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A woman with shoulder-length brown hair, smiling, is sitting on a green sofa. She is wearing a bright purple suit jacket and matching trousers over a white V-neck top. Her hands are clasped in her lap. She is wearing white ankle boots. The background features a wooden bookshelf filled with books, a patterned pillow on the sofa, and a doorway leading to another room.

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President Kornfeld

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Kenyon's 20th leader that
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Lawn Games

Move over, cornhole! Spikeball, also known as roundnet, is the popular game on campus right now. The game has been described as a cross between volleyball and four square, and, as Aidan Biglow '23 (right) and Jiarong "Andy" Zhang '26 (left) demonstrate here, it requires an almost acrobatic precision. "It's always nice to bounce back from finals week with a game of spikeball with your buds," Biglow said.

PHOTO BY REBECCA KIGER

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Letters

A memorable meal

I am aware that the stock in trade of alumni magazines is nostalgia, but like Richard A. Dickey '69 ("Correspondence," Spring 2023), I found all the blather about the Village Inn vaguely offensive. Like him, I had a scholarship and no money. Unlike him, I actually ate there once during my undergraduate years, at a dinner hosted by a couple of alumni for some special reason that I don't recall. I do recall, however, what I had, which indicates how unusual that experience was — perch, because it was Friday and I was a good Catholic boy. There are more stories possible, but I will refrain from telling them, to spare some feelings and to avoid destroying the happy memories of those who were fortunate enough to dine there.

— George Grella '60

THE LONG BOOK GOODBYE "Every book I have read has taught me something."

Andrew Welsh-Huggins '83 struck a chord describing his reading experiences in his "Long Book Goodbye" essay (Spring 2023).

I could not help but notice the photo of Mr. Welsh-Huggins' bookshelves. They look like the ones I had before we moved from Maryland to Delaware in 2007. I had more than 2,000 books on bookshelves all over the house. My wife told me that it was my responsibility to dispose of the books as "they weren't moving with us."

As the move approached, I was reading a new Michael Connelly novel that featured one of my favorite police detectives, Hieronymus Bosch. In the novel, Bosch is talking to a friend who had a used bookstore and the friend said that someone had stolen some books, but he was grateful that they had not taken any of the Pelecanos novels because they were getting to have a substantial retail value. I sat up straight in my chair! I had been reading George Pelecanos' novels, set mainly in Washington, D.C., and the Maryland suburbs, from the first one, which apparently had a very small printing. They were all just read once, were first editions, had the original covers, were in pristine condition, and were sitting upstairs on a bookshelf.

The next morning, I spoke to a well-known seller of used books and described my Pelecanos novels as well as some original Michael Connelly novels. I told him that I would like to sell them for a fair price as long as they agreed to take all of the other books I had accumulated.

He came to our house, looked at the books I had, told me that he wanted the Pelecanos novels, a couple of the Connelly novels and an eight-volume, leather-bound, Jewish Encyclopedia from 1908 that my father had bought at an auction and sent to me. He agreed to take all of the other books and offered me a fair price for the books he wanted. He told me to set aside any books that I wanted to keep, and they would take the rest. I did keep my P.F. Kluge '64 books and novels, and other Kenyon-related books.

Within two weeks, the bookshelves were virtually empty, and I had a check for those that were purchased.

I believe that every book I have read has taught me something: a fact, a circumstance, a word, or a human condition, and, indirectly, how one might effectively dispose of shelf-loads of previously read books.

— Neal M. Mayer '63 P'92 GP'25 H'07

WHAT MAKES A LEGEND?

A second career

Eileen Cartter's article, "What Makes A Legend?" (Spring 2023) was a credible account of Paul Newman's acting career and the connection with Kenyon. However, to characterize Newman's driving of race cars as a "hobby," vibrant or otherwise, was completely off the mark. Driving race cars was not a "hobby" for Newman (which even a cursory search of the topic would reveal); it was a second career.

Newman was an accomplished and dedicated driver of sports cars, beginning in his 40s after his role in the movie "Winning." He turned

pro in 1972. He raced into his 80s and was a respected and successful driver (driving under an assumed name in the early years to avoid the attention a celebrity attracts). The article's photo of Newman in his racing suit, with the reference to "a race in France," was taken at the 24 Hours of Le Mans, the oldest and most famous endurance race in the world and no place for "hobbyists" or pretenders. Newman scored a class win in that race in 1995 at the age of 70!

He also founded professional racing teams, including Newman Haas Racing, which fielded cars in the CART and Indycar series. Newman was not a "pay to drive" gentleman racer. It was not a hobby for him. He was an accomplished professional driver and is remembered as such alongside his career as an actor.

— **William Cline '72**

A footnote

Having just finished "The Extraordinary Life of an Ordinary Man," I was primed to revisit Paul Newman's Kenyon connections when the spring 2023 alumni magazine arrived. Eileen Carter's feature was a timely companion piece to Newman's self-aware, off-the-cuff posthumously published memoir, which I confess I picked up to hear more about his Kenyon years.

I'd like to add a footnote to the magazine's story to acknowledge the role drama professor James Michael played in Newman's life (which Newman includes in his memoir). Michael, new to Kenyon in the 1940s, was the first to cast Newman and became a lifelong friend. (Mr. Michael, as I still think of him, was approaching retirement when I matriculated at Kenyon in the fall of 1971, and he was a gracious, wise and endearing mentor then as well.)

I'd also like to correct the middle photo caption on page 21. That gathering of students with Newman took place not in 1978, but I believe in 1975, when Newman was on campus (at Jim Michael's behest, I believe) to rustle up support for a new theater. I remember, because I was there. And the students in the photo, left to right, are Harlow Keith '75, Audrey Bullar '77, Doug (Ballard) Lotspeich '76, Charlotte J. "Shami" McCormick '75 P'10 H'94 and Trice Koopman '77 P'11. It was a red-letter day.

— **Janice Paran '75**

(From the editor: Thank you for the correction, Janice! The caption has been updated online.)

"Touched by greatness"

Here's a Newman story for you: My father, G. Thomas Shantz '49, claims to have gotten Paul

started in acting at Kenyon. According to my father, he and Paul were sitting on a hill on campus one afternoon after Newman got kicked off the football team, and Newman commented that he was looking for an activity to fill the void. My father had appeared in Kenyon theater productions and so, as he tells it, suggested to his classmate that he might enjoy trying that.

I have no idea if the story is true or not, but it doesn't matter. I loved that story ... two degrees of separation touched by greatness.

In fact, I used that story and the Kenyon connection when I pitched an article to Newman about his racing interests for Rolling Stone magazine. I was between newspaper jobs and doing freelance work at the time.

During the back-and-forth explaining my idea to Mr. Newman (via snail mail since this was pre-instant-email days), I landed another newspaper job. Because of a guaranteed income from a salary versus the unknowns of freelance work, I abandoned the project for my new job. Silly me!

— **Tom Shantz '73**

Again?

When my children and I opened the mailbox and I spied the tell-tale binding that signals the seasonal Kenyon Alumni Magazine, I excitedly snagged it before the small ones had a chance to drop it in the ever-present mud of a New England spring. When I saw who was on the cover I almost as quickly shoved it back in, but, remembering that I love reading the class notes section, I reluctantly retrieved it. However, I cannot, for the life of me, understand why you keep (covering someone who) graduated from Kenyon 75 years ago this spring, who died 14 years ago and whose contributions to the college community and to film have been rehashed ad nauseam in the alumni magazine, on Kenyon's Twitter account and pretty much everywhere else Kenyon shares info. What more could possibly be said? And even if there is something new to say, is it worth eight pages?

You base your premise for the article on the recent publication of a documentary and a book about Mr. Newman, but two new pieces of art do not make a "renaissance."

There are engaging stories to be had everywhere in the Kenyon alumni community; you just have to look for them. To spend a cover and feature article on a story that's been told in every way imaginable is simply editorial laziness. I challenge you to do better so that I can again look forward to that tell-tale binding hiding amongst the junk mail.

— **Emmie (Dengler) Smith '05**

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Paul Newman, in 1975, photographed by Ellen H. Mower '76 on Middle Path.

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Candid camera

I enjoyed reading the Paul Newman article from the Spring 2023 Alumni Magazine, “What Makes A Legend?” by Eileen Cartter '16. However I noticed one photo that was given an incorrect date. The photo (middle photo on page 21) itself was from 1975, not 1978 as labeled. Perhaps it was just a “place holder” photo for the description below it. The reason I know the date is incorrect for the photo is that I also took photos that same day. It was the spring of '75 and I was studying for finals in Bushnell. I heard the rumor that Paul Newman was on campus, and since I was getting tired of studying and felt I needed a break, I decided to take a short walk to see if the rumor was or wasn't a rumor. I loved taking photos then (and still do now), so I grabbed my camera and headed out for a short walk. I think it was one of the best breaks from studying I ever took! By the way, Libbo (Elizabeth Arthur '76) pointed out that Paul was wearing the same clothes and ring in all five photos.

— Ellen H. Mower '76

(From the editor: See the note from Janice Paran '75. Thank you for sharing your photos, above!)

Life is good.

The following is probably apocryphal, but here's how I remember it: After a long ride on my horse, and still wearing riding boots and

jodhpurs, I walked into the Village Inn for a cold pitcher of beer. I was the sole customer at that hour. The late afternoon sun streamed through the front windows. Life is good.

Life got better. The Inn's front door swung open, (drama professor) James Michael walked in, surveyed the empty tavern, spied me and, without missing a beat said: Paul, have you met Corbin Riemer yet? (I'd acted in three Kenyon productions by that point, none directed by Mr. Michael, and was quite surprised he knew my name.)

We shook hands, said hello. Paul Newman sat down and eyed my ice cold pitcher, lit like the holy grail itself by a shaft of late afternoon sun. Two mugs appeared. Beer poured. Paul sat across the table from me. Man, were those eyes blue. He wore a faded blue jean jacket with a patch on it saying “Powered by Coors.” We chatted about things. Acting. Kenyon. The conversation began to lag.

As luck would have it, at that (innocent) time the owner of the Village Inn was Polish. And it turned out Paul had an unlimited store of G-rated Polish jokes. The owner joined the table. We laughed and laughed.

A second pitcher arrived. Late afternoon turned to early evening. People began to filter in. Chairs were drawn up. A sort of theater in the round formed, our table the stage. Perfect.

— Corbin Riemer '76

READER SPOTLIGHT:

Scott Klavan '79



Scott Klavan '79 is an actor, director, writer and teacher, who worked for more than 20 years as the personal script reader for Paul Newman and Joanne Woodward. Reading Newman's 2022 memoir, he was moved by how much Newman enjoyed his days as a student at Kenyon after his return from service in World War II. "We know how much Newman meant to Kenyon, but I didn't realize how much the school meant to him," Klavan said. "He was just a guy then, running around and creating havoc with his college pals, free to find his way in life. Before he became a 'legend,' scrutinized and idolized, interpreted, misinterpreted, by the world."

— ELIZABETH WEINSTEIN

What did you major in at Kenyon?

I was a drama major, and Thomas Turgeon was one of my favorite teachers. He was very sharp, welcoming and funny. I acted in many plays he directed, learning the rudiments of theater, and even came back to Kenyon in 1988 and performed with Tom in David Mamet's play, "A Life In The Theater," directed by Harlene Marley, who I was also close with.

Tell me about your career trajectory.

After Kenyon, I worked as a young actor on soap operas in New York and small plays, while doing survival jobs like being a gardener's assistant and working in a real estate office. Then, just as I was getting going, I was injured in a fight scene in a major film and my career got sidetracked. But I kept on acting, doing plays in regional theater, and started directing and writing as well. (In recent years, I have written theater reviews for *Escape Into Life*, an arts journal edited by **Kathleen Kirk '79**.) I became a script reader and consultant for movie and theater com-

panies and then worked in the early days of drama therapy, leading therapeutic groups for teenagers and then, as now, senior citizens.

How did your impressions of Paul Newman change after meeting him?

I grew up a huge Paul Newman fan, along with the other Method guys of the Post-War period: Brando, George C. Scott, et al. I saw all of Paul's films and viewed him as a movie star and kind of an ideal person. I also appreciated the fact that he was half-Jewish and didn't hide it. I met Paul when I was cast in the play "C.C. Pyle & The Bunion Derby," by Michael Cristofer, which Paul directed at Kenyon. I have to say I was pretty much amazed to be working with him at school. During rehearsal, he would give me a direction and I would be in my head, thinking: "Paul Newman is talking to me. He's talking to me!" and didn't hear a word he said. But he treated all the kids kindly, didn't throw his weight around, and had a hilarious, irreverent sense

of humor. Even then, though, I did sense that he was guarded; he was a person who other people were always watching. I'm fortunate to have seen the more human side of him. It taught me that there's no such thing as a legend. We're all people.

How did you come to work for Paul and Joanne?

I heard from a person working on the same floor where Paul had a deal with Columbia Pictures in New York City that he was looking for a reader. I contacted Newman, and they gave me a test script to cover. It was kind of a "trick" because it was a good script. As a reader, your job is basically to reject stuff, saving your bosses the time of reading pieces. But I knew Paul's work well, had a good idea of what he was looking for, and could tell this particular script was superior; I gave it a positive report, and they hired me.

What's your proudest accomplishment?

After many years of acting, in hundreds of stage plays, workshops, TV and movie

bits, I made it to Broadway in a play called "Irena's Vow," starring Tovah Feldshuh. I did it without an agent and just from keeping working and improving; training in places like The Actors Studio, where I am a lifetime member. I thanked Tom Turgeon in my bio and sent him the Playbill. Tom was ill then and mentioned it was the first time he had been acknowledged in a Playbill.

Tell me about your recent work teaching acting to senior citizens.

After about 10 years working with teens in drama therapy, I started working with older people. I have run thousands of classes at 92nd St. Y, JCC Manhattan and other organizations. In the beginning, I was younger than everyone in the class; now, I could be my own student. I view my job as trying to stimulate people. I take my students seriously and challenge them to take their creative work seriously. I've seen how commitment and concentration, as well as having fun with what you are doing, can help keep people active and engaged.

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You've Got Mail

As an editor, the most gratifying part of my job is communicating directly with readers. Thank you for reaching out in record numbers to let me know how recent stories are resonating (or in some cases not resonating), and the memories they are stirring in you.

I can't say I was surprised to receive so many letters in response to the story that Eileen Cartter '16 wrote about Paul Newman '49 H'61, "What Makes A Legend?" — the most recent in our series of Bicentennial-themed features that reconsider both well-known and lesser-known stories from Kenyon's past. But I was delighted by the personal anecdotes and previously unpublished Newman photos that filled my inbox (page 4, "Correspondence") after the issue hit mailboxes.

One note in particular, from Scott Klavan '79, caught my attention. "I applied and went to Kenyon partly because Newman went there, appeared in 'C.C. Pyle and The Bunion Derby,' directed by him, and twice won the Paul Newman Acting Trophy," he wrote. "After graduation, I went to work for Paul and Joanne Woodward for over 20 years as their personal script reader and analyst, critiquing thousands of scripts and books submitted for them to consider as projects."

He continued: "Reading Newman's memoir, I was moved by how much he enjoyed his days as a student at Kenyon after his return from service in World War II. We know how much Newman meant to Kenyon, but I didn't realize how much the school meant to him. He was just a guy then, running around and creating havoc with his college pals, free to find his way in life. Before he became a 'legend,' scrutinized and idolized, interpreted, misinterpreted, by the world."

In this issue's inaugural "Reader Spotlight" Q&A (page 5), Klavan shares more about his life and career, pre-and-post Newman. Keep reading and you'll also meet Kenyon's 20th President Julie Kornfeld (page 12), and learn how Writer-in-Residence P.F. Kluge '64 and his wife, Pamela Hollie, became surrogate parents to a generation of Kenyon students ("The Garden Crew" on page 18). You'll tour two of Kenyon College's historic burial grounds with Greg Melville '92, historian and author of "Over My Dead Body: Unearthing the Hidden History of America's Cemeteries" ("How Death Keeps History Alive" on page 28), and teleport back to Gambier in 1970, as remembered by K.D. Novak Burnett '73 (on page 44).

What did you think of the stories in this issue? Share your thoughts, memories, photos and story ideas with me at editor@kenyon.edu. As always, I eagerly await your letters.

— Elizabeth Weinstein

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THE VIEW

What a Feeling

Samantha Neilson '23 (center), Cat Mori '25 (to her right), Eva House '23 (to her left) and other members of the Kenyon College Dance, Drama and Cinema Club radiate joy as they rehearse for their Spring Dance Concert in the Bolton Theater, in May.

PHOTO BY REBECCA KIGER





ICEBREAKERS

TRUSTEE TEACHING AWARD WINNERS

On Honors Day every year the College recognizes and rewards two members of the Kenyon faculty for exemplary teaching informed by creative scholarship. The Senior Award is given to a tenured-level faculty member who has been teaching at Kenyon for at least 10 years, and the Junior Award is for either a tenured or tenure-track faculty member who is in their first 10 years at Kenyon. The awards, which carry \$5,000 stipends, are intended to promote excellence by providing increased visibility for the College's most talented teacher-scholars. Get to know this year's winners.

Kerry Rouhier

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF CHEMISTRY,
SENIOR TRUSTEE TEACHING AWARD WINNER

Rouhier joined the Kenyon faculty in 2010 and teaches introductory-level courses as well as advanced courses related to biochemistry.

Hometown: I grew up in Lupton, Michigan, but now call Mount Vernon, Ohio home.

Describe yourself in a sentence:

I am a plant biochemist who is fascinated with metabolic pathways and the study of teaching and learning.

How did it feel to hear your name called during Honors Day? I was so surprised! When I started at Kenyon, I was not what one would call an "excellent teacher" but my students and colleagues were patient with my growth and learning as I worked to improve with each class and each semester. It feels great to have the hard work recognized in this way.

Teaching philosophy: When designing courses, I try to incorporate interesting content, an engaging structure, assignments that foster curiosity, and assessments that are reflective and meaningful to the students.

Anything else? Our dog Lewis (a Kenyon student favorite) is named after Gilbert N. Lewis, a chemist known for discovering many things we still teach today.



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Leah Dickens

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF PSYCHOLOGY, JUNIOR TRUSTEE TEACHING AWARD WINNER

Dickens joined the Kenyon faculty in 2017 and teaches courses in social psychology and positive psychology — the psychology of “the good life.”

Hometown: Sharon, Massachusetts

Describe yourself in one sentence: I'm a curious thinker who loves learning about people, encountering new plants and trying to be mindful of good things.

How did it feel to hear your name called during Honors Day? I was so surprised! Hearing the applause made me tear up a little bit. I felt so honored and appreciated.

Something you've learned from your students: I am constantly learning how much I still have to learn. They'll bring up related topics from sociology, anthropology or English in our class and I take notes on all the things I should investigate, and all the connections there are to make.

Best advice you've received: It's actually my favorite saying: “We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.” (Winston Churchill)



STUDENT VOICE | BIJAN KHAGHANI '23

Love at First Tweet

Bijan Khaghani '23 on his social media meet-cute with the College and his most memorable Kenyon moments

If a rom-com were made about Bijan Khaghani and his Kenyon experience, it would likely be titled “Love at First Tweet.” When the sociology major from Chicago first visited campus as a prospective student, he knew little about the College. But he opened the Twitter app on his phone and typed in the words, “Coming to Kenyon.” To his surprise, “the College tweeted back, saying, ‘Can’t wait to see you.’”

“I made it a game to keep tweeting at Kenyon as I was on campus, and they just kept tweeting me back,” Khaghani said. “And it really made my experience. And when I got to see the campus, it was just so, so beautiful. It was so different from my experience when I was in high school. Going from a big public high school to a place where my tour guide quite literally was going around and pointing at people that he knew was such a magical experience.”

But there was just one problem: money. “And that’s when I tweeted, ‘Hey, Kenyon. You’re a little out of my price range, and moving to Ohio

was never the full plan. What can you do?’” he said. “And the same person tweets at me again from the Kenyon account and sends me a link. In the course of 24 hours, that person was able to help me get a merit scholarship, which helped me come here.”

After enrolling, Khaghani made it his mission to give “enough back to the community to be worth that kind of money.” He immersed himself in all aspects of college life, serving as a leader on Student Council, organizing student fundraising events and working in the admissions office, where he finally met the person responsible for bringing him to Kenyon. “I asked, ‘Who runs the Kenyon Twitter?’ It turned out the admissions staff member who’d been tweeting at him five years ago, Mackie Avis ’13, was right in front of him.

As he prepared to begin working as a paralegal at the New York law firm Groombridge, Wu, Baughman and Stone LLP, we asked Khaghani to share some of his most memorable Kenyon moments.

PHOTO BY REBECCA KIGER

Lost and Found

On a college campus as lively as Kenyon's, it's only natural that some things should go missing — and on the flipside, be discovered in unexpected places. Here's a highlight reel of the season's lost and found, sourced from campus email lists.

— CAROLYN TEN EYCK '18

On The Gund

Through its popular art loan program, *The Gund* (formerly the Gund Gallery) gives Kenyon students the opportunity to bring art into their living spaces and make it a part of their everyday lives.

There's this one art loan piece that I kept getting. It's called "Stacked Crossed Boxes (Purple)" by John Gibson. "Boxes" is a giant painting of two boxes stacked on top of each other. Every single time I went for it, I was the only one gunning for "Boxes." And they were like, "He can just have it."

In my apartment, we used to have ferns, one chair and a couch. It looked like a late-night comedy show set, and "Boxes" was the perfect backdrop.

On Market Dogs

During his senior year, Khaghani helped coordinate Market Dog Day: for one day only, the Village Market returned the price of the Market Dog to 50 cents.

My first year at Kenyon, one of the big things that me and a few of my friends would talk about was the Market Dog: specifically, the price of the Market Dog and how it had changed. During the pandemic, if my friend Will Engel '23 and I couldn't see each other one day, we'd send each other pictures while eating Market Dogs. Having Market Dogs is what kept us so close even during the hardest times.

(New owners of the Village Market) Nick and Betsy Jones used to make jokes that I was their number-one customer because I would come in every day and chat with them about what used to be at the Market — fry pies, hot dogs. I ended up meeting with them so many times that they finally invited me to come when they made their first pizzas. I was in the room and I ate the first Market Pizza with them, and that was such a beautiful moment.

On Getting Involved

When I was in high school, I didn't talk very much. When I got to Kenyon, I wanted to get out there and be a part of this community that was already giving so much to me.

Even when I wasn't in a leadership role, I loved asking students questions like, "Do you feel like this is working? Do you think the administration's doing this there?" I got to be the person to stand for students.

When the pandemic started, I joined the student life committee, and 13 other committees as well.

— CAROLYN TEN EYCK '18

A missing brown wallet, containing a license and a business card signed by Tom Hanks.



"You can even keep the Tom Hanks business card!" said the owner, pleading for its return.

An antithetical book donation.

Personal copies of a red hardcover Children's Bible and "On Drinking" by Charles Bukowski, found together



in the library return bins.



A staff member's glasses.

"For someone who never, ever lost her retainer as a kid, this is particularly frustrating," said the owner.

A 13-year-old border collie, missing from his home.



"He can sometimes be violent when scared," warned the owner (relatable). Despite this, the dog was reunited with his family within the hour.

A saucy offer.

"A long sequence of events has left me with a 2 quart bottle of Kikkoman brand soy sauce that I do not need," began an all-stu email from a professor. This was quickly followed up with a new email, subject line "SOY SAUCE SPOKEN FOR."



A cat, chilling in the Caples lounge.

Whether it took the elevator or the stairs down, odds are it was looking for a late-night snack (Campus Safety found the feline a little after midnight).

An emotional support jacket.

"If I don't get my jacket back I'll never stop crying for the rest of my life," began the all-stu email with the subject line, "Missing Jacket (I'm Incon-solable)." The owner included several reference photos of the jacket in question, including one of her wearing the item while siphoning beer out of a jug — "for (beer-making) class" with Professor Keller, she clarified.





Introducing

President Kornfeld

20 things to know about Kenyon's 20th leader that you won't find on her resume

BY ELIZABETH WEINSTEIN

PHOTOGRAPHED BY BENJAMIN NORMAN

WHEN JULIE KORNFELD arrived on Middle Path to interview to be Kenyon's next president, her first impressions of the College were in line with those of most new visitors: The campus, of course, was beautiful;

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Kornfeld and her family (in the background) were photographed while on a walk in New York City's Riverside Park.

the people she met were warm and welcoming; and a strong sense of community permeated all her interactions. People seemed genuinely and deeply connected to one another. And she noticed something else that spoke directly to her core values — what she calls a “unity of vision.”

“Everyone is incredibly connected to the mission of the College, no matter what role they play,” Kornfeld said. “I kept seeing it manifest in various conversations. There was an underlying theme that, no matter what question I asked, the answer always came back to a focus on the students and their academic and community experiences. That was wonderful to see.”

Spend just a few minutes with Kenyon’s 20th president, and it’s clear that in both life and work, Kornfeld is guided by her own unity of vision — a drive to find real-world solutions for the complex issues that shape society.

Kornfeld’s talent for collaboration and inno-

vation was recognized early on by Columbia University and the University of Miami. At Columbia, she held various positions, including vice provost for academic programs in the provost’s office and vice dean for education at the Mailman School of Public Health. At Mailman, she helped establish an undergraduate concentration in public health, launched unique dual-degree partnerships with several liberal arts colleges and led efforts to promote organizational equity. Before her tenure at Columbia, she served as assistant dean of public health at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine.

She’s married to Fred Silverman, a journalist and television producer, and they have three adult children — Dylan (27), Morgan (25) and Ely (19) — who all were educated at liberal arts colleges. Read on for 20 insights into what makes Kenyon’s new leader tick. A full biography is available online at Kenyon.edu.

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Journalism was Kornfeld’s first love.

When Kornfeld graduated from Boston University, her dream was to become a producer for “60 Minutes.” She came close, working as a research associate for “CBS Evening News” during the 1988 presidential election. “It was an exciting, dynamic place, and I loved every minute of it,” she said.

2 She believes that clear communication about science can save lives.

After leaving CBS News, Kornfeld did some political campaign and nonprofit communications work, ultimately landing a job as the program director for the NIH-funded Cancer Information Service at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine. There, she noticed a significant challenge — scientists and researchers were struggling to effectively communicate with their intended audiences. Her primary focus was disseminating crucial cancer information, particularly concerning early detection and prevention, to underserved communities. Addressing this communication gap in order to solve real-world problems became her mission, and while working there, she enrolled in graduate school, earning a master’s in public health and a doctorate in epidemiology.

3 She is passionate about the liberal arts.

Kornfeld said she “always has been aware of Kenyon as a place of literary achievement.” When her own children attended liberal arts colleges (Hamilton College, Haverford College and Dickinson College), she developed a deeper appreciation for small liberal arts colleges. “They all had wonderful relationships with faculty who believed in and supported them,” she said of her children. She enjoyed watching them “transform into adults who think deeply about the world, and global citizens who think about their impact on the world.” She added, “Their education was not just academically challenging, but also forced them to examine who they are, and how they, as individuals, can have an impact on the world. That’s what liberal arts colleges like Kenyon do very well.”

4 She’s solution-driven.

According to Kornfeld’s oldest son, Dylan, the best way to earn his mom’s respect and trust is to approach problems in a collaborative and solution-oriented way. “If you come to her with a problem or solution, and a goal of making progress, you’re gonna get really far,” he said. In her public health graduate courses, she asks students to picture people approaching the edge of a cliff. “In medicine, we deal with people after they’ve fallen, and we try to fix them up,” she explained. “In public health, we ask, ‘How do we prevent them from getting to the edge of the cliff in the first place? What caused that behavior? And how do we intervene so that they never get to the point where they fall off the cliff?’”

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She's a "West Wing" fan.

Kornfeld re-watched the entire "West Wing" series, starring Allison Janney '82, during the pandemic. "I think she's such a terrific actress, and I would love to meet her," she said.

6 Before COVID, few people understood what she did as an epidemiologist.

According to Columbia University, epidemiology is "the study of the 'distribution and determinants' of diseases or disorders within groups of people, and the development of knowledge on how to prevent and control them." When there isn't a global health crisis, like a pandemic, happening, epidemiologists rarely make headlines. "Most people in my personal life never understood what I did, including my mother," Kornfeld said with a laugh. "When COVID came, there was this recognition, for me personally and more broadly for the field, of the importance of public health to everyone."

7 She's a valued mentor.

Julián Ponce, a former teaching assistant in Kornfeld's "Integration of Science and Practice" course at Columbia, is now a doctoral student at UCLA, where he studies community health services. "Working alongside Dr. Kornfeld, I gained valuable insights and skills that have greatly influenced my approach to teaching," he said. "The classroom environment she fostered was remarkable and rich in intellectual exchange, where diverse perspectives were both encouraged and valued." Kornfeld played a pivotal role in guiding Ponce's decision to pursue a doctorate. "She consistently served as a source of motivation and empowerment," he



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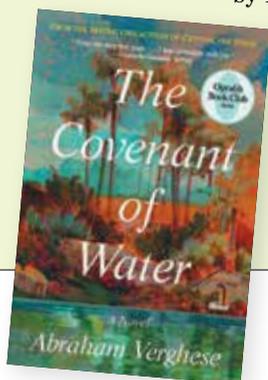
She was a guest DJ on her son's radio show.

Kornfeld's younger son, Ely, hosts a radio show on Hamilton College's student-run WHCL-FM. When the rising sophomore's parents visited him last year at college, he invited them onto his show as guest hosts. "My mom has her finger on the pulse of '80s music, and I love that kind of music now — it has had such a resurgence lately," he said. The trio played everything from Foreigner to Peach Pit on the show. Kornfeld describes her music taste as being "a product of my generation and my geographic birthplace, New Jersey." She's a fan of legends like Bruce Springsteen, Elton John, Stevie Wonder and Fleetwood Mac (she's known to play "Rumours" on repeat). But she looks to her kids — especially music enthusiast Ely — to introduce her to newer artists. "We just went to see Sammy Rae & the Friends in Central Park," she said, "and he's turned me on to musicians like Harry Styles."

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She's a voracious reader.

"My idea of heaven, in some ways, is a hammock and a book," said Kornfeld. Her favorite books and authors include Toni Morrison, Leo Tolstoy and Harper Lee's "To Kill A Mockingbird," along with more recent reads, including "Seabiscuit" by Laura Hillenbrand '89, "Between the World and Me" by Ta-Nehisi Paul Coates, "The Warmth of Other Suns" by Isabel Wilkerson, "The Covenant of Water" by Abraham Verghese, "Homegoing" by Yaara Gyasi, and "Demon Copperhead" by Barbara Kingsolver. Kornfeld attends a book club on Zoom with a close group of friends, and she said it has expanded her literary horizons.



said. Health and environmental policy advocate Kidd Solomon, who studied with Kornfeld at the Mailman School, described his former teacher as "a person who understands the power of genuine connection and curiosity," and "the embodiment of ingenuity, compassion and vision."

10 She's a planner who knows when to pivot.

Kornfeld said the best advice she received from a mentor was not to get too lost in her own plans. "Sometimes we have our plans and we want to stay very clear and focused on those plans," she explained, "and then life happens and you have to pivot. You have to make the best decision you can with the information you have, even if that doesn't necessarily align with your original plans. And that has worked out for me."



11 A miniature poodle named Milo will join the family in Gambier.

Like many families, the Kornfeld-Silverman family adopted a puppy during the pandemic. According to Kornfeld, Ely lobbied the hardest to make this happen. “I like to say it took 15 years and a global pandemic to get a dog, but we finally did it,” Ely laughed. “I was very dedicated. There was a PowerPoint presentation involved. It’s actually one of my prouder moments.” Milo is reportedly a fan of tennis balls and an even bigger fan of belly rubs.



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She has witnessed the power of oral history firsthand.

Kornfeld’s mother, Rose Stein, 91 was born in Brussels, Belgium, was hidden as a child during World War II, and survived the Holocaust. “I feel that legacy,” Kornfeld said. “It’s a piece of who I am.” Like many survivors, Stein didn’t often speak about her experiences — not even with her family. “I think she had convinced herself that no one cared, and she was worried that if she told her story, people would not believe her,” Kornfeld said. That changed when Kornfeld had children of her own, and she told her mom, “If you don’t tell your story to them, their generation won’t know. You have an obligation to share your story so that they can carry it on.” She began to open up to her grandchildren about her experiences during the Holocaust, eventually speaking to their school classes and recording a video interview with the Shoah Visual History Foundation. “I grew up with her coming to my Hebrew school and middle school classes and telling her story,” said Kornfeld’s son Ely. “That’s been incredible to witness and has definitely helped shape me.”

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She’s hopeful about the future.

Kornfeld finds inspiration in her daily interactions with students. “We have a generation of young people who are committed to making change, and I hope I can bring new pathways and new partnerships to Kenyon that will help students realize their potential as leaders of real-world impact,” she said. “I want them to see themselves as empowered changemakers from the moment they enter college.”

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She’s a scientist.

Kornfeld has watched with concern as society moves on from COVID, because, as she explained, “everybody’s turning their attention to other things and we’re not continually reinvesting in the funding that’s necessary to ensure that we’re well-prepared for the next event. And there will be another event.”

15 Family meals are her favorite ritual.

“My favorite place to be is around the dinner table with all my family, laughing and telling jokes and talking about our lives,” Kornfeld said. “and as my children have gotten older and we’ve all gone in different directions, those moments have become a little more precious.” Her daughter Morgan, echoed the sentiment: “Holidays are important in our family. I love how we all prioritize spending time together and being present with one another. My mom always has emphasized the importance of taking a moment out of our everyday lives, and now I look forward to being at home for every holiday.” According to her son Dylan, the family is already making plans to spend Thanksgiving together in Gambier. “We’re



all excited about Cromwell Cottage becoming a new family gathering place for us,” he said, “and we’ll have a bigger kitchen to cook in than we have in our New York City apartment.”

16 She’s excited to expand upon existing community partnerships in Knox County and create more opportunities for students.

“I’ve spent a lot of time in my career, at Columbia and also at the University of Miami, working to create real-world impact experiences for students. These experiences should be meaningful for the students as well as for the organizations and communities they collaborate with,” Kornfeld said. When she first visited Kenyon, she learned that a silver lining of the pandemic was the development of a strong relationship between the College and the county health department. She is excited to expand this collaboration, and sees the potential for students interested in data analysis, for example, to examine the county’s data to try and understand public health issues and devise strategies to mitigate their impact. “These impactful opportunities are not limited to distant places in the world,” she said, “but are also available right here in our own community.”

17 Kornfeld doesn’t spend much time on social media.

But her kids make sure she knows what’s up. A few years ago, Ely started a dinner-table tradition the family calls “TikTok Time.” Whenever Ely sees a TikTok video he thinks will make his parents laugh, he bookmarks it. “And then at the end of dinner, I’ll just be like, ‘All right, it’s time.’ And we’ll put a water glass at the end of the table; I’ll prop my phone against it, and we’ll all watch the videos.” He noted that the most reliable laughs come from funny kid and dog videos.

18 Colleagues describe her as brilliant, collaborative and inclusive.

Kornfeld’s colleagues praised her scholarship, teaching style and leadership. “I have watched in awe of Julie over the years as she has an exceptional ability to create rich intellectual environments where all voices are heard, people feel valued, and the conditions are in place for everyone to flourish,” recalled Lisa Rosen-Metsch, a professor of sociomedical sciences and dean of the Columbia School of General Studies. Wafaa El-Sadr, a professor of epidemiology and executive vice president of Columbia Global, called Kornfeld “a true gem” and “a firm believer in the importance of being engaged global citizens.” And former teaching assistant Julián Ponce noted that Kornfeld’s “inclusive approach in classes emphasized the importance of teamwork in achieving common goals for the greater good.”

19 Her husband, a journalist, shares her commitment to education.

Kornfeld’s husband of 30 years, Fred Silverman, is a career journalist and television producer. Most recently, he chaired the journalism department at the New York Film Academy. He’s excited to work with the faculty in the film department and to have the opportunity to teach Kenyon students. He’s also Kornfeld’s biggest fan: “I am so incredibly proud of her and all that she has accomplished. I know she’ll bring her passion and commitment to Kenyon.”

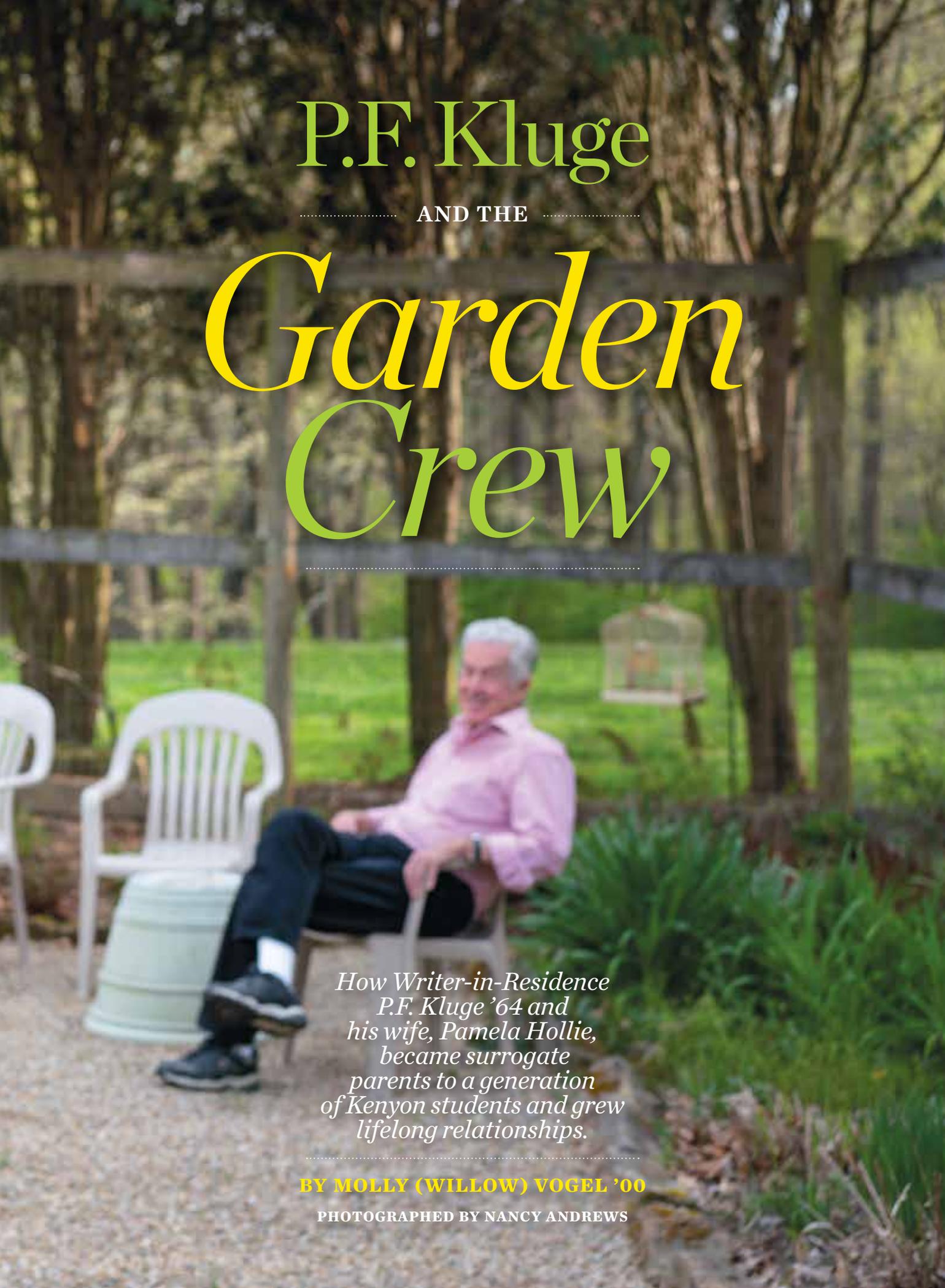
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She enjoys the outdoors.

In her leisure time, Kornfeld finds solace in the outdoors, engaging in hiking, biking and exploring nature. One of her favorite travel destinations is Banff and Jasper national parks in Alberta, Canada. “I love to be in the mountains,” she said. “There’s a place called Num-Ti-Jah Lodge in the Canadian Rockies. I have really wonderful memories there, sitting by the lake, surrounded by quiet and beauty, with my family.”







P.F. Kluge

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Garden Crew

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*How Writer-in-Residence
P.F. Kluge '64 and
his wife, Pamela Hollie,
became surrogate
parents to a generation
of Kenyon students and grew
lifelong relationships.*

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BY MOLLY (WILLOW) VOGEL '00

PHOTOGRAPHED BY NANCY ANDREWS

The white house

on Ward Street sits behind a thick row of tall arborvitae, which shields it from the passage of traffic and time. You could almost miss it, tucked back there. Each item inside has a story: the elaborate wooden birdhouse, rescued when it fell off a truck in the Philippines; the leather ottoman bought as a surprise in Morocco; the solid wood bar, shipped twice in international waters, which weighs almost a literal ton but is a great spot for sipping cognac. Built in 1827, the house is almost as old as Kenyon College itself. It didn't have a porch back then, or a sun-drenched sitting room addition, with a ceiling like a ship built upside down, modeled on a Balinese pavilion, with a view to the yard and garden in back.

Depending on the season, the garden might not be much to look at, but with dozens of hands tending to it over the decades — shared ownership and struggle (read: deer) — this garden has stories, too. It is also a plot device, which is appropriate for a home that has been owned by writers for more than 25 years.

As with any story about a garden, this one involves a fair amount of manure; whether everyone knew what they were doing in the dirt is beside the point. Roots were planted, friendships grew, and it became the perfect center of two well-spent lives.

The Transplant

George Stone '95 and D. Matt Voorhees '95 met in Lewis Hall on move-in day in 1991 and immediately became best friends, living in the same dorm every year and spending all four spring breaks together. And they've more or less been following each other around the country in the nearly 30 years since. Both now live in Washington, D.C., where Stone sometimes drops in on Voorhees at work and tries to drag him out for a hike (knowing full well that Voorhees will decline because the weather is bad and he'd rather be in Florida, anyway).

Like any good Kenyon best friends, Stone and Voorhees love to tell stories about their shenanigans as students: Playing gin rummy for pennies, working on papers for their common Perry Lentz class, and even hosting an "Eddie and the Cruisers" themed birthday party for reasons that will become clear.

Initially, the 18-year-olds weren't sure what to make of the curious old man who lived down the hall from them. Okay, so he wasn't really old yet — a few months shy of 50 — but he didn't exactly blend in with the students. For starters, he had a glam-

orous and worldly wife. Their neighbor, of course, was P.F. Kluge, embedded in his old first-year dorm while he wrote "Alma Mater: A College Homecoming," the memoir that chronicles his year of returning to the college from which he graduated in 1964, from Convocation to graduation and everything in between. Like any first-year student, Kluge also made lifetime friendships — with Stone, Voorhees and their other hallmates. Over the years, the circle would expand as different generations toiled in the garden on Ward Street, at the house Kluge shares with Pamela Hollie, his wife and chief protagonist.

In the intervening years, Kluge, Hollie, Stone and Voorhees have traveled together to Mexico, Austria, the Czech Republic, all over Bali and Asia, and, most recently, Hawaii. They are a family of sorts, where love and mockery can be a matter of inflection. And Kluge started it. In "Alma Mater" he wrote of his return: "Coming to Kenyon is as close as I can get to coming home. Like salmon to spawning stream, like eagle to nest, like dog to vomit, I return."

Voorhees remembers how taken he and Stone actually were with Kluge back then. "The dude wrote 'Eddie and the Cruisers!' He might as well have been Robert DeNiro."

The pair set out to befriend the "famous writer living up the hall." He ordered a clean-up of the then-all-male dorm — no puke, no beer cans — before his wife visited. Then they met Hollie, and the bond was sealed.

"We thought that he couldn't possibly have a wife," Stone said. "There is no way someone would marry this man. We were just humoring him."

"Then Pamela comes in from Chicago," Voorhees added. "Full-length mink coat. Scooting down the hall of Lewis. You're like, 'Oh my god, that's why he didn't want anything on the floor,



she's wearing this gazillion-dollar coat.”

Stone: “She looked like Jessye Norman, the opera singer. Our jaws were on the floor and we were like, like, surely you’ve got the wrong address.”

Voorhees: “We were like honestly —”

Stone and Voorhees, together: “Flabbergasted.”

“She commands a certain sort of respect,” Stone said. “We were fascinated by Kluge, but she’s the one who created this structure for our friendship to flourish for 30 years.”

Germination

Kluge and Hollie first met in an elevator in 1970, in the offices of the Wall Street Journal in Los Angeles, where he was a cub reporter and she was a summer intern. She was 22 and he was 28. Next came a stint in New York, where he worked at Life magazine, and she was at the Journal, now as a reporter. In “Alma Mater,” Kluge cites his own college application, where he listed “foreign service work or foreign correspondence” as his life’s goals — both of which he accomplished. By Hollie’s count they’ve lived more than 20 places, often with long stretches on opposite sides of the world, pursuing their chosen professions, including semesters at sea for him and three Fulbrights between them. (Him: Bucharest, Romania; her: Malaysia and Prague.)

After Kenyon, Kluge joined the Peace Corps in Saipan, Mariana Islands, where Hollie later worked as a consultant for the United Nations Development Program. Together they had a stop in Micronesia, where he helped write the preamble to that nation’s constitution and she covered its constitutional convention for the Honolulu Advertiser. They married in Honolulu in 1977, when she had a fellowship in Asian studies there.



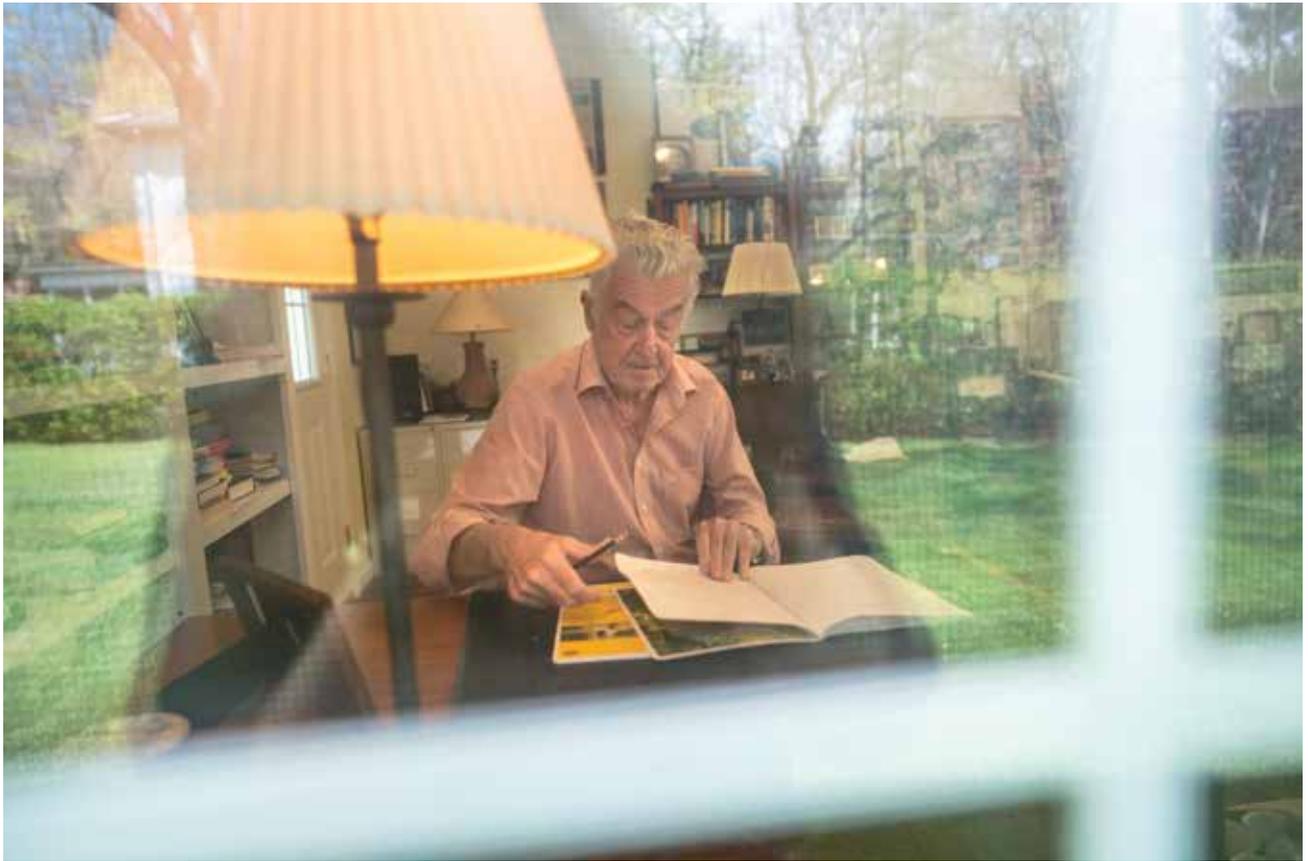
They lived together first. “Because I don’t like making mistakes,” she said.

Hollie worked for the New York Times from 1977 to 1987, as a national correspondent, financial writer and foreign correspondent, and Kluge wrote numerous articles and books while also lecturing and teaching abroad. She was working in Chicago as the director of corporate contributions for Kraft General Foods when Kluge became a Kenyon first-year — again.

When “Alma Mater” came out in 1993, Kluge was teaching at the University of Pittsburgh’s Semester at Sea program; he was in the Suez Canal when the book hit campus. He came back for the spring semester, to a warm-enough reception. He took trips to New York and D.C. with Stone and Voorhees on jaunts they called the “Kluge study-abroad program,” where they showed Kluge all the

The Crew

Top: George Stone ’95 helps out in the garden while Kluge and Hollie look on. Bottom: D. Matt Voorhees ’95 catches up with Hollie during a recent visit.



“The dude wrote ‘Eddie and the Cruisers!’ He might as well have been Robert DeNiro.”

—MATT VOORHEES '95, WHO MET P.F. KLUGE AS A FIRST-YEAR LIVING IN LEWIS HALL IN 1991

good bars, cigar shops and bakeries.

In 1995, Voorhees and Stone graduated from Kenyon and Hollie took a position in Manila with the Asia Foundation. Kluge stayed in Gambier part-time, becoming Kenyon’s writer-in-residence — a position he held until his retirement in 2020. He’d teach for half the year and then join Hollie in Manila, or wherever, and write. After Hollie left Chicago for Manila, they needed a home base. But where?

Kluge certainly seemed happy living life in constant motion. As Stone explained it: “Pamela’s like, ‘No, we are going to commit. We are going to put down roots.’ The fact that it was *this* house, with lots of land with lots of potential — potential that wasn’t remotely realized at that point — that is a very Pamela space to be in. She can think big and do it.”

Kluge and Hollie bought the house on Ward Street in 1997 and got to work, inviting Stone and Voorhees back to help them put in the garden. Or maybe that wasn’t part of the invitation, if there even was one. No one is sure. Regardless, Kluge said he came up with the name “Garden Crew,” which sounds right.

Voorhees is careful to cite Stone’s horticultural bona fides. “George was one of the country’s foremost editors of our country’s finest garden mag-

azine,” he said, mulching the tale slightly. (Stone was an assistant at Garden Design magazine.)

“Yes, so naturally I became an instant expert and knew everything,” Stone laughed. “And also at that point we had zero dollars.” Who were they to turn down a vacation with free room and board?

To garden, they first had to evict the deer that had been making a home there. The assertively tall fence around the garden is a testament to Kluge’s eternal battle. “That’s his struggle in life,” Stone said. “Compared to his struggles with deer, writing books is easy.”

Voorhees was put in charge of boulder relocation. “He’s always been a strong guy and in good shape; he would move the biggest rocks,” Hollie recalled.

“For me it was great to lift rocks and slam them down, because I was frustrated with maybe how things were going at work or something,” Voorhees said. “They used us for different things.”

“Matt is very strong and so he was the earth-mover,” Stone said. “And I was there. ... Why was I there?”

“Your fine point of view,” Voorhees offered.

“Oh yeah, fine details. I could do weeding work, detailed weeding work. I can do edging.”

“And you can talk a lot.”

“And, more importantly, I can listen. And I

make lots of jokes about hostas; if there was an ugly patch of the garden that had tons of hostas that was 'hosta territory.'"

Hollie undersold their gardening aesthetic as “whatever sort of appeals to us, we stick it in the ground.” They’re not afraid to start over. Stone and Voorhees will never forget laboring over raised beds one summer only to learn after they left that Hollie had always intended to have them torn up to build that Balinese pavilion addition in 2003. They came back anyway and dug again.

Gardening aligns with Kluge’s disciplined approach to life, in Voorhees’ view, whether that’s in running or writing. “He likes to see that progress. The garden is a place where that effort really pays off — until the deer eat everything.”

The guys’ labors were rewarded with day trips to greenhouses, breakfast stops and dinners — steaks or Muscovy duck — and with ironed cloth napkins, forks arranged tines down *à la française*, and an air of elegance that isn’t standard for 20-somethings. In his book, Kluge quotes his friend Lentz waxing nostalgic about the faculty of yore, saying they took seriously the idea of providing a social world for students, including access to “adult conversation.” The Garden Crew had this and more.

Stone remembers how special it felt to be taken seriously by successful, established people who shared their perspectives. “They are natural educators and communicators, and they give you the gift of attention and caring. You rise in your outlook, and you learn a lot talking to them, but you sort of elevate yourself by being able to talk to them and hoping to emulate them in some way.”

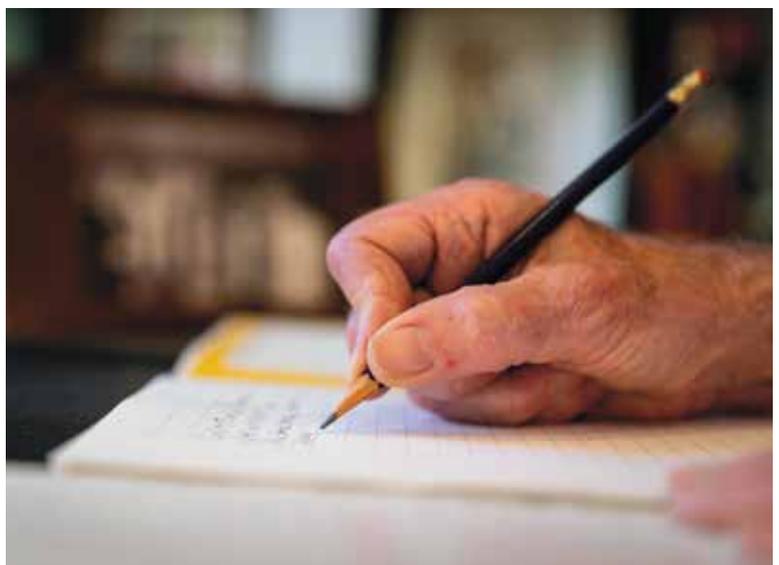
“They became a kind of family over time — not immediately,” Hollie said. “That’s part of what being at Kenyon is, the relationships you build. Because it’s such a small community, the greater chances of getting to know someone really well — and not just someone who lives down the hall from you in the dorm — but people in the community.”

Cross-Pollination

Voorhees and Stone came back to Ward Street at least twice a year for a decade (in addition to Reunion). Then the group shifted more to taking international or tropical vacations together, aligning nicely with Stone’s position at National Geographic Traveler, where he started in 1998 and has since risen to executive editor. Still: “There hasn’t been a year where I haven’t worked in their garden in 30 years,” he said.

For his part, Voorhees eventually hung up his garden gloves. “Pamela and I would just cook and drink wine, and then go out and we would go sit in the garden while Fred and George kibitzed and dug.”

That left plenty of gardening to the next classes, including Barbara Kakiris ’97, Matt Cabrera ’03 and Katie Tully ’04 — around 30 alumni in all — digging in the dirt over the years. Tully is now the most qualified of the bunch:





she's an associate professor at University of Maryland, where she teaches agro-ecology and runs an urban farm in Washington, D.C.

She remembered initially sitting in the back of Kluge's classic "American Novel" class, intimidated. Then she met Hollie at their end-of-the-semester dinner party, and you can probably guess the rest. "In their way, they sort of adopted me," Tully said.

She house-sat for the couple during her junior year, when Kluge's work for National Geographic Traveler took him and Hollie to Austria. In later years, Tully helped move banana plants and hostas, and planted bunches of lilies. She remembers trips to garden centers for vegetables and mulching and weeding, along with a breakfast at Wiffletree Restaurant in Butler, the one Kluge wrote about in his 2019 non-fiction essay collection, "Keepers: Home & Away."

During one visit, Kluge commented on the attached country store and its many kitschy costumed ceramic geese. "He's like, 'this is the most niche market.' You know how Fred loves the texture of a place."

So Tully left money in the mailbox and spirited "Gabby the Goose" home to Ward Street (mostly to appall its residents, who failed to be appalled). Her mother even sewed a graduation outfit for the goose, who also enjoyed Fourth of

July and Halloween costumes. Then someone (no one will confess to knowing who) stole the goose, "Amelie" garden gnome-style, and sent photos of it framed in scenes around the world.

"I just love them so much," Tully said. "When I go to Gambier and I go 'home,' I go to their house. That's what feels like home. Kenyon would not be Kenyon without them."

Bethany Lye '03 echoed the sentiment. "They're like Kenyon to me more than anything else," she said of the people she calls her "fairy godparents," who took an interest in her and dreamed bigger for her than she ever did. They encouraged her to apply to Columbia University's journalism graduate program, where Hollie earned her master's and later directed a fellowship program in the late 1980s. Lye pursued health and science journalism and then took a fork when she got a job as the executive assistant to Larry Hackett, then-editor of People Magazine, where she went on to become a writer.

"I always felt like they had the purest intentions for me, thinking the very best of me and wanting the very best of me. It's really special," Lye said.

The feeling is unquestionably mutual. "Our 'kids' are probably better than if we'd had our own kids," Hollie said. "They are incredibly generous with their time, energy and love, and it's really, really lovely."



The Writers Next Door
P.F. Kluge and Pamela
Hollie on their front
porch in Gambier

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—“GARDEN CREW” MEMBER KATIE TULLY ’04,
ON HER RELATIONSHIP WITH KLUGE AND HOLLIE

This summer, Kluge and Hollie traveled to Austria with Rohini Pragasam ’90, who took the first class Kluge ever taught at Kenyon. He made a big impression, and then she met Hollie. “I was like, this is the kind of person I want to be when I grow up: world-traveler, journalist, self-assured.”

Pragasam reconnected with Kluge when he visited New York a decade or so after she graduated. She told him about her unconventional path from financial sales and trading before transitioning to public relations (PR), then working her way up to running PR for a large investment bank. His response was so perfectly Kluge, she wrote it down: “So, R. Maxine, without any real formal training or know-how you’ve managed to flim-flam your way into a life of flackery!”

Today, Pragasam says the relationship she has with them is one of unconditional acceptance and guidance, with a healthy dose of skepticism. “They’re not this sappy, treacly couple. They will tell it to you straight. That’s what I love.”

Brutal honesty is a recognizable trait to anyone who ever took a Kluge class or received his weekly “winners and sinners” assessment of *The Collegian*, for which he served as an advisor for years, and remains advisor emeritus. James Sheridan ’00 remembered deeply valuing Kluge’s feedback on his movie reviews, even when it came shouted at him across a lawn and colorfully called out his misspelling of director Martin Scorsese’s name. That was 25 years ago, but Sheridan can still quote it, stays in touch and always spells the director’s name right.

Propagation

For the Garden Crew originators, “Kenyon went from being about the school and my classes, and Gambier being about Kenyon, to Gambier being about Kluge and Pamela, with Kenyon being very important but secondary to the friendship,” Stone said.

Voorhees agreed, adding: “I’ll use a garden word: more perennial.”

Voorhees, in addition to his earth-moving abilities, co-founded and serves as CEO of Anybill Financial Services, a Washington, D.C.-based provider of tax payment services. He’s a member of Kenyon’s Board of Trustees and has given generously to Kenyon, putting Kluge and Hollie at the center of his philanthropy. He created an endowed fund in Kluge’s name for *The Collegian* and, in giving to dedicate Keithley House for his mother, Marilee Keithley Roche, in 2018, he also named the P.F. Kluge and Pamela Hollie Seminar

Room within. (The Moroccan ottoman in Ward Street is also from him.)

Earlier this year, he made a multimillion-dollar gift to endow a chair in honor of Hollie, making her the first solo woman and first woman of color to receive such an honor at Kenyon. The Pamela G. Hollie Chair is awarded on a three-year basis to support “a tenure or tenure-track faculty member in any discipline whose teaching and research programs address global challenges including (but not limited to) climate change, immigration, food security, access to justice and civil rights.” The inaugural holder is Professor of Chemistry Yutan Getzler, whose work focuses on sustainability in materials science, particularly plastic waste.

Hollie is looking forward to seeing Kenyon play an ever-increasing role in the global conversation for good. She sees the chair as recognition of the role the broader community plays at Kenyon, and how Kenyon needs that community to sustain it. She also understands well the role that giving plays, having worked in what’s now the Advancement Division at Kenyon from 2005 to 2013 — in a position created to encourage young donors to become philanthropists.

Kluge retired in 2020. He and Hollie made it back from Micronesia that March just before the borders closed due to the pandemic, and spent more time at the Ward Street house than they had in years. “We did a lot more gardening,” Hollie said.

Kluge also recently completed his 15th book, a nonfiction work about being a writer and teaching at Kenyon. It’s called “Wordman,” the name of the narrator in his second novel, “Eddie and the Cruisers” — and the theme of his 50th birthday in Lewis Hall. Pragasam and Tully make appearances in the book, as do novelist John Green ’00 and Megan Dobkin ’95, a film and television producer at Big Kid Pictures.

You could fill a book with all of these Kenyon stories, and Kluge has, several times over. In “Alma Mater,” he described Kenyon as “an island, with all the island qualities: a sense that everything is connected, nothing is ever over, and everything that happens ought to be taken personally. The kind of place that, on its good days, can feel like the heart of the universe, the perfect center of a well-spent life.”

He wrote those words 32 years ago, planting the seed for exactly that. κ

Molly (Willow) Vogel ’00 works at Kenyon and is the current advisor for the Collegian. She got a B in Kluge’s “Intro Fiction Writing” class.

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More than 1,130 people returned to Gambier for Reunion Weekend 2023, which featured endless opportunities for friends and families to reconnect. Here, alumni (and future alumni?) bond over a post-dinner sweet treat around the fire.

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How Death Keeps History Alive

“There’s very little artifice to the American story when you look at how we treat the dead,” according to author and historian Greg Melville ’92.

BY DAVID HOYT '14 | PHOTOGRAPHED BY BRIAN KAISER

LIKE MANY STORIES INVOLVING TWO KENYON alumni, this one begins on a gravel path lined by shady trees. But I am not meeting the author Greg Melville ’92 on Middle Path — our springtime rendezvous starts at the entrance to the Kokosing Nature Preserve, the conservation burial ground operated by the Philander Chase Conservancy and established on the outskirts of Gambier in 2015.



Greg Melville '92 takes in the scenery at the Kenyon College Cemetery in March.

It might seem odd to meet someone for the first time in a place better known for final goodbyes — but Melville is an expert on graveyards, and he visited Gambier in March for several events connected to his 2022 book, “Over My Dead Body: Unearthing the Hidden History of America’s Cemeteries,” published by Abrams Books. What better place to talk to him than on an unofficial tour of two burial grounds connected to the past, present and future of our alma mater?

Melville has spent most of his career working as a travel and outdoors journalist, which ultimately inspired him to tackle the topic of cemeteries. “I think of it as a story about land use, and a story about the environment,” he said. “As I went along, I realized that I could tell this story about the American cemetery itself as a protagonist, and how it has evolved, and what it says about us and how burial practices have evolved, and the architecture of cemeteries.”

This is not Melville’s first visit to Kokosing Nature Preserve (KNP), which consists of 23 acres of restored prairies and woodlands located along Quarry Chapel Road; in fact, he knew this

“Under our feet are these amazing places of history that everyone overlooks.” — Greg Melville '92

turf better than any other area of Gambier. But he remembered it as the Tomahawk Golf Course, back when the grass may have been (unnaturally) greener, but the land use — with frequent watering, fertilizing and mowing — certainly was not.

“I spent many hours on this property when I was an undergrad, just from being a member of the track and cross country team,” Melville said. “We would do countless laps around the golf course, so I’m familiar with every square foot of this place, practically. And so it’s amazing to see what they’ve done, to return it to the natural — the native prairie grass is really remarkable.”

Some folks might be creeped out to see the fairways and putting greens of a golf course replaced by gravesites, which at KNP are unmarked or feature only small, horizontal memorial stones set into the tall grass. And the perceived spookiness of any place inhabited solely by the dead means most living people prefer to avoid cemeteries, and thus overlook the many stories they hold.

“It’s not just the public,” Melville said. “It’s historians who overlook them. It’s environmental scientists who overlook them. There are all of these incredible stories that have largely gone untold or unexamined on how burial grounds reflect who we are and how we treat each other.

That’s the intent of the book, to tell people, ‘Hey, you should check this out.’ There are these amazing stories, not only about the people who are in these places, but also about us and our country.”

An eternal connection to Kenyon

Melville has been comfortable in cemeteries ever since he got a part-time job, during summers off from Kenyon, digging graves at Shawsheen Cemetery in his hometown of Bedford, Massachusetts — a gig that inspired a lifelong passion. “Over My Dead Body” is a natural outgrowth of Melville’s tendency to tour almost any cemetery he comes across, sometimes needing to sweeten the deal for any accompanying family members who are less eager (Melville has a son and daughter with his wife, Ann Marie Johnson '94 — who, as a physician, has a professional interest in people staying alive).

“I find that bribery works really well. But not everyone can be bribed with an ice cream cone after going to a cemetery,” Melville said. “Right under our noses, or under our feet, are these amazing places of history that everyone overlooks. And so my book is trying to unlock that in a lot of respects — to get people to see the history and the stories of these time capsules that we overlook.”

The earliest time capsule in Melville’s book is the haphazard graveyard of colonial Jamestown, and he traces the development of cemeteries as they moved away from cramped, densely packed churchyards and into more expansive rural areas, becoming America’s first major city parks. (Today, America’s graveyards take up enough land to cover the entire state of Delaware, where Melville currently resides.) One of these sprawling burial grounds, Green-Wood Cemetery in Brooklyn, was designed in the late 1830s by engineer and landscape architect David Bates Douglass — soon to be selected as Kenyon’s third president in 1841.

“He was actually hired from Green-Wood to come to Kenyon,” Melville said. “And part of the reason why, was he was being entrusted to beautify the (campus) because it was a mess, frankly. Livestock ran amok. He designed Middle Path, designed the gates to Middle Path.” Sizing up KNP’s main entrance, which was designed by landscape architect Stephen Christy '71, Melville continued: “In some ways you have this echo of not only Middle Path, but also this connection to one of the legendary cemetery designers in the country who happened to also be a president of Kenyon.”

Of course, no good deed goes unpunished: According to Melville, “there was so much pushback from (Douglass) bringing order that (the trustees) fired him without his knowledge, and they ran him out in 1844. He wrote a 40-page response to getting fired, and it’s really fascinating. It’s kind of petty. But at the same time, Kenyon



Fresh flowers decorate a gravesite at the Kokosing Nature Preserve.

was really petty about it, too.” Melville noted that the only mention of Douglass on campus today is a plaque on the College gates that he designed, “and it doesn’t even really compliment him.”

Green cemeteries are becoming more popular nationwide, and Melville devotes the final chapter of his book to the resurgence of natural burials — free from embalming, elaborate caskets and concrete vaults — as well as high-tech, low-carbon options like alkaline hydrolysis, a sort of water-based cremation. And Kenyon is the first higher education institution in the country to be affiliated with a natural burial ground.

“No other college is doing anything like this, but it kind of provides the possibility for this eternal connection to Kenyon. So that’s pretty remarkable,” Melville said. “In America today, cremation has outpaced burials for people’s afterlife choices. And the burial grounds that are surviving, or still thriving, are the ones that create an emotional connection to the people who choose to have their remains placed there. And because of the transient lifestyle that people have these days, there is no emotional connection to some kind of family burial ground. A college burial ground does give that sense of emotional connection like very few other places would.”

“That’s the amazing thing about cemeteries; they are so honest.”

Of course, KNP is just one of several cemeteries in and around Gambier. There’s also the Oak Grove Cemetery on Gaskin Avenue, which was established in 1866 for village residents once the College’s on-campus cemetery, previously open to all, started getting crowded. And there’s the Quarry Chapel Cemetery just up the road from KNP, which includes Knox County’s dedicated Jewish burial ground (Melville devotes chapter three of his book to Jewish cemeteries, which he

calls “America’s first and most enduring public expressions of religious liberty — which makes them targets for intolerance”).

We make our way up the Hill to the Kenyon College Cemetery, which is nearly as old as Kenyon itself, with the first burial occurring in 1829, just three years after Philander Chase moved the fledgling institution away from his Worthington farm. During the short drive, I ask Melville, who is a Navy veteran with a tour in Afghanistan under his belt, how he reconciles his love of country and expertise in U.S. history with the dark side of that history — the cruel and tragic aspects of our nation that are often swept under the rug of the American dream. Melville certainly does not shy away from these topics in “Over My Dead Body,” devoting chapters to the desecration of Native bodies, burial practices for enslaved workers on Southern plantations, racial segregation that is still apparent in cemeteries today, and more.

“I don’t think looking at something with a critical eye means you can’t love it. To me, it just doesn’t compute why someone wouldn’t want an honest retelling of our history, or an honest examination of it, and why somehow that’s antithetical to being patriotic,” Melville said. “How can we continue to pursue the ideals upon which the country is founded if we aren’t constantly trying to improve who we are, and examining what our flaws are? And that’s the amazing thing about cemeteries; they are so honest. There’s very little artifice to the American story when you look at how we treat the dead.”

We soon find ourselves considerably more than six feet under, as I pull into Kenyon’s brand-new West Quad parking garage. As we ascend to the surface via elevator, like Orpheus departing an exceptionally convenient underworld, I warn that the College cemetery will be far different from how Melville had remembered it as a student. When he was an English major, the graves would have truly been on the edge of campus. By the time I was a Kenyon student, it was abutted to the south by the Science Quad, to the east by the music department’s Storer Hall — I found that gazing out at the headstones provided a calming sense of perspective when I was nervously waiting in the hallway before an audition or concert — and, eventually, to the west by the construction of the studio art department’s Horvitz Hall.

But in 2023, with the recent completion of Oden Hall just to the north, the cemetery feels fully surrounded by the life of the campus. “Maybe in that way the people who are buried here would approve, because now they’re more a part of the action,” Melville remarked. “I know I would be.” We begin to stroll through the rows, pointing out interesting monuments along the way.

“The amazing thing, actually, about this burial ground is how humble it is,” Melville said. “The graves are not very ornate except for the

one mausoleum in the middle” — belonging to the family of John N. Lewis, a Mount Vernon engineer who received an honorary degree from the College in 1876 — “and it is a fittingly contemplative little burial ground. I think it fits in really well with the tradition of Kenyon. My senior year I definitely gravitated towards here a number of times to check it out, when I started to get a greater appreciation for burial grounds and the stories they tell.”

Just a few of the residents in the College’s cemetery with stories to be told include John Crowe Ransom, founder of the Kenyon Review; Alfred Blake, Kenyon’s very first graduate in 1829; and Kwaku Lebieta, a boy from the Gold Coast who traveled with a missionary family back to Gambier, becoming known as Samuel deWette before dying in 1865 at age 14.

For Melville, though, “It’s not as much about the individual graves,” he said. “I don’t really focus as much on the individual graves as the stories that the burial grounds themselves tell.” As a case in point, he walks over to an unremarkable monument that I had probably passed by a dozen times before without giving it a second thought. While it appears to be made of grayish stone, like

fever, returning to Gambier and dying in 1861.

“Cemeteries are intended to be communal spaces where the living are as welcome as the no-longer living,” Melville said. “So I think it’s actually fitting, it’s nice to see a couple of Kenyon students using this space.”

For Melville, the flashiest cemeteries are not always the most interesting. Each chapter in his book focuses on a different cemetery in the U.S., from the 1607 burial ground of Historic Jamestowne, Virginia, to Nature’s Sanctuary in Philadelphia.

“The most meaningful cemetery that I’ve visited is actually the (New Castle County) Potter’s Field in Delaware that I run by, where there aren’t actually any names on any of the markers,” he said. “They’re just these little concrete posts with numbers on them,” Melville said. “A place like that is, to me, more meaningful than a cemetery that has these ornate gravestones or monuments with famous names on them. When I go there, I try and spend a moment contemplating the people buried there — to give them some sort of agency that maybe they didn’t get in life.”

Our tour wraps up as we depart through the quaint iron gate surrounding Kenyon’s Cemetery. Melville is due for a visit with one of his former teachers, Professor Emeritus of Religious Studies Royal Rhodes, who for many years taught Kenyon’s highly popular “Meanings of Death” course. While that particular course was not offered during Melville’s student years, he did take three courses from Rhodes — “more than any other professor at Kenyon,” he recalled. Rhodes also taught Melville’s siblings, Michael Melville ’88 (who is the parent of current student Sam Melville ’26) and Susanne Melville Kiley ’90.

A few weeks after our visit, I ask Rhodes for his thoughts on his former student’s work. “I heard Greg talk about his book to a packed crowd in Harvard Square with the director of the famous Mount Auburn Cemetery, but it was our conversation in front of another packed group in Brandi Hall that had a special impact on me, as he regaled us with his wit and humor in stories about ‘grave matters,’” he said, referring to the talk they gave together in March, titled “Where the Bodies are Buried.”

Rhodes was moved by Melville’s observation that American burial places “are data banks of memory and connection, but also racial and religious segregation, erasure and desecration.”

He shares Melville’s view that “a society’s character is revealed in how it treats its dead,” and said he always told his “Meanings of Death” students that the course was, in fact, about the meanings of life.

Fittingly, “Over My Dead Body” ends with a similar sentiment. “If there’s one lesson I’ve learned, starting with that summer job digging graves at Shawsheen Cemetery through my many tombstone travels,” Melville concludes, “it’s this: What’s most sacred in this world isn’t what happens to our bodies after death, but how and for whom we live our lives.” κ

“Cemeteries are intended to be communal spaces where the living are as welcome as the no-longer living.”

— Greg Melville '92

most of its neighbors, Melville notes this one was actually metallic.

“For a while, there was this trend of selling nickel grave markers because the engraving would never wear away,” he explained. Indeed, the inscription on this tombstone is much clearer than it would be had it been chiseled into now-weathered stone (although the clever designers had not accounted for the screws loosening, as one of the panels on the four-sided monument had fallen into the hollow space within).

“There were no vaults that were used here,” Melville added, “so you can actually see where people were buried by the depressions in the ground. In a lot of ways, that’s how the new (KNP) burial ground is linked to the old one. A lot of the burials here, you can tell, were using the natural burial methods that Kenyon is going back to now.”

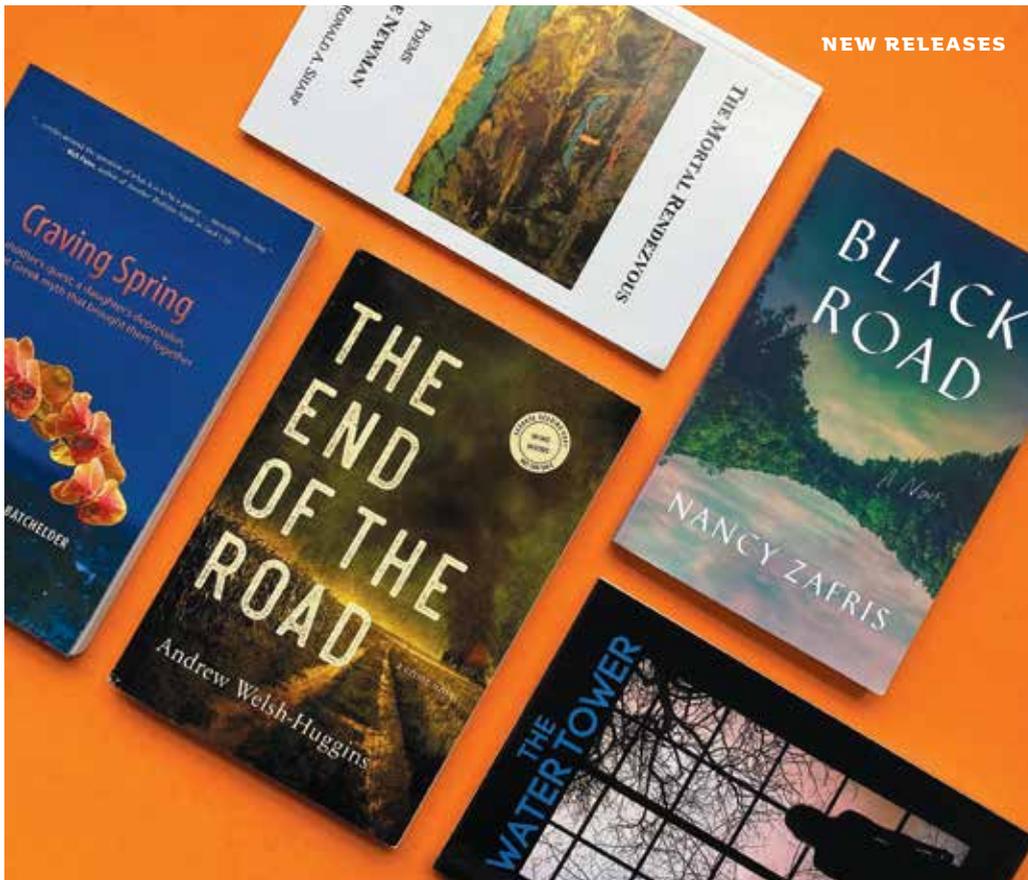
“It’s nice to see a couple of Kenyon students using this space.”

Near the end of our visit, we notice two students with textbooks in hand sharing a picnic blanket near the grave of Lorin Andrews, Kenyon’s sixth president. Andrews was one of Ohio’s earliest volunteers to fight for the Union during the Civil War before unfortunately contracting typhoid



Editor's Note:

Have you published a book in the past year? Email editor@kenyon.edu and tell us about it.



NEW RELEASES

Black Road

BY NANCY ZAFRIS '76

In a small Ohio town, the star quarterback's pranks are legend. But one prank goes too far, leaving students injured and the town reeling from the consequences of that night. Part courtroom drama, part Greek chorus, and part ode to rural America, Nancy Zafris' posthumously published novel, "Black Road," is a testament to how one decision can change everything. Readers may remember Zafris as the long-time fiction editor of Kenyon Review, as well as the force behind the generative model of Kenyon's writing workshops, which she taught for many summers. (*Unbridled Books*)

The End of the Road

BY ANDREW WELSH-HUGGINS '83

Do the crime; serve the time. But for bank robber Myles it's not that simple. Sometimes the only way to leave a life of crime behind is to kill the one person who could drag you back to the lifestyle you want to quit. When the murder-gone-wrong leaves Myles in critical condition, his girlfriend Penny, who just wants a normal life with the man she loves, takes matters into her own hands. But does she have what it takes to stop the biggest heist their small Ohio town has seen? (*Mysterious Press*)

The Mortal Rendezvous

BY WADE NEWMAN '78

Wade Newman's fifth collection of poetry showcases his keen eye for detail. Oscillating between free verse and more traditional poetic forms, "The Mortal Rendezvous" is an exploration of all the complicated meaning embodied in relationships, from friends and family to lover and stranger. (*White Smudge Books*)

The Water Tower

BY AMY YOUNG '01

On the surface, Josie has accomplished her dream of becoming a successful actress in Hollywood. But on the inside, she's battling demons, and one day those demons surface in the form of a breakdown on set. She returns to the small Ohio town where she was raised to recover and takes a teaching job, though the respite is short-lived when one of her students dies under mysterious circumstances. (*Level Best Books*)

Craving Spring:

A Mother's Quest, A Daughter's Depression, and the Greek Myth That Brought Them Together

BY ANN BATCHELDER '75

Ann Batchelder's "Craving Spring" has been described as a memoir that "elegantly illustrates the relevance of the ancient Greek myth of Demeter and Persephone to modern-day mother-daughter struggles." As her daughter battled depression and addiction, Batchelder confronted her own related battles. Through a loving exploration of love and family, both seek answers in ancient myths, showing readers how the stories we tell ourselves and each other can make all the difference. (*Legacy Book Press*)

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“THE WINGMEN” | FEATURED BOOK

A Friendship’s Glory Days

AS IS THE CASE FOR MANY KENYON ALUMNI, a book Adam Lazarus ’04 encountered during his college days changed his life and altered his career path.

It was just before the start of his junior year, in 2002, and he showed up to Gambier early for

football practice. He had brought along a copy of “The Boys of Summer,” Roger Kahn’s classic account of the 1950s-era Brooklyn Dodgers, begun reading it, and become instantly entranced.

“I read it during preseason,” he remembered, “and that was kind of the point where I was like, ‘This is what I want to do with my career.’ That year, I read every single Roger Kahn book.” For a number of years before this, Lazarus had ambitions to become a baseball or football beat writer. While that never happened the way he planned, he took an interest in history books, with Kahn’s masterpiece on his personal pedestal.

While Kahn’s book was set in the sports world, it was really more about looking into the humanity of those legendary Dodgers players and examining the lifelong relationships they forged during the vastly different eras of their heydays and post-playing careers. These same themes echo throughout Lazarus’ latest sports history book, “The Wingmen: The Unlikely, Unusual, Unbreakable Friendship Between John Glenn and Ted Williams,” published by Kensington/Citadel Press in August.

While scrolling through Twitter on Veterans Day 2020, he came across a photo of Ted Williams and John Glenn in animated conversation while serving during the Korean War. Knowing they both had served but not realizing they’d been in the same squadron, he learned, as he read up on their lives, that they had flown several missions together, and that camaraderie formed the basis for a lifelong mutual admiration society that went much deeper than simply being war buddies.

“Once I realized that their relationship (was) not constant, but it continued all the way to

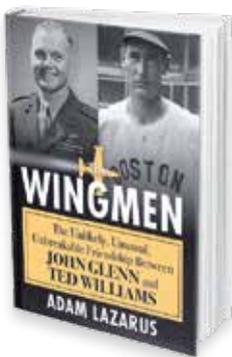
the day Williams died, I knew there was a story here,” he said.

While the Boston Red Sox icon was principally known for his baseball feats, the epic nature of Williams’ story meant that a book could be written about his military exploits and life away from the field, while tangentially touching on his career on the diamond.

Lazarus explained that if he had written a book that promised to be an exploration of the personal relationship between these two titans and then filled it with digressions about Williams’ baseball feats or Glenn’s NASA training, it would’ve felt like cheating the reader. “I wanted to take well-known figures and tell the lesser-known parts of their lives,” he said.

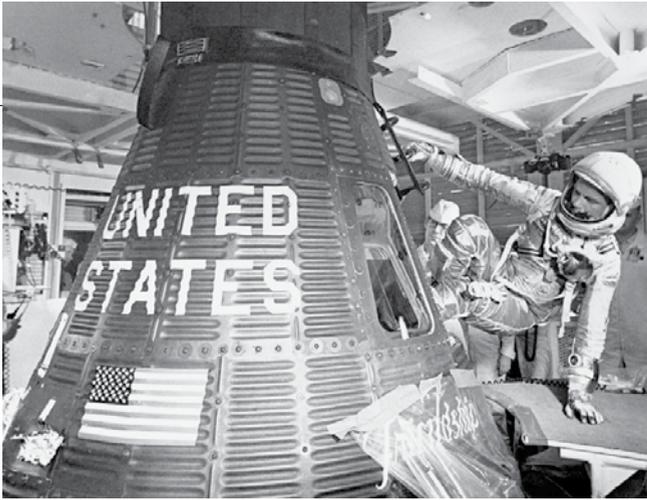
This also was his biggest challenge, because summing up Ted Williams as a person was about as easy as trying to sneak a fastball past him as a hitter. It often seemed like half of Williams’ personality traits existed just to conflict with the other half. According to Lazarus, the Splendid Splinter was “the most complex individual I’ve ever studied.” He was — at different moments — kind, wrathful, arrogant, compassionate, profane, charitable, boorish and intellectual. Sometimes all of that within the span of a few minutes. Perhaps the most succinct way to sum up Williams is a quote Lazarus included in the book from an anonymous marine: “Ted Williams — he doesn’t make friends easy, but when he does it is all the way.”

It made for a fascinating relationship of contrasts with Glenn. “He was everything that people remember. You look up integrity in the dictionary, there should be a picture of John Glenn,” Lazarus said. “Of all the subjects I’ve



“The Wingmen: The Unlikely, Unusual, Unbreakable Friendship Between John Glenn and Ted Williams”

By Adam Lazarus ’04



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written about, he seems to have been the most genuine good person. He lived up to everything — ‘the clean Marine Boy Scout,’ (as) they called him in ‘The Right Stuff.’”

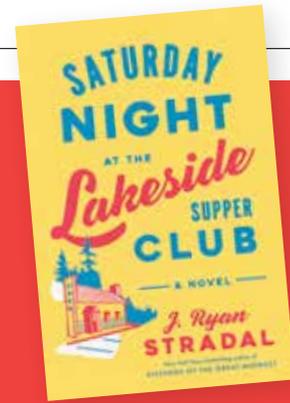
While researching the book, Lazarus got a fuller sense of their relationship through interviewing Glenn’s two children, Williams’ surviving daughter and three pilots who flew with both men, among others. The friendship reminded Lazarus of his own longtime connection with a Kenyon friend, Mike Ferzoco ’04, who is markedly different from him in numerous ways: “We don’t talk all the time. We talk on the phone maybe once every four months. I’ll see him at Reunion, maybe I’ll see him when one of us is in the other city. But when we get together or we’re on the phone, we might as well be in our dorm room in Manning,” he noted.

In writing about these two transcendent figures, Lazarus joined a roster of impressive peers. The challenge of capturing Williams on the page has been ably taken on by literary heavyweights from John Updike to Richard Ben Cramer to David Halberstam. Writing about Glenn, meanwhile, meant joining the company of Tom Wolfe. But Lazarus kept his focus on telling the story of Glenn and Williams’ Korean War service and their relationship in subsequent decades, combing through unpublished letters, unit diaries, declassified military records, manuscripts and interviews.

Lazarus credits Kenyon’s English and history departments with preparing him well for this kind of work. “You were learning history through literature,” he said. “There was a lot of overlap in that way.” — KEN SCHULTZ ’00

Top: On February 20, 1962, Mercury astronaut John Glenn climbs into his Friendship 7 spacecraft.

Bottom: On April 9, 1971, Washington Senators manager Ted Williams chats with President Richard M. Nixon during a ceremony inside the Oval Office. Williams and several baseball executives presented the president with a season pass to American League games.



KENYON SPOTTED IN
“Saturday Night at the Lakeside Supper Club”
 BY J. RYAN STRADAL

When bestselling author and Minnesota native J. Ryan Stradal chose a college for one of his characters to attend, he chose wisely. In his fictional tribute to Midwestern supper clubs and the generations of families who inherit them, Stradal dedicates a few pivotal pages to Kenyon. While Stradal did not go to Kenyon, he is a fan of those who did: “I like the Kenyon grads I’ve met over the years — it sounded perfect for my character, who’s a wildly intelligent, iconoclastic Midwesterner who wanted to go to a smaller, academically rigorous college in a peaceful, bucolic environment.”

— MEGAN MONAGHAN

“The experience of being a college student at Kenyon was even better than she’d imagined. She loved a program called Outdoors Pre-O, where she explored an unfamiliar wilderness with more new friends. And almost every weekend until it snowed, she biked the Gap Trail. The strong trees and early chill reminded her of Minnesota. As her grandmother would have put it, it was her church away from church.”

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Flashback: A wild bat chase

Robert J. Clawson, Acton, Massachusetts, shared a memory about how **Antoni H. Milkowski '57**, who died in 2001, ultimately became a beloved art professor at Hunter College. "In late autumn of 1956, Tony Milkowski and I were laughing about the frequency of bats whizzing through the beam of the projector on movie nights in Rosse Hall. They distracted from most films, but would be perfect, we mused, for horror flicks that were, unfortunately, missing from the movie menu. "Notorious," yes; "Nosferatu," no. When we learned that "Dr. Sin's Midnight Horror Show" was coming to the Vernon (theater), we decided to enhance the event with, yes, bats.

"We planned to enter the theater from the rear and let any guard know that we had brought the bats for "Dr. Sin." Tony and I were both older than most students. I was tall and bearded, and Tony's rubber face could change from the austerity of a Polish prince to that of a zany comparable to Marty Feldman. Our dark costumes, including black capes and hats, meant our theatrical authenticity would allow easy passage in time to open a suitcase filled with bats and make a quick, professional exit. All we really needed was a dozen live bats.

"Earlier in the year, I'd discovered that if I opened a casement in the lamp-lit Psi U lounge, a bat or two would occasionally enter. We had a purloined No U-Turn sign, and if I held it at arm's length, a bat would fly right up to it and make an abrupt U-turn. I figured we could capture it with a net. We might gather a good number over, say, three nights. The first night, none showed. The second, nada. The third night, same thing. So we canned that effort and headed to Rosse Hall, sure we could find several. After checking behind every curtain and exploring every nook and cranny of the building, we came up empty. Fabrics? Drapes? Tapestries? Baffles? The Hill Theater!

"We snuck in. Tony and I were checking behind wall baffling and the many stage curtains. **Rob Roleson**, who'd joined this escapade, was creeping along a beam above the stage, poking his broom handle into the high reaches, when Jim Michaels roared, 'What the hell are you doing in my theater?' Had anyone ever seen him angry? 'We're not insured for daredevils, Roleson. Get your ass down here immediately.' We were instantly meek, slinking toward the front exit, heads bowed, but there was no way to skirt the enraged professor.

"Sir," I offered, 'we're just looking for bats.'

"Bats? Bats? That's pretty easy, I've just found three of them! Get out of here, and don't show your faces until next semester.' And then he smiled, 'Unless you'd like to sweep up after a show.'

"We'd pretty much exhausted the possibilities on campus, so Tony and I decided to take to the countryside in search of farmers who'd let us check out their barns. Tony prepped a polite introduction — explaining his status as a biology major, his hope to be accepted by a medical school impressed by his lab experiments with bats. His pitch worked, and most of the farmers were fine with it, though they all noted they'd not seen any bats for a while. On our third day not finding any, one farmer asked us if we'd checked out the caves down in Howard. We'd never heard of them, but he said he thought they were right near the center of town. That sounded surefire, so the next day we headed for Howard. A friendly local woman gave us directions to what turned out to be an enormous rock pile that concealed cracks and fissures too tight for Tony to crawl through.

"We were pretty much at a dead end when,

on our trip back from Howard, we passed a beautifully kept farm with a huge barn near a stretch of the Kokosing that looked like a clear trout stream with a lovely sand and pebble beach, great for fly- and mosquito-devouring bats. We

backed up, pulled into the drive, and Tony made his last, and most confident pitch to the owner, who looked more like a gentleman farmer than the real thing. He had a wry twinkle in his eyes.

"I'd be happy to let you explore my barn, but first I'd like to show you my operation and animals.' We, of course, were delighted as he led us through stalls and containments for cows, pigs and sheep. I'd grown up in rural towns and had never seen such a well-kept 'operation' or healthy-looking domestic animals. He led us to his immaculate hay barn, and we checked it out. No bats.

"I majored in biology, too," he nodded to Tony. 'Princeton. Don't know what they teach you up at Kenyon, but we learned that some bat species hibernate, some migrate and some do both, depending on weather and locale. You might find a few hanging out in winter, but around these parts, just about all of them migrate.' He paused for about five seconds, then, 'Might want to change your major.'

"Tony took up sculpture. His installations adorn many parks and public spaces, where everyone can marvel at them ... including bats."



1950s

1952

Allen B. Ballard Jr., Clifton Park, New York, age 92, updates: "Life goes on with all of its twists and turns on the medical front. But I still do 30 minutes a day on my trusty NuStep elliptical machine, and expect to be on my recumbent trike trail once again when the weather breaks in the spring. Read Paul Newman's memoir and suggest that you give it a look. Absolutely fascinating all the way through. Still baking every week — pies, scones and cornbread, which I definitely have to share with the neighbors lest my sugar levels rise.

1955

Edward T. Rhodes shares that after a two-year pandemic hiatus, he and Dorothy bought a new condo at Lakewood Country Club in Bradenton, Florida, and spent the winter there.

1958

Andrew R. Graham shares a scary Christmas adventure. "Buffalo's Blizzard of '22 made national news. The rain that started Thursday night was snow by 7:30 a.m. Friday. Lake Erie rose over eight feet; wind gusting to 80 mph pushed wave tops crashing onto our patio and building walls. Our central parking lot quickly froze, blocking the storm drains, so flooding ran into the garages and first floors of several units. Ours is a bit higher, so we missed that disaster.

"At 8:30 p.m. Friday, the power failed. By then the outside temp was in the low teens,

and gale-force winds were persistent. Ice soon formed on the shore sufficient to keep the waves down, but now the challenge was to keep us and the pipes from freezing. Fortunately, the gas bar in our fireplace gave us a warm spot to huddle and a hot grating on which to cook. Probably more critical was our gas water heater, so we ran hot water through all our pipes. They survived, and so did we.

"When our internet and land-line phone went down, our only outgoing communication was with our cell-phones. With the garage and both doors frozen shut, we had no way to charge them. We shut off Ann's to preserve her battery. No way of knowing how long we would be without power. Then late Saturday afternoon, good neighbor Joe came over, and together we manually opened the garage door. After Joe did a bit of vigorous shoveling, I was able to back the car out to run and charge the phones. I spent hours cranking our emergency portable radio to listen to updates on a local AM station. After 26 hours, the power was restored.

"We being 'upper octogenarians' caused a lot of our friends and relations to be very concerned for us — which was the best Christmas present anyone could receive. We hope this is our last adventure for awhile."

1960s

1960

David J. Gury updates, "Since the middle of last year, Elias and I have been preparing the last move of our lives

to a life care facility, St. Andrew's Estates in Boca Raton, Florida." The two spent several months having an apartment renovated and updated. "April 1, we moved into a temporary apartment until the new one is completed in four to five months," he notes. "It should be wonderful, but moving is always full of anxiety while waiting."

1961

David C. Brown, Louisville, Kentucky, and his wife, Barbara, traveled to Southeast Asia last November. "Angkor Wat in Cambodia, Bangkok, then on a Viking ship down the Malaysian coast to Bali," he details. The couple enjoy Delray Beach, Florida, during the colder months.

Daniel O. Holland, Waynesboro, Virginia, shares that his wife, Patty, plays in two local symphony orchestras, while he reads his poetry in two different venues each month. "Just finished the final edits of my seventh novel," he adds. "Now the fun begins: trying to find a publisher. The Blue Ridge Mountains sustain me every day, and Kenyon is ever in my thoughts."

1962

James G. Carr urges the remembrance of **Thomas J. Hoffmann**, who died Sept. 15. "Take a few moments," Jim shares, "to remember our classmate, and for some of us, teammate. Once Tom and Jan had made Gambier their home, their open door, her gracious hospitality and his ever-friendly smile warmly welcomed us back at Reunion time. Not just his teammates and roommates

— but all who returned to the Hill. For many of us, Tom was, during our student days, someone special. So he became for all whom he and Jan hosted. Because of them, longtime friendships remained precious, and new friendships became so." **James M. Swaney**, Fort Worth, Texas, and his wife, Connie, were busy moving from one senior independent facility to another. "I still miss New England and the Midwest, but Connie — after 50 years in the South — won't go back to the snow!" Jim gave up golf but keeps busy with bridge and following politics. "A former Republican, now

balance out the flow of Buckeyes going to the beach." On a cold day this winter, Alan recalled "making ice in the old Kenyon Polo Barn so our hockey club could practice. Somehow Tracy Scudder (director of admissions, 1950–67) talked me into helping, so I would go over to the barn in the middle of the night when it was cold and hand-spray water on the barn floor cover to make ice for skating." **David G. Newhall**, Mahtomedi, Minnesota, is happy to be healthy and active. "Much of the last five years or so have been spent assisting a first cousin, who became quadriplegic due to a stroke.

my dirt bike over some pretty rugged territory." **Richard F. Spinner**, Sarasota, Florida, is enjoying opera performances, travel with the Airstream trailer, family events and his endless to-do list with partner Joy Dytyniak. Joy and Rick continue to roam the Florida skies in their Icon A5 amphibious airplane, landing on lakes, bays and at interesting small airports. "Key West for lunch is next on her list," he notes.

1964

Thomas C. Bond, Belmont, Massachusetts, retired from the practice of psychiatry after 50 years in July. "A big

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— **Daniel O. Holland '61**, of Waynesboro, Virginia

a liberal independent, I root for the trial and imprisonment of the traitors that tried, and continue to try, to overthrow our democracy! Jail can't come soon enough for Trump and his cohorts!"

1963

Alan W. Beck and his wife, Sarah, live in the Wesley Woods Methodist retirement community in New Albany, Ohio. "It is good being near our oldest son, **David A. Beck '97**, and his family in Upper Arlington," he writes. "I tell people that the reason we moved from Myrtle Beach to Columbus was to

While this consumed more than 1,200 hours of my time, it was very rewarding in the long run." David spent 42 years as a trial attorney in a large Minneapolis law firm, retiring at the end of 2008. In his parallel 32-year career in the Minnesota Army National Guard, he started as a private E-1 in the artillery and ended as a colonel. David has been married to Carol Ludington for the last 29 years and has four children, ages 25 to 54. "While I had to retire as an active squash player and downhill skier at age 75, I still golf, water-ski, ride horseback and ride

change," he notes. "Since then we took the kids and grandkids to Yellowstone and the Tetons in August, traveled to Paris, Berlin and Vienna with **Timothy P. O'Neill '76** and his wife in October, and then visited with **Boyd P. "Pete" King '64** in Providence, whom I have known since age 12." **William F. Brooks**, New Haven, Vermont, retired after 10 years as executive director of the Henry Sheldon Museum in Middlebury. Bill was honored for his leadership in history and art education by the Middlebury College Museum in May 2022 and by the trustees



Robert "BeBop" Palmer '59 P'81 in his beloved New York City apartment, which overlooks the Hudson River.

WHEN IN ... NEW YORK: ROBERT PALMER '59

New York State of Mind

A JAZZ-LOVING, THEATERGOING OCTOGENARIAN'S GUIDE TO NEW YORK CITY

Many of the things Robert "BeBop" Palmer '59 P'81 loved about New York City shut down during the pandemic, including Broadway theaters and the New York Philharmonic. But one afternoon on a walk through Riverside Park, he spotted a drum kit. It turned out that David Oswald's Louis Armstrong Eternity Band was giving free concerts in the park during the long lockdown months. Soon a crowd gathered, and the sound of the trumpet revived memories Palmer has cherished for seven decades.

Palmer played the trumpet in high school and was part of a six-piece dance band. When he was 16, he sneaked into the city and altered the date on his draft card to see Armstrong perform at the Basin Street East nightclub. He later collected autographs from Big Band legends Gene Krupa and Glen Gray. He offered them to Oswald and his bandmates, and a friendship began. Now Palmer tries to catch the band on Wednesday nights at the Birdland in Midtown. His other pals, the Grammy award-winning twin brothers Peter and Will Anderson, perform there, too. Palmer met them after they played a tribute to Armstrong at Symphony Space, a performing arts center on the Upper West Side.

If anyone is surprised to see an 85-year-old man become a jazz groupie, they don't tell Palmer. "Keeping up with him in New York when I was young was hard," said his daughter, **Michele Fracasso '81**. "It just really energizes him, the city." That energy extends to waiting in line for discount tickets to Broadway shows. Last December, when theaters reopened, Palmer scored a \$49, fourth-row orchestra ticket to see Hugh Jackman in "The Music Man."

"The theater is very important in my life," Palmer said. "That's my day job."

Before the pandemic, Palmer would leave his apartment on Riverside Drive nearly every day to hear jazz at Saint Peter's Church or attend a

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movie at the Film Forum. He would walk through Central Park, see a show and eat lunch out whenever possible. There are Turkish, Chinese, Latino and Italian restaurants within seven minutes of his home, and “due to all my travels, I have memories of meals in all these places,” Palmer said.

Palmer spent many years after college abroad, working as a librarian in Afghanistan and Zanzibar, and as the first Fulbright librarian in Wuhan, China. Fracasso attended eighth grade in Kathmandu and her senior year of high school in Bangkok.

Back in New York, Palmer served as director of the Barnard College Library for 13 years. He now lives in an apartment building overlooking the Hudson River, where his neighbors have included comedian Amy Schumer and actress Téa Leoni.

For much of 2022, his favorite night out was hearing an eclectic group of opera singers perform at the Greek restaurant Telio, a neighborhood fixture on the Upper West Side. They sang their favorite arias, and Palmer sometimes sang along, feeling “as though I was transported to a piazza in Rome.” Unfortunately, the party ended when Telio lost its lease, a fate that has befallen many smaller cafes since the pandemic hit.

Most days, Palmer likes to grab lunch on his way to the Film Forum or the Metropolitan Museum of Art. He and his friend, **David Grogan '59**, try to have lunch weekly near Grogan’s apartment on the Upper East Side. “Bob has a great sense of humor,” Grogan said. “We have a lot of laughs.” Grogan is president of Sweet Sam’s Baking Company, a Bronx-based wholesale bakery that ships products nationwide, including a crumb cake that Palmer loves. He’s also a landlord. Years ago, Grogan helped Palmer negotiate to stay in his apartment building. Grogan marvels at his friend’s drive to keep exploring the city. “For his age, Bob is young and still going strong,” he said.

Palmer’s favorite day trip is to Governors Island, a 15-minute ferry ride off the tip of Manhattan. He first visited in the summer of 1956, when a friend was stationed on the island with the U.S. Army Band. Now he enjoys attending the Jazz Age Lawn Party, where people in flapper dresses and straw hats dance to the Great Gatsby-era music his high school band used to play.

Palmer has no plans to slow down anytime soon. “New York is people and action and electricity,” he said. “My nature is to want to plug myself back into the electrical socket.” —LISA RAB

of the museum at a gala reception last July. Last summer and fall, Bill enjoyed visits to Vermont by **Anthony W. Ridgway '66** and his family, and by **Philip J. Harter**. In February and March, Bill visited Ann and **R. Barry Tatgenhorst '67** in Coral Gables, Florida, and the Ridgways in Naples. **Joel D. Kellman**, Huntington Woods, Michigan, sits on the boards of a large Detroit-based food bank and a community park in Detroit, and he participates with the trustees of the Detroit Symphony. “Happy to be able to continue playing tennis,” he updates, “albeit with less pace. Not old enough for golf. Betsy and I are fortunate to spend some time in Arizona and northern Michigan — and, more important, to live near our son and daughter and our three grandchildren.”

Ukraine, the moviegoing public will love it and turn out in great numbers to see it.” **Robin F. Goldsmith**, Needham, Massachusetts, presented a keynote address titled “RE, PO, BA, or BS?” to the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Institute of Business Analysis return-to-person Professional Development Day conference in May. The next day, he presented “Does Being Promoted Make You a Jerk?” to the Portfolio, Leadership and Strategy Conference, also in Brooklyn Center, Minnesota. **Peter E. Hewitt**, Pittsboro, North Carolina, writes, “Aileen turned 80, and I will do the same in July. In October we will celebrate our 55th anniversary. We’re both staying busy: Aileen participates in many UNC outreach classes and seminars, and I chair

it for five or six years. We are now ensconced in a converted stable on a 7,000-acre estate owned by friends. Enjoying the change from tiny rooms and low ceilings to open-plan ‘converted barn living,’ staying warm with a large wood-burning stove and lots of heavy sweaters! I’m still commuting to clients and the Kingstree London office on a large BMW motorbike.” **Robert P. Moyer**, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, shares: “After COVID, back to real-life workshops as theater artist and poet in residence for the 23rd year at the Arts Based School in Winston-Salem. Oh, and after many years of the single life, I married the lovely and talented poet Kelly Sauvage. We travel hither and yon, write together, and she hikes while I find the nearest brewery. Life couldn’t be better.” **William**

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— **Joel D. Kellman '64**, joking about staying active

1965
David F. Banks, United Kingdom, reports, “We have finished production on a new film, called ‘Mother Russia.’ It’s a true story of Putin’s murder of Anna Politkovskaya, a Russian journalist who blew his cover on the revolt in Chechnya, reporting that it was nothing more than ethnic cleansing. Hopefully, with a theme so similar to Putin’s war on

our county board of tax appeals. She swims, and I play tennis.”

1966
L. Lee Bowman updates, “We weathered the pandemic with our son Fred and his family in our East Sussex guest cottage. When Fred & Co. bought their own place near Gatwick Airport, Sue and I sold it — a 16th century farmhouse — to a neighbor, who had been after

P. Rice, Duxbury, Massachusetts, updates, “Around the time I turned 72 and began to collect Social Security I realized that I just wasn’t wired for retirement. So I am still executive chair of Anchor Capital Advisors, the investment management firm I founded 40 years ago. I have also joined three nonprofit boards, which keeps me active. My wife, Lynn, and I spend

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winters at the Ocean Reef Club in Key Largo and summers on the water in Duxbury." **John C. Rohrer**, Newport Beach, California, writes, "After 12+ years, I am definitely getting good at retirement! I fill my days with golf, swimming and service on two nonprofit boards. I also

with a group of four, a little too dark to see name tags and a little too noisy to hear all of the conversation. All four had careers vastly diverging from their major course or even graduate studies." The upshot: "Kenyon provided us all with something ethereal and real, a

three sons attended Kenyon and who revered the late Rev. Donald L. Rogan, a professor, retired psychiatrist and parent of **John A. Rogan '83**. Perhaps I'll meet a statistician who can read the law of probability and make sense of all of these coincidental encoun-

tremendous help of my kids and extended family. In October, we fulfilled a long-held ambition to visit Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan and see some of the wonders of the Silk Road. Life in the San Francisco Bay Area has offered a number of opportunities. The chorale I joined toured the Baltics in 2017, and shortly after Reunion weekend we travel to Spain and Portugal for concerts in Seville and Lisbon." **Eric E. Linder**, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, related an event from his volunteer job in downtown Detroit. "I was asked to meet with a 24-year-old Honduran refugee who not only spoke no English, but who, to my surprise, could not read or write in his own language! So even though he had a cellphone — the indigent, I discovered some years ago, cannot survive without one — he could not read text messages. I spent an hour or more with Jorge Antonio in my less-than-polished Spanish trying to arrange his transportation to his Nicaraguan wife in a nearby Michigan city. I find times like these immensely moving, and reflect on the arc between reading Chaucer (another almost foreign language) with Gerrit Roelofs in Philo Hall in Ascension and doing volunteer social work in Spanish in Detroit. My senior year, when I told my mother I was going to take a year in Medieval and Renaissance French literature, she bleakly (and understandably) asked me whether I had ever considered even one good economics

course. Sadly, I had not. But as I reflect on my irreplaceable four years in Gambier, my hours with Gerrit H. Roelofs, Philip D. Church, B. Peter Seymour, saintly Bill McCullough, wonderfully sardonic Paul Schwartz and beloved Jim Michaels, who directed me and others in play after play — those hours were schooling to my heart. I was a better teacher myself for 43 years because of them, and a willing social worker today in retirement." **Raymond S. Pfeiffer**, Clayton, New York, has enjoyed writing several illustrated, photograph-accompanied stories about his time on islands in the middle of the upper St. Lawrence River near Gananoque, Ontario. Published in "Thousand Islands Life," an online monthly magazine, his most recent is "Alternative Identities: A True Story of Personality and Seagulls" (thousandislandslife.com). **Mark E. Sullivan**, Raleigh, North Carolina, shares, "In early February, I met **William J. Yost** in Nashville. I was in town on a business trip, and Bill lives in nearby Franklin. In the hotel lobby, we walked out to find a place to talk ... our first bad decision! Bill swore he knew a place or two where we could sit down and talk about our times and adventures. Well, the more we walked, the louder it got! We finally found a bar with some empty tables and no music, settled in, and I started asking Bill about his experiences in Vietnam around 1970. Just as it started getting interesting, MUSIC STARTED! Was it loud? I say, WAS IT LOUD!?"

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— **J.D. Pell Osborn '70**, on leading LineStorm animation seminars

occasionally deal with the health issues that crop up at our age. Andi and I travel regularly to the San Francisco Bay Area to see our daughters and grandsons. We make at least one trip to Hawaii every year, often with Andi's sorority sisters from Berkeley, including **Jim Jarrett's** widow, Laurie."

1967
Phil Cerny, United Kingdom, updates, "Still doing academic publishing. My latest edited book, 'Heterarchy in World Politics,' was published by Routledge on Dec. 30. It challenges the dominant paradigms in the study of international relations and world political economy." **Edward J. Forrest Jr.**, Marietta, Georgia, updates that he and his wife, Lanet, enjoyed Kenyon's Learning in the Company of Friends event hosted by Professor Emeritus Peter Rutkoff in Atlanta on Feb. 15. "We sat

sense of something that was the foundation of our lives and impacted our career path. Good stuff." **Richard G. Freeman** writes, "In October, my wife and I fled our beloved West Philadelphia neighborhood, where we had dwelled for 51 years, to the sanctified seclusion of Cathedral Village, a retirement community in northwest Philadelphia. During dinner the first week, a woman, after learning I attended Kenyon, asked me whether I knew an alum with whom she grew up. I did. He was in my fraternity. Her husband asked me whether I knew another alum with whom he had attended high school; the person he named was also a fraternity brother. Another retiree on the same day asked me whether I knew his brother, who attended Kenyon — yet another fraternity brother. The next day I met a retired Episcopal bishop whose

ters." **The Rev. Dr. William C. Scar**, Aiken, South Carolina, updates, "All the things you never expected. ... My new marriage to another widow is a remarkable and bizarre experience. And learning to care for horses and build a new farm facility. And I am very active professionally. Is this retirement?"

1968
Merrill O. Burns, Sonoma, California, updates, "I serve on the board of a public utility and as a partner in a small broker dealer that focuses on affordable housing. My three sons live in far-flung places — **Colin Burns '93**, Raleigh, North Carolina; **Graham Burns '98**, Honolulu; and Duncan, Melbourne, Australia — so we end up traveling a lot." **Geoffrey J. Hackman**, Palo Alto, California, shares: "I sold my house on the East Coast after redistributing 35 years of mementos with the

Yes, ma'am, it certainly was. All we could do was read each other's lips as we discussed life 50 years ago." **Frank Svec** informs, "Carol and I are still in Las Vegas and loving it. We don't gamble, but we go to the casinos and watch the shows. This year we've gone to the Mexican Riviera and through the Panama Canal. The latter is so interesting we'd recommend it to everyone. Our two sons and their families are doing well. We just bought a Tesla. Now we are part of the green generation!" **Jack D. Train** notes, "After almost three years of roaming, following the passing of my beloved Betsy, I am back in Boston, happily married to a lovely, artistic woman named Holly. Here we serve our church, go to as many art and music venues as time allows, and slowly purge our excess belongings. To keep a cherished ritual going, we recently had three generations of Trains on the slopes of Arapahoe Basin. Grandson Jack (age 5) joined his grandpa, dad and aunt on the mountain where we all learned to ski."

1969

Ronald A. Hoxter updates, "All good in Philly. Debi and have two grandchildren now, 4 and 1, and they are a joy. I have the usual 75-year-old issues — aches and pains accentuated by a fall down the stairs a few months ago. I continue to sell businesses as I have done for the past 20 years since retiring as a division VP of Walt Disney Co. Debi and I also started a vending company for our son, who had trouble with

employment due to his disabilities. Our daughter is a star in New York as a VP of a large online marketing company."

William J. Murray writes, "Judy and I are spending our sixth winter north of Tucson. Golf game is getting better as I age, which says a lot about how I played in the past. Retired from the board of a nonprofit that succeeded in turning a failed golf course into a nature reserve in Oro Valley, Arizona (see preservevistososo.org)."

1970s

1970

Eric P. Allemano updates, "I am enjoying life in Saint Aubin de Locquenay, a French village not unlike Gambier, located on the Sarthe, a river very much like the Kokosing. Some 35 miles south lies the city of Le Mans, famous for car racing. I do occasional consulting and am preparing for a mission in Benin, where I last worked some 15 years ago as head of a USAID education project. I will evaluate a European Union project designed to help youth find or create employment." Eric welcomes inquiries from classmates or current students at eric.allemano@yahoo.fr. **Richard G. McManus**, Hingham, Massachusetts, joined two 1960s-era bands for a few years of garage practices in preparation for a 50th Reunion show. "We performed a long set in a tent with **Peter Moffitt '72**, **Peter E. Muller**, **Stephen S. Davis**, **Philip D. McManus** and our special guest star (and member of St. John's Wood) Nancy Niver. It was a blast! We do this every 25

years or so, barring global pandemics, so stay tuned for the 2045 edition. Meanwhile, I have launched two new ventures, both aimed at the damaging reading instruction that dominates U.S. learning. Check them out at eristraining.net and breakingthecode.com." **The Rev. John K. Morrell** and his wife, Kathy, took their Vermont family (daughter, son-in-law and two granddaughters) to Orlando Universal City. In October, they will attend a New York City reunion of the 1968–69 Junior Year Abroad in Beirut. "Damage to my 110-foot rock wall by Hurricane Fiona has been repaired," he notes. "Other repairs will take us into the fall." **J.D. Pell Osborn**, Charlestown, Massachusetts, is "on the verge of retirement — and trying to figure that out," he shares. "I'm still teaching LineStorm animation seminars, most recently to a group of Ph.D. candidates at M.I.T.'s Nanotechnology Department. According to their professor, these students were 'burnt out on science' and needed a totally new approach, like making a hand-drawn animation project to clarify for the average person just how small the nano realm is. (The nanoscale starts at about 10⁻⁹ meters; i.e., one billionth of a meter. That's wicked small.) Thanks to my awesome classmate **Reed Woodhouse** — who, in the 1990s, taught Shakespeare at M.I.T. and connected me with its Student Art Association — I've been holding LineStorm seminars there since 1998. I'm now an adamant

booster of using art and science to simplify complex ideas and catalyze further exploration."

Arthur Vedder calls Santa Cruz, California, "This Side of Paradise. Enjoying my 44th year of medical practice, although now the abridged version. Our son, daughter and four grandsons (ages 2 to 7) live in the New York City area. We fly over Ohio's Magic Mountain frequently to visit."

1971

Stephen F. Christy Jr. is fully retired from his landscape architecture career, "having even stopped designing green burial cemeteries," he notes. "And, I guess, waiting for my own final visit to a graveyard. Meanwhile, I continue to live in the same house for 44 years, in Chicago's Andersonville, where I have done decades of volunteer landscape work." Stephen was recently honored for this.

1972

Edward G. "Ted" Smith, Rye, New York, recalls, "About a year after graduation I was

diagnosed with bipolar disorder. I ended up being homeless and living in my car for several weeks in 2010 before being admitted to the Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center in Bridgeport, Connecticut, for about nine months. The disorder caused me great confidence problems over the years, but I have grown through it. I have since had many types of employment, including apprenticeship in a toy company model shop, a position in an art museum, independent contractor in a delivery company, and an editorial proofreader. Twenty-five years of guitar lessons motivated me to perform at coffee house open-mic nights, my Kenyon 20th reunion, nursing homes and other gigs. I taught myself to play the five-string banjo. And even though I haven't performed anywhere for about 12 years, I'll soon play at the church where I'm a member, and at Rye Seniors, a group which caters to older folks like myself. Over the years I wrote poetry and a handful of songs, none of which

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have been published, and I feel in the back of my mind that my love of music pulled me through. Anybody reading this epistle who has had some difficult times and seeks advice, don't hesitate to get in touch. **George L. Thomas Jr.** updates, "Pam and I moved from Columbus, Ohio, to North Scottsdale, Arizona, following my December 2022 retirement as CEO of Earthfirst/PSi, a global manufacturer of bio-based renewable compostable packaging. It's hard to believe it's been a 50-year run, but looking forward to the next phase of golf, hiking, cycling and travel. The entire family is doing great."

1973

Amy (Goodwin) Aldrich writes, "My commute winds through Rock Creek Park and was unusually colorful at the end of February — hillsides covered with daffodils in full bloom. Enjoying life in D.C. since 1980. It's colorful, sometimes." In Philadelphia, Amy gathered with **Julia (Miller) Vick**, **James W. Vick '74**, **Ellen Pader '72**, **Zoe Moffitt** and **Pegi Goodman** (with husband Greg) for the "Matisse in the 1930s" exhibit at the Philadelphia Museum of Art. **Lynda J. Bernays**, Cleveland, wonders, "Can it really be 50 years since we were newly minted college grads, setting off to conquer the world? But I don't know how much of the world I have conquered." Lynda's realms include volunteering at one church; running programs at another; and walking, hiking and picking up neighborhood litter with

husband Stan. Lynda visits her son, his wife and two young boys in Portland, Oregon, and sees her daughter, her husband and their young son a lot. **Jean C. Dunbar**, Lexington, Virginia, updates, "In February, I had a long overdue and suitably raucous reunion with eternal friends **Thomas P. Stamp**, **Elizabeth R. Forman** and **Jacqueline E. Robbins** at Tom's wonderful house in Gambier. True to Kenyon form, conversation ranged over a breathtaking range of subjects, and hilarity reigned. Elsewhere and otherwise, I'm working on a project for the Tennessee Historical Commission and preparing a book about British/American landscape artist Thomas Cole (1801–48). Among other startling revelations, I disclose that Cole attended an Ohio church served by (you guessed it!) **Philander Chase**." **Katie (Fishman) Eastridge** reflects, "Although my interest in fine arts began when I could first hold a pencil, the fine arts education at Kenyon College taught me how to apply critical reasoning to studio art. Some 60 years later, I am still working each day solving visual riddles. In addition, the charm of living in a small college town brought my husband and me to Princeton, New Jersey, 30 years ago." **Howard S. Gantman**, Washington, D.C., regretted missing the 50th Reunion as it coincided with his daughter Ella's graduation from Princeton, where she was awarded the Pyne Prize, the highest general distinction conferred

on an undergraduate. **Anita T. (Guttenberg) Havas**, Rockville, Maryland, retired in June 2023 after 20 years at Bullis School. She enjoys spending time with her three grandsons and residing five months of the year at a Lake George house in Ticonderoga, New York. **Robert G. Hayes Jr.**, Kennesaw, Georgia, calls "the early stages of retirement a whole new experience." So far: enrolled at L.A. Fitness, taking up pickleball and enjoying his new granddaughter, Evie Louise Molder, aka Baby Beep. "Eagerly anticipating a return to Gambier," he adds. "In touch with a few of the 'Boys from B-1' and will meet up with **John P. Higgins** and **James F. Musbach**." **Mitchell L. Jablons**, Watchung, New Jersey, shares, "My daughter Michelle was married on Feb. 25 to Brad Warner. My 72nd birthday was the following day, and I stayed up past my normal bedtime dancing to rap at the beginning of the after-party. It was the geriatric equivalent of an all-nighter in college." **Julia F. Johnson**, Urbana, Ohio, writes, "I have been busy planning the Garden Club of America's 2023 annual meeting," which was held in Columbus for the first time. Julia co-chaired the event, which attracted 600 gardeners and floral designers — "including our very own **M. Gay G. Legg**, who is a wonderfully gifted, award-winning floral designer!" **David H. Linnenkohl**, Dayton, Ohio, retired April 1, 2019, and became a grandfather for the first time on March 1, 2023. "My daughter,

Sarah, gave birth to Leona Jean Iverson in Minneapolis. My mother turned 100 last July and has survived COVID-19 three times, without any lasting side effects, at the assisted living center where she lives." **Edward J. "Mel" Otten**, Cincinnati, notes, "COVID, measles, train derailments — an interesting year so far for medicine in Ohio. Which reminds me of the ancient Chinese curse: 'May you live in interesting times.' My wife has threatened to retire this year and take me with her, but I think I would be bored after a few months. Recently spoke with **David J. Snell** and **Peter Bunting '72**, both doing well." **Philip R. Roy** updates, "It's hard to believe it's been over 50 years since I entered show business by opening Grendel's Lair Coffee House (originally called Ma & Pa Eclectic's International House of Chutzpah) at Kenyon with folk acts like Michael Nesmith and Dave Van Ronk. Since then I have owned several other theaters in Philadelphia and Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, and produced dozens of long-running shows in New York, across the country and Canada, including "Let My People Come" (10 years in Philly and eight in Toronto and 19 other cities). After a forced hiatus in 2020 and 2021 due to the Plague, we resumed touring our current stable of four shows. Now that I know what it's like to be 'retired,' I think we'll keep producing shows until we can't!" **Charles H. Semple III**, Castle Rock, Colorado, recalls, "I remember a particular day in Mr. (William) Klein's

freshman English class. He was discussing Thoreau's evolution from being a hunter of animal life to more of a vegetarian stance, no longer even catching fish from the pond. Mr. Klein described a similar change in his own life, and the kind of 'fellow feeling' he had developed with all creatures of the natural world. It was quite moving. Then, like a period to his closing sentence, a fly landed on top of his bald head. There was a pause. Then a sharp slap as he went for that fly. Another pause, then, 'I don't have that same feeling for flies,' as he and the whole room erupted in laughter. I believe he missed the fly." **Thomas P. Shantz**, Flat Rock, North Carolina, updates, "Although I retired from my paying job 19 years ago, I never really retired, only redirected after I concluded my career in journalism. For the last 17 years, I have volunteered my time serving on the boards of various community organizations and groups. Apparently, the critical, multi-disciplinary skills I honed at Kenyon remain very much in demand. Too many of my professors to list here in thanks for that — and my father, **G. Thomas Shantz '49**, for introducing me to Kenyon in the first place." **Julia (Miller) Vick** and **James W. Vick** live in Haddonfield, New Jersey, Julia writes. "We recently returned from a week in St. Croix, fulfilling our need for a warm sun. We swam several times a day, sat by the beach reading, did some hiking, visited the island's two cities and a beautiful botanical garden, and

just relaxed." The Vicks also visited daughter Emily's family in Toronto for the March birthdays of Canadian grandkids Athena (10) and Theo (8). "Our third grandchild, Agnes, lives with parents John Vick and Amanda Jaffe. Our youngest, **David C. Vick '12**, Los Angeles, works in television production." Julia connected with several classmates in person: "**Patricia M. Eanet, Amy (Goodwin) Aldrich** and I had a wonderful lunch

together on a beautiful sunny October day in Washington, D.C.; **Pegi Goodman** and husband Greg Leeds, **Zoe Moffitt, Ellen Pader**, Amy and her husband, Bob, joined us in the Poconos for hiking, eating, drinking and a lot of talking; and soon after that we had the pleasure of a visit from **Caroline H. Nesbitt** and partner Bob Butcher. We also enjoyed seeing **Christopher C. Finch '71** and his partner, Eleanor, for dinner in December in Philadelphia, and last month we viewed a wonderful art exhibit by **Peter M. Bloomfield.**"

1974

Jamie J. Barth and **Richard E. Yorde Jr.** are "taking advantage of retirement to put on our traveling shoes," they share. "After a wonderful Alaskan cruise last summer, we took a brief and lovely trip to the Bahamas. In May, Miami, then on to visit friends in Quito, Ecuador, where Rick lived as a teen-ager. Life in our West Loop Chicago timber loft (a former Nabisco factory) continues to delight!" **Bruce E. Betz**, Seattle, spent New Year's Eve at

the wedding of **John I. Trawick's** daughter at the Speed Art Museum in Louisville, Kentucky — "my hometown and Jack's," he notes. "I recently retired from the University of Washington in Seattle. Now, I just need to learn how to make the most of all this free time."

Dorinda Kim (Mayhew) Blackey and **Chester E. Blackey III**, Versailles, Kentucky, send this update: "Chet has pretty much retired from his

live. They range in age from kindergarten to high school senior." **Richard J. Clarke** retired as director of liturgy and music at St. Bartholomew Catholic Church in Wayzata, Minnesota, on April 23. "My last weekend completed 29 years there, and 41 years as a full-time music minister. It is a good time to turn the page." **Carol A. Heiberger** updates, "Now that we've renovated and

to prospective teen, collegian, boomer and mid-life participants. Freewheeling online discussions. Note-taking discouraged. Reviving the oral tradition of memorizing the basic maps of emotions and the Enneagram. Group sharing on how you apply what you are learning in your everyday life and relationships." **David Horvitz**, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, reflects, "The calendar says that we've all

field, including outreach and service. **Douglas M. Wilhelm** updates, "I'm still working as a writer in Middlebury, Vermont, and have shifted to adult nonfiction after many years writing novels for young readers. My book on Vermont nonprofits, 'Catalysts for Change,' came out last spring, and I just finished a history of the unique Community College of Vermont. My last novel, 'Street of Storytellers,' won three

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— **Philip R. Roy '73**, on "retiring" after more than 50 years in show business

equine veterinary practice, and I retired from teaching a few years ago. We stay busy with farm and family stuff including nine grandkids who live close by. Pretty lucky!" **Andrew I. Brafman**, West Orange, New Jersey, still practices and teaches dentistry. "In our free time, my wife and I spend time in NYC, traveling — just returned from Antarctica — and enjoying our four grandchildren and three daughters." **Sandra B. Brown**, Evanston, Illinois, updates, "After 38 years, I am lucky to still be working in real estate with both my son, Geoff, and daughter, Laura, on the Brown Team in Evanston. It has been an interesting market! My balance is spending time with my seven grandkids who live nearby and traveling to Germany, where the other two grandkids

moved into our Center City Philadelphia apartment full time, I'm getting involved in the management of the co-op. Taking a travel break to go to London and Athens with **M. Christine Anderson.**" **Brad R. Heinz**, Pittsboro, North Carolina, informs, "I am having much fun launching my new series of online seminars titled Embrace Discomfort, Stay Awake, and Dump Your Personality. All that I have learned since my doctoral dissertation on meditation in the '80s. Four decades of mindfulness meditation, Yogananda's home study lessons, Tai Chi energy practices, teaching the Enneagram, and practicing psychotherapy using David Hawkins' model of emotions and consciousness. All condensed into my five-minute introductory elevator speech

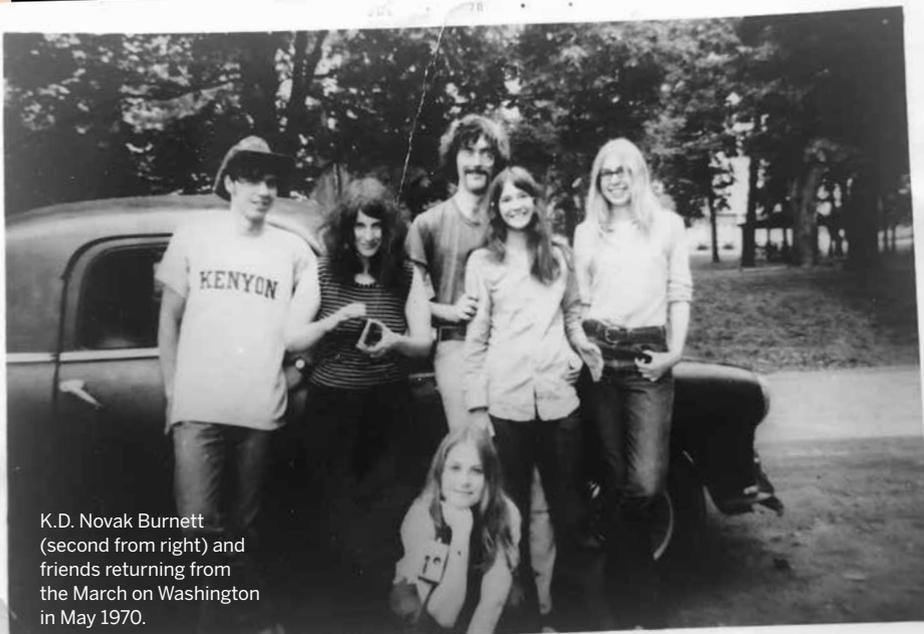
gotten old — and my mirror confirms this — but in my head, I'm not a whole lot older than I was when I was a student. Maybe that's a wonderful thing. Maybe it's a problem. I think both. From time to time, at home, my wife, the love of my life (same person), tells me to 'grow the f&*k up.' It makes me smile. I don't think I'm alone." **Peter Smagorinsky**, Athens, Georgia, has been awarded the 2023 American Educational Research Association Lifetime Contribution to Cultural-Historical Research Award, which acknowledges the contribution of one person, over the course of a career, to the cultural-historical research field as reflected in foundational books, lectures, conference presentations, grants, speeches and important engagement with the

national awards and one New England gold medal for independently published books."

1975

Douglas B. Anderson is in the process of expanding his 1884 Town Hall Theater in Middlebury Vermont, and he needed a team to create promotional materials for the campaign. "A consultant recommended two talented Vermonters," he explains, "and who should walk through the door at the first meeting but **Douglas M. Wilhelm '74** and **Timothy J. Newcomb '74**. Wilhelm is in demand as a writer, and Newcomb is a celebrated cartoonist and designer. They got the job." **W. Borden Ayers**, Wilmet, New Hampshire, retired in January after 44 years in national pension sales management,

1970s



K.D. Novak Burnett (second from right) and friends returning from the March on Washington in May 1970.

I WAS THERE:

K.D. Novak Burnett '73

K.D. Novak Burnett '73 was a member of Kenyon's first class of women. After college, she earned a master's in social work from the University of Wisconsin and became a "social worker, singer-songwriter, Quaker activist, wife, mother and grandmother." The Kenyon Alumni Magazine asked her to share her strongest memories from her time at Kenyon. Here's what she wrote.

Although I have many joyous memories of my first year at Kenyon in 1970, ("Spring Riot", which was a spontaneous descent into anarchy involving water balloons, Julie Miller Vick's red hair flaming in the sunlight as she showed us the flag she had just sewn for the first Earth Day), my strongest memory is of the tsunami of terror and tragedy that engulfed us that spring in a series of rapid-fire events: Nixon's announcement of the bombing of Cambodia, which sparked an eruption of protests across the land (April 30) followed by the news that four students had been killed at Kent State (May 4) and the emotionally charged all-school meeting in Rosse Hall the next day. The frisbee held in mid-air, the chorus of voices about to laugh, the poem being scribbled in a notebook — all froze, as our heads turned toward the horror of an event that demanded that we act.

Did it matter what one 18-year-old chose to do in this moment? Like so many at Kenyon, I believed it did. We marched in Columbus under threat of violence just days later, and formed a Kenyon caravan bound for Washington, D.C., where we joined a crowd 100,000-strong on May 10 in a mass demonstration organized in the blink of an eye without cellphones, email or the internet. Inspired students also canvassed Mount Vernon as part of "The Mobe." Professors generously offered grace to those who felt called to make history, rather than to read it. A heroic Don Rogan gave oral exams on Middle Path, and many, like me, took incompletes and never went back to class. But before we could congratulate ourselves, news came on May 15 that two more students had been gunned down at Jackson State. *No justice, no peace! Four dead in O-hi-o!*

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Highlights from on and off the Hill

1970



The **first women students** arrive at Kenyon.

Earth Day is celebrated in the U.S. for the first time in April, and Congress passes the National Environmental Policy Act. A new group at Kenyon, Ecology Group, plans its first Earth Day celebration.

On May 4, the Ohio National Guard kills four and injures nine unarmed college students during a peace rally on the **Kent State University** campus opposing the U.S. military's expansion of the Vietnam War into Cambodia. Kenyon gains national attention as one of the few colleges to remain open and peacefully continue regular operations.

1972

The College transitions into a fully coeducational institution on July 1, 1972, and the short-lived Coordinate College for Women comes to an end.

PHOTOS FROM LEFT: COURTESY OF K.D. NOVAK BURNETT '73; KENYON COLLEGE ARCHIVES

1973

In October, actress and activist **Jane Fonda** gives a speech on campus for the Indochina Peace Campaign.

In May, the first female students graduate from Kenyon, and **U.S. Representative Shirley Chisholm** speaks at Commencement. During her speech, she notes, "Liberation in America must transcend ending discrimination



against a particular race. It must entail ending discrimination because of sex, origin and religion as well."

1974

Richard Nixon resigns the presidency in August. A Sept. 12 Collegian op-ed notes, "He leaves without a doubt, the most deceitful and scandalous administration ever in the history of the United States."

1978

Paul Newman '49 H'61 returns to Gambier to direct the new Bolton Theater's inaugural production of "C.C. Pyle and the Bunion Derby," whose cast features **Allison Janney '82**.

retirement planning services, followed by retirement business strategy consulting with major financial-services firms. He founded the Retirement Management Executive Forum in 2003 and managed it for 20 years. "Hopefully I learned some valuable lessons along the way to successfully manage our own retirement," he quips. "My wife of 44 years, **Mary F. (Clark) Ayers '76**, a retired Spanish teacher, and I have relocated from Philadelphia to the Dartmouth/Sunapee region of New Hampshire to enjoy lakeside living, skiing, hiking, family, cold snowy winters and the great outdoors." **Sara Anne Cody**, Portland, Maine, updates, "I retired last spring from teaching Latin for 45 years at Thornton Academy in Saco, Maine. With a new puppy at home, I have not had a lot of time to reflect on that." On March 29, Sally had her right hip replaced. "Perhaps new adventures will follow." **David P. Culp** and **Katy Stewart Culp '76**, Fairfax, Virginia, were gearing up for their annual trek to New Orleans for the French Quarter Festival. "We've attended every year since 2015 (though the 2020 Festival wasn't held until 2022). Our younger daughter Beth moved to Los Angeles, so the whole family spent a sunny Thanksgiving week there and in Santa Barbara hiking, beaching and art-muse-uming." David became comptroller of their Unitarian-Universalist congregation in December "when I

was the only one who raised a hand when they asked for volunteers," he explains. "At last I'm doing something useful with what I learned about debits and credits at Northern Virginia Community College when I took the C.P.A. exam 37 years ago; it's turned out to be not just a credential at the Big Four accounting firm where I worked in their tax department." Supplementing two novels David published about growing up in small-town southwestern Ohio, he has two new ones to recommend: "The Best of All Possible Daphnes: A Love Story" and "Let Us Now Praise . . . Our Father Who Begat Us" can be found on his Amazon.com author page. **Steven C. Durning**, Holliston, Massachusetts, writes, "I asked some classmates to submit to the class newsletter an object, song or movie that represents their life right now. I thought of when, during sophomore year after they showed 'Sunday, Bloody Sunday' in Rosse Hall, **John M. Funt** became obsessed with this song, which played on a record player during the movie. That led to a life-long love of Mozart opera on my part. It still applies to my life, because as **Mark C. Fox '76** used to say, 'Everything is everything.'" **Richard E. Gordon** writes, "I still can't believe I retired to Pittsburgh. I remember *mocking* Pittsburgh when I was on the Magic Mountain there in Gambier." At an alumni reception in January, Richard enjoyed Kenyon's Take Five. "A very talented student jazz a cappella group."

Richard caught up with **Brad Foote** recently, and "loved reading **John M. Walbridge Jr.**'s note (in the Fall 2022 issue). I'm still playing bass in three bands and a community orchestra and doing more and more radio shows. And all I have to do is cross the street to hang with my grandkids. No Barcalounger or global traveling retirement for me." **Elizabeth D. Kelly** updates, "After 10 years, we've moved off the boat and are landlocked in St. Louis. I don't really count the Mississippi. Two of three children are here, which is why we are. Three grands whose presence in our lives make life happy. Just had a visit from our Tokyo child and her 2-year-old, whom we had not seen in a year." **Raye H. Koch** notes, "After spending a year not traveling anywhere, we planned a two-week European trip in the spring and an India/Singapore trip in the fall. We split our time between Dallas and Chicago, but with both kids, a grandson (age 4) and a granddaughter due in June in the Dallas area, that location is getting a bit more attention." In Chicago, Raye sees **Mary Kay Karzas** and **Susan Schrier Davis**, and in Dallas **Deborah Araj Davis**. "Paul and I will celebrate our 42nd anniversary in July," she adds. "He started an aviation business and happily flies us to visit friends in Michigan's UP in the summer or Ocean Reef, Florida, in the spring, not to mention Gambier. I'm still working as a private-practice physical therapist in Texas, Illinois and California. Last but not least, I

seem to have joined the pickleball craze!" **Philip B. Olmstead**, Montgomery, Alabama, updates, "Life's been a glorious blur since the Rev. June Jernigan and I were married in March of 2021. Following retirement from her role as assistant to the bishop of the Alabama-West Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church, June has been a part-time executive pastor here in Montgomery for at least another year. We will then migrate north to Chattanooga, where we hope to settle in a climate less torrid." Phil sings in the choir and makes old homes new again by patching and painting. **George F. Parker**, Dedham, Massachusetts, retired from Pioneer Institute but continues consulting. "More time for Ginna and I to spend with grandchildren," he explains. "Auggie Vincent Parker (born Feb. 17) joins his 2-year-old sister Palmer and year-old cousin Hutch Morris. We drive from Dedham to Charleston, South Carolina, where Corwin, Cat and family live, stopping in Alexandria, Virginia, where Hannah, Stephen and Hutch Morris live. Thankfully we have one child who lives near us. More time for golf now!" **Donna Bertolet Poseidon**, Atlanta, is "full of Purple Pride," having seen Peter Rutkoff in Atlanta in February for the first on-site Learning in the Company of Friends event since the start of the pandemic. "And the Chamber Singers performed on their spring break tour through the South. Last September, I ended

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my seven-year fun and gratifying second career at Dell Technologies' Secureworks." Visiting her daughter in London last year, Donna happened to meet a Kenyon senior and his father in a pub. "Happy doing more reading, hiking, volunteer work, catching up with friends — and taking my time doing so!" **James A. Yackee**, Jacksonville, Florida, writes, "It was really good to see my fellow 1972 football teammates back in October for the 50th reunion of our undefeated season. Great job by everyone responsible! Too bad the game didn't go better." James is a retired Navy lieutenant commander.

1976

Lynn M. Cuthbert, Carmel, Indiana, retired in 2022 from GE Aviation. "Second grandson Foster was born to my oldest daughter in July, so now my oldest grandson Henry has a baby brother. They are so fun," she notes. "My husband retired in September, and we sold our Mason, Ohio, home and moved to Indiana to enjoy our two grandsons. We now live in an active golf club community. Really enjoying the activities and amenities. We look forward to learning how to play pickleball." **James C. Fenhagen** updates, "Last year I officially left the company I had been with for over 20 years and now consider myself 'semi-retired.'" Jim's company, Fenhagen Design (fengahendesign.com), specializes in production and interior design as well as music performance. "We are taking on a few select projects

per year, still playing gigs with our band and working from our new rural home in the western Catskills, which we spent the last two years renovating." He recently met **Richard E. Schoenberger** for lunch and attended three memorials: for **Mark C. Fox**, **Irving J. Gotbaum** and **Thomas B. Arnold**. **Stephen W. Grant**, Thomaston, Maine, updates, "Vina and I decided to skip what turned out to be a severe winter in the Northeast and spend five months in her native Philippines. We've had many trips to churches, shrines and places of historical and cultural interest, and enjoyed visits with family and friends." **Janet Heckman** was selected as an independent director on the board of TBC bank in Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia. "This is in addition to the two board positions I hold at Air Astana and the Astana International Exchange in Kazakhstan," she notes. "When not attending board meetings or committees, my husband and I are at our house on the west coast of Ireland, where spring has arrived with daffodils everywhere." **Amy M. Russell** writes from White Salmon, Washington: "In 2013, my husband, Bret, and I left NYC after nearly 40 years and headed west to rural Washington. We're about an hour east of Portland, Oregon, in the beautiful Columbia River Gorge." Amy and Bret love retirement and their three grandchildren. "We are blessed with the resources and good health to travel, explore new activities like writing and art (Amy)

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— **Richard E. Gordon '75** enjoys spending time with his grandkids who, conveniently, live across the street from him.

and airplane restoration (Bret). And best of all, we love running, jumping and playing with the beautiful grandkids!" **Joel E. Turner**, Havertown, Pennsylvania, shares an article he wrote for the Soul Source | Rare and Northern Soul website about the Show Stoppers' classic Philly Soul hit "Ain't Nothin' But a House Party." Check it out at tinyurl.com/Show-Stoppers-on-Soul-Source. **Bruce A. Weitz**, Westlake, Ohio, reports, "I am still working and having a good time." An adjunct professor at Lorain County Community College, Bruce teaches dental hygiene and is busy at his private office three and a half days a week. "This winter I went golfing in Florida twice." **Michael W. Young**, Carlsbad, California, principal and founder of biomedwoRx: Life Sciences Consulting, writes, "One of the perks of leading a global consultancy in the biopharmaceutical industry is lots of travel. I was fortunate to be in New Orleans for the American Society of Hematology annual conference and found time to meet Alpha Lambda Omega brother **William Beachy**, retired history teacher extraordinaire, at one of his favorite chicory and beignet shops."

1977

David K. Conrad, Blacklick, Ohio, retired from his real estate/finance practice in 2022. "I have two daughters who are both married to great guys. The oldest, Kelsey, is about to give birth to our first grandchild. The younger daughter, Miele, an actuary in Columbus, got married this past July. Our youngest, Ben, works on animated films in Montreal. Janet and I split time in Columbus and Scottsdale, Arizona, while also traveling as much as possible." **Katherine B. DeCoster**, Roanoke, Virginia, visited campus twice in 2022: "Once for our 45th Reunion — so much fun! — and again in early October for a meeting of the Philander Chase Conservancy Board, on which I serve. It was pure joy to experience fall in Gambier again — first time since 1976! I'm very much enjoying my work with the 'PChase' board and staff, protecting the rural landscape around Gambier and engaging with students on the important work of the college's land trust." **George N. Holloway**, Durham, North Carolina, writes, "My historical novel will be published by Fulton Books soon. It is about the adventures of my ancestors and others in the South during the

American Revolution. Also included are accounts of the research, which started with a Kenyon history class assignment." **Mary Lou Jansen-Fusi** is "still in Madison, Connecticut, working part time as a nurse practitioner. Rehab of newest house in progress ... built in 1750. Three granddaughters in Boston and oldest son in Vancouver, B.C. Headed there for a visit soon. Life is good! Love Class of '77 Zoom calls!" **Rabbi Steven J. Lebow**, Marietta, Georgia, continues a second career as a science fiction writer, publishing most recently in "Bewildering Stories" and "Flash Fiction" magazine, available online. **Alan R. Lewine**, Phoenix, updates: "Kinda funny — I attended Kenyon for two years in the Class of '77 but didn't get my bachelor's until '85 from the University of New Mexico. My life continued through great frolics and detours to this day." Alan has lived in a dozen U.S. cities and worked as a jazz musician and composer, became a tech transactions lawyer at 42, married a classical soprano from Madrid, then retired from the law and went back to full-time music at 61. "Ana María Ruimonte is currently working with the Arizona Opera," Alan informs. He worked on an April benefit concert

at the Mesa Arts Center called Phoenix Rising, which connected the history of jazz with “the importance of recognizing the capabilities of individuals who might be perceived as having disabilities.” Alan and Ana’s production company is called Owlsong (owlsong.com). **Victoria Wyatt** retired in June 2022 after 33 years at the University of Victoria in British Columbia. “I also just finished my second term on the Canadian Association of University Teachers’ Equity Committee. I miss the teaching but still am co-supervising a couple of graduate students. Keeping busy with my Cavapoo, Vincent, and mini Aussiedoodle, Violet.”

1978

Rosemary Brandenburg, Altadena, California, was the set decorator for the 2023 blockbuster “Guardians of the Galaxy: Volume 3,” newly released. “Now I’m back in Atlanta working on a new film,” she informs. “So glad the Kenyon program is back on track placing students as job shadows. I look forward to hosting a film major, my first since the pandemic.” **Mary E. Brennen-Hofmann**, Columbus, Ohio, retired after 27 years in suicide prevention services. “Daughter Gabrielle, a research veterinarian in Missouri, is mother to our third grandchild, Arthur. Five-year old Sloane and her baby brother Grant live much closer, so we enjoy frequent visits. Several days a week I help my mom, who is almost 90 and still lives in the same

home with a massive white oak tree in the front yard. She used to scold us, ‘Don’t hang on that poor tree, you’ll kill it!’ We also ran with scissors.” Rosemary stays in touch with buddies **Kim (Khan), Donna L. Spiegler and Debra (Berkowitz) Darvick**, part of “the Panel” from Kenyon days. They got together in May on Long Island. **Robert K. Lundin**, Glen Ellyn, Illinois, serves the mental health and arts advocacy organization he founded in 1996, the Awakenings Project. He edits its literary journal, “The Awakenings Review,” which, since its establishment at the University of Chicago in 2000, has been publishing writers, artists and poets with mental illnesses from throughout the U.S. and abroad. **Julianne Pistone Pertz**, Ashtabula, Ohio, updates, “In 2021, when I was ready to retire from parish ministry, I jumped into a new role as an instructor for a nonprofit that provides enrichment to our local elementary schools. Like most, Ashtabula County’s children are still recovering from the school shutdowns, etc. It’s a privilege and challenge to teach them to sing and create restorative circles, and helps fill the gap of not (yet?) being a grandparent! With one of my three children still living and performing as a professional pianist in Berlin, I will go there again in May.” **Foster I. Phillips**, West Hartford, Connecticut, retired after 34 years in a solo pediatric practice. “Time to spend more time with my two grandchildren and enjoy a large book collection I have amassed.” **Mark**

S. Prince, Wheeling, West Virginia, retired in 2022 after leading a private financial firm for 10 years, following a career at JPMorgan Chase. He serves on boards of three publicly held companies and one private firm. “Daughter Nicole is a biochemistry researcher at Harvard University; son Aaron is an attorney with the U.S. District Court,” he informs. “Avocations include attending Kenyon events, occasional worrying about our nation’s financial future, traveling with wife Jeanie, a retired teacher, and enjoying hearing of the successes of Kenyon classmates.” **Scott Tindall** “blinked and life flew by,” he marvels. “Worked in financial services all over the world. Now retired in Idaho.” **W. Christian VandenBerg**, Grand Rapids, Michigan, retired in July 2022, and he and Betsy “are enjoying newfound freedom!” Chris writes. “We have a second home in Scottsdale, Arizona, and are having fun meeting new friends and entertaining old friends. Pastimes include reading, listening to music, hiking, golf — and, of course, pickleball!”

1979

Leslie O. Andren, Golf, Illinois, had a “a tough year in some ways and a wonderful year in other ways,” she informs. “We lost my mother-in-law to COVID in January 2022, which was very hard since we could not see her before she passed. On the positive side, my son started at Tulane University in August. I was sorry he chose it over Kenyon, but he loves it there. Dale and I transitioned to being empty-nesters

pretty quickly, probably because we had been without Jamie for 13 years before we had him. Figuring out when and where to retire, likely after Jamie graduates. I met with **Kristin Olsen Kiser** for dinner.” **William J. Byron**, Danville, Pennsylvania, retired for a second time after helping the Pennsylvania Department of Health with the COVID epidemic for two and a half years, he informs. “First up on my list is courses at the Bucknell University lifelong learning program. Just cannot get that Kenyon-inspired need to learn new things out of my blood.” **Elizabeth Boatwright Crowley**, Bronxville, New York, retired from her second

for at-risk infants and toddlers in their homes. “Very rewarding! Enjoying sheep farming, reading and gardening here in West Virginia. Staying active hiking, skiing and kayaking. Life is good.” **Sandra Lane Joseph** is loving life in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, she informs. “Retired from private practice in sports medicine, but teaching med students at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton keeps my brain young! My kids are in Ohio — my daughter graduated from Denison in May — so I get back there often. Miss the ‘Lords’ and hard to get excited about the ‘Owls,’ but still enjoy watching Kenyon and Denison duke it out in lacrosse

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— **Katherine B. DeCoster '77**,
after attending a fall Philander Chase
Conservancy board meeting

career as a teacher last June. “I enjoyed the last 15 years teaching AP as well as Regents-level world history at Eastchester High School in Westchester, New York, but it was time,” she explains. “My dear husband, Bob, died in August 2019. Then COVID struck. And then, presto — I turned 65. I am figuring out my next chapter and dividing time between Bronxville and Quogue, with frequent visits to NYC.” **Leslie Jones Goodall** is a pediatric occupational therapist

and field hockey. Wish there was a Kenyon alum group in Fort Lauderdale. There must be lots of people retired there!” (*Editor’s note: Dr. Joseph, we recommend you contact David Switzer of Kenyon’s South Florida Regional Alumni Group. Time for a Fort Lauderdale beach party?*) **Gail Matthews-DeNatale** reports, “Daughter Martha got married in the thick of the pandemic, and Becca got married this past June. Martha now has two children, intentionally born close

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together (12.5 months apart!). So much fun to watch the oldest, Logan, 19 months old, explore and make sense of the world around him by imitating cooking maneuvers or talking on a cellphone. I am still senior associate director at Northeastern's Teaching and Learning Center, running programs and conducting research related to supporting learning in all of its forms. Husband Doug and I both love to hike, and this summer the two of us will walk a major segment of the Highland Way in Scotland." **Kathleen**

Our youngest, Jack O'Malley, got married at our place on the Chesapeake Bay last fall. The other three, Christine Pappas, Nora O'Malley and Ali Pappas, are hitting it out of the park in their respective careers and are happy with their respective others. Though it hasn't always been this way, all seems calm on our front for now." **Jeffrey Place** has been a curator and senior archivist of the folklife archives at the Smithsonian for more than 35 years. "I just acquired an important American blues collec-

tion by Texas scholar Mack McCormick. I was working with the music curator John Troutman at the American History Museum. We co-wrote and produced a book and box set of over a hundred unreleased field recordings of mostly blues that will be out in August. Still working remotely from the Outer Banks." **Daniel J. Reagan**, Indianapolis, retired after 33 years in the Political Science Department of Ball State University. "I was lucky enough to really like my work," he reports, "but I have to say, retirement is great! Cath Little and I look forward to spending even more time with our children in D.C. and Austin." **Margaret Whitman** informs, "My

husband, Chuck, and I live in Baltimore seven months of the year and then head north in May to the Adirondack mountains until mid-October. Luckily, our children want to visit us there! We have three grandchildren whom we are fortunate to see frequently. Retired life is busy, but I do love not having to get up every day for work." She has a newly married son in Charleston, South Carolina, another son, and a daughter whose family moved from Denver to Devon, Pennsylvania: "Nice and close by!"

cancer treatment." **Jocelyn Bonner Foote**, Adamstown, Maryland, looks forward to retiring after 21 years with Ernst & Young. "Excited for the arrival of first grandchild," she reports. **Thomas R. "Reed" Parker**, Azusa, California, and his wife returned from a February 2023 trip to Singapore to celebrate a nephew's wedding. They also took a road trip from L.A. to Florida to drop off their Air Force son's car after his return from duty in Saudi Arabia. Southern California's spring deluges brought

master's license." **Karl J. Shefelman**, New York City, traveled to Hawaii in March for another chapter in the three-year documentary project "Polaris: An Olympic Odyssey," which he is directing and shooting for **Conrad R. Kohrs Jr. '81**. "The documentary follows Conrad's journey as a world-class swim coach," Karl explains, "using his unorthodox training method or 'spiraled approach' to bring back world-ranked South African swimmer Ryan Coetzee for the 2024 Olympics in Paris." Surgery for Coetzee's shoulder injury prevented him from competing in Tokyo in 2021. **J. Duncan Shorey**, Cleveland Heights, Ohio, reports, "After several years of hard work, we are launching a niche medical malpractice company to protect doctors from exposure to cannabis-related claims (ProMallInsurance.com). That's not enough? How about chairing a nonprofit converting an 80,000-square-foot former foundry into an arts incubator (TheFoundryProject.com)? Wish us luck and stay tuned!"

1981
Jonathan A. Bernstein, Cincinnati, celebrated 40 years with his wife, Lisa, the thriving of his wonderful children and their partners, and now his fifth grandchild, Leo River Meisterman, born preemie at 33.5 weeks "but doing fantastic," he reports. "Shout out to my brothers from a different mother **David Erteschik '79** and **David N. Wright '80** — all born the same month, day and year, and all members of an

"Time to spend more time with my two grandchildren and enjoy a large book collection I have amassed."

— **Foster I. Phillips '78**, on his top post-retirement priorities

1980s
1980
Joseph G. "Garry" Bender, Fort Worth, Texas, went to Pittsburgh in December and helped celebrate the retirement from PNC of **Robert W. Thomas**. "The party continued with a welcome celebration for me to the wonders of Medicare," Garry jokes. **Virginia Calhoun de Millan**, living in Mexico, has experienced "torrents of joy" thanks to grandson Xun (pronounced "Shoon," Mayan Tzotzil for Juan/John), she shares. "I am his proud babysitter/English teacher. I think the life and energy that he's brought me have filled in any holes in last year's

flood dangers and "the inevitable bad driving," Tom notes. "Any rain here brings out incompetent driving! We are still working, and I am getting pay raises in October and December. Had a great conversation with **Nancy B. Anfanger** late last year." **Stephen R. Sexsmith** reports, "After 27 years teaching high school chemistry, and seven years of college before that, I retired. Judy and I look forward to this new stage of our lives together. I expect to combine my love of sailing and teaching by teaching beginning-sailing classes at the Annapolis Sailing School starting this summer. Will also be working toward my Coast Guard

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extinct local fraternity called ALO. Also, I have kept in touch with **David P. Rose** and **Gregory P. Sesler**. Jonathan is now president of the AAAAI, a professional organization representing over 7,000 allergists and immunologists (aaaai.org). **Margaret P. Calkins**, Cleveland Heights, Ohio, still researching environments for people living with dementia, was about to head off for a week in Rome, Naples and the Amalfi coast with her daughter and younger granddaughter, Ella. "My older granddaughter, Leigh Ann, now has four kids, all in Indianapolis, so I try to get there every couple of months." **Doug E. Page** informs, "People keep telling us we are living their dream — with the children long out of the nest, we are downsizing: Selling our home in the Philly suburbs and moving to a rented apartment in Center City overlooking Washington Square National Park. Letting go of things is not easy, but we are making good progress. Anyone need a large collection of American Girl items and two dolls, Molly and Samantha?" **Donald L. Shupe Jr.**, Cary, North Carolina, reports, "With four grandsons nearby, I'm happily taking advantage of CBRE's hybrid work schedule to spend longer weekends encouraging toddlers down slides. I'm wrapping up a two-year run chairing the board of trustees for the Greater Carolinas Chapter of the MS Society, a disease that touched one of my daughters 10 years ago. Happy to report she's responsible for three of the four grandsons

and generally doing exceptionally well. Please reach out if MS has impacted your life as well. There's strength in communication as we work toward a cure!"

1982

David L. Conrod, New York City, is a broker dealer raising capital for private funds and direct transactions. "We have offices in New York and London, and probably Miami in future," he notes. "My wife Nina, from Colombia, is editor-in-chief of Elle magazine. She's also a judge on a show called 'Project Runway.' We have two boys, the elder a sophomore at boarding school in Concord, New Hampshire, and the younger a sixth-grader in NYC. We married in '97, but our first son wasn't born until '07, so playing a little catch-up!"

Catherine Kemmerer Karp, Pepperell, Massachusetts, reports, "I was back on the Hill in November with my sister to watch my nephew **Maxwell J. Nonnenmacher '24** swim against Denison. I caught up briefly with **Joseph G. 'Gregg' Parini** after the meet. I also met up with a former student of mine,

Rachel Kinder '26, who is studying art. The new Richard Serra sculpture is a hidden gem. An underground parking garage? Wow!" **Claudia A. Wagner**, Maplewood, New Jersey, is still thinking fondly about Reunion. "Since **Carolyn B. Weaver** couldn't attend, she inspired me to plan a weekend getaway along with **Allison P. Shipley** and **Hollis E. Heavenrich-Jones** in Phoenix in early February. We narrowly

escaped before the Super Bowl festivities got underway but were able to see the other big cultural event — **Maria (Amarocho) Weisbrod** in the Phoenix Theatre's production of 'An American in Paris'! Just as thrilling!" Claudia looked forward to visiting her son in New Orleans, her Israeli family in July, and friends and family on a trip to Italy in October. "Still fitting in time for my real job — my family medicine group has weathered the COVID storm, and we are enjoying some relative calm." **Michael K. Zorek** writes, "After over 15 successful years as a stay-at-home father — hey, they grew up, right? — I re-entered the workforce. Happy to say I am now employed at the Drama Book Shop just south

1983

Gregg O. Courtad lives in Salem, Ohio, where his life was turned upside down Feb. 3 by Ohio's railroad catastrophe. "Sometimes it takes getting knocked flat on your back by a debilitating bout with COVID to experience an epiphany. Barring a catastrophic failure of the stock market, I have decided to retire earlier than planned. Unfortunately, in the wake of a train derailment and subsequent release of toxic chemicals only 17 miles from the historic home I am so lovingly restoring, all my plans have been thrown into limbo, since I don't yet know what impact the incident will have on my town and its economy." **Beth A. Crawford**, Haydenville, Massachusetts, updates, "After many

most of them involving outdoor gathering spaces. **J. Timmons Roberts** and I collaborated on an outdoor classroom honoring a former colleague of his at Brown University; it's modeled after the Harmony table we did together for the Brown Family Environmental Center. Last fall I made an 18-foot log and timber table for a local village, and this spring I will be creating an outdoor amphitheater in the woods for Columbia University's Lamont Doherty Earth Observatory campus on the Hudson River. My older daughter is doing the rock 'n' roll thing in LA with her band Kid Sistr, and my younger one graduates this spring and wants to work in film or music. I begged her to run from the arts as a profession,

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— **Thomas R. "Reed" Parker '80**, reflecting on Southern California's spring deluges that brought flood dangers and "the inevitable bad driving" to local roads

of Times Square in Manhattan. I have seen some recent grads and had a lovely conversation with playwright and TV writer **Will Arbery '11** (*Editor's note* — see the *Summer 2020 issue*). My son, 21, a junior at Rutgers, is majoring in urban planning while interning at New Jersey Transit; my daughter, 17, a junior at the Professional Performing Arts School, is looking into B.F.A. programs for drama. My wife is a partner at the law firm of Trief & Olk."

years of being a lawyer and a judge, I am now making art in collaboration with husband **Robert W. Dickerman '82** under the name Yellowdog. Our work is at the Left Bank Gallery in Wellfleet and the Field Gallery in West Tisbury." **Timothy J. Englert**, Valley Cottage, New York, updates, "It took a while, but my circuitous return to full-time woodwork is now in its fifth year. I've never been more busy or sore at the end of the day, but have some wonderful projects,

citing both her parents' and her older sister's poor choices. Wrong tactic." **Gwen A. Kreager**, Candler, North Carolina, is "beginning to live vicariously through the retirement adventures of others — **Beth A. Crawford** and **Robert W. Dickerman '82** have been doing some serious travel! When I was in school, it was fun to be a year younger than everyone else, but now it means I'll be the last to retire. I've worked remotely for years, since before the pandemic made

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it a thing, and I'm still a few years from punching out. My five corgis keep me pretty busy and perennially covered in dog hair." **Karen Guckert Morris**, Sewickley, Pennsylvania, dubs herself "a gray-haired, semi-retired pediatrician doing child-advocacy work in Pittsburgh. Four grown children keep us traveling to San Diego and Copenhagen." **Timothy J. Slager**,

of Kittery, Maine. She provides transformation consulting for individuals and business owners, and just finished publishing a book. "With a massive rental shortage in many cities these days, I saw a clear need, and I have the expertise to share. 'The Ultimate Guide For Renters That Need A Place Now' helps people get the best rental they can, one that will give them the most life satisfaction, and as fast

1984
Jeffrey A. Bell and **Colleen Murphy Bell '85**, Kirkland, Washington, now empty-nesters, embarked on re-landscaping the front and back yards and remodeling the master bathroom. "Given I retired last June, I tried my best to be a good general contractor," says Jeff, "but I am certain that is not a future career for me. I have joined the executive board of

tent or RV camper, we have a couple of hobbit house glamps. I am in charge of the large garden, with vegetables and fruit trees." Mallory also teaches photography at CSU San Bernardino. **Susan M. Lloyd**, Hightstown, New Jersey, reports all four of her girls happy, healthy and employed: "Caroline is in Kansas City teaching at a Head Start preschool; in Brooklyn, Abby works for the New School in their New University in Exile Consortium; in Philadelphia, Molly is a sexual assault prevention educator for Montgomery County; and **Sarah M. Lloyd '17** lives outside Philly and teaches at Germantown Academy. She and her fiancé, also a Kenyon alum, will marry at Kenyon this summer, so I'm looking forward to spending a few days there. I am finishing my 30th year at the Peddie School." **Bradley D.** and **Melanie Remick** hop back and forth between Philly and Denver. "We managed a stop in Gambier to have dinner with **David F. Hanson '87**, followed by a lovely group dinner with a bunch of folks including **Frank E. Tuttle '88**."

in touch with **Sarah (Mitchell) Buller** and **Karlene C. Reid. Mei Mei (Lyle) Burr**, Cincinnati, retired from higher education after serving in a variety of faculty and administrative capacities but working primarily with at-risk students. In 2021 she started a pet food pantry with a group of volunteers associated with the League for Animal Welfare, a no-kill shelter in Batavia, Ohio. "In 2022, we distributed 24,000 pounds of donated dog and cat food to low-income pet owners through community agencies and local food banks," she reports. "When I am not packing or delivering pet food, I enjoy traveling and connecting with friends. Most recently, I enjoyed dinner in Indianapolis with **Laura A. Plummer** and my youngest daughter, **Laura**." **Brian J. Edwards**, Granville, Ohio, will celebrate his 60th birthday at Munich's Oktoberfest, joined by **John N. Cannon '83**, and **John R. Stanforth '84**. **Rebecca Houpt Gladstone** updates, "Last year, my husband, Doug, and I sold our antique Dover, Massachusetts, farmhouse after 22 years, a fabulous home in which to raise our three girls and live through at least four stages of renovations. Although I miss the house and my garden and daily walks in the woods, the move to Boston was the perfect place to start a new chapter. Less maintenance and ticks, for sure! Planning a wedding (my oldest daughter in 2024), exploring the city and working for an

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— **Doug E. Page '81**, on downsizing to better accommodate an empty nest

Hudson, Ohio, celebrated a 37th wedding anniversary. "Grateful to have our children and their families living close by." **William S. Sondheim**, Fairfield, Connecticut, describes a very busy year. "My son Andrew got married in September, and I officiated the wedding, in Denver. I got ordained online, and it was a huge honor, really fun. Then my middle daughter, Elise, bought her first home in our town and is pregnant with our first grandchild. We are over the moon excited. My film business has been going strong, producing a western called 'Tale of Two Guns,' an actioner called 'The Most Deadly Game' and a WWII film called 'Assault on Hill 400.' I also consult for Neon Pictures, Bleecker Street Films, Giant Pictures and others." **Marael (Mary) Sorenson** says hello from "the beautiful southern seacoast"

as possible. To check it out or say hello, visit theultimaterenter.com." **David F. Stone**, Birmingham, Michigan, is enjoying retirement. "Keeping busy tending bar, bicycling, refereeing soccer, volunteering and staying in touch with soccer teammates **George H. Carroll**, **Garth A. Rose**, **Peter C. Fischelis '84**, **Rick T. Klaus '84**, **Patrick B. Grant '85**, **Patrick J. Shields '85** and **William H. Alderman '84**, as well as Jeff and Judy Vennell. **Joseph M. Topor III** updates, "Back in 2019, my wife, Jamie, and I decided to unplug ourselves and move down to a small island off the coast of Puerto Rico called Vieques. I brought my internet sales business down with me and recently started up a small coffee-roasting business. We travel to our property in the Adirondack mountains annually to visit with friends and family."

MidOcean Partners, and enjoyed working with **Gerald A. Zyers** on our real estate investments. We welcomed our first grandchild, Maeva Mary Murphy Bell, in November. No greater joy in our life!" **Mallory M. Cremin** happily became a grandparent. "I was living in the San Francisco Bay Area, thinking I would love to retire near my sister, but after my oldest son had a baby, location priorities changed. I moved back to Southern California in October 2022, becoming a member of Down-to-Earth Ecoshire: Sage. I have been photographing this community of friends for seven years and decided to join as my home base, to be closer to my kids and grandson. We are the second-most popular camping destination on Hipcamp, surpassed only by Yosemite, so if you are looking for a vacation spot, come visit! If you are not a

1985
Mary (Marolf) Bosworth, Dublin, Ohio, has been working as a social worker for Davita dialysis for nine years. "My youngest daughter is a sophomore at Ohio State majoring in environmental science. My son graduated last year from Otterbein, majoring in math and physics, and my oldest daughter manages a Jeni's Splendid Ice Cream store. It's great having them all here in Columbus." Mary keeps

emergency food pantry keep me busy.” **Jennifer M. Mizenko**, Oxford, Mississippi, shares, “While visiting my mother in Bradenton, Florida, I had a random encounter with **Charles J. Griffin III '87** at the Beach House on Bradenton Beach. We were both on this tiny campus at the same time in the '80s, but never met. Amazing. We did find a few friends in common and had a wonderful time sharing Kenyon memories.”

Robin “Coach” E. Muller and his wife, Vicki, along with their two dogs, are enjoying life in Massachusetts. Robin joined the staff at York County Community College in Wells, Maine, as its first athletic director. “The most exciting aspect of the job is being charged with creating an athletic department from scratch,” he writes. **Robert A. Murray**, Doylestown, Pennsylvania, recalls, “Thought about many things walking down Middle Path; being a grandfather was not one of them. After nearly four years of ‘grandfatherhood’ I’m still in awe (of Isla), and we have two more on the way! Anne and I are all-in on the pickleball craze.”

Patrick J. Shields went to Qatar in November to grab the final shots for the documentary “Eagleman and Wonder Woman: An America Love Story.” He and his wife, Beckey Bright, followed two prominent American soccer supporters over a five-year period to tell their personal and soccer love story. **Deirdre van Dyk**, Washington, D.C., informs, “I’m helping with a six-part Netflix documentary that will, in part, focus on

reporting done by my grandfather, William L. Shirer, in Germany from 1934 to '40 and on the postwar Nuremberg Trials. Listening to ‘The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich’ and ‘The Nightmare Years’ while going through boxes of photos for the filmmakers, I feel as if I’m sitting at the dinner table with him again.” **Sarah Tappen Windham**, Little Compton, Rhode Island, retired from the Ruth and Elmer Wellin Museum of Art at Hamilton College last year and now practices art full time. “I show my paintings in a small local gallery and sell them online (sarahtappenwindham.com). Corey also retired from teaching art, so our house has turned into a painting studio. Our daughter, Paige (18), in New York City, finished her first year at the New School and will transfer to the Fashion Institute of Technology’s fashion business program. Gordon (17), a junior in high school, plays the bass drum in the marching band — we go to football games now — and performed at Disney World. Visited colleges over his spring break.”

1987

Catherine Brill, Baltimore, has two new short stories coming out this year: one in the *Louisville Review* and another in the *New Ohio Review*. **Bradley Smith**, Centerburg, Ohio, “survived another winter in Knox County,” he informs. Brad couldn’t be more proud of daughters **Molly O. Smith '24**, a math and econ major, and Fiona, an English major, who graduated from Denison this spring.

1988

Justin Lee, Berkeley, California, reports, “Coach Dwayne Gomez, long-time Kenyon cross-country coach, would be proud, as I’m still training youth runners. One of my trainees won California states in cross-country last year. I currently work as lead UI/UX designer for a virtual reality headset for stroke patients. Most traditional therapy is a dud and boring, but you gotta watch these seniors go nuts in VR fighting penguins!” Justin and Sheryl purchased a 1996 VW Eurovan pop-top camper, and he inherited a 1977 RD400 Yamaha two-stroke

nation’s coasts. “I video chat monthly with sixth-floor Caples suitemates **N. Noel Chappellear Rodgers, Shelly J. Rankin, Joanne Campbell, Margaret White Belleful, Jean Bayless Albrecht** and honorary roommate **Kevin S. Dehan.” Craig W. Siders**, Livermore, California, was made an Optica Fellow last fall for his long and diverse career in optics, photonics and physics. “The only prior Kenyon-made Fellow I find in Google is **Richard C. Lord Jr. '31**. So, doubly proud to bring Kenyon back into the game.” **Paul Singer**, Boston, updates, “My GBH News team and I had a nice

U.S. this summer, to western Massachusetts. “We loved living in Japan for four years. Our twins attended an international school but also the local junior high school for half of every summer, which enriched their experience. Japan was an especially good place to be during the pandemic. I postponed my thoughts of semi-retirement and took an assignment in which I can work remotely. Check out my podcast, *Trails Around the World.*” **Robert M. Voce**, Shoreline, Washington, informs, “**David K. Scott** and I visited **Kevin J. Smith** in early February in Utah for some skiing/

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— **Mallory M. Cremin '84**, on life as a member of Down-to-Earth Ecoshire: Sage, in Southern California

motorbike. “Rebuilding it has been fun — if you can find the parts.”

Diana K. Olinger, Annapolis, Maryland, sums up an amazing five years: “I’ve been mentoring three high school girls, sponsoring three midshipmen, performing with my miniature dachshund, helping my parents in Coshocton, Ohio, and competing nationally in waterskiing.” She began ski jumping last year and qualified for the Senior U.S. Water Ski Pan American Games and World Games in trick skiing. Diana works for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, protecting and restoring our

win in December: Our investigation proved that minority-owned businesses were almost completely left out of the construction of a \$100 million minor league ballpark in Worcester; in December the attorney general announced the prime contractor would pay a \$1.9 million penalty for misleading the city about minority inclusion — and cited our reporting as the catalyst. That giant builder is now looking to hire a new coordinator position to increase its use of minority-owned subcontractors. Journalism works!” **Chris Tejirian** and family are moving from Japan back to the

riding at Park City and snowshoeing near Sundance. It has been a pretty good ski season in the West broadly, with totals piling up late in the Cascades. Dave and I have gotten out together a couple of times in the Seattle area.”

1989

Joan O’Hanlon Curry moved back to New York City and is now director of nursing, oncology, at Mount Sinai. “I will be working with adult patients for the first time in my career,” she reports. Inducted into the American Academy of Nursing as a fellow in October, Joan finished

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her doctorate in nursing practice in executive nursing at Case Western Reserve University in May. "This should be it for me with school — so it's fitting that it started in Ohio and ends in Ohio," she notes. Her son Aidan is a pitcher with the Down East Wood Ducks of North Carolina, a Texas Rangers minor league team. Amelia will

Irish-American fintech company. At night, I have been organizing a community effort to bring a new light-rail station, more housing, affordable housing and infrastructure to my Seattle neighborhood." **Christopher R. Thorp** and his wife, Laura, are "busy raising four wonder boys in the Wicker Park neighborhood of Chicago," he

Reynolds, Andrew S. Albrecht, Hugh H. Price '88, Jeffrey P. Katowitz '90, Liam Davis '90 and Justin S. Roberts '92." Eric A. Williams, Indianapolis, holds a yearlong fellowship in medical ethics at Indiana University Health. "Part of the fellowship is a scholarly project," he explains. "My topic is the moral distress of nurses. My

Northwest after more than seven years in Germany and Poland. "Looking forward to reconnecting with my Seattle and Portland Kenyonites!" she writes. **Jenny L. Leffler** and her husband, Matt, spent "a wonderful weekend on the Hill cheering on my daughter, **Annabel C. Ives '24** and KCWL!" she informs. "What a gift to get to see her have her own amazing experiences at Kenyon." Jenny teaches English and coaches field hockey and lacrosse at the Hackley School in Tarrytown, New York, and was missing both Annabel and son Colin, a first-year at Wesleyan. **Michael J. Mullen** updates, "It is strange for me to realize that I have been working as a physician longer than I have spent in formal education. Twenty-five years at the end of June — K-12, then four years each of college, medical school and OB-GYN residency. My thoughts return more to those four years at Kenyon than any other. After living in 13 states, I have been in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, for more than 10 years, teaching medical students and OB-GYN residents. After attending well over 5,000 births, it is still the most amazing thing, and I love welcoming a new father to the Dad Club. Hali and I have six kids between us, ages 25 to 32, and still not a single grandchild! We lost my dad last year, after his struggles with Alzheimer's and a hip fracture, but my oldest, Jake, was there with Hali and me when he died in hospice. Sam and Nathan were there for me, arriving just after Dad passed away. My 82-year-old

mother lives with us." Michael enjoyed seeing Nathan perform with the New York City Gay Men's Chorus. **E. McAllister "Calli" Towne**, West Newbury, Massachusetts, describes two growing boys, 17 and 13: "Yikes! Driving teen and college searches loom. Our house is full — three dogs, two cats and a frog. My husband, Steve, is co-founder of a golf/lacrosse hybrid sport called FlingGolf, which takes him around the country for tournaments when he's not building product. I'm working at Lahey Outpatient Clinic getting back to my hospital roots after 20 years at the MSPCA. I keep in touch with **Michele L. Petrucci, Anne Christine Seiler, William J. O'Hearn Jr., Gregory C. Aharonian and Stephen A. Reinbold." Elizabeth Bell Townsend**, Falls Church, Virginia, reports that middle child **Emily B. Townsend '25** loved her sophomore year on the Hill. "An English major and art history minor and an editor for HIKA, she's been involved in some small student-led theater productions and has a job with the intramural sports program. But she's really found her passion at WKCO, contributing to the radio station blog and hosting a weekly radio show." Elizabeth visited in the fall and again in April to help celebrate 50 years of women's lacrosse at Kenyon. In the past year she met **Anne V. "Shelly" Webb '91** for lunch and enjoyed reconnecting with **Judy (Hoff) Gilbert '91** at the D.C. Philander Phling. **Peter A. Vanable** and **Anne S.**

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— **Justin Lee '88**, a lead UI/UX designer for a virtual reality headset for stroke patients

attend Pace University for a degree in nursing. "I did not pressure her at all!" Joan adds. **Christopher K. Eaton**, Littleton, Colorado, updates, "It's very cool to live in a place where people come for vacation." When his company asked him to lead a team in Colorado, the family left Ohio and has now settled in. "We have already become picky skiers. We have been known to bail on days when the lift lines are long." Chris retired after 33 years in his industry and now enjoys "more time on our hands, an empty guest room or two, good beer and beautiful views." **Renee A. Staton**, Seattle, informs that her son, Michael, married last summer while daughter Grace is a junior in college. "I'm enjoying watching them thrive," Renee reports, "and having the house to myself again. I work by day doing tax controversy at Stripe, an

reports. "Meyer is in fourth grade, and Jack, Cooper and Tilman are in first grade. They've voted to add a girl to our mix — in the form of a golden retriever — but Laura and I are just getting over the baby years." An assistant professor in the University of Illinois' College of Physical Therapy, she teaches anatomy, while Christopher is now assistant professor of medicine at Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine. "I've become specially interested in addiction medicine," he updates, "and am currently a senior fellow participant in the ECHO project of medication-assisted therapies in addiction at Rush University. I had the pleasure of watching my Philadelphia Eagles romping through the Chicago Bears in December as part of a quasi-Kokosingers reunion, hosted by **Andrew D. Keyt '91** and attended by fellow Kokes **A. Wesley**

long-term plan is to use what I learn this year to develop unit-based, case-specific, chaplain-facilitated moral distress interventions."

1990s

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Joseph C. Bline celebrates the matriculation of oldest son **Steven Bline '27** this fall. "Hopefully he will be playing basketball for the Owls. He was named OCC Scholar Athlete of the Year, as was **Anthony T. Kopyar's** daughter Jenna. Life in Dublin, Ohio, is going well." Joe adds. **Margaret (Tweedy) Drazek** moved from Nigeria to South Africa and now works at the U.S. Embassy in Pretoria. "My husband, Greg, is in Iraq and the boys are at St. Andrew's boarding school in Delaware and Holderness boarding school in New Hampshire." **Rachel Hofmeister** returned to the Pacific

Jamison '89 are in their 23rd year in Syracuse, New York, "a great place to live and raise children!" Peter writes. "I'm now serving as the dean of the Graduate School and associate provost at Syracuse University, and Anne continues to do amazing work with young people as a high school choral director. Our older son Joe (23) is a professional musician performing throughout upstate New York. Tim, an American studies major at Columbia University, studied abroad this year at the University of Oxford." Peter adds that after a 30-year hiatus he has joyfully returned to the trumpet and plays regularly in the Syracuse University brass ensemble.

1991

Gordon Center shares, "I've been in Houston since 1993 and live two blocks from **K. Alexander Hinrichs**. For the past 25 years, I've taught middle school history and coached field hockey and lacrosse at local independent schools. Now teaching and coaching the children of women I coached back when I first started brings me a lot of happiness." Gordon's wife, Katherine Center — a New York Times bestselling author, with two movies on Netflix, "The Lost Husband" and "Happiness for Beginners" — publishes her latest, "Hello Stranger," in July, and they will tour the Midwest. Their daughter studies math at Carleton, and their son will be a high school senior in the fall. "He is fully aware that he must apply to Kenyon. I'm the treasurer for

Congresswoman **Elizabeth P. 'Lizzie' Fletcher '97**, who is my sister-in-law, and I was her Kenyon alumni interviewer back in the day. All of the guys I lived with in college still look incredibly young, and at least once a year we meet so everyone can watch me once again soundly trounce **John P. Cooney** at backgammon." **David A. Kahn**, Denver, worked for the same company for more than 24 years and then was laid off in December. "Since my ski pass was already paid for, I decided I had earned some time to just hit the slopes until the season ended. The snowboarding has been interrupted by trips to see our daughter swim for the University of South Dakota and set several team records while winning two events at their conference finals in Minneapolis." He hoped to have an "interesting and fulfilling" job after heading to Seattle in June to attend their son's graduation from Seattle University. **Megan Lewis-Schurter** is in her third year of running the Department of Theatre at Colorado State University in Fort Collins. "These Rocky Mountains have such good medicine in them," she notes. "So proud that my son **Tristan A. Lewis-Schurter '26** is at Kenyon finishing his first year! Gundies forever!" **Melissa "Mimi" (Hummel) Martin** checks in from Tempe, Arizona, where she ended up after living in New York City and then San Diego, where she met her husband, Adam. "We moved here to start our little family. Almost seven

years later, Maxwell and Samuel are finishing first grade! I retired from retail when I had the boys and have been a full-time chef, class mom, dog walker and finder of lost things since then. I'm enjoying this stage after living a pretty free and fun-filled life pre-kids." **Dabney S. Moncher** is in her third year in Lakewood Ranch, Florida. "Juniors Andrew and Syd are deep into the college search process. Searching for a new job myself but trying to enjoy the extra time by playing tennis and getting back into yoga. We got a new puppy in

reports that her Kenyon Review and Kenyon Young Writers Summer Workshop work experiences re-emerged as important influences while she coached winning Power of the Pen teams for the past three years — "the ultimate side gig for a buttoned-up attorney," she jokes. "Power of the Pen is a creative writing competition for middle schoolers, unique to Ohio." She and **Thomas M. Stickney** celebrate their youngest child "having caught the writing bug while on the team — and has added Kenyon to her potential college list. Fingers crossed!"

for Clarkson." **Adam M. Bleifeld** reports, "Last year's Reunion was so much fun that this year several of us are getting together again, but not in Gambier. **William "Mark" Jordan, Scott M. Griffith** and I headed out west to stay with **Justin B. Richland** in Laguna Beach, California." They planned to run the Laguna Beach Half Marathon and maybe try surfing, too. **Anthony L. Camisa** finds the homestead in Bridgewater, New Jersey, "a little empty," he shares, with two daughters at Clemson and North Carolina State, "but I'm keeping

"It is strange for me to realize that I have been working as a physician longer than I have spent in formal education."

— **Michael J. Mullen '90**, an OB-GYN who has attended more than 5,000 births in 25 years of practicing

September, which has been rewarding and challenging." **Yiji (Shen) Starr** married Martin Brennan on Sept. 8 in Boston. "The thought of getting married again was far away from my mind," she reports. "I guess one never knows what life has in store for us. My daughter was my maid of honor, and my son walked me down the aisle. We planned the wedding in about five weeks. My best friend married us. We and our friends danced the night away. I got the wedding I always wanted." **Melissa A. (Wiley) Stickney**, Rocky River, Ohio,

1992

Alise Shuart Barrett, Painted Post, New York, enjoys working with the Girl Scouts in New York's Southern Tier. "Our family was busy with ice hockey and club volleyball this winter and looking forward to lacrosse season! We will be hitting the boys club lacrosse circuit this summer. Had a great breakfast with **William B. Lockwood '91** and **Elizabeth Jennings Lockwood '90** when in Cleveland for hockey, and had a girls weekend with **Margaret Stevenson Vines** in Florida to see her son play lacrosse

busy coaching my youngest girl's lacrosse team. I got caught up in the tech-sector job contraction, so to pass the time between adventures I just took a part-time job coaching girls' lacrosse at a local public middle school. Wish me luck!" **Amy E. Haid**, Grove City, Ohio, updates, "My daughter is every hot minute of 13.5 years old, so yeah — it's emotional around here. Especially since she says, 'Musical theater is my sport.'" Amy's 2022 travel included the "Scottish 500" around the highlands; Copenhagen, Oslo and Malmo; and

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Carla Birnberg '91

Carla Birnberg '91 once planned on becoming the dean of students at a small, private liberal arts school (inspired in large part by Kenyon's dean Cheryl Steele). Ever the accidental non-traditional path-taker, she earned a master's degree in education and, in 1993, pivoted. Following her growing passion for bodybuilding and fitness, she opened a personal training studio in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. She became part of the inaugural group of online influencers with her MizFit blogging and brand, working with companies like Birkenstock, being named the Fila brand's first "Spokesmom," and partnering with tennis star Venus Williams (who provided a blurb for Birnberg's 2019 book, "What You Can When You Can: Healthy Living on Your Terms"). Now, she works with a foundation based in Nairobi, Kenya, using technology to help people who have been historically marginalized take their next steps toward economic independence. "It's work I never imagined doing with my liberal arts degree," she said, "and it's phenomenally rewarding."

Major: English

Born in: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Current residence: Austin, Texas

Occupations: My East African work has expanded now, including serving as chief storyteller for the Next Step Foundation, which is based in Nairobi, Kenya. In this role, I amplify the stories of the historically marginalized, mainly people with disabilities.

What I've been up to since Kenyon:

I launched a family blog to share the story of getting 'stuck' in Guatemala during my daughter's adoption — an endeavor that grew into a robust and lucrative personal brand. I competed in bodybuilding shows, always the smallest, but also having the most fun.

Motto: In all I do, from work to friendships to parenting to coaching, I show up as authentic and flawed, and create space for others to do the same.

Proudest accomplishments: I live my life against the backdrop of the Hebrew idiom *tikkun olam* — the idea that Jews



are called upon to make the world a more just and tolerant place through restorative acts of kindness. From my decade spent online writing about fitness and personal development, to the work I do today in East Africa, I'm fortunate to have the opportunity to make an impact on a daily basis. My most recent endeavor, the Upili Project, ties these all together. Mentoring, impact storytelling and DEI work in a global capacity — Upili taps into the power of targeted giving to enable young

Kenyans with Disabilities to graduate secondary schools and take the next step toward living an independent life.

The most surprising thing about life post-Kenyon: Everything? I think I surmised that my post-Kenyon life would be solidly predictable. It's been anything but, and I'm grateful for it.

Anything else? Spending so much time in Kenya, I probably laugh about the "Kenyon is not near Uganda" tee more than any other alum.

a week on Hawaii's Big Island. "Before I induce nausea amongst you," she adds, "I'll keep it real by noting that my garage-door contractor just evaporated along with my \$2,000 deposit — a reminder that life is a process, not a bed of roses. In good news, Blanton's has developed a candle that smells exactly like the Angel's Share in a rickhouse, and the Kenyon campus is developing like crazy in many good ways, including an underground, completely hidden parking garage." **Alden L. Senior** and **Kristen Senior '91**, Winnetka, Illinois, started traveling again, celebrating their 26th anniversary in Tulum, Mexico, and then a trip to Miami, Alden writes. While their oldest, Ben, studied in Prague he and Kristen took Amelia and Toph to visit him over spring break. "Had a record year at work," he adds. "Took some of the pressure off of the difficulties we had during the pandemic." **Guy J. Tino**, Brookfield, Connecticut, enjoys your adventures as seen via social media. "Keep 'em coming! Jill and I celebrated 25 years of marriage in February. She's in her second year teaching language arts to the middle schoolers at St. Gregory the Great School in Danbury, and I'm in my 22nd year with Luminate Data, formerly known as SoundScan and then Nielsen Music. Anna had a terrific sophomore year at Eastern Connecticut State, and Christopher cruised through junior year at Brookfield High School. Two Kenyon moments of note to share: In Los Angeles for a corporate

team-building event in October, I spent a few hours with **Todd T. Behrendt** and **Lauren H. Behrendt '93**. A week later, **Joshua P. Rupright** stopped by one of my gigs and contributed backing vocals to several Grateful Dead songs from the bar, much to the delight of the crowd."

1993

Sue Corral, Richmond, Virginia, celebrates the matriculation of **Virginia (Gigi) Johnson '27**, "who will play field hockey as an Owl (still not used to that)," she reports. "My youngest, Neena (13), and I will be very bored when she leaves for college. So we will be at Kenyon a lot for games and any other excuse. I recently bought a little house in Gambier (hoffmannguesthouse.com), so if anyone finds themselves visiting Kenyon and needs somewhere to stay ... I'm your girl!" **Matthew W. Laney**, Decatur, Georgia, informs, "Living my best life pastoring, writing, parenting, teaching kickboxing, and about to be an empty-nester as the second-born heads to Ithaca College in August to study physical therapy and play baseball. Our daughter is a sophomore at the University of Vermont breaking swimming records. My wife, Ann, is transforming the criminal legal system in Georgia. I'm trying to keep up." **Lisa Kay Primmer** marked 15 years with husband Ryan in Darien, Connecticut, after leaving the world of finance to raise three kids, who are about to be a high school senior, sophomore and ninth-grader.

"Six years ago, I decided to pursue my passion for travel and became a luxury travel advisor," she adds. "I run a team of five other advisors, most of whom are based in the New York area."

1994

Colleen (Hopkins) Grazioso and **Jane R.**

Snyder and **Alfred C. Snyder** marked 25 years in their Seattle home. "Our oldest is at Case Western Reserve University, so we've enjoyed reconnecting with **Matthew D. Mennes** and **Mary C. (Hall) Mennes** when we visit! Our youngest plans to attend the University of Utah, with

Austin, Texas, updates, "After 25 years of slinging books and managing other people who sling books, I've left Half Price Books to launch my own coaching practice helping Gen X former athletes get their mojo back by transforming their fitness and wellness goals from 'have to'

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— **Gordon Center '91**, on a legacy of Kenyon connections

Schluter ran into each other unexpectedly, sitting at the same table at Wunderbar in Sugarbush Resort in Warren, Vermont. "Was fun to catch up!" **Robert M. Herzog**, Westfield, Indiana, retired in September from the FBI after 20 years as a supervisory special agent investigating global cyber-crime and espionage. "Any other 'retirees' in our class yet?" he wonders. "I spent the majority of my time based in Indianapolis but did stints in several countries and at FBI HQ. I still have two children in college, so in September I joined CrowdStrike as a principal on one of their adversary research teams." Last January, Robert joined **Scott R. Baker**, **Erik R. Zinser**, **Chad J. Withers** and **Steven C. Waterfield** in Chicago over MLK weekend. **Katie U.**

plenty of skiing and climbing. We cherish our Seattle Kenyon crew, the **Gimbel-Sherrs (Sarah '93 P'25 and Kenneth '95 P'25)**, the **Einsteins (Joie C. '94 and Nicholas W. '94)**, the **Smolinskis (Matthew A. '94 and family)** and my sister Jen's family. As our children embark on their own college journeys, our gratitude for our Kenyon friendships deepens. Something very grounding happened on that Hill." **Aloke V. Finn**, Chevy Chase, Maryland, is a cardiologist who runs a nonprofit called the CVPPath Institute (cvppath.org), dedicated to cardiovascular research, where he is medical director. He also sees patients at the University of Maryland in Baltimore and researches atherosclerosis and effects of COVID-19 on the heart. **Frances G. Zopp**,

obligations into 'get to' choices. I'm happy to work virtually if you're in the market!"

1995

David J. Bouman, Washington, D.C., updates, "I've spent the last four years supporting two amazing women battling cancer — my wife and mother — then dealing with the horrible pain of losing them both, days apart and far too early. Kenyon friends were there for me from the first day until today. I couldn't have made it without them. Thank you all. But I am finally dusting off my passport and going overseas later this summer. I will be in Manila for a few years and am thrilled to have a big change of scenery." **Michelle Helena Denk**, Sewickley, Pennsylvania, hopes you agree that "getting to turn 50 is a blessing

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indeed!" Michelle shared a continuing education opportunity. "Like any good gathering, all are welcome, and everyone can plan to 'come as you are.' This weekly course runs alongside the school year, is free to all, and virtual options are available (visit bsfinternational.org/our-studies/john/)." **Julia Z. Garland**, Brooklyn, New York, appreciates getting back to normal work after the pandemic. "Teaching elementary students performing arts with masks and social distancing was a serious challenge, especially

at Rhodes, preparing for law school. Eldest Alex and his wife have acquired a puppy, giving me a granddog. I'm still director of athletics at King University. Life is good but doesn't really seem to be any less hectic." **Scott R. Krell** and **Winter Krell '96**, Glen Allen, Virginia, celebrated their 25th anniversary by revisiting their honeymoon location. "Our eldest is about to complete his degree from Richard Bland, and we got our third into Virginia Commonwealth, where he is studying poli-sci and hopes to enter the world of politics.

amazing discovery of things I never realized: being able to feel where I am in relation to the ground, using the bottoms of my feet to find balance, being able to feel muscles that were atrophied for a long time and much more. This may be the happiest I have ever been."

1996
Matthew J. Friedman celebrated the matriculation of youngest son **Lucas Friedman '27** and notes "I'd like to think he was influenced by my stories and lifelong Kenyon friends, but more likely it was the experiences

Americans of African descent and a Native American, interred in a 1700s burial plot, were uncovered during the 2013 renovation of the Charleston Gaillard Center." In the vision of North Carolina sculptor Stephen Hayes, the 36 pairs of unique bronze hands will rim a concrete bowl-shaped depression in the ground near the site where the remains were found, Chris explains. Water will spray from each set of hands. **Eric R. Jarmon** informs, "My wife and I still reside in Manhattan. I started a new job last summer as assistant professor and attending consultation-liaison psychiatrist at Rutgers Newark University Hospital. Looking forward to our first trip to Rome and Amalfi coast this fall!" **Emily Kunze** updates, "After 25 years in Barcelona, Spain, I expect to move back to the U.S. this summer as my children finish out high school in different Northeast schools." **Patrick J. Moorhead** writes, "*Zdravim české Republiky!* We're into our third year living in Prague. Not without its challenges — this language is *hard* — but overall, life here is peaceful and beautiful. Piper continues to build a successful business as an independent yoga instructor, and our two boys, Parker (10) and Penn (6), feel at home in school and with their new group of ESL friends. I lead marketing for Pricefx, which just closed our biggest year yet in sales. We've recently moved from living in the city center to a village just outside, which has been a welcome change. We have loads

of recommendations for visitors! *Všechno nejlepší!*" **The Rev. Ben G. Robertson IV** updates, "In December, my family and I left Mississippi and moved to Richmond, Virginia. My wife, Ellen, was appointed to the faculty at Randolph-Macon College and teaches anatomy in its new physician assistant program. Subsequently, I was called to serve as the rector of All Saints Episcopal Church." **Jane L. Roth** updates, "I was appointed head of school at Thomas Jefferson School in St. Louis in November 2022." **Adam J. Singer**, Rockville, Maryland, shares, "I reached out to Professor Fred Baumann in 2021 to thank him and share how much my poli-sci education contributed to how I understand the world around me. I also shared some of my work and life in Israel, including recent involvement with Tech2Peace, an Israeli NGO that connects Israeli and Palestinian Jews and Arabs in seminars about startups and technology. When Professor Baumann invited me to share my experiences with Kenyon students, I returned to Gambier in September for the first time in more than 25 years. I spoke to a small group of students and teachers in a talk I called 'My So-Called Un-Ultra-Orthodox Life' and shared a barbecue off-campus with Professor Baumann, **Mark A. Allison** and Jewish Chaplain Marc Bragin. It felt so good to be back. I am amazed at how the campus has developed and was deeply moved to reconnect with many places and their memories."

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—**Katie U. Snyder '94** and **Alfred C. Snyder '94**

during our singing and acting units!" She and **William H. Garland '94** are thrilled to have their son back home after almost two years in treatment. "His transition has been incredible due to his hard work and dedication to figuring out how to function as a neurodiverse person in a world designed for neurotypical people." **J. David Hicks**, Bristol, Tennessee, updates, "Cindy and I are getting closer to empty-nesters. Stephen graduated high school this spring and heads to college, so Luke is soon to be the only one at home. Daniel finished his junior year

Our second is finding his way in the world, but he keeps in touch. Our youngest, in high school, isn't sure what she wants to do." **Beth E. Newsom**, Parker, Colorado, cheers, "I am walking without assistance, and it is the most wonderful experience after living with probable MS for over 30 years." Beth credits "the right medicines and 12 years of a lot of work" to go from wheelchair to walking on her own. "My 20-year-old daughter had never seen me walk by myself, so it has been pretty exciting for her to see. Each latest little bit of learning is an

of his brother, **Elijah D. Friedman '22**, that were the deciding factor. As for me, I continue to teach and coach in central Massachusetts." **Christopher S. Frisby** had his hands cast in alginate, then bronze, as part of a forthcoming memorial to African ancestors in the Ansonborough neighborhood of Charleston, South Carolina. "In remembrance of an African ancestor, Lima, a man of Umbundu Angolan origins," Chris writes, "the memorial will sit near George and Anson streets, where the remains of 36 Africans,

Robin Smith-Martin reports, "The Smith-Martins are happy and healthy. Beth and Heron are mostly in Asheville, North Carolina. Violet is a freshman at U. of Richmond. I bounce between Asheville and Key West, where we operate our hospitality and concierge business. If you're interested in having some fun in Key West, Havana or Asheville, check us out at OurKeyWest.com."

1997

Stephanie E. Adams updates, "After living in the Bay Area for eight years, I moved back to my hometown of Los Angeles. It's been really fun being near a large pool of family and friends again. I'm still working in higher-education book publishing as a marketer. I spend my free time working on my own writing and photography in addition to hiking." **William H. Bardel**, Greenville, New York, writes, "My wife, kids and I live on our horse farm in the Hudson River Valley. We wish we had more snow this winter, but it's been a pretty lean year for skiing and snowshoeing. Instead, we get to watch the mud accumulate." Will enjoyed a visit from **Edwin C. O'Malley** and **Meagan K. (O'Dowd) O'Malley '96**. **Colette Pichon Battle** delivered Kenyon's 195th commencement address. **Adrienne L. (Misheloff) Czechowski** and **Aaron M. Czechowski '98**, Sammamish, Washington, are adjusting to the empty nest. "Our 21-year-old son enjoyed his last semester at Washington State University in the ROAR program, which is for students with intellectual disabilities,

and is learning how to adult probably better than any of us knew how to do at that age. Our daughter **Sophia M. Czechowski '26** is *on the Hill*, and we could not be more excited and happy for her." Adrienne now works for Theo Chocolates as a chocolatier, "making delicious chocolate confections and figuring out how not to get chocolate everywhere," she explains. "I have been in confection-making for the past five years, but this is definitely on a larger scale. We make all our chocolate, so if you are ever in the Fremont neighborhood of Seattle, definitely check it out." In his 16th year with Microsoft, Aaron is active in the Washington Trails Association, hiking, trail-building and scouting out new trail ideas (see below). **Barbara L. Kakiris** is "happy and well in Cleveland!" she shares. "The MetroHealth System, where I celebrated my one-year anniversary in January, is a great place to work. I adore watching my Cavaliers play basketball, and I'm being inducted as president of the Junior League of Cleveland next month." Barbara saw **Nicole M. Dreyfuss**, **Jennifer (Woodbridge) Braatz**, **Megan (McDonald) Higgins** and **Marjorie "Jorie" (Gibbons) Widener** in December for a long weekend in Chicago to celebrate Jen's birthday. "Visiting with **Jamion L. Berry** was an added bonus! It was just the quality time I needed." **Barrett Coker Krise**, Atlanta, informs, "Coming out of the pandemic, we've had lots of positive change. I live in the historic Cabbagetown

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— **Beth E. Newsom '95**, who, after "the right medicines and 12 years of a lot of work," has gone from using a wheelchair to walking on her own.

neighborhood with my husband, Eddie, and 7-year-old daughter Vivian (aka Avie). We completed a major renovation on our house, thankfully just before lockdown, so that made the work-from-home/do-everything-from-home period much more pleasant. And then, after nearly 20 years in philanthropy with the Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta, I joined Bell Oaks Executive Search as a partner in June 2022. It's been such a great transition, and I'm loving the chance to help our clients connect to exceptional, culturally aligned, hard-to-find talent in high-level roles." **Curt A. "Tony" Mohammed**, Marshfield, Massachusetts, notes, "I had the chance to return to Gambier this fall for the 75th anniversary of men's soccer. Amazing to see how much the campus has changed and the legacy of men's soccer continuing to thrive. Catching up with **Jason I. Sellers** and **Jamion L. Berry** was also a special opportunity to reconnect and share some memories." **Dwight K. Schultheis**, Brookline, Massachusetts, feels like "a full-time Uber driver for my kids on the weekends," he

notes, "between driving one to travel ice hockey games/practices, and the other to travel soccer practices/tournaments. Now that the kids are 12 and 14, time in the car is actually quality time — with minimal social media usage. I hung out with **Adam K. Myers**, who is living in Connecticut and has three amazing children, and **Nicole M. Dreyfuss** and **David P. Seaman Jr.**, who I had dinner with in NYC." **Levon D. Sutton** was appointed senior pastor of historic Lovely Lane United Methodist Church in Baltimore, "the mother/founding church of American Methodism," he notes. He begins an itinerant appointment on July 1, 2023, and will transition from his current position as associate pastor of Grace United Methodist Church, also in Baltimore.

1998

Aaron M. Czechowski (see **Adrienne L. Czechowski '97**) was accepted into King County Explorer Search and Rescue's rigorous training, but "found my limit for outdoor comfort and ability, so unfortunately didn't continue," he reports. He and Adrienne enjoyed Seattle Kraken hockey this year.

Karen E. Downey, Cortland, New York, drove with her children to Vancouver and back last summer, she reports. "On the way, we got to see some Kenyon friends — **Elizabeth E. Millard** and **Douglas D. McMillen** included! Life these days is full of working on chemistry pedagogy, mentoring junior faculty, playing Dungeons & Dragons with my husband and our friends, and cheering on the kiddos at concerts/soccer matches/track meets/swim meets/science fairs/etc." **Douglas D. McMillen** marked 10 years in Seattle working for Community Health Center of Snohomish County, providing quality health care to the underprivileged, he informs. "Most of that time I have served as a clinical director, managing a clinic and seeing patients. For the last six months, I have stepped in as the interim chief medical officer. Last March, my wife and I had our second child, Sylvia. An exciting and very busy year for us!" **Sarah B. Mojer**, Gansevoort, New York, reports, "My family and I are enjoying life in the Adirondacks. We had a fun visit to Gambier last year with our teens! In 2022, the Kenyon 'Memaws' resumed

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our annual Memawcon reunion." **Andrew E. Woodward**, Denver, writes, "Alongside Arden Gallery, Boston, my paintings are now represented by Coda Gallery, Palm Desert, California." Simultaneously intimate and vast, Andrew's paintings of cityscapes, landscapes, oceans, florals and animals emanate light and shadow (see andrewwoodward.com).

build a 'good and just' society, and it makes me nostalgic for Kenyon seminar classes." **Molly M. (Harsh) Gutridge**, Mount Vernon, Ohio, happily welcomes all to join the committee readying your 25th Reunion (gutridge1@kenyon.edu). "We need plenty of volunteers from across our various friend groups to make this as fun and inclusive a celebration

kitchen and family room were occupied by plants that won't survive a Cleveland winter, and multiple flats of seedlings poked through the soil," Becky noted. The children, gardening and husband Rob keep her happily busy. **Kelly C. (Harkless) Lyles** and **Robert L. Lyles III** live in Cockeysville, Maryland, where, Kelly informs, "I am continuing to grow my environ-

of Coach Jim Steen with a swim team reunion.

2000s

2000
Kelly P. Dillon was promoted to associate professor of communication and digital media and awarded tenure at Wittenberg University. "I was also named director of faculty development, helping my scholarly and service work to shift

and dreaming about the future. All of that said — I can't wait for some time off!" **Mary E. Kinner** married her fiancé of 10 years, Jeff, in October. "We moved to the rural town of Nowthen, Minnesota (yep, it's a place) and are enjoying the lake view. I continue working as an operations manager overseeing a medical scribe program at multiple locations in the Twin Cities." **Kristin Ann Meister** and family relocated from Manhattan to Falls Church, Virginia. "It has been great spending time with friends like **Benjamin D. Bagocius**, as well as attending local alumni events where I get to catch up with other alums such as **Hope C. Harrod '98** and **Rachel R. Berger '11** and make new alumni friends like **Patricia A. 'Trish' Poljak '98**." **Beko O. Reblitz-Richardson**, Oakland, California, spent 10 days on vacation in Japan with his youngest son (age 12). "We enjoyed tromping around Tokyo and Kyoto, visiting many temples and other sites. This summer, we're doing a family trip to Kenya."

2001
The Rev. Erika Plank Hagan was ordained to the priesthood in the Episcopal Church and now serves as curate at Christ Episcopal Church in Trumbull, Connecticut. "I never saw this coming, but am delighted by this new path ahead."

2002
Eleanna Anagnos shares, "The gallery that represents me in NYC, High Noon Gallery, presented my work in a solo presentation at Material Art Fair

"It's been such a great transition, and I'm loving the chance to help our clients connect to exceptional, culturally aligned, hard-to-find talent in high-level roles."

— **Barrett Coker Krise '97**, on starting a new job in June 2020 as a partner at Bell Oaks Executive Search, based in Atlanta

1999

Joshua C. Carrick, raising two small children in Brooklyn, New York, finds time to discuss theology with **John A. Zahl '00**, architecture with **Christopher A. Junkin** and politics with **Andrew A. Thompson** — "all of whom are in the neighborhood," he remarks. "Have used my Kenyon learnings to utilize reasoned debate and discussion to attempt to correct their errant views — unsuccessfully so far." **Kate Griffin**, Bethesda, Maryland, updates, "After a fair amount of job-hopping during the pandemic, I've landed at the Aspen Institute, an organization focused on building values-based leadership across government, corporate, philanthropy, etc. I'm awash in thought-provoking conversations about what it takes to

as possible!" she notes. "In addition to working full-time and raising a 4-year old, my husband and I decided it would be fun to build a house! We've been doing a lot of the interior work ourselves, which means it should be ready by then!" **Gabriel N. Heck**, Madison, Wisconsin, and his wife, Larissa, were expecting a fourth son in June. "I just got back from a Brazilian jiu-jitsu training camp in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. As often as possible, we get together with **Rebecca J. (Anderson) Bradbury** and **Luke Bradbury '00**, also Madisonians." **Rebecca M. Hoyt**, Solon, Ohio, is "officially the shortest member of her household," she informs, "as Daniel (13) joins Vivien (16) by breaking 5'6." My pandemic hobby of gardening got out of control when the

mental consulting firm, KLT Group. We have several high-profile projects in Maryland, D.C., Delaware, Georgia and Virginia that keep us busy. Rob and I have also had time to travel with our son (14) and identical twin girls (11)." **John R. Sherck** and **Lauren E. Coil-Sherck '02**, Cleveland Heights, Ohio, "keep busy chasing around our kids (eighth, fifth and first grade), who seem to get busier every year," John updates. "We headed to Paris, Venice and Rome for spring break this year, the first time our kids crossed an ocean." **Katherine (Varda) Schwab** and **Ian H. Schwab '98** report, "Life is busy and good in Seattle with two teen-age boys." An obstetrician/gynecologist, Katherine looked forward to celebrating the legacy

more toward teaching and learning and helping my colleagues do both as well." She's spending her first sabbatical researching, writing and traveling. **Naomi Raquel Enright** writes that her essay "The Hidden Curriculum" took honorable mention in Streetlight magazine's 2021 essay/memoir contest and now appears in paperback. **Rachel I. Leber**, Portland, Oregon, is "more than halfway through clinical rotations, and only four months left until graduation from my four-year Naturopathic Medical School program!" she informs. "Between a maddeningly relentless clinic and class schedule, I squeeze in hiking, cooking, samba percussion, playing piano and singing, time with friends, exploring the Pacific Northwest

in Mexico City. It was wonderful to finally exhibit my work where I live. Out of the studio, I love being a mom to my 1-year-old, Aria.”

Alexander S. “Sandy” Bryant, Lebanon, New Hampshire, updates, “I lost my job in December and have been working to find the next step. In the meantime, playing tennis, skiing, substitute teaching and spending time with family.”

Cheshe M. Dow sent this update from Botswana: “My daughter turned 4 yesterday. When I made my first set of classroom cupcakes (post-COVID joys), I completely messed up the frosting, which ended up more of a runny glaze. I planted sweet potatoes last week — very excited about this new farming project. It is raining as I type this, and the earth and rain smell marvelous. It is this smell that ties me to this patch of earth.”

James J. Greenwood, dean of diversity, equity and inclusion at Western Reserve Academy in Hudson, Ohio, caught up with first-year roommate **Philip A. Stephenson** in Philadelphia. “Also had the pleasure of serving on a panel of Black educators from Kenyon, including **Hope C. Harrod ’98**, **Kamille A. (Johnson) Harless ’99**, **Janae A. Peters ’10** and **Ronald A. Maheia ’13**. Check it out if you missed it live!” On turn-over, self-care and sustainability, it’s at youtu.be/F4ihRMWxGhs.

Stephanie (Spaulding) Hoffman is “thrilled to announce we are moving to Charlotte, North Carolina, this summer,” she updates. “My husband and kids are looking forward to

experiencing actual seasons, in contrast to the endless heat of Florida. I am excited to continue my remote litigation work from a new home office. Look for me at alumni events in North Carolina starting this fall.”

Lisa M. (Beauchamp) Martell, Birmingham, Michigan, reflects, “It was great seeing so many of you last spring and sharing good laughs. Staying in the dorms might be the closest I have come to camping since graduation! How I remember our dorms versus how they are grows with every Reunion. Clearly, the residents made them seem far superior to what they were! There is never enough time (or energy) to do everything in a weekend. I hope to get back before our next Reunion to do things that made living on a simple and beautiful campus so enjoyable.”

Lisa also enjoyed seeing Kenyon friends in Charleston this spring. **John C. Pitts**, Washington, D.C., is global head of policy at Plaid, where he advocates for open banking laws that give consumers control over their financial data. “With my wife, Mary, and our 12-year-old twins, I recently traveled to Eswatini (formerly Swaziland) to volunteer at Pasture Valley, a home for orphaned and vulnerable children. It was an incredibly rewarding experience, with amazing people in a beautiful land. While there, I managed to get away for a day to climb Sibebe, the second largest rock in the world.”

2003

Nathan P. Fergus updates, “My wife, Brittany, and I are

raising our three little boys, Jonathan (7), Colin (5) and Ian (2) in Charlotte, North Carolina. We also spend a lot of time in our original family home on Hilton Head Island. I am a partner musculoskeletal radiologist at Charlotte Radiology and truly blessed, as I love what I do. I am a ‘dual threat’ and also am part of the mammography department. Part of my responsibilities include reading the medical imaging for the Carolina Panthers and the new Charlotte FC soccer team. Having a blast coaching Little League and first-grade soccer.”

Cynthia Harrigan was promoted to VP of compliance, evaluations and outcomes for the YWCA of Greater Cleveland, overseeing compliance adherence for all social service programs, budgets, data collection and reporting. She also supports the development and implementation of new programming and works directly with the board of directors on programming.

Kelly B. (Gallagher) Junker and Parke Junker report that after 17 years as a clinical pharmacist with the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Kelly is now a director of field medical outcomes and analytics with Pfizer. On the home front, she and Parke “spend their days trying to keep their three kids off of YouTube.”

Rose N. (Talbert) Meiri, Winnetka, California, writes, “Since last we met, I acquired a second 12-foot skeleton, had two watercolors featured in a local art show, took up ceramics and hand-painted 157 watercolor postcards to send out to friends

on Valentine’s Day.”

Ian S. Tuttle is a photographer now living in San Francisco with his wife and two kids. “I’ve been re-reading some favorite literature from our Kenyon days. Just finished ‘Moby-Dick,’ and it was even better this time around. My daughter particularly loves ‘A Midsummer Night’s Dream.’ It’s been really nice to revisit these classics and remember sunny days in Adirondack chairs or late nights in the library, along with classes and discussions. Part of me thinks college was wasted on our youth!”

2004

Whitney H. Brown, Port Orchard, Washington,

“It’s made possible by my more flexible schedule, now working remotely at the Thich Nhat Hanh Foundation, the most nourishing work environment I’ve ever experienced,” she writes. “On another note, the sheep say ‘hi’ — and ‘please feed us, our hay rack is only 3/4 full.’”

Joseph D. Craig was named department chair of economics at the University of Colorado — Colorado Springs as well as director of the UCCS Economic Forum housed in the College of Business. “Met the love of my life, Bethany Liefer, three years ago, and have moved in with her and her three girls: Emily (11), Anna (8) and

“I’m awash in thought-provoking conversations about what it takes to build a ‘good and just’ society.”

— **Kate Griffin ’99**, on her new job working at the Aspen Institute

and her husband, Jeff, welcomed baby Laurel in October. Big brother Alder (3) is “surprisingly smitten,” she beams. Whitney works as a mixed animal veterinarian outside Seattle and “is enjoying the best of the Pacific Northwest.”

Katie (Jackson) Cannon enjoys teaching fiber arts at the Kenyon Craft Center. She loves sharing this passion with new people and has demonstrated historical spinning techniques to a few academic classes.

Aurelia (6). Couldn’t be happier!”

Michael D. DeLay, Grants Pass, Oregon, updates, “In addition to doing the DemystifySci podcast with my wife, Anastasia, I’ve begun a lecturing professorship in astronomy at Southern Oregon University. I also continue to perform and record music (found everywhere @ Shilo Delay).”

Leeman T. Kessler reports, “I had a great meeting in my mayor’s office with two seniors doing an IPHS seminar who wanted

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to know about how Gambier was updating its zoning code and the impact it would have. Before getting any useful information, however, they indulged me by letting me talk about my own experience taking IPHS as a first-year back in 2000. It's remarkable how much connects us over the last two decades despite all the changes we've seen." **Claire M. (Larson) Long** and her husband moved from Atlanta back to Ohio. "My husband, David, accepted the head of school position at the Miami Valley School in Dayton, where I started my teaching career right after graduating! We are so excited for our three kids to attend MVS and to be closer to family." **Taryn A. Myers** was promoted to full professor of psychology at Virginia Wesleyan University and rotated back into chairing the department. "In addition, I now chair our committee on advancement and tenure," she adds. "I also began a position as the chair of special interest groups with the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapy." **Xander CM Piper** and his husband, Andrew, welcomed Cora Piper-Scudder, "a beautiful baby girl," into their

family in San Francisco. **Daniel S. Scharff** moved to Santa Monica, California, where he's the CEO of Machu Picchu Energy, "a craft organic energy-drink company with a strong Do Good mission." **Sarah (Meadow) Walsh** began working as an elementary school librarian with Montgomery County Public Schools in Maryland. "Technically I'm the long-term substitute for now, but very much hoping to become the permanent librarian in the fall! It's especially convenient to be working for the same school system where daughter Ziva is in third grade." Husband **Eamon Z. Walsh '02** is still working for a military contractor as a submarine navigation analyst, and their animals "continue to keep them busy and entertained," she adds. "Bartholomew, the family's blue-tongued skink, is now happily ensconced as the official Library Lizard, and is a terrific reptile ambassador." **Pamela M. Waldman** notes, "My family and I moved to Richmond, Virginia, during COVID and absolutely love it. After having spent my entire life in NYC, the change of pace is quite welcome! I work remotely for a

data science company based out of Paris, so my mornings are busy but afternoons are light. Our two children are thriving, and although my daughter will likely never be a Spence girl, I do try to instill the values I still keep."

2005

Andrew S. Koch, Lafayette, Colorado, sends greetings. "Still working as a hospitalist, and Colleen practices law, both of us in Denver. Cece (6) finished kindergarten, and Georgia turned 4. Just had the realization that they are both closer to attending college than I am from graduating. What?!" **Sandra R. (Henry) Norris**, Jacksonville, Florida, updates, "Feb. 28 was Rare Disease Awareness Day, and our son Roman's non-leap year birthday. He recently had surgery to correct his scoliosis due to his infantile neuro-axonal dystrophy, a rare, inherited disorder of the body's nervous system that causes a loss of vision, muscular control and mental skills. Roman has been through a lot in seven years but continues to be the strong lion for which he is named." Sandra reported him home recovering and, hopefully, back in school soon. "I hope his

story helps to spread awareness and lead to an eventual cure. Please help spread the word. Denzel turned 10 in May, and Kenji starts pre-K in the fall. Joe re-enlisted for another four years, so we're still doing the Navy thing. I continue to nerd about, doing various crafts and exploring hobbies." **Joseph A. Mallin**, Cleveland, completing his 15th year as a special educator, notes, "I regularly share the David Foster Wallace commencement speech with my students. I will always be grateful for that gift of choice in how to see the world. Watching my 5- and 8-year-olds start the journey toward that same understanding is wonderful. Their enrichment and care consume a great deal of my energy and capital. I'm sure you empathize. My union membership as a public servant and educator affords the consistency and respect needed to parent well and choose how to live my life. It is a privilege as powerful as the education I earned at Kenyon, a level of privilege deserved by all. Please consider supporting Kenyon's student workers in their organization efforts." **Benjamin C. Mason** still resides in Napa, California, with girlfriend Lauren and their dog, Max. "For the last two years I've been the hospitality manager at Etude Wines," he updates. **Cara P. (Himmelfarb) Mcilwaine** and husband Patrick live in "uppermost Manhattan," where they welcomed second daughter Beatrice Turnbull Mcilwaine on Nov. 27, she updates. "She joins big sister Siobhan in completing

our little cheesy family — because both I and my husband work for Murray's Cheese. Happy to host alumni for cheese-focused events in person in NYC or virtually, nationwide." **Tristram B. Warkentin** lives in Palo Alto, California, and works on AI Research at Google Brain. "It's been a wild time for AI!" he observes. "I actually named Google Bard. I get to work on fun projects like LaMDA, Imagen, Parti, Phenaki, Text-to-Video, Text-to-3D and so much more."

2006

Jack A. Cerchiara updates, "I finished my Ph.D. in biology at the University of Washington in 2015 and continued there as a research fellow for the next four years. To unwind in off hours, I began to delve into woodworking, making pieces for my family and friends. In February 2020, I left my science career to open Salish Sea Woodworks full time, building fine hardwood furniture. It has been a wild ride, but incredibly rewarding. I couldn't have done it without the support of my wife, Brooke, and we've been honored to have our work featured in furniture and design magazines." It's Jack's 10th season as head coach of UW men's lacrosse, and their daughter, Mia Oak, born in fall 2021, is now a "wonderful, hilarious and exhausting toddler." **Katherine E. Czarniecki**, St. Paul, Minnesota, reports, "Living the dream with my better half and our 5- and 7-year-old wildings. After about a decade leading

"It is raining as I type this, and the earth and rain smell marvelous. It is this smell that ties me to this patch of earth."

— **Cheshe M. Dow '02**, in an update from Botswana

engagement in art museums, I pivoted to publishing, where I've been engaging readers and building community at Milkweed Editions. Obviously, I've been thinking a lot about my Kenyon experience as an English major (shout out to the Exeter crew!) and wanted to share my gratitude for you all and the entire KC community." **Joanna M. Gohmann** and husband Jon moved to the suburbs of Washington, D.C., and now live "just over the line in Bethesda, Maryland, with our two creative, energetic kiddos, Alex (5) and George (2)," she informs. "I still work for the Smithsonian Institution at the National Museum of Asian Art, where I am the provenance researcher and object historian." **Abigail E. Haddad**, Washington, D.C., gave a remote talk in February for Kenyon's math department about going into data science. "If you're interested in this or some adjacent topic, get in touch." **John D. Sadoff** still runs ChessMate Tutors out of Somerville, Massachusetts, working with area schools and many private students. "I'm working on redesigning a chess curriculum for the Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth," Johnny updates. "And still running — always trying to find new trails." **Suzanne M. (Wasik) Schatz** updates, "Still happily living in New York with my wonderful husband, Brian, and daughters Eleanor (4) and Caroline (2), trying to avoid stepping on unreasonably pointy toys. When I'm not making awkward small talk with other

moms at school pickup, I'm plotting the next visit with my soulmate **Sarah Cooley Trinkle** (sorry, Brian). I started teaching graduate students in the School of Education at Queens College a few years back, and this semester also taught a course at Adelphi University." **Kaitlin Skilken**, Denver, a private chef, was married last year and welcomed a baby boy in February. "We are over the moon." **C. Hayes Wong**, Gallup, New Mexico, shares, "Quentin and I moved here almost three years ago and love the Southwest landscape. I work with the Indian Health Service and split my time as an emergency physician and chief of staff of the hospital. Last June, we celebrated the birth of our daughter, Maya, and have relished our new life as a family of three. We are gearing up for another celebration with our wedding in France, near Quentin's hometown, in July."

2007

Lacey A. "Aerin" Einstein-Curtis and her partner, Joshua, moved to Batavia, Illinois, "just in time to welcome our first child, Benedict, who was born in November," she informs. **Laura (Griffith) Machado**, her husband, Dave, and their boys Henry (7) and Simon (3) live in San Jose, California, she reports. "I work as a psychologist but spend most of my time trying to make good family memories and participate in our school and neighborhood communities." **Brendan I. McCarthy** and his wife, Colby, Chevy Chase, Maryland, welcomed a new baby in

late October, "bringing the household count to one boy, one girl and one dog (the largest of the three) — all under age three," he updates. In between chasing the kids and the dog, Brendan heads the real estate group at Morgan Stanley's ESG shop, Calvert Research and Management. **Claire E. Navarro** welcomed second child Eliot to the family in 2022. "I spend most of my time

another group in the next few years. Hoping to work toward my master's; started the application process through Middlebury." Hannah's daughter is 10. **Elliot P. Forhan** began a two-year term in the Ohio House of Representatives, representing a district in eastern Cuyahoga County. "Thanks to the fellow alums, former teachers and other members of the college

Daniel I. Leeds, Brooklyn, New York, updates, "I spent the past year producing the documentary series 'Gutsy' for Apple TV+ with Hillary and Chelsea Clinton. It took me all over — from NYC to LA to Arkansas and Paris — but unfortunately not Gambier. Maybe Season Two?" **Karen E. (Singerman) Martin** is more than halfway done studying to become a rabbi and will

"Part of me thinks college was wasted on our youth!"

— **Ian S. Tuttle '03**, who has been re-reading books he read at Kenyon, while reminiscing about "sunny days in Adirondack chairs"

chasing him around or building fairy houses with 4-year-old daughter Quinn," she writes. "I also recently switched jobs at my longtime employer, Washington University in St. Louis, and now work full-time on Washington Magazine." **Lauren C. Ostberg** and **Benjamin F. Taylor** are in Hadley, Massachusetts, where Ben plays ultimate frisbee — "Go Team Radish! Winter League runners-up!" — and Lauren writes essays under a pseudonym.

2008

Hannah O. (Drummond) Claire, a Spanish teacher at a public high school in Windsor, Vermont, took 11 students to Costa Rica. "Many of them had never left Vermont, let alone the country," she informs. "It was a wonderful time, and many now have higher goals and aspirations. I look forward to taking

community who supported our campaign last year." **M. Craig Getting**, Philadelphia, and his wife, Laura, welcomed a son in October. "Simon's had a wonderful first few months: meeting friends and family, cheering on the Philadelphia Phillies and Eagles, and generally being a happy little guy," Craig reports. **Andrew G. Irvin** marked a decade in Fiji developing climate-change policy for countries across the Pacific. "In 2023, I start my Ph.D. at University of Melbourne, where I've received a scholarship and an advance to write a near-future hard sci-fi short-story collection. My wife and I finally got a commercial kitchen up and running for her business, alongside a U.S. Embassy-funded art center, where I've led a creative writing course. Our son turned 9, and our twins are now somehow teenagers."

graduate from Hebrew Union College in May 2025. She and **Stewart H. Martin '06** live in Cincinnati with their two sons. **Elly Deutch Moody** and husband Brent welcomed second daughter Kira in November. "She is a happy, healthy baby, and big sister Maya (3) loves her immensely!" Elly shares. The family resides in Elly's hometown of Evanston, Illinois, where they hope to find their forever home this year. **Nicholas D. O'Brien** lives with his girlfriend in Albuquerque, New Mexico, a place he "never thought he'd be but enjoys quite a bit." Nick spent the last few years riding bikes and working at tech companies; he now runs his own copywriting service and is terrified of being rendered obsolete by AI. He still plays drums a lot, but misses doing it at the Horn Gallery. **Jessie L. Rubenstein**,

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Phoenix, is the religious school director at a Reform synagogue in Tempe, Arizona. "My wife, Xan, is now a journeyman electrician. Helena (7) and Leon (3) are doing well in school and day care and are full of smiles!" **Amy L. Zimmerman** and **Sean P. Stewart '07** live in Denver with daughter Georgia (2.5) and a French bulldog,

of gigs under their new moniker, Shenandoah Cabaret. **Eric M. Dunn** married Donovan Dyson in August. In November, they adopted a dog, Rubus, named after a delicious Zinfandel, he reports. He and his husband purchased a home outside of Washington, D.C., where they "plan on making many happy memories together," he updates.

storm in excitement for Emma's debut book, 'At Sea'!" **Nicholas M. Lyons** traveled to Los Angeles in February to see **Max D. Reisman**. "We were lucky enough to meet up with a few more alums at the Dresden (the bar in the film 'Swingers')." As a recently divorced individual, my advice to everyone is find someone who looks at you the way **Drew H. Miller '10** looks at **Adam M. Toltzis '10**. Great to see Kenyon people everywhere!" **Elizabeth K. (Gottschalk) Miller** and **Timothy S. Miller '08** live in Boca Raton, Florida, where Elizabeth now runs a library.

Jason Yonge on Nov. 19. Attending the wedding were **Carolyn M. Barer**, **David M. Black** and **Diana (Ruskin) Black**, **Grace E. Lee** and **Christina M. (Kucher) Penderghest**.

2010s

2010
Ryan B. Ackerman and their wife, Jaiden, had a baby this year. "Welcome to the world, Nova Elowynn Ackerman!" they update. **Saskia E. (Leeds) Dunadair** was married March 22, 2023. "Shortly after the wedding, we moved out of D.C. to a small artistic community in Virginia! After three years at the African Wildlife Foundation, I was offered an opportunity with USA for UNHCR, and my first six months have been excellent." **Tracey E. Farris** married Christopher Kincheloe, her "quarantine partner," in April. "We live in Louisville, Kentucky, where I teach," she relates. **Sasha Grumman**, Houston, has been busy building two businesses. "My private chef business blossomed into so many new adventures. I have taken on consulting opportunities, worked with daily private clients, and my work even took me to Aspen, Colorado, for two weeks over Christmas. I also have my focaccia business called Sasha's Focaccia, and we are making some big moves this year — stay tuned! Otherwise, happily living with my sweet chocolate lab, Aspen, and celebrating three years booze-free!" **Tomas Piskacek** sends this comprehensive update: "I got my master's degree in economics

"I actually named Google Bard."

— **Tristram B. Warkentin '05**, who works on AI Research at Google Brain and notes that "it's been a wild time for AI!"

Thumper. "Four years here, and we never get sick of the mountains but do miss all our friends in Chicago."

2009

Alexandra P.R. Armstrong, St. Paul, Minnesota, welcomed a daughter, Marais, in September. "Big brother Lochlan (2) has had mixed feelings about it but has mostly adjusted well!" she notes. **Diana (Ruskin) Black** and **David M. Black** live in Staunton, Virginia. Dave joined the faculty of James Madison University as the digital preservation specialist for the Furious Flower Poetry Center, the nation's first academic center for Black poetry. Diana teaches kids acting and improv at Silver Line Theatre Exchange. Together with five colleagues, she created and performed a benefit cabaret to fund scholarship money for local high schoolers seeking summer enrichment programs in the performing arts. They raised over \$12K, booking a host

Priscilla A. Erickson recounts "a very Kenyon experience" around a trip to Maine to visit friends, including **Jennifer L. (Howard) McKee**. "The night before my trip, I realized that I had forgotten to book a rental car. It was a holiday weekend during peak fall foliage, so there were no rental cars available in the entire state. However, Kenyon friends to the rescue! **N. Yana (Forney) Davis '07** was able to hook me up with her neighbor's extra car. I was amazed at the kindness of a complete stranger to loan out a car — and grateful for my network of Kenyon friends to help me out in a pinch!" **Alexandra M. Lastowski** and **Andrew C. Hoagland**, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, welcomed their second child in December, a baby boy named William Michael Lastowski Hoagland. "Say that three times fast!" With **Karen Thompson**, **Meghan A. (McClincy) Gorman** and **Emma Mueller Fedor**, Alex has been "texting up a

"Y'all can just go ahead and start calling her Emperor." A professor at Florida Atlantic, Tim is trying and largely failing to detect which students' papers have been written by AI. "All three kids are thrilled to be back in school now that even the youngest is vaccinated, although not as thrilled as Mom and Dad are to have them out of the house once in a while." **Linda T. Pear** and **Daniel A. Takacs** juggle three kids and a dog while running a small Montessori school in Cambridge, Massachusetts. **Matthew M. Peck**, Chicago, celebrated his first anniversary working for the sports media company CHGO. In January, he got to go to Paris to cover a Bulls game. "Trip of a lifetime! In between work stuff, my colleagues and I had time to see some sights, eat great food and drink all the wine." **Johanna Ralsten-Cox** and **Justin M. Cox** welcomed a son, Charles Whitman Cox, on Dec. 17, 2022. **Anna M. Williams**, Lexington, South Carolina, married

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from the University of Amsterdam in 2013. After that, I worked for the Dutch central bank, McKinsey & Co. in Prague (my hometown) and as a high-school economics teacher. In 2018, I left for Asia to become a forest Buddhist monk and walk the Middle Path — not the Kenyon one this time. Since then, I have spent most of my time in a forest monastery in Malaysia practicing meditation. I am ordained in the Theravada tradition, although my main interest is early Buddhism.” **Alexandra C. Shaeffer** notes, “After living in the Midwest and East Coast for the last 15+ years, I’m returning back to the SF Bay Area for the long haul. Still working as a freelance research coach but also teaching college French and developing a fully online low-cost first-year French class that will launch this fall.” **Geoffrey C. Toy** and **Caroline Crowell ’11** moved to Anchorage, Alaska. “I work for an environmental law firm and get outside as much as possible!” **William H. Vandenberg** shares that he married Eliza van Heerden over a spectacular Labor Day weekend in Bar Harbor, Maine. “We were lucky to share the weekend with so many great friends and family from Kenyon,” he adds. “Eliza and I continue to live in NYC. We met through a mutual friend from Kenyon!” **Michelle A. von Hirschberg**, West Chester, Ohio, was promoted to director of business development at Jacobs, building its global life sciences business. “I’m excited to take on a new challenge and play a more visible

role in developing our clients,” she reports. “My 3½-year-old daughter, Ellie, recently started preschool, and it’s been amazing to watch her blossom. We look forward to traveling to Germany with her this year — our first international trip since before COVID.” **Harry F. von Kann** operates D.C. Health Coaches, a small fitness business in northwest Washington, D.C., that he cofounded in 2013 with two friends. “My wife, Julia, and I moved into a new home last year in Silver Spring. Our son Emery (2) loves exploring the local park and keeps us present.”

2011

Ayesha Akhtar welcomed second son Ayaan Noah Nehar to the family in February. “Our toddler Aidhaan is slowly learning how to share the spotlight,” she writes. “**Joseph J. Johnston ’10** and I are still based in the Bronx, New York, but sometimes we dream of moving to a rural place outside the city.” **Danielle E. Bishop** is a researcher and project manager for EU cultural and educational projects in Barcelona, Spain. “I recently had the best time catching up with **Douglas L. Wieand** over two weekends in Barcelona and Perpignan, France.” **Lauren M. Brady** met up with training partner **Hannah K. Saiz ’13** in Boston over coffee to talk about jobs. “She’s here coaching the Boston University men’s and women’s swim teams!” The pair discussed daily inspirations, their time in and out of the pool this year “and, obviously, but-terfly,” Lauren reports. “I am still working as a

pediatric intensive-care nurse at Boston Children’s Hospital.” **Elana B. Carlson** relocated to upstate New York from Martha’s Vineyard “after it was clear there was no sustainable way to run the business I started, Fantzye Bagels & Suppers,” she updates. “Also, a housing crisis, etc. I love it so far! I’m in closer proximity to many Kenyon alums. Fingers crossed, I will be opening up a brick-and-mortar location for Fantzye here in 2023.” **Margaret “Lucy” Hughes**, Seattle, updates, “I finished my doctorate in 2017, residency in orthopedic manual therapy in 2021, and specialization in pelvic health this past year. Now a pelvic floor physical therapist, I am looking into integrating mental health and somatic therapy with a focus on sexual trauma and birth trauma. I got married last year to the nerdiest man in the world. We bought a little townhouse, and this year we are expecting our first baby!” **Alison R. Lynn** married Daniel Provenzano on March 4 in Collingswood, New Jersey. Kenyon friends in attendance included **Hally J. Wolhandler** and **Remy M. Bernstein ’13**, **Susannah M. Rosenfield ’12**, **Rachel N. Oscar**, **Molly Botnick ’13** and **David J. D’Altorio ’12**, **Kelly L. McPharlin ’12**, **Rachael A. Polton** and **Emma P. Rhodes ’07**. “Perhaps most meaningfully,” she writes, “my freshman- and sophomore-year roommate **Taylor D. Lenci** was our amazing wedding photographer. Thank you, Res Life, for the best random assignment I’ve ever gotten! We’ll always

“Great to see Kenyon people everywhere!”

— **Nicholas M. Lyons ’09**, who traveled to Los Angeles to see **Max D. Reisman**, where they met up with a few more alumni at the Dresden (the bar in the film “Swingers”)

have McBride 215.” **Sam Mashaw** graduated with an M.S.W. from Smith School for Social Work in August and is a clinical social worker supporting clients via telehealth in Connecticut. **Casey E. McKone** loves life in Cleveland. “From beers with fellow Kenyon grads, working as a nurse practitioner, fixing up my house and playing with my dog ... life off the Hill continues to be full of possibility!” **Lindsay C. Means** and **Chad M. Kurylo** moved to Salem, Massachusetts. “We got married in California in March 2022, surrounded by many Kenyon friends.” **Lindsay** is events manager at Beacon Hill Books in Boston — “Kenyon authors, please reach out!” — and **Chad** works with life sciences companies, large and small. **James D. Miller** sends Samoan greetings from the South Pacific. “*Talofa!* I am currently serving as an assistant attorney general for American Samoa in Pago Pago, where I act as general counsel for several government departments, including homeland security, port administration and procurement. Should your travels take you to the Southern Hemisphere, please look me up and I would be delighted

to show you how to husk a coconut!” **Laura A. Paul** is about to move from Delaware to Durham, North Carolina. “In July 2022, I started a new job as a research agricultural economist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Economic Research Service. It’s fully remote.” **Ryan J. Poh** married Shannon Blyth in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, in November. “Was honored to have **Brandon M. Ventling**, **Beau R. Calcei**, **Mark P. Sullivan** and **Miguel E. Barrera** standing next to me.” **Melanie J. (Papai) Szucs**, Grand Rapids, Michigan, started her own counseling practice. “It is exciting and scary, but a good next step in my career.” **MaryElise Topp**, Austinburg, Ohio, announces “the addition of a human baby to our goat farm! Baby Maya was born peacefully at home on Jan. 14. As the newest resident of Purple Goat Gardens, she joins our six dogs, 42 goats — including 12 kids born this spring! — and more than 50 chickens. Always a lot going on, but snuggling baby goats — and now, cuddling a baby baby — makes it all worth it!” **Peyton L. Ward** and **James C. Hatzopoulos ’10**, Castro Valley, California, welcomed their first child, Lawrence, in November.

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2012

Paul B. Bisagni updates, "I don't have a boyfriend, but I have a mortgage! I moved to New York City in June 2022 and bought an apartment in Washington Heights in January. I also started working as an editor for a research center at Teachers College, Columbia." **Mallory B. Ewer-Speck** moved to Hanoi, Vietnam, becoming the sustainability manager for an integrated travel group. She graduated from IE Business School in Madrid with an international M.B.A. and spent last fall on an extension exchange at Dartmouth's Tuck School of Business, "where I enjoyed pretending to be a hockey player," Mallory quips. **Zack G. Goldberg**, New York City, notes, "In 2022 I hung up my suit and left my corporate job to become a voting-rights attorney doing pro bono work full-time at a new nonprofit, States United Democracy Center." **Noa A. Heinrich** married her partner of several years and works as a software developer in Chicago. **Amelia D. McClure**, husband Mark Dunbar and daughter Charlotte moved from downtown Indianapolis to Eagle Creek, "a community built around a beautiful reservoir and one of the nation's largest urban parks," she updates. "In January, I was appointed vice president at the Corydon Group, Indianapolis' largest independent public affairs and strategic communications firm. I remain the executive director of the Hoosier State Press Association, representing

newspapers across the state." **Alexandra M. Patterson** passed her comprehensive exams for her Ed.D. at Johns Hopkins and is now focused on completing her dissertation, "LGBT+ student belonging at boarding schools," which she hopes to finish in 2023. Meanwhile, she's a section lead for a new course in the English department at Mercersburg (Pennsylvania) Academy. **Madli Rohtla** sends greetings from Budapest. "I have been here since 2021, first completing a master's program in environmental economics, then starting to work in energy management. If anyone is in a similar field and interested to exchange experiences, do get in touch!" **Tyler W. Schatz** is an assistant coach of UNC-Charlotte's women's soccer team. "And I just got engaged!" he cheers. "I will be visiting campus for a quick drive-by in June while on summer tour with Dead and Co. It'll be my first time back in seven or eight years." **Alyssa N. Van Denburg**, Chicago, is completing her NCI-funded postdoctoral fellowship at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, where she focuses on behavioral interventions for pain and symptom management. She will move into new roles as a psychologist in the Pain Management Center at Shirley Ryan AbilityLab and an assistant professor of physical medicine and rehabilitation. **Abigail H. Westcott** married Matt Stauffer last summer in Vermont with "a solid Kenyon crew in

attendance," she writes, including **William M. Heus**, **Henley C. Cox**, **Sewell S. (Robinson) Bourneuf**, **Emily E. Nichols '13**, **Katrina S. "Trina" Rennie '11**, **Jordan L. Ohanesian**, **Virginia Koebley** and **Monty Graham**. "A month after the wedding, my husband and I moved from Boston to Charlottesville, Virginia. So happy here!" **Nicolyn V. Woodcock** is back in Ohio after three years away. "In January, I started as director of the Asian and Native American Center at Wright State University. And had a chance encounter with **Tristan Neviska '13** in downtown Dayton!" she writes. Nicolyn serves on Alumni Council and in the Alumni of Color Mentoring program.

2013

Robert A. Angell IV works as a narrative lead at an indie video game studio in Burbank, California. Their second tattoo (a quill pen with purple ink) has finally healed, and they can't stop staring at it! Last month Shakes on the Rocks, the Shakespeare-in-a-bar troupe they work with as an actor and associate producer, enjoyed a sold-out show at their new home in the Roguelike Tavern. Robby continues to publish a short story annually as part of the Slightly Unsettling Stories anthology. **Thomas P. Brown**, Silver Spring, Maryland, missed seeing you at the Reunion but is excited to relay why: At the time of this writing, Tommy and his wife were expecting their first baby in June. "Having fun thinking of names — I'm told Philander is a

nonstarter." **Emma R. DeVanzo** quit her job of over nine years to take a mini-sabbatical and get a fresh start. "My daughter Madison turned 1 and is full of energy and laughs." **Charlotte S. Graham** updates, "About a year ago, I left Ohio with my partner, Connor, and our cat Oaki to move back home to Massachusetts. Although I was really sad to leave dear friends — including **Madeline A. Jobrack**, **Daniela N. Edmeier '15**, **Elizabeth G. "Libby" Panhorst** and **Colleen M. Damerell** — it's great to be back on the East Coast." Charlotte celebrated her 32nd birthday at the Isabella Stewart Gardiner Museum with first-year roommate **Elizabeth A. "Lizzie" Leonard '13**. "At the city of Somerville, I'm a proud union member," she adds. "I wholeheartedly support the Kenyon Student Workers Organizing Committee and urge the College to come to the bargaining table." **Daniel Harrison** announces, "Baby number two arrived in January! Mia and Max have already established themselves as great pals who nonetheless require supervision at all times. As I write this, I would categorize my sleep as 'inadequate' and 'unsatisfactory,' but otherwise all is well. Back to work — tech company in Madison, Wisconsin — and playing disc golf as much as possible." **Jeremiah J. "JJ" Jemison** and his wife, Mandy, celebrated the second birthday of "healthy, handsome, rambunctious" son Jalen. The couple built a home 15 minutes

from campus, deepening their Knox County roots. "I am currently in my sixth year of serving our alma mater in a professional capacity (admissions)," JJ writes, "and plan on continuing to devote a big piece of myself to this community that has done so much for me." **John T. "Jack" Krzeminski**, Medford, Oregon, started his own business after eight years in food manufacturing. "On Jan. 2, 2023, I launched my first product: Stella Vanilla Tahitian Vanilla Bean Powder. If you want to support my venture, visit Stella-Vanilla.com." **Kendra J. Lechtenberg** returned to her hometown of Fort Collins, Colorado. "Realized one of my greatest dreams — moving to a place where I can afford a yard for my dog." Kendra works for a local biotech startup. "Reconnecting with friends and family here has been sweet!" **Ronald A. Maheia**, Shorewood, Wisconsin, recounts his decade since leaving "that beautiful campus atop a hill." A fellowship at Anatolia College took him to Thessaloniki, Greece, an educational experience that "snowballed into a passion to serve young people," he writes. In Milwaukee, as a City Year AmeriCorps member, he tutored, mentored and supported ninth-graders academically and social-emotionally. He became a special education teacher, then a school administrator, and is now district administrator as director of talent and human resources at Carmen Schools of Science and Technology. "I love working with young

people. Connecting with students, I'm reminded of what's possible when we provide high-quality equitable educational opportunities. I've also been able to increase my volunteer service to the College, currently seated on the Alumni Council — thanks to all who nominated me!"

Rachel K. Max reports, "After nine years in San Diego, I'm moving back east to Washington, D.C., with my husband this June." **Brittney S. Miles** finished her year as Kenyon's Marilyn Yarbrough Fellow in Sociology and graduated with her Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Cincinnati. This fall, she will be a tenure-track assistant professor of sociology at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. **Cassandra Miller** updates, "Turns out I'm trans and a total smoke show now! Gender-affirming care is lifesaving." **Tristan J. Neviska** moved on from Kenyon last July to become director of alumni and external relations at Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio, whose alumni include Coretta Scott King and Rod Serling, creator of "The Twilight Zone." "Among the alumni I've actually met?" Tristan writes. "A whole lot of Kenyon parents!" Tristan and his partner live in Dayton. **Tess M. Waggoner** completed their master's in Near Eastern studies at the Hagop Kevorkian Center at NYU and will pursue their Ph.D. in Middle Eastern and Islamic studies at NYU come fall. Tess joined former students of Professor Vernon Schubel — including **Max J. Dugan '14**, **Henry D. Brill**

'19, Holly Donahue Singh '00 and **Kate Blanchard '92** — as a contributor to a new book, edited by **Edward Curtis IV '93**, published by Columbia University Press in July 2023.

2014

Zolzaya "Zoey" Erdenebileg lives in Toronto after finishing her masters at U. of T. **Regan D. Fink**, Asheville, North Carolina, bicycles to her dream job. "I'm working in regulatory affairs at Pine Gate Renewables. I had no idea what I'd want to do after Kenyon, but now it's feeling pretty close to what I was hoping for." **Jonathan I. Green** joined the Department of Political Science at Duke University as an assistant professor. **Addisu S. Hodes**, Washington, D.C., occasionally runs into Kenyon folks, including **Anna M. Yie** twice — once in D.C., where she made him run excessively (which he hasn't forgiven her for), and again in Boston, where he provided her with much valuable gossip and rumors. **Simon M. Hoellerbauer** completed his Ph.D. in political science at UNC-Chapel Hill and is now a postdoc in data science at Vassar, helping get its data science and society program up and running. **David J. Hoyt** took a position at the Aspen Music Festival in Colorado. After completing his master's in arts administration at Ohio University, he is sad to leave Gambier (again) after seven years working in Kenyon communications. **Michael T. Kengmana**, New York City, has been "listening to the new Boygenius songs and

"I don't have a boyfriend, but I have a mortgage!"

— **Paul B. Bisagni '12**, on buying an apartment in Washington Heights in New York City in January

wondering if **Joseph S. Wun** has been crying his eyes out in joy" as much as Michael has while listening to them. Michael has also been "experimenting with different forms of letting oats and other grains sit overnight in a pool of creamy liquid and is really learning a lot," he reports. He hopes Joseph is making lots of friends in medical school and wants to know what snacks Joseph takes to school every day. **Darci K. (Marcum) Kern** updates, "Venturing into the world of knitwear design and working as a speech pathologist in St. Louis!" **Christopher P. King** practices general dentistry in Upper Arlington, Ohio, after graduating from Ohio State's College of Dentistry in 2020. **Kelsey A. Kiser**, Brooklyn, New York, reports on the 12th annual Love Hurts party, "which originated in a New Apartment our junior year!" Attendees from '14 included **Ally Bruschi**, **Lucy A. Phillips**, **Sydney A. Fishman**, **Natalie C. Margolin**, **Rebecca L. Frisch** and **Sydney "Jill" Watnick**. "Consider this your invitation to join us next year in NYC!" **Molly R. McCleary**, Boston, celebrated the third annual Corndog's Eve with pals **Olivia L. Sabik**, **Anna M. Yie**, **Tracy M. Curtin**, **Claire**

R. Dutton, **Margaret J. (Higby) Ericksen '12**, **Meghan E. Henshall '12** and **Nicholas T. Hargreaves-Heald '12**. "As you may expect," she annotates, "Corndog's Eve is a holiday born from pandemic madness, featuring friends, costumes, lawn games, reimagined song lyrics and other silliness." Molly also harasses **Ffej Caplan '12** on a regular basis and was lucky to spend a fun weekend with **Rebecca S. Gorin** at a Maggie Rogers concert and King Arthur baking class. **Samuel A. McQuiston**, Cherry Hill, New Jersey, and his wife welcomed their second child in April, joining "first wild child" Cecelia, born in 2021. "I now work for the Multidisciplinary Association of Psychedelic Studies," he writes, "where we are working to get MDMA-assisted therapy approved for the treatment of PTSD." **Kristina Miklavic** bought a house. "It needs a lot of work, but the view is splendid," she notes, adding that the new EP by **Jane D. Symmes '16** is "really great music to listen to when doing renovation. A high recommend." Kristina virtually attended **Anabel Yahuítl García's** Ph.D. defense. "She is now a doctor, and I'm a proud friend." **Rebecca E. Ogus** announces the birth of Richard Elliott

Nasipak-Ogus on Oct. 9. "My husband, Zach, and I decided to go with all the names — and to call him Elliott. (**R. McKinley Sherrod** is tapped to dispense future advice about going by your middle name.) McKinley and **Margaret Tilson** visited us in Baltimore to help clean out closets and hang pictures in advance of Elliott's arrival. True friends indeed! **Angela Bryan-Brown** stopped by in November for a lovely visit, which added international flair to Elliott's baking class. Sometimes I run into **Michael E. "Mike" Broida '12** and **Sarah E. Schulz '12** on the street in our neighborhood — always a delight." **Olivia L. Sabik** married Jamie Johnston at Borderland State Park in Massachusetts in September. The couple were introduced by fellow ultimate player **Daniel E. "Franz" Franz '10**, who met them both playing pickup in Charlottesville, Virginia. Olivia celebrated her bachelorette party with **Molly R. McCleary**, **Anna M. Yie**, **Claire R. Dutton**, **Tracy M. Curtin**, **Rebecca S. Gorin**, **Caroline M. Whitcomb** and **Lindsay M. Sabik '03**. With her husband and their two dogs, **Caroline M. Whitcomb** moved to Boston. **Joseph S. Wun** moved to Detroit. He is a first-year again in two important ways: as a

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medical student and as a husband, with both school and marriage starting about last July. His wife, Cassie, is a 1L at Detroit Mercy Law. Joseph works with Street Medicine Detroit, a collaborative that seeks to provide high-quality medical care for Detroit's unreached houseless population. He also wonders "how **Michael**

Wylzman Show at the Arizona Renaissance Festival and finds working creatively with **Adam D. Zaremsky** rewarding. The duo wrote and performed a second all-original sketch comedy show called "E + A's Big Dumb Show" to great success and laughter. "Book us for your next birthday party/wedding! Also, I'm looking for an

second year of orthopedic surgery residency at Emory. He is enjoying a sixth year in Atlanta, yet "fantasizes daily of moving to the Mediterranean coast of France to take cooking classes," he writes. **Hector L. Marrero** and **Iggee (Hu) Marrero**, New York City, welcomed their first child. "The boy drinks heavily and often keeps us

The Harvard neuroscience Ph.D. candidate also reports that "the fifth year of graduate school is where the money (i.e., data) is, and the suffering of the past four years could very well pay off." She is still determined to be the next Sheryl Hemkin, "but in a small liberal arts college near a decent surf break." **Isobel C. Rosenberg**, Washington, D.C., updates, "After five years in the same D.C. studio apartment and at the same D.C. consulting firm, I finally made big moves. First, about 10 minutes down the same street and into a Logan Circle apartment with my boyfriend, Josh. I also started a new job at Slalom Consulting. Both the cohabitation and the new job are going really well! I loved catching up with so many friends at the ongoing stream of Kenyon weddings in 2022 and I can't wait to continue the trend in 2023!" **Alexander J. Urist** lives in Brooklyn, New York, heading up business development for XCharge North America, a manufacturer of EV charging solutions, a company Alex helped create.

2016
Claire I. Berman, now working as the mechanical engineering librarian at MIT, avows: "Just goes to show you can take Econ for your QA and Psych for your science requirements and still somehow end up working in STEM." **Anna R. Garnitz** left Washington, D.C., moving to Brooklyn, New York, with her boyfriend. Promoted to vice president at JPMorgan Chase, she works under DEI to expand

venture capital access for women founders and runs a business coaching program that supports women entrepreneurs. "I love seeing **Margaret L. Stohlman** and **Sruthi P. Rao** all the time in Brooklyn!" **Katie Goldman** and **Joseph W. Bates IV** are engaged. "We celebrated this happy occasion with family and friends (some of whom are also Kenyon alumni!)." **Elna Z.A. McIntosh**, still at the Challenger Middle School library in Colorado Springs, still working on her comics, is job-hunting. "If you have any library/publishing/digital humanities connections, hit me up," she writes. "I got a painting accepted to an online gallery!" **Stewart R. Pollock**, New York City, "passed the bar exam, got engaged and caught COVID — all within an approximately three-week period. Two out of three ain't bad!" **Manjul Bhusal Sharma** and **Julie Bhusal Sharma '15** update, "In season seven of 'Manjulie' we see the couple make a somewhat unexpected move to New York, as Manjul takes a new job with Citadel. Working from home, Julie makes an appearance or two on CNBC and Bloomberg TV every quarter. When she is not busy giving quotes to the Wall Street Journal, Julie enjoys her Central Park promenades. The couple live on the Upper West Side facing the famous music school called 'Julie-Yard.' Keep watching to find out what happens in the season finale."

2017
Emily T. Balber completed her NYU

"I would categorize my sleep as 'inadequate' and 'unsatisfactory,' but otherwise all is well."

— **Daniel Harrison '13**, summing up life after the birth of his second child

T. Kengmana has been enjoying walks down by the docks, picking things up, and also wants to know if Michael has tried any new snack ideas involving legumes lately." Last but not least, **Anna M. Yie** moved to Boston in 2020 and has been enjoying living within walking distance of first-year hallmate **Molly R. McCleary**, as well as the rest of the frisbee and corndog crew. She would like to take this opportunity to say that her parents were correct: She has never gone to a nicer gym than the KAC. Also, she misses Peirce.

2015
Avery Anderson updates, "Finally going to set down roots in Colorado." After finishing his Ph.D. at Ohio State, he is an assistant faculty member at the University of Colorado College of Nursing. **Elliot L. Cromer** continues performing with the

affordable apartment or house in Yellow Springs, Ohio, to live in with my five-year partner, Jules." **Logan L. Ernst** and his wife, Hannah, will move to Boston after he finishes his last year of anesthesiology residency at Ohio State this summer. He will train in critical care anesthesiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. **Kerry M. Kennedy** and **John M. Murphree** married in Buffalo, New York, last November, "nearly 10 years after our first late-night conversations in Hayes Hall." Kenyon loved ones traveled from as nearby as Cleveland to as far away as Hawaii, Paris and Prague. The couple reside in Long Beach, California. **Mary Frazier (Greene) Lind** and **Peter G. Lind** welcomed a son, Anders, in September. "Enjoying life in Chicago as a family of four. (Willa the Weimaraner is not to be forgotten!)" **Wesley J. Manz** survived his

awake," Hector writes. "He has doubled in size over the course of his first two months and is beginning to speak in grunts and coos. I am split within myself, wishing both that he would be grown and independent, and on the other hand wishing he would never change." **Colin J. McMahon** bought a house in Berkley, Michigan, outside Detroit. "Keeping busy in residency for emergency medicine in Detroit." **Olubusola O. Olukoya** sends this lovely note: "Busola would like to offer a public thank you to **Edgar F. Arceo** for updating us all on the presence of her summer science 2014 crush, **Samuel A. Justice**, in Boston. Due to Edgar's update in the spring 2022 Class Notes, Sam and Busola were reunited and began an unexpected romance, with Sam visiting Nigeria last October to meet Busola's parents!"

master's in art therapy and "is currently living her best life as a Live2D rigger and mentor," she updates. She, husband Gurpreet, two dogs and two cats live in Brooklyn. Thanks to pandemic delays, Emily and Preet will travel to India for their third marriage celebration and she'll meet his side of the family for the first time. **Daniel R. Cebul** finished five years of "bouncing around jobs in D.C.," he writes, and started a Ph.D. in political science at MIT. "Kenyon definitely prepared me well for the academic rigors of graduate school," he notes, "but I would trade the tech hellscape that is MIT's campus for the beauty of the Hill in a millisecond. My courses focus on emerging technology and national security (nuclear delivery systems, drones, cyber, AI, etc.), along with a healthy dose of statistics and, as one professor often says, 'basic matrix algebra.'" **Theresa A. Chmiel** sends heaps of news: "Last fall, I got engaged to my boyfriend of five years, and in December I graduated with my Ph.D. in physics from the University of Chicago. By January I had moved to Minneapolis and started teaching physics lab classes at the University of Minnesota. I've been loving the city and new job." **Katherine L. Connolly** writes, "This past year, **Megan E. Otto** and I made a podcast in which we watch 'Dune: Part 1,' 10 minutes at a time. It's called 'Pod Is the Cast Killer.' We love it so much we made a spinoff podcast, where we consult with **Alexander G. Kirshy**

about how the podcast is going, and those episodes are closer to an hour. Stay tuned for many more appearances by Kenyon alums you know and love." **Derek S. Foret** shares that he "has no recent successes of his own" to note but is happy to report that **Emily A. Davis '19** not only won the 2022 Andrew W. Marshall Paper Prize but also was named an America in the World Consortium pre-doctoral fellow for 2023–24. Derek observes that her recent successes have made his lifestyle slightly more opulent; he now uses Dawn EZ-Squeeze while cleaning the dishes. **Benjamin F. Grannis** continues growing his #EyesUp business with the goals of ending distracted driving, promoting digital wellness and encouraging young people to follow their dreams. "I have been fortunate to connect with **Christopher J. Stevens** on Broadway, **Caroline W. Borders '16** and **Alexander G. Koch '15** on Maui, and **Samuel W. Adams '81** on Zoom for some business mentoring. Let's give **Mason A. McCool** a big round of applause for completing his dissertation and defense for his Ph.D.!" **Alexandra J. Hansen** is having an exciting year. "In January, I wrapped up my fourth season in Antarctica as a guide and polar historian aboard small expedition ships. My next expedition is across the South Atlantic, up the East Coast of Africa and into the Mediterranean. My fiancé, Denis, and I are enjoying traveling the world together and will be getting married in 2024! Yay!"

Morgan C. Harden earned her M.B.A. from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business — and then "did something she never imagined": She moved back to Ohio. Morgan works for Procter & Gamble as a senior brand manager. **Sinika I. Martin-Gonzalez** is finishing her master's of library science at Queens College in New York. "It can definitely be a challenge!" she informs. **Graham H. Reid** defended his Ph.D. in atomic physics from the University of Maryland.

2018
Lukas C. Calcei and his

philosophy. Graeme works in electronic trading and is happy to discuss capital markets. "Or if you simply want a friend to greet you with the same smile you'd see on Middle Path, I'm happy to take your call or email." At the NYC February Phling, he adds, many alums joined in honoring former President Sean Decatur for his service to Kenyon and wishing him well in his new role overseeing the American Museum of Natural History. **Hannah E. Weingold** and **Alexander G. Freidinger '20**, Chicago, became engaged and are

is "learning to Boulder with **Conner A. McEldowney**, and I have accepted that I'm a morning person," she notes. She and **Michael J. Lahanas-Calderón** recently bought their cat a heated blanket. "She's never been happier. Life in Berkeley, California, is good!" **Marylou E. "Molly" Cox** ran an after-school program for refugee youth through Soccer Without Borders in Baltimore for the last two years. "I loved working directly with refugee middle schoolers and putting my IS degree and Arabic minor to use every day!" she notes.

"I now work for the Multidisciplinary Association of Psychedelic Studies."

— **Samuel A. McQuiston '14**, on working to get MDMA-assisted therapy approved for the treatment of PTSD

wife, Annie, moved to Hudson, Ohio, and had their first child in April. Luke joined a dental practice in Hudson and began his career as a general dentist. **Natalie S. Kane** moved over to Manhattan, where she works as a freelance theater director and dramaturge. **Maya E.L. Lowenstein**, Toronto, finished her first year of graduate school, pursuing a master's of information and hoping to work in user experience design. **Graeme K.P. Taylor** has relocated east after living in Austin, Texas, watching **Evan C. Gee**, **Derek S. Foret '17** and **Emily A. Davis '19** pursue their Ph.Ds in political

busy with wedding planning. "We met through Kenyon rugby almost seven years ago." Hannah works full time while pursuing her M.B.A. at Northwestern Kellogg, and Alex is in his third year of medical school.

2019
Adam J. Aluzri, writes, "In honor of being kicked off my parents' health insurance, I've decided to no longer get sick. This includes no longer breaking my fingers by leaping full-speed off that ledge near Caples. Thanks to all my friends for supporting me through this difficult decision." **Isabella R. Blofeld**

"However, I'm excited to gain a new set of skills in July, when I start an M.P.A. program at Syracuse University, focusing on managing government and international nonprofit programs." **Emily A. Davis**, Austin, Texas, "has become slightly less of an indoor kid, as she has been dating known frat star and theater debutant **Derek S. Foret '17** for the past three years," she writes. "To her parents' shock, she now occasionally agrees to go out twice in one weekend." **Taajudeen Y. Davis** reports, "I am still educating, still creating. **Herbert S. Wakefield IV** and I have now published

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over 30 episodes of 'The NuBlack Podcast' — including one with President Decatur. If you've been listening, we are incredibly grateful, and if you have not been listening, we hope you consider checking us out!" Taaj also released a third album, "Highly Educated," on major streaming platforms. **Taylor A. Hazan**, after moving in with her

skills from intro bio lab back to use, and it feels right," Jess informs, "although modeling carbon cycling is significantly more difficult than any nonsensical intro chem ALEKS would have had us believe." **Erica M. Littlejohn**, Chicago, completed her master's of fine art in fiber and material studies at the School

"The ceremony was followed by a heart-healthy helping of steak and bubbles." **Jacob H. Skolnik** passed the Illinois bar exam and now practices family law in Chicago. "A lot of fellow Kenyon graduates reside here in the Logan Square neighborhood." **Ethan A. Snyder** graduated from the Winterthur Program at the University

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2020

Bakdaulet Baitan began a master's program in economics in Milan, Italy. "Started taking Italian language courses and exploring Europe." **Brittany A. Beckley**, Orange, New Jersey, updates, "I realized that hospitality was not the industry for me shortly after getting my master's in it. Great timing, am I right? Since then I've sold my soul to the corporate life, but insurance isn't so bad. I'm the happiest I've ever been in my career — I mean, who wouldn't be, with all these happy-hour events!" **Alec S. Clothier** has been working as a senior art handler for an employee-owned fine art services company in the SF Bay Area, but now will move back to his hometown of Philadelphia to continue the work in a new setting. **Talia F. Light Rake**, New York City, started her own production company, Heavy Shovel Productions, and has been directing and producing films. "Always looking for more collaborators who are interested in supporting emerging filmmakers!" **Yixuan "Yiyi" Ma**, Springfield, Illinois, writes, "Made it to med school and finally learned how to study. Got elected VP and still can't bench a plate." **Catherine A. "Cat" Smith** works for a nonprofit in D.C. and sees Kenyon friends "all the time," she updates. "It's wonderful to still feel so connected to our special community. I'm deciding between law schools and will start classes

in the fall." **Kathleen Stedman** completed her M.P.H. from Boston University's School of Public Health in January, with certificates in epidemiology/biostatistics, and health policy and law. In March, she began working for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a policy analyst in the Executive Office of Health and Human Services.

2021

Jonathan Hernández is "excited and nervous to report that I'm finally leaving Kenyon College. My six-year Kenyon love story will be over, and I will finally explore what life off the Hill looks like. I'm moving back to North Carolina to be with my mama. She's really happy about it and mentions it every time we talk on the phone. Kenyon's fellowship program has prepared me to enter the nonprofit world, and I've had the blessing of networking all throughout the job. I don't have anything exactly lined up yet, but I'm confident the pieces will fall where they need to."

2022

Rachel E. Billings shares, "I gotta say, spending time away from Kenyon has been harder than I expected. It also doesn't help that I'm freelancing in film in a particularly dry season for production. It almost makes me miss staying up till midnight to finish three books in a day!" **Samuel Chessler** reflects, "My freshman year at Kenyon was a wonderful one and not something I'll ever forget. Kenyon epitomized the liberal arts experience and

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— **Daniel R. Cebul '17**, who is working on a Ph.D. in political science at MIT

non-Kenyon boyfriend, has been "hanging up a ton of Kenyon stuff to rival the signs he 'borrowed' from Villanova's campus." She plans to attend the University of Washington to study library science, which "means that I did *not* lie on my job application for the multimedia desk position back in August 2015." **Abigail M. Kastenber**, Philadelphia, mixes stage managing with teaching sixth-grade English at Germantown Friends School. "It's definitely never a dull moment!" Abby sums up. **Jessica M. Kusher** is pursuing a marine biology master's degree at the University of Charleston, South Carolina, now studying "biogeochemical cycling as it pertains to blue carbon sequestration in the Charleston salt marshes, using remote sensing and water chemistry analysis. Finally putting those Rstudio coding

of the Art Institute last year. "I have set up my studio," she updates, "and recently did a large commission for the national chain Sweetgreen. This summer, I will be showing work around the United States and participating in my first international show in South Korea. I am also assisting Jamaican-born visual artist and educator Ebony G. Patterson in her studio!" **Tyler A. Raso**, Easton, Pennsylvania, published their chapbook in May. Titled "In my dreams/I love like an idea," it won Frontier Poetry's 2022 Digital Chapbook Contest. "The project began as my creative writing capstone at Kenyon and was published the same week I graduated with my M.F.A. in poetry from Indiana University." **Sean K.J.K. Seu** married Blake Palmer on Oct. 31 at the Kitsap County Courthouse in Washington state.

of Delaware with a master's in material culture studies. "The most wonderful mentor, **Sarah Wasserman '03**, advised me throughout my time in this program; I first found her work in my senior year while majoring in English. We both follow in the footsteps of our shared advisor, Ted Mason! I am grateful for the way Kenyon has followed me after life on the Hill. I will be moving back to Philadelphia to live with **Alexandra L. Kanovsky** and pursue collections work at the Wharton Esherick Museum." **Madison L. Thompson** completed her master's in mathematics from Wake Forest and began teaching math last fall at a small boarding school in Hagerstown, Maryland. "I find myself once again surrounded by cornfields," she observes. "I coached field hockey in the fall and am now coaching tennis."

is truly something unique." **Michael P. Gleason, Jr.** updates, "Since walking across the stage at graduation, I have helped a fellow classmate move to Austin, Texas, taken a trip to Puerto Rico and started my job at PNC Bank in corporate banking. In February, I had the chance to come back to campus and catch up with friends."

Sarah N. Groustra writes, "This February, I made my NYC playwriting debut with a show at the Chain Theatre in Manhattan, helped by **Mackenna N. Goodrich '20** (director), **Sara Rosenthal** (actress) and **Cora M. Cicala** and **Jane S. Lindstrom** (production designers). We all worked on so many productions together in college, and it was wonderful to bring our skills back together in New York!" **Julia W. Holton** will pursue a master's in classical art and archaeology at the University of Edinburgh.

Andrew C. Kelleher updates, "I took a software development job that brought me to Madison, Wisconsin. I've gotten into the local dance scene here — despite never picking up that minor — and am continually grateful for all the exposure to different styles I got while at Kenyon. I've kept in touch with a couple of professors and classmates. And even if I hadn't, Kenyon has a way of finding me: At least two other Kenyon graduates live in my apartment complex."

Kathleen P. Kress, New York City, teaches choir and general music to elementary and middle school students. **Daniel O. Lane**, Gambier, Ohio, gives a shout-out to

his fellow members of KCXC '22 (IYKYK — you remain unnamed so that he has to do less fact-checking work in the coming weeks) who spent a week with him and a good group of other cross-country boys running, hiking and generally having a great time in West Virginia last spring. Dannie misses that trip and thinks of it — and his friends — fondly.

Emmerson A. Mirus finished her first year of law school at the University of Wisconsin. "While I still keep up with Kenyon's swimming and diving team to a nearly ridiculous extent," she notes, "I haven't been able to bring myself to hop back in the pool ... yet!" Emmie lives in Madison with partner **Benjamin B. Baturka '20** and their cat, Ginger. "I've had a great time meeting Kenyon alumni at Wisconsin's Law School." **Bridget A. Molnar**, also in law school, updates, "I consider dropping out most days but somehow have not — let's call it perseverance!" **Sierra J. Smith**, Durham, North Carolina, works in a cell biology lab at Duke and lives with **Emma K. Banks**. "Several classmates moved here after graduation, and it's been wonderful to have a tiny Kenyon community."

Edward P. Weber IV finished his first year pursuing a master's in public policy at the University of Michigan. "I focus on international economic development policy and cross-cultural diplomacy," Eddie explains. "It's a two-year program, and I can't believe how fast it's going. I also live with my best friend and roommate of five years now."

50TH REUNION

Keeping Kenyoniana

In May, Tom Stamp '73 (right) celebrated his 50th Reunion by doing one of his favorite things — leading alumni on one of his famous campus tours. For almost two decades, Stamp served as the director of public affairs and editor of the Kenyon College Alumni Bulletin, telling the news of the day to College audiences while also writing and editing copious magazine features about Kenyon history. For two decades more, Tom served as college historian and keeper of Kenyoniana. Now retired, but still serving his alma mater in a part-time capacity, Stamp continues to collect and share Kenyon stories, and he serves as an indispensable reference for all sorts of questions about the College's history.



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Kenyon Swimming and Diving Reunion

SEPT. 8–10

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Bicentennial Reunion Weekend 2024

MAY 24-26, 2024

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(with a bonus day for 50th and Perennial Reunion classes on May 23)

This is the chance for all alumni to celebrate this historic moment for Kenyon — together! We'll have lots of activities for those classes in reunion years (4s and 9s, and the Kokosingers) along with opportunities for all to celebrate the history and bright future of Kenyon.

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Crawford Southwell Brown '46, on Jan. 30, 2023, in Gaithersburg, Maryland. He was 99. He began the first of two tours of Navy duty in 1942. Two years after leaving Kenyon, he completed his medical degree at the University of Michigan and began a residency in dermatology at Mass General in Boston. Crawford was on staff at Suburban Hospital in Bethesda, Maryland, served as assistant clinical professor of dermatology at George Washington Medical Center, and taught at Walter Reed Army Medical Center for 30 years.

Crawford pioneered computerized dermatology. In 1975, a task force he chaired standardized his field's nomenclature to facilitate data management. In 1977, Crawford published Systematized Nomenclature of Dermatology, better known as SNODERM — a foundation for models used by insurance companies today. In retirement, he served as a docent at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History. An avid gardener, he loved classical music, theater and the arts. Crawford is survived by his wife, Barbara, and two daughters, Elizabeth L. Brown and Janet E. Weisman.

Charles H. Porter '46, on Sept. 22, 2020, in Lake Barrington, Illinois. He was 95. An Alpha Delta Phi, he completed his M.B.A. at Northwestern University and ran the Charles H. Porter Co., an engineering firm. He is survived by his sons Charles, William, Michael and James; seven grandchildren; and a sister, Verona Enander.

Alfred G. Gilbert '47, on Nov. 20, 2017, in Rochester, New York. He was 92. Al grew up in Wheeling, West Virginia. In the Army, he served in the Battle of the Bulge with the 87th Infantry. From Kenyon, Al went to MIT and took his degree in mechanical engineering to Kodak. At its Rochester headquarters, Al reignited his passion for boats, so when he retired in 1971 he founded Voyager Boat Sales. When he and his wife turned 70, they built an 80-foot-long paddlewheeler, the Harbor Town Belle, on which they hosted tours and parties for the rest of their lives. A note appended to Al's online guestbook read, "I always saw Al as a permanent fixture at the river, and the harbor won't be the same without him." He is survived by a daughter, Sandra Bohner, and three grandsons.

Kenneth W. Schempf '49, on Sept. 14, 2021, in Columbus, Ohio. He was 93. After Kenyon he received his doctorate from Kent State and a C.P.A. designation, and dedicated his life to students at numerous colleges and universities throughout the country. After retiring, he continued to educate himself until age 90 by taking classes at Ohio State and Capital University. Kenneth is survived by his son, George Schempf; a granddaughter; and four great-grandchildren.

Willis D. "Bill" Gale Jr. '50, on March 7, 2017, in Dallas, Texas. He was 91. Bill joined the U.S. Army Air Corps at age 17 and served two and a half years during World War II. He left Kenyon and graduated from the University of Wyoming with an animal husbandry degree. In 1951, he and his father

SUBMIT AN OBIT

If you've recently learned of or experienced a loss in the greater Kenyon community, email editor@kenyon.edu. We will use any information you send us to honor your friend or loved one's memory in a future issue of the Kenyon Alumni Magazine.

JAMES H. MILLER II '50 >

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purchased what became known as the Gale Ranch, located near Cuba, Illinois. They turned strip-mined land into a productive ranch and wildlife refuge. Bill worked at the Illinois Department of Mines and Minerals. An avid tennis player, pilot, hunter and fisherman, he loved to read and to regale people with his many life stories. Surviving are his wife, Mary Ann; son Tom; and two grandchildren.

James H. Miller II '50, on Feb. 8, 2022, in Montgomery, Ohio, his home for 45 years. He was 93. An Air Force veteran, Jim took his M.B.A. from the University of Michigan and spent three decades in the paper industry. "Jim enjoyed the simple pleasures of life — golf, crossword and jigsaw puzzles, volunteering and senior coffee groups," his obituary said. "Determined not to be left behind in the computer age, he had a Facebook account before some of his grandchildren." Jim deeply grieved his grandson James IV, an Army medic killed in 2005 in Iraq, and regularly decorated Jimmy's grave with American flags that he kept in bulk in the trunk of his car. "The image of Jim saluting Jimmy's grave is imprinted in the memory of each member of his family." Jim is survived by his wife of 66 years, Patricia McGuire Miller; sons James H. III and Peter; daughters Nancy Miller and Suzanne Doisneau; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Alan D. Wright '51, on March 16, 2023, in Shaker Heights, Ohio. He was 93. Alan's "proudest accomplishments were his extended family, his 55 years of employment, the people he mentored, and his lifetime study of baseball and jazz, which he began listening to and collecting at age 6," his obituary noted.

He entered Kenyon at age 17, became a Delta Kappa Epsilon and, while a drama critic for the Collegian, panned a fellow student, one **Paul Newman '49** — "which led to an argument and a lifelong friendship," said his wife of 33 years, Gloria.

Drafted into the Army during the Korean War, Alan turned down officer candidacy school to become a gunner in a heavy weapons platoon. Back in Ohio, he studied law at night at Cleveland State, and practiced from 1959 to 2007. In 1972 he joined First Energy as general counsel and vice president "during a period of intense political and regulatory conflict, which Alan relished," his obit notes. "He also thrived in his related position as a lobbyist in Columbus and Washington, and was sought after for his political guidance by candidates as diverse as Republican Dan Quayle and Democrat Tom Harkin." Wright joined the Cleveland office of Porter Wright Morris and Arthur in 1989.

Personal highlights as an attorney included his admission to the Supreme Court of the United States, his lifetime membership and work with the NAACP, and his role in incorporating the Cleveland Free Clinic, a national model for no-cost health care in high-risk communities.

Those who knew him for his encyclopedic knowledge of cocktails, Shakespeare, G.B. Shaw, H.L. Mencken, Fats Waller, nightclubs and rowdy characters in general might be surprised to learn

that Alan was an avid hiker and canoer. He is survived by Gloria; sons Walter and Evan; daughters Nora Wright, Katherine Gaylord, Rebecca Gaylord and Jennifer Mitchell; a sister, Constance Brown; 11 grandchildren and a large extended family that includes niece **Peggy Brown Verniero '83**.

James J. Lee Jr. '52, on Feb. 22, 2023, in Bennington, Vermont. He was 93. Jim left Kenyon for the Army during the Korean War. He was a salesman for Monroe Calculating Co., a division of Litton Industries. In 1980, Jim and his family moved to Manchester, Vermont, "transforming the Overton family home into the Birch Hill Inn," his obituary read. "Guests were welcomed there for over 15 years. Jim was always generous with his time, talent and resources. Throughout his life, he was recognized for his service to church, school and community. He loved tennis, golf, skiing, fishing, canoeing, working on his farm and, most important, he cherished time with his family." He is survived by his wife of nearly 70 years, Patricia; daughters Susan Pierce and Pamela Veith; son James J. III; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

James W. Hunt Jr. '53 died on March 29, 2023. He was 92. A political science major, he went on to finish an M.B.A. at Ohio State University and went into communications. After working in sales and radio in Detroit, he moved his family to the Chicago area in 1970. They settled in Golf, Illinois, where Jim eventually became the village's mayor. At PGW, he became a vice president, representing dozens of television stations as a middleman between the station and advertising agencies. In 2005, the Alumni Council presented its Distinguished Service Award to Jim for his outstanding personal contributions to the continuing alumni effort. He served on Alumni Council, the Kenyon Fund Executive Committee, as class agent, and on many reunion planning committees, among other roles. As a student, he was a Sigma Pi. Jim ran in 12 marathons, including Boston and New York. He is survived by his wife, Patricia; sons Stephen and David; and a grandson.

Richard E. Promin '53, on Sept. 29, 2022. He was 90. A physician in Ocala, Florida, Dick described himself to the Bulletin a few years ago as "one of those '53ers" who was loath to retire. A Sigma Pi and varsity baseball player at Kenyon, Dick graduated in 1961 from Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, now Sidney Kimmel Medical College. He was a family physician for many years, writing in his 80s that he had "hired a nurse practitioner, who lightens my patient load considerably." He and his wife, Joan, had two children, Dana and Alison.

James Barry Cahill '54, on March 9, 2023, in Houston, Texas. He was 90. A Sigma Pi at Kenyon, he played basketball and tennis, graduating cum laude. In the Air Force in Fairbanks, Alaska, he piloted jets before beginning a career in sales and management with Aeroquip Corp., Snap-Tite Inc., Hi Flex International in the United Kingdom,

ALBERT H.
EASTMAN '54>

A decorated swimmer and expert sailor who could navigate by the stars, he cruised Barbados, Antigua, the Gulf of Mexico and the Florida Keys for over 20 years on his 30-foot sailboat.

and Wilco Supply in Houston. "While playing tennis in Houston, Barry met Nancy Leigh, fell in love, and married in 1987," his obituary read. "Throughout 36 wonderful years together, they enjoyed playing tennis and golf, boating, dining and dancing, many fun cruises, and travels to Europe, New Zealand and Alaska." Barry is survived by Nancy; sons James and Keith; daughter Kelli; a sister, Carol Lee Cahill; two grandchildren and many stepchildren and step-grandchildren, although, "devastatingly," his stepdaughter Sheryl died 25 days after he did.

Albert H. Eastman '54, on Feb. 1, 2023. He was 90. An Alpha Delta Phi, he played soccer and was a swimmer at Kenyon. He earned an M.B.A. in 1958 from Cornell University and served in army counterintelligence during the Korean War. Albert held executive roles at International Silver and Scott Paper Co. and was CEO of Total Marketing Concepts. After he moved to Florida "to retire," Albert ran a yacht-detailing business until he was 86.

A decorated swimmer and expert sailor who could navigate by the stars, he cruised Barbados, Antigua, the Gulf of Mexico and the Florida Keys for over 20 years on his 30-foot sailboat. He was an "electric showman, larger than life in all areas, including musical theater," his obituary noted. "A devout Episcopalian, he was active in the community and church choirs. His loving family remembers his casually whipping up beef bourguignon, delicious cocktails and 'yummies' for all." Albert is survived by his brother, Robert; his children Patricia, Leslie, James, Elizabeth, Brooke and Soozie; and 10 grandchildren.

James S. Meyer '55, on Feb. 24, 2023, after a long battle with dementia, a few months shy of turning 90. After Kenyon, Jim earned bachelor's and master's degrees in psychology from Ohio University and then joined his brother Bob in the Navy as an officer in the flight school for carrier pilots in Pensacola, Florida. Returning to Ohio, Jim worked as a C.P.A. for Ernst & Ernst and Arthur Andersen, enjoying a long career as a financial executive — including as CFO — at Beloit Tool, Lau Industries, McGean Chemical and Meyer Snowplow. He finished his corporate career as compliance executive at Standard Oil of Ohio.

In the Chagrin Falls area, he served as a Kenston Local Schools board member, Rotary club member, president of the local chamber of commerce, and on the board at Deaconess Hospital. He was a devoted contributor to the United Church of Christ and facilitated movement of the church's national headquarters to Cleveland.

"Perhaps Jim's most treasured days were spent at Crystal Lake in Michigan," his obituary noted, starting with visits to his grandparents' summer cottage, a family destination his whole life. At age 16 he bought his first boat, a wood-hulled C-Scow, and today his children keep alive his love of boating. Jim is survived by sons Stephen, David and **Robert W. Meyer '87**; daughter Karen Howe; seven grandchildren; and half-brothers William, John and Timothy.

John M. "Terry" Mylne III '55, on May 25, 2019, in Laguna Niguel, California. He

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was 86. After two years at Kenyon, he joined the Marines during the Korean War. At Stanford for an electrical engineering degree and an M.B.A., he met Bonnie Jane Russell, whom he married in 1962. As director of engineering at the Toro Co, Terry developed and patented electrical controllers and sprinkler systems. In Riverside, California, the Mylne/Irving/Gage family's long history in hydro infrastructure goes back to the 1880s birth of the region's citrus groves via the Gage Canal. Following in his father's footsteps, Terry ran the Western Municipal Water District from 1978 to '95 and sat on the board of directors of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California until 2008. Passionate about Riverside and the Inland Empire, he served as president of the Riverside Arts Foundation and on the UC-Riverside engineering and agriculture schools' advisory boards. Terry loved golf, snow skiing, sailing and working on his family home, Greystones. His wife Bonnie died in 2020; they are survived by daughters Bonnie Small and Victoria Grover; son John M. IV; six grandchildren and a cousin, **Adriana L. Brock '19**.

Kenneth I.H. Williams '56, on Nov. 1, 2018, in Sterling, Massachusetts. He was 84. A chemistry major and holder of a chemistry doctorate from the University of Rochester, Kenneth had been living in central Massachusetts, serving on the town planning board and land trust boards and as a selectman, and helping residents at the town recycling center. He also served on the board of Montachusett Regional Technical School. Friends said "he always held the town of Sterling as a priority throughout his life."

Howard H. Harrison Jr. '58, on Dec. 14, 2022. He was 86. Howard served in the military in Spain and Germany, and then attended Kenyon, joining Alpha Delta Phi. He earned his law degree at New York University and served as senior judge in Palm Beach County, Florida, for more than 50 years.

Howard "did not seek glory or headlines, did not look down on others to fortify himself, and did not lack compassion for others," his children wrote. "He did not turn his back when people needed him. He did not love halfway. He did not lie and default on his promises. His patience, fairness, kindness, wisdom, humor, and humbleness have always been the hallmark to who he is." "A funny, clever, loving person who was always there with sage advice when asked," his obituary read. He is survived by children Chris, Dan, Joe and Amy; and eight grandchildren.

David R. Morgan '58, on Feb. 20, 2023. He was 87. A French major, David earned a master's degree at Middlebury and a doctorate at Columbia. He continued his studies at the Sorbonne while on a scholarship teaching English to French students in Paris. Upon returning to the States, David married and had children while teaching at Columbia, but soon left teaching. In Maine, he married his second wife, Lou, "on Parson's Beach on a sunny cold December morning in 1975," his obituary noted. "He loved the close proximity to the ocean and to his children, who

lived in Connecticut." In 1976, he turned to dealing in antiques — "He had a sharp attention to detail, a very good memory for dates and places, and thrived in and enjoyed the role."

David was a quiet, sensitive man who enjoyed being in nature, hiking, discovering new things, or attending to his 1790s home. An avid birder with an extended life list, he took up photography, creating beautiful close-ups of Maine wildflowers. He is survived by Lou; daughters Jennifer, Elizabeth and Suzanne; son Christopher; Lou's son, Jared; and four grandchildren.

Bruce B. Wilson '58, on April 13, 2022, in Wayne, Pennsylvania. He was 86. Bruce attended Kenyon for a year but completed his undergraduate degree at Princeton before finishing law school at the University of Pennsylvania in 1961. He practiced antitrust law in the 1960s in Philadelphia before becoming a U.S. deputy assistant attorney general in 1969. At the Justice Department, riding the early 1970s wave of consumer protection, Bruce worked on product safety and illegal bait-and-switch advertising through antitrust litigation. "I look at antitrust as a direct consumer affair," he told the New York Post when it profiled him at the time. "It's all a matter of being pro-competition. A price fix on bread or milk directly affects the individual buyer." He later became a senior vice president and general counsel for Conrail until his 1997 retirement, and then offered pro bono legal services for many years.

During his lengthy career, Bruce presented oral arguments in the U.S. Supreme Court, testified in front of Congress and orchestrated Conrail's public offering. "In sharing his time, talents, and gifts, Bruce impacted the lives of countless others," his obituary read. Finally, he loved singing. He shared his deep and powerful bass voice by singing joyfully in numerous choirs.

Bruce was married to Dede for 55 years until her death in 2013. He is survived by his second wife, Mary Bale Wilson; daughters Mabeth Hudson, Mary Turner and Caroline Ellison; son Rob; stepchildren Lucy, Duchie and Posey Bale; a sister; 10 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Peter A. Philips '59, on March 12, 2023, in Ronan, Montana. He was 85. As a young man, he'd wanted nothing more than to become an actor, but his life path forked thanks to a gentle nudge from none other than **Paul Newman '49**, according to his obituary. "While attending Kenyon, Peter was awarded the Paul Newman Trophy and invited to New York City to meet Newman backstage following a Broadway performance. When Peter shared his desire to be an actor, Newman asked if he knew anyone in Hollywood, to which he responded, no. Said Newman, 'If you can be happy doing anything else, do anything else.'"

Peter thus became Dr. Peter Philips, heart surgeon. After New York Medical College, an internship at Bellevue Hospital and residency at Montifiore Medical Center in the Bronx, Peter and his wife, Elin, moved to California, where he began his career in cardiac surgery. After a cardiac-thoracic fellowship at the Texas Heart Institute, the

BRUCE B. WILSON '58 >

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family moved to Missoula, Montana, where he continued his cardiology practice, finishing a long medical career of saving lives in Polson at the Western Montana Clinic.

In 2008, at age 72, Peter returned to the University of Montana as one of its oldest students to earn a master's and a doctorate in theater. He played many roles in productions of the school and other theater groups.

An avid horseman and hiker, Peter made the Bob Marshall Wilderness and the Grand Canyon two of his favorite places to disappear. He also loved sailing in Puget Sound. He also was a classical pianist and opera buff, New York Yankees fan, and road tripper in his convertible BMW Z3 to Virginia City and down through Yellowstone National Park.

He is survived by his children Michael, David, Peter and Fleur; a sister, Ellen Donshik; and six grandchildren.

Robert G. Heasley '60, on Feb. 1, 2023, at The James Cancer Hospital in Columbus. He was 84. Parent to **R. Graham Heasley Jr. '83** (1982 football team captain) and **Amy Heasley Williams '88**, four-time 200-yard butterfly NCAA champion and record-holder, now director of athletics at Wooster. Grandparent to **Robert J. Williams '19** (swimmer, golfer) and **Samantha K.H. Williams '16** (head men's and women's swim coach at Wittenberg).

Bob arrived at Kenyon in the fall of 1956 from Hamilton, Ohio, and studied economics. Bob's post-graduation years as a captain in the Air Force flying cargo and troops in a C-130 around the world were recounted in a DKE alumni profile: "I was part of the Cuban Missile Crisis military build-up and went to Iran and Pakistan when they were friendly. My squadron flew the first contingent of U.S. Marines into Da Nang, Vietnam, in February 1965." Bob moved to Kentucky in 1972 for a long career at Gulf States Paper, eventually becoming plant manager. Upon retiring in 1998, he and his wife, Peg, moved to Gambier.

A member of the Parents Advisory Council during Amy's undergraduate years, Bob also served on the Alumni Council and Greek Alumni Leadership Council, as well as in several other volunteer roles. Bob and Peg were active in the After Kenyon Society, a group of local retirees, and in A Hand at Home, a team of volunteers who offer basic services to older adults, allowing them to live independently. Bob and Peg were ubiquitous at campus events — from concerts and lectures to swimming meets and fraternity functions. For their activities as "quintessential members of and goodwill ambassadors for the college and village communities," Bob and Peg received the Thomas B. and Mary M. Greenslade Award from the Alumni Council in 2014, the Distinguished Service Award in 2009, the D. Morgan Smith Class Agent Award in 2004, and the Burchell Rowe Award in 2005.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret; sons **R. Graham Heasley Jr. '83** and Scott Heasley; daughter **Amy Heasley Williams '88**; nine grandchildren, including **Robert J. Williams '19** and **Samantha K.H. Williams '16**; two great-grandchildren; and a brother, Richard Heasley.

< ROBERT G.
HEASLEY '60

Bob's post-graduation years as a captain in the Air Force flying cargo and troops in a C-130 around the world were recounted in a DKE alumni profile.

William R. Murray '60, on Dec. 7, 2022, in Sarasota, Florida. He was 84. A history major from Steubenville, Ohio, Bill worked as a funeral home director and embalmer for nine years before joining Goodyear Tire as a distribution manager, eventually retiring after 36 years. After years of being snowbirds from Topeka, Kansas, Bill and his wife, Susan, moved permanently to Sarasota. "Bill's greatest joy in life was his relationship with Jesus Christ," his obituary read. "He loved to teach Bible studies. Whether at Perimeter Presbyterian in Atlanta, Topeka Bible Church, Covenant Life Church or Southwinds, he would always get involved to teach and help others study the Word of God." He is survived by his wife of over 60 years, Susan; daughters Amy Henning and Joy Layman; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

William R. Hartman '61, on April 29, 2022, in Tucson, Arizona. He was 83. A political science major, Bill went on to earn a master's in 1962. He met Marcia at Hayward State College in the late 1960s, and they married in 1969. In 1974, Bill earned his community college instructor credential and became a professor at Hayward, while Marcia taught elementary school in Alameda. After retiring from teaching, Bill worked for Liquid Air Corp., retiring again in 1995. Bill and Marcia moved to the northern California mountains on the Trinity River before finally relocating to Tucson in 2002. A lover of literature, Bill enjoyed hosting several book clubs and he grew beautiful roses.

Don T. Vidro '61, on Nov. 29, 2022, in Grand Ledge, Michigan. He was 83. A Beta Theta Pi, he played football and lacrosse. Don retired in 2000 from Fremont Insurance as a claims adjuster. He enjoyed American history, golf, fishing and hunting on Drummond Island, at the easternmost tip of Michigan's Upper Peninsula on the Canadian border. In an online tribute post, Don's neighbor wrote, "Every time we stood out in the road talking, we all went home with a laugh, because of one of Don's one-liners. We were truly blessed to know him — and his awesome tomatoes." He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Helene; son Michael; a grandson; and a great-grandson.

Patrick R. Edwards '62, on Oct. 18, 2022, in Manhasset, New York. He was 82. Parent of **Jennifer Standing '95**. A history major, Pat earned his law degree from Columbia University in 1965. First an attorney with Allied Stores, he rose to become a vice president, spending 25 years in the retail industry. He later worked as the assistant to the president of North Shore Health and as executive vice president and board chair of the Northwell Hospice Care Network on Long Island. In 1993, Pat shared the following with the Bulletin: "Although I was an intended pre-med ... Gerrit Roelofs had ignited my imagination in freshman English, and Denham Sutcliffe fueled the fire. [Admissions head] John Kushan recognized my conflicting loyalties and the pressures they created. It is unlikely I would have made the decisions I did without his immense caring and gentle prodding.

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To this day I carry in my wallet a picture, taken between Lewis and Norton halls in 1959, of myself and Boniface, John Kushan's handsome boxer dog. Over the years I have dispensed innumerable copies of Gerrit Roelofs' Bulletin article 'Squares, Circles, and Smitty' to young people off to college, including my daughters." Survivors include his wife, Gracelyn, and daughter **Jennifer Standing '95**.

Patrick Eggena '62, on April 19, 2023. He was 85. After Kenyon, he attended University of Cincinnati Medical School. "He loved his work combining teaching, medical research, practice and writing," his obituary read. Pat taught at Mount Sinai Medical School for 45 years, receiving the Best Teacher Award 12 times and three Lifetime Teaching Awards. He authored the textbook "The Physiological Basis of Primary Care," published 50 scientific papers and released seven e-books on "cardiac physiology as a country doc." The latter, he explained, arose thus: "When I was a medic in the Army, I dreamt of becoming a country doctor — like in 19th-century novels. Once retired, I returned to this naive idea by writing a series of teaching programs where students find themselves in the shoes of a country doctor, where they need to apply basic physiology principles in the care of their patients."

Pat and Bonnie, happily married for 58 years, lived for almost three decades on an old Dutch farm. In a submission to Class Notes last fall, Pat wrote, "When COVID first came to our hamlet in 2020, I volunteered as a retired physician to help out at the local hospital. But they didn't want me — said I was too old and not healthy enough. So, instead, I made a memorial for our neighbors who had been emotionally and physically affected by this horrible pandemic." Following a tornado that felled 100 black walnut and cherry trees, some of them 250 years old, Pat made 75 sculptures up to 12 feet tall. "I arranged 35 of these sculptures in meadows and the hayloft of my old Dutch barn to create a 'forest' in which my neighbors could reflect on what had happened to them and others in this time of sorrow."

He is survived by Bonnie; daughter, Kendra; son, Brandon; brothers Peter and John; sister Jill; and three grandchildren. Patrick was buried at sea off the coast of Malibu.

Dean W. Gibson '62, in January 2023. He was 82. Dean's wife, Merrilyn Ross-Craig Gibson, sent word of Dean's passing. A retired medical researcher, Dean had a long career investigating infectious and parasitic diseases at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology. A math major at Kenyon, he was also a chemistry lab proctor, library assistant and member of Archon, and played flute in the chamber orchestra. He earned a doctorate in biophysics from Johns Hopkins in 1969 exploring "the staining of nucleic acids for electron microscope study of the genetic code." The couple lived in Silver Spring, Maryland, where he sat on the boards of his neighborhood civic association, county planning board technical commission and Montgomery County Economic Advisory Council.

< PATRICK
EGGENA '62

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William T. Cave Jr. '63, on Nov. 5, 2022, in Rochester, New York. He was 80. A biology major and Phi Kappa Sigma at Kenyon, he went on to medical school at Yale. After an internship and residency at the University of Virginia Hospital, he served as a medical officer in the Army in Germany from 1969 to 1972, held a fellowship in endocrinology, and in 1977 moved to the University of Rochester, where he published prolifically on endocrine research over a long career. Bill and his wife, Jackie, sent two sons to the Hill — **John W. Cave '95**, a neuroscientist, and **Christopher A. Cave '96**, a forensics lab manager, both of them NCAA-winning members of the men's swimming and diving team. Bill is also survived by his daughter, Catherine Turner; six grandchildren; a great-grandchild; and his sister.

John T. Drake '63, on Jan. 31, 2022, at OhioHealth Dublin Methodist Hospital. He was 81. He is survived by his wife, Molly; son, John; and daughter, Christine.

F. Thomas Dvorak '63, on Dec. 8, 2022, in Harrodsburg, Kentucky. He was 81. Tom had co-owned the Russell Cooper House Bed and Breakfast in Mount Vernon. An Air Force veteran, Tom was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church and the Homesteaders Club. Crossing Knox County from Danville to attend Kenyon, Tom went on to earn his M.B.A. from Miami University in 1970 and became an accountant. He worked at several local companies during his career, including First Knox National Bank, Ellis Brothers Concrete and Eastern Star Nursing Home. He is survived by his daughters, Anne Howell and Jennifer Sparks; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and his sister, Dale Hoch.

Eli C. Renn '64, on Dec. 31, 2022, of Sparks, Maryland, unexpectedly a few days after joyfully celebrating his 80th birthday and Christmas with his family. Growing up in Baltimore, he was inspired by his mother, a science teacher, and father, a Johns Hopkins environmental science professor, to love not only science but history, music, the arts and technology, his obituary noted. Eli majored in English and studied abroad in Ireland, where he started his own silk-screening business. After graduating, he pursued a master's degree from the Maryland Institute College of Art, where he met his wife. During their first year of marriage, Eli joined the Army and served in Vietnam intercepting and deciphering codes, later finishing his service at the National Security Agency. Eli then followed his passion for the graphic arts at several companies before co-founding his own, Baltimore Color Plate, in 1985. "Over the years, the company grew from a small pre-press shop to become an award-winning offset and digital company with over 40 employees," the obituary stated. "Known for its quality craftsmanship, Baltimore Color Plate operated for 30 years, serving many high-end clients in the Baltimore and Washington area." With his daughter Elsa, he established Bay Imagery, another digital

and multimedia company. "Eli will be best-remembered as a voracious reader with a book in one hand and a glass of cabernet in the other. Friends can attest to his charming wit, easygoing personality, wealth of knowledge and spirit of generosity. His greatest pleasures were derived from simple activities such as morning coffee and conversation with his wife, listening to classical music, walking in the countryside, watching sports with his grandsons, communing with nature on his back deck, and spending time and traveling with his family." He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Patricia Elsa Renn; daughters Signe Renn and Elsa Sykes; and six grandchildren.

N. Stevens "Newks" Newcomer

'65, on March 16, 2023, in Greenville, South Carolina. He was 80. Steve arrived on the Hill from Gibsonburg, Ohio, in the footsteps of an uncle, **James W. Newcomer '33**. He studied law at the University of Toledo, receiving his degree in 1968 and briefly teaching eighth-grade history. After marrying a first-grade teacher in 1972, Steve went on to work for four decades as a Toledo attorney. Steve wrote to the Bulletin in 2012 that he and Beverly happily retired in 2008 and moved to South Carolina, near their daughter and her family. With **Steve Crocker '69**, he also recalled "destroying a piano and throwing it out of the fourth-floor lounge, except for the sounding board, which got stuck in the window. Fortunately, **Dave Schmid '64** and I were able to pull **Mike Reed '64**, who was hanging onto it outside the window, back into the lounge before he fell, screaming 'Pray, you @\$!%^ers, pray!' Both of us agreed we would not trade our Kenyon years for anything." His obituary read, "Steve loved to entertain and tell stories, whether it was a room full of people or a small group around one of his famous campfires. His knowledge of classical music was incredible, and he played the piano for most of his life. Steve loved to cook amazing meals and share his red wine collection, never more so than at his Thanksgiving feasts." He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Beverly; daughter, Erika Thompson; son, Ian; four grandchildren; and his brother, Mark.

Ford Tucker II '65, on Nov. 28, 2022, in Brecksville, Ohio. He was 79. Ford was president of Archon and sang with the Kokosingers all four years. After earning his bachelor's cum laude in French literature, he completed a master's in social administration from Western Reserve University.

Ford began his career in social work in 1967 in Watertown, New York, establishing a state demonstration project caring for abused and neglected children. At the University of Rochester's Strong Memorial Hospital, he served as the assistant director of social work, and eventually became director of social work at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation. Over the course of his career, Ford received numerous professional awards and accolades, retiring in 1988.

In retirement, Ford found ways to use his professional experience and natural compassion to help others. He spent several years making weekly trips

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to a nursing home in Cleveland to visit young adults with multiple sclerosis, earning the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's volunteer of the year award. Throughout the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio, Ford traveled to various churches, promoting accessibility for disabled churchgoers, and he supported diocesan schools and a new seminary in El Salvador.

Ford is remembered for "his quick wit and storytelling; commitment to his family, friends, and colleagues; and perseverance in the face of challenges," his obituary noted. "He enjoyed vacationing with family; planning mystery trips; gardening; singing; and playing the guitar, banjo and piano." He is survived by Gretchen, his wife of 57 years; sons **Adam F. Tucker '95** and Jason; a sister, Virginia Becker; and seven grandchildren. Those wishing to honor Ford may donate to the College.

Douglas E. Reichert '68, on Nov. 16, 2022. He was 76. Doug owned several businesses in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, until his 2002 retirement. At Kenyon, he was a Delta Tau Delta. He is survived by his sister, Alexis Houck.

Kelly S. Moody '71, on April 4, 2023, in Westerville, Ohio. He was 74. Born in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, he moved around the world with his Air Force pilot father's family, attending schools in Belgium and Texas, then Tulane and, in Paris, the Sorbonne, before graduating from Kenyon. Kelly had a positive influence on many as a French teacher, soccer coach and chess coach at the Columbus Academy for 34 years, retiring in 2007. "A talented artist, his passion and love of life are reflected in his paintings, poetry and songs, providing touchstones to his heart and soul," his obituary read. "Kelly dearly loved his family and friends, and enjoyed playing guitar, singing, playing chess, painting, watching birds, snorkeling, playing poker, having a good laugh and listening to jazz — rum and coke in hand." He is survived by his partner of 37 years, Nyssa Pymmer; sister, Kate Holbert; and brother, Bruce.

Craig B. Schaller '74, on March 2, 2023, in Indianapolis. He was 70. During his Kenyon years, he enjoyed following the Grateful Dead around the Midwest. He loved water skiing, swimming, boating, playing pool and auto racing. Craig attended 62 Indy 500s in the same family seats at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, and every Brickyard 400 since its inaugural race. He adored taking his wife on drives in their '77 Corvette with the T-Tops out. "Craig's greatest joys in life were his wife, Debbie, and, in retirement, babysitting his grand-dog, Bentley," his obituary noted. He is survived by a daughter, Ruth Minch; and a sister, Paula Robert.

David Y. Curtis '75, died at home in Acme, Pennsylvania, on Dec. 7, 2019, at age 66. He was born in Mount Vernon to the late Marion and **Walter C. Curtis '37**, into the Curtis family of Round Hill, his cousins being **Henry B. Curtis '60** and **Thomas H. Curtis '63**, and his uncle **Henry L. Curtis '36**, who founded Round Hill Dairy, still run by the family. David graduated from Mount Vernon Senior High

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School in 1971 and attended Kenyon, later completing his degree from the University of Akron.

As an American Sign Language interpreter, David made many friends in the Deaf community. He was an ardent Ohio State Buckeyes fan who enjoyed camping, hiking, biking and birding, and was a strong supporter of conservation and environmental protection. He is survived by his husband of 23 years, Scott Jones; and sisters Anne Curtis and Lucia Weinroth.

The Rev. Robert B. Gibson '75, on April 19, 2023, in Orleans, Massachusetts. He was 70. Bob majored in history and played soccer. He attended seminary in Princeton, New Jersey. After ordination in 1979, Bob pastored his first congregation in Iberia, Ohio, for seven years, and next went to Harrison, New York's, Presbyterian church for four and a half years. Following a call in 1991, Bob moved to the Community of Jesus in Orleans, joining the clergy staff and serving at the Church of the Transfiguration.

There, Bob also worked as a sales representative for Paraclete Press. His passion for American history led him to teach several classes of home-schooled students using curricula he developed, which included several memorable trips to Gettysburg and other historical sites. "Bob's pastoral heart shone in his work, and he expressed his enthusiasm for life in his love for biking, baseball and gardening," his obituary read. "Bob's love for adventure led him to Israel, Italy, Jordan, Germany, Scotland, England, France and Bermuda. Bob first made his confession of faith at a Young Life retreat during high school. His faith in God never faltered, especially throughout his courageous year and a half battle with cancer." He is survived by his wife, **Gail E. (Meyer) Gibson '75**; his daughter, Sr. Petra; his sons, Bruce and Luke; his sisters, Susan Lux, Anne Fuller and Joan Miller; his brother, Tom; and two grandchildren.

Stanley J. "Buzz" Norton Jr. '75, on Dec. 24, 2022. He was 69. "As a child, Stan was nicknamed Buzz for his inexhaustible curiosity and insatiable hunger for learning," his New York Times obituary noted. "At ten years old, the school bus in which Buzz was riding began a backward slide on a steep, snowy hill. In a panic, the driver opened the door and yelled 'Jump!' — which she did! Buzz took the wheel and brought the bus to a stop. Asked why later, he said, 'I didn't want to die.'" After a stint at Kenyon, he spent several years exploring Morocco, Europe and Alaska and hitchhiking across the U.S. and Canada, working along the way: commercial fishing in the Bering Sea, piano-moving, goldsmithing, and technical prototype and model-building. Stan's career in health-care analytics lasted four decades, concluding with a role as a chief technology officer. In recent years, Stan coached and mentored the next generation of health-care technologists.

Had things gone according to plan, Stan and his daughter, Una, would have enjoyed their 11th annual Boston Ballet Nutcracker last year. He also is survived by his wife, Kirsten. "Kirsten and Una's bond was a comfort to Stan, and in his final

weeks as the deep love of family and village flowed in through every door, window and seam, Stan's agony over abandoning them finally lifted. He was full of gratitude and completely at peace. He felt lucky and he followed his own advice: Hold on tightly, let go lightly."

Russell S. Selover '75, on March 22, 2023, "after a very brave, 18-month fight with salivary gland cancer" at age 69, his obituary read. He lived in Centre Island, New York. "He will be remembered as a kind and generous man; elegant and amiable. He loved soccer, tennis and bone-fishing on the fly. An admirer of quality fiction and movies old and new, Russell was also a raconteur and bon vivant. He enjoyed nearly everyone he met — from grocery-store clerks to rear admirals. May he rest in peace." He is survived by his wife, Mary; and his daughter, Victoria Brokaw.

Molly Moxam Kalifut '77, on March 25, 2023, at home in Gambrills, Maryland. She was 67. "Molly concluded a yearlong battle with cancer," her obituary read, "a diagnosis she met with the gentle courage, wry humor and inquisitiveness that characterized her life and outlook." Among the first women students at Kenyon, she "joined a community of fellow thinkers and dreamers," it noted, "and her most cherished memories were not fraternity parties or bars but debating professors, writing papers and contemplating great thinkers like John Locke and Thomas Hobbes." Molly became a journalist in Michigan, then a writer for the University of Maryland Medical Center, and an editor for the Maryland State Judiciary, retiring in 2020.

Years after leaving the Hill, but back for a visit, she ran across **Gregg E. Kalifut '77**. "Gregg and I never dated at Kenyon," she recalled for the Bulletin a few years ago. "I knew who he was, of course: first tenor with the Kokes, president of the Betas, the guy with the incredible voice, gorgeous hazel eyes, wild, wild hair and wicked smile. I didn't know about the athletic prowess/football thing — I never went to a game. I, on the other hand, was much less ... visible."

Both had recently broken off romances when they got together at a Kentucky Derby party. "I was halfheartedly trying to snag a mint julep when I spotted Gregg across the way. He was looking at me — I mean, seriously, our eyes met across a crowded room. Hardly breaking eye contact, he walked straight up to me. . . . And with that, after four years of unknowing glimpses and sidelong glances on Middle Path, in Peirce, at parties and concerts — and two years of not seeing each other at all — it was finally love at first sight." They married in 1985.

A decade ago when Molly shared this memory, she added, "One of the best parts about telling this story is imagining our son **Maxwell S. Kalifut '14** in wretched embarrassment if this gets published."

Molly approached the world with "a kind heart, a sincere curiosity for the things she did not understand and a quietly fierce love of life," her obituary read. "Simple pleasures — books, British murder shows, card games, her family in all its variety." In

MOLLY MOXAM
KALIFUT '77>

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her last few months, her brothers Andy and Guy Moxam called to her in her dreams, she said, the former having died in 2018, the latter this year from cancer, too. She is survived by Gregg, Max and her brother, Frank Moxam.

Kevin M. Driscoll '78, on Feb. 9, 2023, in Emerald Isle, North Carolina, after a 15-month battle with brain cancer. He was 67. A psychology major and Phi Kappa Sigma, Kevin co-captained the swim team, lettering all four years. He was employed with the U.S. Civil Service at Norfolk Naval Station Public Works Department and Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, Environmental Department, retiring in 2011. Kevin and his wife, Stacey, made their home in Emerald Isle at the southernmost reaches of the Outer Banks, raising sons Kevin Jr. and Skyler. His last months were spent at home, cared for by his wife and sons with additional support from family and friends. "A common statement about Kevin is 'he was one of the kindest people we know,'" his obituary read. "I must have been the luckiest fellow in the world to have him for a big brother," his brother **Peter M. Driscoll '83** shared in an email. In addition to his wife and sons, he is survived by his brothers William, John, Peter, Paul and Mark; and sisters Mary Quill and Anne Butler.

Lori Davie Price '81, on Feb. 8, 2023 in Philadelphia. She was 63. An English major at Kenyon, Lori was a competitive swimmer. Lettering in 1979–80, she took a first in the 400 backstroke relay with teammates **Susie Stitzel '83**, **Pam Reed** and **Helen Bechtolt '83**. Lori became a researcher and editor at National Geographic World magazine, and later a freelance writer. "She loved animals, family and her many friends," her obituary read. "Lori enjoyed cooking, entertaining and traveling. She was an avid crossword puzzle fan." She is survived by her husband, John; and a brother, Stephen Davie.

Jeffrey E. Barnes '85, on Jan. 31, 2023, in Bowling Green, Ohio. He was 61. "It was always easy to find Jeff Barnes," his obituary read. "Just go to Grounds for Thought in downtown Bowling Green. He would be sitting at his favorite table, reading, writing, and entertaining friends who would stop to talk. Those chats could be wide-ranging, from Zen Buddhism, to rock 'n roll — loved the Beatles, preferred the Rolling Stones — to life in Bowling Green, current events, politics, and literature."

Jeff graduated cum laude from Kenyon with a degree in comparative religion. In 2011, the coffee shop hosted a rare reading by Jeff of his poetry. For years, he occupied a table between the front window and the counter — except during the pandemic days of take-out only, when his devotion to the shop led him to take his coffee and his copy of the New York Times to a table just outside the door, even all through the winter.

A close friend, Linda Toscano, remembered him as "someone who 'lived simply, surrounded by books and music. ... He never asked for much and was appreciative of small kindnesses." He is survived by a brother, John.

ZACHARY W.
HUDSON '95 >

Zach's stunt-double work can be seen in dozens of TV shows and movies, including as Tobey Maguire's 2002 "Spider-Man."

Ian Y. Henderson Jr. '87, on Dec. 21, 2022, in Louisville, Kentucky. He was 58. An English major and a DKE, Ian moved to Atlanta in 1990, eventually becoming a successful commercial real estate broker. He worked for Cushman and Wakefield for 22 years before joining JLL as senior managing director. "He will be remembered for his gentle soul, his compassion and sense of humor, and his multi-sport athleticism and love of the outdoors, especially fly-fishing," his obituary read. He is survived by his parents, Ian Sr. and Roberta; his daughter, Clare Ann; his sons, Ian III and George; brothers **Wallace C. Henderson '85** and Malcolm; and his former wife, Stephanie Lear Henderson.

Christopher V. Blackburn '88, on Nov. 30, 2022, in Fredericktown, Ohio. He was 56. A DKE and drama major, Chris had worked in local journalism for many years. A "kind and creative soul," a friend wrote, "beautiful, multi-talented, never-endingly thoughtful, how clear it was that Chris came from a home with immense love." He is survived by his mother, Diane; and a sister, Alison Misencik. The family welcomes memorial contributions in Christopher's name to forward.kenyon.edu.

Zachary W. Hudson '95 on Dec. 22, 2022, in Los Angeles, of complications of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis. He was 50. Zach came to Kenyon from Topeka, Kansas, playing soccer and swimming. For over 25 years, with his company Big Red Barn Productions, Zach was a stunt performer and coordinator for major feature films and television. Zach's stunt-double work can be seen in dozens of TV shows and movies, including as Tobey Maguire's 2002 "Spider-Man"; as Will Turner in multiple "Pirates of the Caribbean" films; and, more recently, in "Ford vs. Ferrari." During the pandemic, People magazine covered the efforts of actors Zooey Deschanel and Orlando Bloom to raise money for ALS research. (Zach's wife, Monica, was Deschanel's stunt double for Jess on "New Girl.") Besides his wife, he is survived by four sons and two daughters.

Daniel B. Sweeney III '97, in Seattle on Dec. 3, 2022, two months after a cancer diagnosis. He was 48. Dan's Kenyon classmates came from San Francisco, Houston, Chicago, D.C., North Carolina and Connecticut to attend his memorial service, said **Tres Waterfield '97** in one of many eulogies. "Dan has been our sun," he said. "He has remained our Middle Path. We have orbited around him and walked alongside him, and we come together today, in grief and in celebration, through our shared love of this amazing man." **Will Valentine '97** told attendees, "I loved him like a brother through 30 years of friendship across multiple chapters of our lives." Will, **Kate Cicchelli '95** and **Sarah Raymond '97** served on Dan's core care team in his final months.

Dan's service was held at Seattle Country Day School, where he was the long-time head of the middle school. His colleague Michael Murphy

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wrote, "Dan leaned into his work authentically and nurtured inclusivity in community-building. He reminded me of an innkeeper: a welcoming spirit, who used his natural people skills to build connections. . . . Before Dan entered hospice care, the SCDS Board of Trustees voted to rename the school the Daniel B. Sweeney Middle School in his honor."

FACULTY, STAFF AND FRIENDS OF KENYON

William H. Brown, Kenyon's head men's basketball coach from 1988 to 1996, died Feb. 15, 2023, in Rostraver Township, Pennsylvania. He was 71. Bill ranked second in wins in Kenyon men's hoops history. He coached the Lords to the third round of the NCAA tournament and twice was named NCAC coach of the year.

Born in Toledo, Bill graduated from Ohio University, where he was team captain and most valuable player in 1974. Bill came to Kenyon after coaching stints at Arkansas and Cal State-Sacramento and went on to become the winningest coach at California University of Pennsylvania. He mentored players at Duquesne University for six seasons until his death.

"As crazy as it sounds for folks who attended a Division III liberal arts college known for writing and swimming, Bill Brown was the singular reason that many of us on the basketball team chose Kenyon," said **Shaka Smart '99 H'17**, head coach at Marquette University. Brown recruited Smart, who later began his coaching career on Brown's staff at Cal U. "I can speak for nearly everyone that crossed paths with him when I say he truly was one of a kind: warm, witty, engaging, kind-hearted, commanding, competitive and highly charismatic. No collection of words can properly describe this

<WILLIAM H. BROWN

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extraordinary father, husband, coach and friend."

More community recollections can be found at kenyon.edu/news/archive/kenyon-remembers-bill-brown.

Bill is survived by two children, Kerra Clinedinst and Aaron; his sister, Patricia Smith; and nine grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Christy, known in the Gambier community as a dedicated Wiggin Street Elementary teacher.

Margaret "Peg" Gorsuch, on March 17, 2023, surrounded by family in Mount Vernon. She was 85. Peg graduated from Gambier High School in 1956 and the Mount Vernon Business School in 1957. She worked for Cooper-Bessemer as a secretary before joining her husband in Olympia, Washington, where he was stationed at Fort Lewis. Home in Ohio, Peg worked at Kenyon in alumni and parent relations for more than 20 years, retiring in 2000. Peg is survived by her husband of over 63 years, Earl W. Gorsuch; daughter, Melinda Dufur; son, Daniel; siblings Carlton Smith and Claire Smith; six grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Burnell R. Roberts H'92, on Feb. 28, 2023, in Dayton, Ohio. He was 95. Burnell and his older brother, Hayden, raised on a Wisconsin dairy farm, attended a one-room schoolhouse. In World War II, Burnell served on a destroyer in the Marshall Islands. He finished his degree at the University of Wisconsin, married his wife, Karen, in 1953, and went to Harvard for an M.B.A., which he completed in 1957. Burnell worked at General Tire Co. in Akron, Ohio; A.M. Byers Co. in Pittsburgh; and, in 1966, joined Mead Corp. He advanced through finance and operating roles before being named its president in 1981. In 1982, Burnell was elected chairman and CEO and led Mead for 10 years until his retirement at age 65 in 1992. In addition to chairing Kenyon's Board of Trustees, Burnell sat on numerous corporate and charitable boards in Dayton. His wife of 68 years predeceased him in 2021. "My family was the backbone of all things in my life," he wrote. "I was blessed with having a loving, stable, happy family who could rise to any occasion. Success would not have been possible without the dedicated support of my great family." He is survived by two sons, **Evan R. Roberts '77** and Paul; two daughters, Kari Sadler and Nancy Pohlmeier; and nine grandchildren.

Glen W. Turney, on Nov. 20, 2022, in Warsaw, Ohio. He was 83. Glen joined Kenyon's computer services staff in 1990, retiring in 2006 as director of institutional information. Previously, he had directed information services at Merrill Publishing Co. in Columbus after having begun his computer programming career at Rubbermaid in Wooster during the very early days of business computers. A 1957 Danville High School and College of Wooster graduate with an M.B.A. from Ohio University, Glen is survived by his wife of almost 65 years, Gretchen; son, Michael; daughter Kim Turney Schmidt; two grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

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Main character energy

Kenyon has a reputation for graduating talented writers. More and more, it's becoming a go-to dream college for fictional characters — even if their authors didn't attend Kenyon.

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Homesick for hotdogs

During the pandemic, Bijan Khaghani '23 and his friend stayed connected by sending each other pictures of themselves eating "Market Dogs" just to ... ketchup.



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Kenyon Crossword

An original puzzle created by David Bukszpan '02 for Kenyon Alumni Magazine readers. The answers can be found on page 62.

Name that Tune

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ACROSS

- Go quickly after
- Leia's hubby
- Middle way?
- Went quickly toward
- End of a campus address?
- One of the Kardashians
- Senior dwelling in Gambier?
- Words before "the World" and "the Champions"
- Glimpse
- Traversed
- Blood type that looks like a great grade: Abbr.
- French king
- Singer Yoko
- Similar to
- Medieval top
- Advanced degree for econ majors
- When Hamlet says "The play's the thing"
- It means "River of Little Owls"
- ___-jongg
- Possessive neuter pronoun

- Lincoln's st.
- 8 1/2" x 11" page size: Abbr.
- Like a good boxer?
- ___ extent (partly)
- Last number, sometimes
- Room mate?
- Site to find old copies of the "Reveille"
- Org in "Argo"
- Store to visit before signing up for the pre-orientation backpacking trip
- Rides to Columbus?

- Out there
- This answer, my friend, is blowing in the wind
- Muse of lyric poetry
- With 1-Across, the college's first president
- Portend
- "The Fall of the House of Usher" author
- Deceptive appearance
- At no time, in verse
- Patch things up?
- Irresistible influence, as in "16-Across," "18-Across," and "28-Across"

DOWN

- ___-Magnon
- "2001: A Space Odyssey" villain
- Word aptly found in "ampersand"
- Kitchenware for serving rice?
- Summers on the Saône
- Reunion cry for folks (like me) with bad memories
- Commotion
- Sisters
- Outstanding first-year athletes, briefly
- Computer pioneer Turing
- Read quickly, with through
- Attend to
- Nine-time U.S. skating champ Michelle
- Accessory for "Fresh Air" fans
- Butt into a conversation?
- Texas battle site of 1836
- Olympian Street on the slopes
- "I guess that settles it"
- Tests are taken in it
- Tiny particle
- Deceptive appearance
- Shrinking superhero
- Small-sounding Nintendo console
- Letters after an asking price
- "___ Anatomy"
- ___-cone (frozen treat)
- City just outside Atlanta
- 2022 Cate Blanchett film
- The "Uncola"
- Literary mag founded in 1939 for short, with The
- "Are you ___ out?"
- With 45-Down, the college's most recent president
- "You got that right!"
- Fury
- "House" actor Omar
- Bothers
- Brown Family Environmental Center tool
- Cube in Clue
- Non-native speaker's course: Abbr.
- Rastafarianism, e.g.: Abbr.

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— **Kenyon's 20th President Julie Kornfeld**, on finding inspiration in today's college students.
She and her family were photographed in July in New York City's Riverside Park.