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FROM THE EDITOR

Batter Up!

My eleven-year-old daughter is playing softball. Late in a recent game, a new pitcher took the mound and started windmilling Scud missiles from forty feet—bright yellow blurs into the backstop, the umpire's collarbone, 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 Prosper Barter Kasrel '88, 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 nurtures 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 a strike down the middle, swung and missed, leaned away from one inside, got a piece of another, and watched ball four sail high and wide. She earned that jog to first, and by the earhole to earhole smile within her helmet, she knew it.

Happy summer,

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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 *Year Zero: 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 Officer'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 countercultural to read that "Robert Ives '69 was appointed Bowdoin's first-ever director of religious and spiritual life in January 2013." Congratulations to a liberal arts college that can affirm faith and spirituality are essential to our shared humanity and the free and adventuresome pursuit of wisdom in all fields. Well done, Bowdoin!

Rev. Timothy C. Eberhardt '68

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 Ruth 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 Sorrow: 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



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Poem

Two poems by Prosper Barter Kasrel '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 palatial steps of a hotel*

*he wasn't allowed to enter.
My brother has finished lugging rocks for the day
and sits with his eyes closed, carried away.
And yes, it's about time
for him to have some fanfare*

*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.*



Louis Armstrong ("Satchmo" or "Pops"). Gelatin silver print. Included in the exhibition On 52nd Street: The Jazz Photography of William P. Gottlieb on view at the Bowdoin College Museum of Art from July 10 through September 14, 2014.

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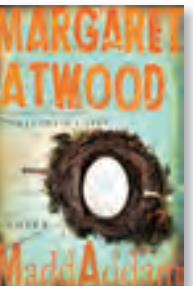
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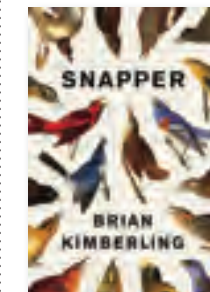
John Swords '15: *The Day of the Locust*, by Nathaniel West, because it was included on Professor of English Brock Clarke's "A Too-Brief, Incomplete, Unalphabetized List of Must-Read that You Might Not Have Been Taught or Otherwise Made to Read Novels and Short Story Collections Written in the 20th and 21st Centuries."

Hallie Schaeffer '16: *MaddAddam* trilogy, 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: *Snapper*, 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."



MOTOR POOL

Bo-Bo A-Goggo

While restoring a rare 1959 Goggomobil, antique car collector Michael Braun found a Bowdoin College parking sticker on the bumper. "I thought it would be fun to try and find out who owned it at that time and maybe get some original pictures," he said. Anyone remember this little car with parking sticker number 744?



IN BOWDOIN HISTORY



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#OnThisDay, 1816: Snowstorm!

June 8

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*.

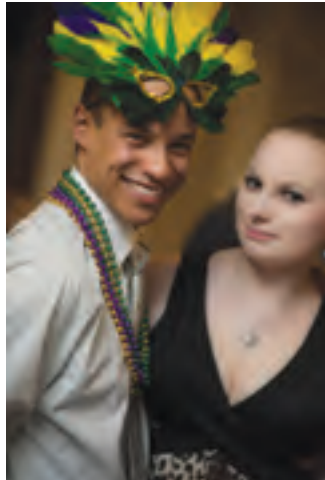
Follow @BowdoinCollege #OnThisDay for 365 Bowdoin facts, tweeted one calendar day at a time.

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LET'S DANCE

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.



BOWDOIN DINING

If you've been to a Bowdoin lobster bake, you'll recognize this as the traditional dessert ending the Maine feast. It also makes a good, if slightly indulgent, breakfast treat. Either way, we think it tastes like summer!

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.



REAL WORLD

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.



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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.



I WANNA GET BETTER

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.



- Daithí, “**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**”



Grab your lab coat and goggles. At Bowdoin, scientific research has a central place in the liberal arts.

BRING ON THE

SCIENCE

By Abby McBride • Photography by Michele Stapleton

At 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 that cannot be seen. Answering questions with serious implications for human health, cyber security, the environment, and our understanding of the universe.

You might not immediately picture a small college campus as the site of this vibrant research culture, or liberal arts students as the scientists. But it's all happening at Bowdoin, where undergraduates in the full range of scientific disciplines are becoming

seasoned researchers well before graduation, working alongside faculty members who are leaders in their fields.

Bowdoin's dedication to research is unusual in liberal arts colleges, says acclaimed science journalist and visiting faculty member Russ Rymer. He calls Bowdoin a "gold mine" for students in his science writing class, who have the chance to observe the ins and outs of serious research firsthand without setting foot off campus. "There are really interesting things going on here."

Others think so, too. Science faculty and programs at Bowdoin recently garnered two highly competitive national awards, totaling nearly \$1 million between them. Assistant biology professor Jack Bateman was awarded a \$797,395 CAREER grant from the National Science Foundation supporting his lab's

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research on gene regulation in the fruit fly. Alongside Bateman's award, Bowdoin earned a \$104,000 Beckman Scholars Program award to fund the research of four student-mentor pairs over the next three years in fields connected with chemistry, biochemistry, biology, and medicine.

The truth is that Bowdoin students have an embarrassment of opportunities to get their feet wet as scientists, often literally, here on the Maine coast. They can apply for summer fellowships to do research on campus, in the Marine Lab at the Coastal Studies Center, on Kent Island at the Bowdoin Scientific Station, or at sites halfway around the globe. They can participate in research as part of their science courses. They can sign up for campus jobs as lab assistants, design independent study courses, and—the ultimate college research experience—take on an intensive yearlong honors project.

Some students even get a taste of research before beginning their first classes through a weeklong math and science immersion—the Bowdoin Science Experience—that takes place during orientation. The program has a sneaky way of taking unsuspecting humanities majors and transforming them irreversibly into scientists.

"When I arrived at Bowdoin, I knew I wanted to do something related to climate change, but I thought I would be a government major and pursue international environmental policy," says Margaret Lindeman '15. Inspired by the Bowdoin Science Experience, Lindeman spent the next two semesters 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 EOS and math with a minor in physics.

Lindeman has gone on to conduct statistical modeling research in North Carolina, present at a scientific conference in Hawaii, line up a position on a research voyage around Greenland this



"There are really interesting things going on here."



summer, and earn a Udall Scholarship for her work in climate studies—and she's still only a junior. "A major part of the reason that I became so interested in science was being involved in research from the very beginning," Lindeman says.

Research exposure is just as valuable for students who already have strong leanings toward science. Van Tra '13 entered Bowdoin intending to become a doctor, but, like Lindeman, got hooked on research during orientation week. Tra spent the next four years (plus a post-baccalaureate position) as an employee in



Opposite page: Ian Kline '15 at work in Danielle Dube's lab; this page, left: Jack Bateman with Tamira Vojnar '14; above: (l to r) Sunnie Kuna '14, Emily Clark '15, Danielle Dube, Ian Kline '15, Hallie Carol '14, Van Tra '13, and Jen Helble '14.

the lab of chemistry and biochemistry assistant professor Danielle Dube, studying and developing therapeutics against disease-causing bacteria. Now devoted to a career in research rather than medicine, Tra "is currently deciding between a number of the best graduate programs in the country," Dube says.

This kind of training not only informs career decisions but also helps students build an arsenal of technical and professional skills. They leave Bowdoin already familiar with the challenges 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," Dube says. "In my opinion, it's the most important thing that students can possibly do during their undergraduate training, regardless of where they're heading."

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Inventing a Life



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

“The great companies today change the
way customers experience something.”

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.

Dude has since passed away, replaced by cats Malcolm and Raccoon. Their pictures hang in the company's office, and Raccoon 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 stymieing 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 rattled 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. Bowdoin'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 Frumer and a dog named Maevis, 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 know 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 businessmen, 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."

"I always thought of her as someone who had this great fearless quality, who just walked into 'guy land' with no problem.

She eventually took a job at the Zuellig 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 yet a household name, the company is doing well. It currently 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 Swit '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.

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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

We started by talking about how Geoff ended up at Bowdoin instead of Stony Brook, and it's a great story—but you'll have to read it at bowdoin.edu/magazine. We pick up the interview here just after that:

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're gonna 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: It was two things. It was an actively diverse group of men and, later, women, because they let women in the following year.

CM: Right. I was in the fourth class.

GC: Actively diverse. The debates were constant. They were intense. People were passionate, and they were mostly civil, although sometimes they crossed over. But mostly civil. So one of the things I learned was to fight in the realm of ideas. The other thing was—which I just know changed me—I had a personal relationship with professors that went beyond the classroom. These were lunches. These were rides out in the Maine woods to discuss philosophy of life. It was very much a part of my education, being with these brilliant men and women. And I have felt—kids who go to these big colleges, who actually don't get the real professors to teach to them—I think they've missed a great part of education, because that to me was part of the Bowdoin education.

CM: Geoff, how—why—were you able to survive your childhood and make your way to Bowdoin?

GC: My mother had four kids—husband left us when we were all infants. She worked and did the best she could do, spent some time on welfare. But she was a really avid reader. And she was way beyond her time, because she didn't

care what we read, as long as we read. She has read at least a book a week ever since I've known her. So she would give me (books) after she read them, “You'll find this interesting.” And I was eleven and twelve years old, reading adult novels. And I loved them because they transported me from the South Bronx to all these crazy places and wonderful experiences.

But that just prepared me, it didn't save me.

What saved me was an accident of fate. Every time I think about it, it makes me so angry, that for lots of kids that's the deal. Just an accident of fate. My grandparents moved to this little town in Long Island called Wyandanch. At that time (mid-'60s), Long Island was a really segregated place, and if



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.

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,

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I'd be in high school out there. And that's what saved my life. All the guys I went to middle school with got involved in drugs and crime, and their lives were destroyed. I was out in this little hick town. There was nothing to do after school except your homework, and that was really what saved my life.

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 arrives. . .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—as 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 out.

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 pressure these young kids feel. If you're not involved in that life, somehow you're not authentically black. And unlike 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 opposite. So that's one thing.

Here's another thing. I don't know one of my kids that 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 college and coming back and thinking, "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 that 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 many 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?

GC: I think it's the fact that when you make a commitment to young people that is an open-ended—it's not like I'm going to be with 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

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America. That's what it is. People fight and they scratch 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 floor, 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 headed 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 fooling 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 president. First of all, I think he absolutely saved America through the financial crisis, and I don't think people give him any credit for saving the whole financial industry.

But I do not see the jobs necessary in this country. The country is doing just fine without all of those people working, and I think that's a problem. Companies are making money. Everybody's feeling good. Except we have this huge group of folks who don't have a job, and we expect they're not going to get a job, and I think that's bad for the president, and I don't think it's because the Democrats or the Republicans didn't get their way. They keep saying how



they can create jobs. I don't see any indication that that will sustain us.

The other piece of this is technology. Technology is moving at a pace that I think Americans have their heads in the sand. Everybody keeps asking me, "Geoff, why are you focusing on college and not on industrial jobs?" I said, "Can you guarantee me those jobs are gonna be here four years from now? No, you can't." There's some smart kid sitting right now at Stanford, trying to think about how to do that job using technology, and when it happens, it's over. There's a whole group of jobs that are gonna disappear, and there's nothing you can do about it. You can't put that genie back in the bottle. And that is happening in everything.

CM: And it's all the jobs that you can get if you don't go to college.

GC: All of it. I know there's a group of academics who are upset because I say all kids need to go to college. And this is what I tell them: "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. Here we pick up the conversation again as we talk about the role of culture.

GC: I think that we've got to really deal with this issue about culture. I think we've pooh-poohed it. The idea of family, the economics of family, meaning how difficult it is

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 talking 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 postpone 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?

CM: Oh, yeah. It's terrible.

GC: No one seems to be really talking about it for real. It's a horror show. These are American young people. Who is talking to them about this stuff? If Google can trace a flu 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 communities, 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—Bowdoin 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.

GC: 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.

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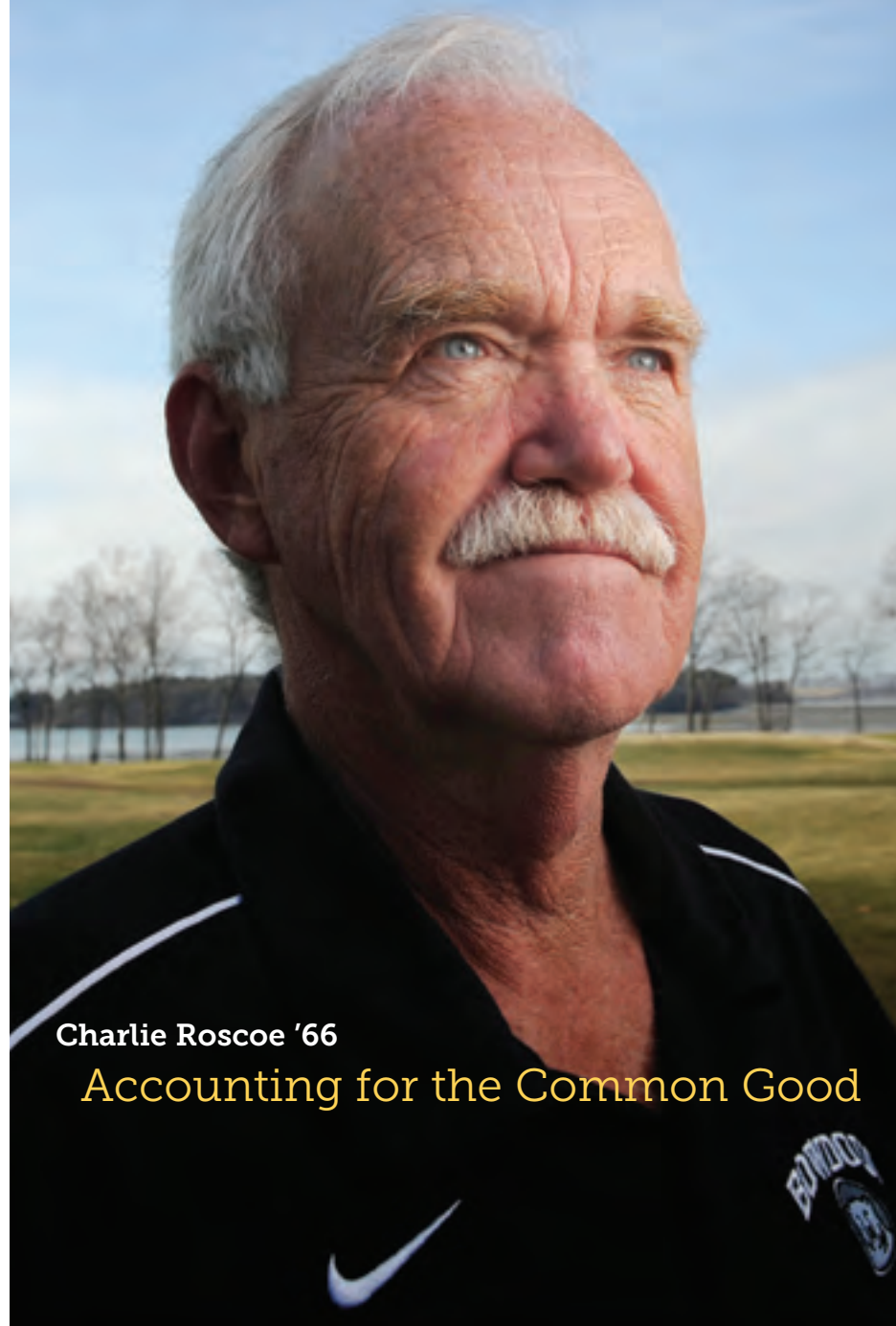


Geoffrey Canada '74



Cynthia McFadden '78

Bowdoin Profiles



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.

Charlie Roscoe '66

Accounting for the Common Good

Photo: Fred Field

Liz Shepherd '09
Picture Perfect



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."

Photo: Maykel Loomans

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.”

Lydia Bell '00 All in the Balance



Photo: Polina Oshero

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.”

Paul Batista '70 Courtroom Poet



Photo: Karsten Moran '05



Photo: Scott Smith

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."



Photo: Karsten Moran '05

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
Surviving in a Big Way

Photo: Fred Field

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 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 hairstyle? 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.

"You get out of bed every single morning. You face it. You go on. You push. Period."

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AlumNotes



Bowdoin played a sweet role at the wedding of Margaret Gormley '06 and David Donahue '07 last October.

Class News

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If there's no news listed for your class year, it's not because we're neglecting you! The majority of Class News has always been self reported, so send us an update and rally your classmates!

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. 13, 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 company thought that it would help business if they

developed towns along this route, which is now essentially Route 2 in northeast Montana. They advertised lots for sale, and many were sold to farmers and businesses. The company built a 23-bay roundhouse for their engines, and secured a water supply, and by 1917 this whistle-stop had become a town. Naming the town 'Bowdoin,' as with the choice of names for other towns, seems to have been a random act. The town of Glasgow, 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 15,551 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 pronghorn 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

Class News

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 65th in 2017!"

Peter K. Race: "We were honored by sons, family, and friends with a 60th wedding anniversary party in September, including wedding party members and long-time friends **Ray Biggar** and **Ben Coe**, missing only **John Morrell**. Enjoying retirement living community and still surviving various medical issues including Ruth's triple bypass in December."

1953

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1954

Don Rayment is "looking forward to our 60th (hard to believe!) and a renewal of friendships. The years go by but the friendships don't age (happily!), and returning to the campus is always a big plus."

1955 REUNION

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1956

Jerry Kirby "attended the



Burch Hindle '53 with future Bowdoin applicants, his four Hindle grandchildren, Tripp (12), Will (10), Gar (6), and Piper (4).

memorial service last May for **Charlie Leighton '57**. It was held at the New York Yacht Club in Newport, RI. Over 500 attended, including many from Bowdoin. Off to Key West for the month of March to break up this long cold winter on Cape Cod. Caught up with **Tut Wheeler '57** last September when he was in a senior tennis tournament here in Chatham. He looks great!"

1957

Class Agent **Ed Langbein:** "[Last] October, Northeastern University dedicated the **Jack** and Cathy **Grinold** Training Center at its annual Head of the Charles rowing reception.

"Jill Perry writes that she has kept busy with volunteering, an occasional game of golf with friends, and a September trip

with her sister and brother-in-law that featured a tour over fifty-one miles of dirt road to Yellowpine, population thirty-four!

"**Jay Dings** reports another wonderful year, is still in good health, and hopes everyone else is too. [Last] April was highlighted by a trip to Italy. September was marked by his nineteenth, and probably best, trip, which began in Athens. It was wonderful learning about Greece's history and mythology.

"Mimi and **Russ Longyear** began 2013 with two weeks in Cancun, then some time in France, and summer in the Berkshires. Unfortunately, an October bike trip was spoiled by a fall, in which Mimi fractured her pelvis. No surgery, but painful recovery that progressed through wheelchair, walker, cane, and (prior to Christmas) walking unaided.

"Vicky and **Harry Carpenter** announced they were off to Florida for sun and exercise walking those golf courses. His golf ball collection now totals 2,330.

"Nancy and **Len Bachelder** recounted an exceptionally busy and stressful year that sadly included the loss of their youngest daughter, Christine. They managed a trip to Alaska, something that had been on their 'bucket list.' It was a major trek that began in mid-August in Calgary and progressed north into the Yukon to Anchorage.

"Shirley and **Dick Fickett** are well and Dick notes that he is approaching 'the outskirts of 78' and feeling it every morning when he does his two miles—but feels fortunate that he is able to feel it.

"Kathleen and **Bill Gardner** remain active with oil painting, quilting, and volunteering.

"Sally and **David Seavey** enjoyed two major trips [last] year—four of the Hawaiian Islands in April and May, then a road caravan of the Grand Circle of upper Arizona and Utah.

"Lois and **Bob Estes** stay active with a grandson now at nearby Washington University. [Last] April was marked by a trip to the Smoky Mountains and the fall by one to New England for a wedding, visits with family and friends, and foliage viewing.

"June and **Miles Waltz** continue to epitomize the Energizer Bunny for which they were jointly honored as 'Volunteers of the Mount Washington Valley.' In between projects, they managed some travel that included a cruise to the Maritimes and a drive through the Finger Lake region of NY, with mandatory tastings at the numerous wineries.

"Flora Cowen shared the news that granddaughter **Sophie** will be a member of the Class of '18, joining sister **Talia Cowen '16** in Brunswick. **Tom Needham** and family are well and active, as are Janet, Daniel, and Del Potter. Sue and **Jim Smith** doing well in Tampa, enjoying good health and three grandchildren within a couple of miles. Mary Jane Smith is delighted to announce the September arrival of her first grandson, Calvin, to go with two granddaughters. Eddiemae and **Bob Wagg** continue to shuttle betwixt Virginia and Texas, where her mother is preparing to mark birthday number 104.

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"Mary Lou and **Jim Millar'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 grandson Nathaniel will be coming up to Maine this spring to check out Bowdoin.

"**John Simonds** finished his eighteenth Honolulu Marathon and (padded with a pillow)

played Santa Claus at a party for international students, staff, and friends at the East-West Center. Marsha and **Nate Winer** are delighted to announce that in November Caleb became an official member of the family.

"2013 was a 'strange year' for Sherrie and **Logan Hardie**, with Log all fixed up (quad bypass, carotid artery, and Maze procedure) from a situation triggered by 'classic snow shoveling.' Athletic focus has shifted from skiing and tennis to golf, augmented by staying busy with the Communal Cultural Center, gardening, reading, volunteering, and celebrating their 40th anniversary. A card from

Bernice Born depicted a polar bear labeled 'Bernice in her fleece, with a note indicating that global warming had not yet reached Pittsburgh.

"**Jim Kushner** continues to work in the lab one or two days a week, leaving time to practice the piano and take care of a huge garden. In November he and Mary had a pleasant trip to Paris. In contrast, Laurie and **Kent Hobby** have been soaking up the rays in Florida. **Reed Chapman** wrote that son Clark is doing well at Dickinson College and will be busy playing tennis in the spring. Julie and **Ray Smith** report a strong Bowdoin presence in Severna Park with '54, '55, and '57 represented

in the Lion's Club and a (more recent) graduate chairing the Anne Arundel County Council. Sue and **Stan Blackmer** enjoyed an alumni gathering in Houston—but Stan was disconcerted to find himself the oldest alum present.

"**Dietmar Klein** regularly makes short excursions on his bicycle (noting the other cyclists with slim figures tend to overtake him without much ado). In November he attended the annual meeting of the Bowdoin Club of Germany. Held in Mainz, a sightseeing tour ended at the synagogue, which has been rebuilt in an exceptional modern style. Exactly 75 years ago, in the early morning of November 10, 1938, as a pupil in the nearby elementary school, he had been witness to the still-burning main synagogue of Mainz amid the smoldering ashes and of the looting of Jewish shops and homes by Nazi troopers.

"**Arthur Strout** writes that he and Carol are planning to return to the Alps where they've hiked for more than fifteen years. Specifically, the French National Park of the Vanoise.



(L to r): Jason Papacosma '92 (with his daughter, Charlotte), John Papacosma '58, and Victor Papacosma '64 celebrated Bowdoin's Homecoming football victory over Colby at Cram Alumni House on November 9, 2013.

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"Nancy and **Ed Langbein** enjoyed a paddleboat trip up the Mississippi last April. Starting in New Orleans, they progressed north with stops at Baton Rouge, several plantations, the Vicksburg battlefield, and debarked in Memphis. A highlight of the trip was discovering two Bowdoin alums in the contingent: **Matilda McQuaid '79** and **Tricia Rice '81**. Appropriately rested, Nancy and Ed proceeded to move (within Brunswick) to an apartment in Thornton Oaks, which entailed the shedding of considerable 'stuff.'

"June and **Miles Waltz** report that they are in a similar mode and apparently facing identical challenges. They continue to be active 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 Freeport. Comments from **Ted Parsons**, **Reed Chapman**, and Kay and **Dick Lyman** (and Colliope) reflect their intent to participate. Enjoyed seeing Ann and **John Snow**, Ted Parsons, Susan Morey, and a host of familiar faces at the February

1794 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 (6,476 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 Pilar,' a letter to the editor in *Bowdoin Magazine*, winter 2014, by **Richard T. Andrias '65**. 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 toward the alumni profile of **Peter Anastas '59**. A year behind me, I remember him well improvising at the piano at the Theta Delta Chi House. All in all, an excellent issue of *Bowdoin*."

1959

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



Three Class of 1966 Sigma Nu brothers and roommates got together last summer for lunch and some catching up. (L to r): John Raleigh, Bob Pirie, and Bill Torpey.

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."

1960 REUNION

Charles Mylander was profiled in an article entitled, "The Bonus Years: Math professor retires to new challenge in medical research." The article reads, "Though Charles retired from the Naval Academy, he was not about to retire from life. . . A physician-friend asked if he might be interested in working with Dr. Martin Rosman at the Breast Cancer Center at the Anne Arundel Medical Center on research projects requiring statistical expertise. Much of his advisory work involves the statistical analysis of quality-of-care studies in addition to advising physicians and other researchers engaged in breast cancer research projects." *From a Maryland CapitalGazette.com article, March 23, 2014. To read the full article, visit that website and search "Mylander."*

Bill Page: "I spent most of my life teaching English in overseas American and international schools: Taipei American School, Singapore American School, the American School of Isfahan (Iran). Also was a Chinese Mandarin translator in the army, a Peace Corps volunteer in Nepal, and a writer and editor in Saudi Arabia. Taught English for fifteen years at Thammasat University in Bangkok, then retired. If you're going to retire, Thailand is a good place to do it. My words of wisdom regarding old age: Just about the time you think you've got everything all figured out, your body starts falling apart."

1961

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1962

Nils Blatz: "Classmates **Steve Polederos**, **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 Psi's 'Boody Bowl,' pausing 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 **Harry Matheson '14**, forward, who gave us a brief, upbeat analysis of the hockey game—and were joined for dinner at Joshua's by **Steve Beale '64**. Finally, in a very close cribbage final, Nils edged out Fred, recapturing the legendary Philip Spencer Trophy."

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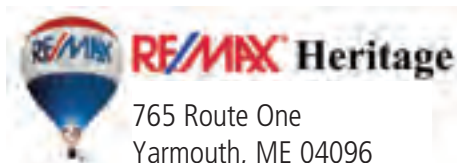
1966

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 Merritt Island, FL, and I from Hampton, NH. Bill and Bob are retired—I'm not so lucky." *See accompanying photo.*



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1967

Kevin M. Kelaher: “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 my cell: (781) 883-7879.”

Derry Rundlett: “After performing as Neil Diamond and Elvis Presley on the steps of the Walker Art Building with the Don Campbell Band 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 rock and roll performers I had played on my WBOR radio show in 1967-68, including The Four Tops, Petula Clark, Neil Sedaka, Gary Lewis, The Crystals, Little Anthony and The Imperials, The Happenings, The Tokens, Lesley Gore, and Bobby Rydell. Comedian and actor Robert Klein was also on board. Combined, these artists

had well over 100 Top 20 hits in the years before and during our time at Bowdoin in the '60s. Every performer was excellent, congenial, and approachable. I'm already booked for 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 Brinton's 1938 classic of comparative revolutionary analysis, *The Anatomy of Revolution*. It utilizes the latest research and theoretical writing 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 cruise in French Polynesia on the *Paul Gauguin*—2014 is shaping up to be a good year.” See

accompanying photo.

Dick Anderson: “In order to take advantage of my current state of good health and to have more time to enjoy life, including my grandchildren, I retired from Mass Capital Resource Co. last year. I had a terrific thirty-two-year career there and still loved my job, but I decided that it was time to move on. I am very glad that I did, and contrary to the beliefs of most of my friends and former colleagues, there has not been a day that I have been bored! I certainly don't miss the daily commute into Boston. Donna had knee replacement surgery last summer so travel plans were postponed, but we are looking forward to upcoming trips to England and Italy. For the past three years we have enjoyed the beauty of St. Barth's. Donna and I get together with Linda and **Walter Abernathy** regularly and joined them at Homecoming last fall. We enjoyed a Bowdoin win and the terrific tailgate party that their daughter **Lauren Fitzgerald '00** and her husband **Brian '99** had set up in the end zone.”

Seavey Bowdoin “attended Williams hockey and Colby basketball games in Brunswick on Jan. 25 with classmates **Peter Driscoll**, **Gig Ortman**, and **Bill Kelley**. I'm still working and have been in Boston banking for forty-five years.”

Rick Davidson writes that in this reunion year, he and his wife Jane “will also be celebrating 45 years of marriage. We have a seasonal travel trailer at Orr's Island campground so we have been spending quite a bit of time in the Brunswick area. I am presently working as a computer technology integration specialist for the Governor Wentworth Regional School District in Wolfeboro, NH. My first novel,

Catamount, A North Country Thriller, is amazingly still selling well and my next novel, *Murder at Stillwater Lodge*, is due for publication very soon. I will be on the road again visiting bookstores, libraries, and other venues. I always look forward to my annual fly-fishing trip with **Bruce Jordan**. This past year we spent a few days in the Rangeley region in Maine. I have also been in communication with **Bill Williams**. Bill lost his son William to addiction in 2012. I strongly urge everyone to support the Where There's a Will Fund. Bill is courageously sharing his experiences in the hope that he may help others from going down the path of drug addiction.”

Bill Georgitis: “A forty-year career in medicine and endocrinology wound down two years ago. Life remains as busy and rewarding as ever with more time for regular exercise, reading, volunteerism, travel, and family. My wife, Betsy, and I visited Guatemala with the Bowdoin alumni and undergrad 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 '42**, passed away at the age of 93. Per his wishes, 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 **Jim '68**, **John '71**, and I were all members of Zeta Psi. Dad served as agent for his Class of '42 for many years and dearly loved his alma matter. A western Caribbean cruise took place over New Year's in honor of Betsy's sister, Susan Comeau, a Colby grad and former trustee

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of that rival college. Thirty-five relatives of Susan, from three generations, celebrated a great family gathering. Bowdoin had the largest representation, which included Betsy's brother **Dave Comeau '67**, nephew **Peter Comeau '97**, and niece **Michelle Comeau Hoffmeister '95**.”

Bill Gibson: “Not much new to report since our 40th—just older, slower, less tolerant, and far less liberal. I divide my time between golfing at Andover CC in MA, and golfing in Maine at Cape Neddick CC for eight months of the year. The remaining four are spent in self-imposed ‘woodworking hibernation.’ Working with the alumni office and being on the Alumni Council for the last few years has afforded me a first-hand glimpse at the remarkable goings-on ‘neath the Pines. A visit

to campus in January found me stopping by the vacant lot where the dear and departed Kappa Sig house once stood. I paused for a moment to pay homage to the good times and swear I saw the ghost of Mo Viens rise! It will be forty-five years of marital bliss this summer.”

Michael Guignard: “Since retiring, my wife and I have traveled extensively. In the past year, I have gotten together with **Chet Freeman '68**, **Clark Irwin '70**, **Greg Darling '70**, and **Tom Johnson**. Also bumped into **Gig Ortman** at a Bowdoin-St. Lawrence lacrosse game. Our first grandchild was born three years ago, and our son and daughter-in-law are expecting in August. Since the birth of our first grandchild, we have been doing more babysitting and less traveling. I continue to do research and write

on topics related to Biddeford, Maine, history. In 2007, I was awarded the Biddeford Historical Society's Distinguished Historian Award for articles on local history. My wife Sue and I celebrated our 44th wedding anniversary on January 30.”

BJ Markel: “I keep in touch with Mers and **Ben** (née Bradley) **Bernstein**. 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—nearly putting a Class of '69 beanie on the chapel spire remains a biggie. We got so close!”

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 camelback 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



(L to r): **Brian Fitzgerald '99**, **Lauren Abernathy Fitzgerald '00**, **Linda Abernathy**, **Walter Abernathy '69**, and canine pal, **Bowdoin Whittier Fitzgerald (aka, Bodie)**, took in the Bowdoin-Middlebury football game at Whittier Field on September 21, 2013.

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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 joys and trials of home-owning. Ours is a 108-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).”

Harvey Prager “I recently co-authored *New York Attorney Discipline Practice and Procedure*, published in October 2013 by *New York Law Journal Books*.”

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 has “been retired from teaching since 2009.”

Tim “Sully” Sullivan: “I see Rabbit all the time. I’m playing

golf with **Andy Neher** every year now and it has really been fun to catch up with him. Have also run across Bo quite a bit since daughter **Meredith ‘17** [started] at Bowdoin! Have talked to Brio and run across **Peter Driscoll** at hockey games making a fool of himself with his Polar Bear hats, masks, and with his pants with whales or something on them. Saw **Seavey Bowdoin** at 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 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 grandkids with more to come, I assume. I will have a beautiful Irish obituary (perhaps even the much sought-after ‘continued on next page’).”

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1970 REUNION

“**Paul Batista**’s newest novel, *The Borzoi Killings*, was published in May by Astor + Blue Editions. Paul’s novels *Death’s Witness* and *Extraordinary Rendition* recently were released as audiobooks by audible.com, narrated by Clinton Wade, an award-winning reader whose credits include books by John Grisham and James Patterson. Paul is now a regular commentator on the CBS network. He recently started his fortieth year as a trial lawyer in New York. In November, he finished his fifteenth New York City Marathon.” *Also, see Alumni Profile section, this issue.*

1971

Christopher “Almo” Almy: “I am sad about losing **Johnny 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 grandchild, Catootje, daughter of our eldest son Jochem and his partner Neeltje. 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 Provence, [along with] my youngest son Jasper 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 “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 ‘00**. 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 board at our private residence 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 Halo to Opening Day last year at Fenway.”

Ed Good: “Judi and I are finishing up year 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



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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 to 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



L.L. Bean's Summer 2014 catalog features cover artwork by Anne Ireland '76, the second time the Freeport-based company has chosen one of Anne's paintings for a cover.



Creighton Lindsay '75 has a new CD, Gabardine.

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 Kaylet 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. His wife, Cara, runs a Steiner day care centre. Grandson Malu is fifteen and still at high school. He teaches sailing part-time and plays tennis. Granddaughter Tahlia is eleven and loves riding horses and learning magic tricks."

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 at the national championships again this winter and spring. On the home front, 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 snowmobiles 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."



Bowdoin friends celebrated with Sir Paul Ruddock and his wife Jill Shaw Ruddock '77 for the opening of the show they sponsored, "Radiant Light: The Stained Glass of Canterbury Cathedral at the Cloisters," in New York City, on February 24, 2014. (L to r): Alfie Himmelrich '78, Julie Horowitz '77, Hollis Rafkin Sax '78, Greg Johnson '77, Martha Sullivan Sword '77, Ben Sax '78, and Jill Shaw Ruddock '77.

Ted Verrill: "Three generations of Verrill family alums—me, **Dana '72, Dave '83,** and **Emma '10**—gathered to celebrate the 65th wedding anniversary of elder **David '50** and Anna. Son, Gordon (unfortunately, Cornell '10), is at Macy's Internet; and daughter, Sarah (unfortunately, Emerson '14), is part-time at SlumBrew (for all those microbrew fans). Wife, 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 Scots 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!). Our older 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."



Dave Prouty '80 (left) general counsel for the Major League Baseball Players Association, was on campus in April and caught up with (second from left to right) Rob DeSimone '80, Ben Grant '80, Amy Homans '81, and Rob Macomber '80.

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1972

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1973

Saul Greenfield: "My wife, Dr. Linda Brodsky, passed away earlier this year from head trauma. She was a professor of otorhinolaryngology and a nationally prominent pediatric otolaryngologist. She was also a major force in advancing the cause of gender equity in medicine. Although a Bryn Mawr graduate, she thoroughly enjoyed our Bowdoin reunions and made many friends on those occasions."

1974 - 1976

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'75, you have a reunion coming up!

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." *From a United Way of Greater Milwaukee news release, March 17, 2014.*

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1979

Leslie Anderson "recently won the University of Florida's Graduate 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."

1980 REUNION

"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 Prouty**, 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 community.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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1981 - 1982

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1983

Jane Kimball Warren “had such a great time at our 30th 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



Jill Carrick '87 and her husband Charlie.



Mike Lent '87 and Roy Hibyan '67 enjoyed a couple of cigars in Café Oriente in Old Havana, Cuba.

leading wine broker/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 Newman Wine news release, December 22, 2013.*

1985 - 1986

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'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. Tori is



Charlie '86 and Brenda '87 Bacall.

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 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, Eleanor Scott, Ellen Delea, Erin Crowley, Tony Stais, John Graves,** and more!”

Paul Boutin: “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



Alex Beale Powers '87, Howie Powers '84, and their family atop the Sydney Harbour Bridge on December 26, 2013.

any of the *Star Wars* films.”

Jill Clay Carrick is “enjoying time in both PA and Maine. I teach middle school science and computers at Wyoming Seminary Prep School in northeast PA. I’m science chair of primary and middle divisions and am energized by helping propel our STEM initiatives. Also having fun with a grade 3-8 environmental club. Family time, church, tennis, kayaking, snowboarding, and skiing are favorite ways to spend my time.”

Jennifer and Andy Carlin are “living in Columbus, Ohio. Andy does compensation work for American Electric Power and I teach pre-calculus at Andy’s alma mater, Columbus Academy. Our daughter, Emily, is a freshman at George Washington University and our son, Sam, is a junior at Middlesex School.”

Kim Conly is “still living in the UK and survived the wettest winter in 20 years! My new puppy, a Staffordshire bull terrier named Ed, almost floated away. I have gone back to school to study executive coaching, which I am really enjoying.”

Tamsen Harding Endicott: “Dominic 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.”



Anne Ethel Burnham '90 and Carol Mallory '90 spent time with friends in Oakland, CA.

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Jonathan Fanburg 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 '82.**

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.”

Pandora Johnson: “I have seen a lot of **Jen Warr** 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 Bowdoin students. This [past] year I hiked the CT portion of the Appalachian Trail, climbed to the top of a 60-foot mast, and went hang gliding for the first time.”

Cynthia Latham has “been working as a guardian *ad litem* for the past year. I represent children in the court system that have been abused, abandoned, or neglected.”

Michael Lent was “fortunate

enough to travel to Cuba in December for a week with a healthcare delegation as part of the People to People Ambassador program. Great people, food, music, cigars, rum, and coffee. Beautiful country. We visited Havana, Cienfuegos, and Santa Clara. My roommate, **Roy Hibyan,** was a great guy and just so happened to be a 1967 Bowdoin grad.” See accompanying photo.

Catherine Roberts is “chair of Mathematics and Computer Science at College of the Holy Cross.”

Anne Marie Sanders has “been serving as the interim executive director of a research exchange program with eight Norwegian universities—very rewarding! Anyone have connections with Norway that I should know about?”

Elizabeth Olsen Stevens: “I’m living in Honduras at an orphanage for three months while on sabbatical from my teaching job in Exeter, NH. I’m so glad to miss the cold weather.”

Laurie Zug Quimby: “My husband, **Peter Quimby '89,** became the headmaster at Governor’s Academy. I am volunteering as a physician in Boston at a homeless shelter for women. Our daughter will be attending Salve Regina in fall 2014 and our son is a sophomore in high school.”

Britt Wolfe: “On July 1, 2013, I made a major change by becoming the principal of Sacopee Valley High School in Hiram, Maine, after six years as principal of Biddeford High School.”

Judith Ellen Yarranton Rossebo has been “living in Oslo for twenty-one years now. Working at ABB Corporate Research. Every Thanksgiving we get together with other Americans and friends living in Oslo at **Joe LaCasce '86** and his wife Cecilie’s.”

1988

Prosper Barter Kasrel: “Two of my poems (“The Heart” and “Warrior”) were chosen by Boston Poet Laureate Sam Cornish for the Boston Mayor’s Poetry contest. They are currently on exhibition at Boston City Hall.”

“Bernstein Shur announces **Frederick Lipp** as practice group leader of the firm’s business law practice group. Fred has been a shareholder in the firm and member of the business law practice group since 2000. He was selected based on his excellence in corporate practice and understanding of clients’ objectives.” *From a Bernstein Shur news release, January 8, 2014.*

1989

Genevieve Anderson Morgan: “My latest book, *Undecided:*

Navigating Life and Learning after High School, was released nationwide today by Zest Books. Here’s what Wendy Thompson, former admissions officer at Bowdoin had to say about it: ‘I am so enjoying reading *Undecided* and know it will be a terrific help to me and my clients as I help them navigate the college admissions process. Your new book is both entertaining and informative and I know many students will benefit from your guidance. Your career exemplifies the Bowdoin experience with your commitment to helping the lives of others and your willingness to take risks.’ 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 steroids, medical exemptions, and kind-hearted professors. Moved to Edinburgh the day after my last exam, where I met my stupendously fantastic wife, Elspeth. 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 make do with a string of Middlebury alums.”

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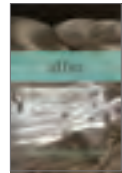
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James M. Record was appointed vice president of academic affairs at St. Joseph's Healthcare System (SJHS) in, Paterson, NJ. *From a SJHS news release, January 13, 2014.*

1991

After, a the new novel by



Kristen Waterfield Duisberg, was published by Engine Books in February.

Christopher Linkas:

"[Last] summer I moved with my family from New York to London. The kids are attending the American School in 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



David Potischman '92 and crew on vacation.



John Simko '92, daughter Ashley, and son Sam, sitting on a railroad track in Greenville Junction last fall.

practice in Yarmouth and Portland for more than ten years. In 2007 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 WPEI 95.5 FM 95.9 FM, at noon on WLOB 1310 AM and can be streamed from wlobradio.com, listened to at doctorlisa.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

"EverFi, Inc., the critical skills education technology leader,"



Aaron Wirsing '96 in Bristol Bay, Alaska, "where I spent three weeks [last] July exploring patterns of sockeye salmon consumption by brown bears."

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. The new office is based in Georgetown's historic Papermill 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 education 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

Beth Knauff Miller is "the assistant head 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 teachers. Both of our daughters, Hannah (10) and Chloe (7), attend [the school]. We get back to Maine

to see family every summer, and no trip home is complete with a visit to campus."

1997

Lei Shishak: "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.cnn.com re-ran the fall *Bowdoin Magazine* cover story by **Andy Serwer '81** about San Francisco Mayor **Ed Lee '74**, with photography by **Brian Wedge**.

1998

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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 ways to make the textile industry strong, as well as collaborate with young, local talent." *From a Bangor Daily News article, February 7, 2014.*

2000 REUNION

Leigh Hoenig Alberti is "living on Cape Cod with my 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 Armbruster "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."

Class News

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

Anne Bradley "recently moved to Portland, OR, for a new position as privacy counsel at Nike. My husband and toddler and I are still adjusting to the dramatic change from Los Angeles, but what we've lost in sunshine we've gained in amazing local food, wine, and music."

Robin Bellanca Seifried:

"Jason and I welcomed our son, Logan James Seifried, on September 28, 2013."

Julie Bourquin Deland:

"We are living happily in Boston, 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,

whom we welcomed in February 2013."

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 the Massachusetts and Maine BARs."

Meaghan Curran Guiney:

"**Brian** is still working at Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler as counsel in the bankruptcy/restructuring practice, and I'm in my second year as 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!"

Gretchen Selcke Zimmerman

"welcomed our daughter, Belén Amanda Zimmerman, on October 1. Auntie **Amanda Boothby** (Belén's namesake), visted 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 practicing family medicine in Farmington. We enjoy being close to Sugarloaf and the mountains. We have an almost eight-month-old son, Enzo, who has already done a great deal of biking, running, and skiing with us."

Robert W. Ervin "started

Ervin Architecture in 2012 and it is thriving. It is a LEED BD+C 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-store strip mall."

Lindsay Harris is

"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 find connections to Maine around the world!"

Cindy Kim Manion: "My husband and I had a baby, Aiden. He's now almost five months old and pure joy!"

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

Sara Lenherr is "now in the midst of fellowship at the University of Michigan in neurourology 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, Callen, 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 Libman: "Over the last couple of years, I've embraced the unexpected adventures of my start-up, Savione, which is a crowd-sourced guide to a virtual mall of indie stores and open markets in the Boston area. It has been an exhilarating ride with many ups and downs, trying to build a product that is useful,

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relevant, and impactful. I wouldn't have made it this far if it weren't for my husband, **Arkady Libman**, and all of my amazing Bowdoin friends who have been supportive of my endeavor."

Elizabeth MacNeil Woodcock: "We welcomed our daughter, Willa Snow Woodcock, on April 28, 2013. We visited with **Brian Williams** and **Julie Dawson Williams '03** in Bangor over the holidays and met their sweet baby boy, Liam!"

Marshall Miller reports: "My wife, Amy, and I just had our first child, Elenora. We are very happy parents."

Jonathan Moore is "living with my wife, Ellie, in Charlottesville, VA, and working for Grimm and Parker Architects. We are expecting our first child in early March and hoping to build a house for ourselves this year."

Kevin Newbury has "been busy directing opera around the

country, including world premieres for San Francisco Opera, Santa Fe Opera, Minnesota Opera, and NYC Prototype Festival. I also completed my first film, *Monsura is Waiting*."

Dave Nakashian "reunited with **Andrew Caplan** and **Jed Repko** in Las Vegas for the USA Rugby Sevens tournament. We were joined by a number of rugby alumni, including **Jason Rooke '99** and **Mike 'Eesh' Nakashian '98**."

Caitlin Riley is "enjoying living in Austin, TX, and producing documentaries for Darkrye.com. I recently produced a video about fellow Bowdoin grad **Paul Miller '92**: www.darkrye.com/content/dj-spooky."

Wil Smith: "My daughter, Olivia Smith, will be graduating from Berkshire School in Sheffield, MA, where I currently serve as dean of community and multicultural affairs. By the time this is published, we hope to have picked a college."

Terijo Sylvester: "[Last] August I decided to venture out and start my own residential design company, Noteworthy Designs. I have been drafting and designing homes since Bowdoin and thought it would be nice to add some flexibility to my schedule by working for myself. It has allowed me to become involved in other interests including photography, and I have also had time to become a basketball official. Basketball 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."

Liisa 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 Drop-Tech, 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."

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

Kate Wade is "back to school for a master of education degree in school leadership at The University of Pennsylvania. Penn classmate **Melissa Miness '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 Borus and **Kate Mendenhall** "are having a blast with our fifteen-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, however, as we are moving in early April to Kate's hometown and Iowa's family fun destination, Okoboji!"

Mark Chevalier: "My wife Stephanie and I had our first child, William, on May 31, 2012. After spending several years teaching English abroad, we are now in our fifth year at Foxcroft Academy (Dover-Foxcroft, Maine), where Steph teaches psychology and I am the director of communications and varsity baseball coach. I was honored to receive the 2013 Leadership in Communications and Marketing Award from the



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Independent School Association of Northern New England (ISANNE) a few months ago."

Megan Delage Sullivan: "My husband Ryan and I are thrilled to welcome our son Finnegan Ryan Sullivan into the world on December 7, 2013."

Angela Dubois Brewer: "My husband, John Brewer (Univ. of Florida '97), and I welcomed a beautiful baby girl, Lillian May Brewer, into our lives on August 6, 2013. At two months old, she experienced the Bowdoin spirit at Homecoming 2013 with her proud grandpa, **Rey Dubois '79**."

Kiyah Duffey: "In April 2013, **Tim Baird '99** and I welcomed Alice Margaret, our third child. Her older sister and brother were excited to have a new little sister at home. Just over a year ago, we moved from Chapel Hill, NC, to western VA, where Tim took a position as assistant professor at Virginia Tech. I am working as faculty in the Department of Human Nutrition, Foods, and Exercise, as well as some freelance nutrition research consulting and writing for a number of websites focused on food and parenting."

Kyle Durrie "moved from Portland, Oregon, to Silver City, NM, in late 2012 and set up my letterpress print shop, Power and Light Press, in a vacant building downtown. Life is good here—sunny skies, cheap rents, natural hot springs, and lots of open space."

C.W. Estoff: "My wife, Meg, and I moved to Hingham, MA, and I'm working at the Bowdoin-alum-founded ed tech company EverFi. We welcomed Charles Sargent Estoff to the world on December 13th, 2013. We recently spent a ski weekend in Vermont with **Megan Leary Bethke** and her husband Brian Bethke. Brian was

my high school roommate, and I was the one to introduce him to Megan."

Bryan Falchuk: "While I've nearly hit the fifteen-year mark working in insurance, I've been working on a side project that's starting to gather steam—a health and fitness business, newbodi.es. I was certified as a personal trainer last summer, and recently launched a podcast (newbodi.es/podcast) and YouTube channel (newbodi.es/youtube). I've also been active with my own fitness, having completed several road races, climbing the three tallest peaks in the Northeast in three days for charity, and doing a century ride this past September for the Wounded Warrior Project. On the family front, my son is now five and is very interested in joining me in one of my races this year."

Elizabeth Feeherry: "Our daughter Caroline turned two in December and continues to keep us on our toes! She got on skates recently for the first time and loves the ice. I am home full time but occasionally do some pro bono legal work and have been teaching at the Boston University School of Law. My husband, **David Fish '98**, is keeping very busy in his psychiatry practice."

Gemma Geldmacher: "It's been a busy couple of years for me and my husband, Rusty (WPI '01). We bought a house in Hingham, MA, in October 2012, and are expecting a little girl, our first, in May. I'm still working in the city in commercial real estate finance."

Jesse Gray Kelly: "Lila Gray Kelly was born on May 13, 2013, joining big brother, Dylan. I continue my commercial litigation practice at Sherin and Lodgen LLP in Boston."

Jorge Gutierrez: "Last year I left Los Angeles and the entertainment industry behind. My partner, Ryan Saunders (SMU '03),

our dog, She-ra, and I moved to Astoria, Oregon. After a six-month break that we took to explore life in Pacific Northwest, I took a job as the executive director at the Lower Columbia Hispanic Council. Astoria has to be one of the coolest small towns in America and our lives here are filled with exciting new adventures and great new friends. During my time off work I started a small candle company, GayGardens. We sell our all-natural soy candles on Etsy, in local stores in Astoria, and in Philadelphia."

Margaret Johnson: "Chris and I welcomed our first child, Eleanor Natalie, on March 21, 2013. About six months ago, BlackRock relocated me to the Princeton office, so we moved from New York back to my hometown of Princeton, NJ. Ellie is enjoying living close to her grandparents and I'm enjoying my ten-minute commute!"

John Lockwood "welcomed my daughter London Lockwood to the world on March 22, 2013. I also left my day job at Failla Wines in 2013 and launched sales on my Enfield Wine Co. project for which I've been making wine since 2010."

Laura MacBride Surdel: "Rob '00 and I welcomed our third girl, Reese Surdel, in October. She joins big sisters Brooke (4) and Emmy (2)."

Leah McConaughy is "still living in New York City with my six-year-old son, Caleb. Recently changed jobs from the New York City Department of Education to Apple. I work with principals and superintendents around New York and New Jersey to craft their vision and plan how to incorporate technology into their districts. It is the most challenging work I have ever done, and I love every minute of it!"

Adrienne Oakley: "My husband, Chris, and I welcomed our son, Miles, into the family on May 30, 2013. He is a very happy baby and is well loved by his (canine) brother and sister."

Mitchell O'Neill is "taking some time off from medical school and having a blast (pun intended because we do use a lot of explosives to mitigate avalanche terrain) working as a ski patroller in Breckenridge for the winter. Also, last summer, I enjoyed attending the annual Bowdoin lobster bake hosted by **Bill Springer '65** at his home outside of Chicago. I relished the opportunity to break lobster with Chicago Bear great Gary Fencik and his family. His daughter is a freshman soccer player at Bowdoin this year. We had an excellent discussion about the increased awareness of concussions and their effect on athletes."

M. Elaine Pahan: "My husband David Reiersen (Boston University School of Medicine '10) and I are expecting our first future Polar Bear this spring."

Andy Siegel lives in the Philadelphia suburb of Blue Bell "with my wife, Lauren (Miami '98), daughter, Shayna (3 1/2), and son, Toby (1 1/2), and work as associate general counsel for a hospital management company."

Marissa Steinfeld is "still working with my family. Been promoted to general manager. Moving out of my one location and now helping with all seven!"

Megan Wardrop Morgove: "My husband, Grant, and I finally made the leap and moved to 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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here and think this northeast girl is fitting in nicely (evidenced by the Subaru in our garage and our new chocolate lab puppy). And the icing on the cake—reconnecting with two fellow '01 Polar Bears who have also recently moved to OR: **Amanda McGovern** and **Jorge Gutierrez!**"

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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! Benjamin arrived on April 26. He had skull surgery in the summer and is healing and doing well. Annie is three-and-a-half, keeping us 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 Oakland. Finding time for lots of outdoor adventures 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 spatial analytics."

Shannon Gilmore Alsbrook is "happy to announce the birth of our daughter, Annelise Margaret, on August 6. She's a delightful addition to our family and is completely adored by her big brother and sister. After working at Bowdoin for five years, I left my position in November to focus my energy on parenting (and a lot more volunteering). Life is just as busy as ever, but I'm enjoying the flexibility and the time I'm spending with my children. **Nathan '97** is still coaching the Bowdoin ski team and [had] an amazing season. Goals

for 2014 include running another marathon and finding lots of time to spend on my road bike. I hope any classmates who are visiting Brunswick will get in touch."

Annie Gustafson: "A desert rat no more, I just relocated from Phoenix to the Seattle area. My coffee consumption has doubled. It's helping me power through the adjustment to my new job in the corporate relations department at Allstate Insurance's regional office. If you're in the PNW permanently or just passing through, look me up. In fact, let's grab coffee!"

Leslie Hackmeier: "[Last] July my husband and I quit our jobs and started a massive road trip around the U.S. going to a lot of baseball games and national parks, and meeting up with many fellow '02 grads along the way. We also got to spend some time with our families in the U.K. Sadly, it is back to reality soon and time to find a job. We chronicled our trip at travelpod.com/members/chrisleslie."

Aurelia L. Hall is "enjoying my second year as staff counsel for Geico, and gearing up for another half marathon in Vancouver this summer. Also, excited to be a member of West Hartford Yoga's teacher certification class of 2014."

Ron Hanlon: "My wife, Nina, and I welcomed two new additions to our family, Simone and Dylan, on September 19, 2013!"

Jessica Hewitt "finished a master's in educational leadership last year and am looking forward to directing Foothill Horizons Outdoor School this summer. My kids seem to keep growing, my husband only grows kinder, and the gophers only get hungrier in the garden."

Sarah Hoenig Lovely: "My husband, **Greg '01**, and I welcomed our son, Scott David, into the world on January 3, in the middle of a snowstorm! We named him after

our brothers, who are also Bowdoin graduates, **Scott Hoenig '98** and **David Lovely '99**. We are living on campus at Walnut Hill School for the Arts in Natick, MA, where I am the director of college counseling; Greg commutes into Boston for his job at Guggenheim Partners."

Seth Kolodziejski "married Sarah Elizabeth Hoopes (Reed College 2000) on July 5, 2013, in Seabeck, WA. I accepted a position as building science specialist with Washington State University energy program in fall 2013."

Bill Soares: "Finished residency in emergency medicine in Oakland. Moved back to the Northeast, living in Northampton, MA, completing a two-year fellowship in research and medical education at Baystate Medical Center. Liam, our second child, was born in November—it has been crazy ever since."

Sara McManus "got married to Andrew Ashcroft at Paradise Beach in Cook County, Minnesota. We live in Hovland, Minnesota, with his daughter, Esme (6), and our dog Kirby (also age 6). I'm working for the local electric cooperative on a fiber-to-the-home project for the county. Living on the shore of Lake Superior reminds me of Maine—lots of ice and pine trees!"

Jeanne Nicholson Stafford: "My husband Lee and I left Cambridge and moved to Salem, MA, and are neighbors to **Lyndsey Sennott Wakeham** and **Brendan Wakeham '03!** We also had a son, Harry, December 21!"

Scott and **Beth Sherman Jamieson** report that they took a recent trip up to Brunswick "to check out the campus, connect with old friends, and support the Polar Bears in action. We made sure to stop at Big Top and Beale Street while we were there. We are still living in Beverly, MA, with our two boys, Trevor (3) and Denny (1)."

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Mike Balulescu: "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-Boxborough regional school district outside of Boston."

Libby Barney Holman is "currently working at Bulger Veterinary Hospital in Andover as a veterinarian, taking care of small animals. We are living in Winchester, MA, with our one-year-old son, Curtis."

Ashley Berendt: "My husband, Jamie Racanelli (Haverford '03), and I welcomed a baby boy, Max, on November 20, 2013. We are living in Cambridge, MA, and work in Boston."

Steve Carpenter: "Kristina Gordon and I got married on September 7, 2013, in Wiscasset, Maine, with about 100 family and friends in attendance."

Dottie Chalmers Cutter: "On September 27, 2013, Adam and I welcomed twins, William Michael Cutter and Mackenzie Chalmers Cutter. They join big sister, Sofia (3). I have also recently been promoted to vice president of operations at Chalmers Insurance Group. **Liesl Finn** made a special trip to Gray, Maine, to pay me a visit and to meet the twins. I work with my cousin, **Jim Chalmers '02**, on a daily basis—gotta love family-owned businesses!"

Bart O'Connor: "Megan, Brooklyn, and I put down roots in Hanover, NH. I completed my first year with VisionScope Technologies at the end of January 2014. Luckily, **Ryan Hurd '06** joined our team in December of 2013. Our wolfpack became four on February 19, 2013, when Madden Jackson O'Connor snuggled his way into our lives."

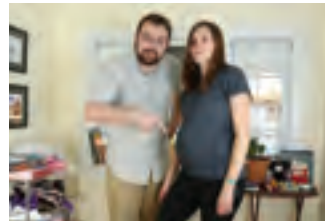
Bill Day "was recently

named the 2014 District of Columbia Teacher of the Year. The mayor made a surprise visit during an assembly to make the announcement in front of the entire school. It has been an overwhelming honor. As the DCTOY, I serve as a representative and advocate for DC's teachers and students. Later in the year, I will visit the White House and I also get a chance to attend Space Camp. In other news, I am engaged to a super fantastic lady named Asha Allam. The wedding will be in Houston and will be a colorful mish-mash of traditions from our ancestral homelands, India and Minnesota. Think Bollywood goes ice-fishing."

Alli Hinman Smith: "**Nate Smith '04** and I are expecting our first child in July!"

Meredith Hoar Garcia-Tunon: "My husband, J.P., and I welcomed our first child, Sean Patrick Garcia-Tunon on May 16, 2013.

Erica Johnson writes: "In September 2012 I was hired at Université Lumière Lyon 2 in Lyon, France, as an English teacher. In June 2013, I was elected



Andrew '05 and Shawna Fischer "and the wee baby Marita Fischer."



Laura Jefferis Schoene '05, Peter Schoene '05, and their daughters Sienna and Kinley, take in the scene at Blodgett Canyon Overlook in Montana's Bitterroot National Forest.

co-director of the language center, where I manage over 100 teachers and more than 13,000 students in addition to my teaching responsibilities."

Colin Joyner "finished his MBA in 2013, moved to Brooklyn, NY, at the end of the summer, and started with Accenture as a management consultant in September. He is enjoying all aspects of his new life in New York and suggests that you all should come check it out."

Quinn Kitchen Miller: "Last spring we surprised ourselves with a last minute trip to Ireland with friends—nothing like spontaneity and being part of someone's bucket list to start the year off strong! Last fall we attended Michael's induction into his high school athletic hall of fame before catching a flight out to Boston, where we were thrilled to join **Beth Muir** for her nuptials and a beautiful fall trip to New England. I continue in my job as a quality director. This April Michael and I will be welcoming our first child, a baby boy. Additionally, we are in the process of building a new house."

Noah Long: "Last summer my wife, son, and I moved back to Santa Fe, NM, my hometown. Rainier was born in October 2012 and is a healthy and really fun little guy. We are enjoying the mountains, green chile, and being around family."

Nachel Mathoda "married Morgan Ashcom (George Mason) on September 29, 2012, in CT."

Debbie Wissel: "After four-plus great years helping start the company LearnVest, a personal finance start-up, I'm excited to join the team at PayPerks. You may have read about the education-based PayPerks in the [Fall 2013] *Bowdoin Magazine*—it was founded by our very own

Arlyn Davich! I'm loving working together with Arlyn as we build the team and help with the company's goal of providing better financial education to low-to middle-income consumers. In other news, **Paul Hastings '04** and I are excited to celebrate our son, Liam's, second birthday this year."

Courtney Woo: "I moved to France in 2013 to start a position in corporate communications at Airbus Helicopters, a division of Airbus Group. I married my husband, Richard, in Compiegne 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."

Matthew Volk is "still living and working in the Hartford area. I just passed ten years at ESPN, which went amazingly fast. 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 is essentially NFL, NBA, MLB, NHL, and an array of other sports. It is a fun gig, as I get to try and come up with crazy new shows and integrations on a daily basis. Living the Bowdoin Cable Network dream, for sure."

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Sam Cohan: "*Fishing Without Nets*, a film which I co-wrote, just won the Directing Award at the 2014 Sundance Film Festival. Set in Somalia and filmed entirely with non-actors, it tells the story of Somali piracy through the perspective of a young Somali named Abdi."

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Jennifer Crane: "I'm back at Bowdoin working in the annual giving office. I'm always reminding my colleagues that the Class of 2005 is the best! I have help spreading the good word about our class since **Sarah Begin Cameron** works in alumni relations (don't forget our 10th Reunion is just over a year away!), **Jarrett Young** is a student dean (although we'll soon be losing him to Blake School), and **Marissa O'Neil** is the head women's hockey coach. I've been running more and getting into spinning as well; my favorite instructor in Portland happens to be a Bowdoin grad (and colleague) as well, **Carolyn Williams '10**. [Last] spring I ran the Brooklyn Half Marathon with my sisters. **Erin Carney** got up early to cheer us on in Prospect Park and I ran into **Katie Duglin** at the finish line."

Bobby Desilets was "hired as the head women's soccer coach at Wentworth Institute of Technology in 2012, and was also hired as girl's director of coaching for the Boston Bolts in 2013."

Tommy Davis "graduated from Stanford Business School in 2013, where I spent my summer working for the San Francisco 49ers on their bid to host Super Bowl L. Currently working at General Atlantic (growth equity firm) based in Palo Alto, CA."

Hannah and **Scott Drew** "will be moving to San Antonio with the U.S. Air Force this summer. Hannah will be attending dental specialty residency in prosthodontics while Scott continues his work as a geologist."

Andrew Fischer was "admitted to the MA and RI bars. Moved to Columbus, OH, and began working with United Lex while I study for the OH bar exam. My wife and I are expecting a baby girl in early April of 2014."

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Alison Flint is “still working at Earthjustice in Denver, and my son Finley was born May 3, 2013.”

Nicole Goyette: “I’ve now been living within Santa Barbara County in CA for five years. I direct the athletics program and teach at an independent middle school. **Jane Cullina ’04** is the newest member of our staff. That’s right, two Polar Bears within this very small community! I’m still immersed in the wine scene here. Keep your eyes open for 3 Jokers Chardonnay (release date: August 2014) and cabernet sauvignon (anticipated release: April 2015), as I have close personal connections to the new label. I’ll be riding in my first seventy-mile cycling event in April as part of the San Luis Obispo Wildflower Century.”

Desneige Hallbert “just got a master’s degree in landscape architecture and am now doing research as a Fulbright Scholar in Maharashtra, India.”

Jonathan Harris “moved back to Brunswick and am teaching at Messalonskee High School.”

Melissa Hudson Howard announces: “My husband, **John Howard ’09**, and I are expecting



Michael Wood ’06 and Katie Swan ’06 were all smiles last November in Philly at the wedding of Katie Eshelman Springer ’06 and Lew Springer.

our own little polar bear. Anticipated arrival is June 2014. We are excited beyond words!”

Sheena James was married on January 12, 2014.

Iris Levin is “currently a visiting assistant professor of biology at Grinnell College in Iowa. In May, I’ll be headed to University of Colorado-Boulder to start a National Science Foundation postdoctoral fellowship, where I’ll be working on social interactions and parasite transmission in barn swallows.”

Caroline Quinn Levy: “My husband, Scott, dog Wallee, and I just moved to London for work. I am still working for PepsiCo and we are welcoming the change after Dallas, TX.”

Chris McCabe is “working as an attorney in the Portland area, [and has a] new doggie named Pepe (as in the French grampa).”

Ben Needham “changed jobs from consulting on equity compensation with ISP Advisors to in-house at Comverse Inc., a telecom company outside of Boston, running their equity-based compensation program. In October, I raced in the Head of the Charles in the Men’s Club 4+ event under Polar Rowing Club, Bowdoin’s alumni [crew], and steered **Dan Polasky ’12**, **Will Loverme ’02**, **Mikyo Butler ’10**, and **Elliott Munn ’11** down the course. In January, I completed my 200-hour



Several Bowdoin ’06 Polar Bears trekked to Oregon for the wedding of John-Mark Ikeda ’06 and Meg Grey ’07 (l to r): Ben Martens, John-Mark Ikeda, Shahid Khoja, Dan Schuberth, Gardiner Holland, and Andrew Combs.

yoga teaching certification, and will soon be teaching hot power yoga and power vinyasa yoga at CorePower Yoga. This upcoming September, I will be getting married! I play volleyball with **Ely Delman ’06** and **Bree Dallinga ’06** every Thursday night.”

Dan O’Maley: “After spending 2013 in Brazil as a Fulbright Scholar conducting ethnographic fieldwork on Internet freedom activism, I am now back at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN, where I am focusing on writing up my dissertation.”

In December, Fortune.cnn.com re-ran the fall *Bowdoin Magazine* article by **Beth Kowitt ’07** about entrepreneurial siblings **Arlyn Davich ’03** and her brother **Eric Davich ’06**, with photography by **Karsten Moran**. See more of Karsten’s work in this issue of *Bowdoin*.

Walker Pruett: “Madeline ’04 was recently promoted to director of annual giving at Lewis and Clark College here in Portland. We are expecting a baby polar bear [this] May. I am still hard at work in the beer industry as production manager for Hopworks Urban Brewery.”

Laura Jefferis Schoene is “living in Missoula for **Peter’s** third year of medical school through the University of Washington. Kinley, our youngest, is now one. Sienna is three.”



Class of ’06 roommates caught up for a ski weekend at Killington (l to r): Bree Dallinga, Erica Ostermann, Jaime Quinn, and Kelly Orr. (Not pictured: Nicole Hart.)

George Schultz “got married [last] summer (at Bowdoin) to **Jessica Gharghour ’07**. We both graduated from business school last May and now are in NYC. I work at an investment firm and Jessy does marketing.”

Julia Shaver “rolled off the post-MBA rotation program at Medtronic to take a full-time position in their Atrial Fibrillation division—loving being back home in Minneapolis! So excited to have **Whitney** and **Jarrett Young** joining the Minneapolis crew soon.”

Rebecca Tannebring is “still living in Santa Barbara, CA. Switched from wind project development to a solar pv financing start-up.”

In late December, Roxbury, MA, science teacher **Erin Dukeshire** “received the 2012 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching,” reported **Robin Trunsgrud ’06**.

Ian Trask: “In 2007 I left my genetics lab tech job in Utah and moved to New York City to pursue an art career. Best decision ever. It’s going way better than I ever would have expected. www.iantrask.com. Have connected with **Daniella Engen** and recently rekindled a relationship that we originally started over ten years ago as sophomores at Bowdoin. She moved to NYC last summer, and now we’re living together in Brooklyn.”

Katie Walker “graduated with a master’s in acupuncture and Chinese herbal medicine from the New England School of Acupuncture, and recently started treating patients at a clinic, KenkoDo, in Somerville, MA. This spring, I am also finishing a second master’s, studying pain from Tufts University School of Medicine, with the

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goal of eventually working on an interdisciplinary team to treat patients in pain. I also got engaged this year to Ryan Toohil, whom I met at my previous job working in web hosting (he’s an engineer).”

Jackson Wilkinson is “living in San Francisco, was married a year-and-a-half ago, had a baby on February 3, and have a well-funded web startup for parents called Kinsights. Moving to Boston in August for my wife’s medical fellowship at Boston Children’s. Seen a decent number of folks here in SF lately, and I hang with **Alec Berryman ’07** often and just hired **Jackson Moniaga ’13** to work for Kinsights.”

Conor P. Williams: “I finished a PhD in government at Georgetown University and started working as a senior researcher in the education policy program at the New America Foundation. **Gwennan ’06** and I are only barely keeping ourselves sane and oxygenated with two kids under three years old (Owain and Carys).”

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James Baumberger: “My wife, Julia, and I welcomed our second child, John, born on January 27. Our two-year-old daughter, Ella, is enjoying her new role as big sister! We’ve settled in the Washington, DC area where I work in health policy.”

Daniel Bensen: “Our little girl is fourteen months old and talking about everything. I’ve gotten a literary agent for my science fiction novel, and I’m waiting to hear back from publishers. I’m married to **Pavlina Borisova ’07**, of course.”

Kelly Bougere: “Lots of life changes: I finished my MBA, moved to DC, became

a loan officer at a community development finance organization, and got married.”

Chris Bucci lives “in Scottsdale, AZ, with my wonderful fiancé, Lydia Coutts, and we’ll be getting married this September in Newport, RI.”

Patrick Costello “continues to work on business development and M&A for a start-up healthcare company in the Bay Area, Prospira PainCare. I’ll be getting married this summer in Santa Barbara (hopefully with some Polar Bears in attendance).”

Bruce Courtney is “finishing up an MBA at the University of Wisconsin, and moving to Minneapolis in May!”

Bree Dallinga “recently had my two-year anniversary at the Edward M. Kennedy Community Health Center, working as a family practice physician assistant and a National Health Service Corps Member.”

Rose Kent Dedam lives “in Vermont, where I’ve been teaching high school science for the past eight years. I got married in 2012 and our son, Amos, was born January 15, 2013.”

Kelly Frey, an attorney at Mintz Levin, has been named a 2013 Massachusetts Rising Star.

Margaret Gormley Donahue “married Captain **David J. Donahue ’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.”

Tim Dooley is “still located in Albany, NY, and is about half way through a residency in orthopedics. Looking forward to getting married in August!”

David Duhalde “got engaged to Elizabeth Charpentier, and

I graduated from Brandeis University’s The Heller School with a dual master’s in public policy and nonprofit management.”

Tom Elson reports: “After finishing up business school out 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.”

Evan Fensterstock: “My wife, Tara, and I are extremely excited to be having a baby girl due April 4, 2014! I am a fifth-year associate at the litigation law firm Kasowitz, Benson, Torres & Friedman LLP in New York City. We live in Hoboken, NJ.”

Margaret Fuller: “This is my fourth year teaching English and French in the liberal arts department at Academy of Art University in San Francisco.”

Christi Gannon “was named a 2013 Massachusetts Rising Star in the field of immigration law by *Super Lawyers Magazine*. I practice business and employment-based immigration law at Ross Silverman LLP in Boston.”

Jill Grunnah is “getting married in June to a great guy named Henry. We live in Dedham, MA, and both teach at the Noble and Greenough School.”

Abigail Daley Gural: “**Ford ’04** and I moved from Boston, MA, to Stony Creek, CT. I am attending medical school at Quinnipiac University Frank H. Netter School of Medicine.”

Savannah Briscoe John: “In the past year, I got married, moved to NYC, and landed a position as the director of development for StreetWise Partners.”

Mayu Kennedy “started a new job as research manager at All Global, part of Kantar/WPP, based in the NY office.”

Meaghan Kennedy “started a residency in family medicine in

Concord, NH. Living in Contoocook, NH, with **Alex Bender**, who is finishing up at Dartmouth. Still playing in the VT and NH lakes, rivers, and mountains!”

Carl Klimt is “living in Baltimore, MD, teaching 3-D woodworking design at the Jemicy School. This summer I became engaged to Sarah Williams of Portland, OR, and am soon to be stepfather to eight-year-old Fia Ferber. This fall we bought a house together in Portland, and after the wedding this summer I’ll be moving out there.”

Jae Lee: “We had our first baby boy, Nathaniel Sungho Lee Herrick, born on April 29, 2013.”

Mindy Chism Levering “recently got married to a Notre Dame alum, Matt, in Seattle, and got to celebrate with some wonderful Bowdoin alums!”

Alex Linhart “is working in credit sales and trading at Cantor Fitzgerald.”

Brendan Mackoff is “a first-year MBA student at MIT Sloan and I’m exploring my options in the tech industry. Aside from that, I’ve had some spectacular travel 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.”

Trevor Macomber: “After nearly two years of tranquility and harmony in our marriage, my wife and I made the insane decision to acquire a black lab/Australian shepherd mutt puppy in May 2013. Naturally, we named him Fenway, and I haven’t had a moment’s peace since. But puppies are boring on their own, so we decided to get pregnant,

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and are due to have a daughter. Of course, babies and puppies take up space, so we also decided to move. In January. The day after a snowstorm. People who are eight months pregnant are good at carrying furniture, right?"

Megan Wyman Magee: "My husband, Wheeler Magee, and I got married in June 2012, and have been living and working in Sheridan, WY, 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 **Kalyn Bickerman '07** under the stars at Popham Beach, and we are planning a Maine wedding for 2015. I am still living in the Brunswick area and working for a small non-profit with **Lucy Van Hook** on fishery and coastal community issues in Maine."

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

Joshua McKeever is "completing a PhD in clinical neuropsychology from Drexel 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 "graduated from NYU Stern Business School Class of 2013. Working as an associate for the Ackman-Ziff Real Estate Group."

Katie Mitterling is "finishing an MS in biology at Syracuse University. My graduate work has focused on how cognitive strategies change in a rat model of Parkinson's disease. I will also be getting married to Rob McCoy this summer in Boothbay, ME."

Andrew Morrison "finished the 2013 Boston Marathon."

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

Antwan Phillips was "named by 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 been 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've been living in Miami since, while enjoying traveling—most recently to Chicago, San Francisco, and Australia. We caught up with **Jared Swanson '07** and **Kathryn Papanek '07** during a visit to San Francisco [last] summer. This past fall, we saw **Claudia Marroquin** during her Miami stopover for Bowdoin admissions, and caught up with **Jackie Linnane '07** in her current hometown of Sydney, Australia."

Nancy Sanchez: "I have two

amazing daughters. Rosario is almost three and Valentina is seven months old. We purchased our first house last summer and we're slowly turning it into our home. I worked in the non-profit sector for almost six years and I'm currently a stay-at-home mom. My husband, José, is an oil roughneck working on an oil rig."

Dan Schuberth: "Natalie and I are getting married in June! We'll have a big Bowdoin wedding down in Charlottesville, VA, at Keswick Vineyard."

Emma Sears is "working at Scribe Winery in Sonoma, CA."

Becca Selden is "living in Barcelona while I finish a PhD in marine biology at UC Santa Barbara. I have shared a wonderful Thai brunch in Berkeley with **Lauren Withey**, a French breakfast in Santa Barbara with **Besty Bradford**, and adventures in Minneapolis with **Charlotte Carlsen**."

Bianca Sigh is "working as a paralegal at Nystrom Beckman & Paris in Boston, living in Beacon Hill, and soon to be married to John G. Ward (UMass Boston) in August 2014."

Katie Eshelman Springer "got married on November 9, 2013, to James Lewis Springer at the Horticulture Center in Philadelphia, PA. I am currently working as an emergency veterinarian in Charlotte, NC."

Katie Swan is "living in Portland and am midway through my third year as a nurse practitioner in pediatrics at Martins Point Healthcare in Brunswick."

Sarah Thomas "recently moved to Long Island and I am working as a public criminal defense attorney with Nassau County Legal Aid. I am engaged and will be married in the fall."

Mary Vargo: "The past few

years have seen me in Dallas; the USVI; Rockland, Maine, and now, CA. I'm finishing an MBA in international sustainable business at the Monterey Institute of International Studies, a graduate school of Middlebury. In January, my team took third place in an MBA competition at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland."

Martin Wai "resigned in Oct 2013 from my position as associate director/senior financial engineer at Moody's Analytics in San Francisco and moved to Charlotte, NC, to be a member of the core founding team of Covenant Credit Partners, LLC, an alternative credit investment firm. I also got married in San Francisco in November 2013."

Jackie O'Hare Walker and **Nick Walker '04** "welcomed our son Rocky on Christmas Day 2012. We enjoyed Rocky's first six months in Waltham, MA, but when we were offered the opportunity to relocate for Nick's job, we decided to take it and moved to Houston, TX, [last] July."

Michael Wood has "been back in my home state of Maine for the past two years and was recently promoted to associate director of first-year programs at Bowdoin! I work in Moulton Union and get to look out on the Quad every day from my office. I love living in Portland and can often be found cavorting with fellow alums. I'm keeping up with my theatrical endeavors (although not as much as I want) and have created two original shows, directed an undergraduate production, and performed with local professional theater companies in the area. Now, all I need is a husband and a dog!"

Christine Yip is "graduating this coming May from a master of public policy program at Duke University."

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Ben Yormak: "Life continues to be great here in Naples, FL! I married the love of my life, Jessica, on August 31, 2013, with many fellow Polar Bears in attendance!"

2007

Kelsey Abbruzzese, communications director at MassDevelopment, reported that Night Shift Brewing has expanded in Everett, MA, with the benefit of a \$700,000 MassDevelopment loan. Launched in March 2012 by **Robert Burns**, **Michael Oxtan**, and Michael O'Mara, Night Shift Brewing sells to customers at its taproom and to liquor stores, bars and restaurants in greater Boston. *From a MassDevelopment news release, March 4, 2014.*

Niki Alvarez Rodrigues: "After finishing law school, I moved back home to Miami, and married **Thomas Rodrigues '06**. I'm currently a fourth-year associate at a boutique family law firm in downtown Miami, while Tom is working as an urban planner at the City of Miami. We are keeping busy with work and travel, and just recently came back from a fantastic trip to Australia."

Mina Bartovics is "moving with my husband, Rowan, to

Portland, OR, driving across the country from Maine."

Britta Bene: "I took all of 2013 off from work to adventure around the world. From skiing out west and in the Alps to spending time on a lonely island in the Bay of Bengal, kite surfing on Maui, living in Rome, and hanging out in New York and around Europe, I have had an amazing time. Very lucky. Now I have moved back home to Germany and am working at BlackRock in Frankfurt. I have also started to build furniture."

Pavlina Borisova-Bensen: "**Dan Bensen '06** and I had a baby. Maggie is now fourteen months old. I am back to work and trying to juggle my consulting business, Maggie, and an education IT start up I'm working on. Dan's teaching business communication and ESL, and we're enjoying Bulgaria very much."

Tyler Boyer "completed an MBA at UC-Berkeley's Haas School of Business, and have since returned to Deloitte Consulting. Grad school offered a bit more free time and fun than work has so far (as expected), but I'm very much enjoying the lifestyle and twelve-month golf season here in San Francisco."

Haley Bridger "got married!"



Charlie Johnson '07 proposes to his girlfriend, Claire. "This is an actual picture of the proposal taken by Claire's father. The whole thing was staged as a family photo in a really beautiful park in Claire's hometown."

Dylan Brix: "It's been an exciting year in building a network of people who are focused on blending financial, social, and environmental value. I have been working in investment management in the NYC area."

Jessica Brooks is "living in DC, working for the Defense Department. Heading to Cambodia in April with **Jen Renteria** to visit **Sam Weiss**, who is there for Peace Corps!"

Kristen Brownell Flajslik "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 electronic materials division of Dow. More importantly, on September 14, 2013, I married my soul mate, Mario Flajslik, whom I



Pavlina Borisova-Bensen '07 and daughter Maggie mug it up.



Niki Alvarez Rodrigues '07 and Thomas Rodrigues '06 fed a kangaroo at Trowunna Wildlife Park in Tasmania during a trip Down Under last December.

met and fell in love with while in graduate school. Mario and I are happily living in central MA."

Dana R. Cohen: "I work at Hatfield Family Medicine in Tempe, AZ, and married **Ahron Cohen '06** in Sedona, AZ, on April 6, 2013."

Ashley Conti "recently moved to Boston after graduating from the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth in June and got engaged to Christopher Smith (Cornell '06, Tuck '13) on December 1, 2013! We are planning a November 2014 wedding in NH."



Meghan Detering '07 and Maya Jaafar Lena '07 got in some cross-country skiing together in Jackson, NH, last Christmas.



Eric Robinson '07 and Jess Liu '08 at Land's End "right after my proposal!"

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David Donahue “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 counseling at Springfield High School and named 2013 New School Counselor of the Year for Vermont (by Vermont School Counselors Association).”

Susan Coyne: “After working in Boston for the past two years at The Forsyth Institute, I 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 USCIS.”

Christine D’Elia “got engaged to **Sam Bitetti** and started a new

job as a physician assistant for a dermatology practice in Annapolis, MD.”

Marc Donnelly “moved to the DC area in fall 2011 and have started working with a few new musical groups. I am directing the Renaissance Singers of Annapolis, which even has a Bowdoin parent singing in the group.”

Louise Duffus Artman and husband Christopher Artman “are now in the process of renovating an old farmhouse that we will call home. I continue in my fifth year as the throws coach at Bloomsburg University in Bloomsburg, PA.”

Katie Forney Petronio is “still serving as a captain in the Marine Corps, working at Officer Candidate School. In 2012 I had my first son, Cannon, and then boom—baby number two is on the way for July.”

Karen Fossum LaRocque is “living in Palo Alto, CA, studying neuroscience at Stanford.”

Meg Gray is “working at Kiva.org, an online microfinance platform, based in San Francisco. I’m loving the city and the company.”

John 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 art education from Tufts 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’ as an adjunct professor of art at the University of New England in Biddeford. In the winter, I continue to teach telemark skiing with the BOC.”

Charlie Johnson “got engaged on December 23 to a wonderful woman named Claire Whitmore. **Holly Kingsbury** and I are 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 (as young men are instructed to do) with my partner. We’ve been settling in well and I’ve been meeting lots of new Bowdoin 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 a small firm. I live in DC with my boyfriend and border collie mutt named Zada, who loves Maine and is willing to sit through

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the eleven-hour drive to pay homage to the state that knows the ‘Way Life Should Be.’”

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

Jacqueline Linnane: “A little over a year ago, I moved to Sydney, Australia, with my partner, Josh. I am currently managing the office of a state member of Parliament in Sydney. Josh and I are traveling all over Australia in our free time, and our next trip is Tasmania!”

Jonna 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 program management—and more advocacy!”

Daryl McLean “attended the wedding of my best friend **OC Isaac ’06**. I was his best man.”

Caitlin McHugh is “living in Mountain View, CA, and still working for Google, Inc., but have started to take 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 have just purchased my first apartment.”

Nicole Melas: “In fall 2013, I moved to Portland! It’s great to be back in Maine and I’m enjoying getting settled and seeing lots of Bowdoin friends and acquaintances. Prior to moving, I was traveling for about a year and a half. Also, this is my first time living on the East Coast since we graduated and it’s making (re) connecting with Bowdoinites much easier.”

Catoria Parker Martin “got married September 2012 and I’m expecting my first child in July.”

Kevin Mullins is “back in school and enjoy being a student again. I finally ventured out of New England and am living in Palo Alto with **Emily Straus ’09**.”

Lauren Pfingstag: “I didn’t

get to take his class while I was at Bowdoin, but I’m getting the master class now working for Senator Angus S. King Jr. as a legislative assistant handling budget, finance, trade, and housing policy. It is a true privilege to assist him in serving the people of Maine.”

Anthony Regis is “living in Portland and 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 AECOM after nearly five years at Chemonics, still in the international development field.”

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

Michael Reutershan: “**Van Du ’08** and I were married on August 3, 2013, at the Bowdoin Chapel. The reception was held at Frontier Café. A month later, Van and I purchased a condo in Brighton, MA. This will be my seventh year working as a chemist at Merck.”

Astrid Rodriguez “recently celebrated my first wedding anniversary. I have been working at Harmony Charter Schools in

Houston, teaching fifth-grade science and social studies.”

George Schlesinger: “Last March, I left Digitas to join Almighty, a small digital agency based in Allston. As a copywriter, I work on the New Balance and L.L. Bean accounts. Outside of work, I’ve been doing some fun stuff related to hip-hop: I joined a BMA-nominated blog called *Jump the Turnstyle* and started a radio show. Check out *The Show* on Tuesday nights from 7:00-8:00, streaming via DigBoston.com and the TuneIn app.”

Zvi Shapiro is “married to Alexandra Litvar, completed an MS in experimental psychology, and have begun a doctoral program in clinical psychology at Penn State.”

Jill Steigerwald: “I direct a summer camp in the San Juan islands of Washington state called Camp Nor’wester. It’s a traditional outdoor residential camp for kids ages 9-16 and it’s awesome! Never imagined I could be so happy and proud of the work I do. I also coach girls’ lacrosse at Lakeside Middle School in Seattle in the spring—run into **Lyndsey Colburn ’08** quite a bit during the season!”

Hope Stockton is “still living in Boston and working in the museum world, running into Polar Bears left and right!”

Talking about recent changes to the SAT, **Justin Strasburger,**



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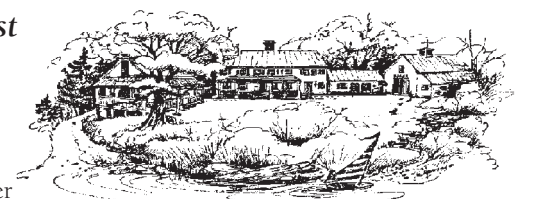
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who works for Bottom Line, a non-profit that helps low-income students get into and succeed in college, said several of the changes could help disadvantaged students compete with better-prepared peers." *From a Boston Globe article, March 6, 2014.*

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."

Gillian Thompson: "Our daughter, Carlin, was born on April 2. We live on the island of North Haven in midcoast Maine where my husband, Nick, is a caretaker, and I'm loving being a stay-at-home mom and managing our small farm."

Alex E. Weaver "got married in December, and am working as managing editor at Boston news and lifestyle website, *BostInno*."

Sam Weiss has "been working with Peace Corps as an English teacher trainer in Prey Veng, Cambodia, since July 2012, and will be finishing my service this August."

Derrick Wong: "My management advisory firm,

Winning Solutions Advisory, has been rapidly growing, refocusing on proprietary development. We have recently been involved with MassChallenge and Verizon's Powerful Answers Business Plan Competition, which was very exciting."

Lauren Huber Zullo: "I have been living in New York City with my husband, Rick, since 2012. I'm working for the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) on green building and energy efficiency issues."

2008

The *Bangor Daily News* reported in January that the Maine Brewers Guild hired **Sean Sullivan** as its first full-time executive director.

A new restaurant scheduled to open in Vail Mansion in Morristown, NJ, "will partner with **Bennett Haynes**, owner of Ralston Farm, to bring local produce and ingredients to diners' plates." *From a nj.com article, February 11, 2014.*

2009

Emileigh Mercer: "We managed to gather twelve Bowdoin women's

hockey alums (from 2006 to 2013) for a pond hockey tournament in Rangeley, Maine, in early February. This was our fifth winter with a Bowdoin team! In prior years we have defeated Colby, Amherst, Yale, and Northeastern alumnae squads for the championship. We fell short this year, and Amherst took home the trophy. We have used the tournament as an unofficial young alumnae weekend for women's hockey these past few years. We rent a house for all the Bowdoin women and have now introduced eight years of alums to each other. It is amazing how many memories we can all share about Dayton and Watson Arenas and of course Coach Meagher! We also all share a fondness for current head coach **Marissa O'Neil '05** as some of us played with her and others had her as a coach."

2010 REUNION

Jane Koopman and colleagues from the Brunswick-based non-profit Teens To Trails traveled to Washington, DC, in March when the White House honored founder Carol Leone as a "Champion of Change." *From a Bangor Daily News article, March 20, 2014.*

2011 - 2012

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2013

"These days **Lidey Heuck** is helping test recipes, sending out social media missives and traveling to cooking events around the country with Ina Garten, better known as the Barefoot Contessa. Garten, who hosts a long-running cooking show on the Food Network, hired Heuck last year as her assistant and social media manager working out of her East Hampton, NY, office. A nationally

aired Jan. 26 episode of *The Barefoot Contessa* depicted Garten throwing a housewarming party for Heuck, featuring appearances by a number of Bowdoin classmates and friends (including **Simon Bordwin, Julia Graham, Peyton Kelley, Louisa Oakes, Matthew Marr, Alexandra Fradin, Molly Clements, Emma Stanislawski, and Marissa Rosenthal '14**), the episode follows Heuck as she shops around town in preparation for the party while Garten puts together a feast." *From the Bowdoin Daily Sun, April 4, 2014.*



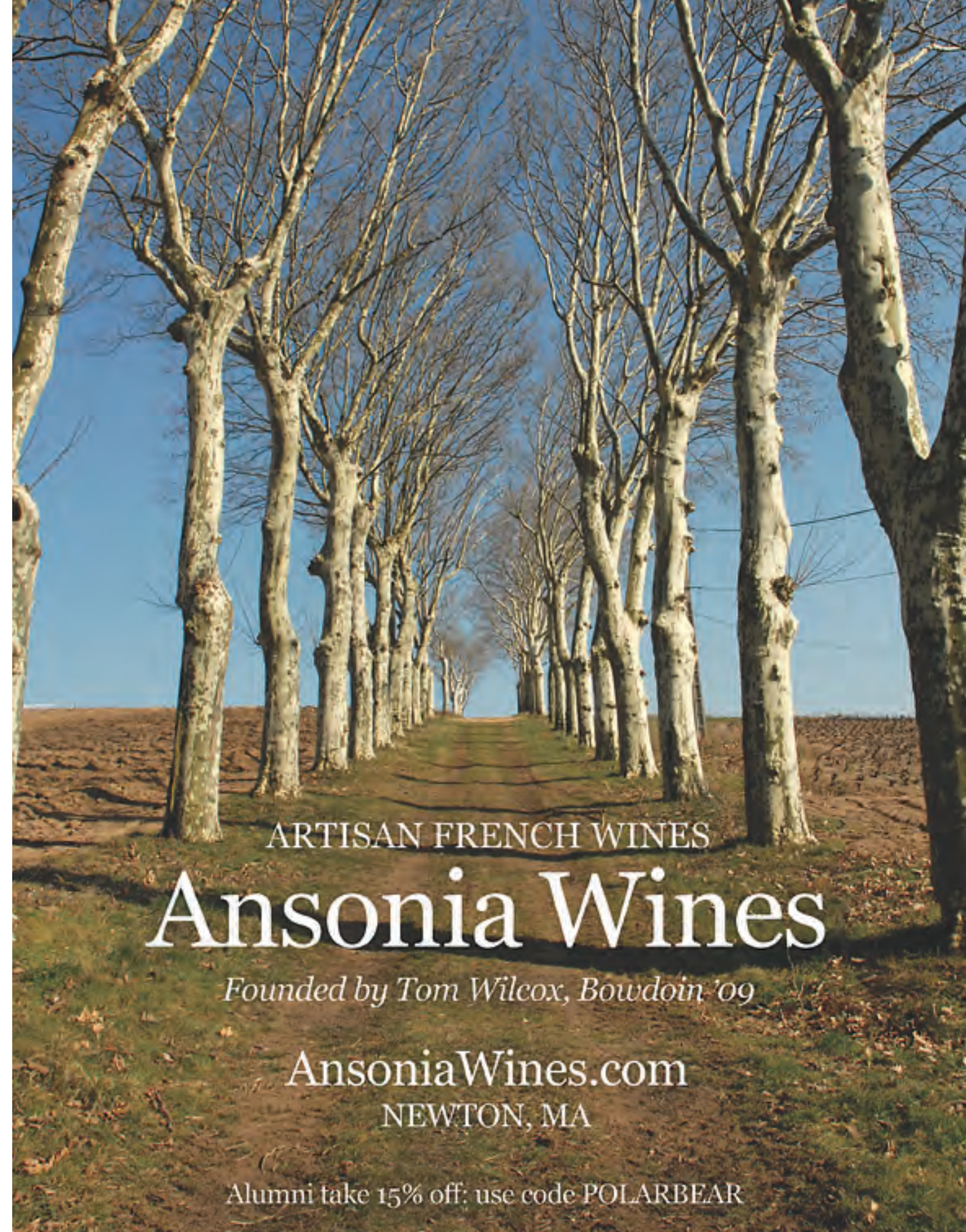
A polar bear, a bobcat, and a mule walked into a bar. . . Alumni Relations held a Maine Happy Hour Mixer in late February in Sacramento with alumni from Bates and Colby that drew Polar Bears (l to r) Scott Preble '79, Andrew Bell '11, Abhishek Sharma '08, Jonathan Lee '09, Arthur Binder '85, Michael Tiska '93, Brian Laurits '04, and Beth Colombo '07.



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



In early February, Bowdoin women's ice hockey alumnae gathered for The New England Pond Hockey Festival in Rangeley, Maine. (Top row, l to r): Alexandra Fahey '12, Alexandra Ysasi '11, Emileigh Mercer '09, Shana Natelson '10, Jay Greene '13, and Jayme Woogerd '07. (Bottom row, l to r): Shelagh Merrill '12, Kate Pokrass '10, Kelsey Wilcox '06, Kim Tess-Wanat '13, and Beth Battin '09.



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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



David '64 and Tina Treadwell established the David R. Treadwell Jr. and Elisabeth S. Treadwell Scholarship Fund to support Bowdoin's future.

This year, David celebrates his Bowdoin 50th Reunion, and reflects, "Life has been good to me, in large part because of Bowdoin, so it's natural to want to give back."

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, with a preference to students majoring in English. They have also contributed to Bowdoin's Alumni Fund every year, established a charitable gift annuity, and included a gift for Bowdoin in their estate.

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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 Straus '09, Andrew Russo '06, Kevin Mullins '07, Andrew Loucks '04, Breandan Fisher '06, Pamela Karches Keneally '05, Jim Long '85, Patrick Keneally '05, Michael Crowley '06, C. Ford Gurall '04, Zach Hammond '07, Dylan Brix '07, Alex Weaver '07, Rob Reider '07, Ellen Powers '06, Maddie McQueeney '09, Mike McQueeney '80, Robert DiMatteo '07, Jay Tansey '07, and Anne Simson '06. (Front row, l to r): Charles Bruce Saltzman '06, Erin Turban Miller '06, Betsy Rose '06, Abigail Daley Gurall '06, Maggie O'Mara Loucks '06, President Barry Mills '72, Kate Gormley '09, Margaret and David, Stephen Gormley '72, Caroline Gormley '11, Kerri Brennan Petri

'06, Elly Pepper '05, Tehilah Azoulay Reider '08, Samantha Cohen '07, Matthew Chadwick '07, Vanessa Kitchen '06, and Valerie Young '08.

2 Rebecca Ginsberg '07 married Robby Rutkoff (University of Michigan '08), on August 17, 2013, in Stockbridge, MA. (Front row, l to r): Burgess LePage '07, Ashley Conti '07, Stephanie Witkin '07, Rebecca and Robby, Holly Maloney '07, Allie Chin '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 '07, 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. (Back row, l

to r): Jessica Bergen '02, Marisa McNamara Lopez '02, Jennifer McDonnell Harmon '02, Lisa DiPilato '01, Bree Candland '01, Jennifer Magee Ribeiro '90, Granville D. "Skip" Magee '62, Margaret and Ian, Peter Webster '62, Thomas Sides '68, Robert Millar '62, and David Fish '98.

4 Robin Smith '05 married Rachel Spekman (Rutgers '05) on August 10, 2013, in Wiscasset, ME. (From l to r): Michael Wood '06, Eric Worthing '05, Tom Hazel '05, Jordan Harrison '04, Emma Leonard '05, Laura Welsh '05, Rebecca Bartlett '05, Kreshnik Ceku '05, Crystal Stone '05, Molly Juhlin '05, Kerry Elson '05, Katie Walker '05, Dan Hall '05, Jocelyn Foulke '05, Gia Upchurch '05, and Jenny Bordo '05. (In lobster headbands holding banner): Robin and Rachel.

Weddings



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5 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 Keefe '06, Kelly, and Mitch. (Back row, l to r): Megan McClean Bettancourt '07, Erica Michel '07, Sarah Schoen '07, Julie Calareso '07, Paul Evans '07, Ellie Simon Evans '06, Ryan Hurd '06, and Jessica Brooks '07.

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

7 Kathleen Eshelman '06 married James Lewis Springer on November 8, 2013, at the Philadelphia Horticulture Center in Philadelphia, PA. (From l to r): James, Mindy Chism Levering '06, Avery Galleher '06, Kathleen, Dr. Jon Sternburg '70, Roger Burleigh '06, Michael Wood '06, Katie Swan '06, Lucy Van Hook '06, Tom Elson '06, and Ben Smith '06. (Not pictured): Matthew Eshelman '09 and Rachel Donahue '08.

8 Margaret DeVoe '04 married Matt Murphy (Bates College) 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 Perleman '04, Margaret, and Gary Moy '04.

Weddings



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9 Alexander Linhart '06 married Marina Lafferriere (Georgetown '06) on June 24, 2012, in Manhattan, NY. (Front row, l to r): Robey Clark '06, Alex and Marina, and Maxine Janes '10. (Back row, l to r): Monica Ruzicka Stahly '06, Zach Linhart '07, Brooke James '06, Chris Necchi '10, Brian May '06, Gardiner Holland '06, Harry Jones '06, Dan Schuberth '06, Chris Metcalf '05, and Jan Linhart '75.

10 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, Nitasha Kawatra '06. (Back row, l to r): Rachel Dicker '09, Sophie Wiss '06, Elizabeth Droggitis '06, Hillary Fitzpatrick Peterson '04, Ben Peterson '04, Kevin Mitchell '75, Michael Cary '71, Molly Dorkey '06, Kristina Sisk '06, Ellen Grenley '06, Courtney Reichert '06, and Adam Feit '06.

11 Nadya Pincus '03 married Gavin Ferris on September 21, 2013, at Sinking Springs Herb Farm in Elkton, MD. (From l to r): Elizabeth Tardiff '03, Audrey Amidon '03, Gavin and Nadya, and Heidi Holmstrom '03.

12 Charlie Ticotsky '07 married Amberly Killmer (Valparaiso University '08) on January 4, 2014, in Boston, MA. (Front row, l to r): Mike Sighinolfi '07, Erin Dukeshire '05, Nastasha Horvath '07, Toby Crawford '07, James Knuckles '07, Charlie and Amberly, Carrie Miller '08, Lana Tilley, Laura Belden '08, and Suzanne Plant '07. (Back row, l to r): Mathilde Sullivan '07, Gail Winning '07, Hope Stockton '07, Jordan Krechmer '07, Alix Roy '07, Dan Hackett '07, Sam Donovan '07, Alden Karr '07, Chris Knight '07, Keirnan Willett '07, Glen Ryan '07, Kelsey Abbruzzese Ryan '07, and Sam Chapple-Sokol '07.

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13 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!"



14 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 Mosher '05, Jenny Fry '01 (sister of groom), Anne Taylor '06, Alex Meszaros '05, Kevin Erspamer '05, Julie Gallant '05, and Mark Yakavonis '05.

15 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 Weiner '00.

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

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17 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, Nastasha Horvath '07, and John Winterkorn '07. "Bowdoin from birth, y'all!"

18 Polar Bears at the wedding of **Rob Reider '07** and **Tehilah Azoulay '08** (l to r): David Jones '07, Suzanne Reider Castaldo '01, Jay Tansey '07, Elly Pepper '05, Noah Berman '06, Rob, Shep Fein '49 (holding banner), Tehilah, Dylan Brix '07, Becky Wei '07, Bobby DiMatteo '07, Jack Piper '05, and Zach Hammond '07.

19 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 Turco '03, Alex Duncan '03, and Regina von Schack '03. (Back row, l to r): Chris Moxhay '03, Ben McGuinness '03, Porter Hill '03, Matt Hession '03, Adam Mantin '03, and Micah Moreau '03.

20 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 Fugate, Khoa Khuong, Ryan Gillia, Courtney Ruggles, Erin Hanley, Nick Walker, Jackie Walker, Matt Boersma, Kate Bathras, Scott Herrick, and Elizabeth Boersma.



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Deadline: The submission deadline for the Fall issue is September 20, 2014.

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21 **Conor O'Brien '03** (University of Oregon PhD '11) married Katelyn Dufour (University of Oregon '13) on October 20, 2013, at Wetherledge Estate in Jamestown, RI. (From l to r): Lynne Davies '04, Ryan Johnson '00, Conor and Katelyn, Daniel Lami Goldstein '01, and Todd Forsgren '03.

22 **Michael Reutershan '07** and **Van Du '08** were married in the Bowdoin Chapel on August 3, 2013. Pictured on the steps of the Bowdoin College Museum of Art (clockwise, l to r): Tom Riddle '87, Anthony Regis '07, Joe Adu '07, Jenny Adu '07, Tim Cashman '07, Anthony Carrasquillo '07, Chris Cashman '07, Eamonn Hart '09, Anna Karass '08, Hande Ozergin '08, Colin Beckman '07, Nate Underwood '07, Jackie Brosnan-Cashman '08, Alyssa Chen '08, Megan Waterman '08, Orie Shin '08, Robert Guerette '07, Joy Lee '07, Michael and Van, and Elizabeth Sheldon '07.

23 **Mindy Chism '06** married Matt Levering on October 12, 2013, in Kenmore, WA. Pictured (l to r, all Class of 2006): Katie Eshelman Springer, Ethan Galloway, Hilarie Galloway, Mindy and Matt, Eric Davich, Kevin Wilcox, Jill Schweitzer, and Drew Friedmann.

24 **Ben Yormak '06** married Jessica Breyman on August 31, 2013, at LaPlaya Beach & Golf Resort, in Naples, FL. (From l to r): Ferd Convery '06, Stephen Curwen '06, Jessica and Ben '06, and Jason Lewis '06.

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.

Charles G. Hatch '35
January 29, 2014

John E. Hooke '37
April 7, 2014

Carl F. Barron '38
February 16, 2014

John H. Rich Jr. '39
April 9, 2014

Matthew W. Bullock Jr '40
July 7, 2013

Fred M. Fernald '40
November 2, 2012

William I. Barton '41
January 15, 2014

Robert G. Page '41
January 4, 2014

Morris E. Curiel '42
April 1, 2007

Ben L. Loeb '42
December 20, 2003

Frederick T. Smith '44
December 16, 2013

Sheldon E. Carbee '45
January 6, 2014

Bradford W. Drake III '45
January 5, 2014

Frank A. Oxnard '45
January 15, 2013

Thomas J. Seaton Jr. '45
January 2, 2014

Judson R. Merrill '46
February 1, 2014

Everett W. Gray '48
March 12, 2014

Bernard A. Le Beau '48
March 18, 2014

Herbert S. Sawyer '48
January 2, 2014

Herbert T. Silsby II '48
December 29, 2013

Norman R. Snider '48
September 27, 2003

Edgar A. Beem Jr. '49
February 6, 2014

Jerome H. St. Clair '49
April 11, 2014

Bruce W. Barrett '50
February 5, 2014

Richard W. Blanchard '50
January 21, 2014

Allison C. Edwards '50
April 17, 2014

J. Russell Washburne '50
February 9, 2012

Arthur F. Williams '50
December 28, 2013

Charles R. Forker '51
February 15, 2014

Donald C. Seamans '51
January 22, 2014

Joseph D. Vacchiano '51
January 16, 2014

William S. Burnham '52
March 27, 2014

David E. Farnham '52
January 14, 2014

Frederick J. Maroth '52
November 22, 2013

Livingston Wright Jr. '52
February, 2014

Peter G. Dunn '54
November 24, 2013

William E. Nieman Jr. '55
December 25, 2013

David R. Wood '55
March 9, 2014

Peter T.C. Bramhall '56
March 13, 2014

Orville Z. Tyler III '56
January 6, 2014

Brian H. Flynn '57
December 19, 2013

George A. Smart Jr. '57
October 2013

Clayton D. Bennett '59
February, 2014

Robert S. Vernick '60
March 12, 2014

Robert H. Page '63
January 4, 2014

Peter C. Dalton '67
November 20, 2013

Abimbola O. Ogunsola '67
June 29, 2013

Lewis C. Johnson '69
March 7, 2014

Bruce G. MacDermid '69
March 28, 2014

Louis C. Schroer '69
October 9, 2011

Michael R. McAvoy '70
March 28, 2014

William J. Zigmund '73
March 8, 2014

George W. Ellard Jr. '74
December 25, 2011

Lawrence R. Sawyer '75
January 9, 2014

Leo J. Maheu '77
February 17, 2014

Robert M. Chen '78
March 18, 2014

Honorary

Maxine Kumin H'01
February 6, 2014

Faculty and Staff

Josiah H. Drummond Jr.
March 20, 2014

Nada C. Flint
March 20, 2014

Donald W. Hastings '62
December 12, 2013

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The Whispering Pines

A Thimbleful of History

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 Hawthorne) shared a display case with Winslow Homer’s watercolor paint box. James Bowdoin III’s dueling pistols shared gallery space with a taxidermy mount of a kiwi and the movie camera used by Donald MacMillan in the Arctic.

Among these fabulous objects, I found myself drawn to one of the smallest objects in the show. In a corner next to Gilbert Stuart’s portrait of Phoebe Lord Upham, the wife of Professor Thomas Upham, was a case which contained a thimble and a copy of an eight-page religious tract written by Mrs. Upham, *Narrative of Phebe Ann Jacobs*. The thimble once belonged to Phebe Jacobs and was found among the papers of Bowdoin’s third president, William Allen.

Phebe was born into slavery on Beverwyck Plantation in New Jersey in 1785. She was purchased (or given) as a companion for Maria Wheelock, the daughter of Dartmouth College’s second president, John Wheelock. It is not clear when Phebe’s status changed from slave to servant, but when Maria married the Reverend William Allen, Phebe accompanied the Allens to Pittsfield, Massachusetts. She joined the church in 1817, an action that suggests that she was a free person. William Allen was president of short-lived Dartmouth University for two years before becoming president of Bowdoin in 1820.

In Brunswick, Phebe and Maria Allen joined the First Parish Church on the same day in 1823, although Phebe was required to sit in the north balcony with servants, across from the Bowdoin students in the south balcony. Phebe became close friends with Sarah Adams, the wife of the minister, and was widely known in the community for her piety. The death of Maria Allen in 1828 dealt a blow to Phebe and the Allen family. Professor Tess Chakkalakal’s research on the Allen papers revealed that Phebe did not care for Allen’s second wife, whom he married in 1831. When Allen left Bowdoin in 1839 and moved to Massachusetts, Phebe announced that she would stay in a small cabin near the campus. She earned a living by washing, ironing, and mending for Bowdoin faculty and students.

Phebe died peacefully on February 27, 1850, the same night as Sarah Adams. Although he was grieving the loss of his wife, Reverend Adams preached at Phebe’s funeral, saying “... that if his wife had been permitted to choose a companion to accompany her through the ‘dark valley,’ and into the open portals of heaven, she would have chosen Phebe.”



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 McKeen. 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 Harriett 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 in a potentially dangerous time masked the private thoughts and actions of an independent, free black woman. Seldom has a single thimble held so much written and unwritten history.

With best wishes.


John R. Cross ’76

Secretary of Development and Alumni Relations

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Answers

by Barry Mills, President

14th President / 14 Years

Barry Mills was inaugurated as Bowdoin’s fourteenth president in October 2001. In April, he announced that his fourteenth year in the job would be his last. Seated in his trademark Bowdoin rocking chair, he talks about his decision to walk away from a job he loves, his plans for the future, and the work that means the most to him in the coming year.

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 too 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 views, 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 some 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’m also very interested in finally establishing a significant presence around the study of the oceans and climate. And a number of years ago 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 rock!



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