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LAUREN SCHNIPPER RAUSCH '97

THE BIG PICTURE

Headmaster Peter Quinn and Chronicle editor Carrie Harrington discuss the brand new Chronicle, Peddie website and strategic priorities.

CH: What is the importance of alumni magazines for schools like Peddie?

PQ: When people receive the Chronicle, it's an opportunity for them to grasp – literally – something from the school. They see how the Peddie they know continues to evolve, and how the mission of the school plays out in people's lives. It inspires a reflective period.

CH: The Chronicle sustains alumni's love, affection and affinity for Peddie. We kept that in mind for the redesign. Despite the diminishing role of print media, alumni magazines occupy a powerful role in informing and engaging alumni. Even in the era of social media, class notes remain some of the most popular content in the magazine.

CH: What's your reaction to the new peddie.org?

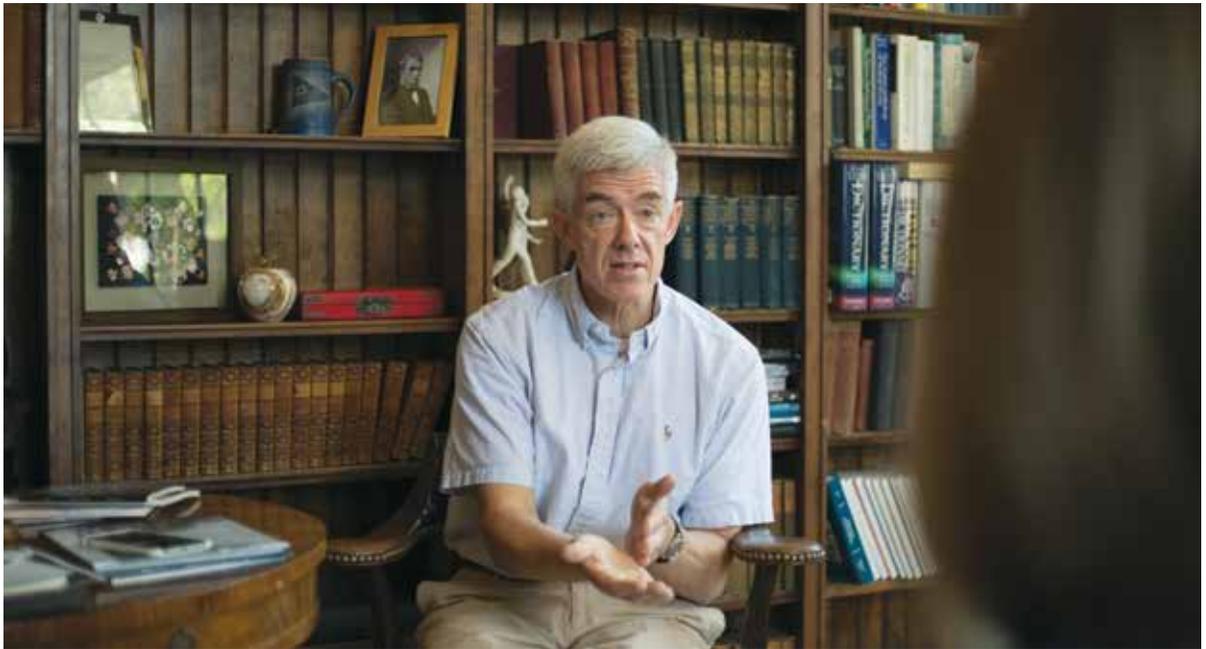
PQ: Wow! It's such a powerful magnet for potential students and parents to get to know our school. The site also resonates with our community because it accurately reflects their Peddie experience.

CH: Let's talk about the strategic plan. What laid the groundwork for the four strategic goals? (See pages 24-25.)

PQ: At the heart of all of our research is this: We don't want to be anything different from what we are. We just want to do what we do, better. We need to keep progressing, and our strategic plan reflects that.

CH: Goal number one is to enhance our excellence in transformational education. How do you think the Peddie experience transforms students?

PQ: Academic excellence is not enough. At Peddie, we focus on the excellence



of progress. We take kids from diverse backgrounds, united by excitement, curiosity and character, and transform them into capable, ethical and articulate people who want to do good things. We take students further than they think they can go.

CH: Why do you believe that access to a Peddie education is so critical to our mission?

PQ: The Annenberg gift 24 years ago allowed us to provide sufficient financial aid to support about 40 percent of the student body. This has been the single biggest operational change to enhance the quality of the Peddie experience. We need to push access to a Peddie education as broadly as we can.

CH: And that will take financial sustainability?

PQ: Yes. If we want to increase our financial aid commitment, we're going to have to increase our endowment and make sure we maintain conservative fiscal management.

CH: Why make messaging and marketing a strategic priority?

PQ: We are not as broadly and accurately known as we ought to be for a school doing the remarkable things Peddie is doing. For those who know our school intimately, our reputation is strong. Our challenge is shouting that message more boldly. That's why telling our story is an important fourth pillar of our strategic plan.

CH: As a member of the strategic marketing and communications team, I look forward to reaching these objectives.



Remembering Dr. King's visit to Peddie

Your thoughtful article about Martin Luther King Jr.'s visit to Peddie 60 years ago reminded me that Dr. Herb Mariboe took our senior history class to hear Dr. King speak at the Princeton University Chapel sometime in 1952 or 1953. I certainly did not appreciate what a privilege it was at the time. I do remember that the church was packed, three to four people deep in the aisles. I thought you would like to know that the Dr. King/Peddie association goes back even further than 1957.

BRUCE GILBERT '53

The impact of residential life at Peddie

I noticed a small error in "The impact of residential life at Peddie." Peddie did not raze Wilson Hall in 1976.

There were still students living in Wilson Hall when I arrived at Peddie in 1976. We had mail service on the first floor and the canteen was in operation on the second floor. Bob Burns and I removed some banisters and other furnishings from the building in 1977 in order to create the set for the faculty production of "Dracula." To the surprise of Headmaster Potter, my brother and Bob Muller removed the Peddie bell from Wilson Hall in 1978.

GARY BOILLOTAT '77

Editor's note: Indeed, Wilson Hall was razed in 1978. Thank you, Gary!

I was sorry to see Bob Tucker's name in the In Memoriam. Bob preceded me as assistant alumni secretary in the late 1940s. He welcomed classmates to his home during alumni gatherings and was an outstanding alum.

JACK CAMPBELL '44

Peddie Hurdler

The archive photo showing the hurdler was probably taken before 1958 as Peddie upgraded its hurdles in the late 50s to the modern type that are still used in track events today.

It looks like the hurdler is wearing black Spalding shoes. By the late 50s, most of us wore Adidas. The only place one could buy Adidas track shoes in the U.S. then was at the Carlson Import Shoe Company on Canal Street in New York City. They cost \$15.00 (expensive at the time), but the shoes were great quality, light with permanent spikes and form-fitting. I still have mine and they are like new. Trouble is there are no cinder tracks on which to use them. The story of the modern Adidas track shoe and its American connection started when the company gave their shoes to Jesse Owens in the 1936 Olympics for promotional purposes.

ED KING '60



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FIVE THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT WILL SODANO

Early each morning, hours before he arrives at Peddie from his home in Brielle, N.J., Will Sodano takes a two-hour trek through ocean waters. Peddie's assistant director of athletics is training for the Carolina Cup, the annual stand up paddle board race that attracts dozens of the world's fastest athletes as well as hundreds of recreational paddlers. Sodano has set his sights on placing in the top 10, elite male class, at next April's event in Wrightsville Beach, N.C.



Will Sodano paddles across Peddie Lake.

1

He's been stand up paddle boarding for almost ten years.

The sport was hard to pick up. The equipment was not good back then. But I was determined. I fell a lot. I got a lot of bruises. But I figured it out. And I've been doing it ever since.

2

He considers the Carolina Cup to be the most difficult challenge.

It's much harder than the Iron Man, century ride or the Boston Marathon. You have to deal with changing conditions ... wind, tide and surf.

3

He gets up at 4 a.m. Even in the winter.

By the time I arrive at Peddie in the morning, I've put in two hours on the water. January and February are the hardest months. It's cold, and I'm paddling in the pitch black. I have to wear a headlight so I don't get run over by a boat.

4

Family time is important to him.

We go out and paddle together. It's our version of a family bike ride. My son loves it. We'll fish off our boards and on the Fourth of July, we'll paddle out and watch the fireworks together. It's a great way for us to connect.

5

He gets a completely different view.

I love being connected to the energy of the ocean. As I step on my board and push away from shore, I get this feeling that I'm leaving everything behind. The worries and woes of life disappear and I can relax for a while.

"It's our version of a family bike ride."



Peddie.org redesign drives growth



Peddie.org has a new look and feel following an extensive redesign. “Our goal was a more intuitive and admissions-focused site which will more effectively engage current and prospective families,” said Tricia O’Neill, assistant director, web strategy and communications. After the site launched in mid-August, traffic to the admissions pages increased by 40 percent in September compared to the same period last year.

New campus quad debuts

Students returning to campus this fall found a new place to study and socialize. The Armellino Quadrangle, named in honor of Mike Armellino ’57 CP’19, provides outdoor space with walkways and gathering areas, adjacent to Kaye and Potter Dormitories. The project was a collaborative design process involving Peddie architecture students and faculty, and design professionals. “The quad has already become an extension of our cherished Center Campus,” said Brooke Dennison ’18, student body co-president.



ARTS SCHOLAR SAYS PERFORMING “FEELS SO RIGHT.”

Hannah Keaton '20 attended her first Peddie production when she was 10 years old.

“My mom worked at Peddie and brought me to a number of shows over the years,” Keaton said. “I was inspired by the students who put on such amazing performances. I wanted to be a part of it.”

Keaton got her wish last year when she landed the part of Vivian Kensington in the freshmen musical, “Legally Blonde.” “It was so much fun and I made a lot of friends,” said Keaton.

Following her performance in “Legally Blonde,” Keaton became an ensemble cast member in the much-lauded winter musical, “Les Misérables,” an experience she called “unlike any other.”

This summer, Keaton learned that she is the first recipient of The John W. Duckett Jr. '45 Scholarship Fund for the Arts, established by Carolyn Duckett in honor of her late husband to provide financial aid to students who demonstrate an interest in the visual or performing arts.

John “Jack” Duckett '45 was active in Peddie’s performing arts program. As an upperclassman, he played the lead role of Jonathan Brewster in the classic play “Arsenic and Old Lace.”

Over the years, Jack Duckett’s love for Peddie remained strong. He became

a Bell Society member by establishing a charitable gift annuity at Peddie and served on the school’s planned giving committee. He enjoyed returning to campus for reunion weekends and attended many Peddie theatrical productions.

It was this deep-seated appreciation for Peddie that stirred a conversation between the Ducketts about making the school a philanthropic priority. The couple established additional charitable gift annuities at Peddie and, in 2016, just a year after Jack Duckett’s passing, Carolyn Duckett endowed The John W. Duckett Jr. '45 Scholarship Fund for the Arts through the donation of their home in Freehold, where they lived for 37 years.

“Jack would be thrilled and honored to know that I put our house to work for Peddie, to help deserving students like Hannah thrive,” said Carolyn.

“Hannah’s positivity and encouragement of others has always impressed me,” said arts faculty member Jay Jaski. As for Keaton, she is thrilled about the recognition. “I am so grateful for this award and am encouraged to keep pursuing my passion,” she said.

Keaton will audition for Peddie’s upcoming production of “Avenue Q” and wants to expand her craft through the Arts Signature Experience. “I love performing. It feels so right,” she said.



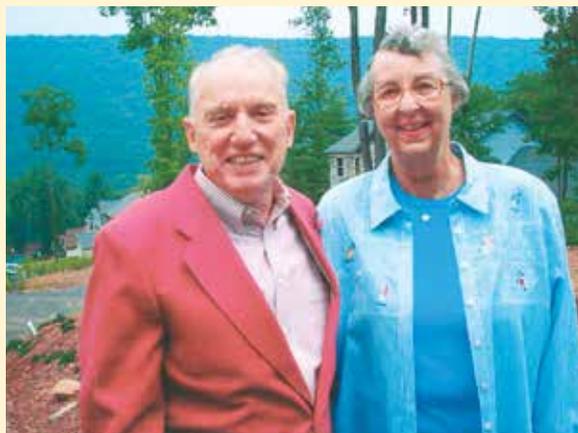
Left: Carolyn Duckett AS '45 meets scholarship recipient Hannah Keaton '20 at Peddie in September 2017. Duckett established the scholarship fund for the arts to honor her husband's legacy.

Below Top: Bell Society members John "Jack" Duckett '45 and his wife, Carolyn, made Peddie a philanthropic priority.

Below Bottom: In 2016, Keaton (second from left) played the role of Vivian Kensington in "Legally Blonde."

For more information on gift planning at Peddie, contact Regina Ketting at rketting@peddie.org or (609) 944-7615, or visit peddie.org/giftplanning.

"I was inspired by the students who put on such amazing performances. I wanted to be a part of it."





A REMARKABLE LOVE AFFAIR

Anne Seltzer receives the Thomas B. Peddie award

Anne L. Seltzer is one of the most important figures – and probably the most influential woman – in Peddie history.

This spring, she became only the fifth member of the Peddie community to receive the school's highest honor, the Thomas B. Peddie Award for extraordinary service and loyalty to the school. With the award, Seltzer joined an illustrious quartet of Peddie alumni; Michael Armellino '57 was the first to receive the award in 2007, followed by Finn M.W. Caspersen '59 in 2009, Henry Christensen III '62 in 2013 and Robert M. Kaye '54 in 2014.

After her family relocated to Princeton from Chicago in 1979, Seltzer looked for a teaching position in the area. She taught classics at Northwestern University and wanted to continue her career in education. When Seltzer met with Headmaster Ed Potter, she knew immediately she had found her home base.

"From then on, I have had a remarkable love affair with Peddie. It became my life, and my family's life, too," she said.

At the time, Seltzer was the only female teacher in the Peddie English department. "It made me take my role more seriously because I was breaking new ground," she said. A few years later, she became the first female chair of the English department. Thanks to Seltzer, Peddie was the first school in New Jersey to offer a Women in Literature course, a milestone she called "one of my favorite Peddie memories."

After the sudden death of Headmaster Potter in 1988, Seltzer became acting head

of school for one significant year. She admittedly experienced mixed and difficult emotions at that time. Her close colleague and boss had just died and Seltzer needed to lead the healing of a mourning community, yet there were many challenges that she relished tackling. A grateful Seltzer remembered the strong support she received throughout the year from faculty and staff, the board of trustees and board chair, Finn Caspersen.

Seltzer was appointed the director of development in 1992. It was during her tenure that the school received the largest gift in its history – a \$100 million donation from Walter H. Annenberg '27.

"Working with Ambassador Annenberg and Headmaster Tom DeGray to plan the best use of that remarkable gift was a highlight during my time at Peddie," said Seltzer. "It was a thrilling period because it really changed the focus and reach of the school," she said.

Seltzer served as director of development until her retirement in 2003. Most recently, she served as a member of the Board of Trustees and continues to serve as an advisory trustee since the end of her term earlier this year.

"Anne Seltzer earned the Thomas B. Peddie award because of the impact she made in the varied and critical roles throughout her career," said Headmaster Peter Quinn. "Peddie is a remarkable school because Anne helped to make it that way in critical moments. She is a humble leader, a revered mentor and a beloved Peddie friend."

MAKING WAVES

John Lazenby '96, hotel and restaurant wine division manager for Breakthru Beverage Group in Miramar, Florida, talks about being the former face of the classic naval combat game.

How did you become one of the faces of the Battleship game?

The owner of a modeling agency discovered me at an Atlanta shopping mall when I was about six years old. I convinced my parents to let me continue in the industry after we moved to Boston several years later. One of the first job offers I received was the Battleship box. It went to

print about a year later and remained the cover image until I was in college.

Did the subject ever come up in conversation while you were at Peddie?

People found out quickly. My roommate, Nick Klingensmith '97, and I attempted to recreate the image. (See photo below.)

What is your fondest Peddie memory?

I spoke at a luncheon attended by Walter Annenberg in the fall of 1993. Annenberg's gift to Peddie transformed my life. I was

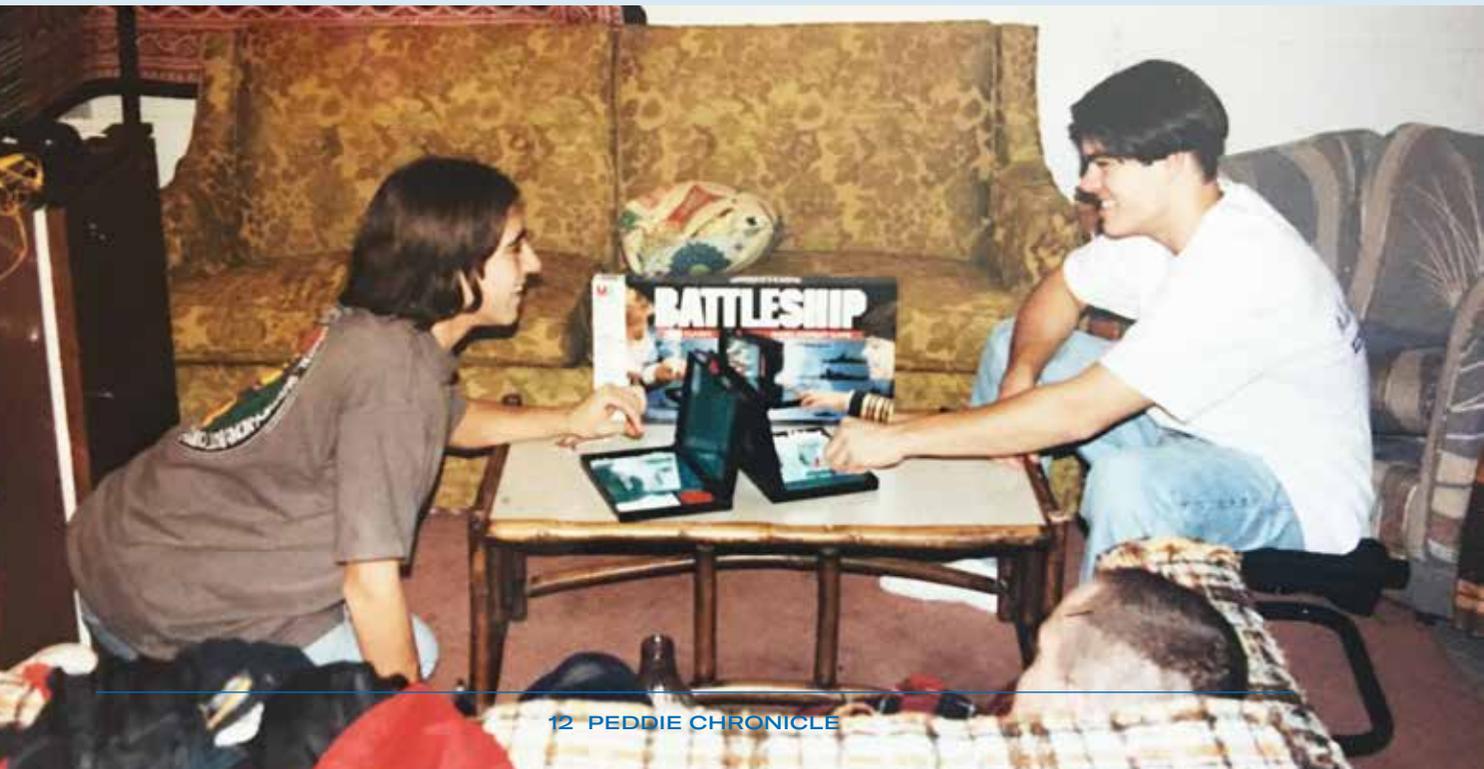
motivated to work hard to prove to Mr. Annenberg and Peddie that my financial aid award was a good decision by the school. I was proud to be there and tell my story.

Do you have any other claims to fame?

Trying to be a good husband and father to my wife, Rachel, and our 9-year-old daughter, Alexandria.

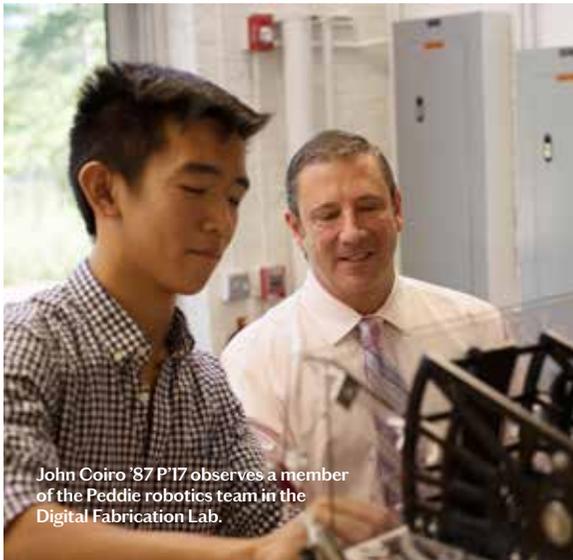
Ever play Battleship these days?

Alexandria gets a kick out of seeing me on the box. A few months ago, she beat me without me letting her ... I couldn't believe it!



A deep commitment to Peddie

When John Coiro '87 P'17 came to Peddie as a sophomore, he was seeking an academic challenge and a community experience.



John Coiro '87 P'17 observes a member of the Peddie robotics team in the Digital Fabrication Lab.

He lived in Masters. He played football and baseball. He was a prefect, a member of the Gold Key Society and a tour guide. But Coiro's commitment to the school, and to the Peddie community, has stretched beyond the bounds of his own education. "I think that Peddie was the foundation for everything for me moving forward," Coiro said. "Learning. Being able to speak publicly. Being comfortable with myself. That's why I always feel so committed to Peddie, both financially and in other ways."

As the president of Allentown, Inc., a manufacturer of supplies for biomedical research, Coiro is in a unique position to provide Peddie students with a peek into STEM careers. Last spring, he invited members of the robotics team to Allentown to watch professionally built robots at work.

"Robotics and the Digital Fabrication Lab are a perfect explanation of what Peddie is about," he said. "Such a thing did not exist back in 1987. The core classes – the core values – are still here. They've just expanded so much as technology has advanced. Programming, robotics, other STEM subjects: when current students come back 30 years from now, those classes will be so different."

Last year, Coiro celebrated his 30th reunion and had the pleasure of seeing his son, Michael Coiro '17, graduate. He is also a member of the Peddie Leadership Council. "As long as I can, I want to be involved," he said.



We're always open!

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On-campus store hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday
9:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.

Saturday
8:00 a.m. to Noon

Four-peat: Peddie keeps the cup!

Peddie won their fourth straight Blair Day on November 4, by finishing the competition with eight wins and five losses. Student body co-presidents Brooke Dennison '18 (left) and Derek Kost '18 (right), and vice president Alexa Fanelli '18 (center), celebrated the win with their classmates as the sun set on Hightstown. The Class of '18 became the third graduating class (along with the Class of '96 and Class of '09) to boast a four-peat. Neither team has ever five-peated ... yet.





Remember your first day at Peddie?

We took snapshots of these freshmen on orientation day to capture their raw emotions about beginning their Peddie adventure.

“You are a freshman. You don’t know anything. That’s okay. Hang in there, because if you give all you have to this place, it will give all it has to you.” AIDAN O’NEILL ’17





Meet our newest faculty members (seen smiling below from left to right)

Joy Wolfe, Computer Science

Has taught: Computer science, pre-engineering, robotics, design and 3D animation

Nemesis: The name of the award-winning robotics team started by her and her husband, Peter

Not on her resume: Joy enjoys traveling, art, baking and singing.

Joyce Chen, Visual Arts

Credentials: Bachelor's degree in fine arts; Master's degree in teaching, Rhode Island School of Design

Artistic focus: Abstract painting inspired by nature

Most flexible faculty member: An award she received at her previous job

Not on her resume: Joyce is a cheese fanatic.

Diku Rogers '12, English

Credentials: Bachelor's degree in English, Middlebury College

Previous position: Residential advisor at Middlebury

Awards: Middlebury Outstanding Campus Leader

Her reference wrote in all caps: "HIRE HER!"

Sarah Jensen, English

Credentials: Bachelor's degree in English, University of Minnesota; Master's degree, Williams College

Experience: Teaching fellow at the Webb Schools and Northfield Mount Hermon

Other roles: Tennis coach, wilderness trip leader and music director for an all-female cappella group



Alex Seaver, Biology intern

Credentials: Bachelor's degree in molecular biology, Kenyon College

Intercollegiate swimming: 500 freestyle and 1650 freestyle individual champion

Coach Seaver: Alex joined the swimming coaching staff at Peddie.

Alex Kocar, Ph.D., English

Credentials: Bachelor's degrees in religious studies and philosophy, University of Minnesota; Master's degree in international studies, University of Washington; Master's degree, Princeton University Department of Religion; Doctorate degree, Princeton University's Program in the Ancient World

According to Princeton U:

He is one of the highest rated teachers to come out of their graduate program.

Wisconsinite: Alex is a rabid Green Bay Packers fan.

Grant Edwards, English

Credentials: Bachelor's degree, Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School for Public and International Affairs; Master's degree in liberal studies, Dartmouth College

Previous positions: Humanities teacher, house supervisor, and cross country and basketball coach at St. Paul's School

Pets: Barkley, a Labrador retriever



Leadership

Peddie welcomes six new members to its Board of Trustees



Roger Durling '82

is the executive director of the Santa Barbara International Film Festival, adjunct film studies professor at Santa Barbara City College and columnist for the Santa Barbara Independent. He is a member of the Bell Society and served on the Peddie Leadership Council.

“I’m deeply humbled to be able to serve the transformative school that celebrated and nurtured my individuality as a gay Latino and artistic man starting in 1978.”

Notable: At Peddie, Durling won the J. Walter Reeves Speaking Contest and the John Holmes Lubkert Memorial Prize for Creativity.



Roy Grossman '70

is a partner with MSP Digital Marketing in New Canaan, Conn., which specializes in targeted marketing communications for the education, non-profit, healthcare, finance and retail sectors. Grossman is a former member of the Peddie Board of Trustees (1997-2011).

Notable: At Peddie, Grossman was president of the junior class and student body president.



Patricia Garcia Sullivan, Ph.D. P'17

is vice president of quality and patient safety at the University of Pennsylvania Health System. She is former president of the American Heart Association (AHA) of Southeastern Pennsylvania and is immediate past chair of the board of the AHA, Great Rivers Affiliate.

Notable: Sullivan’s daughter, Libbey '17, is a freshman at Wellesley College.



Robert Ruberton Jr. '93

is a partner of Apollo Global Management, a leading global alternate investment manager in New York City. He is a member of the Peddie Sports Hall of Fame with the 1990 swim team and served on the Peddie Leadership Council.

“Peddie has done so much for me in my life. I feel a huge sense of responsibility to try to give something back to the school and its students.”

Notable: For his college statement, one Peddie teacher wrote, “Robbie is one of the most spectacular students Peddie has seen in the past decade.”



Michael Nettles, Ph.D

is senior vice president of the ETS Policy Evaluation and Research Center in Princeton, N.J. He served on a number of professional boards, including the National Research Council Board on Testing and Assessment and the Harvard University Medical School Advisory Committee on Diversity.

Notable: Nettles has a national reputation as a policy researcher on educational assessment, student performance and achievement, educational equity and higher education finance policy.



Gregory Smith '85

is vice president and associate general counsel for AT&T in Dallas, where he advises on matters ranging from antitrust and anti-bribery to regulatory matters in the communications industry. He is a former member of the Peddie Board of Trustees (1995-2015).

Notable: At Peddie, Smith won the Wyckoff Honor Prize, the school's highest award for ability, character and attainment.

Recent administrative appointments

Peter McClellan '90 P'20 '21, Assistant Head for Student Life

Wendi Patella P'17 '20, Director of Strategic Marketing and Communications

Joe Rulewich, Director of College Counseling

Sarah Venanzi, Ph.D., Director of Residential Life

PEDDIE PRESENTS “THE LARAMIE PROJECT”

Peddie students staged an emotional production of “The Laramie Project” in October, a show the theater department called a valuable play that opened up many conversations on campus.



“The Laramie Project” by Moises Kaufman and members of the Tectonic Theater Project, is based on interviews with members of the Laramie, Wyoming community after the real-life murder of Matthew Shepard in 1998. In what was classified a hate crime, Shepard was beaten, tortured, tied to a fence and left to die because he was gay. The murder was seen as a watershed moment in American history.

Elizabeth Sherman, Peddie’s director of theater, said “The Laramie Project” is still timely, citing an uptick in hate crimes reported last year in America.

“I think it’s a really important play. There’s an opportunity right now for this to be bigger than just a play,” Sherman said. “It is important for our community to talk about these issues.”

She said the topic offered the cast, crew and entire student body an opportunity to think about the issues in the play. And, she said, she feels fortunate to lead the theater department at Peddie, where producing a show like “The Laramie Project” isn’t controversial.

“This is a play that many schools can’t produce,” she said. “We are really lucky at Peddie to have the support of the administration. We have never been censored in any way and that is not necessarily the norm for all high school theater programs.”

Theater teacher Jay Jaski said acting is, at its core, about taking risks. “This year we are taking some risks in our selections,” he said, noting that “Avenue Q,” the choice for the winter musical, also has some profanity and sexual themes that scare away some schools who consider it.

Tackling plays like “The Laramie Project,” Jaski said, stretch the performers to learn lessons that have nothing to do with their acting skills. “Some of these actors will be asked to portray characters who hate gay people,” Jaski said. “Plays like this require a lot from our actors.”

More than 30 million people around the country have now seen “The Laramie Project.”



A STRATEGIC PLAN TO TAKE PEDDIE FURTHER

Raymond Cabot P '09 '12,
Assistant Head for Strategic Planning

Our new Strategic Plan, endorsed by the Board of Trustees in May 2017, will guide Peddie for the next two decades. Inspired by 25 years of remarkable forward momentum since the Annenberg Gift, this aspirational plan highlights the people and programs that comprise the Peddie experience. Building on Peddie's culture of curricular innovation and excellent classroom teaching, we strive to shape the intellectual talents of our students while nurturing responsible citizenship. Expanding student access, ensuring our longterm financial sustainability and telling our distinctive story will ensure that Peddie continues to prepare young people for the challenges ahead of them. We boldly declare that even as we recognize the impressive qualities of Peddie today, we welcome the challenge to begin anew to take us further in our efforts to transform young people.

The strategic planning process began in 2015 and included broad input from the Peddie community and education experts across the country. Their input was essential in developing a plan that solidifies Peddie's leadership position among independent schools, and allows us to adapt to the needs of our students and the demands of the world in which they live.

I extend my sincere thanks to the Strategic

Planning Committee, Board of Trustees and the Peddie community for their valuable perspectives in developing a vision for Peddie's future. I hope you share our enthusiasm as we reflect upon how much Peddie has accomplished over the last 150 years, and look forward to how much greater we can still become. I invite you to view our detailed objectives and action steps at peddie.org/strategic.



Our Strategic Priorities

1. Transformative Learning

Peddie will enhance its excellence in transformational education.

We believe that the educational experience of Peddie transforms our students into more thoughtful and responsible citizens. At Peddie, our remarkably talented faculty and staff inspire intellectual excellence, and we commit to continuing to pursue curricular innovation.

2. Expanded Educational Opportunities

Peddie will sustain the remarkable strengths of its intentionally crafted community through expanded access to Peddie and its educational opportunities.

Over the next ten years, Peddie aims to increase its financial aid commitment with the goal of raising financial support to over 45 percent of students by launching a comprehensive and substantial capital campaign to increase endowed resources to support access and opportunity for more students.

3. Financial Sustainability

Peddie will commit to the school's long-term financial sustainability.

It is the obligation of the Board of Trustees to assure that future generations of Peddie students inherit the same (or even greater) resources that are available to today's students. Since the Annenberg gift of \$100 million, nearly a quarter century ago, Peddie has had the discipline to maintain – even expand – the real value of the endowment and campus, a duty that we hold sacrosanct.

Peddie will grow its endowment by launching a comprehensive capital campaign to continue and honor the commitment of Ambassador Annenberg.

4. Telling Our Story

Peddie will better inform a broader constituency of the transformational nature of the Peddie experience.

Peddie will craft a messaging strategy that accurately conveys the transformational nature of a Peddie education and demonstrates the value of that experience. We commit to a comprehensive and consistent marketing and communications strategy to tell the Peddie story.

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Objects that define Peddie Culture

Objects in their tangibility bring memories and meanings to life. They tell a story, connect people, capture moments and reflect changes. To fashion a meaningful narrative about Peddie culture through objects is an exercise that requires consideration of hundreds of possibilities. After careful review, the Peddie Chronicle presents its final 16. The objects you see here, varied in size and shape and age, are what make us distinctly Peddie.

Our list is by no means an exhaustive collection.
Send us your favorites: editor@peddie.org.

1

LONGSTREET HALL



In 1970, a group of 100 students seized control of the canteen in Longstreet to protest what they viewed as unacceptable campus rules. Headmaster Kerr met with students following the sit-in and laid the groundwork for a new student constitution.

2

PAT CLEMENTS' BIKE



The brainchild of recently retired faculty member Pat Clements, the sophomore bike trip is a beloved tradition and incredible bonding opportunity that takes students on a 200-mile journey from the Peddie campus to Washington, D.C.

3

THE ALA VIVA



New students practice the chant, committing it to memory even before they master their daily schedules. But what does "Ala Viva" mean? Once you're a Falcon, it's your heart. It's your soul. It means everything.

4

THE HEISMAN TROPHY



Larry Kelley '33 made history at Yale University in 1937 when he was the first recipient of the Heisman Trophy. Kelley donated a replica of the Heisman to Peddie in 1993. It remains on display in the Ian H. Graham '50 Athletic Center.

THE KELLEY-POTTER CUP



What began in 1903 is now a beloved tradition. Each November, the oldest prep school football rivals in New Jersey face off during Blair Day, a spirited day of athletic competition between the Falcons and the Blair Buccaneers. The decades-long rivalry intensified in 1988 with the introduction of the Kelley-Potter Cup, named for F. Edward Potter, Jr., former headmaster of Peddie, and James R. Kelley, former headmaster of Blair Academy. The cup is awarded to the school that wins the most athletic events on Blair Day.

THE SEAL



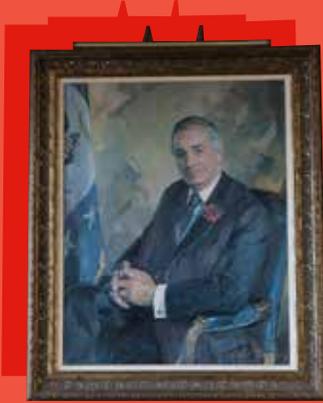
First used in 1880. The seal proclaims four Latin words every Peddie student learns: *Finimus Pariter Renovamusque Labores* or “we finish our labors only to begin anew.” Students, faculty and alumni often quote—and live by—the motto.

THE MACE



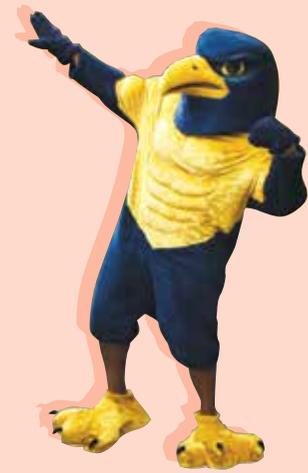
Carried by senior faculty member Doc Martin and Harry Holcombe before him, the mace is used to lead the faculty procession at convocation, commencement and other ceremonial occasions.

THE WALTER H. ANNENBERG PORTRAIT



In 1993, Annenberg gave \$100 million to Peddie, which provided an endowed fund for financial aid, enabling students from every walk of life to receive a Peddie education. Annenberg's portrait hangs in the library that also bears his name.

THE FALCON



When Head of School John Green arrived on campus in 2001, he saw instantly that the Falcon needed to bulk up. A more muscular suit was ordered at once, and the Falcon has been intimidating opponents ever since.

THE 8



Three decades ago, a small group of faculty members formed the Society of Eight, named after the turnpike exchange that is Peddie's home. They invited select students to join the inner circle. There's evidence of the society's work on campus – homemade cupcakes during a stressful day or motivational posters in dressing rooms on opening night – but it's unknown who orchestrates these random acts of kindness. Members routinely reveal themselves at graduation with an "8" taped to their cap or gown, and renew the tradition by tapping new members.

THE CLASS OF '42 GATE



The ceremonial entrance to Peddie was erected in 1992, a 50th anniversary gift from the Class of 1942. Tradition mandates that students must walk to the right side as they enter or exit the gate, to ensure a successful journey to commencement.

THE WILSON HALL BELL



Located in Annenberg Hall, the Bell is a lasting physical memory of Wilson Hall, considered the face of Peddie for more than a century. Students surprised Headmaster Ed Potter by removing the Bell from Wilson Hall in 1978, shortly before the building was razed.

THE CHAPEL ALTAR



The Ayer Memorial Chapel is a special gathering place for the Peddie community. Here students and faculty share pieces of music and literature, and present Chapel talks. Built when Peddie was a Baptist school, the symbolic focus of the Chapel is much broader than at its 1951 dedication. Representative of our diverse community, the altar is decorated with sacred symbols of varied faiths, including the Christian Cross, the Jewish Star of David, a Hindu Om and a Muslim plaque with the 99 Arabic names for Allah.

ANNENBERG HALL


Framing the south side of Center Campus, the majestic Annenberg Hall is a hub of activity. Here students attend classes; gather at a popular meeting spot, Wilson Bell; and find quiet study spaces and places to collaborate in the Annenberg Library. The hall is also home to administrative offices, including the head of school, deans' and admission offices. In 1925, Peddie dedicated the then-named Memorial Hall in honor of the 502 Peddie boys who fought in World War I. A dedicatory tablet still hangs in the lobby of the building, while the Ayer Memorial Chapel now serves as a memorial to veterans of all wars.

THE ROCK


Every week at Community Meeting, Athletic Director Jason Baseden presents the Rock to an extraordinary athlete who has shown grit and courage. The tradition began in the late 1980s. Athletic Director Jim Domoracki resurrected the tradition in 2013.

THE PEDDIE LAKE


Both a facility for recreation and a source of romance, the Peddie Lake has been a defining characteristic of the campus for more than 150 years. In fact, Peddie's early nickname was "the school on the millpond."

Reunion 2017

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sun salutations were made during yoga with Michelle Ben-Hur '82

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alumni participated in the men's lacrosse, girls' soccer and men's basketball sporting events

625

ice cream bars were eaten under the Center Campus tent

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inches of rain fell Saturday morning

2,000

clams were served

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reunion ALA VIVA! showed that Peddie will always be your home

\$330,000

RAISED IN GIFTS

CLASS OF

1957

raised the largest class gift

CLASS OF

1947

had the highest percentage of classmates participate in their class gift

CLASS OF

2012

A group from the class of 2012 won the Tom DeGray Alumni Golf Outing

Winnie Chow '87,
Michael Kwan '82
and Linda Yu '87
travelled 8,000
miles from
Hong Kong

ALA
VIVA!

606

ALUMNI & GUESTS
ATTENDED

83

members of the
Class of 2012 came
back to celebrate
their fifth reunion



1. Class of 2007: Lennie Chau, Devin Himchak and Sinead O'Dwyer 2. Class of 1967: Stuart Bishop, Paul Sorensen and Doug Lustig 3. Alessandra Cervera '12, Shannon Loughran '12, Ivy Williams '12 and Xiao Ying Zhao '09 4. Kabir Manchanda '97 and Tara Manchanda, Nicole Wong and Shun-Ning Wong '97 with Chloe and Kyle, Seth Brookman '97 and Kristina Brookman, and Heather Drstvensk '97 and Kurt Drstvensk '97 with Margot and Alex 5. Tom Fairhurst '47 with daughter Virginia Keller 6. Donald Jaffin '47 7. Maryjean Spatt Mucciarone '77 P'12 '15, Paul Mucciarone '80 P'12 '15, Andrea Walton '77, Deanna House, Mike House '77, Jeff Intravotola '77 P'07 '11 and Lisa Intravotola P'07 '11 8. Class of 1992: Greg Fischer, Richard Zimmer, Scooter Moles, John Paddock and Salil Darji 9. Class of 2012: Carly Ilvento, Claire Lindsay and Stephanie Johnson

A Guide to

Peddie's Curriculum

At the heart of Peddie's academic experience is an innovative and inspiring curriculum. We reviewed our catalog of nearly 150 courses in order to present you with some of the best that Peddie has to offer.

What makes our curriculum particularly innovative are the unique opportunities for students. Like hands-on experience. Collaboration with fellow students. Work that crosses disciplines. Exceptional opportunities to design intensive projects. And more.

Here, we profile courses that will make you wish you were a Peddie student again!

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Arts Foundations

“Students in the arts develop fundamental life skills. From time management to organization, students, through art, become better in every subject.”

— Alan Michaels, arts department chair

ARTS

Every Peddie student participates in the arts. Freshmen jump right into the Arts Foundations program with three terms of arts classes, one each in music, theater and visual arts. The first-year requirement is a chance to embrace various forms of creative expression, and maybe even discover some hidden talents.

In “Music Foundations,” students learn to read music and compose and perform original compositions with their classmates. Drawing inspiration from music, guided meditation, and film and art history, students in “Visual

Arts Foundations” paint, sculpt and create collages. In the highly collaborative and comprehensive “Theater Foundations,” students study improv and method acting, brush up on their creative writing skills, and explore playwriting, directing, technical theater and theater history.

After completing the Arts Foundations program, students take at least two additional arts electives in any area. The most important thing is that students explore, because who knows what might spark an idea that will shape their future forever?



English teacher Diku Rogers '12 (center) monitors a discussion about "The World According to Garp" in the senior seminar, "Reckless Libertines."

Senior Seminars

“By the end of their Peddie English career, seniors have developed a sensitivity to people and situations, a sense of themselves, and an understanding of myriad literary, social and human perspectives in a complex world.” — Matt Roach, English department chair

Seniors begin the year with a choice of Senior Seminars, in which they study complex novels, tackle creative assignments and engage in spirited class discussions that address meaningful questions about society and life.

Students in “Reckless Libertines” study gender and relationships while reading John Irving’s “The World According to Garp.” In “Piece of Work is Man,” they may stage a scene from one of August Wilson’s plays. Reading assignments in “The Undiscovered Country” spark exploration of the immigrant experience in America.

Each seminar title is a reference to

Shakespeare’s “Hamlet.” Perhaps it’s no surprise that every senior will read this culturally ubiquitous masterpiece, and may perform a scene from the play or a creatively written “deleted scene.”

After completing a Senior Thesis during the winter term, an exciting menu of spring electives awaits. Students examine Baz Luhrmann’s hit Netflix series in “The Get Down: Hip-Hop as Narrative” and construct their own time travel stories in “Literature of Time Travel.” In “Where the Wild Things Are: Writing and the Outdoors,” students spend time outside and reflect on this experience in writing.



Teacher Claudio Middleton (left) conducts his Spanish V class in the art studio.

“There is only one way to learn. It’s through action.”

— Paulo Coelho, *The Alchemist*

Mandela’s Legacy

The South African Government of National Unity has established the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) to bring to light crimes from the apartheid years. A full confession can win a pardon for politically induced crimes. Your assignment: argue that your client, a perpetrator of crimes committed under apartheid’s reign, should receive amnesty.

In “Mandela’s Legacy: South Africa’s Search for Truth and Reconciliation,” students work collaboratively in teams of lawyers and judges in a mock amnesty trial. As a result, they gain a unique perspective on South Africa’s journey from apartheid to democracy and the country’s attempt to find forgiveness in a land with a tortured past. Students also examine Nelson Mandela’s life and legacy through films and documentaries.

Spanish V

The story of Santiago, the shepherd boy on a journey to realize his “Personal Legend” in Paulo Coelho’s “The Alchemist,” has inspired people all over the world to live their dreams. The classic book also serves as a starting point for students in Spanish V, who experience Spanish language and culture through experiential learning.

Along with reading “The Alchemist,” students in this action-packed course discuss classic Spanish-language films and teach ESL to Spanish speaking learners. Students expand their knowledge of Spanish culture by working in Peddie’s art studio and by viewing the work of critically acclaimed artists from Latin America and Spain during visits to museums in New York City and Princeton, and the Grounds for Sculpture in nearby Hamilton.

“Knowing how to speak Spanish truly expands one’s personal universe,” said teacher Claudio Middleton. “It completely transforms any travel experience, and is a vehicle to learn about other cultures, try new disciplines, or simply to help others,” he said.



Department Chair Alison Hogarth said that both teachers and students enjoy using creative approaches to the study of history. “Our teachers get excited about designing imaginative classroom experiences,” said Hogarth. “The TRC mock amnesty trial is a powerful exercise that helps students appreciate the challenges faced by Mandela in trying to create a new South Africa.”

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Organic Chemistry of Food

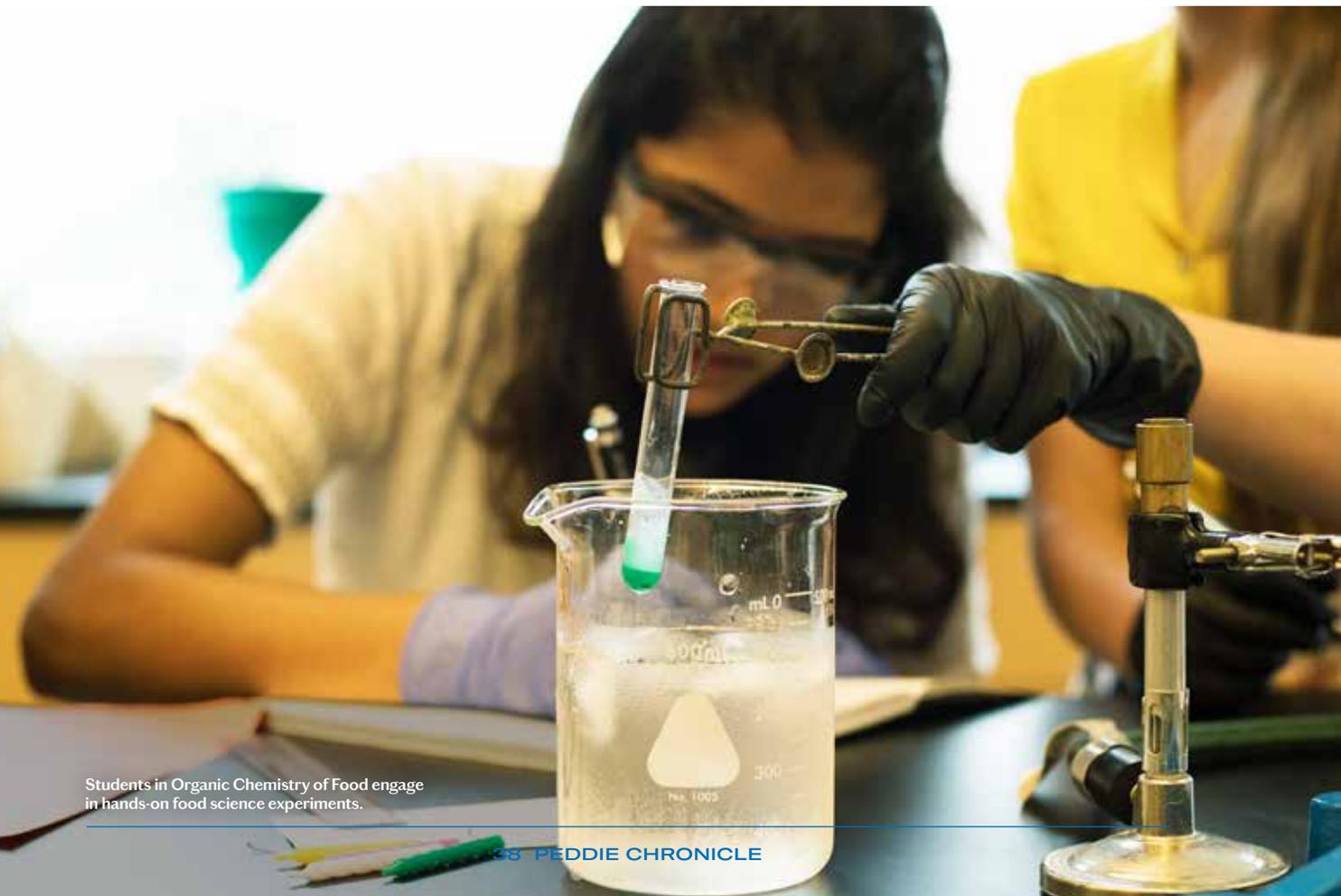
What do the words “natural” and “organic” on food labels really mean? What are you actually putting in your mouth when you eat a fast food burger? Students in “Organic Chemistry of Food” find out the answers to those questions by studying food labels and learning about food regulation.

How often do you have assignments with edible results? Students explore the science behind modern cuisine and try their hand at unique recipes. The result? Delectable treats like yogurt, mozzarella cheese and vegan lemon poppy seed muffins that the student chefs debut at spring Science Night.

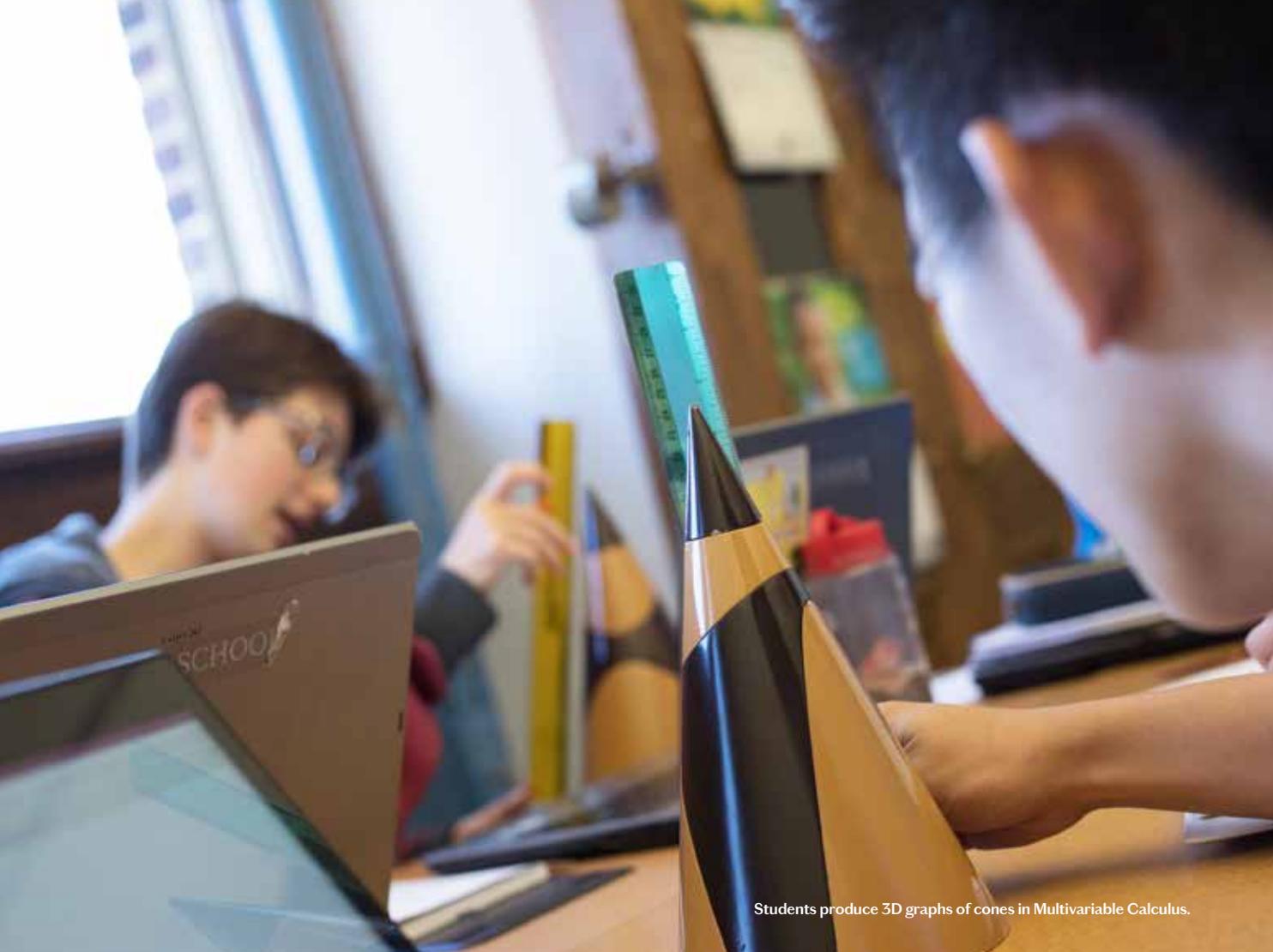


“While students are engaged in hands-on food science experiments, they are also learning about the environmental, social, moral and political issues associated with getting food to the table.”

— Madeleine Cozine, science teacher



Students in Organic Chemistry of Food engage in hands-on food science experiments.



Students produce 3D graphs of cones in Multivariable Calculus.

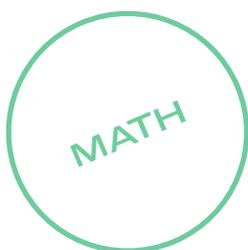
Multivariable Calculus

The backbone of “Multivariable Calculus” (MVC) is similar to “Calculus III” in a university setting, but Department Chair Tim Corica has enhanced it with several unusual features.

The popular course has run continuously for a decade. MVC students regularly use the high-end math software, Maple, to compute equations and produce sophisticated 3D graphs of objects – including Slinkys! Offering a great example of cross-department collaboration, students in the Digital Fabrication Laboratory custom build

spirographs (remember those geometric drawing toys you had when you were a kid?) for MVC students so that they can create mathematically precise roulette curves known as hypotrochoids and epitrochoids.

Wait for this ... a book project in math class? That’s right; MVC students read a non-textbook book on math and report back on what they’ve learned. “The idea is to stimulate their thinking and remind them that there is more to math than what is in a textbook,” Corica said.



“We wander. Since there is no AP for this level of mathematics, we have the freedom to go in-depth when there is student interest.”

— Tim Corica, math department chair

Sports Hall of Fame

The Peddie Sports Hall of Fame added a group of remarkable athletes in June at the 29th induction ceremony. They join 121 individuals, 44 teams and 1 family in the Hall of Fame, which represents more than a century of Peddie's finest athletes.

1. Malcolm Dowdy '87, Basketball

High-scoring Malcolm Dowdy led the 1987 basketball team to their first state championship in 14 years. He finished his Peddie career with 1,051 points and one state championship, and solidified his place as one of the top basketball players in the country when he was nominated for the 1987 McDonald's All American High School Basketball Team.

2. The 2001 Football Team

The 2001 football team won the Triple Crown of prep football: the MAPL title, the Prep A championship and the Big Three Trophy. The Falcons began the season with a win against host Lawrenceville in an emotionally charged game just four days after 9/11.

Members: Coaches Rucks, Leonardis, deLaurentis, Maley, Mooney, Kraft and Clements; Elliot Silverstein, Heath Benedict, Gavin Vetrano, William Golden, Bradley Tipper, Kyle Woodruff, Alex Suarez, John Johnston, David Bauer, Ronald Musser, Drew Rucks, Warren Clanton, Brie-El Parker, Stefan Scoon, Jason Auletta, Richard Sobala, James Parra, Anthony Belasco, Tajji Morris, Keith O'Donnell, Derrick Guneratne, Michael deLaurentis, Anastase Dacey, Bilal Morris, Erik Lohrmann, David Kupstow, Leo Reilly and Eric Bowes

3. The 2006 and 2007 Girls' Varsity Crews

The 2006 girls' varsity crew captured every possible title, including the Philadelphia City Championship, the Mid-Atlantic Prep League Championship, the Stotesbury Cup, the Scholastic Rowing Association National Championship and the USRowing Youth National Championship. The 2007 crew continued the streak of dual and championship races by winning the same events by up to six boat lengths.

Members: Chloe Delaney '08 (coxswain), Lauren Libfraind '07 (stroke), Erin Hawes '08 (3-seat), Roxanne Carini '07 (2-seat), Brittany Tarabour '07 (2006 bow seat) and Shelley Pearson '09 (2007 bow seat)

4. The 1992 Boys' Midweight Varsity Crew

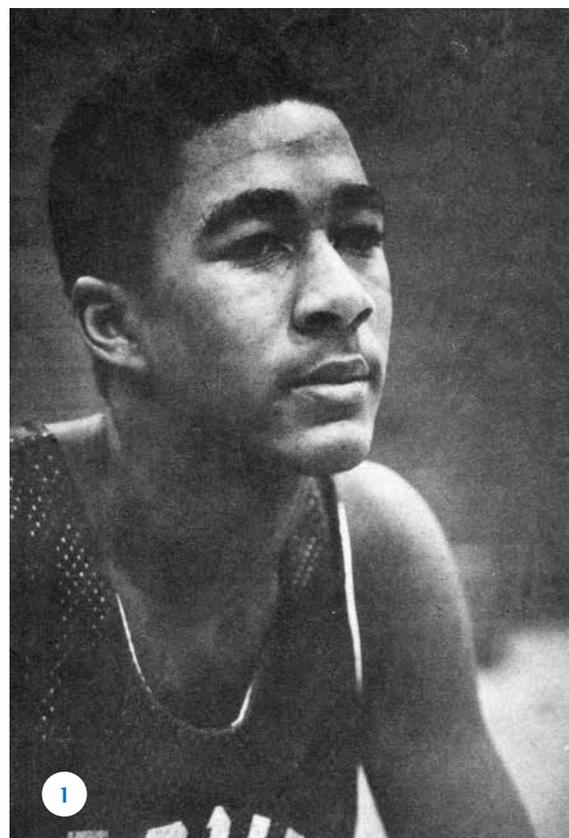
The resurrection of the Peddie rowing programs after a fifty-six year hiatus spawned immediate success when the 1992 boys' midweight crew won the first national rowing titles for the school.

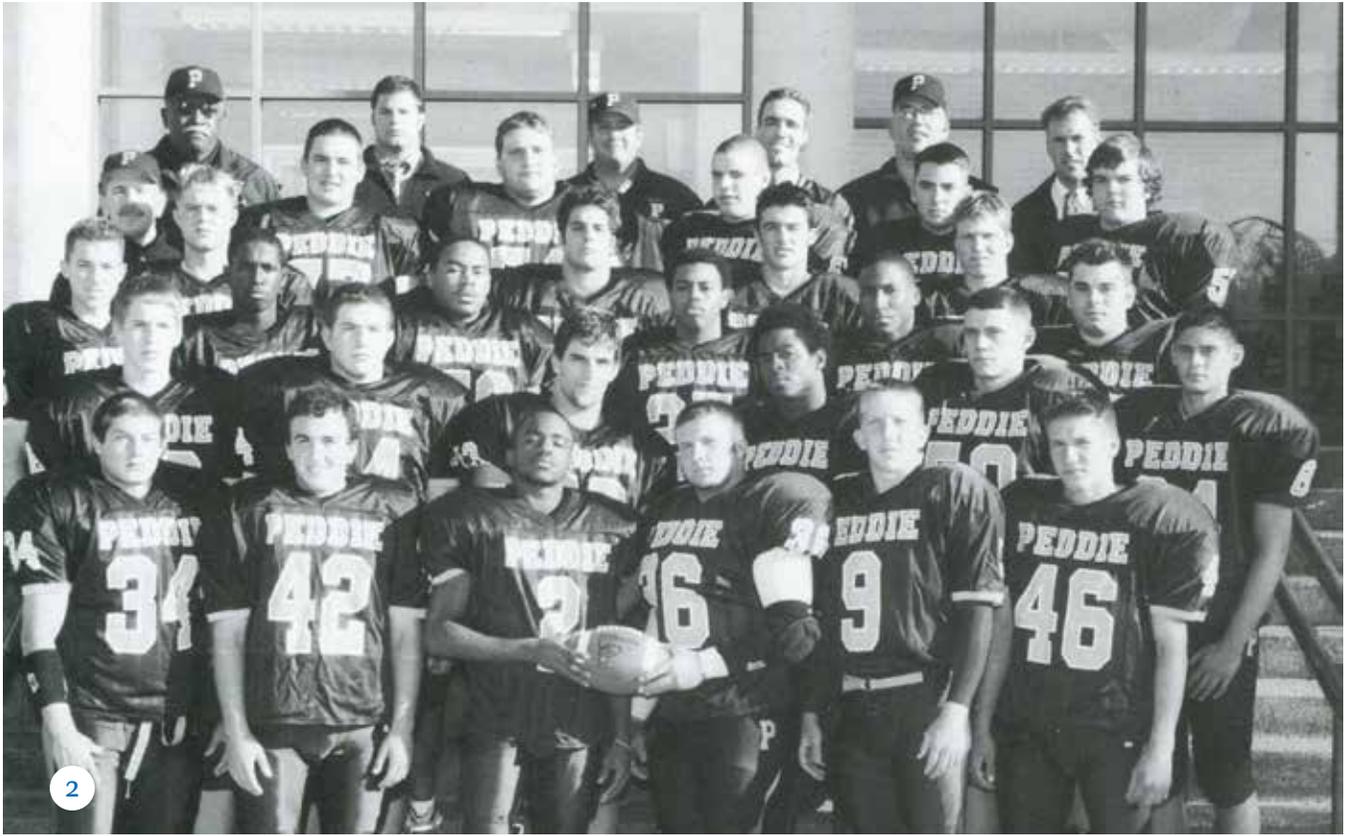
Members: Cory Lancaster '93 (stroke), Jason Murray '92 (3-seat), Brad Hoffer '92 (2-seat), Dave Boynton '92 (bow seat), and coxswain Tim Baker '93

5. The 1957 and 1958 Varsity Golf Teams

The 1957 and 1958 golf teams won unprecedented back-to-back Easterns titles, bringing Peddie back to the pinnacle of prep school golf.

Members: Coach Phil Hood, Captain Conrad Decker III '58, Captain Dave Taylor '57, Guy Butterworth '57, Frank Bonello '57, Tom Walther '57, Tony Hicks '58, Bill Rose '58, Gabe Galindo '59, Larry Kash '60, Dick Wilsey '60, Bob Rose '61, and team manager Steve Clark '58





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The Development Dashboard

FY16-17

Your generosity
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TOTAL
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\$4,822,012

Peddie Fund

Peddie Fund Total

\$2,042,041

Average Gift Amount

\$783

2015-2016
NUMBER OF GIFTS

4,754

2016-2017
NUMBER OF GIFTS

5,138

8% increase

Total Number
of Donors

2,609

Total Number of
New Donors

341

FISCAL YEAR GOAL

\$2,000,000

Peddie Loyalty Day



Alumni Events



Endowed Scholarships

“Peddie has always felt like home. I am forever grateful for the support and all that I have learned, both in and out of the classroom.”

David Alvarez '17 was the recipient of the Peter W.D. and Mary Mitchell Scholarship, established by Tom and Sophie Mitchell Murphy '85 and Sasha Mitchell Soheili '84, in honor of their parents to provide tuition assistance for day students.

Student Engagement

Number of donor thank you postcards written by students

1,900

Number of student ambassadors who worked to support the alumni and development department throughout the year

51

Congratulations Class of 2017!

College and University destinations for the Class of 2017

University	No. Attending	University	No. Attending
New York University	13	Drexel University	1
University of Pennsylvania	5	Fairleigh Dickinson University	1
United States Naval Academy	5	Fordham University	1
Cornell University	4	Georgetown University	1
Lafayette College	4	Georgia Institute of Technology	1
Lehigh University	4	Haverford College	1
Princeton University	4	Johns Hopkins University	1
University of Southern California	4	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	1
Barnard College	3	Molloy College	1
Boston College	3	Mount Holyoke College	1
Columbia University	3	Pitzer College	1
Duke University	3	Purdue University	1
Emory University	3	Rutgers University - Camden	1
Franklin & Marshall College	3	Sacred Heart University	1
Hamilton College	3	Saint Louis University	1
Tufts University	3	Skidmore College	1
Washington University in St. Louis	3	Smith College	1
Bard College	2	State University of New York at Albany	1
Brown University	2	Swarthmore College	1
Bryn Mawr College	2	Syracuse University	1
Bucknell University	2	Temple University	1
Case Western Reserve University	2	The George Washington University	1
Elon University	2	The New School - All Divisions	1
Indiana University	2	The University of Edinburgh	1
Northeastern University	2	Trinity College	1
Pennsylvania State University	2	Union College	1
Rutgers University	2	University College London	1
Stevens Institute of Technology	2	University of California, San Diego	1
University of Chicago	2	University of Mary Washington	1
University of Richmond	2	University of Massachusetts	1
Washington and Lee University	2	University of Miami	1
Wellesley College	2	University of Rochester	1
Babson College	1	University of St Andrews	1
Bates College	1	University of Virginia	1
Boston Conservatory at Berklee	1	University of Washington	1
Boston University	1	Ursinus College	1
Carnegie Mellon University	1	Vanderbilt University	1
Clemson University	1	Villanova University	1
Colgate University	1	Wake Forest University	1
College of William and Mary	1	Western Carolina University	1
Denison University	1	Western University	1
Dickinson College	1	Williams College	1
		Yale University	1

Annual Peddie Donut Eating Contest

CLASS OF 1967



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JUNE 1 & 2, 2018**Robert D. Zenker**

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This has been a disappointing time for your correspondent, for I have heard very little from my classmates in quite a long time. I have received an updated list of names, email addresses and phone numbers, which have, upon trying to connect, proved fruitless. I received a phone call from **Howard Kavookjian** saying he just got back from being up in his cabin in Maine celebrating his 89th birthday with his children.

I will add a brief note on my comings and goings since I am at the keyboard. I did my usual winter thing, went to southwest Florida for five months to escape the snow and cold. Had to have help come in a few hours to keep me on the straight and narrow. Got the "s" treatment: sunshine, surf, sand

and an unexpected bad case of pneumonia so the time could have been better spent not in a hospital bed. Still writing books. Finished one and have started on another. Had two college graduations of grandsons and a private school one for my granddaughter so am going around with an open shirt for the buttons of pride lay scattered across a campus or three.

If you are so inclined, drop a postcard, email or something so we can get back to knowing how you are spending your dash. You remember my column on that subject. Check your phone number is still connected and your email is current and accurate. Stay well. God bless.

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Sad news about the passing of our classmate **Calvin Hulse Perrine Jr.**, a member of the 1948 Sports Hall of Fame soccer team. Perrine attended Princeton University where he received a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in aeronautical engineering. In 1961 Cal was part of a team of engineers at Martin Company in Baltimore, Md. who put together a proposal to design the hardware for the moon-landing project. Cal believed so strongly in the Apollo

program that when Martin lost the NASA Apollo bid, he applied and accepted a position at NASA's Apollo Spacecraft Program Office (ASPO) in Houston, Texas, where he worked until the late 1960s. Cal married his wife, Lisa, in 1963 and they had three children, Linda (1963), Karen (1965) and John (1970). Cal began to show signs of short-term memory loss in 2005, and was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease several years later. He finally reached the end of his life on June 28, 2017 at the age of 85.

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"Mighty told
me a wonderful
story about The
Donald ..."**Nick Coates**

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Glad to know that somebody reads my column. I had a call from **John Imlay** who was a member of our class but had to drop out his senior year because of the death of his father. John went to VMI then served a tour of duty in the Navy before returning and graduating from Wharton. He has had a successful career in New Jersey real estate and is still going strong.

Ian "Mighty" Graham spent the summer in California where he still plays golf but mostly only nine holes. Mighty told me a wonderful story about The Donald asking him to propose him to the Bel Air Country Club. Mighty did, but The Donald was rejected. It took Ian over a week to figure out how to break the rejection, but he put a positive spin on it by telling The Donald that Trump was so famous his presence would disrupt things in the dining room. Atta way, Mighty!

For almost 30 years, **Ace Barclay** has been spending his summers at Chautauqua, in upper New York State, absorbing great music and culture. Ace lives the rest of the year in East Lansing, Mich., and, like most of us, spends



The class of 1950 attends their Senior Class Alumni Dinner.

lots of time visiting children and grandchildren.

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If you are interested in serving as class secretary, please contact dharkel@peddie.org.

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“Our enjoyment was better than our golf.”

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It is with sadness that I begin Class Notes with news I received at our 65th reunion from **Frank Davidson '53** that his brother, **John Davidson**, my roommate in Avery

senior year, died in February in Inverness, Fla. John was one of our classmates who last visited Peddie in 2002 for our 50th reunion. I also am sad to report two other deaths from our class: **Robert “Bob” Frahm** from Waco, Texas, on July 17 and **Laurence Coddling** of Fort Wayne, Ind., on September 17. Bob, president of our senior class and a former attorney, is survived by his wife, Jacqueline, his sons Robert Jr. and James Young, and other family members. Laurence, a real estate investor, is survived by his wife, Barbara, his son, Philip, his daughters, LindaAnn and Beverly, and other family members.

Bob Felver, Bill Merizon, Tony Romano and I were the oldest foursome in the DeGray Golf Outing the Friday of Reunion Weekend. Our enjoyment was better than our golf. No clubs were broken and only a few balls were lost. Though Bob was unable to join us on Saturday, **Ted Lederman** did join us for the day and dinner. In addition to the four of us, Bill’s wife, Martha, and my wife, Mary, kept us in tow at dinner. At the reunion Bell Society breakfast, Ted’s designed and donated Bell Society

neckties were distributed. For those rare occasions when we still wear a necktie, there is none nicer to wear. Just another benefit of joining the Bell Society.

Ed Pitts had a hotel reservation and plans to join us, but unfortunately had to cancel at the last minute because of a nasty early summer cold. Ed and Marilyn were back in Baltimore from Key West for the summer. In mid-June, they traveled to Berlin with five of their seventeen grandchildren, who range in age from ten to thirty. Ed states, “It was our tenth and last grandparent trip,” but I wouldn’t bet against him taking another trip down the road. He has a few health issues, “but so overwhelmed with the beauty of his six ‘kids’” and their spouses that it doesn’t bother him.

Al DiCenso, who too remains active as a board advisory trustee, hosted the Bell Society April luncheon held at the Peddie Golf Course. He had hoped to return for our 65th, but reunion time found him in the midst of downsizing their long-time residence in Annapolis and preparing to relocate. After returning home from reunion, **Bill Merizon** and Martha

went to their grandson's college graduation in Denver. After a family visit in Sun Valley, they went to their northern Wisconsin lake home for eight days of water skiing, fishing and "lots of fun." They will remain in Sun Valley until Bill returns to Wisconsin for duck hunting with his boys. It's nice to be young and active (editorial comment).

Sandy Hampton, though not traveling these days, and his wife continue to enjoy life in California, where they are close to their children. **Jack Barrett** reports that his wife is now doing okay, and he continues to go to work a couple of days a week to his company, Arawak Paving, to make sure his children and grandchildren keep the business in good kilter.

Larry Coddling's wife, Barbara, told me that though hospitalized with dementia, Larry would love to hear from classmates. Write to 1123 W. Wayne Street, Ft. Wayne, IN 46802.

Just before reunion, Mary and I attended our grandson's graduation from Middlebury and in August visited our son and his wife in Portland, Ore. Lastly, it's not necessary to wait for me to ask what you've been up to. When you do something of interest, please let me know. Stay well.

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65TH REUNION JUNE 1 & 2, 2018

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Sadly, I begin our Class Notes with the news that **Dick Kauffman** passed away in January. He was remembered at Peddie's memorial service held in Ayer Memorial Chapel during Reunion Weekend. Dick was a loyal and active alumnus and participated in the Peddie Fund phonathons. He was a frequent visitor to the campus. May he rest in peace.

If, by chance, you happened to have watched the Penn Relays in April on the NBC Sports channel, you witnessed **Bruce Gilbert** run the 100-meter dash. That is correct, the 100-meter dash! At the Penn Relays, there is a 100-meter dash for competitors 80 years and older. I asked Bruce how he made out. His response: "I didn't finish last!" There were nine competitors. Penn Relays



#10 Bruce Gilbert '53 (right) ran the 100-meter dash at the Penn Relays in April. Photo credit: pennrelaysonline.com.

are not new to Bruce; he was on Lehigh's track team and in 1956 ran there on the Franklin Field track.

Bill Bivona and I had a great chat not too long ago. Bill and family are longtime residents of Narragansett, R.I. After Peddie, Bill went on to Tufts University where he received his bachelor's degree in physics. That was followed by taking postgraduate classes at MIT, Columbia, Northeastern and the University of Rhode Island. Bill and his wife, Nancy, were married in 1959. They have three children, Elizabeth, William and Kathryn, and grandchildren, Ethan, Eric, Emma, Ned, Jane and Faye. All are successful in their employment pursuits. Bill has a post-employment life. His dedication has been recognized by these awards: South County Independent Spirit Award, Master Gardener Award, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Certificate of Recognition, Town of Narragansett Order of the Knights of Rockingham, South County Museum Stewardship Award, South County Independent Man of the Year and the Jim Kelso Award presented by the Chamber of Commerce. Bill was employed after college by the Department of Defense, the ITEK Corporation and the Hospital Trust National Bank.

Now, here is a heads up on what is in our future, classmates: Our 65th reunion! It's hard to believe, but I

guess we had better believe. It is scheduled to be celebrated on June 1-2, 2018. Planning is well underway. While it is true that every day is a special day, there are certain days that are both special and memorable. June 1-2 will be those days for all who attend. Those who attended the Peddie Reunion Weekend know exactly what I am writing about. For those whom this would be their first time back, you are in for a real treat. Various events are planned: golf, tennis, Sports Hall of Fame ceremony, memorial service, etc. And the food, whether under the tent on Center Campus with a live band or at the headmaster's Gold Guard dinner at the newly renovated Swetland House, is fantastic! But above all, it's the camaraderie. It's an opportunity not to be missed. School proctor Charles B. Ralph will be taking attendance!

The Office of Alumni and Development will be sending you more information about the schedule and a registration form shortly. Call at least one of your classmates and encourage them to attend.

I don't have the result of our class' participation in the 2016-2017 Peddie Fund drive at this time. Stay tuned. Until next time, be in touch and be well.

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“The consuming passion of my life currently is playing the bassoon.”

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From **Tank Levine**, who has been shedding pounds and is probably now just an armored personnel carrier: “After 27 years of coming to Shelter Island, 10 as a visitor and 17 years as a homeowner, Linda and I have reluctantly decided that the time has come to put our vacation home on the market. Starting to cull through the accumulation of years of stuff and decluttering and depersonalizing rooms as requested by the real estate broker. Has occupied all of our time since late May.

“I am having major spine issues with three ruptured lower back discs, an unreparable torn left knee ACL and a surgically replaced right knee. The spine surgeon has told me I am not a candidate for surgery, as I am diabetic and over the ideal age for a complicated six-hour procedure requiring up to seven months of recovery. Instead, I have embarked on a regime of daily PT and a very high-protein diet. I am rebuilding my core and trans-abdominal muscles and have lost almost 30 pounds since mid-May. I am lighter now than when I played football at Brown and am rapidly approaching my Peddie weight.

“We still will keep our apartment in New York City and travel more often. Our next trip in mid-November will start with a week in Cabo San Lucas followed by a week in San Francisco and then a week in the wine country of Napa and Sonoma.”

From **Gary King**: “I have recently recovered from Stage 1 lung cancer with corresponding chemotherapy. The recovery was fast enough to allow me to just return from a 23-day trip to France spent with my son and three granddaughters who met us from Holland where he resides. As a family, including my wife, Mary, we visited

Nice, the Provence region and Loire Valley with its castles and ended up in Paris. I am currently semi-retired (to be fully so at the end of the year) and enjoying life in Lighthouse Point, Fla., playing golf and occasionally visiting with the rest of my family in Orlando and Gainesville.”

From **Dick McClure**: “I am grateful for excellent health. I did have to have a hip joint replaced in January 2016, but otherwise, I’m in good shape, and I can’t take credit for it. I don’t run/bike/lift weights like I should, and only walk occasionally. Moreover, our house allows us to live on one level. Charlotte hasn’t been so fortunate and had to deal with a range of medical issues over the past nine months, the worst of which was a pulmonary embolism. Thankfully, she is almost fully recovered.

“The consuming passion of my life currently is playing the bassoon. I became a member of the Frederick

Grump, grump, I’m getting old but continue to work on the house and spend time with our life-drawing group which meets in the Mort Sahl room of Mill Valley’s Throckmorton Theater (\$20 per week to an agency which provides nude models). A quite aged Mort is seen from time to time around town and, until recently, hanging around with Robin Williams. Mort does not attend our life-drawing group, though he might very well enjoy just sitting in.

“I also crank out 5”x7” art cards and sell them at stores. My latest client is the Warren Country Store in Warren, Vt. Several years ago, in the early 2000s, on a visit there looking for Mad River canoes, I made a photo of an old and tattered 48-star flag that had been nailed to an outside wall of the store. It made an appropriate subject for a July Fourth card, thereby stretching the meager impact of my tiny oeuvre from the



The 1954 varsity basketball team had one of Peddie’s most successful seasons in years, racking up nine wins against six losses.

(Maryland) Symphony Orchestra last fall and absolutely love playing in an orchestra. I attended a bassoon workshop at Peabody in Baltimore and learned a lot. I’ve been in a chorus most of my adult life, and met my second wife in a chorus.”

From **Pete Xiques**: “Struggles with knees and shoulders slow my daily progress but do not stop it. Endless gentrification renders Mill Valley, Calif. less livable while parades of fancy Audis run at high speed!

Golden Gate Bridge to the Mad River Vermont ski slopes.

“Looking forward to a visit in September with old (as in long duration) roomie **Dave Wahlstad**. For any other of my ‘old’ classmates curious about my whereabouts, I’ve been living in Mill Valley, Calif., for nearly sixty years.”

From Michael, previously known as **Mike Isaacs**: “I was touched by everyone talking so sincerely about their aging issues. I could feel the

similarity shared by all of us and most everyone at this stage of life. We are fighting to stay as healthy as possible to live longer. Our bodies are slowing down and many have lots of aches and pains. We observe the physical and perhaps mental problems of our friends and relatives. We observe the death of friends and others and read the obituaries. Although there are some people through religion and spirituality that do not fear death, I believe that most of us in the United States fear death.

“As a psychotherapy-spiritual therapist, I wrote two published articles on the above subject that may be of interest to our group. One is ‘Death Anxiety’ and the other is ‘A Relocated Psychoanalyst Reflects on Aging.’ They are on my website, michaelisaacs.net in the article section.”

From your scribe: My big adventure this year has been playing pickleball in the Virginia Senior Games. As I expected, not many folks our age showed up to play, but overall it was HUGE. There were 389 pickleball players and ten courts. It was busy constantly. I got a gold in singles (playing singles for the first time) and a silver in doubles. But now my right shoulder is hurting so I have to take a long rest, darn it.

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“... I keep busy traveling, volunteering and enjoying grandchildren.”

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From **Bill Pursel**: “My apologies for the 63-year delay in corresponding. After Peddie, I attended Lafayette College for one year, rooming with **Rick Richter**. Moved on to Bell Tel. in Newark, N.J., took a position with PSE&G for two years, then finished my N.J. stint with the Wm. Blanchard Co. of Newark. Graduated in 1964 from Newark College of Engineering after seven years of night school in Newark and five children.

“My high school sweetheart and I returned to our home state and settled in Lewisburg, Pa., where we have resided for the past 50 years. Lundy Construction in Williamsport, Pa., was home until Pursel Development Co. was born in 1972. There I was involved in commercial and residential development for 35 years. Completed my career a few years ago after being involved in federal housing construction and sales for the last three decades. Jan and I have enjoyed our six children (now in their 50s), grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and we travel to a summer community in Pocono Pines, Pa., and winter in Pawleys Island, S.C. We’re remaining active with tennis, golf and ballroom dancing and, of course, helping with the offspring, their offspring and their pets.

“I think of Peddie, my relationships with roommate **Bill Mount** and **Rick Richter** and my membership in the Gold Key Society, but have not maintained an alumni relationship with the school. I do thank Peddie for an excellent preparatory school education.”

Frank Aycok wrote, “Not much news. **Jim Aycok** and I are both healthy and happily married to sweet ladies, he in Asheville and I in Charlotte. I still do a very little law practice, but only for one old friend. Thanks for thinking of us. We still have contact with Charlie Ballance. We all grew up together.”

Fred Kerr stated nothing new his way.

From **Hervey Juris**: “Ask and you shall receive. I have been retired since 1999; moved from Chicago to Santa Fe, N.M. Went from couch potato to trekking internationally, 2000 to 2016. Still hike internationally from time to time but from hotels, not tents. Sorry to have missed the last reunion.”

Reynold Feldman and his wife, Cedar Barstow, left on August 17 to walk 200 km (120 miles) of the Camino, the Sacred Way of St. James, in Spain. Beforehand, they visited

Lisbon with a side trip to Fatima, and after, they spent five days each in Florence and Venice. A wonderful trip, but a bit warm.

John Whitmer wrote, “Kudos to Kawi for keeping at least a few of us connected. He was responsible for nudging me to our 50th and 55th reunion. Missed the 60th but hope to make the 65th in 2021. Hey, in 2021, Peddie’s graduating class will think of us as we (in 1956) thought of the Peddie Class of 1891. (What! Are any of those guys still around?)

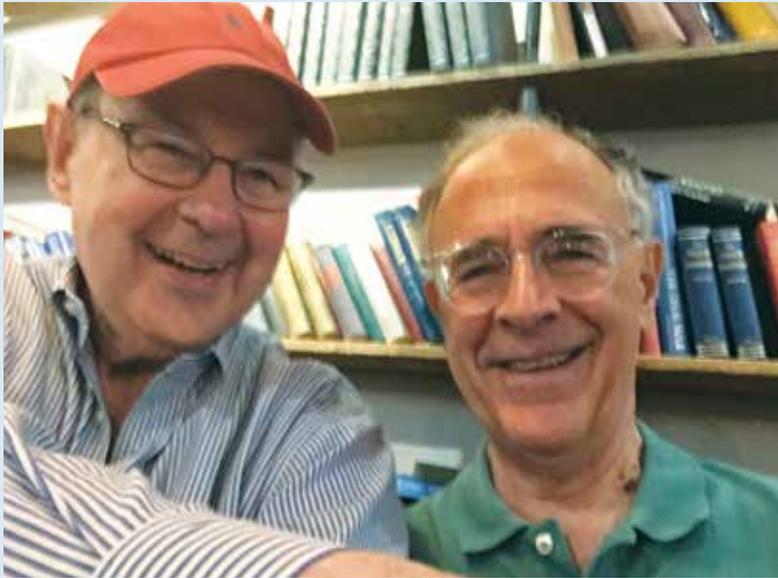
“Seriously though, I often think about our Peddie days and how lucky we were to have had that opportunity—so many others did not and missed the advantages we had. We owe much to Peddie and the fine teachers we had there. No doubt we all have different favorites; mine are Read (chemistry), Sprout (English) and Hicks (advanced math), but many others were stellar also. Hornberger (Latin) was surely unforgettable.

“I’m continuing to enjoy retirement after 40 years teaching chemistry (thanks, Read). My wife, Kathy, also retired from 40 years public school teaching, and I keep busy traveling, volunteering and enjoying grandchildren.”

It has been quite a year for yours truly. First, in February and March,



Members of the 1956 varsity baseball team take the field.



Class valedictorian Howard Kramer '57 (left) and Hal Rubin '57 during a summer get-together.

tornadoes pushed a couple of trees on our roof. Fortunately, damages were not too extensive. Next, better news, Pat and I celebrated our 55th anniversary at the end of June, and I turned 80 in July. What a wonderful life! Fortunately, Harvey is far enough southeast of us. **John Whitmer** and **Norwood Band** are fine, but I am still waiting for Norwood to land his seaplane in my backyard (Lake Palestine). **Carlos Bullos** will visit Texas this fall.

Hey, gang, drop me a line so our classmates can be updated. Thanks.

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Thirteen of us from varying parts of the country came back to Peddie for our 60th reunion this summer. The weather was excellent, and the school did a first class job of planning and presenting a full schedule of activities.

Walt Lotte won the prize for returning the furthest distance to be there, coming from Los Angeles. Afterwards, he and his wife took six days to drive back home, a trek not all of us would have at the top of our bucket list. Runner-up was **Jim Dottling**, who brought his sense of humor and Arizona wardrobe with him.

Others attending included the three reliables: **Ron Page**, **Mark**

Roadarmel and **Chuck Morgan**. All three have a near perfect record of attending five-year reunions. Family commitments deprived most of us from seeing **Lois Page**, but Ron, up from Virginia, was very much in evidence. Mark came down from upstate New York and Chuck up from Maryland. Peddie is a pretty good location for these three to get together. Chuck amused the Saturday night dinner crowd by reading a letter he wrote to **Harry Zisson** after reading about him in a major business publication. Harry, who has had a less than perfect reunion attendance since graduation, came all the way from Manhattan for the weekend. He reports that he is still working in securities research, just a cab ride away from his Manhattan apartment. **Hal Rubin**, another still working in the securities business, came down from Massachusetts. After the weekend, he got together with our valedictorian **Howie Kramer**, who also lives up near Boston. Howie couldn't make it back for reunion, but Hal says he was glad to hear about our successful weekend.

Mike Armellino was there, looking not much heavier than his wrestling weight 60 years ago. Mike is living in New Jersey still, one of the few members of our class who does so. **Bob Hopkins** came up from Lexington, Va., and heartily participated in some of our "memories" conversations. **Chuck Ballance** helped organize our attendance prior to reunion and came up from Atlanta for the weekend.

Pete Fitch, who surprised many of us at our 50th, came over from Colts Neck with his great sense of humor and kept us laughing. And, last but certainly not least, the winner of the shortest distance traveled was **Guy Butterworth**, traveling the six miles or so from Cranbury. Guy was inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame along with the golf teams of '57 and '58, who won the state championships as well as the Eastern tournament in Connecticut each of those two years.

We had a great class 60 years ago, and it is always a joy to get together with them back on campus.

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It's no surprise we members of the great Class of 1960 have the good sense and great luck to share our lives with some of the world's greatest partners. And it's high time to devote some notes to bragging

about their prized qualities and accomplishments. Having cooked up the theme, it's only fair that we scribes be the first to "Praise our Partners."

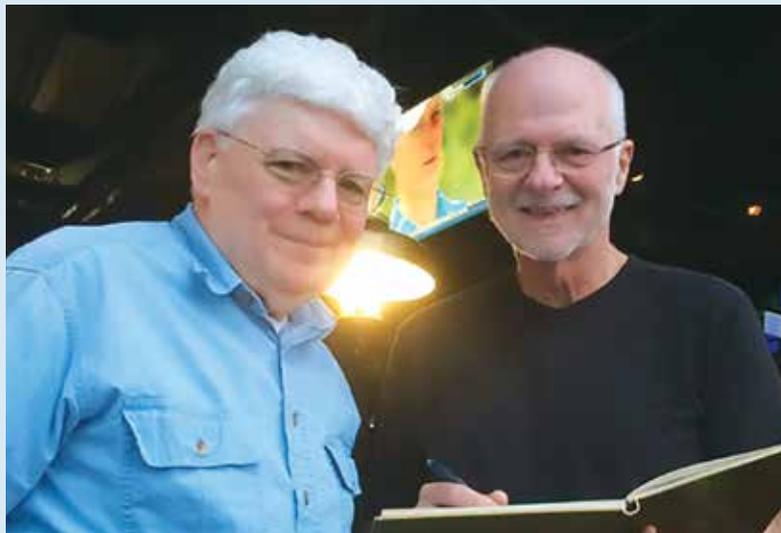
Praise from **Gene Scanlan** for his partner, Joanne: "We celebrated our 35th wedding anniversary in April. Following our move to Canada, Joanne took up ceramics and has had a number of pieces exhibited at local juried art shows. As I like to brag, she has sold more ceramic pieces than Vincent Van Gogh sold paintings during his entire life. Much to the joy of our electric company, we now have a large ceramics kiln; I refer to it as our 'nuclear reactor.' Joanne also teaches online graduate-level management courses for the University of Maryland and likes

motherhood for several years. Then she dusted off a lifetime ambition, earned a master's degree in art therapy and launched a brand-new career (without ever really easing back on the motherhood thing). Now that she's retired, Jean works harder than ever at her oil painting, taking classes, attending workshops, and recently mounting a solo show at a stylish Princeton coffee house. Oh, and she also works out strenuously in the gym and the pool, is game for most any outdoor activity, produces piles of vegetables in her garden (and makes me eat them) and reads more books in a week than I get through in a month. Is she inspiring? Duh! Does she make me jealous? Believe it! Am I proud of her? Yeah, I guess you could say that!"

our relationship just keeps getting better. I've got my fingers crossed hoping she'll soon retire completely instead of working a day or two a week. We've got two great sons who are both married to wonderful women and have two wonderful sons of their own. I am the living epitome of the saying 'fat and happy.'"

Praise from **Ed King** for his partner, Jane: "My girlfriend, Jane Ridolfi, has had many occupations and is a self-made woman. She became one of New York's top private chefs, and she's so creative both inside and outside the kitchen. We both like sailing and antiques. We spend the midweek in New York City where Jane has an apartment. The week before last we saw the Count Basie Orchestra at Birdland. Fabulous! Downtown, there is The Blue Note, which is not so elegant but also has some great jazz. We saw the Manhattan Transfer there earlier this year. The Cafe Carlyle is also a favorite spot, especially around the Christmas holidays."

Praise from **Bill Cass** for his partner, Sarah: "Marrying Sarah was the smartest decision I ever made. Two children, three grandchildren, and two completed careers later, we're still in love. I first noticed her in a college dining hall because she looked so much like the singing actress Doris Day. It turned out she's musical herself and as song leader of her sorority easily won the annual college songfest competitions. Today she sings in one church choir on Sunday mornings then drives to another church where she is organist and choir director. She also sings in two community chorales. After earning her master's in diplomatic history, Sarah pursued a career in public school education, although she put teaching on hold when our kids were young. The Daughters of the American Revolution named her 'Pennsylvania History Teacher of the Year' shortly before she retired. Seeing her dressed in period costume singing songs of bygone eras was a bonus for Sarah's students. She is also an accomplished gardener and occasional artist. Her interest in wildflowers has made her a speaker on the subject. I am convinced that we must have photographed every wildflower common throughout the mid-Atlantic (or at least all of those nestled in poison ivy). We've canoe-camped the Canadian wilderness, walked the Holy Land, and never tire of visiting the American Rockies, European cathedrals, castles,



Rich Umfrid '60 (right) signs classmate Eugene Scanlan's 1960 Old Blue and Gold Yearbook, 57 years later.

puttering in our garden areas. She played a major role in redesigning our Tucson home and continues to add desert plants to our back and side yards. When not doing all that, she knits or reads a few books every week."

Praise from **Dick Joslin** for his partner, Jean: "Since meeting Jean, **Larry Kash** refers to her as my 'much better half.' But I'd say she's my 'much better three-quarters' at the very least. Even more than her abundant talents, I admire the abundant good use she makes of them, always pushing to step up her game. After checking off advertising titles from media specialist to market researcher to account executive to copywriter to art director, she dove into full-time

Praise from **Don Gavin** for his partner, Irene: "We will be married 52 years this fall. Irene is an artist. After she left her position as art coordinator at the Northern Virginia Jewish Community Center a year ago, she was honored with a one-woman show of her work. Irene remains active in both the art and music communities and has a loyal circle of friends who are dependent on her good taste and company."

Praise from **Dick Harrison** for his partner, Mary: "It took me three tries to get the perfect marriage, but I finally did it 26 years ago. Mary's way smarter than I am (I hear Gene saying, 'Isn't everyone?') She's tolerant enough to put up with my foibles. We love our time together, and

museums and market towns. I am a very lucky man.”

We'll hope to share more partner praise in future columns. Meanwhile, let's get back to talking about ourselves!

Having left his law firm, **Don Gavin** writes, “Surprisingly, I have much more work than before I went on my own. I sit on arbitration panels and occasionally handle mediation, traveling recently to Chile, Scotland and London where I've been part of a tribunal handling a large international construction dispute. In the fall, I'll be working in Paris. Our only grandchild is in Los Angeles, so we travel there to spend time with him and our two sons and daughter-in-law.”

From **Roger Golden**: “In July, Joanie and I were in northern Michigan including Mackinac Island and also visited our oldest daughter and her family in Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin. We spent the last week of August vacationing in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware with our youngest daughter and her family, then a long weekend in September with our middle daughter and her family in Atlanta, Ga. Last spring I visited Peddie, audited an AP history class, ate with the kids, and stayed in what was the headmaster's house in our day and now is the school's guesthouse (coincidentally managed by **Terry Hensle's** daughter, **Laura-Lee Hensle Radtke '92**). Two generations later, Peddie remains very impressive.”

Rick Turner notes, “My wife, Glo, and I celebrated our 50th in June. We threw a big party for family and friends, definitely a memorable occasion. My grandson is starting

college at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute on a NROTC scholarship, and the best part is that I got to swear him into the Navy in August.”

Jim Gauntt checks in with news he has relocated from Edmonds, Wash., to Horseshoe Bay, Texas: “We are near my wife's sister and brother-in-law. It's lovely here but the temperatures are a bit higher than I am used to. When it's in the 70's in Washington, it's in the 90's here. Thankfully, there is air conditioning! I frequently think about my days at Peddie. They were great! I didn't appreciate how great they were until I went on to college, but that is a common experience.”

Exactly 57 years after leaving Hightstown, **Gene Scanlan** and **Rich Umfrid** reconnected in Sechelt, British Columbia. Rich had been visiting the Sunshine Coast during the previous three summers but didn't know until recently that Gene is living there. Rich and his wife, Kathy, live in Scottsdale, Ariz., not far from the Scanlans' second home in Tucson. Gene reports that Rich went from Peddie to the U.S. Naval Academy, then served onboard *Polaris* nuclear submarines before going to medical school at Penn. After leaving the Navy in 1987, Rich joined the Mayo Clinic practicing cardiology/nuclear cardiology until retiring in 2014. Following a get-together at Gene's home, the Scanlans joined the Umfrids at a local pub for a not-so-heart-healthy meal, catching up further and enjoying a photo op with Rich signing Gene's copy of the 1960 *Old Gold and Blue*

In addition to seeing Gene in Arizona last spring, Director of Gift

Planning Regina Ketting visited retired talk show host **Stu Thomas** and real estate broker **Sam Havens** and confirms both are doing great. **Art Romweber** finds, “life is fairly simple now. My career was in commercial banking in a variety of management positions, and I still do a small amount of consulting for community and medium-sized banks. With our three children out on their own, we are doing more traveling, have sold our home in Long Beach Island, N.J., and now live outside Philadelphia.”

Among the Saturday revelers on Reunion Weekend were **Larry Kash** and **Dick Wilsey**, who were inducted into the Peddie Sports Hall of Fame as members of the 1958 Golf Team. On hand to cheer them were Dick's wife, Suzanne Wilsey, and classmates **Paul Albert** and **Dick Joslin**. Earlier that morning Bell Society members Albert, Joslin and Kash attended the group's annual reunion breakfast and later met up again with the Wilseys for beer, clams and buffet lunch under the reunion tent.

The sole sad notes of the day came when the Chapel bell tolled during the memorial service marking the passing of Peddie alumni including **Al Slader**, who died in 2016, and **Marty Metz**, who passed away last March. **Ed King** remembers carpooling with Marty from Freehold, N.J., after Marty joined us junior year. **Art Romweber** recalls “sharing lunches as we were both day students.” And **Bill Cass** remembers him as “a smiling guy who was near the top of our class academically.” Marty graduated from Tufts and earned his MBA at Columbia



Among the artworks for which the Class of 1960 enthusiastically praises its partners are (left to right) “Umbrian Countryside” by Irene Gavin, “Fat Cat” by Joanne Scanlan and “Hydrangeas” by Jean Joslin.

University. He and future wife, Laura, became college sweethearts after a friend told Laura about “a cousin I’d like you to meet.” They married midway through Laura’s senior year at Trenton State and started their family in 1968. Marty took over Central Jersey Pools, the family

Roffman '04 and Daniel Metz '01.

More recently, we also lost classmate **Egery Nelson, Jr.** who died at his home in Vineland, N.J. in August. **Don Gavin** remembers Egery rooming with **Jim Craig** in Coleman where Don and **Jeff Berman** were monitors. A graduate of Fairleigh



Jim '62 and Judy Crothers renew their vows for their 50th wedding anniversary with the help of Elvis at Craceland Chapel in Las Vegas.

enterprise that grew out of his dad’s concrete block business, and built a wide reputation for being honorable and helpful to the many customers, employees and business associates who became his friends over the decades.

As committed as he was to the business, Marty was above all a family man, proud of his children and doting on the grandchildren for whom Laura recalls he always had a joke ready to share. Weekly Friday night dinners around their table were famously warm occasions with Marty presiding as genial godfather over one of Peddie’s largest and most prominent alumni families. Among its members are Marty’s brother, **Larry Metz '67**; Marty and Laura’s son, **Steven Metz '86**, their daughters **Elisa Metz Lemberger '92** and **Sharon Metz Rosenthal '89**; nieces **Bonnie Roffman '89** and **Lauren Metz '98**; and nephews **Eric Roffman '92**, **Todd**

Dickinson University, Egery also attended Oberlin College before joining the family insurance business he operated with his wife, Nancy. Egery was a mason and had many interests and hobbies. He traveled the world and had a second residence in the Miami area. Egery had fun attending dog shows, enjoyed the companionship of five pugs, his breed of choice, and was active with animal rescue transports. He was a car enthusiast and for many years attended the West Coast Ragtime Festival, where he served as a volunteer.

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“... Judy and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary last December by renewing our vows with Elvis ...”

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The Class of 1962 had a wonderful celebration of its 55th reunion in early June with campus returns by **George Barber**, **Howie Clark**, **Vinnie DeRosa**, **Peter Dorsen**, **Al Kahn**, **Bill Kelly**, **John Kelso**, **Bill Kontes**, **Gordy Martin**, **Spencer Stickley**, **John Stoker** and **Eric Wiener**. Space here does not permit a full account of all that involved our class before, during and after Reunion Weekend, but this will summarize.

The highlight of Reunion Weekend is the dinner on Saturday night. We now convene with the Gold Guard—a group composed of all returning alumni celebrating 50 or more years out. At that event, we announced to all Gold Guard alumni that the class and Peddie had joined in a plan to memorialize not only classmate **John Doherty** but all sons of Peddie killed in military action while serving their country. The plan was to install an electronic carillon system—musical bells—in the steeple of Ayer Memorial Chapel on Center Campus. The carillon plays hymns, patriotic and other similar musical works each afternoon, audible campus-wide. The entire campus community will be reminded daily of the nature and purpose of this memorial gift.

Headmaster Peter Quinn had determined that such a system would cost \$25,000 and that Peddie would implement that plan when we had fully funded the project. Peter told us he thought we could accomplish that goal by the end of this year. We were

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Members from the Class of 1962 gather for their 55th reunion. Left to right: Bill Kontes, Iris Kontes, Headmaster Peter Quinn, John Kelso, George Barber, Bill Kelly, Sally Barber, Marie Kelly, Howie Clark, Al Kahn, Peter Dorsen, Eric Wiener and Vinnie DeRosa. Also attending (not pictured) were Gordy Martin, Spencer Stickley and John Stoker.

anxious to enlist other classes and alumni from our era (euphemism for “old guys”) to help meet the cost.

Days after the reunion, we were astounded to learn that a member of our class had anonymously donated the full \$25,000 to purchase and install the system. Then, on Sunday, September 3, we had this report from Headmaster Peter Quinn: “The Class of 1962 Carillon made its formal debut this morning before Convocation, playing ‘Peddie, To Thee.’ Very well received, and a fabulous sound. At 5:00 this afternoon, our first memorial set will play ‘America the Beautiful’ and then ‘Eternal Father’ and ‘Abide with Me.’ Thank you so much. What a wonderful addition to campus, and to our culture.”

What had been an ambitious plan has just become reality. The class, the school and the Doherty family are enormously grateful to that anonymous donor whose special gift will resonate, literally, with all who come to campus and give solemn, daily testimony to those Peddie sons who were killed in action. And the whole class can take pride in the indelible mark it leaves on the Peddie campus—a mark that will hopefully be heard for generations to come.

Another special moment of that

55th reunion event was the induction of **Maria** (Mrs. E. Graham) **Ward** as an honorary member of our now-coed class. With these notes is a photo of those attending the reunion Saturday evening dinner. (Maria’s certificate looks a lot like our diplomas.) Responding to her induction, Maria writes, “I am delighted to be an honorary classmate of the Class of ‘62. I was sorry to miss ‘our’ reunion. Graham and I had two granddaughters graduating that same week in the Boston area, one from college and one from prep school.”

Another notable post-reunion event was our receipt and sharing of remarkable correspondence from classmate **Gordy Martin**, who related some of his wartime experiences in Vietnam. His unassuming account bore some partially hidden testimony to an incredible military career. With some digging by our crack staff to fully examine and disclose the background of the experiences Gordy related, we learned and showed by annotations just what a miracle it was that he survived to tell the tale of a service component whose elements often sustained casualty rates of 100 percent. That correspondence exchange exceeded the space constraints of this column, so we

published it separately to classmates by email. Anyone who did not receive those pieces may have copies of them for the asking.

Following that annotated publication of Gordy’s correspondence, we got this epilogue from Gordy. Gordy came to H’town but had recurring effects of a wartime injury that limited his reunion participation: “When I started the letter, it was to express my disappointment at not making the reunion after a 1,600-mile round trip, but the account turned out well in the end. The surprising thing (especially to me) is it’s all true, and there’s quite a lot of really (again, to me) interesting events that had to be left out. When I talk about my experiences, what comes out are the humorous evolutions, like the time I told a young soldier not to stand around in the door on a jump. He did, and I threw him out of the aircraft. The look on the jumpmaster’s face was priceless—everyone said so.” [The reader appears to be invited to assume that the hapless young rookie was already wearing a chute when he unexpectedly deplaned. -Ed.]

Also recently shared with classmates by email outside this column (again, due to space

limitations) were two other events of written input that crossed your secretary's desk. One was a very personal piece by **Peter Dorsen** reflecting on his reaction to the experience of coming to a Class of '62 reunion for the first time. Somewhat belatedly, Peter has caught the reunion "bug." **Bill Kontes** responded to Peter's reminiscence: "We had a few nice conversations with Peter. It was nice of him to send his thoughts. The reunion was moving for all who attended." **George Barber** responded this way: "What a nice note of reflection. Thanks, Pete. I enjoyed connecting with you and hope we meet again. If any of you come thru Melbourne, Fla., look me up. I'm right off the interstate near Howie. Room for any of you."

The other element of written input channeled through this desk (and previously shared) came from **Maria Ward**. She found some mementos long-held by Graham that portrayed a musical/theatrical presentation entitled "7 at 7" in Geiger-Reeves Hall performed by students and faculty in the spring of our junior year. Those old finds, like notes in a bottle, dropped into the sea 56 years ago, prompted some retrospectives discussed below. Turning then to our mailbag, **Bill Moss** was at first not sure that the referenced "7 at 7" performance date—April 25, 1961—was accurate because the "programme" listed **Emil Aysseh '61**: "I saw the date, but still am puzzled ... Aysseh was there when I was in junior school (eighth grade) and seemed to be more than one year ahead; same with Goldberg, I think. (Were their graduations delayed?) **Brian Barrabee '61**, a football 'ringer,' came later.

"**Mark McKee** died (cause unannounced) some years after we graduated. At that production (or another?), he was dressed in tights and was all-white, right up to his face—he played a statue (in one skit, anyway). When he charged the stage to leap up onto it (from the center aisle), he miscalculated and rammed his shins into the lip of the stage. This was exceedingly painful, but though he was practically in shock and had to rub his shins a few times, he kept on and said his lines. I saw how he struck the stage and asked him about it later, and he confirmed what I thought I saw. He was an interesting guy—great sense of humor, bilingual in Spanish."

Upon being reassured that the date was correct, Bill again wrote, "I

was at Peddie 4 1/2 years, and Emil was there when I got there. Barrabee was in Class of '61, I think, and only at Peddie for a year or two; McKee was in our same year ... I think the show was optional; though I do remember it being well attended. Rehearsals weren't on the sly, but the show wasn't talked up much, and I remember being surprised at the appearance of people I knew well enough that I should have had some hint they were performing/ participating—but I didn't ..."

Also chiming in was "7 at 7" cast member **Barry Goldsmith**: "[S]omewhere in my pile of old photos I have a picture of the 'can-can' skit that I did with Emil [Aysseh], **Brian Barrabee '61**, **Jerry Jaggard** and **Mark McKee**. I have been looking desperately for it and hope to find it ... I will send it to you if and when I find it."



Barry Goldsmith '62 P'83 GP '12 '15 '18 takes a break from lacrosse practice in 1962.

The sharing of **Gordy Martin's** sobering correspondence prompted several thoughtful classmate responses, including a reminiscence that **Bill Moss** did not intend for this column, but that we shared with Gordy, who then replied, "Quite the reaction, John, which resonates with me more than expected. I needed to read his note more than once to accept the pathos that grips many Peddie boys and me after all these years. This makes my letter(s) more important as his reaction touches me as now my own remembered sense of loneliness of many of those years has been shared, and the feelings of other classmates might well be awakened—sort of an existential reunion, 'eh?'" For many of us, that correspondence exchange was indeed an "existential reunion."

Bill Moss frequently travels to Ecuador, which prompted this closing comment from Gordy: "Please pass my thanks to Bill; La Nancy and I will be in the Galapagos [Islands, a Pacific Ocean possession of Ecuador - Ed.] over the coming Navidades." Gordy and Nancy live in South Carolina. His letters prompted this from fellow Carolinian **Jon Allen**: "What a truly uplifting message. As a newly arrived resident of Murrells Inlet, S.C., I would enjoy a beer with Gordy when in Charleston."

Another response came in from **George Hawes**, with a photo of George next to his helicopter on a temporary landing platform in Vietnam and this comment (referencing the Ho Chi Minh Trail): "That's some saga! Please forward the attached to Gordy. I may have escorted him into Uncle Ho's trail back in 1968." Gordy replied to George's response, "Possible; we didn't have dedicated air assets as did Projects Delta and Omega so we scarfed up any available. Mostly we used 'Kingbees,' which were Vietnamese Air Force H34s. Those aircrews had large quantities of testosterone and could fly upside down if they tried ..."

Elsewhere, the retired physician and author **Peter Dorsen** reports on the progress of his latest book: "Just finishing my umpteenth touchup for a hard copy of 'Up from the Ashes: One Doc's Struggle with Drugs and Mental Illness.' This version will also replace the current one on Amazon and be suitable for a hard copy, probably, that I will publish with Amazon ..."

Since we are always nagging for news, we had this further posting from **Bill Moss**, reminding us of the

Orson Welles "War of the Worlds" broadcast: "There's not much to report here—everyday stuff to do, nothing particularly exciting. True, we do have some small aliens crawling up out of that giant meteor crater that took out the local elementary school, but they seem to be coming out in search of food, and they absolutely love scrap paper, so we've had no trouble feeding them.

"Their brains seem to receive satellite radio waves, whose sound comes out of giant megaphone ears atop their heads; so some people are adopting them and bringing them home to be musical shredders. But this only works for people who generate enough scrap paper: when the creatures get hungry, they seem willing to gnaw away at wooden floors—so for every few who carry one away, there are a few tossing them back. Scrap paper recycling companies are complaining, and calling the government begging for some sort of remedy, but the government is one of the aliens' biggest food sources, and is happy to save money and find an amicable resolution to this new 'immigrant' problem.

"In fact, because the crater eventually will fill with water (pumps are holding the level down as I write), federal construction crews are busy readying our practically unused local sports stadium as the aliens' new home—and, it has the advantage of loading docks, so that paper can be delivered in bulk by truck, and not merely wheeled up by individuals or dropped by helicopter. Several environmentally-friendly water-entertainment companies are bidding for the site, and the Board of Education is leaping with joy at this newfound source of funds! [Whew!-Ed.]

"Apart from a few quick trips, I'll be in Portland until I return to South America (or Western Australia, or ...) in December." Typically, Bill gave us no explanation for why none of his remarkable experience was reported on CNN.

And we again heard from **George Barber**, another reunion-goer. He and wife Sally sensibly left a long-time Chicago residence for new digs in Viera, Fla., (near Melbourne), where they live near **Howie Clark**. George writes, "Went on our first cruise to the Panama Canal in April. We see Howie when he's in town, and we went on a New England tour to see relatives after the reunion ... Getting ready for a trip up north from

Chicago thru Quebec City and return in mid-September ... Getting out of the heat."

Newly located in Pennsylvania is **Jim Crothers**, who reports, "Okay, John, after 47 years of no real news, here's some good stuff. Finally getting my slow-witted two sons in action with two granddaughters now (three and four months, and another on the way). We may not dance at their weddings but we'll make damn sure they're not Yankee fans. And, after 47 years at Crothers Road, we're moving. Tired of fixing fences, cleaning gutters, falling off ladders, etc. So we're headed out to pasture at the OFH (Old Folks' Home). Actually, it's not that dismal since there's a wine bar on the roof and a baseball team right in town—what else do I need? By publication time,

me has run out and, consequently, so have I." While we don't have many reports here of 50th wedding anniversaries, we note that Connie and **Terry Christensen** reached the same mark this year. Congratulations to the four of you from all of us!

Pete Terry and wife, Janet, sent reunion regrets, as they were slated to be "... cruising the southern Chesapeake Bay and Virginia and North Carolina from the middle of May to middle of June." Pete and Janet are active in helping to restore and preserve the Bird River Watershed in Baltimore County, Md.

And this just in from Class Agent **Howie Clark**: "It was good to see so many classmates return for their 55th Class of '62 reunion at Peddie. I believe we were all encouraged by the welcome the school gave us



Students stand in front of Avery House in 1962.

we'll be at 800 Willow Valley Square, VA 208, Lancaster, PA 17602.

"On other fronts, Judy and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary last December by renewing our vows with Elvis (Oh yes, I'm sure it was him) at Graceland Chapel in Vegas. The reception was held at the National Pinball Museum just down the street. I always go see **Jerry Tydlacka** when I get to the Orioles games. He's still playing softball and ushering at Camden Yards, and we're always delighted that we're both still walking, talking and somewhat coherent. We will be back in Florida this winter, so get the snowbird meeting set up again. Alexa has just informed me that the Otis Redding album she was playing for

and impressed with the plans for the future under the leadership of Peter Quinn. The Peddie Annual Fund campaign ending June 30 was a success this year with our Class donating \$12,802.82 from 28 classmates, giving us a 35% participation rate, making the school very happy. Our Class of '62 Faculty Support Fund, memorializing E. Graham Ward, has received support from 15 donors this year totaling \$3,028.12. Our newest classmate, **Maria Ward**, is to be congratulated for her outstanding support of the Class of '62 Fund. We will update you as to the Fund's values after the annual audit this fall. We encourage all of you to help support our Fund for further studies by the Peddie faculty.

May good health and happiness follow you throughout the year.”

Thanks to all who have participated in the ‘62 Experience,” through coming to reunions or telling us what and how you’re doing. For the rest of you, there’s plenty of column space in the next issue. Let us hear from you while you and we are still “somewhat coherent.”

In memoriam: It is with great sadness that we note the passing of two more of our classmates. **Stephan W. Poppick** died of leukemia August 18, 2016, in Brooklyn, N.Y., survived by his wife, May, daughter, Susie, and son, Harry, as well as siblings. Steve lived in Brooklyn and taught in the public school system until his retirement.

Joseph H. Enos, Jr., died March 31, 2017, in Paulsboro, N.J., survived by his wife, Susan, daughter, Jennifer Waterman, and son, Joshua Enos, plus grandchildren and an extended family. After serving in Vietnam with the U.S. Marine Corps, Joe had served much of the rest of his adult life as a prosecutor in Paulsboro.

Obituaries of both Steve and Joe were attached to an earlier email posting to classmates (both available to anyone requesting them). To May Poppick and Susan Enos, and their respective children and families, we extend our deepest sympathies on behalf of the Peddie Class of 1962.

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55TH REUNION
JUNE 1 & 2, 2018

“More and more I appreciate the community I am part of at Peddie.”

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Double whammy whoa! We’re in full-tilt overflow mode for classmate news in this edition of the ‘63 alumni dance party, most of it happy and filled with sunny fun. But we’re also in that later chapter of life where sadness can arrive with a sudden jolt as we lose another classmate.

Dale Lashnits, 71, died peacefully in his sleep in early March at his home in suburban Denver, following a battle with lung cancer, surrounded by his loving family, including wife Cheryl, sons Dirk and Teague and daughter, Dayre. Some of you had already heard this sad news in the spring when I sent out a class email alert about Dale’s passing.

As a small town Ohioan with no real clue about life on the East Coast when I first arrived in Hightstown in the fall of 1959, a genial roommate blessing in the fun-loving, rail-thin form of North Jersey guy Dale Lashnits offered instant, welcoming friendship.

“I also remember the puckish aura that seemed to surround him,” recalls **Ken Patchen**. “He always

seemed to make folks smile.” That he did.

But even months after Dale’s death, **Clarence Kugler**, who bonded tightly with Dale during his post-Vietnam Denver sojourn in the early 1970s, was still upset.

“He was such a great upbeat guy and one of my favorite people at and after Peddie. Dale bailed me out of many a barroom pool game in Denver when I came back from Vietnam. And he really helped me adjust to civilian life once again,” Clarence explains. “I get teary just writing about him.”

There is no easy transition to make after such downbeat and grief-laden news, so I won’t even try. Let’s just move on.

One of the cool things about this gig is reconnecting with classmates after a few years or after more than 50 years. **Jim Lincoln**, hello again!

“I was a bit on the outside at Peddie, but I have tremendously good memories of you and **Arthur Brown** just down the hall in Wilson,” Jim writes. After Peddie, Jim left Northeastern University in Boston to join the Navy as a hospital corpsman and then headed back to Northeastern following the service to earn a bachelor’s degree in nursing. After moving to Texas in 1982, Jim continued his nursing work as a hospital ICU night shift house supervisor and then helped in the development and implementation of electronic health records for a provider in the Dallas-Fort Worth area before retiring in 2006.

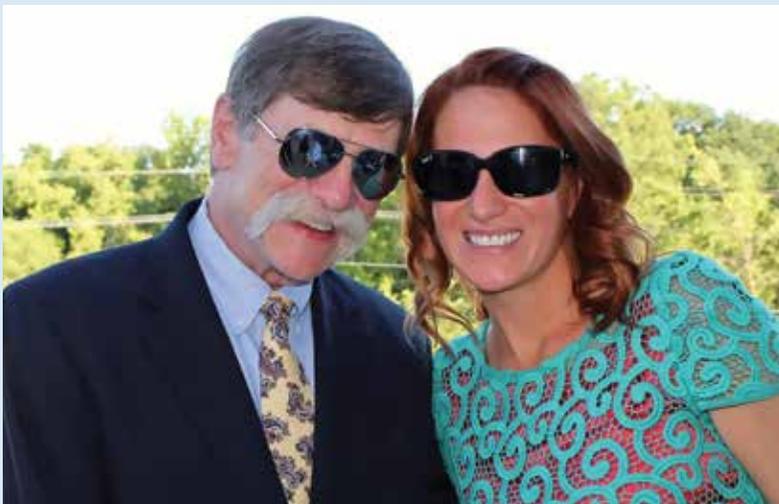
“I now live with a friend in Mesquite, Texas, home of the Mesquite Rodeo, where we co-own a three-bedroom home with two dogs who let us live there with them. Mostly, I putter around the house and once a week venture into Dallas for social stimulation.”

Social stimulation? I’ll drink to that! Thanks so much, Jim, for reaching out with that fine update. Please stay in touch.

To paraphrase the long ago Firesign Theater, “We’re all just Bozos on this bus.” That’s especially true of our unique, affably warped ‘63 crew. So let’s stick together.

Had a nice, lively phone chat with **Bob Ackerman** down in Delray Beach, Fla., to get his new email info.

“I’ve been here in paradise for 27 years and love it,” Bob added in a follow-up note. After 14 years as a catastrophic insurance adjuster, Acki retired two years ago to focus on his ongoing Miami area limo



The late Dale Lashnits ‘63 and his daughter, Dayre.

business, Bob's Airport Service. His brother **Bill Ackerman '66**, a former transportation consultant for M&M candies, lives with Bob and works in the Ackerman limo business.

Bob, who has four grandchildren and remains friends with Vero Beach-based ex-wife Martha, has been in touch with fellow Floridian **Bob Baldanza** and wife Sharon to plan a get-together that's probably already happened by the time you read this. Other classmate contacts? Bob sees **Tock Ticknor** fairly regularly when Tock passes through Florida on his way to or from the Dominican Republic for a visit with old roommate, **Rafael Vargas**.

And did I mention Bob's Airport Service? "If anyone needs a ride to or from any of the three (Miami area) airports, just call (561) 271-1912," writes Bob in happy promo mode. Thanks, Ack!

Staying in the Sunshine State, let's check in with the aforementioned Bob Baldanza. "Almost double nickel reunion next year if my math serves me (Mr. Kiviat, thank you). Where did all the years go?" says Bob in an email exchange. Yes, you are absolutely correct, Bull. Time to start getting geeked for our—holy frigging moly!—55th reunion in June 2018.

Back here in 2017, the Baldanzas spent time this summer in Lake George, N.Y., as their grandson, Joey, who has cerebral palsy, went to Double H Ranch in Lake Luzerne, N.Y., founded by Paul Newman for disabled children. "Just a wonderful place," notes Bob. "Joey is now 13 and will soon have major surgery to correct his feet and legs. We just want to get him vertical. Keep him in your prayers ... Joey is one neat kid, not because he's our grandson but just because he is like an old soul. His daily wisdom never ceases to amaze us." We all sure hope Joey's recovery is going well, Bob. He's blessed to have such loving, devoted grandparents.

Pop culture cartoon question: Who would win a squawk off between Donald Duck and Daffy Duck? Our third Bob in a row—**Bob Walter**—would definitely have his money on that Disney fowl, Donald.

"I've been to Disney World seven times since Christmas. It's nice working for the Mouse ... How can you feel bad at a place where the conference rooms are called Chip and Dale," cracks Bob, who in a late career change of pace is managing courses in artificial intelligence for the engineers at Disney's theme parks and resorts.



Bob Baldanza '63 hanging out with his grandson, Joey.

"This is the perfect finish for me," says Bob, who sports an Apple Mickey Mouse watch. "When I was young, I always dreamed of working for Disney." The perks also include getting your photo taken with Disney World characters, including Cinderella's cruel stepsisters. Alas, during one of those work visits to Disney World this past spring, Bob tripped over a curb and suffered a torn rotator cuff "in the Magic Kingdom, what irony!" Also, pain and surgery that will require a year of rehab.

"I now have to drive with one hand. So I had to get rid of my Mustang and get a stupid Toyota," said Bob during our enjoyable phone conversation, bemused grumbling and all.

A torn rotator cuff is certainly no fun. But for true orthopedic hell, we'll

have to check in with **Roger Burns**. Last spring, Roger had double knee replacement surgery in New York, followed by extensive rehab. And then? In early July, Roger fell at home in Hilton Head Island, S.C., and broke his femur, requiring more surgery and, yes, extensive physical therapy and rehab.

Throughout it all, Roger has managed to display his customary grit and upbeat good cheer. "More and more I appreciate the community I am part of at Peddie," Roger wrote in a note after enduring that double knee replacement. "I feel very connected to the community and it adds enormously to my life. The support and communications (from classmates) have really helped me, including the phone calls, emails and visits." All right, Roger, keep your *Ala Viva* healing mojo workin'!



Bob Walter '63 enjoying his time with one of Cinderella's cruel stepsisters at Disney World.

Now it's time to bop out to Bellingham, Wash., and check in with newly semi-retired **Mike Ryan**, who's still working a couple days a week in the investment management company he's long operated. Which leaves plenty of time for Mike and wife, Barbara, to travel. After a shorter trip back East to see old friends and relatives, including a first-ever visit to Acadia National Park in Maine, the Ryans traveled to South Africa in late summer.

"It's the first time I have been back after leaving in 1960," said Mike. "My family lived in Johannesburg for two years and I am both excited and intrigued by the idea of experiencing the tremendous changes."

There seems to be a Mindcamp baby boom in **Tim Hurson's** work life. The creative thinking retreat, which Tim has staged in Toronto for the past 15 years, attracts 200 people from around the world who gather to exchange ideas, with the material presented often anchored in Tim's book "Think Better."

"Last year, a colleague of mine said he'd like to launch Mindcamp Chile, the first of which was held last January," writes Tim. "When she heard about Mindcamp Chile, another colleague thought she'd like to do one as well. She lives in Phoenix and plans to launch Mindcamp Southwest next March. So now we have three Mindcamps. A few others have expressed interest as well, such



Warren Calligaro '63 (left) and Bruce Turiansky '63 during their shoe trees hand-off at a lunch in Richmond, Va.



Jane Duffy, Mike Duffy '63 and Arthur Brown '63 at the Duffys' 50th anniversary dinner in August.

as Copenhagen and London. World domination anyone?"

And now for a tale of the traveling shoe trees.

During his 50th reunion at Cornell in Ithaca, N.Y., this spring, **Warren Calligaro** was hoping to reconnect with his old freshman Cornell roommate, **Bruce Turiansky**. Alas, no Bruce in Ithaca. "I still have some shoe trees that I want to return," explained Warren. Solution? I zapped him Bruce's email address down in suburban Atlanta. And? "Bruce and I met for lunch in Richmond with his daughter (Lelei). And after 54 years in my possession, I returned the shoe trees borrowed from my Cornell roommate," said Warren happily, who is in the process with new wife Pam of "consolidating our homes and moving to Naples, Fla."

Before the shoe trees caper and reconnection, Bruce had been in touch, expressing wonderment about my own 10 years of giddily enjoyable, post-journalism career retirement in the Motor City. "I tried it (retiring) when we moved to Atlanta six years ago, but it wasn't for me. I just don't have enough outside interests," said Bruce. "After four or five months, I started a one-man marketing company to keep busy and have been with it ever since."

In addition to his own marketing firm, Bruce also has "an almost full-time marketing gig with an IT company in Alpharetta, Ga." All that plus daughter, Lelei, is a high school senior, and Daddy T. was accompanying her on visits to college campuses when they met up with Warren Calligaro for the luncheon shoe tree hand-off in Virginia. "I know most everyone seems to be happy to become empty nesters, but

(wife) Mariann and I are dreading it," said Bruce. "We really love having (Lelei) home."

Gene Newman's been specializing in some gonzo globetrotting. Last spring, Gene hit the Middle East links for golf in Doha, Qatar, while visiting his daughter and her family, followed by a short trip to Dubai with his granddaughter, Saskia, to visit Legoland Dubai. Then it was off to "the southern coast of Portugal (Faro, Algarve) for a week with British friends." And then? Gene rested up in Florida and kept to this side of the Atlantic when he headed to Cape Cod during the summer to visit old Brown University pals, followed by a road



Mitchell and Anne Seltzer P'88 with Gene Newman '63 (right) in Maine.

trip north to Maine and Migis Lodge on Lake Sebago. That's where Gene met up with former long-time Peddie educator, Head of Development and Board of Trustee member Anne Seltzer and her husband, Mitch, for a leisurely rainy day luncheon after the Seltzers drove in from their home on the Maine coast. And then? "Finally, back in Florida to be happily greeted by my five-year-old golden retriever, Beresford (a.k.a. Bear), the only female I sleep with on a regular basis." All of which occurred before Gene then got the travel bug again and headed to Greece before summer's end. Whew, I'm all tuckered out just contemplating that jet lag itinerary.

Another of the numerous Class of '63 Floridians, **Clarence Kugler**, has finally said adios to his long-time job as a dogged investigator with the South Florida office of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. That's right, Clarence, say it loud and say it proud: "Our tax dollars at work!" And now at retiree play! Before hanging up his working shoes, Clarence and wife, Ali, headed north in early June to join my wife, Jane, and me on the beautiful hilltop campus of Denison University in Granville, Ohio, for our very lively 50th class reunion. Needless to say, Clarence sported his legendary Madras pants and tore up the dance floor just like at our Peddie 50th.

We may be a band of merry mavericks, affable misfits and party rascals, marching to the beat of our own rock 'n' roll drummer, but the Class of '63 has also enjoyed the honor of three members of the Peddie Board of Trustees over the past two decades – **David Mitchell**, **Arthur Brown** and **Roger Burns**. Both Roger and Arthur retired from the board at the close of the 2017 school year, transitioning to the advisory board, joining previous board retiree David in a role assisting and consulting the Board of Trustees.

"Their individual and collective service contributed to substantial forward-moving changes in the operational processes of Peddie," said David of the contributions of Arthur and Roger. "They served on and chaired vital committees through the years. Each took a particular delight in working with students and our young alumni in nurturing them into leadership positions in the life of the school." Since neither Roger nor Arthur are the sort to toot their own tubas, thanks for those well-deserved words of praise, David.

We'll hop aboard the Wayback Machine for this 1950s pop culture reference. Anyone remember TV flying ace Sky King? Well, as you may recall from a previous Chronicle update, we have our own Sky King in the form of **Nils Pearson**. During a month-long flying safari across a broad swath of heartland and western America this summer, Nils piloted his Cessna Skywagon while stopping "at a big aviation gathering in Oshkosh, Wis.; catching up with my freshman year roommate, **Pete Minard**, in Idaho while also 'plane camping' there; picking up (wife) Pat visiting her sister in Washington; visiting friends in our old hometown of Helena, Mont.; stopping in Wyoming to experience the eclipse, and visiting our daughter in Colorado before heading back to Florida." Yow! Nils, that is some impressive airborne odyssey. So from now on, you are forever Sky King Pearson in my nutty noggin.

Sorting through old copies of the Chronicle, another Idahoan **Sam Pole** decided it was time for an update from his home base in Idaho Falls. The not so good news? Sam's wife Joyce had surgery for colorectal cancer in February and underwent chemo until September. The better news? "Other than some manageable side effects, everything has gone remarkably well, thus far," Sam wrote during the summer. "We are looking forward to celebrating our 50th anniversary and the successful treatment of Joyce's cancer in Yellowstone National Park in late September." Happy 50th, Sam and Joyce! Hope that golden Yellowstone celebration was filled with bliss and happiness.

Speaking of 50th wedding anniversaries. The Class of '63 has been rocking it this year. David and Diane Mitchell celebrated their own golden anniversary in January. Plus, along with Sam and Joyce Pole, Bob and Sharon Balanza marked their 50 years of marital magic.

And out here in Michigan, my beautiful wife Jane and I, who met and started dating during our freshman fall at Denison in 1963, kicked out the celebratory 50th-anniversary jams in Detroit in late August. My beloved best man and Peddie roommate, Arthur Brown, along with his supercool wife, Jo, and the late **Ralph Copleman's** wonderful marital soulmate, Joyce, blessed us with their incandescent presence at the joyous weekend festivities.

So the Old Gold and Blue Love Train has been rolling merrily along

all year for our twist and shout '63 Peddie posse. Now start revving your enthusiasm for our 55th reunion in 2018. Till next time, peace, love and shake a septuagenarian tail feather!

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Well, here we go again: So far, we have received NOTHING, zilch, zero from any classmate, which is not surprising considering we are the most boring and silent class in Peddie history. Playing golf with **Norman Grant**—the only one to have anything to say. We listen to each other's life stories between swings—more his than mine. He just came back from a river trip ending in Amsterdam—he will fill us in.

As there is not much to say, you have to endure my upcoming trip to Europe. Fly into Prague for three nights then take a car to Passau for a river trip down the Danube and end in Budapest for three days. Then we fly to Bergamo, Italy, and head to Como for three days; off to the Dolomites for three days then down to Venice for three. Fly back to JFK. It's hard to imagine our class is tethered to each of our respective backyards, so send something in if for no other reason than to fill a page in the Chronicle—like the classes before us.

Asking any classmate to drop an email, as I'm tired of reading other years pretending I know whom they are talking about. Next issue without help from you guys, Norm and I will have to start looking for numbers to call each of you. Maybe if we insult enough guys, we will get an insulting reply—that's how bad it's gotten. Anyway, hope all are good as can be expected for our age. Which reminds me; I just had my second of the summer spinal epidural this morning in time for my trip. Hoping for some relief or off to New York City for third op.

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John Pyfer '65, a regional and national volunteer for the Boy Scouts of America, at his twenty-second Jamboree.

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“... 20 percent of us made it back to Peddie for the 50th reunion.”

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Out of our graduating class of 95 students, 20 percent of us made it back to the Peddie School for the 50th reunion of the Class of '67 on June 3, 2017. We were all happy to see each other and meet the family and friends of our classmates. Kudos to the outstanding effort by our

colleague, **Craig Mudge**, and his team, who helped popularize coming back to Peddie for this event. Their efforts were a primary force behind our successful reunion. A Facebook page and other efforts made the difference.

Of course, we also owe a lot to Headmaster Peter Quinn and his team for their hospitality and the quality experiences we enjoyed in each event on the program. The catering was exceptional. Special thanks goes out to the unnamed person on the Peddie team who was in charge of the picture-perfect weather. The pouring rain stopped precisely as we arrived on campus just before lunch, and was fabulous for the rest of the weekend!

Tim Lillie (my roommate in Avery 33 during our senior year) brought his family with him—it was great to see multi-generations reliving some of Tim’s teen years. He also brought his class yearbook to our luncheon so we could sign it all over again! Looking back at our senior year pictures and sharing favorite stories about campus 50 years ago certainly sparked a lot of laughter.

One of the highlights, in my opinion, was **Stan Switlik’s** recounting of the cow on the roof story. Several students managed to get a cow up on the roof of a campus building. Hard as was to get the cow to go up, it was equally resistant to coming down. Accommodating major changes in elevation like that are apparently not in a cow’s DNA. Funny prank and a great story even after 50 years.

Those of us who stayed overnight

on campus tried out the new dorm, not our old rooms. Flashback to the days before Wi-Fi!

Peddie continues to grow and remain successful, yet it always remembers its roots, its core values. The campus may have changed a bit over the decades, but it is still Peddie to me.

Hugh Robinson writes, “The reunion was wonderful. Great seeing former classmates and hearing their life stories. We had about 23 classmates and their spouses/significant others attend, including: **Steve Aimone, Stu Bishop, Chris Brown, Ken Cooper, Rick Costanzo, Fred Davies, Steve Dittmann, John Edgar, Charlie Gemmel, Barry Kronman, Tim Lillie, Larry Livoti, Doug Lustig, Larry Metz, Craig Mudge, Paul Sorensen, Jim Steinberg, Stan Switlik, Jamie Thompson and Larry Wolk.**

Some highlights: There was a best ball-golf scramble at the Peddie Golf Course. It was a blast! Kronman, Mudge and I played together. I heard there was a wine tasting at a nearby vineyard. I didn’t make it, as I was on the golf course. We had cocktails/dinner Friday night outside under a tent overlooking Peddie Lake. Saturday morning, yoga for the less hungover and less sleep deprived of us. I heard a couple guys swam and jogged at the field house. There was a memorial service at the Chapel. Craig and another person (I forget who it was) read the names of all the folks that had died in the last year. It was a somewhat sad and sobering moment. Then, we had our reunion lunch under



Students study in the school library, located in Coates-Coleman Hall, in 1967.

the big tent and had many hours to catch up with our classmates. There were different events like alumni lacrosse, soccer and basketball, but I don't think any of us participated. Headmaster Peter Quinn then took us on a campus tour. It was nice hearing his perspective on the changes, challenges and trends of Peddie and our rival prep schools. As the weather was nice, we had another cocktail/dinner party under a tent. It was with the Old Guard, so we got to meet old farts older than us. We passed a microphone and told stories and pranks of years passed.

My wife, Susie, and I and several other classmates stayed in Green Dorm next door to Avery. It was new and well designed with student lounges, study rooms and a small kitchen. It was fun to compare it to Coleman where Sorensen and I roomed senior year. It was definitely different but similar in many ways. The Peddie staff and administrators were phenomenal and bent over backward to make our weekend special!"

Craig Mudge offered these reflections on our 50th reunion: "Pam and I really enjoyed our 50th reunion! For me, it capped months of enjoyable calls and emails connecting with youthful faces from my copy of the yearbook. I'm always surprised when I recognize the sound of a voice I haven't heard for 50 years.

Sometime in late 2016, a collection of '67 classmates led by the ever-energetic Hugh Robinson began brainstorming ways to bring our class together. In a series of monthly conference calls that included **Stu Bishop**, **Paul Sorensen**, **Jamie Thompson**, **John Edgar**, **Stan Switlik** and me, we determined to try our best to contact every one of our classmates to urge them to be in Hightstown in June. This led to a series of phone calls and notes that renewed connections dormant for years and was almost as special as the reunion itself.

Some tidbits from the calls: I'm pleased to report that **Bill Watterson** has retired from a distinguished teaching career at Bowdoin College and is now located in New Auburn, Maine. I tracked **S.P. Brown** down at his home in Huntington Beach, Calif. S.P. reports he has a 14-year-old daughter to keep him young! **Gus Devine** has capped a distinguished law career with a stint on the New York State Supreme Court and lives near Albany. George Dennis recently retired from a career with

Xerox Corporation and had the good sense to end up in Hawaii. **Rob Flory** manages a private investment firm in beautiful mid-coast Maine. **John Gruen** enjoys life in New York City and Block Island, R.I., as well as on some seriously gorgeous boats. **Guy Fisher** splits time between the Delaware shore and a home in Greece.

Looking back over these months of deep involvement with our classmates, I was struck by the rich variety of paths our lives have taken since June 1967. Standing on those same Chapel steps in the same sunshine this past June, I was proud of my classmates and proud of our school."

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50TH REUNION JUNE 1 & 2, 2018

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"We have two more years until our 50th. Crazy."

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Duncan Talbot writes, "As the days begin to get colder, it does not take much to think back on those early days of Peddie. Fall sports—football, soccer, cross-country. Running, or more like bounding, down those stairs in Wilson Hall to breakfast or dinner. I ran across an old picture someone gave me back in 1967. It showed a dozen young boys all wearing little beanies (I hated those) surrounding one of the seniors. The senior was holding a golf club (a 7-iron), and he was going to hit the golf ball down the lawn towards the Chapel, and all of the boys, including me, were about to run and retrieve it. It sounds bizarre now, as I look back

at it, but it was fun, it was a good time.

"We have two more years until our 50th. Crazy. I want to find as many of our class, and get them to write to me or direct to Peddie so we can have a grand time when that time comes to fill the tent during Reunion Weekend 2019.

"I have heard from a few of us. Our class sculptor, **Paul Di Pasquale**, was back on the Peddie campus in late April to make repairs to the bronze falcon statue perched outside of the Ian H. Graham '50 Athletic Center. Paul was the original sculptor and created the piece in 1996 at the generous request of John Pyfer '65 in honor of dedicated teachers who provided inspiration, motivation and guidance."

Randy Garrett wrote, "We are still living in Fairport, N.Y., and I am still coaching lacrosse at Fisher and at Fairport. I keep busy as a substitute physical education teacher when I am not coaching. Our daughter lives in Burlington, Vt., so we get up there as well as Lake Placid and the Outer Banks. I hope to connect with **John Carpenter** this summer who I have not seen in over 47 years. I have not seen or heard from any of our classmates since we graduated. I would be interested in coming back for a reunion in a couple years. Would love to see the guys again before we don't remember anyone's name."

Terry McGovern wrote, "Nice to hear from you. How many were in our class, 95? I remain connected



Paul Di Pasquale '69 makes repairs to the falcon statue outside the Athletic Center.

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to **Chris Bruckner** and **Brian McConnell**, and I see **Paul Di Pasquale** on Facebook. Where is everybody else from 1969?

"We arrived on Nantucket on May 28, and it was cold! Stayed chilly and wet for three weeks. We both got bronchitis and consulted the MDs. I got a chest X-ray (clear) and Marcie was put on antibiotics. She's still coughing. We play golf frequently, but 18 holes every day is too much, so we alternate and play nine holes. Walking the course at Miacomet is great exercise. I would be interested in a 50th Peddie reunion.

"My dad died in late February after turning 92 on February 4. He was a Navy doctor/veteran, enjoyed an Honor Flight to Washington D.C. last year and a reunion of that group this past summer. What happened to **John Carpenter**, **Randy Garrett**, **Gary Kaman**, **Russ Sarnoff** and **Lee Bernstein** ... we played bridge between classes and listened to the Beatles, Cream, Country Joe and the Fish, and Jefferson Airplane. Sarnoff had a great stereo and nice headphones ... who else! I'm a year older than most of our class (1950), and yet I grew up more at Peddie than in my home environment. It was a great experience and memories that I still treasure today, although my memory sucks. You take it from here, but let me know what I can do. I was a headhunter for 45 years ... searching for a heart of gold. All the best."

Frank Rapoport wrote, "When is the reunion? Talked to **Ed Donner** last year and **Russell Sarnoff** all the time. Work is fine in infrastructure and real estate, but it was a hard year as my daughter, Alex, died at 32 by suicide from an eating disorder in June 2016. I am in a spiritual place now guiding me. Still around Philadelphia and the lake house in the Adirondacks."

Alan Crater wrote telling me that he and his wife, Sue, have finally moved to Bradenton, Fla. as full-time residents. He needed the heat to play golf five days a week.

Gene Siracusa wrote, "Yes, I plan to attend our 50th. I just had my hip replaced so I'm kind of house-bound at the moment."

Spoke to **John Rich** the other day also; he also plans to attend our 50th. He asked me what it the cost for one year at Peddie right now, and my daughter told me something in the range of \$58,000. I think John fainted.

Well, let's do this. Let's rally the troops and get as many of our guys together. My email is simple: duncan@metalbot.com.

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John Roberts writes, "It has been a real pleasure to keep up with a couple of Peddie teachers over the years. Jerry Wooding (former Peddie faculty member) introduced us not only to birding, but also to the science of ecology and the environmental movement. He and Sharon taught at Colorado Rocky Mountain School and later he was at the Lawrence Academy in Groton, Mass. Jerry retired in 2015, and I visited them that November in Groton, where they live near woods and wildlife. Sharon is an accomplished artist and children's book writer. Unfortunately, Jerry has pulmonary fibrosis, but his spirit is strong! Another touchstone teacher for me was Bill Gutsch whose astronomy expertise led him to a 'stellar' career in planetariums (Rochester and Hayden of New York), and he later designed many exhibits in new science museums in Asia. He is still quite busy going to Asia and to Norway to film the aurora borealis for IMAX. He and Mary live near New York City.

"Last year, I had a nice visit with **Ed Maclin** and his artist wife, Beth, at my home in Richmond. We enjoyed talking science (my hobby and his profession). Ed does research

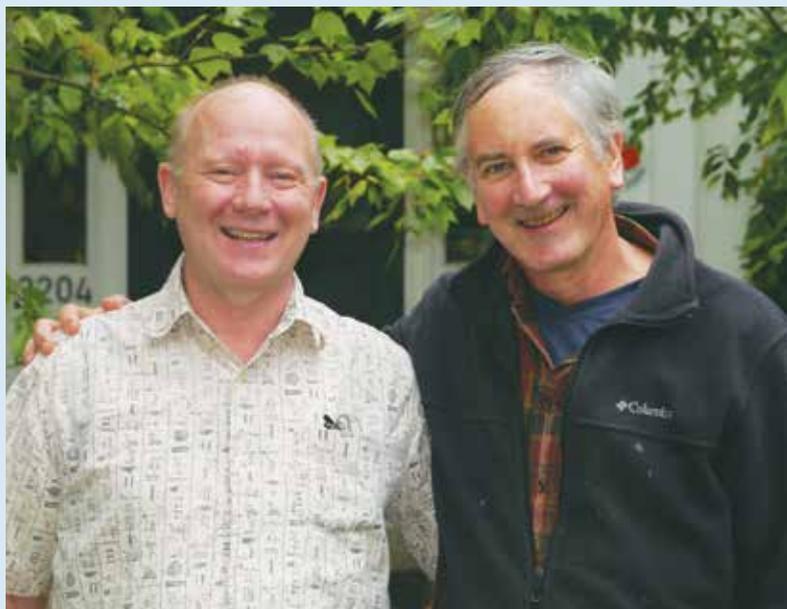
into brain function at Univ. of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana. We also both enjoy old farming and building methods.

"**Jim Neiderberger** is still teaching at Blue Ridge Academy, near Charlottesville. He was choir director there beginning in 1970 or '71, giving almost 50 years of service.

"In 2015, I backpacked on Axel Heiberg, 600 miles from the North Pole, and we were visited by an Arctic wolf and Peary caribou. In 2014, it was 225 miles of canoeing the Yukon's scenic Mountain River. My close companion, Mary Simmons, and I have recently traveled throughout the more remote areas of Scandinavia, France and Switzerland. Hope to make the 50th!"

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"What started as a hobby in college has developed into a full-time passion, skydiving."



Edward Maclin '70 and John Roberts '70.

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How do I gracefully announce that effective September 1, I'm officially on Medicare? OK ... I said it! Your Class of 1971 secretary is officially "really old." ALA VIVA! I'm not even close to retiring. Instead of winding down the management company, I'm still adding properties. I must be crazy, but Linda and I like to travel too much to give it up for a pair of rocking chairs.

I received several emails from **Tony Lopez**. The first one just said "Venezuela is awful" and it included six pretty upsetting news links. The second one was a little less ominous. Tony says he has been traveling between Caracas and Madrid. His wife, daughter, son-in-law and granddaughter reside in Madrid. His son lives in Cambodia. He sends "big hugs" to all of his former classmates and asks for prayers for Venezuela. We all hope Tony stays safe.

I can always count on **Billy Almond** to give me some news. He is still hanging 10 in Virginia Beach. His firm, WPL, continues to do great with a diverse practice of residential landscape design up to large-scale urban design and city planning, specializing in coastal engineering and landscape architecture. Billy has been in touch by email, texts and mini-reunions with **Doug Bryant, Bob Clark, Tony Lopez, Charlie Briggs, Dave Mintzer, Artie Williams and Howie Stein**. Howie resides just south of Billy in Wrightsville Beach, N.C. Billy says he will see all of us at our 50th reunion.

Sara Naimen-Bajkowski, one of the original four girls, dropped me a quick update note. She still lives in Fairfax, Va. Her daughters are graduating from medical school and law school. She is the proud grandmother of two granddaughters. She and **Mark Caster** continue to stay in touch and she notes that she has given up golf for pickleball. Sara has promised to attend #50 and we are holding her to it. See you then!

Gary Niels, a proud member of the University of Maryland 1975 National Championship Lacrosse Team, enjoyed watching his alma mater win the title once again this past May. He has announced that this school year will be his last at Winchester Thurston. He feels that after 16 years as head, it is time for a change of scene. With two young sons, Brawley and Morrow, I guess

that this change of scenery won't be retirement. He is considering other employment options in leadership roles in and around Pittsburgh. He also notes that recently, his nine-year-old son, Brawley, beat a group of adults, which included Gary, at 18 holes of golf in one of Cape Cod's most difficult courses. Way to go Brawley!

Gary Shaffer, a first-time contributor, was nice enough to check in. He reports that after graduating from Georgia Tech in 1975, he spent several years in the Navy. He then was employed by Unisys for nine years in data communications software and networks. He then spent sixteen years at SITA until he "accidentally" retired in 2003. (He did not elaborate on the "accidental" retirement). What started as a hobby in college has developed into a full-time passion, SKYDIVING. Gary has logged over 8,200 jumps and spends his weekends teaching beginning jumpers at Skydive Atlanta. He also owns and flies a Cessna 182 jump aircraft. Anyone interested in learning to skydive should contact Gary directly. I will not be visiting Skydive Atlanta anytime soon. My wings have been clipped.

Peter Schultz has also joined the grandfather club. He has a one-year-old grandson and a three-year-old granddaughter. He is still working in the family business, Jersey Shore Steel, but has been taking more time off for travel and golf. He recently spent three weeks in South Africa and has hacked himself to a respectable 19 handicap. He has promised to attend the "BIG 50!"

Although I follow many of you on Facebook, it would be nice if you would drop me a little note once in a while, so I can keep all of the members of the Class of '71 updated. ALA VIVA!

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**45TH REUNION
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Tom Dilger reports that he has recently moved to Hightstown. Their house is between the golf course and the school on South Main Street. A convenient location for a Class of '73 get-together during our upcoming 45th reunion! Please mark June 1-2, 2018, in your calendar. Tom and Suzy's daughter, Melissa, has been living in Hightstown for about two years and they have their first grandchild right down the street. Tom says that he and Suzy had passed this house many times over the last two years. Suzy always said, "If this house ever comes on the market, we're buying it!" Well, in 2016, it did, and in 2017, the Dilgers did.

"The home is beautiful, but it is keeping us busy and young every weekend. The house has been vacant for about two years, so there is much work to do. The history of the house and the Applegates interests me greatly, and I have done much research on both. It's been in the Applegate family since it was built by Thomas Applegate in 1908. For any Hightstown trivia fans, Thomas's father was Edward Taylor Riggs Applegate (also known as Etra) hence the name Etra Road along the south side of Peddie. His father, Abijah, who owned a great deal of land between Hightstown and Etra (formally called Milford, a small enclave just east of here), gave much land to Peddie—and the New Jersey Turnpike—although he didn't know it. Thomas Applegate's son, Thomas, lived in the house until he died in 1999. His wife, Goldie, lived here until she passed in 2015. We are only the second owners since 1908!"

Tom looks forward to seeing many classmates at the 45th and notes, "It may be a bit scary to see everyone again after 45 years, although seeing pictures of Rudy A. and Hal K., it seems they never aged. Can't be the water; don't believe they live in the same town."

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I checked around for updates and was happy to hear that **Jon Fox**

is not dead yet (see the Spring 2017 Chronicle). Indeed, he has pulled through his harrowing experience with his health and humor fully intact. Jon is a “futurist” in the global futures office working on countering weapons of mass destruction and a few other frightening things that can’t be shared or this magazine would disintegrate in your hands. As the senior member of “The Mad Scientists,” Jon urges us to “sleep well citizens—your bureaucracy is on guard.” Don’t you feel better already?

I received a nice note from **Kevin Marrazzo**, which follows in full: “Like everyone else, when the Chronicle comes I quickly flip to the back to see what’s happening with the Class of ’74. I then think I should have added some notes and realize it’s clearly too late, the Chronicle just came out. As each new issue arrives, the cycle repeats itself. So, I am writing now before the Chronicle arrives to give a brief update.

“Bunky and I went to D.C. a few months ago and visited some of the usual tourist attractions, including the Library of Congress. If you get the chance, check it out—it’s a beautiful building and library, including a collection of Thomas Jefferson’s personal volumes. We even got Library of Congress researcher cards (free, and obtained by walking through a labyrinthine basement corridor from one building to another) so we could actually go into the Reading Room.

“I also recommend the Supreme Court when it is in session. We planned our trip around an oral argument. The public can watch the oral arguments from the gallery, but you have to get there by about 6:00 a.m. for a 10:00 a.m. argument. However, if you’re an attorney admitted to practice before the Supreme Court, as I am, you have a separate entrance, can arrive later, and are almost guaranteed a seat. Plus, you sit on the other side of the bronze railing (the “bar”) in the same section where the attorneys who are arguing their cases sit. I basically had a front row seat. I should also point out that if you are an attorney, getting admitted to practice before the Supreme Court is just slightly harder than getting admitted to Costco—you complete an application and pay a fee. Bunky is still working on the Prairie Home Companion radio show with the new host, Chris Thiele, and just returned from the Garrison Keillor/APHC 2017 cruise to Scotland and Norway.”

Obviously, Kevin hasn’t lost his

sense of humor either. And, if you still have one, please write and share how you’re coping with the early 60s.

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“What would you tell your 18-year-old-self today on the eve of your high school graduation?”

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Well, I finally know what it’s like to have children as boarders at Peddie ... almost. Editing out what is probably the most interesting part of the two most outrageous weeks of my life the beginning of spring 2017; let me condense as well as possible what I am talking about. For months, I was scheduled to be out of town early April and with my two Russian

tortoises, later incorporating what was to be the pleasure of seeing Bebe Beull on April 5 after a long time. For those who knew me best at Peddie, you may remember my connection from the tail end of my junior year and after with singer, Todd Rundgren. Bebe was “going with” Todd at the time. On a side note, a couple years after we graduated, she gave birth to the contemporary actress, Liv Tyler; I’ve never seen anyone’s face after seven months into it look that “not pregnant.” Anyway, staying focused here, on March 23, the world got turned around (“bang ... zoom ...”) and I was suddenly expected to be spending two weeks of quality time with my accountant in Pennsylvania (“my accountant in Pennsylvania” is also longtime close friend, Chuck Lorimer, who you may all remember as Peddie’s young on campus accountant when we were attending school). The problem was that with this newly necessary sudden change in necessary plans, I could not take my tortoises with me. I freaked out and put out the word all over (“help!”).

A little light went off in my equating tortoises with science. Peddie faculty member and longtime friend, Betty Tennyson, assisted in spreading the word throughout Peddie, and Shani Peretz came forward to the rescue (Dr. Peretz is head of the Peddie science department, and she and her husband were Holcombe’s neighbors when they used to live on campus). In between her busy schedule and



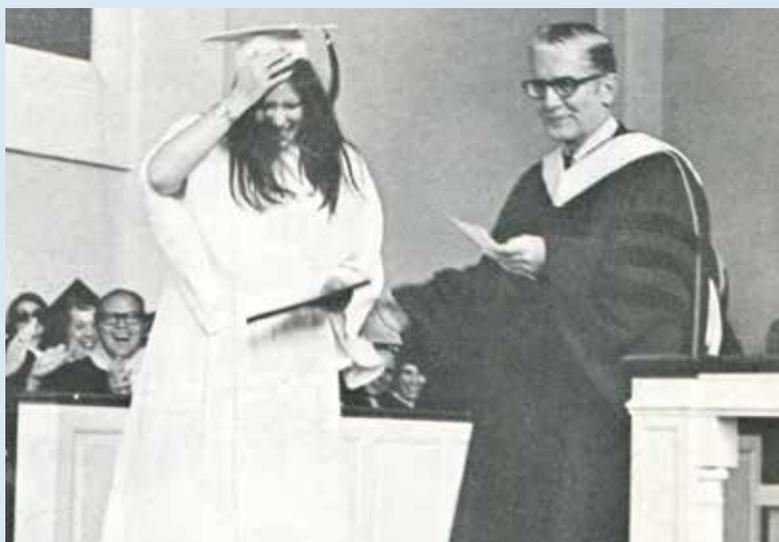
Students on Center Campus in 1974.

family obligations, she comes over to see the enclosure, the lighting set up and my licensed tortoises, getting all my husbandry particulars on them. Rather than her home, the science building, already sporting some visiting semi-aquatic chelonia in a tank on display, turns out to be their intended destination. I sentimentally agree that Saturday shall be the day I shall be separated from them, the day before my scheduled exit.

Well, suddenly, due to change in circumstances and more than small miracles, Claude here is not finding the need to be out of town, period, but have a first-floor mystery heating issue during some all too still cool weather. Sparing the details, I have zero time to do anything about it and realizing the logistics of the torts being on the second floor at home would be almost as catastrophic as them “freezing” on the first, off to the Peddie science building they go anyway, where I have the privilege of meeting on campus and going in with Shani Peretz intermittently to give them their soaks, etc. I felt like a Peddie senior. As opposed to the other visiting reptiles in busy classrooms, my two darlings got to be in a rather low-traffic lab type room to be only studied by the most interested parties of the student body.

With all the hubbub recently at home of preparing for escaping expected renovations, noise, etc., my torts seemed quite content being in a sedate environment and, while missing out on normal mass exercise, spent three weeks basking, eating and showing no signs of burrowing in response to any originally anticipated apprehension of potential predators. Peace! They loved it! Well, I got my act together, temperature controls at bay and everything reset up for the tortoises and me to be back together three weeks after their “Peddie term” began (it was back to lots of exercise for them as well!). Besides being most warmly indebted to Shani Peretz, her husband and Betty Tennyson, I shall never look at the glorious Walter and Leonore Annenberg Peddie Science Center the same again!

Behind the Science Center (and sometimes inside), for those who haven't been on campus in a long time, is where a good portion of the evening activities are on Peddie Reunion Weekend. Arriving late (again) both evenings, immediately after the first mingling session with favorite current faculty, I see **Claire Walton** sitting with her sister, **Andrea “Andy” Walton '77** and pop over.



Cathy Kozinski '75 receives the Walter H. Annenberg Award from Headmaster Kerr at the 1975 Commencement.

Claire still lives a couple of towns over from Peddie and looked her same old self. I had so much to fill her in on in my limited time that I didn't get to hear anything new in her life, and then I missed running into her on campus the next day.

In many ways, prompted by **Mary Stella**, who had been recently through it after her knee replacement, I maneuvered a prescription for physical therapy that I feel I did not get enough of after I tripped down basement steps, racing, and fractured my quick healing leg. I had little physical activity through most of 2016 and started walking like Frankenstein at times—not convenient and most unattractive. My trainer this summer put much effort in recreating my walk, stance and every bad gait habit for decades he claims was my primary problem, ruling out any disease, etc. **Mark Cinelli '77**, who was present to my knowledge at Reunion Weekend, I either missed or unfortunately overlooked. I remember his “walk” when a student like it was yesterday. I remember emulating it. I have a gait problem? I will blame Mark Cinelli's '73, '74 and '75 influence! Mark, if you're reading this, sorry I missed you in June.

In the middle of lamenting about my therapy exercises, I find out **Frank Buntschuh**, like Mary, also had a knee replacement in July and gave him my honest, encouraging words. We'll see which one of us is ready to cha-cha first! Mary, meanwhile, told me she is thrilled with her post-op results and is back to all activities. Chief among these, she tells me, are, of course, her always interesting

work at Dolphin Research Center (Grassy Key, Fla.) and continuing her practice of Taoist Tai Chi. Back to Frank: When he was in Lahaina, Maui, earlier this year, he, unfortunately, did not get a chance to connect with **Jim Anderson** there, despite dining almost nightly in one of Jim's venues he owns on the island. Poor timing! Frank and his wife have been living in Arizona since 1991 and they got together originally on the Peddie campus in the eighties at Theater By The Lake that Holcombe orchestrated in the summer, open to the local public, for those who weren't aware of the then annual drama venue. They are flying to Honolulu in November to see Jimmy Buffett perform, followed by what will be their fifth in a row New Year's Eve celebration in Key West. Frank has dogs that one can quite obviously tell he's extremely devoted to, one of which has been challenged the last couple of years. That type of devotion just adds to the very relatable rapport I feel with him after years of our mutual, longtime relationship with France where he has a business, among many other things, in common.

While in late summer contact with both **Cathy Kozinski Quinn** and **Debbie Marton** (both still residing below the Mason-Dixon Line) and pumping their brains for news for this column, in unison the “age factor” came up—we are or about to start a new decade in age. Cathy, so currently busy with work that she claims I would find her events “boring” over newsworthy, in lieu of news to write, fed me the quote: “What would you tell your 18-year-old-self today on the

eve of your high school graduation? [Claude here was seventeen; still drank the graduation day champagne though on campus!] Let's hear from you—all of you ... and share your insights from high school and into life." I'd be curious actually myself. Feel free to email me for the next Chronicle!

Regarding age to Debbie, I, by example, stated that my mother started blossoming at fifty-eight and got more active than ever at around sixty-five, ran all over the world alone still in her seventies and was ready for action through her eighties. She conceded as well that her eighty-eight-year-old mother has more energy than she does. We both decided that we in many ways are in better shape than years gone by and I like to remind our class that there no longer is a generation gap—practically everyone I got to newly know well since 2010 was born around 1988 and, to be blunt, even half a cocktail in a millennial (aka "Generation Y") can put more than a twinkle in their eye in my direction (and I'm not alone) ... Well, enough on that. Anyway, perhaps we should go into the discussion of our respective ages in ten years. Still active professionally in the videography industry, Debbie has decided to expand her recreational activities, influenced apparently by her mother, by taking bridge game classes (that word leaves a tiresome bad taste with some of us after Peddie's home state officials' alleged antics, grossly overplayed in the news awhile back ...). She also has a trainer (must be going around) to expand her athletics power beyond volleyball. Those classes are twice a week and she states: "Finally Zumba and extreme step classes aren't kicking my butt. I can actually keep up with the youngsters."

I mentioned once that I, always dieting, felt I was the only one who really got into Peddie's food service fattening meals in the dining hall when we were at school. They added sugar to their chili and spaghetti sauce. Always talking about the sauce and me only knowing how to broil a T-bone steak as a teen, **Rich Schiraldi** taught me, in three sentences, how to make homemade tomato sauce that, with my added gobs of sugar, I was able to recreate to a similar flavor; writing these class notes prompted me to make it after years this week! Not big on using lids, fortunately, the splattering didn't hit the ceiling ...

Kieran Beer touched base with

me just before Labor Day and he was winding down from a hectic year due to changes within his company, emailing from a house in Tuscany where he was for the week, looking out at rolling hills and a volcanic mountain that has "been sleeping for 6,000 years" as he put it. He expanded by saying, "The vistas, historic sites, art, food and local wines are amazing and I recommend befriending folks with a house in Tuscany, especially if they are kind and a genuine pleasure to be with like our hosts here." Kiery (also starting the conversation by bringing up the age factor this year!) noted that his wife, Melissa, and he are at a stage where it's increasingly hard to get their sons to travel with them, even when inviting their girlfriends to come along! His son, Simon, is a college junior and other son, Harry is out in the world teaching, writing and doing his "24-hour theater 'thing'" in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn.

It was nice to hear from **Jim Holden**, who I hadn't seen since I believe a Peddie Reunion Weekend the last decade. If the subject of Jim ends here, that means we never got to the phone conversation we were going to have in time for my Class Notes deadline here!

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The Class of '77 represented even without **Freddy Bull!** (Don't worry Fred; I stuck up for you when a few of your classmates decided that you should get a new girlfriend—because of your vacation!) And, yes, we will throw in a shout out to **John Ochs**, too, and give him a pass because he is on the wrong coast.

I can remember coming to alumni days in years past with my Dad and thinking that I would never get to a place where I would be out of high school for 40 years. But guess what, it happened, and in 10 more years, we will be the Old Guard. We had a great turnout with many day students coming back for our 40th. I think that everyone had a great time. **Mike House**, **Lee Height** and **Jeff Intravotola** (the proud dad of two Peddie alumni) represented the library parking lot gang. **Nevin Hofing** and **Samuel Adlerman** were there looking as wonderful as ever. **Andy Walton** came in from Indiana. **Aimee Bunting** was back for the first time since we graduated, **Jan Denise Loughran**, who lives the Peddie dream every day, and I were the female contingency keeping the memories alive. **David Baxter**, **Paul Mucciarone** who never writes in and admittedly doesn't answer texts, and **Dennis Wells** represented our seafaring military. I caught a glimpse of **Mike Niederberger** and **Mark Enriquez** at our class picture. I have a feeling that they were there on Friday night. They both looked great. **Mark Cenelli** was back and enjoyed catching up with all of us. He talked to us more this weekend than he did our entire four years at Peddie. I must say that we all learned a great deal about the things that happened on campus while we were students. Swapping stories and laughs, we came to the conclusion that you never know what kind of influence you have had on people as we travel through life. We remember **Brian Bonanni** and paid tribute to him, each in our own way.

We adopted a few strays from the Class of '76: **Benn Doyle** and **Sam Lefkowitz** and **Claire Walton '75**. It was like old times with everyone getting along as if we were one great big, strange, family ... oh, we are. And I must say that we all felt very old when Roby McClellan's granddaughter was checking us in when we arrived. Mr. Clements was making rounds and

said he will end his forty years at the end of June.

Wow! Look for Peddie reunions in South Jersey since we found a few of us living a town apart! Of course, anyone not from here is invited as well! Start thinking about our 45th reunion and then the half a century one! Best wishes and God bless as we travel through the next years of our lives.

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40TH REUNION JUNE 1 & 2, 2018

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With our 40th reunion rapidly approaching, I'm very excited to report that in conjunction with Regina Ketting and Laura Hazlett of the Office of Alumni and Development, plans are already underway to organize the event. An attempt will be made to contact every member of our class by phone, mail and email by our class captains who will be volunteering their time and energy to make the 2018 reunion a fantastic and memorable weekend.

My Peddie experience started at just 12 years old. I was paralyzed with fear when I arrived that first day of freshman orientation and had a lot of growing up to do. It wasn't easy. I remember being so homesick every morning. I couldn't eat breakfast that entire year, but it got easier and the experience shaped my life. I decided a number of years ago to take my alumni support to the next level, which meant joining the Bell Society, and bequeath part of my estate to the school. Peddie is extremely grateful and honored by this level of alumni participation, and hold the Bell Society members in high regard. For me, it means that long after I'm gone, there will be a part of me that lives on in spirit with Peddie. My eternal "thank you," if you will.

There are five dedicated members of the Bell Society from our class. They are **Kurt Bilderback**, **Richard Rose**, **Greg Lawson**, **Cynthia Parr-Pirozzi** and myself, the class gift-planning chair. If you would like more information about becoming a member, contact Regina Ketting or me. See you on June 1, 2018! Ala Viva.

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Classmates, please find me on Facebook under the name **Becky Keller Smith**, and I will put you in touch with the class group if you are not already a member.

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I hope everyone had a nice summer! **Dave Swales** checked in from Houston where the devastation from Hurricane Harvey wreaked havoc on his neighborhood. Dave says, "Harvey visited but moved on and we stayed mostly dry, although many friends and neighbors lost everything." **Karen Hall Yingling** followed with, "what Dave Swales fails to mention is that he and his son, Harry, spent the better part of a day in their kayaks out helping people move to safety."

I know that Brian Bremen, English teacher back in our day, lives in Austin and came through the storm okay. Anyone else?

Dave Swales also mentioned, "It turns out we board our dog here in Houston at a great little place owned by **Kerry Adams**, a West Windsor



Mark Young '80 enjoying a trip to wine country.

native and Peddie alumna, Class of 2000. It's a small world."

Karen Hall Yingling added, "We are good—five kids living at home that are keeping us very busy (ages 22 months to 15 years old!) and two grown kids with three little girls each. Six granddaughters aged three months to six years old! Our quiver is full!"

Mark Young sent a picture from a recent trip to wine country. He says the barrels were empty and he was going to use them to make furniture. Do you believe him? He did add that he had nine cases of wine in the back of the truck ...

Hope to hear from more of you in the coming year!

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Time for the news again! **Dana Mayer** was the first to chime in. Earlier this year, she had the chance to meet **Ian Elmslie**, **Roger Durling '82** and his partner, Daniel Launspach, for lunch in London. They had a fab time! Shortly after, **David Barash** was working in London, and Dana and David had the chance to catch up for coffee. On the work front, Dana's been putting her psychic abilities to work. She read tarot professionally at the Glastonbury Festival. As she states, "Hard work and lots of fun!"

Gerard Fritz boasted about Monica, his daughter, who recently graduated from Georgetown University and had her book published. It's entitled "Graduate Your Beercraft: A Poor College Kid's Guide to Craft Beer." It's available on Amazon. If I remember correctly, there were a few beer drinkers in our class and the Chronicle highlighted some alumni who own craft breweries. As for Gerard, he's still slugging it out in primary care as a general pediatrician in Central New Jersey.

Now for a quick update from **Jay Pila**! As he explained, "All good on the family front. Oldest daughter, Arielle, is now a designer for Nanette Lepore. Arielle was recently discovered by Lady Gaga and was asked to provide one of her runway designs for her next tour! Unfortunately, the fabric was too heavy to perform in but you never know down the road. Nicole and Ross graduated high school. Nicole is off to U Michigan and Ross



Dana Mayer '81, Roger Durling '82 and Ian Elmslie '81 gather for a mini-reunion in London, England.

to Ohio State. We are now officially 'A House Divided.' Jamie finished freshman year. Playing ice hockey and kicking ass." Jay decided to get into franchising and now owns two Elements Massage studios in N.J. In addition, he's back in software building a marketing solution on an artificial intelligence platform.

Class of 1984's **Bill Volckening** decided to break in our notes. As he explained, "So ... you may have noticed I like quilts ... a lot! My takeaway from Peddie was to engage in diverse activities to be a well-rounded individual. Five years after graduating, I started collecting antique American quilts. Today I have

a large collection, and two published books."

The first book was "New York Beauty, Quilts from the Volckening Collection" published in 2015 by Quiltmania in France. The second was "Modern Roots, Today's Quilts from Yesterday's Inspiration" published last year by Stash Books/C & T Publishing in California. Book three is in the works and, last week, his exhibition titled "Off the Grid: The Bill Volckening Collection" opened at the International Quilt Study Center & Museum in Lincoln, Neb. The exhibition features a select group of polyester quilts from the 1970s, representing a pivotal time in American quilt making.

As he reflected on Peddie, "The last time I went back to Peddie was 2004, but I hope to get back at some point." Bill keeps in touch with **Danny Adlerman** and **Gregg Kaplan**. He also plays poker religiously with **Ron Rodriguez '82**.

Ian Elmslie has launched a new book, too! It is entitled "A Marvellous Party" and profiles his high style life. To buy his book, visit PayPal, send 14 euros to Ian at ielmslie@yahoo.co.uk.

As for me, Lesley, I recently got back from Cancun where we celebrated Lindsay's (my daughter) wedding. Seventy-five people attended. It was great fun with a full week of pleasure. She just bought her first home in Seattle. It's beautiful, along a lake. On my job front, still working with yourhealthaccess.com. Remember: If you need health info, check it out.

Next issue, I hope to hear from you! Just a little tidbit. Maybe your best memory at Peddie, etc. We all want to hear from you!

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A really good time was had by all that attended the Reunion Weekend in June. We had 29 folks, along with seven significant others/kids/siblings that hung out with us, plus **Jodi Gold Stephens '83**, **Lucia Delorenzo-Resch '83** and **Danny Adlerman '81 = 39**. The full list: **Larry Anker**, **Michelle Ben-Hur**, **Lisa Bobonis**, **Bill Brentani**, **Ken Buergin**, **Bill Bunting III**, **Lisa Carlton-Wilson**, **John DiCenso**, **Richard M. Drobner**, **Greg Duke**, **Tony Eckert**, **John Gartner**



Greg Kaplan and Jay Pila, members of the Class of 1981.

III, Hugh Gordon, Chris Irwin, Jeff King, Paul Knight, Michael Kwan, Sven Leibold, Kristin Odmark, Brett Pasher, Richard Paynton, Scott Perritt, Sharon Reimsnider Robb, Kent Rippey, Ronnie Rodriguez, Meghan Wren, Alicia Zbehlik, Kevin M. Zlock and Mark Zlock.

Highlights: Ronnie hosted a dinner Thursday night in NYC, Michelle ran a yoga class, we represented at the golf tourney (Scott P., Sharon R., Mark Gartner '84 and I), there was a class photo taken (which I haven't seen), multiple trips to Jodi S.'s bar and I shared some wine and rye. A good weekend. Some pics on the class's FB page.

Kent emailed in, "It was a pleasure sharing libations with you (and many others) at the reunion! As someone who has attended all of our five-year incremental reunions, this was far and away the best one yet! So many familiar faces and quite a few "first-time" attendees. I had an amazing time seeing everyone again and really hope that all of you (and many more) attend the big four-oh in '22!"

Roger Durling wrote in, "I was recently named to the Board of Trustees of Peddie, and I'm excited to be attending my first meeting this coming October." How awesome is that?

I (John G) did see **Andy Leaflight** (Lederman) in June. Met him in Columbus, Ohio, for dinner—fried egg tacos, cornbread with honey and some local beers—so good ...

Gabrielle Schultz posted on FB that she just hit her 22-year anniversary with Starbucks Coffee. She writes, "My daughter, Callie, just started at University of New Hampshire pre-veterinarian. I am now an empty nester with two rescue cats, two rescue dogs and a rescue off-track thoroughbred. Still missing my partner, Gerry, but life is going on and moving on to new chapters. Wish I could have been at reunion but was my daughter's high school senior prom. Live in West Hartford, Conn., and would love to connect with anyone in the area."

And I got a hand-written note from **Eric Werner's** dad: "Eric sends his regards, but couldn't make the reunion, as it was his daughter's high school graduation. She is headed to Amherst as a nationally ranked squash player. Eric lives in New Hampshire, and is a vice president at Morgan Stanley."

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Before we launch into fall, here's a quick look back at summer 2017, courtesy of the Class of '83.

Kurt Friese has two great pieces of news to share—first and foremost, his daughter, Taylor, is getting married. Happily, Kurt reports that he and Kim have given the fiancé a hardy seal of approval. On a related note, Kurt's community gave him the seal of approval by electing him to the Johnson County, Iowa, Board of Supervisors. Congratulations all around!

Morgan Rolontz spent a wonderful couple of days at Reunion Weekend. Morgan reports, "I took my whole family—my wife, Randie, my son, Sawyer (9), and my daughter, Finley (7), and stayed overnight in the

dorms. My kids got a kick out of the weekend, getting a tour of our school and putting on a two-person play at Geiger-Reeves Hall. They thought they were Harry Potter and Hermione Granger! At the reunion, I was able to hang out with **Judy Cunningham Lawless '84**. Judy brought her father, David Cunningham '47, for his 70th reunion. David is sharp as a tack and has fond memories of Peddie. It was great catching up with Judy, and we are all looking forward to going back to this year's reunion!"

After 16-plus years, **Don Eytel** is excited to check in and let everyone know what he's been up to. Seventeen years ago, Don started working for a little shoe company called Nike, which has had some success in the years since. Don tells us that he and his wife, Amy, are getting closer to becoming empty nesters. Their two oldest children, Chelsea (25) and CJ (22), have finished college. Chelsea got her master's in public relations from Southern Mississippi University in December 2016. CJ followed his dream and played four years of college baseball, two at a junior college in Florida, and two at Bethune Cookman University in Daytona Beach, Fla. At Bethune, his team won two conference championships and made two appearances in the NCAA Regional College World Series. He graduated in May and this fall will be following big sis to Southern



The Peddie choir poses in Chapel in 1983.

Mississippi University to get his MBA. Their youngest, Cassidy, is entering her senior year in high school and loves competitive cheerleading, as her team has won three USA National Championships. This year, they are going to UCA Nationals in Orlando, Fla., to compete for the national title. With the help of her big sister Chelsea, Cassidy visited some colleges in the south this summer and will make a decision on where she will attend this fall. Don and Amy are keeping busy this summer with a number of home improvement projects. Don sends a shout-out to all the friends that he got to see at **Jon Eckert '84's** 50th birthday party last October in Rumson—it was a great time! He hopes everyone is healthy and well.

Jon Eckert wrote to Morgan that he and **John Rudicus '84** won the “Philadelphia Cricket Flight” member-guest tournament at the Spring Lake Bath and Tennis Club this past summer, when John and his wife, Katie, were visiting. Jon and Rudi have been playing in the tournament every year since 1990 and won for the first time—demolishing a 24-year losing streak. Congratulations, Rudi and Jon!

Garrett Smith writes that his family enjoyed a sweltering summer in Alexandria, Va., where the heat was topping 100 degrees daily. Garrett is doing a lot of traveling up and down the East Coast for work. His children, Austin (18) and Siena (16), will soon be going to college. Austin is going into his senior year at Gonzaga College High School in Washington, D.C., and is attending soccer showcases this summer. Daughter Siena has caught the ice hockey bug and recently returned from showcases in Toronto and Boston. This fall, she'll be attending the Kent School in Connecticut as a sophomore. Garrett's wife, Jeanine, and Siena were on the Northeast prep school tour and got to stay with John and Katie Rudicus. Garrett wants to thank the Rudicus' for their hospitality. He adds, “John (Rudi) told my wife and daughter some tall tales about our years at Peddie that had them chuckling over our antics.” Garrett's wife, Jeanine, was most impressed at the annual streak from Longstreet to the Chapel.

Garrett speaks with **Tim Burns** often. Tim's son, Tucker, is a Marine, deployed in the Middle East, proudly serving our country. His whereabouts are usually top secret, so we all wish him well wherever he's serving at this time. Garrett ended his update with a

recommendation for staying young—a few Tito's on the rocks and taking his dog for walks along the Potomac River. Great advice for us all!

Dave DeSocio writes, “On my home front, Chris and I had a busy summer visiting friends and relatives from Florida to Nantucket and then overseas. This June, work took me to Southern France for the International Cannes Festival, where meetings always seemed to start or end with a glass of rosé and walks on the beach. Somehow, we got lots of work done in between. Following that, we headed to Madrid for a family wedding followed by a reception in the beautiful mountains of Segovia. Sad to see the summer end, but looking forward to autumn in New York City.

Don't forget our 35th reunion will be June 1-2, 2018, in beautiful downtown Hightstown. Start planning now, and please be as generous as you can as we prepare to endow the Peddie Fund with a special 35th-anniversary goal. Be well, and we hope to see you all at the reunion.

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“Be sure to
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My feed has been filled recently with folks going back to school either as teachers (**Gina Rothman Banks, Rich Rebh, Joe Fischer**) or dropping kids off at college or sending them off to high school or ... in a couple of cases ... daycare! I can't imagine being 51 and having a child in daycare or preschool. Bless those of you in that boat ...

A number of people checked in with me over the past couple of weeks. Will Williams says, “I've now changed wineries and am no longer with Caymus. Am now the national account manager for Hundred Acre Vineyards. All is well: Erin is a junior at Oklahoma State. Callie just started sixth grade.”

Matthew Pasher says “hi” for the first time in a long while.

“I live with my wife, Lori Robinson, in Chelsea in New York City. I am currently in management with H&R Block, and my wife is a speech pathologist with Lighthouse Guild. Our eight-year-old Naomi is entering third grade at PS 212 in Hell's Kitchen. Being a parent of an eight-year-old while on the AARP rolls is tough, but rewarding. Would love to hear from any classmates if they would like to get together in NYC.”

George Chen recently went on a family vacation to Australia, but I believe his main purpose of going was to catch the last regional exclusive for PokemonGo! On a related vacation note, according to Facebook posts, **Tom Sabga** spent several weeks traveling to (what seems to be) EVERY country in Europe with his wife, Shelley Shepard Gray.

Pete Grill continues to post pictures from his impressive sports trading card collection. Actually, impressive doesn't give his collection enough credit. This collection appears to be awesome! I have got to see it one of these days!

It is registration weekend here at Peddie with classes to start on Labor Day. Makes perfect sense since Peddie's motto (translated) is, “When we finish our labors, we begin them anew.”

Anytime you are in the area, please contact me and drop in for a quick visit. Would love to show you around. Be sure to check out Peddie's new website at peddie.org. All my best to you and those you love!



The Peddie Drama Club performed “The Life & Adventures of Nicholas Nickleby” in February 1984.



Class of 85'ers (clockwise from top) Jaleh Amouzegar, Chris Acito, Jonathan Ellinghaus and Laura Martinelli in New York City last June.

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“... I have dropped my first baby off at college.”

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Greetings, classmates! I've been enjoying seeing the posts of all our kids starting college! So many this year. (We still have a couple of years yet.) **Beth Posner** writes, “News for me is that I have dropped my first baby off at college. She is starting at Swarthmore College, and we drove up to drop her off on the day of the

eclipse. A third of the way to an empty nest and feeling like it's going so fast. My other kids are in 8th and 10th grade.”

In June, I met **Jaleh Amouzegar, Chris Acito, and Jonathan Ellinghaus** in New York City for what's become an annual get-together. Not much has changed since last year, but there always seems to be so much to catch up on. As for me, I'm still teaching Pilates and Ben is creating social mobile slot games. Jonathan has released an album under his new band name, Miles East. You can find him @MilesEastMusic to listen or find out where his next gig is! Chris is still a Trustee on the Peddie Board and busy with his company, Gapstow Capital Partners.

Nick Johnson writes, “Lots going on in the Johnson Home. Campbell starts his junior year at Virginia Tech studying for a computer science major. Cole is starting his senior year at Madison High School, and we're digging into the college applications in earnest. Caroline starts her freshman year of high school at Kent Place. This summer, we went as a family to Peru. An amazing trip. We were all blown away by the people, culture, food, architecture and the history of the amazing Incans. The highlight, of course, was visiting Machu Picchu.

Carissa Tortjada Carisse told me she was accepted to the University of South Alabama to complete her post-masters certificate to become a family nurse practitioner. She will finish in December 2019.

Remember, we are still accepting



Nick Johnson '85 (far right) with his wife, Kristin, and three children in Peru last August.

donations for our Class of 1985 Scholarship Endowment Fund. Our goal is \$25,000 by the 35th reunion!

A big thank you for keeping in touch! I continue to enjoy hearing from you. As you may know, there are more than 80 of us on our Facebook page, "Peddie Class of 1985—countdown to 35th reunion!" Find us there, or contact me directly.

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Karen Steward writes, "We did it! Two in a row! Thanks to **Brian Ades** for sending a note. Remember that what you see is what we get. If you'd like to see an update from a particular person, let me know. If I can't weasel one out of the person, I will make something up. I teach writing in both the middle and high school here in Bristol Borough. I'm sure I can up with something."

Brian writes, "Hey guys! Saw your Chronicle call and thought I would send an update. Living in Los Angeles, working at Sotheby's International Real Estate for the last 15 years, represented Elon Musk in the purchase of his home in Bel Air and have been a top producing agent working the Hollywood Hills. Still catch what's left of the Grateful Dead half a dozen times a year and am ranked in the top 100 players in the Southern California Dart Association League. Make it to all the L.A. Peddie events. Hope all's well with you guys."

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What a wonderful weekend we had for our 30th reunion! It was amazing to see so many of our classmates back on campus to reconnect. The festivities started on Friday at the golf course—**Josh Pasher, Michael Barclass, Ron Bruh** and **Amar Raval** made up a foursome.



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Brian Minor, John Corio, Eric Kinderman, Roby McClellan and **Matt Kowalski '88** made up another four/fivesome.

We had a private Class of 1987 dinner at Peking Pavilion in Manalapan—we took over the second floor and had a great time catching up over a great dinner and drinks. There were 44 people there representing our class: **Michael Barclass** and his fiancé, Kelly; **Sloane Belitz, Carin Beyer, Suzanne Garrod, Stephanie Harris, Karen Newman, Risa Sackman, Josh Pasher** and his wife, Alex, and his brother, **Brett Pasher '82; Dan O'Connor, John Coiro** and his wife, Heather; **Eric Kinderman, Tony Pascarelli, Allison King, Barbara Marx, Linda Yu, Tony Barrett, Jason Lannert, Vince Mola, Eric Boggess** and his wife, Brodie; **Amar Raval, Chuck Morgenstern, Bill Mooney '88, Chris Weber, James Ruocchio, Lorann Wood** and her husband, Buzz; **Mary Kleinstein, Steve Pattelena, Arianna Bocco, William Brick, Ronald Bruh, Todd Friedman** and his wife, Laura; **Dan Lichtman, Linda Olafsen, Joe Willix** and his wife, Curry; **Dave Wisner** and **Amy Hollander**. After dinner, many of our classmates continued the party back at the bar at the Holiday Inn.

Saturday morning, several of us gathered at the library (once we could find where the library is now) to watch Malcolm Dowdy be inducted into the Peddie Sports Hall of Fame. It was a wonderful ceremony, and Malcolm made an incredible speech

that brought tears to my eyes! Malcolm wasn't able to stay after the induction; he was rushing back to New York City to make his daughter's gymnastics competition. He says he'll join us all for the 35th!

As noon hit campus, many of us were trying to get into see what the dorm rooms we once lived in look like now, check out new buildings and make purchases at the school store. Then we had lunch and drinks under the tent. We had a great turnout for our class picture! And an even greater turnout for the Class of 1987 cocktail party hosted by John and Heather Coiro P'17 held in Longstreet with special guest DJ **Royce Epstein** and Christopher Michaels. We had lots of faculty make an appearance at the cocktail party and we watched a slideshow of old pictures that have been posted to our Facebook group. After the cocktail party, many went to the dinner on campus and then back to Longstreet for more cocktails and pizza as well as dancing under the tent.

Here's a list of who joined the Saturday activities on campus: **Allison King, Amar Raval, Amy Hollander, Arianna Bocco, Barbara Marx, Carin Beyer, Chris Rosenberger, Chris Weber, Chuck Morgenstern, Dan O'Connor, Dave Wisner, Eric Boggess** and his wife, Brodie; **Eric Kinderman, Florence Graham, Frank Crivelli** and his wife, Anna; **James Ruocchio, Jason Lannert, Joe Willix** and his wife, Curry; **John Cassidy, John Coiro**

and his wife, Heather; **Josh Pasher**, **Karen Newman**, **Larissa LeBovidge** and her daughter, Audrey; **Linda Olafsen**, **Linda Yu**, **Marcea Hummel**, **Malcolm Dowdy**, **Marty Fajerman**, **Mary Kleinstein**, **Michael Barcess** and his fiancé, Kelly; **Michael Levy**, **Risa Sackman**, **Royce Epstein** and her boyfriend, **Christopher Michaels**; **Sloane Belitz**, **Stephanie Harris**, **Steve Pattelena**, **Suzanne Garrod**, **Ted Damutz**, **Todd Friedman** and his wife, Laura; **Tony Barrett**, **Tony Pascarelli**, **Vince Mola**, **William Brick**, **Winnie Chow** and her daughter, Amelie. Also honorary members of the Class of 1987—**Mike Naidrich '88**, **Bill Mooney '88** and **Matt Kowalski '88**!

Evan Goldstein writes, “I am so sorry I’m going to miss our 30th reunion. The number is a bit mind-blowing, but I assure you this is not about being in denial. As **Marty Fajerman** can attest, I live in Hong Kong and as much as I’d like to be with you all, it’s just not feasible (because I can’t believe it’s been thirty years). Please send my best wishes to our classmates, the guys formerly known as ‘Nealies’ (is Bert still breathing?) and the ex-swimmers whose physiques may be a bit less Grecian these days.” Evan—Bert and his wife attended the cocktail party on Saturday—he is retiring.

John Harrington writes, “Wish I could be there.”

Diana Hepp: “My daughter, Tara, had her senior ball the same weekend as our reunion. I am so sad, but I think you all know I cannot miss this milestone. Come to California and visit me!”

Gary Garretson writes, “Unfortunately, I need to add to the no-shows for Reunion Weekend. The good news is that my son’s high school volleyball team is still alive in the Pennsylvania state tourney—the quarterfinals, the bad news is the game is Saturday night at 7:00 p.m. near Reading, Pa. Have a great time everyone; catch you at #35 ...”

Matt Hulsizer writes, “I am happy to see all of you looking so young. I was sorry to miss you all but had my daughter’s dance recital.”

Seem like kids activities kept several members of the Class of 1987 from joining us. We can only hope that in five more years at our 35th, everyone’s kids will be a little older to allow others to get away to join us. Not to worry, ideas for making our 35th even better than the 30th have already started to be thrown around ... thinking a Friday night kick-off dinner

might have to become our thing to kick off Reunion Weekend.

Big thank you to everyone who traveled in from out of town! **Eric Kinderman** and his epic trip in from Dubai, the trip that almost wasn’t ... **Winnie Chow** and her daughter came in from Hong Kong, as did **Linda Yu**. Eric just represented the USA at the World Scrabble Championships in Nottingham, England. The Scrabble superstar first began playing tournament Scrabble in 2001 and aspires to make it to the top 50 Scrabble players in the world. Congrats, Eric!

It was great having so many classmates back on campus! Everyone enjoyed reconnecting! There is talk of trying to get together before our 35th reunion—nothing is definite yet, just lots of ideas being thrown around. Feel free to add your suggestions either through our Facebook group or you can email me and I’ll communicate with everyone.

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We had a wonderful turnout at our 25th reunion on campus June 2-3. The 1992 Boys’ Crew was honored by the Sports Hall of Fame in the morning and the school hosted a happy hour for us in the new Digital Fabrication Lab (near the old power plant by the arts center). If you couldn’t make it, please plan to come to a future reunion and drop me a line for Class Notes.



Kamala (Greene) Genece '92 and Kevin Sanderson '92 catch up during Reunion Weekend.



Peddle faculty member Marc Buchner '92 (left) caught up with former student Andrew Lahr '11 at Glacier National Park in Montana in late summer.

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Hello, everyone in the Class of 1994. What’s hot and trending now for our class, you ask? Baby sisters are the must-have accessory this fall. We have two new ones to welcome to the fold! **Doug Schneider** and his wife, Joni Kletter, welcomed their daughter, Evelyn “Evie” Schneider, on June 30. Evie is doing great and is an eating machine. Micah is a proud big brother and says he will let Evie play with his big cars but not his small ones.

Meanwhile, **Beth Strum** welcomed Rayna Belle Strum; she was born June 20 and came home on July 31. We hear big brother Myles is doing a great job as security detail for his new little sis!

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In August, I headed up to Portland, Maine, to visit with **Sara Probasco Olson** (my second trip

this year). We had great weather and Sara is a superior tour guide (perhaps a skill developed at Peddie?). We expect to hear from L. L. Bean any day now that we’ve won the dream yurt contest entered in Freeport, which we’re already planning to use for the 25th reunion. Sara is thriving in the Down East where she is director of development and communications at the nonprofit Avesta Housing, which focuses on stabilizing housing for homeless and low-income individuals and families. She and her colleagues do so much for the Portland community. Thanks, Sara! I’m counting down the minutes to my next visit!

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“... lots of our
classmates have
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news to share.”

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2017 has been a challenging year for me. Besides juggling four kids and a career, I was diagnosed with thyroid cancer. After undergoing treatment and surgery, I am recovering and looking forward to feeling like myself again.

In happier news, lots of our classmates have adorable baby news to share. **Mike Canning** and his wife welcomed a baby boy on August 1, 2017. Big sister Lilly was excited to welcome Thomas into the family! **Brian DiFeo** and his wife welcomed their first child, Maxwell Johnson Difeo, on August 16, 2017. Thomas and Maxwell will sure to be besties soon! Lauren Sellers and her wife are expecting a baby boy in January to join their beautiful daughter who is so excited about being a big sister! **Roman Akimenko** welcomed his first child on May 6, a baby boy!

Ashley Membreno wrote, “Mina and I were in Puerto Viejo, Costa Rica in February to celebrate Mina’s birthday. She’s amazing. I’m also thrilled to hear the Clements are retiring to Asheville,” where she lives.

Send me updates of how you are all celebrating turning 40!



Gwyneth Connell '96 (left) embraces Student Body President Margo Diamond '96 at commencement as she learns she is the recipient of the Wyckoff Award.

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“It was so great to see so many people at our 20th reunion ...”

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It was so great to see so many people at our 20th reunion this year! Highlights: **Lauren Albano** lives in NYC, is working for Monster Energy and traveling a ton for her job. **Lauren Sellers '96** is an interior decorator and expecting her second baby with her wife, Wendy. **Seth Brookman** came with his new wife, Kristina. **Brian Walker** and his wife just moved back from San Francisco to Westchester. **Rodger Colbert** seems to be living all of his Lacrosse dreams coaching at the University of DC. **Karen Womack** lives in Atlanta and her oldest daughter just started Peddie! **Tracey Wetmore, Kabir Manchanda, Kurt** and **Heather Drstvenssek, Jason Gordon, Laura**



Pedro Herrera '97, aka Chingo Bling, has a stand-up comedy special on Netflix.

Dunn, Celina Morgan-Standard, DaQuaan Carter, Jake Fogarty, Tom UyBarreta and Janine Lumio Wheaton were all there as well. **Sara Chancellor Case** and I stayed with **Lauren Bloom Salvado** who right after reunion moved to Nashville with her family and is loving it! Sara is the director of development at Portland State. It was also so great to see so many current and former faculty including Mr. Cabot, Mr. Maley and Mrs. Seltzer. I wasn't sure if I was going to be able to make it because just two months earlier on March 23 I had my first baby, Levi! In other news, **Pedro Herrera**, also known as rapper Chingo Bling, has a stand-up comedy special on Netflix titled "Chingo Bling: They Can't Deport Us All."

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Krista Corran writes, "No updates other than from my family. We welcomed a son, Charlie, to the world on Mother's Day, May 14. This summer has been amazing spending time together with big brother, Jack! Looking forward to the 20th (gasp!) reunion coming up this spring!"

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Brittany Forrester writes, "My sister, Amber Forrester '00, and I gave birth to baby boys on May 5, 2017. We were due three weeks apart, but Amber ended up having her baby two-and-a-half weeks early and I was five days late, so they arrived only a few hours apart!"



Beckett and Flynn Forrester.

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**15TH REUNION
JUNE 1 & 2, 2018**

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Nicole Castro reports, "I started my own public relations company. Nicole Lauren Consulting, Inc. is a strategic communications/public



The Falcon cheers on Peddie Athletics at the 2002 Blair Day competition.

relations consulting firm providing savvy counsel to clients across the U.S. Primarily, I work with nonprofits in healthcare and education, and specialize in media relations, content marketing and social media management. You can find my company page on Facebook: Nicole Lauren Consulting Inc.”

Erin Donohue writes, “Life has been busy these past few months but filled with all good things! I work in Boston at an energy management company, EnerNOC (soon to be Enel as we were recently acquired by them), as a program manager. In that

role, I am responsible for running all of the programs we have in California; we coordinate with utilities and large energy users in the state to reduce demand on the electric grid during times of high-energy demand. Although it is a bit of a departure from the research I did in graduate school, the work is stimulating and I enjoy the immersion in the energy industry. I am, however, on a brief hiatus from work as my husband, Roger, and I welcomed our baby girl, Gwyneth Mary, into the world in mid-July. Gwen is a wonderful addition to our lives, and we cannot wait to bring her for



Students enjoy a game of volleyball on Center Campus in 2005.

her first tour of the Peddie campus next time we are in New Jersey! I always love seeing classmates, so be sure to let me know if you find yourself in Boston!”

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Abigail Pillitteri has published a popular science book through the Institute of Physics titled “The Universe Untangled—Modern Physics for Everyone.” It covers mind-bending concepts à la Neil deGrasse Tyson and is written with clear language, analogies and images. The book is available online through the Morgan & Claypool Publishers Bookstore as well as on Amazon.

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SELF-CARE FOR BOOKWORMS

Christina Blok

CLASS OF 07

Christina Blok '07 discovered her love of literature in a contemporary lit class at Peddie. Years later in her high-pressure marketing job, Christina returned to that love. "All I wanted at the end of the day was to go home, read and have the biggest cup of tea I could find. And I thought, if I'm feeling that way, there are other people who feel that way too." When discussing her job with a Peddie classmate, he gave Christina some advice: "Make your own job."

"It was a lightbulb moment," she said. One wildly successful Kickstarter campaign later, Christina launched the subscription box of book and tea pairings, Muse Monthly, in 2015.

"My goal is - first and foremost - to find great literature," said Christina. "I tend to pick books that are a little under the radar.

I go for debut authors and marginalized voices. Getting different types of stories from different types of people - books in translation, books from people of color, from LGBTQ writers, from disabled writers - is really important to me because I think that's what makes a reading experience really thrive." Pairing unique and exciting contemporary literature with unique tea blends from local sellers, Christina strives to create an experience and an atmosphere for her loyal subscribers.

Christina's advice to those considering striking out on their own? "Your friends will always be your biggest advocates. A lot of my Peddie friends have helped me promote Muse Monthly. Those people have been my support system. I've been very fortunate in that."



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

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Tiffany (Preston) Falter welcomed her second baby, Finley Ryan Falter, on May 29! Her eldest, Greyson James Falter, will be three in October.

Lauren Landau recently started a new job at NPR headquarters in Washington, D.C., and is thrilled to be working on the programming team, writing and producing pledge drive materials.

Dylan Klein is currently in his final year (or so) of his doctorate program in nutritional biochemistry and physiology at Rutgers University. His research focuses on the effects of exercise and fitness status on skeletal muscle metabolism using horses as an exercise model. In addition, Dylan was also recently hired as an adjunct at Teachers College, Columbia University and will be teaching an advanced nutrition course that focuses on metabolic regulation in humans for Columbia's Nutritional Sciences Graduate Program.

Anita Sapre is currently in her second year at Harvard Business School and is interested in science and technology-driven enterprises. Outside of the classroom, she is excited to co-lead the Social Enterprise Club.

Triston Francis spent the summer working for an education company in Chengdu, China, which focuses on helping American college students study abroad in China and vice versa. While in China, he helped establish a weekly speaker series in Chengdu for local high school students to learn about American culture while gaining tips for applying to U.S. universities.

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Sticking around the Central New Jersey area has provided me with ample opportunities to run into fellow classmates. From running into **Steven Jacobi** at reunion to spotting **Peter Fittin** at the Jersey Shore to living a

Megan never gave up hope. "I could feel he was still alive somewhere out there. I just knew he'd come home." We admire your capacity for hope, Megan, and are so happy to hear that after two months of living in the Central New Jersey suburban wilderness, Claude Monet has indeed returned. Due to Megan's sixth sense or Claude's nine lives, we'll never know. What do we know? There's a special on microchips at Petco this weekend.



Dylan Klein '08 is focusing his Ph.D. research on the effects of exercise on metabolism using horses as models.



Triston Francis '08 spent the summer working for an education company in Chengdu, China.

few blocks away from **Megan Ruben**, I'm really lucky to actually have 'real and actual' updates that were 100% related to me in real life ... can you guess which one is true?

Some say that the connection between a parent and a child is unbreakable: but what about between parent and cat? Just ask Megan Ruben and her cat, Claude Monet. After escaping from his home in Bridgewater, N.J. in the winter of 2017,

Steven Jacobi is excited to announce the newest step in his journey of hair care self-discovery. From textured and tight to coiffed and confident, the road (or the world) hasn't always been kind. After years dabbling in fades, waves, and the asymmetrical side part, the gels, oils and sundry hair care essentials became too costly to keep up with. "Don't get me wrong: I'm a Bloomberg Baller," he says. "But I finally realized

how harmful all of my hair products are for our precious earth. It's just too much waste." His final decision? Keep it natural with a classic man bun. "Best thing about it," he explains, "is that it goes really nicely with a pair of stone-washed jorts." Does it Steven? Does it?

In an exciting turn of events, Peter Fittin gave up his summer days patrolling the beaches of Sea Girt and has created an experimental theater troupe called "The Avant Guards." When asked about his reasons for the career change he replied, "Half of being a lifeguard is just pretending to know what you're doing—and looking good while doing it. I thought it was a perfect transition." He's solely been performing one-man shows while he holds auditions for the rest of these highly coveted spots, drawing talent from around the globe. "But you never did theater at Peddie," I told Peter when I heard of his newest endeavor. His response: "Just because I wasn't in the plays, doesn't mean I wasn't acting." After which he dropped what I can only assume was a metaphorical microphone, tightened his ascot and paddled into the sunset on his surfboard.

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"... a part of Peddie is invariably with us every day ..."

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As we enter the fall of 2017, it is terrifying to reflect upon how it has been ten years since we first entered Peddie in the fall of 2007. I imagine it to be an unusual feeling to walk on campus again amongst new buildings and faces, while searching for buildings and faces that we once knew. While the Class of 2011 no longer gets to walk the halls of Annenberg or fill Center Campus on a nice spring day, a part of Peddie is invariably with us every day as we pursue our passions, reach greater and greater heights and strive for the highest quality of citizenship. Below is just a small glimpse of some of the things our class has been up to.

Pallavi Juneja: "I just started my first year of med school at Wake Forest School of Medicine!"

Jill Skipper: "In May, I graduated from the College of Charleston with my master's in communication. During my time there, I focused on marketing and brand management and am looking to pursue a career in either one of those areas in the greater New York or greater Philadelphia area!"

Oliver Johnston: "I just recently finished my master's in clinical psychology in May and am still on track working towards my Ph.D. (expected in 2021—ten years after our own Peddie graduation). My research specializes in the developmental psychopathology of disruptive behavior disorders—specifically measuring oppositional defiant disorder symptoms across the lifespan as well as analyzing the role of callous-unemotional traits measured in the development of severe antisocial and psychiatric outcomes. Clinically, I see several families and college students for therapy, as well as working as a counselor at a local alternative high school for teens with a range of academic, behavioral and emotional difficulties. Hoping to learn how to have a personal life at some point. That whole 'We finish our labors to begin them anew' is too real at this particular moment."

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"Congratulations to everyone in our class who graduated college this spring ..."

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Congratulations to everyone in our class who graduated college this spring, and best of luck with your next adventure!

Leslie McMann got a grant from Skidmore College to produce her three-act play tentatively titled, "A Catholic and a Jew Walk into a Marriage." (Let us know when it's playing in New York City, Leslie!) She's also interning with New York Women in Film and Television and working at the Bottle King in East Windsor, where she "happily serves many Peddie faculty."

Brandon Louth graduated this spring from William and Mary, where he played football for all four years and majored in biology.



Jeevna Sheth '13 and Emily Herman '13 enjoy happy hour with Peddie faculty member Alison Hogarth.

Now, he's attending the Virginia Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine at Virginia Tech to become a veterinarian.

Albert Cao graduated from UCLA in June and is starting grad school at Columbia School of International and Public Affairs to pursue an MPA degree in international finance and economic policy. He writes, "Though I miss the West Coast vibes, coming back to the East is exciting, especially in a place like NYC. Trying to stay connected with some old Peddie friends in town as well as some faculty members. Probably gonna hook up with Mr. Michaels and my Peddie piano teacher, Greg, for a concert or something."

Jazmine Martin graduated cum laude from Rowan University and just started teaching kindergarten.

Last spring, **Sarah Hogboom** was awarded a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship to Vietnam. A world politics major at Hamilton College, she studied in Nepal, Jordan and Chile in 2016 through the School for International Training Honors Program in Human Rights.

Recent Duke University grad and former Falcon golf standout, **Max Greyserman**, made his U.S. Open Championship debut in June.

I've moved to Washington, D.C. where I'm finishing up my final semester of undergrad in a political science fellowship and working in political advertising and communications—and also reconnecting with Peddie friends in the area. If you aren't getting emails from me or have recently changed your email, please let me know at emilycherman26@gmail.com and email alumni@peddie.org as well. Ala Viva!

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It's a big year for the Class of 2014 as we head into our senior year of college and start preparing for the next step—the job search! I look forward to hearing from all of you in the coming months as you learn where you will be headed after graduation. Please don't hesitate to shoot me an email in case your contact information may have changed and you're not receiving my emails.

Anna Piowar writes that she has been studying art and language in Arles, France, for the summer and is gearing up for the final year of school.

Jade Williams writes, "I am concentrating in the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs with certificates in history and the practice of diplomacy and French language and culture. Last summer, I had the amazing opportunity to intern at a rugby development camp in southeast Asia (Vientiane, Laos), and this summer I worked for a nonprofit called Legacies of War that advocates for bomb removal in the same country. Laos is the most heavily-bombed country in the world with 270 million bombs dropped on it during the Vietnam War. Not many people know this, which is why it is called the 'Secret War,' since Laos is such a small country. Over 30 percent of this unexploded ordnance remains in the country today, so Legacies aims to raise awareness and offer aid. Based in D.C., my internship focused on congressional outreach for international assistance, fundraising with donors and supporters and creating marketing materials to educate on the issue. I learned a lot more about Laos through this position, which really gave me perspective on my time spent there. I hope to work more in areas regarding foreign diplomacy as I continue my job search into this next year. Ala Viva!"

As for me, I am excited to begin my new position as a field-training officer within the Community Service Officer Division of RUPD and look forward to finishing up undergrad in anticipation of the next chapter. Good luck to everyone this year, and don't forget to send me your notes!

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Janine Karo writes, "Sophomore year flew by, and then it was time to have my first internship experience. I commuted to New York City every day for my summer internship at Havas Health & You, a pharmaceutical ad agency on Madison Avenue. While it was not quite like Mad Men, I learned quite a lot about presenting, working

in a team, naming, branding and how to manage my time efficiently. My next step is to pack my bags for fall study abroad in Beijing. I'll be doing a Chinese language program through Hamilton College, and I sign a language pledge saying that I won't speak English during the program. I'm nervous but excited, especially because it's not my first time heading over there. Many thanks to Peddie and the Asian Studies Program here for giving me the opportunity in junior year to visit our EFZ sister school in Shanghai, tour around Beijing and relax in the beach town of Sanya!"

Nicole Blekhter writes, "This past summer, I was a research assistant at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, working alongside my mentor, Dr. Roy Wade. Our research primarily focused on the impact of adverse childhood experiences on health in the lower income areas of Philadelphia. My role as a research assistant primarily consisted of codebook development, focus group leader and organization and data collection. This internship was a great opportunity to further my clinical research experience and advance my qualitative research skills."

Hank Wu writes, "I recently gave a speech to Asian-American congressmen and congresswomen along with Secretary of Transportation Elaine Chao about my International Leadership Foundation Civic Fellowship and my Department of the Treasury internship. The speech can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2rGq2VnkCaA>

Mia Cagliaris was named an Albright Fellow through Wellesley College's Albright Institute.

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Russell In has devoted the past year to creating an app called Luau. The following is a description in his own words: "Luau is a social-commerce app, aiming to make shopping social. It's been described before as a combination of Amazon, YouTube and Pinterest. We source products from 30+ affiliate sites such as Amazon, Nike and Sephora. (They all have public APIs, so we can take their database of products and display them on our own). With Luau, users can build a collection of products they love simply by

A GLOBAL CITIZEN

Mia Cagliaris

CLASS OF 15



Mia Cagliaris '15 received a truly multicultural education at Peddie. “The moment you set foot on campus, you’re with people who aren’t all from the same area, so right away there’s diversity,” she said. “My focus was in history and politics and Peddie offered Latin American history and African history, courses that a lot of people in college haven’t taken.”

When Mia was selected as one of 40 Albright Fellows at Wellesley College, she saw it as an opportunity to continue her pursuit of global citizenship. The Albright Institute – named for Madeleine Albright – seeks to harness the power of motivated scholars with diverse interests and skill sets and inspire a new generation of global leaders.

During her Wintersession break at Wellesley, Mia will participate in a series of lectures and work together with other Fellows in interdisciplinary groups on a variety of global issues and how they might be solved.

The following summer, Mia will begin an international internship. “I want to learn as much as I can and – wherever I am – feel like I’m enacting change. Actually doing something and feeling like I had a hand in it is really important to me.” Mia doesn’t know where her internship will take her yet – she hopes to go to Europe – but she’s confident that she can handle whatever it brings. “Peddie really does prepare you. I think people talk about that a lot, but until you truly experience it, you don’t really know.”

searching for and adding them. They can also see what products their friends and favorite celebrities are liking, adding to their own marketplaces, buying and reviewing in the main activity feed. Say, for example, that you see someone you know added a shirt to his or her collection or marketplace, and you really like it. You can buy it from within Luau, and you'd get an order confirmation from whatever site the shirt is actually from. Once your order is successful, that person would earn up to 15 percent affiliate commission and can connect her bank account to transfer the funds in (commission rate depends on each site's commission policy—it's normally not that high)."

Juliet Lacey has been volunteering at a hospital nearby. She writes, "I'm volunteering at Hackensack Meridian Hospital in the emergency room. I'm mostly in charge of checking in on the patients and seeing if there's any way I can make them more comfortable while the nurses and doctors run around. I've got odd jobs, too. I'm in charge of bringing samples to the lab and

helping the phlebotomist. Oftentimes, elderly people come in completely alone, so I try to spend time with them, just calm them down and make them feel safe. My experiences have restored a lot of faith in humanity for me. These are people, quite literally, expecting to die—but they still smile. They're still grateful and talkative. I guess the way we're all forced to face this kind of very present, constant, looming question of mortality brings out the most vulnerable human compassion there is."

Persis Rao spent her summer volunteering in Greece (where her mother's side of the family is from) to help refugees. She writes, "First, I was in Athens where I worked at a home for female and child refugees where we taught multiple languages and provided resources for adults either living there or in the squats around the city to help them find jobs and legal advice. We also provided food, clothing and children's entertainment. My job specifically was house maintenance, answering phone calls, greeting newcomers and teaching English. Next, in Chios, which is a

'hotspot island' a mile off the coast of Turkey, I worked in a primary school for refugee children between the ages six to 11. At the school, we taught them English and math while also providing a social education while they adjusted to their new environment and overcame the post-traumatic stress of fleeing their home countries after having their houses bombed and some of their loved ones lost. Our school provided a safe space for them to learn, play and escape the horrible living conditions of the camps."

Over the summer, **Madison Schoonmaker** completed a month-long internship in Portugal where she "rotated between specialties such as OBGYN, orthopedics, emergency and anesthesiology." Through her visit, she was able to the doctors' surgeries and learn a lot more about the culture in Portugal.

Joe Werthan plays rugby at Colgate and their program just got promoted to the top division. **Nika Blank** and **Reona Yamaguchi** qualified for D1 NCAA Swimming Championships.

To stay informed on campus highlights and alumni news year-round, update us with your email address and other contact information through alumni@peddie.org, peddie.org/alumni or (609) 944-7521.



Recent graduates Matt Arrison '17, Wyatt Montemorra '17, Sam Bray '17 and Lauren Herrington '17 were all smiles as they completed Plebe Summer, a training program required of all incoming freshmen to the United States Naval Academy.

FACULTY NOTES

Marilyn Anker (Arts) completed the IRONMAN Lake Placid in July: a 2.4-mile swim in Mirror Lake, a 112-mile bike course through the surrounding hills of the Adirondacks and a 26.22-mile run with views of the famed Olympic ski jumps.

Chris Bright (Science) and his daughter, Delaney, **Karolina Fraczkowska P'21** (Science) and her daughter, Sophia Phelan '21, and **Richard Lloyd** (Technology) completed the 75-mile 2017 Ride to Defeat ALS in southern New Jersey in June. The Peddie team raised more than \$1,000 for ALS research. The team rode in honor of **Tom Phelan**, Fraczkowska's husband and Peddie's former director of technology.

Nick Guilbert (Science) had a photo accepted into a juried exhibit called "The Quiet Landscape," in Middlebury, Vt. in September. His photo of the Shenandoah Valley, "Six the Hard Way," was part of the exhibit's online gallery.

Kevin Brown (Science) completed the annual Hightstown Sprint Distance Triathlon in September: a 0.25-mile swim, 11.2-mile bike course and 5-kilometer run that begins and ends at Peddie Lake.

Andrew Cagliaris, Ed.D. (Math) accepted an invitation to be a Mathematical Modeling Faculty Mentor for a new online faculty-mentoring network, sponsored by the Math Modeling Hub. The network brings together faculty from various locations to learn about, discuss and implement math modeling instructional approaches and materials.



Marilyn Anker poses next to the plaque at Mirror Lake that honors the official home of IRONMAN Lake Placid.



Left to right: Karolina Fraczkowska P'21, Chris Bright, Delaney Bright, Richard Lloyd and Sophia Phelan P'21.



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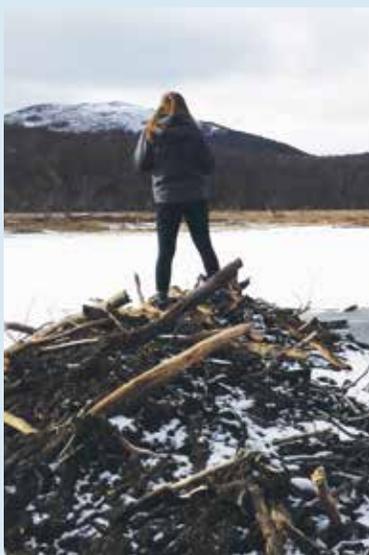
Nick Guilbert's photo, "Six the Hard Way," was selected for an online exhibit.

Andrew Harrison (Arts) was one of a select group of artists featured at the Governors Island Art Fair in New York City in September. His sculpture, "A Tree for Andrew Williams," was one of 100 works chosen for the exhibition out of more than 800 submissions.



Andrew Harrison's sculpture, "A Tree for Andrew Williams," at the Governors Island Art Fair.

Jennifer Harris (Alumni & Development) was appointed to the Monmouth University Alumni Association Board of Directors in July. The Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) invited Harris to serve as programs co-chair for their annual conference in Washington D.C. in February 2018.



Claudio Middleton's daughter, Lucia, views the landscape of Tierra del Fuego island.

Claudio Middleton P'18 (Language) and his daughter, Lucia '18, traveled to the island of Tierra del Fuego, Patagonia in August where they volunteered at Karukinka National Park. "Helping the park rangers, from hand-making new trail markers to taking a census of the condor population in the area, was, by far, the best hands-on learning opportunity I have ever had," said Middleton. The duo also learned about the nonnative beaver population, imported from Canada in 1946, which have become a threat to the ecosystem.

Meredith Salmon (Science) earned a master's degree in biology from Washington University in St. Louis in May.

IN MEMORIAM

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- Arthur J. DeMartini '41**
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- S. Roger Oliver '42**
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Gwyneth Connell '96
Juno
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Maxwell
August 16, 2017

Lauren Schnipper Rausch '97
Levi
March 23, 2017

Krista Corran '98
Charlie
May 14, 2017

Amber Forrester '00
Beckett
May 5, 2017

Brittany Forrester '02
Flynn
May 5, 2017

Katherine Sibert Reynolds '02
Alice
March 19, 2017

Erin Donohue '03
Gwyneth
July 15, 2017

Tiffany Preston Falter '08
Finley
May 29, 2017

MARRIAGES

Alia Santini '96
To Ben Ayer
June 10, 2017

Elizabeth King '07
To Kevin McLaughlin
April 8, 2017



Thomas Canning



Charlie Corran



Gwyneth Donohue



Finley Falter



Beckett and Flynn Forrester



Levi Rausch



Alice Reynolds



Evelyn Schneider



Rayna Strum



Elizabeth King '07 and her new husband, Kevin McLaughlin, pose with sister of the bride, Sarah King '92 (left), and Elizabeth's niece, Kaitlynn.



Alia Santini '96 and her maid of honor, Gwyneth Connell '96.

A PASSION FOR PINBALL



Left to right: Jeanne '79, Carly '12, Morgan and Robert Ilvento at the Silverball Museum Arcade in Asbury Park.

ALUMNI
SPOTLIGHT

The Silverball Museum Arcade is a treat for the senses.

Located on the Asbury Park Boardwalk, just one block from the legendary Stone Pony, the place is alive with flashing lights, clicks and buzzes and pings, and the smell of classic boardwalk treats at the museum café.

People of all generations come to the Silverball Museum Arcade to learn about the history of games, and to play them. Nearly 200 machines are set to free play (patrons pay an entry fee at the door), including pinball games dating back to the 1950s, Skee-Ball and classic video games from the 70s and 80s.

Jeanne Laman Ilvento '79 and her husband, Robert P '12, who owns the tribute to pinball and video gaming past, credit their daughter, Morgan, as the inspiration for the Silverball Museum.

"Morgan has autism, and she took a liking to pinball machines," said Robert. This prompted Ilvento to purchase a pinball machine for their home. One machine led to two, which led to several hundred machines, so Ilvento decided to turn his family's newfound passion into a business.

"Without Morgan, there would be no Silverball Museum Arcade," he said.

The Silverball Museum first opened in 2009 in the basement of a retail store in Asbury Park. "I was one of my father's first employees," said Carly Ilvento '12, who works for a marketing communications firm in Austin, Texas. "I was 14 years old at the time, and just about to start my second year at Peddie," she said.

Mom and daughter both credited Peddie for their love of adventure. "Peddie instilled a spirit of seeking and exploring in both Carly and me," said Jeanne. "We are a risk-taking family."

Each of the Ilvento daughters has her favorite museum activity. Carly enjoys reading the historical descriptions of each game, while Morgan loves to play Gorgar (1979), the first talking pinball machine.

The Silverball Museum expanded to a second location in Delray Beach, Florida, in 2016. According to Robert, there is no "typical" customer at either location. "At Silverball Museum, you'll rub elbows with a wide demographic. Here, there's something for everyone," he said.



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