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The Value of a College Degree

On June 5, 2018, I was pleased to preside over my fifth Commencement as president of Princeton. Under sunny skies in front of Nassau Hall, I congratulated our graduates on their accomplishments and encouraged them to become advocates for the value of higher education. Here are my remarks.—C.L.E.

In a few minutes, all of you will march through FitzRandolph Gate as newly minted graduates of this University. Before you do, it is my privilege to say a few words about the path that lies ahead.

It is indeed a privilege, and also a joy, to address you, for all of you who graduate today have accomplished something genuinely important and worth celebrating. You have completed a demanding course of study. It will transform your life in many ways. It will expand the range of vocations you can pursue, increase your knowledge of the world, deepen your capacity to appreciate societies and cultures, and provide a foundation for lifelong learning.

So we celebrate here on the lawn in front of Nassau Hall, as do other college communities in courtyards, auditoria, arenas, and stadia around the country. Graduates toss caps in the air and professors applaud. Families cheer and holler enthusiastically. Yet, even as we do so, we see a strange trend from columnists, bloggers, think tanks, and politicians. In essays, books, and speeches, some of them suggest that too many students are earning college degrees.

Too many college graduates: that is a very odd claim, because the economic evidence for the value of a college degree is overwhelming. For example, in 2014, economists Jaison Abel and Richard Deitz of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York estimated the average annual return on investment from a college degree, net of tuition paid and lost earnings, at between 9 percent and 16 percent per year for a lifetime.1 For the last two decades, the return on investment has hovered at the high end of that range, around 15 percent per year.

By comparison, the historical average return on investments in the American stock market is around 7 percent per year. That is why my friend Morton Shapiro, the president of Northwestern University and a leading educational economist, says that for most people, the decision to invest in a college degree will be “the single best financial decision they make in a lifetime,” even if it were judged purely in financial terms.


A degree conveys many other benefits as well. For example, college graduates report higher levels of happiness and job satisfaction, even after controlling for income. College graduates are healthier than non-graduates. They are more likely to exercise, more likely to vote, and have higher levels of civic engagement. To these pragmatic considerations we should add the joys that come with an increased capacity to appreciate culture, the arts, the world’s diversity, and the inherent beauty of extraordinary ideas.

The numbers I have quoted are not specific to Princeton. On the contrary, they are averages over all four-year degrees, in all fields, from all colleges in the United States. Think about that for a moment: on average, all degrees in all fields from all colleges generate an annual return between 9 percent and 16 percent, and this return is supplemented by additional benefits to health, happiness, and the quality of life. How could anyone think we need fewer college graduates?

Some people answer that you can learn a trade without getting a college degree. Welders, they observe, can make more money than many college graduates. That’s true. There are, of course, reasons why you might want to get a college degree even if you plan to become a welder. You might worry, for example, about what happens if technology renders your trade obsolete, or arthritis leaves you unable to practice it, or you want to move into management or explore other interests. A college degree equips you to respond to the changes—to yourself, and to the world—that inevitably occur over a lifetime.

Still, if pundits and politicians were saying only that America needs better vocational training, I could agree wholeheartedly. It would be terrific if more people could get the training they need to practice a trade. But at the same time it would also be great if more people, not fewer, could receive the extraordinary benefits that come with a college degree.

So I ask again: why would anyone think we need fewer college graduates? I think there is a simple answer. Education requires high-quality teaching. Teaching, in turn, depends upon skilled labor, which is expensive. As a result, the up-front cost for education is real, large, and very easy to measure. The returns are equally real and even larger, but they accrue over a lifetime, are hard to measure, and vary from person to person. It is tempting to wish that you could get more certainty at lower cost.

The people who call for fewer degrees yield to that temptation. They emphasize the short-term. They focus almost entirely on the price of college and on the salaries students might earn in their first jobs. That is a mistake.

A college education is a long-term investment. It enables graduates to develop and adapt, and it pays off spectacularly in the long run. The idea that we would be better off with fewer college graduates is a short-term swindle, a swindle that would cheat America’s young people, weaken the nation’s economy, and undermine our future. We need to have the confidence to invest in our young people and to ensure that a college education is accessible and affordable for students from all backgrounds and financial circumstances.
I hope that all of you who graduate today, and who experience the power of education in your own lives, will become advocates for the value of higher education in our society. There is a national conversation taking place right now about the value of higher education, and we need your voice in that conversation. We need you, in other words, to help others to achieve in the future what you achieve today.

How can you help more students earn college degrees? Here are three suggestions. First, become advocates for the importance of completion rates. A college education produces a tremendous return—if you get the degree. Returns are much lower if you start college but do not get the degree. The highest default rates on student loans do not involve college graduates with big debts. They instead involve students with small debts who never finish college and so never get the earnings boost that comes with a degree.

A few moments ago, we awarded an honorary degree to President Barbara Gitenstein. Over her nearly two decades leading The College of New Jersey, she raised the College's four-year graduation rate from 58 percent to 75 percent. That number puts TCNJ's on-time completion rate among the top 10 in the nation for public colleges and universities. By raising TCNJ's graduation rate, President Gitenstein has improved the lives of thousands of students who might have left school with debt but no degree. Be an advocate for higher education leaders like Bobby Gitenstein, and for colleges like TCNJ that commit to improving completion rates.

Second, support America’s public institutions of higher education. State subsidies for public colleges and universities have declined precipitously, and state funding represents an increasingly small share of the budget at public research universities. At the University of Michigan, for example, state funding now accounts for only about 9 percent of total revenues. In the 1950s, by contrast, that number was 80 percent. Tuition at state universities has risen not because they have increased their expenditures per student, but because state legislatures have hollowed out their other sources of support.

America depends on its public colleges and universities. They are engines of social mobility and innovation. Princeton and other private universities make essential contributions to the nation and the world—but there is no way that we could ever replace America’s great public institutions. They are a national treasure, and I urge you to support them.

Third, stand up for the importance of enabling more students from low-income families to earn college degrees. Princeton’s Great Class of 2018 graduates today as the most socioeconomically diverse class in the 272-year history of this University. You will not hold that record for long. Other classes already at Princeton will break your record. Our graduate programs are likewise drawing upon new sources of talent: this spring we admitted the most socioeconomically diverse class of doctoral students in Princeton University’s history.

At Princeton we believe in socioeconomic diversity because we know that to achieve excellence as a University and as a nation we must draw talent from every sector of society. We know, too, that a Princeton degree is a rocket booster for students seeking socioeconomic mobility. If we want to heal the divisions that inequality has produced in this country, we must ensure that students from low-income backgrounds receive the educations they need to develop their abilities and contribute to our society.

As I look out at this marvelous class of undergraduate, masters, and doctoral degree recipients, I take pride in your excellence and your diversity, and I am excited about the contributions you will make in the years ahead. The world needs more college degrees, not fewer. We need more celebrations like the one we hold today, with more proud families and happy graduates ready to go out and make a positive difference in the world. All of us on this platform are thrilled to be a part of your celebration. We applaud your achievements. We send our best wishes as you begin the adventures that lie ahead, and we look forward to welcoming you back to this campus on future visits. To all of our graduates, congratulations and best wishes!
PAW TRACKS

A GOLDEN AGE ON THE GRIDIRON:
Playing football at Princeton created lasting memories for William Ledger ’54, who lettered in his senior year and had the opportunity to follow one of the Tigers’ greatest teams, the undefeated 1951 squad, as a sophomore. Listen to Ledger’s story at paw.princeton.edu.

SAVING REFUGEE SCHOLARS

Thanks for the May 16 cover story on Oswald Veblen. The article’s focus on mathematician Veblen obscures the broad array of scholarly and artistic benefits exported by Hitler’s madness — math was a small part. An unfortunate omission is the story of the network of individuals and the ingenious human mechanics empowering the rescuers.

Readers need to know about heroes like Varian Fry and U.S. Vice Consul Hiram Bingham IV in Marseille and about New York’s Emergency Committee, sponsored by the Institute of International Education. IIE created the EC, with Veblen on the executive committee, in 1933. IIE was founded in 1919 by Stephen Duggan, the globally involved university scholar-educator, with Carnegie and Rockefeller backing. Duggan chaired the EC but left the work to new hire Edward R. Murrow, a tireless workaholic, at age 22. Without Murrow, the EC could have done little.

Veblen’s story reminds us that one man — working in two of a dozen fields, supported by universities, colleges (none more than Princeton), the New York internationalists, and the new Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton — could mesh his work with an informal “team” to allay a human catastrophe and turn it into a massive benefit to humankind by helping Americans overcome legislative and racist obstacles and to rescue thousands of Europe’s intellectuals imperiled by Nazi anti-Semitism. Again, my appreciation to PAW for these insights into the rise of the great research university we know. The rescuers acted for humane reasons, yet they knew they were adding precious fuel to the U.S. ascent to world leadership — and responsibility — through higher education, research, and the arts. We owe them much.

Richard T. Arndt ’49 *’72
Washington, D.C.

Editor’s note: A longer version of this letter can be found at PAW Online.

It’s great to see Oswald Veblen and his Princeton colleagues recognized for their career- and life-saving efforts on behalf of threatened scholars of the 1930s. Alums can be proud that their work continues to this day: Princeton is a member of the Scholars at Risk Network (SAR), joining more than 500 institutions in 40 countries offering aid to scholars fleeing war, conflict, repression, discrimination, and extremism. Since 2000, SAR members have helped create positions for more than 1,000 scholars. But demand continues to grow. We have more than 700 scholars on our lists currently seeking help. We need more universities like Princeton and more scholars and alumni like Veblen to share their time, resources, and networks for today’s scholars. What Veblen knew remains true now — in our numbers is the power to save lives and to safeguard tomorrow’s great ideas. (Scholars at Risk Network: www.scholarsatrisk.org)

Rob Quinn ’88
Executive director
Scholars at Risk Network
Brooklyn, N.Y.

I read the fascinating account of Princeton’s role in helping to bring refugees — particularly Jewish mathematicians — to this country during the 1930s. A few names of those neither Jewish nor mathematical do creep into the article, one example being that of Thomas Mann. I’m now wondering whether two men, neither Jewish nor mathematical, I think, who left an impression on me, also benefited from the work of the Committee in Aid of Displaced German Scholars. One was the great art historian Kurt Weitzmann, who left Germany in 1934 after refusing orders to join the Nazi Party, and another the medieval historian Theodor Ernst Mommsen, who left Germany in protest a year later. Weitzmann gave a wonderful course on medieval art that met at 7:40 in the morning, while Mommsen guided me, demandingly but gently, through a senior thesis on the rise of the Abbey of St.-Denis.

I still have the thesis — overwritten and pretentious, to be sure, but on the whole not so bad.

Nicholas Clifford ’52
Middlebury, Vt.
CHALLENGES FOR HIGHER ED
I feel that President Eisgruber ’83 is using his bully pulpit well. He has made many important statements, and I am pleased to see Princeton’s involvement with other colleges and universities (President’s Page, June 6). I agree with his message, but we need to be careful not to be, or appear to be, elitist. If higher education can maintain its resilience and be reasonably successful in meeting this challenge, can this trickle down to the large, important segment of the population that is not involved in higher education? These issues affect people across our society.

There are also concerns about the candidates for higher education. How prepared will they be to take advantage of their opportunities at Princeton and similar schools if their entire focus has been getting in and if their secondary education has been focused on product and not process? No one can solve all of these problems, but the risk is beyond higher education.

Gary J. Williams ’69
Owego, N.Y.

LIFE ON A SMALL STAGE
Does anyone else out there experience the same combination of pride, amazement, and self-doubt that I do whenever I receive my PAW?

Pride, i.e., I wonder whether my mailman Rick is impressed by my education when he delivers Princeton stuff to my mailbox. Reality check: of course not. But he greets me with a smile, calls me by name, and gives treats to my dog anyway.

Amazement, i.e., I wonder how those other Princeton people accomplish so much. Be a first lady? Re-invent shopping? Investigate collusion? Damn. My highest goal in college was to begin an essay on The Canterbury Tales at 2 a.m., submit it by the 8 a.m. deadline, and get an “A.” Winning! (If you want to be impressed by someone’s education, not an Ivy League one, meet my friend Larry, who can recite Chaucer in its original Middle English. Whenever we drink wine together, I make him do it again.)

Self-doubt, i.e., I wonder if I were ever featured on the cover of PAW, how would that go? “English Major

EDITOR LETTER
Farewells
A bittersweet moment for the PAW staff arrives each June, when we say goodbye to our graduating student interns. This year we lost two: Megan Laubach and James Haynes.

Megan joined us in her sophomore year; since then she has written about books, contributed to a feature article about students’ favorite places on campus (hers was the science-fiction library at Forbes College), and helped select the historical letters that run under the “From PAW’s Pages” heading. James, with us for one year, has contributed to the On the Campus section and has assisted PAW’s advertising director and feature writers with their research, among other things. James will soon start a job with an education startup company, while Megan hopes to work in publishing or a related field. We hope to see their PAW bylines as alumni contributors soon.

We also said goodbye this year to Ralph DeGroff ’58, a class secretary since 1983 and a supporter and board member of numerous nonprofits, though he was too modest to talk about his contributions. An obituary in The Baltimore Sun in April described him as “an old-school gentleman,” an apt characterization. We missed his friendship and presence at Reunions this year. — Marilyn H. Marks ’86

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Raises Three Children Who Have Nice Manners, College Degrees, Jobs, and Their Own Apartments!" Ripples of awe would be felt throughout the entire alumni community, I’m pretty sure.

Some of us succeed on a national or international stage; some of us crush it on a teeny tiny one. Sometimes I wish I had done things differently, but most times, I am simply grateful that Princeton has enriched the life I live.

Melissa Hoglund ’80

CANCELLING THE P-RADE

Princeton has over the years stood firmly against many passing fads in our society, and for truth and for sound, evidence-based decision-making. It’s a shame that during Reunions, it couldn’t have stood against the current American fad for excessive aversion to risk.

Anyone with a weather-radar app on their phone could tell that the lightning storm was dissipating and passing to the south even as the order to “pause” the P-rade was being given. In 34 consecutive Reunions, I’ve marched in far worse rain than we experienced. And the disorderly way in which the parade was canceled carried risks of its own: A number of us were trapped in an arch for some time with a baggage band, exchanging hypothetical electrocution for a very real risk of hearing damage. Erring on the side of caution is still unnecessary. This was an unnecessary error.

Alan Flippin ’84
New York, N.Y.

RECALLING PROFESSOR MAMAN

I was glad to see the wonderful face of André Maman in the May 16 issue, and then saddened to learn the reason he was there (In Memoriam).

Like many choices I made as a freshman, I wasn’t sure about signing up for French. I had studied the language for many years; it was the common language (along with English) of my European parents, and so I’d heard and spoken a lot of French before walking into the class (French 201? 203?) in East Pyne in the fall of 1980. Perhaps there were other, better courses I was missing? But then I hadn’t known about Professor Maman. He had us all on that first morning — and I can almost remember all the others in the class, just from the memory of his deep voice bellowing “Monsieur Golfinos?” “Mademoiselle Beckett?” “Mademoiselle Lareuse?” “Monsieur Nagorski?” and so forth. Like the best of teachers, Maman was demanding and fun, in the right measures, and always engaging. He kept you on your toes, made you not only want to read Camus but come to class with something intelligent to say about it — in French, of course.

Merci encore, Monsieur Maman!
Condolences to your family.

Tom Nagorski ’84
Brooklyn, N.Y.

FRACKING’S IMPACT

After graduating from Princeton in 1994 with an A.B. in mathematics and earning a Ph.D. in 2001 in applied mathematics at the University of Colorado, I spent time in recent years focused on the “Obama EPA” study that James French ’62 cited as “showing no harmful effects of fracking” (Inbox, May 16).

As Mr. French knows well, the modern spat over hydraulic fracturing began in earnest in Alabama. Energen, where he served as a director from 1979 to 2011 (according to Bloomberg), succeeded in fending off complaints about water contamination from Alabamians living near his company’s fracturing operations. The Reagan, Bush, and Clinton EPAs chose to not regulate fracturing-fluid injections as underground injections subject to the Safe Drinking Water Act. Using language then-Senator of Alabama Jeff Sessions had introduced in 1999, this practice was codified as law in 2005, the so-called “Halliburton Loophole.”

Perhaps Mr. French confused the draft EPA study (July 2015) — which stated EPA did not find “widespread, systemic impacts to drinking water resources” — with the final version (December 2016), which deleted that line on the advice of the EPA Science Advisory Board.

Marketplace, the popular radio show, revealed that the controversial and unsupported top line had been a rather late addition to the draft.

Why? The answer goes to the heart of the disconnect between energy policy
and climate policy: Maximize oil and gas production, or maximize what we keep in the ground? Hundreds of billions in oil and gas industry debt ride on the answer. So too, the stability of our climate. Indeed, this is not new.

Hugh MacMillan '94
Seattle, Wash.

A FORCE FOR LEARNING
In April, University officials wrote to me asking about the complete name of Betsey Stockton, the woman of color for whom a new public garden near Firestone Library is named (On the Campus, May 16). My reply was the title of my 1991 30-page biographical sketch, “She Calls Herself Betsey Stockton,” in Princeton History, No. 10, available at the Princeton Public Library. I have continually expanded my research about this famous Princeton teacher.

That published title was drawn from a Sept. 3, 1821, letter by Stockton’s surrogate father, the Rev. Ashbel Green 1783, during his tenure as Princeton’s president. Stockton had been a young slave in Green’s household; from his letter we understand that the freed Stockton named herself and claimed her stance as a full social persona. That act of self-recognition reveals her strength of mind, spirit, and character. She was to become a catalyst for close friendships between Princeton town and gown decades before the Civil War.

The garden near Firestone Library is doubly fitting as an honor for Stockton, whose whaleship journal was published by Green in Philadelphia. She was the first bilingual teacher of Hawaiian/English in the Sandwich Islands; she taught Ojibwa children in Grape Island, Upper Canada; and she used internationally recognized pedagogy in her school in Philadelphia. Stockton returned to Princeton as matriarch of her Witherspoon community, founding a church and three schools there.

The single authentic portrait of Stockton is the daguerreotype portrait, shown here, which was taken in May 1863. It is a revealing ledger of her long and successful life — the life of a Christian missionary, a master teacher, and an intellectual force for learning.

Constance Killian Escher s’67 s’71
Former research associate
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Princeton, N.J.

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BANNING CARS ON CAMPUS

I impute nothing greater than irony to the following sad postscript to “Autos Get the Boot,” on the decision in 1925 by Princeton President John Grier Hibben 1882–1893 to ban “all automobiles, carriages, and motorcycles [from campus] except in cases where necessary for business purposes” (That Was Then, May 16).

Eight years after his decree and only one year after his retirement from the University—on May 16, 1933—Hibben and his wife were motoring back to Princeton from Elizabeth, N.J., when their car collided with a truck on wet pavement. The president died while he was being transported to the Rahway (N.J.) Hospital; Mrs. Hibben died from her injuries a few weeks later. They were buried in Princeton Cemetery.

Richard Treener ’70
Princeton, N.J.

“Autos Get the Boot” only reveals the tip of the iceberg, namely banning the presence of cars on campus. The broader issue that emerged was whether students were permitted to use cars anywhere in the borough. This student “right” has had many ups and downs in the past century, leading the Princetoniana Committee to discuss its history in some detail during 2006–07.

Restrictions occurred in steady increments beginning in 1926–27, starting with a required permit from the superintendent of grounds, to a permit from the dean of students, to an outright ban on driving cars, to a ban on merely riding in cars (1934–35 catalog).

The temper of the times extended to campus issues beyond automobiles. In 1926–27, the University Catalog’s section titled General Orders was renamed General Regulations, with a new subsection titled Campus Regulations. That addressed not only cars but also moral issues such as women entering a dorm room. It is interesting to consider how this new form of transportation technology and its concomitant tragedies led to stricter rules in other aspects of campus life.

Martin Schell ’74
Klaten, Central Java

BRAINS IN SYNC

As a teacher of language, literature, and theater, I find Uri Hasson’s research (feature, April 11) fascinating and, in particular for understanding live language and theater interactions, wonder how it connects with the research on mirror neurons.

Linda Carroll ’71
Spokane, Wash.

Editor’s note: Professor Hasson offered the following response. “Mirror neurons are neurons in that interface between the perceptual and motor systems, as they respond both when a brain performs a specific action and when it observes the same action performed by another. Our findings of speaker-listener coupling extend the notion of mirroring to the linguistic system, by showing that the listener’s neural responses during comprehension (perception) can be similar to the neural responses during production (action). At the same time, our findings go beyond mirroring, as we find cases in which the listener’s neural responses are linked in a lawful (but not symmetric) way to the responses in the speaker’s brain.”

REINHARDT’S SUPPORT

I will always remember Professor Uwe Reinhardt (President’s Page, May 16) as the person who stood with the Asian alumni of Princeton to support the gallant efforts of Regina Lee ’85 to demonstrate that in the 1980s, the number of Asian American applicants increased substantially but the number of admits remained relatively flat.

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number of Asian Americans accepted and matriculated into Princeton increased significantly. Today roughly 10 percent of alumni are interested in Asian and Asian American affairs, and that number is expected to increase to 15 percent or more based on the proportion of current students who are Asian and Asian American. We are finally beginning to start an Asian American studies certificate program this year. There are, and will always be, issues to unite the Princetonians interested in Asian and Asian American affairs. Professor Rehnardt was among the pioneers who facilitated progress, among his other great achievements.

David S. Wu ’79
Sunnyvale, Calif.

SCIENCE HAS ITS LIMITS

PAW rightly celebrates the findings of the Princeton science faculty. However, it is imperative to recognize and acknowledge that science is inherently incomplete. When scientists render a moral judgment, as they often do, they are entering a dimension that is inescapably personal. Science is not enough.

Kenneth A. Stier Jr. ’54
Great Neck, N.Y.

FOR THE RECORD

Gale Galekaukau Stafford ’73 became the first female officer of an eating club when she was elected vice president of Tower Club in 1972. An article in the April 23 issue incorrectly identified the holder of that distinction.

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Dear Fellow Alumni,

From the one and only P-rade to the distinctive jackets and resounding locomotive cheers, Reunions is steeped in traditions that remind us how connected we all are to Princeton and its history. Bringing together more than eight decades of enthusiastic Tiger alumni, this year’s Reunions also provided an occasion to celebrate new traditions. The Association of Princeton Graduate Alumni introduced its very own Reunions “beer” jacket to accompany its stylish blazer, and for the first time in the P-rade’s history, the Old Guard led the way with Joe Schein ’37 out in front!

Invigorated by the Old Guard and the jubilant 25th Reunion Class, the spirits of our Tiger family could not be dampened even when inclement weather halted the P-rade. I was delighted to hear about the impromptu gatherings that sprang up in the evacuation sites around campus. Classmates continued their conversations and revelry; new friendships were forged; and everyone kept the spirit of Reunions going – with some classes even marching triumphantly onto Poe Field later in the day!

While we enjoyed celebrating with one another, we also took time to focus on serving others. The Classes of 1978, 1983, 2003, 2008 and 2013 collaborated on a project to combat hunger; the Class of 1993 donated over 1600 books to cultivate childhood literacy; and Princetonians of all ages participated in the Princeton University Reunions Run (PURR) to support Princeton Internships in Civic Service. These efforts confirmed that when we come together, we can do so much more.

I encourage you to carry forward the spirit of Reunions by volunteering in programs that connect with the University, other alumni or current students. Please contact me at danielstigers@gmail.com if I can help.

Jennifer Daniels ’93 S92
President, Alumni Association of Princeton University and Chair, Alumni Council

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The Alumni Council Awards for Service to Princeton

Charles C. Freyer ’69

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Meet some of the University’s newest residents — 40 Katahdin sheep that will be living (and eating) in Princeton’s 27-acre solar field through November; more are expected to arrive during the summer. High contracting costs led facilities staff to seek other options to maintain the field, said E.J. May, assistant manager for grounds operations. Sheep are becoming more common on solar fields, he said. "Goats would chew on the cables and jump on the solar panels, but sheep are gentle and don’t cause damage."

Photograph by Ricardo Barros
During his Class Day address, Sen. Cory Booker of New Jersey tapped into a theme that carried over into Commencement, touching on the importance of gratitude, kindness, and small acts of goodwill.

"Your first language must always be kindness," he said. "The definition of patriotism isn’t about how loud you sing the national anthem ... patriotism means love of country. And you cannot love your country unless you love your countrymen and -women."

The senator, a Democrat, eschewed thorny, divisive political topics, instead telling the audience about a white lawyer who helped Booker’s parents move into a segregated neighborhood in New Jersey after watching the brutal assault on civil-rights protesters at the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Ala., in 1965.

Booker drew an inspirational message from the lawyer’s commitment to help African Americans gain access to equal housing: “One decision — in a world where we are so much more intricately interwoven than we know — one decision by one person on one day ripples out into community,” he said. “Never forget that the biggest thing you can do every day is often just a small act of kindness, decency, love, and caring.”

At Commencement on Tuesday, a picture-perfect day, valedictorian Kyle Berlin ’18 returned to the theme of kindness. “What if we gave up greatness for quiet compassion?” he asked. “What if we were No. 1 not in excellence ... but in compassionate listening or repeated forgiveness or radical love? And if we can’t figure it out together — if we can’t ask the right questions ... can’t practice kindness as a deliberate ethos and a knowledge — then who can?”

Berlin interrupted his address to ask audience members to speak to their neighbors for two minutes about what they thought people should know or feel “in this moment of farewell.” Turning to President Eisgruber ’83, Berlin assured him he had timed the break from his address before rushing off the stage and toward his class, eagerly engaging in conversation. He then returned to the podium to wrap up his talk and declare this “The Compassionate Class of 2018.”

Eisgruber urged the graduates to take part in the national debate over the value of higher education. “We need you to help others to achieve in the
future what you achieve today," he said. He offered three suggestions to help ensure more Americans attain college degrees, "a rocket booster for students seeking social mobility": Advocate the importance of completing college, support public universities and colleges, and promote access to higher education for low-income students.

"Princeton’s Great Class of 2018 graduates today as the most socioeconomically diverse class in the 272-year history of this University," Eisgruber said to enthusiastic applause, before adding: "You will not hold that distinction long. Other classes already at Princeton will break your record."

At Baccalaureate on Sunday, Eduardo Bhatia ’86, minority leader and former president of the Senate of Puerto Rico, spoke passionately about the beleaguered island and how governmental apathy has hindered its restoration after Hurricane Maria. He beseeched graduates to rail against "alternative facts," embrace equality, and carry Princeton values into the world.

“Silence is not an option,” Bhatia said. “Class of 2018, denounce what needs to be denounced; fix what is broken; right what is wrong, and do not allow anyone, regardless of their agenda, to use false data and pretenses to confuse citizens and weaken democracy.”

At Commencement — Princeton’s 271st — 1,281 degrees were awarded to members of ’18 (943 A.B. degrees and 338 B.S.E degrees), as well as three degrees to members of other classes who completed their requirements this year. Additionally, 563 graduate degrees were conferred, including 396 Ph.D. degrees. Princeton also awarded five honorary degrees to individuals who have made distinguished contributions to architecture, education, the humanities, and public service (see page 19). By C.C.
Parting Words

Baccalaureate speaker

EDUARDO BHATIA ’86
Former president of the Senate of Puerto Rico

“In this climate of confusion, misinformation, and lies, nothing is more powerful than the inconvenient truth of real facts, the strength of honor, and the persistent sound of our voices. But let me warn you: It can get very lonely out there in the wild forest of fighting wrongs and instilling honesty in public service.”

Class Day keynote speaker

CORY BOOKER
U.S. senator, D-N.J.

“Today you are your ancestors’ wildest dreams. But for the dreams to truly be real — for the dream and hope of this country that is in the balance in this moral moment — it is going to take a lot of power. So my hope today is that you leave here and be powerful. Let the world feel you every day.”

Valedictorian

KYLE BERLIN ’18

“It is my parting wish that we ... be able to truly listen to others and draw on a compassionate stance of the world that moves beyond the tiny and tenuous borders of the self, that silences the egoistic monologue assuredly running through your head at this very moment.”

Salutatorian

KATHERINE LIM ’18
(Translated from the Latin)

“Now from our home that has nurtured us, let us embark on adventures into unknown lands beyond this great institution. May you find success wherever your journey takes you!”

Class Day speaker

CATHERINE SHARP ’18

“Princeton ... gave us the tools to take risks by challenging us to always be better: better at writing, better at researching, better at crying. Princeton taught us to be afraid of nothing. ... It taught us that we have to stand up and fight for the things that we love, and there’s nothing we love more here than Late Meal.”

Class Day speaker

ANDREW HARTNETT ’18

“Sure, Princeton’s academics are unparalleled. And I’ve never forgotten that I was only able to come here because of Princeton’s generous financial aid. But at the end of the day, Princeton had the one thing I was looking for in a school: a Wawa with a skylight.”

Pride of Newark

When Jordan Thomas ’18 met with Sen. Cory Booker after Booker’s Class Day address, the two had plenty in common to talk about.

For starters, both are Rhodes scholars. Booker received an honors degree in U.S. history at Oxford in 1994, and Thomas will pursue two master’s degrees there: in evidence-based social intervention and policy evaluation, and an M.B.A.

Then there’s Yale Law School, where Booker earned his law degree and which Thomas will attend after Oxford.

But the strongest connection is a shared concern for and pride in the city of Newark, N.J. — where Booker served as a city councilman and mayor before being elected to the Senate, and where Thomas grew up and attended the city’s public schools.

“I made it where I am because of Newark, not despite Newark,” Thomas said. “There were a number of obstacles to overcome, but a lot of opportunities as well — and I know Sen. Booker feels very similarly.”

Among the obstacles, he said, were a lack of school resources and a concern about safety on his way to and from school. But he said he learned to be resilient — “to make the most of what I have” — and that Newark teachers “really made the difference” as mentors.

The Wilson School concentrator said that after law school he plans to return to Newark “to have as much impact on the community as possible” — with a tech startup and nonprofit legal work as options before a possible run for public office. ◆ By W.R.O.
For many students and their families, attending one of the University’s identity-based senior celebrations is a highlight of the Commencement experience.

Each of the seven celebrations — Latinx, Pan-African, First-Generation Low-Income (FLI), Middle Eastern and North African (MENA), Native American, Asian Pacific Islander and Desi American (APIDA), and Lavender (which celebrates LGBTQIA graduates) — has a slightly different program. But each aims to give students “one last gathering among the communities that they’re in, and we try to make it really special for them,” said Tennille Haynes, director of the Carl A. Fields Center, which organizes most of the events.

Total attendance at the seven ceremonies was about 460 students, University officials said, with some students attending more than one event. This was the first year that MENA, APIDA, and Native American graduation events were held.

“We have to celebrate not only our similarities, but our differences as well,” Haynes said. “I think Princeton is inclusive, but I also think that a lot of people don’t always see themselves in a lot of the events that happen here. We want to make sure that these students can see themselves in these [graduation] events.”

Families are invited to attend, and students receive special stoles at each ceremony. Many have a speaker; keynote speakers this year included Telemundo anchor María Celeste Arrarás at the Latinx event, former Iranian ambassador Seyed Hossein Mousavian at MENA, and assistant professor of history Beth Lew-Williams at APIDA.

The Latinx celebration — which has been held for more than 20 years and is the longest-running identity-based graduation event — is translated into Spanish, and for the first time this year, the Latinx and Pan-African ceremonies were live-streamed for the benefit of family members who could not attend. At the Pan-African celebration, Marian Robinson — the mother of Michelle Obama ’85 and Craig Robinson ’83 and grandmother of Leslie Robinson ’18 — was inducted as an honorary member of the Class of 1983.

Sarah Sakha ’18 helped organize the MENA event and described it as a “first step,” but said there is more work to be done. “Especially in the current political climate, this particular group feels marginalized and targeted,” she said.

“Princeton is not easy for anyone, and for a lot of marginalized identities, it can be even more tough,” Haynes said. “We want to celebrate their accomplishments, and we want to celebrate [the students].” ◆ By A.W.
On the Campus

Stronger Ties
University expands academic, service initiatives to provide aid to Puerto Rico

The University is expanding its ties with the people and academic institutions of Puerto Rico in the wake of Hurricane Maria last September. This summer, computer science lecturer Alan Kaplan is in Puerto Rico to teach a six-week program, equivalent to Princeton’s course on “Computer Science: An Interdisciplinary Approach.” With him are four rising sophomores who excelled in the Princeton course to act as teaching assistants. The students also will volunteer on farms and beaches and in food kitchens.

“The goal is to help students in Puerto Rico and to raise awareness for Princeton students, both by teaching and by doing community service,” said Kaplan, who has visited the island on vacations for about 15 years and volunteered there after Maria.

Fernando Acosta-Rodriguez, a Puerto Rican native who is Princeton’s librarian for Latin American studies, has helped to salvage library materials and facilities damaged by the storm. Water, humidity, heat, and darkness created “the perfect storm” for mold to grow in library archives, he said.

By freezing materials to prevent mold from growing, Acosta-Rodriguez said, librarians and archivists at the University of Puerto Rico in Humacao have been able to buy time as they decide what to do next. Acosta-Rodriguez and Brenna Campbell, Princeton’s preservation librarian, visited the Humacao campus to assess the situation and to recommend steps to restore the most severely

IN MEMORIAM

Professor emeritus of Near Eastern studies BERNARD LEWIS died May 19 in Voorhees Township, N.J. He was 101. Lewis joined the faculty in 1974, transferred to emeritus status in 1986, and was awarded an honorary doctoral degree in 2002. His research encompassed the Islamic world from medieval to contemporary times, and he was among the first to study issues of race, slavery, class, and the status of women in Middle Eastern history. After the Sept. 11 attacks, Lewis was sought out by American policymakers. He traced the attacks to a declining Islamic civilization — a controversial view that influenced world opinion and helped shape American policy on Middle Eastern affairs under President George W. Bush.

Former associate dean of the College RICHARD WILLIAMS ’72 died May 11 in Princeton Junction, N.J. He was 75. Williams arrived at Princeton in 1970 as a graduate student in the history department and became assistant dean of the College in 1974. He advised more than 35,000 students before retiring in 2010. Williams was known for his “great rapport with students; ability to work quiet miracles, day in and day out, to rescue students in difficulty; and combination of intense human compassion and strong commitment to institutional standards,” said former dean of the College Nancy Malkiel.

English professor emeritus and former dean of the Graduate School ALVIN KERNAN died May 17 in Skillman, N.J. He was 94. Kernan was on the faculty from 1973 until 1988 and served as dean from 1973 to 1977. He was an expert in English Renaissance drama, authored influential books on literary satire, and wrote essays concerning the nature of print culture and the challenges presented by new technologies. Kernan published editions of three of Shakespeare’s plays and wrote the third volume of The Revels History of the Drama in English, 1576–1613.

ADEL MAHMOUD, lecturer with the rank of professor in molecular biology and the Woodrow Wilson School, died of a brain hemorrhage June 11 in New York City. He was 76. An expert on vaccine development and infectious diseases in the developing world, Mahmoud was an influential leader in academia, biopharmaceutical research and development, and global-health policy. After serving as president of Merck Vaccines from 1998 to 2006,
10 TRANSFERS TO ENROLL
Yield for Class of ’22 Exceeds Target

More students accepted Princeton’s offer to join the Class of 2022 than anticipated, and the University will be converting some space over the summer to house them.

The target for the incoming freshman class was 1,296. The University declined to say how many students enrolled but said the yield rose to 69 percent of the 1,941 who were admitted, which would be 1,339 students. The yield is the highest since 2002, when Princeton had a binding early-decision option.

Space occupied by the Princeton Writing Program in Lauritzen Hall, one of the Whitman College dorms, will be converted to house students. “We are well-prepared to accommodate all our students,” the University said in a statement.

Those who identify as minority students, including multiracial, make up 45.7 percent of the incoming class, and international students 12.6 percent. Legacies are 14.4 percent and recruited athletes 16.2 percent of the class. Two active military reservists enrolled.

Men hold a narrow majority, 50.6 to 49.4 percent. The percentage of Pell Grant recipients declined slightly from last year, from 22 to 20, as did the percentage of first-generation students, from 17 to 15.

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RECORD FOR INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS
Grad School Sees Diversity Progress

The Graduate School’s applicant pool jumped 7 percent this year as applications from international students rose 7.6 percent to a record figure. The school offered admission to 1,373 master’s and Ph.D. students, and 688 accepted offers — a yield of 48.7 percent.

“Anecdotally, international applications remain consistently strong at our peer institutions as well,” said Mary Bechler, senior associate dean for finance and administration, noting final figures are not yet available.

The Council of Graduate Schools reported a decline in international graduate applications last year; she said — primarily in master’s and certificate programs. This year’s survey has not been released.

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The computer science department will see a significant increase in entering students this fall, reflecting “tremendous interest” in the field, according to Sarah-Jane Leslie ’07, dean of the Graduate School. “Computer science and data science are areas that the University is investing in,” she said. “Their faculty has grown in recent years, so the graduate population should stay in step.”

In addition, 127 women accepted Princeton’s offer of admission in STEM-related departments, the highest number in at least five years.

“Over the past several years and this year in particular, we’ve put a lot of effort and energy behind all aspects of diversity; women in STEM, underrepresented minority students, students from lower socioeconomic backgrounds, students who are the first in their families to go to college, and other dimensions of diversity,” Leslie said.

The incoming graduate students include 77 who identify as underrepresented minorities, including multiracial students. School officials said that is a record number, as are both the 781 underrepresented minority students who applied and the 156 who were admitted. Thirty-eight percent of incoming U.S. students are first-generation low-income or underrepresented minorities. ◊ By A.W.

LÉON-FRANÇOIS HOFFMANN *59, professor emeritus of French and Italian, died May 25 in Princeton. He was 86. Hoffman became an assistant professor in 1960 and transferred to emeritus status in 2003. He specialized in 19th-century French literature and Caribbean literature in French, and he taught seminars on French language, literature, and culture in former French colonial territories. Hoffman wrote several books, including textbooks and Le Nègre romantique, which won a prize from the Académie Française. ◆
New Optimism at Lab

After a failure in its chief experiment, Plasma Physics Lab works to rebuild

Two years after equipment failure forced the shutdown of the Princeton Plasma Physics Lab’s flagship fusion experiment, the University says recent developments have put it in a better position to proceed with repairs and to seek to extend the federal contract to manage the lab.

A malfunctioning magnetic coil led to the shutdown in July 2016 of the NSTX-U experiment after a $94 million upgrade designed to double its magnetic field strength and plasma current. Princeton operates the lab under contract to the U.S. Department of Energy, which ordered a review to identify “all design, construction, and operational issues” and the development of a corrective action plan.

Extensive reviews found “reason to believe that engineering and quality-assurance issues may have been involved,” said David McComas, the University’s vice president for the lab, and three sets of magnets must be replaced.

PPPL now has new heads of engineering and of quality assurance and new procedures to analyze design proposals, McComas said, and the University has expanded its oversight of the lab. “We are trying to change aspects of the culture — the level of engineering rigor, and the rigor of operations and quality assurance,” he said. “These are underlying things in how you design and build equipment and were not adequate for NSTX-U, at least in some areas.”

In addition, PPPL is in a stronger position financially after 38 of the approximately 500 lab employees accepted a voluntary separation package early this year in “targeted areas where there might be more capacity than expected future funding,” he said.

McComas cited three reasons for optimism:

• A recent DOE review found that PPPL is “on the right path” to have the capabilities to rebuild the experiment correctly, he said, and there is still a “compelling” reason for its intended research.

• A midterm grading report from the energy department, which grades all the national laboratories it oversees at the end of each year, showed improvement. Princeton was given a special assessment to provide an updated federal review after receiving poor grades the past three years, McComas said, and the lab is now rated acceptable in all areas.

This is important because Princeton’s contract to manage the lab — valued at $100 million per year — runs through next March, and the University is working to encourage the DOE to extend the contract.

• Steven Cowley ’85, an international authority on fusion energy, was hired as lab director, effective July 1. Cowley, a staff scientist at PPPL from 1987 to 1993, led the fusion-research program for the United Kingdom from 2008 to 2016. Stewart Prager stepped down as lab director in the wake of the NSTX-U failure.

The lab has been “very honest about issues that we’ve had and what we’re doing to fix them,” McComas said. “If we’re given the opportunity to fix NSTX-U, the lab has the chance to really get it right and have an outstanding experiment to run for many years. I think the future of the lab is extremely bright.”

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By W.K.O.

IN SHORT

Fifteen professors are transferring to EMERITUS STATUS, combining for more than 400 years on the faculty:

FRANK P. CALAPRICE, physics, 48 years
SARAH JANE FLINT, molecular biology, 41 years
JOHN FREDERICK HALDON, history, 13 years
GILBERT HARMAN, philosophy, 53 years
ROBERT A. KASTER, classics, 21 years
ELLIOT H. LIEB, mathematics, 42 years
MANUEL-ANGEL G. LOUREIRO, Spanish and Portuguese, 17 years
FRANÇOIS M. M. MOREL, geosciences, 24 years
THOMAS ROMER, politics and the Woodrow Wilson School, 27 years
GERTRUD MARIA SCHÜPBACH, molecular biology, 28 years
ALEXANDER JOHN SMITS, mechanical and aerospace engineering, 37 years
JEFFREY LEE STOUT ’76, religion, 41 years
GANG TIAN, mathematics, 16 years
EDMUND V. WHITE, Lewis Center for the Arts, 19 years
CHRISTIAN WILDBERG, classics, 22 years
A New Home for Class Stones

Alumni returning for Reunions got their first look at the new location for class stones: along walkways in front of Nassau Hall. For nearly 150 years, graduating classes placed a stone with their class numerals on the exterior of Nassau Hall, but space finally ran out. Stones for 17 older classes without a marker on the building, ranging from 1916 to 2006, were installed along two walkways in May. The Class of 2018 stone was installed on the afternoon of Commencement. 

No Disruption? No Discipline

Protest isn’t what it used to be, it seems. Graduate students who entered several East Pyne classes March 8 as part of the International Women’s Day strike will not be disciplined. The reason: They were very polite.

“There was no disruption,” said Princeton spokesman Daniel Day after a University investigation. “They knocked on the door, asked the professors if it was OK for them to come in and read a statement, and the professors agreed.” The students read their statement and then filed out, he said.

Following the incident, more than 30 senior faculty members signed a letter to President Eisgruber ‘83 expressing concern about an “invasion” of classrooms and “bullying” by students.

But Sarah-Jane Leslie ‘07, dean of the Graduate School, said the faculty letter had been based on initial accounts of the incident that were inaccurate. She said a letter was sent to all grad students around the time of the protest to remind them of University policies. “It is not permissible to forcibly disrupt a class,” she said. “However, faculty are certainly free to welcome speakers into their classes. And that was what we found happened in this case.” By W.R.O. and A.W.
THE YEAR IN SPORTS

Magical Moments

Remembering six days that shaped Princeton athletics in 2017–18

In a year that saw two Tigers win national championships and 11 teams capture Ivy League crowns, choosing the top highlights is a challenge. Read our selections below and view more at paw.princeton.edu.

Sept. 29, 2017 Field hockey’s Ryan McCarthy ’18 scored on a diving rebound off a penalty corner awarded as the second half expired, and Princeton edged Yale, 3–2. The Tigers would go on to a perfect 7–0 Ivy season before falling in the NCAA quarterfinals to North Carolina.

Nov. 19, 2017 More late-game heroics: In the NCAA women’s soccer tournament, Abby Givens ’20 chased down a long pass and poked it out of the air past the charging goalkeeper, propelling Princeton to an overtime win over North Carolina. The Tigers reached the quarterfinals for the first time since 2004, falling on the road at UCLA.

March 11, 2018 Bella Alarie ’20 blocked six shots and grabbed 17 rebounds as the top-seeded Tigers dominated Penn in the Ivy Women’s Basketball Tournament final, holding the host Quakers to a season-low 34 points.

March 17, 2018 Max Becker ’18’s overtime goal completed men’s hockey’s miracle ECAC Hockey playoff run in Lake Placid as Princeton edged Clarkson, 2–1. The Tigers, seeded seventh, upset the league’s top three teams in successive rounds of the tournament. The same day in Cleveland, wrestler Matthew Kolodzik ’20 placed third in the NCAA Tournament’s 149-pound division, the top finish by a Tiger since 2002.

March 23, 2018 Princeton fencers have won NCAA team and individual titles before, but the women’s championship meet this year proved historic as Kasia Nixon ’20 (epee) and Maia Chamberlain ’20 (saber) each won their events, becoming the first Tiger teammates to bring home national championships in the same season.

May 6, 2018 Winning Ivy track and field’s triple crown (the Heps meets in cross country, indoor, and outdoor track) used to be a rare feat. But with their 2017-18 sweep, the Princeton men have now done it a stunning four times in the last eight years. In the outdoor meet, the Tigers outscored Penn, their closest challenger, by 36 points. ♦ By B.T.
 SENIOR AWARDS

Kanoff ’18, Gregoire ’18 Earn Top Honors

Two record-setting athletes won the top honors at the Princeton Varsity Club’s senior awards dinner in May. Chad Kanoff ’18, the football team’s career passing-yards leader, received the Roper Trophy, and Vanessa Gregoire ’18, who set the women’s soccer assists record while leading her team to the NCAA quarterfinals, won the Von Kienbusch Award.

Mechanical and aerospace engineering major Delaney Miller ’18 (women’s cross country and track and field) received the Class of 1916 Cup, given to the senior letter winner with the highest academic standing. Three students shared the Art Lane Award for “outstanding contribution to sport and society”: Abby Finkelston ’18 (women’s lacrosse), Ehidiamen “Junior” Oboh ’18 (men’s volleyball), and Natalie Tung ’18 (women’s squash).

Denna Laing ’14, a former professional women’s hockey player who suffered a spinal-cord injury on the ice in 2015, received the Class of 1967 PVC Citizen-Athlete Award. The Marvin Bressler Award was presented to Dov Weinryb Grohsal *13, a departing associate dean who oversaw the Academic-Athletic Fellows Program.

SPORTS SHORTS

All four Princeton ROWING TEAMS reached the varsity eight grand finals at their respective national championships. The men’s lightweights won silver at the IRA Regatta June 3, finishing 0.7 seconds behind Columbia, while the women’s lightweights won bronze. The women’s open crew placed fifth at the NCAA Championships May 26, and the men’s heavyweights finished fifth in their IRA race.

Obiageri Amaechi ’21 placed seventh in the women’s discus at the NCAA TRACK AND FIELD Championships in Eugene, Ore., June 9. Three Tigers competed on the men’s side, led by hammer thrower Adam Kelly ’19, who placed ninth.
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The third annual celebration of Princeton research, held May 10 at the Frist Campus Center, was open to all non-faculty members, from freshmen to graduate students to postdocs. More than 190 people participated, across departments and academic disciplines. For those in the audience, even choosing among the concurrently scheduled sessions proved to be challenging.

Presentations were short, the longer ones lasting just 10 minutes, while the shortest — dubbed “elevator pitches” — challenged students to deliver a précis of their work in a mere 90 seconds. A few were chosen for 15-minute presentations, while some preferred to display their findings on posters throughout the Frist lobby.

Organizers — the dean of the college, dean of the faculty, dean of the Graduate School, dean of research, and the provost — arranged the talks around themes rather than subjects. A session called “Some Like It Hot,” for example, featured a presentation by an associate research scholar on Japanese copper smelting; another by a junior undergraduate on gaseous exoplanets; and two by graduate students on sustainable methods of air conditioning and insulating fusion reactors from hot plasma.

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For decades, women have strived for gender parity in their wages. While the gap has decreased from 40 percent in the 1950s and ’60s in the United States, it has plateaued since the 1990s at about 20 percent in industrialized countries around the world. Even Scandinavia, which historically has had a lower wage gap and is regularly heralded for its generous child- and health-care benefits, is now on par with the U.S. “Gender convergence has stagnated quite a bit in many countries,” says Henrik Kleven, professor of economics and public affairs. “We were interested in understanding why.”

Along with Camille Landais of the London School of Economics and Jakob Egholt Søgaard of the University of Copenhagen, Kleven explores what’s happening with the wage gap using Scandinavia as a case study. In a National Bureau of Economic Research working paper, the researchers have broken new ground by tracing the problem to one source above all others: children. “Men and women evolve very similarly in the labor market, and then as soon as they have kids, women drop off immediately — and sharply — by 30 percent,” Kleven says. The researchers studied data from Denmark, which has rich social databases linking vital statistics with information about employment, taxes, education, and family relationships.

Studying women’s income before and after the birth of their first child, they found that while Danish women’s wages do rebound slightly over time, they still level out about 20 percent below that of men, whose income stays the same before and after children. That difference accounts for nearly the entire wage gap between men and women.

Kleven and his colleagues posit that by bearing the brunt of child care, women tend to make more sacrifices in their careers than their male partners to maintain a flexible work life. Their data show that mothers tend to take jobs that pay less, require fewer hours, and in some cases leave the workforce altogether. Furthermore, they found that even when women stay in high-paid occupations, they are less likely to rise to managerial positions. Kleven speculates that all of these disparities are due to women choosing to maintain a more flexible work life in order to care for children.

Women are essentially trading off family amenities for pay, he says. “In order to make it to the top of the labor market, you need to have a lot of face time with colleagues and managers and be extremely flexible in your ability to travel. Those things are hard when you have kids.” Kleven believes leave policies and subsidies for child care are not enough. “They must be combined with a shift in social norms toward men bearing more of the load of childrearing.”

By Michael Blanding

Past research has found high rates of joblessness corresponded to higher rates of opioid prescriptions per capita, leading some economists to theorize that increasing employment would drive down drug abuse. However, economics professor Janet Currie ’88 and doctoral students Jonas Jin and Molly Schnell compared opioid prescriptions with job statistics nationwide and found no correlation. Their finding suggests that an increase in opioids might actually help some women — but not men — manage chronic pain and remain employed. The results, published by the National Bureau of Economic Research in March, could inform opioid-related policy.

Girls who identify as lesbian or bisexual face higher rates of discipline in school than straight peers, according to research by sociology doctoral student Joel Mittleman. Using data from the Fragile Families and Childhood Wellbeing Study, a project at Princeton and Columbia, Mittleman found that LGBTQ girls faced 95 percent greater odds of being disciplined, while LGBTQ boys’ odds were no different than straight peers. The paper was published in Educational Researcher in January.
Crime Fiction: The Most American Genre

Crime fiction dominates bestseller lists, but many don’t consider it a significant literary form. Yet many crime novels explore issues of race, class, and gender in provocative ways that are worthy of examination, says English department lecturer Alfred Bendixen: “Crime fiction is not marginal. It’s central to American culture and American identity.”

Many of the classics of American literature should be considered crime fiction, according to Bendixen, who is co-editor of The Centrality of Crime Fiction in American Literary Culture (Routledge), a collection of academic essays presenting the genre as not solely the property of Dashiell Hammett and Raymond Chandler. It cites Mark Twain, William Faulkner, and Richard Wright, among others, as masters of the genre.

Bendixen calls Nathaniel Hawthorne’s The Scarlet Letter the first major American crime novel. Adulterer Hester Prynne is considered a criminal and punished with imprisonment. Author Flannery O’Connor frequently made use of flashes of criminal violence in her work, such as the murders in her short story “A Good Man is Hard to Find.” “She believed you needed moments of extreme violence so that our social façade would fall away,” he says.

Book reviewers considered F. Scott Fitzgerald 1917’s The Great Gatsby a crime novel when it came out in 1925. Its commentary about class in American society is intertwined with the criminal pursuits of its characters, Bendixen points out. Gatsby steals bonds — a metaphor for his interest in getting Daisy to break her matrimonial vows with him — while the wealthy Buchanans commit crimes in a way that befits their social status. Gatsby’s partner rigs the championship of the most American of sports when he fixes the World Series.

Criminal acts in fiction are often employed to lay bare our nation’s complicated relationship with race, according to Bendixen. Wright’s Native Son explores the ramifications of a black man murdering a white woman. When the protagonist of Adventures of Huckleberry Finn helps Jim run away from slavery, Huck recognizes that he is breaking the law, and author Mark Twain uses this violation to demonstrate the moral turpitude of slavery, Bendixen says. “Twill is asking: If saving Jim is a criminal act, what does that say about American values?”

Walter Mosley, one of the premier crime writers working today, uses detective fiction as a vehicle to shed light on the dynamics of racism and economic injustice. Mosley’s Easy Rawlins series offers a wide-ranging historical vision of African American life in Los Angeles, Bendixen says.

Bendixen hopes readers will give some thought to the importance of the work of some of their favorite crime writers. “In addition to reading these books for fun,” he says, “we should think about the important questions they raise about society and American values.”

By Jennifer Altmann
REUNIONS 2018
Reuners take cover at Dillon Gym after lightning strikes nearby prompted cancellation of the P-rade mid-procession.
emcee Gregg Lange ’70 led them in singing “Old Nassau” and declared them alumni. Other alumni also gathered on Poe Field, which resulted in “an amazing impromptu showing of school spirit,” complete with a sing-along to Neil Diamond’s “Sweet Caroline” and many locomotives, said Dan Lopresti ’87. President Eisgruber ’83 declared it “either the shortest P-rade on record — or the longest.”

The abbreviated P-rade contained a few notable changes and additions. For the first time in recent history, the Old Guard led the procession, with 103-year-old Joseph Schein ’37 holding the silver cane for the third year in a row as he marched the entire way down Elm Drive. Next in line was the Lesbian & Gay Big Apple Corps band from New York City, which preceded the 25th-reunion Class of 1993 and elicited loud cheers and visible excitement from alumni — and especially from those in the LGBTQ community.

“I cannot imagine anything like this happening 25 years ago,” said Alex Volckhausen ’93 in an email. “I never felt exactly ‘oppressed’ as an LGBT student, but I didn’t feel comfortable coming out until midway through senior year ... [It] sends a message that Princeton is a place for everyone.”

Other Reunions events went on without a hitch for the almost 25,000 alumni and guests in attendance. Panel discussions on topics such as the value and volatility of cryptocurrency, the state of race relations in the U.S., and the future of the Supreme Court were big draws for many attendees (see story, page 42); while a “Princeton Ninja Warrior” obstacle course overseen by American Ninja Warrior host Matt Iseman ’93 was a hit with many of the youngest Tigers. New guided
tours offered alumni views into less-known aspects of Princeton, including a history of protest and of African Americans on campus.

Service played a prominent role, with the classes of 1978, 1983, 2003, 2008, and 2013 collaborating on a two-day project to benefit five organizations in New Jersey and beyond. On Thursday, more than 50 alumni from those classes traveled to Newark to plant flowers, build shelves, and paint houses; on Friday, more than 200 people packed almost 24,000 meals for Kids Against Hunger at the Class of 1978 tent.

“[The Classes of] 1978 and 1983 both felt that we wanted to change the culture at Reunions,” said Jeanne Perantoni ’78, who helped organize the project. “We wanted the younger classes to be more conscious of giving back as part of this culture of Reunions, and we accomplished that goal. I hope that service plays a bigger and bigger role and that these younger classes run with it going forward.”

At the Saturday-morning gathering of the Asian American Alumni Association of Princeton, Hong Kong businessman and infrastructure builder Gordon Wu ’58, one of Princeton’s largest donors, received the association’s first award for distinguished Asian or Asian American alumni who bring life to Princeton’s informal motto of service. At the presentation, Eisgruber said Wu’s impact “has touched every aspect of our alma mater.”

For many alumni, reconnecting with family and friends was the highlight of the weekend. Sisters Ivy Thomas McKinney ’77, Daphne Thomas Jones ’77, and Evora Thomas ’74 traveled from different states to march together in the P-rade.

“It was nice [as a student] having sisters here because you had a built-in support network,” said McKinney. “It was very challenging for women, and especially for women of color.”

“But we had a sense of community that helped to sustain us, and we were very supportive of each other right down to making sure that everybody’s thesis got typed and submitted on time,” said Thomas. “We made sure that everybody made it.”

Walt Schanbacher ’73 was serving his eighth year as a P-rade marshal, along with his daughter, Jenny Marlowe ’04.

“I always volunteer to [work with] the younger classes in the P-rade, which most of the other [marshals] don’t want to do,” Schanbacher said. “To me they’re what proves the constancy of the place — they’re the most fun, but they’re also so into it, and that’s nice to see.”

Laurie Blank ’93 was back for her 29th Reunions weekend, having not missed one since her freshman year. “[Reunions] is the exact same experience every year, and yet there’s always something different,” she said. “No matter how much they build and develop, Princeton stays the same. There are certain places in life that hold on and don’t let go, and for me, Princeton is one of those places.”

By A.W.
A Talk With the President
While Princeton remains committed to being "a great liberal-arts university in the 21st century," President Eisgruber ’83 said during his annual Reunions conversation with alumni, technology is bringing important changes.

Computer science, machine learning, and artificial intelligence are revolutionizing our society, how students learn and what they want to study, and ways that research is conducted, Eisgruber said. He said he expects more faculty to use technology "to ask questions of a kind that couldn’t be formulated before, much less answered," citing current University studies looking for clues to autism and the onset of Alzheimer’s disease.

But these new tools, he said, make the liberal arts more important, not less so. "We have to be thinking about what it means from the human perspective to have all of this powerful technology around us, how it’s transforming our society, and how we want to be able to use that technology," he said.

Princeton should have a special impact on the world, he said, including a responsibility for service. "You get a place on this campus and get your life transformed in a way that so many other people would like to have an opportunity to do, you personally have a responsibility to think about how to give back to the world," he said. Noting recently introduced programs for freshmen and sophomores, he said, “We want all our students thinking about their service initiatives.”

Eisgruber also stressed the importance of socioeconomic accessibility, expressing pride that this year’s graduating class is the most diverse in Princeton’s history. He said 83 percent of students graduate with no debt, and the average debt for those who borrow is lower than at any other national university.

An alumna questioned the “transparency” of the University’s figures on student debt, saying it took 15 years for her and her husband to pay off loans for their Princeton educations and she expected to be paying off loans for their son — also an alum — just as long. Eisgruber said the University is consistently ranked as the most affordable college in the United States and said Princeton’s figures accurately describe the “overall experience” of graduating students, but he said individual cases could tell “a different story.”

By W.R.O.
Members of the 25th-reunion Class of 1993 posed with a clapper, stolen during their freshman year by legendary co-conspirators Hadley Bagshaw and Jennifer Carlson-Pietraszek.
Norm Carter ’38 and driver Hamza Chaudhry ’19

Jim Walsh ’43

Sayuri Jinadasa ’08 and Conor John McGee

Class of ’68 reuners, from left: Jim Jamieson, Bill Gibby, and Alan Andreini

From left: Ken McNaughton, Brad Macaleer, Frank Vuono, Gene Mancino, Juan Nogueras, Bill Mitchell, and Bob Isom — all Class of 1978

Jamol Pender *13 and son Jamol Jr.
Tigers unite! Justin Mirabal '03 and Naomi Herrera '03
Reunions whose interest in current events goes deeper than the offerings of cable television had a slew of panel discussions to choose from this year, as alumni and faculty experts presided over conversations about some of the country’s biggest flashpoints: politics and news, personal data, race, and the #MeToo movement.

At an annual Reunions panel of journalists, sponsored by PAW and the Ferris journalism program of the Council of the Humanities, moderator Nancy Cordes ’99, chief congressional correspondent for CBS News, kicked off the session on this note: “Everyone on this panel, I think it’s safe to say, has had an official or campaign aide or member of Congress accuse them of peddling fake news.” Her remarks were met with somber nods by the panelists.

The journalists focused on some of the questions they encounter daily as they cover a president and Congress willing to abandon traditions of governing. Should they use the word “lie” in covering statements by President Donald Trump that are known to be untrue? Most said they should not.

“We don’t know whether Trump is lying, ignorant, simply mistaken, or just playing games,” said Washington Post editor and Trump biographer Marc Fisher ’80. “I think to pretend that we know his psychological motivations misleads the reader.”

But Fisher’s former Post colleague Barton Gellman ’82, a senior fellow at the Century Foundation, made a case for the “L” word in some situations: “Let’s say Trump says, ‘I just got a call from the head of the Boy Scouts who said I just gave the best speech,’ but you know there was no call. That is a knowable fact, and I’m perfectly happy calling that a lie,” he said. “It is difficult to know when he’s playing games, but it’s not impossible.”

Rick Klein ’98, political director at ABC News, asserted that Trump knows more about the media business — its rhythms and news cycles and recent industry trends — than even the people who work in media companies. “Recognizing that and understanding the art of what he’s doing is at least one little step toward explaining to the public what’s going on,” Klein said. “Understanding that, and not overreacting to whatever random thing he tweets out during executive time in the White House in the morning, is an important step for us.”

For Deborah Amos, international correspondent for NPR and a Ferris journalism professor, a central concern is how Facebook and Twitter can be wielded to influence public opinion — tools she said are being used by governments in countries including Russia, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates. “We are easily manipulated through Facebook and bots,” she said. “I find that more worrying than how governments deal with their own press. And there is a phenomenon now that you can move public opinion in America.”

Gabriel Debenedetti ’12, a national correspondent for New York magazine, cast doubt on CEO Mark Zuckerberg’s assertions that Facebook will fix its model to eradicate propaganda. “The
one thing Facebook has been very consistent about is, ’We’re not a media company, we’re a tech company,’ and when they say that, they’re absolving themselves of all responsibility.”

Fisher responded: “That claim is meant purely for their own legal protection so they [are not] responsible under the laws of libel,” he said. “That’s the original sin of social media, and it’s probably irresolvable.” He added that most media companies find themselves beholden to social-media audiences but remain wary of the platforms nevertheless.

One audience member asked if the panel felt that the Trump administration’s approach to truth and facts portends a rise in authoritarianism.

“Press coverage of McCarthyism or Watergate [had] little impact on public opinion, but then a threshold was reached and everything tipped,” Fisher said. “All populist movements end in that kind of strange moment where everyone who hadn’t been listening suddenly is given the freedom to make their own decision, and they come back.”

“You’re more optimistic than me,” replied Catherine Rampell ’07, opinion writer for The Washington Post. “You’re not going to have diehard Trump supporters believe any of these scandals until Rupert Murdoch decides he doesn’t support Trump anymore. Not as long as Fox News remains the most popular cable-news network, and it exists not as a conservative organization but as a mouthpiece for the president.”

Other panels also dealt with the media and politics, including a Friday-afternoon panel on “The Evolution of Journalism,” at which Fox & Friends Weekend co-host Pete Hegseth ’03 questioned social media’s ability to adjudicate what constitutes “healthy discourse.” “I don’t trust whoever it is in Silicon Valley to determine what’s acceptable and what isn’t acceptable,” Hegseth said. “And we’ve seen conservative speech muted and sometimes blocked on places like Facebook and YouTube … [If] it’s being blocked by someone who I don’t know and I don’t trust to be a fair arbiter, that’s not free speech — that’s the publisher deciding what’s posted on their channel, pretending to be a platform.”

At “Is the Party Over?,” a panel about the future of political parties in the United States, social media’s power to engender social change was discussed in critical terms. “Think about the Women’s March — started by women on Facebook — or the gun-control movement. Movements like that used to have to start in a party structure. They are now happening organically online,” said Chris Lu ’88, former deputy secretary of labor under President Barack Obama and a senior fellow at the University of Virginia Miller Center. “I think it’s an existential crisis on both sides.”

Nick Confessore ’98, an investigative reporter for The New York Times, explained how the rise of Obama and Trump revealed both parties’ vulnerabilities. “You have two people who essentially took over their parties. They were both insurgent forces that built their own coalitions and took power. You can do it because the costs of reaching people are lower.”

People packed McCormick Auditorium to hear a discussion on “From Ferguson to Charlottesville: The State of Race Relations in America.” Law professor Lolita Buckner Inniss ’83 characterized the nation as being at “such a low point, we can only go up. But more people are becoming engaged [with issues of racial equality], and more people are paying attention.” She called herself a “cynical optimist,” remembering how she hid in her home, in the dark, during the 1965 Watts riots in Los Angeles. Fourteen years later, she was enrolled in Princeton. “That story shows that we are on a journey,” she said. “We are getting there.” ◆ By C.C. with staff reports
Saturday night at the fifth-reunion tent featured crowd-surfing and dancing to the music of Hello Brooklyn.

WISH I KNEW THEN …

PAW intern Douglas Corzine ’20 asked reuners to offer advice to the Class of 2018. Here’s what they said.

“Follow your dreams. I’ve done very well by it.” — Doug Wengel ’58

“Don’t be boxed in by what you studied! I was in the humanities at Princeton, and I learned a lot in terms of people skills and soft skills. Once I graduated, I took an untraditional route into tech, and that meant continuing to explore and try new things. I recommend that people not be afraid to make jumps and take risks.” — Win Suen ’13

“Find something you really want to do, and get everything else in place to support that. I didn’t really care where I worked. I just wanted to play Frisbee, and I was fortunate to find jobs that let me play — jobs that I’m good at, jobs that I enjoy, but that don’t define me. The work I do supports the other things: kids, traveling, still playing Frisbee.” — Alex de Frondeville ’88
“You should say things that you think you might regret. I should’ve learned it here: That’s what I did in classes here, but when I got in the real world, I was cowardly. Don’t — holding things back and not saying how you feel about something, it ultimately holds you back.” — Rob Bernard ’88

“It’s hard because you’re in the middle of it, but enjoy the experience. Just savor it, and it’s going to work out — for the most part, you get what you need, and everything works out. I would tell my 22-year-old self, ‘Just relax; it’s going to be OK. Don’t take everything so seriously.’” — Punam Mony Nimchonok ’98

“I’d say to wear the cloak of decision-making lightly. You don’t have to make all your major decisions in your 20s. When we look at the future, people are going to have a lot more leisure time and they’re going to change careers more often than ever before. So don’t put all that pressure on yourself, and take care of yourself emotionally and physically — that’s actually something I wish I had learned more of here.” — David Johnson ’78

“Make an effort to stay in touch with Princeton classmates because they’re unique and special, and it’s worth putting in a little extra time even when life gets busy to maintain those relationships. You’ll have them the rest of your life.” — Leigh Armstrong Hebard ’93
The women of the Class of ’73 were pioneers — not just once, but again and again.

The first female officer at an eating club. The only woman in an upper-level biology course. The first woman to win the Pyne Honor Prize. And then: the only woman in the room at the law firm, and the technology company, and the scientific institution. “I never felt uncomfortable walking into a room and being the only woman, because I had done that so many times at Princeton,” says Jane Leifer.

As members of the first undergraduate class at Princeton that included women for all four years, they were the guinea pigs who led coeducation at a 223-year-old institution. In the fall of 1969, 101 female first-year students and 70 female transfer students arrived on campus. About 40 women of ’73 gathered at Prospect House during Reunions this year for a breakfast to reminisce about their early days on campus and to reflect on the way they blossomed in the face of challenges.

Victoria Bjorklund remembers registering for gym class in Dillon with a punch card. When she got to the front of the line, there was nothing left but football. “The tennis coach heard what happened and said, ‘I’ll take her,’ ” she recalls. Later she played on the first women’s basketball team and became part of what is believed to be the first undergraduate married couple, with Hank Bjorklund ’72. At the predominantly male law firm where she later worked, she spoke up for a friend who was pumping breast milk in the ladies’ room, leading to the firm’s first lactation room. “As the kind of gritty woman who went to Princeton, I knew how to pick my battles and explain what we needed,” she says.

June Fletcher was singled out by the press during her first days on campus as “Miss Bikini USA” — she had won the beauty contest as a high school student. Looking back, she is stunned at the blatant sexism. “It was considered newsworthy to offer ‘the woman’s point of view.’ I was determined to leave Princeton purged of all those [negative] feelings about the University, says Leifer. Today, she says, “Ninety percent of the good remains, and we laugh off the bad.”

As the women enter a new phase of life — some are retired, some are thinking about it — they continue to rack up firsts. Starting next month, Nancy Teaff will be the class’s first female president. When she visits campus and sees all the women students, she says, “It makes me think, ‘Look at what we started.’” — By Jennifer Altmann
COVER-WORTHY

Alumni took a break from their Reunions activities to pose with PAW’s photo frame. To view more images, visit paw.princeton.edu.

Kim Pearson ’78, Adrien Wing ’78, and Rosemary Garcés Lebron ’78

Anastasia Auber ’13, Bennu Boyner ’13, and Casey Cortes ’13

Max Staller ’08, Ashley Wolf ’08, Hanlin Tang ’08, and Christine Wei

Bruce Leslie ’66

Alumni at the Fuzzy Dice improv comedy reunion

Bob Largey ’79

Naman Jain ’17 and Spyder-Ryder Sloman ’17

Martin Weinrich ’83 and Alix van Geel ’93

Maya Reid ’12

Riley MacAulay ’18, Tenley Shield ’18, Katrine Steffensen ’18, and Sara Goodwin ’18

P.J. Chew ’95, Red Abbott ’96, Spencer Haldeman ’16, and John Wolfe ’14
Jackson Simcox ’19 was the Old Guard student crew manager at Reunions. This year, the Old Guard led the P-rade, with the oldest returning alumnus, Joseph Schein ’37, walking the entire route. Simcox then had to shuttle the Old Guard out of the rain when the P-rade was canceled because of lightning. We caught up with Simcox to hear about his “favorite weekend of the year, bar none.”

Checking in I woke up at about 8:45 for the 9 a.m. shift. We had 35 alums stay all weekend, but then Saturday we got about 110 total. When they check in, they always ask who in their class is already there, and sadly, a lot of the time, we’d have to tell them they were the only one, or that someone had come but left, or someone canceled last-minute and couldn’t make it. That’s never a fun conversation.

Lunch We open the bar at 11 and we try to shuffle the alums and their families into the cocktail area. Then we let them know that lunch is ready to start. The dining hall crew does an incredible job — we had salmon and potatoes and salad.

Speakers We have a speaker introduce all the classes — who’s here, what contributions the class has made to Princeton and the world — then President Eisgruber makes a speech. I was running around trying to ensure that we had golf carts to bring President Eisgruber and his guests to the top of the P-rade, and then make sure that we had buses coming to take all the alums and their families to Nassau Hall. When Joe Schein was presented the Class of 1923 cane, I was able to step inside and listen to his speech. For someone who is Class of 1937 and 103 years old, he gave such an incredible speech. You could tell he is still very sharp mentally. The main focus was about how people live their lives and what meaning they can get from it.

Preparing for the P-rade Then we try to encourage everyone to go immediately to the bus and not to their rooms or the bathroom but nonetheless, people will deviate. So we’re making sure we get everyone on the bus and up to Nassau Hall. I think it was 1:20, and the P-rade starts at 2. We got them up to the top and the P-rade started immediately.

Driving Mr. Schein My first concern was: Make sure I drive this golf cart as safely as possible. Once they gave us the go-ahead, he got out of the cart, jumped in front of me, and his whole family walked right behind him in front of the golf cart. He had, I believe, 19 family members come this year. I wasn’t sure if he could walk the whole way, but we knew he was going to try. He made it all the way down to the reviewing stand, then sat down at the Old Guard tent. He was using the [Class of 1923] cane, and his granddaughters were supporting him as well. You could tell how much he enjoyed being on campus again.

Lightning warning We found out “We usually end our night at about 9 with the Old Guard, since that’s usually when they all go to sleep.”
that lightning was 5 miles away, and if it was within 3 then we had to seek shelter. Twelve seconds later, they said they’re shutting it down. Usually when we ask the alums to leave a tent, they take their time. But when we told them we had to get inside, they all said “OK” and jumped right up. Somehow, we were able to get all of the people into a bus or a golf cart and over to Forbes, and no one got caught in the rain at all. I was baffled at how we did it — it couldn’t have gone more smoothly.

Open bar It was about 3 p.m., and people are asking a million different questions about what’s going on. We figured, hey, lightning is still here, no one can go anywhere, so we decided it was no big deal to set up a bar, open cocktail hour early, and everyone went in and started drinking. People had been very worked up and were not too pleased, but once we opened the bar and told people what was going on, everyone settled down and just really relaxed and enjoyed themselves. We don’t order kegs or a lot of beer, but they will drink a lot of whiskey and a lot of vodka. They certainly know how to drink.

The tents After dinner, we cleaned up the bar, cleaned up the registration desk, and made sure everything at our site was secure. Then that was it for the night; we usually end our night at about 9 with the Old Guard, since that’s usually when they all go to sleep. My crew and I decided to hang out a little bit afterward talking about the weekend, then we went our separate ways. I met a few buddies at the 25th; we were dancing, talking to people, having a good time. I went to the 35th — my father is Class of ’83. Then after that, I went to the fifth and hung out with people I go to school with, people I used to go to school with, everybody. At 2, when the 5th closed, I called it a night.

Edited and condensed by Anna Mazarakis ’16
HONORS FOR SERVICE

For more than 35 years, Charles C. Freyer ’69 has been a leader of his class, serving on the class Board of Governors as a member and in various officer roles. But his loyalty to Princeton extends beyond the Class of 1969. Since 2009, Freyer has been chair of the Princeton Internships in Civic Service (PICS) board, which places undergraduates in paid summer internships with nonprofits. A member of Elm Club as an undergraduate, Freyer still cares deeply about the Street, acting as vice chair of the graduate board for Cannon Dial Elm, secretary of the Interclub Council, and in other club-related roles. An ROTC alum and retired Army lieutenant colonel, Freyer has been an officer of Alumni and Friends of Princeton ROTC and is a leader of the new Princeton Veterans Alumni Association.

Since Jean S. Hendry *80 began volunteering with Annual Giving in 2004, she has served Princeton in myriad ways: as a board member of the Association of Princeton Graduate Alumni (APGA) and chair of its Reunions Committee, member of the nominating committee for the Madison Medal and the Princetoniana Committee, vice chair of the Graduate Alumni Relations Committee, and an interviewer for the Alumni Schools Committee, among other roles. She wrote a manual for mounting successful APGA reunions and has spearheaded projects that have special appeal to graduate alumni, including an oral-history project about the Butler Tract. She has long worn another hat as well: the DaVinci hat of a P-rade marshal.

“Jim McPherson is a rock star,” begins the citation for James M. McPherson, Pulitzer Prize-winning professor emeritus of history and perhaps the nation’s most eminent scholar of the Civil War. An honorary member of five classes, McPherson first taught a Civil War course in 1975, telling students to meet in the U-Store parking lot early one morning if they wanted to join him on a visit to Gettysburg. In 2004, the year he retired, that trip — by then a tradition — drew 200 people. Alumni also have benefitted: Since 1984, McPherson has led nearly a dozen trips under the auspices of the Office of Alumni Affairs, as well as 20 mini-reunion visits to battlefields.

Her Princeton Schools Committee colleagues consider Mika Provata-Carlone *02 “the single most important Princeton ASC volunteer outside the U.S.,” according to the award citation. As chair of the Schools Committee of the United Kingdom for nine years, she has recruited a large corps of volunteers, greatly expanded the number of interviews conducted there, and created the Princeton telethons in London to interview applicants from more than 20 countries. In total, the U.K. committee completes more than 500 interviews per year. Provata-Carlone “draws the community together,” the citation said, “creating a family of Princetonians abroad by cultivating a powerful sense of connection.” By C.C.
When it comes to happiness and life satisfaction, how do the classes of 1978 and 2018 compare? Researchers turned to both classes to find out, creating a survey that asked about background and family, health, career, and plans for the future. The results were presented during a Reunions panel.

The findings are consistent with those of national surveys and studies: Perceptions of well-being and happiness occur in a sort of inverted bell curve — life satisfaction is very high in the early 20s, but dips around the mid-40s and 50s before increasing again. After midlife, people are happier because they come to terms with their life circumstances and are not as affected by disappointment. On a scale of 0 to 10, the Class of ’78 reported a mean “overall life satisfaction” of 8.1, while the Class of ’18 had a mean of 7.4.

“Young people are systematically optimistic,” said Hannes Schwandt, an assistant professor at the University of Zurich and a guest of the Princeton Center for Health and Wellbeing, who presented the findings. “You pay a price of disappointment midlife.”

There was a positive relationship between higher household net worth and higher life satisfaction. But while money buys better living standards, it doesn’t necessarily correlate to higher satisfaction with family life and relationships, Schwandt said.

About the same percentage of members of the two classes were the first generation in their family to attend college, were members of eating clubs, and were satisfied with their friendships. Members of 1978 were more likely to have graduated from a U.S. high school and to think of themselves as spiritual people. Members of ’18 were more likely to feel that Princeton was a welcoming place and to volunteer regularly for community service.

The project was inspired by a similar one presented at Harvard University.

By Francesca Billington ’19
As we enter the summer vacation season, PAW offers a sampling from the University Library’s holdings of passports once owned by alumni and others with Princeton ties. Passports typically arrive as part of personal papers acquired by the Library, according to Don Skemer, curator of manuscripts in the Department of Rare Books and Special Collections. He estimates there are at least 400 old passports in the department; on these pages and on the Table of Contents page are a few of his favorites in the manuscripts division. — By W.R.O.

**MOE BERG ’23**

Moe Berg ’23 was a star athlete at Princeton and went on to spend parts of 15 years as a major-league baseball player. He also knew half a dozen languages and during World War II worked with the Office of Strategic Services (OSS), the predecessor of the CIA, taking on at least one assignment with the CIA after the war. This passport, issued in February 1952, records trips through London, Switzerland, and the Rhein-Main military air base in Germany.

**SYLVIA BEACH**

Sylvia Beach grew up in Princeton but spent most of her life in Paris, where her English-language bookshop, Shakespeare and Company, attracted leading Lost Generation authors in the 1920s and 1930s. This April 1929 passport is one of several in the extensive Sylvia Beach Papers. From Paris, she made regular vacation trips to the Isle of Jersey and to Saint-Malo, a resort city in Brittany, in northwest France.

**RICHARD HALLIBURTON 1921**

It’s said that Richard Halliburton 1921 wanted to be remembered as the most-traveled man who ever lived, and he attracted a worldwide following as a traveler, writer, and lecturer. This passport, issued in June 1934 and covering the 1934–35 period, records visits on its 38 pages to 11 countries stretching from France to Russia to Ethiopia, Egypt, and Turkey — and includes a ticket on the Polish-Palestinian Line.
ERNEST DEWALD *1914 *1916

Ernest Dewald *1914 *1916 would go on to become one of America’s “monuments men,” celebrated for their work during World War II finding and saving priceless works of art in Europe. But in 1922, when this passport was issued, Dewald was an art historian planning study and travel through Italy, Gibraltar, France, Switzerland, and the British Isles. Passports like this one that included a large certificate, personally signed by the secretary of state, preceded use of the booklet style that is carried today.
That was how the last semester of the “Old Princeton” began, with President Goheen welcoming the freshman Class of 1971, joking that we had “more head room, quicker pick-up combined with more stability on the curves.” Admissions had delivered 814 men—close-cropped, buttoned-down, tweedy copies of each other. We looked much like every previous class since F. Scott Fitzgerald 1917, Princeton’s spiritual publicist, wrote This Side of Paradise.

“This is paradise,” thought this son of working-class, Republican, first-generation Italian parents who had barely scraped through high school. For the precious privilege of Princeton, I was ready to endure a monastic life, wait tables in Commons, and run cross country on failing feet.

We were told we would meet as a class only twice—that day and at the end of our senior year. By our second meeting, Princeton would be more like the university of today than it was on that sunny September day half a century ago. Between those two meetings was the spring of 1968, when 221 years of tradition would yield to a world of martyred leaders, burning cities, distant battlefields, and changing values. It was a season that “was the hinge between the old Princeton and the new Princeton,” remembers Marc Lackritz ’68, who had been president of the Undergraduate Assembly.

Spring semester began quietly enough. Arthritis forced me off the track team and into a modest reporting role on the

Prince, which on Jan. 24 published its annual “joke issue.” Filled with fake news, the paper proclaimed, “Goheen Plans to Maintain University on Verge of Tomorrow.” “We stand on the threshold of tomorrow, but we’ll have to wait until today is over,” was the made-up quote attributed to the president. It was supposed to be funny. It wound up being prophetic.

A few days later, on Jan. 30, the Tet Offensive would escalate the fighting in Vietnam. The Johnson administration soon dropped draft deferments for graduate school and announced record American casualties. Suddenly, those of us who had assumed we’d wait out the war in grad school realized we were instead headed for the meat grinder.

“In the fall of 1967, the anti-war movement wasn’t really serious,” James Tarlau ’70 recalls. A Whig-Clio poll indicated that the majority of undergrads supported the war; as many as 200 wanted to “nuke” North Vietnam. The threat of the draft, though, changed student attitudes dramatically.

“Being drafted was the paramount thing people were worried about,” remembers Edward Weidlein ’68. “One of my friends went to rabbinical school. Another got married. Another went to Canada. Another was a conscientious objector.” Weidlein stayed on in the Princeton admission office after graduation, hoping for a refuge there. “Goheen wrote a letter [to the draft board] saying I was a crucial part of the administration,” Weidlein says with a chuckle. The board didn’t buy it. He joined the Army Reserve.
Peter Raymond ’68 decided to join the Navy; he recollects a senior year in a “disassociated daze.” “I didn’t think I was coming back,” he says. “I really expected to die.” Yet he couldn’t imagine not going. His father, a member of the Class of 1940, had lost classmates in World War II. “I was a good loyal son,” Raymond says. “I saw the world as he did. ... I grew up completely believing in the institutions of this country.” But by spring, he says, everything was suspect: “You couldn’t trust anything you were hearing.”

As president of Whig-Clio, George Lynn ’68 already had made national news by inviting both civil-rights icon Stokely Carmichael (Kwame Ture) and segregationist presidential candidate George Wallace to speak at Princeton. Every night after dinner at Cottage Club, Lynn and his friends would go upstairs “and watch the war on TV.” Like several of his classmates, he joined the Navy’s Officer Candidate School — if you were about to be drafted, he figured, OCS was the lesser of two evils. Other students dove into politics. After peace candidate Eugene McCarthy lost to President Johnson by a mere 230 votes in the New Hampshire primary, 200 undergraduates signed up to work on the McCarthy campaign, PAW reported.

“I came to Princeton with Brooks Brothers clothes, preppy with short hair parted on the right,” remembers Peter Kaminsky ’69. By the spring of 1968, that had changed, and Kaminsky was a leader in the campus Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) group, appearing at anti-war demonstrations with “Even Princeton” banners.

There was “a sense that a new world was possible,” recalls Tarlau, another SDS leader. On March 31, when President Johnson announced he would not seek re-election, a cheer went up across campus. Some students built bonfires. Hopes for the war’s end soared. But the celebration was short-lived. Four days later, the Rev. Martin Luther King was killed in Memphis.

“I remember exactly where I was ... just outside of 1937 Hall,” says Robert Collins ’71 of the moment he heard news of King’s murder. Collins was one of only 14 African American students in his class. After the assassination, some members of the year-old Association of Black Collegians (ABC) advocated more militant action, but others pushed back, calling members to stick with King’s program of nonviolence. “This country doesn’t do well with black anger,” Collins says. “We don’t allow black folks to be angry.” But people were angry, and in the aftermath of King’s death, some 110 cities burned, including Trenton, just down the road.

“The assassination rang enormous bells in the cathedral of our souls,” says Alfred Price ’69, another African American student. Price, who was assistant news director at WPRB then, remembers “ripping and reading” the frantic UPI dispatches over the radio to shocked listeners. The news was devastating to black students who, he says, felt like “God had abandoned us ... we sat in stunned silence staring at one another.”

A temporarily tone-deaf Goheen announced that education was the “best tribute we can pay this great man,” and that the University would continue its normal classes with a “moment of silent meditation” at noon the day King was buried. The “business as usual” decision enraged black students. Some 30 ABC members paid a visit to Goheen’s home. “We have come to inform you that you are closing the University,” Price remembers the group telling the president. Meeting on his front porch, Goheen listened — and he changed his mind, confessing later he had no idea how important it was to the students. “White people would never recognize racism unless black people pointed it out to them,” Price concludes.

It was a crucial day for Goheen and for Princeton. Classes were canceled. Black students determined the memorial events, including a service that drew 2,000 people to the Chapel. In one of the most powerful moments, “every black guy on campus stood in a circle in front of Nassau Hall and silently joined hands” around Princeton administrator Carl A. Fields, the highest-ranking black official in the Ivy League, who had delivered the memorial address. Just after the events, Princeton announced it was tripling the number of “American Negroes” it was admitting to 76 in the Class of 1972.

“President Goheen had two presidencies,” says English professor emeritus John Fleming ’63, whose career at Princeton spanned four decades. The first “was stuffy and uptight and conservative in an unexamined way,” Fleming says. And then came 1968: Goheen “turned around completely. He did as much as anybody on the racial front.”

That spring brought other changes, too. Restrictions on women in the dorms — the dreaded “parietals” — were eased, though students had already taken the matter into their own
hands. Undergrads got an alternative to the club system with the opening of Princeton's first residential college, Wilson College. And the University was preparing to make what would be perhaps its biggest change of all: coeducation.

On April 23, Columbia University imploded as student protesters began occupying buildings, including Low Library, the main administration building. I played wholesale hooky to cover the events for the Prince. My sheltered Catholic upbringing in upstate New York had not prepared me for Columbia, and I watched slack-jawed as officers clubbed students, dragged them down the steps, and stuffed them into police wagons. Two days after the dust settled at Columbia, Princeton had its own demonstration, with students marching to Nassau Hall to present a list of demands about how the University should be run.

As the semester drew to a close and the campus prepared for Reunions, there was one more terrible, unthinkable, world-changing surprise: Robert Kennedy was shot and killed in California.

Students and alumni crowded the Princeton Junction station to await the funeral train transporting Kennedy’s body to Washington — “with people along the tracks as far as the eye could see,” Weidlein remembers. Richard Rein ’69, who had covered the funeral at St. Patrick’s Cathedral in New York, was on the train and remembers what he witnessed from inside: “All along the way, crowds stood in silence along the tracks. I have memories of old people waving hankies, of others holding American flags, of a huge throng of Boy Scouts, probably representing scores of troops, standing in formation in a field alongside the tracks, all saluting as the train lurched by.”

It was a “pivotal” spring, says Princeton history professor Kevin Kruse, with “everything up for grabs.” Kennedy, he says, was the last person who could have held together the old Democratic coalition; his death would enable the “rise of a new conservatism” just when colleges like Princeton would become more liberal, he says.

Others view the spring’s events from a less academic — and more personal — perspective. At the time, “I felt ashamed of my generation,” says Raymond, who remembers recoiling from “the arrogance and self-righteousness” of the Nassau Hall demonstration speakers. But later, after a tour of duty patrolling the Mekong Delta in a river boat, he came to feel that his worldview at Princeton had been limited. “One of the things about being privileged and white [is] you don’t have to imagine what’s happening to people who are not,” Raymond observes.

There was one more reality of spring 1968 for which I was not prepared: final papers and exams. I had squandered much of the semester covering Columbia. So I negotiated with my professors to substitute a thesis-length report on those events. I wrote it, maniacally banging away on my battered Smith-Corona for days.

Then I forgot about it — for half a century. Turning its yellowing, typo-riddled pages today is like meeting an old friend at Reunions. I called it “A Columbia Education,” and I must have learned something because I concluded, “If there is a lesson to be learned from Columbia, it is not that sick universities must be violently cured. It is — it must be — that sick universities must be prevented.”

They weren’t on the curriculum, but in 1968 we learned painful, powerful lessons. Probably for many of us — and definitely for Princeton — we became healthier because of them. And that’s worth remembering.
FLYING HIGH: Bruce McBarnette ’80 joined the Princeton track team in 1977, and because of his height, he was asked to try the high jump. Without any prior training, he quickly became one of the best high jumpers on the team. He has kept with the sport, and in March he set a new world record in the high jump — 5 feet 9 inches — for men over 60 at the USA Track and Field Masters Championships. McBarnette, who owns a real-estate investment firm in Sterling, Va., has won 39 national titles over the years. ✤
Silence, except for the sound of wind rustling through leaves and grass. Then the haunting voice of a woman, alone in an abandoned farmhouse, subsisting on apples and rainwater, journaling as she increasingly loses her grip on reality.

*God Knows Where I Am* focuses on Linda Bishop, a mentally ill mother in New Hampshire, and highlights the challenges facing our nation’s mental-health system. The film, which was picked up by PBS for national broadcast in October, was the directorial debut of Oscar-winning brothers Todd ’86 and Jedd Wider ’89, who produce documentaries that shine a light on important sociopolitical issues.

“I don’t always have the opportunity to work this way, to work with people who are artists,” says Gerardo Puglia, a cinematographer on two Wider films and on a 1996 documentary about Princeton. “You have to go to the heart — to the soul — of people to motivate them. Jedd and Todd are trying to do [that] — and are accomplishing it.”

While “documentary filmmaker and social activist” might be an unexpected moonlighting gig for a plastic surgeon and a lawyer, the Wider brothers grew up on Long Island with parents who “sparked a strong interest in us to do something that married creativity with an important social-justice cause,” Jedd says.

That marriage first jelled at Princeton, where each brother blended coursework for his major — art history (and pre-med) for Todd, Woodrow Wilson School for Jedd — with classes in film studies. After graduation, Todd became a craniofacial and breast-reconstructive surgeon for cancer patients while Jedd followed in the footsteps of a beloved grandfather, whose approach to the law was focused on helping those in need; he frequently volunteers his services to the arts community and to social-justice causes.

Years ago, Todd became outraged when he learned that one of his patients had to pay the entire cost of post-mastectomy reconstructive surgery. So he helped with the creation of the Women’s Health and Cancer Rights Act (aka “Janet’s Law” after Todd’s patient, Janet Franquet), which President Bill Clinton signed into law in 1998. The experience left Todd exhilarated.

“I thought the options are either you go into politics — which was not particularly appetizing to me — or go into the media,” he says. “I felt strongly that media exposure ... is the best way to engender empathy. And empathy is the key to unlocking social activism.”

Meanwhile, Jedd, logging long hours as a young law associate, was spending his little free time working with friends on a narrative film called *Mixing Nia* (1998), a dramedy that was sold to HBO. “At that point, I knew film was going to be part of my life,” Jedd says.

In 2006, the Widers produced their first film together, *Beyond Conviction*, about three crime victims who meet face to face with their perpetrators. The documentary was featured on Oprah and broadcast on MSNBC. Encouraged, they produced *Taxi to the Dark Side* (2007), which explores the U.S. military’s use of torture and garnered multiple awards, including the Oscar for Best Documentary Feature, two Emmys, and a Peabody.

The Widers have produced a total of 17 documentaries, of which they directed three, covering topics ranging from sexual abuse in the Catholic Church to the challenges faced by senior citizens in retirement communities. They find stories for their films via newspaper or magazine articles, social causes, and word of mouth. Their projects are typically funded through a combination of investors, grants, and broadcasting deals.

The pair are considering topics for their next film while they schedule the release of *To the Edge of the Sky*, the latest documentary they produced and directed, about four sets of parents fighting for FDA approval of potentially lifesaving drugs for their children.

“[Todd and Jedd] are doing great things for humanity,” Puglia says. “They’re not just making films. They’re trying to change things.”

— Todd Wider ’86

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In 2008, after a 40-year engineering career, Paul Wing ’62 retired. His plan was to spend a lot more time with his wife, Priscilla, at their home in Bethlehem, N.Y. A day later, Priscilla suffered a catastrophic stroke. Wing spent the next five years caring for her, building a handicapped-accessible house with boardwalks and a separate, one-room “vacation home” in the backyard. When she died in 2014, after a half-century of marriage, he had a new task: discovering what came next.

His answer was to bring technology to the nearby Bethlehem Central School District. “I realized that unless something is done to help students now in elementary, middle, and high school, they will be totally left behind in this period of amazing scientific advancements,” he said.

Now, the 77-year-old squeezes his 6-foot, 6-inch body into elementary school chairs as part of a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) program that he has founded. Over the past four years, he has donated $80,000 and many hours of after-school labor to a program where grade-schoolers build simple robots, middle-schoolers work with 3D printers, and high-schoolers fly drones.

The idea is to show students STEAM applications in the real world, instead of just talking about the science of, say, the physics or biology behind them. When one elementary school program was announced, more than 80 fourth- and fifth-graders applied for 12 slots in the semester-long session.

After he earned a degree in engineering, Wing and his wife moved to California for graduate study. His studies led him to a data-driven career, designing and conducting research studies and surveys, analyzing data, and using forecasting models in education and health care.

According to the U.S. Department of Commerce, occupations in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) grew by 24 percent in the last decade, compared to 4 percent growth for non-STEM occupations. STEM workers also command wages that average 12 percent more than non-STEM positions.

Wing, who notes that his contributions make up just .02 percent of the district’s $94 million budget, hopes other people in his position will make similar contributions to promote the hard sciences.

“You can do this yourself,” he said. “You can make an impact. That’s the message—you can really accomplish a great deal.” —By Alan Wechsler
ESTHER GOKHALE ’82

STRAIGHT TALK

A method for standing and sitting draws from posture found among babies and indigenous peoples

The first time that posture expert Esther Gokhale ’82 taught yoga, it was on the lawn at the University’s Hibben and Magie apartments, with a dozen students and professors paying a dollar each for the class. Yoga was still gaining traction in the United States in the early ’80s, but Gokhale (go-CLAY) was a longtime practitioner. While she was growing up in India, her Indian father and her Dutch mother often loaded their four kids into a station wagon and headed for a house transformed into a yoga center. “Blankets would be strewn around,” Gokhale recalls. “We would listen to the visiting swami and do poses.”

When Gokhale suffered from back pain during her first pregnancy, neither yoga nor other solutions helped. So she pored over medical literature, studied methods that alter the way the body is used, and observed posture in parts of the world where back pain is much more rare than in the U.S., such as Burkino Faso and rural Brazil, and in indigenous tribes in India. The sedentary workers such as potters and weavers spent long hours sitting but did not generally suffer back problems. “It isn’t that we sit but how we sit that causes our musculoskeletal problems,” Gokhale says.

The Gokhale Method is a step-by-step guide to re-educating one’s body to regain the posture we once used, which she developed by incorporating yoga, dance, and other elements. The method, which has not been scientifically proven, includes learning to gently elongate the spine and is taught worldwide by more than 60 instructors, and at Gokhale’s Palo Alto wellness center.

In 2013, Gokhale was dubbed the “posture guru of Silicon Valley” by The New York Times, which noted that many technology companies, such as Facebook and Google, have hired her to give classes for their employees. These days, she works with singer Joan Baez, who credits Gokhale with helping her endure long evenings on the stage. Says Gokhale of Baez, “She’s still performing at 77!”

By Jennifer Altmann

“POSTURE GURU” Esther Gokhale recommends sitting, standing, bending, sleeping, and walking like our ancestors.

HIP-HINGING

Hinging from the hip, right, strengthens back muscles, adds hamstring flexibility, and protects the spine. Poor bending can load your discs and impinge your spinal nerves, Gokhale says.

SLUMPING VERSUS STACKSITTING

Sitting on our tails, left, sets us up either for being relaxed in a slump or upright and tense. Gokhale’s method of sitting, right, recommends stacking the spine on a well-positioned anteverted (tipped forward) pelvis.

STANDING WITH ANTEVERTED PELVIS

According to Gokhale, the anteverted pelvis, right, allows for natural stacking of vertebrae with alignment of the spine over the legs. The weight-bearing bones can do their jobs, safely allowing back muscles to relax, she says.
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MEMORIALS

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THE CLASS OF 1943

Arthur H. Runk ’43

Art died peacefully April 4, 2018, at Allegro Senior Living in St. Augustine, Fla.

He prepared for Princeton at Riverdale Country School, where he was on the soccer, hockey, and tennis teams. At Princeton Art majored in economics and was a member of Terrace Club. After graduation he served in the Navy.

Art was introduced to Mary Page by her father, Cmdr. Jack Milton Page, USN, and they were married from 1945 until her passing in 2015.

Art began his civilian career working for a bank on Wall Street. In 1950 he gave up his banking career to move to St. Augustine, where he established himself in the construction business. In addition, he was chairman of Old City Petroleum Co., an LP gas retailer and Texaco distributor. Later he developed several subdivisions and various commercial properties. He and others worked on the property that later became a Grumman (now Northrop Grumman) plant, which is one of the area’s largest employers.

Art devoted much of his time to civic organizations. He spent six years on the St. Augustine city commission and was mayor from 1973 to 1975.

Art is survived by his daughter, Mary Press; and sons Arthur Jr., Chris, and Paul.

Horace W. Schwarz ’43

Horace died Jan. 19, 2018, at the age of 97, at Willow Valley Communities, near Lancaster, Pa., where he resided for the last 14 years with his wife, Ann Haydock.

He attended Episcopal Academy and graduated from the Lawrenceville School before coming to Princeton, where he majored in chemistry. He was a member of Cottage Club.

During World War II, he served in the Army’s Third Reconnaissance Division and witnessed the liberation of the Dachau concentration camp as well as the surrender of Salzburg. He mentioned the surprise reunion of running into several of his Princeton classmates in Berchtesgaden about two weeks after V-E Day.

He returned from the war to meet his daughter Leslie Ann. Two years later he was again a proud father of twin girls, Carolyn and Alice.

He worked as vice president and treasurer of Royal Electrotype Co. for 15 years and in 1964 became a stockbroker for Ellkins, Morris, Stroud & Co., and later for Butcher & Singer. He ended his financial career in Philadelphia, working for Janney Montgomery Scott. He was a member of the Union League Club, Merion Cricket Club, and Forest Lake Club in the Poconos, where he had a second home and enjoyed golf, tennis, and fishing.

His appreciation of music motivated him to serve many years on the boards of the Settlement Music School and the Academy of Vocal Arts.

Horace is survived by his wife of 74 years, Ann; three daughters; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

THE CLASS OF 1944

Dewitt Clinton Jones III ’44

Dewitt Clinton Jones III ’44 died Feb. 3, 2018, at age 96. His father, Dewitt Jr., was in the Class of 1913. Dewitt was a direct descendant of Dewitt Clinton, former mayor of New York City and governor of New York.

After Princeton he became a navigator in the Eighth Air Force, based in England, and led in the invasion of France. After South Pacific duty he settled in Quissell, Mass., returned to Princeton, and obtained a degree in 1948; taught at Loomis; and then earned a master’s degree at Harvard. He married Margaret Hanna in 1952, then taught in Istanbul and Falmouth, and retired in 1988.

He loved Falmouth, where for nearly 50 years he served on many boards and committees and organized Christmas caroling on Falmouth Village Green. In 2010 the Falmouth Historical Society honored him. An active Democrat, he worked for the Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton campaigns. He served as Quissett’s mayor and once hosted the visit of the lord mayor of Falmouth, England.

He is survived by his wife, Megan; two children, including Douglas ’83; and six grandchildren.

THE CLASS OF 1947

William F. Bowld Jr. ’47

Bill died Feb. 4, 2018, in Rancho Mirage, Calif.

After graduating from Phillips Exeter’s class of 1943, he did his military service with the 94th Infantry Division in Europe. After his service he returned to Princeton, where he graduated in 1950 with a bachelor’s degree in chemical engineering. He had been vice president of Terrace Club.

His entire professional career was with Procter & Gamble in Europe, first in Paris, and then in Geneva. As the division’s manager of marketing services, he traveled the world supervising the production of P&G’s advertising. After 26 years of a happy marriage, his wife, Myrtle Powell, died; they had no children. Taking early retirement in 1986, Bill decided to remain in Geneva. In 1995, he moved to the sunny California desert, while still retaining a small home in Geneva.

In October 1997 he was proud to participate in the dedication ceremony of the Forrestal-Bowld Music Center at Phillips Exeter, where the late Michael Forrestal and he had been friends in the 1940s and shared a common interest in music.

Bill’s final years were spent in Rancho Mirage, where he happily shared a life with his domestic partner, Jerry Sullivan.

THE CLASS OF 1948

Sergio Bonotto ’48

Sergio was born in Torino, Italy. He and his parents came to the United States in 1940 as war refugees, and he graduated from Princeton High School.

He was an Army machine gunner on the Western Front near the war’s end and was wounded by German mortar fire. He came home to graduate from Princeton in 1949 and then from Columbia, with degrees in chemistry.

He joined Union Carbide, doing fundamental research in ethylene polymers. Then he moved into research and development management for the company, first in New York City and then for four years in São Paulo, Brazil. He noted in our 35th yearbook about Brazil, “It was the highlight of my career, a very meaningful personal experience. I wish it had happened earlier.”

He had a variety of lifelong avocations. A commercial and fine artist in drawing, prints, and watercolors, he exhibited in Italy and in the United States. He was an avid skier and was on the national ski patrol. He was also a sailor, and he authored short stories.

Sergio died April 11, 2018, in Princeton, at age 92. He and his late wife, Mary, who met on a Vermont ski slope, were married for 50 years. He is survived by two sons, Michael and Robert, and by extended family in Italy.
Richard H. Dana ’48
Richard was born June 14, 1927, in Bronxville, N.Y. He had a distinguished and productive career as a pioneer in cross-cultural psychological studies. He authored 24 books and numerous other publications while he was a researcher and teacher at the University of Arkansas and a visiting professor at other academic institutions.

He continued this work in multicultural psychology after retirement as a research professor at Portland State University, where he designed culturally appropriate methods for psychological assessment and mental-health services, and published in that field.

He died Aug. 17, 2015, at home in Portland. He was predeceased by his wife, Joan. He is survived by stepdaughter Natalie Behn, his son Jim Dana, and three grandchildren.

David A. Downs ’48
David was born Jan. 11, 1926, in Denver, Colo. He was a lifelong resident of Denver and died there Nov. 24, 2017, at age 91.

He had a varied business career — in commercial aviation, radio, alternative energy, and the stock market. He was an avid golfer and enjoyed frequent sojourns in the Rockies.

In kindergarten he met his lifelong love and wife of 70 years, Victoria. She survives him, as do five children and their spouses; 10 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; his sister, Sally Downs Olry; nieces; nephews; and many friends.

Bernard Eckstein ’48
Bernard was born in Ulm, Germany, and died Nov. 27, 2017, in Oberlin, Ohio, at age 93.

In the late 1930s the Eckstein family escaped from Germany to England, where he attended boarding school, then came to the United States in December 1939. He lived first in Jackson Heights, N.Y., graduated from high school in 1941, got a job as a chemical-lab assistant in New York City, and joined the Army in 1943. He served in Europe in a field-artillery battalion until the end of the war and made a visit to his hometown, Ulm, which had been destroyed by U.S. bombing in 1944.

Right after discharge, he came to Princeton in the fall of 1946, majored in chemistry, and, though having matriculated two years “late,” graduated with our class in its designated year. While at Princeton he got to know another distinguished native of Ulm, Albert Einstein.

He earned a Ph.D. and then a postdoctoral fellowship in polymer physics at Cornell. From 1954 to 1957, he did materials research at DuPont in Wilmington, Del. From 1957 to 1986, he was at the Parma Technical Center of Union Carbide, near Cleveland. There his major research focus was fundamental and applied studies of carbon fibers.

Bernard and Sheila Rubin, an artist, who survives him, married in 1958. They shared interests in travel, music, and other arts. Bernard was active in his synagogue and in several professional societies. He is also survived by two nieces, a nephew, three great-nieces, and five great-nephews. His brother, Otto ’51, predeceased him.

Paul D. Loser ’48
Pete died April 16, 2018, in Newtown, Pa., at age 92.

He was a longtime leader of ’48, as our immediate past president and the chair of our 50th, 55th, and 60th class reunions. Born in Trenton, N.J., he was a resident of Merchantville, Red Bank, and Mendham, N.J., before moving to Pennwood Village in Newtown, where he became president of the residents’ association.

His business career of almost 40 years was with New Jersey Bell Telephone Co. and AT&T.

At New Jersey Bell he was vice president and chief operating officer for 11 years, and a board member. During a year’s leave of absence from the phone company, he managed the commemoration of the 300th anniversary of Newark, N.J. He prepared and managed communications for the 1964 Democratic National Convention.

At college after Navy service, he belonged to Tower Club and later was a member of the Nassau Club. He belonged to Presbyterian churches and Rotary clubs in the New Jersey towns where he and his family lived. He was the founder-chairman of The College of New Jersey Foundation, and held an honorary law degree from that college.

Pete and Betty Anne were married for 58 years. She predeceased him, as did his companion Ruth Palmer, and his brother Thomas. He is survived by his daughters, Vicki Gudriz and Nancy Page, as well as four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

THE CLASS OF 1949
William W. Baden ’49
Wil died Nov. 9, 2016, in California. A native of New York, he came to Princeton as a math major, and although little is known about his life on campus, his son Charles did tell us that he “had tea with Albert Einstein, as all incoming freshmen did.” We suspect that “all” included only talented math majors.

According to Charles, the head of Wil’s department recommended that Wil be given an opportunity to spend a summer translating Russian mathematics papers. Over the years he also learned Hebrew, Arabic, and Mandarin and later became an expert in Fortran, the computer-programming language.

Wil left Princeton without graduating, worked for J.J. Newberry in New York as a programmer/analyst, then went to Costa Mesa, Calif., and worked for several firms as a systems-engineering consultant. He was active in the open-source movement and ended up on the Fortran ’77 Standards Committee, which added structured programming to its library.

Wil is survived by his wife, Dorothy; and children Dorothy, Elaine, Charles, and Thomas. We extend our sympathy and condolences to them on the loss of this talented man.

John F. Bernard ’49
John died Jan. 12, 2018, in Princeton. He and his wife, Peggy, had lived there for many years, with a summer home in Washington, Vt.

John came to Princeton after three years in the Army. He majored in history, joined Tiger Inn, and played varsity hockey and lacrosse. In 1958 he joined with 49er Mel Dickenson to form an insurance agency, providing property and casualty insurance locally and to organizations like the USA Amateur Hockey Association.

Hockey was the love of John’s life; he not only was a gifted player, but he also coached and officiated in many teams and leagues.

He founded the Youth Hockey Program in Montclair and the Pee Wee Hockey League in Princeton. He was a founding director of the United States Hockey Hall of Fame and was also one of the first honorees, recognizing his 30 years of service to USA Hockey. This brief obituary cannot adequately describe John’s enormous contribution to hockey — he was known as “Mr. Hockey.”

John was predeceased by Peggy. He is survived by children Shelley, Jay, and Peter. To them, we offer our deepest sympathy.

John C. Davis ’49
John died peacefully July 21, 2016, in his home at the Plymouth Harbor Retirement Community, near Sarasota, Fla.

John grew up in Eau Claire, Wis., and graduated from Andover. After a stint in the Navy from 1943 to 1946, John joined us at Princeton, where his father was in the Class of 1907. John majored in mechanical engineering, played JV football, was a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and joined Key & Seal.

After Princeton, he joined the P.H. Smith Paper Co. in Chicago, later moving to its headquarters in Wisconsin. The company specialized in coated substrates, including paper. John was the executive vice president and general manager, and subsequently was named president of the company. In 1962 the company merged with Phillips Petroleum.
John died in 2018, having worked for the one company for his entire career. He and Alice eventually moved to Sarasota, Fla., where they enjoyed small-boat sailing.

At the time of his death he was survived by his wife, Alice; three daughters, Fran, Ann, and Julie; and eight grandchildren. His oldest daughter, Kate, predeceased him.

Carl G. Fonden ’49
Charlie died April 12, 2014, in Manchester, N.H.
He was born Oct. 23, 1925, and enlisted in the Army immediately after finishing high school. As a navigator in the Army Air Corps, he flew B-29s in the Pacific, was based in Saigon, and was mustered out as a second lieutenant.

After the war, Charlie entered Princeton, majoring in physics and taking his meals at Key & Seal. He left prior to graduation and was recalled to active duty during the Korean War. He then remained in the service, spending 20 years in the Air Force Intelligence Corps (including a tour of duty in Vietnam in the 1960s). He retired in 1968 with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

Charlie moved to Milford, N.H., at about the time of his retirement. He provided an entry for our 50-year directory, giving his occupation for our 50-year directory, giving his occupation as writer. We learned indirectly that he was an author and editor. In our 50th yearbook, Charlie commented on the great part his Princeton education played in exposing him “to the liberal arts/humanities courses, before getting into the quite different environment of the law.” He enjoyed boating, fishing, and vanilla ice cream.

Charlie is survived by his sons, Chip and Mark, and one grandson, Charles IV. To them, we offer our sympathy and condolences.

THE CLASS OF 1950

David P. Billington ’50
Dave died March 25, 2018, in Los Angeles.
He was a Hill School alum and Navy veteran. At Princeton he played varsity soccer, acted in Theatre Intime, belonged to Quadrangle, and graduated with honors in basic engineering.

With a Fulbright scholarship and a consulting-engineering job behind him, he joined the Princeton faculty in 1960. He soon became the Gordon Y.S. Wu Professor of Engineering, and in 1990 was appointed director of the Program on Architecture and Engineering. Twice a visitor at the Institute for Advanced Study, he transferred to emeritus status in 2010. Princeton awarded him an honorary degree in 2013.

Dave’s academic career was devoted to promoting engineering as an artistic as well as a technical discipline. This he did in 10 books and scores of journal articles, but most effectively in the classroom, where his popular undergraduate courses married engineering and the liberal arts. A former student said, “He was a fierce advocate for his students, a champion for women in engineering.” Countless awards recognized his teaching excellence.

With his wife, Phyllis, a fellow Fulbright in Belgium, he enjoyed concerts and their many friends in the Princeton community. Phyllis died in 2016.

Dave is survived by his brother, Jim ’50; six children including Elizabeth ’76 and Sarah ’90; and 11 grandchildren.

Robert A. Fowler ’50
He graduated from the Valley Forge Military Academy. At Princeton he was on the varsity crew and rowed in the Cottage Club boat that competed at Henley. He combined a major in economics and NROTC. After serving as a lieutenant in the Navy during the Korean War, he earned an MBA from Harvard.

Degree in hand, he embarked for Houston and a three-decade career with Conoco. His roles included chairman and managing director of Conoco in the United Kingdom and vice president of international marketing in Houston. After retirement in 1985, he became principal consultant for Fowler International. From 1989 to 1998, Bob was Sweden’s honorary consul general for Texas, for which the king of Sweden knighted him. He moved from Houston to Princeton in 2002.

Bob was an avid tennis player and jogger. He enjoyed summers in Maine with Monica, his wife of 33 years, and traveling to her home country, Sweden. His friends, who spanned many countries, remember him for his sense of humor, optimism, and devotion to family.

Besides Monica, he is survived by four children from his first marriage, William II ’79, Thomas, Robert, and Marya; and seven grandchildren.

Donald G. West ’50
Don died Jan. 21, 2018, in Bethesda, Md., not far from where he was born.
He attended Episcopal (Va.) High School and Bullis School. Don transferred to Princeton from the Naval Academy in 1947. At Princeton, he played varsity baseball, belonged to Cap and Gown, and majored in economics.

With his NROTC commission, he served as an officer on the USS Strong during the Korean War. After almost three years in the Navy, Don returned to the Washington area and began his business career in mortgage banking and real-estate development. He spent his first seven years with Riggs Bank and then joined Weaver Brothers, where he worked until retiring in 1989 as its president.

Don served as president of the trustees for the Landon School and president of the Columbia Country Club. He was an avid golfer and sports fan. In recent years, he enjoyed time in West Naples, Fla.

Don is survived by his wife of 16 years, Joanne; children David, Carolyn, Tyler, and Steven from his marriage to Dody, who passed away in 1995; and three grandchildren. His brother Dick ’45 predeceased him in 2013.
Ronald A. Wittreich ’50
Ron died Dec. 3, 2017, after a brief illness in Englewood, N.J. He graduated from Tenafly (N.J.) High School in 1944, where he captained the football and track teams. He then enlisted in the Navy, serving until 1946. At Princeton he belonged to Tiger Inn and earned a psychology degree with honors.

Ron was an outstanding runner. He lettered in track and cross country all four years and was track team captain his senior year. He was an All-American miler, 1948 Heeps mile champion, and he placed third in the 1949 National Collegiate Championship mile. With Cornell he competed against the Oxford-Cambridge team in 1949 and 1950. He often joked that he “beat Roger Bannister for three out of four laps” in their mile race.

While working full time in investment banking, he attended NYU Law School and was admitted to the New York bar in 1962. As senior vice president for Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, he annually produced a five-year computer analysis of financial records for the 13,000 U.S. banking institutions. He retired in 1985, founding USA BancData and continuing as a consultant.

Ron is survived by his wife of 40 years, Joan; three children from his first marriage, Tracy, Cynde, and Randy; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. His brother, Warren ’51, predeceased him.

THE CLASS OF 1951
Wendell S. Dietrich ’51
Wen was born June 17, 1930, in Syracuse, N.Y., to Sanford and Mary Willett Dietrich. He prepared for Princeton at Newark Academy. At Princeton he majored in chemical engineering and joined Cloister Inn.

At Princeton he was a religion major and was a member of Prospect Club, the Westminster Fellowship, and the Presbyterian Student Council. He was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. Wen was awarded the Francis Biddle Essay Prize and was a Lyman Biddle Scholar. In 1954 he earned a degree from Yale Divinity School and was ordained in the Presbyterian Church. He then spent a Fulbright fellowship year at St. Andrew’s in Scotland.

Wen earned a Ph.D. in religious studies thereafter at Yale. He became a professor of religious and Judaic studies at Brown University, where he remained from 1958 to his retirement in 2000, during which time he served as chairman of the Department of Religious Studies.

Wen died April 15, 2017, from complications of Parkinson’s disease. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Betty; children Sarah and John; and grandchildren Lia and Timothy Dietrich. His father-in-law, Frederick W. Brown ’28, predeceased him. Donations in his memory may be made to Brown University, Annual Scholarship Aid Fund, Box 1877, Providence RI 02912.

THE CLASS OF 1952
John N. Farmer ’52
John had a childhood quite unlike any of the rest of us. Born to English missionary parents in India, he began school in England but left in 1939 for Burma, where he lived with his parents until World War II, when he escaped to India. In 1945 he came to the United States and enrolled at the Kiskiminetas (Pa.) School, from which he entered our class. At Princeton he played freshman soccer and joined the Presbyterian Club before leaving at the end of freshman year.

At the College of Wooster, he majored in zoology — his lifelong preoccupation and subject of his teaching for 19 years at the University of Missouri and then for 20 years at the University of Oklahoma, where he was chair of the zoology department. Before earning a Ph.D. he was drafted into the Army and earned U.S. citizenship.

John died July 13, 2016. He is survived by his wife, Margaret; and three children, Johann, Steve, and Susan. To them the class sends condolences and appreciation for their father’s military service.

THE CLASS OF 1953
George H. Carleu ’53
George died April 21, 2018. He was born in Newark, N.J., and prepared for Princeton at Newark Academy. At Princeton he majored in chemical engineering and joined Cloister Inn.

After college, George joined American Cyanamid and continued to work in the plastics industry in national marketing and sales positions. In retirement he traveled widely, read voraciously, and enjoyed summers at his home on Lake Champlain in the Adirondacks.

George’s first wife, Priscilla, died after 40 years of marriage. George is survived by his second wife, Carol; two children; three grandchildren; two stepchildren; and two step-grandchildren.

William B. Gardner ’53
Bill was born in New York City and came to Princeton after graduating from the Lawrenceville School. He was a member of Cloister Club and majored in mechanical engineering.

After graduating, Bill went to work for Pratt & Whitney in East Hartford, Conn., and settled into a home in Simsbury with his wife, Barbara. He stayed with Pratt & Whitney in a number of roles for almost 40 years.

After retirement, Bill became deeply involved in local politics and traveled extensively with his wife and family. Skiing and classical music were among his special interests. He was an active member of the First Church of Christ, Simsbury, and a longtime member of the Mayflower Society and National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Bill died March 7, 2018. He is survived by his wife of 63 years; their three children; and two grandchildren.

THE CLASS OF 1954
H. Ganse Little Jr. ’54
Binks died March 14, 2018, after a long illness. He prepared at Deerfield, and at Princeton he majored in English under the American Civilization Program, writing his thesis on “Nathaniel Hawthorne: The Heart, Sin, Expiation,” presaging his career as scholar and teacher of religion. He joined Tiger Inn,
continued his long enjoyment of basketball and golf, served on the Student Christian Association Committee, and was active in campus religious affairs.

Following a year of theological study in Edinburgh, Binks earned a bachelor of divinity degree at Princeton Theological Seminary and a Ph.D. at Harvard in social relations and the history and philosophy of religion.

After teaching for two years at Wilson College in Chambersburg, Pa., he embarked on a distinguished career as teacher and pioneering administrator at Williams College, not only in the department of religion, of which he was chair for 20 years, but throughout and beyond the institution, serving as managing editor of the American Academy of Religion Dissertation Series.

Binks is survived by his wife of 60 years, Susan; his sons William and his wife, Susan, Thomas and his wife, Surya, and Michael and his wife, Keerthi; and his grandsons Case, Quinn, Nicholas, Jalen, Eno, and Kiran.

Binks and Susan spent summers in Wellfleet, Mass., on Cape Cod. Binks loved the outer Cape landscape. Please consider donating to friends.oftheherringriver.org in his name.

THE CLASS OF 1955

Herb Ahrens ’55

The son of Violet and Willis Ahrens, Herb was born Oct. 22, 1933, in Hackensack, N.J. At Princeton he was a member of Tower Club. Herb earned a degree in chemical engineering. After graduation, he served as a Navy aviator. He earned an MBA and attended the Penn State Executive Management Program.

Herb worked for Polaroid for 30 years and retired as divisional vice president in 1994. He managed Polaroid manufacturing operations in Russia, China, and India and was active in projects in America and in the Asia/Pacific region.

Herb loved jazz, gardening, flying, sailing, and golf. He was involved in several community activities, including serving as trustee of the Waltham/Weston Suburban Chamber of Commerce and as president of the board of directors of the Charles River Museum.

Herb died in South Yarmouth, Cape Cod, March 7, 2018. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Joan; their three children, Glenn and his wife, Donna, Craig and his wife, Susan, and Laura ’84; and grandchildren Andrew, Ryan, Christina, and Connor. He was a good friend and will be sorely missed.

Rodney Selim Dayan ’55

Rodney Selim Dayan was born in May 1933 in Seattle, Wash., to J.C. Dayan.

At Princeton, Rodney majored in philosophy and wrote his senior thesis about Spinoza. He joined Tower Club and served as its treasurer. He won letters in both freshman and varsity crew and played IAA basketball and volleyball. A research assistant in the English department, Rodney also contributed to the Nassau Lit and served on the Bicker Committee. At Tower Club his roommates included P. Brown, B. Ramer, C. Stockdale, J. Bandstein, and J. Rubins.

Rodney became a partner at the highly respected legal firm of Cadwalader Wickersham and Taft in New York City. For many years he lived in Montclair, N.J., after which he and wife, Barbara, retired to San Diego.


William M. McGovern ’55

Bill was born July 9, 1934, to Margaret McGovern and William Montgomery McGovern.

At Princeton he majored in history, graduated summa cum laude, was a member of Dial Lodge, and was the senior business editor of The Daily Princetonian. After graduating from Harvard Law School in 1958, he joined the law firm of Sidley and Austin in Chicago. After five years he left to teach at Northwestern University Law School. In 1971, Bill transferred to the UCLA School of Law, where he remained until 1994, and spent some time as a visiting professor at the universities of Illinois, Minnesota, and Virginia.

Bill was known for his work in legal history, contracts, wills, and trusts, and he co-authored two widely used textbooks in the latter two fields. After retirement Bill eagerly pursued his interests in foreign languages, classical music, Latin, and ancient history. He volunteered at Reading for the Blind and enjoyed his years as a member of the Plato Society of Los Angeles, exploring new subjects and making new friends.

Bill died March 27, 2018, at the UCLA Medical Center. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Katie; son William “Monty” McGovern; daughters Elizabeth and Cammie; and grandchildren Matilda, Grace, Richard, Brendan, Ethan, Charlie, and Henry.

THE CLASS OF 1958

Thomas W. Burdette ’58

Tom died March 28, 2018, of pneumonia in Towson, Md.

He was a graduate of the Gilman School, where he played lacrosse and wrestled. At Princeton he majored in psychology and was on the lacrosse team that won the Ivy League Championship in 1957 and 1958. He was a member of Charter Club and roomed his senior year with Francis Brown, Larry Glass, and Al Muse.

Tom and our classmate Buzzy Krongard were the last to steal the clapper from the Nassau Hall bell before it became electronic.

After college and a tour of duty at Fort Bragg, N.C., Tom was an account executive with an advertising agency. In 1970, with a partner he purchased the U.S. Tag and Label Co., which in the next decade expanded to sales in all 50 states.

Before several medical issues curtailed his activities, Tom loved golf. He also served on the board of the Maryland Historical Society and enjoyed gourmet dinners and fine wines with the Baltimore Wine and Food Society.

His first marriage to Wendy Gorman in 1966 ended in divorce in 1981. In 1985 Tom married Carol Eakin. She survives him, as do his sons, Timothy, Charles, and Thomas; his daughter, Marjorie “Shari” Tompkins; and five grandchildren. The class extends its sympathy to them all.

Ralph L. DeGroff Jr. ’58

Tiggey died April 19, 2018.

He was a graduate of the Gilman School. At Princeton, Tiggey majored in economics, ate his meals at Charter, and was class vice president his senior year. His senior-year roommates were Boatwright, Luthringer, and Petter.

After earning an MBA at the University of Virginia, Tiggey began a successful career on Wall Street. He joined Dillon, Read & Co., where he worked on corporate, municipal, and international finance. He became a senior vice president and a partner. In 1981, he joined Donaldson Lufkin & Jenrette as a managing director.

After family, Tiggey believed that education was most important in life, and he remained dedicated and involved with his educational institutions throughout his life. He served for two terms on the alumni board at Virginia. At Gilman, he was class secretary for 64 years.

At Princeton, he was class agent for Annual Giving from 1968 to 1973, class president from 1973 to 1978, and class secretary from 1983 until shortly before his death.

Ralph was a compassionate man who deeply cared for and was genuinely interested in his fellow man.

He is survived by his wife of 29 years, Marion; stepdaughter Marion Smith; stepson Andrew Sinwell ’87; sister Lynn Lafferty; and five grandchildren. The class extends its profound sorrow at their loss and ours.

Stephen W. Schupack ’58


He was a graduate of Springfield Classical High School. At Princeton, he majored in religion and bridged this major with English.
Steve was a member of Court Club and was active in WPRB. His senior-year roommates were Spence Sherman, Mike Bennett, Marty Rosenblatt, Gabe Schwartz, Fred Milsite, and Joel Kraut.

After Princeton, he attended Harvard Law School. Steve joined the law firm of Bulkeley, Richardson & Gelinas in Springfield. He was with that firm for his entire professional career, specializing in health law.

Steve loved music and the arts, was on the board of the UMass Fine Arts Center, and was a founding member of Stage West Repertory Company in Springfield.

He was a passionate reader, and his greatest joy was to connect over a book with friends and family of all ages.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Ann; daughters Linda Good, Deborah Dias, and Naomi Biswas ‘87; brother Mark; and grandchildren Sarita, Maya, Ben, Matthew, Jamie, Rose, and Ida. The class extends its condolences to them all.

Duncan W. Van Dusen ’58
Duncan died April 21, 2018, from blood cancer.

He attended Episcopal (Pa.) Academy and graduated from St. Paul’s. At Princeton, Duncan was a history major, graduated cum laude, and was a member of Ivy Club. His senior-year roommates were Bromley, D. Day, and Heckscher. After Princeton he earned a master’s of public health at Columbia University.

From 1968 to 1989, he was a staff member at Penn’s school of medicine. In 1989, he joined the office of Penn’s university secretary. He retired in 2009, but remained active in the Penn community until his death. At his retirement, he was given emeritus status in recognition of his many contributions to the university.

In 2008 he received the Princeton Alumni Council Award in recognition of his extraordinary service as an Alumni Schools Committee member. He was our class secretary from 1958 to 1968.

He was known for his warm and kind demeanor, his devotion to his family, and his service to community, educational institutions, and public health.

In our 50th-reunion yearbook, Duncan wrote, “Thanks be to God, for the opportunity of a Princeton education and the fellowship of the Princeton community.” It is we, instead, who give thanks for this extraordinary classmate and his life of service to Princeton and to humanity.

The class extends its sympathy to his wife, Elizabeth; sons Edwin ’90, Duncan ’92, and Nicholas ’94; and his six grandchildren.

The Class of 1959

Jerry L. Bell ’59
Jerry died Aug. 13, 2013, at Saratoga Memorial Hospital in Florida.

Jerry came to us from Ohio’s Bollaire High School, where he stood out as a football quarterback. Although he stayed for only a semester at Princeton, rooming in 443 Brown Hall with Ed Dean, the 1956 Bric-a-Brac shows him as a member of both the freshman football and soccer squads.

We don’t know where he finished his college career, but in 1960 he joined International Harvester, initially traveling the world as procurement manager for the heavy-truck division. He went on to become an internal auditor. In 1983, Jerry moved to Florida, where he was owner and president of Auto Tune Products. Subsequent work involved real-estate sales with Michael Saunders & Co., a luxury real-estate agency in Sarasota, Fla. He also worked as a title examiner for American Pioneer Title.

Jerry was active in the Sarasota Youth Soccer League and Little League as a coach. He also served as an elder in his church and as a Sunday-school teacher.

Jerry is survived by his wife of 35 years, Sue Knothe Bell; his children, Kim Huff, Chad Bell, Adam Bell, and Mark Bell; and five grandchildren. To them the class extends its deepest sympathy.

Edwin E. Tulillis Jr. ’59

He grew up in Lake Forest, Ill., and boarded for five years at Milton Academy before entering Princeton. He joined the editorial staff of The Daily Princetonian and devoted much of his significant energies to covering campus news. As he wrote in our 50th-reunion yearbook, “I came to enjoy Princeton, and the excitement was far too overwhelming to concern myself with attending classes.”

This application of energy led to his “ex-matriculation” and transfer to Colorado College to finish his studies.

Following a short stint in advertising and sales for Kraft Foods, in 1961 he began a lifelong career in money management. He worked for 14 years in New York City with Mitchell Hutchins & Co. and the Channing Group of mutual funds. Then he joined Merrill Lynch in San Francisco, later transferring to Santa Barbara, where he retired in 1985. Having played for the freshman golf team at Princeton, he continued to pursue the game throughout his life. Ted valued his association with ’59 and faithfully submitted updates for our reunion yearbooks.

Ted’s 1963 marriage to Diane Nelson McCoy ended in divorce. In 1974 he married Janet Gifford, who survives him, as do his two sons by his first marriage, Ivan and Luke. We have sent condolences.

The Class of 1960

David G. Rahr ’60
Benny died March 9, 2018. He came to Princeton from River Forest High School in Oak Park, Ill. His passion for Benny Goodman’s clarinet and American jazz had already given him his nickname.

At Princeton he ate at Cap and Gown, graduated cum laude in religion, directed the Princeton Summer Camp at Blairstown, and was goalie on the Cap hockey team. He roomed with McCarter, Dick Peterson, and McGlynn.

Following graduation he spent 22 years working for Princeton, first as secretary of the Alumni Council, then as its director. After leaving Princeton in 1982, Benny remained active as an adviser to development and alumni-relationships personnel for many years.

Benny served as director of development at Middlebury College from 1982 to 1986. He then helped create the Vermont Community Foundation and led it until his retirement in 2005, when the foundation had assets of nearly $100 million and made annual grants of more than $12 million.

Benny was famously always of good cheer, which we will all miss greatly. His brother Sumner ‘57 predeceased him. Our deepest sympathy goes to his wife of 55 years, Susie; their two children; and three grandchildren.
Alan D. Romberg ’60
Al died March 27, 2018, of renal cancer after a truly distinguished career in the Foreign Service and a succession of diplomatic positions in and outside of the State Department.
He came to Princeton from White Plains (N.Y.) High School. He was an NROTC midshipman, was active in Whig-Clio, the Pre-Law Society, Terrace Club, and the Navy Club; and joined the Woodrow Wilson program.
After graduation, he served two years in the Navy, which took him to the Taiwan/China area. Al then earned a master’s degree in Soviet studies at Harvard in 1964, and joined the Foreign Service, per his original plan. He excelled from early days, in time becoming a leading expert on U.S.-China relations, especially the “One China Policy,” which dictated U.S. policy toward China and Taiwan over the two decades of his involvement. His obituary in The Washington Post said that he counseled “a generation of China hands in this sensitive triangular relationship” through always tense and sometimes turbulent times. In addition, as deputy spokesman for the State Department, Al was widely admired for the clarity and authority of his representation of the State Department and the U.S. government.
Al is survived by two children from his first marriage, Jonathan ’86 and Laura ’89; a stepson from his marriage of 24 years to Nancy; and four grandchildren.

THE CLASS OF 1961
James S. Foster ’61
James died Dec. 13, 2016, at Wellmore of Tega Cay, S.C. Born in Huntington, W.Va., he graduated from Huntington East High School. He must have been with us only briefly, as he has been carried on our rolls throughout the years but with no good address.
His obituary lists Marshall University and Ohio State as his alma maters, at the latter of which he earned a bachelor’s, a master’s, and a Ph.D. in metallurgical engineering, science, and philosophy, respectively. His career was spent teaching at several universities. Beyond that, we know little of his life, and he was never in touch with the class.
He is survived by his wife, Phyllis; son Christopher; daughter Jennifer; three stepchildren; and their families, including four grandchildren and six step-grandchildren.

Lewis J. Neisner ’61
Lewis died March 1, 2018, after an 11-month battle with leukemia.
Born in Rochester, N.Y., he came to us from Andreover Academy. At Princeton he majored in history, ran varsity track, participated in the Campus Fund Drive and the Hillel Foundation, and took his meals at Dial Lodge. He roomed with Frank Wagner, Dick Weinstein, Terry Black, and Dick Jones.
Following Princeton and service in the Army, Lewis earned an MBA at Columbia before joining the family business, Neisner Bros., a national retail chain, for 14 years until the company closed. He then changed careers and became a professor of retailing and marketing at Buffalo State College, the University of Baltimore, and the University of Maryland at College Park.
In 2007 he and his wife, Beth, retired to Rochester, but he then entered a new career, teaching at and serving as vice president of programs at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at RIT until 2017. One of his proudest achievements was running a marathon in under four hours at the age of 40. Over the years Lewis was a loyal and participating classmate.
He is survived by his wife of 34 years, Beth Vanfossen; and his daughter, Jennifer Neisner, and her family, which includes two grandchildren.

THE CLASS OF 1962
Allan Adasiak ’62
Al died suddenly Jan. 25, 2018, in his winter home in Mesa, Ariz. He came to us from San Leandro (Calif.) High School. Al later transferred to the University of California, Berkeley, where he met and married Janette Peterson. Al and Jan led an adventurous life. Shortly after marrying they packed up and moved to Alaska.
Allan became a reporter for the Anchorage Times, the Anchorage Daily News, and Alaska Magazine. He served as press secretary for Gov. Wally Hickel, later helping to craft the initial regulations for the Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission, and ultimately becoming its head commissioner. Later, Al worked as a private investigator, serving on the Exxon Valdez investigation, among others.
Al was an enthusiastic performer, singing with local groups and in theater in Juneau and Anchorage. More than anything, Allan loved reading and ideas, and was passionate about writing. Adventurous spirits, Al and Jan traveled extensively, spending winters in parts of Asia, South America, and finally Arizona.
Allan is survived by his wife, Jan; daughter Anne; son Paul; four grandchildren; and sister Paula Tillson. The class extends its deepest sympathies to them all.

John Craig ’62
John died Feb. 15, 2018, in Santa Fe, N.M., his home for many years.
John came to Princeton from Tulsa, where he excelled in high school track, swimming, and football. A member of Ivy Club, he is remembered for starting C-K Productions with classmate Hal Kroeger, bringing such diverse concerts to campus as Joan Baez and the Kingston Trio. After earning a philosophy degree, he earned an MBA from Harvard.
As a businessman and private-equity investor, he built successful parking and restaurant enterprises. John was very active in the Santa Fe business community, serving on several civic boards. He loved to travel to India, Nepal, Thailand, and Bali. He was a supporter of Buddhist organizations, was ordained a lay monk in 1988, and was an active member of the Thubten Norbu Ling Tibetan Buddhist Center in Santa Fe.
John was predeceased by his first wife, Francis, who died two years after their marriage, and his second wife, Linda, who died in 2004. He is survived by his wife, Susan; his son Miles and his wife, Rachel; and son Samuel ’98 and his wife, Bibi, and grandchildren Ian and Samantha. The class extends its condolences to the family.

Michael A. Hewitt ’62
Mike died peacefully March 3, 2018, at an in-patient hospice facility in Greenville, N.C.
He graduated from Lawrenceville School in 1958. At Princeton, Mike was captain of the freshman fencing team. He sang in the Glee Club and was a founding member of the Footnotes. As Professor Fritz von Hoffmoentoffencoffier he gave a comedic lecture about rock ’n’ roll on the Footnotes’ first album. In 1961 he and Brenda Morgan were married in the University Chapel.
After graduation, Mike proudly served in the Coast Guard as a lieutenant aboard the USCGC Androscoggin. He earned a Ph.D in psychology from Long Island University in 1979 and spent most of his professional career as a clinical psychologist at the Roanoke Chowan Human Services Center.
Throughout his life, Mike was engaged in creative activities. He acted in local theater productions, sang in his church choir at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Aikoskie, N.C., wrote poetry, composed music, and created colorful and inventive abstract paintings.
Mike is survived by his wife and muse, Brenda. He is also survived by his two children, Laura and Getzen; and granddaughter Anjali. The class offers its sincere condolences to his family.

Peter Frelinghuysen ’63
Peter died March 11, 2018, at home in New York City. A third-generation Princetonian and the son and brother of congressmen, he was a man of charm and talent — attorney, chair of medical and musical institutions, and expert gardener.
After growing up in Morristown, N.J., and attending St. Mark’s School, Peter came to Princeton and majored in English, played freshman hockey, ate at Colonial, vividly observed the wonderland of college life, and fittingly wrote his thesis on Lewis Carroll. Following Yale Law School, Army Reserve, and Sullivan & Cromwell, he was a longtime partner at Morris & McVeigh.

Peter poured his passion for music into the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center as board chairman for more than a decade, and into Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, where as a director he was integral to its renovation. As chairman, Peter helped expand the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary. This past trustee of the New York Horticultural Society was often up to his elbows in the dirt of Beaverkill Valley, raising vegetables for family and friends.

Peter is survived by his wife of 54 years, Barrett; children Peter ’89, Bess, Cyrus ’96, and Anson; 10 grandchildren; and siblings Beatrice van Roijen, Rodney, Adaline, and Frederick ’75.

THE CLASS OF 1964

Stephen C. Johnson ’64

Steve died March 22, 2018, at his home in Atherton, Calif. He came to Princeton from West Hartford, Conn. He majored in electrical engineering, ate at Tiger Inn, rowed with the varsity heavyweight crew, and was a Keyeeper. His senior-year roommates were Paul Bjorkholm, Steve Gimber, Paul Mills, Ed Murphy, and Dick Park.

Steve earned a master’s degree in electrical engineering from the University of New Mexico and an MBA from Harvard.

In June 1964 Steve married his high school sweetheart, Marty Whittle. In 1968 they moved to Northern California, where Steve worked in the computer business for the rest of his career. His longest stint was as president and CEO at the Silicon Valley startup company Komag, which became the world’s largest manufacturer of sputtered thin-film media. He was also on the boards of many startup companies, where he freely shared his wisdom and experience.

In 2011 Steve suffered a stroke that left him in a wheelchair, severely compromised on his right side and unable to speak. Fortunately, his 24-carat smile and his inquiring mind remained bright and almost as sharp as ever up to the end.

Steve and Marty had two sons, Matthew and David, both of whom live with their wives in California. Steve also leaves behind four grandchildren. For Steve, family and friends were the most important aspect of his life. Steve’s brother, Craig Johnson ’66, predeceased him.

Marty hosted a memorial gathering at their home in Atherton April 21, 2018, where many happy memories were shared. A further gathering is planned at their cottage in Wolfeboro, N.H., Aug. 4, 2018.

Alvin A. Swenson ’64

Chap died peacefully April 11, 2018, in White Haven, Pa., after a six-month battle with kidney cancer. He grew up in suburban Philadelphia and attended Penn Charter School. At Princeton, he majored in English, played varsity football as an All-Ivy guard, and joined Tiger Inn. His roommates — Chandler, Kuffler, Mayo, Parsky, and Roberts — remember fondly his penchant for undertaking big do-it-yourself projects to avoid studying for finals, such as building a motorbike. Senior year he married Ginger, adding immeasurably to his stature on campus, and his life.

In his 20s, Chap took over Swenson Ford when his father died and later had his own Chevy dealership. Ginger and Chap had three children. When the marriage ended, he worked at a ranch in Colorado and horses became one of his passions, along with motorcycles.

Eventually he returned to Pennsylvania, married Ruth, and had two more sons. He became a successful car dealership trainer for Maritz and later a salesman of Harley-Davidsons. He rode a motorcycle to Montana to meet his last wife, Signe, in person, bringing her to our roommate reunion there. Sadly, she died of cancer in 2012.

Chap retained to the end his ebullient personality, refreshing candor, and strong passions — often unfettered by practicality. He is survived by Kiri, Chip, Will, Luke, Kit, and six grandchildren.

THE CLASS OF 1965

Thor Solberg ’65 ’66

Thor died Dec. 16, 2017. Born in the Princeton area near the family airport in Readington, N.J., he attended the Lawrenceville School, where he played football, wrestled, and won a state championship in pole vaulting. At Princeton he graduated with honors in aerospace and mechanical engineering, took his meals at Cannon Club, and was a Chapel deacon.

He operated the airport and defended it against incursions of all sorts — and flew aloft around the world, with a career first as a flight instructor and then for 34 years as a United Airlines jumbo-jet pilot.

After retirement, Thor continued flying corporate aircraft and earned 11 jet ratings. He served as chairman of the board of the National Air Transportation Association and of its Flight Training Committee.

He often took his family to Norway to meet their relatives, and worked endlessly to protect his beloved Solberg Airport from eminent-domain proceedings in conjunction with his sisters, Lorraine Solberg and Suzanne Nagle.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Marilyn Walker; their two sons, Thor III and Lars; and four grandsons. The class sends its condolences to the family of our distinguished, energetic, and productive classmate.

Frank Woodward ’65

Frank died Feb. 8, 2018, after a long illness.

Frank was born Jan. 20, 1944, and grew up in Palm Beach, Fla. He attended Culver Military Academy from eighth grade through high school and graduated cum laude. At Princeton he majored in politics and took his meals at Charter Club. He roomed with Peter Delacorte ’67 his junior and senior years. He entered Princeton with the Class of 1965, took a leave after his sophomore year — spending much of that time in Mexico — and graduated with the Class of 1966.

Frank is remembered for his wide-ranging intellect, his great and often surprising sense of humor, and his broad spectrum of interests. His reading material on a given day might range from a Zen Buddhist text, to The Realist, to the latest Marvel comic, with equal enthusiasm for all three. His senior thesis, written with the approval of the politics department, was “Notes Toward an Assessment of Psychedelics and Political Attitudes.”

He is survived by his sister, Helen Searle, and his brother, Warren Woodward. A memorial service will be held this summer.

THE CLASS OF 1966

Hussein M. Adam ’66


Born in Tanzania (then Tanganyika), he came to Princeton through a Kennedy-era program that sought to assist in educating outstanding African students who might be part of that continent’s post-independence leadership.

At Princeton, Hussein was a Woodrow Wilson School major and belonged to Ivy Club. During his senior year he roomed with Drew Hicks and Steve Ingersoll.

After graduating from Princeton, he earned a master’s degree at Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda; and a Ph.D. in political science at Harvard. Fluent in French, Swahili, and Somali, he also studied in The Hague, Paris, and Cairo.

Hussein served on the faculty of Brandeis University and — from 1989 until his retirement in 2015 — on the faculty of Holy Cross, where he
taught African politics and literature, the politics of international humanitarian assistance, and black political and social thought.

In addition to a distinguished teaching career, Hussein was tireless in nonpartisan service to the United States government and to international organizations, including the World Bank and the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Hussein is survived by his wife, Faduma, and seven children, to whom the class extends heartfelt condolences.

E. Terry Mattek '66

Terry died April 18, 2018, after a long battle with Parkinson’s disease. He was buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

Terry came to Princeton from North Kansas City (Mo.) High School, where he was a member of the debate and tennis teams. At Princeton he majored in history, belonged to Quadrangle Club, served as a keyceptor, and was an eight-season member of the Rugby Club.

After graduation he joined the Marines and embarked on an outstanding military career. He was the first Marine Harrier pilot to serve as an interchange officer with the British Air Force. He graduated from the Armed Forces Staff College and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. His final duty station was the White House, where he served four years as military aide to Vice President George H.W. Bush.

Terry retired as a colonel in 1989. Making his home in Norfolk, Va., Terry enjoyed boating, travel, and golf and was active in the Princeton Club of Hampton Roads.

He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Patricia; daughters Dawn and Jennifer; sons George H.W. Jr. and Gregory; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. The class extends its heartfelt condolences to them all.

THE CLASS OF 1968

Steven M. Friedman '68

We recently learned of the death Dec. 26, 2010, of Steve at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania with his family by his side. He was 64.

Steve was born June 14, 1946, in Baltimore, Md. He prepared at the McDonogh School in Baltimore, where he wrestled, played soccer, and was a member of the dramatics club. At Princeton Steve majored in biochemistry, was active in IAA sports, and was a member of Charter Club.

After Princeton, Steve attended Cornell University Medical College, graduating in 1972. Steve was a tenured professor of medicine at Cornell with expertise in immunology and rheumatology. In 1997, he joined DuPont Pharmaceuticals as vice president of research biology. In 2002, Steve moved to Incyte Pharmaceuticals, where he was executive vice president of biology and preclinical development.

At the time of his death, Steve was survived by his wife, Roberta; daughters Ashley and Dana; mother Ruth Friedman; and brother Paul.

Colin D. Mccare '68


He worked for Travelers for several years after graduating USC. He held the positions of general counsel and senior vice president at Transamerica Insurance Co., Los Angeles, until 1994, when he was appointed deputy insurance commissioner for the state of California Conservation and Liquidation Office in San Francisco. In 1999, he moved to the private sector as a full-time expert witness. In 2010, Colin and his wife moved to Chestertown, Md., where he lived until his death.

Colin is survived by his wife, Susan; son Colin; daughter Emily; and sister Nancy Jamison. To his family, friends, and colleagues, the class extends its deepest sympathies.

Peter E. Pope '68

Peter died April 4, 2017, of cancer in St. John’s, Newfoundland, with his family by his side. He was 70.

Peter was born Sept. 15, 1946, in Montreal. He attended the University of Toronto School, where he was editor of the yearbook and literary magazine and a member of the track and debating teams. Peter majored in philosophy at Princeton and was active in The Daily Princetonian, WPRB, club hockey, and Theatre Intime. He was on the dean’s list and a member of Colonial Club.

After Princeton Peter had an eminent career in archaeology and historical research, which led to many awards and accolades. He was a director of the Newfoundland Archaeological Heritage Outreach Program, a member of the Royal Society of Canada, and helped establish the LSPU Hall and Resource Centre for the Arts. He played saxophone in the Battery Big Band and, as a skilled carpenter, he built his home in Flatrock.

He is survived by his wife, Genevieve Duguay; daughters Laura and Molly; stepdaughter Clarence Duguay; sister Peggy Pope; niece Amanda Barney; and nephew Felix Pope. The class extends its deepest sympathies to them all.

Jeffrey R. Waggoner ’68

Jeff died Oct. 28, 2015, of pancreatic cancer at Weisbrod Hospital in Eads, Colo. He was 69. He was born May 4, 1946, in Yankton, S.D., and attended Wheat Ridge High School in Wheat Ridge, Colo., where he was active in football, basketball, and student government.

At Princeton Doc majored in biology, was a Chapel deacon, and played football. He ate independently.

After Princeton Jeff attended the University of Colorado Medical School. Jeff then became a family practitioner and was a founding partner in one of the largest family practices in Aurora, Colo. At the age of 61, Jeff moved to a 700-person town, Eads, in Kiowa County, Colo., where he was the only doctor. He served patients all over Colorado and also served as the chief of staff at Weisbrod Memorial Hospital in Eads.

He is survived by daughter Amanda; son Nathan; daughter-in-law Jamie; grandchildren Emery, Fallon, and Tayven; sisters Priscilla and Melissa; Melissa’s husband Hal; and his three dogs, Abbott, Costello, and Bailey. The class extends its deepest sympathies to them all.

THE CLASS OF 1971

John Grimmer ’71

John died Jan. 23, 2018, of brain cancer at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York City.

John entered Princeton from Shaker High School in Latham, N.Y. He majored in sociology with an emphasis on urban affairs, graduating with highest honors. He roomed with Halpern at Princeton Inn senior year. His closest friends, Halpern and Ruchman, remember his brilliance and his creative explorations of New York City. He later graduated from Columbia Law School.

John was an internationally known and highly respected attorney specializing in maritime law. He successfully argued in several shipping cases of note, winning the case involving the Exxon Valdez oil spill case in Alaska.

John’s talents included gourmet cooking, scuba diving, and computer technology, as well as making home repairs on his family’s residences. He loved animals, especially his dogs. He also loved the ocean and spent much time on the southern coast of Maine.

John married Ellen Haven in 1976. She predeceased him in 2015. The class extends its condolences to his son, Darius Hartwell; his two grandchildren, Delilah and Zeke; and his sisters, Anne and Mary.
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THE CLASS OF 1972

James R. Todd ’72

Jim died peacefully in Tucson, Ariz., where he lived. Known affectionately as Toad, Jim was an affable and easy-going member of the class. He was 68.

Jim was from Aliquippa, Pa., northwest of Pittsburgh, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Todd. He graduated from Hopewell (Pa.) High School.

Jim roomed in Brown Hall with Dave Updegraff and John Giovannone, where he met his future sophomore suitemates in Foulke, Doug Briggs, Gene Brissie, Andy Parrott, Wayne Smith, Dave Updegraff, and Tom Yoder. He roomed with Carter Simpson senior year. Jim returned to Princeton for our 40th reunion.

A biology major, Jim attended William and Mary and earned a master’s degree in evolutionary biology. He moved to Tucson, Ariz., where he became a financial adviser. He retired from Wells Fargo Advisers after a 37-year career.

In Tucson his close friends knew Jim as an avid reader and traveler who enjoyed all kinds of music. He was a gourmet cook and volunteer at the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum.

Jim is survived by his wife, Tuni; his inherited son, Gaffney; his sister, Julie Cundiff; and Julie’s husband, Jim Cundiff. The class sends condolences to his family.

THE CLASS OF 1973

Ronald C. Fondiller ’73

Ron died March 7, 2018, following a long and valiant fight with cancer. He was born in New York City and raised both there and in Jamaica, where his maternal grandfather, Sir Clifford Campbell, a public advocate of Jamaican independence, served as that country’s first post-colonial governor general.

Ron came to Princeton from the George School and lived in Wilson College. At Princeton he majored in history and served as the editorial editor of The Daily Princetonian. There, as elsewhere, his eloquence was admired by all who knew the gentle, funny, and loving soul he was. He loved to quote poetry, from Chaucer and Shakespeare to T.S. Eliot.

Upon graduation, Ron earned advanced degrees from Cambridge University (England) and NYU Law School. Fluent in several languages, he worked at the United Nations, where he translated Russian, French, and Chinese to English. He was senior vice president and general counsel of Constellation Brands in Rochester, N.Y., for 22 years.

Ron was a man of deep faith, a lifelong Anglican/Episcopalian and an active member of his church. He generously donated wine to our class reunions and regaled us with his demonstration of how to open a bottle of champagne with a saber.

Ron is survived by his wife, Jane; son David; and his mother, Fay.

THE CLASS OF 1974

Kinsley Morse ’74

Kinsley died Jan. 21, 2018, of a heart attack.

Born in Alexandria, Va., she grew up in Falls Church. After graduating from George Mason High School, her application to Princeton lacked the required parental signatures because her father, who was in the Class of 1942, opposed coeducation. He later reversed his position. She majored in art history, wrote her senior thesis on Beatriz Potter, and was one of the first woman officers of a Princeton eating club — Cap & Gown — where she later served on its alumni board. Kinsley earned an MBA from Columbia Business School and managed client relationships and marketing at Manufacturers Hanover and Morgan Stanley.

Friendships meant everything to Kinsley. She was active in class activities, attending Reunions and Alumni Day almost every year and in earlier years serving as a class officer. In Darien, where she lived for 50 years, her relationships centered around Saint Luke’s.

She was a loving wife to her husband, Kip Hewitt ’73, for 41 years and a devoted mother to their son, Thayer. Her family and friends cherish memories of her kindness, sincerity, and gratitude she received in her final months.

Kinsley is also survived by her mother, Elvira Morse; three sisters; and nieces and nephews.

THE CLASS OF 1977

Hilary M. Ballon ’77

Hilary died June 16, 2017, at age 61. The love and gratitude she received in her final months testified to the values she modeled. But her family was her heart and soul.

Hilary graduated with high honors from Princeton and earned a Ph.D. from MIT. She was senior adviser to the Mellon Foundation, a University Professor at NYU, and deputy vice chancellor of NYU Abu Dhabi (NYUAD). She was a founding leader of the team that built NYUAD. She was honored by the unanimous faculty vote establishing the Hilary Ballon Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning at NYUAD and a Washington Square plaque commemorating her contributions at NYU.

She received the American Academy of Arts and Letters Award and spent 22 years at Columbia University — she won three awards for outstanding teaching and chaired the department of art history and archaeology.

She is survived by her husband, Orin Kramer; her children, Sophie and Charles; her brother, Howard; her sister, Carla Gorrell; sister-in-law Sari Kramer; and their children. Contributions can be made to the Hilary Ballon Scholarship Fund at New York University. Call 212-998-6960 for information.

THE CLASS OF 1983

Scott M. Silbiger ’83

Scott died Nov. 21, 2017, in Woodland Hills, Calif.

He was from Dix Hills, N.Y., attended Half Hollow Hills East High School, and played the cello in the district’s orchestra. At Princeton, Scott majored in biology and was a member of Wilson College, Charter Club, and the orchestra. Scott once interviewed maestro Leonard Bernstein for WPRB. Friends remember Scott as being compassionate, warm, witty, and funny.

After graduation he worked in a laboratory at Cornell Medical School in New York City, traveling to Europe several times. Scott ran the New York Marathon six times and also ran marathons in Los Angeles, Montreal, and Munich. He moved to Los Angeles in 1991, working in the biotechnology industry. His work involved DNA research, resulting in his publishing several papers and earning patents for gene discoveries. After a career in research, he became a medical writer.

For our 25th reunion, Scott wrote, “My wonderful Princeton years seem like a magical experience with ancient buildings and the echoes of the various historical figures who participated in the founding of the university and the country. My classmates are like a second family to me because of the shared set of experiences we have from this formative period in our lives.”

Scott was predeceased by his partner, Rudy G. Velasco. Our condolences go to his brother Stephen and sister Jody, plus numerous nieces and nephews.

THE CLASS OF 1985

Mark Montgomery ’85

Mark died Jan. 9, 2018, when a mudslide carried away his house in Montecito, Calif.

His daughter Caroline also died, while his son, Duffy, miraculously survived. His wife, Catherine, and daughter Kate were not at home.

Mark was born in New York City and grew up in Chappaqua, N.Y. He graduated with honors from Princeton, where he majored in economics, wrestled for one year, and was a member of Tower Club. He studied medicine at Columbia University Medical School and Harvard Medical School. He became a prominent hand surgeon in Santa Barbara,
healing celebrities, day laborers, and everybody in between.

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As Americans debate the place of immigrants in our society, the University has spoken strongly in favor of their presence. In the words of President Eisgruber ’83, “Throughout its history, the United States has benefited from the abilities, creativity, and drive of immigrants from throughout the world.”

But in the 1840s, when nativism entered the country’s lexicon, Princeton was less welcoming. An unprecedented influx of Irish and German immigrants was changing the religious composition of many communities, inflaming long-standing anti-Catholic prejudices. Princeton president James Carnahan 1800 had endorsed a publication called The Protestant, created in part to respond to “the astonishing and fearful increase of Popery in the United States.” And in July 1843, The Nassau Monthly published the first installment of a two-part article, titled “American Citizenship,” that exemplified this animus. Its unnamed author was later identified as John Joseph Entwisle, the Class of 1843’s Latin salutatorian.

Contending that the “indiscriminate bestowment of the rights of citizenship on immigrant foreigners” is “pernicious to our institutions and destructive of our welfare,” he argued that the depth of newcomers’ ignorance surpassed even that of enslaved Americans, who themselves could hardly be thought “capable of judging and deciding on our questions of policy, even the most simple.”

For Entwisle, it was Catholicism that placed most immigrants beyond the pale. “Every year,” he noted, “at least one hundred thousand Catholic immigrants come into our country” — adherents of a “religio-political system” that is “the most totally destructive of every thing dearest to man in this life and the next.” Abandoning all restraint, he continued: “The rights of American citizenship were obtained only with the life’s blood of men who had more of noble principle ... in a little finger, than is contained in a whole cargo of the cast-off refuse of Europe that inundate our shores. And shall these by their vile breath pollute, and their viler touch destroy what those paid such a price to obtain?”

The following year, in Philadelphia, nativist mobs answered this question by running amok in Catholic neighborhoods, leaving a trail of death and destruction that even the state militia was hard-pressed to contain.

John S. Weeren is founding director of Princeton Writes and a former assistant University archivist.
Scenes above are from the 2018 Gary Walters ’67 PVC Awards Banquet, which honors varsity student-athletes, alumni and supporters of Princeton Athletics.

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