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Two Threats to the Ivy Athletics Model

The Gary Walters '67 Princeton Varsity Club Awards Banquet is among my favorite events during Reunions weekend.

What most inspires me every year is not the glittering collection of trophies on display but hearing graduating seniors talk about their commitment to service, their appreciation for the quality of a Princeton education, and the life lessons they learned by participating on Princeton teams.

The gala's emphasis on celebrating our athletes as students and citizens exemplifies the Princeton approach to athletics—an approach which is under serious threat on two fronts.

One threat involves the impact of so-called “name, image, and likeness” (NIL) deals, which permit college athletes to accept money in exchange for the use of their name or picture.

The second threat stems from legal proceedings that could force the League to treat varsity athletes as employees.

To preserve the integrity of Ivy League athletics, we must respond to the forces threatening it. Too few people truly appreciate how the Ivy League model differs from the big-money approach at other conferences.

The League's organizing principles begin with a commitment to hold “paramount the academic programs of [each] institution and the academic and personal growth of the student-athlete.”

Princeton implements that precept in several ways.

Like other Ivy League schools, we give no athletic scholarships. Varsity athletes get the same need-based aid that other students get. If students quit teams to spend more time on their studies or other pursuits, their financial aid package is unchanged.

To minimize conflicts between academics and athletics, Princeton reserves a block of time in the afternoon for practices, extracurricular, and co-curricular activities. Classes generally do not meet during that period, so team members can pick the courses they want.

Ivy League presidents must approve any extensions to season lengths, and we vigilantly resist changes that might interfere with academic success.

Princeton's undergraduate Office of Admission ensures that athletes, like all our students, are well qualified for Princeton's demanding curriculum.

We hire coaches who understand what it means to be an Ivy League athlete and who care about the education and personal development of the young people on their teams.

The picture is often different elsewhere, especially at schools that prioritize national championships in football or basketball. Too often, coaches get multimillion-dollar salaries and athletes pursue less-than-demanding degrees.

That approach is generating threats that could seriously damage the Ivy League's very different model.

Under “name, image, and likeness” deals, college athletes can now accept money from outside entities in exchange for the use of their name or picture.

Some versions of NIL contracts might seem, if not innocuous, then at least limited in impact: for example, a shoe company might pay a famous college athlete to endorse its products.

Boosters at some schools have, however, structured deals that resemble blatant pay-to-play transactions. Last year, a handful of underclassmen left Ivy League basketball teams for conferences where they reportedly secured six-figure NIL deals.

As big-money conferences scramble to control the impact of NIL, they are embracing models in which universities pay athletes directly. For Princeton, that's a non-starter, but the rules are changing rapidly.



The annual Gary Walters '67 Princeton Varsity Club Awards Banquet celebrates the graduating class and includes the awarding of top departmental honors for student-athletes.

As I write this column, the NCAA is in the process of settling an NIL-related lawsuit in a way that appears to preserve, at least for now, the option for conferences to continue competing for national championships while avoiding pay-to-play arrangements.

It is possible that the big-money conferences will eventually change the rules to exclude the Ivy League from national competitions or impose conditions inconsistent with the educational goals of our varsity programs.

That would be a shame: like many Princeton alumni, I enjoy it when our students win on the national stage. But Princeton will not accept conditions that undermine our educational model, and, in the last resort, that commitment might compel us to play in a separate division, as we already do in football.

The second threat is existential. Courts and the National Labor Relations Board are now considering claims that could force the Ivy League to treat its varsity athletes as employees.

That issue is at stake, for example, in proceedings about the Dartmouth men's basketball team's effort to unionize. Also, Penn and Cornell alumni are among the named plaintiffs in a suit seeking to apply federal wage and hour law to varsity athletes.

These claims strike at the heart of Ivy League athletics. At Princeton, varsity athletic programs, like our other extracurricular activities, exist for the benefit of the participating students, not the administration, donors, or alumni.

We want students to play only if doing so enhances their education. Any form of pay-to-play would damage that fundamental commitment.

One alum, a former athlete who loves Princeton athletics, recently suggested to me that we are approaching a moment that demands a thorough reformation of our varsity programs.

Both he and I hope that is not so. We agree that Princeton's current approach to athletic competition has tremendous educational benefits.

But to preserve our approach, we must have a voice in the national conversation about college sports reform. That starts by raising awareness for how our model differs from that at Alabama or even Stanford.

I hope that many alumni will join me in spreading the word about the importance of safeguarding the Ivy League model and the Princeton philosophy of “education through athletics.”



INBOX

YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE LATEST ISSUES

TIME, PLACE, AND MANNER

I applaud President Eisgruber '83's fine words regarding the validity and importance of time, place, and manner restrictions on demonstrations (President's Page, June issue). What a pity, then, that during Reunions, those proved to be just that — words.

I was enraged and appalled that demonstrators against the war in Gaza were permitted to line the P-rade route, forcing the entirety of



returning alums to run a gauntlet of chants such as “How many kids did you kill today?” and “from the river to the sea,” along with accusations that civilian casualties equate to genocide — toxic insults, abuse, and incendiary untruths. It was bad

enough that they were given free run of the reunion headquarters, but at least then I could exercise my own rights and walk away. No one should ever be forcibly subjected to any political message, and it is unforgivable that Princeton allowed this to happen to its alums.

The P-rade is the very definition of an inappropriate time and place. It is an event the celebrates unity and our common bonds as Princeton alums. It is and should continue to be determinedly apolitical. I have now marched in 36 and this is the only one I did not enjoy. Since I first set foot on campus as a high school senior and decided Princeton was where I wanted to be, this is the first time I ever felt unwelcome there.

I appreciate the president's words, but the administration's deeds speak much louder.

JIM COHEN '89
Bethesda, Md.

PRO-PALESTINIAN PROTESTS

PAW's phenomenal article “What Really Happened When Protesters Occupied Clio Hall?” (published online, May 23) sent shivers down my spine. Peter Barzilai's photograph of protesters gathered on the steps of Clio Hall, coupled with the fact that occupiers told the staff of the Office of the Dean of the Graduate School that they had 60 seconds to leave and later screamed “shame” at staff as they were

escorted out of the building to safety, brought to mind the horrifying events at the United States Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021. Of course, I recognize the differences, both in scale and intent, between the two incidents, and I do not liken the campus protesters to the violent insurrectionists who sought to overthrow our democracy. I do believe, however, that the protesters who occupied Clio Hall, and any who would undertake similar strategies in

the future, would do well to consider the explosive danger of mob mentality. That these protesters believe that the reckless tactics of April 29, 2024, would make any headway in bringing an end to the violence in the Middle East, one of the most complex problems this world has ever faced, is astonishing.

THANKFUL VANDERSTAR '88
Silver Spring, Md.

Let me suggest that rather than being so concerned about whether and how much the pro-Palestinian protesters violated University regulations or were tainted with antisemitism, it would be better for the University, the president included, to usher in a debate on the far more important issue of whether Princeton's endowment should make any investments in businesses whose operations support Israel's decades-long oppressive occupation of the West Bank, its blockade of Gaza, which began in 2007, and now, Israel's genocidal attack on the populace of Gaza. Surely the horrifying tactics of the Israel Defense Forces call for a reexamination of whether the University is playing an indirect role in this and if it is, whether it's time to stop.

In your article on Andrew Golden (“The Man Behind the Curtain,” June issue), he is quoted as saying, “The endowment should reflect the values of the entire University community, which more often than not are messy and contradictory.” Well maybe it's time to see if the University community is clear on its values in this case, and if it isn't, why it isn't.

MARTIN M. TWEEDALE '59
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

I have worn my yarmulke every day I have been on Princeton's campus, a period now spanning (sigh) more than 40 years. I have only had positive experiences as a result.

Given the events of the weeks leading up to Reunions, for the first time in my life, I felt some fear when I drove down to campus. I was only on campus on Friday

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and I know there were disturbances, but I felt as comfortable being an identifiable Jew on campus as I always have. That is not a feeling I would likely have on the campuses of many of Princeton's peer schools.

That said, while Princeton was better than many campuses this year, it was far from an easy year for Jewish students on campus. I would like to suggest two steps the University could take that would be consistent with both its educational mission and First Amendment commitment:

1. Ban masked protesting. Anonymity encourages recklessness, not reasoned debate.
2. Implement a content neutral civil discourse code, patterned after the Honor Code. The goal of this code would be to provide more guidance around the "time, place, and manner restrictions" to promote reasoned debate and argument by speech and not intimidation. Just like the Honor Code, orientation would include programming on the code and students would be asked to sign a pledge affirming their agreement to abide by the code.

DROR FUTTER '86

Teaneck, N.J.

In "Faculty Find Their Role in Campus Protests" (June issue), senior lecturer Nancy Coffin notes "the basic role of faculty is to support the students." I was under the impression that the role of faculty was to "educate" students. Moreover, faculty occupying buildings appears to conflict with that responsibility.

The events transpiring in the Middle East are tragic for all, with the obvious exception of the Hamas terrorists. Princeton, in the nation's service, should, in my opinion, ensure that its faculty is educating emotional (and, at times, manipulated) students on the complex history of this region — and that its faculty is itself educated on the history.

Princeton plays a critical role in educating future leaders. In a nation increasingly characterized by echo chambers, I also believe we should expect that Princeton's faculty represent the full spectrum of thought on all

complex topics, of which the Middle East is only one. Free speech on any topic doesn't contribute to societal improvement if it's one-sided. Princeton should reteach students the critical role that civility and listening play in public discourse and reaching consensus.

Princeton, it's time to step up in a world at war. Let's have a clear set of rules that allows for the important exchange of ideas and learning from *all perspectives*, an expectation of civility, and accountability for following community rules, which is, after all, a part of growing up. This is a tragic and complex issue, and I'm extraordinarily disappointed to see the role that certain employees of the University are playing to fuel the fire.

MARTIN FELSENTHAL '91

San Francisco, Calif.

P.G. SITTENFELD '07

I read "P.G. Sittenfeld '07 Has Reached a Verdict" (July/August issue) with the greatest interest. I am impressed that the magazine ran the article. Many alumni magazines would shy away from this kind of story. I was a member of the Massachusetts Senate from 1971 to 1993. As I read the article, I had all kinds of memories of deciding whether to accept certain campaign contributions and whether to make a commitment to a bill or project even without knowing all details and fine print. Sittenfeld's emotional support from his wife is impressive. Politics can take a heavy toll on family life.

EDWARD BURKE *67

Jamaica Plain, Mass.

After reading the article about P.G. Sittenfeld '07, I am left with the impression that nobody with any scruples would want to be a politician. It seems that the supposed friend was in trouble and somehow got the FBI to go after Mr. Sittenfeld instead. The whole game of politics has become so corrupt that any reasonable person should wonder if the specter of doing something for the "common good" is worth the price one has to pay to be nominated or elected.

Until the recent change in the candidacy for president, one could have reasonably



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wondered if there would have been any chance to be able to follow Princeton's motto in the modern political sphere.

JAMES CORSONES '75

Locust Grove, Va.

The editors of PAW are courageous to publish the lengthy story of Cincinnati city councilor P.G. Sittenfeld '07's prosecution for alleged corruption, considering likely criticism by some alumni. P.G.'s story is emblematic of bureaucratic culture and ambition, reminding me of Melville's classic *Billy Budd*.

Sittenfeld was subjected to an FBI sting operation and spent time in a federal prison for granting faux petitioners that he supports and would continue to support downtown real estate development. But the petitioners were trained FBI "witnesses" who pressured Sittenfeld, contributing money to his action fund.

In 2010, I sat through most sessions of Boston city councilor Chuck Turner's very similar trial for "corruption." Indeed, the FBI remunerated the "petitioner" \$20,000 to pass an alleged \$1,000 in cash to the councilor, who was renowned for ordering hearings on constituent issues. *The Boston Herald* vilified Turner by publishing on its front page a fuzzy photo, taken from the hireling's hidden video camera, of the passing of cash — never actually counted (\$50 is permitted to councilors). The eminently diligent Turner consequently spent 28 months in a federal prison in West Virginia, far from his constituents.

The only Black councilor, Turner had been singled out, falsely, to be tied to a Black state senator who had admitted to taking money for favors. The judge forbade the jury to characterize the sting as entrapment. Who is guilty? It seems that Turner's and Sittenfeld's fates are fruits of government corruption.

DAVE LEWIT '47

Boston, Mass.

FEMALE EMPOWERMENT

I had seen posters for the film *Cabrini* and was tickled to learn the writer is a fellow Tiger ("Screenwriter Rod Barr '86 Has Learned to Trust His Creative Instincts," June issue). But your article surprised me. Here is a movie about a

TIGER OF THE WEEK

Rachael Jeck '89

A lifelong advocate for reproductive rights, **Rachael Jeck '89** created the nonprofit Register Her to get more women to the ballot box. Recently, she says, Kamala Harris' surprise ascension to presumptive Democratic nominee is turbocharging efforts. "I have been on multiple calls and have heard an energy and excitement that I have not witnessed over the past few years," Jeck says. *Read the story at paw.princeton.edu.*



HAN '22

TIGER OF THE WEEK

Cindy Han '22

To protect artists from theft by AI, **Cindy Han '22** is working with the start-up Trufo to build cryptographic watermarks that can't be separated from images and videos. "This is a really important problem, and nobody's solving it in a satisfactory way," she says. "We want to, within our ability, do something that has a net positive impact." *Read the story at paw.princeton.edu.*

THE WHOLE STUDENT

Deborah Saint-Phard '87

How do elite athletes take care of their mental health? Jess Deutsch '91 asked **Deborah Saint-Phard '87**, a thrower at the 1988 Olympics who's now a sports medicine physician and the



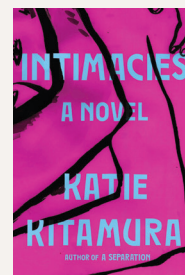
SAINT-PHARD '87

parent of two college-age children — one at Princeton.

"I made a decision that I didn't want to be stuck in the library for 10 hours and get straight A's," she says of her time as a student athlete. "I accepted the fact that I was not going to be perfect in all these areas so that I could be happy in a lot of them." *Read the full Q&A at paw.princeton.edu.*

PAW BOOK CLUB

The PAW Book Club is currently reading *Intimacies*, **Katie Kitamura '99's** much-lauded novel about an interpreter working in the international court at the Hague. We'll interview Katie about her book on Sept. 12, and we need your questions! Send them to Liz (ehulette@princeton.edu) or Carlett (cspike@princeton.edu) and we'll enter you in a raffle to receive a **\$50 gift card** to Princeton's own Labyrinth Books.



COURTESY OF RACHAEL JECK '89; COURTESY OF DEBORAH SAINT-PHARD '87; COURTESY OF CINDY HAN '22

groundbreaking woman, yet not once do you mention a single woman involved in the project — not even which actor plays Frances Cabrini in the film. The financier, producer, director, and everyone you interview is male, and the only actor you mention is John Lithgow, who doesn't play the title character.

As I looked in vain for a clue to who

plays Cabrini, it struck me how much this reminded me of the way women were largely erased from the cultural landscape during my childhood and much of my adult life. How ironic, since this is the tale, as you write, about “female empowerment in the face of unrelenting condescension and paternalism by a parade of powerful men.” But surely it matters how you tell the story, not just that you do.

ZANTHE TAYLOR '93
Brooklyn, N.Y.

IMPROVING TRUSTEE SELECTION

I was dismayed but not in any way surprised to read the guest essay on the lack of transparency in the Alumni Trustee election process (“Choosing Board Members Requires Greater Transparency,” July/August issue). My own experience with that process closely echoes what is described in the essay.

In late 2023, a colleague submitted a nomination on my behalf for the Region I election set to occur in April 2024. The colleague immediately received the standard automated acknowledgment, but after several weeks I heard nothing else about the status of my nomination. After reaching out to the trustee staff via email, I was told I had missed the deadline for nominations. I would have graciously accepted that explanation had the deadline been published anywhere on the Committee to Nominate Alumni Trustees website.

The website was devoid of key information, such as the time frame for submitting nominations, the selection criteria used to determine nominees, and how members of the committee are themselves selected.

The essay authors also mentioned the prohibition on nominees' issuing campaign platforms or statements, a curiously undemocratic rule unfortunately shared by peer schools such as Harvard and Yale. I try to imagine candidates for a local town council or school board being prohibited from telling voters what issues they intend to address if elected.

I have spoken about this issue with a handful of other dissatisfied alumni, but I was not aware that there were others

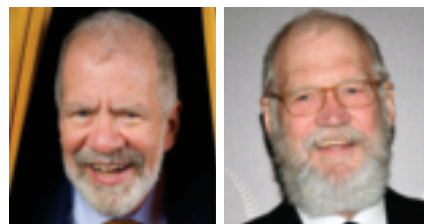
who shared our sentiments. I am hopeful that enough alumni join the essay authors in advocating common-sense reforms to the process.

RICHARD GOLDEN '91
Pottstown, Pa.

MISTAKEN IDENTITY?

Thanks for the informative and fascinating article in the June issue about Princeton's endowment and Andrew Golden as he steps down as president of Princo (“The Man Behind the Curtain”). But why was the story accompanied by photographs of David Letterman? I await PAW's acknowledgment of its error, and publication of images of the real Andrew Golden.

MARTIN T. KAVKA '92
Tallahassee, Fla.



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WELCOME A NEW FACE TO PAW

Alumni often tell us they want to read about what it's like to be a student. However, journalists, particularly those who last took a final exam during a Bush administration, can be considered the opposition — or, as the kids say, “ops” — and penetrating the residential colleges is no easy feat.

For many years, the “Student Dispatch” column has helped to provide insight into student life. We’ve continued with this tradition and have sought out students to contribute to PAW in other ways as well. Since February, nine students have authored pieces in PAW.

But we’re taking our efforts a step further with a new position on staff.

Hope Perry '24 joined the team in July as PAW's first-ever reporting fellow. This is a one-year fellowship that we hope to fill each summer with a graduating student or a recent Princeton graduate who is interested in a career in journalism.

Hope, along with PAW writer Julie Bonette, will report on student life and campus issues, as well as profile alumni and tackle issues in higher education.

During her time as an undergraduate, Hope was a reporter, newsletter editor, head podcast editor, and managing editor for *The Daily Princetonian*. She also interned at the *Centre Daily Times* in State College, Pennsylvania.

Hope grew up in nearby Lawrence, New Jersey, where

her family lives, including her 15-year-old sister.

“I joined PAW because I wanted to be able to gain experience with a new type of media and respected PAW's editorial independence,” she said. “Also, it was a bonus that I get to be near my sister and go to her swim meets.”

Hope has already brought great energy and ideas to PAW, including contributions in this issue. When asked what's one thing alumni may not understand or appreciate about being a student now, she said that the mental health conversation is real.

“It's not being exaggerated by PAW or the *Prince*. It's being



PERRY '24

talked about in many different corners of campus,” Hope said. “Students try to care for each other and check on friends, and the recent student deaths are fresh in the minds of many students.”

We're unveiling two other additions in the first issue of the academic year.

Starting on page 41 is “Tiger Travels,” a new

feature where we cover the travel and adventures that alumni take and provide tips from Princetonians and members of the campus community. We're also interested in learning about your most exotic and exciting trips and each month will feature a handful of your photos on PAW's website.

Over time, we'll build a catalog of travel content that readers can turn to when in need of ideas, advice, or inspiration. Some of these stories will appear in the print magazine, but the entire library will be housed online, and we encourage you to share your experiences and expertise.

Flip to page 78 and you'll find a Princeton-themed crossword constructed by Stella (Daily) Zawistowski '00, one of the leading puzzle creators and solvers in the United States. These crosswords will appear in select issues, but we will publish a new one each month online. In addition, Tyler Maxey '24 will contribute a weekly logic/number puzzle to the website.

These features are part of a spiffy new website we plan to launch in the coming weeks. Stay tuned for more details. ■



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ON THE CAMPUS

NEWS, SPORTS, AND STUDENT LIFE



BIG CHANGES ON IVY LANE

The University's ongoing construction projects include a new home for Environmental Studies and the School of Engineering and Applied Science, seen here from the top of Fine Hall. The complex, which includes 666,000 square feet of space for labs, classrooms, offices, and other facilities, is expected to be completed in the fall of 2025.





ENDOWMENT

What You Need to Know About the Israeli Divestment Proposal

BY JULIE BONETTE

P RINCETON ISRAELI APARTHEID Divest (PIAD), a group of University students, alumni, faculty, staff, and community members, submitted a proposal to the University in June to divest and dissociate from companies and holdings with ties to Israel in response to Israel's actions in the Israel-Hamas war.

The Resources Committee of the Council of the Princeton University Community (CPUC) will be the first to review the document. PAW spoke with academic experts to explore PIAD's 66-page proposal, what it would take logistically should Princeton choose to adopt it, and the odds of it happening.

What is the petition calling for?

PIAD calls for Princeton to divest from entities that “enable or facilitate human rights violations or violations of international law as part of Israel's illegal occupations, apartheid practices, and plausible acts of genocide.” PIAD suggested the following criteria for determining which companies would be included: those involved with settlement construction; companies

that are engaging in “exploitation of natural resources” such as drilling for water, oil, or natural gas; those that build or maintain walls, checkpoints, or surveillance of Gaza and the West Bank; weapons and military equipment manufacturers and suppliers; those who discriminate between Jewish and Palestinian citizens of Israel; those involved in financing any of the preceding criteria; and any companies that operate in Israel or contribute to its economy.

Chris Marsicano, an assistant professor of education studies at Davidson College who specializes in education policy issues, said broad criteria like the last one are very unlikely to gain serious consideration because they include companies with no connection to the Israeli war effort.

The petition includes a list of 129 companies that would fall under at least one of its criteria, though the authors note the list may be inaccurate or incomplete as Princeton does not disclose its holdings in full, and the University declined to comment on the list when asked by PAW.

FROM PROTEST TO PROPOSAL
“Divest Now” was a rallying cry for pro-Palestinian protesters in April and May. Princeton Israel Apartheid Divest submitted a formal request to the Resources Committee in June.

What is the history of this campaign at Princeton?

Princeton University community members originally petitioned to divest from companies with ties to Israel in 2002. In 2014, the Resources Committee rejected a similar petition. In 2015, graduate students voted to support divestment. In 2022, undergraduates organized a referendum to boycott the construction equipment company Caterpillar due to its role in the demolition of Palestinian homes and construction of settlements in the area; though the referendum passed, the Undergraduate Student Government ultimately declined to pursue the boycott due to an issue with counting abstentions.

Since Hamas' Oct. 7 attack on Israel and the ensuing war, pro-Palestinian protesters in the community have renewed divestment demands.

Is there consensus supporting the current petition?

One of the Resources Committee's criteria for considering divestment is that the University community reaches a consensus on the issue. There are more than 100,000 alumni, faculty, staff, and students; more than 1,000 community members signed the petition, as well as 32 campus groups.

Many Princetonians oppose the petition, including the student boards for Chabad and Yavneh — two Jewish student groups — both of which submitted letters of opposition to the Resources Committee.

Yonah Berenson '25, president of Princeton's Yavneh chapter, wrote in an email to PAW that “the criterion of consensus hasn't been met by a long shot.”

At the April 2024 meeting of the CPUC, Resources Committee chair Jay Groves, who is also the Hugh Stott

Taylor Chair of Chemistry, clarified that unanimous consensus is not required for divestment, but the committee has the sense that “we’ll know [consensus] when we see it.”

Is it technically feasible for Princeton to divest from the companies identified in the petition?

Marsicano told PAW, “This list of companies may come to Princeton, and Princeton [can] say, ‘We’re not invested in any of these.’”

However, if that is not the case, Todd Ely, an associate professor in the School of Public Affairs at the University of Colorado Denver and an expert in financial management and policies, said it can be “a slippery slope” to determine which businesses have connections to Israel. Due to our global economy, “most companies are going to have some footprint in Israel,” meaning that identifying companies of concern would require “due diligence and fact finding to understand what those companies are actually doing and whether or not that meets the criteria for problematic engagement in Israel.”

In addition, Ely said, it’s relatively simple to divest from direct holdings, but things get complicated and time consuming when universities attempt to divest from “companies that are public or private companies within holdings, managed by external parties, and blended with other institutional investors’ funds.”

Are petitions to divest from Israeli businesses likely to be successful?

Several prominent schools are facing similar divestment campaigns, such as Brown University, Johns Hopkins University, and Harvard University. At Brown, the highest governing body committed to vote on the issue in October, 2024.

In Marsicano’s opinion, “If any school is going to be successful in its divestment efforts, it’s going to be Brown [University] ... because they went after a very targeted [list of companies],” which he said “makes it easy to identify each of those companies one by one and make a decision.” ■

ZEHAO WU '26

GRADUATE SCHOOL

Lessons of a Divisive Vote

Graduate students were ‘shocked’ when a bid to unionize failed. What happened?

BY HOPE PERRY '24

WHEN THE VOTE TO unionize Princeton graduate students failed, 391-652, on May 14, the reaction from pro- and anti-union organizers was the same. It “shocked everybody,” said Sophia Yoo, an engineering Ph.D. candidate.

Princeton’s postdocs had voted to unionize just days earlier. So why didn’t the graduate students?

According to Yoo, questions about the need for a union began during Princeton Graduate Students United’s (PGSU) recruiting cycle in 2022. In 2023, as the union card drive started, some students began to harbor private concerns about PGSU’s affiliation with the United Electrical, Radio, and Machine Workers of America (UE). But these concerns didn’t reach a larger audience until days before the election.

One sticking point was that UE requires people in the bargaining unit to pay dues of 1.44% of their stipend annually (around \$700) regardless of whether they choose to join the union.

Critiques of UE continued in the week before the May 2024 election. Graduate student Himawan Winarto '18 said that he would have considered voting differently if the national affiliate was a different union, such as the United Auto Workers (UAW), which Princeton’s postdocs joined this spring.

Three graduate students told PAW that they felt the pay and benefits the University provides are already sufficient, and they didn’t see a need for unionization.



The bulk of PGSU’s union card campaign took place in 2023 and 2024.

Other criticisms focused on national UE’s political opinions on foreign policy, which include support of the Boycott, Divest, and Sanction (BDS) movement against Israel and a 2015 endorsement of the Maduro government in Venezuela.

According to Paul Clark, a professor of labor and employment relations at Penn State University, UE’s positions are tied to its history as the U.S. union furthest to the left. “And you’ll see them taking positions on things like Israel-Palestine, and other things that other unions wouldn’t take a position on,” he said.

Tal Rubin, an Israeli graduate student in plasma physics, took issue with UE’s policy on BDS as well as the dues-paying model. Rubin said he has nothing in common with “people like [PGSU organizer] Aditi Rao” who are “hardcore communist, anti-American, anti-Israeli people who are very involved in the [encampment] in central campus”

Rao, a Ph.D. candidate in classics, agreed with Rubin’s characterization. “I am anti-American imperialism, I am a communist, I am for unionization, and I am against the State of Israel. All of those things are very true,” she said.

Rao explained that in her view, Palestinian liberation “rests entirely

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upon labor contingencies to bring themselves together,” and that the two issues are connected.

Some “vote no” sentiment was unrelated to UE. Three graduate students told PAW that they felt the pay and benefits the University provides are already sufficient, and they didn’t see a need for unionization.

Part of the push to hold the unionization vote last May stemmed from concerns about the 2024 presidential election. The partisan National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) gets the ultimate say on whether a unionization vote can be held, and Democratic administrations are usually more union friendly.

“We felt like the window of opportunity was closing,” said Dante Furioso, a PGSU organizer and architecture student. “And yes, it’s true that UE is not a perfect organization. But the chance of at least forming a union versus not forming one at all, I think, drove that decision [to hold the vote in May].”

The voting body was set in April via an agreement between PGSU and the University, overseen by the NLRB. Students on fellowships were not allowed to vote. The voting body ultimately consisted of 49% of all graduate students; 82% of eligible voters were students in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

Princeton seems to have “an exceptionally high ratio” of graduate students in STEM, according to Clark, and those students “are the hardest ones to organize.”

Rao said accepting the voting bloc proposal and pushing for a May vote may have undermined PGSU and “hindered a lot of our progress at the polls.”

Several students also told PAW that some were unnerved by PGSU’s campaign tactics, which included calls, emails, and home visits. Although these are common strategies in the United States, some — particularly

international students — felt that PGSU had violated their privacy.

The Graduate Student Government (GSG) uses Slack, a messaging system accessible to all graduate students that functions like a social media platform. PAW reviewed messages from the spring semester and found they overwhelmingly centered on the election as it approached, and some devolved into harsh language and personal attacks.

Jing Wu, a PGSU organizer and international student from China studying economics, said a separate forum for Chinese students, hosted on the messaging platform WeChat, became so hostile toward PGSU that he and a fellow organizer chose to step away from it.

Perhaps the most contentious escalation came days before the election in an email.

Christopher Catalano, a graduate student in molecular biology and vice president of GSG, sent an email advocating for unionization to the graduate student email list. According to GSG rules, only messages approved by the GSG executive committee can be sent to that list.

Catalano told PAW he felt a “responsibility” to provide his opinion as an elected official but said he should have sent the email to another list.

Slack discussions rapidly turned to Catalano’s email. Some students called for him to resign. “It’s changed my experience at Princeton and I regret it profoundly, because it’s been awful,” he said, citing the loss of friends following his email.

Because of the NLRB’s one-year waiting period and uncertainty about the next presidential administration, Rao said it could be several years before another vote.

The unionization movement, Rao said, “really needs the lifeblood” of new graduate students.

For now, the experience seems to have left a bitter taste in the mouths of many graduate students. **■**



CROTTY '00

ADMINISTRATION

New Deans for Undergraduates, Religious Life

REGAN CROTTY '00, Princeton's former director of gender equity and Title IX administration, has been named the new dean of undergraduate students, the University announced in July. The previous dean, Kathleen Deignan, retired in January.

Crotty spent a decade in administrative roles at Princeton before leaving in 2022 to serve as assistant general counsel at Morgan Lewis, a law firm with offices in Princeton and more than 30 other cities worldwide.

Crotty said in a University release that she was excited to return to student affairs and lead an office that “plays a critical role in ensuring that all of our students feel that they belong at Princeton.”

The Rev. Alison Boden retired in July as Princeton's dean of religious life and the chapel, after 17 years of providing support for faith-based student groups and all 17 campus chaplaincies, including the Hindu and Muslim chaplaincies that were added during her tenure. The Rev.



THAMES

Theresa Thames, associate dean of religious life and the chapel since 2016 and an ordained elder in the United Methodist Church, succeeded Boden on Aug. 1.

The University also announced that Andy Cofino, the former program coordinator for Princeton's Gender + Sexuality Resource Center, joined the Office of the Vice President for Campus Life in January as the inaugural vice president for diversity, belonging, and well-being. Cofino will oversee diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives across campus. **■** *By J.B. and B.T.*



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TENZING SHERPA '27

Blazing His Own Trail

Nepali American computer science student traverses a lengthy and atypical route to Princeton

BY JULIE BONETTE

TENZING SHERPA '27 IS NOT used to taking the easy path, whether it is a physical or metaphorical one.

As an 8-year-old living in rural Nepal without internet, his life now, as an intern at Amazon Web Services, Princeton sophomore majoring in computer science, and U.S. Air Force veteran, would have seemed wildly out of reach.

And last summer, when Sherpa took a gap year to return to Nepal with other United States-based family members for a festival in his home village — Pangboche, about 10 miles from Mount Everest base camp — he quite literally had to walk off the beaten path when weather and landslides derailed their travel plans.

After spending a few days in Kathmandu, the country's capital, Sherpa, along with his mother, Yangzi,

and his girlfriend, Rose, spent three nail-biting days in a Jeep — “You can't even see where the roads are, and there's landslides everywhere. It was a mess,” he said — then hiked until they were able to hitch a ride on a passing helicopter, which took them part of the way and then dropped them off, leaving them to hike even farther to get to Pangboche, where Sherpa's grandparents live.

Despite these obstacles on their week-long journey, Sherpa said it was more than worth it. It had been nearly two decades since his family last gathered together.

As one of just four families co-hosting the village-wide three-week Dumji festival in Pangboche, they were expected to take on extra responsibilities, ranging from daily deliveries of donations to the monastery — a 30-minute uphill trek — to

WORTH THE WAIT

Tenzing Sherpa '27, second from right, took a gap year to visit his family in his hometown in Nepal, including his great-uncle, niece, and grandparents.

making sure that everyone was well fed and having a good time. Sherpa described the event as an extended “Thanksgiving times Christmas times I don't even know what other festivals.”

The festival honors the mythical Lama Sangwa Dorje, who established the village and was fabled to have supernatural powers such as the ability to fly. As most of the residents are illiterate, a monk read aloud from a hundreds-of-years-old pamphlet about the meaning of the festival.

“I was amazed by such a beautiful tradition that they're still doing,” said Sherpa. According to him, the best thing about his trip to Nepal was that he “really got ... back in touch with my culture.”

Sherpa was raised by his grandparents

in Pangboche, but at age 9, he flew to New York City to live with his mother, who had moved to the United States when Sherpa was less than a year old. Pangboche didn't have reliable phones at that time, and of course there was no email or Zoom either, so she essentially was a stranger.

On top of that, the two locales could not have been more different; Sherpa understandably found the move to be “quite a hard transition.”

In Nepal, he had grown up for the most part without electricity, so he “didn't have an intuitive understanding of computers in general,” and in the States, he was struck by how much time people spent in front of the television. “At least back in the day, the TV screen looked like a big rock. ... How can some people just watch this [screen] endlessly for hours?” he wondered. “I was mind blown [by] that.”

He quickly became fascinated by modern technology and learned the basics of computer science by watching videos on the internet. By the time he graduated high school, he was determined to become self-sufficient, in part to ease the burden on his single mother, who was also raising Sherpa's younger sister, Daisy.

Though his family is devoted to



TALK OF THE TOWN

The Dumji festival at the monastery in Pangboche, Nepal, is held annually to honor Lama Sangwa Dorje.

Buddhism, a religion that denounces violence, Sherpa, who had become a U.S. citizen, secretly decided to join the United States Air Force.

“I saw a path for myself,” Sherpa said. “I was gonna do four years and then get out and do college.”

The choice shocked his family, but Sherpa said joining the military was the best decision for him; he was able to purchase a house in 2020 in Las Vegas (which he sold before enrolling at Princeton), and he credits his service as one of the reasons he got into Princeton. But perhaps even more importantly, his position in the military gave his mother and grandparents great pride. “They achieved some sort of the American dream through me,” he said.

After a year of training, Sherpa was stationed for three years at Camp Creech, near Las Vegas, where he worked with drones. In 2022, as his four-year commitment was coming to a close, Sherpa joined the SkillBridge program, which helps members of the military transition back into civilian life by partnering with companies that offer six-month internships to service members prior to the official conclusion of their contracts.

Sherpa landed a job with Amazon, and just weeks after that internship ended, he found out he was accepted to Princeton.

Once again, the transition was

difficult for Sherpa, but he told PAW his “freshman year, I think, was really a success.” By his second semester at Princeton in the spring of 2023, he “got the groove of it,” attending office hours and participating in student clubs.

Sherpa wanted to share what he learned at Princeton back in Nepal, so during his gap year, with funding from the Class of 1978 Foundation, he taught a coding class for 20 children in a school in Kathmandu where they learned the basic foundations of computer science and about innovators like Alan Turing *38. “That’s what I really love about Princeton — there’s a lot of ... glimpses of really good nuggets of information which people back in Nepal ... might not know about,” he said.

While in Nepal, Sherpa also worked with his sister and grandparents to launch the Sherpa Translation Project, a platform that aims to preserve the Sherpa language, which has been classified as vulnerable by the UNESCO Atlas of the World’s Languages in Danger.

The project is a work in progress, but basic words and phrases in Sherpa are currently available online at BankOfSherpa.com, sometimes accompanied by pronunciation guides voiced by Sherpa’s grandparents. He hopes to eventually add English translations and turn it into an app.

As part of his gap year, Sherpa and Rose traveled to France, Italy, and Eastern Europe, but as of July he was back in New York City working again for Amazon, as a summer intern, and preparing for his second year at Princeton.

Sherpa dreams of returning to Nepal and applying some of the high-tech skills he’s learned to support long-held traditions of the region. His grandfather, Ghalzen Sherpa, was known as an “icefall doctor” who forged dangerous paths up to Mount Everest’s peak every year. The younger Sherpa hopes to research and implement avalanche-detecting technology on the Khumbu Icefall, considered one of the most dangerous parts of Everest, to improve safety conditions for the hundreds of Nepali natives who annually shepherd climbers up the world’s tallest mountain. **■**

IN SHORT

Princeton’s **Annual Giving campaign** raised \$66.7 million in 2023-24 and drew donations from 45% of undergraduate alumni, according to a University release. The participation rate dipped from 47.5% in 2022-23, and the amount raised declined for the second straight year, after an all-time high of \$81.8 million in 2021-22. The Class of 1999 led all classes, contributing \$8,631,999. Eight other major-reunion classes raised at least \$1 million each.

Professor **Peter Sarnak** was selected to receive the Shaw Prize in Mathematical



SARNAK

Sciences “for his development of the arithmetic theory of thin groups and the affine sieve,” among other contributions, according to the award citation.

Sarnak joined the Princeton faculty in 1991 and is also a professor of mathematics at the Institute for Advanced Study. The prize, which includes a \$1.2 million award, will be presented in Hong Kong on Nov. 12.

Fellow mathematics professor **Noga Alon**, a 2022 Shaw Prize honoree, won the Wolf Prize in Mathematics for his contributions to mathematical cryptography, combinatorics, and computer science. Laureates receive a \$100,000 award.

IN MEMORIAM

Ingrid Reed, a former administrator at the School of Public and International Affairs



and a prominent voice in statewide policy circles, died July 27 at age 88. Reed came to the University in 1974 and was an associate dean when she departed in the early 1990s. She

later directed the New Jersey Project at Rutgers University’s Eagleton Institute of Politics for 26 years. **■**



GOOD TO GO
Julianne Somar '26 shows off some of the nontraditional items in the emergency go-bag the team designed.

SUMMER PROGRAMS

From Art to Innovation, Campus Is a Hot Spot

BY JULIE BONETTE

DESPITE THE INTENSE HEAT and mass exodus of Princeton undergraduates this summer, the campus hosted many students who learned how to do everything from design thinking to coding to making art through a variety of programs, including several with expanded offerings this year.

Those who lived on campus took part in the University's second annual Summer Research and Learning Village, which housed students in neighboring (and air-conditioned) dormitories and held events such as career development sessions and trips to New York City.

The seven Princeton undergraduates in the **Keller Center's** revamped Tiger Challenge summer program were the first to tackle a full design cycle — starting with understanding a problem before conceptualizing an idea and then implementing it — rather than handing a project off to those enrolled in the Tiger Challenge course during the academic year, as has been done in the past.

They worked with the municipality's director of emergency management, Michael Yeh, to help improve disaster

preparedness and community connection in Princeton. After exploring the town by speaking with passers-by in high-traffic locations and interviews with municipal employees and federal officials, the students continuously iterated their ideas before showing off their final product — an emergency go-bag dubbed the Princeton Prep Pack — to University administration, members of the police, and local officials at a first-of-its-kind presentation.

Architecture major Julianne Somar '26 felt empowered to create “something real,” adding that the group was “able to go from nothing to something in seven weeks, which was crazy. I'll be talking about this for a long time.”

Katya Grygorenko '27, an operations research and financial engineering major, acknowledged that emergency preparedness packs are not new, but said their idea stands out because of the nontraditional items they chose to include that provide a “feeling of comfort, the feeling of connection,” such as small animal mascots the students crocheted and 3D-printed.

The experience made Grygorenko

realize “that people are, they should be, at the center of our endeavors, and our inventions should be very oriented to reality and the situation at hand.”

The **Prison Teaching Initiative** (PTI) added a third internship opportunity — in coding — to its paid summer program for formerly incarcerated students who are enrolled at two- or four-year institutions.

At facilitated weekly lunches, this year's 12 interns — who also worked in computational biology and with the Emma Bloomberg Center for Access and Opportunity — tackled topics such as imposter syndrome. Through a pilot mentorship program, some connected with Princeton alumni from the Class of 1994, which partnered with PTI in 2019 for its legacy service project.

Before enrolling at Rutgers University as a computer science major, Wali Palmer, a 45-year-old Camden resident, had zero knowledge of computers after spending 25 years in prison. Around the time he was released in 2023, he decided “the best and fastest way for me to get on track and try to develop a better understanding of computers and technology was to just go for it.”

He spent this summer coding and found the Princeton campus to be “like a breath of fresh air.”

The **Princeton University Art Museum** Summer Academy added a third week to its program — which ran for the first time last year — for high school students in the greater Trenton area who are interested in careers in the arts.

Raven George, a conceptual artist based in Trenton, discussed themes of power, identity, and social justice with the 12 students as they worked on chalk paintings, graphite sketches, collages, and videos. “When you actually take the time to sit in those emotions, you find the beauty in your work,” she said.

According to Brice Batchelor-Hall, the museum's manager of engagement, the academy is part of the museum's commitment to “the next generation of museum professionals.” **P**



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STUDENT DISPATCH

Betting on the Orange Bubble, Student Group Backs Startups With Venture Grants

BY KYUNG LEE '25



WHILE INTERNING AT The Boring Company, a Texas-based tunnel construction firm founded by Elon Musk, in 2020, Louis Aaron '23 encountered gINT (geotechnical integrator), the industry standard software application for storing geotechnical data — specifically, soil boring data that civil and structural engineers use to evaluate whether an area is safe for construction. The application hadn't been updated since the 1980s, and it was a nightmare to open, let alone use.

Aaron later created BoreDM, a clean, easy-to-use web application, to replace gINT. The application was

originally meant for COS 333, Advanced Programming Techniques, in which students create a major piece of software as part of their final project.

"I started working on it during May of my junior year," Aaron said, "because I was procrastinating for a final exam." But his project ended up progressing faster than expected, and it could no longer wait for COS 333, which Aaron intended to take in the fall term of his senior year. Instead, he decided to turn his passion project into a business. "There was no going back," he said.

In his remaining time at Princeton, classmates occasionally provided feedback on the product design, his mentors in the geotechnical field taught

"There's this chasm before you're 'legit' enough to ... be taken seriously by investors."

— AYUSHI SINHA '20
Prospect Student Ventures co-founder

him about the industry, and his roommate helped him come up with the company name: "Boring Data Management." And, during a critical period in BoreDM's development, Aaron received a grant from Prospect Student Ventures, Princeton's first venture capital club.

Started in 2020, PSV is a nonprofit organization that supports student founders through grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$10,000. The group targets student founders specifically in the MVP (minimum viable product) stage, bridging the gap between ideas and action.

PSV began when its three co-founders, Ayushi Sinha '20, Tinashe Handina '21, and Kelvin Yu '23, realized that student startups at Princeton could benefit from more immediate access to funding. During her time as an undergraduate, Sinha founded WellPower, a company focused on bringing clean water and energy systems to communities in East Africa, with three other Princeton students, including Handina. While she ended up taking an offer from Microsoft before graduating, a part of her had always wondered, "If I had, like, \$3,000 more, could I have done this full time?"

According to Sinha, "There's this chasm before you're 'legit' enough to ... be taken seriously by investors." To get to that next level requires access to onset capital. Sinha also saw the dissonance between the amount of existing entrepreneurial ideas at Princeton and how many of them are actually realized. She cites a lack of "connective tissue" between academic projects and startup work.

In the fall of 2021, PSV funded PolyGone, a startup focused on reducing plastic pollution from aquatic environments and waterways through a microplastic filtering device called the "Plastic Hunter." The project was born out of the thesis research of two graduate students in the department of architecture, Nathaniel Banks '21 and Yidian Liu '21. PSV's grant was able to fund the continued development of their prototype for the Plastic Hunter, allowing them to arrive at a final minimum viable product. The two founders went on to receive follow-on funding in the spring of 2023 and were featured in the Forbes "30


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under 30” list for social impact.

For Aaron and BoreDM, \$3,000 from their PSV grant went toward purchasing a license for an AG grid library that would be integrated into their application’s user interface. Without it, Aaron would have had to write hundreds of lines of code himself. “Three thousand dollars at the time was a really big investment for us, and it’s something that we might’ve hesitated to do otherwise, but PSV was able to fund that, and that is still our core grid library users spend 60% to 80% of their time in,” Aaron said. “PSV was really helpful because in those early days, every dollar counts.”

Access to capital is only one side of PSV’s mission. George Chiriac ’25, managing director of the investments team, said that “a big part of [PSV’s] value is that it gives venture capital education to both its members and to ... its founders who are applying for grants. They go through the VC process, but at a smaller scale and with lower stakes. And then they’re prepared to do actual fundraising because they know what questions will be asked [and] how it is to pitch your company.”

For students at Princeton and other elite colleges, where career fairs are saturated with corporate recruiters, the pipeline into consulting, finance, and big tech may seem like a rite of passage. It can be difficult to convince students to start something of their own. “People don’t want to pursue entrepreneurship [because] it’s too risky,” Chiriac said. “There’s not enough culture for it.”

If it wasn’t for BoreDM, Aaron said, he would have either ended up working at a tech company after graduating or taken a return offer at Boston Consulting Group following his junior summer internship. Now, Aaron runs BoreDM full time. The application officially launched in January 2023 and is presently used by 12 state departments of transportation as well as geotechnical firms in the United States, the United Kingdom, Mexico, Canada, South America, and Australia. 



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PARIS OLYMPICS

Tigers Win Gold

Medalists in rowing, fencing lead a record-setting group of alumni and students

BY BRETT TOMLINSON

HANNAH SCOTT '21 AND Great Britain team trailed the Netherlands for about 1,980 of the 2,000 meters in the Olympic quadruple sculls final before sprinting to a photo finish at Vaires-sur-Marne Nautical Stadium July 31.

Scott “had a gut feeling” that the late push had been enough to win gold, she told PAW. “I didn’t want to celebrate too early because I didn’t want to be wrong.”

When the official results showed Great Britain on top, by 0.15 seconds, there was no holding back. Scott rejoiced with her family, friends from her home in Northern Ireland, former Princeton crewmates, and (later) a crowd of approximately 12,000 at the Eiffel Tower Champions Park. By week’s end, she was operating on limited sleep and her voice was uncharacteristically hoarse, but the thrill remained.

Scott’s gold was the first medal for a Princetonian at the Paris Olympics. Two more golds quickly followed as rower Nick Mead '17 and the United States led wire to wire in the men’s four and fencer Maia Weintraub '25 helped the U.S. to a

team victory in the women’s foil, both on Aug. 1. Rower Tom George '18 won silver for Great Britain in the men’s pair Aug. 2.

A record 25 Princeton alumni and students represented their countries at the Paris Olympics — 11 veterans and 14 first-timers. They ranged in age from 34-year-old Kareem Maddox '11, who helped the injury-hampered U.S. men’s 3x3 basketball team win two games in

THRILL RIDE

Hannah Scott '21, arms raised, celebrates Great Britain’s narrow victory in the quadruple sculls. Below, Maia Weintraub '25, second from left, and her teammates enjoy the taste of gold in foil.

pool play, to 19-year-olds Sabrina Fang '27 and Tatiana Nazlymov '27, fencers for Canada and the United States, respectively.

In addition to those who reached the podium, several Tigers had memorable performances. Fencer Mohamed Hamza '23 of Egypt won two bouts to reach the quarterfinals in the men’s individual foil. At age 23, Hamza has now competed at three Olympics. “It’s really cool to be around top-level athletes constantly here in Paris,” he told PAW. “I never take that for granted.”

Emily Kallfelz '19 and Kelsey Reelick '14 (U.S. women’s four), Claire Collins '19 (U.S. women’s eight), and Tim Masters '15 (Australia, men’s four) rowed in the A finals of their events. Beth Yeager '26 helped the U.S. women’s field hockey team earn its first win in Olympic competition since 2016. Ashleigh Johnson '17 and Jovana Sekulic '26 of the U.S. women’s water polo team narrowly missed out on a bronze medal, losing to the Netherlands on a last-second goal.

In track and field, Great Britain’s Lizzie Bird '17 kept pace in a speedy women’s 3,000-meter steeplechase final, placing

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From left: Victoria Bjorklund '73, Douglas Grover '73, Trevor Forde '74 and Hank Bjorklund '72

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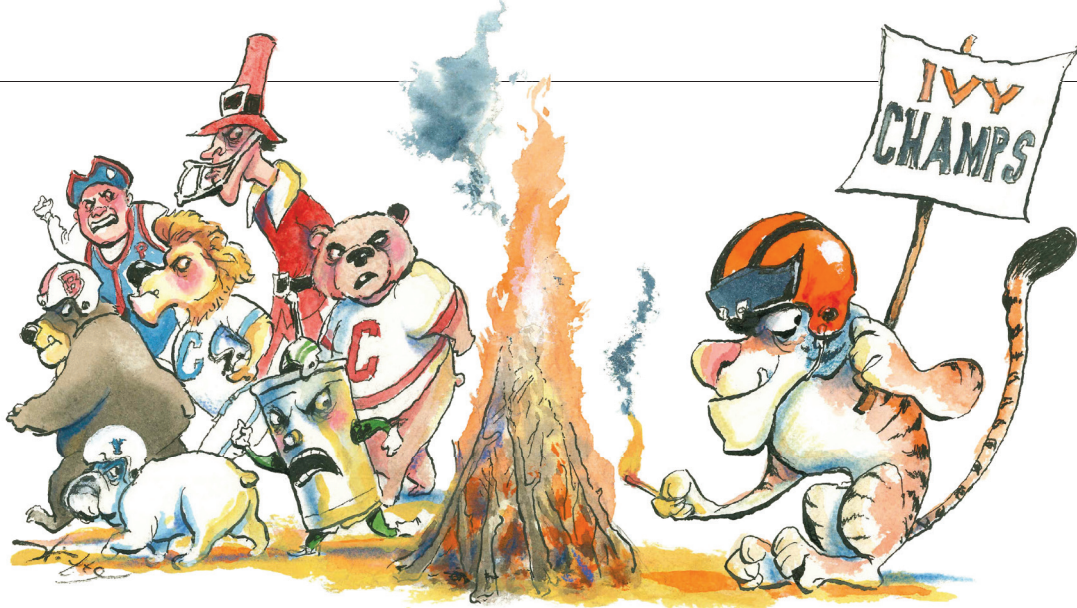
Obiageri Amaechi '21, right, with her family outside the Louvre.

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seventh in 9:04.35 to set a national record. Norwegian pole vaulter Sondre Guttormsen '23 cleared 5.8 meters, his best result this season, to place eighth. (His brother and fellow Olympic vaulter Simen Guttormsen '23 missed the final but cheered from the front row of the grandstands.)

Even a disappointing day of competition can yield profound moments for athletes and their families. Consider Obiageri Amaechi '21, who represented Nigeria in the women's discus throw but did not advance from the qualification round. When Amaechi was growing up in San Francisco, she told PAW, her father, Richard, worked 14-hour days to make ends meet and never had the chance to watch his daughter's track meets.

"For my dad to be retired and able to fly to Europe to see me compete at the Olympics really represents how far my family has come," Amaechi said. "I got very emotional seeing my family in the crowd as I took my warm-up throws, and Sandra Elkasević of Croatia encouraged me by saying, 'Don't cry, make them proud.'" 📷



GUEST ESSAY

To Build a Better Bonfire, Say Farewell to the Big Three

BY HENRY VON KOHORN '66

AS MY FRIENDS AND FAMILY will attest, I am a big Princeton sports fan. I was in Portland, Oregon, in 1965 for the Final Four (before it was called the Final Four) and in Louisville in 2023 for the Sweet 16. I was in the stands when our football team went undefeated in 1964, and again in 2018. I am also a loyal Princetonian. I attend Reunions every year, and I am a strong believer in Princeton's many traditions. Yet, there is one tradition that I believe has outlived its usefulness — the Big Three football bonfire, the one we have when we beat Harvard and Yale in the same season.

You might ask why. Simply stated, the "Big Three" has become a fiction. Harvard's chief rival is Yale, and vice versa. Only Princeton seems to think that the Big Three is a thing. To Harvard and Yale, Princeton is an afterthought. We're the junior partner. We're the kid brother that the big kids have to watch because mom and dad are going out to dinner.

There once was a time when the Big Three was important. The first reference I can find is in a headline from the Nov. 10, 1889, issue of *The Boston Globe*. But the designation must have been in use earlier, as the context of the article makes it clear that the term was widely known. In those days, the games that Princeton, Harvard, and Yale played

against one another were sold out and widely covered, often on the front pages of major newspapers, and for good reason: 35 of the first 42 national football championships were awarded to a member of the Big Three. In the late 19th century, the Princeton-Yale game, played on Thanksgiving Day in New York City, was a major sporting event.

Over the succeeding years, the prominence of the Big Three diminished, and in 1954, the presidents of the eight Ivy League schools formalized an agreement to "deemphasize" football (no athletic scholarships, no postseason games, etc.). Still, in my day, the 1960s, the Big Three meant something. We didn't have an official "homecoming"; the big game was against either Harvard or Yale, depending upon who was playing at Princeton. Of course, on the last Saturday of the season, Yale and Harvard played each other. After all, they were the senior partners.

Every year, our athletic program produces more league champions than any of the other Ivies. Princeton should never, ever be the junior partner. It's unseemly.

More recently, the Ivy League schedule makers decreed that both Harvard and Yale would no longer alternate their Princeton appearances. Now, they're either both here or both away. Now, we have to *declare* a homecoming, and every other year it's against someone other than Harvard or Yale. Last year, both Harvard and Yale visited Princeton Stadium. The total attendance for the two games: 15,502. November's Harvard-Yale game in New Haven drew 51,127 fans. Yale didn't even bother to send its band to Princeton. If there ever was a rationale for a Big Three bonfire, it's long gone.

For the past 13 years, *U.S. News and World Report* has rated Princeton the top university in the country. *The Wall Street Journal* and *Forbes* rate us number one as well. Every year, our athletic program produces more league champions than any of the other Ivies. Princeton should never, ever be the junior partner. It's unseemly.

I value the bonfire tradition. It is a wonderful community-building event with a rich history, but it is time for it to be reimagined. These days, most fans feel that winning an Ivy League title is the mark of a successful season. So, by all means, let's have a bonfire, but let's have it when we win the Ivy football crown. Yale and Harvard are, and will remain, big rivals, but let's be real, three's a crowd.

I realize that this radical suggestion may provoke a *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington* avalanche of emails. Feel free to opine. And while you're writing, how about some ideas for a women's athletic bonfire? ■

HENRY VON KOHORN '66 will be in the stands at Princeton football's home opener against Howard on Sept. 28.

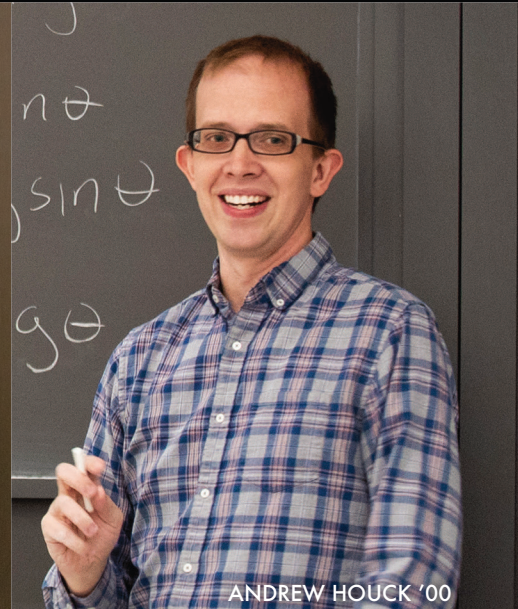
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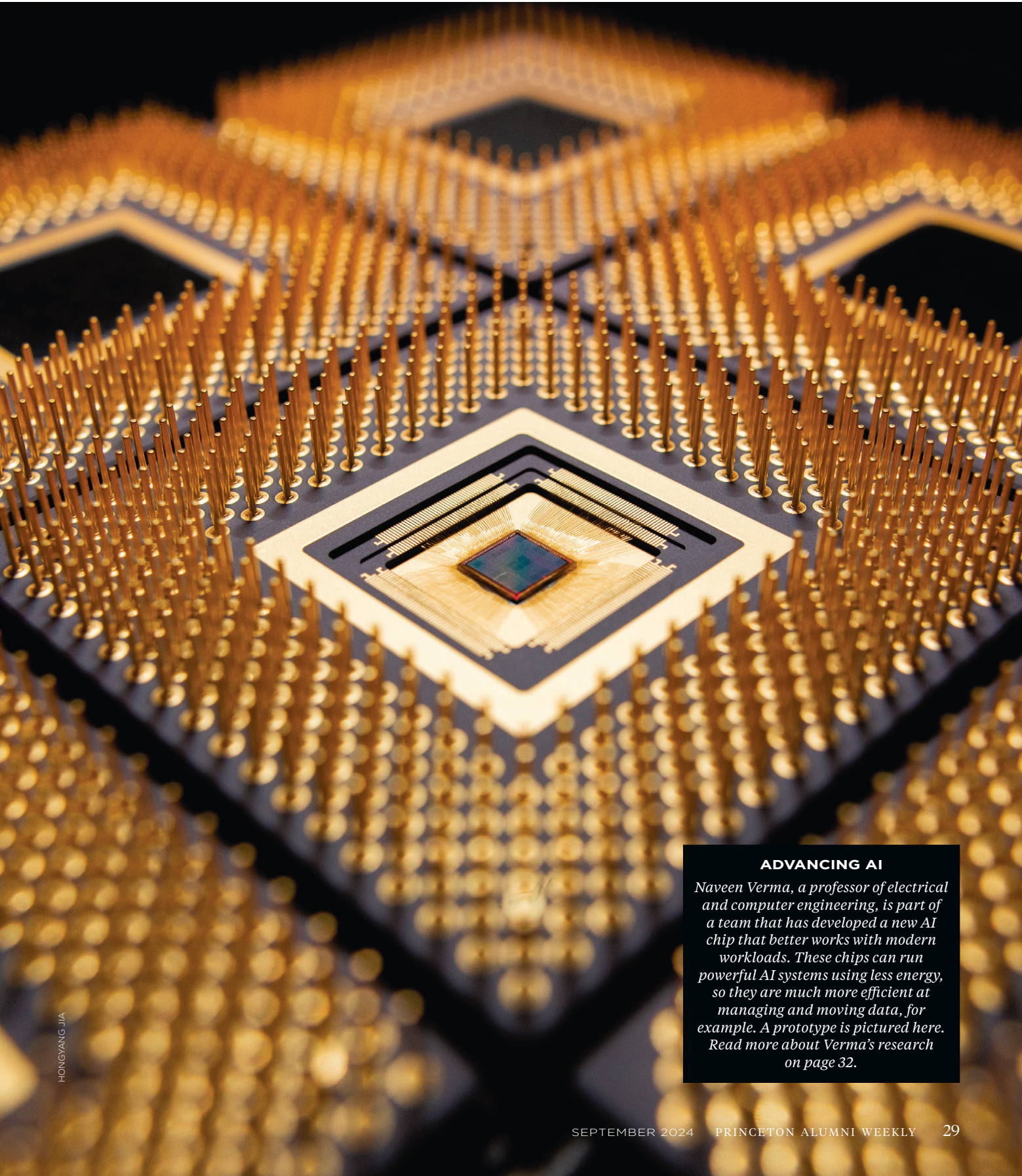
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ADVANCING THE FRONTIERS OF KNOWLEDGE



ADVANCING AI

Naveen Verma, a professor of electrical and computer engineering, is part of a team that has developed a new AI chip that better works with modern workloads. These chips can run powerful AI systems using less energy, so they are much more efficient at managing and moving data, for example. A prototype is pictured here. Read more about Verma's research on page 32.

HONGYANG JIA



PSYCHOLOGY

Why Suicide Rates Keep Rising, and Who Is Most Impacted

Lecturer Megan Spokas offers advice for those in crisis

BY CARLETT SPIKE

Editor's note: If you or someone you know may have suicidal thoughts, you can call the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline or chat online at 988lifeline.org.

SUICIDE CONTINUES TO BE A leading cause of death in the United States. At Princeton, at least four students and one staff member have died by suicide since May 2022. This is a public health issue, and there are practical steps we can all take to support individuals in crisis, says Megan Spokas, a trained clinical psychologist whose areas of focus include suicide prevention. In recognition of Suicide Prevention Month in September, Spokas, who is also a lecturer in Princeton's psychology department, spoke with PAW about warning signs, risk factors unique to college students, and what steps individuals can take to help.

Why are suicide rates rising?

They have been on the rise since the late '90s, despite efforts in the United

States to prevent suicide. There are so many factors that could be at play, but I'll name a few. There are similar trends: Our rates of depression and problematic alcohol use are also on the rise across the same period, and those conditions are associated with increased suicide risk. Access to opioid use has also increased, and that could increase preexisting suicide risk factors like depression or chronic pain. It could also leave people with easier access to something that could be used as the method of suicide. There are also documented increases in depression and anxiety among college students compared to the rates a decade ago. We all know the toll that this epidemic has taken on certain communities, and so a lot of people have been impacted by loss, grief, and trauma, which might also be part of the picture.

You mentioned the impact on certain communities. What's happening?

In the United States, certain groups

have been showing steeper increases than others. So people of color come to mind. Discrimination, racial trauma, and structural barriers to accessing good mental health care are factors that can explain increases in this group. Adolescents are another group where we see steeper suicide rates, and social media use may be one of the causes. In the next few years, we'll likely start to see how the COVID pandemic impacted different communities. I'd also highlight rural communities as another group where suicide deaths have increased at a higher rate. Some of this might be due to access to firearms and a shortage of mental health workers in rural areas.

What factors are unique to college students?

The latest statistics indicate that about 15% of college students have serious thoughts about suicide. Many of the risk factors we were talking about apply to this group, and we can understand how they might be heightened during this particular stage of life. Depression, anxiety, the stressors of being in school, financial burdens, social isolation, and heavy alcohol use are some examples.

There are some interpersonal factors that can increase risk as well. Feeling isolated, lonely, not belonging, or like a burden to others — all are factors that can be associated with suicidal thinking. We can think about this in college communities where, for example, a student has moved away from a social support system and they're not quite integrating into their new community. Folks who identify as LGBTQ+ or students who are from religious or racial groups that aren't well represented on campus are other examples of people we can look out for at the community level and areas where we should consider creating spaces to allow more connection.



What are some warning signs and risk factors to look out for?

Great question, because I think this is part of what we can all do, regardless of our background or our professional

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— MEGAN SPOKAS

training, to help contribute to prevention efforts. Warning signs can include changes in mood — particularly when a person is feeling depressed, hopeless, and worthless — excessive drinking or use of drugs, changes in their general demeanor, someone suddenly becoming withdrawn, and sleep disturbances. Oftentimes people do talk about feeling like they would be better off dead. So those are things to take seriously and to follow up on.

What's tricky about all of this is that many people who experience all of those things that I just highlighted will not die by suicide. So it can be really hard to know who exactly is high-risk.

But going back to what we can do, express your concern to the person. It's a myth to think that asking a person about suicide will somehow worsen the situation. It's actually an opportunity to show a person that you care about them. You can say: "I'm worried about you. I'm concerned. Have you been having thoughts of hurting yourself or thoughts of killing yourself?"

What advice would you offer to someone who is having suicidal thoughts?

While I understand that it's really hard when a person's feeling that low to have hope in the future, I would encourage the person to think about some things they can look forward to. It can help to imagine a future where you could feel less depressed and what that would free you up to do. Also, know that there are effective treatments available for people who are struggling.

You've touched on the idea that there is still a lot of stigma around suicide. Why does it continue to be a taboo topic?

There's many reasons for that. In certain communities, it might be seen as a weakness or a personal failure. Some communities believe it's more appropriate to turn to religious or spiritual traditions, as opposed to the mental-health-care field. I do think we're in agreement that the more a person can feel supported and have as many options available to them as possible, the better. As a community, we should think about how we can each personally dispel some of these stigmas. I think people who speak up and share their personal struggles with mental health and seeking treatment are doing a great service to normalize these experiences, which are quite common. About one in four adults will experience a diagnosable psychiatric condition. I think sharing goes a long way, so people see that there's actually a lot of strength that comes from seeking out help.

Are there specific actions people can take during Suicide Prevention Month, like we do for other awareness months?

I often talk on campus about the resources that are available through Counseling and Psychological Services (CPS). I'd encourage alumni to be familiar with the national Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, 988. You never really know when you might find yourself in a position to offer some support and encouragement, and you could have that on the tip of your tongue, to say, "Let's call 988 together, and figure out what to do together."

The other thing that comes to mind is advocating for causes that have a direct impact on suicide. That could be advocating for better insurance coverage for preventative services and risk screenings, for more trained professionals in your area, for increased funding, and for extreme risk protection laws, which allow for a mechanism to temporarily reduce access to firearms when a person is in crisis. ■

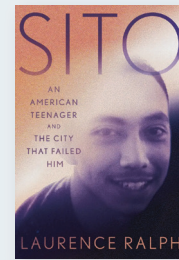
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SITO

Laurence Ralph

Luis Alberto Quiñonez, "Sito," was 19 years old when he was shot 17 times by 17-year-old Julius Williams.



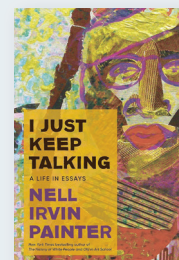
The two had met several years before in another encounter that ended in tragedy when Sito's friend fatally stabbed Julius' brother. Laurence

Ralph approaches this story as an accomplished scholar on systemic issues of class and gang violence, but he also has a more personal anecdote to share. Ralph is the stepfather of Sito's half brother. A story of anger and grief that was circulated in just a few local media outlets at the time is brought to light to much larger audiences in *Sito* (Grand Central Publishing/Hachette Book Group).

I JUST KEEP TALKING

Nell Irvin Painter

From *The New York Times* bestselling author of *The History of White People*



comes a collection of essays with original artwork that explores decades of Black political thought, history, and the legacy of racism. Nell Irvin Painter

draws on her expertise in these fields in *I Just Keep Talking* (Doubleday). This book is a testament to the complexity of American history, as Painter investigates topics from the history of exclusion through Toni Morrison's work to the figures of Carrie Buck and Martin Delaney to the aftermath of the 2016 presidential election. ■

BEHIND THE RESEARCH: NAVEEN VERMA

Connecting Intelligence to the Real World

BY DANIEL OBERHAUS



NAVEEN VERMA HAS HAD A LIFELONG LOVE AFFAIR WITH SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS. It drew him into engineering as an undergraduate at the University of British Columbia, but it wasn't until he enrolled in a unique second-year program focused on the practical applications of science and mathematics that he truly grasped the depth of impact his chosen field of study has had on the world.

Verma's emphasis on bridging cutting-edge research and real-world impact has defined his career.

As he was wrapping up his Ph.D. in electrical engineering at MIT, he found himself wrestling with the decision about whether to continue his work on advanced computer chips in an academic lab or at a company. He ultimately decided to join Princeton but soon discovered the choice was an illusion. At the University, he was able to do fundamental research on next-generation computer chips and sensors while also parlaying this research into a startup. Verma adds, "Bringing [academia and industry] together and opening up the possibilities for both intellectual fulfillment and societal impact is how really profound transformation happens."

Quick Facts

TITLE

Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering

TIME AT PRINCETON

15 years

RECENT CLASS

Design of Very Large-Scale Integrated (VLSI) Systems

VERMA'S RESEARCH A SAMPLING



IF WALLS COULD TALK

Two areas of AI — advanced computer chips and sensors — have been Verma's primary research interests since he joined the Princeton faculty in 2009. During his first few years at the University, Verma collaborated with professors James Sturm and Sigurd Wagner as pioneers in the field of large-area electronics, which focuses on creating circuits on plastic, glass, and other nonconventional materials. For example, Verma and his collaborators have developed radios and microphone arrays that can be printed on plastic

wallpaper. By embedding sensors directly into surfaces like walls or furniture, AI systems can gather data that includes not just what is happening, but where and in what context. This additional layer of information could significantly enhance the capabilities of AI in applications ranging from home automation to industrial systems. "We can build sensing technologies that preserve the structure of the real world because we as humans organize the world with a lot of structure," Verma says.

ANALOG CHIPS FOR AI

In 2022, Verma co-founded EnCharge AI, a startup developing an advanced AI chip that is based on more than six years of research. Unlike conventional computer chips, which use physically separate components for memory and processing, EnCharge's chip



combines them in a single component. It also uses analog signals rather than digital signals, which allows it to run AI-specific computations far more efficiently. Doing computations in the memory circuit itself not only saves a tremendous amount of energy, but also makes it possible to do more computation because the transfer bottleneck has been eliminated. The challenge is that memory chips themselves are limited in the amount of data they can process. Analog computing can help solve this issue but tends to produce noisier and less accurate computations. Verma's team has cracked the noise issue in their lab at Princeton and are now on the cusp of bringing the world's most efficient AI chip to market.

MENTORING STUDENTS

Princeton's Keller Center focuses on bridging the gap between innovation and entrepreneurship by mentoring students pursuing startup ideas based on their research. One of the first projects that Verma led when he became director in 2020 was an initiative to facilitate



more knowledge transfer between professors, who have deep research insights, and entrepreneurially minded undergraduates. Verma also spearheaded the Design for Innovation Program, which is focused on helping faculty apply their research outside of an academic setting. **■**

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Pariah or Partner?

Nawaf al-Sabah '94 believes Kuwait Petroleum can address climate change even as it produces thousands of barrels of oil a day

BY MARK F. BERNSTEIN '83

OIL CITY

The new Al-Zour refinery is the second-largest refinery in the Middle East, covering nearly 10 square miles.



THE MOST POPULAR ATTRACTION at the Ahmad Al-Jaber Oil & Gas Exhibition in Ahmadi, Kuwait, is a huge empty plexiglass cylinder.

The exhibition celebrates the highly uncelebrated (these days) petroleum industry, containing large interactive displays that explain everything from how fossil fuels are made to how to extract, refine, and transport them. It touts the many ways hydrocarbons are used in modern society, not just powering cars and electrical plants, but as an ingredient in clothing, detergents, beauty products, medical devices, and pharmaceuticals. (Petrochemicals are found in aspirin, penicillin, cough syrup, and the COVID-19 vaccine, among other things.) Several rooms celebrate the history of Kuwait's oil industry dating back to the drilling of the first well in 1938, which transformed the country from a British protectorate best known for pearl diving into a founding member of OPEC.

All this leads to the final gallery, called "Our Future," where the plexiglass tank sits, 11 feet tall and 5 feet in diameter, facing a pyramid of more than a hundred oil drums stacked against the opposite wall. One side of the tank bears a simple message in Arabic and English:

Every second of every day, Kuwait produces this much oil.

As the curious gather, a hole in the ceiling opens and a deluge of brown crude-like liquid pours down with a roar. (They don't use real crude, which is slightly radioactive, believe it or not.) It fills the tank in an instant, sloshing up the sides and roiling back over itself like a pint of Guinness or, if your imagination tends that way, a mushroom cloud. Videos of the demonstration have gotten tens of thousands of likes on TikTok and YouTube.

So, how much oil is that? Here is the answer: Kuwait produces about 35 barrels — or nearly 1,500 gallons — of oil.

Every second.

Of every day.



Climate activists may recoil from such information, but Sheikh Nawaf al-Sabah '94, CEO of the Kuwait Petroleum Corp. (KPC), which owns all that oil, regards it with pride. Indeed, he is trying to get the number even higher, boosting Kuwait's oil production as well as tapping into its natural gas reserves. Earlier this year, KPC's massive Al-Zour refinery, the seventh largest in the world, became fully operational. Built by a Chinese construction firm at a cost of \$27 billion, Al-Zour has the capacity to refine 615,000 barrels of oil a day, producing gasoline, jet fuel, diesel, kerosene, and fuel oil, as well as 30 billion cubic meters of liquified natural gas per day.

Heading an oil company seems like an unlikely place for al-Sabah to have landed, considering that he lacks formal training in engineering, geology, or even finance. A lawyer who spent much of his career in private practice and KPC's legal department, he once imagined himself continuing the family tradition of becoming a diplomat. Still, he brings an unusually broad range of experience to the job. He is deeply rooted in his country's culture, yet able to straddle cultures with ease.

A member of Kuwait's ruling family, al-Sabah lived in the United Kingdom and the United States more or less continuously from the ages of 4 to 34. He speaks English without a trace of an accent. At home, he wears the traditional Arab robe (called a dishdasha) and headdress (a keffiyeh or ghutra crowned with an agal) but on business travel favors tailored suits. His two sons, Nasir '25 and Abdulaziz '28, are currently Princeton undergraduates.

During the Gulf War from 1990 to '91, al-Sabah's father was Kuwait's ambassador to the U.S. and relied on his middle son, then about to start his sophomore year, to help assemble congressional support for U.S. military involvement. At an age when many of his classmates were attending bicker sessions on Prospect Avenue, al-Sabah joined his father at a meeting in the Oval Office.

As head of the state-owned oil company, al-Sabah occupies an outsized role in Kuwait's economy. According to the International Trade Administration, oil accounts for 95% of Kuwait's exports and 90% of government export revenues. Those exports helped KPC record \$140 billion in total revenue in 2022-23, and \$8.9 billion in profits, according to its 2022-23 annual report. The company's gleaming headquarters, on the waterfront just outside downtown Kuwait City, are attached to the state oil ministry. The oil minister, ostensibly al-Sabah's boss, has his office on the 14th floor; al-Sabah sits on the 19th floor. Students of organizational dynamics can draw their own conclusions about where power really lies.

"Al-Sabah has emerged as one of the leaders in the energy industry and increasingly in the global economy," says Daniel Yergin, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *The New Map: Energy, Climate, and the Clash of Nations*, as well as three other books about the oil industry.

The demand for oil is changing, al-Sabah acknowledges, and climate change is real. Nevertheless, he believes that KPC can produce more hydrocarbons while also lowering its emissions of carbon dioxide. Indeed, it will have to. "Any way you look at the energy transition, the end product is that there will still be a role for oil," he insists. "The question is: Whose oil? And we intend to raise our hands and say it will be ours."

KPC is spending upward of \$110 billion to reduce emissions. It

is all part of the company's goal of reaching net-zero by 2050. If that seems like an unacceptably distant target, al-Sabah notes slyly that it is only four years later than the date Princeton University has set for itself.

"If you can solve the emissions problem," he contends, "you can solve the climate problem without cutting back on energy that the world needs."

A whole world of controversy lies within that "if." To critics, such proposals are merely greenwashing as long as oil companies continue to produce fossil fuels for the world to burn. "We know we need to do a fossil fuel phase-out if we are to have any chance of meeting the [global warming] target set in [the] Paris [Agreement]," says Daphne Wysham '83 of the nonprofit Methane Action.

Al-Sabah counters that we will continue to need petroleum-based products for decades to come, both to sustain our own standard of living and to raise it in the developing world. Global demand for energy will continue to rise, and no combination of renewables currently on the board can fully meet it.

Given this, al-Sabah thinks we should encourage oil companies to reduce their emissions and help them do even more, treating them more like partners in the effort to address climate change rather than pariahs. Usually soft-spoken and urbane, he can be blunt when he needs to be. Ending fossil fuel production without an abundant, reliable energy alternative, he says, is like "calling for humanity to jump out of a plane and then try to invent a parachute on the way down."

KUWAIT IS A SMALL COUNTRY, geographically about the size of New Jersey. It has a population of 4.45 million people, only a third of whom are Kuwaiti citizens; the rest are foreign nationals and guest workers. The country sits atop approximately 7% of the planet's oil reserves. When it comes to exports, all Kuwait really has is oil; less than 1% of the land is considered arable. Still, Kuwait City was home to more billionaires per capita than anywhere else, according to a 2022 survey by the consulting firm Wealth-X.

Islam is the state religion, but Kuwaitis enjoy greater political and religious freedom than elsewhere in the region. Women often dress in Western clothes, though conservatively. Less austere than the Saudis, less freewheeling than the Emiratis, Kuwaitis pride themselves on being family friendly and, in a good way, a little boring. For this reason, U.S. State Department officials sometimes refer to Kuwait as the Midwest of the Middle East.

Still, Kuwait is situated in a rough neighborhood, sharing a land border with Iraq and a maritime border with Iran. (Sensitive to Iranian hegemony, Kuwaitis pointedly call the body of water separating them the Arabian Gulf, not the Persian Gulf.) It has been a strong American ally, particularly since the Gulf War. Saddam Hussein's invasion remains etched in the memories of all Kuwaitis over the age of 40, in al-Sabah's perhaps more than many.

Kuwait is a constitutional hereditary monarchy, which the al-Sabah family has ruled since 1752. Their right to do so is now enshrined in the constitution. Family members, of which there are approximately 1,200, occupy the leading political and governmental posts. The current emir is al-Sabah's great uncle.

The third of five children, al-Sabah and his family moved to London in 1975 when his father, Saud Nasser al-Sabah, a UK-



trained barrister, was appointed ambassador to the Court of St. James. Five years later, when he was named ambassador to the United States, the family relocated to Washington, D.C. (As an illustration of how tight the Kuwaiti ruling circle is, al-Sabah's wife is the daughter of his father's successor as ambassador to the U.S.) Al-Sabah went to high school at the prestigious, all-boys St. Albans School.

Growing up, al-Sabah says, he was a political nerd who, even as a teenager, liked to tag along to think tank briefings and watch the Sunday morning talk shows — “not the most exciting stuff now that I think about it in hindsight,” he laughs. He entered Princeton with the Class of 1993, intending to study international relations. That wish came true sooner than anticipated, and in a most undesired way.

On July 17, 1990, al-Sabah was riding to New York with several family members and embassy staff for a vacation flight home when his father received a telegram warning that Iraqi troops were massing on the Kuwaiti border. The rest of the family boarded their flight, but al-Sabah returned with his father to Washington. Early in the morning of Aug. 2, his father received a call confirming the Iraqi invasion.

With the embassy short-staffed, Ambassador al-Sabah directed his son to handle his incoming calls, but first to contact his mother back home. After some difficulty, he persuaded her that she was a target for Saddam's army and to flee with his younger sister to safety. (Moving through safe houses, they eventually crossed the border into Saudi Arabia.) The following day, al-Sabah sat in as his father translated a call between President George H.W. Bush and the Kuwaiti emir in

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED
Nawaf al-Sabah '94, center, in the Oval Office with his father, right, and President George H.W. Bush at a press conference following the liberation of Kuwait in Operation Desert Storm.

which Bush pledged to repel the invaders.

When it became clear that the Bush administration would seek congressional approval for the use of U.S. military force, Ambassador al-Sabah asked his son to serve, in essence, as his private secretary, helping him line up support on Capitol Hill.

“He said, ‘Look, I can’t do this without you,’” al-Sabah recalls. “And I couldn’t contemplate sitting

in classes while all this was happening.” The University agreed to let al-Sabah take a gap year.

Over the coming months, al-Sabah joined his father in numerous meetings with members of Congress, exhibiting a level of confidence that sometimes bordered on cheekiness. When then-Sen. Al Gore, a fellow St. Albans alum, expressed skepticism about U.S. military intervention, the 19-year-old al-Sabah reminded him of the school prayer, which includes the line, “Help me to stand for the hard right against the easy wrong.” Gore apparently did not take offense and at a later meeting asked Ambassador al-Sabah, “Where’s my St. Albans buddy?”

On Jan. 12, 1991, Congress voted narrowly to authorize the use of American force. Four days later, after a U.N. deadline for Iraq to withdraw from Kuwait had passed, al-Sabah was at the embassy when his father returned, stone faced, from a meeting with Secretary of State James Baker '52. He instructed his son to place a secure call to the emir.

“I was used to placing these calls on a daily basis, but that day my fingers couldn’t touch the keys,” al-Sabah recalls. “I tried a few times, put the receiver down, and said, ‘You have to tell me what was said.’” Baker had told the ambassador that, by law, Kuwait needed to make a formal request for U.S. military

intervention. Al-Sabah placed the call for his father, but was then forbidden to leave the room. He and his father spent the next few hours drafting press releases with the TV on until CNN announced that the war had begun. Only then did they open the door and inform the embassy staff.

Forty-two days later, on Feb. 28, 1991, Operation Desert Storm ended with a complete victory for American and coalition forces. The following morning, President Bush invited the ambassador to the White House to extend his congratulations. Al-Sabah, who was preparing remarks for his father to deliver at a press conference, was told to finish them in the car. When they arrived at the West Wing, chief of staff John Sununu and presidential assistant Richard Haass came to escort Ambassador al-Sabah into the Oval Office.

“By the way,” the ambassador told them, according to al-Sabah, “my son is coming with me.” Hurriedly adjusting his tie, al-Sabah walked in beside Haass, who whispered, “We don’t normally allow this. But it’s not every day we win a war.”

Nervous as he was, al-Sabah did not show it. Rather, in another display of aplomb, upon being introduced to Bush he told him that friends back home had made him promise to extend a traditional Kuwaiti sign of respect for an elder — whereupon he kissed the

American president on the forehead. When the press entered, Bush remarked that Kuwaitis would again be able to chart their own destinies. Looking over at al-Sabah, he added that he was happy the young man was there to represent the next generation of Kuwaiti-American friendship.

“As you can imagine,” al-Sabah says, “I got a lot of ribbing over that back at Princeton.”

THE FOLLOWING FALL, al-Sabah reentered Princeton in the Class of 1994. He joined Ivy Club, where he was known affectionately as “Waffer.” Because he was an observant Muslim, the club even installed a soda tap in the bar next to the beer taps. “I don’t think I’ve ever seen anybody navigate two cultures as well as he did,” says Eric Robertsen ’95. “He never cut corners. He made sacrifices, and people respected him for it.”

“I didn’t even know he was a member of the royal family of Kuwait or even where he was from at first,” adds Harry LeFrak ’94, a former roommate.

As he had long planned, al-Sabah joined the School of Public and International Affairs (SPIA) and wrote his thesis on Kuwaiti national security policy and the Gulf War. Taking advantage of his father’s connections, al-Sabah was able to join Bush and other administration figures when they flew to Kuwait on the emir’s jet to celebrate the liberation. During the long flights, al-Sabah interviewed the then-former president along with Baker and Sununu, and later got comments from Haass on his first draft. (“I really took my thesis seriously,” he says.) Al-Sabah’s opening footnote humble-brags, “George Bush, President of

the United States, 1989-1993, interview with author, April 13, 1993.” He laughs that he deliberately structured the introduction just so he could cite that first.

Al-Sabah went on to Harvard Law School, in the process becoming the first Kuwaiti citizen ever to earn an American J.D. degree. In 1997, he joined the law firm Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, doing corporate transactions in their Century City, California, office. After three years of American training he decided, “Well, it’s about time to go back home.”



“We find that in some research institutions we go to, the answer is, ‘Oh no, I can’t touch that, it has something to do with hydrocarbons.’ I think that doesn’t help the discussion moving forward.”

— SHEIKH NAWAF AL-SABAH ’94,
CEO OF THE KUWAIT PETROLEUM CORP.

But not quite. Joining KPC as a junior legal counsel, al-Sabah was asked to head the company’s Washington office from 2002 to ’04, coinciding with the start of the Iraq War, to ensure, in his words, “that our big customer [the U.S. military] was getting what they needed.” Returning to Kuwait for good, he served as KPC’s general counsel from 2005 to ’13. For the next nine years, he headed KPC’s foreign exploration subsidiary as well as a second subsidiary that operates 4,700 service stations across Europe.

Al-Sabah was named KPC’s chief executive officer by the Kuwaiti cabinet on March 16, 2022.

SINCE TAKING OVER AS CEO, al-Sabah has announced goals to increase KPC’s oil production to 4.75 million barrels a day by 2040 and its natural gas production to 4 billion cubic feet a day by 2030. KPC has begun to

develop the Durra gas field, which it shares with Saudi Arabia, containing an estimated 20 trillion cubic feet of reserves.

When al-Sabah boasts that Kuwait produces “the lowest cost carbon barrel” in the world, he is referencing a happy fact of geology. Kuwait’s Burgan oil field has a high natural underground pressure, which means that oil can be extracted there without using energy-intensive equipment that is required in other parts of the world. Further, the country’s natural gradient enables pipelines to carry oil largely downhill to refineries and ports.

Starting from that base, KPC intends to reach net-zero by reducing what are known as Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions — essentially, emissions associated with producing petroleum — by using solar-powered well pumps or recycling the gas that seeps out of an oil well rather than burning it off.

As its oil fields age and pressure starts to drop, KPC hopes to rely on carbon capture and underground storage (CCUS) to keep the wells producing. CCUS would take CO₂ emitted at Kuwaiti refineries and pipe it underground to maintain well pressure. Drillers in Texas have used CCUS since the 1970s, and the Biden administration promoted CCUS in the Inflation Reduction Act by expanding the tax credit oil companies receive for employing it.

Beyond this, KPC has branched into a number of other low-emission projects, such as creating hydrogen using renewable energy sources and acquiring a half-interest in an Italian firm that produces biodiesel. The Clean Fuels Project, completed before al-Sabah’s tenure, enables KPC refineries to produce petroleum products that meet tight European emissions standards. KPC is also investing in natural mitigation initiatives, such as planting hundreds of acres of mangrove trees, which suck CO₂ out of the atmosphere.

Some of these undertakings are laudable, climate activists acknowledge, but only up to a very limited point. For the most part, they say, it is just window dressing. The heart of KPC’s business will continue to be the extraction of petroleum — at a rate of 1,500 gallons per second — which, when burned, will release CO₂ into the atmosphere and drive climate change. Unless that stops, the climate problem will only get worse.

“Trying to reduce the carbon impact of producing a barrel of oil is misguided, and greenwashing at worst,” Rohit Gawande ’11, a venture capitalist specializing in renewable energy, writes in an email. “The carbon emissions of burning a barrel of oil are a magnitude higher than any savings they can make by reducing the emissions from their process of production.”

Activists are not the only critics of efforts by the oil industry to green itself. Last year, U.N. Secretary General António Guterres blasted CCUS for enabling companies “to become more efficient planet wreckers.”

“The problem is not simply fossil fuel emissions,” Guterres said. “It is fossil fuels, period.”

To which al-Sabah replies: What is your alternative?

He envisions an oil-less future filled with unemployment, disease, food and energy shortages, and political instability. In fact, for every dystopian story activists paint about a world in which oil production continues unabated, al-Sabah counters with one if it abruptly ends. Even in the most optimistic scenarios, he insists, renewable sources will not be sufficient to meet our energy demands. If wishes were wind farms, so to speak, beggars would ride.

Yergin also believes that hydrocarbons will have to remain an integral part of the global energy mix for the foreseeable future. “The notion that you can transform the energy basis of a \$109 trillion world economy overnight is something that just isn’t going to happen,” he says. “There can be declarations and promises, but to address climate you have to move on all fronts, especially technology, and deal with the world as it is.”

One front al-Sabah would like to see the industry move on is partnering with universities to develop technologies that help oil companies lower their greenhouse emissions. So far, though, they have mostly been unreceptive.

“We find that in some research institutions we go to, the answer is, ‘Oh no, we can’t touch that, it has something to do with hydrocarbons,’” al-Sabah says. “I think that doesn’t help the discussion moving forward.”

KPC has not worked with Princeton’s Carbon Mitigation Initiative (CMI), a research alliance between the High Meadows Environmental Institute and BP. (Ford Motor Co. and its president, William Ford ’79, were also early supporters.) But it is unclear whether such a relationship would be welcomed. The group Divest Princeton has denounced CMI’s tie to BP as “a toxic relationship that has to end,” and the University has not yet publicly said whether it will renew the partnership when it expires next year. (In September 2023, the Board of Trustees also voted to divest the endowment from all publicly traded fossil fuel companies and disassociate from 90 companies active in thermal-coal or tar-sand segments of the hydrocarbon industry.)

Emeritus professor Robert Socolow, the CMI’s former co-director, believes that partnering with the oil industry can benefit both parties. “This problem of climate change is so challenging that progress requires all sectors of society to cooperate,” he says. “This is not a time for litmus tests.”

Al-Sabah touts KPC’s efforts to reduce its emissions at the slightest invitation, speaking at forums around the world. He has remained particularly close to Princeton, giving a G.S. Beckwith Gilbert ’63 lecture in 2017 and speaking about energy and geopolitics at two Reunions panels last May. Bernard Haykel, a professor of Near Eastern studies who has twice invited al-Sabah to address his class on oil, energy, and the Middle East, says, “I’ve always thought he’s an incredibly thoughtful, open-minded person who is willing to engage honestly with very difficult questions.”

For his part, al-Sabah says he enjoys meeting students. Interactions with them, while “challenging,” are “always true to Princeton’s spirit of having a respectful conversation.” He may yet come to regret this, but al-Sabah tells classes he visits that his personal email can be found on TigerNet and says this has led to some productive exchanges.

Can an oil company really go green? As charged as that topic is, it is a debate al-Sabah seems eager to have, and one he remains confident he can win.

“As long as I’m honest with people about what we’re doing and have the story to back up what I’m saying — that we are making these investments, that we do need to have a strict decarbonization program, that we’re all trying to reach the same goal — it works.” ■

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OFF THE BEATEN PATH

Enter the Buffer Zone of Cyprus and Explore a Divided Island

50 years since a coup, Turkish beaches in the north and a buzzy Greek metropolis to the south have emerged

BY HARRISON BLACKMAN '17

IT'S NOT EVERY DAY that a feral donkey sticks its head through your car window demanding to be fed, but in Karpaz, the remote easternmost peninsula of the Mediterranean island of Cyprus, the encounter is a regular occurrence.

The donkeys are an artifact of the frozen conflict that partitioned the island, a former British colony, into two communities 50 years ago. Ethnic violence between the Greek Cypriot majority and the Turkish Cypriot minority erupted after the island achieved independence in 1960. In 1974, a Greek coup backed by a dictatorship in Athens deposed the Greek Cypriot president, Archbishop Makarios, with the aim of annexing Cyprus to Greece. Turkey responded with a devastating military invasion and sustained Turkish

occupation of the northern part of the island. As Turkish Cypriots fled north and Greek Cypriot farmers retreated to the south, they abandoned their donkeys in the process, allowing the beasts of burden to roam free and accost the unsuspecting motorist.

For half a century, a buffer zone managed by the United Nations has split the island between the southern, Greek Cypriot-dominated Republic of Cyprus (now an EU member) and the northern part, which is officially known internationally as the “Turkish-occupied area.” To Turkish Cypriots, this region is known as the “Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus,” an unrecognized state whose claim is only endorsed by Turkey. However, 20 years ago, checkpoints opened between the two sides, allowing Cypriots and foreign visitors alike to

ROMAN RUINS

One of the original kingdoms of Cyprus, the Roman ruins of Salamis is among the best preserved ancient sites in Cyprus.

cross the buffer zone for the first time since 1974.

Meanwhile, the island is only half the size of Connecticut. Its status as a European country and its proximity to Syria and Lebanon have long made Cyprus the meeting place of East and West. And within the two Cypruses are two distinct worlds — the picturesque, isolated region of Karpaz, and the bustling, cosmopolitan city of Limassol.

NORTHERN CYPRUS:

THE ROMANCE OF KARPAZ

The journey to the wild donkeys begins in the Turkish Cypriot city of Famagusta, the Venetian-fortified port that Shakespeare depicted in *Othello*, filled with enchanting cathedrals-turned-mosques initially built by French crusaders. Just up the road are the Roman ruins of Salamis, one of the best-preserved ancient sites on the island, where intricate mosaics peek through abandoned archways.

Proceed northeast to the village of Dipkarpaz (literally — “bottom of Karpaz”). Despite the conflict, evidence of the Greek community remains. At the center of the village is the Rum Kahvesi, the Greek coffee house. (Rum, the Turkish word for “Roman,” reflects how the citizens of the Greek-speaking Byzantine Empire referred to themselves for centuries as the inheritors of the Romans.) Take a “Cypriot” coffee here (i.e., Turkish or Greek coffee), before advancing into the untamed Karpaz.

The road here is pitted and worn, the better to dissuade the less committed traveler. One would do well to follow the driver ahead, who probably knows the potholes better. As the strip of farmland narrows between a dual range of low hills, one can catch glimpses of the Mediterranean on either side, revealing how narrow the strip of land has become.

Finally, arrive at Golden Beach, where the fine sand extends along a gorgeous cape and the crystal water shimmers, almost translucent. With hardly any



SCENIC SEAS

Golden Beach, the biggest beach on the Karpaz Peninsula, is known for its crystal clear waters and beautiful views.

services to speak of, this beach is quiet. It's easy to lose one's grip on time in this place, at the border between Europe and the Levant.

After taking a dip and some time to absorb the restorative powers of the ancient sun, continue along the road, past the aggressive donkeys (a sign reads "Beware of the Feral Donkey"), to witness the Apostolos Andreas Monastery. After the war, the Greek Orthodox holy site fell into decline, but a recent renovation effort by a team of art restorers, made up of members of both Turkish Cypriot and Greek Cypriot communities, has brought the historic monastery back to its former glory with support from the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and the U.N. Development Program.

Just beyond, the final destination is Sea Bird, a rustic fish tavern at the edge of the sea. Sample the exquisitely fried bream, homemade fries, and arugula salad. This is the oasis at the edge of the island — the height of romance that remote Cyprus can offer. **■**

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PRINCETON PROUST QUESTIONNAIRE

Shirley Tilghman's Travel Musts

BY MARK F. BERNSTEIN '83

“RETIREMENT” IS NOT A concept Shirley Tilghman has fully mastered. The former Princeton president and emeritus professor of molecular biology and public policy now spends a lot of her time on the road. She's a trustee of both Amherst and Harvard



TILGHMAN

and serves as vice chair of the Simons Foundation, which provides research grants in mathematics and the sciences. On top of that, she frequently visits New York City for theater and

dinner with friends. She was packing for a summer vacation with family in Milan and Lake Como when PAW caught up with her. We asked Tilghman to share some of her travel secrets as well as her likes and dislikes.

How often do you travel for work and pleasure?

I travel for pleasure (with family) twice a year — once in the summer and once at spring break. For work, I travel about once a month.

What is your travel uniform?

The major consideration is comfort — loose clothes unless I am traveling for work and have no time to change. The other major consideration is shoes that can go through airport security without causing a stir.

Do you prefer to check your bags or carry-on?

Carry-on always! I can travel for weeks with a single carry-on suitcase.

Do you have TSA PreCheck or Global



“No It Ain't, Yes It Is” by Brittney Boyd Bullock is at Tilghman's favorite museum, The Phillips Collection, in Washington, D.C.

Entry? Are they worth it?

Yes, I have both, as well as Clear. Anything that makes standing in lines slightly less irritating. TSA PreCheck is definitely worth it because there are fewer constraints on shoes and electronics. Global Entry was always much better, although I note that the international lines are now getting shorter with better technology. I am still deciding whether Clear is worth it.

What are your favorite airlines?

There is no such thing as a favorite airline. I travel almost entirely on United due to frequent flyer status and convenience through Newark Airport.

What is your favorite airport? Least favorite?

There is also no such thing as a favorite airport. My least favorite is a tie between Frankfurt — having to walk miles and miles between airlines — and Turks and Caicos, which gives a new meaning to the phrase “cattle car.”

Favorite vacation destination?

London, UK.

Favorite out-of-town restaurant?

L'Atelier de Joel Robuchon in Paris.

Favorite museum?

The Phillips Collection in Washington, D.C. **■**





TRAVELOGUE

Princetonians' Guide to Paris

BY LAURA DANNEN REDMAN '03

PARIS IS A GOOD IDEA in any season. Spring is the stuff of song and legend, when the cherry blossoms awaken and strolls along the Seine resume. Over New Year's, the sparkling Champs-Élysées competes with the night sky itself. Even deceptively chilly, damp November is the perfect time to test out that new wool trench and oversized knit scarf to dine outside like a Parisian. As is true for the world's great cities, Paris is one to come back to, again and again, whether there's a global event (ahem, the Summer Olympics) or a food craving you just can't shake.

For our debut Tiger Travels Destination Guide, we consulted alumni across disciplines — visual arts, history, literature, design, travel — to form these expert recommendations to seeing the City of Light. I hope it inspires your next trip, whatever the season.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN 2024 (ASIDE FROM THE OLYMPICS)

Notre-Dame de Paris is set to fully reopen

Dec. 8, five years after a fire collapsed much of its roof and iconic spire. Celebrations will begin 15 days prior with a procession through the streets to return to the cathedral the Virgin and Child, a sculptural masterpiece from the 14th century, and will last well into June 2025.

Princeton Connection: With a portable laser scanner, the late Andrew Tallon '91, professor of art and architectural history at Vassar, created a 3D rendering of the cathedral that ended up being the most accurate rendering of the building pre-fire. His Friends of Notre-Dame de Paris foundation also raised money to repair his beloved cathedral.

The first Sunday of every month is a Car-Free Day in Paris, which means the entire length of the Avenue des Champs-Élysées is turned over to pedestrians, as well as much of the city center in the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th arrondissements.

Want to sound like a local? Have an opinion on flying taxis — two-seat, 18-rotor electric helicopters made by German company Volocopter — that

FOODIE FAVORITES

Tourists join Lindsey Tramuta, left, in enjoying food, wine, and more in a small group she leads on *The New Paris Tour*.


have been approved by the French government. A “vertiport” platform was placed on the Seine for takeoffs and landings, but the city of Paris is seeking legal action to keep taxis grounded, according to *Le Monde*.

TOURS FOR TIGERS OF ALL STRIPES

The New Paris Tour: American journalist turned Parisienne Lindsey Tramuta is a local authority in all things food/coffee/wine and now leads excellent small-group tours inspired by her bestselling book, *The New Paris*. For up to six people; tastings included. lindseytramuta.com/tour-with-me

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ALUMNI STORIES AND PERSPECTIVES



DEAR STRANGER

When Diana Chao '21 was 13, she was diagnosed with bipolar disorder. As part of her treatment process, she began exchanging letters. This experience inspired her to start Letters to Strangers, a nonprofit, in 2013, where people can anonymously write and exchange letters, often with a theme, combined with trained peer leader discussions about the topic. It's not quite a pen pal system, but a way for participants to unpack their emotions while uplifting others. Letters to Strangers has reached more than 500,000 people in 70 countries on six continents since it began. "We are really trying to tackle the whole journey of mental wellness, and letter writing is great at any point in the journey," says Chao. **P**

MANDEE JOHNSON



RESTORING HISTORY

Behind the main building of the Neill-Cochran House, left, there is a two-story building, above, that was identified as slave quarters. It is the only intact slave dwelling in Austin, Texas.

ROWENA HOUGHTON DASCH '97 AND TARA DUDLEY '99

Two Alumni Uncover Austin's Legacy of Slavery

BY TONYA RUSSELL

IN AUSTIN, TEXAS, hidden among frat houses and other school buildings, stood one nondescript Greek revival style house that blended in, overlooked, despite it being more than 150 years old. That was until two Princeton alumni worked to uncover the history of its halls and give it a voice. The Neill-Cochran House, now a museum, gives life to the city's history of slavery. The home was named after its first two occupants, Andrew and Jennie Neill, who were followed by Judge Thomas Cochran and his wife, Elizabeth. Little was known about how the home was used before those owners.

Austin is shy about slavery, despite its reputation for being a progressive city in the last state where enslaved people became free. The Neill-Cochran House Museum is a reckoning with the city's past. Not only does it bring slavery back into focus, but also it has the only known intact slave quarters left in Austin.

Uncovering its history has not been easy. It is situated right by the University of Texas' west campus, which meant

that people were walking and driving by, clueless to the structure's history. When Rowena Houghton Dasch '97, the museum's executive director for the last 10 years, first took interest in the house, attempting to get a full picture of its legacy resulted in nothing but dead ends. What she did know was that the house was completed in 1856, five years before the Civil War broke out. Her intuition led to the arduous process of piecing together the house's purpose. "I was pretty frustrated because even though I have done some work in Black studies, that's not my field. I knew that I



HOUGHTON DASCH '97, LEFT, AND DUDLEY '99

needed to be working with somebody for whom that was their primary field," says Houghton Dasch.

Through Princeton's alumni network, she found Tara Dudley '99, a fellow art historian, and until they spoke, she swore they'd met. "It's really funny that our origin story ended up being complete fiction because, in my mind, I ran into her at a party and chatted with her about the house." When she reached out, Dudley was working with a historic preservation company.

The two knew of each other and connected when Houghton Dasch had a "light bulb moment," Dudley says: That although the building had been referred to as a dependency for many years, it was in fact a slave quarters dwelling.

After Houghton Dasch reached out, Dudley and the students in her African American Experiences and Architecture class at the University of Texas at Austin got to work. According to Dudley, "We were able to gather all of this information just about how the site fit into the history of Austin, and then we started to try to look at how the slave quarters building changed over time. We also researched people that might have inhabited that building or worked in that building or on the property."

They were able to unlock information that helped to shape the house's history. "Tara has done an amazing job with the occupancy timeline and identifying people who were connected to the property," says Houghton Dasch. "For instance, just two weeks before the

COURTESY OF THE NEILL-COCHRAN HOUSE

[museum's reopening event], she was able to get in contact with the granddaughter and the son of the last people who we believe lived in that structure."

The most surprising discovery, Dudley says, is that the slave quarters on the premises is likely one of many in the state. It's impossible to confirm, as others are likely unrecognizable or serve different functions. "We know there are buildings on private property or that look like houses; they don't look like slave quarters buildings anymore."

Once Tara's students started working, they were confident enough to call the house slave quarters. According to Houghton Dasch, "That was a big moment. So even though the space was not what we knew it could be from a restoration standpoint, at least we were changing the terminology and helping people to understand how the building was originally used."

To help the museum reach its full potential, rehab was needed. The furnishings inside didn't match the time period, and it lacked functional elements, such as a kitchen, closets, or a bathroom.

Even though the team uncovered the building's history, they encountered hurdles, mainly with funding. Houghton Dasch recalls, "Waiting for the funding to come through in order to actually do the restoration was frustrating. By 2020 we were ready." Being historically accurate would cost money. The museum has received quite a bit of local support, including grants, which allowed it to restore the house to its 1850s decor.

Prior to completing the renovations, the museum held events to engage community members and keep them interested and informed. Houghton Dasch says, "We started bringing in art exhibits and opening our space up to be more of a community space. We were trying to build visibility for the museum."

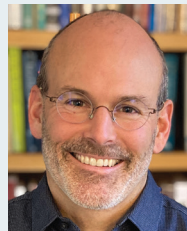
She believes the collaboration is the true embodiment of the Princeton experience — an opportunity to grow and develop lasting meaningful relationships. She says, "So many people did not pick up the phone for me, but a fellow alum did." 📞

COURTESY OF JUD BREWER '96

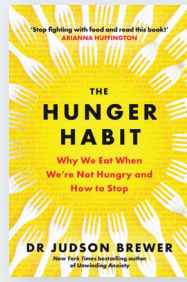
JUD BREWER '96

Kicking the Hunger Habit

DR. JUD BREWER '96 HAS A TIP for anyone trying to white knuckle their way to healthier eating or weight loss: Willpower doesn't work. Brewer, a psychiatrist and neuroscientist, is director of research and innovation at Brown University's



BREWER '96



Mindfulness Center. He studies how to use mindfulness to treat addictions and kick habits, and covered this in his new book *The Hunger Habit*. PAW spoke with Brewer about diets, eating more mindfully, and an enduring, albeit unappetizing, Princeton food memory.

We all know the basics: Eat when you're hungry, stop when you're full. So why don't we?

That's literally the billion-dollar question. It comes down to this: Our feeling body is much stronger than our thinking brain. Yet we think, "Oh, I just need to come up with the right formula." So if you ask yourself, "Why can't I just think my way out of this mess?" the bottom line is that's not how our brains work. And that's where willpower comes in. From a neuroscience standpoint, the equations for forming and breaking a habit don't include willpower at all. They're all about reward value. We set the reward value for a behavior. We set that as a habit so we can make decisions quickly throughout the day. Habits are automatic behaviors. You have to tap into that equation to change a habit. And there is one way to do that, which is through awareness.

So is dieting necessary or is awareness enough?

It really depends on the person, but I can give some general guidelines. If people

only focus on the diet, on the "what I should eat," I say good luck because they've probably tried everything before, and the diet industry preys on people looking for the newest thing because the last thing has failed. That's not to say that focusing on what we eat isn't helpful. But if we don't focus on the underlying mechanism, focusing on what we eat ultimately will fail for most people. The best place to start is learning how our brains work by focusing on the mechanism of what it feels like when we eat certain foods and amounts.

Some people take prescription drugs such as Ozempic and Wegovy for weight loss. Is mindful eating still necessary for them?

Well, those medications are an ongoing experiment. There were a number of weight loss drugs that were heralded as miracles and then pulled from the market because five years in, they found they were really dangerous. Fen-phen is a good example of that. I'm not saying that's the case for these medications. Hopefully we've learned something over the years. But learning how our brain works is helpful for everyone.

What's a favorite food or eating memory from your Princeton days?

My sophomore year, I lived in Holder. There were four of us who played what we called "the crazy fluids game." At the end of the meal — it was usually dinner — we would fill one of those 8-ounce juice glasses with anything that was fluidlike. We mixed milk and orange juice, so the milk curdled, soda, hot sauce, random liquids from the salad bar, and anything else that met the inspiration of the moment. Then we'd play a foosball game, and whichever team lost had to either drink it or pour it on their heads.

That sounds so gross.

Yeah, it was pretty gross, and it was very motivating to win the game. I got good at foosball very quickly. 📺

Interview conducted and condensed by Katherine Shaver '91.



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THE CLASS OF 1937

JOSEPH T. SCHEIN '37

Joe, the longest-lived '37 classmate and oldest undergraduate alumnus in University history, died May 24, 2024. He was 109.



Joe entered Princeton from Newark, N.J. He captained the championship freshman fencing team, lettered three times in that sport, and was considered an Olympic contender. He also played football, was on the debate team, and was a member of the Honor Society. Planning on going to medical school, he majored in modern languages with the notion that once in med school he would not have much time for humanities studies. As an undergraduate he became a protege of Abraham Flexner, who founded the Institute for Advanced Study. He also escorted Albert Einstein to Shabbat services in Murray-Dodge Friday evenings.

Joe went to the University of Pennsylvania Medical School, and later trained in both pathology and psychiatry at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City. While in medical school he met Selma Snyderman, who became an academic pediatrician and his wife of 73 years. They had two sons, Roland '74 and Oliver '76.

Joe carried the Class of 1923 Cane as the oldest returning alumnus to Reunions eight times. His love for Princeton never wavered. He relished his time there for the opportunities it gave and was a lifelong learner and bibliophile.

THE CLASS OF 1945

WILLIAM C. MCCOY JR. '45

Bill died March 9, 2023. He was 99. Finishing Exeter in 1941, Bill turned 18 three days after the attack on Pearl Harbor and volunteered for the Navy Reserve. He studied engineering at Princeton and Cornell, graduating in 1944. He was a member of Charter Club.



After serving on the USS *General J.H. McRae*, he returned to home to Ohio, graduated from Case Western Reserve Law School, joined his father's firm, and married Julia Millikin Nash.

As an intellectual-property lawyer, Bill

argued twice before the Supreme Court in *Keweenaw Oil v. Bicon* and *General Motors v. Devex Corp.* In private life, as mayor of Hunting Valley, Ohio, he prioritized conserving open space. He helped the Cleveland Museum of Natural History conserve fragile ecosystems in northeast Ohio. He was a founder of the Western Reserve Land Conservancy, the Great Lakes Basin Conservancy, and in Ontario, the Georgian Bay Land Trust.

Bill was predeceased by his two wives. After losing Julia in 1985, Bill married his longtime friend, widow Eleanor Yager Bonnie, in 1996. He is survived by children Sarah, Louise Franke, William, and Peter; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

ROBERT B. ZUFALL '45

Bob died March 5, 2024, at age 99. He grew up in Irvington, N.J., and spent summers working on the family farm.



At Princeton, he studied engineering and pre-med but considered getting the highest mark in his freshman Shakespeare class as "my greatest academic accomplishment." He played trumpet in the Band, rowed on the freshman crew, and wrote several poems and stories for the *Nassau Lit*. At his 25th reunion he wrote: "I am grateful for all Princeton did for me; happy to see women accepted."

After sophomore year, he entered Harvard Medical School and joined the Navy V-12 program. From 1950 to 1952, he was a lieutenant and captain in the Medical Corps. He finished his urology residency at Bellevue Hospital in Manhattan in 1954, then practiced urology in Dover, N.J. He married Kay Schwindt in 1947 and they had five children: Kathryn, Margaret, Ellen '75, Nancy, and David.

Upon retirement, he and Kay started a small clinic for the underserved in Dover. Zufall Health now ranks among the top 10% of health centers in the country, serving more than 48,000 patients annually. They received the N.J. governor's Jefferson Award in 2009.

THE CLASS OF 1949

PETER HAAREN '49

Peter died March 8, 2024, in Keene, N.H. His wife, Sally, predeceased him after



almost 70 years of marriage. He is survived by his three children, Peter, Tyler Louise, and David; two grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Peter was born June 29, 1927, in New York City. He graduated from Hotchkiss in 1945 and enlisted in the Merchant Marine just before his 18th birthday. After two years as a Merchant Marine cadet, he was placed on inactive status and matriculated at Princeton, which allowed him to retain his original '49 membership. He majored in economics and belonged to Cap and Gown. After graduation, he went to New York University for an MBA.

After several years on Wall Street, Peter moved to Virginia to join a new paper mill, Virginia Fibre Corp., as vice president and treasurer. In 1977, he and Sally moved to Vermont; he worked for First Vermont Bank, and then was self-employed until retiring in 1994.

Peter was active in Vermont life, serving as an EMT and selectman of Mount Holly. He was an avid skier, sailor, golfer, and lover of the outdoors.

DAVID H. HUGHES '49

Dave, a true Missourian, was born in Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 9, 1928, and died there Feb.



28, 2024. His family briefly lived in various other states, but Dave returned to Kansas City for his senior year at Pembroke Hill and entered Princeton with the Class of 1949. He majored in basic engineering, was a member of Tower Club, served as a coxswain on crew, and belonged to the Pre-Law Society.

After graduation, Dave worked briefly for Aetna Group Insurance in Dallas. He married Dorothy Halsey Dec. 19, 1950, and the couple moved to Boston, where Dave graduated from Harvard Business School in 1952. He spent two years in the Air Force in Oklahoma, then returned to Kansas City, first with the Midwest Research Institute and H.V. Jones Real Estate. In 1958, Dave joined Hallmark Cards, beginning a career from which he retired in 1990.

Dave's wife, Dee, died in 2007. He is survived by their four children, David Jr., Avery, Steve, and Betsey; his second wife, Mignon, whom he married in 2011; five grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

ALBERT S. RICHARDSON JR. '49

Al died at home Jan. 25, 2024, just weeks after celebrating his 97th birthday. Born in Wyoming, Ohio, near Cincinnati, he grew up in the Philadelphia area.

After serving in the Navy, Al matriculated

at Princeton, the third generation of his family to do so, and joined the Class of 1949, graduating in July 1949 with a degree in electrical engineering.

Al started with the General Electric Co. in Philadelphia as an electrical engineer while attending Temple Law School. He married Emily Meisterand and they had four children: Albert S. III, Emily, Anne, and Lisa.

Having received a law degree from Temple, and now divorced, Al transferred to the transportation division of GE in Erie, Pa., as patent counsel. He continued his active participation in social, racial, and religious issues. Among his many achievements was the creation of the Frederick Douglass Scholarship Fund for Erie students, Sierra Club, Citizens Against Racism, NAACP, and countless others including his own Unitarian Universalist congregation.

In 1989, Al married Peggy, adding two stepchildren to his extended family. She predeceased him, but Al has left us an enduring legacy of a truly wise and generous person.

THE CLASS OF 1951

CECIL F. BACKUS JR. '51

Cecil came to us from St. Paul's School. At Princeton, he majored in chemical



engineering and was a member of the Yacht Club, the hunting and fishing club, and Colonial Club. He roomed with Rayne McC. Herzog, C.M. Jones, and Alan Wright.

After graduation, Cecil served in the Navy for three years on destroyers during the Korean War, achieving the rank of lieutenant (j.g.). He went on to pursue a career in banking, finance, and private equity. He had a lifelong love of sailing and bought a 72-foot fishing trawler, *The Golden Promise*. Cecil sailed from Scotland to the Azores, then lived on his boat for seven years at Lewis Wharf in Boston Harbor. He met his wife, Candace Carlucci, in York Harbor, Maine, where they lived for a number of years. They moved back to his home state of Maryland and started Silent Sous, a custom cake bakery. He enjoyed the Eastern Shore and even after he stopped sailing, he continued to look skyward.

Cecil died Dec. 19, 2023, at his home in Cooke's Hope, Easton, Md. He was predeceased by his wife, Candy.

THE CLASS OF 1953

DONALD R. TAYLOR '53

Don was born in Denver, Colo., and came to Princeton after graduating from South High School in Denver. He was a member of Quadrangle Club, majored in modern languages, and wrote a thesis on "Costa



Rican Literature."

After graduation, Don went to the University of Colorado to gain a teaching certificate and began a career of teaching Spanish at South Denver High School. That career was short-circuited by military obligations, which took him to Panama, where he pitched a perfect game and several shut-outs and improved his fluency in Spanish.

Returning to Denver, Don completed work on his Ph.D. and continued his teaching career teaching Spanish, Russian, and philosophies of education. He also completed plans for two new schools opened in the Denver school system, a Career Education Center and the Denver School of the Arts.

Don died Oct. 27, 2023. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Nancy Sue, two daughters, and their granddaughters.

THE CLASS OF 1954

MARC T. INMAN III '54

Marc died Sept. 27, 2023, in Oakland Park, Fla.



He prepared at Nyack (N.Y.) High School and was active in swimming, track, and glee club.

At Princeton, he majored in economics and joined Key and Seal. He played clarinet in the band and in the orchestra of Triangle Club, sang in the Glee Club, was on the varsity swimming team in his first two years, and was active in the Princeton polo and hunt club.

After pursuing graduate studies at the Sorbonne in 1956, Marc became a real estate developer of suburban office and retail buildings in California and New York and of condo conversions in Washington, D.C., Florida, and other parts of the East Coast.

Marc kept a horse farm in Aiken, S.C., and enjoyed ocean sailing. In his later years he was active in St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Oakland Park.

His partner in these ventures and in life was Andreus Toth, who survives him.

JOHN B. LAVECCHIA '54

John (remembered as "Laveck") died March 6, 2024.



He came to us from Delbarton School in Morristown, N.J., where he played on the school's first football team and was involved with tennis, publications, and student government. At Princeton, he majored in politics and joined Charter Club, the Pre-Law Society, and the photography club. He was a manager of golf and participated in IAA sports.

John worked as a law clerk at Pindar,

McElroy, Connell & Foley while attending Columbia Law School. Upon earning his LL.B in 1957, he married Emy Lou Cahill, was admitted to the New Jersey Bar, and joined the firm. He remained there, mainly doing trial work, becoming a partner in 1965 and retiring in 2004. John was active in many professional associations and was appointed to important positions in recognition of his expertise as a trial lawyer. The American Board of Trial Advocates established an award in his name for members who emulate his commitment to high standards of civil trial practice.

John and his family moved to Dorset, Vt., in 1986, where he volunteered on several community organizations. He and Emy enjoyed cross-country skiing, hiking, swimming, golfing, and playing croquet.

John is survived by his wife, Emy; his sons John, Michael, Vincent, and Nicholas; daughters Emma and Catherine; and nine grandsons. He was predeceased by his daughter Elizabeth.

THE CLASS OF 1955

HERBERT B. HECHTMAN '55

Herb, of Chestnut Hill and North Truro, Mass., died March 16, 2024, four days short of his 90th birthday.

He was born and raised in Brooklyn, N.Y., and graduated from Stuyvesant High School, Princeton, and Harvard Medical School. He was a surgical oncologist and spent the bulk of his career at the Brigham and Women's Hospital.

Herb also held the title of full academic professor at Harvard Medical School. He was the devoted husband of the late Mina Hechtman and devoted partner, since Mina's death, to Susan Calechman. He is survived by his children, Julia Hechtman Sall, Daniel Hechtman, and Abigail Hechtman '84; and five grandchildren.

HENRY WENDT III '55

Henry died April 11, 2024. He once told a Princeton friend that he aimed to become



head of a major corporation. He did just that, as CEO and chairman of Smith Kline & French, which evolved into SmithKline Beecham, a pharmaceutical giant. He

was also a lifelong sailor, fly fisherman, skier, and collector of antique maps. Henry wrote *Global Embrace*, a book on corporate challenges; and was a major supporter of Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory. With his wife, Holly, he founded Quivira Estate Vineyards and Winery in the Napa Valley, which was noted for its strong embrace of organic principles. Quivira wines were happy additions to several class reunions, and the winery hosted a day of the class's 2006 mini-

reunion in the Bay Area.

Henry was born July 19, 1933, in Neptune City, N.J., and attended the Hackley School. At Princeton, he joined Colonial Club and majored in history. He participated in freshman swimming and freshman and JV 150-pound crew, was advertising manager of *The Tiger*, and was on the staff of *The Daily Princetonian*. He was also a member of the Mountaineering Club and the Undergraduate Council.

His junior- and senior-year roommates were John Swabey, Tom Webster, George Kirkham, Paul Potter, Dick Shaughnessy, Fred London, Al Dibbins, Bill Gilland, and Lew Barker. In 2002, Henry was honored with the Class of '55 Annual Award for his accomplishments in pharmaceuticals and health care.

Henry is survived by his wife of 67 years, Holly; daughters Chelsea Wendt and Laura Mitchell; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

THE CLASS OF 1956

RAY T. MENTZER JR. '56

Ray died March 28, 2024, in Manchester, Conn.



He came to us from Haverford and Lawrenceville, where he played basketball on two championship teams. At Princeton, he continued basketball and the clarinet in the marching band. He ate at Cannon and majored in psychology, followed by a doctorate at Purdue. Helping others with his clinical skills was his life's theme, including founding Self Help, an anti-poverty agency in Brockton, Mass., and the Wheeler Clinic, a community health center in Plainville, Conn. While building these agencies, he was assisted by a volunteer teacher, Barbara Ann Spillman, whom he married after what she describes as a "25-year whirlwind courtship."

Ray and Barb never had their own children, but his drive to help was reflected in his relationships with clients, relatives, and friends. As his cousins were growing up, he listened, comforted, and guided. To friends who were struggling, he gave encouragement and humor. He was especially interested in helping military veterans, which he balanced with pursuing organic gardening.

Ray is survived by Barb; Ashley Camp who became like a son to them; Ashley's wife Vallen; and numerous cousins.

THE CLASS OF 1957

WILLIAM J. GIES II '57

Always expressing gratitude for his college education and his classmate friends, Bill died Feb. 8, 2024, in California.

He came to Princeton from the Haverford School in his native Pennsylvania. He



double-majored in sociology and economics, joined Cap & Gown Club, and was chairman of WPRB, where he displayed his wicked sense of humor on a morning show called "Strictly for the Birds." In 1956, Jimmy Stewart '32 visited the station and gladly became a guest on Bill's show. Bill was also a member of the Undergraduate Council, the 21 Club, the Bridge Club, and served as a Keyceptor. His senior-year roommates were Steve Gregory, Lynn Hall, Hugh Madden, Jim Newcomer, Tony Piel '58, and Ed Williams.

After college, Bill married University of California graduate Rosalind G. Rea, whom he met while both were obtaining MBAs at Harvard Business School. Prior to attending Harvard, he worked briefly for Scott Paper Co. and served six months of active duty with the Army. He continued in the Army Reserve for five years, attaining the rank of sergeant. During this period Bill worked at Summer Co. in South Carolina, then renewed his interest in radio by joining his father-in-law's station, KUDU, in California.

Returning to Pennsylvania, Bill became chairman and then owner of Penn Fibre Co. in Philadelphia. He sold that business and became a conservation-minded real estate developer in Lake Cathance, Maine, where he also owned a vacation home. After a divorce he married Ann Behr. They spent time at their homes in Pennsylvania, Maine, and South Carolina before moving to California to be near his two daughters.

Bill was preceded in death by his son, James Gies II, and is survived by his wife and his daughters, Marjorie '85 and Catherine.

ALFRED J. LAW III '57

Southern gentleman, journalist and attorney, and Jungian philosopher, Alf died of



complications of Parkinson's disease March 21, 2024.

He came to Princeton from Chattanooga (Tenn.) High School. Receiving the Julius Ochs Adler Scholarship to attend Princeton, it is fitting that, like Mr. Adler of *The New York Times*, he became a journalist. Alf was president of the Press Club and attained fame for breaking the news of Albert Einstein's death to the Associated Press and the world. He majored in English, joined Quadrangle Club, and following an early interest in a career as an Episcopal priest, was active in the Student Christian Association and the St. Paul's Society. His senior-year roommates were Jim Campbell and Paul Klingensmith.

Following graduation, Alf served two years in the Army. He married three times, first to Katherine S. Jarrett, with whom he had three daughters, Mary Eliza, Anna, and Margaret. While working as a journalist for

various publications, including *The Wall Street Journal*, he obtained a master's degree in history from Columbia. There followed a law degree from New York University and a career change in 1967. Alf spent many years with Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, first under the mentorship of Joseph Flom and then as head of the firm's Washington, D.C., office. Alf served on many boards, particularly in the realm of classical music, which he enjoyed throughout his life.

Retiring early in 1988, he became intent on finding "the meaning of life," especially through the teachings of Carl G. Jung. Alf had married Glenda Fowler after a second divorce, and they eventually moved to Rhinebeck, N.Y., in the Hudson Valley. He is survived by his wife, his three daughters and their families, and a brother and sister.

ALEXANDER M. LUKE '57

We recently heard from Sandy's attorney that he died April 23, 2023. He was the



grandson of Edmund S. Burke 1900.

A native of Cleveland, Ohio, Sandy came to Princeton from the Hotchkiss School in Connecticut. Before coming to college, he spent a year at École Nouvelle de la Suisse Romande in Switzerland. At Princeton, he majored in the French SPECT Program in the Department of Modern Languages. He was a member of the sailing team, the Jamesburg Committee, and Tower Club. Senior year he roomed with Clay Hanger and Rennie Miller.

Since he was subject to the draft (like most of us), he joined the Army Reserve for six months of active duty and five years of reserve duty. Despite his desire to choose a job in international relations, Sandy found employment on Wall Street with Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette as a securities analyst. He obtained a master's degree in economics at Columbia University. He also worked for Loeb, Rhoades & Co.

In 1963, Sandy married Janine T. Evnin. Later in life he moved to Potomac, Md. His marriage ended in divorce, and we have no knowledge that he had children. He is survived by a brother, James, former chief medical examiner for Washington, D.C.

HARLAN F. STONE II '57

One of the grandsons and the namesake of the chief justice of the Supreme Court during the World War II years, Harlan died Jan. 31, 2024.



He came to Princeton from Poly Prep of Brooklyn and majored in English, graduating with honors.

He was a member of Charter Club and the Pre-Law Society, but chose a writing career rather than the law.

After earning a master's degree in English from Harvard, Harlan went to work as a reporter for newspapers in Stroudsburg, Pa., Danbury, Conn., and Providence, R.I. During this period he married Barnard College graduate Elizabeth Jennings. They had two children, Christopher and Emily. The family moved to Summit, N.J., when Harlan got a job in public relations for Esso (now Exxon Mobil). He spent most of his career in public relations at McGraw Hill in Manhattan. After a divorce, he was married for a short time to another woman, who died of cancer in the 1980s.

Harlan married a third time, to Helen Levin Galatan in 1991, and they moved to Woodside, N. Y. Harlan had a lifelong hobby of stamp collecting, attaining accolades from other philatelists for his impressive collection. Upon retirement he and his wife moved to Canton, Mass. He is survived by Helen, his two children, one grandchild, and his brother, Peter.

THE CLASS OF 1958

WILLIAM L. BALFOUR '58

Bill died March 26, 2024, in Baltimore. He was 88.



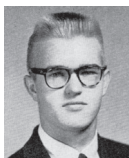
He came to Princeton as a sophomore from Kent School, where he was on the student council. At Princeton, Bill joined Colonial Club, was active in the Triangle Club, and majored in politics in the Woodrow Wilson School. He graduated from Harvard Law School, and married Dale Elliman in 1962.

Although he practiced law in Baltimore for more than 30 years, his spiritual home was Big Wolf Lake in the Adirondacks, where he spent every summer. Bill had a great love of history, travel, and nature, which led to his involvement with Irvine Nature Center and to trips all over the world, often for birdwatching. He was a member of St. Thomas Episcopal Church and a board member of Episcopal Housing.

Bill is survived by his wife, Dale; his daughter, Katherine '87-'96; his son, Andrew '89; and three granddaughters. The class extends its deepest sympathy to them all.

JOHN J. BELLEW '58

John died April 14, 2024, in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. He was 87.



He came to Princeton from the Lawrenceville School, where he was active in dramatics and the Inquirers Club.

At Princeton, John was a member of Dial Lodge, the French Club, and the Mace and Gavel Club. His roommates were Alex Kelley, H.K. Wu, Al Paterson, Dick Moss, Phil Torrance, and Walt Winget.

After graduation, John earned an MBA

from the Wharton School and served in the Army, rising to the rank of captain. The next 20 years were spent at Chase Manhattan Bank with assignments around the world — in London, Johannesburg, Hong Kong, Dublin, and New York City. While working in South Africa, he married Cynthia, and they had two children, John Patrick and Catherine.

Cynthia predeceased John in 2018. He is survived by his two children, grandson John Ralph Morano, and his half-brother Christian Johannsen. The class extends its deepest sympathy to them all.

JAMES H. LEMON JR. '58

Jim died April 4, 2024, in Washington, D.C. He was 88.



He came to Princeton from St. Albans School, where he was treasurer and prefect of his class and played football, basketball, and baseball. At Princeton, Jim was a member of both freshman and varsity baseball teams and a member of Quadrangle Club. He roomed with Art Moore. His father, James, was in the Class of 1925.

After graduation, Jim served as an intelligence officer in the Navy. In 1960, he became a research analyst at Eastman Dillon Union Securities & Co. in New York City.

He returned to Washington in 1963, became an assistant sales manager at Johnston, Lemon & Co., and ultimately became its chairman and CEO — a position he held for nearly 40 years. In 1980, Jim co-founded the Lemon Foundation, a private family foundation that supports charitable organizations, primarily in the Washington metropolitan area.

Jim married Lavinia Plumley in 1961 and they had two daughters, Lavinia and Ashley, and five grandchildren, Elizabeth Ashley Pitzer, Claire Madison Pitzer, James Lemon Pitzer, Fletcher Lemon Shaw, and George Fisher Shaw. His daughter Lavinia predeceased him. The class extends its deepest sympathy to them all.

THE CLASS OF 1959

C. HASKELL HINNANT '59

Born in Cleveland, Haskell spent his early boyhood near Newport Beach, Calif.,



returning to the Cleveland area at the end of World War II. He wrestled and debated at Shaker Heights High School, then went on to Princeton, joining Campus Club, rooming with clubmate Bob Butler, chairing the Student Loan Library, serving on the Student Christian Association executive council, and participating in the Debate Council. An English major, Haskell wrote with prophetic understatement in the *Nassau Herald* that he would "consider teaching as a career."

It didn't take Haskell long to fulfill his prophecy, enrolling in fall 1959 as an M.A. and Ph.D. candidate at Columbia (in the role of "starving" graduate student, one of his odd jobs was working in an ice cream factory with appropriate fringe benefits).

Completing his graduate studies, Haskell took a position as assistant English professor at the University of Michigan, where he met Susan Wolfenden from Hanover, N.H. After marrying in 1968, they moved to Columbia, Mo., in 1972, when Haskell signed on as an associate professor at the University of Missouri, followed by a full professorship, culminating with the Catherine Paine Middlebush Chair. During his career Haskell published or edited eight books and numerous articles.

A life well lived; Haskell died Aug. 9, 2023. He is survived by his wife, Susan; his daughters, Katherine and Amanda; and four grandchildren, to whom the class sends condolences.

JOHN K. MACFARLANE '59

The class lost one of its most colorful and beloved members with Maccers's passing



Nov. 10, 2023, in Vancouver, B.C., of acute myeloid leukemia.

Born in Montreal, it was "love at first sight" when John and his father first toured the Princeton campus, and his affection grew throughout his undergraduate years as a pre-med English major. Always in the middle of the fun, he did a stint as football's mascot Tiger, was renowned for dispensing popcorn and candy "throw-aways" at Palmer Stadium, and led raucous sing-alongs at Cap and Gown's grand piano. A freshman-year role as the lion in *Androcles and the Lion* led to star billing in Theatre Intime and Triangle productions. Recognizing Maccers's panache and talents, class officers drafted him to lead their 50th-reunion P-rade in full drag as Barbie!

Throughout his long career as a groundbreaking surgical oncologist, Maccers maintained ties with Princeton classmates, especially his three-year roommates "Goose" Angus and Larry Smith. He served as '59's scribe for PAW, and he — along with Marian, his wife of 60 years — rarely missed a reunion or other class event.

Predeceased by his son Brian '86, John is survived by Marian; son Tom '88; daughter Amy '97; daughters-in-law Leah van der Voort '88 and Kathryn Hayward '88; son-in-law Craig Clarke; sisters Jane Smith and Mary Slidell; and eight grandchildren, including Carolyn MacFarlane '19.

THE CLASS OF 1960

HENRY ZANE KIRK '60

A native of Steubenville, Ohio, and son of Henry '30, Zane graduated from its



high school on his way to Princeton. He pursued choral singing, debating, and tennis and brought his love of music here with him. He joined Campus Club, the Chapel

Choir, and the Pre-Med Society. He majored in English and wrote his thesis on the Anglican Book of Common Prayer.

Zane pursued his medical education at Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, and received his medical degree in 1965. He interned in pediatrics at UVA Hospital in Charlottesville, Va., and Baylor through 1967. Two years as a captain M.D. in the Air Force followed through 1969. He returned to Baylor for his pediatric residency.

Zane began his professional pediatrics career at Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh, in 1971. In 1981, he established a private practice in Pittsburgh and practiced until 1987. Zane spent the balance of his career as medical director of Student Health Services for the University of Indiana, Pennsylvania, and administering health services at several affiliated college hospitals. He retired in 2008.

A Reunions enthusiast from early youth, Zane loved to attend and urged others to as well. He died March 3, 2024. Zane is survived by his sons, Daniel and Carlton; daughter Cathryn; and four grandchildren, to whom we send our condolences.

JOHN T. MURPHY '60

After dealing with Parkinson's disease for several years, John died of lung cancer Dec. 27, 2023. He was 85.

He grew up in Yonkers, N.Y., and attended Riverdale Prep School, where he graduated valedictorian and scholar-athlete of the year. He was an English major at Princeton, where he ate at Cap & Gown. He roomed with Henry Stewart, Alex Irvine, and Mac Landers. He went on to attend Columbia medical school after three years of college. Subsequently, he obtained a Ph.D. in neurophysiology at McGill University.

John's career in medicine spanned both academic research and clinical medicine. He initially embarked on a career in neurophysiology research, advancing to professor and chairman of neurophysiology at University of Toronto. Among his many academic contributions, John authored more than 90 research publications.

In 1980, John took the unusual step of transitioning to clinical medicine, entering a residency in neurology at age 42. He was a consulting neurologist at Toronto General Hospital, University of Toronto until 1987 when he established a private practice and neurologic testing facility in Barrie, Ontario, Canada.

John loved nature and the outdoors, and

he spent many hours hiking, sailing, skiing, and taking his wife and four young children on camping trips through the Canadian wilderness. He enjoyed educating himself on topics including mathematics and economics. He also loved music and was an accomplished pianist.

John and Barbara initially retired to St. Michaels, Md., on the Chesapeake Bay. In later years they moved to New Hampshire and finally to Allentown, N.J., to be close to family.

John was predeceased by his son, Richard. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Barbara; daughters Cara Barlis and Seanna Johnston; son John; their spouses; and nine grandchildren.

KENNETH R. MURRAY '60

At Haddonfield (N.J.) High School, Ken played baseball, football, and basketball



for four years. At Princeton, he played three years of varsity basketball and both junior varsity and varsity football. He also balanced an economics major with a

lively social life at Tiger Inn, along with Navy ROTC. The latter led to three years aboard the USS *Saratoga*, and he married Sue Laird in 1961.

Ken began his banking career with Chase Manhattan Bank in 1963. Over time, he earned an MBA from New York University in 1967 and became an expert participant in the transition of the national banking system from local and regional enterprises to fully national institutions. After successfully serving four such expanding organizations, Ken retired from Wells Fargo Bank in 1999 shortly after it acquired Norwest Bancorp, his last and longest employment.

Ken moved with Sue to Naples, Fla., where he was long active in charitable work, especially for health-related causes. He began the Class of '60 planned giving effort and endowed a fund to support student scholarships.

Predeceased by Sue in 2016, Ken died March 5, 2024, in hospice care. He is survived by his wife, Jackie; two daughters; and four grandchildren, to whom the class expresses its sympathy.

RUFUS GRANT SMITH '60

Son of a foreign service officer, Grant attended a Christian missionary school in India, then graduated from Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School. At Princeton, he majored in public and international affairs, dined at Cloister, and wrote for *Town Topics*. He earned a master's degree in international affairs at Columbia University in 1962 and joined the Marine Corps. In 1963, he transferred to the Department of State and married Renny, a fellow foreign

service officer.

Grant spent his career in the foreign service, specializing in South Asia. He served in Pakistan, Nepal, and India, the last as acting ambassador. His final overseas assignment was as Ambassador to Tajikistan, lately of the Soviet Union, where he conducted civil war peace negotiations. He concluded his career at the Army War College in Carlisle, Pa.

Grant and Renny retired to Jefferson County, W.Va. He became a senior fellow of the Johns Hopkins Central Asia and Caucasus Institute and in time became president of the Land Trust of the Eastern Panhandle. There, he worked to secure conservation easements throughout the region, including Civil War battlefield sites and other historic properties. He also taught "Great Decisions" with Shepherd University's Lifelong Learning Program.

Grant died April 6, 2024, after a heart attack. He is survived by Renny; their two children; spouses; and two grandchildren. Our condolences to the family.

THE CLASS OF 1963

DAVID W. BARRETT '63

Dave, a retired aeronautical research engineer at United Technologies Corp., died



surrounded by family March 12, 2024, at UConn Medical Center in Farmington, Conn. He lived in East Hartland, Conn.

Dave came to us from Merchantville (N.J.) High School, where he played football, was in the school band and orchestra, and graduated with honors, second in his class. He received a full academic scholarship to Princeton, where he played 150-pound football freshman and sophomore years, took his meals at Terrace Club, and imbibed with the Thirsty Thursdays Club. He majored in aeronautical engineering and spent the summer before senior year doing independent research under a National Science Foundation grant.

Dave earned a master's degree in aerospace engineering from the University of Connecticut Graduate School. He went on to work for Pratt & Whitney and then United Technologies where, upon early retirement at age 52, he received several awards and commendations. In March 1983, he married his longtime sweetheart, Annette Rose Bascom. She predeceased him in November 2019.

Dave was a member of the Hartland Historical Society in West Hartland, Conn. and of the East Hartland Volunteer Fire Department. He was also active in the Connecticut Antique Machinery Association with a special interest in antique farm equipment.

Dave is survived by his children, Beverly

Sfreddo, Patricia Stiles, Sharon Loomis, and David Cague; and many grandchildren.

JOHN E. KING '63

John, a business lawyer, philosopher, and lifelong athlete, died Feb. 3, 2024, at a



retirement home in Seattle, his hometown, after a long struggle with Parkinson's disease. He came to the class from Bellevue (Wash.) High School, where he played football and basketball and was class salutatorian.

At Princeton, John majored in history, wrote his thesis on John Adams, was a member of Tower Club, and was active in Orange Key, the Saint Paul Society, and intramural athletics. He roomed senior year with Tom Corry and John Gardner.

John earned a law degree from Harvard in 1966 and then served as an officer in the Judge Advocate General Corps of the Navy. In 1970, he married Josephine Cook Hadlock, with whom he had three children. They lived in Seattle, where John worked with numerous legal and professional service firms. The marriage ended in divorce.

John was a lifelong member of the Episcopal Church and served as an usher and member of the vestry at his local parish. A self-described "amateur philosopher," he published a book of nearly 700 of his own, self-made aphorisms: *Captive Notions: Concise on the Commonplace*.

John was an enthusiastic follower of politics and a passionate advocate for pro-democracy causes, serving as board president of Fix Democracy First, a nonprofit in Seattle dedicated to campaign finance reform and fair elections.

He loved basketball and played several times a week well into his 70s, frequently full-court. In our 50th-reunion yearbook, he noted that "within the last three or four years, seemingly out of nowhere," he had acquired "a remarkably accurate outside shot. There's no explaining some things."

John is survived by his wife, Gretchen; sons Wyatt and Cabell; daughter Carrington; and eight grandchildren.

THE CLASS OF 1964

JOHN H. REDPATH '64

John died March 3, 2024, at home in Angels Camp, Calif., of cancer. Kathy, his wife of 36 years, and his three children were at his bedside.



John came to Princeton from Bishop's College School in Quebec, where he was head prefect. At Princeton, John rowed lightweight crew and played interclub hockey. He wrote his biology thesis on metabolism of algae and graduated with honors. He dined at Colonial Club

and roomed with Brad Thach and David Case. Upon graduation, he attended McGill University medical school and interned at Toronto Western Hospital.

After practicing family medicine until 1976, John specialized in anesthesiology and moved to California to complete post-graduate training at Stanford. He became a member of the clinical faculty of Stanford. Later he was appointed to the medical board of Stanford Hospital and named clinical associate professor. For a decade he performed half of his professional activities as a volunteer for Interplast (now ReSurge International), a humanitarian organization providing free care for patients needing reconstructive surgery in developing countries. He was director of anesthesia and a board member of Interplast.

Following his retirement in 1998, John — who was extroverted, curious, kind, an epic storyteller with ready laughter, and a loyal friend — had time for his favorite activities: hunting, fishing, sailing, and hanging out with his wife, Kathy; children Scott, Julia, and Peter; and his grandkids. The class offers its sincerest condolences to his family.

THE CLASS OF 1965

BRUCE R. LAURITZEN '65

Bruce died Feb. 21, 2024. He was born June 21, 1943, in Omaha, Neb., a scion



of one of Omaha's oldest families. Bruce's great-great-grandfather had picnicked there July 4, 1854, and decided to stay.

Succeeding his father as head of First National Bank of Omaha, and now succeeded by his son Clark '99, Bruce majored in English, ate at Cottage, received an MBA from UVA in 1967, became CEO in 1987, and retired as head of the bank's holding company in 2020, although he retired from many of his duties when his wife, Kimball, became ill, dying in 2008. He built the bank from a \$1 billion enterprise to \$30 billion and helped stabilize downtown Omaha with a 45-story headquarters, a nearby technology center, and a five-block public sculpture park. In 2001, he was inducted into Omaha's Business Hall of Fame and in 2015 named Midlander of the Year.

In his spare time, aside from traveling, hunting, and golfing, Bruce served as the honorary state consul for the government of Denmark, his ancestral home, and was a leader in the Episcopal Church. FNBO remains one of the largest family-owned financial institutions in the country.

Bruce married second wife Gerry in 2011, and is also survived by children Clark, Meg Lauritzen Dodge, and Blair Lauritzen; and cousin Peter '62. We have sent condolences to his family on the loss of this remarkable

man who accomplished more in one lifetime than a score of men might have. He will be missed and long remembered.

THE CLASS OF 1966

WILLIAM E. BAUSCH '66

Bill died March 14, 2024, in Newcastle, Maine, near his home in Damariscotta.



Born in Schenectady, N.Y., Bill attended the Loomis School, where he played lacrosse, served on the student council, and graduated with high honors.

He followed his father, William '41, to Princeton, where he studied aeronautical engineering, ate at Cannon Club, played freshman lacrosse, and belonged to the French and Outing clubs.

He began his career designing helicopters for Sikorsky Aircraft while residing in Newtown, Conn. He moved to Greenwich in 1985, where he met his wife, Mary, and served as a computer technician for a number of nonprofits. After retirement, Bill was an active volunteer and sang in several local groups.

He and Mary moved to Damariscotta in 2005, where he enjoyed water sports, was a master gardening volunteer, and crafted canoes and kayaks.

For some 20 years he helped lead the boards of the Carpenter's Boat Shop, the Pemaquid Watershed Association, Skidompha Library, Tapestry Singers, and the Second Congregational Church.

Bill is survived by Mary; children William, Jeff, and Betsey; and stepchildren Toni, Nancy, and Deb, to all of whom the class extends its heartfelt condolences.

GEORGE S. HAIGHT III '66

George died June 15, 2023.

He came to Princeton from Mt. Lebanon



High School in Pittsburgh, where he served on the student council and played in the school band and orchestra. At Princeton, he majored in biochemistry

and belonged to Terrace Club. He was trombone section leader and drill master for the marching band and concert orchestra, and he played in the Triangle orchestra. He played interclub sports for Terrace.

After Princeton, George earned a medical degree from Temple Medical School and then completed his residency in general surgery in Louisville, Ky. He served in the Air Force, rising to the rank of captain.

He and wife De Vona lived in Cheyenne, Wyo., for 31 years, where he practiced general surgery. He also volunteered his time providing charitable surgery in Guatemala and Kenya. De Vona, a nurse, accompanied him in Guatemala.

At the time of George's death, he and De Vona resided in Casa Grande, Ariz. The class extends its condolences to De Vona; children Amy, Tracy, Carrie, George IV, and Julie; and grandchildren.

THOMAS C. HANKS '66

Tom died at home in Palo Alto, Calif., March 5, 2024, following a stroke earlier that day.



Tom followed his brother Jim '64 and preceded his brother John '69 and daughter Julia '01 to Princeton, after graduating with high honors from the Landon School in Bethesda, Md., where he was captain of the football and baseball teams and won the Headmaster's Award.

At Princeton, he majored in geological engineering, ate at Cottage Club, and played rugby and soccer. After graduation he earned his Ph.D. in geophysics with special emphasis in seismology from Caltech.

Tom spent his entire career with the U.S. Geological Survey in Menlo Park, Calif., achieving international prominence in his field. In 1979, he and colleague Hiroo Kanamori developed the "moment-magnitude scale," the earthquake-rating system that supplanted the Richter scale as the standard in the field. Tom's impressive professional achievements were highlighted in a Jan. 25, 2006, PAW profile.

Tom was predeceased by his wife of 52 years, Margaret Taylor Hanks. He is survived by daughters Julia '01 and Molly; granddaughters Jane and Mae; and brothers Jim and John. The class extends its heartfelt condolences to them all.

ROBERT Y. KOPF JR. '66

Bob died March 29, 2024.



Born in Warren, Pa., he graduated from the Loomis School, where he was on the wrestling team and in the chess club. He followed his father, Robert '36, and preceded his brother, Silas '72, to Princeton, where he majored in politics, ate at Cannon Club, played interclub sports, and volunteered with the Trenton Tutorial Project.

After graduation, Bob earned a law degree from Vanderbilt. He practiced law in Pittsburgh for some 25 years before leaving law practice to found Smithfield Trust Co. in Pittsburgh, where he served as chairman for the rest of his career.

A longtime resident of Sewickley, Pa., Bob was active in community affairs, serving as president of the Edgeworth Club and on the boards of Sewickley Academy and the Sewickley YMCA. He enjoyed outdoor life, including summers in the Adirondacks, fishing trips with sons Rob and Tom in

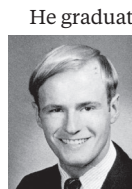
northern Quebec, and frequent trips to Sun Valley, Idaho.

Bob was predeceased by his wife of 56 years, Susan. He is survived by sons Rob and Tom, daughter Maggie, four grandsons, and brothers Will and Silas. The class extends its heartfelt condolences to them all.

THE CLASS OF 1967

JAMES LEE CLEGG '67

Jim died Jan. 10, 2024, in Philadelphia.



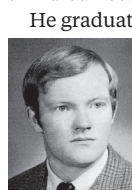
He graduated from Penn Hills High School, where he played baseball, won third place in the Western Pennsylvania Debate Championship, and was star of the school's debate team. At Princeton, Jim roomed at 312 Walker Hall with George Wilgus, Lee Mercier, and Lee Knauerhaze. He played multiple sports for the Dial Lodge IAA teams and was a member of the Pre-Law Society. He immediately began his law career after graduation.

Jim graduated from Stanford Law School and then got a second degree from New York University Law School. He joined the New York firm of Seward & Kissel after passing the American Bar Exam and worked in corporate law on Wall Street until 1978, when the firm moved him to Atlanta after becoming a partner. Jim spent the remainder of his career in the Atlanta area, with a final period serving as general counsel for the Columbia Nitrogen Corp. based in Augusta, Ga. He had kept his residence in Stone Mountain north of Atlanta for decades.

Jim married Jeannette Baldwin Clegg, and the couple spent 34 years together. His two children, Timothy and Cynthia Bancroft, were from his first marriage.

JAMES T. DIMOND '67

Jim died Feb. 3, 2024, in Boca Raton, Fla.



He graduated from William Penn Charter School in Philadelphia as senior class president, varsity football captain, vice president of student council. As a member of the track team, he set the school record in the shot put, a mark that still stands, and was the 1962 Intersectional Champion. He was vice president of the Trident Honor Society and winner of the School Alumni Award. Forty years after his graduation the school awarded him its Alumni Award of Merit for character and achievement.

At Princeton, Jim majored in politics, was a shot put standout, worked at the Princeton Summer Camp, and was librarian for Cottage Club. He roomed at 40-50 Patton Hall with John Brown, Charles Parl, John Trotter, and Bob Mant. Jim's older brother Frederick preceded him at Princeton in the Class of 1963.

After graduation, Jim went through Air Force OTS and served in Vietnam as a first lieutenant in 1969-70. He was awarded a Bronze Star, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal and M-16 expert Medal, a Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm, a Vietnam Campaign Medal, and an Air Medal.

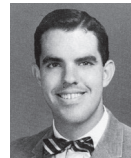
After military service, Jim returned to Philadelphia and began a finance and banking career, becoming president of TSU Financial, a teachers credit union. He advised and structured its IPO when it became listed on the New York Stock Exchange as Advanta Corp., then left and cashed out his stock to begin other business ventures. He was project manager of RPM Access, an alternative energy wind farm company in Iowa, and pursued other investments.

Jim's first wife, Ann, bore children James and Kate. He had two other children with his second wife, Tracie: Ryan and Emma. They survive him and join the Class of '67 in sorrow for the loss of one of our friendliest and most accomplished members.

THE CLASS OF 1968

H. WINFIELD PADGETT '68

Win died March 6, 2024, in Dallas, having succumbed to a rare disease, progressive supranuclear palsy.



Win came to us from Jesuit High School in Dallas, where he served as class president and was active in the Forensic Society. At Princeton, he was a member of NROTC and the golf team and participated in the Orange Key Guide Service, Undergraduate Schools Committee, and the Aquinas Foundation. He majored in philosophy and ate at Cottage. Senior year he roomed in Dodge-Osborn with Tully Shelley, Dick Woodward, Jim Pendleton, and Bill Logan.

After graduation, Win was commissioned into the Navy and was stationed on destroyers homeported on the West Coast with deployments to the Western Pacific and the South China Sea. After mustering out, he returned to Dallas and joined the family business, Padgett Printing Co., where he rose to assume industry leadership positions as president of the Printing Industries Association of Texas and vice chair of government affairs for the Printing Industries of America.

Win also gave back to his community by generously volunteering for Southern Methodist University causes, the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, and the Dallas Convention and Visitors Bureau. His love of the game led him to be a considerable figure in the golf world, serving as a USGA committeeman for more than 30 years with four years on the executive committee.

He was a member of many golf clubs and associations including his favorite, Brook Hollow in Dallas. He was the recipient of numerous awards and accolades for his involvement in the sport.

The class extends its deepest sympathies to his wife, Nancy; daughter Lauren; and extended family and friends.

MAURICIO PAGES '68

Maury died Feb. 14, 2024, at home surrounded by his family, having succumbed to pneumonia, a complication of Parkinson's disease.



Maury came to us from St. Andrew's Scots School in Olivos, Argentina, where he played on the rugby team and worked for the school magazine. At Princeton, Maury majored in politics and participated in freshman soccer. He was chairman of the Latin American Affairs Committee and the Whig-Clio Speakers Bureau. Maury ate at Campus Club and lived at 112 Little with roommates Marty Faletti, Greg Hess, and Mark Hamilton during his senior year.

After graduation, he received an MBA from Columbia Business School. He started his business career as a marketing consultant at Cresap, McCormick and Paget in New York. His international career began at PepsiCo, where he rose to be senior vice president for Latin America and Canada, and later president of Pepsi Cola Central. He later became president of the Americas for AC Nielsen. He served on several nonprofit boards, including Pro Mujer, the Trudeau Institute and Elgin Academy.

Maury was a lifelong fan of Argentine soccer and spent much time on soccer fields coaching his children's soccer teams. He was a runner, a cyclist, and a great conversationalist.

The class extends its deepest sympathies to Maury's wife Pat; son Mauricio; daughter Monica; and six grandchildren. A fund has been created in his name to support Parkinson's disease research.

THE CLASS OF 1969

JAMES STEPHEN DEUPREE '69

Esteemed teacher, talented artist, and gifted with people, Steve died Feb. 17, 2024, on Bainbridge Island, Wash., while visiting family. He was a resident of Charlottesville, Va.



Steve was born and raised in Cincinnati, where he attended Cincinnati Country Day. He followed his father James Y. Deupree '42 to Princeton, where he captained the lightweight crew, was a director of the Chapel Sunday school, and ate at Cap and Gown. Princeton friends

remember his deep love for nature, art, and teaching; his generous spirit; his capacity for lasting friendships; and his creative energy.

In his early 30s, Steve developed a life-threatening physical condition, and during the healing process found Christian Science, which helped him explain how his complete healing could be possible. It was on the steps of the Christian Science church in Charlottesville where he met Cynthia, his wife of 38 years.

Steve found his calling in 1988 as a teacher of eighth-grade ancient history at St. Anne's-Belfield School. He enjoyed taking his students on trips to Russia, Italy, Greece, and Turkey and watching them gain an expanded sense of the world. Always an artist, in retirement Steve was a prolific landscape painter, inspired by vistas of Virginia, Michigan, and the Pacific Northwest.

Steve is survived by Cynthia; his children Jamie and his wife Stephanie, and Maddie and her husband Lee; and grandchildren Penelope, Logan, Henry, and Red. His many friends in the Class of 1969 join them in mourning Steve's passing. Like them, we will miss his sense of joy, warm smile, and ready laughter.

THE CLASS OF 1970

ROBERT L. HAMPTON '70

Bob, a lifelong and honored scholar of and advocate for the Black community, died of a lung infection related to ALS and Alzheimer's disease in Tennessee Oct. 19, 2023.



Born and raised in Michigan City, Ind., Bob was a proud Hoosier. During his years at Elston High School, he was part of the basketball team that won the state championship and was senior class president. While at Princeton, he majored in sociology and wrote his thesis on "The Process of Education in Street Academies." He belonged to Terrace Club, the Association of Black Collegians (ABC), Whig-Clio, and the Army ROTC. In the Army Reserve, he served for 25 years, retiring as an Armor branch lieutenant colonel in the 76th Division.

Bob was a professor of sociology and social work and former provost at Tennessee State University. Prior to moving to Tennessee, he worked at York College, University of Maryland at College Park, and Connecticut College as a professor of sociology and senior administrator, as well as a medical research associate at Harvard. He published extensively in the field of family violence, including several edited books, and was a founding member of the Institute on Domestic Violence in the African American Community at the University of Minnesota.

Bob is survived by his first wife, Cathy, and their children: Robyn '93 and Conrad. From

his second marriage, Bob leaves behind his wife, Ana, and daughter Isabella. With them, we remember him with pride as a singular example of Princeton in the nation's service.

JAMES W. RICE '70

A perpetual seeker of truth and meaning, and great friend of those who shared



the quest, Jim died of longstanding cardiovascular problems Nov. 21, 2023.

He came to us from Schenectady, N.Y., a well-rounded scholar-athlete

whose search at Princeton led in the spirit of the 1960s to religion and politics studies, to the bass lines in the Nassau Brothers Soul Review, and to the new Stevenson Hall. This exploration continued apace in grad school, where he received degrees from both Harvard Divinity and B.C. Law. Backpacking across Europe fit right in.

For 36 years he practiced law in Houston, first with a large firm and then on his own, often in the health-care field. He also worked relentlessly for depression support groups and performed in amateur music and theater. He tried to raise his kids right, on water sports, motorcycling, and volleyball (an old Stevenson specialty) rather than the law. During his last 10 years, he was in North Carolina for the calm and the four seasons, while keeping in close touch with his classmates.

Jim is survived by his children, Leslie and Adam. Their pride and love for Jim is strikingly like our own, admiration for his intellect, kindness, and warmth in service of the ongoing struggle for wisdom. We miss him deeply.

THE CLASS OF 1973

ROSS C. ANDERSON '73

Ross died Feb. 19, 2024, in St. Petersburg, Fla., surrounded by family and friends. He had cancer for 13 years.



Ross was born and grew up in Hinsdale, Ill. His parents encouraged their children to pursue music studies, and Ross took up the piano.

In high school, he found his other musical calling, singing.

He was an excellent student at Hinsdale Central High School, and at Princeton, he sang in a cappella groups as well as Triangle Show productions. He studied art history and wrote his thesis on "The Influence of Pornography on Late Nineteenth-Century Painting." He later received an advanced degree in art history from Harvard.

Ross went on to a successful career in the art field, first as director of the Everson Museum of Art (Syracuse, N.Y.), then at the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts (Alabama) and the Riverside Art

Museum (California). During this time, he began acquiring an excellent personal art collection. The Huntington Museum (San Marino, Calif.) sought his works, and he donated paintings to share with others.

Ross remained strong and cheerful as he dealt with cancer. The class extends its sympathy to his brother, Geoffrey Anderson and his sister Leigh Anderson Rappole.

WILLIAM R. LANE '73

Bill died March 25, 2024.

He was born in 1951 in Marin County, Calif. Bill attended Episcopal High School in Alexandria, Va., where he played tennis, was on the yearbook staff, and was the manager of the wrestling team. At Princeton, he dined independently and majored in psychology. His thesis was on "Long-Term Effects of Amphetamines on Hypothalamic Self-Stimulation and Stimulation-Escape." He was married in March of senior year, but divorced shortly thereafter.

Bill later moved to Newport News, Va., where he taught biology at Hampton Roads Academy. He then attended Northeastern University, where he received a master's degree in pharmacology in 1980. Bill was married several times and had two children: a son, Harry Hudson; and a daughter, Tiger Lily. At the time of his death, he was a self-described "homesteader" in Cave Creek, Ariz.

In class yearbooks, Bill listed his profession variously as novelist, financial adviser, and philanthropical activist. He maintained a close relationship with Princeton's advancement office, and helped to fund several scientific projects as well as a few opportunities in the arts. He was ever the true and generous son of Old Nassau, for which the class is grateful.

The class sends its condolences to Bill's children.

THE CLASS OF 1974

MARTIN A. SCHELL '74

Martin died in January 2024, in Klaten, Central Java, Indonesia, surrounded by family.



He grew up in Jericho, Long Island and was high school valedictorian. At Princeton he studied psychology, religion, and linguistics.

After an early career in tech and teaching, he was drawn to Asia — first Japan, then Thailand, and finally Indonesia, where he settled and raised a large family, returning periodically to the United States to teach at the NYU Stern School. In Indonesia he founded American Services in Asia, with international customers like *The Economist*. His specialties were improving intercultural understandability of English commercial copy.

Martin's many online friends were only vaguely aware of his personal accomplishments. To them, he was humbly responsive to their professed needs, to which he devoted his full focus and often solved. Interacting with Martin was deeply rewarding for all parties, and a gift that kept on giving. He would go out of his way to involve those he cherished with other friends of his, with constant patient encouragement borne of a clear verve for life. He embodied a truly innovative form of Princeton in the world's service and will be sorely missed.

THE CLASS OF 1984

JOHN G. FONSS '84

Jack died March 12, 2024, in New Canaan, Conn. He grew up in Jackson, N.J., and



graduated from Lawrenceville Academy.

Jack was an exceptional runner. At Princeton, he was a NCAA All-American in cross country and first team All-Ivy from 1981-83, and he set the school record for 1,500 meters. His teammates remember him as extremely talented and competitive, a quick wit, and a mentor. He majored in economics and brought his competitiveness to his goal of "winning" the corporate finance class stock market simulation.

Jack earned a master's degree from Yale School of Management. He worked in New York City at McKinsey, Morgan Stanley, Credit Suisse, Deutsche Bank, and UBS Securities. Jack was an early adopter of technology, a rare non-engineer in our era who learned computer programming at Princeton, which he leveraged to found AccuShares, a financial technology firm. After the sale of AccuShares, he continued his interest in computers and financial technology with six U.S. patents in blockchain technology, derivatives, and exchange-traded funds.

Jack is survived by his wife, Janet Leung; son Maxwell; and daughter Ava '27; and his parents. The Class of 1984 and his teammates from the classes of 1981-87 mourn his loss.

THE CLASS OF 1990

CHRISTOPHER E. HORNBERGER '90

Chris died March 21, 2024.

He pursued many passions throughout his life, including playing guitar, drawing, reading, and writing. Chris attended Princeton on an Army ROTC scholarship. After graduation, he was commissioned as a second lieutenant and trained as a Cobra attack helicopter pilot. Later, he completed a mid-career fellowship to earn a master's in public administration from Harvard's Kennedy School of Government.

Chris served 20 years in the Army, retiring as a lieutenant colonel in 2010. He was at work in the Pentagon on 9/11. His military awards and decorations include the Bronze

Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Presidential Service Badge, and the Combat Action Badge. After the military, Chris served as a school administrator, then transitioned to the federal civil service with the Department of Veterans Affairs at the San Francisco VA Health Care System.

He met his wife, Elizabeth, during his assignment at Fort Drum, N.Y. Chris and Elizabeth formed a family with three children over the years, whom he loved dearly.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions to the Disabled American Veterans Association, PO Box 14301, Cincinnati, Ohio 45250-0301.

THE CLASS OF 1995

DEREK D. AUSTIN '95

Derek died Sept. 8, 2023, in Spokane, Wash., of an acute brain infection.



He grew up on Moran Prairie outside of Spokane, and graduated from Gonzaga Prep. At Princeton, Derek played sprint football, was a member of Tiger Inn, and

majored in civil engineering. He was in ROTC and after being commissioned as an engineer officer, led a sapper platoon. His unit served in Operation Joint Endeavor in Bosnia-Herzegovina, helping to enforce the Dayton peace accords, removing land mines and turning minefields into soccer fields.

After leaving the Army, Derek rode the Trans-Siberian Railway before settling in Silicon Valley, working as a software engineer optimizing supply-chain operations for computer hardware companies. This led to an assignment in Tokyo, where he met his wife, Yuko Takai.

Derek is survived by Yuko; his mother, Beverly; and his siblings, Jennifer, David '96, and Marc.

GRADUATE ALUMNI

NICHOLAS RESCHER *51

Princeton's youngest-ever philosophy Ph.D., Nicholas died Jan. 5, 2024, in Pittsburgh. He was 95.

Born in Hagen, Germany, July 15, 1928, Nicholas came to the United States in 1938 to escape Nazi Germany. A mathematics major at Queens College, Nicholas earned his doctorate in philosophy from Princeton in 1951 at age 22. After serving in the U.S. Marines during the Korean War, he briefly worked at the RAND Corp.

Nicholas entered academia at Lehigh, then taught at the University of Pittsburgh for 60 years. His scholarly contributions range from rediscovery of the medieval Arabic theory of temporal modalities to innovation of the "Rescher quantifier" in symbolic logic and include the recovery of specifications for G.W. Leibniz's cipher machine of the 1670s.

Twenty-two of Nicholas' philosophical

books were translated into 11 languages. He was awarded honorary degrees by eight universities on three continents and received the Aquinas Medal of the American Catholic Philosophical Association and the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany. The Nicholas Rescher Medal for Contributions to Systematic Philosophy was inaugurated by the University of Pittsburgh, and the American Philosophical Association created a Nicholas Rescher Prize.

Nicholas is survived by his children, Elizabeth, Mark, Owen, and Catherine, and three grandchildren.

BRUCE W. STEINER *56

Bruce died at age 92 Feb. 8, 2024, in Sudbury, Mass., after a short illness.

Born May 14, 1931, in Oberlin, Ohio, he majored in chemistry at Oberlin, graduating in 1953, and earned his doctorate in chemistry at Princeton in 1956.

Bruce was a conscientious objector to the Korean War and spent 1956-58 in Israel, working for the American Friends Service Committee. Upon his return from Israel, he did postdoctoral work in physics at the University of Chicago.

In 1960, with his wife Ruth, Bruce moved to Washington, D.C., and took a position at the National Bureau of Standards. The couple adopted a son, Jonathan, and a daughter, Miriam. Bruce and Ruth separated in 1994. Bruce then met Jim Anthony through a Quaker LGBT group. When Bruce retired, he relocated to Boston to live with Jim. Jim's Alzheimer's diagnosis saw the couple become outspoken voices for the experiences of Alzheimer's patients and the gay elderly.

After Jim died, Bruce found a new life partner, Bill Donovan, who survives him.

Bruce was a scientist to his bones, and his eyes often twinkled in wonder at the world around him. His most-used phrase was, "Isn't that marvelous!"

JOHN E. SCOTT JR. *59

John died at age 96 March 16, 2024, in Charlottesville, Va.

Born in 1927, he grew up in Portsmouth, Va., and completed his undergraduate studies at Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1948. He earned his master's degree in mechanical engineering from Purdue in 1950. With the award of a Guggenheim fellowship, John earned a Ph.D. in aeronautical engineering at Princeton in 1959.

At the request of University of Virginia President Colgate Darden, John came to UVA to initiate a program in aeronautical engineering. In a career that spanned four decades, he was instrumental in recruiting students and faculty and creating an engineering, science, and research department at UVA.

John's expertise was in the field of rarefied gas dynamics, jet propulsion, nozzle-formed molecular beam, and isotope separation. He served twice as chairman of the department and directed three major research programs. His last administrative job was associate provost for research.

Predeceased by his daughter, Mary Dean, John is survived by his wife, Betty; his children Carolyn, John III, and Andrew; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

GOTTHARD KARL GALINSKY *66

Karl died of cancer March 9, 2024, in Austin, Texas, at age 82.

He was born Feb. 7, 1942, in Strasbourg in what is now France, and grew up as the son of a professor in postwar Germany. Karl received a scholarship to Bowdoin, where he earned his A.B. in 1963. He completed a Ph.D. in classics at Princeton in 1966, and soon afterward began teaching at the University of Texas.

He taught at UT for more than 50 years and was chairman of the classics department from 1974 to 1990. His awards for teaching and scholarship included the Max Planck International Research Prize. He was a visiting professor at Tulane, the University of La Plata in Argentina, and the universities of Mainz and Bochum in Germany.

Karl wrote several books, including *Augustan Culture and Augustus: Introduction to the Life of an Emperor*. He also edited several books, including *Cultural Memories in the Roman Empire* and *Memory in Ancient Rome and Early Christianity*. He had several stints of living in Rome, and he lived in Germany for half the year between 2009 and 2013.

He is survived by sons Bob and John; three grandchildren; and siblings Teresa and Christoph.

ROGER L. HART *70

After an extended illness, Roger died Feb. 17, 2024, in Raleigh, N.C.

He was born May 30, 1944, in Elkhorn, Wis. He received his bachelor's degree from Rhodes College, and his Ph.D. in American history from Princeton in 1970.

After teaching at Rhodes and LeMoyné-Owen colleges, Roger joined the U.S. Foreign Service, for which his uncanny ability to learn new languages quickly served him well. He was first stationed at the embassy in Chad and was later the U.S. desk officer for several West African countries. Subsequent assignments were at embassies in Turkey, Russia, and Belgium. Roger later received a master's degree in public administration from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and retired from the Organization for Tropical Studies, where he was vice president for finance.

Roger is survived by his daughters, Elizabeth and Laura; granddaughter Rosemary; siblings Susan, Charles, and Mary; and many nieces and nephews.

NICHOLAS M. KIEFER *76

Nick died March 12, 2024, of complications related to cancer in Ithaca, N.Y. He was 73.

Born Feb. 28, 1951, in Tucson, Ariz., Nick grew up in Tarpon Springs, Fla. He graduated from Florida State University with a bachelor's degree in economics. He earned a Ph.D. in economics from Princeton in 1976.

Following a postdoctoral fellowship at NIMH, Nick became an assistant professor at the University of Chicago. In 1980, he joined the economics faculty at Cornell, where he spent most of his career. He was named the Ta-Chung Liu Professor of Economics and Statistics in 1996.

Nick worked in econometrics and statistics with applications in financial economics, credit scoring and risk management in banking, consumer trend forecasting, and development of quantitative management techniques. He worked on developing structural job search models and subsequently equilibrium search models. His work on the value of information, using a dynamic programming framework, led to results on the possibility and potential optimality of learning. His work on market microstructure led to the invention of the PIN, a widely used statistic for measuring the information content of trades.

Nick is survived by his wife, Meral; and his sons Patrick, Gregory, Joseph, and Mark.

SANJIB MALL *88

Sanjib died of complications of cancer Feb. 13, 2024, in Pune, India, at age 65.

He was born Feb. 3, 1959, in Berhampur, in the state of Odisha, India. He completed a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering at the Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur in 1980, and a master's degree at the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur in 1982. At Princeton, he earned a Ph.D. in chemical engineering in 1988 under the guidance of William Russel.

After completing his Ph.D., Sanjib returned to India. Initially he worked as an assistant professor at the Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay, before entering the corporate world. During his career he worked in the chemical and pharmaceuticals industries in India and Singapore, in companies ranging from startups to large corporations. He also worked as a consultant. His interest in economics, stock trading, and financial analysis motivated Sanjib to earn a diploma in finance from the Institute of Chartered Financial Analysts of India. His other interests included mathematics and science education, especially ways of connecting education with technology.

Sanjib's dedication to Princeton inspired him to join the Alumni Schools Committee and interview applicants for admission.

Sanjib is survived by his wife, Kanika; son Shatrunjay; and daughter Pritika.

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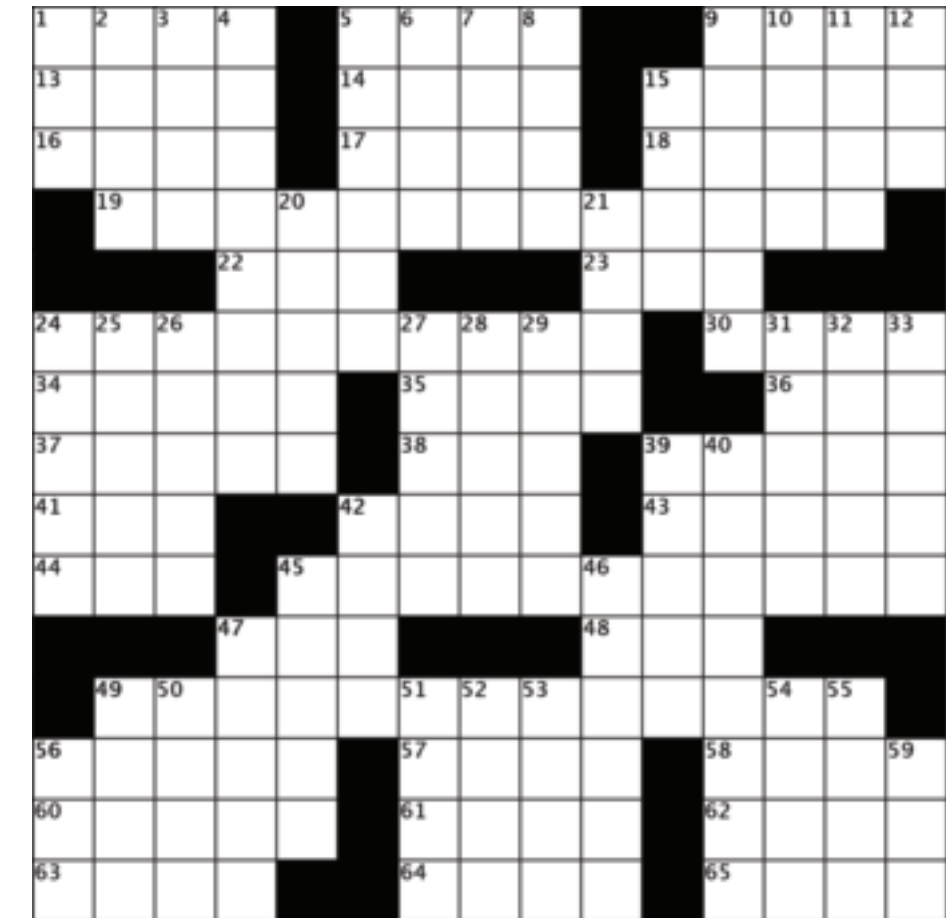
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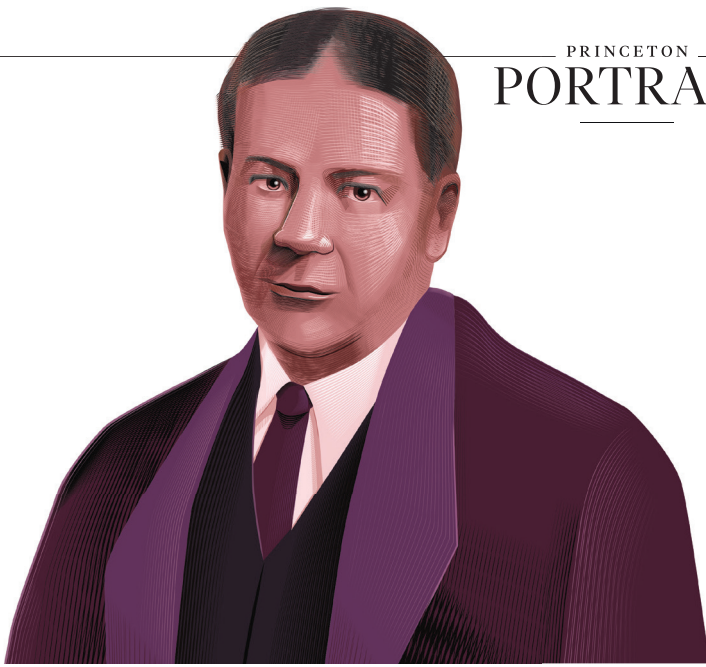
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He Was Princeton's Favorite Author During Prohibition

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PERHAPS THE MOST POPULAR author at Princeton in the 1920s and 1930s was a man whose book didn't appear on class syllabi or in the University's libraries. But he was as widely read, and as closely studied, as Cicero or Aristotle. The author was Norman Anthony, the editor of the New York humor magazine *Judge* — which was, itself, designed to be read by Princeton undergraduates. His book, called *Here's How!*, featured recipes for making alcoholic beverages. The years of its popularity were the years of Prohibition.

Prohibition was a dark hour in Princeton's history. At least Princetonians saw it that way. During reunion dinners, alumni looked to the physicians among their ranks to vouch that the spirits in the punch bowls wouldn't blind them. Joshua Logan '31 described, in his memoir, a daily tide of black-market activity that washed across campus: "Since Prohibition prevailed, at 5 in the afternoon hundreds of undergraduates crossed quadrangles with little brown paper bags filled with ice and mixes. Outside the ground-floor windows, bootleggers delivered expensive bad whiskey and cheap worse gin."

These ingredients, ice and gin and the rest, they mixed into drinks using

Anthony's book. In a 1927 interview with *The Daily Princetonian*, Anthony said that at least 70% of the book's sales came from college men. They couldn't cook food to save their lives, but when it came to Anthony's recipes, they were culinary maestros.

Most of the drinks in *Here's How!* were invented by collegians. One, called the Swiss Itch, was created by a Princeton student named James Norton 1927: "Place a pinch of salt on the back of the right hand and with the same north paw hold half a lemon between thumb and forefinger. Hold a small glass of Gordon water in the left hand and follow this sequence: lick the salt, drink the Gordon water and suck the lemon!"

The son of a teetotaler, Anthony

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grew up in Buffalo, New York, and, at 25, moved to New York City to make his fortune as a magazine illustrator. Somewhat to his surprise, he *did* make his fortune, quickly rising from a staffer at *Judge* to the magazine's editor. *Judge* aimed at an audience of college students and city-dwelling college alumni. It quoted jokes from college humor magazines, including Princeton's *Tiger*, and its own jokes often played on college rivalries and archetypes. For example, it once said of a posh New York hotel where Princeton students spent weekends, hoping to meet city girls, "I understand that the Biltmore lobby is called the Princeton Extension Institute!"

Prohibition was an unexpected boon for the magazine, Anthony later said. The nationwide ban on alcohol, which was passed in 1920, united Americans in the quest to make and mix their own alcoholic beverages. Anthony started writing a new column for *Judge*, "High Hat," that featured write-ups of speakeasies and recipes for homemade hooch. Collegians bought the magazine for the column alone — and they were the ones who sent in most of the recipes. In 1927, he compiled the best recipes in *Here's How!*, which sold out four editions.

In 1928, *Life* magazine hired him away, and Anthony later wrote of his lofty new perch: "I was assured a contract wasn't necessary with such a high-class, old-school-tie outfit. I thought I was some guy." The stock market crash of 1929 ended the party for everyone. Magazine sales plummeted, and his bosses at *Life* swiftly, debonairly cut him from the staff.

Here's How! and its sequels helped Anthony stay financially aloft through the early years of the Depression. In fact, when Prohibition ended in 1933, he was rather put out — less for money's sake, even, than because the grape lost the taste of a forbidden fruit, which made even those baleful brews that students swilled in dorm rooms and speakeasies taste sublime: "Café Society during the Prohibition days had a zest to it, a thrill," Anthony wrote in his memoir. "The present order was a hollow mockery, a hollow gaiety with hollow-eyed, hollow-headed puppets: all bored to death." ■



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