My eleven-year-old daughter is playing softball. Late in a recent game, a new pitcher took the mound and stared windmilling Scud missiles from forty feet—bright yellow blasts into the backstop, the umpire’s collagebone, behind the batter, and every few deliveries, suddenly straight into the catcher’s mitt. The on-deck batter froze in the circle and broke down in tears. The game was delayed while coaches and teammates intervened. Then, I heard a familiar voice say, “Do you want me to go? I’ll go.” My usually reserved daughter hurried to plate, tapped it hard with her bat, and dug in. I’ve never been more proud of her.

At Commencement a few days later, the Rev. Bobby Ives ’69 delivered the invocation for the Class of 2014, urging those members to “be not afraid” as they made their ways into the wider world. “Be not afraid to fail, and to make mistakes,” he compelled them, “but to see all failing as an opportunity to learn and to change, to improve and to grow.” The day before, Dean of Student Affairs Tim Foster greeted the Baccalaureate audience with a litany of Bowdoin graduates who have had the courage and resolve to achieve firsts—in science and medicine, technology and business, in scholarship, exploration, athletics, and in the armed forces. (Visit bowdoin.edu/news to read all of the Baccalaureate and Commencement addresses.)

We each have to step to the plate against fire-ballers of our own—whether in Babe Ruth softball, facing a blank page like poet Proper Barten Kessel ’98, swinging away at the glass ceiling like Jean Hoffman ’79, or toeing-in to reform an entire culture like Geoffrey Canada ’74. Their stories, along with those of many other alumni you’ll read about in this issue of the magazine, reflect how fortunate we are to be a part of a community like Bowdoin’s, one that numbers such an open-minded and tenacious spirit. How enriching it is to be associated with a group of people who provide such inspiring words to live by and actions to emulate.

My daughter battled through that at bat. She skipped over two balls in the dirt, took the mound and started windmilling Scud missiles from forty feet—bright yellow blasts into the backstop, the umpire’s collagebone, behind the batter, and every few deliveries, suddenly straight into the catcher’s mitt. The on-deck batter froze in the circle and broke down in tears. The game was delayed while coaches and teammates intervened. Then, I heard a familiar voice say, “Do you want me to go? I’ll go.” My usually reserved daughter hurried to plate, tapped it hard with her bat, and dug in. I’ve never been more proud of her.
Carrying the Keys
The College’s time-tested offer to its graduates is as strong and vital as ever. Recently, through an interlibrary loan, I was the College library’s first borrower of Yar Zve: A History of 1945, Ian Buruma’s remarkable study of the barbarity of war and the great evil that lasted from 1914 to 1945 (and persists). The Offer of the College, now gone electronic, provides insight and knowledge to all, villager and city slicker, alike.

Stanley Harrison ’55

Semper Fi and Old Phi Chi
I enjoyed the articles and letters in the Summer and Fall 2013 issues of Bowdoin Magazine about Bowdoin graduates serving in the US Marine Corps. In the small world category, I recently had the pleasure of bumping into two other Bowdoin Marines, Paul Constantino ’62 and Bill Nash ’63, at the 2nd Vietnam Marine JAG Office’s Reunion in San Diego. I think the “war stories” from our shared Bowdoin experience may have been as entertaining as those from our shared Marine Corps experience. Thanks for your efforts in producing a great college magazine. Keep up the good work.

Mike Anello ’65

College Spirit
It seems almost counter-cultural to read that “Robert Ives ’69 was appointed Bowdoin’s first-ever director of religious and spiritual life in January 2013.”

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Congratulations to a liberal arts college that can affirm faith and spirituality are essential to our shared humanity and that can persist. The Offer of the College, now gone electronic, provides insight and knowledge to all, villager and city slicker, alike.

Mike Anello ’65

Ernest and Uncle Gus
I’m writing about the Hemingway letter by Richard Andrias ’65 in the Winter 2014 issue. Ernest married Pauline Pfeiffer and thus aligned himself with my family (“joined” is too strong a word for such a cad) and received incredible backing in lots of ways from Uncle Paul (Pauline’s father) and his brother Uncle Gus, to whom at least one of Ernest’s major works is dedicated. Uncle Gus bought boats, houses, cars, and sponsored safaris and fishing trips that Ernest never could have undertaken were it not for this generosity. I believe that at least one of Hemingway’s major works was written in the barn behind Uncle Paul’s house in Piggott, AR, where there was a loft that had been made over into a writing space for him. (He carelessly set it afire, but most of it was saved.) The barn and house are now part of the Hemingway/Pfeiffer Museum. The whole property is under the aegis of Arkansas State University (ASU). It is the pressed tin roof on the second floor that prompted me to write. According to family lore substantiated by research done by Rush Hawkins, a historian at ASU, the images pressed into the tin are what inspired Ernest to write The Old Man in the Sea. If you see the ceiling, as I have, you will see that this theory bears looking into. Unbelievable Happiness and Final Sonnet: The Hemingway Pfeiffer Marriage, by Hawkins, tells the whole, somewhat sordid tale of lust, betrayal (Hadley, Ernest’s first wife, was Pauline’s best friend), suicide (not just Ernest), and financial support flowing from Uncle Gus to Ernest.

Rob Pfeiffer ’67

Poem
Two poems by Prosper Barter Karel ’88 hung in Boston’s City Hall last winter, selected by Boston Poet Laureate Sam Cornish for the Boston Mayor’s Poetry Contest. At Cornish’s request, Prosper read the following poem at an event he organized last spring.

Listening to Copland’s “Fanfare for the Common Man”

In my brother’s apartment there is a poster of Louis Armstrong holding his trumpet and laughing sitting on the parapet of a roof. He wasn’t allowed to enter. My brother has finished looking rugs for the day and sits with his eyes closed, carried away. And yes, it’s about time for him to have some forbidden for getting up at dawn’s first grayness for sitting on someone else’s steps, laughing not halfway, but wide open with all his beautiful teeth.


Worldwide weather patterns were disrupted in 1816 by the previous spring’s eruption of Mount Tambora in Indonesia. Volcanic dust blocked sunlight and led to “the year without a summer.” Severe cold and major snowstorms in normally warm New England months resulted in crop failure, famine, and a mass exodus of residents to the Midwest from Maine. Abroad, the darkness helped inspire Mary Shelley’s classic horror novel, Frankenstein.

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Who’s Reading What and Why

John Swords ’13: The Day of the Locust, by Nathaniel West, because it was included on Professor of English Brock Clarke’s “A Too-Brief, Incomplete, Unabashedly List of Must-Read That You Might Not Have Been Taught or Otherwise Made to Read Novels and Short Story Collections Written in the 20th and 21st Centuries.”

Hallie Schaeffer ’16: MaddAddam tril- ogy, by Margaret Atwood, because it has “everything I find interesting... references to Genesis, genetic engineering, smart kids taking over the world, and feminism.”

Sarah Johnson ’13, Bowdoin Outing Club assistant director: The Goldfinch by Donna Tartt, because, according to her mother, it is supposed to be “the best novel of our time.” It did win the Pulitzer for fiction this year.

Paul Franco, professor of government: multiple titles by Goethe, including Wilhelm Meister’s Apprenticeship, Faust, and The Sorrows of Young Werther, because he is writing a book on Rousseau and Nietzsche, and “Goethe forms an interesting link between them.”

Edie Leghorn ’14: Snape, by Brian Kimberling, because she “heard the general message of the book is that in life you don’t always get what you want, but what you get you end up wanting... which for a graduating senior seems pertinent.”
What A Ball!

Students made a splash at the Ebony Ball in Moulton Union in February. The ball, an annual party organized by the African American Society for all students, is a campus tradition more than two decades old.

BluEBerry Cake

Serves 9

butter for pan
1 ½ cups all-purpose flour
1 ½ cups fresh Maine blueberries, picked over
½ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon baking powder
½ cup unsalted butter, at room temperature
1 cup sugar
2 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/3 cup whole milk
confectioner’s sugar

Preparation:
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Butter and flour an eight-inch, square cake pan. In a medium bowl, toss the blueberries with one tablespoon of the flour. Add the rest of the flour to a second medium bowl, along with the salt and baking powder, and whisk to blend. In the bowl of an electric mixer, beat the butter and the sugar until light yellow and fluffy. Add the eggs to the butter mixture one at a time, beating well after each. Add the vanilla and beat well. With the mixer at lowest speed, blend in the flour mixture alternatively with the milk, beginning and ending with the flour. Remove the bowl from the mixer and gently fold the blueberries into the batter, using a rubber spatula. Transfer the batter to the prepared cake pan and smooth the top. Bake until a toothpick inserted in the center of the cake comes out clean, 40-50 minutes. Transfer to a rack to cool. Sprinkle the top with confectioner’s sugar shaken from a mesh strainer. Cut into squares.

The Importance of Being Unified

“The Importance of Being Earnest was done on a very tight schedule—in just a little over half the time we had for our fall show,” says production manager Jamie Weisbach ’16. “Everyone’s incredible work ethic enabled us to pull it off. What I love about making theater is how work put in by dozens of people all has to come together into a unified whole, and I think the collaboration demonstrated by the cast and crew was a perfect example of that.”

Masque and Gown presented what Wilde subtitled “A Trivial Comedy for Serious People”—better known as The Importance of Being Earnest—earlier this year in Pickard Theater.

Practical Advice

Earlier this year, President Mills offered the Class of 2014 practical advice for entering “the real world” in the form of four ninety-minute sessions on everything from communicating in the workplace to personal finance and leases. “Get Ready for Life After Bowdoin: A Crash Course on Practical Skills” included sessions taught by Mills and other alumni and staff. Visit bowdoin.edu/getready to watch videos of each session—invaluable advice for all.

Inspired Listening

Assistant Director of Annual Giving Carolyn Williams ’10 has acquired a reputation as one of Portland’s top spin instructors. She’ll tell you that it’s all about the music. Here are some of her current favorites that are guaranteed to get you moving.

- Daithi, “Have to Go”
- Tom Petty, “Saving Grace”
- Cash Cash/Valley’s remix of Clean Bandit’s “Rather Be” featuring Jess Glynne
- Michael Jackson, “A Place With No Name”
- MisterWives, “Reflections”
- Bleachers, “I Wanna Get Better”
- OneRepublic, “Love Runs Out”
- The Doobie Brothers, “Long Train Runnin’”
- Seven Lions, “Don’t Leave”
- Heather Small, “Proud”
- Timeflies, “Start It Up Again”
- Bruce Springsteen, “Born to Run”
A research hub on the coast of Maine, scientists are busy investigating the biology and ecology of bats and rats, lobsters and crickets, bacteria and yeast, eelgrass and elderberry. Shedding light on the inner workings of marine and terrestrial landscapes. Exploring the functionality of computer systems and the mystery of particles working for earth and oceanographic science EOS associate professor Collin Roesler, followed by a summer fellowship of independent research, a collaboration with mathematics professor Mary Lou Zeeman, and ultimately a decision to double major in biology, and medicine. The significance of planning and executing complex experiments. Many have authored scientific papers in conjunction with their advisors and colleagues from other institutions. They have gained experience in presenting their work through the College’s annual President’s Science Symposium and conferences across the country. They’re primed for careers in science—and beyond. “Independent research builds problem-solving skills, it builds confidence, it builds critical thinking, and it sets things up for success in any career.”

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By Abby McBride • Photography by Michele Stapleton

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Entrepreneur Jean Hoffman ’79 has created a career, and several successful companies, out of grit and the willingness to be first.

by Katie Benner ’99 • Photography by Fred Field

“A cat named Dude and his chronic thyroid condition gave rise to Jean Hoffman’s pet medicine company called Putney. The beloved cat had been prescribed an expensive drug that he’d need to take for the rest of his life, and there was no available generic equivalent. It was then that Hoffman had her “aha moment”: pet owners needed access to generic medicine, a cost-saving option that accounts for about 75 percent of all drugs prescribed to humans, but for practically none given to pets. Putney, which is based in Portland, Maine, was born a few years later in 2006.”

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Dude has since passed away, replaced by cats Malcolm and Racoon. Their pictures hang in the company’s office, and Racoon stares out from the cover slide of PowerPoint presentations. The animals at Putney always come first. Their faces and stories spur Hoffman and her employees on.

Putney has already faced formidable challenges. The pharma industry is a hard-to-navigate morass of regulation, manufacturing, and distribution. Less than 10 percent of pet meds have a low-cost alternative; and big pharmaceutical companies want to protect the status quo. In a 2007 lawsuit against Pfizer, Putney accused the pharma giant of stymying distribution of Putney’s drugs. Pfizer countersued, alleging that Putney had engaged in deceptive advertising. The case was settled, and Putney’s product remained on the market. “All large companies protect their intellectual property, but [Pfizer] was particularly aggressive,” says Barry Edwards, the former chief executive officer of Impax Laboratories and a member of Putney’s board. (Pfizer spun out its animal health business into a company called Zoetis.)

But Hoffman isn’t easily ruffled by the rough-and-tumble pharma business. “The great companies today change the way customers experience something,” says Hoffman, noting that Apple and Google overcame big challenges to redefine how we think of phones and web browsers. She hopes that Putney will change pet ownership by lessening the financial burden of treatment, a cost that can deter people from taking sick animals to the vet.

Hoffman’s entrepreneurial roots can be traced back to her childhood in Washington, DC. Her father, Burt, was editor-in-chief of the prestigious National Journal. Later on he founded a political consulting firm. He spent time with politicians, including Jimmy Carter and Richard Nixon, and he groomed his daughter to aim for nothing short of becoming President of the United States. Hoffman says her dad taught her that she could have whatever career she wanted, and he urged her to forge her own path.

When she started at Bowdoin in 1975, the school was in the midst of a major cultural shift. The Bowdoin Orient in 1971 described it as “a men’s college with women.” Coeducation was a mere four years old, there were few female professors, and fraternities dominated student life.

Bowdoin classmates say that Hoffman was known as an iconoclast. “She had this great fearless quality, and walked into ‘guy land’ with no problem,” says Charlotte Agell ’81. Hoffman’s alien environment probably encouraged her to take a nonconformist stance, too. “The school felt like a summer camp for guys who were going to be bankers,” says Tony Blofson ’79. “Jean and I were Jews who grew up in New York and DC. We were sort of outsiders.”

By senior year she’d moved off campus to a house out in Harpswell with her friends Blofson and John Holt ’79. “She was very focused, but I’ll always remember her as someone who loved fun,” Blofson says. The three roommates appear in the Class of 1979 Bugle, along with their friend John Fraumer and a dog named Mavis, posing in their underwear on a wintry day.

An interest in China opens doors

While at Bowdoin, Professor Jack Langlois, then–chairman of the history department, helped spark Hoffman’s interest in China. He took students on day trips and encouraged them to debate Chinese history and philosophy. “To spend that much time having fun and very challenging conversations stretched my mind in a whole new way,” Hoffman says. At a time when few Americans were in China, she studied at the Chinese University of Hong Kong her junior year.

“I’m a huge believer in a liberal arts education, because I think that if you challenge people intellectually it almost doesn’t matter what they study,” Hoffman says. “If students care enough to work hard, it’s a degree that teaches them to have open minds and how to learn, think, and communicate.”

The U.S. was just establishing diplomatic ties with the Chinese mainland when Hoffman was an undergrad, and American companies were just learning about the country. After graduation she worked for a trade association that did business in China. She gave tours to visiting Chinese delegations from pharmaceutical factories. Those business members, who happened to be influential Communist party members, gave her tours of large drug ingredient facilities in China. “I wasn’t a chemist or a chemical engineer, so they didn’t see me as a threat,” Hoffman says. “I established relationships with big important factories and helped them understand Food and Drug Administration (FDA) quality standards. That was my entry into the pharma business.”

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She eventually took a job at the Zulig Group and became CEO of its pharma subsidiary ZetaPharm. She was twenty-nine years old. ZetaPharm was in trouble, and Hoffman implemented a strategy to turn it around by expanding business in China and focusing on the generic drug industry. “This was a really tough challenge, but I began to understand that with hard work and important mentors I could create a path toward being more successful.”

After ZetaPharm, Hoffman moved back to Maine from New York City. (“I got this idea that I wanted a life,” she says.) She raised venture funding from IBM to found Newport Strategies, a database that generic pharma companies could use to source business opportunities and find suppliers of pharmaceutical ingredients. She sold Newport to Thomson Reuters in 2004, started a consulting company, and confronted the issue of Dude the cat’s health, which led to Putney’s launch.

“Jean is really one of the first entrepreneurs in our class,” says Dave Brown ’79, a managing partner at the venture capital firm Oak Hill Venture Partners. “She carved out her own path with few real role models to draw from.”

Making a start-up in Maine

Putney is one of a handful of high-growth companies in Maine, a group that includes diagnostics company Idexx Laboratories and payment processing company WEX.

Building a company in Maine can pose interesting challenges, particularly on the recruitment side. But Hoffman managed to build a team of sixty-plus people, recruiting much of the management team from out-of-state. In most cases those employees relocated to Maine with their families.

Despite having led three companies, Hoffman says she’s still learning how to build and lead teams. “It’s not just about hiring individuals. It’s about understanding how people function together as a unit to make a stronger unit,” she says. That means sharing information to help everyone succeed and not keeping people in silos.

Putney’s initial challenge was to solve a problem no one had solved before: How does a company get the FDA to approve the use of generic drugs on cats and dogs? Meeting government standards and bringing products to market is a tall order, but Hoffman says her company has worked hard to show that it can meet that challenge. Now it’s time to start looking for new hurdles to overcome. She says Putney is starting to focus on a commercial strategy, which means finding ways to transform how pet owners and vets get their medicines.

While Putney isn’t a household name, the company is doing well. It has five drugs on the market and about twenty in various stages of development or FDA review. Given the fact that the regulatory review process can take three to six years, this is a very healthy pipeline.

The company moved into new, larger offices near Portland’s Monument Square a few months ago. Hoffman hired thirty people last year and may bring on another fifteen or so this year.

Accolades have rolled in, too. Last year the company was included in Inc. magazine’s list of fastest-growing companies and it has been named one of the best places to work in Maine. Fortune magazine included Putney on its list of the best small companies to work for in the country.

Putney’s success can be attributed in part to Hoffman’s grit. And to her willingness to go into a new business before anyone else. “Jean brought the focus to companion animals before anyone else,” says Michael Swift ’79, a lawyer with Duane Morris who specializes in pharmaceutical and medical device law. “In a world dominated by big pharma, it seems like a risky proposition to be the trailblazer. But, for Hoffman, it’s the smart play and the one that she knows best.”

Katie Benson ’99 reports on technology and business for the San Francisco-based tech publication The Information. She was for many years a staff writer at Fortune magazine and has been a reporter at TheStreet and an associate producer and staff reporter at CNNMoney.com.
What’s the Secret? Belief

As he prepares to step down from the helm of Harlem Children’s Zone, Geoff Canada ’74 talks with Cynthia McFadden ’78 about the challenges, the promise, and the future of changing the culture for children in Harlem and in the country.

Making his way across the packed dining room of Manhattan’s power lunch spot, Michael’s, Geoffrey Canada, is easily spotted by a slew of financial and media types—many of whom quickly make their way over to our table to pay their respects. Canada is used to the attention. The undisputed national role model for education reform for more than thirty years, he recently announced that he is poised to step down as head of the organization he made famous, Harlem Children’s Zone (HCZ).

The New York Times Magazine wrote of HCZ, “It combines educational, social, and medical services. It starts at birth and follows children to college. It meshes those services into an interlocking web, and then it drops that web over an entire neighborhood.” It has worked. HCZ currently serves 12,300 children; ninety-five percent of their high school seniors go to college.

“Founders stay too long,” the sixty-two-year-old Canada tells me. “I want to leave when the organization is thriving, not wait until my successor has to catch a falling knife.”

Geoff Canada graduated from Bowdoin in 1974, the year I arrived. Over the years I had shaken his hand, read his books, and admired him from afar, including being deeply moved by his own shattering journey described in the 2010 documentary, Waiting for Superman. So, the chance to sit down and really talk with this remarkable man was too enticing to pass up.

He is commanding but warm, forceful, and very, very funny. He is precisely what you want a pioneer to be. Sometimes it’s not good to meet your heroes. This time, it was very good.

By Cynthia McFadden ’78 • Illustrations by Marshall Hopkins
GC: So I go—and I have no idea what Bowdoin is. I don’t know it’s a great school. As soon as I found out—when I went in 1970, it was the most selective school in America—I said, “I can’t make it here. This is way beyond what I can do.” So the black students called us all together as freshmen, and I met the most brilliant black young people I had ever met—I had never seen anything like it. These guys were so articulate. They were so educated. And they were telling us, “This place is no joke. You’ve gotta get an education.” And I thought, “They could do this to you? They could actually change you from who I was into one of these guys? I’m gonna stay.” Two weeks later, they call my mother from Stony Brook and they say, “Where’s Geoff?” And she called me and said, “Look, there was a mix-up. It was the summer help.” And I told her, “I’m not going. If Bowdoin can do for me what they did for these other kids I saw,” I said, “I think this is the place.”

CM: So what was the lesson of Bowdoin for you?

GC: I went to my grandparents and asked if I could stay with them. I went to my grandparents and asked if I could stay with them, and they said that if I lived there the next three years, you were black, there were only three or four towns you could live in, and Wyandanch was one of them.

It’s now in one of the poorest school districts in the state, with one of the worst academic outcomes. But for me, it was an oasis. This was private homes, new sidewalks. I thought I was living in the country. There were four or five good public high schools in New York City. Bronx High School of Science, Brooklyn Tech . . . the same ones there are today. Otherwise, I had to go to my local school, which was Morris High School, which was just a dropout factory. I knew if I ended up going to Morris High School . . .

CM: That was that.

GC: . . . my life was over. But they had special test prep for middle school kids to try and pass the specialized test (to get into one of the good schools). But my hormones kicked in. When I was fifteen, I didn’t take any of it seriously, and I could not get in any of those special schools. I took the exam; I did not get in. My life was over.

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CM: But there was something in you that knew, Geoff. There was something in you that knew to stay where you were, to go to Morris High School . . .

GC: I think the thing that I knew, Cynthia, that other kids didn’t know, I knew there was another world, because I had lived in it . . .

CM: Since you’d read books.

GC: . . . in the books. I knew there was a world where people weren’t burned and beaten and raped and brutalized, and I just knew there was no way for us to get there from places like the South Bronx, unless you got an education. It was the only way. And even then, we didn’t know whether or not we could get there, but we knew there was no option if you couldn’t go to college.

CM: And it remains the truth.

GC: It’s still the same. It’s still the same. And today, it’s even worse for this reason.

CM: Why?

GC: My mother would say to us, if we didn’t graduate high school, we’d end up in the garment district folding racks of clothes, right? Which is just a dead-end job. But it was a job. We assumed you could get a job; you just wouldn’t get a good job. Now if you don’t have an education, there’s nothing for kids.

Our lunch arrived. . . . and I ask Geoff about the high rate of incarceration for young black men.

GC: If you’re fourteen and you have gotten every signal from the education department that you are a failure, then you can reasonably say, “There’s no way I’m going to college, and there’s no way I’m gonna get a job,” you begin to think, “Well, how can I earn some money?” It’s an accident which drug is in your community. So if you’re poor and you’re young and you’re male, in the inner cities, it’s mostly been marijuana. It was crack cocaine. It was heroin. If you are in Appalachia, it’s methamphetamine. All the guys, that’s what they do. They go into drugs. They know there’s a good chance they’re gonna get arrested. It comes with the territory.

Now, this is the part that people find controversial. I think the music industry has been powerful. I think the portrayal of criminal behavior—carrying weapons, shooting people, selling drugs—a lifestyle choice by smart and intelligent and talented black people is an absolute disgrace. And I have blamed the industry for this. In the early years, they used to make the argument “We’re just talking about the reality that we see.” That is not the case. Most of these guys are well educated; they’re fairly sophisticated. And the fact that they keep sending this message into the inner cities—“That’s who you are”—working-class and middle-class black kids feel pressured to be involved in this behavior to demonstrate that they can hang on.

CM: That they’re cool.

GC: When I was growing up, the worst thing you could be called was an Uncle Tom. To me, this is the equivalent of the old days, that culture is available twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year, it’s just horrible, and it’s all the time. And the music is brilliantly crafted. So it’s too much. You’re fourteen years old. You’re in Detroit. You’ve been listening to this crap for ten years, eight years, six years, and you’re listening to some teacher telling you something else. To me . . .

CM: Teacher’s gonna lose.

GC: Teacher’s gonna lose. Part of the reason we wanted to do the Zone is because we think we have to change the culture.

CM: So talk to me about the success of the Zone, because it’s amazing what you’ve accomplished.

GC: Today we have 954 kids in college. Ten years ago, when I had about fifty kids in college, if you asked a kid growing up in Harlem, “Do you know anybody going to college?” they would probably say, “I think there’s a girl on 120th Street, but she is so smart.” And you say, “Well, you could.” “No, no,” they’d say. “You have to be brilliant to go to college. No one goes.”

When you have 900-plus kids in college, my kids will
come home (in the summer), and that nine-year-old would think every black kid they see in Harlem is in college. Every one. This idea of how do you change the norm—it is now abnormal to be nineteen and not in college versus the oppo- site. So that’s one thing.

Here’s another thing. I don’t know one of my kids who have come through my program that is in jail. So people have said, “Well, are all the kids gonna get jobs?” No. Because the economy sucks. There’s just no way around that. But I don’t have any of my kids going to col- lege and complaining about it. “I’ve been looking for a job. I can’t find one. I think I’m gonna go on the corner of 175th Street, sell some weed.” Hasn’t happened. They don’t do it. They go out. They look. They get depressed. They get anxious. They don’t turn to crime, and they don’t turn to that destructive behavior which has driven communities like Harlem forever, and I think that’s really important.

The third thing is: I think is really significant in our work is that we’ve sealed our pipeline. I know how many high school seniors I have. I know how many kids in the seventh grade I have. I know how those two-year-olds I have. And we know those kids are gonna stay with us. And it’s not just the number of kids going to college. If you look at our college persistence rates, kids who actually are going to graduate in six years, it’s higher than in white America. It’s totally crossed all of those boundaries.

CM: What’s the secret sauce?

GG: I think it’s the fact that when you make a commit- ment to young people that is an open-ended—it’s not like I’m going to take you through middle school and then, God bless you. It’s that we are going to be there for you and help you with whatever comes up. If it’s health, we’re going to help you with health. If it’s a job, we’re going to help you with employment. If it’s mental health, we’re going to get you counseling. If it’s family stuff, we’re going to help your family.

The secret sauce is something that we call middle-class America. That’s what it is. People fight and theyscratch their way into it. Well, what does it take to do that? You find solid families and decent communities, decent schools—and a belief that you can make it. We think those common denominators are the door, not the ceiling. Our kids will never be privileged, they’ll never have trust funds, but they have a shot at the American dream because they’ve got this sort of support.

CM: Talk to me about President Obama. Is he head- ed in the right direction?

GC: We have been disappointed. Every year, he puts money into Promise Neighborhoods, and Congress takes out as much as possible. They’ve done it every year. We were the model. There are twelve places that are replicating our work with federal dollars.

CM: But they’re just not going to give the president a pass on anything.

GC: They’re not. It’s just partisan. I thought it was brilliant the way they set up the balance of powers—that’s great. But when you get people who really will not put the country’s interests first, that’s a problem.

CM: We are at gridlock.

GC: We are at gridlock. And I think the president’s grown into power, and I think that’s a mistake. I think he said, “I’m gonna do things through executive order, because I’m not feeling around with you guys anymore.” And doing that is one thing. Saying it publicly I think is something else. I don’t think you give in to that thing that says, “I’m not gonna play with you guys anymore. I’m taking my ball, I’m going home.” I understand that. But I think part of the job of leadership is to call out folks for a higher calling even if they’re not going to come, even if they’re not going to join you, to say to Americans, “Look, this is about the nation. Let’s put the country first.”

So I think there are a couple of things about the presi- dent. First of all, I think he absolutely saved America through the financial crisis, and I don’t think people give him any credit. Everybody’s feeling good. Except we have this huge outbreak by seeing who Googles “tamiflu,” before the CDC can find it—which they will tell you in a minute they’re able to do because of the sort of massive database they have—how is it that we can have outbreaks happening in com- munities, and social scientists, and politicians, and religious leaders don’t understand we need to get these messages to our young people? I think that this is part of what’s left for us to do in this country, and really smart and talented folk—Bowdrown kids who believe in the common good—that’s something they need to aspire to, in my opinion.

CM: I can’t believe you’re going to completely withdraw from public life.

GG: No, no, no. I am going to go into the Harlem Children’s Zone one day a week, I’m going to stay on the boards, and I’m going to continue a very active advocate life, although I don’t know what that means right now. But I’m not going to go and get a rocking chair and pick up smoking a pipe or something or try and chill out for a while.

Cynthia McFadden ’78 holds a law degree from Columbia and is co-screen legal and investigative cor- respondent at NBC News. Prior to joining NBC, she spent many years at ABC News, the past nine as a co-anchor of Nightline.

Cynthia McFadden ’78

"If you look at our college persistence rates, kids who actually are going to gradu- ate in six years, it’s higher than in white America. It’s totally crossed all of those boundaries."

Geoffry Canada ’74

CM: “I know you don’t think all my kids can go to college, but I bet you think your kids will go to college. I bet there’s not even a doubt in your mind.” And not one of them has ever said, “Yeah, I have doubts.” Not one. People with money are not thinking about what technical skill to get their kids.

The check arrives and I ask Geoff about being the first recipient of Bowdoin’s Common Good Award. That’s another story you can read at bowdoin.edu/magazine, and it’s a great one. How we pick up the conversation again as we talk about the role of culture.

GG: I think that we’ve got to really deal with this issue about culture. I think we’ve pooched it. The idea of family, the economics of family, meaning how difficult is it gonna be for one poor person to raise a child successfully—I think we’ve done a very, very poor job in talking to young people about it. I’m not talking about religion. I’m talk- ing about data. What does the data say and how do we talk to kids about that and about smart decisions and not-smart decisions? I think a lot has to do with whether or not kids believe they have a future. This belief that you should post- pone or avoid certain kinds of events—having children, risky behaviors, other things—because you have a future. Kids who don’t believe they have a future, it doesn’t make any sense to them.

I don’t want the teacher who can’t teach algebra to try and teach my kid about why they shouldn’t become great. We really need to think about whose job that is, how do we get those messages to young people, because we’ve got a huge problem. You know this heroin epidemic going on in the white community right now?"
Charlie Roscoe ’66 has a long record of fitting in community service around his day job. Throughout his twenty-seven-year career at the Portland accounting firm BerryDunn, Roscoe volunteered with multiple nonprofits, from Maine Adaptive Sports and Recreation (which he helped found) to the Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences. “I don’t know how I found any time to work,” Roscoe admits. But when pressed on the work that has been most significant to him, Roscoe doesn’t hesitate: founding the nonprofit Schools for Refugees in Uganda.

When Roscoe signed up to mentor a Sudanese refugee at Portland High School nine years ago, he didn’t anticipate what this relationship would come to mean to him. Not only did Bosco Oringa become like a third son to him, but Roscoe also helped Oringa reunite with his lost mother in Uganda. Inspired to help even more, Roscoe resurrected a primary school in the refugee settlement where Oringa grew up. Today, the school educates 700 students and has nineteen full-time teachers.

Liz Shepherd ’09 confesses she’s always been a planner—and that includes mapping career paths. But she never would have imagined finding herself working for one of the world’s most popular social networking sites. “My friends always poked fun at me for being behind when it came to technology. In fact, I didn’t take a single photo while studying abroad in Paris,” she admits.

As a communications associate at Instagram, Liz is at the crossroads of technology and photography. “I uncover how people are using the platform in cool ways and share their stories with the press. I love the storytelling nature of my job.”

And the visual nature of Liz’s art history major has been an asset in the role. But the path leading to Instagram was an unexpected one. “While a sophomore, I worked on Tom Allen ’67’s congressional reelection campaign. The experience drew me to politics, and after graduation I got a job in D.C. working for my hometown representative, Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi.”

Liz continued on a political path, eventually serving as assistant press secretary for the Democratic National Committee reporting to Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz. After Bowdoin friends introduced her to Instagram, Liz encouraged Wasserman to launch an Instagram account.

“Wasserman’s account was featured by Instagram while I was managing it. I was in Charlotte for the Democratic National Convention and received an email saying her account was to appear on their ‘suggested user list.’ That was my first direct engagement with Instagram.”

Liz decided to return to her hometown, San Francisco, where one connection after another led to the position with Instagram. “You have to follow the career path as it unfolds,” she says.

Personally, Liz uses Instagram to keep in touch with Bowdoin friends. In fact, she’s helping set up and manage accounts for Bowdoin’s Reunion Weekend. “I can’t wait to return to Maine. I’m making a point of snapping a selfie with President Mills.”
Paul Batista ’70
Courtroom Poet

Paul Batista ’70 is insightful, opinionated, and possessed of a lovely baritone voice. This combination has attracted the attention of television networks, which have made him a frequent guest on their news shows. Over three decades, Batista, a trial lawyer in New York City, has appeared on CNN, MSNBC, CBS, and HLN to provide analysis of many sensational court cases, including those of O.J. Simpson, George Zimmerman, and Whitey Bulger. “I love it,” he said, of his TV spots. “They are not taped shows; they’re live. These are high-wire acts and require quick thinking.”

When he’s not defending his own clients, Batista writes poetry (he’s been published in the Atlanta Review) and novels, and he trains for marathons (he’s completed twenty-five). His third novel, the legal thriller Borzoi Killings, is out in June.

Batista, the son of Portuguese immigrants, grew up in Massachusetts. Under the tutelage of Bowdoin poets Louis Coxe and the visiting Howard Nemerov, Batista’s “creative roots were planted,” giving him the base to pursue a diverse and stimulating career. If he were to retire now to play golf, Batista said, he’d “shrivel.”

Lydia Bell ’00 has long been interested in the intersection of academics and sports—the balancing act of student-athletes in Division I football was the focus of her doctoral dissertation. Now associate director of research at the NCAA, Bell analyzes survey data, oversees a grant program, and more broadly examines how the culture of sport shapes education and how education impacts sport.

“We want to know how student-athletes engage with their campus community. How do they negotiate the balance between athletics and academics? What systems are there to get them engaged in their education? What obstacles, if any, are in their way to fully embrace the student experience?”

The NCAA gathers and shares data with colleges and universities and others, including the media. “If a story comes out in the media, their data may only be anecdotal, or maybe they’re only referencing the experience of ten to twenty student-athletes. We can tell what happens to all 5,000 in a specific sport. It’s an amazing data source.”

The NCAA is clearly a perfect fit for Bell, who as a Bowdoin student helped found what is now the McKeen Center for the Common Good.

“So much of what I learned putting together the Common Good Grant, I used when I put together the NCAA Innovations Grant. I enjoy environments where there are a billion things going on. It keeps things exciting.”
Alumni Profile

Max Karner ‘56
Surveying a Career

Max Karner ‘56 spent less than a year at Bowdoin, but he always considered himself a Polar Bear. He grew up in Brunswick and in high school worked on a surveying crew one summer for Wright & Pierce, an engineering firm in Topsham, expanding the runways at the Naval air station. “There were a lot of long, dusty survey shots establishing runway grades,” he recalls.

After high school, he matriculated at Bowdoin but left before the year was complete, first hitchhiking to Florida and then joining the military as a paratrooper. After his service he enrolled in the engineering program at the University of Maine but left there also, this time to take a surveying job at the Connecticut Yankee nuclear energy plant.

Over the years Karner worked on a wide variety of engineering projects, including sewer and water treatment, residential subdivision design, land development, and utility systems design—accounting along the way for underground streams, rail road bridges, gas mains, city streets, and water drainage.

In “retirement,” Karner managed the development of a 1,500-acre town center in Palm Coast, Florida, with several miles of roadway and miles of domestic water, wastewater, electric, phone and cable lines, and decorative street lighting, as well as an irrigation system, a thirty-foot fountain, fourteen ponds, and a central park with a sound system. “I turned seventy-five at the end of this project and considered it my last,” he says, turning to “more heavenly work, in which my wife and I devote about three-quarters of our time to our church food pantry.”

Jon Brod ’93
Tech Gourmand

Jon Brod ’93 is a quintessential New Yorker. Born and raised in Brooklyn and now nestled in the Upper West Side, Brod is one of New York’s tech elites, having co-founded the hot new tech app Confide, an off-the-record messenger that allows professionals to send and receive secure text messages.

Brod transitioned from the big city to Bowdoin with the goal of surrounding himself with students who are simply “a cut above” in every aspect. When asked what he would have told his twenty-year-old Bowdoin self, he responded, “Stop playing Tetris and learn how to code. It’s a must for Internet entrepreneurs.”

Previously a top executive at AOL, Brod had his fair share of corporate experiences, but his insatiable penchant for innovation would lead him to branch out on his own. His greatest challenge with venturing into the start-up space has been being brutally honest with himself. “I’ve learned to trust my instincts and figure out when I should listen to others.”

Brod has always been up for new challenges. In his Bowdoin days, he was a Meddiebempster, had a three-minute stint with the rugby team, and was an integral part of the toga party’s return to Chi Psi. And now he’s ready to be whisked off to his next adventure.

Brod says his love for building, creating, and eating may lead him to France. “I’d love to go to Cordon Bleu because it sounds incredibly fun, exotic, sexy, and fattening.”
Eileen Sheedy-Currie ’74 has a personality the size of Texas and will tell you in a big way about the love she has for her adopted home state, about making it in a man’s world, and about being a survivor.

After a brief stint in teaching, she took on the corporate world and a career in headhunting. “I did it for the sheer challenge,” Currie says. “No women were doing it.”

That business would take her from New York to Boston, where she opened her own firm, to Houston, where she relocated in 1982 after marrying John Currie ’73.

One of the few female students on campus during her time at Bowdoin, Currie says it helped to have spent so much time around men in college.

“Entering the workforce in the late 1970s was like going to a Beta party,” Currie says.

Currie uses that same humor to handle many of the challenges in her life, including chronic illness, which began in her thirties. “I’m a cancer survivor,” she declares, and then without missing a beat, quips, “I mean really, you think I picked this haunty? Seriously! I’ve got the DNA nobody wants.”

Currie says among the joys that come with being in her sixties are being comfortable in her own skin and not giving a hoot what anyone thinks.

It is with this kind of candor that Currie offers a criticism of her alma mater. Where the class of 1975 has been celebrated as the beginning of true coeducation at Bowdoin, Currie points to what she calls “the ghost women”—the female students already on campus in 1971—who she says aren’t given proper acknowledgment.

Still Currie speaks fondly of the impressions Bowdoin made on her, including both the drive to do superb research and the confidence to say, “I don’t know, but I will find out.” Currie has employed both to survive life’s challenges, big and small.

1942
Richard E. Bye “celebrated his 94th birthday in CA with a martini and a Maine lobster for lunch. How is everybody else?”

1943–1949
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1950 REUNION
“Scarborough (Maine) resident Paul Zdanowicz has spent a lifetime strengthening the minds and bodies of countless students in Maine and beyond. That life-long dedication was recognized Sunday, Oct. 12, when Zdanowicz was named to the Maine Sports Legends Hall of Honor. The Maine Sports Legends started 20 years ago to honor individuals for their contribution to youth athletics and academics and to raise money for scholarships for high school athletes.” From a Scarborough Leader article, October 14, 2014.

1951 Jack Daggett “recently came across the name of Bowdoin, Montana, in a nature conservancy magazine. I had never read that there was such a town in Montana, or elsewhere. About 1915, the Great Northern Railway Company was establishing a route from St. Paul to Seattle. The town of Glasgow, a few miles west of Bowdoin, was so named because the settlers thought that the name would appeal to potential settlers from Scotland. By 1919, Bowdoin had 400 residents and a post office. But, in 1920 Great Northern re-routed the tracks to shorten the route, and Bowdoin’s days were finished as people moved away. In 1935, the last hotel and general store were destroyed by fire. The town of Bowdoin is important today because in 1936 Lake Bowdoin, including 15,051 acres of surrounding wetlands, was named a National Wildlife Refuge. It is a major stopover on the migratory route of hundreds of birds and water fowl, is home to many varieties of reptiles, and a major refuge for peregrin antelope. James Bowdoin would certainly be surprised, and hopefully pleased, to know that his surname is attached to such a beautiful and important wildlife refuge.” The article that sparked Jack’s interest in the Bowdoin-Montana connection can be found at www.fws.gov/refuge/bowdoin.

1952 Robert Hitchcock “I have many fond memories from my wife and I attending my 60th reunion in 2012. Wonderful to see the older buildings that were there in the early ’50s and interesting to see the new buildings that have sprung up since then. Thanks for wonderful remembrances on that weekend! Celebrating my 85th birthday later this year, and still in pretty good health. Just not doing so much traveling these days. Hopefully, will be able to attend my 85th in 2017.”

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1954 Don Raymond is “looking forward to our 60th (hard to believe) and a renewal of friendships. The years go by but the friendships don’t age (happy!),” and returning to the campus is always a big plus.

1955 REUNION
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1956 Jerry Kirby “attended the 27th Annual Head of the Charles rowing regatta” and “attended the annual Head of the Charles rowing regatta. Also attended the 2013 Maine State tennis challenge.”

“‘We set out to find a new home with its own character. We’ve found it in Maine.’ Former Bon Appétit editor, Pat Brown, may occasionally miss New York but she has discovered that living at Thornton Oaks affords plenty of cultural opportunities. ‘If you’re looking for interesting things to do, you don’t have to look very far,’ Pat says. ‘Auditing classes at Bowdoin College, the Bowdoin International Music Festival, Portland Symphony, Portland Stage, the Portland Museum of Art, the Bowdoin Museum— and world class restaurants too.”

What awaits you at Thornton Oaks? To learn more about the community contact Henry Rechagle at 800-729-8033 or at hr@tło.net
Enjoy this ocean side home on Bailey Island possessing superior craftsmanship with breathtaking views of Casco Bay. Completely renovated in 2006 & 2007 this Shingle Style home is located on "18 Cragmoor Lane". It offers a wrap around porch, ocean and interior and outdoor areas. Includes three bedrooms and 3.5 bathrooms. Facing due east, views of Casco Bay. Completely renovated in 2006 & 2007 this Shingle Style home is located on "18 Cragmoor Lane". It offers a wrap around porch, ocean and interior and outdoor areas. Includes three bedrooms and 3.5 bathrooms. Facing due east, views of Casco Bay.

"Mary Lou and Jim Millis’s annual report identified last year’s highlight as their daughter Audrey’s December wedding. They continue to be well and active volunteers at St. Francis Hospital. In November they completed an eight-day cruise up the Rhine River from Amsterdam to Basel. Joyce Hovey wrote that she is tutoring two thirteen-year-olds in math, doing a little of everything else, and helping two nuns with their English. Hopefully, she and her friends at the East-West Center will continue to be well and active volunteers at St. Francis Hospital."

Class News

Nancy and Ed Langbein enjoyed a paddled trip up the Mississippi last April. Starting in New Orleans, they proceeded north with stops at Baton Rouge, several plantations, the Vicksburg battlefield, and debarked in Memphis. A highlight of the trip was discovering two Bowdoin alumni in the contingent: Matilda McQuaid ’79 and Tricia Rice ’91. Appropriately rested, Nancy and Ed proceeded to move (within Brunswick) to an apartment in Thornton Oaks, which entitled the refurbishing of considerable stuff. "Jane and Miles Waltz report that they are in a similar mode themselves and are facing the same challenges. They continue to be avid volunteers (twenty-one non-profit organizations for Miles). David Webster announced that a new cancer drug is ‘kicking in’ and should be good for ten to fourteen months. After nearly eight months off a bike, he did a few weeks of spin training at Vero Beach and was able to do a thirty-minute, five-mile ride outdoors. All this is a prerequisite to a 60th Reunion Ride, when the average age will be 82, and which might start in Freepoint. Comments from Ted Parsons, Reed Chapman, and Kay and Dick Lyman (and Collette), reflect their intent to participate. Enjoyed seeing Ann and John Snow, Ted Parsons, Susan Morey, and a host of familiar faces at the February gathering in Boston."

1958
Robert Packard: "2013 was the first year since 1998 that I had not climbed a peak in a foreign country. 2014 will not be a repeat. February of this year found me on the summits of Blue Mountain, highpoint of Jamaica (7,402 feet, twelve-mile round-trip hike with 3,400 feet of gain), and Pico Turquino, highpoint of Cuba (8,476 feet, seventeen-mile round-trip hike with 6,000 feet of gain). These summits represent my 40th and 41st country highpoints. I was motivated to share this news after reading Locating the Pillar!, a letter to the editor in Bowdoin Magazine, written in 2014, by Richard T. Andrias ’93. Having a drink at the Hotel Ambos Mundos and a lunch at La Bodequita del Medio were part of my Jamaica/Cuba trip. Also in the same issue of Bowdoin Magazine, I was drawn to the alumni profile of Peter Anastas ’59. A year behind me, I remember well improvising at the piano at the Theta Delta Chi House. All in all, an excellent issue of Bowdoin Magazine.

1959
Ray Babineau: "My health is declining but I take great pleasure in the fact that my granddaughter Madeline Rutan ’16 has made it three generations at Bowdoin."

1961
Martin Gray: "Daughter, Allegra Kathryn Gray (University of Delaware ’14), was selected as the Colonial Athletic Association’s Scholar Athlete of the Year for 2013 for women’s soccer."

1962
Nils Blatz: "Classmates Steve Polaxedon, Paul Constantino, Fred Rollinson, and I enjoyed a mini-reunion over the weekend of January 25, rooting for the ice hockey team (we lost a close well-fought game to Williams by one goal), inspecting the magnificent rink at Chi’s Phil’s B’room!", passing for a somber moment at the site of the storied, recently razed Kappa Sig house, enjoying breakfast at the equally celebrated Brunswick Diner—where we bumped into Matheson ‘14, forward, who gave us a brief, albeit analysis of the hockey game— and were joined for dinner at Jeshua’s by Steve Beale ’64. Finally, in a very close cribbage final, Nils edged out Fred, recapturing the legendary Philip Spencer Trophy.”

1963-1965
Send us news: classnews@bowdoin.edu, ’65, you have a reunion coming up!

1966
John Raleigh writes that he and Bob Pirie, and Bill Torpey, three Sigma Nu brothers and roommates, “got together last summer for lunch and some catching up after many years. The mini-reunion took place at Bill’s beautiful home on Cape Cod. Bob came up from his home in Merrick Island, FL, and I from Hampton, NH. Bill and Bob are retired— I’m not so lucky.” See accompanying photo.
1967
Kevin M. Kelacher “We are spending more time these days at our condo in Florida. I am still practicing dentistry, but at a slower pace, and with a lot more time off. No real plans to retire completely, although Father Time has begun to send me messages. Golf remains our favorite recreation. We belong to Salem Country Club in Peabody, MA, and Isla Del Sol in St. Petersburg, FL. If you are in the area and would like to play, call me: (781) 883-7879.”

Derry Rundlett “After performing as Neil Diamond and Elvis Presley on the steps of the Walker Art Building during our 45th reunion, I decided to take the so-called ‘Malt Shop Memories’ cruise out of Florida. On that cruise I saw and met the very nice and tall performers I had on my WBOR radio show so-called “Malt Shop Memories” during our time at Bowdoin in the ‘60s. Every performer was excellent, congenial, and approachable. I’m already looking forward to next November, when the cruise will have Brenda Lee, Dion, Jay and the Americans, Martha and the Vandellas, and Ricky Nelson’s twin sons.”

Cambridge University Press recently published The Anatomy of Revolution Revisited: A Comparative Analysis of England, France, and Russia by Bailey Stone, professor of history and international relations at the University of Houston. Stone’s “530-page study aims to update Crane Britton’s 1938 classic of comparative revolutionary analysis, The Anatomy of Revolution. It utilizes the latest research and theoretical writings in history, political science, and political sociology to compare and contrast, in their successive phases, the English Revolution of 1640-60, the French Revolution of 1789-99, and the Russian Revolution of 1917-29.”

1968
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1969
Walter Abernathy “Linda and I are both retired and enjoying our ‘freedom’ immensely. After forty years with Verizon, I do not miss the commute to Boston. We now get to spend three weeks in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, on spring break without worrying about what is happening at work. Linda and I will be celebrating our 45th wedding anniversary with a trip to Guatemala with the Bowdoin alumni and underclass spring break teams to volunteer at Safe Passage, the non-profit established by Hanley Denning ’92. Our visit was enriching, rewarding, and unforgettable. Hanley had amazing vision and spirit. In May 2013, my dad, William James Georgitis, passed away at the age of 83. His passing, a low-key interment ceremony was held, led by his five sons, with only family members and a two-member military honor guard in attendance. Dad, my brothers and I were all members of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. My son Noah is on a baseball scholarship at St. Gregory’s University in Shawnee, Oklahoma. Still work at Walt Disney Parks and Resorts Online; also own the Save the Cat! screenwriting business. Tons of recollections—really putting a Class of ’89 beachie on the chapel spire remains a biggie. We got no choice!”

Ronald Mikuluk “I left my first career, as English teacher in independent schools, in 2002, after thirty-two years in the classroom, twenty-five of them at St. Francis High School in Louisville. Last September, I retired from my second career, as food writer for the Louisville Courier-Journal, which I did for nine years. I am staying involved with local food issues as editor of Food & Dining, Louisville Edition, a quarterly magazine about the local restaurant culture, a part-time gig that allows me to work pretty much as much as I want to. In December, we sold our little cameoback shotgun house and moved into a condo, a fine old 1920s-era high-rise in a neighborhood a couple of miles from downtown. My wife, Ann Stewart Anderson, continues her career as an artist, having turned one of the bedrooms in the condo into a small, well-organized studio. We will have been married for thirty-three years this June. We have traveled considerably over the years, mostly in Europe. We may...
be ready to start staying closer to home, but we are renewing our passports just in case."

Jim Pierce. "Kate and I are retired and live in Portland, Maine. I keep in regular contact with Bowdoin as part of the southern Maine student interview committee, and we both attend art shows. Having spent most of our lives as New York apartment dwellers, we are now facing the jigs and trials of home-owning. Ours is a 180-year-old double house that never lacks for improvement. Current avocations [include] gardening, painting, and trap shooting."

John Pierce. "In the last three years I’ve been able to travel outside the US three to four times a year. With two partners, my medical practice is sort of on autopilot. All my destinations, except for Scotland, have been third world countries. My principal interest is bird watching but invariably one gets to experience the culture, the food, and the new geography of each new place. I’m happy to report that everywhere I have been has been remarkably safe and friendly. I stayed in a small finca in Nicaragua with my own cabin and three hot meals for $20 a day. We rented horses there for an entire morning for $7 each. In Thailand $30 a night would get you excellent accommodations. The most dangerous place I have ever been is here in San Francisco—I was carjacked at gunpoint by three girls, and I got into a fistfight in front of my office here in the Mission! (I had to wait until I was 50 years old to get my first black eye.)"


Bernie Ruffin. "Retired from the Fairfax County Public Schools (where I taught history at South Lakes High School) in 2008. I am pastor of Holy Comforter Lutheran Church in Washington, DC, twenty-seven miles from where I live, in Reston, VA. During the time I was teaching, I was assistant pastor there (on a volunteer basis), and shortly after I retired from the school system, the man who had been pastor for fifty years retired. I succeeded him. It is a very small church with about twenty members, but very nice, good people. I volunteer once a week at the Franklin County Historical Society in Chambersburg, PA, about an hour-and-three-quarter’s drive from my home. Other than that I am completing the work of editing the papers of my mother’s family (seven volumes) and I have all but finished a religious horror novel and am hunting for a publisher for it."

John Samp. "I have been with Bowdoin since teaching. I was a great guy and a good friend."

"Soap Seaver Bowdoin in a recent Bowdoin hockey game (he was with the Whale Pants guy.)" Lots of fun for me to reconnect with Bowdoin through Meredith. What a great school it is! Meredith is getting better grades than I did in our freshman year—they graded harder back then! All my kids are doing great. Lisa is 45, Kelly 43, JT 40, and Meredith 19! I have eight grandchildren with more to come, I assume. I will have a beautiful Irish obituary (perhaps even the much sought-after 'The Borzoi Killings', was published in May by Astor + Blue Editions. The Borzoi Killings, was published in May by Astor + Blue Editions. Also, see Alumni Profile section, this issue."

1971 Christians "Almo" Almy. "I am sad about losing Judi Mac. He was a great guy and a good friend. Way too young to leave us. I hope to get back to the school soon and visit with the fine bunch of people we had in the Class of ’71."

Boudewijn Baud: reports: My wife Albertine and I recently became grandparents of our first grandson, Caterot, daughter of our eldest son Jochem and his partner Neetje. I am retired, but still active in consultancy and investment. I have planned a kayak week in France in June with Magnus Lund, Finnish foreign student of Class 1971, who now lives in Norway, (along with his girlfriend Sarah), and his partner Jasper. We will visit with Jochem and his girlfriend Sarah. Bill Branting "recently retired from my dental practice of thirty-seven years. I am currently trying to revive a former commercial blueberry farm in East Kingston, NH."

Steve Buckley "recently retired from Ernst & Young LLP in June 2009 after a thirty-seven-year career. Currently serving on two for-profit boards (the public Enanta Pharmaceuticals and the private Mevion Medical Systems), and two non-profits (Boston Latin School Association and Northwood School). Will soon step down from Northwood after serving sixteen years there with fraternity brother Ed Good, headmaster, who will retire in June 2015. Have two grandchildren by oldest child Sarah ‘06. Son Daniel ‘02 to be married this month; and son Tim is still single in Boston and working as communications director for Charlie Baker’s campaign for governor of MA. Lovely wife Sue (Westbrook ’70) is still picking up after me and inching ever closer to beating me on the links. We spend a fair amount of time in Bermuda, where I chair the homeowners club and enjoy getting away from New England weather. Besides Bonus, I stay in touch with Steve Carey, Gordon Sewall, Mark Haley and, to a lesser extent, (unfortunately), Ray Linnell and Fred Cappellini. Regrettably, one of our last meetings was the untimely passing of our class president, Johnny McClellan, last year. However, I did manage to get Stem, Gordon, and Hal to Opening Day last year at Fenway."

Ed Good. "Just and I are finishing up seventeen in this tour of duty, twenty-one in total, at Northwood School in Lake Placid, NY. I started here after Brown graduate school in 1972, due..."
largely to Sid Watson who was here running a hockey school with Charlie Holt. I work with Steve Reed ’69 and did work with Erl Hardy ’70 for nine years before he retired in Arizona. We have four grandkids, two in Kennebunk, Maine, and two in Lake Placid—all unspoiled by grandparents, of course.”

Mark Haley “retired on December 31, 2012, from BAE Systems. While I still consult for them and others, I don’t miss the frequent trips to the mother ship in London. Have moved back to Maine (Cape Elizabeth) and still have the house at Sugarloaf. I eschewed the opportunity to freeze to death at Sugarloaf in January and escaped to Vero Beach. Went to a couple of Sox games [last] summer with Stem, Buck, and Gordo. Great fun. Two of my grown kids live in the Portland area, and my oldest lives in Cambridge with my two grandchildren and my English son-in-law. Well, not everything can be perfect.”

Patrick McDonald is “still living in Australia but am semi-retired now, after near thirty-nine years in my Steiner work at Warrah. I’m presently doing some tutoring of high school students and helping my wife, Liz, with her business. We finally moved out to the beautiful Blue Mountains, at an elevation of 3,000 feet, about seventy-five miles west of Sydney. Leura has a very temperate climate and we’re glad to be away from most of the hot weather. There’s even a little bit of snow around here in the winter. Son Kayet is working for the University of the Sunshine Coast in Queensland and is halfway through a PhD. He’s a terrestrial ecologist and presently working on a koala survey north of Brisbane.

Bill Seekins: “I have a busy spring ahead of me. One of my daughters, Kiera, will be getting married in April, then my son Sam ’14 will be graduating from Bowdoin. Sam has been competing for Bowdoin in cross-country and track all four years. He was able to earn All-American status in 2012 and currently holds the school record in the 5,000-meter run. We have high hopes that he will be competing for the national championships again this winter and spring. On the foreground of my life, I have been putting in many hours organizing volunteers and working on developing a local forest park in our community. So far, we have developed four new hiking trails and made significant repairs to two trails open to snowmobilers and ATVs. This spring I will be installing signs and informational kiosks to help direct visitors. Anyone interested in visiting the park can find directions at: www.china.govoffice.com. Click on Thurston Park.”

Gordon Sewall “will be retiring from Milton Academy on July 1. This experience has been a great adventure, but I am looking forward to having more control over my time. Son Scott will graduate from Trinity this spring and Duncan is completing his freshman year at Colby.”

Ted Verrill: “Three generations of Verrill family alumni—me, Dana ’72, Dave ’83, and Emma ’10—gathered to celebrate the 65th wedding anniversary of older David ’59 and Anna. Son, Gordon (unfortunately, Cornell ’10), is at Macy’s Internet; and daughter, Sarah (unfortunately, Emerson ’14), is part-time at SlamBrew (for all those microbrew fans). While, Florence, riding herd on me and animals, as I pursue my second career in renewable energy development with a biomass project in Vermont and tidal range energy projects in Cobscook Bay, Maine, and Scotts Bay, Nova Scotia.”

Craig Williams: “I continue to love the event planning and catering business. Now in our nineteenth year, Churchill Events continues to grow and provide lots of anecdotal fodder for that book I plan to write. And the event planning is expanding beyond northeastern New England (even have a Texas wedding this year!), and our daughter, Molly, joined me last spring—it’s great to have another family member involved, and enables Linda and me to travel more often, too. If you need any counsel—how to open oysters, grill ostrich, slack salmon, or decide who sits next to whom at the next rehearsal dinner—fire away! Let us know when you plan to visit Portland next; we would love to entertain you and yours.”

L.L. Bean’s Spring 2014 catalog features covers art work by Anne Ireland ’76, the second time the Freeport-based company has chosen one of Anne’s paintings for a cover.

Bowdoin friends celebrated with Sir Peter Roddick and his wife: Jill Shaw Roddick ’77 for the opening of the show they sponsored, “Radiant Light: The Stained Glass of Canterbury Cathedral at the Dockstas,” in New York City, on February 24, 2014. L to R: Alfie Hemmitch ’78, Julia Hertweck ’77, Nelisa Rakon Sax ’78, Greg Johnson ’77, Martha Sullivan Sword ’77, Ben Sax ’78, and Jill Shaw Roddick ’77. — busting out with joyful content (left to right) Rob Duntenn ’80, Ben Grant ’81, Julia Hertweck ’77, Nelisa Rakon Sax ’78, Greg Johnson ’77, Martha Sullivan Sword ’77, Ben Sax ’78, and Jill Shaw Roddick ’77.

1972
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1973
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1977
“United Way of Greater Milwaukee recently named David Lubar chairman of the board. Lubar is president and chief executive officer of Lubar & Co., a family-owned private investment firm in the Milwaukee community for more than 50 years. Lubar joined Lubar & Co. in 1983.”


1980
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1979
Leslie Anderson “recently won the University of Florida’s School Doctoral Mentoring Award. This award is competitive across the entire University, including the Medical School, Vet School, Law School, Schools of Education, Journalism, Communication, Fine Arts, Agriculture, and so forth, as well as the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, which is my college.”

The award recognizes sustained commitment to doctoral education and mentoring and repeated success in finishing and graduating doctoral students.”

1978
“Although few students will ever get the chance to hash out $200-million-multiyear contracts for the best baseball players in the world, they could still learn a few negotiating tips from the guy who does it for a living: David Prousty, general counsel for the Major League Baseball Players Association, was on campus [in April] to give a talk on power, money and how collective bargaining and players’ interests continue to shape the game of baseball.”

While on campus, he also offered an afternoon negotiation workshop for fifteen students.” For more, see www.bowdoin.edu/news and see accompanying photo. Jonathan Ramin: “I am proud to report that my niece Lily Ramin is a member of the Bowdoin Class of 2017.”

Jocelyn Shaw “moved from North Muskegon, MI, to Fruitport, MI, last spring. Despite the tough housing market, my house sold right away. My son Zachary (26) got married in October. He will be graduating from Grand Valley State University in 2014 with a degree in sociology. My daughter Megan (28) is happily employed at Beaufort Books as managing editor. In addition to knitting, I’ve taken up spinning and weaving.”
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1983 Jane Kimball Warren had such a great time in her 10th reunion (last summer) — it just doesn’t seem possible that so many years have flown by — and everyone looked great! I’ve been happily spending a lot more time on campus of late watching my son Chris ’17 swim for the Polar Bears — so exciting! And we share our weekends watching our daughter Kate who swims for Swarthmore. They evidently have their father’s genes.

1984 Jonathan H. Newman has been appointed by Governor Tom Corbett and confirmed by the Senate to the three Member PA Horse Racing Commission for a three year term. Jonathan is Chairman and CEO of Newman Wine, one of the country’s leading wine brokers/importers. He is former Chairman of the PA Liquor Control Board serving under governors Tom Ridge, Mark Schweiker, and Ed Rendell. He was named Wine Enthusiast Man of the Year and received the American Wine Society’s Award of Merit. He is former Chairman of the PA Disciplinary Board for Lawyers and Former Chairman of the PA Board of Law Examiners.

From a Wine News wine release, December 22, 2013.

1985 - 1986

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ClassNews@bowdoin.edu ’85, you have a reunion coming up!

1987 Brenda Philbrick Bacall: “Charlie ’86 and I moved our family in 2007 to a 230-year-old house in North Yarmouth, Maine. Needless to say, the renovations and repairs of the house keep us busy. Our son Parker is a senior in high school this year so we have been doing the college search. He enjoys skateboarding, playing guitar, his friends, and is currently working two part-time jobs in addition to school. Katie is a sophomore and keeps very busy with school and swimming. Tim is ten and is busy singing and playing the piano. Charlie is still a lawyer at Verrill Dana. I am working part-time teaching swimming and as a social worker at Maine Medical Center.”

Alex Beale Powers: “We are living in London for the 2013-14 school year. Howie ’84 is teaching full-time at the American School in London and I am subbing there in the middle and upper schools. We have our two dogs with us and we are traveling on breaks and weekends. Our boys come over to visit.”

Paula Birnbaum has been teaching at the University of San Francisco for ten years now, and just became academic director of our new museum studies master’s program. We’re preparing students for careers in all types of museums — art, science, history, children’s, etc. Hugh Davies hosted a fabulous mini-reunion at his Schramsberg Vineyards [last] summer, and it was great to hang out with Anne Marie McKenna, Muffy King, Elena Delea, Erin Crowley, Tony Stais, John Graves, and me!”

Ellen Delea: “I have been named medical director for Health Care and Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont. This is the designated agency providing mental health care services to the residents of Windham and Windsor counties, covering all of southeast Vermont.”

Ed Bryan is “shocked that Alex Beale Powers has not watched any of the Star Wars films.”

Jonathan Fandburg is “working as a pediatrician and adolescent medicine doctor for Maine Medical Center and MaineHealth for the last two years and loving what I do. In November, I was the recipient of the Maine Public Health Association’s Ruth Shaper Award for work in public health. It turns out the only other doctor to receive this in the last twenty years was another Bowdoin alum, Dora Mills ’92.”

John Frazer: “In September, 2013, after twenty years at the National Rifle Association, I started my own law practice in Fairfax, VA, focusing on federal and state firearms law.”

Pamela Johnson: “I have seen a lot of Jen Ward and Tara O’Donnell in Boston this year. I am still living in Ridgefield, CT, and working as a life coach. My daughter was sailing in the International Orange Bowl Regatta in Miami over Christmas break and it was fun to see she was racing against some Bowdoiners. This [past] year I liked the CT portion of the Appalachian Trail, climbed to the top of a 60-foot mast, and went hang gliding for the first time.”

Tamsen Harding Endicott: “Deminic and I are looking forward to the graduation of our oldest daughter, Rebecca, from Vassar College in May, and of our second child, Julia, from Rockport High School in June. Our son, Nick, is a high school sophomore busy with drama and music.”

Joel Carrick ’87 and his husband Charlie.

Mia Lent ’87 and Roy Hiyam ’87 enjoyed a couple of cigars in Café Oriente in Old Havana, Cuba.

Alex Beale Powers ’81, Howe Powers ’81, and their family at the Sydney Harbour Bridge on December 26, 2013.

Anne Ellis Barnum ’30 and Carol Malloy ’31 — 60 year point with friends in Oakland, CA.

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Thanks Wendy, and Bowdoin!”

1990 REUNION

Michael McCormack: “I left Bowdoin after freshman year to return to Canada and spend most of the next three years in surgery or post-surgical physical therapy as part of the leading edge of the Crohn’s Disease wave. Managed to scrape through a degree at the University of Waterloo, thanks largely to steroid, medical exemptions, and kind-hearted professors. Moved to Edinburgh the day after my last exam, where I met my stupendously fantastic wife, Espeth. Entered the asset management industry after flirting with journalism and completing an MBA at Edinburgh University and have lived very happily in the center of Shanghai for most of the past seven years, part-owning a research/consultancy firm. No kids but a long string of cats who have been taught to play kitchen-counter hockey with mushroom caps. I keep waiting for an application from a Bowdoin grad to arrive here so I can demonstrate some unreasonable favoritism, but have so far had to move in with a string of Middlebury alums.”

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James M. Record was appointed vice president of academic affairs at St. Joseph’s Healthcare System (SJHS) in Paterson, N.J. from a SAGE news release, January 13, 2014.

1991
After, a new novel by Kristine Westfield Daisburg was published by Engine Books in February. Christopher Linkhas: “Last summer I moved with my family from New York to London and I am continuing to work at Fortress Investment Group. Still returning to Maine for summers,though.”

1992
Maine Magazine reported in December that family physician Lisa Belisle “has joined Topsham Family Medicine and Brunswick Family Medicine. Before beginning her work in Topsham, Belisle maintained her own private practice in Yarmouth and Portland for more than ten years. In 2003 she expanded her practice to include medical acupuncture and integrative health. She has an enduring interest in whole-person healthcare and wellness education. She maintains a website dedicated to integrative and preventive healthcare, and she hosts The Dr. Lisa Radio Hour & Podcast. The show airs on Sundays at 7 a.m. on WPJE 95.5 FM 9:30-11 a.m. and can be streamedit online at wbridge.org, listened to at doctorlisai.org, and downloaded from iTunes. Belisle also writes about various healthcare topics through her work as wellness editor for Maine Magazine.”

1993
Khurram Dastgir-Khan “After re-election to the National Assembly of Pakistan in May 2013, I assumed office in January 2014 as a member of the federal cabinet, i.e., Minister for Commerce in the Government of Pakistan.”

1994
“Alert, Inc., the critical skills education technology leader,” co-founded by Tom Davidson, Jon Chapman ‘96, and Ramon Martinez ‘96, has announced the opening of a new corporate headquarters in Washington, D.C. Alert’s new office is based in Georgetown’s historic Pennsylvania building. As part of its national expansion, the company is also opening new office spaces in Chicago and in Boston’s Innovation District.” From a PR Newswire article, January 16, 2014.

1995
REUNION
Anand Marri “I have been appointed vice president and head of economic development for the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. I’ve taken a research leave from my role as associate professor at Teachers College, Columbia University, to serve as the highest ranking officer for education in the Federal Reserve System nationwide.”

In The Blessings: a new novel by Elise Juska, “Several generations of the Blessings, a Philadelphia-based, Irish-American family, come beautifully to life in a deceptively simple tale that examines the foibles, disappointments and passions that tie family members together,” reviewed Publisher’s Weekly. “The reader leaves feeling lucky to have spent some time in their presence.”

1996
Bekh Rathna Miller “is the co-consort of upper school at St. Anne’s-Belfield in Charlottesville, VA. I still teach Spanish, which I love, and spend the rest of my time coaching both teachers of our daughter, Hannah (10) and Chloe (7), attend the school. We get back to see family every summer, and no trip home is complete with a visit to campus.”

1997
Lei Bishak “My cookbook Beach House Baking was published by Skyhorse in May 2014. It features beach-inspired recipes for baked sweets along with stunning color photographs.”

In December, Fortune.com re-run the fall Bowen’s Magazine cover story by Andy Serwer ’81 about San Francisco Mayor Ed Lee ’74, with photography by Brian Wedge.

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1999
Jeremy Litchfield, founder of the Brunswick-based recycled apparel company, Atayne, addressed textile-industry peers and students at Maine College of Art in February, where “scores of leaders in Maine textiles and apparel gathered to brainstorm how to make the textile industry strong, as well as collaborative with young, local talent.” From a Bangor Daily News article, February 7, 2014.

2000
REUNION
Leigh Hoenig Alberti “is living on Cape Cod with her husband, Lewis, and son, Kai. I’ve been teaching yoga for the past six years and recently opened up a yoga studio in Dennisport, MA. Power Yoga of Cape Cod.”

Gwen Ambruster “joined The OutCast Agency in San Francisco as an associate business partner in the People Ops (HR) department. The OutCast Agency is a PR firm that specializes in tech/start-ups with offices in San Francisco and NYC.”

Thompson Vine in Cleveland, Ohio, elected Corby J. Baumann as partner. From a Thompson Vine LLP news release, January 7, 2014.

Anne Bradley “recently moved to Portland, OR, for a new position as privacy counsel at Nike. I have been currently enrolled in my final semester and plan to sit on the Massachusetts and Maine Bar.”

Meaghan Curran Guiney: “Brian is still working at Patterson Beach Webb & Tyler as counsel in the bankruptcy/restructuring practice, and I’m in my second year as a clinical assistant professor with the school psychology program at Fairleigh Dickinson University in Teaneck, NJ. Our boys, Conor and Brendan, are growing at an alarming rate.”

Robin Bellanca Seifried: “Jason and I welcomed our son, Logan James Seifried, on September 28, 2013.”

Julie Bourquin Deland: “We are living happily in Germany, where I’ve been since graduation last fall. I assumed the position of acting director of admissions at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, which has been an exciting though challenging opportunity. I’m also the proud mother to Reeves Julia Deland.”

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Neil Patrick Clinton: “After serving eight years in the Marine Corps, I found my way to law school. I am currently enrolled in my final semester and plan to sit on the Massachusetts and Maine Bar.”

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Gretchen Kelcey Zimmerman: “welcomed our daughter, Belén Amanda Zimmerman, on October 1, Auntie Amanda Boothby (Belén’s namesake), visited us in Nashville in October.”

Kendra Emery: “My husband Nick and I have moved to Farmington, Maine, after finishing residency in Colorado, and I am now practicing family medicine in Farmington. We enjoy being close to Sugarloaf and the mountains. We have an almost eight-month-old son, Em, who has already discovered that a great deal of baking, cooking, and skiing with us.”

Robert W. Ervin: “started Ervin Architecture in 2012 and it is thriving. It is a LEED BEC full service architecture design firm. Past work includes the Bangor Blaze Restaurant, DownEast Orthopedics medical facility, and Bangor Family Dentistry. Current work includes two houses in Maine, another medical facility, and a four-story strip mall.”

Lindsay Harris: “completing my book on the history of photography in Italy as a postdoctoral fellow at the American Academy in Rome. I had the pleasure of meeting two alumni at the Academy in the fall, Joe Farrell ’77 and Ann de Forest ’77. Such a pleasure to connect with Maine to the world!”

Cindy Kim Manion: “My husband and I had a baby, Aiden. He is almost five months old and pure joy!”

Ferris Lawrence: “Cassia and I purchased our home on Miami Beach in October in preparation for our newest addition to our family, Domino Cordeiro Lawrence. Cassia continues working at XAPT as an IT Consultant, while Ferris is the Regional Vice President of OEM Solutions-Latin America for Anetixer International.”

Sara Lenherr is “now in the midst of fellowship at the University of Michigan in neuroimaging and pelvic reconstructive surgery and health services research. I’m a urologist. I am also working on a master’s degree from the School of Public Health. My husband and I are enjoying the small town feel of Ann Arbor for right now, with lots of mountain biking in the summer and cross-country skiing in the winter.”

Megan Lewis Hwang: “We’re living on the coast of NH now and loving it. I am still practicing (part time) as a small animal veterinarian at a busy practice in Hampstead. Frank ’99 is a global brand manager for Timberland. Our daughter, Dillon, is four and a half, and our son, Ryder, is two. Summer weekends are spent at the beach, winter weekends on the mountain.”

Mai Le Lam: “Over the last couple of years, I’ve embraced the unexpected adventures of the life of my start-up. Savione, which is a crowd-sourced guide to a virtual mall of indie stores and open markets across the Internet. It has been an exhilarating ride with many ups and downs, trying to build a product that is useful, and fun.”

John Sinks ’83: “daughter Aubrey, and son Sam, sitting on a railroad track in Greenville Junction last fall.”

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busy directing opera around the and hoping to build a house for our first child in early March with Parker Architects. We are expecting our wife, Amy, and I just had our first daughter, Willa Snow Woodcock, for my husband, have made it this far if it weren’t and all of my amazing Bowdoin

Megan Deluca Savage: “My husband Ryan and I are thrilled to welcome our first child, Ryan Kevin Sullivan into the world on December 7, 2013.”

Karen Viado Synesael: “We recently welcomed a new addition to our family, a baby boy, Kit Synesael. She was born on September 27, 2013. She and her big sister, Libby, are enjoying life in Brooklyn Heights!”

Caitlin Rye: “I am back to school for a master of education degree in school leadership at The University of Pennsylvania. Peer classmate Melissa Minnes ’04 and I were excited to discover our shared Polar Bear heritage!”

2001
Kara Angeloni Williams “Elsa Anne Williams was born on August 14, 2013. Her big sister, Audrey, was so happy to meet her new playmate!” Zach Burus and Kate Mendenhall “We are thrilled to welcome our five-month-old son, Elias. We’re still in Rochester, NY, where Zach practices full-spectrum family medicine and Kate runs an organic farming organization (NOFA-NY). Big changes are afoot in our family, including photography, and I have also had to become involved in other interests including, photography, and have had to also become a basketball enthusiast. Football has been a big part of my life since I was very young and officiating has allowed me to reconnect to the sport I love.” Lisa Van Vliet is “still based in Cambridge (UK) doing research at the university in the field of microfluidics, but am also teaching entrepreneurship at the Cambridge Judge Business School and continuing to manage TopDog, our first lab spin-out, which will remain as an IP licensing company. Over the past year I’ve started working on a new diagnostics assay for Alzheimer’s disease and after a few trials on clinical samples this year will be seeking funding for our new company.”

Terje Sylvester: “[Last] August I decided to venture out and start my own residential design company, Noteworthy Designs. I have been drafting for years, so it was inevitable once Bowdoin and thought it would be nice to add some flexibility to our new company. It has allowed me to become involved in other interests including, photography, and have had to also become a basketball enthusiast. Football has been a big part of my life since I was very young and officiating has allowed me to reconnect to the sport I love.”

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Adrienne Oakley “My husband, David Pineson (Bowdoin ’10) and I moved our young son, Miles, into the family on May 30, 2013. He is a very happy baby and is well loved by his (cousins) Finley and Miles.”

Mitchell O’Neill “is taking some time off from medical school and having a blast (pun intended because we do occasionally run a lot of explosives to mitigate avalanche terrain) working as a ski patroller in Breckenridge. As well, for this summer, I enjoyed attending the annual Bowdoin lobster bake hosted by Bill Springer ’56 at his farm outside of Chicago. I relished the opportunity to break lobster with Chicago Bear great Gary Fencik and his family. His daughter is a soccer player at Bowdoin this year. We had an excellent discussion about the increased awareness of concussions and their effect on athletes.”

M. Elaine Pahilan: “My husband David Finken (Bowdoin ’10) and I are expecting our first future Polar Bear this spring.”

Annie Siegel lives in the Philadelphia suburb of Bell Blue “with my wife, Lauren (Miami ’99), daughter, Shayla (1/2), and son, Toby (1/2), and work as associate general counsel for a hospital management company.”

Marianne Steinfeld is “still working with my family. Been promoted to general manager. Moving out of my one location and now helping with all!”

Margaret Ward Morgan: “My husband, Grant, and I finally purchased our dream home —a century ride this past September— in the great state of Oregon! I accepted a program manager job at the Oregon Health & Science University in Portland, and have been here since April 2013. Boston will have a place in my heart always, but I absolutely love it...”
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2002
Alex Chu "is working in Dallas, TX, at Samsung’s R&D lab on user experience design and finishing a master’s at SMU. I am a hermit."

Rachel Cram Halliday: "2013 was busy and great! Annie got married on April 26. She had surgery in the summer and is healing and doing well. Annie is three-and-a-half, keeping me moving all day, and loving preschool. We bought a house and moved in July and are getting to know our new community in Danville, CA. I am still teaching environmental science part-time at a wonderful middle school in Danville. Finding time for lots of outdoor activities and getting back to visit friends and family in New England a few times a year. Jonathan Ellinger is "working at Quantum Spatial in Portland, OR, a remote sensing company specializing in aerial and unmanned systems."

Shannon Gilmore Alsbrook is "happy to announce the birth of our daughter, Annise Margaret, on August 6. She's a delightful little girl, completely adored by her big sister, Mara."

2003
Mike Balleslue: "My wife, Sarah Staley, and I continue to enjoy our twins, Elizabeth and William. I am in the middle of my ninth year teaching eighth-grade social studies in the Acton-Boxboro regional school district outside of Boston."

Amanda McGovern [Fall 2013]: "I have recently relocated from Phoenix to the Seattle area. My coffee consumption has doubled. It’s helping me power through the long drive.”

Ron Hanlon: "On January 3, in the middle of a snowstorm! We named him after our son, Scott David, into the world was recently elected to the Board of Directors of Airbus Helicopters, a division of Airbus Group. I married my husband, Richard, in Compiègne on May 25. We'll celebrate a religious ceremony with family and friends in the U.S. in 2014. I'm interested in connecting with any Polar Bears in France."

"Macy’s is "still living and working in the Hartford area. I just passed ten years as EVP, which was very satisfying. I am a director in programming and acquisitions. I now oversee all of the content (TV—both event, studio, and packaged shows—digital, print, radio, etc.) that ESPN and ABC develop for league sports programming, which includes essentially NFL, MLB, NBA, NHL, and an array of other sports. It is a fun gig, as I get to try and come up with new shows and integrations on a daily basis. Living the Bowdoin Cable Network dream, for sure.”

"Seth Kolodziejski: "Andrew ’01 and Shavna Fischer and the wee baby Marita Fischer."

Jennifer Crane: "I’m back at the Capitol as a professional annual giving office. I am always reminding my colleagues that the Class of 2005 is the best! I have been teaching an intro psych course for a few years now and love every minute of it."

Andrew Fischer: "I was founded by the head women’s coach of the San Francisco 49ers and our neighbor, Peter Burns. We are looking at changing the name to St. John’s College and moving the school to Cambridge, MA, with our one-year-old son, Curtis."

"Greg ‘01: "I am enjoying my job at Chalmers Insurance Group. I am married to Erica Johnson and we have two fellow ’01 Polar Bears who are enjoying life with us: Andrew and Shavna Jackson O’Connor."

Erica Johnson: "On September 27, 2013, I married my husband, and I welcomed twins, William Michael and Mackenzie Chalmers."

"Aurelia L. Hall: "I have returned to my hometown of Danville, CA. I am still teaching environmental science part-time at a wonderful middle school in Danville. Finding time for lots of outdoor activities and getting back to visit friends and family in New England a few times a year. Jonathan Ellinger is ‘working at Quantum Spatial in Portland, OR, a remote sensing company specializing in aerial and unmanned systems."

Shannon Gilmore Alsbrook is ‘happy to announce the birth of our daughter, Annise Margaret, on August 6. She’s a delightful little girl, completely adored by her big sister, Mara."

2004
Andrew ’01 and Shavna Fischer: "We are thrilled to announce the birth of our daughter, Annie Margaret Fischer."
At the wedding of Katie Eshelman were all smiles last November in Philly.

Michael Wood '06 and Katie Swan '06 attended the wedding of Katie Eshelman, who is "living within Santa Barbara County in CA for five years. I have been living within Santa Barbara County in CA for five years. I direct Earthjustice in Denver, and my son, Patrick Costello, is engaged this year to Ryan Toohil, who is "getting married in June 2014. Naturally, we named the newborn puppies "Zazzy.""

Katie Walker "graduated with a master’s in acupuncture and Chinese herbal medicine from the New England School of Acupuncture, and recently finished second treating patients at a clinic, KenkoKin, in Somerville, MA. I am also finishing a second master’s, studying pain from Tufts University School of Medicine, with the goal of eventually working on an interdisciplinary development finance organization, and got married." Bette Gargour "lives in Scottsdale, AZ, with my wonderful fiancé, Dave. Buenos Aires, unless asked about CA and working in CA and working on the Obama re-elect in Chicago, in October, I moved to DC to start a new job at the White House working on energy and climate policy." 

Alexander MacKinnon "is a first-year MB student at MIT Sloan and I’m exploring my options in the tech industry. Aside from that, I’m catching up on all the new baby experiences. Last summer, I did a two-month road trip from Boston to San Francisco to San Diego and back again. Visiting eight national parks was the highlight. I then went to Tanzania for three weeks, where I hiked to the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro, did a safari in the Serengeti, and chilled in Zanzibar."

Abigail Daley Gurall "was named a 2013 Massachusetts Rising Star in the field of immigration law by Super Lawyers Magazine." 

Margaret Fuller "is currently a fellow at the litigation law firm Kasowitz, Benson, Torres & Friedman LLP in New York City. We live in Hoboken, NJ." 

Margaret Fletcher "is this my fourth year teaching English and French in the liberal arts department at Academy of Art University in San Francisco." 

Caroline Quinn Levy "is “working as a researcher in the education policy division—loving being back home in Washington, D.C.”

Donahue ’07 “married Captain Zane Klimt ’07 on October 5, 2013, in Chestnut Hill, MA. Dave is a war fighting instructor at the Infantry Officers Course at USMC Base Quantico, and I work in northwest DC in the development office at National Presbyterian School.”

Margaret Gormley Donahue "was named a 2013 Massachusetts Rising Star in the field of immigration law by Super Lawyers Magazine." 

Dan Trunsgrud ’06 "is “finishing up my first 3-D printing job as an entry-level 3-D printing technician at SuperLabs Magazine.”"
and are due to have a daughter. Of course, this means we now take up space, so we also decided to move. In January, the day after a snowstorm. People who are eight months pregnant do not like to be at carrying furniture, right?"

Meghan Wyman Magee
"My husband, Alex McIntire '07, and I got married in June 2012, and have been living and working in Portland, WI, for a couple of years. I attended graduate school at Colorado State University (earned an MEd in May 2012) and have been working as a school counselor in Sheridan. We will be moving back to CO this June, where my husband has a cattle company.

Eli Maitland
"After living in France since graduation, I finally moved back to the USA in October 2013, and am currently living in New York City while working for the asset management division of BNP Paribas."

Ben Martens
"In fall 2013 I proposed to Kalya Bickerman '07 under the stars at Popham Beach, and we are planning a Maine wedding for 2015. We both have still lived in the Brunswick area and working for a small non-profit with Larry Van Hook on fishery and coastal community issues in Maine."

Alexa Ogata McIntire
"We are expecting our second boy in May!"

Joshua MeKever
"is completing a PhD in clinical neuropsychology from Drew University this year, which will happen when I finish my pre-doctoral internship at the University of Washington Medical Center in Seattle, WA, and defend my dissertation in May."

Thomas A. McKinley "Berkshire Hathaway Business School Class of 2013. Working as an associate for the Ackman-Ziff Real Estate Group."

Katie Mitterling "is finishing an MBA at the University of Pennsylvania. My graduate work has focused on how cognitive strategies change in a set of rats that are prone to Parkinson's disease. I will also be getting married to Rob McCoy this summer in Bretton, ME."

Andrew Morrison "finished the 2013 Boston Marathon."

Kelly Orr "is still happily teaching history at North Yarmouth Academy, and seeing a lot of Boardov friends living in the Portland area!"

Antwon Phillips "was named Arkansas Business as one of the state's twenty most influential professionals, in the annual list of 20 in their 20s."

Hope Reese "After completing a master's in journalism at Harvard Extension School, I moved to Louisville, KY, where I've become a freelance writer, primarily doing author interviews and book reviews for The Atlantic, The Boston Globe, The Chicago Tribune, and other publications. I also host a podcast for ideafestival."

Thomas Rodrigues "started working for the City of Miami as a transportation analyst after completing a master's in urban and regional planning in May 2011. A few months later, in November, I tied the knot with Niki Alvarez Rodrigues '07. We have been living in Miami downtown, while traveling extensively throughout the US and Europe. Our most recent adventure was a cross-country road trip, visiting friends and family in Washington, DC, as well as New York, Boston, San Francisco, and Austin."

Bianca Sigis "is working as a paralegal at Nystrom Beckman & Bierman in downtown Miami, as an alternative credit investment firm."

Kelsey Buzz���
"completed a PhD in organic chemistry at Stanford University in September 2012. In October of 2012, I began my first 'real job' as a senior R&D chemist at the semiconductor technologies division of the Dow chemical company in Newark, DE. In late August of 2013, I moved back to MA, about thirty minutes from my hometown, to work at the electronics material division of Dow. More importantly, on September 14, 2013, I married my soul mate, Marija Flajskl, whom I met and fell in love with while in graduate school. Marija and I are happily living in central MA."
David Denahue “is currently a captain in the United States Marine Corps and serving as an instructor at the Infantry Officer Course in Quantico, VA.”

Jade Dunn Costello “married Joseph Costello (LaFayette ‘07 and Fordham Law ’10) in Ludlow, VT. Was promoted to director of architecture and Tufts Law in 2013.”

Susan Leung “moved to London in August 2013 to start a two-year master’s program in illustration at Camberwell College of Arts, the University of Arts London.”

Eric J. Davis “moved to Burlington, VT, in February 2013 to accept a position with USGIC.”

Christine D’Elia “got engaged to Sam Bietti and started a new job as a physician assistant in dermatology practice in Annapolis, MD.”

Meg Gray “is working at Konica Minolta, an online microfinance platform, based in San Francisco. I love the city and the company.”

Gina Greene “is finishing my last semester of a master’s of architecture program at the University of Minnesota. Lots of great opportunities out there from Shanghai to Minneapolis, but I’m still not sure where I will end up.”

Ashley Harvard “is still living in Washington, DC, currently finishing up a master’s degree in nutrition and on track to be a licensed nutritionist later this year!”

Lydia Hawkins “is living in Calgary, AB, working as the director of enrollment for a private day school. My fiancée, Debbie, and I are getting married this summer in southern Ontario.”

Alexandra Hughes is “living and teaching in Aspen, CO.”

Daniel Jaffe is an “assistant professor in the Department of Physical Education at Virginia Military Institute.”

Maya Jaafar Lena “completed a master’s of arts in teaching (MAT) in Middle East studies and the School for the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, and moved back to Portland, Maine. I’m now teaching art at Scarborough Middle School, and ‘Drawing 1’ is an adjunct professor of art at the University of New England in Biddeford. In the winter, I continue to teach telemark skiing with the SBC.”

Charlie Johnson “got engaged on December 23 to a wonderful woman named Clare Whitmore. Holly Kiernan is in the Master’s of Public Health program in Colorado this year, and texting with Dan Robinson remains my favorite source of entertainment.”

Tim Kantor “joined the Afiara Quartet in Toronto! We are lucky to travel around the world playing music.”

Chris Knight “Last June, I left Year Up after six years. I moved away from Boston and headed west (literally, I was instructed to do) with my partner. We’ve been settling in well and I’ve been meeting lots of new Bostonian folks. [I recently] accepted an offer to serve as associate director of Summer Search San Francisco. I’m so glad that my job search is over and, even more, I’m thrilled to deepen my roots in my new home!”

Jamie Knight “After Bowdoin, I taught middle school in Philadelphia for a couple of years, and went on to law school with a ChildLaw fellowship. I graduated in the spring of 2012 and moved to Washington, DC, where I’m an attorney with the Potomac Institute in DC with my boyfriend and border collie mutt named Zada, who loves Maine and is willing to sit through the eleven-hour drive to pay homage to the state that knows the ‘Way Life Should Be.’”

James Knuckles “is living in London, UK, is a PhD student at Cass Business School, and recently co-authored a book published by the World Bank.”

Jacqueline Linnane “I have a little over a year to go before I started to full night classes in order to apply to veterinary school—and wishing I had taken more science courses at Bowdoin!”

Aaron McCullough “July marks my seventh year at Morgan Stanley in New York City, where I just finished up my personal first of a few in the city.”

Jenna McKone is “finishing up an MFA in documentary and experimental film at Duke University. I’d love to connect with filmmakers (experimental, nonfiction, and otherwise) and radio producers in the DC or Durham, NC, area.”

Ruth Morrison “I’ve moved away from the world of national- scale advocacy work I’ve been doing the past six years since college and have set up shop with a larger non-profit in Richmond, doing strategic management—and more advocacy!”

Daryl McLean “attended the wedding of my best friend KC Kane ’10 and I was his best man.”

Caitlin McHugh “is living in Mountain View, CA, and still working for Google, Inc., but have started to night classes again. I recently moved to Portland and am working as an emergency medicine doc at Maine Medical Center.”

Dawn Riebeling “got engaged! Mike Stevenson and I will be getting married in April 2014 near my hometown. I also started a new job at AEDOM after nearly five years at Chemocons, still in the international development field.”

Eric Robinson “This past Christmas Eve, I proposed to Jess Lue ’08, at Land’s End on Bailey Island and got a yes! We’re planning to get married in Los Angeles in March 2015.”

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who works for Bottom Line, a non-profit that helps low-income students get into and succeed in college, said several of the changes could help disadvantaged students compete with better-prepared peers.” From a BostInno article, March 6, 2014.

Michael Taylor: “After five years working with and for the poor and the youth in Peru and Chile, I recently moved to Rome, where I’m currently studying philosophy as preparation for the priesthood.”

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Lidey Heuck ‘13 with The Barefoot Contessa, Ina Garten, and her husband, Jeffrey, in June 2013.

In early February, Bowdoin women’s ice hockey alums gathered for The New England Pond Hockey Festival in Rangeley, Maine. Top row, l to r: Alexandra Fahey ’12, Alexander Yaiss ’13, Emiliegh Mercer ’09, Shana Nataleski ’16, Jay Gosine ’13, and Jayme Wiegand ’07. (Bottom row, l to r): Sheilaigh Merrill ’12, Kate Plokasis ’10, Kelsey Michaels ’18, Kim Tess-Wonsi ’12, and Beth Barton ’99.
David ‘64 and Tina Treadwell

DIVERSIFIED SUPPORT, ENDURING CONNECTIONS

The Treadwell name might be familiar if you regularly read Bowdoin Magazine or the Bowdoin Orient. During his career, David specialized in writing admissions and fundraising materials for schools and colleges across the country. In recent years, he has focused on alumni magazine articles and a newspaper column for The Forecaster, a midcoast Maine paper.

Since moving back to Brunswick in 2002, David has become involved in all things Bowdoin. He was the assistant secretary on the board of trustees for ten years; conducts mock interviews for career planning; and serves as an adjunct reader for admissions. He and his wife Tina have also been host parents to several students as part of the Bowdoin Host Family program.

Over the years, David and Tina—who grew up in Brunswick and wanted to go to Bowdoin but couldn’t as it wasn’t coed at the time—have adopted a diversified approach to demonstrating their support and love of Bowdoin. In 2010, they established the David R. Treadwell Jr. and Elisabeth S. Treadwell Scholarship Fund to support Bowdoin’s future. 

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Weddings

1. Margaret Gormley ’06 married Captain David Joseph Donahue ’07 on October 5, 2013, in Chestnut Hill, MA. (Back row, l to r): Meredith Railsback ’06, Emily Strauss ’09, Andrew Russo ’06, Kevin Mullins ’02, Andrew Loucks ’04, Brendan Fisher ’06, Pamela Karches Keneally ’05, Jim Long ’05, Patrick Keneally ’05, Michael Crowley ’06, C. Ford Gurall ’04, Zach Hammond ’07, Dylan Brix ’07, Alex Weaver ’07, Rob Rendar ’07, Ellen Powers ’08, Maddie McQueeney ’09, Mike McQueeney ’08, Robert DiMatteo ’07, Jay Tansey ’07, Alex Weaver ’07, Rob Rendar ’07, Ellen Powers ’08, Maddie McQueeney ’09, Mike McQueeney ’08, Robert DiMatteo ’07, Jay Tansey ’07, Alex Weaver ’07, Rob Rendar ’07, Ellen Powers ’08, Maddie McQueeney ’09, Mike McQueeney ’08, Robert DiMatteo ’07, Jay Tansey ’07, Alex Weaver ’07, Rob Rendar ’07, Ellen Powers ’08, Maddie McQueeney ’09, Mike McQueeney ’08, Robert DiMatteo ’07, Jay Tansey ’07, Alex Weaver ’07, Rob Rendar ’07, Ellen Powers ’08, Maddie McQueeney ’09, Mike McQueeney ’08, Robert DiMatteo ’07, Jay Tansey ’07, Alex Weaver ’07, Rob Rendar ’07, Ellen Powers ’08, Maddie McQueeney ’09, Mike McQueeney ’08, Robert DiMatteo ’07, Jay Tansey ’07.

2. Rebecca Ginsberg ’07 married Robby Rukoff (University of Michigan ’08) on August 17, 2013, in Stockbridge, MA. (Front row, l to r): Burgess LePage ’07, Ashley Conti ’07, Stephanie Wilkin ’07, Rebecca and Robby, Holly Maloney ’07, Allie Chini ’07, Elly Pepper ’05, Samantha Cohen ’07, and Meaghan Maguire ’08. (Back row, l to r): Sara Tennyson ’07, Stewart Stout ’07, Dyan Brix ’07, Genevieve Leslie ’17, Sarah Gifford ’07, and Jay Tansey ’07.

3. Margaret Magee ’02 married Ian Paul on November 16, 2013, in Spring Lake, NJ. (Front row, l to r): Kim Pacelli ’98 and Elizabeth Feeherry Fish ’01, Lisa DiPilato ’01, Bree Cardiland ’01, Jennifer Magee Ribeiro ’00, Kristin “Skip” Magee ’62, Margaret and Ian, Peter Webster ’62, Thomas Sides ’68, Robert Miller ’62, and David Fish ’98.

4. Robin Smith ’05 married Rachel Spekman (Rutgers ’05) on August 10, 2013, in Wiscasset, ME. (Front row, l to r): Michael Wood ’06, Eric Worthing ’05, Tom Hazel ’05, Jordan Harrison ’04, Emma Leonard ’05, Laura Welsh ’05, Rebecca Bartlett ’05, Krushnuk Celik ’05, Crystal Stone ’05, Molly Julifin ’05, Kerry Elson ’05, Kate Walker ’05, Dan Hall ’05, Jocelyn Foulke ’05, Gia Uphchurch ’05, and Penny Bordo ’05. (In lobster headbands holding banner): Robin and Rachel.
Kelly Bougere ‘06 married Mitch Hochberg (George Washington University ’03) on September 8, 2012, in Chester, VT. (Front row, l to r): Jena Davis Hales ’06, Alex Smith Kefee ’06, Kelly, and Mitch. (Back row, l to r): Megan McClean Bettancourt ’07, Erica Michel ’07, Sarah Schone ’07, Julie Calareso ’07, Paul Evans ’07, Ellie Simon Evans ’06, Ryan Hard ’06, and Jessica Brooks ’07.

Doug Silton ’00 married Nicki Smith on June 29, 2013, in Burbank, CA. Jared Smith ’00 and Eric Forbell ’00 were groomsmen.

Kathleen Eshelman ’06 married James Lewis Springer on November 9, 2013, at the Prospect Park Boathouse in Brooklyn, NY. (Clockwise from left): Matt, Mara Gandal ’04, Juleah Swanson ’04, Jennifer Montalvo ’04, Abbie Perlman ’04, Margaret, and Gary Moy ’04.

Margaret DeVoe ’04 married Matt Murphy (Bates College) on November 9, 2013, at the Prospect Park Boathouse in Brooklyn, NY. (Clockwise from left): Matt, Tara Filan ’04, Juleah Swanson ’04, Jennifer Montalvo ’04, Abbie Perlman ’04, Margaret, and Gary Moy ’04.

Alexander Linhart ’06 married Marina Lafferriere (Georgetown ’08) on June 24, 2012, in Manhattan, NY. (Front row, l to r): Rubeck Clark ’06, Alex and Marina, and Maxine James ’10. (Back row, l to r): Monica Ruizicker Stahly ’06, Zach Linhart ’07, Brooke James ’06, Chris Ncych ’10, Brian May ’06, Gardner Holland ’06, Harry Jones ’06, Dan Schubert ’06, Chris Metcalfe ’05, and Jan Linhart ’75.

Kate Cary ’06 married Steve Sandak (Colby ’07) on October 19, 2013, in Marlboro, VT. (Front row, l to r): Sarah Riley ’06, Rebecca Sargent McLean ’06, Kate and Steve, Kendall Brown ’06, Nora Dowley Liebowitz ’04, Natasha Kawatra ’06. (Back row, l to r): Rachel Dicker ’09, Sophie Wiss ’06, Elizabeth Droglis ’06, Hillary Fitzpatrick Peterson ’04, Ben Peterson ’04, Kevin Mitchell ’75, Michael Cary ’71, Molly Donkey ’06, Kristina Sisk ’06, Ellen Greenslee ’06, Courtney Reichert ’06, and Adam Fei ’06.

Nadya Pincus ’03 married Gavin Ferris on September 21, 2013, at Sinking Springs Herb Farm in Ektonton, MD. (Front row, l to r): Elizabeth Tardiff ’03, Audrey Amon ’03, Gavin and Nadya, and Heidi Holmstrom ’03.
Bobbi Dennison ’08 married Jake Mavarro (Middlebury ’07) on September 14, 2013, at the Elijah Kellogg Church in Harpswell, Maine, followed by a reception on Bailey Island. (From l to r): Roshani Grant ’08, Kate Lebeaux ’08, Emily Krull ’08, Bobbi and Jake, Grace Moore ’08, Lyndsey Colburn Gillis ’08, Brad Gillis ’08, Andrea Aduna ’08, and their “beloved mascot. Go U Bears!”

Charles Moyer ’05 married Laura Cotton (UVM ’07) on August 10, 2013, in Laura’s hometown of Lake Placid, NY. (From l to r): Mike Allen ’76 (Laura’s godfather), Patrick Keneally ’05, Nick Reid ’05, Jay Tansey ’07, Sean Walker ’05, Ellis Pepper ’05, Suzanne Offen ’05, Pam Keneally ’05, Joe Sargent ’05, Caroline Quinn ’05, Lindsay McCombs Pomponi ’05, Charlie and Laura, Chris Minsher ’05, Jenny Fry ’01 (sister of groom), Anne Taylor ’06, Alex Mesenza ’05, Kevin Erganian ’05, Julie Gullant ’05, and Mark Yakawonis ’05.

Elizabeth Cuesta ’00 married Hunter Clough (Penn State ’02) on October 13, 2013, in Reading, PA. (From l to r): Margo Woolverton Reynolds ’02 (holding baby Stella), Ryan Reynolds ’00, Elizabeth and Hunter, Anne Bradley ’00, and Joshua Winterkorn ’01.

Nora Pierson ’00 and Tracy Rieder eloped to Lake Tahoe, CA, on February 14, 2014.

Ruth Morrison ’07 married James Hickman Jr. on September 21, 2013, in their adopted hometown of Richmond, VA. The festivities included a sing-along of “Bowdoin Beata,” led by the rowdy crew of revelers pictured (l to r): Kelly Orr ’06, Mathilde Sullivan ’07, Katie Grimm ’07, Ruth, Holly Kingsbury ’07, Naftasha Horrath ’07, and John Winterton ’07. “Bowdoin from birth, y’all!”

Polar Bears at the wedding of Rob Reider ’07 and Tehila Azoulay ’08 (l to r): David Jones ’07, Suzanne Reider Castaldo ’01, Jay Tansey ’07, Ellis Pepper ’05, Noah Berman ’06, Rob, Shipp Fein ’09 (holding banner), Tehila, Dylan Bix ’07, Becky Wei ’07, Bobby DiMattia ’07, Jack Piper ’05, and Zach Hammond ’07.

Jordan Fay ’03 married Virginia Shanks (Vanderbilt University ’04) on June 15, 2013, at Belle Haven Club in Greenwich, CT. (Front row): Virginia and Jordan. (Second row, l to r): Jana Richardson ’03, Dave Turner ’03, Alex Duncan ’03, and Regina von Schack ’03. (Back row, l to r): Chris Moshay ’03, Ben McGinness ’03, Porter Hill ’03, Matt Hession ’03, Adam Martin ’03, and Micah Moreau ’03.

Tasha Bahal ’04 and Kevin Doyle ’04 were married on September 28, 2013, in York, Maine. (From l to r, all Class of 2004): Lauren Garry, Kristina Fajate, Khoa Khuang, Ryan Gillis, Courtney Ruggles, Erin Hanley, Nick Walker, Jackie Walker, Matt Boersma, Kate Batista, Scott Herrick, and Elizabeth Bienema.
### AlumNotes

#### Deaths

The following is a list of deaths reported to us since the previous issue. Full obituaries appear online at bowdoinobits.com.

As part of our redesign, we moved the obituaries from the printed magazine to a new dedicated online site. Updated regularly, the improved obituary format better honors our Bowdoin community members and allows additional features that we can’t offer in print, specifically the ability for classmates, families, and friends to post photos and remembrances. We will continue to print a list of recent deaths compiled between issues, and full obituaries will appear online at bowdoinobits.com.

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Visitors to the Museum of Art between November and when the show closed on June 1 were able to explore
The Object Show: Discoveries in Bowdoin Collections. The stories behind the objects touched on exploration, discovery, conflict, and the changing “lives of objects” over time. A copy of the rules of the College (with doodles by Nathaniel Hough, shared in a case which contained a thimble and a copy of an eight-page religious tract written by Mrs. Upham, Narrative of Phoebe Ann Jacobs. A thimbleful of History

Phebe's pallbearers included former Maine Governor Robert Dunlap, Professor Alpheus Spring Packard, Dr. Isaac Lincoln (Overseer of the College for sixty-three years), and Bowdoin Treasurer John McKean. President Allen and his daughters led a long procession of mourners that included prominent citizens and students. She was buried next to her childhood companion, Maria Allen, in Pine Grove Cemetery.

Shortly after Phebe's death, Phoebe Upham wrote the tract on "Happy Phebe," extolling her Christian devotion. Mrs. Upham also befriended a faculty wife who had just arrived in Brunswick. It was in the Uphams' church pew that Harriet Beecher Stowe experienced the vision of Uncle Tom's death that inspired her novel. In The Key to Uncle Tom's Cabin, Stowe wrote that stories of Phebe's saintly disposition had influenced her portrayal of Uncle Tom's character.

As I looked at the thimble, I wondered about the world that Phebe negotiated every day. What we know about her is largely through the words of others—from Upham, Adams, and Stowe—writers who emphasized aspects of her character that conformed to their own views and expectations. Phebe lived “through the back yard” from two ardent abolitionists, professors William Smyth and Alpheus Packard. Free black families in nearby East Brunswick often assisted escaped slaves. Many Brunswick sea captains and textile mill owners opposed abolition. I wonder if Phebe's public face of scrupulous piety masked the private thoughts and actions of an independent, free black woman. Seldom has a single thimble held so much written and unwritten history.

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With best wishes.

John R. Cross ’76
Secretary of Development and Alumni Relations

The Whispering Pines

In 2011 you said you'd be here at least five more years. So you're a year early.

I felt I had to give the community some stability, because the normal tenure of a college president is around ten years, and everyone was wondering, okay, he’s going to leave now because it’s ten years. His boys are away. Karen is in DC. Time to head out. It’s four years later, the College is incredibly stable, and we’re in a really wonderful place. These transitions are complicated, and if another economic crisis or something else terrible happened in the world, it would be very hard to leave. So, I think the timing is right.

How did your family take the news?

It took me a while to convince Karen, because we love the job and we love being in Brunswick. She was also a little concerned about leaving 79 Federal Street because our boys grew up there and it’s the place they think of as home. But they thought it was okay. We still have our house in Cundy’s Harbor so we’ll be in Maine during the summer. Not exactly sure where we’ll be the rest of the time, although it’s likely we’ll be in the Boston area.

You’ve been a biologist, a corporate lawyer, and a college president. Now you have another opportunity to reinvent yourself. So, what’s next?

I really don’t know yet. I’m not going to go back and practice law because I’ve been away from that long now. I really enjoy trying to figure out big-picture, where a place ought to go. I enjoy the day-to-day problem solving of issues. If I could find an opportunity to lead a place where I can deal with big issues and at the same time be involved in the day-to-day that would be great. Somebody asked me, well, why not run another college like Bowdoin? How could I tell somebody they ought to go to that school instead of Bowdoin? There’s no way I can do that.

Well, when you leave you’ll be two months shy of your 65th birthday. You could just retire.

Actually, I hadn’t done the math. It’s a little terrifying. There is no way I can retire. It’s just not in my nature. How has this job changed you?

The job forces you to think about issues very broadly, and to spend a lot of time listening and hearing other points of view, making decisions based, ultimately, on what you think is right. And I think I’ve become a more interesting person because I’ve had to learn about so many new and different things. I got an undergraduate education here from 1968 to 1972, and coming back as president, I got a chance to get educated all over again in a different way.

You’ve made it clear that now is not the time to look back and reminisce—that there’s still a lot to do. What’s on your mind for the next fourteen months?

The most important thing is to make sure the College maintains its sense of balance, stability, and excellence and that it not get uncertain about itself in this moment of transition. In addition, we have to continue to raise money. It’s important to continue the imperative to provide financial assistance to students who ought to be at Bowdoin, whether their families are poor or middle- or even upper-middle-income. I am very interested in finally establishing a significant presence around the study of the oceans and climate. There’s a number of years age I gave a talk about computational thinking and big data as a new component of the liberal arts. Our faculty has really taken this on. It’s very exciting, and I think it sets Bowdoin apart if we do it correctly. We’re also going to plan, and I hope start to build, a new Arctic museum. It’s a busy fourteen months.

Last question: How are you going to pose for your presidential portrait?

For years I’ve walked to the second floor of Hubbard Hall and, although some of the presidents on those walls are still alive, I think of it as the dead presidents hall. I actually get nervous up there. Partly, I have to admit, it’s also, here are all these leaders of this great College, and I’m one of those? I never really thought of myself that way. So, the idea of being up on that wall is terrifying. I know at some point we’ll have to do it, but I don’t think I’m mature enough yet to actually think about this in a responsible way. See? I’m already starting to sweat!
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