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- **Build the full-day agenda.** Each customized plan includes my opening and closing discussions, lunch, and the logistics (where and with whom) for other meetings.
- **Prepare your colleagues.** I make sure all of my work colleagues are clear on the objective of the student visits and what I want them to cover. I have many repeat participants who look forward to these sessions each year. It is very fulfilling to help students gain insights to narrow their career objectives.
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Snapshots

**What do sea turtles hear?**

And why does it matter? Using sound devices on commercial fishing nets may divert the turtles. “This idea is to see if we can modify or add something to a net that will alarm or cue a turtle to its presence—without also alarming or scaring away the net’s target catch,” said Environmental Studies Prof. Wendy Dow Piniak ’03.

**A parent’s view**

At the launch of The Eisenhower Institute’s Fielding Center, Ann Moran P’16 watched her daughter, Alessandra, calmly address, then network among, 150 VIPs. The event moved Ann to reflect on her daughter’s transformative four years and the education they found to be Gettysburg Great.

**Plans for Plank**

It is an exciting vision: Plank gymnasium transformed into a vibrant global hub, with purpose-built spaces and technology to connect students and faculty with the world, like never before. The $18 million project will only proceed with funds contributed for the renovation. See plans for Plank, online.

**Behind the scenes at the UN**

Students from the International Affairs Association and Model United Nations at The Eisenhower Institute visited the United Nations Headquarters in New York City. With a variety of interests in areas like diplomacy and global volunteerism, every student learned from the insider’s vantage, recounted online by Mariam Aghayan ’17.

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Rawleigh hits 500

In his 31st season at Gettysburg, Coach Mike Rawleigh P’14 recorded his 500th win in men’s and women’s swimming. The Bullets have won 40 conference titles under his wing, including the 2016 men’s Centennial Conference championships.”

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**Classes for kids**

Short-term classes full of creative exploration are the bread and butter for NORY, cofounded by Matthew Trainor ’07. “There are so many [other] classes for children [that] offer the same things and carry a long-term commitment,” Trainor said. Learn more about Trainor’s marketing of the innovative startup online.
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Many second-semester seniors spend their days finishing final academic assignments and projects, applying to graduate schools, and interviewing for jobs. Andre Hinds ’16, a senior physics major, has added another goal to his final to-do list at Gettysburg: qualify for the Olympic Trials.

The track and field athlete has shattered both the Gettysburg College and Centennial Conference records in the discus, adding over 16 feet to the previous school record. He is the first Gettysburg track and field athlete to compete of the NCAA Championship for discus, finishing 16th at the Division III Championship.

While Hinds is open to majoring in many different academic disciplines, he eventually decided on physics after taking a first-year seminar course with Prof. Sharon Stephenson that focused on gender roles within the scientific community.

“I visited her class on my day tour of Gettysburg. She’s probably the reason I ended up coming here at the end of the day,” he said. “I took my first-year seminar with her and am taking a class in the physics department with her as a senior.”

However, Hinds has continued to take classes outside of the physics department that allow him to pursue some of his more interdisciplinary interests.

“I wanted to do a little bit of everything, and I realized I shouldn’t limit myself to certain departments,” said Hinds. “Right now I’m in a history class, I’ve taken Chinese classes, and I’ve taken a lot of classes that I didn’t see myself taking while I’ve been here. And I think those classes have probably been the most important to my development at Gettysburg.”

The small-school feel that Hinds loves about Gettysburg has allowed him to work one-on-one with professionals in the physics community. Last summer, Hinds was a research assistant in physics Prof. Ryan Johnson’s astrophysics lab, studying statistical modeling and computational mathematics.

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Olympic-Sized Dreams

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Many second-semester seniors spend their days finishing final academic assignments and projects, applying to graduate schools, and interviewing for jobs. Andre Hinds ’16, a senior physics major, has added another goal to his final to-do list at Gettysburg: qualify for the Olympic Trials.

The track and field athlete has shattered both the Gettysburg College and Centennial Conference records in the discus, adding over 16 feet to the previous school record. He is the first Gettysburg track and field athlete to compete in the NCAA Championship for discus, finishing 16th at the Division III Championship. While discus is his main event, Hinds also throws shot put and has qualified for the Olympic Trials for discus in June.

“That’s the goal. I’m going to have to break the school record again. The target number to go to that meet would be 62 meters, which is quite a bit farther than what the school record is now, but I’m confident I can get there.”

Originally from Minnesota, Hinds never doubted his decision to pack up his things and make the move to Gettysburg. He first heard about the College from his high school guidance counselors who sold Hinds on the small-school feel and competitive academic curriculum at Gettysburg.

“Getting to meet some professors, and then getting to meet the track and field coaches let me know that this would be the perfect place where I could fit in and carve out my little niche.”

While Hinds was open to majoring in many different academic disciplines, he eventually decided on physics after taking a first-year seminar course with Prof. Sharon Stephenson that focused on gender roles within the scientific community.

I visited her class on my day tour of Gettysburg. She’s probably the reason I ended up coming here at the end of the day,” he said. “I took my first-year seminar with her and am taking a class in the physics department with her as a senior.”

However, Hinds has continued to take classes outside of the physics department that allow him to pursue some of his more interdisciplinary interests.

“I wanted to do a little bit of everything, and I realized I shouldn’t limit myself to certain departments,” said Hinds. “Right now I’m in a history class, I’ve taken Chinese classes, and I’ve taken a lot of classes that I didn’t see myself taking while I’ve been here. And I think those classes have probably been the most important to my development at Gettysburg.”

The small-school feel that Hinds loves about Gettysburg has allowed him to work one-on-one with professors in the physics community. Last summer, Hinds was a research assistant in physics Prof. Ryan Johnson’s astrophysics lab, studying statistical modeling and computational mathematics.

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By the 1990s she was teaching at Gettysburg and looking for a site where she could lead her own excavations. It wasn’t easy. The Balkans abound in ancient ruins, but the 1980s and 1990s were decades of turmoil, as Yugoslavia corroded and wars broke out in Croatia, Bosnia, and Kosovo. In 1990, she accompanied local archaeologists to Golemo Gradište, bouncing down dirt roads in a cramped Zastava. It was the first of two trips. “We looked it over and said, ‘Hey, this has possibilities,’” she said.

To get permission to dig, Snively needed a Macedonian collaborator. In 1998, she participated in a pilot project that involved surveying the ruins of a small church, dubbed the “Rotunda,” which had stood outside the city walls at Golemo Gradište. Two years later, she began excavations at Golemo Gradište, teaming up with archaeologists at the Museum of Macedonia in a joint Gettysburg-Macedonia project. They’ve been at it ever since. The excavation team varies year to year but typically consists of a handful of archaeologists and two or three dozen laborers hired locally. Funding has come from different sources, including the Macedonian government, the Dumbarton Oaks Foundation, the Loeb Classical Library Foundation, and Gettysburg College. An excavation season lasts five or six weeks before the money runs out and everyone is exhausted.

Golemo Gradište’s most prominent feature is its acropolis, which occupies a narrow ridge that rises 300 feet above the surrounding countryside. The sides are steep and in places fall off in rocky cliffs. That’s where Snively and her coworkers started. Some things were visible: a room cut into a cliff, a cistern filled with rubble, and a narrow terrace that the inhabitants had built. Excavation uncovered more, including streets, buildings that had been either houses or workshops, and big clay storage jars. Taken together, the evidence suggested that the acropolis had served as a fortress big enough to house soldiers, but also a place where people had lived and worked.

Snively and her team later turned their attention to a broad terrace between the ridge and the Kriva River, where the bulk of the city stood. In 2008, they ran into a curved wall. “The wall belonged to the apse of a Christian basilica, the semi-circular east end where the clergy were seated. More digging revealed the main body of the church—a nave with columns, three aisles and an ambo—a raised stone platform used in the early church for reading the Gospels and Epistles. They also uncovered features unknown in the Balkans, including a semicircular stone structure on one side of the nave that they couldn’t figure out at all.

Telling the history of Golemo Gradište is like assembling a puzzle for which most of the pieces are missing. Snively believes the city began on the terrace next to the river in the middle or second half of the fifth century. Unlike most settlements of the period, the city was not built on the site of an existing Roman town. It seems to have been entirely new. One explanation for this is that invasions may have cut off Roman access to mining areas further north, increasing the importance of mines around Golemo Gradište. Another possibility is that a nearby Roman city was relocated, as many were during this period, to a site more easily defended. (None has yet been found in the area.) Snively also has concluded that the acropolis was occupied at a later date than the terrace below, probably not until the sixth century. This suggests that, at some point after the city’s founding, life at Golemo Gradište grew more precarious, prompting the inhabitants to withdraw into the acropolis. Why? Was it fear of barbarian invasion? Or of rebellious miners?

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“There are few other opportunities,” explained Aneta Kuprijansovska, a 37-year-old woman whose husband helps organize the villagers. “Villagers are glad for the extra income, but they also are proud of their contribution to archaeology. ‘I’m excited at the possibility of finding something,’” said 15-year-old Darko Tàvreski. Last year, his crew found bells and a set of earrings. Working at the Golemo Gradište also has offered Gettysburg students a chance to learn about archaeology firsthand. For Katherine Haas ’10, the experience was transformative. She came to Golemo Gradište as a sophomore, fresh from Snively’s course in Roman civilization. She spent the season drafting maps of the site, taking measurements by day, and revising the maps at night. She came back the next year and received a promotion: her own trench to supervise. Today she is a PhD student in anthropology at the University of Pittsburgh, specializing in archaeology and forensic anthropology. She spends her summers studying 4,000-year-old skeletons in Serbia.

“The thing is with archaeology, you have this massive site, but you can only look at a very small section of it at a time,” she said. “You really have to use your imagination and picture what it was like when people lived there. That’s what kept bringing me back.”

I accompanied Snively to Golemo Gradište last August, after the excavation season had ended. She was wrapping up some business before returning to the United States, including the printing of that season’s official excavation T-shirt. We drove north early in the morning from Skopje, Macedonia’s capital, followed the Alexander the Great Motorway toward the Serbian border. The summer had been hot, and the hills were brown. At the city of Kumanovo, we turned east, then left the highway and followed a narrow, winding back road through a series of villages into the Kriva River Valley. We passed small fields ripe with corn, vegetables, and hay, and women on foot carrying shopping bags and pushing bicycles. Driving past a small store, Snively announced it was the last one before the site. Seven miles farther on, she crossed the river, turned onto a dirt track, and parked under a tree. A hundred yards away stood the Rotunda, the ruins of a small church that once stood outside the city walls. Villagers discovered the site in 1919, they say, after a local man had had a dream that the site was sacred. Little remains of the old church except low limestone walls and piers that once supported columns. It was planned out very carefully,” Snively said as she looked around. “It was not done by local craftsmen. It was planned with great precision. It suggests that somebody in charge— maybe a bishop, maybe—and said, ‘I’m going to build it my way.’ He had the clout and the money to impose his idea. It lets us know that this may have been a fairly grim mining town, but there were some people here who were sophisticated and educated, and interested in religious culture and the proper way to worship—and not just worried about defending the city against uprisings of miners or barbarians.”

“We hike on up toward the acropolis, crossing the low berm that marked the line of the ancient city wall, now buried, then angling up the steep slope. From the top of the ridge, we could look down and see the outlines of the basilica and neighboring buildings. The stones gleamed in the sun. ‘There’s a lot left to do,’ ” Snively said.

Before climbing back down, she made her way to the west end of the ridge, descending a line of stone steps and passing rooms that had been chiseled out of the rock. She walked out on a narrow overcrop until she could go no farther and stood for several minutes looking out over the countryside. It was an old land. In mid-August, it looked parched, rugged, and inhospitable, but, in fact, it was overlaid by layers and layers of human history, going as far back as the Neolithic. It had been settled and resettled over centuries and millennia. Golemo Gradište was only one chapter in a very long story.

From the ridge, she could point to a low plateau where tombstones of Roman soldiers were found in 1995. To the east, only a mile or two away stood Cocev Kamen, or “Tosover’s Rock,” an outcropping famous in Macedonia for its cave, which archaeologists believe was inhabited as far back as Neolithic times. Snively was more interested in a large rock that perched unnaturally on a slope above it. “It’s as big as a house,” she said. “The question is, ‘How did it get there?’”

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We followed a trail to where a fence enclosed the excavations on the terrace. When she first came to Golemo Gradište, parts of the terrace had been dug up by people looking for artifacts or maybe just stone for building. “We’ll never know what’s been taken,” she said. She walked among the buildings, lingering in the basilica, balancing on the low walls that traced the outline of a large residence. They had been excavating the residence for several years and still had not found its perimeter. Was it the house of an important family and its slaves? The local bishop? “We don’t know,” she said.

Before driving back to Skopje, Snively followed a narrow road up over the hill to Konjuh. Over the years, she has gotten to know the villagers well, including their struggles to prosper at a time when most of rural Macedonia is emplying. She’s liked and respected in Konjuh. Last summer, she acquired an abandoned house there and began fixing it up, repairing the roof, drilling a well, and hooking up a new electrical line. “I figure that, when I retire, I’ll want to spend time in the village,” she said. Snively’s work at Golemo Gradište has been a long labor of organization and excavation, but also of study and imagination, an effort to wring as much meaning as possible from the scant evidence that remains from Late Antiquity. It’s been “endlessly fascinating,” she said. But she worried if others would find it so. “I don’t know whether, when I retire, anyone will continue working here,” she said. “Or whether it will take another generation before someone is interested.”

In the meantime, she was getting ready for another season.

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In Jan., Leonard Peretti died in Panama City Beach, FL. Leonard received his degree in education and was a high school history teacher in Butler, NJ. He was married to Dorothy Sanders of Gettysburg and has two daughters. That’s our news for this month. How about sending me your latest news?

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There has been no mail from any of you of either kind, postcard or email. Hope this means you just haven’t thought about me and enjoying my writing. So this will joy your memory for the next time, which is now. I knew the time when I would come would have to inform you that we lost one of our classmates. Donald Charles (ret.) died Nov. 18, 2015. Don attended graduate school at the U of Delaware and then served in the U.S. Army. He returned to civilian life and worked for the Allstate Power Company in Wilmington, DE, as a research scientist in patient research for over 33 years. He proudly served in the U.S. Army Reserve for over 25 years, many years as an instructor in the Chemical Corps, and retired from service as a colonel. He was a student in military and world history and had an extensive collection of military figures. We extend our sympathy to his wife Olive “Chris” Charles and his children, Gayle, Richard F. Leiteman U.S. Air Force (retd) died Dec. 27, 2015. After graduating from Gettysburg in 1952, and then from the ROTC, he went into the Air Force to pursue his dream of flying. While stationed at Little Rock Air Force Base, he met his wife-to-be Carolinn “Bigia” Morgan, a nurse. After many transfers Dick ended his career at Barksdale Air Force Base as a B-52 pilot. The family returned to After all his military service in the West, Dick married to his family. William J. Vignola passed away Jan. 20. William earned his MBA from Drexel U. He also served honorably in the U.S. Army, having been stationed in Japan and also received a master’s degree. He taught advanced English at Shellbourn High School and was chair of the English department, as well as advisor for the yearbook, student newspaper, and literary magazine. She was also involved in the academic challenge team. She lived in Hudson, OH, and traveled in Europe and the U.S. Janet is survived by four children.

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Maybe our classmates have writer’s cramp because we haven’t heard much from our group. We did see Quentin Lengel and his wife, Connie Sump and wife Ruth, and Elaine Bornett-Mills ’56 and you might be interested that I am writing this column in Dec. About 20 Art Tales of ’50s vintage Etruria and Cultural History. I have been writing a few moving distance to Easton, PA, for the get-together Elaine and traveled in central Europe in Sept. via an 11-night Grand Circle river cruise up the Danube, beginning in Budapest, the “Paris of the East.” The group of about 120 passengers enjoyed visiting the historic and picturesque towns along the river, including many stops in Germany, Austria, and Hungary. We also enjoyed taking some time to relax, not having to pack and unpack each day, so we highly recommend river cruise travel. We would like to see you at the next time we are in Hudson, OH, at the time of our lives that there will be more of these to report, so to all of you take care of each other and give each other the best wishes. To all.

1956

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I cannot believe it will be 60 years since we graduated from Gettysburg. Reunion Weekend is June 2-5, I had a very pleasant call from Alan Ruby, as he continues to be very busy with tours, lectures, and some travel, island hopping off the shores of New York. The only other correspondence I received from the College was two deaths of our classmates. Paula Boyer Ritter passed away on Nov. 1, in Toms River, NJ. Howard Bowne Petitt passed away on Dec. 2. We send our condolences to both of these families on the loss of their loved ones. I hope to chat with you at the Reunion in June, Remember, it only happens once, so be there!

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2015

John H. "Dick" Gemmill, Sr.

A member of the Adams County Library, and a regular ‘58 alumnus, has recently joined the Minerva Press advisory committee. He extended our sympathy to her husband, George, became owners of Rilling’s Bakery in the Frankford section of Philadelphia. She was the first female member to serve on the Board of the PA Baker’s Association. With her husband and family, she enjoyed extensive travel. There was no room in the pages of our magazine, it will be up to you to drop me a line, give me a call, or send an email.

1955

Lee Rilling, owner of Town and Country Real Estate in Philadelphia, PA 19106 One Independence Place

Five years ago, the United States Air Force Security Command, which included tours in Korea and Vietnam, his service awards included Defense Superior Service Medal, Bronze Star, and the Legion of Merit. After his military service, Dave is not tied to Gettysburg, and he was the broker and owner of Town and Country Real Estate in Fairdeal. He retired in 2000. Susan Hunstberger Stevenson also died in 2015. A native of Gettysburg College High School, Sue was the first woman to be elected to the College’s Hall of Athletes. Her 88th Birthday. This should be the year of that milestone, unless you choose not to celebrate before now or are celebrating next year. There are some who were present at the reunion, and a few traveling some distance to Easton, PA, for the get-togethers Elaine and I traveled in central Europe in Sept. via an 11-day cruise, we hope. Several other classmates have mentioned plans to attend Groundhog Day to say ‘Unnkhh’ (the sound of the groundhog) to her three children and two grandchildren. She is survived by her husband, George.

2016

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Janet Black, formerly of Devon, DE 19331, has recently added to his family. He managed to volunteer for a trip to his family. He is now also the vice president for teaching and administrative responsibilities.

1956

Sixty Year Reunion

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Walter Wagner, an adjunct professor at both the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia and the University of St. Thomas! (the sound of the groundhog) to her three children and two grandchildren. She is survived by her husband, George.

1958

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I am sad to report the deaths of two classmates in Jan. Our condolences go to the following classmates: Donald Charles died Nov. 18, 2015. Don attended graduate school at the U of Delaware and then served in the U.S. Army. He returned to civilian life and worked for the Allied Powder Company in Wilmington, DE, as a research chemist in patent research for over 33 years. He is survived by his wife, Karen Nelson; his husband, and three grandchildren.

2015

Robert M. Miron

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2015

Ruth, and Elaine Bennet Bullard ’58 and her husband Betsy, Connie Sump and wife Ruth, and Elaine Bennet Bullard ’58 and her husband Betsy.

1958

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I will begin with sad news. Thomas Dallas Srebnik passed away Dec. 17, 2016. He died at Valley Forge Medical Center. He was 82. He was born in 1934 in Philadelphia. He was a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania. He was the son of the late Thomas S. Srebnik and the late Thelma S. Srebnik. Tom was a 1956 graduate of Gettysburg College with a major in American History. He served in the United States Marine Corp with a rank of Private First Class. He married Margaret L. Spremulli in 1959 and they had five children. He also had five grandchildren. An email from his former wife, Peg Spremulli, states, "I am so sorry to hear of your passing. Tom was a wonderful husband and father. He was a very loving man who always put others first. He enjoyed life to the fullest and was a rock for his family and friends. More sad news: Walter Manfried Weber, a retired computer programmer and the first blind student to enter and graduate from Gettysburg College, passed away on Dec. 22. He was a 1966 graduate of Gettysburg College with a major in Computer Science. He was a successful entrepreneur and had a passion for technology.

1962
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Class of 1962
We received news from someone who hasn’t heard from us in a while. Bert Kohaysh Jr. Bert is a senior and founding partner of his law firm, still working fulltime running the commercial litigation section of the firm. He has been a director of First Hawaiian Bank since Dec. 1974. He is married to the late Kay Kohaysh. Their two daughters are married: Marla (Ashland, OR) and Linda (Nashua, NH). He has seven grandchildren. Carol taught elementary school for 28 years. She and her husband, John, have traveled to 120 countries on all seven continents. She is doing research on children’s dreams. Congratulations, Carol.

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1965
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Betsy Slaybaugh Reed and her husband Howard were featured in the Press of Atlantic City with their 50-year participants in an indoor triathlon–perfect for winterlites. The usual events are walking, swimming, and bicycling over the course of four weeks and in the relative comfort of home or a personal gym. In addition to being good for personal health, it’s also a community fundraiser. They also participated in a New Year’s polar plunge. Do other FE majors or other classmates do an event like this? Send me your list of PE majors or other classmates do a New Year’s polar plunge.
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Nancy Schneider Marsden died in Oct. in her home in 82 after a nine-year battle with cancer. Although Nancy actively graduated from Gettysburg, she really always was a Gettysburgian. She joined us for our 50th Reunion, “telling her beautiful mouth of life to our Reunion’s chorale group.”
Our sympathy goes to his wife Carol; Bowers Kronenberger was a member of the HI and American Bar Associations. Since 1993, he has been a First Hawaiian Bank since Dec. 1974. He is married with four children and his grandchildren. He is survived by his wife Peggy; his brother Jim and Ann Funk Lapeire.
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55th Reunion Year
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Fifty-five years and a Reunion in June! I look forward to seeing many, many familiar faces in June. Classmates look here first when they receive the magazine, so let us know the fun activities that will help them through their retirement time. As for John and me, we do some traveling, enjoy our grandchildren, play golf and tennis (John, as well as bridge and tutor (Nan) and, generally, enjoy life. Pat Nese Smith writes that it has been a good year for her and Bob (30 in 1961).” This year, they took a fabulous Viking cruise on the Danube with Bill and Linda Matz. The crew included four beautiful cities, all of which had exciting Christmas markets. I'll bet those souvenirs bags are bulging. Earlier in the year, the couple visited Sally Foreman Reid at her lovely home in Jamaica. That is always a fun trip. Finally, a lifetime dream came true. While visiting their son in Los Angeles, he surprised Pat with tickets to a Johnny Mathis concert in the Los Angeles Philharmonic, followed by a backstage meeting with Johnny. At age 79, he continues to give a great concert. Pat looks forward to seeing all of you at our 55th Reunion.
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Gatbsbury College Class of 1973

Dennis Royal wrote to bring us up-to-date. After graduation, Dennis joined the U.S. Army for 5 years and left as an Armor Captain. He attended Tulane U and mat and married his wife of 24 years, Lynn. They then moved to the oil fields of Tulsa. Dennis then earned an engineer at the Sunoco refinery in Philadelphia. Dennis and Lynn have two sons, Jonathan and Stephen. They then graduated from college and are working in Dauphin and Chester, respectively. Both Lynn and Dennis love to travel, Lynn is retired and they are debating where to live when they retire. Dennis, thank you for updating. Good luck with your retirement plans. Let us know where you eventually decide to put down your retirement roots! Keep sending me updates, and I will include your news in my column next year.

1974

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Well the sun is shining in Santa Fe as I write this. In Aug, Barry Letts (berlin@comcast.net) along with Dave Romey, Janet Morgan, Dave Eichelman, Mert Gilbert, Don Papson, Gary Boguski, and Kirby Bashore took a white-water rafting trip on the Pacuare River in Costa Rica. It was class 3 and 4 rapids, and Barry says it was "absolutely outstanding." They also went hiking, horseback riding, and zip lining through the rainforest. Mert insisted that they creep up on nothing more than a crocodile. This time their second white-water trip. They previously rafted Cataract Canyon in Canyonlands National Park, UT. "The Rock of the Californian Olympians" have gotten together every year since 1972, minus two. The group also includes Ron Papson, Ed Hayes, Mike Young, Jeff Cook, Ken Beshore, and Dick Matthews.

1975

If anyone is interested in taking over the class correspondent, please contact Joe Lynch '85 at jlynch@gettysburg.edu or 717-337-6522. These notes came in the Alumni Office from Frank Cannon. Jeff Hess passed away in May 2015. In July, a group of 25 Lambda Chi brothers traveled to Albany, NY, for a celebration of Jeff's life with family and friends. For those of us who knew Jeff, his love of music, his willingness to always be available to help others, and his love of family will forever resonate and be remembered in our hearts.

1976

40th Reunion Year

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I was happy to hear from two of our classmates. Mark A. Weiszbaecher shared that he was named again in the Nov. 2015 issue of New Jersey Monthly Top Doctor List in Internal Medicine. He continues to practice in northern NJ and has been the medical director for a five-star health and rehabilitation center for two years. Jeffrey Danziger writes that he began his life after graduation as an Air Force officer and felt fortunate to be assigned as chief of police at a base in Germany when the Berlin Wall fell. He married Kathy, a nurse, who graduated from Messiah College in Grantham, PA. They had three children born in H, Germany, and Washington, DC. His second career was as a missionary with Child Evangelism Fellowship in eastern PA for 21 years, and he was the director for the last seven years. His children, now grown, have provided Jeff with five grandchildren. Four years ago, he graduated from Capital Seminary with a PHD in leadership. Jeff shared that he is still in touch with his college roommate. Vince Albertini and feels a strong sense of gratitude to Gettysburg. Lake Lanier Sailing Club and are also "hooked" on the Tuesday and Thursday water ski competitions. Even the cats have adjusted. Thank you, Barry, Carol, and Jackal Ann for even who wants to be mentioned, please contact me.

1977

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Ed Riggs is busy in retirement, writing spots for the paper, acting, chairing the board of the local community theater, hiking, and spending lots of time at the Appalachian Trail Museum. In 2014, he finished the 2,189-mile Appalachian Trail. He said it was the most incredible experience of his life. He knows that this is in his eighth year as President of Gettysburg College. So let us all keep it kept and keeping Gettysburg great! Could it actually be possible that next year will be our 40th Reunion? In the meantime, let me know who you have been up to these all years!

1978

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Gettysburg College Class of 1978

Frank Cannon reports that NJ state Sen. Peter J. Barnes III has joined on the board of the NJ Commission for the Humanities. Frank is serving his second term, Keep up the good work, guy! We all know that we will all keep on coming from you.

1979

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Gatbsbury College Class of 1979

Many of us in the East experienced blizzard conditions and subsequent beach flooding in mid-Jan. I hope you fared well through the winter. Send me your news! Stuart May is putting that Gatbsbury College Class of 1979 reunion idea to good use. He leads the trivia team to victory about every year! I will be retiring at the end of June, and feels a strong connection to Gettysburg. Lake Lanier Sailing Club and are also "hooked" on the Tuesday and Thursday water ski competitions. Even the cats have adjusted. Thank you, Barry, Carol, and Jackal Ann for even who wants to be mentioned, please contact me.
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Gettysburg College Class of 1980

Happy spring! I am starting to acclimatize to writing this updates two to three months in advance of the publication, as it is Feb. and these notes will appear in print in May. That being said, the Class of 1981 Reunion is only a month away and an unnamed source has informed me there will be a pre-reunion party at the old Wolf’s Pub on Thursday, June 2. Class of 1980 alumni are welcome to crash the party if they are in town. Just use the secret password, “Save Silve Lake,” and Dave Stiley ’81 will let you in the speakeasy. Studied chemistry. Let’s start with Lisa Morton Bruce who reported, “Days after our Reunion, Laura Burke Hecker, Sue Speckman Murray, Sue Schmitz Brija, Karen Ziegler Goldfeder, Muriel Koehler, Neighbors, and I rented a house in St. Helen’s by Napia, PA. We did wine tours, biked out into the woods and had lots of laughs.” It sounds like a whole bunch of our classmates are having fun with no casualties.

1981

35th Reunion Year

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Gettysburg College - Class of 1981

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Gettysburg College Class of 1982

Greetings, all! There is not much news, so here we go. ACNB Bank recently promoted Doug Seibel to executive vice president. Doug joined the bank in 2008 as senior vice president of commercial lending. In his new role, he serves as ACNB bank’s chief lending and revenue officer, overseeing all lending teams, treasury management, and corporate strategy. Doug, speaking as our class treasurer, I salute you! He is also active in many civic organizations in the Hanover, PA, area, including the Borough of Hanover Planning Commission, First United Methodist Church, Hanover Hospital, Hanover Country Club, Hanover Rotary Club, Greater Hanover Chapter of the American Red Cross, and Golden Visions Adult Day Service. It sounds like Hanover is lucky to have him. (Thanks for the info, Nall Bryant!) On the day after Super Bowl 50, Ellen Bakala an had an opinion piece in the New York Daily News, “A new law that will be good for all.” It’s not as bad as it sounds. From Denise Higgins Keundig and her husband from the Fountian of Youth in St. Augustine, FL, which sounds like a real paradise, she wonders, “What ever happened to Gary Rothenberg signing in NJ. Inquiring minds want to know!”

1983

30th Reunion Year

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Gettysburg College - Class of 1983

Hi, classmates! I did not find any updates for this edition. Don’t let our column be blank again. Please write or call.

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Gettysburg College Class of ’86

Class Page

Writing this news column is always a very humbling experience for me, so here we go. Jim and Karen Ziegler are the active club president. Hi! long and straight, Dawn received his first chord from Denise Higgins Keundig and her husband from the Fountain of Youth in St. Augustine, FL, which sounds like a real paradise, she wonders, “What ever happened to Gary Rothenberg signing in NJ. Inquiring minds want to know!”

1986

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Gettysburg College Class of ’86

25th Reunion

Steve and Marie Silas Sitko gave me an update on their family. Steve works for Novatia and is on the road a great deal between Switzerland and across the U.S. His wife, Marie stays busy with her lawyer activities. Their oldest son, Ben, is a senior at Chatham (NJ) High School, wrapping up his hockey and career athletics, Gettysburg is high on his list of possible colleges. Patrick, a freshman at Chatham, throws the shot put, Matt Rockstech and his wife live in Phoenix, MD. Matt is the CCO for Horan Capital Management, a registered investment advisor located in Chicago. Their daughter, Allie, is a sophomore at U Chicago with a strong interest in communications. Son Matthew is a junior at Layton Blakely High School in Towson, MD, and is on the campus tour circuit. Youngest daughter Olivia is in ninth grade at Honea Downe Prep in Towson, MD, and enjoys playing soccer, lacrosse, and basketball. Matt also hosts a Gettysburg College student as part of the College’s Career Center’s Career Development with a day of shadowing during the Jan. break. Those kids could have shadowed Matt during his Gettysburg days, they would have had quite an experience also. Reminder our 30th Reunion will be next June. The Class of 1986 is also active in many civic organizations in the Hanover, PA, area, including the Borough of Hanover Planning Commission, First United Methodist Church, Hanover Hospital, Hanover Country Club, Hanover Rotary Club, Greater Hanover Chapter of the American Red Cross, and Golden Visions Adult Day Service. It sounds like Hanover is lucky to have him. (Thanks for the info, Nall Bryant!) On the day after Super Bowl 50, Ellen Bakala an had an opinion piece in the New York Daily News, “A new law that will be good for all.” It’s not as bad as it sounds. From Denise Higgins Keundig and her husband from the Fountian of Youth in St. Augustine, FL, which sounds like a real paradise, she wonders, “What ever happened to Gary Rothenberg signing in NJ. Inquiring minds want to know!”
in six vertebrae as a result of severe osteoporosis. She curts her blessings, however, and has made great contributions because she is probably the only member of the Class of '79 who was born, raised, and has been living in the Pittsburgh area, give her a call. She'd love to catch up with you. Although Rick Waechter joined his family in MA, he splits his time between Boston and Philadelphia. He is president and CEO of Bistron magazine and a number of additional publications. He is also president and CEO of Bistron magazine. It isn't as crazy as it sounds, he says, because it's usually a quick flight between cities. Rick has four children, is a pilot, and enjoys outdoor sports. Soni Dimond moved from her long-time residence in Lancaster, PA, to Naples, FL, to be vice president for fund development and communications for Beasley Broadcast Group. In her new position, she is responsible for the strategic direction and content of internal and external communications for the radio company. Soni has spent 16 years as founder and president of Soni Dimond Media. Ted and Rhonda Thomas '81 Elocko: daughter Amy was married last fall. Fellow Phi Delta Theta brothers Bruce Bills '78 and Frank Price are together in Naples and there to help celebrate the occasion. Jim Birkenstock has worked as a software engineer and SaaS Systems for the last 10 years, and he loves his work. He lives in Washington Twp., NJ 07676 and has a second home in Mastic Beach, NY. He splits his time there to help celebrate the occasion. Jim Birkenstock has worked as a software engineer and SaaS Systems for the last 10 years, and he loves his work. He lives in Washington Twp., NJ 07676 and has a second home in Mastic Beach, NY. He splits his time there to help celebrate the occasion. Jim Birkenstock has worked as a software engineer and SaaS Systems for the last 10 years, and he loves his work. He lives in Washington Twp., NJ 07676 and has a second home in Mastic Beach, NY. He splits his time there to help celebrate the occasion. Jim Birkenstock has worked as a software engineer and SaaS Systems for the last 10 years, and he loves his work. He lives in Washington Twp., NJ 07676 and has a second home in Mastic Beach, NY. He splits his time there to help celebrate the occasion. Jim Birkenstock has worked as a software engineer and SaaS Systems for the last 10 years, and he loves his work. He lives in Washington Twp., NJ 07676 and has a second home in Mastic Beach, NY. He splits his time there to help celebrate the occasion.
School (Fairfax, VA) Athletic Hall of Fame. She was a very lettered and team captain of the field hockey, basketball, and soccer teams at Robinson. She also received all-district and all-region honors for all these sports and Northern District Tournament MVP in basketball. While a star athlete at the Iburg, competing in field hockey and basketball. What an amazing honor, Kathy! Great job! That’s all I have. Please feed my inbox for the fall issues. That deadline is June 15.

1990
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Gettysburg College Class of ’90
Hello, everyone! Vicki Lattimer Rice has launched a sustainable tote line called Little Sposa Design. The line includes reusable shopping bags, which pouches silkscreened with original patterns designed by her in Brooklyn, NY, and made in the US. The hope is to expand to include a “one for one” model down the road. At the moment, Vicki does a “pattern for good,” where a portion of the proceeds go to-worthy organizations. Her proceeds will benefit Friends of the Earth, specifically aimed at the plight of the bear. Learn more at shoplittlesposa.com. Vicki lives happily in Brooklyn with her husband Tim and their children Lincoln (10) and Molly (8). She recently graduated from Brooklyn College with a BFA in design.

1991
25th Reunion Year
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Happy spring! After you’ve done putting away your winter boots, send me an update to share with our class! You probably know our 20th Reunion is coming up June 1. I am sad to miss it (Board meeting for work), but I know the committee is busy planning a lot of fun activities for our class. Now is when you put down the magazine and send me an update.

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Big congratulations to Mark Benjamin and Lindsay Albert. They were married on Nov. 21 at Washington Crossing (PA) Inn. Their nieces and nephews were the bridesmaids and groomsmen. It was a beautiful day! Catherine M. Schott Murray and husband Peter welcomed their second child, Hannah Catherine, on Mar. 17, 2015. Jenny Robertson and her husband, Mark, welcomed their new baby, James Martin Robertson, on April 16, 2015.

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Hello, Class of 2001! I hope everyone has a great spring. If you have not yet made your gift this year, please do so. That just means you need to start saving now; it’s not too late! Remember to update us when you have exciting things happening in your life. I know Facebook keeps us all in touch, but this is a space to share among friends! It’s hard to believe it’s been a year since our 15th Reunion. That just means you need to start saving the date now for our 20th Reunion in the summer of 2020! And remember, even though we’re not in a “special” reunion year, Gettysburg still needs our support. If you have not yet made your gift this year, please do so.

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Hello, Class of 2002! Courtney Sneddon Messner wrote that she was recently selected as a 40 Under 40 honoree in Arlington, VA, through Leadership Arlington. The 40 Under 40 is a societal call to action to identify the next generation of emerging leaders and trailblazers in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan region. Its purpose is to recognize 40 emerging leaders under the age of 40 who demonstrate personally or professionally through their exceptional leadership in our region. Feel free to send me your exciting news, and I would be glad to include it in our next issue.

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James and Katie Daggett Bealer welcomed their third son, Harry, Thomas Bealer, on Jan. 7, weighing 9 lbs. 1 oz. His big brothers are Jack (5½) and Charlie (5½).

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Hello, Class of 2004! Our classmates have wonderful updates to share! Lindsey Spafford Prokay and husband Ryan welcomed a baby boy, Holden Ryan Prokay, on July 7, 2015. Ducay Bates Poolder and husband Scott welcomed their daughter Evelyn into the world on Dec. 19. Amanda McCleary and husband Ryan recently traveled to Dallas, TX, for their mini-Gettysburg reunion with friends and family in the Naples, FL, area. Jim and his family walked along the beach exploring Naples and catching up with friends Molly (8) and Patrick (1½) recently had a wonderful update to share with their class. Molly (2) enjoys staring and smiling at her new playmate. Class of ’05, please send me your updates coming!

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On Dec. 16, Jill Janocha Redmond and her husband Derek welcomed a baby girl, Bri-La, with big sister Brynn Ann (2) enjoying staring and smiling at her new playmate. Class of ’05, please send me your updates coming!

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Hans Manfaldy and his wife Amy welcomed their second child, Leo Reid Hantley, on Dec. 28, weighing in at 8 lbs. 10 oz., and big sister Olivia ‘13, are thrilled to announce the birth of their third son, Matthew ‘20. They recently purchased a home in Rye, NY, this past summer. They’re also thrilled to announce the birth of their fourth child, baby boy, Colin Anderson Shea, on Oct. 19. Rich ’04 and Hayley Syracuse Gallagher bought a house in Rye, NY, this past summer. They’re also thrilled to announce the birth of their son, James, on Jan. 9. Sarah Flood married Brian Cymbor on July 25 in Guillfult, CT. They met while working at the Mayo Clinic. Gillian Syracuse Chandra was a bridesmaid. Julian Hannel Lynch, Molly Wilcoxon, Kathryn Adams Ferguson, Peter Greenhalgh, Andrew King, Bill and Nicole Pedota Jackson, Megan Anderson ‘97, Alisa Amor ‘07, Jon Condo ’05, Darrin McIntyre ’08, and Rich
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I hope everyone has a great spring.If you have news that you would like to share in this column, please send me an email or contact the Alumni Office. Thank you!
Gallagher '04 were in attendance. The newlyweds headed to the Dalmatian Coast in Italy for their honeymoon and currently reside in Hoboken, NJ. Alexander Senk, Cameron Frank, and big sister Claire welcomed Joseph Francesco on July 21. Jamie Booth is thrilled to be this spring's bride. She was also nominated for a Deloitte Nurse of the Year award and is in her fourth year of study at Townsville (Australia) City Council as a nurse in beautiful Santa Barbara, CA. Molly Hildebrandt was recently married and works in Chicago at the U of I where she encourages young minds to get the hell out of Dodge.

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2007
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Tricia Lee graduated with her MBA from the U of MD in May 2015. Andrew Naber graduated with his PhD in industrial-organizational psychology from TX A&M U and recently took a position as a behavioral scientist at the RAND Corporation in Santa Monica, CA. She also works part-time for the Mayo Clinic as a research assistant. Elizabeth Stuka married Michael Ross on Jan. 14 in Seattle, WA. They worked in Seattle and then Paris, and now are living in New York. Joseph Francesco on July 21. Jamie Booth ’09 was in Sydney, Australia. Catherine is in her fourth year of studying massage therapy in Seattle, WA. She will have an annual meet-up in “Nashvagas,” hinesite cowgirl or bust. Beth Nehlig Lutz ’08 and husband Jason welcomed their second baby, Everett Hugh Snowden Lutz, into their family on Oct. 15. Big brother Pierce couldn’t be happier. Catherine Girman married Damian Jordan on Aug. 15 in Townsend, Queensland, Australia. Julia Girman ‘03 was maid of honor for her sister’s wedding and Katherine Gamble as bridesmaid. Katherine is in her fourth year of working in emergency management at Townsville (Australia) City Council and recently completed an advanced diploma in public safety (emergency management). She was also nominated as just one of five interns to participate in Australia’s 2015 Young Emergency Managers Workshop held in Canberra.

2008
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I will be collecting class notes for the Gettysburg College Class of ’08. I look forward to hearing from you. Please email me a quick update. I married John Gunerman in March, 2015 at the Lockwood House in Casselton, ND. I am currently working as a studio assistant for the CEO at Jack Rogers, an interpretive park guide at Adams National Historical Park in Quincy, MA, and was a volunteer assistant at Death Valley National Park this past winter. Rebecca Teamann ’08 completed an MS in earth and planetary sciences at IN State U last summer and will start a PG program in geology at Baylor U in Waco, TX.

2010
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I graduated with my PhD in industrial-organizational psychology from Texas A&M University and recently took a position as a behavioral scientist at the RAND Corporation in Santa Monica, CA. I am currently working as a research assistant. Elizabeth Stuka married Michael Ross on Jan. 14 in Seattle, WA. They worked in Seattle and then Paris, and now are living in New York. Beth Nehlig Lutz ’08 and husband Jason welcomed their second baby, Everett Hugh Snowden Lutz, into their family on Oct. 15. Big brother Pierce couldn’t be happier. Catherine Girman married Damian Jordan on Aug. 15 in Townsend, Queensland, Australia. Julia Girman ‘03 was maid of honor for her sister’s wedding and Katherine Gamble as bridesmaid. Katherine is in her fourth year of working in emergency management at Townsville (Australia) City Council and recently completed an advanced diploma in public safety (emergency management). She was also nominated as just one of five interns to participate in Australia’s 2015 Young Emergency Managers Workshop held in Canberra.

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5th Reunion Year
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The Class of 2011 was quiet this time around. I hope everyone enjoyed the readings or news of the five-year Reunion on Sept. 30-Oct. 2. Plan to be back on campus to reunite with friends, visit the faculty and staff, and enjoy Gettysburg’s beautiful fall season. Plenty of class events are in the works. Please remember to send your news: new jobs, new homes, marriages, or simple memories about our time at the ‘Burg. Enjoy your spring and summer!

2012
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I moved back from Atlanta to NYC to continue my role with AT&T as a client solutions executive. Shannon Callahan works for Aramark in their Corporate Accounts Leadership program, which is a managerial training program. She works in Greenwich, Washington, D.C., at a hotel as a meeting planner. She also works part-time for a startup bakery out of Union Kitchen and bakes cakes once a week for Pops by Haley. She can find her staff all over D.C. and even in NY! Brian D’Onofrio started working at the largest women minority-owned company in North America called SHI International, and they are a technology reseller that provides software, hardware, and IT solutions to customers across the globe. They excel in customer satisfaction, quality, and retention, and he has had nothing but positive experiences since starting. Emily Elwood accepted a position as an interpretive park guide at Adams National Historical Park in Quincy, MA, and was a volunteer assistant at Death Valley National Park this past winter. Rebecca Teamann ’08 completed an MS in earth and planetary sciences at IN State U last summer and will start a PG program in geology at Baylor U in Waco, TX.

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In early Feb., Emily Zoller led a group of Washington, D.C., young professionals on a 10-day Birthright trip in Israel. Victoria McGlynn ’10 began working as a studio assistant at Shillington School of Graphic Design and plans to start the three-month, full-time graphic design course in April. She highly recommends the course to students and alumni interested in this career path. Be sure to send me your updates to be included in the next issue!

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I just moved back from Atlanta to NYC to continue my role with AT&T as a client solutions executive. Shannon Callahan works for Aramark in their Corporate Accounts Leadership program, which is a managerial training program. She works in Greenwich, Washington, D.C., at a hotel as a meeting planner. She also works part-time for a startup bakery out of Union Kitchen and bakes cakes once a week for Pops by Haley. She can find her staff all over D.C. and even in NY! Brian D’Onofrio started working at the largest women minority-owned company in North America called SHI International, and they are a technology reseller that provides software, hardware, and IT solutions to customers across the globe. They excel in customer satisfaction, quality, and retention, and he has had nothing but positive experiences since starting. Emily Elwood accepted a position as the office administrator and executive assistant for the CEO at Jack Rogers, a show for all Mariner in Manhattan. In the fall, she moved to Milford, where she lives with her boyfriend, Adam. She now calls Connecticut home and enjoys many other alma maters who call the Big Apple home. It is a far cry from Green House and Servo! After having helped coordinate their move to larger offices in the Garment District, she is now taking on human resource responsibilities and preparing to be a (fellow) associate for a professional human resources (APHR) designated. Mike Reali began working for an environmental consulting company called Impact Environmental, which conducted Phase I and II reports. He dealt with the removal of contaminated soil. After eight months at Impact Environmental, he transferred to a startup he learned at Gettysburg and his time in the environmental field to his family-owned waste removal and recycling company. Thanks to Gettysburg, he has been prepared for anything the real world has thrown at him. It has provided him with the necessary knowledge to become the third generation in his family business. Molly Phillips works as an exercise specialist at Performance Spine and Sports Medicine, a multidisciplinary orthopedic institute for pain management and rehabilitation. She completes a variety of tasks, from working with patients to managing and their insurance pre-certifications. She loves having the opportunity to learn from many health care professionals. Her position has guided her to pursue a degree in nursing beginning in May at Thomas Jefferson U. Her clinical experiences at work, along with lectures and lessons on the human body from the class of 2011 was quiet this time around. I hope everyone enjoyed the readings or news of the five-year Reunion on Sept. 30-Oct. 2. Plan to be back on campus to reunite with friends, visit the faculty and staff, and enjoy Gettysburg’s beautiful fall season. Plenty of class events are in the works. Please remember to send your news: new jobs, new homes, marriages, or simple memories about our time at the ‘Burg. Enjoy your spring and summer!

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Stevenson taught high school health and physical education, in addition to coaching field hockey and basketball. Once she started a family, she switched from teaching to officiating field hockey. A highlight of her 15-year officiating career was being named the first woman to be named on the Pennsylvania Intercollegiate Athletic Association District One Board of Directors.

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