

# 15-year Archive of Class of 1962 News

by Geoffrey Gould

#### **Summer 2015**

Dick Hull wrote in April to share news of his retirement from the faculty at NYU after 48 years! Stimulated to learn more after his Brad Abernethy-inspired experience with Crossroads Africa, Dick learned and taught African history and was an expert on the economic policies of several African nations, including if I recall properly, Ghana, Nigeria, and South Africa. Dick said the following:

It's been a great run and a profession that I've never thought of as 'work.' To maintain brain function I've just launched a weekly one-hour radio show 'History Alive' on WTBQ/1110 AM & 93.5 FM covering current issues in historical perspective.

Honored as his town's Citizen of the Year last Spring, Dick and his wife, Jo, then traveled to southern Africa and gave "presentations on China in Africa." The Hulls still live on the family farm, an orchard and winery, in Warwick, a Hudson Valley town. Very best wishes to Dick and his wife for years of happy, active retirement.

The ever-athletic Sam Mudie, who took up bicycling at age 40 after a bad knee curtailed his distance running, not only rides but organizes races near his home of Hilton Creek, CA. A founding member of the Sierra Cycling Foundation, Sam helped for years to organize the Whiskey Creek Stage Race in Mammoth Lakes where he has also been known to ski each winter.

After watching the growth of cycling in the West, including through the UCLA and USC teams' training runs, then helping his grandsons, John Cole and Drake Samuel learn to bicycle, Sam chose to donate to the Rutgers Cycling Team. A generous man well aware of the dedication required of young athletes to participate in sports while they study, Sam also has contributed to Crew, Fencing, Swimming and Lacrosse at Rutgers. Just as still is true for the Rutgers Hockey Club, athletes of many non-varsity teams often pay for part of their equipment and travel costs, showing great camaraderie and dedication. Sam's example is one to follow; such support enables team members of cycling and other sports to have great experiences to remember at their 50th reunions and beyond. The Rutgers University Foundation is happy to earmark funds for your favorite club team.

By the time Henry Ramer retired from practicing law, he had already pursued a dizzying number of activities. Perhaps excited by his experience years ago in the Peace Corps in Brazil, Henry learned and speaks four languages, worked on an Israeli kibbutz, visited more than 50 countries, attended classes to perfect his gardening, run several marathons, bought a Nikon and studied how to use it well, then decided to earn a master's degree in global affairs from RU-Newark. He completed that degree in May, 2015, at age 73.

A man with a fine memory, enormous curiosity, and never-ending pleasure in learning,

Henry Ramer honed his skills in many ways, partially as editor-in-chief of The Daily Targum. Next time you see him at a reunion, he will likely have traveled to more places, learned more history and international affairs, advocated energetically on behalf of LGBT individuals and women, and in spare hours been babysitting his grandchildren, no doubt teaching them a gazillion valuable lessons. Keep on keepin' on, Henry!

#### **Public Service Award for 2015**

Dr. Anne Morrison Piehl, a highly respected economist in the departments of Economics and Criminal Justice in New Brunswick

has worked tirelessly to improve the criminal justice system in the U.S. She has served on commissions and task forces in New Jersey to help create a reform agenda for state corrections and criminal sentencing. The special drug courts that enable expanded treatment options while reducing prison time is one important outcome of Dr. Piehl's service.

Nationally, she has helped organize "Operation Ceasefire," a program to develop strategies to help Boston police reduce violent crime. Meeting with gang leaders to help in several ways is a key feature of the program. Throughout Dr. Piehl's distinguished career, she has worked with police, political leaders, educators and members of the public to provide law enforcement agencies with data needed to speed constructive change. We are delighted to add Dr. Anne Piehl to our class's list of outstanding public servants recognized annually.

### **Public Service Scholarships for 2015**

Ms. Siobhan Barrington and Ms. Arcadia Lee have won our scholarships for extraordinary public service over a period of years. Ms. Barrington earned her bachelors degree in Social Work in May and has begun a professional career benefited by her years of community service and leadership. A major commitment was her volunteer work for FSO-UC, the Family Support Organization of Union County. Excerpts from her list of duties there include supporting the director, meeting with community partners, helping lead the Youth Partnership Program by coordinating field trips, workshops, and managing the Power Mondays Male Mentoring Program. Siobhan also developed content for FSO-UC's quarterly digital newsletter and website. Passing her skills forward, she trained new interns from Rutgers and maintains contact with them as her work schedule permits. Congratulations on your achievements!

Arcadia Lee is a self-described non-traditional student majoring in Environmental Policy, Institutions and Behavior. Her commitment to the world's environment has taken her to Iceland where she served as a Global Ambassador in the GREEN Program. On campus,

she writes for and helps design The EPIB Trail, a School of Environmental and Biological Sciences newsletter to heighten awareness of a variety of issues. Ms. Lee also has served as an Environmental and Energy Policy Analyst on the staff of NJ Senator Bob Smith. An a legislative aide, she helped with constituent services and writing Senator Smith's newsletter. She intends to pursue a Masters of Public Policy degree this fall in the Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy. Best of continued success!

# **Spring 2015**

The 2014 Rutgers Hall of Fame dinner was special for our class as the entire 1961 undefeated football team was inducted! Barney Hoffman attended, chatting with Sam Mudie, Tony Oliva and Steve Simms among others. Barney feels the high point of the evening was Alex Kroll's great speech. Kroll said that it was the best team he'd ever been on, including the NY Titans. He had told a booster-club banquet crowd before the season to expect no losses, thus challenging the team to win it all. They succeeded through teamwork, mutual respect, "tremendous chemistry, tremendous unity and loyalty to one another" and a great coach.

Pierce Frauenheim, is an exemplar of the fine qualities of that team, and a man whose career has been about service, caring and courage. TribLive sportswriter, Marty Stewart, wrote a great article about Pierce.

Clem Izzi and his wife, Elizabeth, were honored by their daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Steve Bristing, with a special gift the form of an endowment to Karen's alma mater, Boston College. The Clement and Elizabeth Izzi Family Head Men's Basketball Coach endowment reflects Clem's deep interest in basketball and underscores Karen's commitment to BC, whose Board of Trustees she is on. It's great to see Clem honored for loving basketball and how it helps players grow.

Arthur McDermott and his Denver-based team of 80 people finished an affordable senior apartment community this year, with ground breaking for a new family community in May and another senior community next September. He happily reports that daughter Marcy "presented us with our 13th grandchild" recently. Her husband, Trent, was named a partner is his law firm. The entire McDermott clan trekked to Mexico late in December to celebrate and welcome 2015.

Lastly, our class president and webmaster, Barry Pavelec, was invited to become one of the 25-members of the inaugural Rutgers Fan Advisory Board. Barry's qualifications for that Board are impressive. He was founder and CEO of the Center for Sports Sponsorship, agent for Olympic baseball and bobsled sports organizing bodies, media head of a PGA tournament, press liaison for an LPGA tournament, publisher of several Sports Business newsletters, and a recognized international authority on a wide range of

sports marketing topics. Heck, Barry, the Rutgers Hockey Club could still use your expertise. They are alive and well, surviving with the same club status that the team I had the good fortune to skate for and later coach has had since 1960.

#### **Fall 2014**

Joe McGough confirms that he has retired as Director of Marketing from HAKS, a "full services firm providing engineering, architecture, construction management, surveying and material testing services to public agencies." Having been in Japan this fall, Joe and Linda will be going to China next spring. While deciding where else to travel, they will work with their carpenter son on the enlargement and reconstruction of their home. Nice to have that kind of talent in the family!

Carolyn Boselli wrote to say her husband and our classmate, Eugene, passed away last September as the result of a fall. They had been married 52 years. Eugene had worked for the City of Bridgeport "for over 35 years, as a collections investigator, to the great profit of the City." Enjoying financial work greatly, he earned an AS in Accounting with high honors from Housatonic CC in the 70's, then put that knowledge and a commitment to financial integrity to work as treasurer of their local Republican club, the Society for Creative Anachronism, the Parish of St. George's Episcopal Church and later for Calvary St. George's Episcopal Church. In 1990, he received a kidney transplant. While it kept working until he died, infections kept him on the road to and from Yale-New Haven's medical center, with many rides provided by friends as well as his wife. A religious man, and the first to join his church's Parish Prayer Chain, Gene prayed for many and, no doubt, many prayed for him in return.

## **Summer 2014**

Although it's been more than 50 years since graduation, friendships among many classmates persist and are deeply valued. Many in our class knew and respected Pete Hall who, sadly, passed away at home May 29th. Several emailed me with memories, not wanting Pete to be forgotten. George Case's words say it best:

"My very good friend, former freshman roommate and Chi Psi fraternity brother, Pete Hall, passed away. Inducted into the New Jersey Interscholastic Hall of Fame in December 2013, Pete was a two-time All American baseball player. He played for my father in 1960, my dad's last season coaching at Rutgers. Pete and I played freshman and varsity basketball together as well. Pete had also been elected to the Rutgers Sports Hall of Fame several years ago. We had been planning a fishing trip to Montana in June."

You can read Pete's obituary on our classmate obituary page.

# 2014-15 CLASS OF 1962 PUBLIC SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP TO SIOBAHN BARRINGTON, RUTGERS '15

Siobhan Barrington, a graduating senior (May 2015), has been selected to receive our Class of 1962 Public Service Scholarship. She has a strong GPA and is enrolled in the School of Arts & Sciences, majoring in Social Work.

#### **OUR 2014 PRESIDENTIAL PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD**

It seems like yesterday when I posted the good news of our 2013 Class of 1962 Public Service Award winners. We have had many years of very talented winners whose dedication to a variety of public service projects has made them valued members of their communities.

This year, one extremely talented, dedicated individual has received the 2014 award. Dr. David Robinson, Professor of Geography in the Rutgers School of Arts and Sciences, is a noted climate scientist, in fact is the New Jersey State Climatologist responsible for dealing with a wide range of climate issues.

There seems to me no better way to characterize Dave Robinson's achievements than to share the letter nominating him for our award from Dr. Richard Schroeder, Professor and Chair of the Department of Geography. The other two letters to nominate Dr. Robinson are also attached. Each attests to his intelligence, energy, and creative dedication to the challenge of weather and climate prognostication in New Jersey. Many of his professional activities have helped insure the safety of citizens in a period of increasingly disruptive weather patterns. We thank him for all he has done and continues to do. Letters.

#### **About the Award:**

Our Rutgers College Class of 1962 Presidential Public Service Award honors members of the faculty, student body, or staff in recognition of distinguished and non-compensated service to government bodies, professional or scholarly organizations, and/or the general public, such as voluntary community leadership, personal acts of heroism, etc. The supporting evidence for candidates who represent specific academic disciplines should convey a sense of the extent to which the candidate's service has led to policy changes and/or to innovations in the operations of public or professional bodies. For others, the evidence should portray distinguished service as a private citizen unrelated to University responsibilities. Collaborative efforts can be considered. Nominees should exhibit sustained and outstanding service outside the range of their University responsibilities.

# **Spring 2014**

Don Cross retired at the end of 2004 from the FAA where he was a programmer in their research unit, Pomona, NJ. He has two children and two grandkids living in Colorado or California. Don first earned a BS in engineering, returned for a BA in literature, then a BS in Computer Science! His career with the FAA followed, a lesson to persist. Don

corresponds with classmate John McColley who lives happily in Florida.

Herb Schmidt, the first two-time all-American soccer player in Rutgers history, joined the 75th anniversary team in October, 2013. His 90 career goals stand well above all others elected. Congratulations, Herb!

Arthur and Margaret McDermott returned from Europe around Christmas after visiting his brother, Keith '66, and family in London. An 8-day riverboat cruise up the Rhine was highlighted by stops at Cologne, Heidelberg, Strasberg, and Basel, garnering a fascinating look at all that resulted in the crucial history of the Rhine Valley.

#### Summer 2013

Joseph Silva, Jr., MD, internationally recognized expert in and lecturer on infectious diseases, has been named to his high school alma mater (New Brunswick, NJ)'s Hall of Fame. Joe currently serves as a Professor of Internal Medicine (Division of Infectious Diseases and Immunology) at the UC Davis School of Medicine. He previously served as Dean of the Medical School (1997-2005) and Chairman of Internal Medicine (1982-1997). Post appointments include Professor of Medicine at the University of Michigan Medical School and as a Lecturer at University of Texas at San Antonio. In addition to his academic appointments, Dr. Silva has served as a Consultant for Kaiser Permanente Hospital, for the Veterans Administration Hospitals in Ann Arbor and Northern California, and as Staff Physician at USAF Medical Center at Lackland AFB (major).

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It's great news that Bonita Craft Grant and Jonathan Muse received our Class of 1962 Presidential Public Service Awards for 2013. Ms. Grant is the New Jersey Bibliographer and Head of Public Services for the Special Collections and University Archives, RU Libraries. She was recognized for preserving and providing public access to a wealth of research materials on the history and culture of New Jersey.

Jonathan Muse, Assistant Dean, School of Business - Camden, was honored for his extensive community service. As director of the Camden Historically Black College and Universities College Fair, he built partnerships that have increased support for scholarships and fee waivers for college-bound New Jersey high school students.

Our first Class of 1962 Public Service Scholarship recipients are Philip Lubik '14, a Mechanical Engineering major, and Gerardo Lopez, a Junior Bio Sci major. Read of Philip's achievements and receive his thanks here. Among them: a Dance Marathon to fund support for children with cancer. Philip has great ideas for service projects and strong leadership skills for bringing people together. We are proud to recognize him and

his achievements. Also, read about Gerado's public service efforts and his thanks to us here.

I'm sorry to report the passing last March, from cancer, of classmate Richard Hernon, a civil engineering graduate with a masters degree from NJIT. Dick was a company commander during his time in the Army Corps of Engineers. He worked for NJ DOT, served as a Hudson County Engineer, was Director of Engineering for the Hudson Bergen Light Rail Project, then chief engineer at T & M Associates.

William A. Coniglio also passed away from cancer last March. Bill served the Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, DC, for 35 years and also was proprietor of How Lane Garden Center in North Brunswick. He liked fishing and beekeeping and loved "solving challenging problems."

Ron Hill has two books on Amazon titled Blood Red Water and The Unwanted. The books are one and two of his "Swamp Angel" series. Set in the Pine Barrens of New Jersey and Atlantic City, they are high adventure with a taste of horror. Ron is a former journalist, educator and Ocean Spray grower-owner. Semi-retired, Ron keeps busy writing and performing as a professional musician. Ron was an English major at Rutgers and active in the Queen's Theatre. He was Mayor of Washington Township, Burlington County along with many other civic and charitable activities.

## **Fall 2012**

Our 50th reunion was a delightful, upbeat series of events, dinners, conversations, campus tours and 'the parade.' The weather outdid itself as our class was welcomed into "the Old Guard" at dinner Friday, May 11. Our turnout -- around 90 classmates plus spouses, companions, etc. -- was wonderful, our class gift very generous, and spirits high. Barney Hoffman's award citations Saturday night would have earned Johnny Carson's applause or maybe even Don Rickles'.

I had many nice chats with classmates and secondhand info on others. Here are just a few: Joe Nazzaro is working as the Executive Director of Leadership Morris and coaching lacrosse in Morris County. He said keeping busy keeps him happy and healthy.

Blake Lynch is a retired attorney reported by another classmate to be working for the Peace Corps in Macedonia! More info would be very welcome.

Roy Gemberling, looking suntanned and relaxed, came up from Carolina. He was a fine singer with the Glee Club as an undergrad. He and Rich Earl (dark hair and good looks intact) could have brought out the old songbooks, but instead relaxed under the lunch tent, so no doo-wop sounds were heard.

Bob and Susan Wieluns, who live in Waldoboro, Maine, are involved with Partners for World Health and offer 'Blue Wrap' fashion shows to raise funds. Blue wrap is surgical wrap but the Wieluns will have to share how they get it and where they use it. They welcome visitors to Maine and can be reached at rwieluns@yahoo.com.

Tino Mattoli flew in from Rome and brought us up to date on his five sons and their families, all living in Chile, as well as some of the challenges of European politics in a time of Middle East ferment. A serious student of history, Tino's insights are always thought provoking. He was hosted by his generous friend and classmate Harris Cahn.

Economist Steve Fuller is Director of Center for Regional Analysis (www.cra.gmu.edu) at George Mason University in Washington, DC, where he is University Professor, holds the Dwight Schar Faculty Chair, and has made major contributions to understanding the dynamics of metropolitan area economies. He has authored more than 750 articles, papers and reports and seems to still be going in many productive directions. A former RU soccer player, Steve looks trim and fit.

Some who couldn't join us wanted to share stories:

Psychotherapist Moss Jackson, based in Ardmore, PA, has published Navigating for Success and Navigating Your Business Partnerships. A third is expected shortly. Moss advises entrepreneurs and family business owners and provides psychotherapy to adults and teenagers.

Don Lehman, GWU Executive VP Emeritus for Academic Affairs and his wife, Elyse DC '63, retired George Mason professor of psychology, live in Williamsburg, VA, and 'Down East' in Maine, where they enjoy sailing each summer. A photo of them shows a very happy pair of sailors!

Digby Diehl, co-author with Dan Rather of Rather Outspoken: My Life in the News (and three dozen other books), sadly was tied up in California. Those who came met old friends from athletic teams, fraternities, music and other groups, and shared memories as well as many, many photos.

#### **News since the reunion:**

Clem Izzi and his wife, Elizabeth, have donated their time and money to help a number of service organizations, some linked to his disabilities. One he told me about was a fund raising event that teamed NHNSCIA, the New Hampshire National Spinal Cord Injury Association, with Macy's. People bought shopping discount tickets to use at Macy's stores in the Northeast. Most important, a portion of those sales went to NHNSCIA to

help provide a long list of services for folks with spinal cord injuries, including Clem. See their web site at www.gsil.org. Clem also is involved with NH's State Council on Aging and the NH Association for the Blind. He works hard to use what he can of his 2600/0 vision (very darn limited, he says, compared to 20/20). Using a text-to-speech screen reader called JAWS and the loving support of his wife, Clem responds to his disabilities as a sailor faces a heavy wind - he looks forward and does all he can to make every minute count. You're a gutsy guy, Clem, and Elizabeth is one 'class act' as well.

Arthur McDermott not only continues to work, he continues to win awards. The Rocky Mountain Communities (RMC) group is celebrating its 20th anniversary and at that event is honoring Arthur with the Dr. Gordon Von Stroh Service to Community Award November 3rd. Arthur and his wife, Margaret (in charge of interior design), created Dahlia Square Senior Apartments in Denver, where individuals 62 and older with certain income restrictions may enjoy apartments with an impressive range of amenities. To cap a great year for the McDermotts, daughter Marcy had baby Trey Alexander June 6. Marcy and her husband are attorneys practicing in Colorado. Congratulations!

Our new class president, Barry Pavelec, continues to manage this fine web site he created for all of us and welcomes suggestions and submissions for our online scrapbook. If you've got any memorabilia lying around, take a photo and send it to Barry. Barry, by the way, will be speaking on all the communications effort the Class has utilized in the last 30 years as a panel member Best Practices panel at the Rutgers Alumni Leaders Conference on Friday, October 26 on campus.

John Hendricks and Stuart Freedman will be the new class representatives to the Alumni Council. John continues in his role there, and Stuart replaces Barney Hoffman who had served with distinction for many years but elected to retire from that role this year.

## **Summer 2012**

#### A 50th Reunion Remembrance

Many of us enjoyed chatting with Bob Vecchio at the reunion. He was at the table with Pierce Frauenheim, Bill Stoken, Barry Pavelec and their wives for our Saturday night dinner. That was a memorable night, thanks not only to a talented undergraduate singing group but because Barney Hoffman's humorous award presentations left us rolling in the aisles. The well-attended dinner was abuzz with conversations of our lives over the decades, punctuated with anecdotes from our student years. Much happy energy was shared that evening.

Sadly, little more than two months after our reunion, Bob Vecchio passed away at

Somerset Medical Center, not far from his home in Hillsborough, NJ. As with others of us at the reunion, Bob was in good spirits that night, delighted to see many old friends. Who would have guessed that our happy reunion would mark, for most of us, the last chance to say hello, shake hands, and share good wishes with Bob.

Bob was an Army helicopter pilot during the Viet Nam conflict. Just as he had earned the respect of his teammates on the Rutgers football and lacrosse teams and his fraternity brothers at Phi Gamma Delta, no doubt he had earned the respect and trust of soldiers he lifted above those treacherous battlefields. A member of VFW Post 12 in Somerville and the Viet Nam Vets Association in Flemington, Bob brought loyalty and strength to his fellow vets and their families. Our sympathies go to Bob's wife, Gayle, his two sons, his two brothers and his sister. Bob's obituary may be found within the list of departed classmates on the Departed Classmates Obituary page of this website.

# **Spring 2012**

The Rutgers College Class of 1962 Presidential Public Service Award for 2012 Since its inception in 1977, the Rutgers College Class of 1962 Presidential Public Service Award has been a mark of our dedication to the best values of Rutgers. Our class award annually honors a member of the faculty, student body, or staff in recognition of distinguished voluntary service to organizations or agencies with goals and practices that are in the public interest.

The recipient of the award for 2012 is Dr. Leonard Hamilton, Professor of Psychology in New Brunswick. Extremely well regarded by colleagues and students as a talented scholar and teacher, Dr. Hamilton's blend of research, teaching and administrative skills and his dedication to the environment make him a welcome presence on planning boards, advisory commissions and other regulatory agencies. He has been called a driving force in citizens' groups, for over 20 years helping develop and gain approval for regulations to manage the storm-generated waters that flow from the Great Swamp of northern New Jersey into and through ten municipalities, each with a vested interest in the water. Hamilton's commitment to helping preserve the Great Swamp Watershed and Natural Wildlife Refuge by creating orderly management of all that water has benefited citizens living within ten towns and two counties and helped preserve the watershed for future use.

The editor of The Benefits of Open Space and co-author of The Myth of the Ratables, Professor Hamilton has brought valuable perspectives to the discussions about water management and land use. Dr. Hamilton has shown himself to be a leader and a consensus builder who gathered support to determine shared uses of thousands of acres of pristine land.

He successfully lobbied for local, state and federal funding exceeding 1.5 million dollars to help the Great Swamp Watershed Management Committee meet its goals. Among the many organizations he has led and assisted are the Long Hill Township Environmental Commission, Long Hill Township Planning Board, Long Hill Township Open Space Advisory Board, Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge, and the Passaic River Nature Trail Committee. He is a man of many talents, much energy and good spirit, and we are pleased to honor him this year.

## Class of '62 Recognizes a Distinguished Engineer

In keeping with our class's support for truly outstanding public service, we co-sponsored the 2010-2011 Mason Welch Gross Memorial Lecture, held on April 2, 2012. Dr. Bernard Amadei, Professor of Civil Engineering at the University of Colorado at

Boulder, was the speaker. The Founding President of Engineers Without Borders – USA and co-founder of the Engineers Without Borders – International network, Dr. Amadei spoke on "Engineering in Community Development – Challenges and Opportunities." His longstanding interest in and advocacy for global development and sustainability have been recognized with several honors, including the 2007 Heinz Award for the Environment and the 2008 ENR Award of Excellence. It was our privilege to help enable the lecture by Dr. Amadei, the Faculty Director of the University of Colorado at Boulder's Mortenson Center in Engineering for Developing Communities. We applaud his commitment to sustainable engineering projects that benefit citizens around the globe.

The Rutgers Chapter of Engineers Without Borders was the recipient of our 2011 Rutgers College Class of 1962 Presidential Public Service Award.

#### **Winter 2012**

Class president Stuart Freedman has led planning for our 50th. Details of the May 11, 12, and 13 activities are shared on our redesigned class website. Webmaster Barry Pavelec has made the site extremely dynamic -- a great service.

I'm happy to report that our fifteen-member class gift committee has created an impressive scholarship program and funding goal to celebrate our 50th. Titled The Class of 1962 Public Service Scholarship, the program will reward New Brunswick campus rising sophomores and juniors based on three criteria: academic merit, financial need, and public service. The number of awards and their amounts will depend upon funds raised as we build an endowment. The scholarships are to complement our longstanding Public Service Awards, not compete with them. How to evaluate candidates will be determined in consultation with campus officials.

The class gift target for our 50th is \$1,000,000, with a significant share earmarked for the scholarship program yet permitting other donations that may be set by our committee. By now you've been asked to support our class's thoughtful and generous gift initiatives and we hope you will enthusiastically support them.

John Hendricks has attended many reunions as a member of the university's Alumni Association and Alumni Board of Trustees, providing him information about key reunion activities. Chief among them is the Old Guard Dinner, set for Friday night, May 11. Our class will be inducted into the Old Guard. John feels it's an event none of us should miss. Between that event and our class dinner Saturday night, there will be ample time for classmates to enjoy each other's company. Please encourage classmates to join you for the Old Guard dinner and stay for the weekend. I hope to see you there.

## November 2011

Classmate Horton Taylor wrote from his home in Ripley, MS, to share the sad news of the passing of his wife, Jean, on October 26, 2011. She was a 1962 graduate of Douglass College. Our condolences go to Horton and his and Jean's family.

### **Barry Kramer's Trail Blazing Donation**

It is very special to learn how successful classmates have expressed their key values through the generous 'passing forward' of knowledge, skills, inspiration and funding support to younger, promising talents. A recent, impressive example is Barry Kramer's thoughtful and generous gift of \$200,000 to fund the Barry S. Kramer Endowed Scholarship Fund. Designed to benefit and inspire undergraduate students in the Department of Journalism and Media Studies, part of Rutgers' School of Communication and Information, it is the largest single gift yet received by that school.

Barry's very successful career includes over 30 years of traveling the globe as a foreign correspondent for the Associated Press and the Wall Street Journal. Along the way, he learned Chinese and developed valuable knowledge of a multitude of Asian cultures and their politics.

He spent two years in Viet Nam for the AP during the war, after which he finished his reserve Army tour at Ft. Bragg before returning to Asia. He spent many years in Hong Kong working for WSJ's Journal Asia, covering the most newsworthy events of 30 nations and used his experience and judgment as a high-ranking editor to maintain standards of excellence for Journal Asia's stories written by others.

Barry said "Rutgers was a turning point in my life." He also stated that "the education I received opened my eyes to the opportunities that were out there and I always knew that I needed to repay Rutgers for what it did for me." Barry's gift will provide scholarship support for talented students as they prepare for work critical to the public's awareness of the wide variety of news around the planet. Barry's skilled and ethical service provide both an important example of how journalists should work and how they should teach those who follow in their footsteps. Thanks, Barry, for all you've done and for all you're doing.

# **May 2011**

It's just one year before our 50th reunion. Class officers and other classmates are planning and invite your help. Please spread the word to friends to encourage a great turnout.

Richard Van Riper is looking forward to seeing old friends at the reunion. He wrote to describe life in Phoenix, Arizona, where he and wife, Lu, have lived for 41 years. Rich retired from a very successful aerospace career 12 years ago. He has passed along his interest in the discipline to grandson, Dexter, a Mechanical Engineering student at Northern Arizona U. Another grandson, Jacob, is a high school freshman in San Clemente, CA, and granddaughter, Charlotte, is a San Clemente 8th grader prepping to

study law. Rich volunteers to teach and coach chess teams at local schools and is a director of ALETRO, a non-profit that works with engineering students at five universities. Go to www.aletro.org/about.php to get the full story. Rich invites Delta Sigma Phi brothers to contact him at musicwizard1@cox.net

George Reynolds, '62, Mechanical Engineering, New Brunswick, retired from US Army in 1982, retired again in 2001 from the Defense Logistics Agency. Living in Chesterfield, Virginia since 1980 with wife Dorothy with whom he'll celebrate a 50th wedding anniversary in 2015. He's currently doing volunteer work with the local Historical Society, County Library, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Archaeology Society of Virginia, and others. "They keep me hopping!," says George.

Tino Mattoli, generous host that he is, welcomed Arthur and Margaret McDermott to Rome last October. After a boat tour of Italian and Croatian ports, the McDermotts returned to Denver to oversee Arthur's most recent apartment project. His four companies employ 75-80 and retirement is a figment. Tino winters in Chile.

Digby Diehl keeps active with his company, Words Unlimited, Ltd., sharing his writing and editing talents, which are considerable, with a range of clients. Digby has written several books and continues to reside in the LA area with his wife, Kay.

#### 2011 Rutgers Class of 1962 Award Presented

Engineers Without Borders-USA Rutgers University Student Chapter, was honored with The Rutgers College Class of 1962 Presidential Public Service Award for their extensive contributions to public service, locally and globally, as demonstrated by its members' deep interest in designing sustainable solutions to improve the lives of others.

They provide access to basic human needs as demonstrated by the Guatemalan water pump project and the Thailand water filtration project. They embody the Rutgers' slogan, "Jersey Roots, Global Reach."

The award honors members of the faculty, student body, or staff for volunteer service to government, professional, and scholarly organizations, or the public. It includes a \$2,500 honorarium.

# Winter 2011

Got a nice note from Ed Dalrymple saying he and his wife are "fully retired and living near Lewes, Delaware." Ed retired from the Navy in '83, from TRW in '99, and from his consulting business in '03. A volunteer for several historical societies, Ed also has been a docent for the National Park Service at the Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville and

Wilderness Battlefields and was president of the Spotsylvania Courthouse Preservation Foundation. With five grandchildren living between Boston and DC, Ed and his wife travel that corridor often. He enjoys the poetry of Robert Pinsky and books by Digby Diehl, both talented classmates.

Herb Williams is on the lookout for Delta Sigma Phi classmates, hoping to gather email addresses for 50th Reunion plans. Interested brothers please email Herb at: xboxman@aug.com.

Herb also kindly shared the address of my old roommate, Jack Keenan, for a long-overdue exchange. Jack and his wife, Judy, live in Rhode Island. Delightful stories of their life including several children and grandchildren, Jack's successful business career (he is semi-retired), and fond memories of Rutgers came my way via email. Thanks for your generous sharing, Jack. I hope our paths will cross again.

Bruce Bunt lives in Ponte Vedra, FL, retired after 31 years with Eastman Kodak. He was Materials Manager for the Greater China Region his last four years, traveling between home in Hong Kong and Kodak factories in China. He wrote asking about Zeta Psi fraternity brother, Jack Musick. A marine biologist with the Virginia Institute of Marine Science, Musick is a top shark researcher. Google him for details.

Bill Lyons' petition for a zoning variance for his new house was finally approved. It took months of friendly dialogue with the Pt. Pleasant Beach Board of Adjustment. Congratulations, Bill! Send a photo when the construction is done.

## November 2010

Jack McColley, based in Florida, retired in February. He and wife, Tetyana, went to Barcelona in March, staying at a surprisingly inexpensive place found by a Russian expatriot friend. Jack has 13 grandchildren and his middle daughter, Laura, is a full professor at Mary Baldwin College in Staunton, VA. Visiting the Rutgers campus complex blew his mind. Seeing his old home in Watchung with "trees grown into monsters and the house shrunk" must have felt like a visit to 3-D Wonderland!

Herb Williams, also in Florida, expressed pride in his wife, Sandy, and her Elks Club 'gal pals' for knitting helmet liners for troops overseas. Classmate Rich VanRiper's wife, Lucy, joined in the effort at their home in Arizona.

Sheldon Schultz, wrote to update us on his five 'grandkids.' They attend Quinnipiac, SUNY Albany and Michigan universities plus Jupiter HS and Jupiter Middle School. The 8th grader is on the pre-Olympic soccer training team for girls in Florida. Shelly goes to her games everywhere and was planning to attend a tournament in Alabama. A fine

athlete and excellent student, she makes her grandfather proud! Shelly's wife, Ina, has been the office administrator for his sister-in-law's medical practice for six years and will retire next year. As for Shelly, he still enjoys the interaction of business, even if Real Estate is for someone who loves "rejection."

Tino Mattoli became a grandfather again February 3 when his son, Agostino V's, wife Bernadette had a daughter named Luciana. They live in Chile. Congratulations.

#### **June 2010**

Bill Lyons celebrated his 70th birthday May 23, 2010, at home in Pt. Pleasant Beach with much help from family, including his wife, her two sisters, Bill's son from Virginia, his brother, Ed, from Chicago, one of Ed's sons, and the chief party organizer, and his daughter, Lenore, also from Pt. Pleasant Beach. Five grandchildren and a bunch of nephews made it as well. Several friends sent congratulatory letters and old photos, so Bill had a fun trek down memory lane. As if that wasn't party enough, Bill attended the 50th anniversary of the Queens Guard and Scarlet Rifles, along with classmate Ando Merendi and others earlier in May. Bill continues to play tennis despite rotator cuff issues. Physical therapy comes first, with thoughts of surgery banished to another planet. Finally, Bill said friends who are alumni of both RC '62 and St. Peter's HS '58 (New Brunswick), including John Hendricks, Clem Izzi, Jack Keefe, and Jim Whalen plan a 'make-up 50th reunion' this fall, as somehow 2008 came and went with no reunion.

Herb Williams weighed in on a variety of matters, including life in Florida at a time of high unemployment in the state and tight budget constraints. One very happy note: Herb and his wife (and dancing partner) Sandy recently celebrated their 48th wedding anniversary - congratulations! Herb was planning to track down some Delta Sigma Phi fraternity brothers, including Rick Parker, to see who's alive and what they're up to. He asks if anyone knows the whereabouts of Jack Keenan to please email Herb at xboxman@localnet.com.

Tino Mattoli, with dual citizenship in the US and Italy plus many years of residence in Chile, likely suffered with Italy's sad fate at the World Cup, though perhaps he was heartened by the US and Chile's progress out of the first round (as of 6/24/2010). I think the entire US watched our soccer team beat Algeria...in the 90th minute!

Kudos to Barry Pavelec as he continues to upgrade the classy class web site he has managed so well all these years. Very few, if any, classes had web sites until after Barry led the way. Now it's a far more common practice, though not one that works without classmates' participation. To wit: send news, and often!

# **May 2010**

Bob Subranni retired from practicing law in 2001 to begin new businesses. He created Halcom International Antiques and Fine Art halcommusicco@aol.com and has traveled the globe buying art for resale. Wintering in Tarpon Springs, Bob bought three homes in the old Southeast section of St. Petersburg for renovation and historic preservation. He is a partner in The Gunning Co., Bryn Mawr, marketers of antiques, fine art and Lionel trains. Bob spends summers in Longport, serving on the Board of Trustees of the historic Redeemer Church, where he is choir director and assistant organist. He has composed several spiritual works. Bob sails a Marshall 22 Catboat and bikes seriously, traveling most springs to Europe to ride with the German group, Rotalis. Bob sends greetings to his Chi Phi brothers.

Rich Earl wrote to say he still loves teaching in Rowan University's College of Communication. He also has been one of the Doowop Brothers for years, www.doowopbrothers.com, performing year-round including at Buckelew's in Beach Haven (owned by Jay Cranmer '62). He also performs on the Equity musical stage in NJ, including shows with John Davidson. His daughter, Kirsten, works for Martha Stewart in NYC, helping to produce her daily TV show. Rich's brother, Denny '66, retired to a life of painting. See his work at www.mdearlart.com. His sons coach basketball at Penn State and Princeton.

John X. Ascione, 69, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2009, at Care One at Morris in Parsippany. John was born in Paterson and lived in the Totowa section of Paterson. He then lived in Wayne before moving to Whippany in 1985. He served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War from May 13, 1963 until being honorably discharged as a first lieutenant on June 11, 1965. He was a dedicated employee of BAE Systems as an engineer for 45 years before retiring in October 2009. John enjoyed golfing and loved to travel. Survivors include his beloved wife, Eileen D. (nee-Bonn); dear son, John R., at home; loving daughters, Marilyn Roberts and her husband Bob of Massachusetts, and Diana Alletto and her husband Eugene of Long Island, N.Y.; and his three cherished grandchildren, Taylor, Alec, and Jack.

While a classmate of ours, John was a member of Army ROTC and Scabbard and Blade and was a Distinguished Military Student. He was on the Military Ball Committee, a member of Newman Club and Gold R. He earned a degree in electrical engineering and was inducted into AIEE/IRE. A talented man, he shall be missed by family and friends.

#### Class of 1962 Presidential Public Service Award for 2010 Presented

Class President Stuart Freedman and Vice President Barry Pavelec were in attendance

when Rutgers President Richard McCormick presented the Class of 1962 Presidential Public Service Award to Professor Asela Laguna-Diaz of Rutgers Newark. This year's award recognizes Professor Laguna-Diaz' public service efforts in the Newark community with focus on that city's Portugese population.

She was a driving force behind efforts to bring Portuguese literary and cultural activities to the Rutgers-Newark campus, which is located in a city that boasts the largest Portuguese community in New Jersey and one of the largest Portuguese populations in North America. She also has been involved in successful efforts to establish a major in Portuguese studies at Rutgers-Newark.

Dr. Laguna-Diaz holds the master and doctorate degree in arts from the University of Illinois, and the B.A. from the University of Puerto Rico.

Dick Matullo and his wife, Annette, have lived in Atlanta for 20 years after 20 in Chicago. He started Ultra Media, Inc. a media planning/buying service in 2002, and hopes for better business this year. Check out his web site at www.ultramediainc.com. Dick had been in touch with John Pierantozzi, but no details.

Bill Lyons reports that Clem Izzi, exudes an uncommon joy. Quoted on his old high school website, Clem said: "Anyway, love life...Now paraplegic and blind but still enjoying everything I can do and to heck with what I can't." Bill celebrated his 70th birthday on May 23, 2010. His daughter, Lenore, organized what I'm sure was a gala event to which family and, perhaps, friends were invited. More details will be shared when I get them.

# **April 2010**

Phi Epsilon Pi brothers and Class of '62 members gather at the home of Alan Sacks in Amaganstt, NY on April 24, 2010. Front row: Ezra Weisman, Stuart Freedman, Barney Hoffman. Back Row: Alan Sacks, Mel Miller The paddle is an antique from 1951 found by a friend of Stuart. Those pictured are antiques too, but that is another story. Also at the Phi Ep weekend gathering in the Hamptons were Gene Sager '61, Harry Riskin '61 Ron Bush '60, Lenny Rosenberg '60, Shelly Cohen '59

# January 2010

Class president Stuart Freedman reports that Don Resnicoff, formerly Senior Assistant Attorney General of the District of Columbia, is now with the DC law firm of Finkelstein Thompson LLC. Don, a stellar musician, continues to play. Stuart has asked him to pull together a group to play music of the 60's at our 50th reunion party in May, 2012. Other practicing musicians in the class willing to discuss sharing their music at the reunion may email Stuart at sjfreedman@nmmlaw.com.

Stuart and the other class officers would like to make our 50th Reunion special. They are open to suggestions both for activities and for class clothing to distinguish our class at reunion events, including the parade. One idea of Stuart's: blue blazers with khaki or grey slacks plus a fedora-style hat. The blazers would have a class-identifying emblem, either on the pocket or lapel. Rest assured that, in time, donations for a generous class gift will be sought, both to honor the class and to assist the university.

As this column was written, Stuart was about to attend the homecoming football game with Mel Miller. They also were to review homecoming activities for reunion ideas. Stuart keeps in touch with Alan Sacks, Mel Miller and other Phi Eps, and recently served as Alan's attorney in the sale of his pediatric dental practice. Alan, not ready to retire, continues to practice part-time. Finally, Stuart shared the good news that his daughter, Jacqueline D. Freedman DC '2000, has begun her second year as the school psychologist for the middle school in Fairlawn.

Years ago, Richard Anderson initiated the Class of 62 Public Service Awards. Nominations are sought for candidates to receive the Rutgers College Class of 1962 Presidential Public Service Award in May, 2010. Up to two awards will be made, each including a \$2500 honorarium. Faculty, staff and students may be nominated before the deadline of January 22.

Alan Osur and his wife, Lisa, sold both their homes in Colorado Springs despite the lousy economy this year. Married after each had been widowed years ago, Alan and Lisa's beautiful new home has a view that includes the Air Force Academy chapel across the valley. Alan knows that campus well, having taught history there off and on for many years. He also enjoyed serving as head coach of the women's varsity rugby team, taking them to the playoffs several years, and coaching them to at least one national championship.

Alan, one of whose careers was with Lexis-Nexis, loves teaching history the best, I sense. He does so with great knowledge and enthusiasm, not only at the Air Force Academy, but also at Regis College and the University of Colorado, both in Colorado Springs. Hobbies include tennis, hiking and archeological digs. A student of the Civil War, Alan has relics from Gettysburg. Also a student of Middle Eastern antiquity, he has enjoyed several digs in Israel. His Iron Age artifacts from Bethsaida, found during a trip in 2006, are favorites. He passes around various items, including unfired Civil War bullets, to students to give them a feel for history beyond the printed page and the Internet. Alan and Lisa, a high school teacher fluent in French, were due to visit France during July and to return to Israel for more digging. Best wishes to you both.

I'm sorry to report the passing of Jesse Lee Dogan last February.

# **July 2009**

Dick Hull wrote to share news: "I've just finished 42 years of teaching at NYU and am enjoying it too much to contemplate retirement any time soon. Jo and I were in Ghana in February seeing old friends and giving lectures at the national university. My most recent book came out last month, entitled Jews and Judaism in African History. It's sure to be provocative, especially my chapter on the Atlantic Slave Trade. The book begins in antiquity and ends in the 21st century. It's available through the web at www.markuswiener.com." Dick and Jo live not far from the Chester/Sugar Loaf exit of NY Rte 17.

Bill Hausler wrote to share an article written by his son, Eric, about the NY Rangers and their 1994 Stanley Cup victory. Eric, who writes for The Wall Street Journal, shares his dad's love of hockey, so the article was special for both. It appeared on a website where horse racing articles by Eric have been posted. The web address is: www.thefanzine.com/articles/sport/334/this one will last a lifetime.

Digby Diehl was saddened by news of Ken Gorelick's passing and mentioned that Ken had visited him in LA about four years ago. They hung out at the Getty Museum one afternoon, recalling their days in Leupp Hall as freshmen. Details of Ken's life may be found elsewhere on this website as well as at: http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/06/18/AR2009061803735.html. Digby, who remains in touch with Arthur McDermott and Tino Mattoli, among others, said that he and his wife, Kay, once went to Rome to visit their daughter, at that time a Columbia undergrad, and saw Tino, as well. I'm sure he gave the Diehl's a great tour of Rome. Digby and Kay, who say "there's no retirement in the writing biz," have done a book on the Budweiser Clydesdales for Anheuser-Busch called The Great Tradition; the autobiography of Bob Barker of "Price is Right" fame that was on the NYTimes best seller list for weeks; a rewrite of a book by a noted brain surgeon (Dr. Keith Black), and are finishing Patti Lupone's autobiography. They're also helping "the Gen Y guy," Jason Dorsey, write How to Y-Size Your Business. Thanks for all the news, Digby.

Larry Gettleman wrote to lament the passing of Ken Gorelick and two other classmates, neither of whose deaths I'd known. Robert Tucker, a very popular high school teacher at Hastings H.S. in Hastings-on-Hudson, NY passed away of brain cancer in September of 2008. A great deal of information honoring his life were posted at the following sites: http://matt.baya.net/robert-tucker-retirement-book and http://www.art-cetera.com/hastings/memories/teachers/tucker.htm.

Our sympathies go to Linda, Bob's wife. She had reported to Larry that Stanley Wang had died in a biking accident, but I have no details to share. Larry, Bob and Stanley were fraternity brothers along with David Stern '63, the well-known commissioner of the NBA. College ties do last our lifetimes and mean a great deal, as one can tell from Larry's comments.

Larry, himself, was honored with a Distinguished Faculty Award for Community Service by the University of Louisville in April. After graduation from Rutgers, Larry went to the Harvard School of Dental Medicine (DMD, 1966), and St. Louis University (DMD 1968) for post-doctoral work. He was recruited for an active duty research position with the US Public Health Service in San Francisco and returned to the Harvard faculty as assistant professor from 1971-76. He moved to the LSU School of Dentistry and Gulf South Research Institute in New Orleans, before joining the UofL faculty in 1990. He has maintained a private practice of dentistry and prosthodontics, and has 65 research publications, 5 book chapters, 139 research abstracts, and 3 patents. He has mentored 31 pre- and post-doctoral degree students and is a fellow of 3 honor societies. He is a reviewer for NIH study sections and is on the editorial boards of 5 professional biomaterials and prosthodontic journals. He is the principal investigator of a \$2.9 million multicenter NIH clinical trial research grant in maxillofacial prosthetics.

Larry's community activities in Louisville include the regional science fairs and the Kentucky Science Fair Endowment, Kentucky Opera and Kentucky Shakespeare organizations, public radio, neighborhood improvement associations, the Harvard Club of Louisville, Temple Shalom, the US Marine Hospital, Red Cross apheresis, Courier-Journal Forum Fellow, and several automobile and flying clubs. Professional groups include dental societies, research societies such as Sigma Xi, Friends of the Kornhauser Library, and as advisor to student fraternities. He has been married to Ricky for 45 years, has 2 children and 5 grandchildren.

## **June 2009**

We are saddened to have to pass along the news that Ken Gorelick, 67 of Washington, DC, a psychiatrist, educator, writer, and poet, succumbed to brain cancer peacefully at his residence June 8, 2009. His obituary follows, preceded by a poem he wrote about his very successful, very fulfilled life. Our valedictorian, he made the most of his brilliance and exemplified the best of human values:

Looking back I feel my life has been right No second-guessing that this or that might have been better, No ache that I might have climbed higher mountains. I am in a generous leisurely mood with myself Filled with gratitude and awe for what has been, The gifts, the luck, the love.

Ken was born in Paterson, NJ, on April 16, 1942, to the late Irving and Sylvia (Glassman) Gorelick.

In May 2009, the Washingtonian magazine featured him in an article entitled "The Doctor as Patient." From his unique perspective as a medical doctor, psychiatrist, and patient, he continued to teach to inform medical students and physicians to bring knowledge and sympathetic treatment to patients, and to make always the human connection.

Ken graduated first in the Class of 1962 at Rutgers College, was Phi Beta Kappa, was a member of the Henry Rutgers Society, won a Fulbright Scholarship to France, and graduated from Harvard Medical School, where he also did his psychiatry residency. On the psychiatry faculty of St. Elizabeths Hospital/DC Commission on Mental Health Services, He was Chief of Continuing Medical Education and Vice-Chair for the Residency Training Program. He was a Board Certified Psychiatrist in private practice, a Clinical Instructor at Harvard Medical School, and a Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at George Washington University, awarded Professor Emeritus status.

He was president of the National Association for Poetry Therapy, lectured at numerous national and international psychiatric conferences, as well as in graduate programs. On the editorial boards of several professional journals, he is widely published in diverse fields including the history of psychiatry, Jung and Kafka, and the uses of literature in therapy. An expert historian on St. Elizabeths, he presented the keynote address at its 150th anniversary celebration. He was a Diplomat of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology and a Distinguished Life Fellow, American Psychiatric Association.

He was a recognized scholar and a generous mentor, colleague and friend, blessed with a superb wit and an appreciation for the human condition. He possessed deep wisdom and insight into human nature, and showed exceptional levels of kindness, compassion, and gentleness. Ken was intellectually brilliant and professionally accomplished, a man of renaissance interests. He was a philanthropist, particularly dedicated to the arts, and served on the Opera Board, The Chautauqua Institution.

Ken is survived by his wife, Cheryl Opacinch Gorelick of Washington, DC, a sister, Arlene Taub and her husband Joseph Taub of Englewood, NJ, a niece, Michelle Taub Tesser and her husband, Scott of Norwood, New Jersey, a nephew, Marc Taub and his wife, Karen of Chappaqua, New York, great-nieces, great-nephews, and other relatives.

Donations may be made to the Drs. Kenneth & Cheryl Gorelick Fund, The Community Foundation for the National Capital Region, 1201 15th Street, NY Suite 420,

Washington, DC 20005.

#### Class of 1962 Presidential Public Service Award for 2009 Presented

Phylis J. Peterman, PhD, associate professor and chairperson of the Department of Social Work, College of Arts and Sciences, Newark, was honored with the Rutgers College Class of 1962 Presidential Public Service Award for her commitment to inclusive and racially integrated communities, including her work with the South Orange/Maplewood Community Coalition on Race and her leadership of the South Orange Civic Organization in its struggle against segregation in housing.

The award honors members of the faculty, student body, or staff for volunteer service to government, professional and scholarly organizations, or the public and includes a \$2,500 honorarium.

The presentation was made May 6 at the home of Rutgers President Richard L.McCormick by Class of 1962 President Stuart J. Freedman and Vice President Barry Pavelec.

Dr. Peterman teaches courses in social work practice and direct practice sequences, as well as multicultural and diversity issues. In recognition of her outstanding teaching, she has previously been awarded the Teacher of the Year award by the Rutgers University Newark College of Arts and Sciences. In 2001, Dr. Peterman won the Warren I. Sussman Excellence in Teaching Award.

Writing to the class after receiving the award Dr. Peterman said:

"I am most honored to have been selected as the 2009 recipient of the College Class of 1962 Presidential Public ervice Award. I was quite surprised and humbled to receive the recognition. Your generosity and commitment to this ongoing effort is a testament to your belief in the power and importance of public service.

Continued success in your efforts. You represent Rutgers well and serve as wonderful role models for the acknowledgment and promotion of public service."

#### **Other News**

Sheldon Schultz emailed from Florida to alert us to his new real estate sales website. It's at www.sgschultz.com and covers all of Florida with links to each region. The site takes advantage of photos of properties along with data. Give it a look. Sheldon, an avid tennis player and sun-admirer, is full of good and friendly advice to those interested in taking

advantage of good housing prices in our challenged economy. I'm told there are an exceptional number of properties in Florida, never more affordable, that Sheldon would be very happy to enlighten us about and, of course, to make available.

J. Revell Carr wrote to share news from Santa Fe. After Rutgers, Revell spent five years as a naval officer. He next did graduate work at Penn, then enjoyed 31 years at Mystic Seaport's Museum of America and the Sea, first as Chief Curator, then 23 years as President and Director. He retired to Santa Fe in '01, wrote All Brave Sailors, published in '04. His second book, Seeds of Discontent - Deep Roots of the American Revolution, was published in '08, and a third book is underway. One son, Revell, teaches ethnomusicology at UNC-Greensboro and has a background in folklore, as well. He has written for Voices: the Journal of New York Folklore, among others. Revell's other son, Geordie, makes wine in Sonoma and, with his wife, Mieko, celebrated the birth of a daughter in November '08. In addition to working for a small winery called Enkidu (from the Tale of Gilgamesh), Geordie also has begun marketing his own wine, titled "Bump" after his mother's maiden name. That follows "Carr," a wine honoring his dad's name. Classmate Revell teaches Elderhostel courses on cruise ships several weeks each year. He likens the vast seascapes to the mountain-bounded desert expanses of New Mexico.

Arthur McDermott and his wife, Margaret, living in Denver, have been very busy with family, business and travel this past year and shared a terrific photo of all their children, spouses and grandchildren - an impressive brood. They celebrated their 25th anniversary by getting out of town and staying at a nice place down in Manitou Springs, not far from Colorado Springs where Alan Osur lives with his wife, Lisa. Arthur and Margaret, who keep in touch with Tino Mattoli (Rome) and Digby Diehl (Anaheim), traveled to Europe in January to attend the wedding of Gallia, the oldest daughter of Arthur's brother, Keith '66. He lives in London with his wife, Isabelle. She's from Geneva, Switzerland, and that's where the wedding was held. Following that, Arthur and Margaret cruised down the Danube from Nuremburg to Budapest, enjoying several pleasant stops along the way including Vienna. In Passau, they drank beer in an abbey whose monks have been brewing it since 1100 (yup, that's 909 years ago - practice, practice, practice!).

To deal with all that vacation food and drink plus the pressure of their real estate and construction business, the McDermotts have been working with an exercise physiologist who visits thrice weekly to put them through exercises in their home gym. It's been a six-year commitment that has paid excellent health dividends. Being in good shape made Art and his wife's trip to Copper Canyon, Mexico, survivable, he said. They hiked from 8 to 14 miles a day with a guided group of ten, enjoying great scenery in a canyon deeper in spots than our Grand Canyon. Here's hoping Arthur and Margaret will have many more years of successful ventures and happy times.

Bill and Gail Hausler, retired in Summerville, S.C., went back to NJ around Christmas to celebrate son, Eric's, birthday. All three sons were there - Eric, Bill and Peter - plus their

spouses and kids. Son Peter, who writes for the Wall Street Journal, lives in Brooklyn with is wife and two daughters. They are bi-lingual in English and Ukrainian, courtesy of his wife and in-laws. Eric lives in Linwood and works for Trump Entertainment. His two boys, ages 6 and 8, love sports and are always on the go. Son Bill has a 16-year-old daughter and a 14-year-old son, also very athletic kids. My notes on Bill's career went missing, but I hope to find them later. Bill, Sr., loves golfing near his home in S.C. and watches as much soccer and hockey as Gail will allow! He also keeps up with Rutgers sports that make it to TV.

Sam Mudie, who lives near Mammoth Mountain, California, loves to ski. He was looking forward to hosting his annual Old Boys Ski Week at his home in February. Jay Kowalski was expected, but Sam's brother, Chas, and Marv Engle scratched because of injuries. Glad Sam is still gliding those trails in winter and biking the roads in summer.

Tino Mattoli travels between homes in Rome and Santiago, Chile, for business and pleasure. He sent great photos of himself and grandchildren near Lake Vichuquen in the southern Lake District of Chile. His five grown sons live in Chile. When it's winter here, it's summer there - I highly recommend a trip to that beautiful place.

I'm sorry to report that Louis Henry DiSalvo passed away in May of 2008. At RU, he played football and was vice president of Scarlet Rifles. Sorry I have no additional information but welcome what others may know for me to share.

FYI, our new class officers are as follows:

Stuart J. Freedman, President; Barry J. Pavelec, V.P; Richard Anderson, Treasurer; Tony Oliva, Secretary & Reunion Chairman: Roger Wyman, Class Agent; Geoffrey Gould, Correspondent; Joe Nazzaro, John Hendricks, and Barnett Hoffman: Members of the Board.

### **Fall 2008**

George Billy wrote to share news of a new book he co-authored with his daughter, Christine. It's titled Merchant Mariners at War and subtitled "An Oral History of World War II." More information and a cover photo follows. George has been Chief Librarian at the United States Merchant Marine Academy for 24 years. His daughter recently graduated from Harvard Law School. Kudos are due the Billy's for their very interesting work.

Bill Lyons wrote to say that he is nearing retirement, with hopes of terminating the lobbying registration for his last client by year's end. He has commuted between home at the Jersey shore and Washington, DC, for many years. With his five-year retirement plan

now in its 13th year, he's finally going to do it! He and his wife, Joan, will have more time for walks on the beach, reading, and other pursuits. Joan has become very athletic in the course of rehabbing herself after a heart attack. She's more fit and trim than ever, Bill says, and can paddle a kayak with the best. Bravo! Bill also noted that he had reconnected with Rutgers Professor Emeritus Herb Kells, author of 100+ books, etc. in the natural and social sciences, a man who contributed much to RU before doing educational consulting in Europe for 20 years.

Bill reported that old friend and classmate Clem Izzi continues to be a model of resilience and good spirit, not letting his blindness and paraplegia keep him from enjoying life and helping others. With the aid of his caregiver, Clem motors around and traveled from his home in New Hampshire to attend the funeral Mass of his high school football coach in New Brunswick.

I got a nice note and photos from Richard Blumstein, now living in Potomac, MD. He retired from the US Air Force in '82, after 20 years including tours in Vietnam, Thailand and Korea. He worked for Science Applications International Corp. (SAIC), one of many government contractors nicknamed "Beltway Bandits" he said. Key among his roles in 23 years at SAIC was oversight of Strategic Offensive Arms Elimination in the former Soviet Union, as part of the U.S. Cooperative Threat Reduction Program. He sent an Excel file showing his team's progress - elimination of 517 SLBM missiles, 408 SLBM launchers, 27 SSBNs, 132 Bombers, 725 nuclear arms, and 194 nuclear test tunnels and boreholes sealed. That's a lot of progress, and it's nice to see real numbers instead of vague generalizations. Now, about Iran and North Korea...Richard, I bet you're glad to be retired from all that. Despite a serious stroke in March of '07 that left him partially paralyzed, Richard has been able to walk with a cane and never lost his ability to speak or to reason. He cautions folks about diet and exercise to keep those arteries clear. On a bright note, Richard and his wife, the former Beatrice Berger (DC '63), shared photos of granddaughter, Tessa Lily Cooper. Keeping busy as the president of his local citizens association, Richard is clearly another "glass is half full" guy and we wish him continued happiness.

#### **Earlier News:**

Ken Link thinks he has settled into his final retirement mode. He retired from 15 years uniform and 25 years civilian Air Force in 1995. He worked the next 10 years in his own tractor business in his 1,700-acre equestrian neighborhood in Palm Beach County, Florida. He sold that and his rental properties, quit farming and is down to one horse and two cats in a house he built In 1982. He and and his wife Liz have a 1977 GMC RV and enjoy 8 or 9 short trips and one longer trip each year. They visit Liz's family in Switzerland, thanks to their son, Stefano who has worked for Delta Airlines for many years. Church, friends, clubs, Ken being a volunteer sheriff and their neighborhood keep

them busy and happy.

#### Winter 2007

It's hard to believe our 45th reunion is already behind us. It was a good time. It was especially good to see the healthiness of those in attendance as well as the level of activity that keeps us feeling vigorous. Many classmates have not yet retired and those who have keep busy with a range of activities, staying in shape, service to others and spending time with children and grandchildren. Before we know it, our 50th reunion will be upon us. Stay healthy and save your stock market earnings for a nice class gift. In the meantime, don't forget our Class of '62 Public Service Awards founded years ago by Richard Anderson, president of the NY Building Congress. Those awards can use your financial support. Just send a check to the Rutgers University Foundation, earmarked for the awards.

I'm very happy to report that Alan Osur, whose first wife died from cancer years ago, remarried in July. Alan and Lisa Benhammou and their families have attended the same synagogue and observed Jewish holidays together since 1984. They got to know each other even better after each became single again and are now happily married in Colorado Springs. Alan has stepped down from coaching the US Air Force Academy women's varsity rugby squad after 12 very successful years. His parting gesture at the rugby banquet? His farewell speech to the 40-member team was followed by his marriage proposal to Lisa! The Osurs have five grown children between them. Somehow, all seven of them plus the rabbi fit together under the marriage hoopa! When not teaching history at the Air Force Academy (which he loves to do), Alan plays tennis and hikes. He and Lisa have already climbed one 14,000-foot mountain (called 14ers out there) in Colorado with two more planned for fall. Alan's agreement was to read a Harry Potter book for each mountain Lisa agreed to climb! We wish all seven of them much happiness.

Bill Hausler, retired in Summerville, South Carolina, wrote to say he and his wife, Gail, were in NJ last summer for their granddaughter, Rachel's, graduation from 8th grade. Bill plays golf three times a week and couldn't wait to see the Rutgers football team resume its winning ways.

## November 2007

Kroll Named 2007 Winner of the President Gerald R. Ford
Legendary Center Award
Class of 1962 Rutgers great honored Jan. 12 in Lincoln, Nebraska

Alex Kroll, RC '62, who was an All-America center and linebacker at Rutgers, has been named the 2007 winner of the President Gerald R. Ford Legendary Center Award.

To be considered for the President Gerald R. Ford Legendary Center Award candidates must have either played the Center position at the collegiate or professional level; made extraordinary contributions to his team during his football career; or have proven to be an exemplary citizen, philanthropist or business leader.

"It is a thrill and an honor just to be named in the same paragraph with President Ford, Dave Rimington and Jim Otto," said Kroll. "Of course, the award means a great deal to me. I loved playing center. Ever since I was a 13 year old, 115 pound high school freshman, spending hours snapping footballs through an old rubber tire, I loved (and sweated) the uniqueness of the position – the special tests, challenges and responsibilities it gave me."

Kroll is the third winner of the award – following Ford (2005) and Jim Otto (2006). Kroll will be presented the award at this season's Rimington Trophy banquet, scheduled for Jan. 12 in Nebraska. The Rimington Trophy, named for former Nebraska All-America center Dave Rimington, honors the top center in college football.

"Alex Kroll is truly a legendary center on and off of the field," said Dave Rimington. "His accomplishments on the playing field at Rutgers and in the business world at Young and Rubicam are exceptional. His establishment of programs such as "Play It Smart" illustrates his tireless commitment to improving the lives of others around him. We are pleased to recognize Alex as this year's recipient of the President Gerald R. Ford Legendary Center Award," said Dave Rimington.

Kroll was a Henry Rutgers Scholar in English Literature, captained Rutgers' first undefeated football team and was named to every All-American football team as a center and linebacker after the 1961 season. He played one year as a starting lineman for the New York Titans (now Jets.)

Kroll then joined the Young & Rubicam advertising agency and spent his entire business career there, rising from "cub" copywriter in 1963 to worldwide Creative Director in 1970 and Chief Executive Officer and Chairman in 1985.

At Young & Rubicam, Kroll oversaw the United Negro College Fund advertising from its inception. The campaign has helped raise over two billion dollars in scholarship money for the 41 historically black colleges. He also served both as Chairman of the American Association of Advertising and, in 1996 and 1997, as Chairman of the Advertising Council, the organization which produces most of the important public service advertising in the US.

At the end of 1994, Kroll retired as Chairman and CEO of Y & R, then the largest employee-owned marketing communications company in the world. It's subsidiaries included Burson-Marstellar Public Relations, Wunderman Direct Marketing, Sudler and Henessey Medical Communications, Landor Design, and Young & Rubicam Advertising, each a leader in its field. During his tenure as Chairman, the company nearly tripled in size, to over eight billion dollars in billing.

In 1997, Kroll fused his interest in sports and the problems of American youth by originating a groundbreaking program called "Play It Smart." This program is now working successfully in 140 public schools, most of them in tough, disadvantaged communities across the country. It is unique in using scholastic sports, primarily football, in a systematic way to improve academic performance and community service among the players. In the last nine years, 98% of its 25,000 participants have graduated from high school (compared to 50% in typical inner city schools) and 81% have gone on to college, 50% better than the student body overall.

Kroll has received numerous awards for his achievements. He is one of three Rutgers' players ever inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame, and in 1998 became of one of 150 advertising leaders who have been inducted in the Advertising Hall of Fame. He has been honored as a Distinguished Alumnus of Rutgers and as one of the original six members of the Rutgers' Football Hall of Fame. He has been elected to the Horatio Alger Society and been honored with the Walter Camp Distinguished American Award and the NCAA Silver Anniversary Award, given to individuals who have enjoyed outstanding careers following athletic success in college.

## **About the Rimington Trophy**

The eight-year-old trophy is presented by Canon and The Cornhusker Marriott. The award is presented by the Boomer Esiason Foundation. Esiason created his foundation in 1993 to support research and treatment of cystic fibrosis. Esiason and Dave Rimington were teammates on the Cincinnati Bengals from 1984-87. Rimington, the award's namesake, was a consensus first team All- America center at Nebraska in 1981 and 1982 during which he became the John Outland Trophy's only double winner as the nation's premiere college interior lineman.

Past recipients include Dominic Raiola (Nebraska. 2000), LeCharles Bentley (Ohio State, 2001), Brett Romberg (Miami, 2002), Jake Grove (Virginia Tech, 2003), co-winners David Baas (Michigan, 2004) and Ben Wilkerson (LSU, 2004), Greg Eslinger (Minnesota, 2005) and Dan Mozes (West Virginia, 2006). Since its inception the Rimington Trophy Award has raised over \$1.03 million for its benefactor, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. It, in turn, is hosted by the Boomer Esiason Foundation which, to date, has raised nearly \$60 million for Cystic Fibrosis research.

The Rimington Trophy is a fully accredited member of the National College Football Awards Association.

#### About the President Gerald R. Ford Legendary Center Award

The inaugural "Legendary Center Award" was presented to and named after President Gerald R. Ford who played Center at the University of Michigan. Prior to serving as the 38th President of the United States, Ford was an offensive standout for the Wolverines and was a member of the 1932 and 1933 National Championship teams, both of which went undefeated. In 1934, Ford was named the Wolverines' MVP and later starred in San Francisco's East-West Shrine Game and the Chicago Tribune College All-Star Game. In 2006 the award was presented to legendary center Jim Otto.

#### October 2007

Horton Taylor, MD, wrote with news in October from his home in Mississippi. Horton and his wife, Jean (DC 62), celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary October 15 by taking a trip to Belize. At the Annual Conference of the Mississippi Academy of Family Medicine, Horton was awarded only the second Military Service Award given by the Mississippi Academy. That was quite a surprise for him, he said, because the first one went to Brig. Gen. Al Gore who was in charge of all Army Doctors assigned to Southeast Asia during a significant part of the Vietnam War. That Al Gore was a very closely related cousin of his namesake, the Ex-VP and recent Nobel Peace Prize co-recipient. Congratulations to Horton for both happy events, and to Jean as well.

We're very sorry to report the passing of Wayne Wood on October 9. Wayne and his wife, Judy, have lived in Petaluma, California, where they have owned a very successful KOA campground. In fact, they had just retired after passing the management of the campground and related businesses to their son, Chris, last June. Wayne and Judy were in NJ in September for the celebration of his mother's 102nd birthday and spent a very pleasant afternoon with Libby and me at the South Street Seaport. At some point shortly after that, it's thought that he encountered a deer tick and contracted babesiosis, a parasitic disease so uncommon that its diagnosis wasn't made in time to save him. After college, Wayne spent several years in the Army, including an assignment at the Presidio of San Francisco that convinced him to settle in California after his discharge. He earned a masters in teaching at Rutgers, married Judy, then moved back to California, teaching high school history in Novato until opening the campground in Petaluma. A "24-7" bundle of entrepreneurial energy, Wayne will be deeply missed. Our condolences go to Judy, to their daughter Jenny and her husband, and to their son, Chris and his wife and children.

In September, Walt Hoehler provided the following news to share with classmates. We hope others will share their personal or group news for the class website and/or one of the Rutgers Magazine's three annual issues. See, for example, Larry Gettleman's interesting item on our Scrapbook Page. -- Geof Gould

A group of Lambda Chi's, class of '62, and their wives got together for a mini-reunion in September. We enjoyed good food, good wine and good friends over two days. We laughed, told stories about the good old days, and caught up on careers, marriages and kids -- make that grandchildren.

The cast of characters included; Ken Austin, former airline pilot and now small business entrepreneur, living in Vero Beach Florida; Ted Kucinsky, retired food industry executive also living in Vero Beach and enjoying the fishing and golf; Steve Matushak, retired from IBM after executive responsibilities and now living near Vail Colorado where he enjoys skiing and periodic trips to Mexico to relax and renew his tan; Dave Lewis, retired from the wholesale liquor industry, and living in Bergen County New Jersey, served as sommelier and provided the largest collection of pictures of the group in party mode in their youth. Also attending and leading the laughter were Al Nixon, retired as a senior manufacturing executive, living in Connecticut; Bob Sheridan, living in New Jersey, a Rutgers professor emeritus famous for his work on raising the Monitor, and author of the book "Iron from the Deep, The Discovery and Recovery of the USS Monitor" and Walt Hoehler, retired IT executive and management consultant, living near Easton Pa.

We spent a day at Rutgers and saw what is new in the last forty-five years, on what we knew as University Heights, Camp Kilmer, College Avenue, downtown New Brunswick, and the Douglas campus. It was very impressive to see the stadium, the Hale Center, the Zimmerli Museum, the Mason Gross School of the Arts gallery and theater complex as well as all the dorms, labs, student centers, classroom buildings and athletic facilities. (By the way, there is still at least one quonset hut in use on University Heights.)

But, even more exciting was the opportunity to hear members of the staff and faculty talk about their roles and their focus on preparing students for life after Rutgers -- Very Impressive!

There were several Lambda Chi's that could not make the get-together this time, but we are talking about a road trip to see Rutgers play football at South Florida next fall (2008) in Tampa. Any one interested in joining us, just let me know walthoehler@rcn.com. In closing, I am happy to report that all who were on campus made sure to add new RED clothing to their wardrobe and to bring home Red things for their grandchildren -- GO RU! -- Walt Hoehler

# Fall 2007

Our 45th Reunion was a delightful one! Thanks to the strong outreach of Tony Oliva, Barry Pavelec, John Hendricks, Stuart Freedman and others, dozens of us turned out for beautiful weather and a festive occasion. Thanks to Barry Pavelec, our class web site provided a series of positive messages encouraging attendance. Networking helped: Arthur McDermott from Denver and Tino Mattoli from Rome encouraged each other to fly in - both did. Class agent Roger Wyman and his wife, Vicki, a former Rutgers admissions colleague of mine, traveled from Florida.

Many came from a distance, including Sam Mudie from California. Sam's wife, Patti, an attorney, got stuck in court and stayed home...bummer! At least, Sam had his bicycle along. Seen chatting with Sam were, among others, Richard Anderson and wife Anne, Dave Brody, Jay Cranmer, Pierce Frauenheim, Joe Kowalski, Bob Vecchio and, of course, Tony Oliva. John Hendricks, Joe McGough, Richard Earl, Barney Hoffman, Don Resnikoff, Henry Ramer, Bill Stoken, Ando Merendi and Horton Taylor were among many having a nice time. Guy Dean, George Billy, Bob Hahn, George Knecht, Dick Lawrence, Jim Albach, Harris Cahn, Fred McMane, and Paul Szymanski were among those of us who enjoyed the parade and lunch. Shirley Yasbin, Barry Pavelec's sister, again carried our class banner in the parade. An RU employee, she is as loyal as if she were a class member. Thanks Shirley!

It was good to see Chris Nicholas, still with Merrill Lynch and Pete Hall, still trim as ever. I'm sure he and Jim Wakeling got to recount baseball team memories. It was great to see John Hendricks honored for his service on the Alumni Board of Trustees. He and Barney Hoffman also have given years to the Loyal Sons and Daughters award committee. Another special moment: Bill Lyons phoned Clem Izzi in New Hampshire so we could say hello. Clem, former corporate exec and college basketball fan extraordinaire, lost his mobility some years ago through the double whammy of paraplegia and blindness. Nevertheless, Clem's attitude is so positive, it should be bottled! A talented and thoughtful guy, he looks to the future with optimism and energy that is impressive.

Walter Seward '17, impressed us by attending his 90th reunion at age 110, making Paul Simonson '31, seem like a youngster at 99! Hey, the future lies ahead...let's redouble our turnout for the 50th in five short years. Tony Oliva is already looking for volunteers, so contact him at TonyOliva829@AOL.com and ask how you can help.

These 500 words barely begin to get us caught up with each other. Please send news to me for our web site between issues of the magazine. I'll do my best to keep your achievements, perspectives and good wishes for each other accessible. If I missed anyone who came to reunion, apologies, but please let me know. Stay healthy!

# **Spring 2007**

Arthur McDermott and his wife, Margaret, longtime Colorado residents, moved into Denver after many years in the suburbs. They now will have easier access to the cultural offerings of downtown Denver, some within walking distance. Still active in his multi-dimensional real estate business, Arthur has added an apartment complex in Colorado Springs to his inventory. We look forward to learning more at reunion.

Down the road an hour from Denver, Alan Osur continues to live in Colorado Springs. He is in his last year of coaching the US Air Force Academy women's varsity rugby team. He took them to national championship playoffs several years, winning at least one and maybe more national titles. An historian, Alan has taught at Regis and the University of Colorado campus in Colorado Springs. He is now teaching at the Air Force Academy. He also has worked for Shepards Law Database firm, now a division of Nexus-Lexus. Alan keeps healthy hiking and playing tennis. After losing his wife, Madelyn, to cancer some years ago, Alan has entered into a new and important relationship. We wish him and Lisa many years of happiness, with lots of traveling, hiking and enjoying the beauty of Colorado. Summer of 07 will find them attending an Osur family reunion in Oklahoma and hiking in Utah and Arizona. Alas, because of his teaching obligations, Alan will miss reunion. He will be there in spirit and wishes his friends a great time.

Tino Mattoli will join us at reunion, flying in from Rome. As I write this, I know Tino is hoping to encourage classmates Al Bacardi and Luciano Eminente to join us in May. All of you undecided gents out there - it would be great to see you in New Brunswick in May, about the nicest time of year "on the banks."

John Dryfuss wrote from his home in Gainesville, Florida to share news. John's practice of medicine/ophthalmology keeps him both busy and happy. He also still enjoys flying. He bought a new Cesna 172 this year and uses it to get to his vacation home in the mountains of eastern North Carolina, wisely escaping some of Florida's summer scorchers. John is rightfully proud of his son, Christopher, a graduate of U-T Austin. Christopher was both an All American swimmer and NCAA event winner. John keeps in touch with Craig Jurgenson who is in the process of retiring from medicine. We hope to see Craig at reunion to learn more about his plans.

Larry Gettleman, professor of dentistry, etc., at the University of Louisville promised to consider bringing his slides of our undergraduate days at Rutgers. Let's hope he does.

No matter the time of year, please send me your news. I will share it in the magazine and/or on our class web site. I hope to see you at reunion and gather more news to share. I can be reached via email at ggould@binghamton.edu or at 500 Magnolia Dr., Vestal, NY 13850-2526.

#### Winter 2006

Allen Nixon shared news from Farmington, Ct.. Trained as an engineer, Al spent 38 years with the Torrington Company, a division of Ingersoll Rand making bearings and other precision parts for auto and other industries. Al retired after a fulfilling eight-year stint as president. His wife of 43 years, Eileen, and he enjoy more time with their four daughters and grandkids. A volunteer with SCORE, Allen also enjoys tennis, golf and skiing. He visited Steve Matushak, a Lambda Chi brother, in Colorado where Steve, retired from corporate planning at IBM, sells real estate and is back to skiing and tennis after back surgery. We just keep on ticking!

Sheldon "Shelly" Schultz wrote from Florida where he lives, plays tennis and, like Steve Matushak, sells real estate. To beat summer sales doldrums, Shelly sold a building he owned in NJ and exchanged a building there for another in Florida. He said about 1,000 people move to Florida daily and only 400 leave. Even "hurricane stress" hasn't tipped the balance. Is it the power of sunshine? Shelly is practiced at putting up shutters for hurricanes, so it's become routine. As September began, he had just removed them following Hurricane Ernesto's departure and was off to the tennis courts.

Shelly's daughter, Debra, is Director of Client Support Services for Wave2Wave Communications, a provider of high speed wired and broadband services. Her husband, Mark, is an attorney. Shelly's son, Steven, is a vp and branch manager for Oppenheimer & Co. in Palm Beach Gardens. His wife, Alicia, teaches in Palm Beach County.

Now retired, the Rev. Charles Cesaretti subs as pastor of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Montrose, Pa. A newspaper article last spring described Cesaretti's work coordinating the gathering and distribution of 450 Easter dinners for needy families. Charles' career led him to Jerusalem, Tehran and other places in the Middle East, Africa, and Central America "building bridges among people." He has led a life of active service, benefiting his community and many others.

Joe McGough reports that he and his wife, Verlinda, are happy and productive at work. Neither is ready to retire. Joe thrives as Director of Corporate Operations and Marketing for Daniel Frankfurt, PC, an engineering and architectural firm with clients primarily in the transportation sector of New York public agencies. Verlinda loves teaching special education in a bilingual setting. Daughter, Elena, has a BA from Georgetown and an MS in War Studies from Kings College, London. She works for federal government contractors in security analysis. Son, Thomas, is an award-winning union carpenter whose side business often puts dad to work with a broom!

Please plan to attend our 45th Reunion next May 11-13. Watch our class web site for

details: www.rutgers62.org. Thanks to Barry Pavelec for maintaining it so well.

# Spring 2006

Class president Tony Oliva asked me to strongly encourage all classmates to crank up their generosity as we approach our 45th reunion in 2007. Pulling together a significant class gift takes considerable effort and time. Tony urges us to make our Class of '62 Public Service Awards, begun by Dick Anderson years ago, a very high priority. Many fine university faculty, staff and students have been honored and our class has been quite visible as a major donor for this highly regarded awards program.

It's also fine if you prefer to donate to your favorite campus fund. Walt Hoehler emailed about the Foundation and Scarlet R's plan to sell bricks for a walkway and statue at the stadium to commemorate the first college football game. Walt will help buy a brick to honor classmates who played on the undefeated Fall 1961 team and that's great. Tony Oliva and other officers will advise us about refining Walt's idea, given uncertainty about how many bricks we'd need to honor those from our class who were on the team and if we could team up to buy them. The class website will have further information soon, so please check it out. If you have questions or suggestions, send them to Barry Pavelec at the web site. An effort to help fund the purchase of a carillon, supported by Barry and our reunion committee in 2002, has been on hold. We'll let you know if the project is reactivated.

Dave Leland and his wife, Dorothy, recently moved from San Diego to Denver. After a 25-year career with Mobil Oil, he joined SAIC in '95 and "semi-retired" in '05. One of Dave and Dorothy's son's and his family live in Boulder, making time with grandkids a happy part of life in the Rockies. Another son resides in San Diego, a great spot for avid golfers like the Lelands. Sounds like they've got the best of places to go between.

Bill Hausler finally retired from many, many years of school and college soccer refereeing. After managing games for kids of many ages, Bill's Achilles tendon and other muscles screamed for a break. Bill loves hockey and follows the Atlanta Thrashers from his home in South Carolina. He has hockey to watch and golf to play, when the tendon behaves. That's not a bad retirement regimen, and Bill is an avid reader too.

Alexander Everitt of Lafayette retired last October after 25 years of working the midnight shift at the Sussex County Jail. His day job was and is working on his family's fruit farm, selling cider and apples from their orchard between October and late spring. We wish him a happy retirement and acres of healthy apple blossoms each spring.

Richard Welsh of Rosemont reports that he is semi-retired from Welshes Wines of Stockton after 44 years. Alan Osur, widowed a year ago, still coaches the US Air Force Academy women's varsity rugby powerhouse, teaches history, and also has a day job!

Very sadly, I must report the passing of Jim Richardson in March, 2006. Jim practiced law in Watchung, had been a prosecutor and municipal court judge, and was active in his church and community. His leadership as editor-in-chief of the Scarlet Letter impressed us. A thoughtful, generous man, Jim shared vintage photos from his archives at one reunion. Many took home treasures from campus days, including hockey club photos I value greatly. Jim was a loyal Sig Ep and a good friend to many. His family members, including two sons, will miss him the most, but we also will miss him greatly. Finally, my personal thanks to Tino Mattoli, his wife and sons for the great hospitality they showed me during a visit to their home in Santiago, Chile, last November. Spring in Chile sure beats winter in Binghamton! Please send me your news when you can.

#### **Fall 2005**

Barry Pavelec has left the editor's desk of 1766 to make time for a new family business. Barry's writing and editing skills brought "the other Rutgers magazine" to new heights, and he deserves a big round of applause, at the very least. He continues to tend our class web site at www.Rutgers62.org, a very valuable service. I also could use news from more of you, please.

Richard Hull, professor of history at NYU, was named Orange County, NY's, Revered Citizen for 2005. Dick earned that unique distinction for three books he has written on Orange County history and for his lifelong devotion to the area. Known for his talent, generosity and kindness, Dick's scholarly work on African life has taken him abroad countless times to do research, speak or consult. More information shared by Dick and Larry Gettleman, among others, will be put on our class web site. Each kindly sent more than I could pack into the understandable but confining 500-word column limit.

Dr. Larry Gettleman, Professor of Prosthodontics & Biomaterials at the University of Louisville's School of Dentistry, emailed that his son's wife recently had a second son, Jacob Joseph, joining Charles Benjamin, 4. Larry's daughter, Jacki RC'89, and husband, Marc Samolsky RC '88, have two sons and a daughter. Larry is busy as ever, teaching, serving as principal investigator of a multi-center NIH clinical trial grant to test a facial prosthetic rubber material he helped develop, flying his C172, playing Bb clarinet in the New Orleans Jazz Club (since 1981!), serving as technician of the local Jaguar Driver's Club and treasurer of the Mercedes-Benz Club. He's still active in Sigma Alpha Mu plus a large number of civic and charitable pursuits. Larry is a dedicated, energetic leader, sharing his talents to benefit his community.

Walter LeVine, a Florham Park attorney, is Acting Director of the Consumer Affairs Office in Livingston. Walter also serves on several committees. His children, Elissa and

Evan, are now 22 and 21, respectively. It's good to have your news, Walter.

Bill Lyons lost his lease on K Street and moved to the Railway Express Building in the Capitol Hill area of DC. A popular path to his new office is literally across the tracks from Union Station. AMTRAK taught Bill that trains have the right of way, to help avoid injuries or, more likely, to spare them lawsuits. Those diesels don't have cowcatchers, do they Bill?

Bob and Charlene La Tourette are still with Regency Real Estate Brokers and Legacy Home Loans, working hard to keep California buyers and sellers happy. They attend Saddleback Valley Community Church, whose pastor, Rick Warren, wrote the book, Purpose Driven Life. Bob and Char are pre-marital counselors, keeping very busy.

Sadly, Ernest Brassfield has died. Ernie lived in Antelope, CA, with his wife, Felecia. Their sons, Robert Straley and Troy Brassfield, live in LA. After leaving the Air Force as a captain, Ernie spent 22 years with the US Post Office. He is remembered as a "truly multi-talented, vivacious man who made everyone's world a little brighter..."

# **Spring 2005**

Digby Diehl reports that his college roomie, Bernie Mogelever, still lives and works in NYC where Kay and Digby's daughter, Dylan, attends Columbia. Bernie is a semi-retired PR exec. His wife, Diane, is a consultant for women's magazines, with expertise in food-how nice! Digby, I bet those California winter storms made you miss bucolic New Jersey more than ever! Sam Mudie wrote about shoring up the dirt behind his Malibu home; no big mud slides on his block, thank goodness, but lots of work to keep the hillside steady.

Herb Williams sent a new email address to share with us. To dodge spammers, he's chosen xboxman@aug.com. Herbie loves retirement and, when his wife's hip replacement heals, they'll be back on the dance floor. Visualize lots of happy beta endorphins flowing to the rhythm of a Fox Trot! Herb serves as VP of the Maritime Estates II homeowners association in Palm Coast, Florida, belongs to the Elks Club, and says that not having to see Rutgers play Miami in football any longer has added years to his life!

Tino Mattoli emailed a bunch of photos of his son, Agostino's, October wedding (he and Patrizia have five sons). Wow, what a bunch of dancers in that group! Santiago, Chile, looks like a great place to party as well as to make a living. Tino splits his time between Santiago and Rome, keeping busy with a variety of business activities, hosting friends, and enjoying life fully with Roman vigor.

John Hendricks shared the sad news that John Jakubowski died in January. John worked

for Merck as a group leader in industrial biocides, then as director of quality and productivity for Cambrex Corp. He retired in '94 as technical services manager at Troy Chemical. John was very active in Middlesex County, receiving a Jaycees Total Quality Emmy Award among others. He coached basketball and taught at Our Lady of Mount Virgin church, coached Pop Warner football and Little League baseball and will be sorely missed by his wife, Yolanda, family and friends.

During an exchange about digital cameras, Sheldon Schultz told me he has joined Prudential Florida WCI Realty in Boynton Beach. He got tired of just tennis, bowling, reading and dining out, so back to work. Shelly's high energy level and enthusiasm will serve clients well. Anyone planning property acquisition in Florida may email him at bocabelly@adelphia.net and view his web site at www.sgschultz.com. His home is in Bellagio at Lake Worth. He says the lake he lives on features a regular 4:00 pm parade of alligators -- toothy grins but no top hats to go with the tails. Shelly and his wife, Ina's daughter is VP of sales and marketing for CSN telecomm. She and her family live in Suffern, NY. Her brother and his family live in Boca where he works for Merrill Lynch. His wife and he do triathlons, some for "fun," some for charities. Shelly cheers them on.

### Winter 2005

It's been said that friendships made in college often last a lifetime. I'm happy to confirm that. With apologies for all the "I's," here's just a partial list of this year's happenings:

Libby and I attended Wayne Wood's daughter's wedding in Calistoga, CA. in August, then spent time with Wayne and Judy at their wonderful Truckee, CA. hilltop home. It's 13 miles from Lake Tahoe where we photographed the sparkling lake and showed five of Wayne's Petaluma KOA campground workers - all international students -- the sights.

I visited Sam Mudie at home in Crowley Lake, CA., in the eastern Sierras. Called the Hilton Creek Emporium, Sam's place has a fascinating history (it was a motor inn in the '40's and '50's), plus acres of civil engineering memorabilia and natural beauty. Sam bikes, actively works for safe bicycling routes, skies at Mammoth Mountain and loves the outdoors, 50's music, and especially his handsome grandson. His wife, Patty, a Los Angeles attorney, is one of the top litigators in CA, and loves to win in court!

I visited Garden of the Gods in Colorado Springs with Alan Osur last winter and learned of his achievements as coach of the US Air Force Academy women's rugby team (NCAA champs in 2001 and 2002).

Libby and I were invited to the wedding of one of Tino and Patrizia Mattoli's five sons in Santiago, Chile in October. Alas, schedule conflicts kept us here. Tino hosted Digby

Diehl in Rome when he and Kay visited their daughter there last year and made sure Arthur McDermott's visit went well too. Tino is the only classmate I know who stays in touch with Alberto Bacardi, head of the Canadian branch of his family's rum firm.

Bill Lyons and Clem Izzi have kept in touch ever since we graduated, just as George Gussis and Alan Davis and so many others have done. I've heard from and reported on most of them in RAM over the years.

Sam Mudie keeps in close touch with Tony Oliva, Alex Kroll and others who played football during our campus years. Those relationships mean a great deal to Sam and his teammates, just as fraternity contacts kept alive by Herbie Williams' emails from Florida mean much to those in his network. Those are just a few of many ongoing relationships that stem from life 'on the banks.' Why not share some of your own for the column?

Thanks to John Hendricks, I learned that Robert Pinsky (July) and Alex Kroll (April) are quoted in the 2004-2005 Rutgers Calendar. It's a beautifully printed set of great photos and quotes intended to offer valuable lessons and important reminders. I suspect any donor will get a copy, so don't be shy about sending your check to the RAA. Send your news to me: ggould@mail.binghamton.edu.

### **Fall 2004**

Army Col. Dr. Horton Taylor wrote to share a remarkable "about - face" in his medical career. Last June, he became the oldest National Guard reservist recalled to active duty and is now at Camp Shelby in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. Senior medical officer at the new Medical Deployment Center and Troop Medical Clinic there, he "feels honored and blessed" to serve. After 13 months on active duty, he'll retire at age 65! New medical officers will benefit from Horton's calm manner and expertise. Email him at hgtaylorjr@yahoo.com. He and wife, Jean (DC'62), make their home in Ripley, MS.

A high point of Digby and Kay Diehl's visit to their daughter, Dylan, in Italy for a semester abroad from Columbia, was time with Tino Mattoli, who graciously showed them around Rome. Digby's 15th book and first novel, Soap Suds, will be published in Spring of 2005. It's a "funny send-up of the world of soap opera written with Finola Hughes." Other credits include autobiographies with Natalie Cole and Esther Williams, and he is the "as told to" writer of Coretta Scott King's forthcoming memoirs - very impressive, Digby. He stays in touch with developer Arthur McDermott of Denver, psychiatrist Ken Gorelick, who specializes in poetry therapy, and Bernie and Diane Mogelever who still live in NYC.

Carl (Chuck) Workman, who won an Oscar in '87 for "best short film, live action" put his

skills to work for this year's Academy Awards. He created the wonderful montage of clips from the late, great Bob Hope's 20 Oscar show appearances. He's created documentaries including "The Story of X"(about adult films), "The Source"(about the Beat poets), and directed "House on a Hill" starring Laura San Giacomo. He's planning to direct other film projects; if you see them first, let me know.

Richard Anderson, President of the NY Building Congress, sent me their impressive Annual Report. It features schematics of the new WTC complex and Richard's comments about visionary synergies resulting in such things as a new NBA arena, doubling of exhibition space in the Javits Center, Columbus Centre development, etc. Dick's smarts, charm and diligence have made a major contribution to rational planning and building in the NY/NY Metro area for decades, and he deserves bigtime cheers.

On a very sad note, I learned from Carl Stillwell of the passing of Sam "Ned" Hellings last April 29. Ned was a caring, popular teacher and coach and devoted family man. He taught English, ESL, and special education in Bristol (PA) Township for over 30 years. He supported Special Olympics, the Phillies, and the RU soccer and basketball teams -- he played on both 'back when.' Ned will greatly be missed by his wife, son, daughter and many others.

Clem Izzi, who retired as a business exec in 2000, developed a nasty medical condition that led to paraplegia. He's worked hard to adjust, and uses a converted Dodge Grand Caravan and wheelchair for mobility. He has been back to NJ frequently and is an avid sports fan. He credits his dedicated wife and others for keeping him feisty and active. I hope to see him at the America East basketball playoffs next March in Binghamton. Friends may reach him at clemizzi@sprynet.com.

## **Spring 2004**

I received my first copy of the Rutgers Alumni Association magazine, 1766 as I was finishing up this column. Its new editor, Barry Pavelec, has already done a super job, for the magazine looks better than ever! I hope you all got a chance to read Barry's first words to alumni, including his experience with bovine romance as a kid. Barry's also working with the Rutgers Class of 1954 in developing their reunion website for their 50th: www.rutgers54.org.

John Hendricks emailed about a happy event at a Rutgers Board of Trustees meeting. Craig Jurgensen spoke about his father, Charlie, whose 50th anniversary as a trustee was recognized that day. Though his dad's health prevented his attendance, Craig's eloquent and humorous anecdotes impressed John and others present. Craig recounted his dad's arrival at RU in the 1920's without money for tuition. The Rutgers dean apparently liked Mr. J and paid the \$20 tuition for him. Craig brought down the house, according to John,

when he repaid the \$20 to President McCormick, commenting that he was relieved that the loan had been made interest free. To be asked to remain a trustee for 50 years is an amazing feat, given the shifting sands of leaders and politics, thus Trustee Emeritus Jurgensen deserves our respect and appreciation, and his son and our classmate deserves the same for his astute comments on his father's behalf.

Jay Cranmer emailed to say the late-summer hurricane did him no harm. Buckalew's, his restaurant in Beach Haven, got wet, but sustained no damage. Anyone interested in owing a restaurant at the shore should contact Jay, as he's ready to sell. He put years of work into the place including hiring young Irish lads and lassies to come stateside to work and lend their charm as well as their elbow grease. Jay plans to ease out of real estate development sometime in the next ten years - actually, despite his career-long immersion, Jay wants to tie up all loose ends by the end of summer, 2004. He's had a blast, to listen to his enthusiasm, building a variety of places. The two rental apartment communities Jay and his partners are working on in Philadelphia have given him much pleasure. The transformation of a 100 year old building into 27 up-scale apartments and condos has yielded the highest sales prices per square foot in the City of Brotherly Love!

Jay's son, Jeff, moved to San Francisco with his wife, Susie, a marketing strategist for Old Navy. Jay and his wife planned to spend Thanksgiving with them, and take a tour of Napa wineries along the way. Finally, Jay's mother turns 100 next May. She lives in Florida, still doing her own cooking and laundry, though she lets taxi drivers take her to stores and doctors - some concession! Ike's doctor, Paul Dudley White, said "to rest is to rust" and it appears Mrs. Cranmer has taken that fully to heart!

Bill and Gail Hausler still like life in South Carolina, though they travel to visit their three sons and daughters-in-law and their five grandchildren. Gail still teaches quilting and Bill just can't give up refereeing soccer and playing golf, despite the challenges that sometimes come with time. Between refereeing, golfing, and watching sports, attending country music shows, and enjoying Gail's company, Bill is a happily retired guy. More power to you!

### **Fall 2003**

I'm very happy to report the induction of Jay Cranmer and Barry Pavelec into the Loyal Sons & Daughters last April. Both Jay and Barry were instrumental in the success of our 40th Reunion, with Jay raising money and Barry creating and managing the class web site as part of his reunion committee work. Congratulations to both classmates for their very high quality, dedicated service. Jay also noted that he had been working on converting the Lippincott Building on Washington Square in Phily into 24 luxury condo apartments and two penthouses. There is lots of history in that structure, which was built

in 1901 as a publishing house. No doubt, Jay's firm is doing a tasteful job of retaining its character.

Barry Pavelec also has accepted a new role as editor of 1766, the official magazine of the Rutgers Alumni Association published periodically by the University. I'm sure he will use his creative talents to make the publication even better than before. The role of the magazine to communicate with the huge number of alumni is extremely important, especially in tight budget times (I'm beginning to believe that's the only kind of budget times there are!). Barry's expertise is detailed at www.pavelec.com.

For the second consecutive year, Alan Osur guided the US Air Force Academy women's rugby team to a national championship. Illinois and Penn State were the last to fall to the talented Air Force women. Alan has been their coach for many years and used to practice with them to keep in shape. Not so sure he's still doing that, but Alan still climbs Colorado's hills, plays tennis and retains the rugged look he's always had. Best of all, he's a terrific role model of hard work and integrity for his student-athletes.

Sam Mudie wrote to say he became a grandfather in July of 2002. His daughter, Heather and her husband, John, are the happy parents of John Cole Olivier. Sam's son, Jason, is living in Santa Monica with a lovely architect from Krakow named Monica. Sam is back to biking, sometimes with brothers Bob and Chas. It's good to know all the breaks and pains haven't sidelined our old QB. Sam also skies - both Alpine and Nordic - having good winter fun through his passion for waxed boards on snow. Winter sights are great, too. Sam's wife, talented LA attorney Patty Glazer, continues to enjoy the combat of the courtroom while Sam battles the roads and slopes. Sam was planning to see Jay Kowalski and other friends at their annual "old boys snow week" last winter. He said something about less skiing and more reminiscing by the fireside, but all enjoyable.

I'm sorry to report the passing of Allan Shechet last January. Allan practiced law in the Shore area for 38 years, most recently as a partner in Shechet and Spector in Wanamassa. Allan was the recipient of the American Jurisprudence Prize for Excellence and was recognized as an expert in real estate law. He had been attorney for the Neptune Housing Authority and was past president of the Neptune/Ocean Township Kiwanis Club. He enjoyed playing in the Bradley Beach Bocce League and is survived by his son, Eric and daughter, Merryl, as well as his stepmother, Dolores. Our sympathies go to his family.

# **Spring 2003**

Congratulations are in order to Stuart J. Freedman. Stuart, a partner with the Somerville law firm of Norris, McLaughlin & Marcus and an active member of class alumni planning activities, won yet another award last October. The New Jersey Vietnam Service Medal commemorates the 25th anniversary of the ending of the Vietnam conflict in 1973,

and is awarded to current New Jersey residents who served in the Armed Forces in Southeast Asia during the war.

Stuart previously received the New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, New Jersey's highest military award. He also was awarded the Bronze Star Medal by the U.S. Army for meritorious achievement in ground operations in Vietnam. Stuart served as a Captain in the 509/523rd Signal Battalion of the 23rd Infantry in Chu Lai and An Khe from 1967 to 1968. Stuart really enjoys the law and has served as President of the NJ Corporate Counsel Association and as Chairman of the NJ General Counsel Group. Congratulations, Stuart, and thanks for all your work on behalf of our class.

I'm very sorry to report the passing last December of Bobby Shechtman at the age of 63. Bob was a well-known composer of contemporary classical music, and a member since 1971 of the faculty at Grand Valley State University in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Popular with his students and colleagues, Bob's deep passion for music and life was infectious. A colleague said "He was a real colorful character, almost like something out of a book, kind of an iconoclast. He had unique views on a lot of things..."

That squares with my memories of Bob. We both had been in the military before Rutgers, and enjoyed sitting on the curb, watching Bill Lyons and other ROTC classmates marching up and down College Avenue. Our days of PT, drill, and rifle cleaning were history, and as 19-year-old freshmen, we enjoyed our freedom. Bob's intellectual curiosity went deep. I loved his bluntness and vitality. His sweet tenor voice, guitar and trombone artistry, and energetic approach to life were memorable to this then-shy Minnesotan. I saw him last in '69 over dinner at his home. He offered to teach me classical guitar, but I felt "all thumbs," and stuck with coaching Rutgers hockey. Bob had many friends. I'm sure classmate Jack Ruhlman remembers him well. As I recall, they had many long conversations during those years. Another friend of Bob's, Tom Siegel, Class of '61's correspondent, kindly sent me the obituary and shared his sense of loss.

Bob won the New York Composers Forum Award and the Kurt Weill Prize for Composition early in his career. He taught at Drew University before going west. He played jazz trombone with John Coates and other great musicians. He loved Argentina, having 'biked' across it, and played throughout Latin America and Europe. Bob's work, The Chariots of Aminadab, had its debut performance in 1977 at Carnegie Hall. Many of Bob's works have been performed at The Manhattan School of Music, by the Spokane Symphony, and at many places between our coasts. Bob is survived by his wife, Nancy; his daughters Lisa and Nina; his son, Tony; his grandchildren Sam, Noah, and Ruby and by his brothers George and Carl. He shall be greatly missed, but fondly remembered.

#### **Fall 2002**

Well, our 40th Reunion last May was a great time. About 100 classmates plus spouses and one stalwart 17 year-old (our son, Peter) showed up for activities on Friday and Saturday. The parade Saturday morning was spared the heavy rain of Friday, and a bunch of us marched up College Avenue to lunch in Brower Commons. Spirits were high, conversation lively, and many photos were taken to record our maturity.

Barry did a terrific job of spreading the word about the Reunion on the web site he's prepared for us. It's also a site that has been updated to welcome future news and to invite exchanges among classmates. Please take advantage of the platform that Barry has established for us. The web address is: www.rutgers62.org. But, you know that because you're reading this on the site!

From the first planning meeting convened by Class President Tony Oliva and Barry Pavelec to the comments and songs that followed our dinner in the impressive Zimmerli Art Museum, good organization resulted in a highly successful 40th. Thanks to all who helped plan, all who came, and to the Alumni Office staff for their support. The fundraising work of Co-Chairs Jay Cranmer and Chris Nicholas and their committee was impressive, and with one huge anonymous gift near the end of the campaign, the total contributed is truly a wonderful testament to our dedication to Rutgers. Class gift details are elsewhere on the web site

Thanks to Tino Mattoli for coming from Rome, Reeves Lippincott for coming from Alaska, and all those who came from California, Colorado, Florida, Mississippi, Virginia, etc. Barry Kramer returned from a WSJ assignment in Hong Kong to again carry our class banner in the parade. It was also great to have local folks, including John Hendricks, recent President of the Rutgers Alumni Association and now an Alumni Trustee, Barney "the judge" Hoffman, and others. Jay Cranmer's mustache, Rick Parker's beard, Rich Earl's terrific hair color, Horton Taylor's freshman dink, and Eric Gerst's double wrist casts (tennis court antics) were among the memorable sights. NY Building Congress President Dick Anderson shared stories of NYC's recovery from 9/11, while Steve Simms, Pierce Frauenheim, Pete Hall and others shared news of their children and grandchildren. Bob LaTourette and his wife Charlene, George Gussis and wife Carol, and Libby, Peter and I met for brunch Sunday, and George talked about the continuing renewal of New Brunswick. Class President during our days 'on the banks,' Arthur McDermott of Colorado enjoyed chatting with Tino Mattoli, also an officer then. Before returning to Rome, Tino visited classmate and friend Alberto Bacardi in Toronto.

Alex Kroll was unable to join us, but was the keynote speaker at Cook College's graduation the following week. Tony Oliva said Alex got a great reception for his message stressing the need for and value of public service. Using an old term - tithing -

Alex urged graduates to give of their time for the greater good of community and society. It is a message reflected by our class's public service awards, now included with other key University awards. Thanks, Alex, for giving Cook's newest alumni good direction.

As we near the anniversary of the tragic events of 9/11/01, let's remember with respect and affection those friends and colleagues we lost. Let's also remember with relief and joy those who survived. One who got out was Cathy, Barry Pavelec's wife. She is Freedom of Information officer for the Port Authority of NY and NJ, and was on the 67th floor of the first tower when the plane hit. She shared some difficult details at the reunion luncheon, but showed remarkable resilience. She also is quoted in the recently published book, Never Forget: An Oral History of September 11, 2001. I am sure it's worth reading and sharing.

# **Spring 2002**

As we approach our 40th Class Reunion this May, I hope you'll seek out classmates you know and encourage them to meet you in New Brunswick. The 40th Reunion Committee reported a strong, positive response to its initial invitation to join in the May 17-19 festivities, but we're hoping for an all-time high turnout, thus my appeal. The Saturday night dinner at the Zimmerli Art Center should be a special gathering for the Class of '62. There's still time to register and attend. You can find details on the Class of 1962 web page. It's linked from www.rutgersalumni.org.

Jim Brennan and Ken Link are coordinating the TEKE fraternity get together, and welcome contacts. Jim's phone is 941-947-9688, his e-mail: jbrennan@araggroup.com. Ken's phone is 561-622-1333 and his e-mail: elink44@hotmail.com. Jim noted that he had a nice lunch with Jack Carley in NYC reminiscing about Rutgers and their childhood in Bergenfield. Their Little League batting averages remain locked in the deepest vaults to protect their professional reputations!

Herb Williams has been in contact with Delta Sigma Phi fraternity brothers, and reports that while Richard Van Riper and Rick Parker are retired, Wayne Lippincott continues to manage the Lippincott and Jacobs Engineering Company in Riverside. Rich was an aerospace engineering in Arizona, and Rick a psychotherapist in the Delaware/Maryland area. Steve Fuller still teaches economics at George Mason University. Bob LaTourette emailed from Mission Viejo to say he and his wife, Charlene will join us in May. Their family real estate, escrow and mortgage companies are doing well, and they are delighted to have time with two year-old grandson, Robby. Bob and Charlene were in NJ just a week after the 9/11 disaster and found a NY harbor cruise with its view of the Statue of Liberty very moving. Herb's home is in Palm Coast, Florida, where he and his wife, Sandy, dance the nights away.

Richard Earl retired from the Alliance Group, where he was vice president for communications and public affairs and now is teaching writing and public relations at Rowan College. He also is an actor at the Haddonfield Plays and Players, and played the stereotypical bad guy, J. Bruce Ismay, in the musical version of "Titanic." Richard's snarl is bogus; he really is a fine guy, and a very good friend from way back. I am sure he's also a terrific teacher.

Eric Gerst recently retired as senior partner of his own law firm, with offices in Philadelphia and DC. Eric and Carol life in a new home in "horse country," in Willistown Township, Chester County, Pa. Their son, Jeffrey, is an attorney and executive in charge of Carsey-Warner E-Distribution Company, a TV and internet distribution company. He lives and works in the LA area. Eric and Carol's daughter, Elizabeth, is an on-air TV

business reporter for NY 1 News in NYC. She lives near Central Park and gives her folks a good excuse to visit the Big Apple frequently. Eric looks forward to reunion, hoping it will be "an exceptional reunion, sharing fond memories and friendship with our 'old' buddies."

### Winter 2002

Planning for our 40th Reunion is progressing well under the leadership of Class President Tony Oliva. We anticipate a great turnout for our key class activities, including a program for spouses. Mark your calendars for May 17-19 and encourage the attendance of classmates with whom you grew intellectually, played a sport, managed a student activity, enjoyed a fraternity, or just hung out. Come back, tour the campus and compare notes on careers, families and retirement. Reminisce, for sure, and take home some good energy for the future.

It was nice to see Reunion Chairman Barry Pavelec and Class Secretary Stuart Freedman at our planning meeting in September. Barry still runs his communications business and was greatly relieved that his wife, the Freedom of Information Officer of the Port Authority of NY & NJ, escaped from her office on the 67th floor of a World Trade Center tower as all hell broke loose September 11. Stuart is an attorney with Norris McLaughlin & Marcus of Somerville. His daughter, Jacqueline DC '00, keeps the RU connection going. Stuart keeps in touch with Phi Ep brothers Mel Miller, Exra Weisman, Alan Sacks and Harold Goldman.

John Hendricks is now past president of the Rutgers Alumni Association and was sworn in as a Rutgers Alumni Trustee in October. He will continue to represent us well on the University Board of Trustees.

Congratulations to Robert Pinsky, poet, professor and former Poet Laureate of the United States, who was inducted into the Hall of Distinguished Alumni during the fall. The website he inspired, www.favoritepoem.org, is still up, running and worth exploring. The videoclips of individuals reading their favorite poems are great.

Sam Mudie has recovered enough from a serious bicycling accident (spring '00) to be back on his bike again. He's given great support to his brother, Bob '65, who suffered a similar accident, albeit in Texas not California. Sam's daughter, Heather, is happily married to a high school classmate highly regarded by Sam. She owns and operates a discount designer clothing store, while her brother, Jason, is a building contractor. Sam was among the 32 football players from our 1961 undefeated team who met on campus in October for their 40th anniversary. Tony Oliva reports that he, Sam, Alex Kroll, Bill Speranza, Pierce Frauenheim, Steve Simms, Bob Harrison, Bill Libby, Jay Kowalski, Dave Brody, Charlie Gatt attended. In touch, but not attending, were Dick Lawrence,

Tom Kocaj, Lee Curley and Dick Webb.

Tino Mattoli, who splits his time between Rome, Italy and Santiago, Chile, e-mailed his feelings about the WTC disaster with drawings depicting construction of the towers' foundations in 1967. A friend of his helped build them, and provided the poignant reminders of the beginnings of the once-proud towers.

Dick Hull, Professor of African History at NYU, also was immersed in the trauma of the WTC disaster, complete with foul air and great sadness. He continues teaching, travelling to Africa and hopes, as we all do, for an abatement to terrorism.

Richard Anderson, President of the New York Building Congress has an office on 28th street in NYC. He witnessed too much of what happened last September 11 and helped the Building Congress's membership mobilize to assist in the rescue and debris clearance efforts. Dick said his members "just rushed to the scene, not worrying about safety or contracts or other responsibilities," sudden heroes with the gallant firefighters, police, doctors, priests, et.al. Years ago, Dick initiated our Class of '62 Public Service Awards, a visible reminder of our commitment to the stimulation and reward of good values. Roger Wyman, our class agent, urges us all to give generously to the 1962 Class Fund. He and Tony will let us know options for major gifts in the coming months.

Before the tumult in NYC, Jack Carley and his wife were kind enough to help me assist a talented young man in search of a career opportunity, for which I am very appreciative. Jack is Senior VP for Legal and Regulatory Affairs with Cendant.

George Gussis took Libby, Peter and me to breakfast and a tour of recent architectural enhancements to New Brunswick after the planning meeting and RU-UConn football game. The many changes are worth a drive or a walk downtown. George's law practice continues to flourish, and his son, Geoffrey, works in town with an Internet venture (www.recommendit.com). George and Carol had a great trip to Italy last July, so George's Italian is better than ever. As he provides help to some immigrants, his Albanian is right up to snuff, too.

I'm sorry to report the passing of Steven M. Gordon, formerly of Elizabeth, last year. He had owned and operated Steve Gordon's Designer Floors in West Orange and was past president of the Carpet Club of New Jersey. Steven served on the Board of Directors of Trout Unlimited and was council chairman of National Trout Unlimited. He is survived by his wife, Susan, and by six children and stepchildren, a brother and a grandchild.

### Fall/Winter 2001

As we head into the last planning year for our 40th Reunion, news abounds. A terrific

letter from Allen Nixon, recently-retired president of The Torrington Company, describes the satisfaction he got serving Torrington and three other divisions of Ingersoll-Rand for 37 years. Al remains at Torrington to consult and complete his term as Chairman of the American Bearing Manufacturers Association. He will continue to live in Farmington, CT., as his and wife, Eileen's, four talented daughters live in the region. One teaches English at Babson U., another is a head fashion designer in Manhattan, the third uses her MPH at a top liver transplant unit in Boston and the fourth is a physical therapist at Boston's Spaulding Hospital. Allen, who went to high school with Richard Anderson and retired lacrosse coach Tom Hays, also noted that his Lambda Chi fraternity brother, Walt Nightengale, runs a financial services outfit near Seattle. He and Claire DC'63, have one daughter.

George Gussis and wife Carol returned from a summer vacation in Italy and shortly thereafter I learned the following: a. Barney Hoffman is alive, well and the most humorous judge around; Jeff Shein has scaled back his very successful real estate practice, but shares his talents as chairman of a local hospital board, and c. Arthur Reiner, Chairman and CEO of Finlay Enterprises, was honored by the Jewelers Charity Fund for Children (JCF) for raising over two million dollars in one year to support pediatric medical research at the JCF Bone Marrow Transplant Clinic at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis. Bravo, Arthur, for wonderful support for kids in need, and kudos to the jewelry industry for its generosity.

Ken Toole e-mailed to say he retired last March and moved to Brewster, MA, on Cape Cod. He and his wife, Janet, have an antiques business within hailing distance of their three children and grandkids. Ken was Commissioner of Planning for Dutchess County (NY), then with a foundation developing environmental and historic preservation projects in the Hudson Valley. He did each for 18 years. He was also President of Friends of the Hudson Valley. He wrote "The Cape fits us like a glove," so it's perfect for retirement.

John Hendricks has ended his noteworthy term as President of the RAA, and assumes a seat on the Rutgers Board of Trustees for six years. He e-mailed that Jack Keefe retired in August from a 25-year post as a judge and will join a prominent law firm. Best to both.

Jay Cranmer e-mailed that he is still owner of Buckalew's restaurant and tavern in Beach Haven, though he has retired from sailboat racing and spends more time as a principal in his real estate development and investment firm in South Jersey than at the shore. Off the State Planning Commission after 11 years of hard service, Jay shared concerns about major unresolved issues. Zoning "management" seems the tip of a "'home rule'" political iceberg, with public school funding, inner city challenges, etc. involved. Not fun. Happily, Jay's son, John, uses his planning and law degrees in Jay's firm. Jay's son, Jeff, is in NYC after six years as a teacher and journalist in Thailand plus a year in Laos writing a travel guide for The Rough Guides. Lyn recently retired from teaching, looks after family and plays golf when she can, as does Jay. He is a major booster of his area's

Ronald McDonald "'House of Kids'" whose structure is new and impressive, thanks to Jay and friends. Jay noted that Ken Link lives on a small farm with his wife (plus their horses and goats) about 20 minutes from the Cranmer's Tequesta, Florida home.

Finally, Libby, Peter (now 16) and I had a nice chat over brunch with Bill Lyons and wifeJoan near their home in Point Pleasant Beach last June. We were en route to Ft. Dix to honor Brigadier General Bruce Bingham '68 upon his retirement from the US Army Reserves. Bruce was hockey club president when I was coach. Bill's work on Avenue K in DC flourishes, but the pull of the shore is also strong, creating a nice balance for now.

#### **Summer 2001**

Robert Pinsky has kept very busy since leaving the post of Poet Laureate. Happily, writing is still his primary pursuit. He continues to do a segment for Jim Lehrer's The News Hour on the Favorite Poem Project (www.favoritepoem.org) and has signed a contract with Norton Press for a sequel to Americans' Favorite Poems. In April, he gave the Tanner Lectures in Human Values at Princeton. In May, I'm pleased to note, he delivered the Commencement address at Binghamton University, receiving the Doctor of Human Letters honorary degree in recognition of his major contributions to American poetry and related literary achievements. Robert and his wife, the former Ellen Bailey DC'64, live in Cambridge, MA, where she practices clinical psychology while Robert writes and teaches at Boston University and reaches out to encourage the love of poetry.

Henry Ramer e-mailed to report that, after many years as a solo law practitioner in Hawthorne, specializing in planning, land use and real estate cases, he has become counsel to Williams Caliri Miller Otlely and Stern of Wayne. His wife, Carol DC'69, works for Financial Freedom selling reverse mortgages, a product of interest as we age. Their daughter, Paula, a Tufts grad, works for the American Enterprise Institute in DC, with plans for law school. Her sister, Sarah, is a sophomore at Harvard, majoring in folklore and mythology (my wife, Libby's, area of expertise on the Binghamton faculty). Henry loves to "garden like a fiend" and tries to keep up with his knowledge of Spanish and Portuguese, the latter honed in Brazil with the Peace Corps ('66-'68). Great to hear from you Henry, you're among those of us who will not slow down. Keep at it!

Bob La Tourette and wife Charlene of Mission Viejo, CA, keep very busy with their real estate company, Regency RE Inc., focusing on good and ethical service. Recently, they started Legacy, a mortgage company "based on the same premise of extra good service and product." Their three sons are grown and married, with successful careers in various fields. They have a grandchild and hope for more. Bob, says Charlene, is enjoying a second childhood, riding motorcycles to complement his scuba diving. Both Bob and his wife sound busy and happy, enjoying life in the West.

Richard Van Riper is retired, still living in Phoenix. A tip-off about his career is his e-mail address: StarJock@aol.com. Rich worked in the aerospace industry "from the Apollo Project in the 60's to the Space Station in the 90's." He and wife, Lucille, have been married 38 years and have two children and three grandchildren. He e-mailed a photo, looking healthy and happy, and shared classmate Herb Williams' e-mail address.

Herb and his wife, Sandy, live in Palm Coast, Florida. He says "You could not get us back up to the NORTH for a million bucks." Herb likes to stay warm! He still does marketing for Berry Packaging of Tampa. He remains active with the Elks, for whom he

does volunteer work, and the Italian American Social Club. That's where he and Sandy dance at least twice weekly. When Herb does come north, it's to visit his son, Chip and family, including two grandchildren. Herb was planning to retire in June '02 regardless of the stock market. He noted that by checking Delta Sigma Phi mailing lists he was able to contact classmates Wayne Lippincott, Rick Parker, and Jim Rewalt. Herbie, enjoy your retirement, and thanks for sharing so much information.

Don Lehman has been Chief Academic Officer at George Washington University for almost five years, and still enjoys it. Just shows what physicists will do for fun! Don enjoys the rich variety of discoveries that a research university creates, and part of his job is to keep the brew fermenting. Most recently, he helped create a new College of Professional Studies with a 'for profit' arm that will develop strategic partnerships and alliances with businesses to deliver training and educational services. Realizing the vision of that school took great skills of diplomacy and great knowledge of strategy, I'm sure, and Don is enjoying the results of that 18-month 'trip.' His wife, Elyse DC'62, is Professor of Psychology at George Mason U, where classmate Steve Fuller also teaches. Elyse heads their Developmental, School and Physiological Psychology program, directs eight doctoral students, teaches and does research (whew!). Some of the limited "down time" the Lehman's have is spent sailing. Retirement won't come for about five years, as both continue to contribute to their universities and remain intellectually vital.

Arthur McDermott and I had a nice chat. He is doing very well in many real estate ventures in Colorado. He and his wife, Margaret, spent some pleasant time with classmate Digby Diehl during his visit to Denver and Boulder where he studied and planned to report on the philanthropic efforts of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Digby enjoyed "tremendous success" with his critically acclaimed book, The Million Dollar Mermaid, on the life of former swimmer/movie star Esther Williams, said Arthur, who has a copy autographed by Digby. It's got a very nice rating on Amazon.com, too!

Tony Oliva and Alex Kroll established the John Bateman Foundation, in honor of our late, highly respected football coach. Classmate Pierce Frauenheim was the first high school coach honored for his long and distinguished career at Immaculata High School with a \$5000 grant to his school. Several former Rutgers football players lend support through service on the Foundation's board of trustees. Tony said Alex Kroll also is supporting a program called "Play it Smart" sponsored by the National Football Foundation Hall of Fame, of which he is a member. The program intends to encourage academic and athletic growth among high school students, especially those from disadvantaged backgrounds. It's great service from great classmates.

Finally from Tony: when Jay Kowalski retired from American Airlines, he had the sheer pleasure of having his two sons, also pilots for American, as his final flight co-pilots. How sweet that must have been. Jay lives in Lake Mohawk, NJ, and Naples, Florida.

Finally finally: Harris Cahn, who started with our class but graduated with the Class of '63, e-mailed that he is an attorney now living in Colorado. He's been involved in real estate development and a venture capital business. He hoped to see Arthur McDermott and recounted his undergraduate days sharing an apartment at 112 Somerset Street with Tino Mattoli. While officially '63, Harris said that, if Tino will fly from Italy or Chile to attend our 40th, Harris will be there too. Bravo! Let's all come back to the Banks in '02.

# **Spring 2001**

It was great to hear from several classmates for this column. I hope others will do what Ed Dalrymple did and share news for the first time since we graduated. It's terrific to hear from folks, whether it's the first or tenth time.

Ed lives in Arlington, Virginia, and has retired twice. In 1983 he left the Navy, where he had been in Undersea Surveillance Anti-Submarine Warfare. I think he could have written The Hunt for Red October if Tom Clancy hadn't done it first! Ed then worked for TRW for 16 years as an engineering manager. Quite a growth pattern for someone who majored in history and education, but it just confirms the value of a liberal arts degree. Ed is now a Program Manager and consultant working with the Office of Naval Research in Arlington. His wife of 32 years, Mary, is a Director with Lockheed Martin in DC. Their daughter, Aimee, is a veterinarian in the Natick-Wellesley, Massachusetts area. She has a two-year-old son, bringing grandparent status to Ed and Mary. Their son, Brett, owns a custom woodworking business in Fairfax, VA.

When Ed finally really retires, it will be to a home on a golf course near Civil War battlefields in Fredericksburg, VA. Best wishes, Ed, and thanks again for the news.

Clem Izzi and his wife, Elizabeth, are enjoying the retirement I noted in our last column. However, his mother passed away in January. Though a sad start to the new year, it reminded Clem as he reminds us, to enjoy every day, to value every relative and friend, and to honor the memories of loved ones who have passed on. I know Clem and Elizabeth have children and grandchildren to visit around the country; that's one way to stay young at heart. Clem noted that Dr. Jimmy Whalen has been virtually the only "orthopod" in northeastern Maine for 25 years. Based in Machias, Dr. Jim loves fast, old cars and maintains his "cutting edge" knowledge of orthopedic surgery. Thanks, Clem.

Classmate and RAA president, John Hendricks, gave me a brief sense of his busy alumni association schedule recently. Talk about 'on the go!' It may be seasonal, but the meetings John attends sound like the schedules of all those candidates we got to see last fall. John, to be sure, is providing first rate public service, not into mirror gazing or vote getting. Thanks to his RAA role, John believes more than ever that the common bonds created among diverse alumni is a great strength of the university. Rutgers has grown to be an

even more impressive place - and clearly a very different place - than it was when we were students. John noted that before long, our ages will match our class year - what is this about becoming 62? As Clem Izzi says, enjoy every day.

Bill Lyons called to say he had no news, then told me of the great news that his and Joan's daughter, Lenore, had a baby boy January 31. A premee, Patrick Evan weighed in at 2.5 pounds, but is doing very well thanks to the good folks at the Monmouth County Medical Center and his own very youthful vigor. Bill continues to enjoy his post-CIBA-Geigy life as the sole proprietor of a lobbying business in DC.

Dick Hull e-mailed, noting that his current research at NYU involves exploring how "'defense against infectious diseases" can be integrated more completely into the U.S. government's international policies. Dick suggested that the threat of 'bioinvasions' is growing rapidly (recall the news report in February about a possible Ebola victim who flew into Toronto, happily a false alarm) and needs serious attention. How best to build a disease prevention mindset into both domestic and foreign policy is a concern of many in government. For his part, Dick is co-chair with Congressman Benjamin Gilman of the 20th Congressional District's International Trade Advisory Committee. Dick has traveled and lectured extensively throughout Africa. He is fully aware of what AIDS, Ebola and other diseases that might have fascinated and frightened Selman Waksman could do to the world's population if not controlled. It's a reflection of Dick's good values that he spends as much time working on problems as he does researching and teaching the economic history of Africa.

I had a very nice chat with Jack Carley, Senior VP for Legal and Regulatory Affairs at Cendant Corporation. Jack lives and works in NYC, and continues to manage major Cendant litigation begun in 1998. He delighted me with news of his August '00 marriage to Pia Lindstrom, especially because of their 13-year courtship. Pia, retired from NBC, has done film documentaries on Morocco and other places under the title of "Pia's World." She does a weekly theater review for Fox and is writing a novel while Jack continues to enjoy the practice of corporate law. Their wedding was held on the terrace of Pia's sister-in-law, Isabella Rossellini's apartment, amidst a number of relatives and friends. Classmate Alex Kroll and his wife, Phyllis, old friends of Jack's, attended. Alex's retirement is a very active one, Jack says, as is his wife's. She is a breeder of champion pointers. Jack, all the best for continued success and happiness.

Richard Anderson continues to run the NY Building Congress and enjoys it immensely. He also had a great time engineering a retirement dinner for Tom Hays, distinguished former RU lacrosse coach. Tom was inducted as a Loyal Son, though not an alumnus. That's an uncommon honor. Tom and Dick played lacrosse together at Sewanhaka HS in Floral Park, NY. More recently, Dick helped author a joint report on energy issues with four other business and labor leaders. Their goal: to encourage Governor Pataki to help

NY state avoid the kind of energy crisis California has been going through. Let's hope the 'Gov' sees the light, and keeps it and the heat coming.

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It's nice to see talented classmates recognized for their stellar achievements. Richard Anderson, president of the New York Building Congress, was selected last spring as a Fellow of the American Institute of Certified Planners. Dick has 35 years of planning experience, including a long term as head of the New York Regional Plan Association. Among his many services to Rutgers is Dick's creation, years ago, of the Class of '62 Public Service Awards. I suspect donations to that cause are always welcomed. Congratulations, Richard, on your selection to FAICP.

When I read a copy of the Rutgers Rah newsletter, I was delighted to see Steve Fuller had been honored with selection to the "All-Legacy Team" for Rutgers soccer. He was selected with Herb Schmidt '61. If any of you watched the two of them play way back when, you'll remember Herb's great power and Steve's versatility and finesse. Steve and others were honored on campus September 16. Steve, like Dick Anderson, has a planning background. Steve has taught at George Washington U. and at George Mason U., both within ball booting distance of the Washington monument. Well, almost. Steve, hope to see you at our 40th in the not very distant future.

On a sad note, Ronald Martinides passed away last June. Yet another member of the professional planning community, Martinides was the city planner for the City of Elizabeth for two years before retiring two years ago. He also worked for the NJ State Department of Community Affairs and the Paterson Department of Community Affairs. Ron also earned a masters' degree in urban planning from NYU. He belonged to the NJ Professional City Planners' Association and was active in Republican politics in New Providence, where he lived with his wife, Sophie. In addition to Sophie, Ron is survived by two daughters, Lisa and Tiffany. Our sympathies, albeit belated given RAM publication schedules, to the Martinides family.

I had nice e-mail exchanges with Bill Hausler, John Hendricks, and Sheldon Schultz over the past few months. Bill enjoys 'retired' life in South Carolina, where he plays golf and referees dozens of soccer games each year at all levels. Sheldon is retired, but an active tennis player. He claims to be finally used to the heat of south Florida, with days with temperatures below 60 feeling like a NJ winter to him. He noted that Florida is the "lightning capital of the world" with an average of 1800 strikes each day. Ah, sweet trivia! He did come north to visit campus in August and watched the football team practice, noting the enormity of today's players. Shelly hoped for some 'quality wins' this year to help bring attention to the fact that Rutgers is a first class university.

As noted before, John Hendricks is President this year of the RAA, and no doubt is doing a terrific job. He has served the Alumni Association for many years in a number of helpful capacities, including service with classmate Barney Hoffman on the Loyal Son/Daughter selection committee.

Tino Mattoli wrote to say his work has taken him back to Chile, after some years in Rome, his true hometown. Tino, who has had many careers, most recently in banking, has a new home in Santiago, where he and Patrizia, his wife, try to keep track of the lives of their five grown sons. We hope to entice him to visit for our 40th Reunion in May, '02.

After 37 years in college admissions (with sidelights in financial aid, student records, etc.), I have become Director of Parent Relations for Binghamton. It's a nice chance to leave the personnel and budget work of a large admissions office to others, and to allow a younger generation to take its place at the helm. I look forward to working with the parents of our students, just as I have worked with many of Binghamton's alumni for many years. So, it's a bit of a segue toward retirement in the next few years, but mostly a fun opportunity to deal with some new issues and challenges.