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UPFRONT

Ken Burns has been making documentary films about America's history and its people for more than 40 years. Since the Academy Award-nominated "Brooklyn Bridge" in 1981, Burns has gone on to direct and produce many of the most highly acclaimed documentaries about war, racism, and presidential leadership in the history of cinema.

On Feb. 10-12, 2023, Gettysburg College hosted the first-ever film festival dedicated solely to the works of the world-renowned documentarian at the Majestic Theater. Gettysburg students, faculty, alumni, and the general public had the unique opportunity to engage with Burns, his collaborators, and historians in consequential conversations centered around a question the filmmaker has explored in each of his films on American history: Who are we?

Guest speakers included longtime Burns' collaborators: writer Geoffrey Ward; cinematographers Allen Moore and Buddy Squires; and musicians Jay Ungar, Molly Mason, and Jacqueline Schwab, as well as exonerated Central Park Five member Kevin Richardson. *Susan Eisenhower* and *Tracie Potts* of the Eisenhower Institute also led a post-film discussion of Episode 4 of "The War." The episode covers D-Day and General Dwight D. Eisenhower's leadership of American armed forces.

The highlight for students was a special presentation by Burns in the College Union Building Ballroom on campus. The topic was "Activism and Protest" and featured clips from "Not for Ourselves Alone: The Story of Elizabeth Cady Stanton & Susan B. Anthony," "Jackie Robinson," "Muhammad Ali," and "The Vietnam War."

Undoubtedly, the film festival will be a cherished memory of Gettysburgians of all generations for years to come. For more coverage on the Ken Burns film festival, visit www.gettysburg.edu/ken-burns-festival.

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Bringing Gettysburg's history to life through powerful storytelling—and a new museum

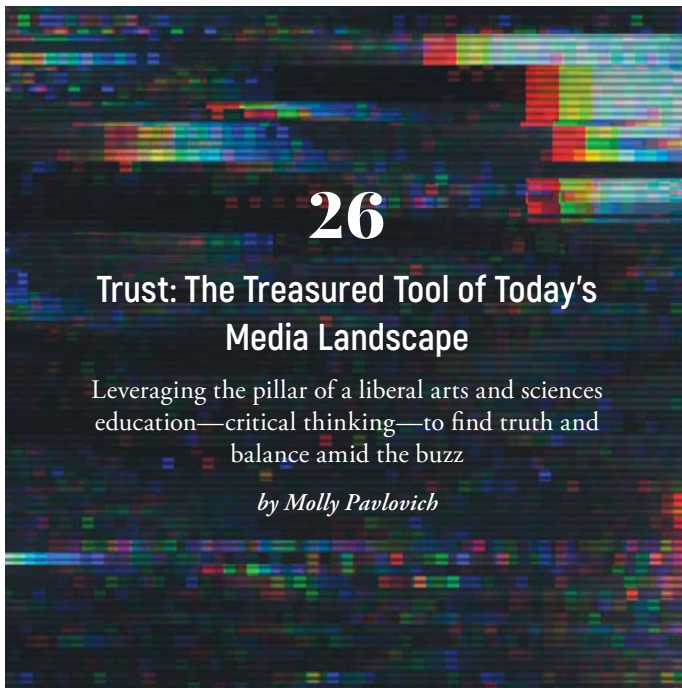
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EDITOR'S NOTE In "From the Archives: A Snapshot of the Sky" in our Summer 2022 issue, we inaccurately noted the date and time of Pickett's Charge and apologize for the error. We thank the alumni who brought this error to our attention and we have removed that reference in the online versions of the story.

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Intermediate Painting students assist with a mural at the Painted Turtle Farm. Read the full story on page 20.

GETTYSBURG COLLEGE HAS ENDURED FOR NEARLY TWO CENTURIES BECAUSE THE EDUCATION WE PROVIDE IS ENDURING.

As Gettysburgians, we have an eternal promise to keep, and that is to deliver A Consequential Education to every student—one that gives them greater insight into who they are, what they want to accomplish, and how they will define and lead their own consequential life. The shape of that promise, delivered to students since our founding in 1832, has appropriately changed over time in response to changing circumstances for each generation of Gettysburg graduates.

Recently, the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U) asked employers which skills and aptitudes were most valuable to them in the workplace. Working in teams, critical thinking, analyzing and interpreting data, and problem solving were cited as the most essential. These are some of the same skills that are cited as career readiness competencies by the National Association of Colleges and Employers.

Here's what stands out: the surveyed employers stressed that while college graduates are prepared to succeed in entry-level positions, only half view today's graduates as having the necessary skills to advance or be promoted. In other words, they identified a preparedness gap—a significant divide between the importance employers are placing on specific skills in the working world and their assessment of a college graduate's readiness to perform those skills effectively.

We have a responsibility to respond to this preparedness gap.

This winter, we launched *Living Our Promise: The Strategic Direction for Gettysburg College* (www.gettysburg.edu/strategicdirection)—an ambitious vision for the institution over the coming years. *Living Our Promise* is the blueprint for how we will deliver on our promise for a new generation of students. Coupled with providing students a breadth and depth of knowledge, our Gettysburg Approach will place a heightened emphasis on developing and deepening the enduring skills most valued by employers—the

skills Gettysburgians will require if they are to rise to the “unfinished work” of this moment and become the leaders and engaged citizens our society needs.

The cultivation of these skills has always been at the heart of a Gettysburg education. In fact, according to employers, Gettysburg alumni significantly outperform their peers in ‘must have’ career skills (www.gettysburg.edu/gettysburgapproach). It's also evident in our external rankings. Gettysburg ranks 33rd among all liberal arts colleges based on 40-year return on investment, per *The Georgetown University Center on Education & the Workforce ROI Study: ROI of Liberal Arts Colleges*.

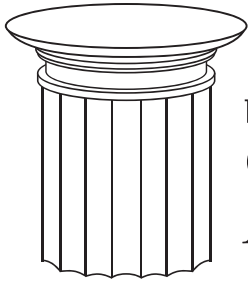
Our education is equally focused on ensuring that students are prepared to lead lives of meaning and contribution—professionally, yes, but also personally. The knowledge and enduring skills gained at Gettysburg will apply throughout a student's life, in all that they seek to do. Whether raising families, engaging in their communities, or pursuing their passions, we want our students to reach their highest aspirations. Our strategic direction will help us to achieve this.

I fully believe that our intentional approach—reinforced through our new Guided Pathways and personal Success Teams—will revolutionize what it means to receive a contemporary undergraduate education. By putting our promise of A Consequential Education into practice, and truly living it every day, Gettysburg College will deliver among the most personal and student-centered educational experiences in the entire nation—one that extends over the full arc of a student's life and career, and readies them for all that comes next.

Sincerely,



Bob Iuliano
President



THE GETTYSBURG APPROACH

OUR GETTYSBURG APPROACH IS A CONSEQUENTIAL EDUCATION IN PRACTICE: A RENEWED, EVOLVED, AND INTENSIVE FOCUS ON HOW WE DELIVER OUR SIGNATURE UNDERGRADUATE EXPERIENCE. DESIGNED TO BENEFIT THE WHOLE STUDENT, THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRETY OF THEIR LIFE AND CAREER, THE GETTYSBURG APPROACH WILL BUILD WITHIN EVERY STUDENT A BREADTH AND DEPTH OF KNOWLEDGE AND SET OF ENDURING SKILLS—CULTIVATED BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF THE CLASSROOM—TO PREPARE THEM TO THRIVE IN A WORLD MARKED BY CHANGE AND ADAPTATION.

KNOWLEDGE

The first anchor in our Gettysburg Approach is to provide students with a breadth and depth of knowledge through a rigorous and contemporary education in the liberal arts and sciences. Our world-class faculty brings to life the arts, humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences, ensuring that Gettysburg students are exposed to viewpoints across disciplines and that they gain a nuanced understanding of the human experience. Through our hallmark academics, every Gettysburg College student will enhance their drive for action, grow as effective leaders and socially responsible citizens, and develop the capacity to pursue knowledge throughout their lifetime.

ENDURING SKILLS

The second anchor in our Gettysburg Approach is a renewed and intensive focus on deepening the enduring skills most valued by employers and graduate schools. These skills include adaptability, communication, creativity, intercultural fluency, leadership, problem solving, and teamwork. These transcendent skills can be the hardest to teach, yet at Gettysburg College, they will be practiced, absorbed, reflected upon, and articulated by our students in a purposeful way through a wide range of high-impact learning experiences—giving students an advantage in their next step after college and every step thereafter.

GUIDED PATHWAYS

Knowledge and enduring skills at Gettysburg College will be practiced and deepened within our Guided Pathways. Beginning in Fall 2023, every incoming student will have the opportunity to align their interests with on-campus experiences within a thematic Guided Pathway: Creativity, Entrepreneurship, & Innovation; Global Citizenship & Intercultural Communication; Justice & Community Change; and Leadership, Teamwork, & Collaboration. Students will also participate in a foundational four-year Career Pathway that provides direct career-related experiences and guidance, and intersects with every Guided Pathway.

SUCCESS TEAMS

To ensure our students are getting the very most out of their Gettysburg education, they will now be supported by their own personal Success Team. Comprised of a Faculty Advisor, Co-Curricular Advisor, and Career Advisor, the Success Team will guide students through their academic progress, reflect with them as they navigate the Career Pathway and their Pathway of choice, and help them to more fully understand the impact of their undergraduate experience—all through 360 degrees of support. At the conclusion of the sophomore year, students will have the option of adding an Alumni Mentor to their Success Team who will assist them in defining their career goals and building their professional network.

Learn more at www.gettysburg.edu/gettysburgapproach

SOCIAL MEDIA



SERVO THANKSGIVING

In November 2022, Servo Thanksgiving celebrated the strength of our community:

“Servo is amazing! Seriously, how many colleges have alumni still reminiscing about their dining halls 10, 20, 30 years post-graduation?”

 **Erica Nardone '94**

“I have been in higher ed/student affairs for 39 years and have yet to learn of another campus that serves a turkey to each table as G’burg does. I loved it as a student and am so happy to see this unique tradition continue!”

 **Jacinta Felice '81**

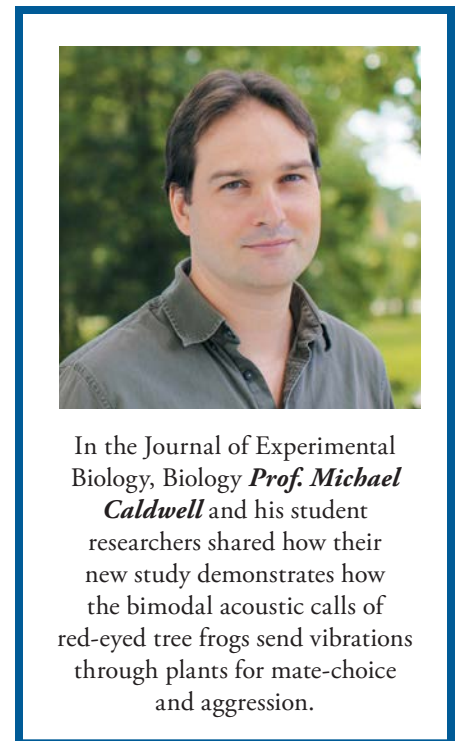
IN THE MEDIA



In The 19th, Public Policy **Chair Anne Douds** commented on a bipartisan bill that would require a human trafficking hotline posted in every U.S. port of entry. She noted resources for local-level data collection will create a better understanding of human trafficking for law enforcement, but added more funding for human trafficking courts could help further.

Get to know Douds in Prof Path on page 32.

*On Oct. 31, the U.S. Supreme Court heard two landmark cases that will challenge the ability of higher education institutions to achieve a diverse student body through the consideration of race in admissions. With his many years championing the practice, Gettysburg College **President Bob Iuliano** has become a leading national voice on this consequential issue: “We must not turn back the clock and create more barriers to a truly inclusive society,” Iuliano penned for *The Hill*.*



In the Journal of Experimental Biology, Biology **Prof. Michael Caldwell** and his student researchers shared how their new study demonstrates how the bimodal acoustic calls of red-eyed tree frogs send vibrations through plants for mate-choice and aggression.

ECONOMICS **PROF. CHARLES WEISE** EXPLAINED TO U.S. NEWS HOW A STRONG DOLLAR CAN BE PARTICULARLY IMPACTFUL FOR EMERGING COUNTRIES. THE ARTICLE EXPLORES THE TRUE DEFINITIONS OF WHAT A “STRONG DOLLAR” REALLY IS.

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NEWS

MASTER'S GRADUATES

In December 2022, 23 students graduated with the Gettysburg College-Gilder Lehrman Institute master's degree in American history.

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Tracy Brundage '92, Kathryn Morris '92, and Betty Rider '80, all psychology majors at Gettysburg College, recently started their tenures as college presidents.

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BULLETS TEAMS CHALLENGE

A record-breaking fundraising effort saw more than 2,100 donors support Gettysburg College athletics.

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ON CAMPUS

NEW PROVOST

In July 2023, *Dr. Jamila Bookwala*, a passionate teacher-scholar, will join Gettysburg College as its next provost, serving on the President’s Council. The former dean of faculty, dean of academic initiatives, and dean of curriculum and research at Lafayette College, Bookwala was recognized twice with the Daniel H. Weiss Award for Leadership and Vision for her collaborative work toward reaccreditation by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education and as a member of a strategic task force during the COVID-19 pandemic. Here at Gettysburg, she will remain dedicated to fostering an engaged learning environment for her students and faculty colleagues.

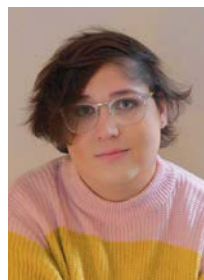
“During my campus visit, I was utterly impressed by the deep commitment to a liberal arts education shared by faculty and staff colleagues, students, and trustees,” said Bookwala. “It also became quickly evident that this is a community that fosters lifelong learning and values being inclusive and welcoming. I look forward to advancing Gettysburg College’s mission to provide an outstanding and consequential education, supporting the implementation of the College’s strategic plan, and helping promote diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging across campus.”



ALUMNI

CLASSICAL COMPOSER

Sofia Rocha '19, who majored in music and minored in peace and justice studies at Gettysburg College, was honored with the 2022 Hermitage Prize in Composition at the Aspen Music Festival and School, which recognizes young composers in classical music. Also a passionate trombonist and conductor, Rocha was commissioned by the International Contemporary Ensemble and the New World Symphony to perform in March 2023. Rocha’s first orchestral work, “Replier,” won the 2020 New England Philharmonic Call for Scores competition.



ALUMNI

MASTER’S GRADUATES

In December 2022, 23 members of the first cohort of master’s students, including K-12 educators, district supervisors, librarians, museum professionals, and National Park Service employees, graduated with the Gettysburg College-Gilder Lehrman Institute (GLI) master’s degree in American history. The 30-credit degree program, which launched in September 2022, is fully online and fully accredited.

Gettysburg College will formally celebrate them in a commencement ceremony on July 15 in conjunction with the GLI annual summer conference on campus.

Visit www.gilderlehrman.org/gettysburg to learn more.

ATHLETICS

BULLETS TEAMS CHALLENGE

On Nov. 29-30, 2022, the Bullets Teams Challenge raised a record-breaking total of more than \$313,000 from more than 2,100 donors in just 36 hours. Thirteen teams raised more than \$13,000 and six teams had more than 100 donors. Volleyball won the challenge for the third straight year, finishing at 385 percent of its potential donor base. Softball finished second, and the most improved prize went to women’s golf. Football topped the group with \$40,761.90 raised.

“I cannot thank all those who contributed to our wonderful student-athletes over the course of our 36-hour challenge enough,” said Orange & Blue Club Director *Nick Poehler*. “To see the amount of support our alumni, friends, and family showed is truly amazing.

We set out to reach a goal and, in typical Bullet fashion, we surpassed it.”

Thank you for your continued support of Gettysburg College!

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ON CAMPUS

J-TERM HIGHLIGHTS

During winter break 2023, Gettysburg College’s January Term (J-Term) saw nearly 700 registrations, providing students with practical, hands-on programming designed to build upon classroom learning with crucial college, career, and life skills. The dynamic offerings from Gettysburg’s most distinctive programs, including the Eisenhower Institute, Center for Public Service, and Center for Career Engagement, helped students translate their aspirations into action. Topics they enjoyed included but weren’t limited to skill-building, career planning, the Gettysburg Network, renting and home buying, and wealth management.



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REPEAT RACER

For the second year in a row, **Adrian Macdonald '10**, who competed for Gettysburg’s men’s track and field and cross country teams, won the Leadville Trail 100 Run in August 2022 with the third fastest time in the event’s history: 16 hours, five minutes, and 44 seconds. The “Race Across the Sky” is a 100-mile run with more than 15,000 feet of elevation change in the Colorado Rockies.

“I’ve proven that I’m not sort of a one-hit wonder,” Macdonald said to the Coloradoan.

Just four months later in December, Macdonald was at it again, winning the first-ever Ultra-Trail Kosciuszko Miler held in Thredbo, Australia. Macdonald won the 100-mile race through snowy conditions in 14 hours, seven minutes, and 42 seconds, which was more than an hour ahead of the second-place finisher.



ALUMNI

COLLEGE PRESIDENTS

In August 2022, **Tracy Brundage '92** became the first female president of Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College. Then in the fall of 2022, **Kathryn Morris '92** was inaugurated as St. Lawrence University’s 19th president and **Betty Rider '80** was named Elizabethtown College’s 16th president. Brundage, Morris, and Rider were all psychology majors at Gettysburg College.

Relying on teamwork as a former Gettysburg basketball player, Brundage, who previously served as president of Keystone College in Pennsylvania, spent her first five months at the Georgia college listening and learning from faculty, staff, administrators, and the community.

In her inaugural address on Oct. 22, Morris shared her vision for the New York college situated between the Adirondack Mountains and the St. Lawrence River: prepare its students for lives of global impact through the development of its first center of excellence focused on the environment.

Rider was appointed on Nov. 2 after serving as the Pennsylvania college’s interim president since January 2022. She looks forward to continue building a community of belonging in Lancaster County with an open campus culture.



TOP Tracy Brundage '92, photo courtesy of Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College
BOTTOM LEFT Kathryn Morris '92, photo by Tara Freeman/St. Lawrence University
BOTTOM RIGHT Betty Rider '80, photo courtesy of Elizabethtown College

ON THE TOPIC OF TRUTH

WHAT IS THE MEANING OF TRUTH IN LIFE?



Megan Adamson Sijapati

Religious studies professor

Truth is both elusive and yet something we know individually through our experiences to be one thing and not another. In religion—across cultures and time periods—the concept of truth is ubiquitous, but what it actually is varies tremendously due to varying views on the nature of the universe, the nature of human sentience, consciousness, and the very purpose of life. The effort to delineate truth and live in accordance with it is the core mission of every religion: is truth something that is objectively verifiable? Is it a moral principle? Is it embodied knowledge revealed through mystical experience or revealed by the divine to those who are chosen, or to those who seek?

Religions, whether they be monotheistic, polytheistic, monistic, atheist, or even secular, are akin to academic disciplines. Each offers tools and taxonomies for identifying what is real and therefore true, for navigating truth from untruth, and, most importantly, for cultivating the discernment necessary for experiencing truth. Truth is knowledge that is not only academic or intellectual, but also embodied and experiential.



Ian Clarke

Hatter Planetarium director and physics laboratory instructor

I try to hold three perspectives on truth in mind. First, I recall Thomas Jefferson, my alma mater’s founder. “Here,” he asserted, “we are not afraid to follow truth wherever it may lead, nor to tolerate any error so long as reason is left free to combat it.” He also wrote his university would be “based on the illimitable freedom of the human mind,” even as enslaved people built it.

His pursuit is inspiring, but prone to blindness. Working in science outreach, I turn to philosopher Karl Popper’s claim that scientific truths must be testable and potentially refutable. Unfortunately, few daily truths can be tested as Popper envisions.

As a former teacher of literature, I recall Norman Maclean’s grief-stricken narrator whose aging father says, “After you have finished your true stories sometime, why don’t you make up a story and the people that go with it? Only then will you understand what happened and why.” This narrative vision of truth appeals to literature lovers, but can be a weapon for charlatans and propagandists.

Each vision has beauty and limits.



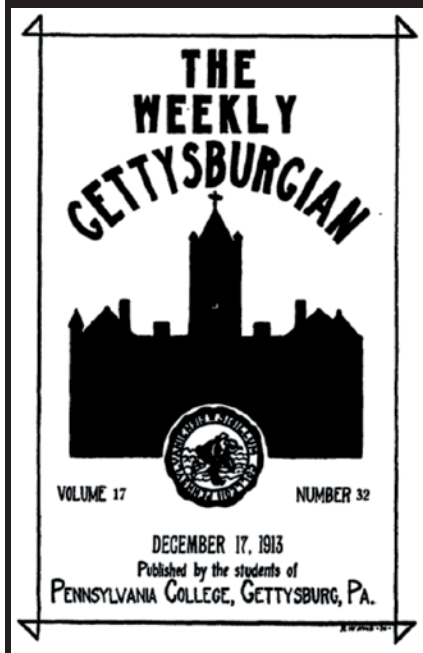
Cristina Garcia

Associate dean for inclusion and belonging

I’ve always said absolute truth can only be found in objective facts. Anything else is simply a version of it. I believe truth is filtered through one’s personal lens, based on experiences and influenced by how one navigates the world and watches others do the same. For example, growing up Latina in New York, I identify as BIPOC, but my parents disagree. They grew up mostly in Cuba, and despite how they are viewed or treated in the United States, they don’t—and never will—see themselves as anything other than white. They have their truth, and I have mine.

I always share the following quote from Shakespeare’s “Hamlet” with incoming college students: “Above all else, to thine own self be true.” Polonius shared this with his son as he departed for college, and I have done likewise since 2005! In my role, it’s important to help our community understand that one’s truth may not be the same as someone else’s, but that doesn’t make it less valid. In fact, it is when we examine our truth through another’s lens that we learn most about our values, beliefs, and truths—we even begin to refine it. This is why truth is nuanced.

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Katie Oglesby '23
Gettysburgian editor-in-chief

Truth is something I think about a lot as editor-in-chief of The Gettysburgian. In the world of news reporting, it's something that can be difficult to acquire, and even more difficult to report. I think part of the difficulty with truth is that we all, based on different life experiences and identities, have different perceptions of what is true.

Truth is important in news because we have an obligation to inform the public, which cannot be done if we're telling them falsities. With the way the media has been portrayed lately as "fake news" and as a spreader of misinformation, it's pertinent that journalists unpack the real truth, rather than what may seem like the truth at first glance.

That's part of why it's important to get so many different perspectives on a story, because it's hard not to think about truth as subjective—even though that sounds like an oxymoron—when so many people disagree on what the truth is. We live in such a highly polarized society that truth has become something we can disagree about.



Thomas C. Wheeler '70
Retired Federal Judge, U.S. Court of Federal Claims, Washington, D.C.

Our Court always asked witnesses to swear under oath that their testimony would be "the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth." There actually are two kinds of truth that I will call reality and perception. Reality is more reliable and consists of irrefutable statements of fact, such as "I saw three deer in our backyard." "Perception" is less reliable and consists of a person's opinion, such as "something needs to be done about the number of deer in our neighborhood." There are degrees of perception, where a statement becomes extremely unreliable if it is not based upon a witness's personal knowledge.

The "Federal Rules of Evidence" are a compendium of legal rules governing the admissibility of testimony and documents in a federal trial. They are masterfully prepared and easy to understand, intended to limit admissibility to evidence that is reliable. College students would be well served to learn about them even if they do not plan to pursue law. The importance of dissecting truth into reality and perception has lifelong value in assessing information in our world.

TRAVELING THE WORLD TO FOSTER SOCIAL CHANGE AND ENRICH THE HUMAN EXPERIENCE

by Katelyn Silva

After graduating from Gettysburg this past spring, **Maggie Halpin '22** is preparing to depart for Laos for a year-long fellowship with a nongovernmental organization (NGO) called World Education that supports individuals disabled by land mines. Last summer, she worked in Palestine with another NGO, Wi'am: The Palestinian Conflict Transformation Center, to support a social justice-based summer camp. Prior to that, she studied abroad in Morocco her junior year and interned in Jordan.

Halpin didn't grow up as an international traveler with a dedication to supporting those impacted by oppression. In fact, Halpin was the only student at Get Acquainted Day who didn't raise her hand when asked if they intended to study abroad in college.

"I remember thinking: That sounds scary," she said.

A lot can change in four years at Gettysburg College, where students like Halpin are provided the means to grow as individuals, thinkers, and leaders. Here, Halpin was exposed to new ideas, cultures, worldviews, and opportunities in the classroom, on and off campus, and through close relationships with faculty, including Religious Studies **Prof. Megan Adamson Sijapati**. Sijapati's First-Year Seminar, *Waging Peace: Religion and the World's Peacemakers*, exposed Halpin to an "entirely new world of experiences" and inspired her to major in religious studies.

"I had an interest in global studies and social justice, but it never crossed my mind to major in religious studies. However, Prof. Sijapati's class focused on the human experience through the lens of religion; it showed me that religion is so much more than just textual. I was exposed to new ideas and traditions that really opened my eyes," explained Halpin, who also majored in political science and minored in music. "That seminar was transformative and helped me move beyond my fear of going abroad. It inspired a desire to meet people, hear their stories, talk to them about their cultures, and really have an immersive learning experience."



Maggie Halpin '22 and Joanna Holleck '22 in Ramallah, Palestine

“Maggie is committed to helping improve conditions for people who are impacted most by structural inequalities and forms of violence and injustice,” Sijapati added. “Maggie’s work at Gettysburg as a religious studies major helped her develop skills in intercultural communication, critical analysis of cultural and social inequalities, and problem-solving in religious conflict settings.”

Galvanized by her first semester classes, Halpin immediately wanted to do more in the Gettysburg and global community. It felt like fate when she received an email after winter break saying that Sijapati had recommended her for a position within the Center for Public Service (CPS), which connects students and faculty with community-based work to foster social change.

...be an ally to and advocate on behalf of those who are already doing the hard work for themselves every day.

“The timing was miraculous,” said Halpin, who spent three and a half years working at CPS as a project coordinator for Project Gettysburg-León, a partnership between the borough of Gettysburg, Gettysburg College, and communities in and around the city of León, Nicaragua—a sister city to Gettysburg.

“I could tell that Maggie had a curious mind, and she was passionate about developing her knowledge base and expanding her worldview—and at the forefront of her interests were issues of social justice and social change,” Sijapati said.

Halpin’s work with CPS included educating the campus community about Nicaragua and its culture, promoting partnership events and guest speakers, and running Salsa on the Square. She said that her experience with Project Gettysburg-León, and her involvement

with CPS overall, was integral to her college experience, as was her decision to ultimately study abroad in Rabat, Morocco, where she gained a deep appreciation and interest in Islam and Arabic history and culture. While there, she also began learning Arabic and took part in Ramadan traditions.



ABOVE Maggie Halpin '22 at Esperanza, a CPS and Latin American Students' Association (LASA) event she helped run in 2021

BELOW Maggie Halpin '22 in Bethlehem, Palestine



After interning in Jordan the summer of her junior year, Halpin then applied for a CPS grant from the Mattson Summer Experience Fund for the following year to do social justice work in Palestine—a part of the world she had become passionate about through her religious studies and political science courses. Halpin’s application was approved, and she connected with the nonprofit Wi’am: The Palestinian Conflict Transformation Center, whose mission is to promote peace, justice, a culture

of acceptance, and reconciliation in the community. There, Halpin worked at a summer camp for approximately 50 school-aged children focused on promoting peace and helping them cope with stress and trauma, express emotions, adopt healthy life skills, build peer bonds, and have fun.

“There’s so much you can’t learn from books that you learn being in a place with its people—eating the food, exploring the culture, and in Palestine, seeing the border guards with machine guns, the roads that are restricted from Palestinian use, and a playground bucket full of empty tear gas canisters. Yet, you’re surrounded by so much beauty and joy in Palestine, and some of the most kind and generous people,” said Halpin, who feels strongly about championing Palestinian rights due to her education on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

From a first-year student who was frightened to leave the country to a graduate who has done meaningful work in the Middle East and Northern Africa—and soon in Asia—Halpin has demonstrated the power of a liberal arts and sciences education through her ability to gain perspective, make unforeseen connections, and go forth with the tools to improve the world in her own way.

“Gettysburg College and CPS taught me so much about social and global issues, how to better engage with these issues, and how to reflect on myself and my role in the world. Perhaps, most importantly, I was taught how to engage with communities in a way that is responsible and does not infringe or impose upon them,” said Halpin, who intends to continue working on global social justice issues after her fellowship in Laos. “Listen to what people and communities say they need—not what you think they need—and be an ally to and advocate on behalf of those who are already doing the hard work for themselves every day.” **G**

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CONNECTIONS

OUR LIVES TOGETHER STARTED JUNIOR YEAR. As we've gotten older, we still talk about how much fun we had at college. Knowing now that a big part of the "fun" was growing up, helping, and gaining teamwork skills, we were learning without even realizing it. We think about how lucky we were to find each other at Gettysburg and the lasting connections we made. Something special about the College pulled us both there. As students, we were always part of a collective experience. We believe that staying connected to each other and the College is just as important to alumni as it is to students.

WE REMEMBER THE BIG BOOK MOVE to the new Musselman Library. Originally, many of us were against building a new library, as it was going to be built in a favorite recreation spot—Stine Lake. But in the end, students from nearly every organization joined together for an all-encompassing, coordinated effort on campus to move the books across the quad from Schmucker Hall. Together, we accomplished in one day what would have taken professionals several days. Now we go back and look upon the library proudly: "We helped make this happen!"

J-TERM WAS THE MOST UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY for both of us. Where else could you take a modern dance class five days a week for one month with a famous choreographer? Or travel to Bermuda for a month of study while snorkeling at the then-Bermuda Biological Station? John was the lone business major among 29 science majors there! The classes were unforgettable.

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HE WHO GIVES WHILE HE LIVES, KNOWS WHERE IT GOES. We hope our involvement by working with our fellow classmates on reunion committees, and by giving back to Gettysburg, will help instill the same spirit of service in the next generation. Each time we go back to our reunions, we have the chance to meet current students and recent graduates. Of course, we are meeting students who are continuing the tradition of being involved—who Do Great Work.

JOHN '82 AND BETH MARTIN '82 CRITCHLEY

*Established the John and Elizabeth Critchley
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*John played soccer and is a proud
Alpha Chi Rho Brother*

*Beth was a tour guide, Orientation leader, and
member of Sigma Sigma Sigma*



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by Katelyn Silva



Andrew Dalton '19 grew up in Gettysburg walking the terrain, battlefield, and cemeteries teeming with historical tales. He also grew up around storytellers. His father was a journalist intrigued by unearthed accounts, while his grandfather was a farmer-carpenter who crafted and protected tales through his handiwork. Both instilled in Dalton their work ethic and a love for the power of storytelling.

“They helped me understand that good history is storytelling,” said Dalton.

Since he was young, Dalton has been enraptured by the Adams County Historical Society’s collection of more than a million historical artifacts. When he volunteered as a research assistant in high school—working on projects ranging from genealogy to the Battle of Gettysburg—he found his favorite artifact by accident. It was an original program from President Abraham Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address.

“No one knew that it was in our collection, and only a handful are known to exist,” he said.

Today, Dalton is the Society’s 25-year-old executive director and the force behind the \$10.5 million capital campaign to build a new home for the nonprofit organization. He never imagined that he’d become the youngest executive director in its 80-plus year history.

“I’m so lucky. I love this place, the people, and the mission,” said Dalton, who was appointed to the role in 2019. “If I’d never gone to Gettysburg, I’d never have had my internship at the Society, which turned into a job, which turned into becoming the executive director, which has allowed me to work on a project I’ve dreamed about for years.”



ABOVE Andrew Dalton '19 examines an artillery shell from the Civil War.

OPPOSITE PAGE Andrew Dalton '19 stands in the future site of the *Caught in the Crossfire* exhibit at the Gettysburg Beyond the Battlefield Museum.

While Dalton may have been surprised by his success, History **Prof. Michael J. Birkner '72, P'10**, his mentor and a former journalist, was not.

“Andrew combines a deep love of history—especially Adams County history—with a passion for sharing the county’s richly textured storyline,” Birkner said. “His vision for the future of the Adams County Historical Society and remarkable success in raising money to make this vision real exemplifies what makes him an outstanding public historian.”

COLLEGE CONNECTIONS

The Gettysburg battlefield—and Gettysburg College—has long been Dalton’s backyard. His mother, retired Political Science **Prof. Kathleen Iannello**, often brought him to campus, exposing him to the College’s and town’s rich history. His grandfather also worked part time as a clerk of the works, many times preserving the College’s history by overseeing construction and renovation projects on campus.

“This is a very special place,” Dalton said. “I owe everything to my family and this community, both of which are

intertwined with Gettysburg College—and will be forever.”

At age 16, when Dalton published his book “Beyond the Run: The Emanuel Harmon Farm at Gettysburg,” The Frederick News-Post disclosed the young author’s college aspirations: “He even hopes to go to Gettysburg College, so he doesn’t have to leave his battlefield and his research.”

That dream came true in 2015, when he enrolled at Gettysburg to pursue a career in historical storytelling—inspired by his familial ties, the professors he met along the way, and the late History **Prof. Charles H. Glatfelter '46**, who was the first executive director of the Society and author of “A Salutary Influence: Gettysburg College, 1832-1985.”

A history and political science double major and president of the College Democrats, Dalton honed many of his research and leadership skills at Gettysburg. As a 2016 grant recipient from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, he documented the history of campus buildings under Birkner’s guidance, creating an interactive campus map dating back to the construction of Pennsylvania Hall in 1836.

Interdisciplinary Studies **Prof. Ian Isberwood '00**, Anthropology and Classics **Prof. Benjamin Luley**, and Civil War Institute Associate Director **Jill Oglie Titus** were also instrumental in helping him develop a foundation in historical scholarship and research, and later lent their expertise as Dalton spearheaded the Society's new venture.

Three Gettysburg students—**Gus Brouillard '22**, **Autumn Menzock '23**, and **Alexander Remington '23**—even helped brainstorm the museum's design and exhibits when they were interns. Brouillard secured several donations for the campaign, Menzock cataloged artifacts, and Remington was later hired as the collections manager for the Society.

"I admire Andrew for his undying passion for history and preservation and his seemingly endless energy," said Remington. "He has accomplished a staggering feat."

PROTECTING HISTORY

Driven by the siren's call of untold stories, in 2019, Dalton launched the Lincoln Cemetery Community Database, a digital platform that documents the lives of the hundreds of Black men, women, and children buried at Lincoln Cemetery in the 19th and early 20th centuries, including 30 members of the U.S. Colored Troops who were denied burial in the Gettysburg National Cemetery due to segregation. Prior to this database, little to no information existed about many of these unmarked burials.

A year later, the fear of losing more priceless history sparked Dalton to give the Society a new home—and a new museum. The Victorian house on Springs Avenue housed a collection of irreplaceable artifacts that were in dire need of a climate-controlled and fireproof environment.

"We are Gettysburg and Adams County. We have one of the most remarkable stories of any place in this country," Dalton said. "It's imperative that we preserve this history."

To date, Dalton and his team, with the support of generous donors—alums including **David W. '85** and **Cynthia LeCompte '84 Salisbury P'15**, **David LeVan '68**, and others, have raised more than \$11 million—exceeding the initial goal—to build a 29,000-square-foot complex just north of the Gettysburg College campus.

"His enthusiasm is simultaneously inspiring and contagious, resonating well with donors and contractors alike," the Salisburys said. "It's even more magical to have a Gettysburg native, recent Gettysburg College graduate, local history buff, and author come together in one package to pull off a project only a hometown hero could."

The new building houses a research library where visitors can access Gettysburg's rarest holdings, including hundreds of civilian accounts from the Battle of Gettysburg and Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. It also features the new Gettysburg Beyond the Battle Museum, an education center, and an event space overlooking the battlefield.





OPPOSITE PAGE: TOP Antique chairs line the wall of the warehouse storing the artifacts and exhibits for the new museum.

MIDDLE Andrew Dalton '19 points out a bullet hole in a head board from the Civil War.

BOTTOM Andrew Dalton '19 sits amidst construction of the new Gettysburg Beyond the Battlefield Museum.

THIS PAGE: TOP Andrew Dalton '19 outside of the museum, which will also serve as the new Adams County Historical Society building.

BOTTOM Andrew Dalton '19 with one of the dinosaur prints discovered in the Gettysburg National Military Park.

“History is so much more than just names and dates on a page, and our job is to make history come alive,” said Dalton. “The new museum will allow people to connect with history in a more palpable way.”

The museum will feature 12 galleries of immersive exhibits that explore more than three centuries of American history in Gettysburg. Visitors can walk through the prehistoric era—with some of the rarest artifacts on display for the first time, including dinosaur footprints and a meteorite—and travel through time up to the Eisenhower years, exploring the founding of Gettysburg, the Underground Railroad, and the Civil War.

The main exhibit, *Caught in the Crossfire*, invites visitors to step inside a recreated Civil War-era home. Through sight, sound, and special effects, in collaboration with world-renowned historical novelist Jeff Shaara and a North Carolina media company, they can follow the harrowing ordeal of Gettysburg’s civilians, specifically one family who huddled in their cellar as bullets penetrated their walls.

“There is really nothing like this exhibit anywhere else,” said Dalton. “I think museums often soften the reality of how brutal this was for ordinary people. ... Until now, there’s never been a venue to tell the story of how this community witnessed some of the most unprecedented events in American history. It’s the human-interest side of Gettysburg, and we’re excited to fill an important void in the historical landscape.”

In 2020, award-winning documentarian Ken Burns also got wind of the capital campaign through filmmaker and Gettysburg native Jake Boritt, the son of *Gabor Boritt*, founder and emeritus director of the Civil War Institute. Burns, who has won 16 Emmy Awards and earned two Oscar nominations for his acclaimed historical documentaries, filmed an impassioned video in support of the campaign and then offered Gettysburg College its first-ever film festival dedicated solely to his work at the Majestic Theater. “Who Are We? A Festival Celebrating the Films of Ken Burns,” which took place Feb. 10-12, 2023, allowed Gettysburg students and the public to personally engage with Burns, his collaborators, and historians. Dalton was thrilled that Burns also stopped by for a private tour of the new museum.

“Preserving and sharing history needs to be a collaborative effort,” Dalton said. “I’m inspired by Ken Burns’ ability to connect with a broad audience using dramatic and emotional storytelling. This is the gold standard for how to do history.

“If anyone had told my 10-year-old self that one day I’d be working with people like Ken Burns and Jeff Shaara, I would’ve been ecstatic,” he continued. “My grandfather recently passed away at 94. He was so excited to watch the construction of our new history center. While he didn’t live to see it open, his presence drives me to continue to Do Great Work for this community.” **G**

The new Adams County Historical Society and its Gettysburg Beyond the Battle Museum will open in April 2023. Admission is free to all current Gettysburg College students. Visit www.achs-pa.org to learn more.

From León

How art can serve as a
universal language

with Love

by Kasey Varner '14

Photography by Greg Bowles





With white-trimmed double doors and four olive green walls of all-weather wood paneling, one adorned with watering cans and corn husks, the Painted Turtle Farm shed stands along the fence line of a three-quarter-acre community garden between the West Building and the College's Observatory. Since 2013, the farm has served an important role for nearly 30 families to address food justice.

It was clean and organized, but a common commodity for such an uncommon space.

Through a public mural project sponsored by Project Gettysburg-León (PGL), it has since been transformed. It is now a vibrant representation of the history, culture, and community of the growing immigrant population who have found a new home in Adams County, Pennsylvania, and use the Painted Turtle Farm to continue their agricultural traditions.

AN IDEA THAT INSPIRED INVOLVEMENT

In the 1980s, Gettysburg College began sponsoring educational trips to Nicaragua during the Sandinista-Contra conflict to better understand the challenges the nation faced. The resulting drive to provide assistance to neighborhoods in and around León, Nicaragua, brought PGL into existence in 1987.

Today, the sister-city partnership facilitates the mutual exchange of intercultural learning through the support of a number of organizations in the Gettysburg community, including the College's Center for Public Service (CPS).

However, after the COVID-19 pandemic halted travel, CPS Director **Jeffrey Rioux** had an idea. He wanted to maximize impact during the first Salsa on the Square in three years in September 2022—and a community art project was born.

PGL invited Nicaraguan artists Marlon Moreno and Allan Lindo Muñoz to Gettysburg for three weeks, meeting with families who have plots at the Painted Turtle Farm and students in Art and Art History **Prof. Austin Stiegemeier**'s class. Together, they used a community-based design process to bring the shed to life with murals that were meaningful to the community who use the space, including **Antoni Esquivias '25**.

Esquivias, a public policy and sociology double major and Spanish minor, was only four years old when his family immigrated to Biglerville, Pennsylvania from a small town near the Jalisco capital of Guadalajara, Mexico. His first introduction to Gettysburg College was through the Painted Turtle Farm when his parents **Maria Hernandez P'25** and **Monico Esquivias P'25** began cultivating a plot there. CPS was a major influencing factor when Esquivias decided to attend Gettysburg College and has been a defining aspect of his co-curricular experience, too.

"I love giving back to my community, and CPS is perfect for that goal," Antoni Esquivias said. "When we learned about the mural, we were really happy to hear how the community was going to be involved. It would allow us to show our community's hard work."

To better understand the connection with the people and the land that shape the community she lives in, **Adriana Quiñonez Solano '24**, a triple major in environmental studies, public policy, and Latin American, Caribbean, and Latino studies with a Spanish concentration, began volunteering at the farm as a first-year student in 2020.

"Over the past seven months that I've worked at the farm, the families and I have created a special bond," Quiñonez Solano said. "I have learned a lot about growing food, but most importantly the importance of community and being kind."

Capturing transformative connections through hands-on experience in public art was central for Stiegemeier.

"Students were able to see this project from conceptualization through to design and execution," Stiegemeier said. "The mural is an expression of the community, so we needed to meet the members of the community that this is supposed to represent."

THE STORIES BEHIND EACH PAINT STROKE

With papers, pencils, and markers at the ready, Moreno and Muñoz asked the families a simple question: What makes you happy when you come to the Painted Turtle Farm?

They spoke about the lives they left behind and the new ones they are building here.

They drew pictures of the vegetables they grow that make them feel connected to the food and the traditions of their home countries.

They shared the history and the culture they try to keep alive, as well as the history of the farm they lovingly refer to as “la tortuga,” which means turtle in Spanish.

They expressed their pride in working in the apple orchards dotting the landscape of Adams County—an important part of the economy for the county known as Apple Country, USA.

They were also united in their love of bold, bright colors and how it reminded them of their home—especially when surrounded by bleak Pennsylvania winters.

After reflecting on their responses, Moreno and Muñoz shared a preliminary mockup with the families and Stiegemeier’s Intermediate Painting class. Each wall had its own theme with distinct visuals: apple orchards, an exchange of fresh produce, the farm’s namesake turtle, and flowers made out of handprints.

Once each wall got its seal of approval, the artists—aided by Gettysburg art students and other members of the community—got to work priming, sketching, and painting.

The shed doors are embellished with bright sunflowers and marigolds, symbolizing the rich history and natural beauty of Central America. Other nods to their history included Mayan pyramids, las calaveras associated with the Day of the Dead and their generations of ancestors and monarch butterflies that can be found in all seven countries of Central America and are also the adopted symbol of migration.



TOP Shed prior to painting **MIDDLE** Marlon Moreno working with Monica Esquivias, the sister of Antoni Esquivias '25, to use handprints as flowers on the mural. **BOTTOM** Allan Muñoz (center) working with Dalila Weismantle '25 (far) and Amanda Fowler '22 (near) from Prof. Stiegemeier's painting class.

Closer to home, you can see the apples that Adams County is known for, as well as an outline of the Glatfelter Hall bell tower peeking out over verdant green fields being plowed by honorary degree recipient Karl Mattson, past PGL president, CPS founder, and longtime College chaplain.

The new design serves as a visual extension of the community that utilizes the space. Quiñonez Solano noted how it captures their values and its welcoming environment. For Stiegemeier, it facilitates a sense of place and importance. Each person who uses the farm has something unique they connect with, too.

“I love the design of the older hands giving the young hands the vegetables,” Hernandez said. “It represents the passage of not only food but also information.”

“We feel a lot of happiness because we can leave some of our memories and our reasons for loving the farm,” Monico Esquivias added. “This is a sort of legacy for our new generations, our kids, and the other kids at the farm.”

A COMMUNITY OF LEARNING AND FRIENDSHIP

During their visit, it was just as important for Moreno and Muñoz to bring the community together as it was to educate its members about their homeland and the power of art.

Together, through the experimentation of colors, they taught Stiegemeier’s students the *primitivista* painting style, which is unique to sweeping landscapes and diverse flora and fauna of Nicaragua. They also shared their murals that grace the streets of León, discussing how public art connects the past and present through shared space, as each mural depicts their communities, providing meaningful representation for those who live there. Moreno and Muñoz then guided members of the Gettysburg community in the creation of a famed sawdust carpet during Salsa on the Square.

“Salsa on the Square is a celebration of friendship,” Moreno said. “There is so much richness in that night as the town comes together to show how they value the many different cultures in their community.”

These three weeks provided students with a chance to explore new cultures, reflect on its influence on individual identity, and better understand the cultural influences on their own lives. They also had the opportunity to question the representation of communities in public spaces. At its heart, they learned about the stories we choose to tell and the stories that have been overlooked.


“Murals convey stories to a public audience,” Rioux said. “Immigrants in this country often have their stories told for them by others. This project is powerful because it allowed families who are integral to our community to tell their own stories.”

Stiegemeier hopes that connecting with Moreno and Muñoz encouraged his students to reflect on the privilege they have to study art, as well as exposing them to impactful artistic careers.

“Art is consequential to our society,” Stiegemeier said. “There is a swing in education to focus on what is considered a practical degree, but it’s important to show students that art can provide many different pathways to a viable career, too. Once they find their niche and figure out how they want to operate, they can have a viable career, impact people’s lives, and inspire communities.”

For the artists and PGL, this public mural represents something much greater than the artwork itself. It can serve as a stepping stone to show the significance of public artwork and spark a renaissance in Gettysburg—one that transforms its downtown with murals that tell the story beyond the battlefield, showcasing the thriving and multicultural space it is today.

“We want to make this part of the future of Gettysburg,” said Greg Bowles, PGL’s in-country director. “The whole reason for PGL to exist is the chance to share culture and experience of life between two very different places. One way we can do that is through public art.”

“Our hope,” Moreno added, “is to open those doors wider to show a different perspective of the story of Gettysburg and the values it holds to the people who live there and the tourists who visit every year.” 

THIS PAGE, RIGHT *This mural is representative of the families’ pride in working in the apple orchards dotting the landscape of Adams County.*

MIDDLE *Members of the Center for Public Service review the artists’ mural design ideas. From left to right: Jeff Rioux, Grace Bushway ’21, Antoni Esquivias ’25, and Brenda Reyes-Lua.*

BOTTOM *Marlon Moreno discusses the community design process to Prof. Austin Stiegemeier’s Intermediate Painting students.*

OPPOSITE PAGE *Allan Muñoz (left) and Marlon Moreno (right)*







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THE TREASURED TOOL OF TODAY'S MEDIA LANDSCAPE

JUST

Leveraging the pillar of a liberal arts and sciences education—critical thinking—to find truth and balance amid the buzz

by Molly Pavlovich

Gathering around the muted glow of a household box television in the living room, all watch with keen curiosity the 6 p.m. evening news. Maybe it's CBS, ABC, or NBC—Walter Cronkite, Howard Smith, Garrick Utley, or the like.

The next morning, a cup of piping hot black coffee is familiar company to the local newspaper that leaves an inky print on fingers as they turn from the national news section to hometown happenings, comics, opinions, and the classifieds.

It's the 1970s, and during this snapshot in time, families relied on a handful of reporters to be their main source of information—to speak into the current affairs that affected them and the world, from Vietnam back to the United States.

This is how the executive director of the Gettysburg College Eisenhower Institute, **Tracie Potts**—who went on to work more than two decades as a Washington, D.C., correspondent for NBC News beginning in the early 2000s—and many others born in the years leading up to the digital revolution remember news and media in their early days.

It was a daily ritual, a shared experience, and one that you could turn on and off, easily, with the click of a remote button or by folding up the paper. And once you were finished watching the newscast or reading it in print, you did just this, waiting until the following day brought a new flow of news.

“One of the most common and routine findings in political science is that our political socialization begins in the household where we're raised,” said Political Science **Prof. Scott Boddery**. “This is one of the first footholds into media literacy, beyond classrooms, that have an incredibly important impact on the perspectives of young people.”

Today, it's the touch screen of a cell phone that's at the tip of our fidgeting fingers, not ink. The vast majority—from young children to teenagers and adults—carry the world in their pockets, everywhere, and they rarely turn it off.

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Buzz: A friend liked your latest Instagram post.

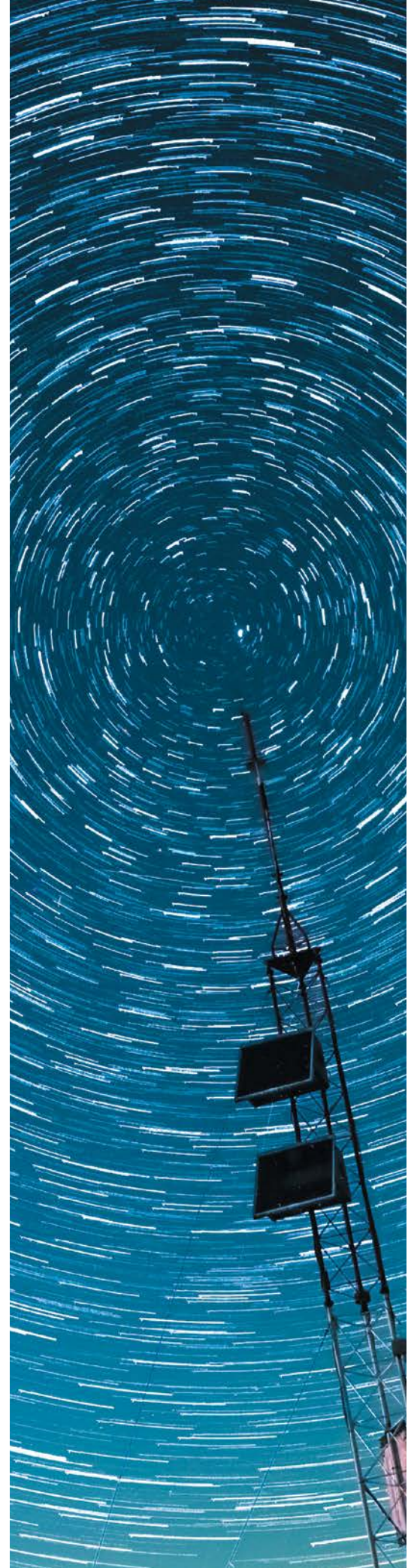
Buzz: Politicians share their take on last night's debate.

Buzz: Hollywood's most beloved couple announces their separation.

Buzz...

“The idea that there's a figure like Walter Cronkite whom the nation could tune into all at once and trust what was being delivered is no longer the landscape in which we're living,” said **Scott Sauer '87**, who serves as the vice president of partnerships at PBS Distribution, and much like Potts, has worked for more than 30 years in media.

“From the '90s to the early 2000s, we went from basic reporting to the 24/7 news cycle that social media created,” Potts said. “Now, everyone has the ability to share information with the world on their platforms, without always providing the context that a good, trained reporter should. That makes it really hard for people to understand what they're getting—facts or misinformation.”



LIVING IN A WORLD OF 24/7 NEWS

Few will forget March 2020 in their lifetime. Stuck in the confines of their homes, many deeply depended on their smartphones to both stay up to date on COVID-19's daily developments—as historic unknowns unfolded in real time—and escape reality through the creativity and community that social media offered.

TikTok and meme culture saw an uptick in popularity as teens and older adults alike shimmied to catchy song lyrics and shared laughs. Simultaneously, information and misinformation were running nearly as rampant as the COVID-19 virus.

Similar to the cartoon spreads that cartoonist for The New Yorker and The Boston Globe **Christopher Weyant '89** remembers enjoying in traditional newspapers decades ago, during recent years, entertainment has been intermingling with information in a modern setting. Unlike newspapers, however, the wide spectrum of fun, fact, and fiction is served to individuals based upon their interactions with it.

The more users engage with a particular type of content, the more related content they receive. *Pro-vaccine or anti-vaccine? Pro-choice or pro-life? Gun rights or gun control?* The list of divisive questions fed by filter bubbles can go on and on, relating to COVID-19, politics, and everything in between.

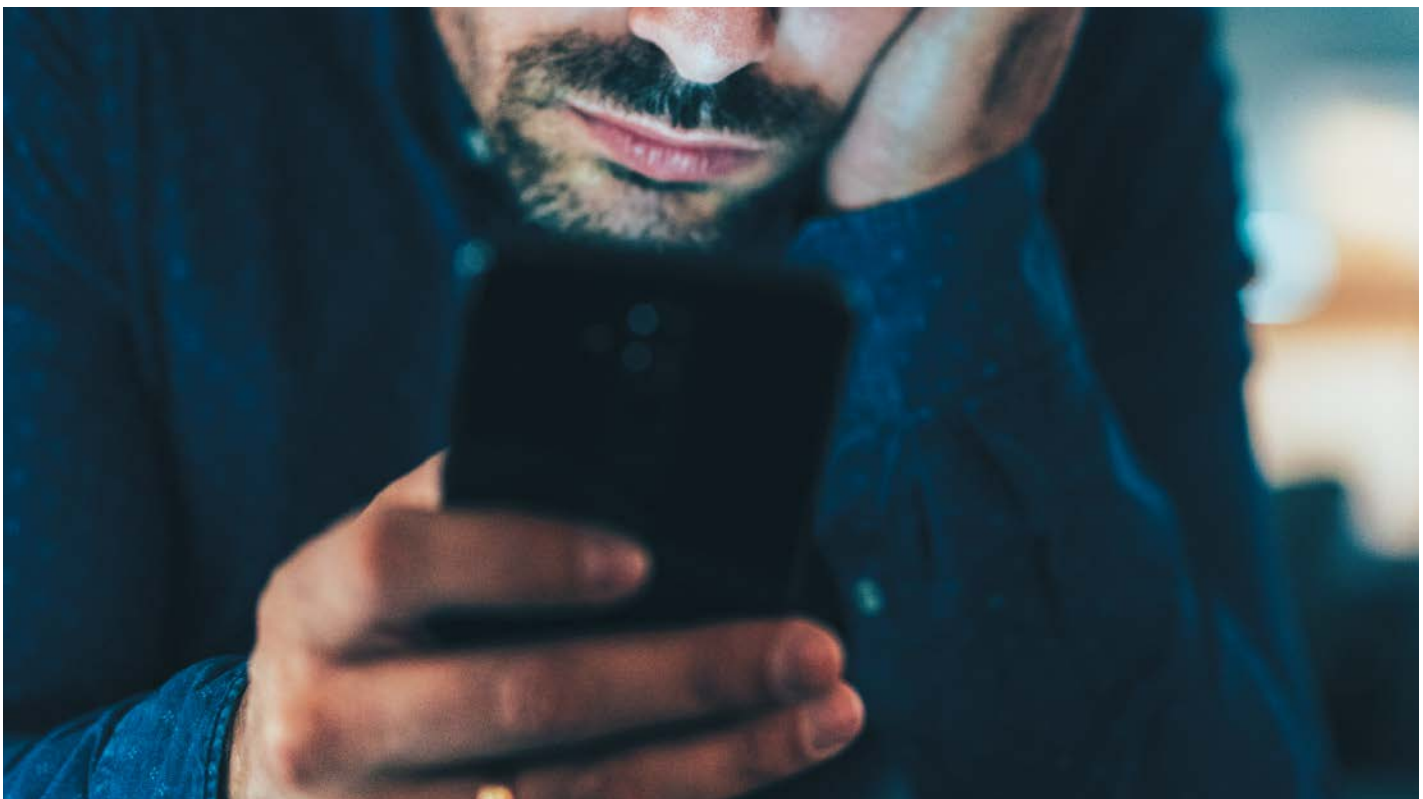
“What we’re seeing with the modern media environment is what’s called media fragmentation. Not only is it constantly available to us, but there’s a plethora of choices. And the choices are extraordinarily serving a niche audience or speaking with a pretty precise voice and perspective,” Boddery said. “This really isn’t a great thing because as we select only the news we want, we become less thoughtful in what we’re reading, and this can create an echo chamber where information that we disagree with is silenced completely.”

Sociology **Prof. Alecea Standlee**, who specializes in teaching and research in the areas of gender, social theory, sociology of technology, and social inequality, encourages her students to think about the stories media is telling them and how they might be different if they had different algorithmic patterns devoid of information silos or “filter bubbles.” Furthermore, she asks them, *How might the story change if you were consuming it through an alternative form of media or news outlet?*

“People like to see people who are like them, who share their characteristics, and who share their beliefs. That makes them feel comfortable and happy, and comfortable and happy people spend more time engaged with the media,” Standlee said. “We have to get people to understand the motivation behind media—that media is trying to get their attention, and what they’re seeing on their feeds isn’t random. What they’re seeing is filtered... whether it be photos on Instagram, biased information, or content and advertisements served to them based upon what they’re interacting with online.”

Standlee continued by saying that no technology is entirely good or entirely bad. By having round-the-clock access to media—both for consuming and creating—individuals have access to the world’s knowledge, wonders, and challenges, a platform to which they can share their voice and creativity, engage in discord, and find community, all of which are innately fruitful. But in the wrong hands, people can fall into the trap of misinformation and alienation, losing trust in and losing sight of the true value of media.

“I implore people to read, research, think, and participate,” Weyant said. “To do so is what makes the digital world a valuable one.”





FINDING TRUTH, BALANCE AMID THE BUZZ

Our founding fathers were well aware of the need to have a free press—a marketplace of ideas, whether or not people agree with them. It’s why they penned it into the First Amendment.

“The underlying theory of a free press comes from the philosopher Condorcet who says that rationality and reason will win the day, *eventually*, but you need to let the debate happen. It takes time,” Boddery said. “Of course, the founding fathers would never have anticipated technology to be the way it is: the 24-hour news cycle and these apps on our phones that we’re carrying in our pockets. So, that adds a layer of complexity to this amendment.”

Navigating this marketplace of ideas isn’t for the faint of mind or heart. It takes sharp critical thinking skills, practice, and sometimes a little help from trusted resources like Musselman Library’s Research, Instruction, and Information Literacy Librarian *Clinton Baugess*, who offers one-on-one information literacy guidance to students, faculty, and staff.

“Libraries are no longer just big buildings that hold a bunch of books, but they truly help people identify the roots of information, where it comes from, and what information you can trust,” said Standlee, who encourages her students to utilize Musselman Library’s wealth of knowledge and resources for digital literacy development. “And trust—as it relates to information—I think, is perhaps the most important tool of the 21st century.”

While the development of these tools of the times often begin at home and are further nurtured in academic settings, they remain ever-important, and they metamorphose with us through life as we navigate the abundant instances that demand critical thinking.


It’s this forward-looking approach that the liberal arts and sciences wrap their arms around and that Baugess too embraces wholeheartedly. He challenges and supports faculty in redesigning assignments so that students may engage with a variety of sources, read against algorithms, and practice the information literacy skills that will prepare them to be leaders in life.

“I want to empower students to be lifelong critical and careful consumers of information,” Baugess said. “But, I also want them to be creators of information, and to do that in a way that is ethical, no matter what that looks like in the future—to be conscious of the forces at work that may shape how people engage with that information, how people relate with each other, and how people make decisions.”

As written in the mission statement of The News Literacy Project, a nonpartisan national education nonprofit where *Kymerly Deane ’18* proudly works, “The practice of news literacy throughout American society [creates] better informed, more engaged, and more empowered individuals—and ultimately, a stronger democracy.”

Much like Baugess, Boddery, Potts, Standlee, and countless other educators at Gettysburg College and across the globe, The News Literacy Project is committed to helping the public better understand the news.

The News Literacy Project works with teachers and journalists to ensure that students are equipped with the skills needed to discern fact from fiction and that they know what information and sources to trust by taking advantage of free online resources like Checkology—for which Potts teaches one of the many digital lessons available. A longtime champion of this nonprofit’s work, Potts also sits on its National Leadership Council.



“To be a good citizen and an active participant in our communities and civic lives, we need to distinguish fact from fiction because we are taking that information and using it to make important decisions in our lives—and those decisions affect our community and country,” said Deane, manager of donor engagement for The News Literacy Project. “People with strong news literacy skills are armed with the facts to make important decisions, vote responsibly, and rally for transformational causes. It’s an investment into the future.”

LEADING THE WAY THROUGH THE UNKNOWN

Aristotle once said, “The more you know, the more you know you don’t know.” In many ways, the same is true for media and its abundance. There are no longer just two sides to a story if you are curious enough to seek them out. And, Gettysburgians often do.

“When you come from a liberal arts and sciences background like Gettysburg, you’re given the groundwork and desire to explore different viewpoints, cultures, and thought processes,” Sauer said. “I think that sparks a natural, lifelong curiosity.”

For the curious, there’s no finish line for learning more about the world—rather than accepting things at face value, they engage, dialogue, dig, and seek to truly understand the truth. When this way of thinking and living is embraced wholeheartedly, in how media is consumed and otherwise, it has the power to create ripples.

“The best thing that people do, who want others to broaden their horizons and take a more expansive view of the world, is to demonstrate to others that it’s an iterative, ongoing process that they’re engaged in as well,” said **Ben Pontz ’20**, who was editor-in-chief of *The Gettysburgian* and is on target to earn his J.D. from Harvard in 2024. “If the education of Gettysburg College has done its job, it has revealed that you don’t have all the answers, but you can ask better questions to try to learn what those answers are.”

While it may not be known how exactly the media will look decades from now, wherever the metaverse will take us, it’s generally agreed that it’s never going to stay exactly where it is for long—for better or for worse. However, what is bound to transcend the times is a need for information, a desire for truth, and the pillar of the liberal arts and sciences: a capacity for critical thinking.

“The skills that I’m hoping students develop and the concepts that they understand will transfer into their lives after Gettysburg, even when a grade is no longer on the line—the same careful reading, thoughtful thinking, and the larger value of lifelong learning,” Baugess said. “These skills will position them to lead the way through the unknown—counter the extremes, the divisions, and the distrust—as future designers of algorithms. They will have the foundation and the power to mold, reshape, and transform the trajectory of media in the years to come.” **G**

ANNE S. DOUDS

by Phoebe Doscher '22

“I live for those who love me, for those who know me true; for the heaven that smiles above me and awaits my spirit too. For the cause that lacks assistance, for the wrong that needs resistance, for the future in the distance, and the good that I can do.”

— George Linnaeus Banks

This is the mantra that Public Policy *Chair Anne S. Douds* lives by. Inspired by the late U.S. Representative John Lewis, her former mentor and boss who displayed the Serenity Prayer in his district office, she spends each day working to achieve “the good that [she] can do.” Now, 30 years into her career, first as a practicing attorney and later as a professor, she’s done all that and more.

Born and raised in Atlanta, Georgia, during the 1970s, Douds grew up at the center of social movements. She attended one of the first fully integrated elementary schools and watched activists coalesce to fight for civil rights.

“I felt like I was in this sort of incubator for activism since I was a little kid,” she recalled.

With this upbringing, she felt a connection to politics. She studied political science at Duke University and took a job on Capitol Hill as a legislative correspondent upon graduating. Soon, she realized she was more passionate about constituent services and working directly with individuals on a grassroots level, which led her toward a legal career.

“Based on my childhood experiences with a variety of civil rights issues, I knew that I wanted to pursue what we now call impact litigation, where you’re using the law to achieve social change,” she reflected.

Douds enrolled at the Emory University School of Law, during which time she worked a myriad of jobs, including clerking for a law firm and serving as an intern at a legal clinic for the homeless. Before leaving Atlanta, she worked in the U.S. Attorney’s Office in the asset forfeiture division. During that time, she met her husband Doug, a Marine fighter pilot. The newly married couple moved to Florida, where he was stationed, and she took a job at a law firm doing insurance defense.



LEFT Student Senate President Miranda Zamora '23 presenting Prof. Anne S. Douds with The Dr. Ralph Cavaliere Endowed Teaching Award at Fall Honors Day 2022

“It took me a little time to figure out that was not a good fit for me,” Douds explained. “I prefer to be on the plaintiff side of things and [represent] people who had been wronged.”

Her husband’s next relocation to an air base in Beaufort, South Carolina, brought her closer to her passion. She spent the following 15 years practicing law, first as an associate in a law firm and later as a managing partner at a firm she started with colleagues, working on civil and criminal cases from construction litigation and custody battles to death penalty defense. During that time, she also served three years as a probate court judge.

“I definitely saw the direct impact of what I did,” she said. “But, it’s hard to keep up that level of energy and passion without having it impact you as well.”



Prof. Anne S. Douds with her husband and son

At home, she and her husband decided to start a family, giving birth to a son, and adopting another while Doug was deployed overseas for months at a time. Douds then took a step back to focus on her family and felt an urge to get to the root of the problems she saw repeatedly during her law career—a doctorate in public policy felt like the right next step.

The Douds family relocated again to Washington, D.C., where she enrolled at George Mason University and Doug started working at the Pentagon. During and after graduate school, she consulted for many government agencies, including the Department of Justice.



Prof. Anne S. Douds’ Intro to Public Policy students visiting Washington, D.C., in 2022

After she received her doctorate, she and her husband considered another move. They searched for a close-knit community near D.C. with a solid school district and support for their adopted son who has special needs. The town of Gettysburg checked all the boxes, and they relocated in 2009. Douds continued to work in D.C. and as a lecturer in the local area—until she heard about an open teaching position in the Public Policy Department at Gettysburg College. She was hired in 2018.

“I felt that if I could get that job and run that department, I would do that for the rest of my life,” she said. “My entire career I’ve always also been an adjunct [instructor]. I’ve always loved teaching.”

It was then Douds hit her stride in her “second half.” In addition to being named chair of the department, she became the faculty lead for the Eisenhower Institute’s Women and Leadership program. Douds has received faculty awards, including The Dr. Ralph Cavaliere Endowed Teaching Award in 2022, and co-authored articles with students. She works with local organizations, like Adams County Children’s Advocacy Center, and sponsors refugees. Although she’s no longer a practicing attorney, she still does pro-bono consulting work. After 30 years, Douds feels empowered to have discovered a second career she’s passionate about.

“There’s no question in my mind anymore about what I want to do,” she said. “I’ve joked saying it’s my midlife crisis. But no, it’s my midlife celebration.”

14

publications co-authored with Gettysburg students

20

years as a practicing attorney

32

times she’s performed in the ballet Tarantella

54

refugees she’s sponsored coming to the United States

56

Nancy Drew books read

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF THE GETTYSBURGIAN

by Phoebe Doscher '22

Former Gettysburgian editor-in-chief (May 2021-May 2022)

At a time in our history when the global, national, and local climate is constantly changing, accessing the most up-to-date, objective, quality sources of news is of the utmost importance. When news is at our fingertips, notifications stream in daily, even hourly, alerting us of the latest developments that impact our politics, climate, and lifestyles.

At Gettysburg College, one organization on campus has spent 125 years dedicated to informing the community with quality student-run journalism—The Gettysburgian.

What began in 1897 as a pursuit to keep alumni in touch with their alma mater as “the representative and official organ of the institution” has since advanced, as the College has grown and the publication’s audience expanded.

By the early 1900s, the publication established itself as a voice of the students. Editors covered campus events, but also implored students to vote, to keep the campus clean, and to pay attention in class. Today, The Gettysburgian staff continues to keep their fingers on the pulse of campus and cover issues that matter to students.

“Independent student-run journalism is impactful in the sense that we’re close to our readers because we are them,” current Editor-in-Chief **Katie Oglesby '23** said. “We sit next to our readers in classes, we play on the same sports teams as them, we work with them side-by-side, and that means we know intimately what

students are thinking about and how they are reacting to issues.”

The award-winning student-run campus newspaper has evolved with the nation over the course of its 125-year history. Students reported on the tenures of 12 College presidents, wars and elections, visits to campus by prominent figures, and, most recently, the COVID-19 pandemic.

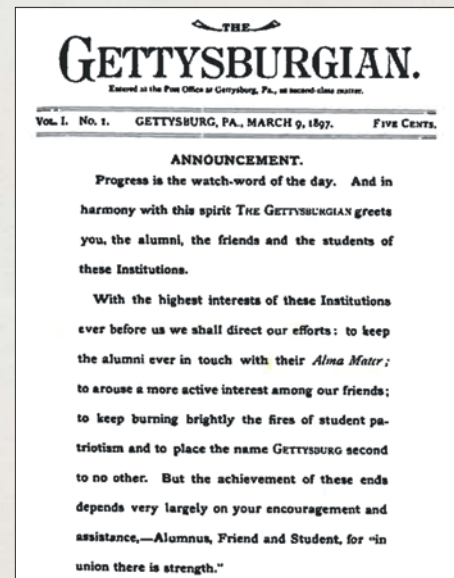
“Everyone on the staff was plugged into the various activities and news on the campus. In my senior year, opposition to the Vietnam War was growing, and we had some stories in the paper about that. We tried to cover what was going on in the outside world as well as what was happening on the campus,” said former managing editor **Janet Stavropoulos '67**.

Over time, the newspaper also underwent structural changes. In 2019, the staff updated from a newspaper to a magazine, while maintaining a website and updating social media daily. The widespread readership among students, faculty, staff, and alumni remains unchanged in its history.

“The Gettysburgian was the training ground where I learned many of the skills I use today at Cornell University: leading a team; working with students, faculty, and staff; planning ahead—but having contingency plans—and working through crisis,” said **Robin Roger '02**, assistant dean for communications at Cornell University’s College of Human Ecology.

“Those lessons were never more important than in the fall of my senior year. On 9/11, it felt like the world was falling apart. The staff pulled together to help our audience process a life-defining attack, a nation at war, and the loss of our collective innocence. For the current staff, that defining moment may be the pandemic. I hope one day they’ll look back on this moment as a source of personal growth, battle-tested resilience, and dedication to telling the story.”

All along, the longest-running campus organization has retained its independence and continues to be a student-driven source of campus news—a bearer of Gettysburg College history. **G**



The first issue of The Gettysburgian in 1897

1933

The Gettysburgian publishes reactions to the rise of Adolf Hitler. Other topics at this time included the Treaty of Versailles, communism, Prohibition, the New Deal, progressivism, and jazz.

Discuss Effect Of Hitler Upon World Affairs

Julian B. Graham, '36, conducted a discussion on Hitlerism at a meeting of the Foreign Relations club in the History rooms of Glatfelter Hill last night.

After he had briefly outlined the history of Germany in modern times and had told of the life of Hitler and of the Chancellor's rise into power, Graham described at some length the effect of Hitlerism on world affairs of to-day. He considered especially the influx of the Nazi influence into Austria, the problem of the Jews in Germany, and the foreign policy of the Hitler government.

An open discussion of the subject followed during the latter part of the meeting. The organization will next convene on December 6, when Samuel A. Schreckengast, '35, will lead in a consideration of the disarmament conference.

1980

The front page of The Gettysburgian displays presidential candidate Reagan's landslide victory over incumbent Jimmy Carter. An informal campus survey showed that students favored Reagan.



2019

The Gettysburgian transitions to a monthly magazine, marking the first substantial design overhaul and departure from standard newspaper format. Six months later, The Gettysburgian paused its print publication for nearly a year due to the COVID-19 pandemic but continued to publish articles online.



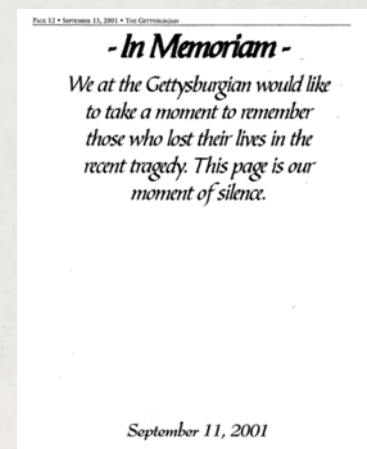
1969

The coverage in The Gettysburgian begins to reflect the unrest of the nation. Reporting about campus events waned as the newspaper featured stories about the Vietnam War, critiqued administration, trustees, and faculty, and included more letters to the editor. At this time, Gettysburg College President Carl Hanson strongly supported independent, student-run journalism and opposed any censorship of the paper.



2001

The Gettysburgian reports on the September 11 attacks. Coverage included opinions reflecting on the emotional toll of the tragedy, stories on lectures about terrorism, and campus events to provide the College community with support. The Gettysburgian also honored the alumnus who survived the attacks, *John Schmittle '01*, and the three alumni who died: *Tim Betterly '81*, *P'12*, *P'15*, *Joe Hasson '89*, and *Doug DiStefano '99*.



BULLETINS

APRIL 5-6

Gettysburgives Challenge

APRIL 7

Founder's Day

MAY 12-13

*Commencement Weekend for
the Class of 2023*

MAY 17-24

Trip to Kenya

MAY 31

*Final day to make a gift for the
2023 fund year*

JUNE 1-4

*Alumni College and Reunion Weekend
(Celebrating classes ending in 3 and 8:
1953-2008)*

JUNE 2

Orange & Blue Golf Classic

JUNE 2-9

Trip to Greece

JULY-AUGUST

Welcome Gatherings for New Families

AUGUST 28

Opening Day

OCTOBER 13-15

*Homecoming & BOLD Reunion
Weekend*

OCTOBER 27-29

Family Weekend

Dates are subject to change. Please visit www.gettysburg.edu for the latest event details.

CANDIDATES FOR HONORARY DEGREES

**DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 1, 2023,
FOR 2025 COMMENCEMENT**

Honorary degrees are awarded to individuals whose achievements are well-documented, have lasted over time, and will have an inspirational impact on others, especially our students. The nomination form and guidelines are available at gettysburg.edu/honorarydegrees. If you have any questions, you may email HonoraryDegreeNominations@gettysburg.edu.

NOMINATIONS TO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DEADLINE: MARCH 10, 2023

Alumni Association Board of Directors share a close connection to the College and provide leadership and representation for all alumni. Send your nominations—including self nominations—to alumni director *Joe Lynch '85* at jlynch@gettysburg.edu or 717-337-6522.

CLASS NOTES

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1952

Margaret (Blanchard) Curtis served as the “parade leader” at Reunion Weekend in June, representing the Class of 1952 as the “most senior” alumna in attendance for the weekend. She was the lone member of the 70th Reunion class who was back for the occasion and received a standing ovation from the crowd of hundreds in the CUB Ballroom as she walked down the aisle and was greeted by President Iuliano. Margaret, a trustee emerita who served on the Board from 1979-1991 and 20 years ago received the Lavern Brenneman Award for a lifetime of service to Gettysburg, lives about a mile from campus at SpiriTrust Lutheran, The Village at Gettysburg. She also attended the Cupola Society Reception at the President’s House on the Friday evening of Reunion Weekend.

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Congratulations to **Henry “Hank” Lush** of Galeton, PA, for celebrating his 60th year as

National Service Weather Coordinator for his area of Pennsylvania! Hank also finds time to be active in the Gale Foundation, church, and Rotary. Good wishes for **Alan Gregson Comery** as he gets along with a new pacemaker. His granddaughter, Kiera, married in September. **Nancy Penniman Young** is off on another trip. She writes, “At age 90, I am headed for a National Geographic cruise by way of Columbia to the Panama Canal. My daughter will join me. I will probably be the oldest one on the trip.” Safe travels! We look forward to hearing about your adventures in our next Class Notes. **Carolyn Hutt Hunt** has been living in Freedom Village, a retirement community in West Brandywine, PA, for 12 years. She has enjoyed being in the choir of the Calvary Lutheran Church of West Chester, and she has fond memories of being in the Gettysburg College Choir. She enjoys spending time in her summer home in the Catskills, in a home built by her grandfather. I am sorry to report the following obituaries. Our condolences to the families. **Ruth Davis Spellman** of Wanaque Reserve, Wanaque, NJ, was “the ultimate volunteer” for various civic, community, political, and religious organizations and won numerous awards during her lifetime. She was a voracious reader and belonged to two book clubs and several bridge groups. She took and taught continuing education classes through the Center for Lifelong Learning. She was a Phi Mu. She is survived by five children and nine

grandchildren. **Marion Stroehmann Waldeisen** of Loyalsock Township, PA, was a social worker, a member of the Junior League, and AAUW Woman of the Year. She was a member of Delta Gamma and is survived by four children, six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. **James Robert “Bob” Wingert Jr.** of New Oxford, PA, served in the 101st Airborne Division of the U.S. Army from 1954-1956, after which he had a career in personnel and labor relations, serving as corporate director of human resources at Dentsply International until his retirement in 1995. He is survived by three sons, a daughter, and nine grandchildren. The **Rev. Dr. Phillip A. Lynch** of Lancaster, PA: Following graduation from Gettysburg College, he was ordained from the Lutheran Theological Seminary (now United Lutheran Seminary) at Philadelphia. He then earned a master’s degree in educational psychology from Rutgers and a doctorate of ministry from the Lancaster Theological Seminary. He served several congregations in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. He was active in the community and served on synodical and conference committees. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, two sons, a daughter, and six grandchildren.

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“Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.” Many of us have reached that point. Nine members of our class had that privilege until they passed. **Thomas Michael Kostelac** passed away on March 24, 2022. Tom had retired from the U.S. Air Force. He and his wife were owners of Winfield River Edge Campground in Winfield, PA. Tom’s wife Marie predeceased him. Survivors include daughters Dominique and Darlene, and sons Michael and Thomas. **Josephine “Josie” Hajjar Ross** died April 24, 2022, in Dauphin, PA. Josie was a special ed teacher at Upper Merion High School for 30 years. Her husband Richard predeceased her. Survivors include stepdaughters Stephanie, Valerie, and Letitia, and her brother Albert. **Quentin Lengel** died on June 29, 2022. Quent worked at DuPont for 42 years, including several management positions. He and his wife Betsy resided in Wilmington, DE. Survivors include his wife; sons David, Bob, and Eric; sisters Irene and Lucille; a granddaughter, and six grandsons. **William Ronald Fearer** passed away July 8, 2022, in Chambersburg, PA. Ron shepherded congregations in Hagerstown and Emmitsburg, MD. In the latter, he led an ecumenical movement that resulted in the formation of the local council of churches. His wife Clover Jean predeceased him. Survivors include his son Daniel, daughter Ronda, nine grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. **Robert “Poppy” Roberto** passed away on August 6, 2022. He played football at G’burg and was nominated as an All-American player. Roberto had a successful real estate business and enjoyed attending his sons’ Pop Warner practices. Survivors include his wife of 65 years, Patricia, daughters Cheryl and Leigh, sons Robby and JV Roberto, and nine grandchildren. **John D. Augustine** died on Aug. 22, 2022. Following graduation, he served in the military and was stationed in Germany as a cryptographer. Jack was later employed by

SSA for more than 40 years. He volunteered at Gettysburg National Military Park, became a licensed battlefield guide, and was part of several reenactment groups. Jack is survived by his wife of 61 years, Nancy; a daughter, Betsy; and a son, John. **George Frederick Haase** passed away on Oct. 9, 2022. After moving to Williamsburg and Yorktown, George was employed as educator, counselor, and coach with the York County Public Schools. Over the years, he volunteered and coached football, wrestling, and summer swimming instruction. George was preceded in death by his wife of 66 years, Beverly Jean. Survivors include daughters Denni Bushong and Chris Love, five grandchildren, and two great-granddaughters. **Joanne Reese Kick** died on October 18 in Estero, FL. Before retiring, Joanne was coordinator for the retired and senior volunteer programs in Worcester, MA. She was an active member of Sweet Adelines International for more than 60 years and served on its board and as the international president. Survivors include her husband of 68 years, Ronald Kick ’53, daughters Allison Rich and Lauren Kick ’80, and son Ronald Jr.

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We’re sorry to report the passing last February of Pastor **Guy Mehl**, who was married to Nancy (Ortel) Mehl ’58 for 62 years. Guy served in the U.S. Army in Germany for two years following graduation, then returned to the Lutheran Theological Seminary (now United Lutheran Seminary) at Gettysburg, graduating in 1961. While pastoring parishes in White Plains, NY, and Mount Vernon, NY, from 1961 to 1968, he received a Master of Sacred Theology degree in religion and psychiatry from

Union Theological Seminary in New York. From 1968 to 1971, he was a counselor at the Princeton Church Career Center and moved in 1971 to Lancaster, PA, where he was association director and then director of the Mid-Atlantic Church Career Center. During his nearly 30 years in Lancaster—and after receiving a degree in psychology at Millersville University—he became a licensed psychologist in PA. During that time, he counseled hundreds of ecumenical candidates for the ministry and ministers and was published in numerous journals of psychology and religion. Following his first retirement, he served as the visitation pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lancaster for seven years. He is survived by Nancy, along with a son, daughter, and three grandchildren. Our sympathies go out to his family as we celebrate his well-lived life that was dedicated to serving others.

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Stuart Carswell was recognized as a “Senior with Attitude” by the Keene, NH, senior center. Their newsletter shows Stuart dressed in costume at a Thanksgiving meal and one of his oil paintings labeled “The Alps.” Other “selfies” show Stu at the opening of the center, its Fourth of July celebration, and one of him flashing a victory sign after participating in a Super Senior Charity Cancer Run. Stu finished last, but the group’s fundraising goal was met. Stu sends greetings and congratulations to all ’57 alums on our 65th graduation anniversary. Surely there have to be other “Seniors with Attitude”—let’s hear from you. Three classmates have succumbed to the ever-flowing stream that bears us all away. **Jerry Harrell** died in April 2022. He had a career in sports and was a varsity wrestler, football player, and a

member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon (SAE). Jerry served in the military for three years, taught math in Long Island, established wrestling programs, and coached high school teams. Six years ago, he was inducted into the NY Hall of Fame and the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in Stillwater, OK. Jerry married Carolyn Clausen '58. **M. Steven Piver** died in May 2022. A medical doctor, he became a world-renowned oncologist and one of the nation's top cancer surgeons. As a youth, he resolved to go to medical school after his father's untimely death. When comedian Gilda Radner battled ovarian cancer, he decided to study whether it was genetic. His work led to the creation of the Gilda Radner Familial Ovarian Cancer Registry and a collaboration with her husband, actor, and comedian Gene Wilder on "Gilda's Disease." Both efforts put a spotlight on detection and treatment of ovarian cancer. He graduated magna cum laude from G'burg, earned his medical degree from Temple U, served in the U.S. Air Force, and joined Roswell Park Memorial Institute in Buffalo, NY, in 1971 as associate chief of gynecologic oncology. His charity work and community service resulted in numerous honors. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Susan Myers, one son, and two daughters. **Wallace H. Van Dyke** of Boyertown, PA, died in May 2022. After graduation, he served in the U.S. Army Reserves for seven years. Wallace had a varied career and called many places and careers home: project engineer with Bethlehem Steel in Pottstown, PA, and MD; computer programmer for Rohm and Hass; managing consultant for Auerbach Consulting in Philadelphia; systems engineer for Grand Bank, architect and proprietor of The Best 18, a miniature golf course in FL that replicated greens from the best 18 golf courses in the United States; and a real estate broker from 1989 until his retirement in 2018. Wallace was passionate about golf (serving on the rules committee of the U.S. Golf Association), history (particularly the Civil War and the Lewis and Clark expedition), and classical music. Throughout their marriage, Wallace and his wife Mary enjoyed traveling, including places in the United States, Canada, and

Europe, and other cruises. He is survived by his wife, a daughter, and three sons.

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How nice it is to have good news items. **Bob Barkley's** grandson, Spencer Strider, is a pitcher for the Atlanta Braves. I was hoping Bob could enjoy having his grandson make history by being in the World Series. Bob shared a May 26, 2022, article from The Athletic by David O'Brien. **Kevin Thomas** is the longest-running movie critic at the same newspaper (the Los Angeles Times) in the history of American journalism—40 years on staff and nine years of freelancing. He received unexpected appreciation from director Quentin Tarantino, who wrote, "To Sir, with Love: An Appreciation of Kevin Thomas." It was slated to be included in a collection of Tarantino's writings published in October 2022. Like Kevin said, it's nice to get recognized, especially "late in life." He lives in Santa Monica, CA. **Guy Graybill** retired from teaching history and has authored several books available on Amazon. All but two are nonfiction. Here are a few titles to entice you: "Prohibition's Prince: The Bizarre Life of America's Millionaire Moonshiner" and "Henry Wharton Shoemaker: Scoundrel of the Susquehanna." Our condolences to the following classmates' families: **Ellen Billheimer Yarborough** called to say that her husband, Lee, passed away and she is moving to Maine to be closer to family. Alumni Relations will have her new address. Nancy Wahaus Drennen '59 wrote of the passing of her husband, **Bob Drennen**. They enjoyed a long, happy marriage in Suffern, NY, where he worked in public education and volunteered in his church and community. She mentioned good memories of times in Huber Hall with **Fran Haldeman**, **Margie Clayton**, and others when she was at G'burg. **Robert "Bob" L. Haar** went to G'burg on an ROTC scholarship before serving four years in the U.S. Air Force. He joked that

he "piloted a GSD"—a gray steel desk. He worked as a CPA and was active in professional groups, his church, and the G'burg Alumni Association. **Eleanor Louise Jones Wahl** lived an active life as a wife and an elementary school teacher while enjoying many hobbies of sewing, knitting, and creative needlework. She passed away in Naples, FL. **J. Sherrick Gilbert** had two interesting and diverse careers—one as a Presbyterian minister and the other as a fiduciary officer with Bank of America. He was a Florida resident for the past 26 years. **Donald L. Stein** was a native of York, PA, and married 48 years, with a successful career in labor relations and human resources management and involved in service to his church most of his life. **Rich Brunner** informed me of the passing of Dawn Burg Musser '59, as well as the passing of Alpha Tau Omega (ATO) brother **Bob Gordon Michael**. Rich does a great job of keeping up and informing his friends of recent events and milestones. It is heartwarming to know our fellow classmates were wonderful examples in making the world a better place. I hope you will look up their obituaries. As we get back to normal, I wish you all good health and hope to hear from each of you soon.

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Four years ago, I moved to a Quaker-sponsored continuing care retirement community, Medford Leas in Medford, NJ, which I love. It reminds me of my college years: lovely campus, great library, fitness centers, educational and musical programs, and meals. We survived the COVID-19 confinement well because our grounds include an arboretum with many outside walking trails. This year should be the 85th birthday for most of us, so I wish a happy, healthy birthday to all. Let us know where you are and what you are doing. I regret that we have lost some of our classmates: **Sandra (Amundsen) Dubpernell**, **Eugene B. (Gene) Keesler**,

John C. (Jack) Kellow, and **Bernard L. (Bernie) Langeluttig**.

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My apologies for no news in the last edition of GETTYSBURG College Magazine. I got a new computer, and it sent the Class Notes reminder to spam. I didn't check my spam folder (my bad) and, therefore, I did not see it. I now check spam regularly! I do have news now and appreciate everyone who shares with us. **Mike Reichgott** wrote that he stays connected to G'burg through the Hillel program, which has developed nicely. In addition, he submitted a short "memoir" to G'burg's Vietnam memory project and took part in the dedication of the Vietnam Memorial. Fun in Mike's life occurred when he moved to "emeritus" status at Albert Einstein College of Medicine and could spend most of his time teaching medical skills. He's finally getting to do whatever he wants and that's fun! **Pat Ness Smith** was instrumental in organizing our delayed 60th Reunion and shared the following information: "On Friday night, our class gathered at The Attic with the Class of 1962. It was an amazing evening of greeting classmates, wining, dining, and listening to music of the '50s and '60s. Saturday included the coalition, a luncheon in the dining hall, and class pictures. On Saturday evening, we met for dinner at Herr Tavern with the Class of '62 for an evening of fun and games. Our College staff, especially Joe

Lynch '85 and Marie D'Souza, did a superb job with the weekend events." Our committee will be discussing the idea of our class getting together every year in Gettysburg. Five years is too long to wait to get together again. Our thanks to **Doug Rockafellow** for his many years as class president and for the successful reunions that he spearheaded. Our sympathies to the families of **Ray Lee**, **Harriette "Kay" Coull**, **Robert Greenwood**, **Robert Grele**, and **Margaret "Marge" Grimaldi Christman**. If you are interested in receiving the obituaries, please contact me.

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Our 60th reunion was held in June 2022, and 33 classmates attended, also 10 to 15 non-alumni guests as well. I didn't attend, but I sent a questionnaire which **Holly Yohe** (MC) distributed for me. I'm including a few responses and will include more in the next edition of GETTYSBURG College Magazine. **Carol (Rotunda) Christ** lives in Lebanon, PA, on Fox Hill Farm. She and her husband, William, have two children and four grandchildren. They have traveled extensively over the years—Europe, India, Dubai, and Asia. Volunteering for the Lebanon County Historical Society and being treasurer of an investment club for the past 25 years keep her active in her retirement. **Karin (Anderson) Church** and her husband Gary '63 also live in Lebanon, PA. Karin received her MA in English and special ed. They have four children and two grandchildren. They, too, have traveled a great deal. Biking and hiking take up their retirement. What would she do differently after graduating? Karin would have become a graphic artist. Her advice to a graduating G'burg student: "Remember, dreams change!" **Terry (Conklin) Eshbach** and husband Warren '61 live in Mechanicsburg,

PA, and have three children and nine grandchildren. What would Terry do differently? Work in music therapy and social services. **Art Wedra** lives in Moline, IL, and has five children and seven grandchildren—all boys! Art spent most of his adult life in the service, including Vietnam, where he earned the Bronze Star. He served on numerous Strategic Air Command (SAC) bases, on an ICBM crew (Titan 1) in Colorado, and on research and development at Tactical Air Force Center at Eglin Air Force B. He now spends his retirement involved in his church and following Philly sports teams. What would be his different path after graduating? Aquaculture and farming. **Pete Yingling** lives in Gettysburg and has hosted get-togethers at reunion time in his lovely home. He has three children and eight grandchildren. Pete spent 34 years with Sprint Corporation, 30 years in the U.S. Air Force Reserve, and 22 years part time in College Transportation. His advice to graduating seniors—"Be smart, work hard. Anything is possible." **Suzanne (Hermann) Williams** also lives in Gettysburg. She has two children and five grandchildren. She has been a teacher, associate dean of students at Bucknell, and first dean of women at Lafayette College, and she received a master's degree in student personnel and counseling from Indiana U. She is a master gardener and active in her church. **Jean (Gaumnitz) Gruber** passed away June 17, 2022, in Annapolis, MD, from lymphoma. She graduated Phi Beta Kappa and obtained a master's degree from the U of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1965. She taught in the Montgomery County School System for 21 years. **H. Gale (Shipman) Alder** passed away on Oct. 6, 2022, in Springfield, MO, from advancing Alzheimer's disease. She received a master's degree in fine arts and archaeology. Her professional career centered in the field of historic preservation. She was an architectural historian with the National Trust for Historic Preservation. That's all folks. More next time.

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Dear classmates, I hope you are all well and enjoying our continued retirement. As I prepare to write our latest class column, I am aware of the sad news about many of our classmates' passing. Please know that I would love to hear of fun trips you have taken, the activities in which you are involved, or any other news about you or your family. My granddaughter, Hannah, is a college senior who has loved her time at G'burg. Graduating this May, her only regret is that she has to leave G'burg at all—missing on-campus time because of COVID-19 has truly affected her, and she wants to stay. Actually, I remember feeling the same, except I was tired of studying! **Oz Sanborn** emailed me to say that he and his wife, Ruth, have traveled across the United States this year, visiting FL, AK, and Cape Cod, MA, before finishing up in CA. Now to our sad news. **Martin Young** passed away on Sept. 2, 2022, in Hanover, PA. Marty graduated from Bogota High School in NJ and followed in his father's footsteps to attend G'burg College. He joined Sigma Nu, was a representative to the IFC, and competed on the cross-country and track teams. After graduation, Marty entered the United Lutheran Seminary at Gettysburg and was ordained in NJ in 1967. Known as Pastor Marty, he served in many parishes, including several congregations in the Gettysburg area as interim pastor after his retirement. Marty is survived by his wife of 56 years, Anne; his daughter, Michelle (Connie); son Mark (Trish); and two grandchildren. **Barry L. Colyer** passed away on May 15, 2022, after a long illness. While at G'burg, Barry was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army. After serving his country, Barry worked as an analytical chemist. Later, he received a degree in church history and Greek from Wheaton College and launched a second career in ministry and Christian retailing. In retirement, Barry enjoyed reading, writing, teaching,

collecting ancient coins, and following the NY Yankees. He is survived by his wife, Constance; his three sons, Dr. Corey Colyer (Rachel), Christopher Colyer (Caroline), Col. Marcus Colyer (Jessica); and eight grandchildren. **John Joseph Miller** passed away last year as well. John was a Sigma Nu brother who majored in art and was a talented sculptor. I recently had coffee with John's wife, Liz Goecke '62, who said she and John met at a freshman mixer while wearing their beanies—do you all remember them? Liz and I had some good laughs as we reminisced about those years. John eventually earned a master's degree and a doctorate in education and became a professor at West Virginia U. Later, John and Liz became owners and managers of a chain of hotels. John is survived by his wife, Liz; his daughters, Emily (George) and Cynthia (Mark); his son Randy (Mari); seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. That is all for now. Our 60th Reunion is being planned for the spring, so stay tuned. We will "rock the house, Bubba," just as we did so many years ago during house-party weekend. Well—maybe not quite the same way!

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Interested in volunteering as a class notes correspondent and catching up on all the latest news with your classmates? Contact Joe Lynch '85 in the Alumni Relations Office (jlynch@gettysburg.edu; 717-337-6522) or Laura Carr in Communications and Marketing (lcarr@gettysburg.edu; 717-337-6800) for more information.

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It's a much shorter column this issue—partly because no one has written to me, and partly because I've received no notices of any classmates' deaths. But shall we presume that no one in our class is doing

anything worth noting? In the Continuing Care Retirement Center where Lanie '64 and I now live, there are lots and lots of active 80-year-old people still painting, still boating, still advocating, and still traveling in different parts of our country and world. In almost every column I've shared, and certainly in every Reunion invitation I've issued, I've been clear that your classmates really do care about you and are pleased to hear from you. Didn't write a new book? Didn't finish first in a marathon? Didn't climb (or even see) the Matterhorn? I'd absolutely love to hear what occupies your time—exciting, noteworthy, unusual, or not. Take a moment to send me an email or, even better, call my cell phone at 919-602-1623. I'd love to keep in touch—with you!

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Jim Madison, emeritus history professor from Indiana U, was recently awarded the 2022 Lifetime Achievement Award by the university. Jim has published many books on Indiana history over the past four decades. In the words of a former student, "He tells history in a way that is engaging, that people on the street can understand, read, and enjoy." He was designated an Indiana Living Legend by the Indiana Historical Society in 2016. **Eric Wogen** and wife **Sandy Le Prell Wogen** moved to Sarasota, FL, in 2000, after Eric retired as a pastor in several Lutheran churches in PA for more than 30 years. In the meantime, Sandy was a middle school math teacher. Eric is currently pastor at St. Armands Key Lutheran Church in Sarasota. They both do not miss the cold PA winters. **Cathy Winter Staneck**, wife of **Dave Staneck**, passed away on April 27, 2022, in Rockville, MD. At the end of Dave's dental residency in 1975, they moved to Gettysburg, where they bought a home and converted it into a home-office dental facility. In 1989, Cathy returned to her professional career as a systems analyst in the Office of Institutional Analysis at the College. In

1993, she accepted the position of assistant to the president for Dr. Gordon Haaland, remaining there until her retirement in 2005. **Dave Yates** passed on Aug. 12, 2022, in Beaufort, SC. Dave was on the Bullets basketball team for four years and president of his Phi Delta Theta chapter his senior year. He served as a U.S. Marine aviator in Vietnam and remained in the Marine Reserves, attaining the rank of lieutenant colonel. He received an MBA in finance from Harvard, which led to a business career of being a chief financial officer in public and private companies. An avid tennis player, he and his partner recently won the SC Seniors Doubles Championship. **Martin “Buck” Gavet** died on Sept. 26, 2022. After a year at Penn State and a tour in the U.S. Army, he came to Gettysburg. In 1967, he married **Patricia Harrison Gavet**, spent his career as a salesman, and was named Salesman of the Year several times. After retirement, he was a school bus driver and was very active in the Make a Wish Foundation. He and Tricia traveled all over the world.

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Many classmates attended our 55th Reunion, where I reconnected with **Bonnie (Lindsell) Rabold, Janet Stavropoulos, Sue (Colestock) Hill, Anne (Giauque) Cowburn, Glenn Snodgrass, Carol (Barton) Burbank, Bob MacFarland, Mac Jones, Craig Markel,** and **Bill Andrews. Nelson Dittmar** and his wife live in Cranford, NJ, where they grew up. They have two children and two grandchildren. Their son and his wife live in Jackson, WY, and their daughter and her husband live in Pittsburgh. After graduation, he received an MBA from Fairleigh Dickinson U. He retired as partner of accounting firm

PricewaterhouseCoopers and chair of the Cranford Commission after 50 years. **John W. Berthold** received a degree in physics from G'burg and an M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in optical sciences from the U of Arizona, Tucson. He has 55 years of experience in optics research, thin-film coatings, and sensors, and he is internationally recognized for his many contributions in the development of fiber-optic sensors. John worked for Bell Telephone Laboratories Inc., the National Security Agency, and the Babcock & Wilcox Company, and is currently at Davidson Instruments Inc. He has been happily married to Jacqueline Reed of Poland, OH, for 48 years. During a one-month cross-country road trip, Lynn and **Larry Luessen** had dinner with Tina and **Jack Boals**. Both are doing and looking great, enjoying family and “grandparenting” their grandchildren. On a sadder note, we mark the passing of several classmates: **Patricia (Moran) Hardy** died peacefully at Howard County General Hospital on Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2021. She is survived by her sister, Betsy Barr; her son, Jim Hardy; her grandchildren, Julia Reilly-Edwards and David Hardy; her nieces, Deborah Kohlbrenner and Janine Barr; and her nephews, Roger Barr, Michael Hardy, and Kevin Hardy. **Douglas Gary Forry**, married 55 years to Linda Joan D'Esposito, died Sunday, June 26, 2022. Born in Hershey, PA, Doug grew up in Prospect Park, PA, prior to moving to Waynesboro, PA. Doug worked as a claims adjuster for PMA. In 1978, Doug worked as an officer manager at Gallagher Bassett for the workers' compensation division. After raising his family, Doug and Linda moved to Hot Springs Village, AR, where they have lived since 1992. Doug enjoyed fishing and golf. **William Douglas Jones** passed away Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2022, at home in Kingston. Doug was born in Kearny, NJ, and has lived in New Jersey his entire life. After graduating from G'burg, he spent four years with the U.S. Navy. He was self-employed as a contractor and antiques dealer. **Melinda Chang**

Burton died Sept. 16, 2022, at her home in Wilmington, DE. A “real New Yorker” born in NYC, she graduated from Walter Johnson High School in Bethesda, MD, and earned a degree in history at G'burg and a master's degree in rehabilitation counseling from the U of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. She worked in Philadelphia as a rehabilitation counselor, taught at Widener U and the U of Delaware, and volunteered with the League of Women Voters before leaving her career to raise her children and care for her parents.

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The Rev. **Larry Hummer** marked 50 years as an ordained pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in June 2022. He was honored at a worship service and reception celebrating this milestone at the congregation in Ephrata, PA, where he and his wife Alice are members. He also received a certificate of congratulations from the Senate of PA for his service to God and numerous acts of service to the community. **Richard Bowerman** has received the honor of being listed in the 2023 edition of “The Best Lawyers of America” as an attorney in the Barclay Damon office in New Haven, CT. He is involved in personal injury litigation. Unfortunately, there is also sad news of our classmates. **Jeffrey Long** died in July 2022. He completed 155 missions as a KC-135 pilot during the Vietnam War. After leaving the military, he helped to design at Constar Plastics many of the plastics that are in use today. Fond of fishing and hunting, he made it a practice to go on a yearly fishing trip with friends to Canada. **Ann (Abrahams) Kessler** died in Aug. 2022. After leaving G'burg, she received her M.L.S. degree at the U of Michigan in Ann Arbor and then served as a research

librarian at both public (D.C. Public Library) and private libraries (American Bankers Association and American Society of Association Executives). She continued her love of research and history by writing numerous articles about her D.C. neighborhood of Forest Hills and a history of Ben Murch Elementary School, which her children attended. She also indulged her friends with frequent gifts of her skilled baking of both pies and chocolate chip cookies. We mourn with these classmates' families and friends.

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Linda Buckley Platt shares that an "Alpha Pi" group decided to Zoom for an hour in May 2020, where they all bet on how long it would take for normal to return. The group includes *Mary Ellen Marts, Amy Wunder Stabenow, Chris Walters-Crowther, Kathy (Marie) Carlson Dunkerley, Elise Ferguson Jones, Marnie Strock Brenneman, Francie Erickson Zimmerman, Nancy Riggins Letts, Paula Selby Henderson, and Linda Buckley Platt*. They are spread out across states—two live full time in FL and another lives there part time. They remind others of the benefits of short winters. Four live in PA, one in DE, and two in VA. The best part of the calls are sharing stories from G'burg, including escapades in Huber Hall and North Dorm—yes, even Henry the Alligator living in the bathroom and sometimes slipping around to greet them. They are constantly reminded we are all getting a little older, but it has not stopped them from laughing a lot. Many times, they reflect on how much G'burg changed their lives. Many have taught, one is still teaching, and some are still singing and playing music. *Carol Bryson Emrich* wrote that the 55th reunion of the Class of 1967 was a mini reunion for several of their spouses from the Class of 1969. Carol, *Gail Van Nostrand MacFarland, Ann Fischer Markel, and Joan Clendining Snodgrass*

enjoyed being together at class festivities. It was nice to see *Beth Jacques Gilbert* at the Saturday dinner. The weather was wonderful. The campus was beautiful; the pace was more relaxed, and the attendance was good. They hope we can follow suit in two years. After graduation, *Mike Powell* took a job with Aetna in Harrisburg, PA, before he was drafted and spent two years as a U.S. Army combat medic. He lucked out and was sent to Nuremberg, Germany. He later resumed his career with Aetna in Springfield, IL, before changing insurance companies and moving to Charlottesville, VA, with his wife Karen and their two children in 1979. In 1982, he became a partner at another insurance agency. More recently, they moved to Keswick, VA, and retired in 2012. Unfortunately, we received news of the loss of another classmate: *James W. Corkran*, 75, of Doylestown, PA, passed away on Aug. 16, 2022, after a long-fought battle with Parkinson's disease. Born in Philadelphia, Jim was a graduate of Upper Darby High School. He met his wife of 53 years, *Enid Wedemeyer*, and developed a lifelong interest in the American Civil War during his time at G'burg. Following his time at the College, Jim served in the U.S. Army before being an employee and later an owner of Cottman Transmission Systems Inc. Jim served as chairman of the board of directors of the Better Business Bureau of Eastern PA and was a member of the Gettysburg College Board of Trustees. Jim enjoyed cross-country motorcycle trips with friends and colleagues. He also enjoyed music and sang in church and college choirs. He is survived by his wife, Enid; his sons, Thomas and Charles; and four granddaughters.

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I hope everyone had a good summer! I've always been a summer person. I enjoyed doing kickboard laps in our pool, but now I'm back to kicking at an indoor pool. Thanks to everyone who came to our 50th and 52nd reunion in June! It was great to

see everyone and to share the weekend with the classes of '71 and '72. I was happy that so many of us made the hike to the Eternal Light Peace Memorial for the class picture. *Jim Anderson* wrote in May 2022 about his memories of freshman rush and playing freshman football. Jim had majored in psychology and, after graduation, worked at AZ State Hospital in Harrisburg as a recreation therapist. He worked there for six years before deciding that he didn't like the cold and snow, so he moved to Phoenix, AZ, in 1978. He worked as a dance instructor until he found a job at Phoenix Camelback Hospital. He left there to work at a fitness center for a few years. Then he came back to AZ State Hospital to work for 27 years until he retired in 2009. Jim never married and still enjoys dancing and going to sporting events. He mentioned tubing on the Salt River when he was younger. Jim also enjoys karaoke. Thanks so much for writing! *Dharman Alan Stortz* wrote to say that he wasn't able to attend our reunion because of some unexpected "senior issues." He was back in the Essex and Middle River area of MD for the summer. He was able to get back to campus later in the summer and was pleased at how lovely the campus was. For all classmates who've never written, please write! You know who you are. Even if you've written before, please write again. It's hard to write the column with no information. I hope everyone had a good fall, winter, and holiday season. Stay healthy!

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The votes are tabulated and by all accounts, our June 2022 reunion with the classes of 1970 and 1972 was a tremendous success! Many thanks to the class committee and the College staff for their unwavering commitment to ensuring fun and wonderful (re)learning experiences. We had approximately 50 classmates attend various in-person events throughout the 3-ish days.

I'm not sure if the Alumni magazine will publish the class picture, but if you have a chance to visit our class Facebook page (Gettysburg College Class of 1971 Reunion—this is a private group so you need to request access by pushing a digital button) the photo and IDs of the folks in the picture are available. One of the highlights was presenting our reunion gifting to President Iuliano—a check for over \$3.7 million dollars (which was subsequently augmented by generous anonymous classmate donations to raise that significantly higher). Through the years since even our last reunion, our class gifts via all the various fundraising vehicles have continuing impact on helping the Gettysburg College communities. Please give yourselves kudos for your wonderful generosity! As part of our fundraising for the 50th Reunion class gift, members of the Class of 1971 established The Leon 'Buddy' Glover, Jr. '71 Endowed Scholarship Fund in memory of our inspirational classmate, **Buddy Glover**. Buddy was one of four African American students recruited for the Class of 1971 through the Upward Bound program; he was the only one of the recruits to graduate from Gettysburg College. A Dean's list student, Buddy distinguished himself in the classroom and beyond as an activist, writer and mentor. Following the death of Dr. Martin Luther King in 1968, Buddy became a social activist, co-founding what was to become the Black Student Union at Gettysburg College. To this day, the BSU's mission remains focused on representing African-American culture and issues on campus. His outstanding personal and professional achievements combined with his exemplary service to Gettysburg College, earned Buddy the Distinguished Alumni Award in 2020. He passed away months later, on February 11, 2021. In support of the College's commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion, The Leon 'Buddy' Glover, Jr. '71 Endowed Scholarship will be awarded with a preference for students from underrepresented backgrounds that have financial need. Sad news was passed along to me about our classmates **James William**

"Jim" Koch Jr. and **Leonard Simpson, Esq.** After graduation, Jim Koch served in the Navy for 6 years, and later served as a manager for Intel in Hillsboro, Oregon. (More information here; <https://obits.oregonlive.com/us/obituaries/oregon/name/james-koch-obituary?id=36322103>) Leonard Simpson earned his law degree after Gettysburg graduation and went on to serve the citizens of Sullivan County PA for 30 years as their district attorney. (More information here; <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/228689038/leonard-simpson>). I hope all were able to enjoy the 2022 holidays and that 2023 continues to offer good health and much happiness to you and your families.

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 **Gettysburg College Class of 1971**

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Brian Schimpf and wife **Cindy (Eichelberger)** moved to San Diego, CA, in 2015 after 40 years outside of Boston. Brian says if he never shovels snow again, he'll die a happy man. They live downtown, can walk just about everywhere, and enjoy great weather. **Richard Wehr** wrote that during COVID-19, his family completed a long dormant genealogy study. The hidden gems discovered during their search: six known lineages of fifth great-grandfathers and grandmothers who arrived to the new world during the late 1730s and early 1740s before settling in PA. Their ancestors include 32 patriots who fought in the American Revolution, many supporting George Washington, and several who gave the ultimate sacrifice. The research provided the basis for approval of their membership into the Sons of the American Revolution and the Daughters of the American Revolution and was published in the 900-page book, "The Wehr and the

Mohr Book Illustrated." With sadness, we also mark the passing of two classmates. **John McCullum Stevely** of Bradenton, FL, passed away on May 27, 2022, during a walk at Robinson Preserve. He and his wife of 40 years, Dr. Theresa Bert, had just returned from Cape Canaveral, where they witnessed a rocket launch and landing with their son, John Bert Stevely—a fitting last act for a scientist who treasured the seas and skies. An NYC native, John earned a degree in biology from G'burg and a master's degree in marine science from the U of South Florida (USF). He was later selected as a Smithsonian Research Fellow and a member of USF's Outstanding Alumni. During his long career as a marine extension agent, John served as a U of Florida sea grant scientist and received many awards and commendations, including the Gulf Coast Guardian Award and induction into the Manatee County Agricultural Hall of Fame. John is best known for his passionate efforts to preserve and protect the local natural environment and fishing industry. An international expert in sponge ecology and sponge fishery management, his accomplishments include the introduction of the fish venting tool, the development of best management practices for catch and release of deep-water reef fish, and the study of the economic impact of artificial reefs and red tides. John's proudest accomplishment was his family. He was a hands-on father who relished taking his wife and son to acclaimed dive spots around the world. His patient and kind demeanor will be missed by everyone who knew him. **Robert B. McGrew** of Olney, MD, died on June 20, 2021. He is survived by his wife Mary and his brother Mark. After high school graduation, Bob enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps; his service included a tour in Vietnam. He earned a degree in political science from G'burg, joined the Prince George's County Sheriff's Office in 1974, and served as a deputy sheriff until his retirement in 2003. Bob loved to hunt and fish and was an avid model train collector. He was also a champion of stray cats.

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Cheri Walker Hartman wrote: "Our lives are so full of meaningful work, delightful family developments, and joy! We are grateful every day for the influences of our professors from Gettysburg College with whom we try to maintain contact. Dave '52 and I work together at Carilion Clinic in VA. He is a board-certified psychiatrist, sub-certified in addiction medicine, nationally recognized for his pioneering work in VA, creating the state's first "preferred model" for opioid use disorder treatment. I am the administrator for our addiction treatment program, and Dave serves as its lead physician. We also serve on the faculty of the VA Tech Carilion School of Medicine training medical students, residents, and fellows to be knowledgeable about addiction as a disease and the best practices for treatment. I am also leading the way in our state to expand a model we put into place for ensuring rapid access to treatment from the emergency room. Our program's success positioned us to provide replication technical assistance and training tools so hospitals throughout VA can implement similar approaches to identifying persons with this disease, intervene with appropriate evidence-based services, and create a pathway for ongoing care. It is such fun to work together—and all this togetherness has just added joy to the marriage! With sadness, I report that our beloved classmate, **Barrie Eberstein**, passed away in April 2022 after a brief but courageous battle with cancer. Barrie stayed positive to the end, which is no surprise to his friends and family. He spent his career with 3M followed by AT&T and other telephone and communications technology companies. He is survived by his wife Carol, three children, and eight grandchildren. I was fortunate to get to know Barrie during our freshman year in Rice Hall. Barrie had a great sense of

humor with a twinkle in his eye. He was also a fun-loving prankster, and those of us who knew him can remember that he had a knack for making us laugh hysterically. **Joseph J. Pinkos** passed away in Nov. 2021 while surrounded by his wife and two daughters. At Gettysburg, Joseph joined Sigma Chi fraternity. He received his Doctor of Jurisprudence from South Texas College of Law Houston and was a labor relations attorney in the aerospace industry. Joseph enjoyed football and was a kicker in high school and college. His passion for football was the driving force behind calculating power rankings for high school teams in Florida. As with all of our classmates who have passed from this life, he too is missed. My freshman roommate **Bob Van Stone** wrote that he "hopes to slide into campus in June for the first time in 50 years" and "I can't wait to not recognize who anyone is nor remember their name. Hopefully, I will be able to locate the campus." Bob often made me laugh, which was helpful as a novice to campus life. Our 50th Reunion is scheduled for June 1-4, 2023. The Reunion Planning Committee has been meeting monthly to support the College's efforts to provide a memorable gathering. Mark your calendar to join us. We look forward to seeing you in June!

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In Nov. 2022, I attended a reception hosted by the College at the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia. Joining me were **Carolyn Hand McGarvie** and her husband Paul McGarvie '73, **Scott Kintzing**, **Gary Boguski**, **Ed Vonderschmidt**, and **John Yocum**. After college, John worked in his hometown of Reading, PA, as a physical education teacher. A former football player at Gettysburg, John coached high school football for 35 years. Married to his wife Cheryl and father of two sons, John recently mentored a female student who is now

studying at Gettysburg. **Mike Wyka** and his wife live in St. Mary's, GA, which is the last town in Georgia heading south on Interstate 95. In 2020, they moved to St. Mary's from Columbia, SC, where they had lived following Mike's retirement after 28 years in the U.S. Air Force. Mike keeps in touch with Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE) friends **Bruce Greenberg**, **Chris Marshall**, **Dana Harvey**, and **Tony Suarez**. Mike and Tony have visited each other regularly over the last 18 years. Mike started his military career in ROTC at Gettysburg. With a desire to serve our country and travel the world, he entered the U.S. Air Force after college and trained as a navigator instead of a pilot because pilot school had a long wait. His service took him around the world. Mike's final stop was Andrews Air Force Base, where he arrived one month before 9/11. His role there was to make sure the base was secure immediately after the attacks. During that time, Mike had the opportunity to meet and greet the president and other dignitaries during flights on Air Force One. **Marilyn McVicker** just published her third book, "As for Life: A Memoir in Poetry Exploring the Isolation and Loss of Chronic Illness" by Redhawk Publications. Her award-winning book is appropriate for caregivers, those who experienced COVID-19, those with chronic conditions, and others. You can find Marilyn at marilyn.mcvicker@gmail.com. **Jim Malloy** wrote to me about his love of music, writing, and film. Following a career in consumer marketing, he launched a company in 2011, 3dreamscreative.com. As an author, Jim has published two children's books and he has several mystery novels in development. He currently has a fantasy series on Tapas called Seven-A Fantasy. At Gettysburg, Jim loved playing guitar in The American Standard Band with **Ray Owen**, Duncan James '76, and John Tschop '76. He said the most important accomplishment of his life is his wonderful family: his wife and two children, both of whom are Gettysburg alums. **Barry Letts** and seven Sigma Chi brothers gathered for a reunion in Avalon, NJ, at the end of Sept. 2022. It was the 50th anniversary of their gatherings, known as "The Rock of Lebanon Olympics." These guys have only missed three or four years of getting together since starting the tradition in '72. Joining

Barry were **Dave Restrepo**, **Kirby Beshore**, **Wally Iffert**, **Gary Boguski**, **Ed Hayes**, **Michael Young**, and Tom Peter '75. As time has gone by, this year's "Olympic activities" revolved around golf for some, poker, and a cornhole competition.

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I received a welcome update from classmate and fraternity brother, **Bill Groves**. Bill retired in May 2022 and is very active at his church. He still lives in Chesterfield, VA, with his wife, Kathy Cox Groves '76. Bill and Kathy vacation often in Hilton Head, where they have become friends with Joe Zamborsky '71 and his wife Lisa, who have retired to Hilton Head from the Atlanta area. Bill reported that Joe has a dream retirement job serving as a starter and ranger at the Sea Pines Resort with free golf at all three Sea Pines courses. In June 2022, Bill and Kathy visited G'burg for the combined 45th reunion for the classes of 1976 and 1977. During the reunion, Bill was able to spend time with Phi Gamma Delta (Fiji) fraternity brothers **Dave Reese** and '76 and '77 graduates Rick Vanderlin, Glenn Gulick, Tom Joyce, Al Heller, Mike Haas, Ed Riggs, Frank Hilton, Gregg Hoynak, and Roger Mitterling. The photos Bill included were priceless. Tom and Glenn also provided a snapshot of their lunch visit with Glenn's co-swimmer, Scott Musselman '76 in Scott's hometown of York, PA. At the June 2022 Reunion, the Groves also spent time with the Zamborskys and Kathy's brother, Bob "Rusty" Cox '71, who now makes his home in Durango, CO. Finally, I'm looking forward to a Nov. 2022 visit from **Paul Seale**, **Mike Malewicki**, **Bryan Meckley**, and **Vic Kalman**, who are coming to Louisville with their wives to sample the offerings from the KY Bourbon Trail distillery tours, try their luck at Churchill Downs, and visit a bluegrass horse farm.

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'76

Hello, classmates! **Glenn Carberry** contacted me and shared the following: Glenn recently retired from his law firm Tobin, Carberry, O'Malley, Riley, & Selinger, P.C. (TCORS) in New London, CT, after 43 years of practicing there and a large law firm in Washington, D.C. When reflecting about his career, Glenn said, "I have been fortunate to work with a team of outstanding lawyers and dedicated staff at TCORS. The one thing I am most pleased about is to see many young people I have known and helped mentor grow into exceptional people and provide leadership in government, business, and community organizations." Glenn joined the firm in 1982 after working as an associate for the international law firm of Hogan Lovells in Washington, D.C. He became a partner at TCORS in 1984 and served as the managing partner for 35 years. He worked primarily in the areas of land use, public utilities, and business services, acting as CT counsel for national telecommunications companies, developers, and business firms. In addition to his legal work, he has been involved in the local community over the years, serving as the vice president of the Norwich Area Chamber of Commerce in the 1980s and was a graduate of the chamber's first leadership program class. He was a candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives in 1988. He was principally responsible for bringing the NY Yankees minor league baseball team to southeastern CT and obtaining governmental support for the construction of Sen. Thomas J. Dodd Memorial Stadium in Norwich. As a result of his many community efforts, Glenn was named the Citizen of the Year by the Norwich Area Chamber of Commerce and received the William Crawford Distinguished Service Award

from the Eastern Connecticut Chamber. Glenn has been a travel writer for local newspapers and established a travel website profiling hundreds of places he and his family visited around the world (thetravelingamerican.com). It reports on his experiences over the past 20 years traveling to more than 60 countries and visiting numerous World Heritage sites. Glenn has enjoyed reunions with his fraternity brothers from Theta Chi in the Philadelphia area and elsewhere. He has been able to spend time with **Dennis Demetris**, **Rich Hurt**, **Steve Fireoved**, **John Weiss**, and **Peter Paulis**. Glenn and his wife currently live in Norwich, spending part of the year in Sarasota, FL. I am looking for my replacement as correspondent for the Class of 1976. I have enjoyed hearing from each of you.

Thank you, Debra Ann (Myers) Dykes, for your volunteer service to your classmates and the College. Interested in volunteering as a class notes correspondent and catching up on all the latest news with your classmates? Contact Joe Lynch '85 in the Alumni Relations Office (jlynch@gettysburg.edu; 717-337-6522) or Laura Carr in Communications and Marketing (lcarr@gettysburg.edu; 717-337-6800) for more information.

'77

Cliff Beck reported on a small but terrific get-together of old friends at our 45th reunion. He was accompanied by his wife of 25-plus years, Penni; **Jim "Easy" Aleo** and his wife Fran; and **Steve Clipman** and his wife Annette. Jim and Fran currently hail from northwest Philadelphia and have been married for 33 years. Their daughter is a new doctor fulfilling a fellowship at an NYC hospital. Both are in good health despite some adventurous bike riding. Steve and Annette are in the Lancaster area and have been married for 25 years. Steve adopted their son, who is currently a Ph.D. researcher in epidemiology at Johns Hopkins U. Their young daughter is just getting her career underway. Except for a

few broken bones and torn ligaments that are healing well, they both are in good health. Cliff and Penni reside in Mount Airy, MD, and their extended family, including their rescue pets, are their family. They are both fortunate to be in pretty good health, and Cliff reported he is not lost! Jim and Cliff are retired from long careers in government, Jim with the City of Philadelphia (water rate analysis) and Cliff with the federal government (finance). Steve continues to sell commercial real estate, made easier by many rounds of golf. Cliff continues his passion for backpacking and archaeology in the desert southwest. Conspicuously absent were **Louis Steinitz**, a business owner now retired in Naples, FL, and its surrounding golf courses, and **John “Lenny” Mayer**, a good friend among many whom Cliff would love to hear from. **Joy Foehl Lundahl** and Bill “Thor” ’76 live in Venice, FL. Bill retired as director of special education in Glassboro, NJ. Joy closed her daycare business in 2013, and they made the move south. Joy volunteers now as chair of their neighborhood landscaping committee, is an HOA board member, and trains dog walkers at the humane society. They have three dogs (rescues of course). Their daughter Krissy lives in Venice, FL. Their son Erik is in PA, and their son Bryan is in NYC. Joy and Thor love retirement and spend time jetskiing, beaching, golfing, and going on cruises. They passed their scuba certification in 2014 and love to dive on their Caribbean cruises. I’m saddened to share the news that **Katherine Mertz Schonenberg** passed away on Aug. 9, 2022, in Aurora, IN. Katherine was an avid reader. She is survived by her children, daughter Jill (David) Roth of Marietta, GA, and son David (Marcy Kempz); sister Victoria “Tori” McHenry of Stone Mountain, GA; and grandchildren Noah, Sophie Roth, and Henry “Hank” Schonenberg. Keep safe, keep well, and keep in touch!

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'78

Sandra Edwards Jost and her husband, Dave ’75, wrote to tell me that they were new homeowners in Millsboro, DE, after recently moving from their house in NJ. In addition to being retired, they are the proud grandparents of five who love to travel and are excited to gear up again for international travel in a hopefully post COVID-19 world. Aren’t we all? Sandra and I connected over a Facebook post of a picture from **Ann Ambrovich Krul** and her husband Tom’s wedding from 35 years ago. Ann is happily retired after a long career as a physician’s assistant in MI. I know that Ann and Tom bought a home in Boca Raton, FL, but what I don’t know is if they are living in FL full time or are being snowbirds and splitting their time between MI and FL. Ann, you will need to write me and set the record straight! The PIT girls had a wonderful reunion in Annapolis, MD, in Oct. 2022. The group consisted of **Anne Pullium Perry**, **Beth Macneil Hesmer**, **Dianne Ferguson Kalasin**, **Pattie Bannon Burniston**, **Alison Echard Vallejo**, and **Sue Heidt Quinn**. A few other second-floor Huber girls also joined in the fun—**Mindy Freeman Rosen**, **Lynne Clark**, and **Lisa Utley Dugua**. Phone calls were made to **Anne Gordon Wiese**, **Pam Iovino**, and **Erica Fisher Anello** to catch up. Rounding out the group were the crazy PIT dorm counselors, Christine Cockle Forter ’76 and Melinda Reese Wonders ’76. Anne said, “The reunion was so good for the heart and soul. It was three days of nonstop laughs, reminiscing, catching up with photos of marriage proposals, grandbabies, recent trips taken, and celebrating retirement—oh, and of course, dancing!” It doesn’t get much better than that! On another note, I just learned that **Fran Cannon**’s beloved 37-year-old daughter passed away at the end of Oct. 2022 after a six-month long, grueling battle. Our hearts go out to Fran and his wife, Mary Alice, who were with Mary Catherine every step of the way advocating and praying for her. After relocating to OH for many months to be with her, they had her flown back to Philadelphia, where she sadly lost the fight. Fran has been a huge presence in the Class of 1978, serving as our chief reunion

organizer and cheerleader. He has always been there for us, so now we need to be there for him as he navigates life without his daughter. Our 45th reunion is coming up in the spring—please plan to attend if you can. I promise you won’t be disappointed!

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'79

Susan Morrison Phelan’s debut novel for middle grades entitled “Miss Classified” appeared in print in Aug. 2022, and she has since had some book signings and favorable reviews! **Alison Paul Geislinger** has had a whirlwind couple of months. She and Steve celebrated their 33-year anniversary, sold their house and half their possessions, and bought a little house in nearby Sun Lakes, AZ. Alison retired at the end of Oct. 2022, and her Medicare card has arrived in the mail. “Now I’m totally legit,” she said. After a 30-year career as an executive assistant and HR administrator, **Kate Grieger Piekut** was sidelined by a cancer diagnosis. Major surgery left her disabled; for the last 13 years, she’s battled a rare metastatic sarcoma. She is grateful that living close to Boston has afforded her access to some of the finest surgeons and cancer researchers in the country. Ever the optimist, Kate spends much of her free time with her husband Frank and daughter Hayley ’12, performing in community theater, taking day trips around New England, and enjoying concerts—most recently Elton John. Kate attended Boston’s ComiCon (in costume, of course) and crossed off one bucket-list item: meet David Tennant. **Patti Chambers** and her husband Scott lived, raised their kids, and practiced medicine in Lancaster, PA, for many years and visited beloved New England often. About eight years ago, they moved to Maine permanently. Now both retired from medicine, Scott started a boat tour business on Moosehead Lake, where they settled. Patti recently opened a yarn and embroidery shop called Lakeside

Stitches (find it on Facebook). Carrying on the G'burg tradition, their two daughters, Loren and Shelby, are young alums! **Kay Patton Snyder**, **Cindy Smilak Clark**, **Jill Nelson**, **Debbie Myers Widenmeyer**, **Kate Wolford**, and **Susan Perine** all celebrated turning 65 with a trip together to Athens and Paros followed by sailing for a week among the Cyclades Islands. Recalls Cindy, "It truly was a trip of a lifetime!" **Bill Butler** shared sad news that classmate and former Alpha Chi Rho (AXP) brother **Tom "Wisco" Read** passed away unexpectedly in Naples, FL. Back in the day, Tom was a championship diver for the College. In his professional life, he was a commercial pilot for American Airlines for 32 years. He was also a dedicated volunteer, sharing his love of flying with the Young Eagles Organization and his interest in birds and bats with two conservancies. Tom is survived by his wife Lisa, three grown children, and one grandchild. **Marianne Miller Yingling** and her husband Randy '81 are doing well. Just before the COVID-19 pandemic started, their daughter settled on a house right down the street. Their son was married in June 2022, and they love their new daughter-in-law. I am pleased to announce that Marianne Miller Yingling is taking the reins as our class correspondent. Please direct all future class notes to her. I am signing off after 24 columns in eight-plus years. – Dianne Lappe Cooney

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1980

Naomi Thiers recently published her fourth book of poetry ("Made of Air," Kelsay Press), which she dedicated to her friend and roomie from G'burg, **Cynthia**

(Cyndi) Estabrooks Riley. Cynthia, who had been living in Maine and was involved with the local library and helping teens, died of cancer in 2018. The dedication reads, "To Cynthia J. Estabrooks Riley, early poetry friend, deft writer, who enriched my life and may once have saved it." Naomi has fond memories of studying creative writing at G'burg with Cynthia, taught by John Clarke, and rooming with her in one of the College's first co-ed dorms in 1978. Naomi lives in Arlington, VA, and has an awesome grown daughter (and is on Facebook). **Denise (Higgins) Kuendig**, **Donna (Blake) McElwee**, **Joanne (Fahoury) Betterly**, and **Karen (Zeller) Pace** recently spent an afternoon together catching up at Karen's house in Rowayton, CT. Karen recently retired from her teaching job, leaving her more time to visit Gettysburg friends. She visited **Ann (Carley) Johnson** in Palos Verdes, CA. Ann became a grandma this year, took a painting workshop in Provence, and, in addition to seeing Karen, she had visits with **Carrie Myers** in Florida, **Gail Chovan**, and **Candace (Connors) Vorhaus** in Austin, TX. Karen and Carrie also visited **Mary Fitzgerald** in Savannah, GA, and while there, they ran into **Soozy (Mayer)** and **Jim Breck!** In Austin, Karen also visited Gail Chovan, Candy (Connors) Vorhaus, **Pam (Megaro)**, and **Bill Reichhold**. Gail teaches at U of Texas–Austin. Her courses include apparel design and history of fashion, and she has also created a summer study abroad in Paris for UT students. The Chovans are busy renovating their 19th-century manor house, which is one hour north of Paris, and spend holidays and summers there for now—and more if they ever decide to retire! **Leslie (Harvey) Lemonick** and her husband Jim are looking forward to retirement next year. They are currently splitting their time between Lancaster, PA, and Hilton Head Island, SC, and visiting their four children. Their daughter, Sarah, is getting married in Hilton Head in May. Leslie and **Cheryl Faul Braun** met for lunch in Lancaster recently, and Leslie also

saw Susan (Soozy Maher) and Jim Breck in Savannah. Congratulations to Col. **Tim** and **Debbie (Shinsky) Montgomery**, whose youngest son married his sweetheart recently. The ceremony was small (about 40 guests) but contained only friends and family. Tim was honored by Boeing and the Chicago Cubs as a veteran of the game on May 18, 2022. This honor included an on-field introduction at Wrigley Field in the middle of the second inning. Tim said, "It was the greatest event" in his 28-year military career. **Rene Rovtar** retired as superintendent of the Montville Township Public Schools following a 42-year career in education. Last spring, she received the Distinguished Service Award from the New Jersey Association of School Administrators and was inducted into the Watching Hills Regional High School Hall of Fame (her alma mater). On July 4, 2022, she competed for the fourth time in the Nathan's Famous Fourth of July International Hot Dog Eating Contest on Coney Island. And finally, Madeleine (Maggie) Mulderrig '11, daughter of Janet (Wiley) Mulderrig, tied the knot in Lancaster, PA, in Dec. 2022.

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'81

What a terrific Reunion—so nice to see so many from the Class of '82 and the Class of '81! I enjoyed catching up with classmates. **Lorna Rice** retired from a 36-year career in health care social work at the end of 2020. Since then, she has been busy volunteering with Habitat for Humanity, the Red Cross, and her church. The best news is that Lorna also celebrates being a five-year ovarian cancer survivor! After 10 ½ years in the U.S. Army, **Brad Bretzin** was caught up in the drawdown of 1992. Fortunately, he found a job in Washington, D.C., as a defense contractor, mostly working as a systems

engineer integrating geospatial systems for the government. Brad and his wife Jane have raised their four children in Leesburg, VA, for the last 29 years. Brad reports that in Sept. 2022, some Alpha Chi Rho (AXP) brothers had a G'burg reunion. **Peter Dunbar**, **Gary MacConnell**, **Jeff Oak**, and **Bob Wallace** were among the attendees who enjoyed golfing and G'burg football. At the reunion, **Teri (Hanna) Lanan** received the 2021 Meritorious Service Award for her long-term service to the College. Since graduating, Teri has actively served G'burg in numerous ways, including the Alumni Board of Directors, capital campaigns, and Reunion planning committees. Teri is a transition consultant with her firm Metamorphosis Management, where she works in the Southeast PA (SEPA) Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Teri serves churches undergoing pastoral transitions and those discerning how best to respond to America's ever-changing religious landscape. Teri and her husband Mark have a son, Nathan Lanan '12. **Kurt Sherman** retired at the end of 2020 with more than 36 years in the NY State Unified Court System and Onondaga County District Attorney's Office. Kurt continues to reside in the Eastern Finger Lakes region of upstate NY, playing a lot of "bad golf," although, as he said, a bad day of golf was better than any day at work. During the winter, he tries to spend some time in warmer weather. Kurt keeps in touch with **Greg Schell**, who continues to practice law out of Philadelphia, and **Chris Redmond**, who retired from his law practice on Long Island and relocated south. Kurt hopes to see Chris in February after his scheduled trip to Aruba and on his way to Key West. On a sad note, our classmate, **Thirza Jacobus**, of Roseland, NJ, died on Sept. 4, 2022. Thirza had a 30-year career at PSEG. Thirza is survived by her loving husband, Richard McCarthy Sr., two sons, a daughter, and four grandchildren. I remember Thirza from freshman year on the third floor of Stevens. She always had a big smile and was a huge Yankees fan. Thirza will always be loved and remembered for her positive energy and grace. My next deadline is soon. Send a quick email, text, or give me a call. Your classmates would all

love to hear what you have been up to. Stay well.

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'82

Did you make it back for our reunion last June? If so, I don't have to tell you how terrific it was to reconnect with so many classmates back in the 'burg. If not, you missed a good time. We started out at the Upper Crust on Friday night; it's a relatively new craft pizza place in the first block of York Street. (Check it out the next time you're passing through—it's fantastic!) Everyone had many choices for Saturday events—open houses, Alumni Unplugged music outside the Alumni House, bike tours, and more. Reunion culminated with our class dinner in the College Union Building (CUB) Ballroom—we had so many classmates back that we needed the largest available space—and now-traditional entertainment by Prime Time (aka Pennington Station), featuring George White '79, Chip Folk '81, and Mike Kirby '78. Regardless of whether you were back on campus to catch up in person, you have many ways to stay connected with our class and with the College. Join our Facebook Group, follow our Instagram account (@gburg82), participate in the Gettysburg College Professional Network on LinkedIn (it's great for growing your own connections and helping to mentor rising graduates), and make sure your info is up-to-date at gettysburg.edu/alumni so others can find you. And, as always, I invite you to send me any updates (jobs, families, travel, or whatever) you'd like to see in this column in the future. Everyone turns to Class Notes first, so let them read about you next time!

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'83

Greetings! By now, you all know that **Carol (Daly) Cantele**, **Bill Pyron**, and **Roger Goodstein** have taken on the task of coordinating our reunion over the weekend of June 1-4. I checked the math several times, and, somehow, it really has been 40 years since we received our diplomas. I got a nice email from **Lori (Gutshall) Ribbans**, who has entered what she's calling her "next chapter on my terms," after many years teaching and counseling students at her high school alma mater in the Harrisburg, PA, area. After Gettysburg, Lori went on to earn a second bachelor's degree and three master's degrees, all in education. She said she owned a few small businesses and held some political positions before going into education. Lori wasted no time embracing her new chapter, taking a trip to Peru, Ecuador, and the Galapagos Islands, with more travel in the works. There's a great deal of giving back to the community on her resume, too, and like many members of our class, she's a proud grandparent. Happily, she said, her two grandsons live close enough for her to see them regularly. Some of you might have seen me on "Jeopardy!" back in June—the lengths I go to in order to get news for this column! I was no Ryan Bilger '19—he made it into the Tournament of Champions—but I was happy with my performance, even though I came in third. I had taken the online "Anytime Test" and passed it a few times, was selected for subsequent rounds of tests and auditions twice, then waited in limbo for more than 18 months before getting the call, but it was worth it. The experience was wonderful, from start to finish, and the staff and other contestants were terrific people, many of whom I'm still in touch with. I should add that Joe Lynch '85 emcees a lively Zoom trivia game the last Thursday of each month as part of all he does for us as executive director of alumni relations. I highly recommend it; participants range from current students to alumni from decades past, and the topics are wide-ranging. Of course, you don't have to be a trivia nerd to get your name in print. Drop me an email or a postcard and let me know what you're up to. Maybe we can talk about it in person come June.

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'84

Greetings, Class of '84 classmates. I actually heard from a classmate! We are all at that age or turning that age: 60! *Marcy Vaughan Tyner* wrote about a Zoom group that led to an in-person gathering for a birthday celebration trip! "We began monthly Zoom calls during COVID-19 to support one another and provide 'connection' with dear friends. It was during these chats that we made our plans to meet in Cape Cod in June 2022 to celebrate our 60th birthdays. The girls who were able to attend included *Beth Erdman Bauer, Lisa Stropoli Cardone, Sue Coppie Crump, Tammy Murtagh Curran, Virginia (Din) Cullen Rush, Tracy Repetto Seeba, Jill Ujobai Shull, Sue Harned Timmins,* and Marcy. We came from PA (four), DE (one), NY (two), and FL (two). Since our freshman year 42 years ago, we have continued to build our friendships. We cherish our G'burg memories and continue to add new ones. We have never been short on conversation and have added retirement, health care, elderly parents, and grandchildren to the list of topics. We had an amazing time in Cape Cod, but more than anything, we laughed a lot and enjoyed each other's company. Gettysburg continues to be a blessing to us all!" Maybe you have had a similar gathering of Gettysburgians. Write to me about them! To those who have had their celebration of their seventh decade, happy belated birthday, and to those who anticipate celebrating 60 soon, enjoy these wonderful years! I told my wife that I'm throwing myself a 60th birthday party in Dec. 2022 because I feel so blessed. Age 60 is the new 40, after all! In sad news, I am sorry to report the loss of a classmate. *Wes Royce Kessenich* died doing what he loved, cycling,

on May 17, 2022, in Charlotte, NC. He was born April 18, 1962, on Long Island, NY, to Joan Roberts Kessenich and Roy Kessenich. Wes attended Lynbrook public schools and graduated from G'burg, where he wrestled. Physical fitness and competition permeated his life. He was an avid runner, biker, and swimmer. Entering his first marathon at 17, he ran more than 100 marathons, plus longer distance challenges. He completed four Ironman triathlons and was a two-time top three finisher in three-day ultra-triathlons called UltraMan. Ever the entrepreneur, Wes owned and operated a running shoe store, Ultra Dive in PA and Asheville, NC; a sandwich shop, Bagels Etc.; and most recently, Winning, a handyman business in Charlotte and Woodstock, NY. Wes was a pharmaceutical sales representative from 1998 to 2018. Wes is survived by his brother Pace and Quint; sister Kyle; daughters Alden, Hannah (James), and Leah (Brian); and grandchildren Quinn, Rowen, Phoebe, and Shiloh. Also grieving are his ex-wife Gigi and beloved Diane, nephew Skyler, and nieces Sophia and Grace. A celebration of his life took place at Forest Hills Church in Waxhaw, NC. A memorial bike ride is being planned by Wes's cycling friends in Woodstock, NY, on June 19.

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'85

I heard from *Larry Gage*, who cleared up a couple of my past reports. Larry is living in the middle of nowhere in Williamsport, PA, with his wife Pilar, who has been a flight attendant with American Airlines (hence the multiple trips to Naples, FL). He worked on the Chicago Board Options Exchange (CBOE) trading options. *Lou Montezores* is an attorney living in

Wellesley, MA, with his wife Jean (three kids, two out of school and the third in his second year). He also spends a lot of time in Niantic, CT, after buying his parents' old home. Lou and Larry have been driving across the country on a regular basis to bring a car for Lou's youngest son (Zac), who is a sophomore at Chapman University. Lucky for them, Zac hates the drive! Thus, Lou and Larry now have the opportunity for many adventures as they drive the car west to Orange County in the fall and east to MA in the spring. They both believe we are huge winners for this and figure they have four more trips over the next two years. *June Essis* is a partner with Weber Gallagher and has been elected president of the Philadelphia Association of Defense Council (PADC). The PADC is a highly effective and well-respected defense advocacy group formed in 1937 to advance the interests of the defense bar. The organization promotes community involvement, legislative and judicial reform, court improvements, and professional and social support for its members. *Cathy Arnot Purcell* recently completed the Camino trek and is living in Atlanta, GA. It is with sadness that I report the passing of *John Stewart*, who was living in Haverhill, MA, with his wife Jocelyn and son Benjamin. John's studies led to one of his lifelong passions and expertise on the American battle between the states and the nuances of that engagement. He truly loved history, became an educator, taught primarily in Methuen, MA, and also tutored in the prison system. Now that things are opening up after the COVID-19 pandemic, don't forget to send me information about various gatherings and other updates. I'm expecting more of you will retire, and we all want to know what you are doing—to give the rest of us ideas about what life can be like after retirement.

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'86

Greetings, Class of '86! After numerous starts and stops, our long awaited 35th reunion was finally held in person. While I was unable to attend, the pictures and recaps that I received looked fantastic. We combined efforts with the Class of '87, and it was a huge success. **Kathy (Bade) Miles, Gail (Parris) Latone,** and **Jeanne (Sullivan) Dobbs** got together twice in 2022—once at Reunion and then they repeated the fun in August at Gail's beach house in Groton Long Point, CT. It sounds like a wonderful time, ladies. **Amy (Troupe) Mountz** was happy to report that another reunion took place in Long Beach Island last fall with the North Pole crew in strong attendance! Represented were **Karen (Ulrich), Lori (Westra) Yanas, Loretta (Drumgool) Lester, Sandy (Griffith) Sackman, Nancy (Gale) Kovacevich, Ginny (Conover) Vill,** and, of course, Amy. Sadly, I must end this column with news that **Stuart Curran** passed away on July 26, 2022, in San Francisco, CA. Stuart was originally from Bethesda, majored in English at G'burg, and was a member of Alpha Chi Rho fraternity. He left Gettysburg and went on to earn his law degree from the U of San Francisco in 1992. He practiced law for many years, mainly with the firm of Misciagna & Colombatto. Those who knew Stuart knew him for his quick wit and compassionate spirit. Stuart was a man of many talents, and music was the true passion of his life. He was an accomplished guitarist and singer, spending hours playing in sessions with other guitar enthusiasts. His lifelong favorite sports team was the Baltimore Orioles. The story is told that, at one point up, he listened to at least a portion of every O's baseball game played that year. Stuart went on to become a loyal San Francisco Warriors fan. Godspeed, Stuart.

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 **Gettysburg College Class of 1986**

'87

We are happy to report that 87 classmates returned for the Class of 1987 35th Reunion in June 2022. It was a fabulous weekend for all in attendance. Sporting Bullet Point: Teddy Girton, son of **Clare Marino Girton** and Darrin Girton '86, attends Gettysburg College and plays wide receiver for the Bullets. He reportedly caught his first TD pass at Muhlenberg last fall. Muhlenberg's stadium field (Frank Marino Field) is named after Clare's father, who was a football coach there for many years. Roommates **Stacie Daubert Purcell** and **Celeste Powers** were present to cheer on the Bullets. Go Bullets! **Barbara Mandes Donovan** reported that she met up with **Lynne Davignon Smith** in Oct. 2022 at Lynne's home in Sherwood Forest, MD, with their husbands Brian and Peter, respectively. The trip brought back memories of 1986, when Lynne hosted G'burg Chi Omegas for a picnic at her home. Barbara and Brian stopped in MD to see Lynne and Peter on their way to Bethany Beach, DE. Barbara's husband, Brian, just recently retired from the U.S. federal government after years in the field of national security. Barbara continues to work in the private sector and management and enjoys her leadership position at BMC Software. Classmates **Matt Rockstroh, Seth Bendian, Jim Anderson, Jim Myrtetus,** and **Pete Graham** all returned to Gettysburg in October to attend the induction of their fraternity brother, Bob Lewis '86, into the Gettysburg Hall of Athletic Honor. Pete made the trip from CA to celebrate with Bob and the others. Matt also reported that he recently met with **Paul Garbe** on Zoom. Paul is a managing director at MFS Investment Management in Boston, and Matt is the board chair for a foundation for which MFS manages money—small world. Matt and his wife caught up last week in Wayne, PA, with **Paul Ahrens** and **Jen Carfrey Ahrens**. Matt's wife grew up with Jen in King of Prussia, PA, and Jen was maid of honor in the Rockstroh wedding way back when. The Rockstrohs and Ahrens used to live in the Baltimore area and have kept in touch despite the Ahrens moving to CT years ago. Like many Bullet alumni, they have stayed in touch and enjoyed

seeing each other again. The Bullets connection continues. Classmates **Bruce Braunewell, Dave Utley,** and **Scott Horton** met up in College Station, TX, in late Oct. 2022 to watch Dave Utley's son Jake play in his high school football game and catch a classic SEC matchup featuring Texas A&M vs. Ole Miss. Later that week, Dave Utley and his wife Michelle took in the Eagles vs. Texans game in Houston with Bruce Braunewell. Go Birds! Mark your calendars for the next big Reunion in 2027. Send us your updates for the Class of 1987.

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I'm sorry to report that one of our classmates has passed away. **Bill Mitchell**, a member of Alpha Tau Omega (ATO), died Dec. 27, 2021. Anyone interested can make a contribution in Bill's memory to Mercy Volunteer Corps, 1012 N. Bethlehem Pike, Suite 1, Lower Gwynedd, PA 19002. Condolences to all who knew Bill. May he rest in peace.

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 **Gettysburg College Class of 1989**

1990

Hi, everyone! Congratulations to two fellow classmates who recently joined the Board of Trustees, **Sarah Wendt** and

Chris Carr P'20, '23. They began four-year terms on June 1, 2022. Our class is well-represented with current members **Lauren Wise Bright**, who currently serves as the executive vice chair, and **Troy Datcher**. Thank you all for your dedication and willingness to serve our alma mater. **Shawn Boebringer** shared news from Baltimore: Shawn's son Leo's 16U travel baseball schedule has enabled dad to connect with several classmates this year. In July after a WV tournament, Shawn and Leo embarked on a Great Lakes road trip and met up with **Jen McMahon** in Gambier, OH, for a tour of beautiful Kenyon College. Jen is Kenyon's director of intro biology labs. Jen has two daughters, one at Kenyon and the other at nearby Denison. Shawn also connected with **Mike Fitzgerald** in Columbia, MO, while Leo played at Mizzou. Mike has taught history at the Mary Institute and St. Louis Country Day for 26 years, and he coaches MICDS' cross-country and track teams. Mike has two sons, Owen (a senior), also a baseball player, and Patty (a sophomore), a wrestler. Shawn is the executive director of Legal Aid of Southeastern PA, a program serving the Philadelphia suburbs. He splits his time between the Philly 'burbs and Baltimore, where he occasionally runs into **Cathy Bosma Lichty** at the iconic Mount Washington Tavern, of which Cathy and her husband Dave are principals. Shawn's daughter Emeline graduated from the U of Chicago in 2021 and currently works at Wrightwood 659 gallery in Chicago's Lincoln Park neighborhood. Thanks for all of the news, Shawn. **Alison Ford Hansen** wrote about her travel plans with Gettysburg to Kenya in May 2023. The trip was originally scheduled for 2021, but it's been postponed twice. Alison's original roomie, **Kristen "Max" Kowalczyk Bailey**, was planning to go; however, she is now unable, and Max's oldest daughter, Francesca Decosmo, will take her place. Please check the alumni site for Kenya trip availability and information. In other news, Max and her daughters, Francesca and Georgianna, recently visited Skaneateles,

NY, and met **Dave Allyn** for a beer. Regretfully, I need to share sad news of the passing of **Renee Fegley** of Wilmington, DE, in May 2022, after courageously battling cancer. She is survived by her loving parents and her longtime companion, Guy A. Nacchia, of Wilmington. Here are some excerpts from her obituary: "Renee's true passion in life were the children of Wilmington Junior Academy daycare, where she proudly served as director for 26 years. She was beloved by 'her' children, their parents, and staff, and Renee was extremely proud of the wonderful team she led. Renee loved traveling, visiting flea markets with her Guy, and annual family trips to the Outer Banks." Online condolences and tributes can be shared with the family at brownfuneralhomesinc.com. Stay well, my friends!

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Wayne Mazzoni, who works as a college coach and recruiting expert over the past 30 years, recently visited the Gettysburg College campus with his son Brayden. Brayden is a potential Class of 2027 football and baseball player. They met with the new baseball coach, Cory Beddick '10, who is a G'burg alum and Sigma Alpha Epsilon (SAE) brother. They expressed that Coach Beddick was fantastic, and they were very impressed. You can reach Wayne at wayne@waynemazzoni.com. **Melissa V. (Mitchell) Morris** has published a book available on Amazon, entitled "God Speaks . . . Listen: Hearing God's Words Through 52 Weeks of Devotions." Melissa was recently highlighted in one of the interviews of alumni of color in an issue of GETTYSBURG College Magazine. She is a school psychologist in MD. Melissa's email was not available at time of publication.

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Hello, Class of '92! This edition of Class Notes is written with a heavy heart as I pass along news of a former classmate, **Kimberly Wetzel**. Kim passed away in March 2020, but her obituary was only recently posted. Kim was born in Lemoore, CA, and passed away on March 29, 2020, in Brooklyn, NY. She had just concluded her 15th year at New York U in the office of global studies. After graduating from G'burg in 1992, she completed her master of arts in international education at NYU in 2011. Kim is survived by her mother, Judy Wetzel of Rehoboth Beach, DE; her brother, Marty Wetzel of Lansdale, PA; and her nephews Kenny, Charlie, and Henry Wetzel. A Celebration of Life was held on Sept. 24, 2022. **John Colucci** wrote to let me know that **Mike "Mal" O'Malley** started the #RealMenWearPink breast cancer awareness campaign in honor of his mom, Pat, a two-time survivor. Mal is the president of a beer distributorship in NY's Capital Region, where he works with all of the bars in the Albany and Saratoga area for raffles every night for the month of October. His videos can be found on Facebook (facebook.com/SupportMikeOMalley). Not surprisingly, Mal adds his terrific sense of humor and his own colorful spin!

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Lisa Routel, marketing strategy lead at Verizon, was recently a featured speaker on two prominent loyalty industry podcasts, "Let's Talk Loyalty" and "The Loyalty Minute." *Kyra Joy Hamling* celebrated 20 years in her career working with her family's business office and 18 years as a homeowner. How time flies! In 2018, she started a gym outreach ministry for people with disabilities called Abilities Day at her local church to foster a supportive caring community. In 2019, she started writing online as Kyra Joy Craig to encourage those with chronic conditions to thrive by adding community, play, and rest into their lives. Kitchen tips for people with limited mobility are a big part of her work on social media. She is thrilled that we can have in-person events again. It is with great sadness that the Gadd family announced the sudden passing of *Jeffrey Louis Gadd* on June 26, 2022, at 43. Jeff will be remembered for his drive and determination, his love for a debate, and his thirst for knowledge. He loved his children, Caroline and James, and was a champion to them and to others who were lucky to call him family or friend.

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Megan (McGolrick) Wabl shared exciting news that she and husband, George Wabl, welcomed Thomas Joseph "TJ" in May 2022. He joins big brothers John (11) and

Luke (7). Congratulations!

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'03

It's with a sad, heavy heart that I inform you of the unexpected passing of *Nicolae "Nick" Laza*. Born Nov. 16, 1980, he passed away Sept. 27, 2022. He was an active brother of Sigma Nu while at Gettysburg. He was living in Bucharest, Romania. Nick adored his 4-year-old daughter, Simina (Simi), and is survived by an older brother and his father.

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'04

Hello, Class of 2004. Congratulations to *Abby Templeton Greene*! In Oct. 2022, Abby published her third book, "A Blue House to Sleep In," a full-length book of poems. Abby has also started her own nonprofit focusing on healing and empowerment through writing and storytelling, much of which she first got into and explored at G'burg.

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'05

Happy New Year, Class of 2005. I hope 2023 is treating everyone well! It is hard to believe that so much time has gone by since we graduated 18 years ago, and pretty soon, we will be at 20. I've enjoyed hearing from you all over the years and please continue to keep in touch. *Devina Mitra* and Walid Hamman '07 visited *Kerry Hart* in MI for a mini reunion. Devina is looking forward to visiting other classmates now that travel is up and running again and hosting friends in her home in Toronto, Canada.

Alvincent Hutson, who serves as legal counsel and strategist for the Virgin Islands Department of Education, was selected to participate in the inaugural cohort of The Broad Center master's degree program at Yale School of Management. Alvincent was one of 30 high-impact leaders selected from large, urban K-12 school districts and state education agencies who have demonstrated a commitment to educational equity and making a real, lasting change for students and families.

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'06

It's with great sadness that I share the passing of two dear classmates. **Brendan T. Fitzgerald** was born to Marion and Robert Fitzgerald on Halloween in 1983. Brendan died suddenly from a traumatic seizure on Sunday, June 12, 2022, while at his home alone with his rescue dog, PJ. Brendan was born in Fairfax County and lived all of his life in Northern Virginia. He was a proud 2002 graduate of South Lakes High School in Reston and graduated from G'burg College in 2006. Brendan joined MicroStrategy Inc. in 2007 and spent 15 years at their headquarters in Tysons Corner. During that time, he rose from a position as a facilities associate to become the manager of international real estate. Just recently, he was asked to add procurement responsibilities to his real estate duties. Above all else, Brendan was a valued member of the MicroStrategy team, and he was personally and professionally admired by all of his colleagues. Brendan was the youngest in the family and had two older sisters who doted on him. In his adult life, he paid back the favor to his sisters by becoming the very special "Uncle B" to their four daughters, his beloved nieces. Brendan is survived by his parents, Marion and Bob Fitzgerald; his sisters, Erin Smythers and Lindsey Grilliot, and their husbands, Mike Smythers and Gary Grilliot; his loving nieces, Lauren, Megan and Brooke Smythers, and Ava Grilliot; and his devoted life partner Nicole Lerna. **Sarah Jennibelle Marion**, 38, of

Pennsburg passed away unexpectedly on Sept. 27, 2022. Born in Princeton, NJ, she was the beloved daughter of Dr. Paul and Camille (Harpel) Marion. Sarah was a 2002 graduate of Upper Perkiomen High School. She earned her bachelor's degree from G'burg College and later received her veterinary technician certificate from Harcum College. She most recently worked as a veterinary technician at Mill Pond Veterinary Clinic in Quakertown, PA. Sarah loved her work and animals, but her true passion was art. Sarah was a loving mother, daughter, and sister, who will be sorely missed by all who knew her. In addition to her parents, she is survived by her two children, Kenny Ryan Peacock (8) and Jennibelle Katherine Hughes (4), and two sisters, Elizabeth A. Marion (Becky Titelman) and Rachael M. Ortiz (Airam). Please remember to kiss your loved ones, let them know you care, and call or text your classmates when they cross your mind.

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'07 ☉

On Sept. 25, 2022, **Amelia (Schneck) Gamble** and **Michelle (Veresink) Richmond** were reunited performing on stage for the first time in 15 years—since we graduated from G'burg! Amelia and Michelle were in band all four years together at G'burg, performing in the marching and symphonic bands and serving in leadership roles. This performance was for the Festival of Bands in Allentown, PA, where the four Allentown community bands played a combined performance. Amelia plays tenor saxophone in the Pioneer Band of Allentown, and Michelle plays clarinet in the Allentown Band—the oldest civilian concert band in the country, founded in 1828. It was a super happy G'burg reunion moment—when you literally look across a practice room and see a familiar face in the same spot you are used to but haven't seen in ages! **Meghan (Reid) Galperin** and her husband Vadim welcomed Keira Mary Galperin on Sept. 7, 2022. Big brother Oliver is thrilled!

Katie Myers welcomed her second son, Jacob Robert, on July 11, 2022. First son Dylan has fully embraced the role of big brother. Congrats to Katie on this perfect addition to her family. **Katie (Herzberg) Miller** and her husband Steve welcomed their second daughter, Summer Hope Miller, on Aug. 10, 2022. She weighed 8 lbs. 4 oz. Cali is embracing her big sister role. Hopefully, we will see both of them in orange and blue one day! Pennsylvania Business Central selected **Chris Berleth** as one of its "Foremost Under 40." Shortly thereafter, he was named vice president of the Columbia Montour Chamber. In Sept. 2022, he was selected by the U.S. Chamber Foundation as one of 30 chamber executives in the country to serve in the Business Leads Fellowship. Business Leads Fellows join the U.S. Chamber Foundation's dedicated network of more than 250 organizations from around the nation who regularly engage on education and workforce initiatives. **Ryan Laughna**, his wife Goldie, and daughter Remy welcomed Piper Holland Laughna on Sept. 28, 2022. The family currently lives in Plano, TX, where Ryan handles the in-flight entertainment product for Southwest Airlines. **Sarah (Loveland) Meyer** welcomed her second baby, Gabriella Rose Meyer, on June 23, 2022. **William Monteith** welcomed his firstborn son, Rhys Alexander Monteith (aka "RAM"), on April 24, 2022. **Thomas Paone** is set to publish a new book with a colleague at the Smithsonian Institution National Postal Museum with Indiana University Press about a set of letters in the Smithsonian collection between family members in Indiana during the American Civil War entitled "Between Home and the Front." Thomas is a museum specialist at the Smithsonian Institution National Air and Space Museum. After serving the Reading Public Museum in Reading, PA, as vice president, event and exhibition rentals for nearly 12 years, **Stephanie (Hafer) Shaak** will be joining Teleflex, a global medical device and technology company, as planner of meetings, events, and tradeshow.

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In Jan. 2022, **Marissa Mizeski** launched a children's nature adventure series called "Amelia and the Mysterious Woodpecker." The second book in the series, "Amelia and the River of Lost Souls," was published in June 2022. The series is set in southwest Colorado, the location of a 2007 summer course Marissa took with Environmental Studies Prof. Randy Wilson. According to Eric Stiles, CEO and president of NJ Audubon, "This book is a must-read for adventurous children and parents alike."

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Greetings, Class of 2009! **Leo Marte** and his wife Melissa recently welcomed their third child, a daughter). This fall, **Allison (Geatches) Cantor** got her first TV "Music By" screen credit for "The Cleaning Lady" on FOX (season 2)! The first episode premiered on Sept. 19, and she said, "It's a joy to score the show and very cool to have a music by credit after 11-plus years in the industry." **Gretchen (Michelson) Carlson**, currently a professor of musicology at Towson U, published a book in July titled "Improvising the Score: Rethinking Modern Film Music Through Jazz." The book focuses on innovative collaborations between renowned contemporary jazz artists and prominent independent filmmakers.

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Hello, Class of 2011. I have a few updates to share. **Krissy McMahon** married Owen Doane on May 13, 2022, in Stafford, VA. The following Gettysburgians were in attendance: **Lynn Jorden**, **Scott Bye**, and **Anna (Armagno) Toussaint**. **Danielle Blackaby** started a new job as an assistant district attorney in Sullivan County, NY. **Rachel Rutter** was named one of the 2022 L'Oréal Paris Women of Worth honorees. I wish everyone the best, and please continue to send me updates!

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Dr. Nicole Quinn has joined the faculty at U of FL Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS) and will begin work to help the declining, world-famous citrus industry. Quinn recently joined UF/IFAS as an assistant professor of entomology. She'll specialize in the biocontrol of invasive insects and mites at the Norman C. Hayslip Biological Control Research and Containment Laboratory in Fort Pierce. Quinn's expertise is in studying and introducing an invasive species' natural enemies from its native range to control it in a nonnative environment, where the species causes loss. Biocontrol agents studied at the lab have already been released into FL's environment to manage super-spreading plants that interfere with native vegetation, animals, and human activities.

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Julia Eden Superka shares that she is finishing her Ph.D. in clinical psychology at The New School this year. My research journey started with Psychology Prof. Steve Sivy and Psychology Prof. Kevin Wilson in

behavioral and cognitive neuroscience. She is preparing to defend her dissertation in May and received the outstanding graduate teaching award for her course on cognitive neuroscience this year. Her success as a teacher, researcher, and clinician was in large part due to the faculty influences she had as a psychology and neuroscience major at G'burg, and she is happy to share these achievements with her faculty mentors.

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Greetings from the suburbs of Philadelphia, where my husband, Cameron Smith '15, and I recently purchased our first home. This year has been full of wonderful, and sometimes daunting, adventures as new homeowners! I am overjoyed to announce the marriage of **Victoria (Sharbaugh) Ramundo** to Ben Ramundo on Oct. 1, 2022, at the Willard InterContinental hotel in Washington, D.C. We danced the night away with G'burg graduates, including maid of honor Rachel Lovelidge '13, bridesmaid **Emily Zeller**, and guest Cameron Smith '15. Another mini-reunion took place at **Beth (Carlson) Ansell's** wedding to Jeff Ansell on July 29, 2022. In attendance were Beth Adams '12, **Colleen (Parrish) Ingrassia**, **Kelsey Holl**, **Hannah Leone**, **Nate Hill**, **Kathryn (Bucolo) Hill**, and **Kasey Varner**. Kasey went on a trip to Ireland with Rachel Fry '15 at the beginning of summer '22. They had a lovely time drinking Guinness and hiking around some of the most scenic views the country has to offer. **Kaytie Innamorati** successfully defended her dissertation in April 2021. She was studying comparative genomics of mucosal bacterial pathogens at Drexel U College of Medicine. She has since accepted a position as a researcher and instructor in the department of microbiology and immunology at Drexel. Outside of work, she recently ran her 21st half marathon and is training for her first full marathon and a second half Ironman. **Emily Francisco** started her second year as a Ph.D. student in art history at the U of Delaware while

continuing her work in modern and contemporary art at the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. Emily and her partner also recently bought a house in Rockville, MD, and are looking forward to being (slightly) closer to Gettysburg. Finally, I am saddened to report that we lost a dear member of our class, **Kevin Scott Carter**, this past summer. During his time at Gettysburg, Kevin was a psychology major, a two-year member of the varsity football team, and a dedicated brother of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. As a college community, we send our most heartfelt sympathy to Kevin's family and friends.

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Bijan Firouzan is living in Santa Barbara, CA. His band recently released a song called "Gettysburg," a nod to his days at G'burg College. Bijan wrote the song several years ago, shortly after he graduated from G'burg, and recently revived it with the help of his band members. **Elise (Sondheim) Zabradka** married **Kyle Zabradka** on Sept. 17, 2021, in Weekapaug, RI. They met during first-year Orientation! **Rebecca Utzinger** married **Griffin Absler** on June 24, 2022, in Bedminster, NJ. **Will Highland** recently launched his startup "Caritas Apparel." They make bamboo socks and donate 20% of the proceeds to charity. Please submit your class notes for future columns!

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It was great to see everyone who came for our five-year reunion over Homecoming! In Class of 2017 news, we've had lots of weddings. In July 2022, **Alex Delenko** and **Julia (Harper) Delenko** got the wedding they waited years to have at the Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens in Pittsburgh, PA. In attendance were Eli Dawes '18, **Miranda (Fennel) Bradshaw**, **Maddy LaCroce**, **Brooke Gutschick**, Jake Grajewski '19, Joel Cymerman '16, Graham Homan '16, Kate Helmstetter '18, **Amanda Finck**, **Blake Thatcher**, Travis Sowell '18, **Drew Harding**, Nate Cutting '18, **Kelly Ashnault**, and **Rob Sharpe**. In Aug. 2022, **Lizzy Johnson** and **Kevin Olson** got married in Cohasset, MA. Several fellow G'burg alumni were in attendance, including Miranda Johnson '15, **Wyatt Derr**, Angelica Marra '18, **Mel Vesbi**, **Leah Pinckney**, Ben Leighton '16, **Betty Cheong**, **Tiffany Ravelomanantsoa**, and **Alec Cottone**. **Kristina Chamberlin** married **Gordon McCann** at Fallen Tree Farm B&B in Carlisle, PA, in Sept. 2022 alongside best man **Andrew Mahoney** and guests **Stephen Brown** and **Amy Violante**. **Lauren Daugherty** married **Claire Lutrick** in Roswell, GA, in Oct. 2022. In attendance were fellow classmates **Erin Morin**, **Sam Boyle**, **Kelly Palmer**, **Anna Bucci**, **Meghan Brady**, **Caroline Pace**, and **Ben Taber**. A few job updates too: **Maddy LaCroce** started a new role at Visa. **Piper O'Keefe** started a job at the U.S. Department of Energy.

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2020

Hi, Class of 2020! Since our last update, **Ally Schultz** has started a new position as a communications associate at the Federal City Council in Washington, D.C., and **Julia Roehl** has started a new position as executive administrator at Sprouts Chef Training. **Matthew Lang** graduated from Tufts U School of Medicine with his Master of Public Health and has started as a transformation consulting associate at Grant Thornton LLP. I look forward to hearing from you, so please reach out with any news. Until next time!

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'21

Hi, Class of 2021! Our classmates are exploring exciting careers and studies, as well as creating impactful change in their communities. **Cameron Sauers** continues to serve as a Robert Lipman Fellow in the department of history at the U of Kentucky, where he will complete his master's degree in spring 2023. Cameron recently began a one-year term on the graduate council of the Society of Civil War Historians. In Dec. 2022, he was elected to Omicron Delta Kappa at the U of Kentucky. He has also recently presented research at the American Literature Association and the Southern Association for Women Historians. **Harrison Brown** lives in Washington, D.C., and is currently a 1L at American U's Washington College of Law. He hopes to later get the opportunity to volunteer at an affordable housing clinic while studying public interest and civil rights law, and he credits Gettysburg Prof. Scott Bodderly's legal analysis course with preparing him for the 1L experience.

Harrison is also involved in leadership with S.A.F.E. DC, a Washington-based community youth sports nonprofit that uses tennis programs to provide opportunities for youth in the District of Columbia to build their character and improve their academic performance. S.A.F.E. recently raised enough funding to send one of its star participants, 16-year-old Jacob Poole, to the Rafa Nadal Tennis Academy in Barcelona, Spain. **Daniel Janzow** lives in Boston, MA, and works for Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, a think tank that seeks to improve quality of life through effective use of taxation and stewardship of land. Daniel works on Lincoln's reduced poverty and spatial inequality team to provide policy solutions to issues like affordable housing, displacement, and urbanization. He is currently writing a paper on green gentrification in small and mid-sized cities and a paper on tenant site lease protections in manufactured housing communities. **Megan Keene** lives in Arlington, VA, and is working in environmental consulting. As a federal contractor, she works for clients including the Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Defense. In her free time, Megan volunteers at Lost Dog and Cat Rescue Foundation as a foster parent and dog walker. She also enjoys playing VOLO kickball and volleyball with other G'burg alumni. Wishing everyone the best! I would love to hear from you, so please reach out!

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**CLASS NOTES
 CORRESPONDENTS'
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1 Beth Carlson wedding (from left to right): Beth Adams '12, Colleen (Parrish) Ingrassia '14, Kelsey Holl, Hannah Leone '14, Beth (Carlson) Ansell, Nate Hill '14, Kathryn (Buco) Hill '14, and Kasey Varner '14.

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3 A group of eight alums has been getting together for years at the Jersey shore in August for a few days. We have a wonderful time recounting our days at the 'burg and catching up with each other's working and retired lives. From left to right: Karen (Davison) Rodino '81, Milly (Tome) Elrod '79, Donna (Varrichio) Ewing '81, Donna (Merriam) Probstak '81, Carol (Willenbrock) Janser '81, Sue (Pelan) Hahn '81, Nanette (Witter) Jordan '81, and Sarah (Babylon) Dorrance '81.

4 Olson wedding (left to right): Miranda Johnson '15, Wyatt Derr '17, Angelica Marra '18, Mel Veshi '17, Leah Pinckney '17, Kevin Olson '17, Lizzy Johnson '17, Ben Leighton '16, Betty Cheong '17, Tiffany Ravelomanantsoa '17, and Alec Cottone '17.

5 Lisa Cardone said, "I just returned from a trip to Cape Cod with Tracy Repetto Seeba '84, Sue Copple Crump '84, Jill Ujobai Schull '84, Tammy Murtagh Curran '84, Sue Harned Timmins '84, Beth Erdman Bauer '84, Marcy Vaughan Tyner '84, and Din Cullen Rush '84. All attendees are Class of 1984 alumnae celebrating our 60th birthday year together. We spent six days painting the towns orange and blue and spreading Bullet goodwill to all those we encountered. We had the time of our lives and made memories to last another 60 years! What a treasure to have known these women for more than 40 years."

6 Delenko wedding (left to right, front row): Eli Dawes '18, Alex Delenko '17, Julia (Harper) Delenko '17, Miranda (Fennel) Bradshaw '17, Maddy LaCroce '17, and Brooke Gutschick '17. (Second row): Jake Grajewski '19, Joel Cymerman '16, Graham Homan '16, Kate Helmsetter '18, and Amanda Finck '17. (Third row): Blake Thatcher '17, Travis Sowell '18, Drew Harding '17, Nate Cutting '18, Kelly Ashnault '17, and Rob Sharpe '17.



IN MEMORIAM

ALL DATES ARE 2022 UNLESS NOTED

- '47 Margaret Lanko Haslbeck, Sept. 12
Rachel Zimmerman Joyce, May 1
Beverly Greenberg Littauer, Oct. 24
William F. Meller, June 19
- '48 Donald T. Zimmerman, June 4
- '49 David H. Hough, Oct. 28*
Harry L. McNeal Jr., July 2
Anna Dundore Motter, July 12
R. Russell Peery, July 6
- '50 Richard H. Cromer, Oct. 11
Charles A. Gentzler, Oct. 17
- '51 Shirley Thomas Busch, June 17
Robert Driesbach, Oct. 28
- '52 T. Chester Bright, Sept. 27
John W. Clark, Sept. 27
Elaine Serfass Stevens, Aug. 22
Austin E. Stiles Jr., June 14
- '53 Alexander Astin, May 18
Thomas R. Haddock, Sept. 28
Maynard S. Northup Jr., June 11
- '54 Rev. Dr. Philip A. Lynch, Sept. 1
Ruth Davis Spellman, July 21
Marion Stroehmann Waldeisen,
May 17
James R. Wingert Jr., Aug. 8
- '55 John D. Augustine, Aug. 22
W. Ronald Fearer, July 8
George F. Haase, Oct. 9
Joanne Reese Kick, Oct. 18
Thomas M. Kostelac, March 24
William Laurita, Oct. 17
Quentin E. Lengel, June 29
Robert Roberto, Aug. 6
- '56 Michael Duka, Sept. 21
Louise Armstrong Ihle, Sept. 18
Clair W. Starner, May 30
- '57 M. Steven Piver, May 7
Wallace H. Van Dyke, May 5
William B. Whitten, Oct. 15
- '58 Albert E. Bachman, Oct. 27
Joseph C. Bolton Jr., Oct. 29
Charles J. Charles, July 23
J. Sherrick Gilbert, May 3
Robert L. Haar, Sept. 24
Bob Gordon Michael, July 31
Donald L. Stein, Aug. 19
Eleanor Louse Jones Wahl, Aug. 21
- '59 Sandra Amundsen Dubpernell, Sept. 1
Eugene B. Keesler, May
John C. Kellow, June 13
Bernard L. Langeluttig, June 2
Wilbur N. McIvor Jr., April 5
- '60 Thomas J. Crum, June 9
D. Clay Fought, July 29
Theodore R. Hise, Oct. 9
- '61 Margaret F. Grimaldi Christman, Feb. 7
Harriette Burchfield Coull, May 9*
Robert F. Greenwood, Sept. 16
Robert F. Grele, Sept. 24
- '62 H. Gale Shipman Alder, Oct. 6
Jean Gaumnitz Gruber, June 17
John T. Knudsen, July 2
- '63 Barry L. Colyer, May 15
Martin T. Young, Sept. 2
- '64 Georgia Lauridsen Burnette, June 8
Arthur R. Kastberg Jr., Aug. 11
- '66 Martin F. Gavet Jr., Sept. 26
William H. Hurni, Dec. 5*
Catherine Winter Staneck, April 27
David C. Yates, Aug. 12
- '67 Melinda Chang Burton, Sept. 16
Douglas G. Forry, June 26
Patricia Moran Hardy, Nov. 3*
W. Douglas Jones, Sept. 7
James Raymond, Oct. 17
- '68 Margaret Graham Gaynes*
Ann (Abrahams) Kessler, Aug. 19
Jeffrey D. Long, July 21
- '69 James W. Corkran, Aug. 16
- '71 Virginia Milan Blickens, Aug. 7
James W. Koch Jr., Aug. 17
Leonard R. Simpson, June 14
- '72 David R. Johnson, Oct. 26
Robert B. McGrew, June 20*
J.R. Ridinger, Aug. 30
John M. Stevely, May 27
Terrance Weir, July 13
- '73 Barrie I. Eberstein, April 15
Joseph J. Pinkos, Nov. 25
- '75 Brent C. Gearhart, Oct. 22
- '76 Bruce D. Bucher, May 13
- '77 Katherine Mertz Schonenberg, Aug. 9
- '79 Thomas M. Read, Oct. 15
Robert J. Yokemick, Aug. 26
- '81 Thirza L. Jacobus, Sept. 4
- '82 Andrew G. Smith, Aug. 28
Kathleen Kilheeny Stewart, May 16
- '84 Wes R. Kessenich, May 17
- '85 John C. Stewart, Oct. 2
- '86 Stuart R. Curran, July 26
- '88 William P. Mitchell, Dec. 27*
- '90 Renee S. Fegley, May 16
- '92 Kimberly R. Wetzel, March 29, 2020
- '96 Alison E. Relyea, Oct. 12
- '01 Jeffrey L. Gadd, June 26
- '03 Nicolae (Nick) Laza, Sept. 27
- '04 Michael R. Connolly, Oct. 16
- '06 Brendan T. Fitzgerald, June 12
Sarah J. Marion, Sept. 27
- '08 Bridget McElroy, Nov. (*date unknown*)
- '14 Kevin S. Carter, July 17

RETIRED FACULTY & STAFF

Paula D. Olinger, Sept. 17
Frances H. Playfoot (librarian), July 5

* denotes 2021

GETTYSBURG COLLEGE HONORS THE LEGACIES OF JOHN W. CLARK '52 AND JAMES W. CORKRAN '69, P'96

JOHN W. CLARK '52

Gettysburg College Trustee Emeritus *John W. Clark '52* passed away on Sept. 27, 2022. Clark served on the College's Board of Trustees for eight years (1983-1991) and was honored as a Trustee Emeritus in 2010. He received the Distinguished Alumni Award in 1995 and, in 2004, he was added to the College's Benefactors Circle. While perhaps best known as the namesake of Clark Field, Clark was an ardent and consistent supporter of a wide variety of initiatives and programs at the College, including scholarship and financial aid, faculty support, the Gettysburg Fund, and athletics.

"John Clark was a true inspiration," said *President Bob Iuliano*. "He was committed to the development of the whole student, and he believed in the potential of every Gettysburgian to grow into a person of goodwill and a leader of good character. John stepped forward for our students, he invested in them, he showed up for them, and he cheered for them—in all of their endeavors. John, and his love for this community, will be celebrated at Gettysburg College for generations to come."

Clark competed in soccer, track, basketball, and tennis during his time as an undergraduate, and his love for the Bullets continued for more than seven decades after his graduation. His support for Gettysburg College athletics led to the construction of a turf field for soccer and women's lacrosse, which was dedicated in his honor as Clark Field in 2004.

"John Clark was the epitome of a true gentleman," said David Wright, who served as director of athletics from 2002-2018. "His kindness and compassion were second to none. He was one of the most selfless and caring individuals that I have ever met. Whenever he and I would talk, he would always ask about my family, the college, the coaches, but most especially our student-athletes. His magnificent smile would light up the room whenever the topic of our students came to the forefront. John Clark will be missed by all of us who had the privilege and honor of knowing and working with him."

An economics major, he was a class officer, vice president of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and men's tribunal, president of the Arnold Air Society, dorm counselor, and a member of Pi Delta

Epsilon (journalism honor society) and Pi Lambda Sigma (economics honor society). He also contributed to the G-Book, Spectrum, and The Gettysburgian.

Following graduation, Clark served two years in the United States Air Force before working for the Alcoa Company as a sales administrator and general salesman. During his 17 years with Alcoa, he spent four years in Australia as manager of direct sales and distribution. In 1969, Clark resigned from Alcoa and founded his own company, Clark Metals, Inc., located in Gardena, California.

A resident of Bigfork, Montana, and Las Vegas, Nevada, Clark is survived by his wife Mary.

by *Corey Jewart*



John W. Clark '52 alongside President Emerita Janet Morgan Riggs '77 and Trustee Emeritus Jim Chemel '71 at the Benefactors Circle dinner in 2014. Photo by Jason Minick.

JAMES W. CORKRAN '69, P'96

Jim Corkran '69, P'96, who served on the College's Board of Trustees from 1999 to 2007, passed away on Aug. 16, 2022, after a long-fought battle with Parkinson's disease.

A Philadelphia-area native and lifelong resident, Jim was an honors student as a biology major, sang in the College Choir, and was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity. He met his wife of 53 years, *Enid (Wedemeyer) Corkran '69*, at Gettysburg, with their relationship blossoming during the College Choirs' World Tour in the summer of 1968, which took them around the globe for six weeks.

"Jim's legacy at Gettysburg is significant and enduring," said President *Bob Iuliano*. "Not only was he a model volunteer and philanthropist for Gettysburg College, but he was also a shining example of the entrepreneurial spirit and expertise that can be borne from our liberal arts and sciences education. His positive impact on Gettysburg will be felt far into the future."

Jim parlayed a summer job at an auto transmissions shop into a highly successful business career, following service in the U.S. Army after graduating from Gettysburg. He worked his way up to owner of the shop where he started working, leading eventually to a thriving enterprise with multiple locations, Cottman Transmission Systems, Inc. It now has hundreds of stores in 20 states.

The Corkrans' son, *Charley Corkran '96*, enrolled at Gettysburg in 1992 and graduated in 1996, which led to greater involvement with the College for Jim. He served on the Commission on the Future in 1997-1998, which led to a position on the Board of Fellows and the Board of Trustees shortly thereafter.

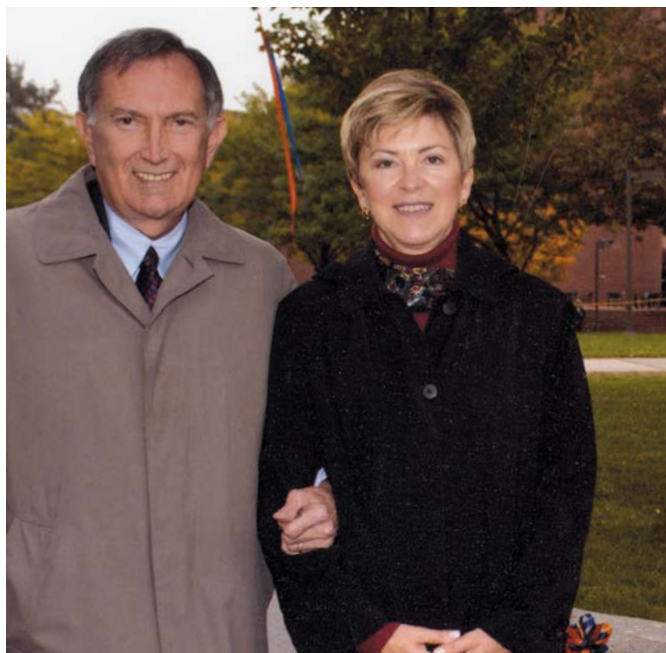
He was also instrumental in the success of the Unfinished Work Campaign at Gettysburg (1998-2004), serving on the National Campaign Steering Committee and the Campaign Executive Committee. Additionally, the generosity that he and Enid exhibited in that campaign made Corkran Hall in the new Quarry Suites a reality in 2000.

"Jim was a very special guy," said *Lex McMillan P'03*, vice president of development at the College during Corkran's tenure on the Board. "What I most recall about Jim was the joy he experienced in giving. He once told me [about Corkran Hall] that nothing he had done had given him more pleasure. God rest his soul."

Away from work, Jim enjoyed Civil War history—an interest that began during his student days at Gettysburg—and cross-country motorcycle tips with friends and colleagues. He and Enid also continued singing through their Lutheran church, with which they were quite involved. Jim also served as chairman of the Board of Directors of the Better Business Bureau of Eastern Pennsylvania.

In addition to Enid and Charley, he is survived by his son Thomas, his wife Bonnie, Charley's wife *Carol (Wang '96)*, and four granddaughters.

by Joe Lynch '85



James W. '69 and Enid (Wedemeyer) '69 Corkran near the Benefactors Wall when they were recognized for their gifts to Gettysburg College, including donations for the naming of Corkran Hall in the Quarry Suites.

WITH A GETTYSBURG GREAT



Cyrus

by *Chris Brown '07*



DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE HORSE THAT BECAME AN OVERNIGHT SOCIAL MEDIA SENSATION?

Chris Brown '07 shares how his viral hashtag #RollCyrusRoll evolved into an inspiring children's book.





Upon graduating from Gettysburg College in 2007, I moved to Maryland to be closer to my college sweetheart, **Katie Brown '07**. There, I began working as a player development coordinator for Baseball Factory, where I have spent the past 15-plus years traveling the country to help high school athletes navigate the recruiting process. For a few years, Katie and I lived on a horse farm, where Katie served as barn manager. As a former member of the Gettysburg College equestrian team, she rides horses frequently, and I was instantly immersed into the Maryland horse industry. Katie's love of horses wore off on me over the years, and eventually evolved into us having fractional ownership in some racehorses and even breeding our own with Designated Hitters Racing, LLC. It was then that I joined the close-knit horseracing community in Maryland.

Fast forward to July 2020, and volunteering on the farm was one of the few safe activities during a worldwide pandemic. We fed the horses and gave them baths, after which all but one horse enjoyed a good roll in the sand. Baby Cyrus, the son of Hoppertunity, was getting frustrated, only able to paw at the dirt and put his nose to it. I filmed his struggle that fateful summer day and shared it with my dozen Twitter followers later that evening—it went viral. My followers quickly grew by the thousands, wanting to stay updated on the colt's progress. The local news aired his tale, which has been viewed more than six million times. #RollCyrusRoll became much more than a hashtag—it was a complete story.

As Cyrus gained popularity, I learned content creation is not easy. Using social media to grow his fan base, I had the opportunity to give many people unique insight into breeding and foal behavior.

I was asked daily for updates, as he became one of the most famous racehorses in the world before ever taking the racetrack. What touched me the most was how many times I heard how the videos of Cyrus helped people during the pandemic. During one of the toughest times of many people's lives, Cyrus was there to bring smiles and laughter. While searching #RollCyrusRoll, seeing the messages still blows my mind. We also send Christmas cards and email updates to his fan club, and the one consistent request we got in response was to turn Cyrus' story into a children's book.

To bring it to life, I collaborated with Dan Heim, a friend and racehorse owner for Designated Hitters Racing, LLC. We probably bit off more than we can chew, but that's our personality. We like to be challenged, just like Cyrus. We brought on my talented Gettysburg roommate, **Ben Fidler '07**, as our illustrator. We knew details mattered—if there was no ear floof, there was no Cyrus. There is something about the bond from college that is special, and it just felt right to have Ben on our team.

From an internet sensation to published children's book in March 2021, "Roll Cyrus Roll: The Adventures of Cyrus the Colt" tells the story of a young foal who dreams of becoming a famous racehorse, trained by a cardinal named Fred. While based on the real Cyrus, the book has its own theme: It's OK to be different. Even people unfamiliar with Cyrus have told me how important the message is, which is really heartwarming. Writing a children's book with proceeds going to the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation, taking on a creative collaboration with a Gettysburg College

friend, and then self-publishing was an incredible challenge that I am so glad we tried. Even long after we're gone, we know this published work and its uplifting message will carry on forever. **G**



TOP Katie Brown '07 with Cyrus in March 2021 when the book "Roll Cyrus Roll: The Adventures of Cyrus the Colt" was released to the public.

BOTTOM Cyrus, Katie Brown '07, and Chris Brown '07 in May 2021 with a \$1,000 donation to the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation using proceeds from their book sales.

THE LIFELONG IMPACT OF A GETTYSBURG CONNECTION

HOW A GETTYSBURG COLLEGE MAGAZINE STORY REINFORCED THE POWER OF THE GETTYSBURG NETWORK

by *Bill Heyman '74, P'13*

On Aug. 18, 2022, *Mike Malewicki '75* invited *Paul Seale '75, P'06, Jim Burke '74, Vic Kalman '77*, and me to the Atria Park in Lynbrook, New York, to surprise our good friend and fraternity brother *Bob Isaacson '75*. Bob has been fighting Parkinson's disease for more than 10 years, and it was wonderful for us all to get together with him—he was thrilled to see us. Not to any great surprise, we ended up telling the same old stories we have told many times, regaling our days at Gettysburg College and our times at the Phi Delta Theta house, where Mike and Bob roomed together.

Before the conversation went very far, Bob pushed across the table—in my direction—a copy of the summer 2021 issue of *GETTYSBURG College Magazine*. On the cover stood *Bruce Silverglade '68* with the headline “Resilience In The Ring: The Dogged & Determined.” The cover story addressed all that Bruce has done at the iconic Gleason's Gym to contribute to the Dumbo neighborhood in Brooklyn, the world of boxing, and even his efforts to help Parkinson's patients, as boxing encourages upper body movement. I know very little about this, but Bob understood what boxing means as a physical therapy tool for those with Parkinson's. He mentioned he wanted to go to Gleason's Gym to see its connection to Gettysburg College and the fight many have with this disease.

That moment sparked an idea. I called *Betsy Duncan Diehl '84, P'14*, associate vice president and campaign director at Gettysburg College, who introduced me to Bruce. After I shared Bob's story, Bruce kindly invited us to visit the gym, but unbeknownst to Bob, we gathered a significant group of his friends and fraternity brothers to meet us there on Oct. 22, including *Gary Karkuff '76, Scott Kintzing '74, Mike Madden '75, P'03, Chris Re '78, Craig Sabatino '78*, and Paul. The most important member of our group was Bob's oldest daughter Kristen, who serves as an aide and helped us all better understand the challenges Bob has faced over the past decade. It is hard for me to describe just how emotional it was for Bob to get out of his daughter's car in front of the gym and see his band of brothers whom he has known for more than 50 years. The day was magical, and Bob has not stopped thanking us.



LEFT TO RIGHT *Mike Madden '75, P'03, Bill Heyman '74, P'13, Scott Kintzing '74, Chris Re '78, Bruce Silverglade '68, Paul Seal '75, Kristen Isaacson, Gary Karkuff '76, Craig Sabatino '78, and Bob Isaacson '75 (front) outside Gleason's Gym.*

Bruce talked glowingly about his time at Gettysburg, the role our College has played in his life, and all that had happened at the gym since he took it over 40 years ago, including boxers who have trained there, like Muhammad Ali, Floyd Mayweather Jr., Mike Tyson, and more. Bruce was humble, and he could not have been more thrilled to show his iconic gym to other members of the Gettysburg College community.

There were many heightened feelings—mostly, it was an emotional and giving day. We all now want to link this moment and these feelings to the College in some way, perhaps giving back to the Psychology Department for students to study neuroscience. It was clear that there is a strong Gettysburg connection—let's pay it forward. **G**



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