top of Denali, in 1913, in a party of four that Harper guided. Harper was half-Athabaskan and raised in Alaska. Today, the average ascent for climbing teams is 17 days. Harper’s team traveled 150 miles from Nenana, Alaska, by foot and dogsled. It took them 89 days to reach the peak, which was five days more than Tom and Carol spent on the entire 16,000-mile drive. • **Holt “Beau” Anderson** looks forward to our 55th. “The next great ‘63 event that engenders wonder and admiration in those younger classes there,” wrote Holt. • **Rob Liotard** previously had written that he and Marcia had become temporary foster parents for a premature baby girl, Elizabeth. After she had stayed with them for five months, they were able to turn her over to a foster family who hope to adopt her. They keep in touch, and Elizabeth continues to thrive. • **Tim Sullivan, Eric Erlandsen, and Dave Robinson** were planning to perform some Gilbert and Sullivan duets and trios (Eric’s idea), but with Eric’s failing eyesight, he decided it was too difficult to travel alone from Germany. So Tim and Dave plan to meet him in Prague this spring for a week or so. Although retired, Dave teaches a mandated course for divorcing parents with young children. He also does a lot of volunteer driving. He very much misses his wife, Felicia, who passed away in April 2017. • **Leonard Santos** was in Nosara, Costa Rica, for his oldest son’s wedding. Later this spring he will be teaching a course in Ukraine on the international trading system. His foundation has made great progress through MIT in developing software that will alert drivers when they are not paying adequate attention to driving. • **Pete Waasdorp** and Tinker are well and still



The flying club spent several years building a small plane in the basement of James Gym. Here, mid-construction in 1963, they tested it out.



Karen Eldred-Stephan '63 (right) and her husband, Erwin

working on the Cape, albeit at a reduced pace. They are looking forward to our 55th. Falmouth, where they live, has joined other Massachusetts towns in agitating for Trump's removal. They are actively part of Move to Remove, and stand out weekly on the Falmouth Village Green with many other town residents. • Although retired from Lehigh University since January 2017, **Rick Weisman** is still in demand to help with study abroad courses that he has developed or helped with over the years. He was in Costa Rica with a course in sustainable development and later on a research trip to Malaysia last May. He will be in Galway, Ireland, soon for a summer program. Rick continues to help their chapter of Engineers Without Borders and its ongoing projects in southwest Nicaragua. He now has a fourth grandchild. Trumpet playing continues unabated. He hopes to see as many as possible at our reunion in June. • **Ricker Winsor** has a book of poems and drawings published by Mud Flat Press in Olympia, Wash., and now has four books on Amazon. Information on his works can be found at rickerwinsor.com. He is a permanent expat in Indonesia and traveled with his wife to Japan last year. • **Bill Utley** spent a good deal of time last spring and fall volunteering with the National Park Service clearing areas on the Gettysburg battlefield. Last June, he spent a week on the dive safety staff for the human-powered International Submarine Races at the Naval Surface Warfare Center in Carderock, Md. He performs volunteer work with the Maryland State Historical Trust working maritime archaeological surveys. He took a Disney Alaska cruise last August and a trip to Disney's Aulani Resort in Hawaii in December. • In July 2017, I was finally able to attend the famous eight-day Three Choir Festival in Worcester, England. The festival, which alternates between Worcester, Hereford, and Gloucester, is over 300 years old. There are major concerts every evening and many other creative

events during the days. I had the pleasure of visiting several times with Arthur Reynolds '62, who is an avid enthusiast of the famous English composer Sir Edward Elgar. In addition to Worcester, I visited Lichfield and Tewksbury. • I look forward to greeting all of you back on the hill in June for another memorable and joyous reunion.

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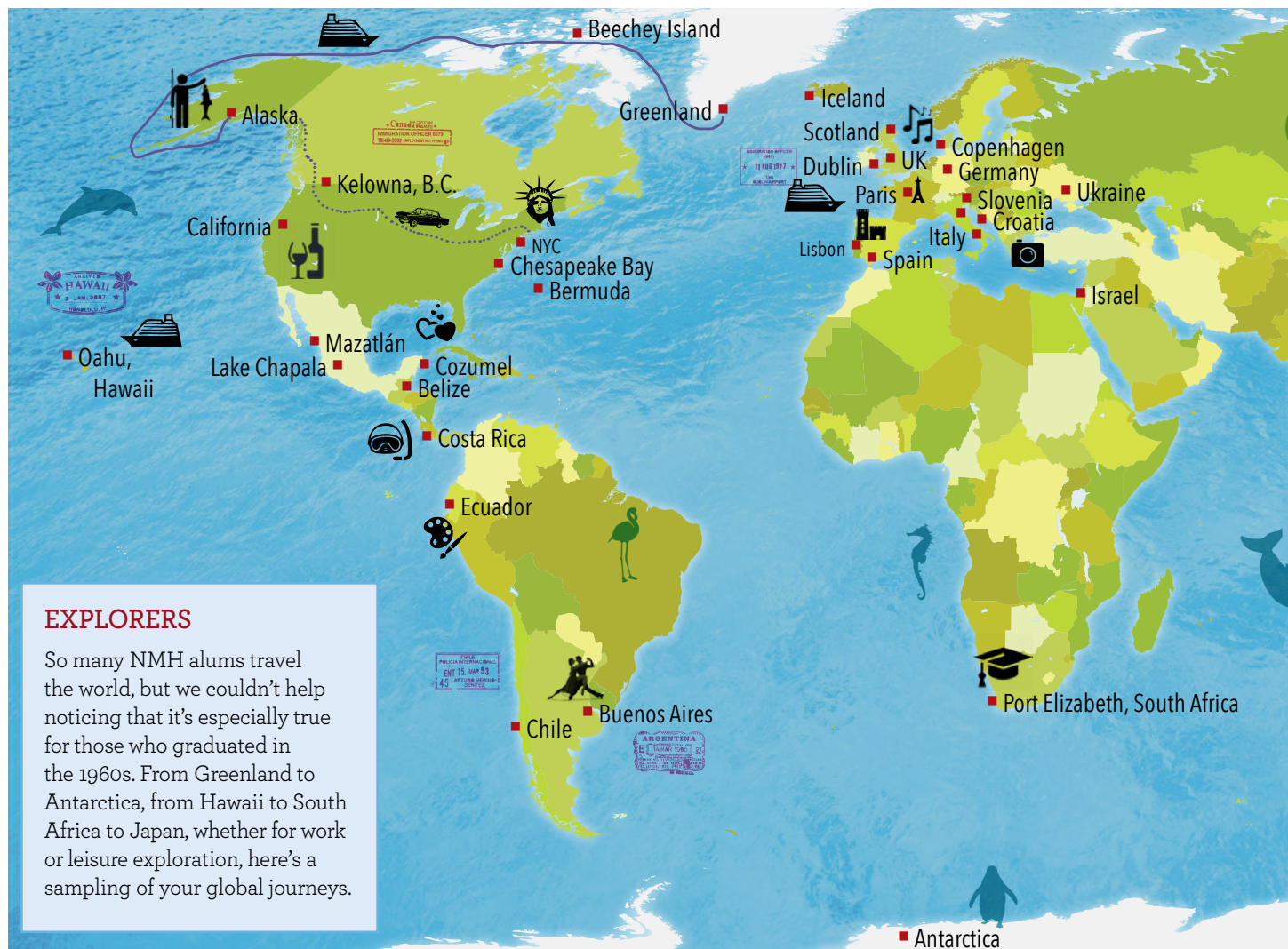
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From **Pam**: As I compile this column, I'm about to put away the orange and bring out the red and green, and when you read my words, daisies will be blooming and love will be in the air. Be sure to give your significant other (plus your dogs and cats) a hug and kiss! • Life is good and busy for **Chris Rupard Scotten**, who said that she is "falling in love again, traveling to Antarctica, Chile, Buenos Aires for two weeks for tango lessons, British Columbia, where [my] beloved inconveniently lives, and Spain. Still maintaining a small private practice." Chris is a psychotherapist in Glen Cove, N.Y. • **Faye Lavrakas** loves retirement and is residing in Carmel, Calif. Last summer Faye spent two weeks in Scotland and one week in Ireland, drove the Highland 500-mile loop, and marveled at the castles, mountains, hairy cows, and rain. Homer, Alaska, was her next stop, primarily for a memorial service on the water for her mother. Lastly, Utah and Idaho were destinations to visit friends. • If you haven't traveled extensively this year like Chris and Faye, consider Ajijic, Mexico, where **Susan Creasy Case** and husband Bob have resided for the past four years. They are 30 minutes from the Guadalajara airport on Lake Chapala in the Mexican Highlands. Sue said, "We have lots of visitors, and I want to extend an invitation to any of you to pop down. We have two guestrooms and welcome up to two couples any time the beds are available!" Contact me for Susan's email address to get in touch. Sue said she is on the AAMC technical advisory committee and is called in to help on "education in the professions" in Saudi Arabia and England. • **Catherine "Toushy" Bliss Squires** lives in a lovely small English village called Kemerton in Gloucestershire, England, in the popular Cotswold Hills, where she started a B&B in 2016. Or you might meet Toushy in London. Her daughter's husband is a vicar at a church in central London. The real attractions in town, however, are her two granddaughters (ages 12 and 14). • **Jeanne Wright Moore** and

Marcia Eastman Congdon (and her husband, George) live in the same development in Tucson, Ariz. They remain there much of the year, but during the summer they head out to explore with their trailers, with New England as the end point for both. Jeanne returns to Vermont, and Marcia and George to Massachusetts. • **Becky Elwell Axelrod, Gayle Landgraf Leaversuch** and her husband, Bob, and **Kathy Childs Jones** met in Gloucester, Mass., last August to visit art galleries, and in November to tour the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum in Boston. Becky, who lives in Essex, Mass., volunteers at a community kitchen. In fall 2017, she was busy directing a multi-generational holiday musical revue, produced as a one-night fundraiser for a local theater company. This was her first time as a director. Gayle and Bob continue their active involvement with the Yarmouth Historical Society, with Gayle serving as treasurer. Kathy continues to lead occasional tours at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, and at the Arlington Historical Society. For Thanksgiving, she visited her son, Daniel, who is a vice president at FedBed, a software company in Washington, D.C. Kathy met **Barbie Keith Tibbles** and her husband, Doug, last summer for lunch in Greenfield, Mass. Their three children — Amy, Doug Jr., and John — live in Los Angeles. The youngest member of the Tibbles clan is their great-granddaughter (age 6), who delights in calling her great-grandmother "Barbie." • On NMH campus happenings: Last August, **Marcia Eastman Congdon** and **Gail Myers Pare** organized a luncheon of alums and friends in Alumni Hall. About 25 attended. There was no charge for the lunch (thank you, NMH) and a collection was taken to support a day student scholarship fund. Contact Gail or Marcia if you want to attend in 2018. In November, **Kit Andrews** ran the Bemis-Forslund Pie Race, winning a pie by making it across the finish line! She's a big fan of the new policy that grants a pie to any alum who has celebrated his or her 50th reunion. Kit



Kit Andrews '64 showed off her apple pie after completing the NMH Pie Race.



EXPLORERS

So many NMH alums travel the world, but we couldn't help noticing that it's especially true for those who graduated in the 1960s. From Greenland to Antarctica, from Hawaii to South Africa to Japan, whether for work or leisure exploration, here's a sampling of your global journeys.

said the apple pie, one of hundreds baked by staff and students, was delicious, and she is looking forward to next year!

- Talking about campus makes me think of warm Bishop's Bread with butter melting down the sides.
- **Sue Chapman Melanson** makes and eats that specialty and was pleased to find it on the menu when she attended the annual Maine School Board Conference last fall. Both she and her husband, Art, are on the school board in South Hiram, Maine, and this year Art was elected chairman. Last year at Oak Hill Farm they made 430 gallons of maple syrup and were featured in the nationally distributed *Maple News*. Sue continues her artwork (I have one of her paintings on my bureau). She also shared that her stage IV metastatic breast cancer remains dormant.
- **Karen Holvik Deitemeyer** and husband Bill remain active with volunteer work

in Florida, such as decorating, cooking, serving, and cleaning up after Thanksgiving dinner for 150. Karen continues her COPD advocacy work and received the COPD Foundation's first annual Advocacy Award at the Annual Awards Celebration in New York in November. Congratulations, Karen!

- **Dana Hastings Murphy** wrote, "I'm still living in Norfolk, Va., on the Chesapeake Bay. The winds howl and the rains slam onto the windows ... like a scene out of *The Tempest*." Dana works on behalf of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and the neighborhood Episcopal Church. She would like to know if anyone from Northfield is living in or near Norfolk. She thinks it would be a treat to swap life stories "or even quotidian anecdotes" with a fellow alum.
- **I, Pam Street Walton** (and my husband, Ken), stay busier than we would like. Ken argues pro bono landlord

tenant cases for the New Hampshire Bar Association, is the chairman of the trustees of our local library, maintains a trail in a local forest, and still finds time to assist his wife with her endeavors. I belong to eight boards and committees. My first priority, outside of keeping Ken healthy and happy, is playing tennis at least five times a week to raise my endorphins.

- Do you know Ed Sheeran's popular song "Thinking Out Loud," which has the lyric, "I will be loving you 'til we're 70"? Since most of us have passed that milestone, I wonder what happens regarding love after 70? We might discuss this matter at our 55th reunion in 2019. Until then, email me some news and send our '64 Scholarship Fund some of your "required minimum distribution" funds. And do remember to forward any updated contact information to addressupdates@nmhschool.org.



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From **Wendy**: **Nan Waite** wrote, "I've camped out at **Gail Watson Nozik's** house on several occasions over the last year, allowing me to more easily visit my sister in Wellesley. On one of my trips up from Connecticut, I popped a strut as I sped along the Massachusetts Turnpike, yet managed to get to Gail's home in Sudbury. Gail and Ray helped me, chauffeuring me around, finding a mechanic, and eventually helping me arrange to donate the car to Dana-Farber. Thanks to a rental car, I still managed to attend the Northeast Clown Institute in Plymouth before heading home. I talk with **Janetha Benson** every few

weeks. I am always impressed that **Janetha** continues to sing." **Nan** thinks her last New York City Thanksgiving Day parade as a clown was in November. "I've said the same thing three years running, but always seem to need to go back for one more round." •

Tanya Trinkaus Glass is busy in the art scene in Naples, Fla., with artworks being accepted regularly into local juried art shows. She had a solo show at the local community center late last year, participated in the Annual Southwest Florida Pastel Society Show in February, and was in another show for the local Thursday Outdoor Painting Group. Tanya and husband Denny have pledged funds to the new NMH Gilder Center for Integrative Math and Science Education, naming a science lab after Tanya's father, J.P. Trinkaus, an embryologist at Yale University for many years. • **Rich Scollay** volunteers for Habitat for Humanity as well as working with 3-D printers at a local library. He has also works at the local Junior Science Museum. **Judy Mintie Scollay** loves teaching her sewing classes and keeps up with her own quilting — her latest is a quilt project for her new daughter-in-law. • Upon reading the last issue of *NMH Magazine*, **Alison Marshall Zanetos** wrote, "Glad to read so many of us did the Women's March. I knitted a pussy hat and marched with friends in downtown Los Angeles. Very inspiring! Time to get active! I'm still working full time for Neil Diamond. He just performed his 50th anniversary tour. I've been here for 41 of the years. Liz Spear Graham '64 and I are still in a book club, still walk every weekend; great friends for many years. Dean and I now have four grandkids." • "One good piece of news from Hurricane Harvey," said **Ellen Lougee Simmons**, "is that my latest grandchild was born on August 25, the day the storm hit Texas. She is a dear little girl! That makes five grandchildren: two boys and three girls for me." • **Pam LeClair-Rogers** wrote, "Hurricane Irma paid South Florida a visit, and it was my daughter's first hurricane experience. She hunkered down with her animals in the bathtub and was very impressed by Mother Nature. Some damage to our house structures, but we were very lucky. My mother is in the at-home hospice program now. Everyone who has been the primary caregiver of a loved one knows how intense it is for us to keep her in her home. **Brad Fitzgerald** called me yesterday; he is such a sweet soul. Have been communicating with **Jon Cole**, who was getting ready for a three-month trip to New Zealand. **Alison Marshall Zanetos** and Pam Street Walton '64 pop in and say hello frequently." • **Barbara**

Lanckton Connors traveled to Scotland last summer, staying in Edinburgh for two weeks with several side trips. She found the church where her great-grandparents met and married. Barbara worked part time at Front Range Community College as the tutor coordinator for seven years, and retired in February. She visited Richmond, Va., to meet her newborn granddaughter. • Great to hear from **Beverly Lancaster Lindsey** that she and husband Charlie are fine and keeping active. • **Deb Kiendl McLaughlin** is enjoying her retirement. She had a second shoulder replacement last spring and is completely healed, with her range of motion steadily getting better. • **Emily Johnson** retired at the end of June 2017 from teaching and serving as the school's reading specialist for 15 years. "Besides my age, one strong incentive to retire was the birth of my first grandchild," wrote Emily. "Mackenzie Paige is full of charm and energy. My husband and I spend as much time as possible visiting Mackenzie and her parents in New Jersey. At the same time, my 94-year-old mother still lives in the house where I grew up in Wenham, Mass., so I often visit her. In between, I am slowly decompressing and discovering the joys of life without an alarm clock." • **Ilene Fennoy** wrote, "Still working as a pediatric endocrinologist in New York City on the faculty at Columbia University Medical Center. Trying to figure out how to raise money for hospital and university-supported community initiatives. Let's wipe out childhood obesity. Minority communities are in serious trouble and need all the help we can muster." • **Deborah Crockett Rice** still lives on the Cape with her Maine coon cat. She went on a great trip to Scotland and Ireland last September. And she's still working two jobs at 70! • **Robin Burroughs** went on "a magical tour across Southeast Asia. I loved the people, the lifestyle, the food, and the people's love of the land. We met simple people, their families, war heroes, schoolchildren, monks, dancers, artists ... it was remarkable." • **Elena Berg Zimmerman** and husband Franklin enjoyed a trip to Copenhagen in summer 2017. Elena also enjoyed celebrating her 70th birthday with two cousins; all three of them were born within two weeks of each other. • **Sally Atwood Hamilton** reported, "Mark and I have decided to become snowbirds and spend the deep winter months in Tarpon Springs, Fla. My sister, Carol Atwood-Lyon '62, lives there in the winter in the same condo complex, and my brother is a mile or so down the road. My son lives in Tampa, only 45 minutes away, and Tarpon is only 10 miles away from where Mark served his last

church before retirement. We have many friends in the area. I'm looking forward to riding my bike all winter." • **Ellen Anthony** wrote, "In Northfield tradition, I sing in a 150-voice chorale, Baroque this year." Ellen works for a robotic toy company making products. She also spends her time serving on worship and racial justice committees at her Unitarian Universalist meeting house, working on a theater piece, designing and sewing what she wears, and going for walks in the woods with her "sweetie" with "gratitude every step." • **Linda Ames Nicolosi** shared, "My husband of 39 years, Joe, passed away unexpectedly last March (2017), and I am negotiating the new world of widowhood. One of my missions in retirement is to keep Joe's legacy alive. He fought for a Judeo-Christian understanding of the human person within his profession — he was a psychologist — and for the classical conception of gender and sexuality. In a world where such traditional views are no longer welcome, it was always a challenge to be heard. On his headstone I had these words written: 'Warrior for Truth.' I was his co-author and full partner in all of his writing. If anyone is interested in this topic, see our website, josephnicolosi.com. Our son is continuing his father's work." • **Penny Ackley** and Lynne Mixner now enjoy spending winters at their home in Phoenix and summers on Cape Cod. • Your correspondent, **Wendy Swanson Avirgan**, thanks all of you who have shared news. I encourage all classmates to be sure that the school and/or your class secretary have your current email address so that we can more easily stay in touch. As for me, I am thrilled to be singing in a choir again after a two-year hiatus, continue to take piano lessons and can pound out a fair rendition of "Jerusalem," and still work part time as a paralegal at a small law firm in Stamford, Conn., for all of which I am exceedingly grateful! • From **Henri: Robert Kowal** has had a busy year buying and selling properties and reacting to air-quality issues in Spokane. He says they are worse than Beijing. He takes great joy in fishing and traveling, but is also very involved with disabled vets in Project Healing Waters. • **Dave Stone** had a lovely Father's Day 2017 with his children and grandchildren. He enjoys researching his family's genealogy. Dave is our contact with the various goings on at NMH, so we know what is happening. • **Tim Schiavoni** responded to an inquiry as to what he was up to in a very succinct way: "Safe travels." As a lawyer, he would not have billed by the word. • **Tom Robinson-Cox** delivered his 42-foot

Newick-designed racer from Gloucester, Mass., to Stuart, Fla. He fished on the way down and had *National Geographic*-type moments. Now he's off to the Bahamas. A long way from Shadow Lake. He is involved with Gallery 53 in Gloucester and his art medium is fine art photography. • **Matt Couzens** won the President's Award from the Connecticut Hunter & Jumper Association, and he is also busy with his orchards; he planted an herb garden on the top of McCormick Hall at MIT. He spent time in Florida last winter with **Tim Schiavoni** and **Dave Zimmerman** and their significant others. • **Brad Fitzgerald** stays in touch with **John Cushing**, **John Zelnick Palubinsky**, **Stuart Bethune**, **Beth Sellar**, **Bob Wood**, **Tony Cantore**, **Bette Payne Drish '66**, and **Candace Reed Stern**, among others. Very busy! • **Christopher Parker** writes that he is taking time off to travel to Shandong University in Jinan, China, to visit his son, who is teaching a Western civilization course. Christopher is looking forward to another Boston dinner with a group of us upon his return. • **Kathleen Hayward** retired from her work as a licensed mental health counselor. She now resides on an island off the coast of Maine and invites any NMH alumni to reach out to her. Contact me to get her email address. • **Mark Boeing's** son is to wed in July, and Mark is hoping to get his dad, John Boeing '39, to the wedding. Mark had a great summer last year going on a Canadian fishing trip with **Jon "Flash" Clark**, **Peter Barber**, **Tom Lemire**, **John Stinchfield**, and **Peter Ticconi**. He also hears from Peter Goelz '66 and **Tom McLaughlin**. He's looking forward to our 75th reunion. We'll all have autonomous vehicles by then. • **Tony Cantore** works as a policy advisor to a Republican state senator in Albany. He warms my heart as I was one of those once. He did enjoy visiting **Nan Waite's** bill-drafting course at the New York Law School to better help him in his role — his latest endeavor in the wonderful world of New York State politics.

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From **Jean**: Writing this from the base of my ski mountain, Sugarloaf, where the ski season has begun, and I'll happily be teaching — mostly children 5-17 years old and adult private lessons — full time for my 13th season. I realize you'll be reading this in the light of springtime and lengthening days! • We haven't heard from many of



Four '66 Wilsonites reunite: Charry Boris, Chris Anderson, Katie Naughton, and Erica Sodergren Weinstock.

you, dear classmates ... a reminder that a surprising number of our classmates don't use social media or receive emails, so this print magazine (an excellent one, in my opinion!) is an important means of staying in touch with those who share a common piece of life history, of special bonds, friends, and experiences. • **Elsa Calderón** retired from her law career seven years ago but continues to teach Spanish at a local state university as an adjunct. She loves her Wednesdays of taking care of her adorable granddaughter. • **Susan Daze Kenny** and her husband, Jim, celebrated his retirement with a fabulous river cruise down the Danube from Prague to Budapest, with time in both cities, and had an incredible experience meeting many wonderful people. Sue is the education consultant for her church preschool, she volunteers at her grandchildren's school in Bristol, Conn., and loves working with the children. She has hope that we all work "to turn things toward the strong and positive." Three cheers for that hope! • **Andrew Wright** is in the initial stages of the design and construction of a dormitory for Pine Ridge Girls' School, Porcupine, Pine Ridge Reservation, South Dakota (pineridgegirlsschool.com). The plan is for a steel-frame building with compressed-earth block infill. • **Frank Lihn** is "still retired and living in Chiang Mai (Thailand), but not much longer." He'll be headed to Ban Dung in the vast hinterlands of northeast Thailand to help Kuhn Poi raise her two teens and live a quiet life. He plans to still head to the islands to visit friends and scuba dive; he has a friend who opened a dive school in Costa Rica and hopes to head there later this year. • Last summer, **Hannah Rikert Morvan** and her husband, Ray, welcomed **Barbara Tweedle Freedman** and her husband, Barry, to their remarkable property, Sweet Retreat (sweetretreat-vermont.com), in Northfield, Vt. In addition to seeing the Morvans' prize team of oxen,

their lovely little B&B, Hannah's amazing garden, and the log home that they built on their beautiful hillside property, Hannah and Barbara entered into a business collaboration of sorts. Hannah and Ray make and sell approximately 2,000 gallons of maple syrup each year. Hannah designs and etches bottles for their syrup and will do so for corporate clients, weddings, etc. Barbara and **Anne Zimmerman** commissioned bottles for their business, Cornucopia Journeys, which they will use as gifts for both their clients and vendors. In the U.S., the bottles will be filled with Sweet Retreat syrup. In Italy, the bottles will be filled with extra virgin olive oil from Villa Campestri in Vicchio (villacampestri.com). One never knows where those NMH connections may lead! • **Doug Redmond** and **Wil Everhart** went fishing together three times last summer. They spent two weekends fishing for trout at a camp Wil belongs to in northern Pennsylvania and one day fishing for stripers in the Chesapeake Bay. Doug caught the most fish on every occasion. • **Dave Agerton** survived the ravages of Hurricane Harvey. His house in Houston sits just above the floodplain, but not so lucky for others a mile away. A month later, a power surge caused a nearby lightning strike, frying Dave's air conditioner, gate, and Wi-Fi. While food and gas were unavailable, Dave and his wife spent time at Bella Regalo in Fredericksburg, Texas, with his son, Mark, and his wife, Georgia. • **Mary-Jane Atwater**, **Lois Lake Church**, **Lynn Gilligan Everhart**, and **Elsa Calderón** serve on the NMH Alumni Council, which comprises representatives from the different alumni constituencies (classes, regions, affiliated groups). They serve a variety of functions, including reunion planning, supporting diversity events on and off campus, assisting with advancement goals and events, and representing the alumni body at Board of Trustees meetings. They meet monthly by phone and once a year in person to discuss issues pertaining to NMH, and they'll report to our class periodically during the year so we'll know what's happening at NMH. • **Jean Penney Borntraeger Wheeler** had dinner with **Suzie Steenburg Hill** last August, taking Jean's visiting (English) grandchildren and son-in-law for a fun family dinner! An unanticipated gift over the course of the years has been the close and precious new friendships that have blossomed from the shared experience of years at Northfield, where we hardly knew one another. • Closing with some very sad news, Elaine Rankin Bailey '55 passed away on 11/26/17. She was a wonderful, cheerful, and special woman. Our

thoughts and condolences go out to Carroll, her devoted husband. You may search for and read Elaine's obituary at massachusetts.funeral.com. • Be well and happy — every day is a gift as are each of you to the rest of us! — **Jean Penney Borntraeger Wheeler** and **Frank Sapienza**

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As we submit these notes, our 50th reunion still remains fresh in our minds. As you read this, we are already 20 percent of the way to our 55th. **Will Eddy** was one of many who had a great time at reunion. He and his wife, Anna, followed up with a December trip to Boston to see their daughter-in-law, Jessica, in Bedlam Theater's production of *Sense and Sensibility* at American Repertory Theater. **Rick Eastwick** and wife Marie joined them at the show. Will was counting on Rick to remember anything from their year together in Crossley under the care of Rudy Weber. The Eddys also traveled to Mexico, Israel, and France last year. They found Paris special and boating down the Seine with one other couple was spectacular. • **John Cartledge** was pleased that our 50th reunion was such a success. Although he couldn't attend in person, he was with us all in spirit, at least, from halfway around the world. He retired from "wage slavery" a few years ago in order to concentrate on other interests, such as researching and promoting a network of walking trails in the countryside around his hometown, and serving as a trustee of an educational charity that promotes the study of elections and electoral systems. John also presented a paper at the 27th International Congress of Vexillology (the study of flags) this year. John's successor as rail safety advisor to London TravelWatch and Transport Focus has gone on sabbatical leave, so he finds himself unexpectedly co-opted back into gainful employment. It's comforting to know that one hasn't been forgotten, and that we seniors still have our uses when the need arises. • **Carole "Ducky" Drake Chamberlain** is retired and living in Ferrisburg, Vt., for 45 years now. Living close to Lake Champlain and the mountains over the years, Ducky has skied and boated a great deal, but has become less enamored of the cold winter, so she and her husband spend the winter in Mazatlán, Mexico. Ducky was a French teacher for years and is now learning Spanish. • **Bill Johnson's** second grandchild, Miles Louis, arrived in August 2017. Bill calls

him a great blessing. He has enjoyed his once-a-week "doc" gig that his hospital has allowed him. He also put his skills to work on a brief medical mission. • After evacuating for Hurricane Irma with his mother, her caregivers, and his dog, **Jay Garbose** had a beautiful weekend in New York City. **Will Ackerman** and his group named FLOW debuted their New Age album with a concert at Carnegie Hall. Jay was invited to their after-party and got to meet Will's wife, Susie, and many hugely creative Grammy-level music people. Prior to the concert, **Sylvia Kuhner Baer** and husband John hosted **Holly Taggart Joseph** and John Keller and Jay for a swanky luncheon at the Yale Club of New York City. **Tina Dobseavage** made time from her incredibly busy medical practice and joined Jay for Sunday. However, not long after, Jay lost his mom. Hoping to offer some comfort, Maureen and **Chuck Streeter** made a home-cooked dinner at their timeshare in Palm Beach. Jay credits our 50th reunion with helping bring him together with old and new friends. • Congratulations to **Sylvia Kuhner Baer**, who was named a Yale Fellow. She was chosen as a leader in her profession, an honor in the world of academia. The selection was especially meaningful to Sylvia, who was told 50 years ago that she could not attend Yale because she was a woman. • **Wendy Alderman Cohen** hosted a lobster dinner for classmates in September. The feast was thoroughly enjoyed by **Becky Parfitt Kennedy** and **Vin Kennedy**, **Laura Thompson**, **Bonnie Parmenter Fleming**, and

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Donna Eaton Mahoney. Les Petrovics Ofner had planned to attend, but was winging his way back to Budapest after spending three months on Cape Cod following reunion. Les's book, *Broken Places*, was published by Atlantic Monthly Press. • Many more mini reunions are in the planning stages around the country. Stay in touch through our class Facebook page: "Northfield Mount Hermon, Class of 1967."

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Before the end of 2017, over 100 classmates had indicated they'd be returning to NMH for our 50th reunion. It's not too late to join them. To register for Reunion 2018, see a schedule of events and activities, and find out who's planning to attend, visit nmhschool.org/alumni/reunion. • Our 50th reunion yearbook includes essays and illustrations by: **Nancy Alexander Randall, Mark G. Auerbach, Harriet Chessman, Amy Domini, Susan Donaldson James, Jane Dorer deMilo, Peter Eschauzier, George Hansen, Alida Howard Woods, Jonathan Ives, Hillary Johnson, Evan Jones, Barbara Kane Russell, Ken McCasland, Bill Newman, Ted Finlayson-Schueler, Deborah Sliz, Walter Turner, Randall Volkert, Jay Ward, and Dave Wells.** You can still order a yearbook at nmhschool.org/alumni/reunion. • **Harriet Chessman** and spouse Bryan Wolf are happy that two of their three children now live in Connecticut: Gabe is an assistant to two music producers, and Micah is studying to become a therapist.



Betsy Scott '68 and Cary Unkelbach '68 hike in bucolic Colorado.

Marissa, director of New Works at Kansas City Repertory Theater, will direct her first New York City show, *Fire in Dreamland*, this summer at the Public Theater. Last September, Harriet was excited to see the Brooklyn Academy of Music production of *My Lai*, an operatic monodrama for which she wrote the libretto. She's working on a new libretto with the same composer, Jonathan Berger; the opening movement was performed last year at the Daniel Pearl Memorial Concert at Stanford University. • **Frederico Bussinger** is hoping to make the trip from Brazil to NMH for reunion. He lives in São Paulo, has a degree in electrical engineering and economics, and is currently an independent consultant in the electrical industry. For 40 years, he worked with mobility and logistics companies as CEO of São Paulo Railway Company and São Sebastião Port Authority, as São Paulo's Metrô operational director, as Santos Port Authority commercial director, and as Brazilian vice minister of transportation. He's been married to Vera, an educator, since 1980. They have two grown children: Gabriel, a soccer coach, and Fernanda, a public defender. • **Don Stanton** wrote, "The Naval Aviation Museum Foundation published my article, 'Hunting Soviet Submarines on a P-3C Crew,' in the Naval Aviation Museum's fall 2017 *Foundations* magazine. When I asked several [students in] classes I taught about the Cold War, they didn't have a clue, so I collected veterans' stories and highlighted the casualties and sacrifices of crews and their families." • **Judy Molesworth Darnell** wrote that a group of '68 alums in Northern California gathered in Oakland at **Betsy Brunner Lathrop's** house, among them **Joan Baptie Barkan, Betsy (formerly Alli) Rose, Fran Rumore Dupre, Betsy, Judy, plus three or four spouses and partners. Cary Unkelbach, Betsy Scott,** and their husbands took a hike up to a Colorado alpine lake about 10 miles from where Cary and husband Dave Olmstead live with their Labradors, Layla and Ranger. Betsy and Cary hadn't seen each other or corresponded since graduation. Before Betsy and husband Richard arrived at Cary's home, Cary pulled out our yearbook and noted what Betsy had written: "I'll see you in 50 years at a reunion"! They had great fun chatting about their years at Northfield and amusing their husbands! A super fun hike! • **Nancy Stevens** reported, "Had a wonderful lunch with **Ann Burbank**. Even though we both came to school from Rochester, along with **Camilla Rockwell**, we hadn't known each other before and hadn't connected since graduation. So much to catch up on! Ann and



California Northfield ladies of '68 (from left) Joan Baptie Barkan, Betsy Brunner Lathrop, Fran Rumore Dupre, Betsy Rose, and Judy Molesworth Darnell gathered in Oakland, Calif.

her husband will be coming to reunion, and she's trying to get in touch with some of her friends to ask them to come." (Update: Ann was successful and has pulled together **Molly Conner Burgess, Joan Wilson Hoyt, and Janet Grieser Aragon** — all freshmen together in Hillside.) • **Gary Hopson** spent a lot of time over last fall and winter calling classmates and reconnecting with some he hadn't chatted with in decades. He was able to reunite **Richard Gross** with **John Vandewater**, who hadn't seen each other since graduation and live only 20 minutes apart. Gary posted to Facebook, "**Buzz Tuttle** retired from the ministry and is living in Delaware, not far from the ocean. He had plenty of stories about NMH. Buzz has been in sporadic contact with **Dave Wilson** over the years because of their common careers. **Todd August** called and we spoke for a time remembering the school and its denizens. Todd is a Cornelian (as is my wife) and a physician (as is my wife), so that was a 'small world' moment. He is still practicing in Houston, where he interned these many years ago." • **Mark G. Auerbach** coordinated an NMH visit with **Cliff Dodge** and **Hillary Johnson**, as they planned the yearbook. Mark met up with **Richard Staples** and wife Betsy for coffee last summer, and with **Jeff Miller**, who was headed to NMH to present a seminar. •



Mark G. Auerbach '68 (left) met up with Richard Staples '68 (right) and his wife, Betsy.

Peter and Kris Alexander Eschazier had a November reunion planning session with **Dave Hickernell** and **Pam Beam** at the Great Lost Bear in Portland, Maine.

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The mini reunion at **Alice Wimer Erickson's** house in Gloucester, Mass., was a hit. (Sadly, I forgot to put it on my calendar.) The weather was great, and Alice said, "Old friends are like aged red wine; they only get better with the years." Alice was also at the United Church of Christ Annual Meeting for the Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Massachusetts conferences. While there, she saw **Holley Creed Meyer** (Milton, Mass.) as well as **Dottie Bauer's** daughter, Jocelyn Gardner Spencer, a United Church of Christ minister. Bonnie Parmenter Fleming '67 was one of the lead organizers of the event. • **Marjory Hord Mendez's** mother passed away and her husband, Refugio, died from a pulmonary embolism. Marjory planned to spend some time with her daughter and family in California before returning to Mexico to teach privately and do translation and volunteer work. • Looking ahead to our 50th in 2019, I think of connections. I talk over Google Chat from time to time with **MarthaJane Tippett Peck**, now living in Port Townsend, Wash. — not far from son Jonathan and his family in Seattle. Our granddaughters are nearly the same age (about 6). We are also in touch with MarthaJane's daughter, Sara, who lived with us for a while and now calls Hawaii home. I enjoy an old connection with Leslie Brooks Scott '70, now living in Lyman, S.C. She arrived in West Gould our senior year, when I had moved on to Hibbard. After a year of hearing that she looked like, talked like, seemed like Pineo, we had to meet, and we have been in touch ever since. And it turns out we really are kindred spirits. I also connect with **Lisa Mathews-Bingham** from time to time. How about you? Are you connected to old friends? Would you like to share your story of these bonds that have stayed strong over decades? • I remain in South Tamworth, N.H., and am no longer babysitting granddaughter Bri, now going to full-day kindergarten. That free time was quickly gobbled up by the Tamworth History Center, where I provide secretarial and administrative support services and am learning the new Past Perfect database. Daughter Susie Stowbridge Simmons '02 and family are still in Standish, Maine. She is the technology integrator for Bonny Eagle High & Middle Schools and is also a wedding



From left: Daisy Letendre '09, Steve Fuller '58, Colin Newman '05, and Bill Newman '68 show off an NMH chair at the historic Metropolitan Club of Washington, D.C., where Bill is a member. Bill had noticed other official school chairs at the historic club, but none from NMH, so he remedied the situation.

and family photographer. Her interest in tech was rooted in her NMH days, when she worked with Mickey Steiner. Daughter Jen '05 taught English in South Korea for nearly a year, and then first and second grades in Colebrook, N.H., for four years before teaching in a first-grade classroom in Gorham, Maine, in 2016. My husband, Marc, is very busy with amateur astronomy and developed the concept of the Library Telescope Program (LTP), which enables libraries to lend out easy-to-use telescopes like books. St. Louis, where **Uma Anand Segal** lives, and Ann Arbor, where **Julie Ellison** lives, are both big LTP cities. Information on the program is available at nastro.com. • Hoping to hear more news before my next deadline in June. Otherwise, I will have to bore you with tales of replacing a 100-year-old kitchen. This does not promise to be riveting reading, so help me out by sending news, especially if we've not heard from you lately.

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Walter Lowe and his wife, Sheryl, and **Faith Goodwin Hodgkins** and **Don Hodgkins** had a great "low country" dinner on Hilton Head Island, S.C. • **George Chaltas** went on a Northwest Passage cruise on Beechey Island in the remote Canadian Arctic. He traveled for over 30 days, starting in Anchorage, Alaska, and sailing east to Greenland, then down to Bar Harbor and Boston, where he had lunch with **Brian Bauer**. • **Bill Ward** said, "Main news here is another year, another hurricane (Irma), and another evacuation! Fortunately, I was able to return to our

home, which was intact. Just prior to evacuation, I received a very kind message from NMH School Head Peter Fayroian expressing his wishes and concern for our safety and that of other area alums." • Although retired in August 2016, **Marc DeLorenzo** started a part-time job as a client van driver in May 2017 with Cape Abilities in Hyannis. They are an organization that provides activities and employment for developmentally disabled adults. • **Bill Johnson** wrote, "Three of our kids were married in the past year, and Kathy and I are new grandparents." Kathy and Bill also took a two-week driving trip last August through the U.S. midwestern states to Calgary, Alberta, to visit son Michael and his wife, Jeanine. The four of them traveled to Kelowna, British Columbia, in the Okanagan Valley to vacation on the shores of Lake Okanagan. Fortunately, they avoided the devastating forest fires that plagued parts of British Columbia. Bill had double hernia surgery last year and recovered inside a month, so he's back to playing hockey each week and officiating several weekly youth-hockey games. Bill added, "My mother, Jacqueline Snyder Johnson '45, who lives in Niagara on the Lake, Ontario, will vacation in Destin, Fla., for three months this year. Kathy is retiring at the end of this year, so we are planning to travel to Florida in February to visit my mother and do some traveling around, including seeing my aunt in the Orlando area and some friends who are there in the winter months. We are looking forward to the 50th reunion in June 2019." • "On the work side of life," said **Rick Stone**, "my company launched three major new products — one for business, one for



(Left to right) Walter Lowe '69, wife Sheryl, Faith Goodwin Hodgkins '69, and husband Don Hodgkins '69 met for dinner on Hilton Head Island, S.C.

education, and one in health care. If anyone's interested, they can learn more at storywork.com. I'm mostly jazzed about our work in education to provide educational leaders profound new tools to transform the heart of the educational process. Personally, my wife and I are still loving Atlanta and our little hamlet of Decatur. I continue to paint and have discovered the joy of working digitally." To view some of Rick's work, visit richardstoneart.com. • **Eric Whyte** lives in Colorado and has retired from working the last 23 years as a psychiatrist with Veterans Affairs. Sometimes he misses talking and working with people, but he doesn't miss the commuting and 10-hour workdays. "We moved from the foothills to the suburbs, a little south and east of Denver," wrote Eric. "I have metastatic bladder cancer and had my bladder and prostate removed in May 2016. There have been some complications (frequent infections), which have had me in and out of the hospital much of 2017. If I survive until our 50th reunion (and can still walk), I certainly plan to be there. My wife and our three daughters (ages 26–29) have been very supportive and maintain good senses of humor throughout. With one daughter being a nurse and all three (plus my wife) being smart and seasoned, I never have to make a decision for myself the rest of my life! Thanks to you and the core group of the class of '69 for your invitations to the mini reunions and for keeping us informed of what is going on." • I'd like to add that our NMH '69 50th Reunion Committee, comprising volunteers from Northfield '69 and Mount Hermon '69, have met several times on campus and continue to work hard at putting together an imaginative, stimulating, and fun 50th reunion for 2019. Please consider attending. There's no set date yet, but reunions are usually scheduled during the first or second weekend in June.

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David deSieves has been supporting the Jackie Robinson Foundation for years, and shares that there was a huge auction of Robinson memorabilia last year to honor the 70th anniversary of the famed athlete breaking Major League Baseball's color barrier. No, the commencement speech Robinson gave for us was not included, but if I have your email, I recently sent you a copy. David wrote, "I'm thinking very seriously about our next big reunion, though I'd be hard-pressed to recognize anyone without a cheat sheet." • Last August saw another Mount Hermon '70 mini reunion as 16 Hoggers descended on Moosehead Lake, Maine, for a long weekend of exercise, camaraderie, and reminiscing. Planned, organized, and executed by founder **Eugene "Geno" Ward**, this was the largest group to date. The weekend kicked off with lunch aboard an old steamship that was used to move logs across the lake to the saw mills. It was wonderful until a fast-moving thunderstorm came out of nowhere and forced everyone inside. The balance of the weekend included hiking, white-water rafting, and fishing, but they left ample down time to enjoy each other's company and take a trip down memory lane. This year's trip included six rookie first-timers: **Rick Brown, Jerry Fraser, Don Melson, Steve Chaisson, Trevor Swett, and John Hargreaves**. They joined returnees: **Bruce Berk, Geno Ward, Mark Carta, Alex Lotocki de Veligost, Dale Silver, David Ericson, Steve Johnson, Jake Duvall, Robert Horne, and Neil Kiely**. The 2018 adventure will be in northern New Hampshire and will include a new activity: waterfall rappelling! • **Mark Wright** checked in from his farm in Vermont. His daughter is in the midst of job interviews, and he was surprised to hear how many interviewers asked her who her favorite teachers were and why. This got Mark thinking about his own, and he put Mount Hermon English teacher Tom Jones high on his list for teaching him how to write. He would love to reconnect with Tom. Anyone know where he might be? I have NMH looking for Tom as well. Mark attended Cornell in landscape architecture but then realized he didn't want to work in an office. He decided to start a design/build home construction company. He married, built a home, had four children, and got involved in community-service work

(education). The only change to that flow of activities is the addition of two granddaughters. • **Peter Huntsman** retired last August from the Connecticut Attorney General's Office. He now lives full time in Harpswell, Maine, and loves having the opportunity to be totally involved in his teenage children's activities and practices, especially sports. Although he misses his friends from his old office, he "does not miss the contentious nature of civil litigation." • **Bruce Berk** retired after a long and successful career teaching and coaching at Derryfield School in New Hampshire. He waited to retire until after his youngest graduated from college, and he was asked to give the Derryfield commencement speech to his last graduating class. He absolutely loved everything about his career but admits he enjoys his newfound freedom. He is now a "trophy husband who enjoys reflecting, volunteerism, cooking, and exercise. Retirement is like being a teenager with money ... but with a bad back!" • **Peter "P.J." Brown** joined the staff of a soup kitchen in Provincetown, Mass., which is open from November to April and serves 100 meals a day. He completed his third season as a dune tour driver through the spectacular dunes at the tip of Cape Cod. He continues to write commentaries for the Hong Kong-based *Asia Times*. • **Mark Andrew** is living in Georgia, working as a contractor for FEMA. He helps electrical cooperatives that are seeking reimbursement for work done after Hurricane Irma. • Elaine Rankin Bailey '55 (wife of Carroll Bailey) passed away on 11/26/17. Her funeral was beautiful and her touches could be seen throughout, including the last song, when we all sang "Zip-a-Dee-Doo-Dah." NMH '70 attendees included Laurie and **Neil Kiely, Kerry McCollester Smith, Mark Vokey, Spencer Burdge, Bruce Berk, and Kritty Whyte**. It was also great to see Eric Crone '69 and Will Melton '67, brother of **Jamie Melton**. • By the time you receive this it will be only 24 months until our 50th reunion. I hope that you are already making plans to attend,



Cathy Shufro '71 (left) and Susan Terry '71 met for lunch in Connecticut last winter.

and I also hope that you will be available to assist if called upon. Looking forward to seeing you soon!

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Sarah Barbara Watstein left Wilmington, N.C., last July and headed west with two companions. “My dog, Liza-with-a-Z Watstein (a Belgian Malinois rescue), and my cat, Neiman Marcus Watstein, accompanied me on the cross-country drive,” she reported. They landed in Seattle for Sarah’s new job at Seattle University. She is now dean of the university’s Lemieux Library and McGoldrick Learning Commons. Sarah wrote, “To a large extent this is a capstone position, rounding out a career in academic libraries that began in 1977 after I received my M.L.S. from UCLA. My first professional position was at California State University and Colleges, Long Beach! I’ve been active professionally, and scholarly and creative work continues to bring both joy and personal satisfaction. I look forward to hearing from classmates in the Pacific Northwest.” • **Barbara Ann Macartney** wrote, “My husband and I are fully settled in our new home in Canaan, N.Y. We are still exploring much of what the Berkshires have to offer ... keeping very busy and making new friends.” • **Merrill Mead-Fox** covers three decades in her news item. “I feel fortunate to have been married to my husband, David, for the past 35 years. We married the same year that I began my Ph.D. program in clinical psychology. I have been in private practice for 30 years, doing psychotherapy, supervision, and some teaching. We have two sons: Alex and Nick. I had a lovely time with **Becky Gohmann Bechhold** and **Alison Elliott** at Becky’s daughter’s wedding in West Virginia last spring.” Merrill has also stayed in touch with **Susan Terry** and **Suki Whilton Agusti**. All four have held mini reunions periodically through the years. Merrill adds, “Within one week in the spring



Sarah Watstein '71 is the new dean of Seattle University's Lemieux Library and McGoldrick Learning Commons.

of 2016, we spontaneously bought a sweet 1840s Greek Revival house with a barn overlooking the water on the outer Cape, and we sold our house in Newton [Mass.]. I am still working in the Boston area and commuting to the Cape on weekends. David is retired and working on mobilizing the outer Cape to make greater use of alternative energy sources.”

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Congrats to our 50th organizing commander, **Marshall Horowitz**, for besting a cancer flare and is 100 percent back in the saddle driving reunion! • Had a nice dinner with **Charlie Kirk**, who was in town on business a few months back. While he claims we drank too much wine, I pointed out to him that he did, in fact, make it back to his hotel room via subway — proof positive that too much is never enough! Nice to subsequently report that he, wife, and Florida home made it safely through this year’s intense hurricane season, and I’m hopeful of catching up with him again at the New York City edition of Christmas Vespers (which is just around the corner as of this writing). • **Dave Kjeldsen** made good on his years of threats to leave Long Island, as he and wife Deb hightailed it to Lyman, Maine, finally becoming “empty nesters” in the process of beginning to live in retirement instead of thinking about it. • Thanks to the scores of you responding to our class teacher, Becky McCann’s, poetic appeal to send best wishes to her husband, Hal, on his 80th. Hal shared the following, “I received many emails and a few phone calls from kids (sorry, you will always be ‘kids’ in my mind) of the class of ’71. I had a wonderful birthday.” He went on to say that a big joy of his birthday was the communications from our class. The McCanns hope to be at our 50th reunion. • It’s not too early to start planning ahead for the big event! And as you make your plans, please drop us a line and let the rest of the class know what’s up!

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From **Tom**: Many thanks to all of you who sent in class notes. To those of you out there who read this column but never read about yourself, we want to hear from you. Those of you who have not yet sent in class notes, please get in touch. • I am 43 years happily married, have three wonderful kids, and five beautiful grandkids. Work, hobbies, and what little bit I do for NMH keeps me busy. •

For the past few years, **Nancy Klarman** has been living in Nashua, N.H., in the home where she grew up. She is working part time as a field representative for the U.S. Census Bureau. Her mother died in 2016 after frail health that started when she fell and broke her hip. Nancy is still living with her 96-year-old father. • **David Terrie** has been married to Linda since 1984, has two healthy sons, and is retired. He has hiked the John Muir Trail. • **Gwyneth Jones Radloff** and husband Scott traveled to Cape Town, South Africa, last October. They also flew to Kruger National Park for a four-day safari. Gwyn wrote, “It was amazing! Lions and leopards walked right past our vehicle.” • **Jane Backus Gelernter**’s sons, Dan and Josh, started Beta testing an app called “Dittach” that strips your attachments from your Gmail and runs them beside your email in an easily searchable column. • **Sandy Horne Marshall** applauds the writers in our class who were represented at reunion. Having just watched the reunion video, she was impressed and is privileged to know her classmates. • **Shirley Sulyok Klinger** is recovering from three back surgeries. She also needs a shoulder replacement and knee replacement. The good news is that Shirley’s grandson turned 1 in November. • **Jay Spence**’s twins, Colleen and Liam, are seniors at Pembroke High School. They have sent their college applications out and are waiting for letters to determine what schools they will attend. • The most important news in **Tom Riegelman**’s life was the wedding celebration of his daughter, Claire Riegelman ’02, in September. Tom is still working on designing a new home in Golden, Colo. Last July, Tom got a nice mention on the front page of the *Denver Post* for his efforts stocking greenback cutthroat trout with Colorado Parks & Wildlife. • **Jeff Kessler** and wife Laura continue to work full time while serving on various community and civic boards. Their daughter will complete her nursing program this spring, and in anticipation of remaining in the area for a few years, recently bought a condo in a neighboring town. Their son is in his third year at University of New Hampshire, majoring in information technology. • After buying a carriage house in Stockbridge two years ago, **Jack Henderson** decided to buy and renovate a house there, an 1845 Italianate Victorian. Jack and his business partner have been renovating, redecorating, and refurbishing the six-bedroom home to run it as an Airbnb. During the winter, Jack teaches skiing full time at Jiminy Peak. During the summer, he keeps busy with events at Tanglewood, the Berkshire Theater

Festival, and Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival when he's not golfing, playing tennis, fishing, or hiking. • **Margaret Sieck's** middle child and only daughter, Emily Sieck Baldwin, was married at their family home in Bridgehampton, N.Y., in September. Meg's two sons, Andrew Baldwin '03 and Spencer Baldwin, were in attendance. Meg's new son-in-law, Frederico Padilha, is originally from Rio. Meg remains very involved with NMH, helping to raise funds for the new boathouse despite the fact that no girls were allowed there in 1972. By 1975, the girls had won the high-school National Championships held in Princeton, N.J., and Meg was thrilled to put their first-place medals around their necks. Meg and husband Bob Baldwin were very proud to walk Emily down the aisle among the crab apple trees. • The Blood family is diversifying and moving forward. **Henry Blood's** daughter, Alexandra, finished medical school at Ohio University and is working as a resident at Grant Hospital in Columbus, where family medicine is their specialty. Henry sang for his 11th year in his church's Christmas show, *Awaited*. It attracts 100,000 people to Crossroads Church in Cincinnati during the weeks leading up to the holiday. Henry and his wife, Linda, celebrated 30 years of marriage. He has nearly completed 30 years working in television for E.W. Scripps. He said that he needs to drop a lot of pounds so he can live to enjoy some more like his centenarian WWII veteran dad. • **Becky and Craig Ward** are doing great in Colorado. Becky is managing a huge \$13 million remodel at the Aspen Institute, and Craig is plugging along with Aspen real estate at the Aspen Snowmass Sotheby's office. Their jobs let them do things like take a fabulous unguided bike trip in Croatia last fall, and for him a couple of fly-fishing trips for Atlantic salmon in Quebec and steelhead in British Columbia. Go visit them in Aspen! • **Richard Taylor, Peter Hansen, and Jack Henderson** continue to get together every year or so. Last summer they enjoyed a reunion concert with one of Peter's former bands, the North End Rhythm Kings. Great music, drink, and friendship. For Richard, retirement seems a bit oxymoronic. He is now vice president of the company for which he has been consulting since his retirement six years ago. This work takes him to Asia a few times a year. He loves the work and staying connected to kids and education. Additionally, he is president of the board for the Community Health Centers of Burlington, Vt. There they serve a large population and the work is rewarding. • **Jay Spence, Steve White, and Steve's girlfriend,**

Amy, had dinner in Belfast, Maine, in October. Jay stayed on Steve's houseboat at the Front Street Shipyard. His home is a floating two-bedroom container palace known locally as Steely Anne. Steve and Jay are both doing a lot of boating, Jay in Boston and Steve all over the world. Great to see everyone at the reunion, especially midfield buddies **Bill Campbell** and **Nick Biddle**. • **Joan Elgosin Milnes** is sorry that she missed our 45th reunion; she and her husband were preoccupied with selling their house in Beverly, Mass., and moving into a condo in Greenfield, Mass. In the process of downsizing, Joan donated a set of Northfield School for Girls 75th anniversary (1954) commemorative Wedgwood plates that were given to her by her second-grade teacher, a Northfield alumna. Joan enjoyed displaying the four plates in her china hutch for 22 years, and is now pleased to have donated them to NMH in fond memory of Kathryn Scott Flagg '32. It is an interesting coincidence that the 75th anniversary was the same year that most of us in the class of '72 were born. • **Jay Kaplan** enjoyed seeing lots of friendly faces at last year's class reunion. Since that time, Jay and wife Marcy had a great trip to Japan and South Korea. They were in Yokohama and had the opportunity to see a Japanese League baseball game. They were invited to meet the manager of the Yokohama team and some of the players (former Major Leaguers) and watch the players' batting practice from the field. Upon returning home, Jay had knee surgery and spent the autumn recovering. As some of you know, Jay is now serving on the NMH Board of Trustees. As we enter the four-year period to our 50th reunion in June 2022, Jay hopes that all of you have read the pages in the last *NMH Magazine* and got to know some of the financial aspects of running NMH. As a group, we can make an impact and help solve some of those challenges, so he hopes that you will commit to supporting the 1972 Reunion Gift, as we should be able to set a new record for 50th reunion classes. After all, we were the first and should be the best. • **Hope Kaltenthaler Belanger** continues enjoying the work she does for a world-class engineering and construction firm. She is in her 33rd year with the firm and may continue until she puts in 35 years. Since Hope moved to Savannah, Ga., in 2016, she has seen a tropical storm EF1 tornado destroy five beautiful live oaks in their yard and has lived through two hurricanes. She is not really sure how three storms in 18 months all qualify as "100-year storms," but so be it. • **Channing Harris** and **Doug Adair** got

together in New Haven, Conn., recently when Doug was in town visiting family. Channing remains busy as a senior project manager doing landscape planning projects for universities and hospitals and is active with the local historic preservation trust. His daughter finished college and is working in health care. Doug retired a few years ago after 25 years working for the State of Oregon. He now spends his time between naps on music, photography, hiking and climbing, and a lot of puttering. Doug enjoys horses with Elaine, his wife of 37 years, including trail riding and horse camping in the mountains and on the coast, as well as riding on the beach. They have two grown children and four grandchildren — the oldest is now 20! Doug is in touch with a handful of classmates; he visited **Arthur Motch** several times last year. • **Bill Stebbins** says that retirement has been great. He has been in more running races and in one of the toughest marathons on this planet, the Bataan Memorial Death March. Bill became a participating member of Team RWB and is having fun. • **Dee Dee Higgins Nuanes** was disappointed to have missed our 45th reunion, but thoroughly enjoyed vicariously attending "The Write Stuff" panel, thanks to the video shared by **Jeff Kessler**. But don't feel too sorry for Dee Dee; her reunion attendance was preempted by a 50-day cruise from Sydney to Los Angeles, getting back just in time to become a grandparent for the first time! • Although he has a hard time envisioning it as being applicable to the youthful and fit classmates of his recollections, **Richard Wanlass** nevertheless encourages us to check out his new book, *Bouncing Back: Skills for Adaptation to Injury, Aging, Illness, and Pain*, published by Oxford University Press. He continues to enjoy his



Russ Bragg '73 ran the Pie Race last year, and had the pie to prove it!

rehabilitation neuropsychology work at University of California, Davis Medical Center, but not quite as much as he enjoys spending time with his grandchildren. • Sadly, **Crispin Philpott** died on 10/14/17. It was known he was unwell when he couldn't make it to reunion last June due to his health. He is remembered for being a great spirit with enthusiasm for life and an unforgettable smile. Our condolences go out to his family.

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From **Heather**: Christmas Vespers this year was as amazing as ever! The candle lit chapel and the young voices was such a treat. This year, the students sang pieces by Poulenc, Bloch, Dufay, Palestrina, Vivaldi, Sixten, Hatfield, DeCormier, and Arnesen. The Chamber Orchestra played Glazunov, Telemann, and Mendelssohn Bartholdy and accompanied the Concert Choir. In one piece, the viola and soprano had a stunning duet. If you didn't listen to it live, check out the archives. We never sang such difficult music. As always, singing the processional was a walk down memory lane. • **Wendy Turner** was at Vespers, as she was in town following the loss of her father. She's doing well and was glad to bring her mom to share in the music. I did spy several other folks from our class at the reception before and we enjoyed catching up. • Last June, **Ally Lee Worthy** attended the wedding of **Dale "Wiggs" Comstock Sones's** younger daughter, Kendall, in San Rafael, Calif. The wedding was beautiful and it was great to see Wiggs and her daughter, Whitney, who is also my goddaughter. "Although I was unsuccessful in persuading Wiggs to come to our 40th reunion, I'm holding out hope that she'll consider coming to the 50th." • Our 45th is coming, so now is the time to be in touch with your roommates, friends, and assorted others and persuade them to return to NMH (June 8–10) for a great party. The band is coming back, so join us for a rocking weekend. • From **Bill**: I had a very nice Thanksgiving visit with **Greg Burrill**, who is alive and well in Portland, Ore. He will be holding down the bass line for our class band at reunion. Also in the band are **Pierce Campbell, James Voos, and Joe Klein**. They will be the main event for Saturday night. It's never too late to come to reunion, and we'd love to have as many of us as can make it. Even if you can't be there in person, please

support the Jefferson H. Ketcham '73 Scholarship. • **John Lazarus** wrote, "Got together in Newport Beach with **Cyn Hannah**. She is doing well and, so far, is undecided about returning for reunion, June 8–10. She would like to hear from some old friends like **Ellen Patton, Gail Monsees White**, and others. Let's convince Cyn to make the long journey from the Left Coast." • **Russ Bragg** ran 34:57 in the Pie Race last year, with Russ commenting that it's "as good a reason as any to end my 40+ year of absence from class notes. 33:00 in 2018? Hope to see some of you there."

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John Burnham of Middletown, R.I., wrote, "As a leadership coach, I have been building a 'second act' after an extended career as a boating editor/writer. My layoff in the fall from boats.com has offered incentive (aka a kick in the pants) to build my coaching practice while I'm also handling marine content projects for different companies and publications. Thanks to my training on the NMH sailing team, I know I'll be tacking on more wind shifts in the months ahead, and I'll reach the other side of the lake in due course. Fair winds to all!" • **David Jones** and family also live in Middletown, R.I. He shared, "I'm splitting my time between work, music, target shooting, and walking dogs for the local animal shelter. Somewhere among all that I find time to enjoy my family." Last September, David met **Ned Craun** and Liz Donald '07 in Newport to discuss NMH's fundraising effort to build a new rowing facility. The single-bay sheet steel building is currently unchanged, as are the launches and rickety docks. If you haven't seen the school's boathouse plans, please look and consider donating. "On October 21, I met Ned, **Andy Tofuri, Doug Creed**, and Rob Moeser '73 at the Head of the Charles Regatta, where we caught up with each other's lives," continued David. "Andy has launched an all-out search for the Princeton Trophy, which went missing in the early 1990s and is all but forgotten by the Head of the Charles. We later attended NMH's reception at the Charles Hotel, where we met current NMH coaches and the students who were to race the next morning. We reconnected with Steve Whitney '72, Lisa Morgan '76, Peter Weis '78, Mike Wise '79, and Liz Donald '07, and met 2016 Olympic gold medalist Tessa Gobbo '09. Among those honored was former faculty member Peter Amram, who established the Mount Hermon crew in the 1960s." • **Adam Thomson** lives in

North Carolina and shared, "I am working as an angle-boring machinist at the Ethan Allen Plant located in Old Fort, N.C. I commute about 100 miles round trip to work. This inconvenience is made up by working only a four-day-a-week job, allowing three-day weekends." Adam went to hear Brian Norcross, (Weather Channel senior hurricane specialist) speak at the "Hurricane Andrew: 25 Years Later" exhibit at the History Miami Museum last summer. Adam logged out subtropical hardwood trees he found in abundance after Andrew in 1992, and soon after formed the Hurricane Andrew Wood Products Company. "I hope in the next three years to prototype one of my four ideas that will help me retire or start a new product design career," said Adam. "If this one product is successful, I'd like to help out NMH more than I have in the past. I plan to prototype, secure the patent to, manufacture, and license these ideas in the future if all goes well. The goal is to enter them in the American Industrial Design Society's IDEA contest. The Adam Thomson Boys' Track Award is still being given each year at the yearly NMH Athletic Banquet. Nothing would give me more pleasure than to present the award to its recipient in person." • **Gail Doyle Rattee** of Fairfield County, Conn., wrote, "My three children (ages 22, 23, and 24) have all graduated college (University of California-San Diego, University of Pittsburgh, and University of Connecticut) and are gainfully employed. I must remark that the most impressive of the graduation ceremonies we attended had to be for my youngest at UCSD, with commencement speaker the Dalai Lama — his message was timeless. In our lives, we are in search of and must endeavor to find joy within ourselves. With that joy, we are then able to look beyond ourselves and share that joy with others. Sounds a lot like what NMH strove to impress upon us as well. I look back at my time at NMH as some of the happiest days of my life. The school setting and the diversity of the students impress the value of seeing different sides of the same issue. The campus inspires one to think about the vastness of our world. Our 'dummy work' impressed upon us that no task was too menial and that it takes all of us to build a better world. I now work part time as one of those 'invisible' people screening résumés submitted through various sites like Indeed.com. It's a great adjunct to my day-to-day life, and the humorous part is that the jobs are for the largest craft-beer distributor in the country!" • **Anne Lawrence Sallee** wrote from her new home in Florida: "A house popped up on

Zillow that checked off every single item on my dream house list, except for the ocean. The next day, my daughter and her hubby gave us a FaceTime tour of the property. Except for two very ugly bathrooms, it was perfect! Against my husband's better judgment and after [my] wearing him down, we made a full-price offer with no contingencies other than inspection. I just had that feeling. Our house in Ft. Lauderdale was prepped for sale and quickly went under contract. We moved up to Winter Park, and while a job transfer I'd been promised didn't come through, a new opportunity presented itself. Like I said, I just had a feeling! We moved over Memorial Day Weekend [2017]. We love the city of Winter Park! Shortly thereafter, my son changed jobs and moved here with his wife and new baby, followed by his in-laws. We are all within two miles of each other now! I still have a daughter in South Florida and my husband's girls are outside Boston with our four other grandchildren. When up [north], I always find time to sneak away for a visit with **Susan Fenske McDonough** — last month we got to catch up at a cute teahouse in Brookline, N.H." Anne is now executive director of the Superior Small Lodging Association of Florida, representing independent hotels across the state. • **Margaret Honey** runs the New York Hall of Science in Queens, New York City — a museum that was originally built for the 1964 World's Fair (nysci.org). Today the museum is home to the second-largest "Maker Faire" in the world; 90,000 people visited their campus during their World Maker Faire weekend in September. (A Maker Faire is an event created by *Make* magazine to celebrate arts, crafts, engineering, science projects, and the do-it-yourself mindset.) Margaret would love to hear from all NMH '74 alums, especially those of you who care about science and technology learning. • **Michael Price, Kerry Rosenthal,** and **Jon Zeeman '73** traveled to Cuba for their annual "boys' trip" last spring, and were based in Santa Clara for excursions into the mountains of central Cuba. "Great scenery, music, food, and Mojitos," wrote Michael. "I've also been in touch with **Yolanda Suarez,**" added Michael, "whom I tried to convince to attend Roots Rock Revival (rootsrockrevival.com) this past summer. It's a 'Jam Band' music camp founded by Butch Trucks of the Allman Brothers Band and me. This summer will be our sixth year." Michael was pleasantly surprised by the feedback from his NMH Facebook post about former NMH athletic faculty member Robert Rheault. (Check out

Ken Burns's series *Vietnam* if you'd like to see Mr. Rheault's interviews.) Michael is working on a book of his memoirs, *Monkey With a Camera*, which is composed of essays and observations. He invites anyone in the Palm Beach, Fla., area to look him up. • **Liz Johnson Cua** shared, "Our greatest joy this year has been enjoying the marriage of our daughter, Lily, to Brent Willess. They live in D.C.; she works for Optoro, and he for Uber. Our son, Chris, is loving Hoboken, N.J. He works for UBS [financial services]. My NMH roommate, Liz Quint '72, housed him when he ran the Brooklyn half marathon this fall. My husband, Chris, and I live in Wellesley, Mass., continuing in our practice of medicine. We have traveled to Rwanda to trek with mountain gorillas, Bhutan to climb the Tiger's Nest, Korea to clamber through tunnels at the demilitarized zone, drift scuba diving in Indonesia, and to Ireland to sip Guinness. I would love to hear of interesting places that classmates have visited and what reads they would recommend. As well, would love to hear of satisfying ways people are enjoying or approaching their retirements." • **Andrew Taber** is executive director and head of the Mountain Institute, an international NGO working with remote communities to conserve the environment, build prosperity, and support indigenous cultures in mountain regions around the world. "With one billion people living in mountains and over half the world's population dependent on mountains for water, food, and clean energy, the pressures that mountains are facing reach across regions. Massive environmental shifts brought on by climate change, natural disasters, and land degradation threaten the abundance of fresh water and other goods cultivated in mountains. Our world needs all our pieces and that includes mountains," Andrew passionately shared at a recent conference in Rome. • This issue marks the end of my stint as class notes editor. I thank **Stephanie Gerson** so very much for a ton of fun! See you all at our reunion in 2019! -**Peter**

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Whit Inzer and his wife, Sandy, continue to live in Barrington, N.H. Sandy is now a professor at New Hampshire Technical Institute in Concord, teaching nutrition and a dental hygiene program. Whit has a private practice in counseling, seeing individual clients, couples, and families. The Inzers are having a great time and traveling as much as they can; they returned to Spain last year.



Brenda Daniels '75 (left) and Arlene Garcia '75 celebrated their birthdays last year in New Jersey, stumbling on a street sign with a familiar name.

Whit sends a big hello to all of the class of '75! • **Catherine Chermayeff** and **Sarah Phillips** met for lunch in New York City. • **Brenda Daniels** and **Arlene Garcia** reconnected on the New Jersey shore in August 2017 to honor turning 60 this year. Arlene lives in Brooklyn with her husband and, after earning her M.S. in early childhood education eight years ago, she now works with preschoolers with disabilities as a special education therapist. Brenda attended Dartmouth College and later received her M.B.A. from Columbia University. She is now retired from a career in banking and lives in Point Pleasant, N.J. • **Lisa Whittemore MacDonnell** lives in Concord, Mass., with Craig, her partner of 30-plus years. She continues her work as a licensed body and energy worker and practices life-centered therapy. Her daughter, Sarah, is happily working in Los Angeles. Lisa said, "All these years later, I find myself still very grateful for my three years at NMH. I learned to write and be open to progressive thought and activities. This culture deeply informed my life and set the stage for lifelong growth and transformation. A blessing!" • **Dana Jones** said he has not traveled to exotic places, has not scored a Powerball win, or picked up a MacArthur Genius Grant. He is, however, plugging away at the life of a suburban gentleman, balancing a career in IT, and with his wife, Judith Romano, is enjoying their avid interests in the food-music-arts worlds. During a visit to Washington, D.C., he had a great time with **Tom Gross** and his family. If you find yourself in the western Carolinas, Dana says to look him up and that he'll spot you a

beer! • **Candy Caldwell Kennedy** and husband Doug have lived in Dublin, Ohio, since 1986. Candy has been a financial consultant for the Dublin City Schools for many years. Doug is an employment litigator and partner, and they have two grown children: Conor and Kate. “Doug and I are eyeing retirement in the next three years,” wrote Candy, “and I look forward to some travel and much more time with family.” • **Adrian Shoobs** and his wife of 27 years, Abbie, live in Westfield, N.J. Daughter Elizabeth is a high school freshman, while son Nate is a Ph.D. candidate in evolutionary biology and environmental science at the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, at Drexel University. Adrian took a buyout from Dow Jones & Co. a few years ago. They recently bought a neat old house (1804) in New Lebanon, N.Y., in the Berkshires. “It is a very real pleasure getting [closer] to New England, where I spent four very happy years at NMH,” said Adrian. He urges friends to look him up on Facebook. • **John Howley** met with **David Caldwell** in New York City. They had a wonderful time catching up, talking about music, theater, and other shared interests. They also discovered that they have both spent time in the Philippines and have a mutual friend who has written the authoritative biography of Genghis Khan. Who knew? • **Amanda “Panda” Gass** is living in Berlin, N.H., and is a family nurse practitioner, seeing patients at two local nursing homes. She’s married to Matt Dustin and has four children — two in California and two on the East Coast. She also has nine grandchildren. “We love to be surrounded by all of them and our two dogs, Rosie and Tank.” Amanda added, “I often look back to those years at NMH. What an important growing time that was for all of us. Would love to get together with anyone who is in the area and catch up.” • **Kimberly Marlowe Hartnett** and **Kathy Lyons Egan** talk on the phone nearly every day now that Kathy and her husband, Tom, have moved from Oregon to Baltimore to be near their newest grandson. Kathy is manager of nutrition programs for the Maryland Food Bank. Kimberly is still in Portland, Ore., enjoying the rain with husband Tim and their soggy yellow Labrador retriever. She continues to visit campuses and Jewish institutions to talk about her 2015 book about the civil rights movement, and is working on a novel set in 18th-century Ireland. • **Jamie Robinson** retired from his railroad career last September after 38 years. He and wife Margo look forward to traveling and catching up on their many hobbies and projects around the house. • For those who are on Facebook, you

are encouraged to join our Northfield Mount Hermon Class of 1975 group. It’s not overly active, but is another good way for us to reach one another quickly when we want to, and keep our contact information current.

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Sally Jane Lockwood: “It was heartwarming to return to campus this past June for our 40th reunion. I feel blessed to be part of the class of ’77 in that we all have so much fun reconnecting. Especially poignant is our tradition of forming a circle and remembering classmates who have left us. There are still only a few, but that number will only grow. **Grace Mauzy’s** daughter and current NMH student, Jilly, gave us a tour of the new arts building. **Meredith Leland** and I went down to see the plans for the new boathouse, and later met up again on the Northfield campus for a walking tour around Marquand and East Hall. As much as I love the Hermon campus, my heart is really with Northfield. It was at this walk around that I felt ready to let the campus go and start a new life with the new owners, Thomas Aquinas College.” • **Sarah Williams Goldhagen** met Louise Schwengel, her 10th-grade English teacher, for coffee last spring in Arlington, Mass. “She was *exactly* the same,” said Sarah, “and we ended our shared hour trading recommendations for novels. Forty years felt like yesterday. After publishing a new book last spring, *Welcome to Your World: How the Built Environment Shapes Our Lives*, I took off with my husband, Danny, and son Gideon for a yearlong trip around the world. We began mid-July with a visit to the Lofoten Islands



From left: Grace Mauzy ’77, her daughter Jilly ’19, Angela Lambert ’83, and Judge Arcaro ’77



Lifelong friends since kindergarten, Polly Campbell Moore ’77 (left) and the late Pamela Watson-Hogan ’77 met up at their 40th class reunion last year. (Photo by Anne Howson ’77)

above the Arctic Circle in Norway, and have been zigzagging the globe ever since [as of December]. So far: Belgium, the Netherlands, Tanzania, South Africa, Namibia, Morocco, New Zealand, Australia, and Chile.” If you’d like to read about the Goldhagens’ travels, visit their blog: coordinatinggoldhagens.com. Sarah’s website as author and architecture critic is sarahwilliamsgoldhagen.com. •

David Allen wrote, “Great to see everyone at reunion. In 1977, I wouldn’t have thought that six of us would be discussing theology in a Crossley lounge until 3:30 in the morning 40 years later.” [David is referring to an impromptu roundtable of himself, **Rod Paine**, **Anne Howson**, **Tim Graff**, **Jeff Aliber**, and **Paul Crowder**.] “Earlier in the year I spent some time in Haiti, where it seems that luck has been outlawed.” David also published his written work last year: “Having a novel set at a New England boarding school published was fun, and our alma mater shows up now and again in *Off Tom Nevers*, but a day without equal was spent off the coast of Maine with **Mark Bachinski**, **Rich Tranfield**, and **Davin Robinson** on the shakedown of Davin’s Rhodes 19-foot [sailboat]; the sea, wind, and friends. I wish everyone reading this just such a day.” • In October 2017, **Grace Mauzy** and daughter Jilly got together with fellow alums **Nat Thompson**, **Judge Arcaro**, Angela Lambert ’83, and Lynn Dalton ’78. • **Polly Campbell Moore** posted on our class Facebook page, “**Pamela Watson-Hogan** passed away (12/26/17) after a yearlong health journey. NMH and the many friends she made there were so important to her. She will miss us all as I know we will all miss her.” As a testament, almost 30 classmates and Louise Schwengel and Dick Peller posted touching condolences and photos in memory of Pamela. A memorial service was held at the First Congregational Church of Holliston, Mass., and attended by family and friends, including classmates **Mary Murphy**,



Mike Wise '79 and Wendy Mauser '79 ran into each other at an NMH Boathouse fundraiser.

John Spence, Anne Howson, Jeff Aliber, Judge Arcaro, and Angela Lambert '83. In this church where Pamela had been so active and cherished by many, loving tributes, memories, poems, and stories were shared by husband Patrick, Polly Moore, and Rev. Bonnie Steinroeder, among others, with hymns and prayers for her. • **Mary Murphy** shared thoughts on Pam, and remembers her “for her enormous heart, all the ways she loved and nurtured her family, her tenacity, her sharp mind, her practicality, her many contributions to the arts and to her community, the deep connections she made wherever she went. A hard, heartbreaking day honoring a brave and multifaceted person who, as her husband, Patrick, assured us, would have been saying, ‘What’s all the fuss about?’ I can clearly see our 16-year-old selves in endless conversation, sitting on hills, leaning against walls, or at the dinner table. Some nights we would walk up the hill from the library, return to our different dorms, and Pam would call me on the pay phone so we could keep talking! How lucky were we to have NMH and each other. How lucky that many of us still do.” • **Anne Howson** added, “I did not know Pamela at NMH when we were there. I became friends with her through **John Spence** and through our class reunions over the years and sporadic dinners in Boston, and always enjoyed her company. She was graceful, thoughtful, a keen conversationalist, good-humored, and always seemingly engaged with people or involved in activity. In listening to her husband Patrick’s brilliant eulogy, I learned about her other roles in her family and her community, and wished I had gotten to know her better still. She had the inborn trait of giving back, something that I felt was also echoed to us at NMH. I would like to think

she is at peace now, and with her loved ones in their hearts and memories.”

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Montague’s son, James Montague '08, has completed his Ph.D. at the University of Vermont in environmental engineering. His research was on the environmental impacts of hydro-fracking.

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From **Caryn: Jennifer Beever** married Jim Causey on 9/30/17. “We now live in Simi Valley, Calif.,” wrote Jennifer. “Jim is a biomedical engineer and a private pilot. I still work as a marketing consultant for business.” • **Estelle Dorain Burgess** shared, “I have seen many alums at different local events on the waterfronts in Vermont. Definitely worth attending! I also have seen **Paige Relyea Lehman** a couple times. She visited Vermont in the fall for the beautiful foliage, and I have been fortunate to visit her in sunny Florida. Unfortunately, my dad passed away the day before Thanksgiving last year. He was surrounded by his family, and I was fortunate to say goodbye. To all our '79 classmates, make plans to attend our reunion in 2019. Believe it or not, it is just around the corner!” • After a 36-year absence, **Mike Wise** moved back to New England last year with his wife for work. Subsequently, Mike spent a vacation week last summer in the NMH archives, assisted by NMH archivist Peter Weis '78, researching D.L. Moody for a future biography focusing on Moody’s purpose for founding the schools. Mike and Peter found some amazing stuff. Mike also met with Julia Bachinski Wiggin '81, the director of the new Moody Center on the former Northfield campus. Then later in the fall, he met with **Wendy Mauser** at the new NMH boathouse fundraiser at the Head of the Charles Regatta. They made plans to crash the '78 reunion next summer. • And from me (**Caryn**), I am rehabbing from shoulder surgery. My family has been truly supportive. Hoping to return to work in Fort Worth sometime in 2018. As **Estelle Dorain Burgess** mentioned, 40th reunion will be here before you know it. Please consider joining us for the awesome fun!

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From **Kristin:** The campus is blanketed by a beautiful snow as I write this, and will be a palette of greens by the time you read this! The likes of Instagram and Facebook keep us connected in a more timely fashion now, but I suspect we all still turn to the class notes column first when receiving our magazine. Some of this information, therefore, may be a repeat. • In May, a number of us were present for the dedication of NMH’s new Bolger Center for Early Childhood Education. In attendance from our “era” were: **Lori LaChance**, Chris LaChance '78, Sue LaChance '79, Kathryn Piscuskas '79, Bob Compton '78, Joe McVeigh '76, Peter Weis '78, **Lydia Perry Weis, Jeff Leyden**, and Carrie Niederman '78, who is also a current trustee. Visiting from Australia during June was Debbie Leavitt Longman '79, who swung through campus with retired faculty members Dick and Louise Schwingel after making a summer-time stop at the Northfield Creamie. • Attending the Pie Race was **Felicia Bianchi** — a fun surprise as she peeked out from her hood to say hello on that chilly November day! **Dan Martin** also ran; he is parent to Anna '18 and returns regularly to campus with his wife, Susan. **Lee Coykendall** made a quick visit to campus while passing by (we tried to convince her to stay for the race!). **Paul Caliandro** offered a fun surprise catch-up when he returned for Christmas Vespers on campus, as did Charity Smith Gray '81. **Anne Shepard** also made a return to campus for Alumni Council. Though her term was up, she was recruited again, as she is a great asset to reunion planning. Tom Poole '81 sometimes makes it back to NMH to see his son, Caleb '20. • **Lydia Perry Weis** had lovely visits with **Mark Sheinkman, Stephanie Ackler**, and John Canavari '78 while in New York City for Vespers. In Washington, D.C., Lydia and **Cab Dempsey** were able to attend the release of a new book by **Sarah Browning**. • **Manny Kokotakis** wrote, “Aimee and I will be married 25 years in June, and we have two children: Nicholas is a freshman at Georgetown University studying history and philosophy, while Julia is a high-school sophomore who plays soccer. I was an academic physician for about 10 years before becoming one of the original



Building a Spiritual Life

Jennie Anderson '82 may be the only female priest who's also a union member of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners. The carpenter, welder, and pile driver went from working on Boston's Central Artery/Tunnel Project, aka the Big Dig, to entering an Episcopal seminary in Texas. She has led the congregation at Saint Barnabas Episcopal Church in Norwich, Vermont, for three years.

Anderson's latest venture is to pass on to women in her community some of the skills she gained over 30 years working in construction. The inspiration came from a friend of a friend whose husband had died. "She didn't know the first thing about all the tools that were left in the garage," Anderson says. So last spring, Anderson set up a collection of hand saws, power saws, drills, screw guns, and hammers in the backyard of her church, and for two hours taught 14 women what to do with them.

The idea was to "go to the joy of using tools, and to go around the blocks that women are taught — that this isn't their role." A second workshop followed. Anderson, who started working construction jobs when she was a teenager, plans to host carpentry workshops throughout the coming summer. "Our spiritual lives are enhanced by our creative endeavors," she says. "My craft, and living with my tools, has been my deepest spiritual life."

'hospitalists' in the country, now having directed two programs in Baltimore and also with Georgetown. My wife is an emergency medicine physician in Baltimore. We see **Lee Seigel** (also from Wilson Hall during those great years with Dick and Louise Schwingel) a few times annually. Lee lives with his wife, Alison, in Ashburn, Va., and they have two sons, Andrew and Scott. My family visited with **Steve Tager** (another Wilson Hall grad) two years ago while we were in New York City for some Broadway shows. Steve and Mary reside in Brooklyn with their two teens, Noah and Hannah (both in college). After being a big sports fan growing up, I've become an avid musician as an adult, learning to play guitar at the age of 48. I practice with a group of dads and we play almost exclusively classic rock." Manny sends his best wishes to his fellow Wilson Hall grads and the faculty who made that dorm so great, including Bob Bruce, Al DeMaria, Tom Geilfuss, Peter Sharp, and of course, Dick and Louise Schwingel, "who were parents to all of us during those NMH years." • I also want to offer condolences to those among us who have suffered recent deaths in their families: **Janet Weed Breen** and Estelle Dorain Burgess '79 both lost their fathers during the holidays, and **Sam Pettengill** lost his mother. Many of us will also remember

Howard Schoenfeld '79, brother of our classmate **Phil Schoenfeld**, who died in December after a valiant battle with cancer. Peace and blessings to all. Please stay in touch.

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From **Martha:** In the fall 2017 issue of *NMH Magazine*, it was erroneously reported that **Alexis Girhiny** passed away in 2010. Correction: her father, Alex Girhiny, passed away on 3/17/10. Alexis remains very much with us. We offer apologies for the error, condolences for her loss, and our anticipation of enjoying Alexis's company for many years to come. • **Sarah Meyer Stevens** is still living and working at Denver Water in Colorado. Her older daughter is a freshman at Colorado State University and her younger

daughter is deciding between Colorado School of Mines or University of Colorado. The Stevenses travel as much as they can; run half marathons, 10Ks, and 5Ks; Alpine ski and visit the many mountain huts, as well as dining, musicals, and the theater. Sarah is active on Facebook, listed as Sarah Meyer, and would love to connect with classmates. • "After 30 years at the Smithsonian," wrote **Marion "Mickey" Gill**, "I relocated to Charleston, S.C., to help plan and open the International African American Museum. This will be my fourth museum launch — clearly, I can't get enough! The past few months have been busy but I still managed to have fun, including dinner with Lilian Blacken Hannapel '81 and Kristin Cole-Sposato '81, and also making mischief with **Sally Willis** and Lilian, running wild at the beach. OK, ok ... it was a slow stroll, but still!" • **Jennie Anderson** has been passing on the practical skills of lifelong service in construction in addition to her bliss of being the priest-in-partnership at Saint Barnabas Episcopal Church in Norwich, Vt. Her son and two grandsons live close by, so she sees them often. Jennie taught several workshops in the backyard of her church last summer for women on using construction tools. She will also teach introductory and advanced metal classes at the AVA Gallery and Art

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Center in Lebanon, N.H. “So, come sign up to use some tools and make some sculpture,” said Jennie. • **Nora Hanke** shared, “Last year I left the security of my longtime home and medical practice in western Massachusetts to embark on a midlife career change. I have been studying conservation biology in Antioch University’s environmental studies program in New Hampshire, and am hoping to make myself marketable to the conservation community sometime late next year.” In November, Nora ran the Pie Race and was pleased to bump into **Claire Rodman** and **Jim Bailey**. She also visited with **Alison Mandaville** (of Seattle and Northern California) in New Hampshire last fall. • **Shelagh Connelly** worked on an interesting project for NMH! Her company was hired to recycle the biosolids from the wastewater lagoons on campus down by the lower playing fields. The lagoons have to be cleaned out every 15 years and, fortunately, Resource Management, Inc. (RMI) was hired to do the job. Shelagh explained, “NMH’s commitment to sustainability is aligned with this neat opportunity to recycle the biosolids rather than incinerate them, as was done in the past. NMH’s sustainability director, Becca Malloy, was so excited for RMI to be working with NMH to do this recycling project that she had several students come down and tour the lagoons and learn about how their daily flush is managed. The final biosolids product will be turned into a fertilizer for use on farm fields. In addition to my visiting campus for this project, it was made all the better to also visit our daughter, Liza, who is a senior and graduates in May 2018!” • **Kory Apton** is executive producer and partner of Conglomerate Media in Miami, Fla., producing movies, comedy specials, and creating animated TV series for kids. Happily married to Phil Griffin, president of MSNBC, they have two awesome kids who are graduating from Duke and the University of Miami. “Been living in New York City forever,” said Kory. “Sharing laughs with **Suzanne Smith Prosser** in South Carolina and watching sports with **Scott Sherwood** in New York.” • **Beau Lendman** shared, “I’m living in Reston, Va. Married. One son, 15 years old. Currently working on an LP Gas distribution venture in India.” • Life in Israel is full of surprises for **Gene Yona Triestman**. “Last summer I hit milestones when my son was recruited to the [Israeli] army as a combat soldier and my oldest daughter graduated high school.” • **Lynn Janis Schwarz** and husband Richard spent an October day with **Toby Green** while in New York City. “We went to the 9/11

Memorial & Museum and had a long, boozy lunch together,” wrote Lynn. “Toby is living back in Rhode Island, and Richard and I are living the dream in Port Hadlock, Wash. Hoping all my NMH buds are happy and healthy. Howdy to Beany, Brady, Chilla, Braley, Creamcheese, Schultzy, Protos, Kory, and everyone else not mentioned!” Lynn also met with **Suzanne Smith Prosser** in Cabo San Lucas for a week of marathon backgammon rounds, sun, fun, Crosby Stills & Nash, and other Wallace nostalgia. • **Alison Mandaville** reported, “I’m now tenured at California State University, Fresno, where I love my remarkable students, many becoming teachers themselves. I’m lucky to be on sabbatical back in Seattle this year working on translation projects with writers in Azerbaijan and my own poetry. Great to reconnect in October with **Nora Hanke** — a pediatrician, she’s taking some time to pursue a degree in sustainability. My daughter, Marlys (25), is an artist. And I’m still together with my partner of 35 years.” • **Dan Ferstenberg** spent over a decade working in geospatial information systems and organization development in local government. He started his own consulting practice in accounting technology and small-business development, covering cloud accounting technology setup and third-party application integration, process improvement strategies, and business planning. Dan is certified in public management and is finishing his certification in bookkeeping. “The way NMH most influenced my life was to set me on a path of lifelong meditation and spiritual practice,” wrote Dan. “I have been a student of yoga and Advaita Vedanta for the last 30 years and a student of Vedic astrology (Jyotish) for the last 20 years. I have traveled throughout India a few times. On a trip in 2007, I was recognized as a yogi and received Upanayanam Samskara — investiture of the sacred thread and initiation in the Gayatri and other mantras. The world is changing very quickly now; we are emerging from a very dark period and I am most optimistic about humanity’s future.” • **Brett Jacobs Axelberg** and husband Marc are enjoying the retired life in Carlisle, Penn. “I think I may be busier now than when my husband was on active duty,” wrote Brett. She caught the volunteer bug as an Army wife, and now enjoys being a dog walker as well as working the info table at her local farmers’ market. The Axelbergs adopted a deaf dog named Noah and find caring for him interesting, fun, and rewarding. • **Jane McCutcheon** wrote, “I’m in Florida with a 13-year-old daughter; she is magnificent!

And a 17-year-old son; he is awesome! Still in touch with **Karen Lacrosse Wallin**, **Vickie Smith**, and **Lisa Motyl**, and **Mark Lessard** on Facebook.” • **Vicky Wolf Rosenfield** lives in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., and is a realtor with Liebowitz Realty. Her daughter, Emily, is a musician in Los Angeles, and her son attends Trinity College in Hartford. • “My daughter, Olivia, and I had so much fun at reunion last summer,” said **Amy Price Lutz**. She had not been back since attending summer school there a couple of summers ago and really enjoyed herself. “We also used the location as an opportunity to visit University of Connecticut, which is on her list (she’s a high school senior). Clyde and I purchased what is currently a vacation home, but will soon be our permanent home, in Costa Rica. The house has several bedrooms and bathrooms, a pool, and is about a 60-second walk to the beach in a lovely neighborhood. We love visitors!” Contact your class editor for Amy’s email address, or find Amy through Facebook to get in touch. • It’s been great to be in touch with so many of you! Keep those class notes and Facebook updates coming. I’m loving life in eastern Massachusetts with my husband, Craig, and daughter (13). I’m embracing my “sandwich generation” identity with the completion of an accessory apartment on my home and my parents’ move into the new space. I feel lucky to have them so near, and it makes me feel young (for better and for worse!). I’m working hard at On The Rise, Inc. in Cambridge — a day program for homeless and formerly homeless women, and am energized to see our work expanding with women who found housing. It’s a tough housing market around here, so it feels great to make a difference. Had lunch with **Marian Vaillant Wrobel** in Cambridge; she works nearby doing economic policy research. As usual, great to catch up.

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It’s the year of our 35th reunion! We expect to collect a lot of notes from what we know will be a fun and fabulous weekend with classmates in June. • **Robin Hirshberg Jobe**’s daughter, Meryl, is a sophomore at University of Colorado, Boulder, and embarked on “Semester at Sea,” traveling to Asia, Africa, and Europe. Daughter Austine is a junior in high school. Robin lives in Denver and encourages visits. • **Leslie Jackson Kabotie** and her husband, Paul, visited with longtime

former teachers Dick and Louise Schwingel earlier this year. Leslie also lives in Colorado. • **David Goldman** is making and shipping more natural and organically nutritional and cosmetic raw materials in Boukombé, Benin (atacora.com). • **Sarah Redfield DelVecchio** attended her first NMH event in Ojai, Calif., in November and continues to teach history and coach track and cross-country at the Thacher School in Ojai. She has three kids and has traveled to China several times with Thacher. • **Rob Hodgkins** lives in Northeast Kingdom, Vt., and is the director of resort sales at Jay Peak. He has an adorable chocolate Lab named George. • **Dave Hendricks** and **Jennifer Rocco** moved from London to Austin, Texas, with their three teenagers. Dave started a new company, and **Gautam Gujral** is an advisor. Great to keep it all in the NMH family! • “I am still a morning person, as Merrill-Keep and Crossley people may remember with irritation,” said **Amy Golo-detz**. “We moved to the village of Underhill (Vermont) at the base of Mount Mansfield five years ago. I work at the middle school. Our girls are in ninth grade and fourth year at St. Lawrence. Lots of room — come ski!” • **Allyson Goodwin** and **Mark Short** bumped into **David Hiler** and **Brian Rooney** ’82 at the Pie Race on campus in November. Both David and Brian ran and received pies. They regaled their Weston boys’ reunion last year with **Jim Shoemaker**, **Mark Pollard**, and host **Tim Lam**. Allyson’s travels brought her to San Francisco at an NMH event, where she ran into **Phil Springer**, a builder in the Bay Area, and **Jon Heinemann**, who is in pharmaceutical sales in San Francisco and living in Silicon Valley. • **Angela Lambert** and her

beau, Judge Arcaro ’77, were on the NMH campus to see friends **Grace Mauzy** ’77, **Nat Thompson** ’77, and **Grace’s daughter, Jilly** ’19.

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Molly Sterner has been fortunate to spend time with **Kevin Walker** twice last year exploring southern Florida and then visiting **Alden Wallace** at his place in Connecticut. She also visited **Rosey Rosenau Most** and **Jim Most** as well as **Steph Madoff** in Vermont. “I am beyond grateful for the friendships of 30-plus years,” said Molly. • **Cindy Epstein Monger** moved from Tucson, Ariz., to London, Ontario, to be closer to husband **Jeff’s** family. Their daughter, Molly, is now attending the Rock Academy of Dance in Philadelphia to study ballet and finish high school. Their son, Ethan, is in sixth grade. They continue to market real estate with their team in Arizona and are working to get licensed in Canada. Cindy’s permanent residency is almost complete. • **Steffani Bartlett Bennett**, **Kevin Walker**, **Ethan Garber**, **Alex de Toulouse-Lautrec** ’84, **Alden Scott Wallace**, **Buffa French** ’86, **Rob Dowling**, **Rachel Berman**, **Leo Mascotte**, **Melissa Karter** ’84, and **Keith Finney** gathered for a New York City brunch to bask in the memories of youth, love, and togetherness that NMH left them with. • **Faith McClure** posted on the class of ’85 Facebook page, “I spent six months backpacking the East Coast



An '80s NMH mini reunion included brunch in New York City with (from left) **Alden Scott Wallace** '85, **Ethan Garber** '85, **Mark D. Sullivan** '85, **Rachel Berman** '85, **Leo Mascotte** '85, **Kevin Walker** '85, **Rob Dowling** '85, **Keith Finney** '85, **Steffani Bartlett Bennett** '85, **Melissa Karter** '84, **Buffa French** '86, and **Alex de Toulouse-Lautrec** '84.

(on parts of the International Appalachian Trail, the Appalachian Trail, and the Florida Trail). I stopped in New York City to visit **Steffani Bartlett Bennett** and Alex Beech '86, then later visited with Lisa Foy '84 and Lisa Faye Richardson '84 in Pennsylvania. I was hosted for a night in Massachusetts by the parents of **Virginia Wasiuk Lay** (her mom was a teacher and administrator at NMH after we graduated)."

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Amy Schwartz Saklad has had a quiet house since her triplets left for college. "My husband and I are having fun hiking, attending local lectures, cooking fabulous meals for two, and catching up on 19 years of missed sleep. In the meantime, we have been keeping our new 'guest rooms' filled with long-lost friends and their pets." • Last summer, **Matt Andrews** traveled back to New England and spent time with **Will Wear** and **Laura Bauernfeind Wear** in New Hampshire, and together they hiked Mount Monadnock. Over Thanksgiving, Will and Laura traveled to Paris to celebrate their 50th birthdays and 25th wedding anniversary and had Thanksgiving dinner with Matt. • **Sue Page** married Todd Aubuchon on 8/26/17 at Reid State Park in Georgetown, Maine. **Wendy Mansfield Donovan** attended the wedding with her father, Robert Mansfield '57. Congrats, Sue! • **Ben Robertson** continues to develop his web design and marketing agency, Menadena, based in Keene, N.H. • **Julia Callahan Streit** wrote, "My son, Dave, began his studies at Tulane in August [2017] and Eleanor is cranking on junior year at Taft. Love traveling around to her cross-country meets to see familiar schools and say hello to the NMH team. Tried to keep pace with a few NMH cross-country gals at the Pie Race, but that didn't last long. Never mind keeping up with **Bruce Mendelsohn**. Had a fun visit with Merrill-Keep gals this summer: Molly Greaney '84, Ellen McCurtin '85, Bay Brown '85, and Margaret Orth Donahue '88. Also visited with **Anne Bartfay Platzner** and her daughter, Lizzie '20, on their way to New York City. I am working on some real-estate projects in Tarrytown and managing elder care for [husband] Jim's 91-year-old stepfather (I have management advice if you need it). In early November, I was champion in the low hunters (2 feet, 6 inches) with my horse, Worldly, beating a solid group of riders and professionals. Jim and I celebrated our 26th anniversary, and we agree the house seems a little empty and quiet these days. And now

launching a whole new batch of college visits with Eleanor. I always love a good road trip and will check in with NMHers along the way!" • **Anne Bartfay Platzner** attended the NMH campus Christmas Vespers concert with **Ben Robertson**, **Bruce Mendelsohn**, and Bruce's wife, Heather Thompson. Anne enjoys "being close to NMH, going to campus frequently, and seeing classmates who live nearby. I love the relatively calm pace of life in western Massachusetts. My daughter, Lizzie, is in her sophomore year with **Laura Bauernfeind Wear**'s daughter, Holiday. They both had the opportunity to go to Spain and Morocco as part of their humanities classes. Over Thanksgiving, I traveled to see **Kelly Higgins Paliskis** in Atlanta; it was so great to catch up." Kelly enjoyed spending time with **Dave Bonomi** in Boston in the fall of 2016, as well as in March 2015 when he came to Georgia with his two daughters. She said that Dave's daughters are beautiful and it was a fun few days. She has been teaching elementary school in Cobb County, Ga., for 25 years, and has two daughters — both seniors — one at Simmons College, the other at North Cobb High School. Kelly married Gene Paliskis in October 2017. She would love to hear from **Hilary Sklarin**, **Gayle LaVangie**, Whitney Tilson '85, Jerry Autler '87, and **Carl Warren**, and is hoping to make the next reunion! • My 50th birthday is fast approaching, as it is for all of us. It's comforting to know we all share this milestone, and I hope you all find a special way to celebrate. I went on a weeklong meditation retreat in the Santa Cruz Mountains and have been making time for retreats for the past seven years. Happy summer and happy 50th birthday to everyone. — **Geoff Locke**

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Our amazing 30th reunion is behind us: We broke attendance records, exceeded our fundraising goals, and raised money for a memorial bench honoring **Bill Goodman**. • I returned to the Del Close Festival in New York with my brother, Drew Gattis '91. I've been doing improv at ImprovBoston for a year now, tried my hand at stand-up, and totally love musical improv. I started studying Bharatanatyam dance in the spring, and I started dragon boating on the Charles in the summer. At some point I'll have to start running again in preparation for the fall's Pie Race: I need to beat the regular time, not just the "old folks" time. • Thanks to everyone who performed

with Performing Dance in the Parents Weekend performance our junior year. That performance, with David Byrne in our ears and dancers oozing over the pews and transforming into birds, is what sent me onto a path I still follow today. I literally dropped out of whatever physical activity I was signed up for that trimester and switched to dance the very next day, and I am still in the habit of seeing something and then deciding to learn how to do it. Much love to all of you and our amazing class of '87 spirit! • **John Bete** is a physician on Cape Cod, specializing in pain medicine. He and his wife, Robin, are raising Jack and Maris. John is also finally learning to play guitar and is in a band. • After our reunion, **Becky Booth** had **Marya Felenchak** come back with her for three nights and hung out with **Rosie Comprés-Navarro**. Becky's faith in humanity is restored from reunion. She hopes to see others at our next one! • **Ed Cafferty** lives in the Jersey suburbs, working as a geologic engineer in New York City, dreaming of living in New England again. • **Marcia Clarke Crowley** had a blast with everyone at reunion! She loves being with her NMH family. She is still living in Londonderry, N.H., with her two boys: Aidan (17) and Carter (15). Marci continues to enjoy spending her time watching her boys pursue their passions. • **Doug Fitts** had a great time at reunion catching up with everyone. He is excited to announce the birth of his son, Andrew, who was born in May. Fatherhood is a more gratifying experience than he could have imagined. • **Jeff Fort** is back living in Rye, N.H. NMH Reunion 35 was Jeff's first reunion with us. • **Alex Palmer Gormley**'s oldest child, Zac, is a high school senior and visiting colleges this fall. Alex is in her third year coaching her daughter's cheer team. Lizzie, 11, loves American Girl dolls and is not so slowly eating into her parents' retirement fund. • **Steve Green** and wife Edith's daughters, Sonya and Maya, are both attending NMH, senior and sophomore, respectively. Steve's bike and skateboard company is still doing well in Pennsylvania, and he recently had a visit from classmate **David Kotz**, catching up on old times. • **Darcy Jameson** loved seeing everyone at reunion. **Liz Hall**, we missed you! • **Jen Pack Kimball** is grateful for the chance to be reminded at reunion that the NMH class of 1987 is full of the most fun, generous, kind people she will ever meet. She encourages all to get in touch any time they're in the Dirty South. • **Paul McDaniel** travels a lot for his medical publishing company, so he will be actively seeking mini reunions and get-togethers while on his trips to Chicago and the West Coast. He is also still playing a lot of music with his three bands. Daughter Maddie is becoming a lacrosse goalie extraordinaire while daughter Maren

enjoys horseback riding. Paul hopes all are doing well and looks forward to our class once again breaking attendance records for our 35th!

• **Brett Morrison** moved back to Manchester, Vt., last year. His oldest, Turner, graduated high school in June, and daughter Evangeline has two more years of high school left. Son Jack, an eighth-grader, enjoyed another lacrosse season with **Topsy Taylor King's** son, Ben. Local lacrosse also helps Brett stay in touch with Eric Crawford '88, who had a great first season as the head high-school coach for his older son's team at Hoosac School. • **Rosie Comprés-Navarro** was pleased to see the reunion turnout, as it was double the expected number than NMH was ready for! She will push harder for our 35th by reaching out to people she may not know as well, and she gives huge kudos to **Kit Gattis** for keeping us motivated and excited for this wonderful weekend that comes every five years! Rosie discussed the possibilities of mini reunions leading up to the next one, to increase outreach. The first one is set in Massachusetts at Moe's Tavern, which is owned by Josh Cohen '88. It would be a great way to have fun while supporting Josh and his business! • **Marc Nevins** is excited that his son, Alec, will be joining the NMH class of '21. Alec looks forward to joining the wrestling team and hopes to pave the way for his younger brother, Jacob. Marc, Stacey, and the boys live in Chestnut Hill, and Marc has a periodontal and dental implant practice in Boston. • **Imran Qamar** came to our reunion right after his son's high-school graduation, catching a flight immediately after the ceremony. His twin daughters, Aleezé and Anushé, joined him. They love the school and meeting "old" friends. Imran is now living in Houston, Texas, and runs his own construction company. • **Jennifer Sauer** is keeping busy in northern New Jersey with her kids, Olivia (15) and Gabe (11). She also loves her job working with seniors and planning community events at the local YMCA, riding her motorcycle, and taking her kids to see Broadway shows as often as possible. • **Will Sheats** promises that the pyrotechnics committee will not have misfires at next reunion. • **Tamson Smith** continues to live in the Twin Cities area with her husband, Shannon, trying not to freeze to death during the winter (this from a New Englander). Happily, this means she gets to spend time with **Anna Meek** and, when sent out on alumni functions, **Jen Williams**. • **Deedee Sullivan** is still living in the Bay Area, but has nothing to do with the tech industry. She is of no use to you when your computer is down. She thanks everyone in our class for making NMH such a special place. Always remember: "NMH '87 — Never Convicted." • **Morgan Sturges Vaughan** is executive director of a local TV and media center in

East Hampton, N.Y., where she promotes local government participation, theater, film, and the arts. She lives with her husband, Tristram, and their 15-year-old son, Frankie. Morgan and her husband continue to promote their Shakespeare company and theater education. She was delighted to be able to attend reunion and hopes to see us all at the 35th. Everyone, please keep well and safe until then!

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Katherine Parkin shared, "My second scholarly book, *Women at the Wheel: A Century of Buying, Driving, and Fixing Cars*, was published by the University of Pennsylvania Press. I was also promoted to full professor of history at Monmouth University, N.J."

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I am looking forward to seeing many of you at our reunion in June! The Reunion Committee has been working hard to be sure that it is the best reunion yet, and we truly hope you can come up to campus to visit and celebrate together. I am sure none of you look a day older than the class of 2003,



Aspen Expedition guide Amos Whiting '94 led Kris Fraser '88 and her family on a ski trip in Elk Mountains, Colo.

and I am excited to catch up and see what adventures you have voyaged on since our last time together! • A big congrats to **Amy Peltier Valentine** on her marriage on 11/4/17 to Chris Valentine! Amy is currently living in Hagerstown, Md., and working on her B.A. in social work at the Hagerstown campus of Salisbury University, having grown tired of tax accounting. She will try to make it to reunion, if only to buy maple syrup and a new mug! We hope to see you there, Amy, and we hope we get a chance to meet Chris! • Another huge congratulations goes out to **Meghan Scheck**, who has finished her cancer treatments! In her words, "Everything else is gravy!" We are so thankful that you are doing well and are healthy, Meghan! • Our class has quite a few authors to celebrate this edition. **Annie McCasland-Pexton** published *Invisible Work: An Ex-Lawyer's Guide to Self-Care*, which is available on Amazon. She shares that the book is "part memoir, part advice on healthy, stress-free living. I talk about what I learned from being a lawyer, about what to do and what not to do to look after yourself well! I talk about my transition from being a lawyer to a holistic body worker and life strategist. It's called 'Invisible Work' because much of the work we do on ourselves, spending time looking after our deepest needs, is not obvious or visible, and we don't put a value on it in the same way we value our paid work, yet it's the most important thing! I throw in a few references to boarding school among some other juicy stories!" Congratulations, Annie! We wish

you success with the book and hope you might sign a few copies at reunion! Annie also shares that she and her family visited **Molly Goggins Talbot** and her family in New York City. As Molly said, "Our 12-year-olds picked up right where they left off [more than] four years ago. They are truly their mothers' children!" • **Paige Ackerson-Kiely** also has had great success as an author. She published her third book of poems, *Dolefully, A Rampart Stands*, with Penguin Publishing. However, I am not sure we properly congratulated her on her first two books, *In No One's Land* and *My Love Is a Dead Arctic Explorer*, so let's do so now! Congratulations, Paige! What an accomplishment! And similarly to our above-mentioned author, Paige visited with **Molly Goggins Talbot** and had a great time catching up! • **Robin Erthal Corrozi** and family welcomed a new member to the family, Charlotte (Charlie), born on 3/18/17! Welcome, Charlie! We hope you bring mom and the rest of the family up to NMH this June! We can't wait to meet you! • Thank you to those who have shared info with us! I always read the class notes section of the magazine first because I love reading about the goings-on in our class and the classes we shared our time with at NMH. Many people share information with me via our "NMH Class of 1993" Facebook group. If you are not a member of the group and would like to be, please let me know. Additionally, if you are not on Facebook, don't let that slow you down from sharing! Just send me an email to let me know what adventure, triumph, tribulation, or simple doings you are up to. We would love to hear from you! May you all be well ... see you in June! — **Susannah Sprong Cahillane**

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Bryan Nesteriak shared, "I am still in Seymour, Conn., running my land surveying and professional engineering company. We mainly work in Connecticut and New York. Family couldn't be better! Emma is 7 now, and we had another girl 18 months ago named Sara. Having two girls has brought on lots of new challenges for me ... it's an adventure, and I am enjoying every bit of it." • **Kathy Ownby** took a year off from teaching at a bilingual school in Taiwan to attend the University of Glasgow in Scotland. She wrote, "It was an amazing year, and I have recently earned my master's in education in TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers

of Other Languages) with merit. [Last] fall I returned to Taiwan to continue teaching, which makes this year five living in Taiwan. Amy Adams '95 came to Taiwan on business [last] fall, and we managed to meet up for an evening. It was great seeing her and, hopefully, we'll catch up again soon."

• **Amos Whiting** has been living in Aspen, Colo., since 2001 and working as the head guide for Aspen Expeditions Worldwide, a mountain guide service and retail ski shop. In March 2017, he purchased the 40-year-old business with another longtime fellow guide. In February 2017, by random chance, Amos guided Kris Fraser '88 and her family on a multi-day backcountry ski hut trip in the Elk Mountains outside of Aspen. He guided a trip to Japan backcountry, powder skiing this February 2018, with **Justin Demers**. Amos is happily married to Alyssa Whiting; they have a 5-year-old son, Caspian, and two older stepsons in high school. The whole family enjoys mountain adventures together. Amos is looking forward to making our 25-year reunion. • Be like Amos and plan to return to NMH in June 2019 for our 25th reunion! If you have ideas for our celebration or want to help plan the event, send an email message to **George Tiggie** (gtiggie@nmhschool.org).

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I recently had the pleasure of seeing Audrey Bethel '96 in Boston at a Dead and Company concert. **Tom Feeley** and his wife, Alexis Burgdorf Sullivan, were there, too, and we had a great time catching up after the show. • Last summer, **Laura Astor Mauldin** and I stayed with **Jocelyn Leary Lavallo** in Maine on Sebago Lake. Our daughters, ages 5, 6, and 7, are good friends; it was fun and meaningful to watch them play together.



From left: **Laura Astor Mauldin '95**, **Jocelyn Leary Lavallo '95**, **Caroline Leonard '95**, and their daughters relaxed at Lake Sebago, Maine, last summer.

These friendships we all share deepen with each passing year. It is always great to see old NMH friends! **Jocelyn** is still in New York City, working as a project finance lawyer focused on developing and financing renewable energy projects. She and her husband had a baby boy on 12/30/17, and their 7-year-old daughter was very excited.

• **Nils Tristan** wrote, "I miss NMH. Best year of my life!" He is living in New York City and interested in connecting with classmates at any NMH events in the city. • **Alison Odell** has been living in Marin County just north of San Francisco for the past 15 years. She's a freelance graphic designer and has two boys: Miles (7) and Collin (4). Alison spends a lot of time volunteering in the schools and most of her free time is spent running or biking the nearby trails. • **Thea Oculato Silva De Souza** is living in Charlotte, N.C., with her husband and 2-year-old son. They own the Gracie Barra Charlotte Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu School, and Thea is working full time as a psychology postdoc fellow. She earned her national license in December 2017. She exclaimed, "Missing my NMH family regularly!" • **Nadja Bareis Roderburg** lives in Cologne, Germany, in a house she built with her husband, Georg. They have twins, Elisabeth and Benedikt, who started elementary school in the fall. Their youngest addition is baby Katharina. Nadja wrote, "The past year was stressful, but also blissful with the baby. Looking forward to going back to my job as a lawyer in development aid when the baby is a little older. Greetings to everyone!" • **Tomoko Yamazaki** moved to Singapore with her daughter six years ago. She is working as a journalist, heading up Asia's emerging-market team at *Bloomberg News*, where she has been working since 2000. Her daughter is now 11. "I am feeling how the passage of time is getting faster



Thea Oculato Silva de Souza '95 (center), her husband, and her son enjoyed a day out in Charlotte, N.C.

CELEBRATIONS



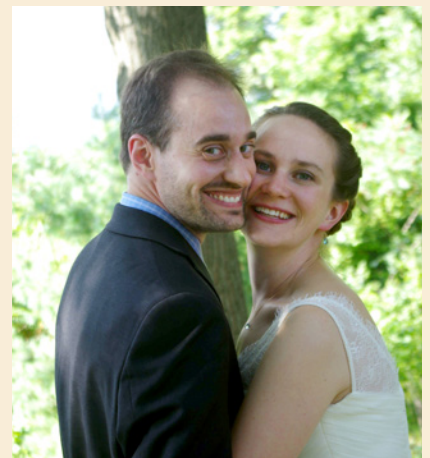
Katie Gallagher '02 and Drew Smith wed in January 2017.



Becky Bowen Sims '06 and Zac Sims married in July 2013 in Enfield, N.Y., at their log cabin home.



Sue Page '86 and Todd Aubuchon married last summer in Georgetown, Maine.



Lindsey Warren-Shriner '06 married San Smedinghoff in August 2017.



Suzanne Abbott Ries '63 and husband Joseph wed last year.



Kayci Wickline Neff '08 and her husband, Reggie, celebrated their nuptials in July 2017.



Yesim Apaydin '87 and Stephen Grahling '87 and were married at NMH's Memorial Chapel in October 2017.



Amy Peltier Valentine '93 married Chris Valentine in November 2017.



Althea SullyCole '08 and Alec Saelens held their wedding in Brussels, Belgium.



From left: Lindsay Chutter Coats '96, Heather Latham '94, Ross Latham '91, Donna Latham '88, and Len Latham '86 ran the Pie Race in honor of the late Dick Chutter '56.

and faster, year by year," wrote Tomoko. "I haven't been back [to NMH] ever since I left in 1995, but it would be great to catch up with some who are in the region." • **Andrea Halbig** earned her graduate degree in social work and loves working as a school social worker at an alternative school in Atlanta, Ga. Her oldest child graduated high school last year (with a 4.0 GPA) and is taking some time off to travel and work before she goes to college. Andrea's younger two continue to keep her busy with football, basketball, cheerleading, schoolwork, and "all the other things kids get into these days!" She is very interested in starting an Atlanta or Georgia chapter of NMH alumni and wants to reach out to see if anyone is interested! (Write to me to get Andrea's email address — she would love to connect with everyone in the Atlanta area.)

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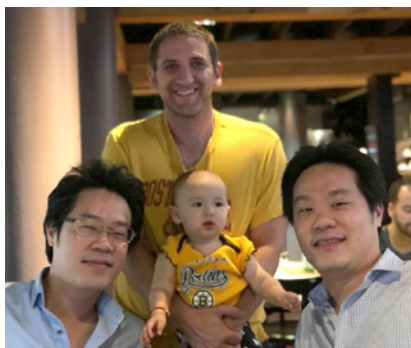
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David Allen-Hughes, who lives in Northern California, just had his first child (a baby girl). David sold his business in 2014 and has spent the last few years traveling with his wife and, more recently, bought a local ice cream shop. He's also busy directing a preschool.

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From **Brian**: I was lucky enough to stop by Bangkok, Thailand, and met up with fellow '98ers **Sittan** and **Santit Jirawongkraisorn**.



Sittan Jirawongkraisorn '98 (right), Brian Pressman '98 (standing), baby Brady, and Santit Jirawongkraisorn '98 (left) in Bangkok, Thailand

Santit has a young son named Devin. • **Ro Espinosa** is working for Paychex in Florida as well as developing a children's fashion line. She and her 5-year-old will be relocating to the Atlanta area and would love to connect with fellow NMHers! • Please don't be shy about sending any updates you have for inclusion in our column!

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Ti Chesley and his wife, Melissa Mackie, moved to Chicago for Melissa's postdoctoral fellowship at Northwestern University. They would love to meet fellow NMH alums in the area!

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Jen Sung won first prize and 7 million South Korean won (approximately \$6,500) in the Global Korean Literature Translation Award competition for an English translation of a Korean short story, "Forever a Narrator," written by novelist Kim Ae-ran. • **Avery Miller** wrote, "I am still living in Brooklyn and love New York ... began a new job at Mount Sinai Hospital and am a cancer genetic counselor as part of the Dubin Breast Center and the Mount Sinai department of genetics and genomics." Avery and her partner, Chris, attended Christmas Vespers

in New York last December. "If you're ever in New York City or already live here and are looking to connect, I'd love to hear from you," added Avery. • **Joshua Grubman** is now general counsel for Mount Ida College in Newton, Mass., and lives with his wife and two children in Quincy. • **Ellen Richardson Frentzen** and husband Derek welcomed their baby daughter, Abigail Harlow, on 1/29/2017. • **Lukas Snelling, Jack Holbrook, Jesse Mayhew, and Ernest Guadiana** are training for the eSports league. Sadly, since NMH did not allow video games, the group lags far behind their millennial counterparts.

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Brendan Connor and **Keiko Achiwa Connor** welcomed their second child, Thomas Wes, on 10/26/17, and have moved to Chicago. • **Ellen Kraft** married Jason McCune in the summer of 2016 and reports that she was the runner-up in Vermont's Early Childhood Educator of the Year for 2017. She opened the first Lifeways Center in Vermont, which utilizes a Steiner-based child-care philosophy, and has owned and operated Honeycomb Kids since 2008. She said, "I live close to **Alex Bamberg**, who was my roommate for three years at NMH, and enjoyed a Thanksgiving feast with her!" • **Lauren Hugel** is currently stationed in Pensacola, Fla., and was promoted to lieutenant commander in the Navy JAG Corps. She married a fellow naval officer and moved to Washington, D.C. "I'm looking forward to reconnecting with NMH alums in D.C.!" said Lauren. • **Matthew Bamberg-Johnson** is now a performing arts coordinator for Celerity Educational Group, a group of K-8 charter schools catering to underserved populations in Los Angeles. He manages 25 artists who pass a love for the arts on to the next generation. He spoke at the first Immersive Design Summit in January 2018 on behalf of the Speakeasy Society, which he founded with his wife. Other speakers included British theater company Punchdrunk (*Sleep No More*), experiential performance company Third Rail Projects (*Then She Fell*), and virtual-reality storytelling company Oculus. • **Katie Gallagher** married Drew Smith in Northampton, Mass., in January 2017. They live in South Deerfield, and Katie teaches eighth-grade science in Hadley. • **Michael Pieciak**, commissioner of the Vermont Department of Financial Regulation, has been named president-elect of the North American Securities Administrators Association. Congratulations, Michael!

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Greetings from New York, everyone! As we welcome 2018, I'm thankful that I got to catch up with quite a few of you in 2017. • I caught up with **Jared Melillo**, who has been working at a venture capital/private equity firm in Boston with a focus on technology. I saw **Yuki Hasegawa** before he and wife Rachel moved across the pond to London last summer to continue growing their careers in finance. I attended quite a few NMH events this year and was happy to catch up with **Laurel Edson** (thanks to the many awesome events she helped organize); Shinyoung Hwang '04, who works at law firm Clifford Chance in New York; and **Henry Wainhouse**, who is getting his graduate degree from Columbia Business School. I even met Zepeng "Jimmy" Guan '12, who attended the same high school as me in Beijing. Small world, and it's always fun to continue making new friends through our NMH alumni network! • **Arjun Pant** has been enjoying life in Washington, D.C. He had a great time participating in the NMH Pie Race in October, where he reunited with classmates **Peter Evans** and **Goetz Kempelmann '06**. Goetz was once a visiting student at NMH from Germany. • **Hannah Marshall**



Peter Evans '05, Arjun Pant '05, and Goetz Kempelmann '06 had a great time at last fall's NMH Pie Race.

wrote, "I watched Christmas Vespers online, and while caroling in Burlington, Vt., I ran into **Eliza van Lennep**, whom I haven't seen since a reunion, so I'm feeling pretty NMH-connected!" Hannah was recently named managing editor of three weekly newspapers in Vermont (the *Stowe Reporter*, *Waterbury Record*, and *News & Citizen*). In 2017, she was also editor of the company's annual *Green Mountain Weddings* magazine. Hannah lives in Waterbury, Vt. • That's it for now, and more updates coming in 2018! Wishing everyone a joyful and adventurous 2018 ahead. Join us at the Facebook group, "NMH Class of 2005," if you haven't already! —Jingping

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Kate Hayes married Thomas Thompson-Flores on 5/20/17 and had a great group of fellow alumni present (including three in the bridal party!). Kate continues to work as a director at Echoing Green, where she runs a leadership development program. She recently joined *Forbes* as a contributor; she writes about millennials and their careers. This year she started a new role as vice president of the Alumni Council. • **Jon Bickford** spent the last several years working in outdoor education and youth mental health. He recently spent six months captaining two research vessels for Cornell and the University of New Hampshire's marine science laboratory on Appledore Island in Maine. He has been timber framing a home in southern Vermont with a close friend. • **Danielle Kratter** is teaching advanced math and physics at the Luralton School in Milford, Conn., and resides in the town. She is also an advisor to the Engineering Club at Luralton. In May 2017, her all-girl students' team won the Sikorski STEM Challenge with their design to replace the aileron actuator on a Corsair F4U fighter plane. This is the first time that Luralton School and her students participated in the challenge. • **Kylie Jelley Mones** and her husband, **Dusty Mones '05**, moved back east after living in Santa Cruz, Calif. Dusty is an administrator at the Stony Brook School in upstate New York, and Kylie is doing wedding photography, a bit of editorial, and some travel. She has even captured a few Hoggars — you can find them at kyliemones.com. • **Amanda Kusek** celebrated her five-year anniversary at Highgate, where she is the marketing and brand innovation manager. She went to Japan in October to

star in a docu-style marketing series for the Japanese National Tourism Organization. The first episode was released in January! Amanda and her boyfriend of two years moved in together along with her dog, Ajax. • **Collin Lever** finished his first season working for the Washington Nationals, where he manages community and government engagement, with a focus on corporate social responsibility, cross-sector partnerships, and education programs. • **Becky Bowen Sims** married her longtime partner, **Zac Sims**, on 7/6/13 at their log cabin home in the woods of Enfield, N.Y., near Ithaca. **Chelsea Vasques** and **Tyler Duane '05** joined in the celebration. Last year, Becky was elected to the Town Board in Enfield as a councilperson. She works in environmental health and loves all things outdoors. • **Claire Anagnostopolus** has been living in West Philly for a number of years and works as a visiting home hospice nurse. She graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with a master's in nursing this past December. • **Kelsey Hanrahan** lives in Boulder, Colo., where she keeps busy working with plants, blowing glass, is a caretaker for a couple of children, and works at a restaurant. • **Lucia Bisbee** received her master's in social work from University of Texas, Austin, in 2015 and now works with teenagers with disabilities in a health-care setting. Lucia married **Jim Ferron** in April 2017 and had her first child, **Arthur**, last September. She lives in Austin. • **Tess Paganelli** moved to Cambridge, Mass., where she is an environmental scientist. She graduated from University of Massachusetts Boston with an M.S. in environmental science in December. She spends her free time volunteering as an events coordinator for a local animal rescue. • **Zack Rogers**'s company, Quaker City Coffee, has expanded to two café locations: a kiosk at Electric Factory concerts and an online store. Quaker City Coffee's mission is to create career opportunities for formerly incarcerated individuals, also known as returning citizens. • **Rosa von Gleichen Blau**



Robin Marie Sills '06 cuddles her baby, Orson.



What's in Your Shopping Cart?

Do you know the backstory of the box of crackers or the carton of eggs in your grocery cart? Did producing them contribute to climate change, poor treatment of animals, or unfair labor practices? Do you care? **Galen Karlan-Mason '12**, a recent graduate of Brandeis University's International Business School, is betting you do.

His startup tech company, GreenChoice, aims to supply consumers — chiefly those who shop for groceries online — with detailed information about the products they buy. Karlan-Mason estimates that within the next decade, the majority of people in their 20s and 30s will be buying groceries online, and they'll be paying close attention to how healthy and how socially and environmentally responsible their choices are.

GreenChoice assembles research and government data about food industries and producers, and will make it available in a free web-browser extension that assigns individual products a "Green-Score." Users will be able to identify and purchase products that "align with their values," Karlan-Mason says. GreenChoice will also gather anonymous data about what its users buy, to "help online retailers optimize their offerings and improve their marketing strategies."

The big-picture goal is for GreenChoice to "influence the health and sustainability of our world," Karlan-Mason says. "We blame producers often, but we are the source of demand. As long as we keep buying, they'll keep selling."

Starting in June, you can become a beta-tester at GreenChoiceNow.com.

is working on her Ph.D. in social policy at the University of Oxford. She gave birth to her first child, son Johann, in August 2017.

• **Robin Marie Sills** and her husband, Eoin Higgins, welcomed their first baby, Orson Douglas, on 11/24/17. • **Lindsey Warren-Shriener** wrote, "I got married in August [2017] to Sam Smedinghoff. I'm currently in the second year of my M.B.A. at the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth, and had a great time catching up with **Carol Wood** and **Owen Barron** in Boston [last] summer."

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First, let us take a moment to remember our classmate **Nick Epstein**, who passed away far too soon in Costa Rica on 10/30/17. Nick was a passionate, loyal, and often hilarious friend; he had a somewhat rare ability to connect with a lot of different people, an abiding curiosity about a great many different subjects, and a fierce sense of justice. The world feels colder without him in it. • **Joe Charpentier** and wife Haley welcomed baby Mairead into the world in May 2017 in Bangor, Maine. Joe tells me she's "tough," and I'm hoping we may get to meet her at reunion this spring! Congratulations, Joe and Haley! Before settling down to family life, Joe and Haley studied for their master's degrees at Swansea University in the U.K. "We stayed until our accommodations were up and decided to move to London until we either found jobs or ran out of money." They're back in the States now. Joe works as a reporter for the *Boothbay Register* in Boothbay, Maine. • **Althea SullyCole** married Alec Saelens in Brussels, Belgium, on 8/18/17. They're back in New York now, where Althea is working on her Ph.D. in ethnomusicology. **Ralph Craig** married Kelly Boyd in Lake View Terrace, Calif., on 11/4/17 with Althea, Lina Goujjane '09, Leonardo Chiquillo '09, and Delia Flanagan '09 in attendance. And **Kayci Wickline Neff** and Reggie Neff tied the knot at Boston City Hall on 7/10/17. Many cheers to all! • **Abby Zelenka** found her way back to Massachusetts after living in Austin, Texas, for nearly three years. She's stepped away from international education and is now working in client services at Dun & Bradstreet. She's living with her brother, Adam Zelenka '07, and

his girlfriend in Waltham. She writes, "I'm living with our dog, Bonkers, for the first time and I'm loving all the puppy snuggles!"

• **Ashleigh Casey** says, "I survived the Route 91 Massacre in Las Vegas. Although this was a tragic event, [I'm] lucky to report that I, my fiancé, and all my friends are OK. Shaken up and healing, but physically OK." Ashleigh is still enjoying working at Project 351, a leadership and service program for eighth graders, in addition to her regular job. • **Ben Weyers** lives in a condo in Newington, Conn., with his girlfriend, Molly. He's entering his seventh year at the financial services company, Geezeo, in Glastonbury and has been traveling a lot for both work and pleasure. He's looking forward to reunion! • **Jim Montague** finished his Ph.D. in environmental engineering in August 2017 and has started a job as a groundwater modeler and environmental analyst for McLane Environmental in Princeton, N.J., where he now lives with his wife, Marcy. • And my fellow co-secretary, **Sarah-Anne Tanner**, began a master's in speech-language pathology at Emerson College in September. She (slowly) ran two half marathons this year and needs some peer pressure to attempt a full marathon sometime soon. In November, she hosted the 10th annual '08 NMH Thanksgiving gathering (and notes that any and all are welcome next year). Highlights included **Jarad Weeks** playing the bagpipes in her apartment and **Jooyeon Hahm** bringing her Pomeranian puppy. Also in attendance were **Eli Stiefel**, **Rachel Koh**, **Julia Findlay**, **Max Mazzone**, **Brooke Evans**, **Julia Mix Barrington**, **Juliana Beecher**, and **Kellen Mobilia**. • As for me, I write to you from the first comfortable couch I've ever owned, in Berkeley, Calif. I'm nearly two years into my job at Earthjustice, and I dipped my toes back into sewing by making a tiger onesie with velvet buttons for Halloween. I got lunch with **James Myers-Regulinski** a while back! He's doing a lot of dancing and working on an aquaponics startup. I've been enjoying reconnecting with **Becky Gillig** out here — she works only a few blocks away. Becky and I spent some time recently with Caitlin Curtiss '09, Brad Ward '10, Natalie Norton '10, and others at an NMH event at the California Academy of Sciences. It was a pretty cool event and it was great to see everyone! I visited **Lilly Richardson** in Portland, Ore.; she took me to all the best tea shops, I fixed her wobbly IKEA table, and we geeked out over the Norton Anthology of Poetry like old times. Thank you to everyone who replied to my email seeking news this fall — Sarah-Anne and I both love to hear from you, so keep on

sending us your updates. I hope to see you at reunion! — **Emily Jacke**

Editor's note: *Class of 2008 alumna **Meg Dolben** was mistakenly mentioned in the fall 2017 issue of NMH Magazine as being a member of the class of 2006. We apologize for this error.*

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Erin Cromack has returned to Bali, Indonesia, to continue teaching English and athletics to local children ages 3–5. She returned to the States to attend the wedding of fellow classmates **Macey Lefebvre** and **Spencer Lefebvre**. Erin has taken on a new role at NMH as the communications ambassador for our class, along with **Casey Woo**. If you have any questions about anything NMH-related, Casey and Erin would be delighted to field them; just send them a message! • **Dante Santos** has abandoned the shackles of corporate America in favor of a startup, Freely Systems, which makes camera stabilization equipment and drones. In his scant non-work hours, Dante has submerged himself in his barbershop chorus, Northwest Sound, and has even taken on being a member of the board. He hopes everyone from “the singing school” is keeping that melody ringing. • **Erin Marley** and **Robbie Stack** moved to Denver, Colo., last October following a three-week road trip. They drove through 27 states, visiting NMHers along the way. The visits included seeing **Hanna Reeves** and **Ryan Fluence** in D.C.; **Macey Lefebvre** and **Spencer Lefebvre** at their new home in Jacksonville, N.C.; and **Lisa Muhlenfeld** in her gorgeous home in Bozeman, Mont. Erin and Robbie greatly enjoyed connecting with old friends. If any NMHers find themselves in Denver, be sure to let them know! • **Brad Ward** took last summer off to hike half of the Appalachian Trail. It was a great



Erin Cromack '10 with her students from Bali, Indonesia

experience, and now he's back at work in Berkeley, Calif. **Natalie Norton** and **Brad** had the chance to catch up with **Everett Irving** in San Francisco during a visit in November, and **Brad** saw **Scott Pelton-Stroud** during his visit to San Francisco in April 2017. There's a small but fun group of young alumni in the San Francisco Bay area, and anyone passing through should definitely reach out. • **Sharon Dunmore** graduated with her J.D. from Elon University School of Law in May 2017, and successfully passed the North Carolina bar exam. She is currently licensed and practicing law as a criminal defense attorney and immigration lawyer at Jeffries Law, PLLC, located in Greensboro. She hopes to connect with other NMH alums in the Carolinas soon! • **Courtney Freese** is living in Boston with **Dylan Freehauf '11**. Courtney self-proclaims that she's horrible at writing about herself, but felt compelled to leave a note because she always misses the class notes deadline. She has a job she loves, and she's happy and well. In her free time, she works on persuading **Dylan** that it is an excellent time to get a puppy. • As for me, I'm still living in the Boston area. I've added improv comedy to my list of hobbies, and started volunteering with Citizen Schools as a writing mentor. With such a strong Boston contingent, I frequently find myself visiting with NMHers. Should you find yourself in the Boston area, definitely reach out. Until next time. — **Jed Kundl**

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Not to sound like a broken record, but 2011 once again missed the class notes deadline, so for brevity's sake, I asked for single-word responses. As one might imagine, however, most of my fellow classmates ignored this



Erin Marley '10 (left) and Robbie Stack '10 (right) caught up with Lisa Muhlenfeld '10 (center) in Bozeman, Mont.

simple request, and mayhem on our Facebook page ensued. **Zachary Bitzer** is working at NMH, and **Olivia VanCott Stanton** recently got married on campus — our congratulations to her! **Tenzin Masselli** is, to quote, “alive.” **Jordan Kreyling** is snowbirding (look it up), and though a broken car has temporarily thwarted him, he's planning on visiting San Francisco. Also in San Francisco are **Jenna Florio** (getting her hands dirty working with ants), **Hanson Cheng** (who launched a jewelry brand this year), and **Leigh Winters** (who didn't disclose what she's up to). **Emily Tobin** is working on a master's of architecture at Columbia, while **Mackenzie King** is “surviving late-stage capitalism.” Similarly, **Elizabeth Pratt Marlowe** is “employed,” and **Garrett McMullen** claims to be adulating in Boston (though none of us buy it). **Lio Isabella Mehiel** attempted to follow the rules, though the answer “gender-queer and non-binary” provided 200 percent more hyphens than was asked for in my guidelines. **Junius Ross-Martin** is once again weighing us down with his incessant deep thought and pseudo-existentialism. Today, for example, he's “mourning American exceptionalism.” C'mon, man, just once give me “bought a humidifier.” **Carlyle Thomes** is “enjoying” and, not to brag, but **Julie McCausland** just finished undergrad. I'll be joining her in Miami in just a few days, and by the time this column is published, I'm sure our friendship will have been blown to smithereens. **Adam Rosenthal** is teaching in Burlington, Vt., while **Bo Martin** is “lost-in-the-void” (300 percent more hyphens than required). **Deenie Schlass** texted me privately but refused to participate in this game. Cheers! The only person who gets a true shoutout this season is **Milo Korman**, who has just gotten back from the South Pole, where he was installing a new camera on the South Pole Telescope. **Eliza MacLean** has yet to complete undergrad. To wrap it all up, I'll quote **Henry Ault**, who was clearly feeling sentimental: “Miss you guys!” — **Olivia Wolpe**

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Riley Dickie notes that Burlington, Vt., has more NMH alums moving in every year, which was especially clear at the NMH on the Water event. Riley and **David Rose** are roommates. They often get together with **Max Cummings**, **Annie Henderson**, Tucker White '11, and other NMH friends for a summer day on Lake Champlain or a visit to the ski slopes in winter. Between the jobs, the access to the outdoors, and the community, "Burlington as a city and Vermont as a whole is definitely an awesome place for us NMH alums to call home!" said Riley. If you are in the area, be sure to look up Riley and David. And if your city or town has a vibrant or growing NMH community, please share your story in our class notes.

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Former NMH chaplain Betty Stookey and her husband Noel perform "One Light, Many Candles" in Greenfield, Mass., last fall. They've presented the multi-faith program of readings and music around the country.

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Phillip Calabria and his family are now living in Northfield in a neighborhood where there are many NMH families, and they are often visited by other retirees and current faculty. Alumni drop-ins have included Sam Calagione '88, Joe Ruscio '05, Mark Short '83, and Peter Weis '78. In his photographic essay, "The Stilled Passage" (supported by professional development grants from NMH), Phil explored Ellis Island's unrestored buildings. His photos were on display at the Ellis Island National Museum of Immigration and Statue of Liberty National Monument. The original 2012 exhibit was shortened when damage from Hurricane Sandy closed the monument. The entire 66-print essay is now part of the National Park Service's permanent collection. • **Arlie Corday**, former director of public relations, has recently completed a novel, *Cinderella Shoots the Moon*. It is a story about the bonds of family and friendship, and has earned a five-star rating. • **Mary-Ann Efird Higgins '51** was really disappointed not to attend Reunion 2017. She especially missed the Northfield classes of 1957, 1962, and 1967 — all of which have special memories for her. The whole Higgins family was able to gather in one place for Thanksgiving. Family members Al Higgins '50, Mary-Ann '51, Eric '84 and his wife and two kids from the Boston area, Wendy and her spouse from Appleton, Maine, and David '89 and his daughter from Minneapolis all attended the celebration. Mary-Ann's husband, Al, has fond memories of his time at Mount Hermon and NMH. He is now residing in a long-term care facility. • **Pamela Hodgkins** has returned to live in Northfield, just around the corner from Green Pastures — the building she worked in for many years. Pam stays busy in retirement, enjoying her three children and five grandchildren. She is also still active in local, district, and statewide Lions Club work. • **Janet and Don Mayhew** report that the light of their life is four-month-old grandson Levin. Son Jesse '01 and his wife live nearby in Florence, Mass., so they get to babysit often. • **Carol and Nelson Lebo '56** are still in Northfield and currently downsizing for a move sometime! Five grandchildren: Scotty (13), Brady Jane (12), Michael (8) in Colorado with Scott and Jane; and Verti (5) and Manu (2) in New Zealand are with Ned and Dani. Carol and Nelson welcome any NMH visitors. • **Jerry Reneau** (once an "Anguish" teacher at NMH!) reports that most of his retirement has been

occupied with music-making activities. He sings in three regional choirs, one of which (Peterborough Chamber Choir) won first place in the a cappella category in a New England competition! He occasionally sings solo with the Monadnock Chorus and is on the board of directors for Music on Norway Pond in Hancock, N.H. On three Sundays a month, Jerry plays pipe organ at either Hancock or Frankestown churches. He also takes voice lessons from Thomas Jones, minister of music at Harvard. • **Betty and Noel Stookey** were in Greenfield, Mass., last November performing "One Light Many Candles," a multi-faith program of readings and music that reflects the diversity and integrity of individual faith while seeking a global spiritual community. Betty and Noel have performed this concert for 10 years, from coast to coast. There were many NMH-ers in attendance at the Greenfield concert, which ended with us all joining Betty and Noel in singing "Blowin' in the Wind," the Bob Dylan song that is just as significant now as it was when it was written in 1962. • After leaving NMH in 2009, **Sher Sweet** took a sabbatical and then a two-year intensive training to become a chaplain. She is now a spiritual counselor at the Farren Care Center in Montague, Mass., and Saint Luke's Rest Home in Springfield, and is also an academic coach at Hampshire College. She takes voice lessons and sings at Temple Israel. Sher now lives in a condo in Greenfield, Mass., and loves being close to her son, Jacob, and his friends. About three years ago, Sher ran into **Molly Scherm** at a local gym in Amherst; they enjoyed reminiscing about their early years as religious studies teachers and laughed at some of their follies. • **Kyp Wasiuk** and husband Joe divide their time between the Berkshires and Vero Beach, Fla. She is active in her local chapter of the American Association of University Women and serves on the board of The Mount, Edith Wharton's beautiful home in Lenox, Mass. Kyp and Joe celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in June 2017 with a gala dinner-dance with family and friends. • **Debbie Kolpa, Gayle Potter**, and I (your scribe, **Josie Rigby**) see each other regularly at the Girls' Nite Out league at Brattleboro Bowl. If any ladies are interested in ten-pin bowling, let me know — we'd love to have more teams! Debbie has six grandchildren and looks after her granddaughter, Ali, on Fridays, and Gayle also has six grandchildren who keep her busy, along with a couple of days working part time. When swim season is in full swing, you can find me on a pool deck, officiating for local high schools, prep schools, and colleges.

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October 26, 2017

2006

Arthur to **Lucia Bisbee** and Jim Ferron
September 2017

Orson to **Robin Marie Sills** and Eoin Higgins
November 24, 2017

Johann to **Rosa von Gleichen Blau**
August 2017

2008

Mairead to **Joe Charpentier** and wife Haley
May 2, 2017

MARRIAGES

1979

Jennifer Beever to James Daniel Causey
September 30, 2017

1986

Sue Page to Todd Aubuchon
August 26, 2017

Kelly Higgins Paliskis to Gene Paliskis
October 2017

1987

Yesim Apaydin to **Stephen Grahling**
October 28, 2017

1993

Amy Peltier Valentine to Chris Valentine
November 4, 2017

2002

Katie Gallagher to Drew Smith
January 2017

Ellen Kraft to Jason McCune
July 3, 2016

2006

Kate Hayes to Thomas Thompson-Flores
May 20, 2017

Becky Bowen Sims to Zac Sims
July 6, 2013

Lindsey Warren-Shriner to Sam Smedinghoff
August 2017

Lucia Bisbee to Jim Ferron
April 2017

2008

Ralph Craig to Kelly Boyd
November 4, 2017

Kayci Wickline Neff to Reggie Neff
July 10, 2017

Althea SullyCole to Alec Saelens
August 18, 2017

Connie Floyd Tarantino to **Marty Tarantino**
October 2017

DEATHS

1933

Ada Kedy Bowler
September 9, 2005

John Jacobs

January 15, 2015

Gail Mulford Whitney

October 18, 2017

1934

Constance MacNaughton Blanton
August 5, 2017

Margaret Perry

December 11, 2017

1935

Bernard Dudley

August 30, 2013

Janice Tyack Hull

December 4, 2008

Survived by Barbara Tyack Hull '41,
Hannah Beecher '61

J. Franklin Pineo

June 22, 2006

Survived by Douglas Pineo '67

Janet Brown Trousdale

August 31, 2012

1936

Robert Atwood
June 20, 2002

Ruth Barton

March 3, 2012

Alden Carter

June 19, 2017

Bertha Shaw Cassetti

July 3, 2008

Audrey Poore Coleman

November 10, 2005

Roger Davis

October 31, 2011

Survived by Richard Davis '64

Ronald Davis

May 20, 2007

Barbara Deyoe DeWitt

February 9, 2006

Leslie Higgins

October 4, 2011

Lucius Maltby

April 20, 2009

Theodore Moore

June 9, 2005

Pearl Corliss Putnam

February 5, 2013

James Reilly

January 28, 2010

Survived by James Nicholson '07

Bessie Layton Sinish

December 9, 2012

Elizabeth Sloan Tyler

April 16, 2015

Grace Wilcox Wheeler

January 6, 2013

Survived by Sarah Wilcox
Caulfield '41,
Olin Wilcox '49

1937

William Boettcher

June 25, 2015

Survived by Rodger Smith '62

William Crawford

October 13, 2012

William McFaul

May 1, 2014

Mary Pullen Murphy

February 7, 2017

Elaine Briggs Wyckoff

March 29, 2014

1938

Marian Weinberger Hartman

December 26, 2017

Genevieve Denison Herrick

September 22, 2006

Esther Benedict Johnson

May 5, 2017

Richard Keeney

January 1, 2006

Robert Walker

August 10, 2017

1939

Malcolm Peckham

June 22, 2017

Survived by Linda Burden

Monchik '65,

Lauren Monchik Paull '91,

April Monchik '97

Charles Pierce

February 3, 2002

Emily McGill Robinson

July 10, 2014

Mary Fisher Thompson

May 29, 2017

Survived by Samuel Wilson '05

Norma Smith Upson

January 21, 2016

Survived by Ruth Hague '46,

Aldace Howard '57,

J. Rogers Howard '59,

Peter Howard '61

1940

Merilyn Baker Graham

April 4, 2015

1941

Nancy Washburn Bruley

December 23, 2017

Survived by Ben Browne '05

Louise Pfuhl Darby

October 2, 2017

Jane Porter Gibson

October 11, 2017

Elizabeth Cooley Leavitt

December 26, 2017

Dorothy Fullam Terry

July 18, 2009

Richard Ward

August 5, 2015

Roberta Wheeler

January 4, 2015

1942

John Burke

October 20, 2016

Survived by Roberta Burke

Burpee '43

Douglas Crook

September 24, 2017

William Crooker

February 9, 2015

Annette Donaldson MacKenzie

May 22, 2017

Jeanne Maurer Shutes

December 29, 2017

Robert Somers

August 28, 2015
Survived by Margaret Somers
Ashley '77

Alexander Stewart

October 28, 2017
Survived by Alexander Stewart '70

Charles Thompson

July 1, 2017
Survived by David Thompson '69

Elizabeth Lyman Warden

December 13, 2017
Survived by Margaret Turner Mertz '48,
Mary Lyman Heist '49,
Patricia Lyman McLean '71,
Kathryn Mertz McQuerrey '72,
David Waller '73,
Amy Patterson Baird '74,
Jane Heist Gamber '74,
Virginia Hinman McEachern '74,
Andrew Heist '06,
Geoff McQuerrey '06,
Sarah Heist '08,
Mariah Heist '14,
Timothy Heist '15,
Christopher Heist '17,
Samantha Heist '19,
Jessica Heist '21

1943

William Barclay

February 24, 2014

William Porter

March 21, 2015

Harry Schadler

December 18, 2011
Survived by Hap Schadler '70,
Tod Schadler '72

Mary Frost Tarr

January 11, 2016

1944

Caroline Barlow Bender

February 18, 2016

William Compton

August 22, 2017
Survived by Esther Compton Miseroy '48,
Richard Compton '68,
Elizabeth Compton '72,
Robert Compton '78,
Rose Jackman Spurgin '00,
Martha Compton '03,
Henry Compton '05

Osborne Gaines

December 11, 2010

Thomas Giffin

March 21, 2017

John Guthrie

July 19, 2017

Mary Gulick Hawke

January 20, 2017
Survived by Mary Hawke '71

Hugh Penney

November 12, 2017
Survived by Ruth Penney Carter '45,
Ella Penney Harlow '47

Mary Hatch Thompson

December 22, 2016

1945

Eva Hochner Agoston

July 8, 2017

Mary Nute Craighill

April 13, 2016
Survived by Wistar Kay '72

C. Carnot Evans

August 16, 2017
Survived by DeMaurice Moses '51,
Merle Bowser '52,
John Moses '58,
Zoe Cunningham-Cook '11

Harriet Emmons Gaines

April 22, 2016
Survived by Helen Emmons Hogel '42

George Lawson

November 11, 2017
Survived by Susan Lawson
Smales '77

Clarence Ross

August 31, 2017

John Rydin

March 10, 2017

William Wallace

December 16, 2017
Survived by Andrew Wallace '75

Jane Hoisington Wilkinson

August 13, 2017

1946

Jean Scheller Cain

July 15, 2017

Janet Brown Cliggott

June 14, 2017
Survived by Patricia Cliggott '78

William McCluskey

December 25, 2016

Rodman Scheffer

December 21, 2017

Harold Shapiro

January 15, 2018

1947

Mary Lee Smith Arfer

2017 (date unknown)

Robert Bashian

September 10, 2017

Gladys Peck Bowley

November 17, 2017

Joan Case Ebel

June 6, 2017

David Giordano

November 30, 2017

Gloria Schmidt Glatz

September 8, 2017

Jean Matthews Halverson

August 14, 2017

James Nesper

May 22, 2017

Joan Pearson Turner

August 10, 2017
Survived by David Sechrest '99

Dorothy Lyman Waller

December 4, 2017
Survived by Margaret Turner
Mertz '48,
Mary Lyman Heist '49,
Patricia Lyman McLean '71,
Kathryn Mertz McQuerrey '72,
David Waller '73,
Amy Patterson Baird '74,
Jane Heist Gamber '74,
Virginia Hinman McEachern '74,
Andrew Heist '06,
Geoff McQuerrey '06,
Sarah Heist '08,
Mariah Heist '14,
Timothy Heist '15,
Christopher Heist '17,
Samantha Heist '19,
Jessica Heist '21

Ellen Wiese

December 23, 2016

1948

Fred Carl

March 20, 2016
Survived by David Carl '55

Donald Green

July 29, 2016

Jeanette Hotchkiss

September 26, 2017

Mary Yergan Hughes

December 20, 2017

Edna Miller Mordecai

July 22, 2017

Walter Nixon

August 22, 2017

David Sargis

September 10, 2016

Walter Sherman

November 24, 2016

Georgia Smith Springer

October 27, 2017
Survived by Barbara Barbee
Bullock '39,
Dana Haberland '65,
Jay Haberland '68,
Mark Haberland '06

Lois Oncle Stratton

December 29, 2016

Dorothy Gould Visco

November 13, 2014

1949

Paul Dubeau

August 13, 2017

Margery Newton Pustell

July 25, 2017

1950

Floyd Andrew

August 9, 2014

Donald Hunt

November 28, 2017
Survived by Jonathan Hunt '78

Mariel Gilbert Kinsey

December 8, 2017

Mary Springer McBride

September 15, 2016

Carroll Gillespie Pettengill

October 30, 2017
Survived by Alma Gillespie
Niemiller '53,
Sallie Pettengill '77,
Samuel Pettengill '80,
James Pettengill '04

Irwin Severance

August 6, 2017
Survived by Sybil Severance
O'Keefe '40,
June Bolton Generous '41
Beverly Bolton Leyden '53,
Arolyn Bolton Lake '54,
Judith Holbrook Hurlbut '59,
Donna Holbrook '61,
Polly Severance Gray '76,
Julie Severance '79

Richard Smith

April 10, 2017

1951

Nancy Cameron Dilworth

December 26, 2017

John Thayer

June 28, 2014

C. William Thornton

April 15, 2007

Kimber Wheelock

August 12, 2017

1952

Jane Teufel Burdick

August 8, 2017

Philip Cutting

October 15, 2017

Niki Nichols Friedberg

November 22, 2017
Survived by Alysia Contas
Macaulay '85

Claire Nickerson Hall

March 15, 2017

Dodd Wragg

January 25, 2018
Survived by John Wragg '51

1953

Margaret Mortensen Anderson

November 7, 2017

Walter Burns

September 2017

Robert Davis

April 28, 2016

Daniel J. Fearn

January 4, 2016

Nancy Foster Poley

December 13, 2017

1954

Frederick Beardsley

October 27, 2017

Marianna Macone Bott
October 4, 2017
Survived by Benjamin Bott '81

Michael Carpenter
November 22, 2017

David Lloyd
January 3, 2018

Patricia deLahunta Lovell
December 18, 2017

Edward Phelps
January 9, 2018
Survived by Martha Phelps '83,
Sandra Haynes '84,
Laura Haynes Chambers '88

David Ward
October 12, 2017
Survived by Gregory Ward '66

Lauraine Lyall White
August 29, 2017

1955
Elaine Rankin Bailey
November 26, 2017

James Gillespie
May 25, 2015
Survived by Alma Gillespie
Niemiller '53,
Sallie Pettengill '77,
Samuel Pettengill '80,
James Pettengill '04

Francis Mather
September 27, 2015

Hope Owen McMahon
December 21, 2017

Nancy Richards
October 12, 2017

Richard Weed
December 17, 2017
Survived by Janet Weed Breen '80,
Geoffrey Weed '87

1956
Katherine Guthrie Bergen
December 18, 2017

Richard Chutter
August 15, 2017
Survived by Elaine Chutter
Latham '53,
Cynthia Chutter Kahn '57,
Cynthia Worrell '84,
Mark Chutter '85,
Leonard Latham '86,
Donna Latham '88,
Ross Latham '91,
Heather Latham '94,
Lindsay Chutter Coats '96,
Alyssa Wilder '03,
Elinor Roulston-Wilder '06

Sally Ahearn James
April 12, 2017

Soon Hall Leong
January 6, 2018
Survived by Leslie Leong '61,
Roland Leong '69,
Apollo Leong '80,
Hsiu Leong '83,
Benjamin Leong '02

William Taylor
July 15, 2017

W. Terrell Upson
December 16, 2017
Survived by Edward Upson '64

1957
Louise Grummon Bryant
October 2, 2017
Survived by Robert Grummon '55

Kathleen Bullock Johnson
February 27, 2008
Survived by Sally Smith Karsch '59

Stephen Kaplan
July 20, 2017

Charles Streeter
August 8, 2017
Survived by Constance Streeter
MacInnis '64

Frances Hamilton Streeter
November 10, 2017
Survived by Barbara Hamilton
Martin '64

1958
Henry Bryant
August 8, 2014

Susan Knell Cone
October 2, 2015
Survived by Betsy Froehlich Hill '54,
Candace Hunt '72

Richard Fellows
May 24, 2015

Vann Jones
October 27, 2017

Walter Wheeler
December 2, 2017

1959
N. Clark Bowlen
January 8, 2012

Jack Mann
March 5, 2017
Survived by Nancy Mann Chang '56,
Bette Mann Phelps '59,
Joanne Mann McWilliams '67

1960
Thomas Draper
September 8, 2017
Survived by William Buckson '74,
Mariah Draper Calagione '89,
Thomas H. Draper '94,
Samuel Calagione '18,
Grier Calagione '20

1961
John Galloway
June 17, 2014

1962
William Proper
September 2, 2017

1963
Alfred Christian Fredrick
January 28, 2018

1964
Diana Atwood Johnson
January 1, 2018
Survived by Peter Atwood '92

Rudolph Peritz
August 5, 2015

1965
Stuart Bethune
December 30, 2017
Survived by John Bethune '62,
Bruce Bethune '64

1966
Jennifer Risley Moon
June 30, 2016

1968
Margaret Brooking Brominski
April 11, 2016

Jane Hards
January 6, 2018

Thomas Jefferson
September 1, 2017

1969
Mary Baillie Collins
November 13, 2017
Survived by Mary Austin '86

1971
Donald Sadler
June 11, 2011
Survived by Lindsay Ackerman '01,
Donald C. Sadler '05

1972
Crispin Philpott
October 14, 2017
Survived by Aimee Philpott '72

1973
Richard Poland
November 11, 2013

1975
John Thorndike
December 28, 2017
Survived by William Crocker '03

1976
Steven Pianowski
October 21, 2017

1977
Pamela Watson-Hogan
December 26, 2017
Survived by Allyson Watson '80

1978
David Hume
December 8, 2017
Survived by Hannah Green '14

Gerard Nieto
May 4, 2012
Survived by Charles Nieto '82,
Elizabeth Head '95

Jack Robinson
November 1, 2017

1979
Howard Schoenfeld
December 9, 2017
Survived by Philip Schoenfeld '80

1982
Jacob Parnas
November 12, 2006

1986
Sara Wiener Gear
September 10, 2017

2000
Jeffrey Terr
December 17, 2017
Survived by Kelly Terr '99

2008
Nicholas Epstein
October 30, 2017

FORMER FACULTY AND STAFF

Charles Brown
November 15, 2017

Townsend Cass
July 30, 2017

David Howe
October 25, 2017

Martha Jordan
October 11, 2017

Patricia Lewis
July 31, 2017

Janet Rampott
January 21, 2018

Claudia Scheffer
February 18, 2016

Norma Stearns
October 25, 2017
Survived by Galen Stearns '73

Margaret Torrey
August 19, 2017
Survived by David Torrey '73,
William Torrey '76

HISTORY LESSON



Go Team!

The story of this 1981 varsity jacket begins, as so many stories do, at Harvard University. In 1865, the Harvard baseball team began identifying its top athletes by allowing them to affix a large crimson “H” to the center of their sweaters. Thirty years later, Mount Hermon took up a similar practice, awarding athletes an “H” made of a deep maroon chenille, which was sewn on whatever sweater a boy might have at hand.

While the earliest letter jackets appeared in the 1930s, athletes at Mount Hermon seemed to prefer the original practice of letter sweaters; in the 1940s, the student store was selling sweaters of black or white, to which deserving

athletes could sew their own varsity awards. The classic boiled-wool letter jacket did not catch on until about 1960, and though the fashion waned at the close of that decade, it had a renaissance in the mid-to-late 1970s.

Generally speaking, today’s NMH student feels that the 20th century has little to offer the fashion-conscious, but wear a jacket like this one around campus and you’re sure to evoke one feeling above all others: jealousy. “Hey, that’s a cool jacket, Mr. Weis. Where did you get it? Can we get one of those?”

Varsity letters are still awarded to deserving NMH athletes. The jackets themselves await their next renaissance.

GIVING BACK

E. Michael Fung '75, Then and Now

HOME: Hong Kong

PROFESSION: Chairman and principal of SouthBay Investment Advisors Limited. Member of the Shanghai Commercial Bank Limited Board of Directors, and the Financial Services Development Council, a think tank that advises the Hong Kong government on financial development strategy.

LATEST ACCOMPLISHMENT: Started his own business after retiring as chairman of JPMorgan Private Bank in Asia and senior country officer of the bank's Hong Kong branch in 2015. "The last two years on my own have allowed me to explore what I really want to do."

COMING TO NMH: "In Hong Kong, the school system was very strict. At NMH, there was no dress code and there were lots of ways to express your interests. I was happy to be myself."

NMH MOMENT: Jumping off the bridge on Route 10 into the Connecticut River. (There were girls to impress.) "I started to chicken out, but I let go and jumped. My feet touched the bottom of the river. It was the bravest, stupidest thing I ever did."

GIVING HISTORY: Donor since 1995. NMH Board of Trustees, 2008–18. Funded the Fung Family Fields along the Connecticut River and the Fung Family Room in Bolger House to honor his parents. Led fund-raising to name Hong Kong Hall in the future Gilder Center for Integrative Math and Science Education.

WHAT'S IMPORTANT NOW:
"We owe it to the future of NMH to have a science center with first-class facilities."



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CHAMPIONS The boys' varsity basketball team celebrates its NEPSAC AAA tournament win on March 4, 2018.