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In Planning Princeton’s Future, Lessons from an Older Sibling

Moving into the new academic year, our planning efforts will intensify on a number of fronts as we explore a variety of ideas, proposals, and models to help shape Princeton’s development in the years to come. As part of this work, this summer I visited the University of Cambridge, an older sibling that may offer some lessons for our future.

Our strategic planning encompasses all facets of the University, including one particularly fast-growing area of interest among our students and faculty: entrepreneurship. Last spring, the Princeton Entrepreneurship Advisory Committee issued a report (available at www.princeton.edu/entrepreneurship) with a thoughtful set of recommendations for how to develop entrepreneurship in “the Princeton way.”

In July, I went to Cambridge to learn more about the growth of its vaunted entrepreneurship ecosystem, which has been dubbed the “Cambridge Phenomenon” or “Silicon Fen”—a play on California’s “Silicon Valley” referring to the marshy terrain of eastern England. Not only did I gain insights into Cambridge’s success in facilitating entrepreneurship over the past few decades, I returned to Princeton with an expanded vision for how we might plan for the evolution of our campus.

When Americans think about universities that have catalyzed entrepreneurial activity around them, they typically focus on Stanford or the Massachusetts Institute of Technology—two institutions very different from Princeton. Stanford, with its many professional schools and thousands of master’s degree candidates, can feel not only entrepreneurial but corporate. MIT does not have the foundational commitment we have to the humanities. Both are superb institutions that execute their missions brilliantly, but Princeton could not emulate either of them without compromising values that define us.

Cambridge’s experience may be more illuminating for Princeton. Both Princeton and Cambridge have traditions of excellence that span the natural sciences, humanities, social sciences, and engineering—and we both have a distinctive emphasis on undergraduate education while offering world-class graduate programs.

Other similarities are more apparent when one arrives in Cambridge and encounters its glorious architecture. Like any proud Princetonian, I was immediately taken by the resemblance to our picturesque campus. This is, of course, no coincidence. Woodrow Wilson 1879’s besottedness with the courtyards and quadrangles of the Cambridge and Oxford campuses directly shaped the emphasis on Collegiate Gothic architecture in Princeton’s campus planning in the early 20th century.

Like Princeton, Cambridge has a historic core campus that is separated by a small body of water from peripheral fields, some of which are roughly as far away from their core campus as our West Windsor fields are from Nassau Hall. Cambridge began developing these surrounding areas with the construction of the famed Cavendish Laboratory in 1874 on its West Campus. Over the years, these areas have provided Cambridge with flexibility in accommodating corporate-academic research partnerships and faculty entrepreneurial activity, which in turn have helped to support local and regional economic development. Perhaps because the development of these surrounding lands began more than a century ago, Cambridge has a long-established tradition of faculty, staff, and students using bicycles and mass transit to traverse the campus rather than relying on automobiles, a practice we would do well to emulate.

Cambridge’s campus development illustrates the range and importance of long-term planning, and it provides interesting examples and raises helpful questions for consideration in our own planning. Currently we are working to develop a new plan to guide the evolution of Princeton’s campus from 2016 through 2026—and beyond. This plan will encompass most of the lands owned by the University and will examine all elements of a great campus, including spaces for teaching, learning, research, community-building, housing, social life, athletics, arts, technology, health, and other functions.

The new campus plan will consider a 10-year horizon to guide near-term growth and change, as well as a 30-year horizon to establish a broader strategy for long-term campus development. We will develop our campus plan to support the goals and priorities established by our University-wide strategic planning process and in doing so will explore critical questions related to land use, campus design, landscape, infrastructure, sustainability, and transportation.

Our plan will have to be sensitive to Princeton’s unique identity, but, as we seek inspiration, our kinship with Cambridge may make it an especially fruitful point of comparison. Like Princeton, Cambridge has a commitment to liberal education and, in particular, the humanities, that shines through in its classic, tranquil beauty, even as it has emerged as a hub of entrepreneurial progress. In our planning, we must prepare to respond to the evolving needs of our students and scholars and to support a robust environment of inquiry and discovery while retaining our special character. We must ensure that we enhance the qualities that make this one of the world’s most magnificent college campuses—stunning architecture in a bucolic setting that makes the heart soar, developed carefully to meet the needs of new generations even as we preserve the sense of communal liberal learning that all Princetonians hold dear.
The Princeton Varsity Club would like to thank our PVC Lifetime Members.

Their commitment will provide essential long-term support for PVC programs and initiatives that provide all 38 varsity teams with opportunities to achieve, to serve and to lead.
ADMISSION QUESTIONS
Yes! Seeking criminal and disciplinary histories on admission applications is like a medical test that generates false positives and negatives willy-nilly (“Abolish the Box,” On the Campus, July 8). Discriminatory policing and prosecution, plus plea bargains forced by risks of unacceptable consequences of going to trial, give poor whites and people of color records they should not have. Meanwhile, miscreants who have escaped detection or received leniency are undetected by “the box.”

The dean of admission says a checked box does not automatically disqualify. President Eisgruber ’83 suggests delaying asking the question until late in the admission process. However, we are years away from being free from society’s white-supremacist biases so that staff could reliably evaluate the meaning of a “yes” even then.

An equally rational question: “In the last three years, have you intentionally caused another bodily injury, appropriated or damaged another’s physical or intellectual property, practiced deception causing genuine harm to another or society, or incited others to do such acts? If so, explain and say how you feel about it now.” Of the few who should answer “yes,” some would not do so, but data obtained in this manner would at least be as reliable as that obtained now, and without the collateral damage. I doubt that the unreliability of all available systems for evaluating applicants’ moral histories causes much harm to the school.

Unfair outcomes aside, let’s stop sending potential applicants with records the message that the institution trusts unfair judicial and school disciplinary systems and will see the applicants as morally deficient. They get enough of that elsewhere.

Michael Goldstein ’69
Oakland, Calif.

DIVESTMENT AND POLITICS
Before the end of this century, world temperatures will increase an average of three or four degrees centigrade, flooding coastal cities and putting global agriculture in disarray. We will manage. But it won’t stop there. During the succeeding century, multiple positive feedback loops will continue to accelerate our race toward an incalculable future.

Chicken Little was right: The sky is falling. An effort to slow down this process should not be considered “politically partial.” Carbon atoms do not come in blue and red. It has been proposed that the Resources Committee support divesting endowment holdings from fossil-fuel companies. President Eisgruber states that a decision to divest would take place only “when the University community as a whole determines that the activities or practices of a company or companies are seriously inconsistent with a core University value” (On the Campus, July 8). Pouring carbon dioxide and methane into the atmosphere today is surely such an activity.

President Eisgruber writes that “it would be a profound mistake to create an investment policy that took political stands regarding the business activities of energy companies.” A stand regarding this particular kind of business activity would be a matter of wisdom, not politics.

Crawford MacCallum ’51
Tijeras, N.M.

A tip of the hat to President Eisgruber for his dedicated and outstanding stewardship these past three years or so.

With respect to PAW’s brief “Divestment Advice” story, I agree that 1) “the University community
FROM THE EDITOR

Allusions — Oops, Illusions — of Perfection

As corrections go, this one could not have been more polite — or more succinct. In our June 3 issue, we had written: “Once you think ‘car,’ your brain automatically blocks out everything else and hone s in on that specific shape.”

Our correspondent gently set us right: “Homes, not hone s.” He signed it: “Pedantically, David Galef ’81.”

Galef, a novelist, poet, and professor of English at Montclair State University in New Jersey, was right, of course. In PAW’s defense, I emailed a 2012 New Yorker article about hone s and homes published after that magazine had been accused of committing the same sin. The New Yorker found that, since 2003, “hone in” has had its own entry in Webster’s dictionary, as an alternative to “home in,” and its use was attributed to George Plimpton. Aha! Not guilty! Of course, Plimpton might have made a mistake, as we did. But it made me feel better.

I felt especially lucky that this exchange introduced me to Galef, who responded with a funny but educational essay called “Diction Slips” about misused words. His piece begins with a conversation he had with a student who was, well, close but not quite correct in her diction. Should it be tortuous or tortuous? Flout or flaunt? Insurance or assurance? Here, too, Galef is generous: “Is there any refuge from these diction slips?” he writes. “Well, at least they stem from attempts to broaden one’s vocabulary.”

Galef’s essay originally ran in the magazine Verbatim. In an effort to start PAW’s publishing year on the right foot, we happily republish it at paw.princeton.edu.

His letter, however, was also a reminder that many Princeton alumni read PAW very closely. Readers don’t always agree with our decisions and coverage — and when we hear from them, we consider it a good thing that they care enough to write.

Regular readers will note some changes in this issue. To illustrate the pursuits of more Princeton graduates, the Princetonians section now begins with a full-page photo of an alum. We hope that the image will tell the alum’s story better than words could.

In addition, PAW’s back-page history column — That Was Then — will now be written by John Weeren, a former assistant University archivist who founded and directs a writing program for Princeton staff members. For two years, Barksdale Maynard ’88 has used the column to tell the stories of some of Princeton’s most interesting but little-known moments. Maynard’s many fans will continue to find his work in PAW this year. Weeren’s first column — about an unpleasant student protest that took place when Woodrow Wilson 1879 was an undergraduate — is found on page 80.

We hope you enjoy what PAW offers this year. Either way, we’re confident you will let us know. — Marilyn H. Marks ’86

REVIVE SUSTAINED DIALOGUE

The June 3 On the Campus article, “What Had To Be Said,” about the controversy over questions of racism and free expression on campus, reminded me that in 1999 when I was a trustee, two students who were concerned that students of color felt marginalized on the campus started the first Sustained Dialogue program on campus to provide a space and process for enabling students to talk candidly about the problem.

Meeting every other week through the academic year, eventually they helped found the Sustained Dialogue Campus Network, which is now active on some 60 campuses in six countries. Unfortunately, Princeton students let the program lapse. It sounds as if now is the time to revive it. It would be far more effective than a one-off mass meeting in the Chapel.

Hal Saunders ’52
McLean, Va.

Editor’s note: Sustained Dialogue is expected to be reinstated on campus in November, according to the staff of the Carl Fields Center.
VINDICATING SNOWDEN

James Robertson ’59 bemoans the lack of any protest by Princeton students against Edward Snowden (Inbox, July 8). He is missing the bigger picture, which I’m sure is what those Princeton students understood. If abuses are massive enough, pervasive enough, and dangerous enough, thoughtful moral individuals find themselves at a crossroads of history where one small act of civil disobedience can right great wrongs affecting millions. This is precisely what Rosa Parks did in the face of immoral Jim Crow laws; what Claus von Stauffenberg tried to do in the assassination attempt on Hitler; what Daniel Ellsberg did with the Pentagon Papers; and what Snowden did in exposing the unconstitutional, widespread, secret abuses of the NSA that affected not only every single American, but millions overseas as well. (And God help us what would have happened in the future if he hadn’t blown the whistle.) All of them were breaking laws. To be logically consistent, Mr. Robertson must insist we find fault with them all.

In the meantime, the Snowden vindications have only just begun, with court rulings and a federal law curbing such abuses passed by Republicans and Democrats alike.

Randolph Hobler ’68
Dobbs Ferry, N.Y.

A REUNIONS SUGGESTION
Alumni were sent a questionnaire about what they liked/disliked about this year’s Reunions in order to make Reunions better in the future. One way to achieve this is to reserve several dorms for groups of six, eight, and 12 roommates after the freshman year.

We were 12 roommates in our senior year after having started out as groups of two to four. Each year, our group grew larger. In our senior year we occupied an entire entryway in Patton Hall, using the two big rooms on the first floor as common rooms or party rooms. Our desks were upstairs.

Almost every one of our roommates has attended almost every fifth reunion! One is more likely to bond for life with several roommates out of a large group.
than a small one. And, if you only have one roommate, a three-day reunion is too much time for catching up, but hardly enough if you have 11 roommates with spouses. Without attending Reunions, one can easily keep in close touch with only one or a few roommates. Roommate groups of six to eight should also increase attendance, and donations.

Carl H. Middleton ’60
Arlington, Va.

CELEBRATING VICTORY IN ’46
A rousing locomotive to W. Barksdale Maynard ’88 for the stirring end piece “Victory Reunion” (That Was Then, June 3) and for the wonderful photo of grads in blazers, beer jackets, and cane-spree-like T-shirts with class numerals in front; they had a lot to smile about in 1946. Loved the legion standards, the rendition of the Nassau Hall bell ringing for 3½ hours on V-J Day, and the notion this was the first of our modern Reunions.

Perhaps some of these standards can be located and paraded at the head of the P-rade each year to reflect the tradition, sacrifice, and continuity of our alums. Sounds like a project for our estimable and irreplaceable recording secretary, Adm. H. Kirk Unruh ’70.

Jerome P. Coleman ’70
Rye, N.Y.

I loved seeing the “Victory Reunion” photo, especially since I recognize my dad with some of his 1945 classmates—he’s just to the right of center, with his hand covering the “1” in the 1945 T-shirt the class is wearing. I don’t recognize any of the others in the picture, but maybe you’ll hear from someone in the class who might know. It was their 70th reunion this year, and a handful of classmates returned.

Larry Sanford ’72
Princeton, N.J.

MORE TO THE STORY
The July 8 cover photo promised an interesting story about the first undergraduate women at Princeton. Disappointingly, there was only the briefest follow-up in the magazine.

At the time when undergraduate women first appeared on campus, I was pursuing my own doctoral studies at the University. I well remember the great curiosity on campus about this startling new development at Princeton: women!

I think the official story was that they had been admitted as part of a special program, critical languages. Thus the general feeling (male, at least) was that, well, they’re not really full-fledged undergraduates. But of course they were, special program or no.

But what a shame that PAW chose not to take this fascinating piece of Princeton history beyond the cover picture. Who are they? Where did their Princeton education take them? How did it feel to be a “pioneer”? There is the making of a really worthwhile story here. I’m sorry that PAW left it at just a couple of photos.

Stephen C. Bandy ’67
Woodbury, Conn.

BRUCE WAYNE’S DIPLOMA
Regarding your article “Spotlight on Batman” (On the Campus, July 8), and with tongue firmly in cheek, I was saddened to learn I didn’t graduate in 1968, as my diploma indicates. Christopher Nolan’s report that “Bruce Wayne did indeed attend Princeton — but did not graduate” surely surprised my wife, Katherine. Maybe those recurring bad dreams about failing my Russian literature class my senior year were really true! Guess I should send my diploma to University Archivist Dan Linke for authentication.

R. Bruce Wayne ’68
Trinidad, Calif.

’88 SEEKS BANNER RETURN
The final night of our 25th reunion two years ago, the Class of ’88 memorial banner disappeared from the upper Whitman courtyard fence. We had hoped that someone took it for safekeeping, but it has failed to turn up. The banner bears the names of our deceased classmates and has considerable sentimental value for
THE SILENCE OF THEOCRACIES
In “ISIS: A Primer” (feature, June 3), Professor Bernard Haykel writes that, to understand ISIS, “one must look at the brutal ... realities of the modern Arab world.” Left unsaid is that the brutal realities of the Middle East are nothing new. Genghis Khan sacked its cities in the 13th century, and Tamerlane repeated the horror 200 years later. Then the Turks took forcible control. After every defeat, Jihadi-Salafi-type movements led the people back to an ever-more rigid theocracy silencing all dissidents. This has been a recurring factor for 1,500 years.

History shows that all calls for reform were silenced by the clerics: the Matazilites in the 9th century, the philosophers such as Averroes in the 12th century, and modern secular reformers in the 20th century. Over the last 1,500 years, Muslims have had to choose between an unquestioned faith and progress — because any faith that denies free will, free inquiry, and science will close its adherents’ minds and stifle material progress. Theocracies by their very nature can never provide freedom and happiness for their unfortunate people.

Bill Greene ’54
Lancaster, N.H.

DEFINING A QUOTA
I am writing in response to a letter appearing in the July 8 issue by Hector L. Delgado. For a former university official — a Princeton University official, no less — to have such a superficial rational ability is astounding! Mr. Delgado bemoans the idea that “diversity” in the student body raises the “spector” of quotas. For Mr. Delgado, as well as many other ivory-tower progressives, diversity seems to be the Holy Grail. However, they never seem to define exactly what they mean by diversity. Why? Because as soon as you define exactly what percentage of each group you want, ergo, you have defined a quota. Why is that so difficult to understand? Why is diversity per se detrimental? Because to the degree that a given diversity criterion impacts the individuals selected, then also to that same degree are other, more legitimate criteria compromised.

G.W. Coyne ’61
Newtown Square, Pa.

TACTFUL DEFENSE OF HIGHER ED
I am grateful that five “academic chief executives” and one journalist have defended higher education as tactfully as they did (feature, July 8). The discussion begins promisingly enough, with a panelist suggesting the proposed agenda is too negative, but he’s quickly cut off when the interviewer speaks of “so many voices” questioning whether a college degree is worthwhile.

But who are these voices, and what specifically are they asking? Fortunately, we are spared those offensive details. No names, no places, please. Above all, no political affiliations! In fact, political
Inbox

subjects are mostly limited to the term “political correctness” if present at all in this tasteful investigation, as is the unhappy question of corporate control via Big Bucks. Bravo!

Of course, it is admitted that higher ed’s “political arsenal is very weak,” but fortunately no indigestible specifics are offered about why this is so. Perhaps it’s just one huge accident. Ask the folks at the University of Wisconsin-Madison if in doubt.

In any case, matters conclude wittily enough with a reference to our beloved old dinosaur in Guyot, while giants still walk the Earth, and we can now move pleasantly on to something of genuine importance, namely Reunions.

R.E. Stratton ’60
Professor emeritus of English
University of Alaska-Fairbanks
Hattiesburg, Miss.

BELAFONTE’S HONORARY DEGREE
Princeton has had a long tradition of awarding honorary degrees to left-wing political figures. Nonetheless, the award to calypso singer Harry Belafonte, described as “a civil-rights activist and humanitarian,” is startling. Here is what the civil-rights activist said about former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice’s service in the Bush administration: “Hitler had a lot of Jews high up in the hierarchy of the Third Reich.” In 2012, the so-called humanitarian singer described Cuban dictator Fidel Castro as “very heroic.”

Who at Princeton made this dreadful decision to honor Mr. Belafonte?

Charles S. Rockey Jr. ’57
Boca Grande, Fla.

OPENING WORDS
I vividly recall the first time I heard a Princeton president speak. We gathered in Alexander Hall the first week on campus to learn how many of our classmates had been valedictorians, athletic stars, etc. Some of us were “none of the above” and wondered how we were so lucky to be there. I will never forget being encouraged to be more humble, have an open mind, and to gain the wisdom to welcome new ideas.

Michael Burrill ’66
Cincinnati, Ohio
A LESSON LEARNED
The July 8 piece on the “Grammar Cop” (That Was Then) reminded me of a correction by Professor Seitz (I think) on an art history paper I’d written. I have been reminded many times that a courier is not a “courtesan.”
G.F. Lane ’57
Stonington, Conn.

FROM THE ARCHIVES, 1966

My wife and I are certain that I am the person lying in the foreground of the June 3 From the Archives photo. Almost certainly this was taken in the spring of 1966, my freshman year. I recognize the radio, the hairline, and the body. I do not recognize the others in the picture. The location is between 1901 Hall, where I lived my freshman year, and Laughlin and Henry, which are on the other side of the lawn.
What great fun seeing that old picture.
Richard Land ’69
Matthews, N.C.

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Jeff Wieser ’74, incoming President of the Alumni Association and Chair of the Alumni Council, has ambitious plans for the next two years: he wants every alumnus to enjoy the experience as much as he does.

“My ten years on the Alumni Council have been eye-opening to all the wonderful things going on at Princeton. My goal in this humbling, extraordinary position is to help make the Princeton alumni experience meaningful for ALL Tigers.”

Jeff has been volunteering for Princeton for over 40 years, starting as vice president of the Class of 1974 immediately after graduation. He has been involved in Annual Giving, Reunions, and his local regional association. Not only has he been the Vice Chair of the Alumni Council, he has also served as its Treasurer, chaired its Committee on Community Service, and sat on its Class Affairs Committee.

In 2010, after a 35-year career in banking, Jeff left the corporate world to become the President & CEO of Homes with Hope, Inc., a local nonprofit agency that provides housing, food and casework to over 100 people every night in Westport and Norwalk, Connecticut.

Jeff lives in Westport with his wife Pat. They have three grown children, Casey (and Sam) Haverstick, Teddy ’06 (and Allie ’07) and Charlie, and four wonderful grandchildren.

Sara Judge ’82 began volunteering for Princeton within two years of graduation. Living in Beijing, half way around the world and eager to get a group together who shared the Princeton experience, she put an ad in the Peoples Daily inviting alumni to come to a reception. And so began what is now the PAA of Beijing.

Intertwining her love for China and for Princeton has been the hallmark of Sara’s life. She has been a consultant for US companies marketing in China, a director of Asia for AFS Intercultural, president of China Institute of America, and now Global Director of Asia for Avenues:The World School. Through all of her travels and raising her three children, Will McCalpin ’12, Matt McCalpin ’14 and Haley McCalpin (Wake Forest ’17), Sara has continued to be a vital volunteer for Princeton. She was the regional president in China, has been an AG solicitor for her class, chaired the Alumni Council’s Volunteer Stewardship Committee, served on two other Alumni Council committees and is an ASC volunteer (for China and Connecticut).

Sara now looks forward to moving to Princeton and to her new roles as Vice President of the Alumni Association and Vice Chair of the Alumni Council. “The Princeton community continues to amaze and inspire me, and I’m deeply honored to join Jeff in this new role of representing and engaging alumni around the world.”
Dear Princetonians:

Princeton alumni have many ways to gather together this fall, both on campus and around the world. Regional associations will kick off their 2015-16 activities. Classes will have Mini Reunions around the world, from the Mississippi River to the Mediterranean Sea. Graduate alumni will meet with the Dean. We hope that many of you will come out to see friends, cheer on the Tigers, meet with President Eisgruber and learn about Princeton today. Here is just a sampling of alumni activities:

**October 15-17**

*We Flourish: Celebrating Asian and Asian American Alumni*, an on-campus Princeton University Conference featuring faculty, students and alumni

**November 14**

Homecoming: Princeton-Yale Football Game and Tiger Tailgate

**November 16**

Alumni Gathering with President Eisgruber in New York City

**December 15**

Alumni Gathering with President Eisgruber in Puerto Rico

All best from the Princeton campus!

Margaret Moore Miller ’80
Associate Vice President for Alumni Affairs

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The Lower Danube: Bucharest to Vienna  
October 16-29

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November 29 – December 9, 2016

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The morning sun casts long shadows on the courtyard next to Blair Hall before the return of students.

Photograph by Ricardo Barros
A Mindset, Not a Title
Support for entrepreneurs ‘integral’ to Princeton’s mission, study group says

Riding a surge of interest in entrepreneurship programs and courses, a University committee has issued an ambitious blueprint for “Entrepreneurship the Princeton Way” — and Nassau Hall is listening.

“Entrepreneurship is becoming integral to the University’s teaching and research mission,” an advisory committee created by Provost David S. Lee ’99 wrote in a 25-page report. It outlined an approach to “achieve the highest standard of excellence of entrepreneurial activities as a service to the nation and all nations, and enhance the liberal-arts education environment through the entrepreneurial mindset.”

The group was headed by electrical engineering professor Mung Chiang, who will chair the newly created Princeton Entrepreneurship Council. The report called for action in three major areas:

- Build a “vibrant ecosystem” of Princeton entrepreneurs.
- Create an academic certificate program in “Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Design,” while expanding internships and shadowing experiences.
- Provide physical space for entrepreneurs to meet and work together.

The University’s first entrepreneurship course in 1997 was followed by a number of related activities, including more courses, undergraduate clubs, various competitions, an Innovation Forum for faculty and grad students, an accelerator-incubator program, and an Intellectual Property Accelerator Fund for faculty. But much remains to be done, the report said, and many of Princeton’s peers are investing heavily in the field.

In contrast to the goals of some other schools, Chiang said, “we do not strive to generate the greatest number of IPOs or

EMERGING FROM THE eLAB INCUBATOR

Adam Klosowiak ’15, left, demonstrates a KLOS travel guitar with Jake Sheffield, also of KLOS.

PAW readers may remember a Sept. 17, 2014, story about FRIENDSY, a social network that allows college students to anonymously chat and connect in friendly and romantic ways. Friendsy, which was co-founded by Vaidhy Murti ’15 and Michael Pinsky ’15, was launched on the Princeton campus in May 2013 and has since expanded to more than 84,000 users at colleges across America.

This summer, Friendsy began testing a new discussion feature, reminiscent of ’90s AOL chat rooms, in which users can speak anonymously.

The team has raised more than $700,000, including $92,000 from Princeton’s Alumni Entrepreneurship Fund, $40,000 from the eLab Summer Accelerator program, and $500,000 from New York City investors. The University funding “really transformed our company,” Murti said. ◆ By A.W.
Princeton students studying Korean are finding a connection with retirees in South Korea. While working at a senior center in Seoul, Yongmin Cho ’14 often heard older residents express a desire to contribute to society after leaving the workforce. Cho created Seniors and Youth (SAY) as a way to empower the seniors, enhance the fluency of Princeton students, and encourage communication between the generations. 

Students converse in Korean for 30 minutes each week with a “grandparent” from the senior center; in the photo, Kelsey Henderson ’15 talks via Skype with 73-year-old Jae Kwon Lee. Topics range from career aspirations to marriage customs. “There’s something about talking to someone who’s older who is not related to you — you can tell them things that you wouldn’t necessarily tell your parents or grandparents,” said Julie Chong ’17. 

Cho, who is on a two-year leave from the University to serve in South Korea’s armed forces, will return to Princeton in the spring.

PUBLISHED AFTER 76 YEARS

Fitzgerald Story Creates a Stir

The “discovery” in Firestone Library of a previously unpublished short story by F. Scott Fitzgerald 1917 made headlines over the summer. The 8,000-word story, called “Temperature,” was rejected for publication in 1939; it offered parallels between the life of a fictional writer in Hollywood with an alcohol problem and a heart condition, and of Fitzgerald himself, who died the following year. Media accounts focused on how Andrew Gulli, managing editor of a literary quarterly called The Strand Magazine, had found the story among Fitzgerald’s papers, which were donated to the University Library in 1950 by Fitzgerald’s daughter, Scottie. Don Skemer, curator of manuscripts in the Department of Rare Books and Special Collections, explained that the library had provided Gulli with a list of unpublished works by Fitzgerald and that an online library database refers to “Temperature” by name. “If it was hidden, it was hiding in plain sight,” Skemer said, adding that the unpublished short stories are known to Fitzgerald scholars.

The University is acting on several recommendations, Eisgruber and Lee said, including approval of a new staff position to support faculty who plan new ventures to bring campus discoveries “into the world for societal benefit.” The University has started fundraising to support other parts of the plan, they said.

The Princeton Entrepreneurship Hub — a rented building offering incubator space for teams with University ties — opened near the campus during the summer. Additional facilities to house entrepreneurial efforts will be considered as part of the strategic planning and campus planning work now underway, Eisgruber and Lee said. ◆ By W.R.O.
Nurturing Leaders
Princeton supports — and benefits from — a national program for high school students

About 100 high school students spent seven weeks of their summer at Princeton as Leadership Enterprise for a Diverse America (LEDA) scholars in a national program that develops the academic and leadership potential of talented students from disadvantaged backgrounds.

LEDA, now in its 11th year, provides leadership development, writing instruction, standardized-test preparation, college guidance, and a taste of residential life for high-achieving students who may not have considered attending an elite university.

Students are recruited during their junior year of high school and attend the program at Princeton the following summer. During their senior year, they receive help with the college-application process.

More LEDA scholars have gone on to attend Princeton — 86 — than any other college in the country. This fall, a record 14 scholars are entering Princeton with the Class of 2019, bringing the total number of LEDA scholars on campus to 48.

“It is obvious that this steady supply of LEDA scholars makes Princeton one of the greatest direct beneficiaries of the program,” said Nikolaus Hofer ’17, president of the LEDA Scholars at Princeton. “LEDA creates a resource of some of the greatest potential this country has to offer, and it is one that Princeton pulls from wisely.”

Admission dean Janet Rapelye praised the program for “the incredible foundation it gives these students to navigate a university campus and to feel comfortable in a university setting — it raises their expectations for what they can achieve.”

President Eisgruber ’83 announced the expansion of the University’s partnership with LEDA last October. “Increasing the number of students at Princeton from lower socioeconomic backgrounds, and providing them with the resources they need to be successful, are high priorities for us,” he said.

PAW spoke to three LEDA scholars who attended this year’s summer program and two former participants who are starting their freshman year at Princeton this month.

FROM LEDA TO PRINCETON
SUREN JAMIYANAA ’19
Birmingham, Ala.

Planned major: Mechanical and aerospace engineering. When I was a little girl, I wanted to work for NASA. But maybe I’ll go into industry, or teach.

Accepted by: Princeton, University of Alabama, Carnegie Mellon University, Boston College, and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Why she picked Princeton: College wasn’t really something my family focused on. ... LEDA made Princeton, and other competitive schools, such a tangible thing for me to consider. I got a lot of financial aid from Princeton, which was a big factor in my decision, but also the fact that there are all of these LEDA scholars here on campus.

The most important thing she learned from LEDA: Getting rid of the fear of asking questions. I now approach education in such a different way than before.

On the LEDA connection: We’re like family. ... That’s something I loved about LEDA — the community aspect and having these deep connections with people.

LUCAS LEE ’19
Fresno, Calif.

Planned major: I’m thinking about majoring in neuroscience, because I know I’d like to become a neurosurgeon.

Accepted by: Princeton, Brandeis, UC-Berkeley, UC-Irvine, UCLA, and UC-San Diego.

Favorite part of the LEDA experience: Having humility thrown back at me and being reminded of the fact that there are people who are smarter than I am. There are people who think differently from me, and I can learn something from them.

How LEDA is different from classes back home: Teachers at my school wouldn’t ask you to elaborate on why you think something. I found it really enjoyable to be able to argue and debate in class for hours on end [in the LEDA program].

On the LEDA connection: It helps to know that I’m not going to be alone — there are already people I know here who have gone through similar circumstances.
2015 LEDA PARTICIPANTS
YASMIN ABDILLahi
Roseville, Minn.

Her college list: MIT, University of Chicago, Columbia, Tufts, and Carleton College.

Her thoughts on college: My dad told me early on, “If you want to go to college, you’d better do well in school because I’m not going to be able to pay for it.” He encouraged me to go to math tutors and study a lot, and he’s really instilled in me the value that education is really important.

How she’s changed since LEDA: Now I realize how important it is to be an active citizen. One of our teachers asked if we knew who our representatives and senators are. Very few people said yes, and that’s a tragedy. Because why did we fight so hard for suffrage if we’re not even going to vote?

ALYSSA JOHNSON
St. Louis, Mo.

Her college list: Princeton, Stanford, Yale, and Boston College.

How LEDA changed her: I’m starting to think differently — I’m not just allowing information being fed to me to just marinate in my head. I’m actually looking at it and analyzing it and seeing if I actually agree with it.

What she’s bringing back to her hometown: I’m going to try to start a support club for juniors and seniors in the college-application process so that everyone can work together and be supportive, peer-review each other’s essays, and look into different colleges. There are so many kids in my school with great potential who can go so far, but they don’t understand where they can go — they just think they’re limited.

What she learned about herself: I’m very accepting, but I’ve learned that other people are just as accepting and that I shouldn’t be so guarded. Usually I’m by myself, but this summer I learned how to build a community better and work with others.

KAYLE SPIKES
Las Vegas, Nev.

His college list: Swarthmore, Columbia, Carleton College, Wesleyan, and Occidental College.

His favorite part of the LEDA experience: Being in a classroom where everyone is open-minded to your interpretations of certain subjects. Everyone makes sure that your voice is heard and even if they don’t necessarily agree with what you say, they understand. That’s very different from home.

How he’s changed since LEDA: During the first week here, I said a slang derogatory term. Another scholar heard me and said, “Excuse me, what did you say?” And I kind of brushed it off. But after the discussion was over, she took me aside and said, “I don’t ever want to hear you say that again.” So I’d say I’m a lot more conscious about what comes out of my mouth, and I think I’m more empathetic toward others’ emotions.

Interviews conducted and condensed by A.W.
On the Campus

Taking Shape
A progress report on Princeton’s major construction projects

The summer months saw progress on several major campus construction projects. Finishing touches are all that remain on the new home for the Andlinger Center for Energy and the Environment at the corner of Prospect Avenue and Olden Street; researchers are expected to begin moving in by early fall and the first classes will be held there in February.

Interior demolition of the former chemistry building now known as 20 Washington Road is nearly complete, and work has begun on replacing the 900-plus windows. The building will house the economics department, with an entrance on Washington Road, and several international programs, with a new entrance facing Scudder Plaza and Robertson Hall. Glass-enclosed meeting rooms on the rooftop facing Washington Road are taking shape.

Installation of the concrete and steel superstructure of three new buildings for the Lewis Center for the Arts and the music department is nearly complete along Alexander Street south of McCarter Theatre. The buildings are to open in the fall of 2017. The first phase of the arts-and-transit project—a new Dinky station and Wawa store—opened a year ago.

To the east of campus, major repairs have been underway on the Lake Carnegie dam, built in 1907. Construction crews expect to complete restoration work on about a quarter of the 27-foot-high dam’s buttresses and other concrete repairs by October. Work on the remainder of the dam will take place at a future time. By W.R.O. and A.W.

Researchers are expected to begin moving into the Andlinger Lab in October as the project, begun in 2012, is completed. At left is the E-Quad.

Facing Scudder Plaza, steel girders mark the location of a new atrium and entrance to the home of international programs in the former chemistry building at 20 Washington Road.

A restoration project provides a rare glimpse of the Lake Carnegie dam, constructed in 1907.

Concrete and steel have been rising for the three buildings on Alexander Street that will provide academic, rehearsal, and performance spaces for the music department, at left, and for the Lewis Center for the Arts.
“Are there real tigers roaming around the campus? If so, are they friendly?”

It’s not the question you’d expect from an incoming freshman, but the response was matter-of-fact: “Yup, they say the tiger-to-student ratio is another bragging point at Princeton.”

Few incoming students have an accurate idea of what their college experience will be like. (Think back to your freshman year — did you?) But students can get a taste of what to expect, thanks to Real Talk Princeton — a student-run website where they can submit questions and get answers from Princeton undergraduates. While students occasionally pose lighthearted questions about tigers and the like, the vast majority seek serious advice on academics, student life, the social scene, and much more.

Launched in late 2013 for admitted students deciding whether or not to commit, Real Talk Princeton takes questions from prospective applicants and current students, providing more than 6,000 answers. Twelve anonymous contributors (some of whom have shared their identities with PAW) currently maintain the website (realtalkprinceton.tumblr.com).

“Part of Real Talk is to help people get their footing on campus,” said Erika Davidoff ’17, the site administrator, who answers questions under the pseudonym Amygdala.

Admission materials provide extensive information to prospective students, Davidoff said, but some freshmen arrive on campus and ask “how do you actually take advantage of these opportunities?” The site is valued, she said, for its honest and uncensored student perspectives.

Questions touch on a variety of topics:

Would you recommend not doing a MOL 214 lab the same day as a MOL lecture? Literally doesn’t matter at all. MOL is the most low-key lab you’ll ever take. Very little is expected of you.

Is a fan really necessary? I don’t know how [hot] it gets in NJ.

It gets really, really humid. It can feel like death even when you’re just in the high 80s ...

What kind of drinks do eating clubs have? Is the alcohol any good or is it the kind that’s really only good to get drunk on? Eating clubs just give out beer. It’s not good beer. Everyone gets drunk before heading to the Street. Pregames will usually have the liquor. Also not usually very good liquor.

Some questions deal with personal or sensitive issues, which can range from stress and mental illness to diversity in the eating clubs.

In response to a questioner’s nervousness about joining the LGBT scene, one contributor offered a personal perspective: “I came out first semester here. You really shouldn’t worry about anyone caring about your sexuality; I haven’t made a friend yet who has made me feel like Princeton wasn’t an accepting place.”

Contributor Kevin Liu ’18, known to questioners as Edamame, said the website’s anonymity encourages students to ask and answer questions without fear of judgment from others. “There’s also a much more free and open dialogue since it’s not moderated by the University,” Liu said. “That’s how we manage to keep it truly ‘real talk.’”

Illustration: Justine Beckett; photo: courtesy Tammy Tseng ’18

Have a Question About Princeton Life? This Student Blog Has the Answers

Tammy Tseng ’18

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Annual Giving raised $61.5 million in 2014–15, celebrating its 75th anniversary with a record total. About 60.3 percent of undergraduate alumni contributed.

The 50th-reunion Class of 1965 led the way, raising $7.4 million. The Class of 1990 raised $7 million to celebrate its 25th reunion, followed by the Class of 1970 ($5 million). Other leaders were the classes of 1985 ($4.8 million), 1980 ($3.5 million), 1995 ($2.7 million), and 1975 ($1.6 million). Graduate alumni contributed $1.8 million. President Eisgruber ’83 described the results as “truly remarkable” and expressed gratitude to volunteers and donors.

When it debuted 75 years ago, Annual Giving brought in $80,000 — less than half of what was raised on an average day in 2014–15. ❖ By M.F.B.
H. Vincent Poor ’77, dean of the engineering school, and A.J. Stewart Smith ’66, vice president for the Princeton Plasma Physics Lab, will step down from their respective positions in 2016. Poor, who joined the faculty in 1990 and has been dean for the past nine years, will end his term June 20. He plans to take a sabbatical and then return to teaching and research.

Smith, who became the University’s first vice president for PPPL in 2012, has held faculty and staff positions at Princeton for almost 50 years. After leaving his post in February, he will continue to chair a committee at the Large Hadron Collider on the French-Swiss border, the world’s largest and most powerful particle accelerator.

Two gifts from alumni were announced during the summer. Investment executive John P. Birkelund ’52 donated $5 million to establish a certificate program in history and diplomacy. The program will prepare undergraduates for careers in governmental and nongovernmental organizations. History professor Stephen Kotkin and retired admiral Mike Mullen will co-direct the program.

Investor William Janeway ’65 gave $5.6 million to study the connections among the financial markets, monetary economics, and the “real economy” — things that affect people such as goods, jobs, and services. The fund also will support new courses at the doctoral level. Janeway is a visiting lecturer in the economics department.

Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Tracy K. Smith will lead Princeton’s program in creative writing as its new director. Smith, who has been on the faculty since 2005, is the author of the memoir Ordinary Light and the poetry collections Life on Mars, Duende, and The Body’s Question.


IN MEMORIAM George Warfield, who helped integrate solid-state physics instruction into the electrical engineering department, died July 23 at his Vermont home. He was 96. Recruited by astrophysicist Lyman Spitzer ’38 in 1950, Warfield taught at Princeton until 1972. He later was executive director of the Institute for Energy Conversion at the University of Delaware. A gift from George Heilmeier ’62 dedicated a classroom in the Friend Center to Warfield’s influence on “a whole generation of electrical engineers.”

IN MEMORIAM James McLachlan, who contributed to the research of the Shelby Cullum Davis ’30 Center for Historical Studies and worked on a Princeton project of alumni biographies, died June 19 at age 83 in Chapel Hill, N.C., of lung disease. In the 1970s, McLachlan and history professor Lawrence Stone collaborated on a compendium, The University in Society. During the same period he was principal author and editor of the first volume of the five-book Princetonians: A Biographical Dictionary. In the 1980s, McLachlan taught history at New York University.

Faculty, Alums Back Iran Deal

Five Princeton faculty members were among the 29 top scientists who signed a letter supporting the proposed Iran nuclear deal in August. The two-page letter was released as both opponents and proponents were lobbying Congress, which was expected to vote on the agreement in mid-September.

The letter was co-written by astrophysics professor Robert J. Goldston ’77, former director of the Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory, and an expert on nuclear energy. Other faculty members who signed were Nobel laureate Philip W. Anderson, John K. Gayford, and Richard J. Gilbert (at MIT). Other signers include Charles A. Davis (physics); Richard Levit (program on Science and Global Security); Harold A. Feiveson (physics); and Frank von Hippel (physics and public affairs), who was assistant director for national security in the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy during the Clinton administration.

Other signers with Princeton University ties are Nobel laureate Frank Wilczek ’75, at MIT; and emeritus professor David Gross, now at the University of California, Santa Barbara; MIT professor R. Scott Kemp ’10; and John F. Ahearne ’66, director of the ethics program at Sigma Xi, the Scientific Research Society. Freeman Dyson, professor emeritus at the Institute for Advanced Study; and Rush Holt, a physicist who represented the Princeton area in Congress until this year, also signed the letter.

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L ast season, Di Andre Atwater ’16 embodied Princeton football’s fluctuations between immense promise and injury-plagued disappointment. The junior running back was brilliant at times, breaking away for three runs of more than 50 yards and averaging 7.4 yards per carry. But he missed a key midseason stretch because of injury and was sidelined again after the Yale game, a loss that ended Princeton’s hopes for a second straight Ivy League title.

“My experience was a microcosm of the way it really was for the whole team — which was unfortunate, but it was a motivating factor for us in the offseason,” Atwater said. Atwater underwent knee surgery in December and was on track to be at full strength for Princeton’s Sept. 19 opener at Lafayette. He should be a key contributor on a team that will feature a new quarterback (Chad Kanoff ’17 or Kedric Bostic ’16) and at least seven other new starters.

Atwater, a son of former Denver Broncos all-pro safety Steve Atwater, got an early start in football as an undersized but speedy 6-year-old on the Duluth (Ga.) Wildcats. By then, his dad already had played his final NFL game. He became a valued mentor to Di Andre and his older brother, Stephen, who played at Georgetown.

“He coached some when we were coming up, but he wasn’t a coach at the start,” Di Andre Atwater said. “[His role] was just giving football advice, and obviously he has an extremely large bank of knowledge. It was great.”

Atwater’s introduction to Ivy football came during the year when his brother was being recruited, and by the time he was making his own college choice, Princeton had risen to the top of his list.

In three seasons, Atwater has missed 10 games because of injuries. His sophomore year was his most consistent, with nine games played and 457 rushing yards. He was named second-team All-Ivy as the Tigers won their first league championship since 2006.

“My experience was a microcosm of the way it really was for the whole team — which was unfortunate, but it was a motivating factor for us in the offseason.”

— Di Andre Atwater ’16

Coach Bob Surace ’90 said that when Di Andre Atwater ’16, center, has been healthy, he’s been one of the best players in the Ivy League.
The August reopening of the U.S. embassy in Havana signaled a new era in American diplomatic relations with Cuba. Two months earlier, Princeton track and field athletes made their own goodwill visit to the island, a nine-day trip that included two exhibition meets and several opportunities for cultural exchange.

The tour, more than a year in the making, included 77 students, coaches, and staff. Men’s coach Fred Samara and women’s coach Peter Farrell worked with Global Exchange, an organization that specializes in “people-to-people” travel. They also received valuable advice from Dean of Religious Life Alison Boden and Professor Stan Katz, both of whom have traveled to Cuba multiple times.

Samara said that the trip was different from previous team visits to China and Greece. “There was quite a bit of meeting the local people, and particularly the local young people,” he said.

For co-captain Cecilia Barowski ’16, the highlights of the trip were visits to neighborhoods, including one that hosted a block party and potluck dinner for the Princeton travelers. Most of the Cubans they met chatted about everyday life; few mentioned politics or the role of the government.

At the first exhibition meet, Barowski bonded with a former Cuban national-team sprinter, Nelkis Casabona. Though they came from different backgrounds and are at different stages in their careers — Casabona, a 2012 Olympian, has retired from international competition, while Barowski hopes to begin running professionally after college — they shared “the same kind of commitment and the same drive,” she said.

Seeing the amount of tourism and new construction in Havana, the Princeton group realized that it was watching what could be a transformational period for Cuba. In five years, the country may look quite different. “It’s a once-in-a-lifetime trip,” Barowski said. ♦ By B.T.
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Swaying Voters

Hazy thinking? Mangled facts? Those are what many use to rationalize how they vote

Next November, voters will go to the polls, thoughtfully assess the various candidates based on their track records and policy positions, and choose the ones whose views best match their own. Or will they? Christopher Achen, a professor of politics and social sciences, has found that voters’ choices are determined by many factors, but thoughtful consideration often isn’t one of them. Voters rationalize their picks afterward with hazy thinking and mangled facts, and retroactively fit their views of a candidate to match their longstanding beliefs, he says.

Achen and professor emeritus Larry Bartels have found that voters often select politicians based on their own loyalties to political party, religious belief, or racial identity, and justify their picks by convincing themselves that those candidates were the ones best aligned with their political views. “If you ask someone who intends to vote for Obama why, they have a set of ideas they can explain and views that emphasize the negative aspects of the other candidate,” says Achen, who analyzed responses from the 1996 National Election Study, a survey conducted before and after the presidential election. But, in fact, when people prefer a candidate or party, they adopt language to rationalize that view: “It’s not the ideas that come first — it’s the group loyalty that makes the political identity.”

The 1996 survey asked whether the budget deficit had decreased during President Bill Clinton’s first term. It did, by 90 percent, though most people did not know that. Achen found that people’s responses tracked with their political affiliation: Republicans were more likely to say that the deficit had increased. Asked whether the economy had improved during the same period, Republicans were almost twice as likely as Democrats to say that it had gotten worse.

“The Republicans simply refused to take on board facts that made Clinton look better,” Achen says. Democrats did the same thing when answering questions in which the outcomes favored Republicans.

What’s more, being politically informed did not necessarily improve people’s accuracy. Republicans with higher levels of political knowledge were wrong about the budget deficit more often. Those who are well versed in politics, explains Achen, are more likely to know the party line and feel the need to promote it.

Achen and Bartels say that voters behave with even less logic when it comes to natural disasters. Voters routinely punish politicians for things completely beyond their control — droughts, floods, even shark attacks. New Jersey experienced a spate of shark attacks during the summer of 1916, and in areas of the state near the attacks, votes for President Woodrow Wilson 1879 plummeted that fall compared to 1912 and in comparison to the rest of the state.

“The romantic vision of thoughtful democratic participation is largely mythical,” Achen writes. “Democracy must be defended some other way, if it is to be defended at all.”

By Eveline Chao ’02
ECONOMICS AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Trial and Error

Double-blind trials — the gold standard in medical research — may need refining

Professor Sylvain Chassang is proposing an overhaul of one of medicine’s sacred cows: the double-blind clinical trial.

Modern clinical trials intentionally rule out the effect of behavior in order to focus solely on the effects of the drug. That’s a mistake, says Chassang, a professor of economics and public affairs, because it potentially could miss out on effects that are triggered or enhanced by behavioral changes.

How drugs work can be dependent on or influenced by a patient’s behavior, Chassang points out. Imagine, he says, a new antidepressant that works by lowering social anxiety. To prove that it’s working, there’s one thing those taking it must do: leave the house. “If right now I am not engaging with people, and you give me this drug and I still don’t interact with people, the drug changes nothing,” Chassang says.

Double-blind clinical trials — in which one group is given a drug and another isn’t, with neither participants nor researchers knowing which is which — have long been the gold standard in medical research. By keeping participation information secret, the trials rule out lifestyle changes by those who suspect they are getting the drug — whether that’s antidepressant patients socializing more, or cholesterol-drug patients eating better.

Not all clinical trials are structured in the same way. Sometimes, 50 percent of participants are given the drug while the other half are given placebos; sometimes it’s 70 percent receiving the drug and 30 percent placebos. The results should be equally reliable so long as researchers accurately compare outcomes.

However, clinical guidelines require that patients be informed of the split. Chassang and several colleagues have found that in trials where more than 50 percent of patients were given the drug, patients changed their behavior: They were much more likely to stay in the trial.

“People who are not getting the effects they are hoping for will drop out, but if you think you are being treated, you are more likely to stick it out for a little longer,” he says. Patients who learn, for instance, that 70 percent of participants are getting the medication figure there’s a high chance they are receiving it, and they change their behavior based on that information. That, in turn, may alter the results.

To measure these behavioral effects, Chassang and his colleagues propose a 2x2 blind trial, in which participants are subdivided into two groups with different percentages in each group receiving the drug — say 50 percent and 70 percent. Measuring the difference between the groups would show what part of the effect, if any, was due to behavioral changes.

Adding that extra step to trials wouldn’t add significantly to cost, but it would add another layer of information, particularly for treatments with a strong behavioral component.

And 2x2 trials also could be valuable in trials conducted by economists and social scientists. Studies that measure the effectiveness of job-training programs, for example, would place those who self-select into such trials in one group and those chosen randomly in a second group, controlling for the thorny issue of selection bias. ♦ By Michael Blanding
The next time your arthritis is flaring up, you may be able to blame flares from an entirely different source — the sun. A team of researchers that included Jay Johnson of the Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory discovered a surprising correlation between instances of rheumatoid arthritis and giant cell arteritis (an inflammation of the lining of the arteries) and the cycles of the sun’s magnetic activity, which spikes every 10 to 11 years. The researchers, who published their findings in May in *BMJ Open*, are investigating possible causes for the link between solar activity and autoimmune diseases.

As if getting measles weren’t bad enough, a new study has found that the harmful effects of the disease can last long after the itchy rash has faded. Research published in the journal *Science* in May by ecology and evolutionary biology professors Jessica Metcalf and Bryan Grenfell, former postdoc Mike Mina, and co-researcher found most mountains actually are diamond-shaped, with most of the area in the middle, and many are hourglass-shaped, with the greatest area at the bottom and at the top. The findings, published in the journal *Nature Climate Change* in May, could aid in conservation of species as climate change impacts their range within mountains.

Too little ozone in the upper atmosphere can put human health at risk from UV exposure — but too much ozone at ground level also is dangerous, leading to respiratory ailments such as asthma. A new study published in *Nature Communications* in May by Meiyun Lin, a research scientist at Princeton’s Cooperative Institute for Climate Science, ties increases in ground-level ozone over the western United States to the La Niña weather pattern, which can pull ozone out of the stratosphere and down to where it can cause harm. The ability to predict these spikes could help protect against future health problems.

By Michael Blanding

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At the age of 8, novelist Akhil Sharma ’92 and his family emigrated to the borough of Queens in New York City from Delhi, India, where they lived in two cement rooms on the roof of a house and saved the cotton from pill bottles for re-use. Living in America was like a dream: There was orange juice; there was hot water whenever you turned on the tap. His parents had moved in search of academic and economic success for their two sons — his father, an accountant in India, worked as a clerk in New York — and they soon were rewarded: Sharma’s older brother, Anup, was accepted to the elite Bronx High School of Science. But one summer day, when Sharma was 10 and his brother 14, Anup dove into a swimming pool and struck his head on the bottom. He remained underwater for three minutes; when he was pulled out, he had catastrophic brain damage that left him blind and unable to communicate or move.

How the family’s life was shattered — and the pain and rage of the many years during which they cared for Anup at home — is captured in spare, heart-wrenching prose in Sharma’s autobiographical novel Family Life, which was named one of 2014’s best books by The New York Times and other publications. Yet when the book was selected in March as the winner of Britain’s Folio Prize for fiction — which comes with 40,000 pounds (about $62,000) — the first emotion Sharma felt was shame.

“I felt like I’ve always been the lucky one,” he says.

Turning such a painful story into a novel was anything but easy. Sharma spent 12 1/2 years on the book, writing more than 7,000 pages — not revising, but starting each new draft with a blank page — before producing a slim novel that offers a darkly funny, unvarnished portrait of one family’s deterioration.

Writing the book “was like chewing stones,” says Sharma, who worked on Family Life from age 30 to 43, burning through three computers and two Aeron desk chairs. “I wish I had not started the book. I wish I had not been the schmuck who wrote it. I feel like I shattered my youth against it.” But, he says, there were “all these things I felt I had to honor.”
Akhil Sharma ’92 at his desk in his home office in New York City, where he does his writing.
Sharma is a rising star in the fiction world; he made *Granta*’s list of best young American novelists in 2007 and had won two major awards by the age of 30. As an undergraduate at Princeton, he took writing courses with professors Toni Morrison and Joyce Carol Oates and did a creative-writing thesis, but he majored in the Woodrow Wilson School. He received a writing fellowship to Stanford after graduation but soon returned East to attend law school at Harvard and begin work as an investment banker. “I just wanted to earn a living,” Sharma says, speaking in a slow, deliberate cadence. Despite the grueling hours, he continued writing fiction in the little spare time he had, and quit banking after his first novel — which began as one of the short stories that made up his Princeton thesis — was published in 2000, when he was 28. That book, *An Obedient Father*, is about a corrupt Indian civil servant who molests his daughter and granddaughter and feels guilty about it — “less evil than weak,” a *New York Times* reviewer wrote. The novel won both the PEN/Hemingway Award for debut fiction and the Whiting Writers’ Award.

Almost everything that takes place in *Family Life* happened to Sharma’s family. “I grew up with a very guilty conscience,” he says, explaining how he felt about living a normal boy’s life in Edison, N.J. — home to a large Indian community — while Anup would lie in bed for the rest of his life. After Anup spent two years in the hospital, Sharma’s parents brought him home, undertaking a grueling regimen of bathing and feeding him that in *Family Life* consumes all the mother’s love and energy. Though there is no hope of a cure, she invites all manner of faith healers to the house, as Sharma’s own mother did. In the novel, she says, “What kind of mother would I be if I don’t try?” (Sharma has said that while he has “great sympathy” for his mother, “I also feel that [her] doing this created hurt for me and my father.”) Sharma’s brother died in 2012, 30 years after his accident.

The father in the novel descends into alcoholism; in real life, Sharma’s father was depressed, not alcoholic. When the younger son in the book — Ajay, a stand-in for Sharma — says, “Daddy, I am so sad,” the father replies, “You’re sad? ... I want to hang myself every day.”

Fleeing the rage and sadness of his household, Ajay loses himself in books. When he reads a biography of Hemingway, he decides he wants to be a writer because Hemingway was able to travel to Europe “without being a doctor or an engineer.” The boy sets out to write a story. “I had in the past written stories for English classes. These had all been about white people because white people’s stories seemed to matter more.” Ajay’s story is about his brother.

*Family Life* conveys how the family’s status in the Indian community is elevated by their son’s condition. Parents bring their children to be blessed by the mother before they take their SATs because someone who is suffering is seen as holy. And the novel delineates the way the immigrant experience affects their lives: “My classes had mostly Jews, a few Chinese, and one or two Indians,” young Ajay thinks. “The Indians were not Indian the way I was. They didn’t have accents. They were invited to birthday parties by white children.”

Sharma chose to write the story as a work of fiction instead of a memoir, he told radio host Diane Rehm, because “a part of me is afraid of sympathy. You know, a part of me feels that I’m not deserving of it. And by writing a novel, it’s a way of creating something formal and asking to be judged based on those formal constraints, the constraints of fiction, and so not relying on sympathy.”

“I WOULD OFTEN MEDITATE ON THE HORRIBLE POSSIBILITY THAT MY BROTHER MIGHT HAVE BEEN AWARE AND NOT UNCONSCIOUS DURING THE MINUTES UNDERWATER — POOR BOY, LYING ON THE BOTTOM OF THE POOL AND LOOKING UP AT THE PEOPLE SWIMMING BACK AND FORTH ABOVE HIM LIKE THEY WERE STROKING THEIR WAY ACROSS THE SKY.”

Nick Romano, courtesy Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
on the power of the subject matter to affect the reader.”

But he left out one of the most important aspects of his youth: the “gravitational pull” of the “constant despair of living with someone ill, of having no hope,” he told novelist Mohsin Hamid ’93 in a conversation published in the literary magazine Guernica. Despair is boring, he explained, and it kills a reader’s interest.

Sharma is hailed as a writer of immigrant fiction, but the label is too simplistic, he suggests. While Family Life deals specifically with the Indian immigrant experience, it’s really about a child and a family. “To me, these categories don’t make much sense,” he says. “These are just human beings having their experience.” Sharma wants to create fiction that captures life so fully that it “erases the edges of the painting,” he says. “When I write, my intention is to overwhelm, to put everything I have into this story, to not take shortcuts, to try to create something that is great. Nothing else involves us telling each other the most meaningful things.”

The book took so long to write, he says in an essay for The New Yorker, because of the challenge of writing from a child’s point of view and the difficulty in holding a reader’s interest while describing a devastating physical condition. And there was the misery of having to relive excruciating events, which shook his confidence. “I would often meditate on the horrible possibility that my brother might have been aware and not unconscious during the minutes underwater — poor boy, lying on the bottom of the pool and looking up at the people swimming back and forth above him like they were stroking their way across the sky,” he wrote. Even now, “I am not sure if it [writing the book] was the right investment of my time.”

Today, Sharma tries to be disciplined about spending five hours a day writing in his apartment on New York City’s Upper West Side, where he lives with his wife, Lisa. He records how many hours he writes — at the moment he is working on short stories — in a ledger. Twice a week he takes the train to Newark, where he is an assistant professor of English at the Rutgers University campus there. He teaches creative writing to graduate students, but the classes where he feels he truly makes a difference are his undergraduate literature courses.

English is not the first language of many of the students, and most are taking the class because it is required. Some go to the library and photograph every page of the assigned novels rather than buy them — to save money, he says. Sharma hopes to “give students the sense that if they can read deeply, they can think well.” He also wants them to know that they matter. “By giving them attention, I want them to feel that they are deserving of attention.”

Sharma sees a lot of himself in the students. “These are my relatives; they are me. I just lucked out.” Though most would view Sharma as unlucky because of his brother’s accident, he sees himself differently: “Every good thing I did got magnified. It was like I put in a quarter and life gave me a hundred dollars. I was born in a slightly wealthier family. My parents ended up moving to a school system that was good. One piece of luck came after another.”

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SEXUAL MISCONDUCT:

THE NEW RULES

CHANGING POLICY, STUDENTS SAY, IS EASIER

THAN CHANGING THE CULTURE

BY CHLOE ANGYAL ’09
My first stop whenever I go back to campus is the Frist Campus Center — usually to go to the bathroom in the women’s room on the first floor.

And whenever I use this bathroom, I think about sexual violence. That’s in part because there are notices about resources for survivors of it on the inside of the stalls here, as there are in so many Princeton bathrooms. But it’s also because I know that an act of sexual violence was attempted here, in this bathroom, in the big wheelchair-accessible stall, the last stall in the row. In 2005, when I was a freshman, a female student who had been studying in Frist was using the bathroom when her assailant crawled under the stall door and tried to attack her, fleeing only when the student screamed and another student ran to get assistance. I remember reading the woman’s account of the attack and its aftermath, how the sound of a toilet flushing triggered memories of that traumatic experience.

On a trip back to campus to do reporting for this story, I think about this as I flush the toilet, wash my hands, and walk back out onto the main floor of Frist.

That assault and others led to the formation of SpeakOut, the student group responsible for the fact sheets I used to see in the bathrooms, stuck in the stalls and on the mirrors, which I read as I brushed my teeth. The signs provided statistics on campus sexual violence and advised women how to decrease the likelihood of assault. They clarified the definition of sexual consent: “Remember your comfort limits, and trust your instincts when you’re in a sexual or potentially sexual situation. No matter how far things have gone, you have a right to change your mind at any time.” In men’s bathrooms, the signs tied definitions of masculinity to prioritizing consent and communicating about sex (“Open communication during sexual encounters is crucial. Most men believe that talking about sex does NOT ruin the moment.”). SpeakOut co-founder Sarah Erickson ’07, now a doctoral candidate in communication studies at the University of Michigan, says the signs were not always well-received, and often were taken down or vandalized. Students “didn’t want this cognitive dissonance of like ‘Princeton, Princeton, everything’s great, but I’m peeing and I’m looking at this sign about how things aren’t great. I can’t get away from them,’” Erickson says.

Over the years, SpeakOut’s membership and activities dwindled — until Eliza Mott ’16, as a sophomore, realized that though she had watched a freshman-orientation play dealing with sexual misconduct and other topics, the issue seemed to vanish from her consciousness after that. Assault “was obviously happening, and yet I hadn’t even thought about it for the whole year,” she says. “So I wanted to figure out what I could do to prevent that, because not thinking about it can lead to causing it.” Now the group — with female and male members — is hanging posters in eating-club bathrooms and elsewhere, chalking graffiti on campus walkways, and getting the word out however it can. “Our agenda is to make students aware in a surprising way,” she says, “to sort of force them to engage with the issues.”

The images shown throughout this story were taken by Allegra Dobson ’18 for a project organized by SpeakOut Princeton. These and other photos may be viewed on the group’s Facebook page, http://bit.ly/SpeakOutPhotos.
students, and alumni have lamented what they see as a lack of due process for those accused of misconduct, including the use of the “preponderance of the evidence” standard instead of the old “clear and persuasive” standard, and the use of lawyers in the process. An advisory group, the Faculty-Student Committee on Sexual Misconduct, was created to review implementation of the policies and to ensure that students understand their rights under Title IX.

What difference will Princeton’s changes make? Some insight might come soon from the results of a survey conducted at the University last spring. About 4,100 students — 53 percent of graduate students and 52 percent of undergraduates — participated in a 39-question “We Speak” survey focusing on attitudes about sexual misconduct on campus. Among other things, students were asked to respond to detailed questions about how Princeton treats sexual-misconduct complaints, how students respond to reports of misconduct and to situations where others might be in danger, where students would get help, and whether they experienced any of a long list of examples of harassment and misconduct, ranging from sexist remarks or jokes to the use of physical force and unwanted sexual contact. One set of questions concerns “your experiences with unwanted sexual contact while you were unable to provide consent or stop what was happening because you were asleep, passed out, or incapacitated by drugs or alcohol.”

Jed Marsh, Princeton’s vice provost for institutional research, says the survey would provide “perhaps the most comprehensive data on sexual misconduct that we’ve ever had available.” Results are expected to be released this fall. The other Ivies participated in a survey conducted in April at 28 U.S. colleges serving 800,000 students. Those results, too, are planned for release in coming weeks.

Mott, the president of Ivy Club, believes that campus awareness of sexual misconduct has grown dramatically “all around, and within the eating clubs specifically.” Some of the clubs have had workshops presented by SHARE, a University-sponsored peer-advising group. SHARE — which stands for Sexual Harassment/Assault Advising, Resources, and Education — also has increased its presence in the residential colleges, with advisers “routinely attending study breaks, sharing information with RCAs [residential-college advisers] and their respective [advisee] groups, and having a presence in dining halls during meal times,” says Jacqueline Deitch-Stackhouse, the director.

One focus in the Princeton survey and in presentations and informational brochures around the country has been the issue of consent. The Washington Post-Kaiser study found that America’s college students were deeply divided over how to read the signals sent as situations become intimate. That survey posed different scenarios: Someone undresses, gets a condom, or nods in agreement. At least 40 percent of the students in that study believed such activities signaled consent — and about the same number did not.

“Normal, consensual, heterosexual sex on campus has become dangerous for males,” Coy Ozias ’18 wrote in the Prince last December. “The rule used to be ‘no means no.’ That
has changed. The new rule is ’yes means yes.’ The burden of ‘affirmative consent’ has been placed solely on the male. A male must get consent from the female at every stage of their sexual encounter. However, even if he does get consent, he is still at risk if it is determined that the female was under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Even if he himself is intoxicated, it is now his responsibility to assess the intoxication of his partner. The female has none of this responsibility. If a female says that she was raped or assaulted the next day, the male student can face expulsion, even if the sex was consensual and not forced.”

Ozias’ column drew 89 responses in an online discussion about men’s and women’s responsibilities, standards of proof, and the definition of rape.

Many students still are unclear about what it means to give consent for sex, says Isabella Bersani ’16, who now leads SpeakOut. “It’s difficult,” she says. “Everyone is kind of your friend; you go to school with them. People still struggle with where is the line. But the fact that people are using the word [consent] and thinking about the circumstances — I think it will turn into something more serious.”

Bersani thinks the campus conversation has become “more nuanced about the kinds of things you need consent for” — a change she attributes to national media coverage, the role of women in university and student-group leadership positions, and a disturbing incident at Tiger Inn, in which a woman was photographed without her knowledge or consent performing a sexual act on the club’s dance floor, and a photo was distributed — again, without her consent — on the club’s email list. That was a “wake-up call” for students to recognize that Princeton is not immune to sexual misconduct, prompting them to become more thoughtful, she says: “It was hugely important for people to realize that if I want to take a photo of someone and distribute it, you need their permission. It promoted a more diverse conversation.”

Of about a dozen students interviewed by PAW on campus last spring, most were aware of the renewed focus on sexual misconduct and consent, even if they knew little about the policy changes Princeton had adopted. None had noticed a change in the campus dating scene, though some expressed a bit of wariness about attending parties at the eating clubs — “our frats,” as one female student said.

“We are consistently having these conversations on campus,” said Jonathan Hastings ’15, who was a peer adviser. “There have been macro-level changes like the way clubs do bicker, but on the micro level like pre-games and going out on Thursday nights, nothing much has changed.”

He believed that students were thinking more about obtaining consent: “It’s definitely more in the forefront of people’s minds. But I don’t think it’s really an issue unless you’re in a gray area.”

J.T. Wu ’16, a Rocky residential-college adviser, believes most male Princeton students are not “more nervous about having sex, per se. More aware of the consequences? Absolutely.” Wu sits on the steering committee of MAVRIC (Men Against Violence Resource and Intervention Community), which was founded in the fall of 2013 to prevent
From Rights, Rules, Responsibilities: How Princeton Defines Consent

WHAT ARE CONSENT AND INCAPACITATION?

In reviewing possible violations of sexual misconduct, the University considers consent as the voluntary, informed, uncoerced agreement through words and actions freely given, which a reasonable person would interpret as a willingness to participate in mutually agreed-upon sexual acts. Consensual sexual activity happens when each partner willingly and affirmatively chooses to participate.

Indications that consent is not present include: when physical force is used or there is a reasonable belief of the threat of physical force; when duress is present; and when a person is incapable of making an intentional decision to participate in a sexual act, which could include instances in which the person is in a state of incapacitation.

Important points regarding consent include:
- Consent to one act does not constitute consent to another act.
- Consent on a prior occasion does not constitute consent on a subsequent occasion.
- The existence of a prior or current relationship does not, in itself, constitute consent.
- Consent can be withdrawn or modified at any time.
- Consent is not implicit in a person’s manner of dress.
- Accepting a meal, a gift, or an invitation for a date does not imply or constitute consent.
- Silence, passivity, or lack of resistance does not necessarily constitute consent.
- Initiation by someone who a reasonable person knows or should have known to be incapacitated is not consent.

In the context of this policy, incapacitation is the state in which a person’s physical ability is so limited, or perception or judgment is so impaired, that he or she lacks the capacity to make or act on conscious decisions. The use of drugs or alcohol can cause incapacitation. An individual who is incapacitated is unable to consent to a sexual activity. Engaging in sexual activity with an individual who is incapacitated (and therefore unable to consent), where a person knows or ought reasonably to have understood that the individual is incapacitated, constitutes sexual misconduct.

Walking from the Street to Frist with my notebook pages full of student interviews and observations, I think about these changes. As the national conversation about sex on campus has shifted, Princeton, after considerable external pressure, has shifted with it. Even at Tiger Inn, the winds seem to be changing. The young man found responsible for emailing the dance-floor photograph was removed as a club officer, along with another student who sent an offensive email. And in a recent election, the students of ’11 elected the club’s first female president. “What we can do going forward is make Princeton the place it should have been” for students in the past, says Dean of the Faculty Deborah Prentice, who has taught at Princeton for 27 years. “If you can’t undo that past, you can at least learn from it.”

Making one last trip to the Frist women’s room before I head down the hill to the Dinky, I scan the now-familiar signs above the hand dryer. I think about the students I’ve talked to and about my friends and classmates who suffered mightily. I think about all the hours of activism and deliberation, the effort and energy required to get the Princeton community—students, faculty, and alumni—to this point: to new awareness, new debates, new policies. And, I hope, to a new culture of sexual ethics.

Mary Hui ’17 contributed to this article.

Later this month, Chloe Angyal ’09 will become senior front-page editor at The Huffington Post.
A DAY AT THE PARK:

For first baseman Mike Ford ’15, who plays for the Yankees’ minor-league team in Tampa, nearly every day is game day, which means 10 or 11 hours at the ballpark. When you’re hitting well, he says, you don’t mind the grind. Ford, who signed his first minor-league contract after his junior year, completed his degree during two offseasons but was unable to return for Commencement in June. He had a game to play.
Newsmakers

PRINCETONIANS

DANIELLE ALLEN ’93 and creative-writing professor CHANG-RAE LEE have won the Heartland Prize — Allen for nonfiction, Lee for fiction — from The Chicago Tribune. Allen’s book is Our Declaration: A Reading of the Declaration of Independence in Defense of Equality; Lee’s is the novel On Such a Full Sea.

LAURA HAYES HOLGATE ’87 has been nominated to be the U.S. representative to the International Atomic Energy Agency. Holgate is senior director for WMD-terrorism and threat reduction at the National Security Council.

LEONID KRUGLYAK ’87 has received the Curt Stern Award for outstanding scientific achievements in human genetics.

RENNIE MCQUILKIN ’58 was named poet laureate of Connecticut. He is the publisher and editor of Antrim House Books and the author of several books of poetry.

Ashanthi Pereira Mathai ’95 grew up in Sri Lanka, but left the country in 1991 to attend Princeton after war shut down her country’s universities. In 2011, Mathai founded a nonprofit in Sri Lanka that provides free eyeglasses to those who can’t afford them. The nonprofit, So Others May See, has provided vision screenings to 1 million schoolchildren and given prescription eyeglasses to 35,000 children and adults.

“It touches me how something so small, $6 for a pair of eyeglasses — the cost of a sandwich, less than the cost of a movie ticket — can mean so much to someone and make a big difference in quality of life,” says Mathai, who has worn eyeglasses since she was 8. Most Sri Lankans, who live on about $3.30 a day, cannot afford the cost. So Others May See obtains low-cost eyeglasses through a local company.

Mathai majored in chemical engineering at Princeton and worked in the healthcare industry after earning both a master’s in chemical engineering and an MBA from Stanford. In 2009, her husband, an economist, was sent to Sri Lanka by the International Monetary Fund. After a representative of the Lions Club asked her for help recycling glasses, Mathai realized she could do more. She located low-cost eyeglasses and worked with the Ministry of Health to set up screening clinics.

Mathai and her family now live in Maryland, but she remains executive director of So Others May See, which she runs through email and conference calls. The organization plans to offer discounted rates on eyeglasses for those who can afford some payment, which will help fund free eyeglasses for the most needy. ♦ By Maria LoBiondo

A nonprofit founded by Ashanthi Pereira Mathai ’95, left, has provided prescription eyeglasses to 35,000 children and adults.

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COMING HOME

A 2009 article in PAW told the story of a war hero whose body could not be recovered. Now it has been.

More than 70 years after Marine 1st Lt. Alexander Bonnyman Jr. ’32 was killed during World War II, his remains have been discovered on Tarawa, an atoll in the South Pacific. Bonnyman, known as Sandy, was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for leading an attack on a Japanese bunker during the 1943 battle of Tarawa, a 35,000-man assault that faced unexpectedly fierce Japanese resistance.

Bonnyman and 500 other Marines killed in the fighting were buried in temporary gravesites that could not be located after the war, though the Bonnyman family was told later that he had been buried at sea. After years of research, a nonprofit group called History Flight uncovered the graves in a densely populated area last May.

When archaeologists opened the trench, Bonnyman’s grandson, writer Clay Bonnyman Evans, was there. The search for the grandfather he never knew “has been my little Moby Dick,” says Evans. “There have been so many false alarms. In archaeology, 10 feet is a million miles.” To access the gravesite, “we had to jackhammer out concrete and rebar,” he says.

The archeologists made preliminary identifications of the 36 men in the trench based on dog tags. When they unearthed a tall man, “I dropped my camera,” Evans says. “I thought, ‘We might really find him!’ I’d never allowed myself to feel it.” A forensic dentist identified Bonnyman through his extensive dental work.

In July, the Marines’ remains were flown to Hawaii, where the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency laboratory was to confirm identifications. Bonnyman’s remains will be in dress blues for the funeral Mass and burial at the family plot in Knoxville, Tenn., which is planned for Sept. 27. His daughters Fran Evans, who is 81, and Alix Prejean, who is 74, along with four of his grandchildren, will attend, as will members of the Marine Corps.

Nephew Al Bonnyman ’78 says his uncle helped “save the lives of many others. Yet his family paid a price, and the pain still ripples through. My father [Gordon Bonnyman ’41, also a combat veteran] didn’t talk much about Sandy until he was close to death himself.” The inscription on Bonnyman’s grave marker reads “buried at sea.” It is, says Evans, “a poignant headstone that we’ll leave there.”

UPDATE: ALEXANDER BONNYMAN JR. ’32

The search for the grandfather he never knew “has been my little Moby Dick,” says Evans.

WATCH video from the archaeological dig that uncovered Alexander Bonnyman Jr. ’32’s remains at paw.princeton.edu

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Blogger: LISA RADINOVSKY ’90
An Insider’s Perspective on the Greek Crisis

Lisa Radinovsky ’90 is a former university professor and mother of two who moved to Greece 13 years ago with her husband, Dionissios Hristopulos ’91. She writes about the country’s economic crisis through a personal lens.

"Recent news has been more nerve-wracking than at any other time during the Greek economic crisis. ... [but] I do not think we would ever starve in Crete, where agricultural products literally fall off the trees in my neighborhood."
Frank Langfitt ’86, based in Shanghai, covers China for NPR.

I first appeared in PAW in the fall of my freshman year, 1982. A column featured students with unusual summer jobs. Mine was driving a taxi in Philadelphia.

More than three decades later, I’m back in these pages for the same reason — taxi driving — but the circumstances are different. These days, I drive a free cab around Shanghai, where I’m a correspondent for NPR. It’s for a series called “Streets of Shanghai,” in which I try to go beyond the narrative of China as a rising superpower and find authentic stories of ordinary people grappling with the country’s staggering change.

The inspiration: that summer job years ago as a Philly hack.

Cab driving was a great education for an aspiring journalist. I learned how to talk to people from all walks of life and got to know Philadelphia, my hometown, in a way I never had. When passengers stepped into my Dodge Dart, they opened up. For a few miles or a long ride to the airport, they shared observations about the city and society as well as their problems and anxieties.

I often saw people at their most vulnerable. There was the elderly woman I drove to the liquor store every few days to buy her bottle of vodka, and the young woman who stood with her luggage one night outside her manicured Main Line home. That passenger wasn’t heading off on a trip. She was leaving her abusive boyfriend, whom she told me all about as I drove her to the safety of a friend’s house.

I continued to drive taxis after graduation and to live in my parents’ basement — not what they had in mind after my four years at Princeton. Eventually, I found work as a reporter and was posted to China in the 1990s and, later, to East Africa. My wife, Julie, a veterinarian, and I returned to China in 2011 because we wanted our kids to see Asia. I also felt I’d never really captured China the first time around and that many Americans still didn’t understand it. Shanghai, a city of soaring skyscrapers with 24 million people, seemed a great place to start. But how to penetrate an authoritarian nation where people are leery of talking with foreign journalists?

Conventional reporting wasn’t going to do it, so I went back to what had worked before and became a cab driver. It wasn’t easy. First, I had to take China’s computerized driving test, which I failed three times. A passing grade was 90 percent, and some of the translated questions were indecipherable.

Consider this one: “When there is a diversion traffic control on the expressway, a driver can stop by the side to wait instead of leaving out of the expressway, for continually running after the traffic control.”

I don’t know what that means, either, but apparently under Chinese law, you can’t do it.

I finally passed the test and approached Chinese taxi companies, which are all state-owned. The bosses explained that, unlike in the United States, foreigners are not allowed to drive cabs here. Running out of options, I rented a Camry and created my own free taxi service.

My NPR assistant, Yang Zhuo, had
magnetic signs made, which we slapped on the car. One set read, “Free, Loving-Heart Taxi,” which sounds better in Mandarin than it does in English. The other signs explained that I was looking to meet people and chat about city life.

It took days to get up the courage to go out driving. I worried no one would get in the car, thinking most people would just laugh when they saw it. I began one Saturday night. Within 15 minutes, I picked up my first passenger on Nanjing Road, the city’s famous shopping street, and promptly got lost. But my passenger, a Chinese fellow visiting from Tokyo, didn’t seem to care. When you offer a service for free, customers don’t expect too much.

Some people were reluctant to step into a stranger’s car. It helped, though, that I’m a gray-haired dad in my early 50s, so I don’t look very threatening. Being a foreigner also was an advantage. When two young textile-factory workers hesitated to get in my cab outside a ferry stop one morning, a man named Du, who works security nearby, stepped in to reassure them.

“It’s OK,” said Du, vouching for me even though we’d just met. “What are you afraid of? Foreign friends are very friendly.” (Fraud and street cons are fairly common in big Chinese cities, so people tend to trust foreigners more than they trust each other.)

In the past year, I’ve driven dozens of passengers. They’ve included migrant workers, farmers, pensioners, bankers, and lawyers. Just as my passengers did in Philadelphia long ago, people in Shanghai have opened up. After our rides, they’ve invited me to lunch, dinner, and into their homes.

I’ve found people I never would have discovered through traditional reporting. Take Chen, a pajama salesman. I met him one day while parked at another ferry stop. My signs drew a crowd of commuters and sparked a conversation about the social fabric of the city. When Chen found out I was from the United States, he explained that he’d moved his family to Los Angeles. China’s rote-learning educational system was crushing his daughter’s spirit and ruining her eyesight, a common concern here. Many Chinese millionaires essentially buy green cards to move their families to America so their kids can enjoy a more open education — as well as clean air. Until I met Chen, though, I had no idea that even a pajama salesman had an exit strategy. The next week, Chen invited me to a service at his home, which doubled as an underground Christian house church.

The taxi has allowed me to roam far beyond Shanghai. Over Chinese New Year, I drove two men back home to the countryside so they could marry their sweethearts. One wedding was held in a remote village where no foreigner had set foot before. I chauffeured guests to the reception and ended up posing for photo after photo with more than 30 curious farmers.

Part of what makes driving the free cab interesting is that you never know whom you’re going to meet. One morning last spring, I spotted a woman struggling to hail a cab across from a Tiffany’s on one of the city’s luxury shopping streets. She was dressed in a long gray skirt, white blouse, and oversized sunglasses. I assumed she was a businesswoman.

As I drove her to her hotel near the Bund, Shanghai’s colonial waterfront, she revealed that she was a Vietnamese prostitute who flies into the city on tourist visas and works at a local bar under the name “Cherry.” At night in the bar, she flatters and flirts with clients. In the light of day, though, Cherry seems poignant and vulnerable. She works in Shanghai because she can make 10 to 15 times what she earned before she was laid off from a bartending job in Vietnam’s Halong Bay, where she grew up on a rice farm.

Brushing her finger across the cracked screen of her smartphone, she showed me pictures with her young son back home. Without her heavy mascara and platform shoes, Cherry looked like any other mom. She’s embarrassed by her work, which she’s kept secret from her family in Vietnam and her boyfriend in England. But she’s not so different from many foreigners who come to cash in on China’s boom: She’s here for a short time to make money, improve her circumstances, and move on, leaving little trace.

I’m not the only one exploring the city this way. Hundreds of Chinese, if not more, now work here for Uber. I’ve interviewed more than two dozen drivers, including an airline pilot, a former General Motors engineer, and an accountant named Cici Xu.

Like most, Cici drives less for the money than for the human connection. Her last two years have been tough — she faced illness and infidelity — and sharing her problems and thoughts with passengers has been cathartic. “The vast majority of passengers talk to me very frankly,” says Cici. “I get to know different sides of Shanghai.”

Me, too. With each passenger, a picture of real life in Shanghai comes into sharper focus. The more people I drive, the richer my reporting and understanding of this dynamic, complicated city.

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MEMORIALS

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THE CLASS OF 1938

Donald B. Cook ’38
Don died July 16, 2014, in Spring Run, Pa. He was 97.
He majored in physics at Princeton and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. Don was a member of the Student Tutoring Association and a manager of Terrace Club, and played soccer and squash. Freshman year he roomed at Pyne, sophomore and junior years at Witherspoon, and senior year at Foulke.
He earned a master’s degree from Columbia University and then did a three-year fellowship in Langmuir film research. From 1942 to 1946 he was a research physicist at Princeton. In 1950, he received a Ph.D. in physics from Columbia and became a research physicist for the DuPont Co., where he worked until his retirement in 1986.
Don was an active Quaker and a director of Quaker Funds and the DuPont Experimental Station Credit Union. He was a talented musician, volunteering to play the piano at many functions. He played on the Hockessin (Del.) Friends softball team and enjoyed squash, tennis, and pingpong. He volunteered on local farms.
Don was predeceased by his wife of 52 years, Elizabeth, and son Peter. He is survived by his daughters, Dorothy and Elisabeth; sons Roger C., Alan H., and Avery M. Cook; nine grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

THE CLASS OF 1942

Ogden B. Carter ’42
He earned a medical degree from New York University School of Medicine and served in the Army Medical Corps. After his discharge in 1947, Oggie completed his surgical residency at Lenox Hill Hospital in New York and practiced general surgery in New Jersey. He served on the staff of Presbyterian Hospital in Newark, Orange Memorial Hospital, and Saint Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston, N.J.
Oggie was a lifelong sports fan and followed his beloved Princeton Tigers. He was involved in a variety of civic boards and supported numerous philanthropic causes, including the New Jersey Conservation Foundation and Planned Parenthood.
In 1946, Oggie married Hannah Corbin. Following her death in 2000, Oggie married Elise Tyree. Elise, five children, five grandchildren, and one great-grandchild survived him. The class extends deep sympathy to his family and friends.

Allen H. Grammer ’42
Allen died March 9, 2014, in Fayetteville, N.C.
Allen was born in Philadelphia Oct. 31, 1920. He was a World War II Coast Guard veteran, having served in the Pacific theater for two years. He was the founding pastor of the Pilgrim Church in Wheaton, Md. Three children, two stepdaughters, seven grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren survived him. The class extends deep sympathy to them all.

Charles Rubel ’42
Charlie died Dec. 12, 2013, at the age of 92.
He was born April 21, 1921, in Washington, D.C., and prepared for Princeton at Le Rosey school in Switzerland. At Princeton, Charlie majored in economics. He later received a master’s degree in international relations from Johns Hopkins.
After Princeton, Charlie trained with the Navy and served in Burma with the American Field Service. On his way back from Burma, he met his future wife, Mary, in England. They were married in 1946.
During his long career, Charlie worked with the Veterans Affairs department, the Commerce department, and the Foreign Service sector of the State Department. Accompanied by Mary and his children, he served in Pakistan, Nepal, Vietnam, Cambodia, and Chile. After retiring in 1975 from the USAID, he taught economics and management at Hawaii Pacific College.
He was survived by Mary, five children, 16 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. The class extends its sympathy to them all.

Robert P. Thompson ’42
The class lost a devoted member when Bob, a lumber-company executive, died Sept. 24, 2014, of heart failure in Abington, Pa.
He served as a paratrooper in Europe during World War II. Bob was married to Mary Louise Rehmann for more than 60 years before her death in 2013.
Bob spent his entire career as president of the Thompson Mahogany Co., a Philadelphia firm founded by his great-grandfather in 1843. Bob traveled the world in search of mahogany, which he identified and arranged to have transported back to Philadelphia for use in Steinway pianos, Smith and Wesson gunstocks, and exotic art, among other things.
Bob regularly returned to Princeton for Reunions, including his 70th, where he walked with the Old Guard. He was an enthusiastic outdoorsman who enjoyed fly-fishing and hunting.
His sons, Scott, Peter ’79, and Christopher ’80, and six grandchildren survived him. We offer them our sincere sympathy.

THE CLASS OF 1943

George Oliva Jr. ’43
George died of pneumonia April 24, 2011 — Easter Sunday.
At Princeton, he was on the track team, the business board of the Tiger, and WPRIU. He was a member of the Glee Club, Triangle Club, Theatre Intime, and Elm Club. His major was politics.
After serving in World War II, George earned a law degree from Fordham University. He went on to work in advertising — first in television and radio as a writer, producer and copy director for McCann-Erickson. That job took him to Cleveland, Ohio, where he met Gertrude Perkins in 1950. They married and had six children and a 33-year marriage until her death in 1987.
He was president of General Pictures Corp., which produced commercials and industrial films from 1957 to 1967. George began acquiring radio stations in 1964 that he
operated until his retirement in 1986. 
George served on the boards of the Huntington Bank, Cleveland Art Museum, Cleveland Playhouse, Connecticut College, Hawken School, and Foxcroft School. His passions were traveling, theater, and his quail plantation in Thomasville, Ga.

He is survived by his wife, Pamela; his six children, including George III ’77; and 17 grandchildren.

Russell Smith ’43
He entered Princeton from Phillips Exeter Academy. At Princeton, he majored in mathematics and graduated with high honors. Russ was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and won the Andrew H. Brown Prize Scholarship. His extracurricular activities included 150-pound football and band.

After graduation he spent time in the Navy. Upon discharge, he returned to work for his former employer, State Mutual Life Assurance Co., in Worcester, Mass. This began a more than 50-year career as an actuary. He began with technical support for product lines and later worked on computer technology for the insurance business. Russ rose to the position of vice president and spent time developing companies acquired by State Mutual.

Russ was active in a wide range of educational institutions, including Quinsigamond Community College and Governors Academy. After retirement he worked with the Small Business Administration SCORE group in Worcester.

Russ is survived by his wife of 66 years, Frances; sons Perry and Roger; and a daughter, Nancy.

Charles E. Tychsen ’43
Chuck died Dec. 23, 2014, in Mishawaka, Ind.
He prepared for Princeton at Camden (N.J.) High School, where he was active in student government and on the publication boards. At Princeton, Chuck majored in engineering and graduated with high honors. He was on the freshman crew and active in interclub sports. He also was on the editorial staff of the *Princeton Engineer*.

After graduation he started a 28-year career in the Army Air Force and the Air Force. This included service during the Korean War and tours of teaching at the Air Force Academy and Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif.

In 1970 he retired as a lieutenant colonel and became a professor of business management at Northern Virginia Community College, where he devised methods to help struggling students and worked for 30 years.

Among Chuck’s fondest achievements was his work with the Catholic charismatic movement. His 67 years of marriage produced nine children, 27 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. To them all, the class extends its condolences.

Richard B. Veit ’43
Dick died Jan. 12, 2015, in Tiburon, Calif. He was born in Paris, and lived there until 1935 when his family moved to New York.

He prepared at Hotchkiss School, where he was active in skiing and soccer. At Princeton he majored in architecture and graduated with high honors. Upon graduation, Dick joined the Navy, serving in the Pacific. He was discharged as a lieutenant and was then employed by Esso. During that time, he obtained his chief mate’s license.

In 1962, Dick returned to school and received a master’s degree in architecture from Harvard. After 10 years in the Virgin Islands, where he continued to practice architecture, he moved to Old Lyme, Conn. Later, he moved to Carbondale, Colo., and in 2009, moved to San Rafael, Calif.

Dick will be remembered for his keen intellect, his great sense of and appreciation for design, his wonderful wit, and his sensitivity and empathy for others.

Dick’s survivors include his wife, Jane; daughter Alexandra; son Dick; stepdaughters Pamela, Alison, Betsy, Heather, Kate, and Sarah; four grandchildren; and 11 step-grandchildren. The class sends sympathy to them all.

James Williams Jr. ’43
The man who was our class president from 1978 to 1983 died July 6, 2014, in Lanexa, Va.

Jim was raised in Portsmouth, Ohio, and came to us from Portsmouth High School. At Princeton he majored in economics and graduated with high honors. He earned a letter as a member of the championship ’50s crew and was a member of Whig-Clio. His after-graduation plans included attending law school, which he accomplished after serving aboard the destroyer USS *Meade*. Jim participated in the invasion of Tarawa, among other battles, and retired from the Navy Reserve with the rank of commander.

He graduated from Yale Law School in 1949 and served for four years as legislative counsel to Sen. Robert Taft. In 1954, he was appointed by President Eisenhower to the Commission on Application of Federal Laws to the Virgin Islands. For more than 40 years, he practiced international trade, legislative, and administrative law in Washington. Jim always was a loyal supporter of our class and Princeton.

He is survived by his children, James D.

Williams III ’78, John M. Williams ’80, David E. Williams ’82, and Nancy Love Williams.

THE CLASS OF 1944

James G. Affleck ’44 ’49
Jim died March 8, 2015, at home in Shaftsbury, Vt.

After preparing at Deerfield Academy, he majored in chemistry at Princeton. He was in the Glee Club, band, Triangle Club, and Quadrangle Club and was one of the original Nassoons. His roommates included Frank Gentes, Hud Stoddard, Jim Bell, Hugh Petersen, and Jim Lotspeich.

He served in the Navy in the Normandy invasion and spent six months in the Pacific. Jim married Callie Kountz in 1945 and received his Princeton degree in June 1946.

He spent his entire career with American Cyanamid in various places, including Princeton. Jim eventually became general manager of the agriculture division and retired as chairman and CEO of the company. He also served as a director of four other companies.

An avid baseball and football fan, Jim loved Big Band and classical music and fishing and boating on the St. Lawrence River. A golf devotee, he was a member of Augusta National Golf Club, where he once scored a hole-in-one. For years Jim served Princeton and ’44 for Special Gifts, attending 23 reunions.

Callie died after 55 years of marriage. Jim is survived by his children, Nancy McKenzie, Margaret, and James IV; his sister, May; five grandchildren, including Elizabeth ’98; and one great-granddaughter.

Jesse W. Couch ’44
With family at his side, Jesse died March 4, 2015, in Houston after a two-week battle with pneumonia.

After preparing at Episcopal High School, he was on the football team at Princeton. He roomed with Sandy James and was majoring in political science when he entered the Air Corps to become a pilot. Jesse served in the Air Transport Command in the China-Burma-India theater, was discharged in 1946 as a captain, and returned to graduate from Princeton in 1947.

In Houston, Jesse was noted for his volunteerism with some 12 nonprofit organizations, including the Episcopal Hospital, Chamber of Commerce, SPCA, Museum of Fine Arts, YMCA, and Cancer Society. A member of the Houston Country Club and the American Seniors Golf Association, he had two lifetime holes-in-one. Besides golf, Jesse enjoyed hunting, fishing, and flying his plane for business and pleasure. He remained very active notwithstanding a triple bypass in his 60s. Jesse’s career in insurance included a
partnership that eventually merged with Marsh & McClennan of Texas.

He married Charlotte Collins in 1945, who predeceased him after 52 years of marriage. Jesse later married Charlotte Harman, who survives, along with his daughter, Laura; two grandsons; a granddaughter; a great-grandson; and a stepson.

William S. James ’44
Bill died April 1, 2015, in his home in Rye, N.Y., surrounded by family.

Born in Puerto Rico where his father was a minister and his mother a teacher, Bill was a graduate of Millbrook Prep. He was raised in Smithfield, N.Y. At Princeton he roomed senior year with Marius Jansen, majored in history, and was on the dean’s list. Bill was a member of Prospect Club and the Westminster Cabinet.

He graduated from Princeton in 1943. Afterward, Bill went to Princeton Theological Seminary and then to the University of Edinburgh, graduating in 1951. He served as a minister in America, N.Y., and Eastchester, N.Y., before working with the Department of Social Services while preaching at churches without a minister.

A devoted member of ’44, Bill attended 17 reunions, including eight majors. He was predeceased by his wife, Christine Gillespie James. He is survived by sons David ’77, Robert, and James; daughter Mary Little and her husband, Charles; and three adored grandchildren, Jamie, Molly, and Annie.

Charles Bunnell Terhune ’44
Bun died April 3, 2015, in Lexington, Va., with his wife at his side.

Bun prepared for Lawrenceville. At Princeton he was in the band, won 129 boxing matches, and majored in biology. Bun received a medical degree from Columbia in 1947 and spent three years at Kings County Hospital in Brooklyn. He then spent three years as a captain in the Air Force, where he cared for dependents at Westover Air Base.

Bun married Phyllis Hopkins in 1946 and they had two children before Phyllis died of polio in 1952. For many years, Bun was a partner and pediatrician with the Summit Medical Group in New Jersey. He married Ruth Clark in 1955, and they had two children. He and Ruth had a summer home on Fire Island, N.Y., and they sang in the Presbyterian Church there and in Florida. Together they enjoyed music and travel. Bun was active in the local YMCA.

He retired in 1986 and joined his wife in a joint practice of psychoanalysis. Bun authored a journal on the psychoanalytic study of the child.

He is survived by Ruth; his children, Ramsey and Anne; their children, Jon and Susan; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

THE CLASS OF 1945

G. Clayton Kyle ’45

He entered Princeton from Texas Military Institute in San Antonio and joined Tower Club. Accelerating, he received a biology degree in 1944, graduating magna cum laude, and then earned a medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1947.

After service in Germany with the CIA, he returned to Philadelphia to spend his entire career at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. Clayton served as chair of the medical board for three years. He is considered a pioneer in the treatment of diabetes and founded the Rodebaugh Diabetes Center, where a chair in his name honors him.

His lifelong interests were fly-fishing and gardening with his family. In 1947, while he was in Pennsylvania, he married Barbara McDowell and they had four sons, two of whom graduated from Princeton.

Barbara predeceased Clayton in 1998. He is survived by his sons, Rogers ’72, Clayton Jr. ’74, Wallace, and Louis; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. The class expresses its sympathy to the family.

Bertram Lippincott Jr. ’45

Bert prepared for Princeton at St. George’s School, following in the footsteps of his father, Bertram Lippincott 1923. Bert joined Colonial Club, but his studies were interrupted for service with the 69th Infantry, with which he saw combat in Europe.

Upon returning, he received a degree from Princeton in 1948 and joined the family publishing company, J.B. Lippincott, in England. He later became sales manager of David McKay Publishing Co. in New York.

Bert enjoyed sailing around his summer home on Mackerel Cove in Jamestown, R.I., where he became commodore of the Conanicut Yacht Club. Bert married Margaret Bruun, who predeceased him in 1997. He then married LeVaun “Pendie” Bell, who predeceased him in 2014. Bert is survived by his son, Bertram III, and a granddaughter, Caroline. The class expresses its sympathy to the family.

Carleton Schaller Jr. ’45

Carl entered Princeton from the King School in Stamford, Conn., and joined Key and Seal. His father was in the Class of 1912 and his brother, Neill, is a member of the Class of 1951.

Carl left Princeton after a year and served in the Army’s 63rd Division as an infantry officer. After returning from the war, he joined his father’s firm in New York City. Carl was recalled for service with the 3rd Division in Korea as a platoon leader. Upon returning to the United States he earned his undergraduate degree at New York University and a master’s degree in divinity at Virginia Theological Seminary in 1957. In 1948 he married Mary Lucie Stephenson.

Carl was active in his church. From a base in Littleton, N.H., he served several churches in New Hampshire and served on the board of trustees of the Episcopal diocese for that state for almost two decades. He also was active in conservation movements, both nationally and locally. Carl was named Littleton’s Person of the Year in 1976.

In addition to Mary-Lu, Carl is survived by his son, David; daughter Susan; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. The class expresses its sympathy to the family.

THE CLASS OF 1947

Edwin P. Short Jr. ’47
Ed died Feb. 8, 2015, at Oak Leaf Manor in Millersville, Pa., after a long illness. He was 90.

After graduating from the Lawrenceville School, Ed entered Princeton under the Navy V-12 program in the fall of 1949. His college career was interrupted by 18 months in the Pacific, where he served as a radarman in a ground control unit. He returned to Princeton at the conclusion of his service and graduated in June 1949 with a bachelor’s degree in engineering. After graduation, he worked for the John J. Nesbitt Co. Inc. in Philadelphia and the Thatcher Furnace Co. in Garwood, N.J.

In 1965, Ed passed the professional engineer examination and began his own business, Purdy Engineers, in Lancaster, Pa., designing heating, ventilation, air-conditioning, plumbing, and electrical systems. Notable projects included the Milton Hershey School, Claridge Hotel and Casino, and the Marriott Resort in Orlando, Fla.

Ed was a member of the Rotary Club of Lancaster and was a loyal member of the Tucquan Club, one of the oldest social organizations of Lancastrians. He enjoyed skiing, playing golf, sailing on Chesapeake Bay, flying his private four-seater airplane, and restoring Chris-Craft wooden boats.

He is survived by his daughter, Judith, and three grandchildren.

THE CLASS OF 1948

Alan Cruikshank ’48
Al had a remarkably varied life, with several business and professional interests and careers,
and some tragedy. He died peacefully Feb. 19, 2015, in Rochester, N.Y. at age 87. At college, Al lettered in lacrosse, played in the band and orchestra, and belonged to Elm Club. He graduated in 1948 with a degree in mechanical engineering. Other Cruikshank Princetonians include a cousin, William ’34; brother Warren ’38; daughter Janet ’80; and son Andrew ’84.

Al joined the Navy in 1945, stayed in the Reserve, and retired in 1984 as a captain. His business career started with Eastman Kodak, but he left after four years to join the family real estate business in New York, meanwhile earning an MBA at New York University. Al returned to Kodak in 1961, became an executive in the manufacturing division, and took early retirement in 1983.

Next he earned a law degree at SUNY-Buffalo, taught management and accounting at SUNY-Genesee, and then was an attorney for 10 years in the Monroe County, N.Y., district attorney’s office in Rochester.

Al often piloted his 36-foot sailboat on Lake Ontario and ran a Christmas-tree business. He wrote in our 50th reunion book that “life has been good [except for] the death of our daughters Jill and Janet, who in 1978 were killed by a drunk driver in an auto crash on their way home for Thanksgiving.”

Al is survived by his wife, Frances Pixley; their son, Andrew; and his sister, Carol. The class sends sympathy to them all.

Homer Hungerford '48

Homer died Dec. 31, 2014, in a nursing home in Anderson, S.C. He was 88.

He entered Princeton in July 1944 from the Haverford School and stayed just long enough to get his picture in the Freshman Herald. Homer then began a lifelong military career interspersed with a variety of business ventures that took him to Peru, Hawaii, and Beaufort, S.C. His military life included three tours of duty (in Korea, “life in Vietnam, and Germany), 52 months in combat, two Bronze Stars, 10 battle stars, and two Purple Hearts. He held all ranks from private to lieutenant twice. Homer sailed the Atlantic in a ketch.

Homer was married four times. Sadly, his first three wives died. He fathered eight children, had eight “ex-stepchildren,” and 18 grandchildren. Homer had several Princeton relatives, including his father, Leslie ’23; an uncle, Clark ’22; a brother, Phillips ’31; and a cousin, Richard ’30. Homer was fiercely loyal to ’48 and to Princeton and always was warmly welcomed when he would appear at major reunions. He was our soldier of fortune and our most unforgettable character.

Theodore G. Kane '48

Ted died peacefully Feb. 23, 2015, in Exeter, N.H. He was 90. All of his family was at his side, except Carroll, his wife of 67 years, who died in 2013.

Ted graduated from Groton in 1942 and entered Harvard, but left after his freshman year to enlist in the Navy. He landed from an LST on Omaha Beach in the second invasion wave of June 1944, then was pulled out and sent to Officer Candidate School at Trinity College and Princeton, from which he graduated in 1948.

After they were married, the Kanes lived in Princeton. Ted commuted to Chase Manhattan Bank in New York while Carroll taught at Miss Fine’s School and Princeton Day School. Their three children were born and grew up in Princeton.

His 50-year business career was in banking, first at Chase Manhattan Bank and then for a few years in Sewickley, Pa., while he was at his “golf game started in earnest”). Then the Kanes returned to Princeton, “a wise and happy decision.” The family spent many vacations on Chappaquiddick Island, Mass. Ted organized many class trips and mini-reunions, and was active in fundraising. After retirement, he was treasurer for various community and volunteer organizations.

Ted’s survivors include sons Ted Jr. and Richard, daughter Katherine Baxter, eight grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

The Class of 1949

Louis S. Berger ’49

Louis Berger, a remarkable (although perhaps not well-known) member of the Class of 1949, died Aug. 17, 2014, in Forsyth, Ga. His rich professional career spanned the fields of electrical engineering, music, physics, and clinical psychology.

Louis was born in Prague, Czechoslovakia, and came to the United States at some time around World War II. He came to Princeton in 1945 from Newtown High School in Elmhurst, N.Y., majored in electrical engineering, and graduated with honors in 1949. He earned a master of music degree from the University of Texas at Austin, a master’s degree in physics from Trinity University, and a Ph.D. in psychology from the University of Tennessee.

Somewhere along the way he also played cello in the Boston Symphony Orchestra, although how he managed all these different disciplines is a mystery to us.

As a clinical psychologist, Louis had a long and distinguished career as a therapist, academician, and consultant. He wrote eight books on a variety of therapeutic subjects, plus one scheduled for publication shortly after his death.

Louis is survived by his wife, Andrea; stepson Matt Millwood; and three nieces. We offer our sympathy to them on the passing of a remarkable man.

David W. Doyle '49

Dave died Feb. 19, 2014, in Honolulu, Hawaii. He had lived there for nearly 10 years after a long career in the Foreign Service.

Born in 1924 in Harrow, England, Dave attended Gresham’s School and enlisted in England’s Royal Engineers in 1942. In April 1943, he transferred to the U.S. Army, serving in the Office of Strategic Services as a driver and interpreter. In 1945 he entered Princeton, was a member of Terrace Club, majored in economics, and graduated with honors in 1949. In March 1949 he joined the CIA and held a variety of postings home and overseas for the next 28 years. After retirement, he spent 10 years as a homebuilder and developer in the Washington area before moving to Hawaii.

Dave told us that as an undergraduate, he was told by his professor of creative writing “that I would never be able to write!” Despite this, he eventually published five books, including Inside Espionage: A Memoir.

He is survived by his children, Katherine, Mark, Peter, David, and Christopher; and eight grandchildren. The class extends its condolences to Dave’s family.

Philip A. Holman Jr. ’49

Phil died Aug. 1, 2014.

He came to Princeton from Charleston, W.Va. Phil majored in politics and was a member of Prospect Club, Whig-Clio, and the band. After graduation he worked briefly in New York in public relations, then moved to Washington, where he was on the editorial staff of the journal Psychiatria.

Phil did graduate work in psychology at American University and the Washington School of Psychiatry and then returned to New York to work for Puerto Rico’s Migration Division in its resettlement programs. In 1964, Phil was back in Washington at the Department of Health and Human Services, where he focused on refugee resettlement, and later as a division director in the Office of Resettlement.

Phil retired in 1995, and we have little information about his life since then. We’re told that he was loving, kind, and generous, with a keen sense of humor. In his earlier years, he was “known for his prowess on the volleyball court”—a rare talent indeed.

Phil is survived by his wife, Mary; his son, Matthew; his daughter, Marjorie H. Lawrence; his grandson, Andrew Lawrence; three great-
grandsons; and many cousins, relatives, and friends. We send our condolences to them all.

**William H. Tonking ’49 *53**

Bill died March 3, 2014, just a month shy of his 88th birthday. He lived in Houston for many years, but his career as a geologist and petroleum expert took him all over the world.

Bill came to Princeton from Valley Forge Military Academy. While on campus, he majored in psychology and was a member of Charter Club, the Orange Key, and Sigma Xi. He returned to Princeton after graduation to study geology, eventually receiving a Ph.D. After some postdoc work at Northwestern, Bill spent his entire career as a geologist in the mining, oil, and gas industries. His list of accomplishments fills more than three pages, including Project Mohole (an attempt to drill through the Earth’s crust), major assignments in the Republic of China, and other leadership projects. He was named a fellow of the Royal Society of Arts in London in 1966 and a fellow of the Geological Society of America in 1976, and was a member of the Houston Geological Society, among other groups.

Bill is survived by his wife, Edie; and his two children from a previous marriage, Lisbeth and Randy. The class sends sympathy to them all.

**The Class of 1950**

**Landsen McCandless Jr. ’50**

Denny, a lifelong member of the St. Louis community, died March 16, 2015.

He graduated from St. Louis Country Day School and served in the Navy before entering Princeton. Denny majored in English and belonged to Colonial.

Two Christmas were enough as a department store buyer, so in 1957 Denny entered the banking business, which became his lifelong career. He retired as senior vice president of the Mercantile Trust Co. in St. Louis.

Over the years, Denny was involved in various civic organizations, including the St. Louis Zoo Association, the Girls Scouts, Edgewood Children’s Center, and the Visiting Nurses Association. He was in the Princeton Glee Club and sang for 40 years in his church choir. Another love was sailing, which began for Denny as a child in Harpswell, Maine, where his family vacationed for many years. He was an avid supporter of his children’s and grandchildren’s participation in ice hockey and football and their musical interests.

The class extends its sympathy to his wife of 60 years, Ann; children Evelyn, Jane, William, and Landsen III; and eight grandchildren.

**The Class of 1951**

**Robert L. Belknap ’51**

Bob was born Dec. 23, 1929, in New York, the son of Dorothy Lamont and Chauncey Belknap 1912. He attended Bucknell and Phillips Exeter and majored in English at Princeton, graduating summa cum laude. He roomed with Allen Dulles, Jim Rose, Ben Murray, Dick Weidenbacher, and Art Windels. Bob belonged to Quadrangle Club and went out for track.

Following graduation, he studied Russian in Paris. After a two-year stint in the Army, he obtained his master’s degree in Russian from Columbia. In 1957, Bob began teaching Russian language and literature there, and in 1960, he earned his Ph.D. He was dean of students in 1969 following the student riots at Columbia and was widely credited with bringing calm back to the campus. In later years, he was director of the Harriman Institute at Columbia and chair of the Slavic languages and literature department.

Bob died of idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis March 17, 2014. He is survived by his wife, Cynthia Hyla Whittaker, a historian of Russia; daughters from his previous marriage, Lydia Duft ’81, Ellen Belknap, and Abigail Krueger; stepchildren Erica and Andrew Whittaker; his nephew, Louise Carter and Barbara Belknap; his niece, Giles Carter ’80; and brother-in-law, David Carter ’45.

**The Class of 1952**

**Charles H. Hemminger III ’52**

Chuck died April 15, 2015. He was born in Elizabeth, N.J., and grew up in Westfield, N.J., graduating from Westfield High School in 1948. His father, Charles E.H. Hemminger, was a member of the Class of 1925.

Chuck played tackle on the 1950-51 football team and was the last surviving member of the starting 11 of the championship team of ’51. He majored in chemistry at Princeton and continued his education at Jefferson Medical College, graduating in 1956.

He practiced urology in Northampton, Mass., for 34 years, retiring in 1995. Chuck’s hobbies were travel, woodworking, ham radio, and bicycling.

He is survived by Janet, his wife of 59 years; son Stephen; daughter Helen; and two grandchildren. He was predeceased by his sister, Julia Hemminger Fulmer, wife of the late Thomas Fulmer ’56.

**John B. Lee ’52**


John began his career in newspapers, first working for the Freehold Transcript, then becoming the editorial page editor of The Trentonian. He also wrote copy for an ad agency before taking up his second career in government.

He researched and drafted legislation for the New Jersey Legislative Services Agency, receiving commendations for that work from legislative leaders such as former Gov. Tom Kean’ 57.

In contrast with the rather extensive self-reports from classmates that are typical in The Book of Our History, John gave us one sentence: “I live a quiet life.”

With his wife, Helen, he had six children. To her, his sons Daniel, Michael, and Timothy; and daughters Emma, Elizabeth, and Gertrude; the class offers condolences.

**Mitchell Mills ’52**


He prepared at Sidwell Friends School, where he was student council president. At Princeton, Mitch majored in English, played 150-pound football, and joined Tower, where he was manager of club sports. His roommates were Alan Allen, Randy Blakemore, and Charlie Barrow.

Mitch finished Cornell Medical School in 1956 and spent 20 years as a thoracic surgeon in the Navy, eventually achieving the rank of captain. Next he became a professor at the George Washington University School of Medicine. Mitch was consistently recognized as a top thoracic and cardiovascular surgeon and was a life member of the Alpha Omega Alpha medical honor society.

After the death of his first wife, Betty, he married Sabyna Sterrett-Mills. To her, and his children, Jenny, Melissa, Elizabeth, and Mitchell Jr., the class extends sympathy with a salute to Mitch for his high achievement in medicine and his service to our country.

**The Class of 1953**

**Walter W. Hemberger ’53**

Walt died Jan. 2, 2015, in Brick, N.J., after a battle with cancer. He was with us for only one year and then moved to Gettysburg College, where he graduated and was listed in Who’s Who in American Colleges and Universities.

He entered Princeton from Memorial High School in West New York, N.J. He played freshman football for coach Matt Davidson opposite future All-American Frank McPhee, and became friends with frosh fullback Harry Patterson, also one of head coach Charlie Caldwell’s top recruits. Harry said Walt transferred to Gettysburg College, which was “a better fit for him.” There, Walt made all-state and all-conference in football.

He worked in finance and was president of
Evelyn said Walt was well known for his sons Stephen and Matt; and 14 grandchildren. Daughters Nancy Fleury, Lynn McCabe Tauro, Susan Van Poznak, and Christine Lovejoy; sons Stephen and Matt; and 14 grandchildren. Evelyn said Walt was well known for his “campy dinnertime magic tricks and doing 100 pushups on his fingertips with at least one child riding on his back.”

**THE CLASS OF 1954**

**David J. Long ’54**


Born in Milwaukee, he graduated from Milwaukee University School. He was an English major at Princeton, was active in Whig-Clio, and joined Terrace Club.

Although he started law school after graduation at the University of Michigan, an opportunity with Northwestern Mutual Life intervened and became his lifelong career. He had the opportunity to specialize in business applications of life insurance and estate planning and eventually in almost all phases of the business. Travel and photography were his personal joys.

The class extends its condolences to his sister, Connie.

**Sam Lumpkin ’54**

Sam died March 10, 2015, from complications of Rocky Mountain spotted fever.

Born in Baltimore, he graduated from Gilman School. At Princeton, he majored in biology, was active in varsity sports, and was a member of Ivy Club. Sam completed medical school at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, followed by a fellowship in otolaryngology there. He served three years in the Army in Frankfurt, Germany, as a captain.

Upon his return he started a practice in his specialty, otolaryngology, in Baltimore. His friendly nature and his ability to put patients’ problems in layman’s terms resulted in many patients becoming lifelong friends. He was considered an outstanding surgeon by his colleagues and was recognized for developing a treatment for spas tic dysphonia. He cared for many famous performers.

Sam retired in 2007. He worked as a volunteer at Gilchrist Hospice for 12 years.

He is survived by his wife of 28 years, Sandra; a daughter, Tara; stepdaughters Jill and J. Cheri; and six step-grandchildren. Another daughter, Alice, died in 2014. The class is honored by his service to our country and sends sympathy to Sam’s family.

**Donald A. Slichter ’54**

Duke died suddenly April 6, 2015, while vacationing in Florence, Italy.

Born in Milwaukee, he attended Milwaukee University School. While at Princeton, he majored in the Woodrow Wilson School, was a member of Cannon Club, and was active in football. Duke entered the Navy following graduation. After serving his tour of duty, he graduated from the University of Michigan Law School and joined a law firm in San Francisco, where he specialized in corporate and securities law.

He retired around the time of our 50th reunion and enjoyed activities at UC, Berkeley. He and his wife, Vicki, traveled to Florence yearly, where she studied Italian and cooking. During his years after college, Duke was intensely interested in Princeton football and spent time helping to recruit players.

The class is honored by his service to our country and extends condolences to Vicki; their children, K.C., Kathryn, Mark, and Amy; and eight grandchildren.

**David Wachenfeld ’54**

David died March 3, 2015.

Born in Orange, N.J., he was a graduate of The Hill School. At Princeton, he majored in economics and was a member of Tiger Inn. Dave joined the Navy and was assigned to the admiral’s staff in Ankara, Turkey. While there, he met and married Fernande in 1955.

On his discharge, he joined Citibank in the European, Middle East, and African divisions and spent the next 34 years working for the bank in Monrovia, New York, Beirut, Saudi Arabia, Paris, London, and Zurich. He retired in 1990 and built a home on the coast of South Carolina. David earned a Ph.D. in marine biology in 1994 from the University of York.

The class is honored by his service to our country and sends condolences to his family.

**THE CLASS OF 1955**

**William H. Gorham ’55**

Bill came to Princeton from the Noble and Greenough School. He majored in the SPIA program, joined Dial Lodge, and roomed with Loring Thiebach; and four unbelievably smart, strong, and beautiful grandchildren, all of whom inherited their grandfather’s sharp wit.

His passions included travel with his wife of 48 years, Natalie; sailing; classical music; and golf (despite his putting).

Bill died March 2, 2015, in Jupiter, Fla. In passing to “the great reward,” as he put it, he joins Natalie; his parents, Anne and Arthur; and brothers Benjamin and Arthur. Surviving are Bill’s sister, Linda Harvey; son Steve; son and daughter-in-law Michael ‘85 and Veronika Thiebach; and four unbelievably smart, strong, and beautiful grandchildren, all of whom inherited their grandfather’s sharp wit.

**John L. Norton ’55**

John was born Jan. 10, 1934, in Orange, N.J., and died Feb. 6, 2015, of Alzheimer’s disease.

After graduating from Phillips Exeter Academy, John chose to major in electrical engineering at Princeton. He was a member of Cloister Inn. After earning a master’s degree from MIT, he was employed as a software engineer for 35 years.

Hans Kuehl ‘53 believed John to have been the most brilliant member of the engineering class. Others lauded John for his brilliant mind and the ability to use it for the benefit of his mission. The Hubble Science Telescope Program would never have achieved its scientific successes so early in its mission without John’s instrument notebooks. His mental ability and persistence toward excellence led others to understand how to operate these complex instruments. The scientists may not have known it, but many of them owed their findings to John.

Survived by wife Susann and many relatives, John owed special thanks to caregiver/ companion Hermie Mamaradlo. The class sends its admiration and sorrow for this loss.

**George M. Rogers Jr. ’55**

Ted died March 31, 2015, in Delray Beach, Fla.

He came from Landon School in Bethesda, Md., to Princeton, where he was an English major. Ted was a member of Cap and Gown, a squash and tennis competitor, and captain of the tennis team senior year. His roommates at 322 Coyler were John Hurst, Lawton Lamb, and John Sienkiewicz.

After graduating from the University of Virginia Law School in 1978, Ted joined Pillsbury Shaw in 1970, where he was instrumental in building the corporate and securities practice. He was a longtime board member of B.F. Saul Co. and a trustee of B.F. Saul REIT.

Sports brought great joy to Ted; he built deep and lasting friendships on and off the courts. He was a longtime member of the Gulfstream Bath and Tennis Club in Delray Beach and the Chevy Chase Club.
Ted considered his dogs to be family members, often taking his black lab, Higgins, with him to work. He is survived by his second wife, Patricia; children Nanine “Nina” and George “Teddy;” eight grandchildren, Macabe, Grady, Clayton, and Shelby McDonald-Camps, and George, John, Luke, and Thomas Rogers.

THE CLASS OF 1957

Thomas B. Clarke ’57

Tom died Feb. 18, 2015, at the age of 79. He had fought a valiant two-and-a-half-year battle with cancer.

After graduating from the Lawrenceville School, Tom majored in religion and joined Ivy Club at Princeton. He played soccer as an undergraduate. His senior-year roommates were Tod Beebe, Chuck Watson, Fred Gregory, and Cleve Benedict.

Tom worked for the Dartmouth Building Supply Co. for 20 years after being employed by Techbuilt Homes. Tom never retired, his brother, Jim ’58, remarked. He just liked working.

His main recreation was putting around his large undeveloped property in upstate New York and playing tennis, at which he was talented. Tom loved spending time with his family.

He is survived by his wife, Jean; sons James R., Andrew, Philip, and David; brother James S.; and six grandchildren. He was predeceased by his daughter, Judith. A gentle man, he will be missed.

Frederic C. Reynolds ’57

Fred died March 23, 2015, in Mendham, N.J.

While at Princeton, he majored in history, joined Ivy Club, and played hockey and rugby. His senior-year roommates were Gerry Hackney, Dave Robinson, and Ben Williams.

After graduation, Fred started his career at Standard Oil, but resigned in 1965 to enter the financial-services industry. He worked for Vance Sanders & Co., Axe Houghton, Arnhold & S. Bleichroder, and David J. Greene and Co.

Fred remained vigorously active with the Class of 1957, serving in various capacities, including as class president from 1987 to 1991. He was always involved with Princeton — in 1987, he and Shep Davis founded the Classmate Fund, which became a model for other classes in raising funds to help classmates in financial crises.

He served on numerous boards, including the Peck School, the Winston School, and the Newark Boys Chorus School. Fred was a member of several country clubs near his homes in New Jersey, Florida, and Massachusetts.

Fred is survived by his dear wife, Ann; three children, Stephen, Robert, and Leigh; and eight grandchildren.

THE CLASS OF 1958

Joseph Day ’58

Joe died March 9, 2015, after a heart attack at his winter home in Princeville, Hawaii.

He prepared at Baltimore City College. At Princeton he majored in English and was a member of Tiger Inn, serving as vice president during his junior year and president his senior year.

Joe had journalism in his blood. His three brothers worked as journalists and his father, Price Day 1929, was a Pulitzer Prize-winner at The Baltimore Sun. From 1961 to 1970 Joe worked for the Milwaukee Journal and the Providence Journal.

Joe left the newspaper industry in 1970 to join WGBH-TV, a Boston PBS affiliate station, mainly because he felt this would give him an even stronger connection with the public. Later he worked for WCVB-TV and WNEV-TV in Boston, where he was the chief political affairs correspondent. In 1992 he moved to Santa Fe and became an adjunct professor at the College of Santa Fe and the University of New Mexico. He also made documentaries, including one titled Rio Grande: Live River or Dead Ditch?

Joe is survived by Nancy, his wife of 53 years; children Peter, Matthew, and Sarah; and seven grandchildren. The class extends sincere condolences to them all.

Peter W. Dowell ’58

Peter died of cancer March 16, 2015. He was the son of Harper Dowell 1930 and Barbara Rose and a descendant of Princeton’s third president, Jonathan Edwards.

At Princeton, Peter majored in English and was in the American Civilization Program. A writer for the Triangle Club, he graduated as a member of Phi Beta Kappa. A Princeton highlight for Peter was an evening’s conversation with William Faulkner about the continuing impact of the Civil War in the South.

In 1961, he married Valerie Jean Fisher. Peter earned a master’s degree and Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota in 1961 and 1965, respectively. Ich Kuss die Hand, which contained the letters of H.L. Mencken to Gretchen Hood, was edited by Peter.

Teaching meant the most to Peter. He was an English professor and senior administrator at Emory University for 46 years and believed wholeheartedly that F. Scott Fitzgerald 1917 was the greatest American novelist. Peter’s lectures on baseball, an American metaphor, were a campus favorite. He helped establish Emory’s African American Studies department and Martin Luther King Scholars Program.

Upon retirement, Peter received Emory’s Distinguished Faculty Emeritus Award.

In addition to Valerie, he is survived by his son, Jonathan; sister Wendy Moxcey; brother John; and three granddaughters. To them all, the class sends its deepest sympathy.

William A. Pusey ’58

Bill died March 6, 2015, in Richmond, Va.

Bill came to us from St. Christopher’s School in Richmond. At Princeton, he entered the Woodrow Wilson School and titled his thesis “Harry Byrd and the New Deal.” During his junior year he was elected secretary of Whig-Clio and served as vice chairman of the Undergraduate Council as a senior. Bill joined Cap and Gown and roomed with Stan Hale, Jim Schroeder, George Maye, Wally Miller, John Eckel, and Fred Sparling in his sophomore, junior, and senior years.

After graduating from the University of Virginia Law School, Bill practiced with a San Francisco law firm before returning to Richmond to join the firm of Hunton & Williams. His early years working for Lewis Powell, who later became a justice on the U.S. Supreme Court, prepared him for a successful career as a client servant and tireless advocate. Bill was named “Coal Lawyer of the Year” by the Eastern Mineral Law Foundation. He also was involved in community, church, and political organizations, including the Salvation Army, Easter Seals Society, and the law school alumni group.

Bill is survived by Patti, his wife of 54 years; children Brent, Biff, and Glen; and numerous grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. To them all, the class extends its deepest sympathy.

THE CLASS OF 1961

Henry d’A. Heck ’61


Born in Bryn Mawr, Pa., he prepared for Princeton at De La Salle High School. At Princeton, Henry ate at Colonial Club, majored in chemistry, and played freshman tennis and varsity squash. Among his roommates were Dave Drauld, Cliff Conway, and Jim Dolvin.

Following a Ph.D. in chemistry at Northwestern, he was a National Science Foundation fellow at the Max Planck Institute in Germany and then embarked on an academic career at Berkeley and the Stanford Research Institute. Henry worked for 22 years with the Chemical Industry Institute of Toxicology in North Carolina. He was active in the toxicology community, writing many papers and reviews and serving as editor-in-chief of the Toxicological Sciences journal. He was an avid sailor.

He is survived by Mercedes Casanova, his wife of 30 years; two daughters, Katherine and Julia, and their husbands; six grandchildren;
stepchildren Lara and John; and several step-grandchildren. We offer them all our condolences.

**THE CLASS OF 1963**

Roger M. Eastlake '63

Roger proudly dedicated much of his life to Germantown (Pa.) Academy, where he was a student and a revered faculty member. He served the school as English teacher, coach, admissions director, director of college guidance, and president of the alumni board. Diagnosed with cancer four years ago, he died in hospice care March 4, 2015, with his wife and two children at his bedside.

"Roger’s instinct to feel genuinely happy for the success of others is the trait of his admired most," Germantown’s head of school, Jim Connor, wrote. "A close second, now, is the astonishing power of Roger’s life force. Reveling in companionship, thrilling at optimistic stories, Roger never wanted to miss a moment or a thing."

At Princeton, Roger majored in English, writing his thesis on Joseph Conrad. He worked for Express Reunions Agency, joined Tower, played a lot of handball, and roomed with Bob Allen and Jeff Benjamin. In 1966 his Germantown headmaster, who had ensured that his star student attended Princeton, recruited him from another school to teach.

"What’ve I learned?" Roger wrote in our 40th reunion book. "Family is everything. Optimism trumps pessimism. Think young, even when the body rebels..." The class sends warm wishes to Roger’s wife, Cynthia; daughter Emily; son Peter; and five grandchildren.

**THE CLASS OF 1966**

George R. Hansen Jr. ’66

On March 23, 2015, George died of cancer.

He came to Princeton from Ferguson (Mo.) High School, where he was an outstanding student and active in the science and arts clubs and the student council.

At Princeton George majored in psychology, belonged to Charter Club, and served as manager of the lightweight crew. He wrote for Tiger magazine, participated in Navy ROTC, and was a member of the Anchor & Chain Society and the Stock Analysis Club.

After graduation, George enlisted in the Navy, where he served for 20 years, retiring as a lieutenant commander. His numerous commendations included the Vietnam Service Medal and the Navy Commendation Medal for rescuing Air Force personnel who had crashed in an Alaskan snowstorm.

For 25 years after retiring from the Navy, George pursued a career as a financial planner and broker. He resided in Chadds Ford, Pa., with his wife, Lisa.

The class extends its condolences to Lisa and the rest of George’s family.

**THE CLASS OF 1964**

David Wiessler ’64


He was born in Cambridge, Mass., and raised in Allentown, Pa. Dave attended Parkland High School, where he was president of the Key Club and a member of the National Honor Society and the student council. He began his career in journalism writing for the school newspaper and yearbook.

At Princeton, Dave was a history major and a member of Cannon Club and the Orange Key. He roomed with 16 classmates in Foulke during his senior year.

After college, he moved to Texas, which proved to be quite providential. Dave began his professional career working for United Press International in Dallas while working on his master’s degree in history at the University of Texas. There, he also had the good fortune to meet his wife, Judy, a fellow journalist. In 1973, they moved to Washington, D.C., where Dave continued his career as bureau chief for UPI while Judy headed the Washington bureau of the Houston Chronicle. He retired in 2009.

Sadly, Judy predeceased him in December 2013. Dave is survived by his sister, Barbara Pettis, and his nieces, Cynthia Wegel and Lauren Wegel, to whom the class expresses its deep sympathy.

**THE CLASS OF 1967**

John E. Treat ’67


He came to Princeton in 1964 from Mercersburg Academy but soon obtained sophomore status. John majored in international economics at the Woodrow Wilson School, ate at Colonial, and roomed with Stephen Wright and Philip Webster ’68. He played freshman tennis and wrote for The Daily Princetonian.

John earned a master’s degree from Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies in Washington and Bologna. After Navy service, he joined the Department of Energy, and worked in the White House under presidents Carter and Reagan. From 1982 to 1984, John was president of the New York Mercantile Exchange. He joined Bear Stearns & Co. and was a partner of Booz Allen Hamilton from 1989 to 2001.

The author of several books, John served as a trustee of the American University of Cairo, the Yosemite National Institute, and the Mirror Repertory Co. of New York.

John is survived by his wife, Barbara; their children Tucker and Maryland; his children from his first marriage, Charles, Lucinda, and Tyler; and eight grandchildren. The class extends sympathy to them all.

**THE CLASS OF 1969**

Thomas L. Schroeder ’69

Tom died suddenly and unexpectedly April 23, 2014. His life was full of service and accomplishment.

A native of Akron, Ohio, he graduated from Firestone High School. At Princeton, Tom majored in mathematics and was a member of Cottage Club. Following graduation, he joined the Peace Corps in Barbados and Dominica.

After earning his Ph.D. from Indiana University, he taught at the University of British Columbia before becoming a faculty member at the University of Buffalo, where he taught mathematics education and statistical analysis. Tom published several articles and co-authored two books on methods of critical thinking. After his retirement in 2012, Tom and his wife, Sue, moved to Port Colborne, Ontario.

An avid cyclist, Tom was a gourmet cook and an excellent sailor who built his own fiberglass boat.

In addition to Sue and sons Peter and David, he is survived by his brothers, Charles and Jim. He also leaves a legacy of admiring and devoted graduate students he mentored who are now teaching in developing countries from Iran to Mexico and from South Africa to the Philippines. Tom was a rare man and lived a remarkable life.

**THE CLASS OF 1970**

William Paul ’70

Bill died of a heart attack Dec. 15, 2014.

He attended Leonia High School, where he discovered two of the passions he carried through life — writing and sports. Bill followed his father, Raymond 1933, and brothers John ’61 and Jim ’65, to Princeton. An English major, he became sports editor of The Daily Princetonian.

After joining The Wall Street Journal, he pursued stories all over the world for 20 years. After leaving the Journal, Bill wrote on many topics as an independent journalist.

Bill’s primary passion, however, became the environment. He founded Earth Preservers, an environmental news and education site that produced publications for teachers and students. He also spent two years as an on-air energy and environmental correspondent for CNBC.

In addition to his many environmental projects, Bill was the author of multiple books.
on topics that included energy, education, and sports. His book Getting In analyzed the admissions process at the most competitive colleges, while The Grey-Flannel Piskin looked into the business of the NFL.

To his wife, Carol; daughters Emily and Lisa; and surviving brother James ’65, the class extends its deepest sympathy.

**THE CLASS OF 1974**

**Kenneth Beytin ’74**

Ken died of a heart attack Feb. 21, 2015, in Tampa, Fla. He was 62.

A native of Northport, N.Y., Ken epitomized Princeton’s scholar-athlete ideal as defensive tackle on our football team and first baseman on the baseball team, earning six varsity letters and five scholar-athlete awards, including Academic All-American. After graduating with honors in psychology, Ken coached football in Tampa and later graduated with honors from Stetson Law School.

Ken was as big in stature as personality. His booming voice and expertise in medical malpractice made him a legendary litigator and partner of his own firm.

No one loved life more than Ken, from every Tampa Bay team he cheered for to every friendship he cherished. And no one had more friends who considered them their “best friend” than Ken did.

Ken knew tragedy. He lost his beautiful wife, Nancy, in a horrific car crash in 2010, then his brother Freddie. Devastated, Ken persevered, and wide circle of friends, the class sends heartfelt condolences to Ken’s daughter, Michale; son-in-law Matt Stein; grandson Smith; fiancée Maureen Valley (who attended our 40th); and brothers Jeff and Gary. The “master” will be profoundly missed.

**The Class of 1975**

**Ellen L. Farnum ’75**

Ellen died at home Oct. 28, 2014, in Charlottesville, Va., after a long illness. She was 61.

Born March 17, 1953, in Pennsylvania, Ellen was the daughter of Edward Shippen Watson Farnum and Louise Wharton-Bickley Farnum. She was a graduate of Springside School in Chestnut Hill, Pa. At Princeton, she was a member of Cap and Gown and earned her bachelor’s degree in philosophy.

Ellen earned a law degree from Washington and Lee University in 1978. She practiced law in Manhattan, specializing in stocks and bonds. In 1994, she retired to Charlottesville.

She is survived by her daughter, Mercy Waite Taft Farnum; and son, James Shippen Markoe Farnum; their smiling family photo appears in our 25th reunion yearbook. Ellen also leaves her sister, Anne Walmsley and her husband, Robert; and her brother, Charles Lee McIvaine, and his wife, Sue. The class shares their loss.

**THE CLASS OF 1976**

**Alexander L. Taggart IV ’76**

Rip died Dec. 11, 2014, after a 10-year remission from melanoma. That decade held satisfaction in work, service, and community theater.

At Princeton, Rip majored in English, but his life centered on the musical brotherhood of the Nassoons, of which he was president during his senior year. After graduation, Rip worked in his hometown of Indianapolis, then in Atlanta, where he met and married Debbie in 1979.

He earned an MBA at Harvard and worked for IBM until he left to start It’s Magic Productions, a multimedia company. The opportunity to help launch the organization GuideStar shifted Rip’s work path into the nonprofit world, where he wove his knowledge of technology into the arts and public education. Rip capped his career as executive director of the TechPoint Foundation, a nonprofit dedicated to ensuring that Indiana’s youth are a prepared workforce, and he implemented the first urban New Tech High School. Graduation rates there rose to double the district average, and the school continues to flourish.

After moving to North Carolina in 2009, Rip fell deeply into local theater and was rehearsing his role as King Arthur in Spamalot when he received his terminal diagnosis. He spent a beautiful, long, final summer in Northern Michigan.

To Debbie, their four children, Rip’s sisters, and wide circle of friends, the class sends deepest sympathy for a good life ended too soon.

**THE CLASS OF 1978**

**Alan Talkington ’78**

Our class lost its Frisbee master when Alan died Nov. 18, 2014, from a rare, rapid neurodegeneration.

Alan graduated magna cum laude from the Woodrow Wilson School and with equal distinction from Harvard Law in 1981. He clerked in the U.S. Tax Court for Judge Arthur Nims, then practiced corporate law with Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe in San Francisco, handling complex transactions. In 2014, Orrick awarded Alan its highest honor, celebrating integrity, excellence, and teamwork. This firm is creating a mentorship award bearing Alan’s name.

Alan met his life’s deepest love, Victoria, in Harvard’s 1L registration line. They made a rich life together with their children, Kelsey and Spencer.

A lifelong outdoorsman, Alan started Orrick’s Ultimate Frisbee team, was nicknamed “Flash” for his softball prowess, and led an annual hike summiting Yosemite’s Half Dome. We most remember Alan for unabashed passion in whatever he was doing at the moment. Recently, Alan had been hiking, driving his 1929 Rolls Royce, tending family cats, collecting license plates, gardening, and playing Frisbee golf.

We all counted on having Alan with us far longer. We share Alan’s workplace haiku in memoriam, knowing it was belied by his achievements: “Sitting quietly; doing nothing. Clients come; deals close by themselves.”

**THE CLASS OF 1992**

**Michael L. Manzo ’92**

It is with great sadness that we report Mike’s untimely death July 7, 2014.

Born on May 11, 1969, Mike was a star football and lacrosse player at Gilman School in Baltimore. He enrolled at Princeton in the fall of 1988 as a face-off specialist on the varsity lacrosse team. In his later years at Princeton, Mike became a deeply pensive philosophy major and focused more on his intellectualism than his athleticism.

After graduation, Mike worked for his family’s wholesaling business in Baltimore. He had a profound religious conversion experience in 1995 and dedicated his life to serving God as a veritable “monk” of eucharistic adoration at Immaculate Conception Church in Towson, Md. He spent the rest of his years nurturing his spiritualism and attending to the sick and homeless in Towson, where he resided near his immediate family.

Michael was extremely devoted to his family and friends. He is survived by his mother, father, brother, two sisters, three nephews, and a niece. The class extends its heartfelt condolences.

**GRADUATE ALUMNI**

**William H. Surber Jr. ’48**

William Surber, professor emeritus of electrical engineering at Princeton, died Aug. 27, 2014. He was 94.

Surber graduated from the University of Richmond in 1941 with a bachelor’s degree in mathematics, physics, and chemistry. At Princeton he earned a master’s degree in electrical engineering in 1943. From February 1943 to July 1944, Surber was an instructor in electrical engineering at Princeton, before joining the Navy in August 1944. He served until September 1946 and had been heavily involved with the radar used on warships in the Pacific.
Returning to Princeton, Surber earned a Ph.D. in electrical engineering in 1948. He was then appointed assistant professor, rising to full professor by 1956. He twice served as acting chair of the department, and retired in 1987.

Surber was instrumental in setting up and supporting his department’s computer system. His research centered on linear servomechanisms, which control systems and computers. He was a consultant to the Curtis-Wright Corp. and the Brookhaven National Laboratory.

Surber was known for his enthusiasm for teaching, and in 1986 he was the first recipient of the department of electrical engineering’s Walter Curtis Johnson Award for teaching excellence.

Robert B. Dishman *48

Robert Dishman, retired professor of political science at the University of New Hampshire, died peacefully Dec. 24, 2014, at the age of 96.

Dishman received bachelor’s and master’s degrees from the University of Missouri in 1939 and 1940, and joined the Navy in 1942. He served as a lieutenant commander in World War II, and then earned a Ph.D. in politics from Princeton in 1948. At Princeton, he met his wife, Ann, who worked for Professor John Sly (chair of the politics department from 1955 to 1959).

Dishman taught at Dartmouth before joining the faculty at New Hampshire, where he taught for 35 years. He edited and published several books — some were on constitutional history. His subjects included Burke and Paine and the rights of man, the Dartmouth College case, commentaries on American democracy, and early New Hampshire history. He also wrote articles for the periodical Historical New Hampshire.

Dishman’s grandchildren enjoyed listening to his recollections of such Princeton residents as John von Neumann and Albert Einstein.

Robert A. Maxwell *54

Robert Maxwell, who had a distinguished career in pharmacology, died peacefully Dec. 27, 2014, after battling cancer for several months. He was 87.

After high school graduation in 1945, Maxwell joined the Army Air Corps and served as a weather analyst in Japan with the U.S. occupation forces. In 1951, he graduated from Syracuse University, and in 1954 he was awarded a Ph.D. in biology from Princeton.

Maxwell then began his career in pharmacology. He oversaw research and development of new medicines (including the anti-depressant Wellbutrin) while working at CIBA and Burroughs Wellcome (now GlaxoSmithKline).

Before he retired in 1992, Maxwell wrote Drug Discovery: A Casebook and Analysis, a book about drug development. He had a wide range of interests and activities, and was a lifelong lover of the arts. A reported possessor of a dry sense of humor, he also relished a good pun.

Maxwell is survived by Lillian, his wife of 58 years; three children (including Madeline ’81); and five grandchildren.

Dominic M. Roberti *59

Dominic Roberti, professor emeritus of chemistry at St. Joseph’s University in Philadelphia, died unexpectedly from a heart attack July 15, 2014. He was 81.

Roberti graduated from St. Joseph’s and in 1959 earned a Ph.D. in chemistry from Princeton. He later returned to St. Joseph’s and taught chemistry there for almost 30 years before retiring in 1995.

He had undergone treatments for prostate cancer for more than 20 years and his condition was regarded as stable before his heart attack. After retiring from St. Joseph’s, he began a desktop-publishing business with his wife, Carole, designing and typesetting many books and newsletters as well as St. Joseph’s college catalogs and directories.

Roberti volunteered at a local Cancer Support Community, where he talked to and comforted newly diagnosed cancer patients. He also continued his involvement with several Catholic charities. In recent years, he and his wife were active in the Philadelphia Buddhist Association, for which he was a board director. Concerned about the environment, he did much reading and research on ecological issues and wrote a book of essays on them.

He is survived by his wife, two children, and six grandchildren.

Harry A. Deans *60

Harry Deans, retired professor of chemical engineering at the University of Wyoming, died Dec. 22, 2014, at age 82.

Deans graduated from Rice University with a bachelor of arts degree, a bachelor of science degree, and a master’s degree in 1953, 1954, and 1956, respectively, in chemical engineering. In 1960, he earned a Ph.D. in chemical engineering from Princeton, and then taught chemical engineering at Rice for many years. In 1974, he received the Brown Award for Teaching at graduation ceremonies.

After Rice, Deans joined the faculty at the University of Houston for eight years. He then spent three years at Exxon Production Research facilities in Houston before moving to a tenured position at the University of Wyoming. He retired from Wyoming’s department of chemical engineering after 12 years.

Deans was known in the petroleum-engineering field as the inventor of enhanced oil-production techniques. He was reportedly a man of great kindness who spent much time mentoring students.

He is survived by his wife, Delora, whom he married in 1975, and their daughter. With his first wife, Karolyn, Deans had five children, four of whom survived into adulthood. He also leaves 12 grandchildren and two stepchildren.

George L. Yaney *61

George Yaney, professor emeritus of history at the University of Maryland, died peacefully Nov. 2, 2014, at the age of 84.

Yaney graduated with an industrial engineering degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, served in the Marines, and then turned to the study of history.

He earned a master’s degree from the University of Colorado, and in 1961 a Ph.D. in history from Princeton. He then began teaching at Maryland.

While Yaney had many academic accomplishments and publications, he took greater pride in motivating and enlightening his students. He retired from Maryland in 1990.

Yaney is survived by Ann, his wife of 62 years; four children; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

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PRINCETON ALUMNI WEEKLY
A Walkout Prompted by Race

John S. Weeren

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President Woodrow Wilson encapsulated Princeton’s position when he wrote, “while there is nothing in the law of the University to prevent a negro’s entering, the whole temper and tradition of the place are such that no negro has ever applied for admission, and it seems extremely unlikely that the question will ever assume a practical form.” Poor prophet though he was, his characterization of Princeton was accurate enough, shaped, perhaps, by an incident that captured national attention in his sophomore year.

In the fall of 1876, five juniors angrily quit the campus on finding a black man in their classroom — a student at the Princeton Theological Seminary, whose first black graduate, in 1829, was the abolitionist Theodore S. Wright and whose students were eligible to sit in on lectures taught by Princeton’s faculty.

Two African Americans had done so the year before without controversy, but, as the Princetonian reported, “a few spirits in the new Junior Class ... appear to have been a little more sensitive than their predecessors.” When they could not prevail on President James McCosh, the teacher of the course, to banish the seminarian, they returned home — most, according to The Atlanta Constitution, to Baltimore — though four soon would relent.

Neither newspaper condoned the walkout, noting that the black students, relegated to “seats in the rear of the room,” were all but invisible. But for some Princeton undergraduates, even this was difficult to swallow. In the words of the Princetonian, “If the intruder had busied himself with a broom or a feather-duster, they could doubtless have endured his presence, but to see him taking notes ‘just like white folks,’ was too much for their squeamish stomachs.”

John S. Weeren is founding director of Princeton Writes and a former assistant University archivist.
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Saturday, September 19

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