May 2016

A funny thing happened on the way to reunion .... it became increasingly exciting!

As we started planning our 40th reunion, our key objective was reconnecting classmates through conversations, our class Facebook page and a newsletter. Over the past few months, it has been a treat to learn about your families, careers, hobbies and contributions to your respective communities.

Judging by your feedback*, these initial efforts have served as catalysts to rekindle dormant friendships and revive decades-old memories. While more remains to be done, we've made great strides towards our goal.

With thanks to the 65 classmates who've already submitted information, we present Edition #2 of the class newsletter.

These pages are a great way to start catching up with one another before we meet in person on campus June 10-12. For those of you unable to make the trek to Lewiston, sending your pictures and updates may be even more important—don’t trust your life story to the vivid imaginations of those in attendance!

A final, Looking-Back-At-Reunion edition will be circulated in August. Updates, additional photos and corrections are welcomed until that time, as are e-mail addresses for anyone determined to stay in touch for our 45th. And while our In Memoriam list is (thankfully) still quite short, please let us know if you are aware of other classmates who have passed on. Address all material to me or to Marge Davis (margedavis@comcast.net).

Last, but certainly not least, my sincere thanks to our 2016 Reunion Committee volunteers: Wendy Ault, Carol Gordon Ladd, Jeff Helm, Robin Hodgskin, Marge McCormick Davis, Sheila Morgan Noon, Chris Nielsen Williams and Clara Smith. Folks, your collaboration, work and humor have made this great fun.

We hope you enjoy the newsletter.

Best wishes.

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* A recurring piece of feedback is how much many of you appreciate the town that hosted (put up with?) us during our time at Bates. To show our gratitude to that community, some of us have been talking with Tree Street Youth, a nonprofit founded in 2011 by fellow Bates alums to support the development of young people from some of Lewiston's most challenged neighborhoods (the ones around the "tree streets"—Walnut, Pine, Ash, etc.). More to come on the incredible work these folks do and how the class of ’76 might give something back.
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Gail Wilson Anderson

I live in Hilton Head, South Carolina, with my husband of 38 years, John. We retired here full time in 2012. Before that, we had lived in St. Louis (10 years), Nashville (2 years) and Connecticut (23 years) before moving to Hilton Head. We have two daughters: Erin, who is a chef and lives in Charleston, South Carolina; and Caitlin, an environmental biologist/consultant who is married and lives in Houston.

While in St. Louis I was with Enterprise Rent a Car for ten years, but when we moved to Nashville, I “retired” to raise the girls. I became the “professional room mother/volunteer” during their growing-up years. Upon the girls going to college, I had a “play job” as an aide in the local kindergarten in Orange, Connecticut.

Both John and I are avid golfers, hence the decision to move to Hilton Head. Having given up tennis after many years, golf has become our sport of choice. John and I are actively involved with the First Tee of the Lowcountry, and are enjoying coaching young golfers.

At Bates, my partner-in-crime and roommate, Robin Hodgskin, and I were pretty much inseparable. Road trips to Bowdoin and Colby in her little green VW are some of the funniest memories, not to mention the calls for Sadie Hawkins!
Liam Antrim

I moved west after Bates, spent five years as an itinerant field biologist in Alaska and Washington, then got an MS at Western Washington University in Bellingham. Professional work took me to Sequim on the Olympic Peninsula, where I have lived since 1986 with my wife Pam.

The past 30 years or so have been split between Battelle Marine Sciences Lab (toxicology, nearshore habitat restoration, environmental compliance/assessment) and Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary (policy, management planning, permitting, science), where I’m currently Research Coordinator.

A couple of sons came along, now 27 and 25 years old. My home is a couple miles from salt water and a 45-minute drive from mountains that are often snow-capped. I’m on the board of the local land trust, and we often bike and hike, kayak and row, ski and snowshoe, garden and relax (sometimes). Guess I enjoyed a lot of that at Bates and in New England. Somehow I never jumped into the lake …
Glenn Bacheller

Amy Batchelor ('77) and I are blissed out in Santa Barbara, California. We had a plan to end up here that was about 20 years in the making. I own a home healthcare company based in Massachusetts and am blessed to have great people running it for me.

I dedicate much of my time helping out in the community, especially with the homeless and the environment. When we’re not busy volunteering, we enjoy traveling; recent trips have included China and Australia/New Zealand, and our annual return to the beloved North Shore of Kauai. I also had the chance to cheer the Patriots on to victory at the 2015 Super Bowl.

When I’m not providing oversight to my business, volunteering and traveling, I invest a fair amount of time trying to get my golf game up to the levels of my college basketball days. So far that remains an aspiration. We all need challenges.

Hope to see many of you at reunion.
Buff Seirup Bachenheimer

I've been living in Bethany, Connecticut, for 26 years in a house that my husband Bernie and I designed and helped build. We have two children. Lou is 27 and got married last June. Hopefully, by reunion he will have completed his Ph.D. in some kind of quantum engineering. He started a new job in January. Sarah, 24, is directing a church Christian education program and working in the office at Central Connecticut State College while she finishes her degree in art education.

I've been teaching at Mercy High for 38 years. I started teaching biology but was soon channeled into physics. I've developed an interest in “Girls in STEM” (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) and spend most of my free time mentoring the TechTigers—one of the few all-girl FIRST robotics teams. It's rewarding to see girls who have never used a simple screwdriver handling power tools while engineering and building an awesome robot. Bernie and Sarah also mentor the team so it is a nice family project that we work on together. Bernie is the local Scoutmaster, and I am also on the board of directors for our local library and a deacon in my church.

I have plenty of great Bates memories. The ones that come to mind right now are the Pat McNulty (et al) vs. Jeff Helm race and the powderpuff football game. What a team! I realize now that if I hadn’t had quite so much fun I might have been a better student. But things worked out just fine and I appreciate all that I got from Bates—academic and social. It was a great four years followed by 40 more just as great.

Sarah, Bernie, Kelley, Lou and me

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Gail Virtue Basiliere and Pete Basiliere

Time flies—15 years ago this message would have been about kids and work. Now it is about grandkids, work and retirement. Happily married since ’76, we have three grown children and four grandchildren ages 2 to 7. Marc and his wife live in Albuquerque; Matt and his wife and daughter live in Tucson; and Katie, her husband and three boys live here in Milford, New Hampshire.

We moved to Milford in 1981 and never left. Two years ago Gail retired after 23 years as a first-grade teacher in Milford. She fills her days now watching the boys, teaching at a local environmental center and raising a business that brings accessible, organic gardens to elementary schools in the area.

Pete is a research vice president at Gartner, conducting research, advising clients and speaking to organizations worldwide about 3D printing. When home, he is the town and school district moderator. While no longer racing in The 24 Hours of LeMons, he still drives and instructs at BMW Car Club driving schools.

Pete’s lifelong dream of visiting New Zealand was fulfilled this past February. We spent nearly two weeks hiking, biking and kayaking on the South Island. Closer to home, we have reestablished our ties to Maine with a lovely year-round cabin on Goose Pond in Shapleigh that we frequently visit.

We have been blessed to be married for 40 years, and are fortunate to still be in touch with several of our Bates classmates after all these years. We have enjoyed watching their children (and grandchildren!) grow as much as we enjoy watching our own.

Be well and be in touch!

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If you’d ever asked me while I was a Bates student if I imagined myself teaching marketing, I could barely have told you what marketing was (oh, proud liberal arts grad that I am), let alone think I’d be teaching it at the college level.

But life takes unexpected turns and, after an MBA and career in the field, I find myself in front of the classroom at Bryant University. It’s a different campus with different students, but I still feel the energy and sense of expectation I did at Bates, and I love the chance to shape young minds, as mine was shaped by my Bates experiences.

On other fronts in my life, I have been happily married to John for more than 34 years; together we have three children (Scott, 29, Sarah, 26, and Emily, 23) who are all are out of college, “off the payroll” and living independent lives in New York City. Our primary home is in Cranston, Rhode Island, but I enjoy spending summers at our beach house on the Connecticut shore. In my spare time, I lend my marketing skills to several local boards and organizations, play tennis, travel (New York turns out to be a frequent destination … go figure!) and help my husband with occasional wine tastings and education events at his retirement “hobby,” a wine store in Providence. While I couldn’t imagine leading this particular life while I was at Bates, it’s been a good one so far and fascinating to watch unfold.
Melinda Chace Bracken and Chuck Bracken

We will not make it to reunion as our third daughter Kelli is getting married a few weeks after and we have a lot of preparation to do. As to updates—

Chuck is chairman and CEO for Barton Mines, LLC, based in Glens Falls, NY. This family-owned company has produced the world’s highest quality garnet abrasives for more than 130 years. He loves to golf, ski, bike, travel and spend time with our family. He’s also a Pittsburgh sports fan. Let’s go Steelers, Penguins and Pirates!

After a busy career in medical technology as a specialist in blood banking and director for our local blood bank, I began a second career as a preschool teacher. I continue to share my love of science with preschoolers. I also enjoy sharing literature, music and art with these young children and nurturing a love of learning. I'm a new golfer; my other passions include skiing, biking, travel and theatre.

Our oldest daughter, Heather Lazur, graduated from Bates in 2005. She and her husband Nathan live in Pittsburgh. Daughter #2, Kirsten Scott, is a Carnegie Mellon School of Drama graduate living in Manhattan with her husband Mathew. Kelli graduated from the Newhouse School of Communications at Syracuse University and now works in TV production in Louisiana. And our son, David, who graduated from New York University, recently completed a two-year executive management training program at Macy’s and is based in New York City.

We love to travel as a family. Favorite places include Stoneharbor, New Jersey, Whistler, British Columbia, Italy and Australia.

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Hi from Palmer, Alaska. Unfortunately, with my current time and financial constraints, and my next trip east in October, I won't be able to attend our 40th reunion. I surely would love to be there—Lewiston in June is almost as lovely as Palmer in June ;^)

(Can you tell that I like where I live? The long daylight hours, low humidity and pleasant temperatures—in the 60s and 70s—are easy to like!)

My husband Rufus and I celebrated our 10th anniversary back in October 2015, and in mid-June this year, I will have been here for 10 years. My, how time flies!

I now work weekday afternoons at a Waldorf-inspired kindergarten/child care facility here in Palmer; I enjoy the children in our care very much. I'm also still working part-time as a field representative for the U.S. Census Bureau, for which I have an assigned case load. For those of you who think the census only comes around every ten years, check out census.gov. You will find there a wealth of information that our eight monthly surveys collect year-round. Every month I gather data to help measure the unemployment rate and the consumer price index for our country.

If you are ever in my area of Alaska, feel free to contact me. I'd love to show you around. Best wishes to all my classmates!

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Here I am with a reindeer (caribou) at the Reindeer Farm in Palmer, where you can feed the animals right inside their pens. The owners take them around to various events like this one, a craft fair at an elementary school near my home. At Fur Rendezvous every March in Anchorage, there's even a "running with the reindeer" event, similar to running with the bulls, but not so scary or dangerous!
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Betty and I have called Portland, Maine, home for 36 years. After graduating from Bates, I studied pharmacy and business. Following 10 years with Maine Medical Center’s Emergency Department, I helped develop organizations such as Chartwell, a subsidiary of Mass General Hospital and New England Medical Center, and Health Dialog. For the last four years I’ve worked with Lumeris, a top-ranked organization that develops solutions and operating partnerships to help patients, providers and payers achieve success in healthcare’s evolving accountable care environment. Betty has used her nursing skills to help high-risk pregnant women and their families as a member of Maine Medical Center’s Maternal Fetal Medicine practice for 30 years. That’s a lot of babies!

We have two children. Jen is a social worker and runs a transitional home for disadvantaged youth in Burlington, Vermont. Brian is an IT specialist and product manager for a British organization. The family gathers regularly to enjoy the coast and mountains of New England, compete in running events and host backyard barbecues.

My volunteer time has been dedicated to local nonprofit organizations, such as United Way and the YMCA. In my 30 years on the board of Day One, I’ve helped it become Maine’s premier organization for adolescent substance abuse prevention and treatment. I play and teach the game of squash, with Tom Wellman being my current “Champion of Tomorrow.” My connections to the college include attending events and cheering the basketball and squash teams—groups of young women and men whose character is even more impressive than their talents on the courts!

With our 40th wedding anniversary coinciding with our class’ 2016 reunion, we’re looking forward to a big celebration in June!

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Greetings from Woonsocket!
Sharon and I just celebrated our 25th in Maui where we got engaged. When we got married, a lot of the Commons "long table" crew were in the line-up.

After Bates I went to law school at Rutgers/Camden. (Tuition was $600/semester—and that was out-of-state.) I started in private practice in Portsmouth, then after five years went in-house with Bank of New England. Anyone think the banking industry is a nice stable place to work? ENNNNN! Wrong answer! Almost every company I’ve worked for either merged with someone else or got crushed by one of the end-of-decade banking crises. Fortunately I love the work and have always managed to land on my feet, most recently (and hopefully for the last time) with Wells Fargo where I’m senior counsel with my office now in Boston.

I get tired of hearing people wonder aloud how I managed to get Sharon as my wife. Folks, I can HEAR you. Sharon worked for Hasbro when we first came to Rhode Island, then quit to raise the kids. Our oldest, Clay, went to Keene State and then out to Hollywood to work in video production. He actually lived in beautiful downtown Burbank (only people our age get the reference). He just moved to New Hampshire to help run a small brewery. His ultimate goal is to form his own company with Dad’s 401K. Chandler is graduating magna cum laude from Muhlenberg College with a double major in theater and English. That will probably get her a really good waitressing job. She’s a great singer; at 16 she was a Hollywood Week American Idol finalist. She worked the last two summers at Ogunquit Playhouse and will hit the audition circuit after decompressing a bit this summer. In addition to our own kids, 14 international students became part of our family over the past 25 years, giving us friends the world over, from China to Sweden.

We still get to camp in Maine where we had many memorable spring-semester parties, including a certain bachelor party for someone I won’t name. Pictures on request—unless Joe Ehrhardt’s check gets here first. We try to have at least one family trip each year. Most recent was to Costa Rica for an “eco-adventure,” which is where young people point and laugh as you zip-line, whitewater raft and rappelle down waterfalls. Forty years has truly blazed by. Hey Pete—we bought a MINI!

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Arthur Danforth

I reside in North Andover, Massachusetts, only a few miles from where I grew up.

After 15-plus years working in export compliance with companies such as Saucony and Stride Rite, I joined Converse, Inc., in 2008. I'm currently the Supervisor of Export and Customs Program Compliance.

Golf consumes much of my free time, although I still enjoy hiking and winter snowshoeing. I usually visit Bates a couple of times each year to see the Bobcats play football and basketball. I also do my best to cheer on the ‘Cats when they play in the Boston area.

Astute observers of my picture will note that only Einstein is sporting a moustache!

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Marge McCormick Davis
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Paul and I and our two rescue dogs live on a lake just outside Nashville. When I moved to Tennessee on a whim in 1979, I never expected to stay—a Yankee liberal in the conservative South—but Tennessee is a beautiful state with an active environmental community, and that’s where I found my niche. It’s also where I got more schooling (Vanderbilt, Ph.D.) and met my husband—I was working for a conservation group and Paul was head of the state’s water quality agency.

Career-wise, you could say I’ve had a lifelong case of ADHD. In the 40 years since graduation, I’ve had roughly as many jobs—delivering newspapers, repairing lobster traps, writing for a woodworking magazine, addressing newsletters, working with adults with special needs, lots of waitressing. The shortest job, driving an ice-cream truck, lasted three days. The longest, the thing I’m doing now, isn’t really even a job (in the sense that no paychecks are involved).

For more than a decade I’ve been the chief citizen lobbyist for a Tennessee bottle bill—a 5-cent deposit on beverage containers. (FYI, Maine passed its bottle bill the same year we graduated, and today its recycling rates are among the highest in the nation, and its roadsides are among the cleanest.) It’s an uphill battle, but of all the jobs and quasi-jobs I’ve had, this has been the most fun, most enlightening and most rewarding. It’s helped me get over my political elitism, it’s introduced me to thousands of terrific people and it has taken me deeper into every corner of my adopted state—literally and figuratively—than I would ever have ventured otherwise.

Still, I’m a Mainer at heart, and every year when I’m up North, we try to make sure that at least some remnant of our old Parker Hall freshman-year gang (Bachenheimer, Booth, Butler, McCormick, McMahon, McNulty, Smith, Spencer, Weymouth) gets together. We hope to form a bloc at this year’s reunion.

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Mark Douyard

Barbara and I live in New Windsor, New York, which is just north of West Point, in a condo that overlooks the Hudson River. I moved to the Hudson Valley seven years ago to run a physician recruiting company, River Medical Recruiting. Prior to that, I earned an MBA in 2002 from Sacred Heart University, taught there as an adjunct for three years and worked in the Fort Lauderdale area.

We have two sons, both of whom have a child. Our third grandchild is due to arrive in May. My parents and sons all live in Connecticut, which makes spending time together easier.

In 2014, I battled cancer of the esophagus with chemotherapy, radiation and surgery. I’m thrilled to share that my one-year follow-up last September indicated that I’m cancer-free. As I am sure some of our classmates can attest, cancer changes your perspective on life and each day is a blessing.

In addition to working full-time, I’ve been taking classes at the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary and Princeton’s Theological Seminary. I’m in a commissioned Lay Pastor program in the Presbyterian church and currently do pulpit supply two to three Sundays per month in the Hudson Valley. Additionally, Barbara and I are involved with Habitat for Humanity and Family Promise of the Mid-Hudson Valley.

Last June we attended the Class of ’75 reunion with friends Nicholas and Janine (Ventura) Richards, and had a blast. I’ve got the ’76 reunion on the calendar and hope to be able to make it up for a couple of days.

Barbara and I after a hike up Mount Greylock in the Berkshires last summer

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Mary McMahon Dowd
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I have been married for 35 years to my wonderful husband, Jerry. We have two children, Caitlin (32) and Kevin (29), both educated at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts. Kevin recently completed his MBA at UConn and is working for Ahslom, a company just bought by GE. Caitlin is married to a fine young man, a lawyer named John D'Ambrosio, and is happy to be able to be a stay-at-home mom. They have two girls, Jordana (4) and Catherine (2) and expect a third just before reunion. We are so fortunate that they live only 15 minutes away and get to visit us almost every day! Being a grandparent is "joy over the top," unencumbered by the responsibilities that came with the joy of parenting.

In 2011, after 17 years as a math tutor at our middle school, I resigned to help Jerry run our family funeral home. Together we facilitated visiting hours; and when our beloved bookkeeper passed away, I was able to ease into her role without the usual rocky transition. (Thank goodness for the training I'd gained—back in the pre-kids days—running an office for a plastic surgeon!) In 2014, we sold the business and property to a funeral home that had always been tremendously helpful. We're grateful the new owners want us to continue to run calling hours, as so many in our community are like family. Semi-retirement is awesome!!!

One of my greatest blessings has been donating one of my kidneys to my younger brother, John, in 2012. He'd been diagnosed with congenital polycystic kidney disease back in 1995, when he was just 35. Even though the condition is hereditary, we still don't know of any past connection. John and I have both done well since the surgery and I am certainly hopeful that will remain true for him for many, many years.

Jerry and I walk for exercise, and for relaxation I still love to read. I also really enjoy the singing and dancing reality shows on TV. But now that we're retired, we want to give back. We just started driving for the Nutmeg Senior Rides of North Central Connecticut, I'm active in the folk group and Bible study programs at my Catholic church, I plan to donate time to our local food bank and I'm looking into being a substitute driver for Meals On Wheels. But we make sure we leave plenty of time to join family in Cape Cod and Florida, enjoy our annual Aruba vacation and plan special trips to places such as Ireland and Italy in the next few years. It is thrilling to have the time to make plans to visit with out-of-town friends!!! See you in June!

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Joe Ehrhardt

Sue, ‘77, and I live in Haddonfield, New Jersey, and will hit 39 years of marriage this year! We don’t move around much—after spending a bit of time in grad school in Wisconsin, we moved back to Sue’s home state of New Jersey and have lived in the same house for 30 years, about 15 minutes from Philadelphia. Still a Sox and Patriots fan though.

We also don’t switch jobs too often. Sue has been with the same company with different names for her full career. I’ve worked for a whopping two companies. We are both working in the chemical/manufacturing research arena.

We have three kids: Kate, 27, living in Denver; Beth, 23, living in Minneapolis; and Chris, 19, a sophomore at Lafayette College. I have a Batesie sister and brother-in-law, Lisa ‘90 and Rich Travis ‘89, who like Kate are also in Colorado. So between my daughter and sister we get to spend an annual week or so hiking or skiing out there. Love it.

Outside of work, I’ve spent 13 years on our local school board but have now shifted to brewing beer. They seem similar.

We get together with Al ‘75 and Linda ‘78 Green and Dave ‘76 and Lynette Snow once in a while, although not as often now as we would like. When the kids were young it was an annual New Year’s Eve weekend celebration and summer vacations. Other than that, not a lot of Batesies in this area.

The pearl of wisdom I’ll share before reunion is a quote from Buckaroo Banzai, “Just remember wherever you go, there you are.”

Looking forward to seeing you all this spring!
Mark Faust
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My wife Elise, a health professional, and I live in Madison, Georgia, where we've raised two daughters, Victoria and Taylor.

After graduating from Bates, I continued my education at New York University while teaching English at public and private schools in the New York metropolitan area. After earning a Ph.D. in English Education, I joined the Department of Language and Literacy Education at the University of Georgia, where I worked more or less happily until my retirement in 2014.

I'm grateful to be entering a new phase of life filled with opportunities to indulge my lifelong passion for reading and writing, a passion that, in part, can be traced to my experience as a student at Bates.

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I live in Zutphen, a middle-sized medieval town in the east of the Netherlands. I have a 24-year-old daughter named Sietske and a 22-year-old son named Auke. Sietske lives in Amsterdam and is a masters’ student studying history. Auke is a senior in college majoring in philosophy and lives in Nijmegen. I am a psychotherapist in private practice and also work part-time for the Institute for Forensic and Addicted Patients.

My father suffers from Alzheimer’s disease and I dedicate lots of time to helping him maximize his quality of life. In my spare time I enjoy playing golf, hiking and visiting museums and exhibitions. I have many sweet Bates memories, such as Short Term in the “French Dorm” with a visit to Quebec, Outing Club activities, dorm parties and visiting friends and their families.

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Jody Fiore

Following graduation from Bates, I attended Boston University for a master’s degree in history and then went on to Suffolk University Law School. I practice law in my home city of Taunton, Massachusetts, and work as a housing counselor for a nonprofit agency called Pro-Home. For several years I taught at the predecessor institution to the University of Massachusetts Law School. I’m also a small-time politician, currently serving as an elected member of both Taunton’s school board and planning board, after having served many years on our city council and as assistant city solicitor. I’m the lay leader of Memorial United Methodist Church and hold licensure as a certified lay servant, and I’m active in our local historical society, Rotary Club, Sons of Italy and Friends of the Public Library. Incidentally, our Rotary Club has two members who are natives of Lewiston.

My wife Charlene, a third-grade special needs teacher, and I will be married 25 years in June. Also in June, our daughter Heidi turns 24. She graduated from Gordon College as a theater major and currently works as a substitute teacher while looking for opportunities in theatrical management or writing. Both came to our 35th reunion so that Heidi could see where Dad spent four years of his life.

In November of 2014 I underwent a total knee replacement, ending more than forty years of pain and dysfunction. I have always been an inveterate walker and with this physical rejuvenation and a dog who is always looking for an outing, I walk for miles without even thinking and dance like a teenager.

I have not seen much of Bates people in recent years, but I’m glad that our last reunion resulted in a Facebook network and in some renewed acquaintances. I’m looking forward to heading to Lewiston in June and to seeing so many people whom I’ve not seen in so long.
Frank Forward

I hope everyone is doing well!

Notes on myself:

After working in retail for more than 30 years, I'm now retired.

I'm married, with three kids. Two are still in college.
We live half the year in Moultonborough, New Hampshire, and half in Nokomis, Florida. Can’t take the cold anymore.

I spend a lot of my time doing traveling/nature photography. Recent trips include Japan, South Africa, Namibia, the Canadian Rockies, Ecuador, Cuba and a lot of the national parks in the U.S.

For three or four days every three or four years, I get together with Tony Fox, Rick Proia, Steve McGrath and Steve Coursey (or some combination of the four).
They're all doing well.

Take care.

Me with Rick Proia (center) and Tony Fox (right) on the pier in Venice, Florida
Diane Arrato Gavrish and Michael Gavrish

Hi, friends! Looking forward to our reunion ...

Michael and I have been living in Derry, N.H., for the past 37 years or so. Michael just retired after 36 years of teaching history and coaching football and track at Pinkerton Academy. He has a part-time job at the Welcome Center in Salem, New Hampshire, Exit 1 on Route 93, giving information to travelers! Stop in and see him if you’re in the area!

I have been a librarian in various capacities and in many local libraries over the past 40 years. I am currently semi-retired, but working in Chester, New Hampshire, at the public library as assistant director and head of Children’s Services. I love it but it’s exhausting, even working part time!!

Moriah, our daughter, is married to Martin, her love from Tanzania; fortunately they live in New Hampshire and not in Africa!! She is an architect working in Massachusetts. Bennett, our son, is married to Heather, whom he met in high school band; they are currently living in Australia! He is a published author—check out his work on Amazon and his website: www.bookdigits.com.

Michael and I are active in town, volunteer with the Friends of the Library, Holy Cross Church and some political affiliations. Our families are in Connecticut so we travel back and forth fairly regularly. We don’t get to Maine too often, but are happy to say we’ve had two trips of a lifetime, visiting Africa and Australia!

We both take lots of photos—some of which I’m sure many of you have seen on Facebook! We’ve made it to every one of our reunions, I believe, and are excited to be back on campus for our 40th.

P.S. I transferred to Bates as a sophomore, from Assumption College in Worcester. I’m happy that I was able to make such wonderful friends despite not starting out freshman year with the entire class! See you in June!
I started a new position in November at Salisbury and Andover United Reformed Churches in Wiltshire, United Kingdom. My wife, Ana, and I co-pastor three congregations.

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Sparky Godiksen

Where to start .... After graduation I stayed in Maine. I accepted a sales job with VP Winter Distributing Company, selling millwork products to lumber dealers in Maine and New Hampshire. I was on a whitewater rafting trip with Tom Wells and Bill Bardaglio when I met my future wife, Ellen Beach. We were married in 1980 at a church in Waterville, and had our reception in the Colby (yeah, that’s right) Alumni House. Ellen’s dad was a Colby graduate! We always tussled about who was the “better educated”!

Ellen and I lived in Westbrook, Maine, for a few years; we also designed and built two homes. In 1984, I accepted a regional VP position with Peachtree Windows & Doors, and we moved from Falmouth, Maine, to Redlands, California. I was responsible for all distribution business in California, Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada and Hawaii. The Hawaii business trips always seemed like a vacation! In 1988 we moved back East so I could take on more responsibility with our eastern customers, and we bought a house in Granby, Connecticut, about eight miles from my parents in Simsbury.

Our first son, Andrew, was born in 1986; Alexander was born in 1989. Today Andrew is a brewing supervisor at Two Roads Brewing Company (www.tworoadsbrewing.com). He and his wife just bought their first home in Cheshire, Connecticut. Alexander is a musician and has a very successful band (www.atlasgray.com). It doesn’t get any better: I can listen to an Atlas Gray CD while drinking a Two Roads to Ruin IPA! Prior to our move to California Ellen had been a teacher in the Augusta, Maine, school system (the same system Tom Wells is retiring from this year). She stayed at home while raising the boys, but went back to teaching history in the Granby system. Retirement plans are are getting closer for us both!

In 2004, after 20 years and five ownership changes with Peachtree, I decided to take another business opportunity, and became VP of sales for W&F Manufacturing, based in Burbank, California. We were able to stay in our Connecticut home, but became one of Delta’s best customers! After seven successful years with W&F, we sold our entire business to Endura Products, Inc. I stayed on with Endura and opened the Canadian market for our full line of door component products—and continued to be a good friend to Delta Airlines!

Best vacation: the Galapagos Islands with two of my best friends. (Ellen would never step foot on a boat at sea!) Anyone who has the opportunity/privilege to visit this beautiful chain of islands should go!

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I married Barbara Lemperly in 1994, our daughter Eva was born in 1995, and now we live in Truro, at the outer end of Cape Cod. I still have a Boston law office, but increasingly my time is devoted to the business and legal history of trade with China. Thanks so much, Geoff Law! Barbara, who has worked primarily in fashion (Saks, Chanel), is now marketing director of Black Kite Cellars, a boutique wine producer, particularly of pinot noir, in California.

Had a rough winter last year, like so many others—but Eva's diagnosis with Hodgkin’s lymphoma gave us an extra dose. She came back from college, went through arduous chemotherapy at Dana-Farber (an extraordinary place), and our lives halted as we refocused as her caregivers. She is now well (Tumblr Blog #byecancer) (“Just a Girl Who Kicked Cancer’s Butt”), and we count our blessings. Many among us are dealing with issues of health and aging, and my heart goes out to all who are managing such challenges.

What else to say of 40 years? Law practice burned a lot of time. Lived a crazy existence in Boston, Texas and Louisiana during the last oil bust. The summer before I met Barbara, I traveled to Kenya with my friend Richard Preston as he researched his Ebola bestseller The Hot Zone. This photo was taken on Mount Elgon, not far from Kittum Cave, where Marburg virus (an Ebola variant) is known to exist. The guards were mandatory and their guns were primarily out of concern for wildlife, though there’d been ethnic violence in the area a year before we arrived.

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I have been living in San Diego, California, since 1980, much of that time in the company of my two rescue cats, Scout and Puffy (Puff Daddy—long story). Puffy crossed the Rainbow Bridge earlier this year, but he had a good and very long life. Now it’s just me and Scout, and I’m planning our next adventures—maybe some travel.

My daughter, Sara, is chef de cuisine at one of Seattle’s marvelous restaurants. And after 30 years in the legal world, I’m currently cashiering at Sprout’s, a Southwest chain of natural food stores—love the customer interaction and being able to talk food all the time.

My volunteer time includes 18 years of work with the San Diego Astronomy Association, helping support free public and school star parties throughout San Diego County. In addition to astronomy, my hobbies include hiking, knitting, crocheting and quilting. Much of my craftwork is donated to local charities.

I have so many favorite Bates memories. Climbing Mount David, ice cream parties in February (which I hope are an ongoing tradition) and spending time in the old Art Building studios during my senior year are just some of them.

Pearl of wisdom for fellow classmates: Never Say Never. That’s the motto of a dear friend I met in the Galapagos Islands.
Jeff Helm

Cince and I are having a blast with our kids—Tim, Katie and Kevin ’12—as well as my parents all living in Greater Boston.

I’ve been practicing in the insurance and risk management arena since Bates, and founded Atlantic Advisers in 1999. Atlantic was recently recognized by the Renaissance Alliance for its charitable work and commitment to the community. Added to that, I continue to enjoy volunteering locally, having been involved in building Campus of Caring Hospice and Friendship Home, a respite home for adults with developmental disabilities.

I’ve even finished a couple of marathons for Friendship Home and Mass General, although common sense has directed me to do more cycling than running these days. I’m looking forward to completing the 175-mile MS Bike Cape Cod Challenge again this year to raise money for multiple sclerosis.

We’ve been lucky to stay connected with the college, classmates and Bates athletics. In October I survived another alumni lacrosse matchup on Garcelon Field.

Cince and I are renovating an antique farmhouse in nearby Scituate Harbor, leaving Norwell after 30 years.

It’s all good. We’re looking forward to seeing everyone this June!!

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Linda Hermans and Rich Goldman
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What a blast to read these little snippets of the lives of our classmates 40 years later. It’s also a great idea to tuck in the photos so we can recognize each other despite some inevitable cognitive decline.

Rich Goldman and I have been blessed in our lives in so many ways since we met at Bates over the salad bar. We have been living in Dresden, Maine, since 1985—just a 45-minute drive to the college! We settled here after finishing our degrees and a short but exciting stint living in Nome, Alaska, where I had my first amazing job after residency and Rich practiced law on a brief hiatus from his practice in Augusta, Maine. I always say he is the best and kindest lawyer in the state of Maine. I have been working the dream job at the Richmond Area Health Center—went part-time when our oldest daughter Rachel was born in 1987 and never went back. It’s good old-fashioned Family Medicine—house calls, birth to grave, and such a privilege to know and love the fine people in this extended community.

We have three fabulous children—Rachel (28), Ben (26) and Wendy (22—who in fact will be graduating from Bates next month). We are constantly blown away by what these millennials are doing—is that what they are? Love this next generation!

My dream when I retire is to play piano in a bar and move the audience to dance and cry. It may take some time. My mother and I are taking “play it by ear” piano lessons (she will be 88 in June!) Also play a lot of tennis. Rich and I play as much as possible now—generally run off to Wiscasset High School after work before the sun sets. I am so pissed that, after teaching him to play, he now usually beats me—but you all likely remember how FAST he is. I hope we can play at reunion with other enthusiasts.

We are ever so grateful for all that Bates has given us—mostly each other of course ... but also a great start on an education that has led to very fulfilling lives.

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I have called Jerusalem, Israel, home since 2003.

After graduating from Bates, I served for two years in the Peace Corps, setting up and running maternal and child health clinics in small villages in Niger, West Africa. On my return to the U.S., I worked in Washington, D.C., for nearly five years, focusing on program development at the federal level in the Women, Infants and Children program (WIC).

In the mid-1980s, I moved to California where I earned masters’ degrees in social work and public health. I then studied a variety of somatic therapies, becoming certified in massage therapy, acupressure and focusing, and proficient in other modalities including cranial-sacral therapy, reflexology and aromatherapy. Today I am a Psychotherapist, Focusing Trainer and Certifying Coordinator for The Focusing Institute, guiding clients from around the world along a path to discovery!
Robin Hodgskin

Eighteen years ago I had the good fortune to move to Maine with my husband Art and three children Chris, Geoff and Becca. I have been working for Morgan Stanley for 28 years with a focus on Investing for Positive Change. This year Art and I celebrate being tuition-free!!

It has been great to be close enough to be on the Bates campus regularly for sporting events, lectures, meetings and local networking events for alumni. A highlight was being on campus for the Mount David Summits, showcasing undergraduate research and creative development. Another great opportunity was attending an amazing full day of presentations and workshops on Martin Luther King Day.

In addition to staying connected with Bates, I have helped my church establish an endowment fund. I also serve on the board of the Maine Women’s Fund and am president of Women Standing Together, supporting Maine’s women entrepreneurs.

My fondest memories of Bates are of times spent with friends, especially outdoors, and we continue to enjoy all that Maine has to offer: skiing, biking, hiking, kayaking, paddle boarding ... Can’t wait to catch up with everyone at reunion!

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Susan Htoo

My partner Gary Levine and I live in Poughkeepsie, New York, where we have practiced elder law for about 20 years. Our son, Dan, is 27 years old, a music education teacher in the public school system and the lead vocalist, guitarist and songwriter for his own band, Dan in the Wildfire. Dan married a wonderful woman named Kate who is a speech pathologist; they live in Brookline, Massachusetts.

I am on the board of Greystone, a center that serves the developmentally disabled in Dutchess County and some surrounding counties. I also volunteer on the surrogate decision-making panel in the county, advocating for patients with diminished or impaired decision-making capacity.

In my free time I enjoy hiking, walking, talking with friends, cooking and eventually some sewing. I received a great education at Bates. The whole school helped me get into law school. As I look back I have no single fond memory of Bates but very many fun memories.
Anne Jepson

I have been living in the Portland, Maine, area since 1976, in Falmouth for about 20 years. In 1999, I got married and became an official stepmother to my husband’s four children, who were 12 to 23 at the time. We now have four grandchildren, ranging from 3 months to 10 years. All of them live "locally," so we see them fairly often. Luckily, "Nana Anne" is still fit enough to play with them and be able to enjoy it … at least most of the time! My husband, Steve, is a prof at the University of Southern Maine and a singer/songwriter. His field is the humanities and I am a scientist, so we are a great example of opposites attracting; that said, having in-depth discussions about our respective work days can be difficult at times!

After a couple of years doing laboratory research on the causes of muscular dystrophy for a biochemistry professor at Bowdoin, I started working at a biotech company in Portland. That was in 1980; 36 years later, I am still in the industry. Initially, I spent the majority of my time in R&D, project management and, at one point, technical marketing. For the last 20 years my primary responsibilities have been in clinical research and regulatory, which requires my working closely with FDA, Health Canada and other agencies to obtain market clearance for our products. I have always been with companies that develop and manufacture diagnostic test devices, primarily for infectious diseases, parasitic/tropical infections and, most recently, chronic wound care. It has been interesting, and I've had an opportunity to work with researchers and clinicians who are considered leaders in their fields, including people at the CDC, the World Health Organization, the Gates Foundation and the U.S. Army. However, after 36 years of full-time employment, I am now really looking forward to retirement … maybe even taking up golf!

I love living in the Portland area—Steve describes it as "like Boston without the attitude." We take advantage of the great professional theater, the vibrant music scene and the bountiful supply of fantastic restaurants. When the days and nights are warm, we enjoy spending time on our boat on Casco Bay. I spend time gardening, walking around the local neighborhoods and watching the birds at the feeders I have in the back yard … OK, admitting that I've become old enough to enjoy watching birds is a bit scary, right?! We have a "get-away house" on Vinalhaven Island and our time there has always been pretty limited due to work, but hopefully that will change soon. We love to travel and have had wonderful vacations over the years in Europe and the Caribbean. We are both looking forward to being retired and having time to visit more distant places.

In between visits to Bates for our class reunions and modern dance reunions, I keep in touch with and/or get together with Janet (Albright) Ruckel, Linda Hermans and Rich Goldman, Naleen (Doughty) Mayberry and Lisa Rudenburg, who lives just down the road from me. I am really looking forward to seeing lots of classmates at reunion!

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Carol Gordon Ladd and Mike Ladd

Mike and I have lived in the village of Wayne, Maine, for more than three decades. We raised two kids, Jennifer and Christopher, and various pets (five dogs and a ten-year-old prehistoric fish ... still alive, btw) in our home on about four acres of land on Pocasset Lake.

Our two kids live in the greater New York/New Jersey area, about seven hours away. Jennifer (34) is married and a full-time mom and part-time professional photographer. She has given us two wonderful grandsons, Keith (7) and George (5), whom we see every couple of months. Chris (32) is on the design team at the New York Times, where he designed the cooking app and has an app business of his own. His guitar app, Chordbank, is getting worldwide acclaim. Try it! He is married, but no kids yet.

Mike is a psychotherapist in private practice in Auburn, Maine, upstairs from Gritty’s Pub. He is still playing music, loves competitive tennis, and enjoys various water sports (surfing, sailing, boating). He’s an avid Red Sox and Patriots fan (ok, and Celtics and Bruins and ...) and sees as many games as possible.

I retired from teaching German, some French, English and ESL in 2009 and have since done some work in a study for Columbia University correlating children’s intelligence with arsenic in Maine well water. I also do some NAEP (federal) testing in the schools, as well as financial management and fundraising for our church and tennis club. The flexibility of these jobs leads to less stress and more time for tennis, paddleboarding, windsurfing, travel and seeing the grandkids.

We love visiting with our longtime Bates friends the Youngs, Markesiches and Foster-Clarks, and look forward to catching up with everyone at our 40th reunion. I recently joined others on the Bates Alumni Council and the reunion committee, and I’m open to any comments and suggestions from classmates. I think it would be fun to visit our former dorms/ houses and see if we could remember our rooms!
After graduation, I got a degree in accounting and practiced in and around Quincy, Massachusetts, for many years. In the late 1990s, I had a chance to join my military brother, who was often overseas, in buying a Victorian-era farmhouse in Gorham, Maine. I spent the next few years there, volunteering in the community, writing a column for the local newspaper, looking after brother Tom's affairs while he was deployed, and spending quality time at the family camp on Sebago Lake. Among my favorite activities were walking Tom's dogs, picking blueberries for my mother's endless pies and doing puzzles with my sister Maureen during her breaks from her adult daycare program in Massachusetts.

As Maureen got older and needed the kind of care best given by a family member, I decided to move back to my hometown of Braintree; I'm now Maureen's guardian and fulltime caregiver. Finding free time and planning outings can be complicated, but fortunately I've got understanding friends, I've joined a wonderful book group, and I can always count on some of my old Bates gang to work around my schedule.

Hope to see lots of you in June.

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Muffin Milligan and Dana Johnston

After 29 years on the University of Oregon faculty, 12 as head of the Department of Geological Sciences and the last four as associate dean of Natural Sciences, I began a phased retirement program in July 2014. I’ll teach just one term per year through academic year 2018-19, leaving the remaining three-quarters of the year free for Muffin and me to travel, pursue hobbies and do pretty much whatever suits us!

My role model in all of this has been Muffin, who left the working world herself twelve years ago, having finished her career at the University of Oregon as chief editor in their publications department in 2004.

In recent years we have enjoyed a visit from Doug Shick and his wife Sue while they were traveling in Oregon a couple of years ago, and we visited with Lee MacPhee (also recently retired) and his wife Nancy at their home on Cape Cod.

We bought a camper in 2009 and have travelled quite a bit around the western United States, in addition to a trip as far north as central Alaska and last summer to the Canadian Rockies. We also enjoyed a seven-day boat trip along the coast of Norway last May, beginning in Kirkenes, on the Russian border well north of the Arctic Circle, and ending in Bergen where we’d lived in 1983-85 when I was a post-doc at the University of Bergen. In mid-February we completed a trip-of-a-lifetime to the Antarctic Peninsula (see photo!) and Chilean Patagonia—truly beyond belief!! Between the Norway and Antarctic trips, we’ve literally become bipolar, having crossed both the Arctic and Antarctic circles, and traversing nearly 140 degrees of latitude in the process!
Martha Wright Nelson

After graduation, I spent three years working in Portland, Maine, where I met my husband Steve Nelson (Bates ’73). Shortly after our marriage, we relocated to San Francisco so I could earn my MBA in taxation at Golden Gate University. For 21 years, I worked at Wells Fargo Bank in the Corporate Tax Department until the department’s functions were consolidated in Minneapolis in 2000—at which point I was delighted to accept a severance package and call it early retirement. Since then, I’ve been providing seasonal tax systems consulting services to Bay Area companies.

We never got around to having children, but spent our energy and money traveling the world instead. Since Steve’s retirement from Williams-Sonoma in 2013, we have checked many more places off our bucket list, including a recent, truly awesome trip to Antarctica. We now divide our remaining non-travel time between San Francisco and our second home in Monterey, California, which provides a respite from city living and ample opportunity to enjoy the outdoors (a bike ride to Pebble Beach is a frequent and favorite excursion).

Life is good.

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Sheila Morgan Noon

After living in Seattle for almost 20 years, my family and I moved to Overland Park, Kansas, so my husband could pursue his dream job as a corporate process engineer with Ash Grove Cement.

After Bates, I earned a Ph.D. in cognitive psychology from the University of Louisville. I spent 11 years at Smarthinking and joined InsideTrack, the leader in student coaching from pre-enrollment through career placement, as assistant vice president of Sales Operations in 2015.

Our son, Will, is a senior majoring in history at Montana State University in Bozeman, slated to graduate in May 2016.

My community activities include volunteering in Bates’ Alumni in Admissions program as well as with our church. I also spent eight years as a USA Swimming Stroke and Turn Judge. I spend my free time reading, swimming and watching the Seattle Sounders Football Club on TV.

I admit that a 40th reunion can sound scary, particularly considering that many of my coworkers weren’t even born when I graduated—not just from Bates but from U of Louisville! But Bates provided me with firsthand experience of the value of liberal arts. My fond memories of Bates include the many connections with faculty and classmates and lots of open discussions about virtually anything. In today’s education climate, fewer students have an opportunity to learn as we did now that career-focused education is taking center stage.

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I am now enjoying retirement after nearly 30 years teaching high school biology, Earth science, health and environmental science.

My two grown children have launched their careers. Kevin is an attorney practicing in Massachusetts. Laurel is married and living in Berlin, Germany, where she’s using (?) her physics education by becoming a famous bagel maker at a bookstore and café she owns with her husband! I don’t have any grandchildren yet, but time will tell.

These days my retirement has not been as restful as I had imagined. When Kinder Morgan came to town peddling its snake-oil high-pressure gas pipeline as the answer to New England’s energy problems, I had to put on my "environmental activist" hat again. I’ve taken the protest message to the streets, the Internet, Beacon Hill and the offices of our federal politicians. Boy, was I naïve about our ability to get politicians to listen!

When I’m not fighting the pipeline, I’m loving life on my little six-and-a-half-acre farm in Townsend, Massachusetts. The farm is at the end of a dead-end road surrounded by state forest. Night skies are dark.

Wildlife abounds. I never know who will come walking through the yard—bear, moose, porcupine or deer. All sorts of birds come to the feeders, and owls and whippoorwills sing at night. Several species of endangered turtles nest in the area, and for the past ten years I’ve worked with the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program to protect the nests to keep the turtle populations healthy.

A huge garden keeps me busy in the summer, and winters often find me snowshoeing or skiing right out the door. I’ve also become an avid quilter, and I’m finally getting to read books just for fun. My dogs, goats and I have truly found a little piece of heaven here on Pearl Hill Farm.

If you are in the area, please get in touch. You’re welcome to come for a visit, pet the goats, take a hike on the trails right from the yard, and chat and set a spell.

Biodiversity Day 2009—in search of rare wildflowers
Jeanne Hughes O’Sullivan and Jim O'Sullivan

We have lived in Exeter, New Hampshire, for more than 30 years.

Jim is an attorney who works for a Charleston, Massachusetts, firm that specializes in workman’s compensation cases. Jeanne is a speech/language pathologist employed as a clinical associate professor at the University of New Hampshire. We get together with Bates friends at least once a year, usually in the North Conway area. Looking forward to catching up with everyone at the reunion!

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I retired from full-time teaching in June of 2014 after 38 years as a teacher. I still work part-time scoring teacher certification tests for Pearson Education and substitute when I really miss my students. Neither of my children is married so I have no grandchildren.

Now that I don’t have to stay up late correcting papers, I have more time to enjoy my hobbies which include reading and gardening. I am very active in the First Congregational Church of Hadley (Massachusetts). My first year of retirement brought some health issues including osteonecrosis in my knee, broken ribs from a car accident and kidney stones, but I am hoping 2016 will be a lot better, and I can do more traveling. I have wanted to go to Fryeburg Fair for years and was able to get there this fall.

Can’t wait to see everyone in June.
Steve Pereira

After Bates it was B.C. (Boston College) Law for me, and now here I am in my 36th year of practicing law. As the old joke goes, still practicing, trying to get it right.

No complaints from here. I’ve had the chance to serve as president of two bar associations, serve with the Board of Bar Overseers, teach at the college and law-school level, even been a city attorney. (Do you believe they trusted me with that?)

But all that pales in comparison to my greatest joy, my four wonderful kids. My oldest, Stacey, is a pediatric radiologist who just advised us she is returning to the Northeast (Albany) after a stint as a physician and professor at the University of Kentucky Medical School. She brings back my son-in-law, Joe, and my granddaughter, Lauren.

Jennifer, daughter #2, is teaching in Rehoboth and was a finalist last year for Massachusetts Teacher of the Year.

Ally (#3) is an attorney and was foolish enough to join me in my practice last year. (It stinks having a daughter/lawyer who is smarter than you!)

And Tim, the so-called baby of the group, has just been commissioned as a lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force. He’s at Randolph Air Force Base in Texas and will shortly begin initial flight training in Colorado.

The best part about all four of them is that, quite apart from their achievements, they are all great human beings. I’ll give the credit for that to their mom.

Bottom line, I am blessed. And the only goal I now have is to finally work a little less, play a lot more and begin lobbying for more grandchildren!!

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Forty years after Bates, hmmm.

At Bates I’m sure I never contemplated the idea of hitting age 60 and beyond. Luckily my husband and I are healthy. But in the words of Dolly Parton in the movie *Steel Magnolias*: “Time marches on and eventually you realize it’s marchin’ across your face.” But I don’t mind. Also, who could have imagined Facebook and LinkedIn? I’ve been able to connect with some Bates friends, including Corinne, Robin and Mark.

I’m an actuary and work at Humana. I have been married to Bob Pierce (Bates ’73) since shortly after graduation. We live in southern Indiana and I work across the river in Louisville, Kentucky (pronounced by most locals *Lou-ah-vl*). I’m now used to being called ma’am but I do not say y’all. I’ve learned to make shrimp and grits as well as chicken and waffles.

We are empty nesters! We enjoy taking really great vacations including Holland America cruises and Sandal’s resorts, and I still love Walt Disney World. Also, it is nice that we can retire at any time. But as long as I enjoy my job, I’ll keep working.

Most of the time since graduation we lived in Eliot, Maine, and I worked in New Hampshire, then in Boston. We lived in Portland, Oregon, for about five years and have been in the Louisville area for about two years now. We have two grown children—a daughter Robin and a son Dave—who live in Maine. My parents are in their 90s and living in Maine as well. We visit at Christmas.
Chuck Radis  
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Sandi and I celebrating with daughter Molly (Bates 2010) after her graduation last spring from the pediatric nurse practitioner specialty at Yale’s School of Nursing

I originally was slated to graduate in ‘75 but took time off and graduated in ‘76. So I am part of the ‘76 crew.

After Bates, medicine became my calling. My first job in 1985 was as a public health doctor on the Casco Bay Islands off Portland, Maine. My wife Sandi Korpela Radis (Bates class of ’77) and I raised our two girls on Peaks Island where I ran a small clinic, travelled up and down the bay for house calls, and staffed another clinic on Chebeague Island. We continue to live on Peaks but for many years I’ve commuted into Portland as a rheumatologist.

This year has brought many changes: I retired from full-time practice, our first grandchild was born, and I’m running as a Democrat for the Maine State Senate to represent Portland (www.chuckradis2016.com). The primary is June 14 and I’m learning (awkwardly) the ins and outs of becoming a candidate. Some of it is fun. Honest.

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John Rogers

After Bates, I lived in Lewiston for two years before going to graduate school at the University of London, where I earned an M.A. in South Asian studies and a Ph.D. in history. I returned to the Boston area in 1984 and have been here ever since. I have an apartment in Belmont, where I live with my son Nick. I’m very fortunate to be in good health.

Over the years I taught at various New England universities, did historical research, and took on bibliographic work in Asian studies. For the past decade, I’ve been the United States director for the American Institute for Sri Lankan Studies, a nonprofit organization that supports American social science and humanities research on Sri Lanka and builds links between U.S. and Sri Lankan researchers and institutions.

I’m the Institute’s only employee in the U.S., and its physical presence here is a room in my apartment; but in Sri Lanka there is a center with a library and staff. In recent years I’ve traveled there fairly often, but with e-mail and Skype it’s not that difficult to supervise from 8,500 miles away. I can’t imagine what it would have been like to do this with the technology we had when we were at Bates! I’ve also kept up with my research and writing, and my book *A History of Sri Lanka* is scheduled for publication by Cambridge University Press in 2017.

Now that I’ve finished the book, I’m a bit uncertain what my future holds. If I decide to stay in my current job, I have considerable flexibility because I don’t really need to be in the U.S. much; in fact, I can work anywhere I have an Internet connection. If I decide to start another major research project, I might spend more time in Sri Lanka and London, which have the major library and archive collections relevant to my work. I also hope to do more traveling. I’m going to Indonesia for a meeting in July and will stay on a few extra days. Despite my job, I haven’t had much chance for leisure travel.
Nancy Dodson Sacci

I have been married for 38 years to John Sacci, Class of 1978. We live in Baltimore, where we’ve been since we got married. Nice place to live, but the weather is miserable in the summer. We have two boys: Jay (born 1986) and Peter (born 1990). Both are graduates of Haverford College and live in the Philadelphia area. We get to see them periodically, which is nice because they are fun to hang around with.

Professionally, I work for a title insurance company (Fidelity National Title Group) underwriting title insurance and handling closings for non-residential properties throughout Maryland. I’ve gotten to work on some pretty interesting projects, and I’ve met a lot of interesting people, but the work can be stressful and uninspiring at the same time. John is an assistant professor at the University of Maryland, where he teaches parasitology and does research on malaria in the medical school.

We have a large backyard vegetable garden where we grow a bit of just about everything—radishes, shallots, lettuce, spinach, cucumbers, beets, carrots, peppers, tomatoes, peas, squash, garlic, beans and probably other things I can’t remember. It’s great to have fresh veggies and herbs from the garden throughout the growing season, which is pretty long in Baltimore. We still enjoy outdoor activities, especially riding our bicycles on rail trails. Each year we take a couple of long weekends to random places where we stay in bed-and-breakfasts and ride on trails. Virginia, West Virginia and Pennsylvania all have a good number of trails, so we have plenty to choose from. We try to do a bit of hiking and skiing each year also, when the opportunity arises.

Our last trip to Bates was in May 2014 when our niece (Katie Ailes) graduated summa cum laude with a double major in English and dance. (I’m an unapologetically proud aunt.) She loved her time at Bates, and we were excited that she chose to go there. The college is different from when we were students, but the spirit remains the same.

That’s about it from here.

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Kerri Salls

I live in Framingham, Massachusetts, have two sons, and, as a leading exit strategist for owners of private companies, specialize in working with family-owned businesses to position them for longevity and successful transitions between generations.

In addition to authoring the book *Harvest Your Wealth*, I host the online radio podcast “Exit This Way”—240+ shows and counting. (The series is also available on iTunes.)

In 2009, I founded *This Way Out Group*, a boutique services firm that seeks to ensure owners generate wealth from the businesses they’ve built and achieve long-term success in business and beyond. I volunteer on several boards, co-chaired the first Women’s Economic Summit (U.S.) and speak nationally on “early exit planning to maximize value and owner leverage.”

My life was not always focused on business, however. Not long ago I found myself fondly remembering my years as a Peace Corps volunteer in Benin, West Africa (1976 to 1978), teaching English as a foreign language. Last June I stood with one of my favorite TEFL students—nearly 40 years later!—as he celebrated his daughter’s graduation from Boston’s Suffolk University. His brother, another favorite student, has gone on to become Benin’s ambassador to Moscow. (Classmate factoid: Tod Goble was also in the Peace Corps in West Africa; he served in Senegal.)

My free time is spent practicing yoga, hiking, sailing and traveling. Bates brings back memories of Outing Club trips (Acadia in winter, canoeing, hiking), field hockey and ice cream sundaes during finals!

Pearl of wisdom for fellow classmates: “Cashing out your business is not a death sentence. It should be the ticket to your next venture, adventure, avocation or simply the joy and fun of a secure retirement.”

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I retired in May of 2012 but don’t look for me in just one place. After spending years researching the perfect place to live, I landed in two great locations: Phoenix, Arizona, for the late fall, winter and early spring, and Simsbury, Connecticut, for late spring, summer and peak foliage season. It gives me the opportunity to experience completely different parts of the country and assist my parents at the same time.

No matter where I’m living, my passion for New England sports teams remains constant. New England teams are #1 in my heart. I have not missed a UConn women’s basketball game on TV in three years.

I stay personally active in sports as well. I stumbled into playing baseball in both my Northeast and Southwest locations and spend many hours reliving my passion for hitting, running, fielding and throwing. Sometimes I have to pinch myself while standing in the outfield in shorts in January, staring off at the beautiful desert mountains. In November, my team won the Winter World’s Tournament in the 55+ age group. Guess those 300 games I played in the past two years paid off! Sprinkle in a few rounds of golf, travel, seeking out fine restaurants and spending time with family and friends, and things couldn’t be better.

Last September I joined Woo, Murph, Austin, Shaps and other alum at Nick Dell’Erario’s Celebration of Life. I’ve connected with Coach Leahey and his wife Ruth several times in the past three years to reminisce about playing Bates baseball, particularly our 1976 championship season. Steve and Elaine Drigan keep me in the loop on Bates functions and classmates. I recently had lunch with Billy Franklin. And on my recent trip back to Phoenix by way of D.C., I connected with Dave Bassett. Still one of the funniest people I have ever met.
Doug Shick

My wife Sue Frechette and I live in Warren, Vermont, about a mile and a half from the Sugarbush ski area. We’ve both been working from home for the past ten years as independent consultants, me in mechanical engineering and metallurgy and Sue in health care.

For about four years we’ve also both been learning to play music—guitar for me, drums for Sue—our objective being to become itinerant blues musicians as retirees.

I’ve also been teaching alpine and telemark skiing at the Sugarbush ski resort for the past fifteen years, and have been a volunteer with the Mad River Valley Ambulance Service as an EMT for almost ten years. We both very recently retired from all of that except for my ski teaching—and the music, of course.

We got ourselves a smallish used motorhome last August, cleaned it up and customized it in September, and took it for a successful test run for the month of October, down the coast to Florida and back north through the Appalachians. The greater plan is that we’ll spend the winters skiing and spring-summer-fall touring, visiting friends and playing music—sort of reverse snowbirds, I guess.

Looking forward to our 40th reunion in June—it will be one of the first stops on the 2016 tour.

With our land yacht
Clara Smith
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Mike and I and our oldest son Andrew recently relocated from Fairfax, Virginia, to Falmouth, Maine, because we couldn’t wait to spend the winter in New England and also be able to spend more time at our camp on Pleasant Pond in Aroostook County.

Andrew misses his great job and friends in Virginia, but he’s happy to be with his parents and close to lots of Maine cousins. Mike is telecommuting, and I am navigating the maze of state agency acronyms in order to get services for Andrew. Making a new life in a new place is a little daunting, but Bruce and Betty Campbell know pretty much everything and everybody in the Portland area, so that’s been a huge help.

Daughter Megan (33) is the principal of a Montessori charter school in D.C. that she helped found. Son Ian (25) liked college SO much that he took the five-year undergraduate path and is now in veterinary school in Arizona. When he finishes (in what we hope will be four years) he’ll have student loans roughly equivalent to the national debt, so please everyone keep getting those dogs and cats and spending lots of money on them.

After Bates, I earned my law degree at Washington & Lee in Virginia, where I met Mike. After I finished a clerkship with the Fairfax Circuit Court, we moved to Wyoming and spent nearly six years there, practicing law and starting a family. Andrew was born with Down syndrome, and when he was a year old, we moved “back East” to be closer to our families. Our calendars have been filled with all the usual obligations and activities, as well as speech therapy, physical therapy, IEP (Individual Education Program) meetings, extra doctor visits and so on.

In addition to raising our family, I have been involved in lots of fun, frustrating, meaningful, ridiculous volunteer activities. I spent the last five years volunteering as a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) for abused and neglected children, a cause that is near and dear to my heart.

I treasure the time I spent at Bates and the friendships that have endured. It’s exciting to be living so close to the campus, and I can’t wait to see lots of you at our 40th!
David Snow

Lynette and I still live in Darien, Connecticut, in a house that we have owned for more than 22 years.

Our twin daughters, Lauren and Ashley, both graduated from college in May of 2015. Lauren graduated from Elon University in North Carolina where she majored in strategic communications and public relations. She is currently working for a brand management company in New York City called APCO Worldwide. Ashley graduated from Clemson University in South Carolina and majored in marketing in the Clemson School of Business. She plans to go to graduate school to earn her MBA in the fall of 2016. In the meantime she is working to rack up relevant experience.

I started a new company in 2014 called Cedar Gate Technologies. We raised $220 million in private equity and are building prescriptive analytic software for the healthcare industry, and we’re also searching for relevant acquisitions. Previously, I was the chairman and CEO of Medco Health Solutions, a publicly traded Fortune 50 company with more than $70 billion in revenues that we sold to Express Scripts in 2012. In between selling Medco and starting Cedar Gate Technologies, Lynette and I have done a lot of traveling to countries/places including South Africa, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Antarctica, the Arctic Circle and the Galapagos Islands.

Finally, I am currently on six boards, including two public companies (Pitney Bowes and Teladoc), two private equity-backed companies (CareCentrix and Cedar Gate Technologies) and two not-for-profits (Duke University Fuqua School of Business and Clemson Institute for the Study of Capitalism).

Bates has a fond place in my heart and my many Bates friends are always welcome in our home. I wish I were better at staying in touch with everyone, but like most of us, family and career has a way of filling up my life in an unrelenting way!

With Lynette and daughters Lauren and Ashley

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Karen Stathaplos

I live in North Berwick, Maine, where I’m in my 26th year in charge of membership and financial statements for the nonprofit Laudholm Trust. Laudholm Trust is the organization that supports the Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve; its headquarters, a saltwater farm, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Working with the Trust has become more of a passion than profession for me.

My husband Kim and I enjoy travel and regularly visit France. I ALWAYS think of my first trip to France during a Bates Short Term in the early ’70s, when we stayed in Paris for five weeks and the Loire Valley for another week. I love the chance to use my French from four years of French study at Bates.

This year’s trip marked our 29th wedding anniversary. We spent our first eight days in a wonderful Normandy beach house, bicycling, walking the beaches and in general enjoying having nowhere we had to be. The next eight days were spent in one of our favorite cities, Paris. We stayed in an unbelievably perfect apartment in the 7th arrondissement, explored some favorite haunts and discovered some new ones.

During the rest of the year I sing in concerts, mostly in Kennebunk, Kennebunkport and North Berwick, with a four-person group called Mosaic. Last summer I used my Spanish from three years at Bates with Senor Bejar to sing at a Spanish wedding extravaganza in Ogunquit, and in December I performed in a Christmas Cabaret and Christmas concert.

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Kelly Trimmer

After graduation I returned to my longtime summer job as a car valet at Monmouth Park, the horse track in New Jersey. I then spent the winter with Mike Quinlivan working at the Stratton Mountain base lodge in the evenings and living the ski-bum life during the day. When the snow melted I returned to my lucrative summer job parking cars, then spent four months traveling and camping across the country with three friends in a station wagon we pooled our money to buy. Then back to Monmouth Park for the summer. My parents, who initially encouraged me to take some time off before looking for a real job, started to wonder about me....

Finally, in 1979, I landed a sales job at Izod Lacoste Menswear. I always knew my degree in biology would come in handy as I was now involved with the proliferation of alligators throughout the country. After a couple of years working in the NYC showroom—again living with Mike Quinlivan, who was working for Met Life at the time—I was sent to Tulsa, Oklahoma. Not long after, while I was in Dallas on business, I met Carol, the wonderful girl who would eventually become my wife. A couple of years later it was “Tulsa in my rearview mirror” as I transferred to Houston. Carol had moved to Houston as well, to attend the Jones School at Rice University. After she earned her MBA, I proposed, she accepted and we moved to Dallas, where I eventually became VP of sales for the regional office. After 30-plus years of selling shirts, I was able to take an early retirement package. I always knew those late nights at Bates honing my social skills would pay off!

A few years ago Carol started having health issues. It took us a while, but we ultimately discovered she was suffering from extreme chemical sensitivity. That set us on a long and arduous path to remove all toxic chemicals from our home and diet. About a year ago, Carol’s health restored, we launched a website, www.purelivingspace.com, to help others with similar issues.

We have a 21-year-old son, Kyle, who’s studying computer science at the University of Missouri and moonlighting as our IT department. We’ve hosted a couple of Bates alumni events at our home, and in 2012 I went back to Bates with Kevin Gerrity, Mark Shapiro and Brian McDonald when the college recognized the 1972 football team that ended Bates’ 25-game losing streak. Unfortunately I’m not going to be able to attend this reunion, but if you find yourself in Dallas, be sure to look me up!
Charles Turner

I live in Martinez, California, with my lifetime partner and our two dogs. I’ve leveraged my education in sociology to design and implement innovative programs for the training and job placement of reentry persons. During nearly 20 years of service with Reentry Services for the Oakland Private Industry Council, I’ve managed more than 16 reentry programs assisting 250 to 350 persons per year with employment training services, coupled with wrap-around services and resource development. For the past 10 years, I’ve served as manager of Reentry Services, which oversees the agency’s “Breaking Through Barriers” program. Most participants in this program have stayed out of custody, recording extremely low rates of recidivism.

In 2012, I received the Charley Brown Workforce Development “Professional of the Year” Award from the California Workforce Association. I’ve served on numerous regional boards and task forces, including Mayor Ron Dellums’ Task Force on Reentry Strategy; and I was recently a panelist on a national webinar sponsored by the U.S. departments of Justice and Labor, addressing discrimination against people with criminal histories.

Despite a busy schedule of work and volunteer commitments, I still carve some time to play tennis. My favorite Bates memories include working the chain gang with Dewy Homer for Bates’ football games!

My words of wisdom: “Thoroughly cherish every moment life blesses you with, for the end, no matter when, always seems to come way too soon.”
Claudia Turner

I got married last summer and now live in West Springfield, Massachusetts, with my wife, Luanne. We tied the knot the day after the Supreme Court marriage equality ruling, which made a festive day even more so. As a result, I now have a new family that includes two daughters, their spouses and three beautiful grandchildren.

Post Bates, I taught and coached for four years at St. George’s School in Newport, Rhode Island, before going to Penn State for my master’s and then Johns Hopkins for my Ph.D. in pulmonary physiology. Eventually, I landed at Pfizer where I remained for 18 years. When the company underwent yet another “restructuring” in 2010, I took early retirement which enabled me to take care of my parents while also attending writing courses in Boston. My first published book, Scars and Stripes Forever, is a modern-day suspense novel set against the backdrop of the Kennedy assassination.

For years I had this sort of bucket list which included trekking to Mount Everest, climbing Mount Kilimanjaro and writing a book. I’m happy to say I’ve checked them all off! Now, I can relax and enjoy sports, gardening, reading, traveling, being a grandmother to Ava, Luke and Kory—and, of course, writing. I’m already halfway through the sequel to my first novel!

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Luanne and I—here with Kory, Luke and Ava—were married at the New England Aquarium
Wendy Henderson Waymouth

For nearly 30 years George Waymouth ’75 and I have been living in Annapolis, Maryland. George teaches middle school science and I teach kindergarten at The Key School, a progressive pre-k-12 independent school.

In addition to the fun of spending my days with five- and six-year-olds, I’ve enjoyed the freedom I’ve been given to develop our ever-evolving curriculum. I’ve also had the opportunity to lead the development of Key’s partnerships with schools in Tanzania and England. These partnerships have provided international connections for students and teachers at all grade levels, one of the most exciting experiences being an Upper School service-learning trip to Tanzania. George and I have been privileged to travel to England and Tanzania to help develop and support partnership projects.

Our biggest joy over the years has been raising our three sons, two of whom are married, so we now also have two daughters and a three-year-old granddaughter.

We love spending time with them, and are fortunate to live close enough to them to get together often.
Deborah Weatherbee  
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I live in Brooklyn, New York, with my husband Fred and two daughters: Lillie is 20 and a junior at Bates, and Jennie is 18 and a freshman at Sacred Heart in Fairfield, Connecticut. Lillie is spending her junior year abroad as part of Hamilton College’s program in Paris. I happened to be visiting with her during the November terrorist attacks and was glad she wasn’t entirely on her own. Both the Hamilton and Bates study abroad programs have been very supportive, and Lillie plans on finishing out her year abroad in May, studying both French and art history.

I have worked at Bloomingdale’s for more than 36 years and am currently the senior vice president of Human Resources and Talent Acquisition. I enjoy hosting Bates CDIP students each spring to give them a look at retail, HR and Bloomingdale’s.

When I’m not working, I’m at Wollman Rink in Central Park figure skating. Although I started way too late in life to ever become particularly skilled, it’s a wonderful way to be outdoors and I have met a whole new group of friends who are supportive of my efforts on the ice. I love walking into the park early in the morning, seeing the seasons change, and being in touch with the natural world in a way that the sidewalks of Manhattan do not allow! My ice skating of course also reminds me of my favorite Bates’ memories which are on the stage for our modern dance concerts, and in the basement gym of Rand, rehearsing with the modern dance company.

The frequent reunions of the dance company have kept me in touch with a truly wonderful group of Batesies and Marcy Plavin remains an inimitable force to pull us together and create new dance memories. I’m looking forward to our 40th reunion!

Vacationing in Barcelona with Jennie, Fred and Lillie

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Sally Booth Wellman and Tom Wellman

We have managed to stay married for 39 years and have been settled in the town of Kennebunk for most of that time. Sal recently retired from the Maine Turnpike Authority and has joined Tom in running a property management business. When she’s not working, Sal spends her time with daughters, grandkids and crafting.

Tom is presently involved in raising money for the local land trust to preserve a piece of land along the Mousam River. Bruce Campbell spends many a Friday night teaching Tom the game of squash with mixed results but it is great catching up. Tom is looking forward to skiing with the grandkids and trying ice climbing this winter. Sally connects often with Kathy Butler (Hatcher), Clara Smith, Marge Davis (McCormick) and Pat McNulty for dinner and shopping. The last visit even involved a run-in with an overzealous lawman, but that’s a story for another day.

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Norm Wentworth

Maggie and I have called Westhampton, Long Island, New York, our home for more than 20 years, excluding a five-year stint in Tampa from 2000-2005. We married in New York City in 1984 which we fondly remember as a fun party weekend attended by many Bates friends. We have two children, both of whom attended Florida State University. Elizabeth is a personal health coach and lives with her boyfriend north of NYC, and Ben is a musician and composer living in Manhattan.

I retired last year after 18 years with Orange Business Services, the corporate communications division of Orange (formerly France Telecom), where I was global head of business operations. I traveled frequently to Paris and London, as well as other international locations. I previously served as CFO for a U.S. subsidiary and head of finance for the Americas sales and marketing division of Orange. After earning my masters in accounting from Northeastern, I was a CPA and senior audit manager with Arthur Andersen in Boston. I spent two years in their Bermuda office, during which time I met Maggie who was also living there. I have also held senior finance and executive management positions with small international companies prior to joining Orange in 1997.

Maggie raised our children, organized our many relocations and managed the building of our current home into which we moved in 2005. She also created a successful online personalized jewelry and giftware store, which she has run for the past nine years. We love to travel and have enjoyed many international cruise ship adventures including the Mediterranean, China and Southeast Asia, Norwegian fjords, Europe and the Amazon River. We just returned from a lengthy and fantastic retirement cruise from NYC around South America to New Zealand, Australia and various South Pacific islands before disembarking in Vancouver. We look forward to many more travels in our retirement years. I am still actively involved with sailboat racing and helping out at our local church and yacht club in Westhampton.

I look forward to reminiscing about outings to Chuck Cross’ lake house, beach weekends at Jeff Helm’s Mattapoisett house, ski trips to Sugarloaf and Sunday River, lacrosse and our three-car senior “road trip” to Daytona Beach. Christmas cards and letters have been great, but seeing you in person will be even better.
Chris Nielson Williams

Can you believe it will be 40 years since we graduated? I can’t. Of course, I also can’t remember lots of things from that era either. But what I do remember is lots of friends in our class and the surrounding classes—and I’m looking forward to seeing everyone at reunion!

A quick update: After many, many years in Georgia, in 2006 we moved to Connecticut and now live in Simsbury. I work for Hartford Insurance as in-house counsel in the Law department, supporting the commercial lines businesses. Our move to Connecticut ended up being very timely for a number of reasons. As our parents were beginning to experience health issues and need assistance, it has been great to be closer to our families and spend more time together. And when my husband of 30 years, Jay, was diagnosed with cancer last winter and passed on in May, family and friends were (and are) so helpful. It has been such a boon to be geographically as well as emotionally close.

Our son Bill is 24, single, and recently moved back home to live in a basement apartment and help out around the house. (Ask me how that is working when I see you all in June!) As always, I enjoy reading and traveling. I’ve started playing tennis again and enjoy yoga, pilates and walking. I’ve joined the local Rotary to continue learning about my newly (nine years is new, right?) adopted community, get involved, and give back. Can’t wait to see you all at Bates in June!

Biking along Hawk’s Nest Beach in Old Lyme
On the last day of reunion—Sunday, June 12, at 10 am—the annual Alumni Memorial Service will be held in Gomes Chapel celebrating the lives of those in the Bates community who have died (or whose deaths have became known to the college) in the last twelve months. Douglas Caracappa is among those being remembered. Since his obituary has not yet appeared in the Bates magazine, it is included on the following page.
In Memoriam: Douglas Caracappa

December 21, 1954, to October 7, 2014

Douglas hailed from the Long Island, New York, community of East Northport and settled there after graduation. A biology major, he worked for the U.S. Geological Survey, performing water quality field studies on Long Island as well as in Maine. More recently, he was a laboratory assistant in the chemistry department at Suffolk County Community College.

Douglas participated in track in high school and in intramural sports at Bates; at one point he represented Small on the Men's Intramural Council. He loved cross-country skiing (his sister Denise still has his wooden skis) and was active in the Outing Club. Post-Bates, he enjoyed excursions into Manhattan for concerts and Broadway shows; attended lectures and gatherings arranged by the New York Bates alumni network; and relished getting out on the ocean, whether aboard a tall-masted schooner or a Long Island fishing party boat.

Douglas' spiritual life was important to him. An active member of the Smithtown Gospel Tabernacle, he read the Bible daily, faithfully attended Monday men's fellowship meetings, and despite his modest means, made many charitable contributions to faith-based causes helping those less fortunate.

Above all, Douglas had a strong affinity for nature. He found pleasure and peace in the out-of-doors, often joining Denise on hikes and camping trips to such places as the Grand Canyon and Sedona, Arizona; and he was an avid member of the Huntington-Oyster Bay Audubon Society. After his unexpected death, the society's president paid this moving tribute to him in the chapter's newsletter:

It was with great sadness and utter shock that I received the news that long-time member and supporter Douglas Caracappa had passed away from pneumonia. A familiar and welcome face on our field trips and at monthly meetings, Doug was also an ardent fundraiser for the chapter, participating in our annual Birdathon and raising significant funding for our monthly speaker program year after year. Quiet, reserved and shy, Doug had a tremendous heart and a deep love for nature and birds. We shared a special friendship, talking about his goals for the future, and sharing a good laugh last year when he mistakenly sent me a Happy Hanukkah card for the holidays. He may have gotten the holiday wrong, but his handwritten sentiments were beautiful and just right. That was Doug; his heart was always in the right place. Rest in peace, Doug. You were a kind and gentle man and you will be missed.

Douglas' gentle nature was evident in the compassionate care he provided to his late mother, Dorothy, as well as in his devotion to his only sibling, Denise. Denise plans to attend the Alumni Memorial Service on the final day of reunion weekend, so if you have memories or stories to share about her brother’s days at Bates, she would love to hear them. She can be reached at dculinary@hotmail.com or (631) 567-8762.

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